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SNOW DAY

Loogootee, Indiana's Snowstorm Over The Weekend Brought Both Excitement & Some Stress as Half Of The United States Was Hit By A Snowstorm on January 24-27



City of Loogootee Lifts Local Emergency Spotting Storm Status As A "Watch"

LOOGOOTE, Ind. (Jan. 28, 2026) — The City of Loogootee lifted its Local Disaster Emergency and Travel Warning on Wednesday, following days of restrictive travel advisories prompted by severe winter weather. City officials, including the Board of Works and Mayor Brian T. Ader, reviewed the advisory Wednesday morning before announcing the decision. Effective immediately, the city's travel status has been downgraded to a "Watch," allowing for increased travel with

continued caution. Residents are urged to remain vigilant, particularly on side streets and other areas that may still be slick from lingering ice and snow. The city's street department and emergency personnel have worked around the clock in recent days to clear roads and respond to weather-related incidents. "We want to thank our street department, emergency personnel, and the residents of Loogootee for their cooperation and patience during this winter weather event," city officials said in a

statement. "While conditions have improved, we encourage everyone to use caution." The travel warning was first issued earlier this week as freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall created hazardous road conditions across the city and surrounding areas. With the lifting of the emergency declaration, normal travel may resume, but city leaders stress the importance of caution as some areas may remain affected. For updates on road conditions and future advisories, residents are encouraged to monitor the city's official channels.

Loogootee Schools Announce Synchronous eLearning Day for Thursday, Jan. 29

Loogootee Schools will conduct synchronous eLearning on Thursday, Jan. 29, following a two-hour delay schedule for middle and high school classes. Students should regularly check Google Classroom for links and information related to their virtual sessions. Punctual login and active engagement are key to staying on track.

Loogootee Community Schools extended their sincere gratitude to our teachers for their exceptional leadership during Monday and

Tuesday's synchronous classes. "The flexibility and dedication to our students are greatly appreciated." Loogootee Schools said in a statement sent to Facebook after 1:30 p.m.

Additionally, Loogootee Schools thanked John Neideffer and Chris Baugh for clearing the parking lots and facilitating a safe, smooth transition back to school once travel conditions improve. Your efforts are valued.

Loogootee Schools hope students can aim to

have another successful eLearning day tomorrow.



MCCF COLUMN:
"MAKING A
DIFFERENCE" WRITTEN
BY MCCF DIRECTOR,
CURT JOHNSON

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MCCF Column “Making a Difference” –
By Curt Johnson, MCCF Director

Closed Schools & Businesses in Martin County, Ind. for Thursday, Jan. 28

“Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known. Improve them and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
-- PRECIOUS TIME --

Ralph Waldo Emerson was an American poet and philosopher from the 1800’s who is particularly known for his essays and leading a change in the literature of that time. The essence of this quote is about time and how precious it is. “Precious time” was a big topic in the 1800’s and it still is today.
-- ALWAYS --

Today we hear those words and thoughts in numerous poems and songs. In fact, the words “precious time” can be found in 3,779 songs by 90+ artists (I looked that up because I couldn’t remember the song I heard on the radio with those words). I even flipped through a sci-fi movie once whose premise was that time is the most precious commodity above all others. Whether it was 150 years ago, in that latest song (that you can’t remember the name of), or in the future from a sci-fi movie, time is always precious.
-- UNCUT TO GEMS --

So how do you take your spare moments, that precious time, and turn them into something useful? From uncut diamonds to those gems that brighten life? Your priorities will define what you improve upon and your plans are what will get you there. Priorities and plans are something I’ve written about before...



-- TIME MULTIPLIED --
Your time, as precious as it is, can mean even more when you give some of it back to your community. Your time, coupled with your unique talents, becomes important and valuable not only to you, but to any number of other people that you help. And some of those you help will in turn help others. Giving of your time to others multiplies its value beyond what you ever thought possible.
-- VALUE IT --
So value your time. A moment of time lost will never be recovered; its value will never be known. Don’t let that happen to you. Your time is precious. Don’t wish later that you would’ve done something to improve your life or someone else’s. Make your time count. Use those moments to make an improved future. Time, even in the smallest amount, is precious enough for you to easily start improving it for others. Value it. Make that difference.
-- MORE INFORMATION --
For information about how the MCCF can help you give back to our community, please contact the Director Curt Johnson, at mccf@cfpartner.org, 812-295-1022, or at 2668 US Hwy 50 (on the Martin County fairgrounds), PO Box 28, Loogootee IN 47553.
You are also welcome to visit the MCCF webpage at www.cfpartner.org and follow the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.

CLOSINGS AND DELAYS FROM THE WBDC STUDIOS:
For Thursday, January 29th
(Updated at 2:31 pm)
BE SURE TO REFRESH YOUR BROWSER FREQUENTLY!
DUBOIS COUNTY:
Greater Jasper Schools – 2-HOUR DELAY
Northeast Dubois Schools – 2-HOUR DELAY
Southwest Dubois Schools – 2-HOUR DELAY
Southeast Dubois Schools - 2-HOUR DELAY
PIKE COUNTY:
Pike County Schools – CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY (e-Learning)
SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOLS:
North Spencer Schools – 2-HOUR DELAY
South Spencer Schools – CLOSED (Asynchronous e-Learning)
ORANGE COUNTY:
Orleans Community Schools - CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY (Snow Days)
MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOLS: (synchronous e-Learning)
Shoals Community Schools – CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY (synchronous e-Learning)
Loogootee Community Schools – CLOSED (synchronous e-Learning)
PERRY COUNTY:
Perry Central Schools - CLOSED (synchronous e-Learning)
DAVIESS COUNTY:
Barr-Reeve Schools – CLOSED (Asynchronous e-Learning)
North Daviess Schools – CLOSED (Asynchronous e-Learning)
Washington Community Schools – CLOSED (Remote Instruction Day)
Washington Catholic – CLOSED (e-Learning)
GIBSON COUNTY SCHOOLS:
North Gibson - CLOSED
South Gibson - CLOSED
East Gibson - CLOSED (e-Learning)
WARRICK COUNTY:
Warrick County Schools - CLOSED
KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS:
Vincennes Community Schools – CLOSED
VINCENNES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - CLOSED (e-Learning)
CITY/TOWN:
The Huntingburg Senior Center will be closed the entire week of from January 27-30, 2026

BUSINESSES/ORGANIZATIONS:
Brookside Village - Senior Club Meeting Canceled for Thursday, 1/29.
Rescheduled to 2/12 at 2:00 pm
CHURCHES:
Divine Providence Adoration Chapel will remain closed until noon on Saturday, January 31.
For the latest in cancellations, closings, and delays visit us at www.loogooteetimes.com

Local Agencies Urge Community to Consider Fostering Amid Weather Disruptions

Snowfall and weather disruptions have prompted renewed calls for foster parents, as children from ages 0 to 18 remain in need of caring homes. Local agencies are urging community members to consider opening their hearts and their homes to foster children, emphasizing that anyone over 21 who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident can qualify.

According to officials, fostering may seem intimidating, but dedicated support is available. Support groups are held monthly, and appreciation events take place quarterly for foster families. To become a foster parent, applicants must meet several requirements, including passing background checks, completing training, and passing safety inspections.

Requirements include being at least 21 years old, residing legally in the U.S., and living with or being married/cohabitating for at least 12 months. Both partners must complete licensing requirements and household members need to pass criminal and child abuse



checks. Applicants must also submit an application, undergo home evaluations, and obtain certifications in CPR, First Aid, and universal precautions. Additionally, prospective foster parents are required to complete medical reports, participate in interviews and questionnaires for home studies, and provide references. Willingness to coordinate with agencies such as DCS and CASA, and to follow established policies, is essential. For those interested or seeking more information, local agencies encourage reaching out to discuss fostering opportunities and support available for new families amid ongoing weather-related disruptions.

Indiana Winter Update: Snowfall, Community Spirit, and Real Estate Showings

Indiana Winter Update:
Approximately 13 inches of snow have altered the local real estate scene in recent days. The team has shifted from traditional house showings to driveway showings, plowing around 20 driveways and helping clear the community’s private road. Despite the snow, showings continue—boots on, keys in hand, and plow at the ready. Billy Walker, a Century 21 Realtor, expressed gratitude for the equipment and community cooperation. For more information, contact Billy Walker at 812-296-1807 or visit <https://billywalker.sites.c21.homes/>.



Martin County Sheriff's Office Is Hiring: Full-Time and Part-Time Kitchen Cooks - Apply Now

The Martin County Sheriff's Office is currently seeking candidates for both full-time and part-time kitchen cook positions, according to a recent job advertisement. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the office with any questions. A full application can be submitted through the company's mobile app or by visiting the office in person.

Winter weather warning ⚠ coming! This is the time that will test your furnace. Get it cleaned and serviced or if it does go down and you need it fixed right away give us a call! 812-278-0746



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To the Editor,

I read with great interest Mr. Doug Bawels letter with regards to the Mid-States Corridor. I was struck by his statements about forward thinkers and nay-sayers. I would have expected nothing less from a donor to the Mid-States Corridor RDA.

US 231 is not a new highway as Mr. Bawels alluded. It was on the original mid-1920's Joint Board on Interstate Highways to organize major interstate routes with a logical numbering scheme. Jasper and Huntingburg have been connected since their beginnings by trails and dirt roads. SR-64 was the first paved highway, then US-231 became the main connection in the 1940's. I-64 was listed on the original Interstate Highway Act of 1954, as were I-69, I-65, I-70 and all the rest of Indiana's Interstate highways. Do not be fooled that these are recent or even equivalent to the Mid-States Corridor, nor were they envisioned by local forward thinkers.

The blunt truth is from a strict transportation and economic analysis, the Mid-States Corridor does not meet the usual thresholds for a new 4-lane expressway. The

traffic volumes, in the area, are moderate and are not heavy enough to require a divided highway. The truck/freight patterns are limited and could use the existing 4-lane Interstate highways via short east-west connectors. The crash rates and travel-time savings are minimal. And, the regional economic benefits are speculative and are not guaranteed. Therefore, the decision to push the project is driven by political and regional advocacy priorities rather than by demonstrated transportation needs.

In other words the Mid-States Corridor project is purely a policy choice framed as an infrastructure need and not a data-driven project. It's primarily a political initiative and is not and cannot be justified by hard traffic, safety or freight data. It's about creating a symbolic infrastructure investment, a response to local political pressure and imaginary economic growth.

Who will really benefit from the Mid-States Corridor? Obviously, Mike Braun, Mark Messmer, Hank Menke, Ken Mulzer and Mark Schroeder will. They will gain visibility and political capital.

Local construction (Ken Mulzer), engineering (Lochmueller Group) and some industries (Hank Menke, Doug Bawels) will gain contracts and some logistical convenience.

The losers will be the local taxpayers and citizens. They will have to bear the burden of higher taxes to maintain the local roads, will suffer from the lack of social services due to increased road expenses and a lack of funds. The local truck traffic will not decrease and commuters will not save any time.

The public has spoken and they are opposed to Mid-States Corridor. If our elected officials chose ignore the will of the people they do so at their peril. The people of Dubois and Martin County, in particular, are opposed and are vocal in their opposition; and, should not be dismissed.

I urge everyone to oppose the Mid-States Corridor. Stand up and stand alongside the PRA in opposition. Once again we must deny the "machine" any and all progress in it's quest to force the Corridor upon us. Do not allow anyone onto your land unless they comply 100% with the law and Judge Verkamp's rulings.

Do not listen to their offers to "just procure a right of way". Disregard their attempts to contact you via phone, e-mail, snail mail or in person. If you have a concern about the legality of your actions, attend a PRA meeting.

Remember, we can fight city hall and we can win.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- **1/31/26 Dubois County GOP Caucus for Ryan Craig's replacement on the Dubois County Council. Closed to the public.**
- **2/5/26 Next Property Rights Alliance meeting at the Schnitzelbank, 6pm**
- **2/6/26 RDA board quarterly meeting at the Huntingburg Event Center, 4pm. Please attend if you can.**
- **3/14/26 Legislative Breakfast at Vincennes University Jasper Campus, JCCB Lecture Hall, 9a-10:30a. Schmitt, Lindauer & Bartels.**

SPORTS

Loogootee Sports Schedules

Basketball (Boys 7 & 8) - North Daviess (A)
1/29/2026 6:00 PM

Basketball (Boys 5 & 6) - Bloomfield Jr/Sr HS (A)
1/31/2026 9:00 AM

Basketball (Boys 5 & 6) - Springs Valley (H)
1/29/2026 6:00 PM

Basketball (Girls 5 & 6) - Northeast Dubois High School (H)
1/31/2026 9:30 AM

Basketball (Girls 7 & 8) - Wood Memorial Jr. High (H)
1/29/2026 6:30 PM

Basketball (Girls V) - South Knox (Varsity Only) (H)
1/29/2026 6:30 PM

Basketball (Boys JV) - South Knox High School (H)
1/30/2026 6:00 PM

Basketball (Boys JV) - South Knox (H)
1/30/2026 6:00 PM

Basketball (Boys V) - South Knox High School (H)
1/30/2026 7:30 PM

LOOGOOTEE 6TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM WINS SK TOURNEY

The 5th and 6th Grade teams traveled to South Knox on Saturday morning to participate in the annual SK Tourney. Our 6th grade team defeated North Knox and Washington to bring home the championship and run their record to 15-0. The 5th grade team beat North Knox and fell to South Knox in the championship game. The 5th graders are now 10-4 on the season. The 6th graders topped North Knox 42-10. Griffyn Thompson led the Lions with 14 points. Kyle Wad and Nick Helderman each had 9 for the Lions. Jenner Strange added 4 and Eli Graber, Kasey Bratton, and Reid Wagler each had a basket. In the finale, the 6th grade Lions topped the Hatchets 36-20. Kyle Wade led the Lions with 11 points. Griffyn Thompson had 10 and Jenner Strange had 9. Eli Graber had 3 points; Nick Helderman 2; and Reid Wagler had a FT. In the 5th grade game with North Knox, the Lions beat the Warriors 34-25. They were led by LJ Marks with 12 points.

In the championship game against South Knox the Lions lost 31-24. They were led by LJ Marks' 10 points. Keaton Smith and Hayden Edwards had 6 points and Zane Roach had a basket. The Lions are supposed to be back in action at Barr-Reeve on Monday night.

LOOGOOTEE BOYS VARSITY AND JV LIONS BEAT SHOALS JUGROX IN MARTIN COUNTY HOOPS BATTLE

The Varsity and JV Lions headed East to Shoals to take on the Jugrox in the annual Battle for Martin County. Both teams claimed victories over the Rox. The varsity Lions ran their record to 13-4 on the year. "We got off to a great start. Our guys came out with a lot of intensity and focus on the defensive end and had a very good first quarter. Then, we got very complacent on that end and really settled offensively in the second quarter," said Coach Thompson. "Credit Shoals. Coach Turpin had them playing very hard and they have come a long way from the beginning of the season. I thought their kids played very hard," he continued. The Lions responded well after half-time and were able to create offense off their defense in the 3rd quarter and pushed the lead to 39-25 at the end of the 3rd quarter and then won the 4th quarter 11-8 to make the final 50-33 total. Senior, AJ Foster, surpassed the 1,000 career points plateau with three-point field goal. "AJ is a special player. Scoring 1,000 points is quite an accomplishment.

He would be the first to tell you that without his teammates over the past four years he wouldn't be in position to have 1,000 points. The other thing I will tell you about AJ is he is all about winning. He'd rather win than score X amount of points. That's what makes him such a dangerous player," said Coach Thompson. Foster led the Lions with 13 points. Will Lyon added 11 points, including

three points. Christian Garcia had 9 points and Cooper VanHoy had 8 points. Seth Salmon had 7 for the Lions and Gabe Walton added a basket. The JV Lions pushed their record to 7-4 with the win over the Rox. They were led by Clayton Miller with 11 points. Lucas Helderman had 10 points to join him in double figures. Garrison Graber and Chase Miller each had 8 points. Gabe Walton had 7 points. Rhett Whitney had 4; Bryce Christmas 3; and Carter Downey 2. The Lions will be back in action this coming Friday night when they host South Knox. The game that the Lions were supposed to play against Bloomfield on Saturday 1/24/26 will be made up on 2/2/26, the Monday of girls Sectional week.



DIAMOND TRIPLE-DOUBLE, HAWKINS DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEAD LADY LIONS TO VICTORY AT DUBOIS

On Thursday night, the Loogootee Lady Lions traveled to Northeast Dubois. The JV opened the evening with a two-quarter contest, falling 20-9 to the Lady Jeeps. The varsity game started fast for the Lady Lions, as Lydia Hawkins scored the first nine points for Loogootee, with assists from Sophia Toy, Alexis Heckard, and Alaina Diamond. Ava Jeffers knocked down a three-pointer, followed by another Hawkins bucket and a coast-to-coast finish from Diamond to extend the lead to 17-11. Hawkins added a putback, and Jeffers connected on another three—this time assisted by Mkenna Gregory—to push the advantage to 23-12 and force a Northeast Dubois timeout. Coming out of the break, Jeffers jumped a passing lane and finished a layup to keep the momentum going. The Lady Lions opened the second half with a three from Heckard and another Hawkins putback. Diamond followed with a pull-up 15-footer in transition and converted a pair of free throws to make it 34-22. A Hawkins free throw stretched the lead to 13, the largest of the night, before Northeast Dubois answered with a run to cut the deficit to six. Loogootee responded behind Heckard, who stopped the run with two free throws and later knocked down another three—this one set up by Hawkins—to score eight points in the quarter. The Lady Lions' lone basket of the fourth quarter came on a floater in the lane by Diamond. This victory pushed the Lady Lions to 14-5 and gave them their 4th victory in a row. The Lady Lions also had a triple-double tonight from Alaina Diamond who finished with 11 points, 12 rebounds, and 12 blocks. She also finished with 2 assists and 3 steals. It is believed this is only the second triple-double in Lady Lion history, the first was by Leslie Wade VanHoy in 1992 against Vincennes Rivet where she finished with 44 points, 11 assists, and 11 steals in an 83-29 victory. Lydia Hawkins also came away with a double-double scoring 17 points on 7/14 shooting, with 14 rebounds. Ava Jeffers finished with a solid line of 8 points and 3 rebounds, and Alexis Heckard also came away with 8 points. Ava and Alexis each had two 3's.

Martin County & Courts6

Monday, January 19, 2026
7:52 a.m.- Received a 911 call from VA Care Center requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
10:51 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East into Shoals. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.
11:17 a.m.- Received a report of vandalism South of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
2:46 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
4:56 p.m.- Received a call from Simplisafe advising of a residential burglar alarm South of Shoals. Keyholder advised to disregard.
7:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Clark, Reserve Marshal Linch and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
7:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting the same accident. Advised the caller units are enroute.
7:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
8:30 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West into Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
8:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County Medics responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
9:19 p.m.- Received an animal complaint North of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.
10:41 p.m.- Received a report of vandalism South of Loogootee. Major Reed and Deputy Clark responded.

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

7:39 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard Northeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Shoals Fire Department responded.
12:51 p.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.
1:32 p.m.- Received

an accidental 911 call.
1:55 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller and Sergeant Hawkins transported two inmates to court.
4:38 p.m.- Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Utilities was notified.
5:57 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Captain Gibson, LPD Officer Stuckey and LPD Officer Seals responded. No one was transported.
6:39 p.m.- Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Utilities was notified.
7:14 p.m.- Deputy Clark on station with Christopher Bearden, a 46-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.
8:04 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Seals responded.

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:39 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard South of Loogootee. ISP responded.
7:42 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls from a Wytheville, Virginia number. Notified Wytheville Sheriff Department.
10:34 a.m.- Received a report of an animal in the roadway Northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
10:57 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
11:54 a.m.- Received a call from Orange County requesting mutual aid for a residential structure fire in their county. Lost River Fire Department responded.
12:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard South of Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.
1:29 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling North. Advised all on-duty units. ISP, Greene County and Daviess County were also notified.
1:20 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported one inmate to court.
5:41 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

6:21 p.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
9:47 p.m.- Received a

call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Deputy Droke and Deputy Clark responded.
10:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell and Major Reed responded.

Thursday, January 22, 2026

12:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Purcell, Deputy Droke and Deputy Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bloomington.
8:54 a.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings, Captain Gibson, Chief Deputy Keller and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.
9:43 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
11:05 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East into Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
1:26 p.m.- Received a report of an injured animal East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
2:32 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:05 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East into Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
1:26 p.m.- Received a report of an injured animal East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
2:32 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
3:40 p.m.- Captain Gibson on station with Harley Gammon, a 19-year-old male from Shoals, arrested for Driving while never being licensed. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.
4:50 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible field fire Southwest of Shoals. Captain Gibson, Corporal Erwin and Shoals Fire Department responded.
6:46 p.m.- Received a 911 call advising of a verbal dispute North of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

Friday, January 23, 2026

7:36 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:42 p.m.- Received a report from INDOT advising new lights had been installed for the school zone on US 50 near Shoals Community Schools.
2:54 p.m.- Received a report that INDOT will have one lane closed on US 50 East of Shoals for guardrail repairs.
5:32 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver Northeast of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.
5:53 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting two injured deer Northeast of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.
6:20 p.m.- Received a 911 call from Crane Naval Base. The call was transferred to Crane 911.
8:30 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
8:56 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
11:53 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. LPD Officer Seals responded.

Saturday, January 24, 2026

4:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
4:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
7:23 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle North of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
10:53 a.m.- Received an animal complaint West of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.
11:35 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
12:09 p.m.- Received a request to speak with a deputy. Corporal Erwin responded.
1:29 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Erwin responded.
2:42 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Corporal Erwin, Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

3:25 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Sheriff Greene and Corporal Erwin responded.
4:21 p.m.- Received an animal complaint South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.
Sunday, January 25, 2026
2:09 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries North of Loogootee. Sheriff Greene, Deputy Droke and Big John's Towing responded.
2:33 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
9:41 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
9:45 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:19 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
11:22 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
2:21 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department, Corporal Erwin, Deputy Clark and Coroner Abel responded.
4:21 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.
6:19 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.
6:46 p.m.- Received a call requesting traffic control South of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Officer Purcell responded.
11:49 p.m.- Received a call from Johnson Controls advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

NEW CIVIL CASES

CASE #: 51C01-2507-EV-00032
Irishred Properties LLC vs Patrick Ryan Denny & Crystal McIntire
Case Type/Subtype: EV Evictions (Small Claims Docket)
S. Closure Date: January 23, 2026
Case Status: Decided on January 23, 2026

JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. v. Bonnie Troutman
Case Type/Subtype: CC-Civil Collection
S. Closure Date: January 22, 2026
Case Status: PENDING: January 22, 2026

Capital Community Bank v. Kelsey Mcpherson
Case Type/Subtype: CC-Civil Collection
S. Closure Date: January 23, 2026
Case Status: Decided on January 23, 2026

In Re: the Marriage of Deanna Louise Wildman v. Corbin Daniel Wildman
Case Type/Subtype: DC Domestic Relations with Children
S. Closure Date: January 22, 2026
Case Status: Still Pending, January 22, 2026

NO MARRIAGE LICENSE THIS WEEK

CLOSED CIVIL CASE

Irishred Properties LLC vs. Patrick Ryan Denny & Crystal McIntire
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Case Status: Decided on January 23, 2026

Local Obituaries

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Donald “Rod” Edward Carrico *June 20, 1938 - January 26, 2026*



Donald “Rod” Edward Carrico, 87, of Loogootee, Indiana passed away on Monday January 26, 2026, at his residence.

He was born on June 20, 1938, in Loogootee, Indiana to James Lyman and Mary Regina (Cissell) Carrico.

Rod was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Church in Loogootee, Indiana. He was a United States Army Veteran. Rod loved the Lord and was a living example of faith to his family, drawing them closer to God through the way he lived. Throughout his career, he was deeply committed to supporting the warfighter. Above all, Rod shared a lifelong love with his wife, Sue, beginning in 1955 when she was just 15. She often visited the Ritz Theater for popcorn while Rod was working, though she was really there because she liked him. Rod eventually married Carolyn “Sue” (Bledsoe) on

December 17, 1960. Rod and Sue moved to the Indianapolis area in 1961 where he completed an Electronic Technician Apprenticeship from IUPUI and started work as an Electronics Technician at Naval Avionics in Indianapolis for 35 years and 22 years for SAIC. They then moved to New Palestine, Indiana before returning back to Loogootee, Indiana in 1997 to be close to their family. Rod adored his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and his beloved dog Muffin was always close by. He was often teased for feeding Muffin better meals—steak, chicken, and ham—than he ever fed his own kids. Rod enjoyed the simple joys in life like boating, fishing and spending time with his family and grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Regina Carrico, brothers, James “Turk” Carrico and Bob Carrico, great-grandson, Rory Johnson,

and sister-in-law, Jane (Williams) Carrico.

Rod is survived by his loving wife, Sue Carrico, children, Julie (Curt) Johnson, Donna “Dee” (Bill) Greene, Don (Heather) Carrico, grandchildren, Ryan (Molly) Johnson, Kevin (Mya) Johnson, Darren Johnson, Tyler (Kyla) Greene, Eric (Kara) Greene, Dylan Greene, Daniel Greene, Ethan Carrico, Marcus Hopkins, great-grandchildren, Kenzie Johnson, Reid Johnson, Rayden Johnson, Mia Johnson, Cale Greene, Kora Greene, Amelia Greene, Silas Greene, sister-in-law, Elaine Carrico, and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11:00 A.M on Monday February 2, 2026, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial and Military Rites will follow in the St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday February 2, 2026, at 9:00 A.M at St. John the Evangelist Church until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Community Foundation for the Martin County Historical Society fund in memory of Rod Carrico.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Rod Carrico.

Anthony “Tony” Wayne Raney *January 2, 1971 - January 25, 2026*



Anthony “Tony” Wayne Raney, 55, of Danville, Indiana passed away peacefully on Sunday January 25, 2026 at his residence surrounded by his family.

He was born on January 2, 1971, in Washington, Indiana to Gary and Bonita (Blake) Raney.

Tony was baptized in the Nazarene Church, and he was a graduate of Loogootee High School. Following graduation, he proudly joined the United States Navy.

Tony had a love for cooking and enjoyed many hours playing Yahtzee with family and friends. In his younger years, he worked as a DJ, sharing his appreciation for music with others. He also enjoyed watching movies, playing video games, and listening to music. Above all else, Tony loved spending time with his family. He will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved him.

Tony is preceded in death by his father, Gary Raney of Loogootee, Indiana, his uncle, James “Jim” Blake of Washington, Indiana, his fraternal grandparents, Henry L. and Edith Ione (Harris) Raney from Alfordsville, Indiana, his maternal grandparents, Raymond J. and Martha H. (Spears) Blake of Loogootee, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer (Hudson) Raney, his daughters, Kylie S. (Gabe) Gladish of Washington, Indiana, and Ashlee D. (Jake Dumond) Raney of Washington, Indiana, his grandson, Stephen Fritz Gladish, his mother, Bonita S. Raney of Loogootee, Indiana, his sister, Lucretia M. Raney of Bedford, Indiana and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday January 31, 2026, at 1:00 P.M at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana with Chaplain Tom Richason to officiate. Burial will follow in Alfordsville Community Cemetery.

Friends may visit on Saturday January 31, 2026, from 11:00 A.M until the time of service at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society in memory of Tony’s love for animals.

Online condolences may be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Tony Raney.

To send a flower arrangement in memory of Anthony "Tony" W. Raney, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

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Easy

		4	6	9				8
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4						6		2
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		9			6			

Medium

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Hard

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Expert

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		8			5			
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Master

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Easy

1	3	4	6	9	7	5	2	8
2	9	6	5	8	3	1	7	4
5	7	8	4	1	2	9	3	6
9	1	2	7	6	8	4	5	3
3	6	5	1	2	4	8	9	7
8	4	7	9	3	5	2	6	1
4	5	1	3	7	9	6	8	2
6	8	3	2	5	1	7	4	9
7	2	9	8	4	6	3	1	5

Medium

3	4	2	1	9	5	6	8	7
5	6	8	2	4	7	9	1	3
1	9	7	8	6	3	2	5	4
6	8	5	3	1	2	4	7	9
7	3	4	9	5	8	1	6	2
2	1	9	6	7	4	5	3	8
4	7	3	5	2	6	8	9	1
9	2	6	7	8	1	3	4	5
8	5	1	4	3	9	7	2	6

Hard

5	3	8	2	1	9	7	6	4
1	6	2	7	3	4	5	9	8
4	7	9	6	8	5	1	3	2
3	4	5	9	2	6	8	7	1
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6	8	7	3	4	2	9	1	5
9	1	3	5	6	8	4	2	7

Expert

1	2	7	3	5	9	6	8	4
3	5	6	4	7	8	2	1	9
8	4	9	1	2	6	7	3	5
7	1	5	2	3	4	9	6	8
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5	9	2	6	8	7	1	4	3
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6	8	1	9	4	3	5	7	2

Master

4	7	5	8	3	9	2	6	1
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6	8	2	9	5	1	4	3	7
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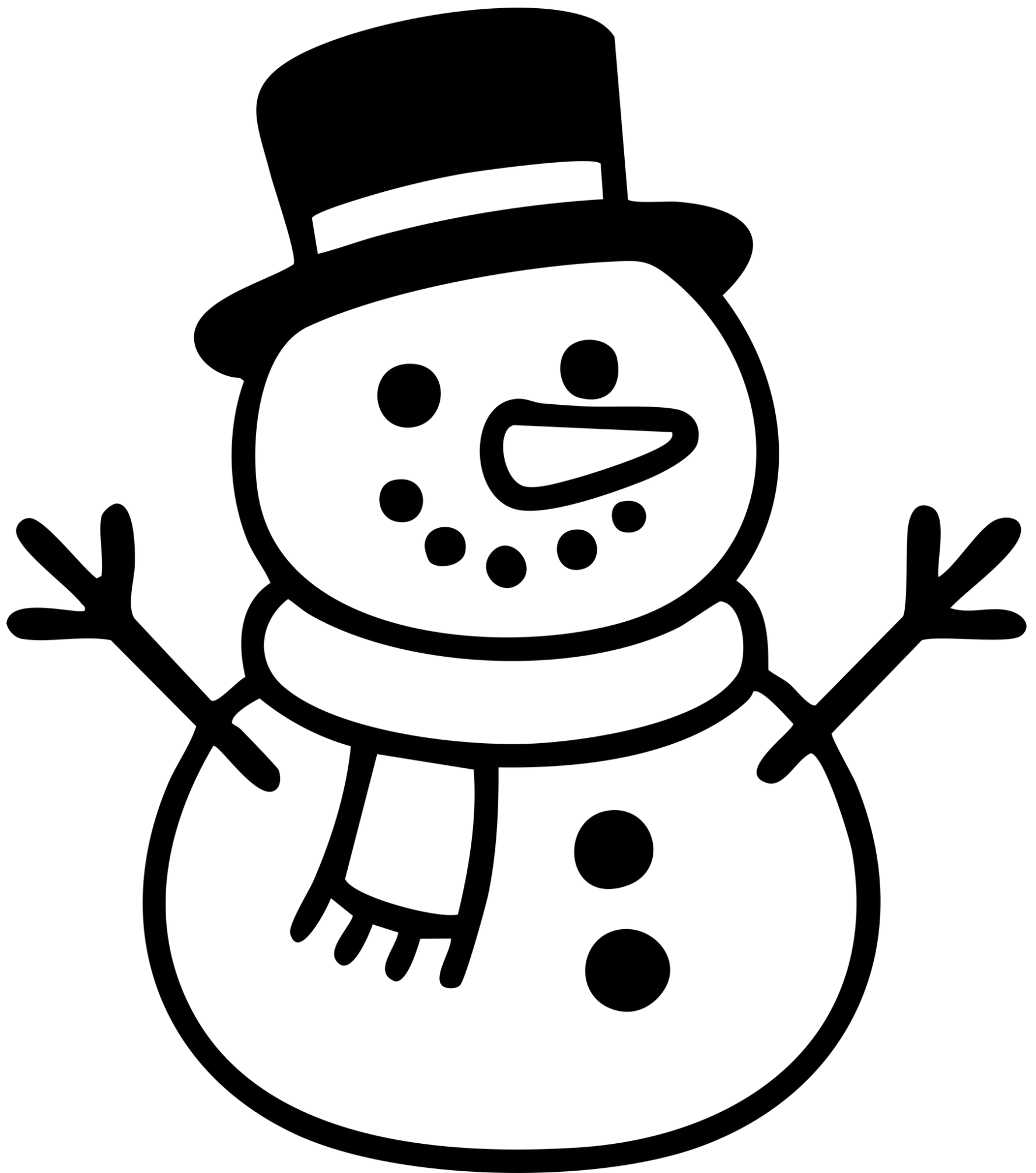


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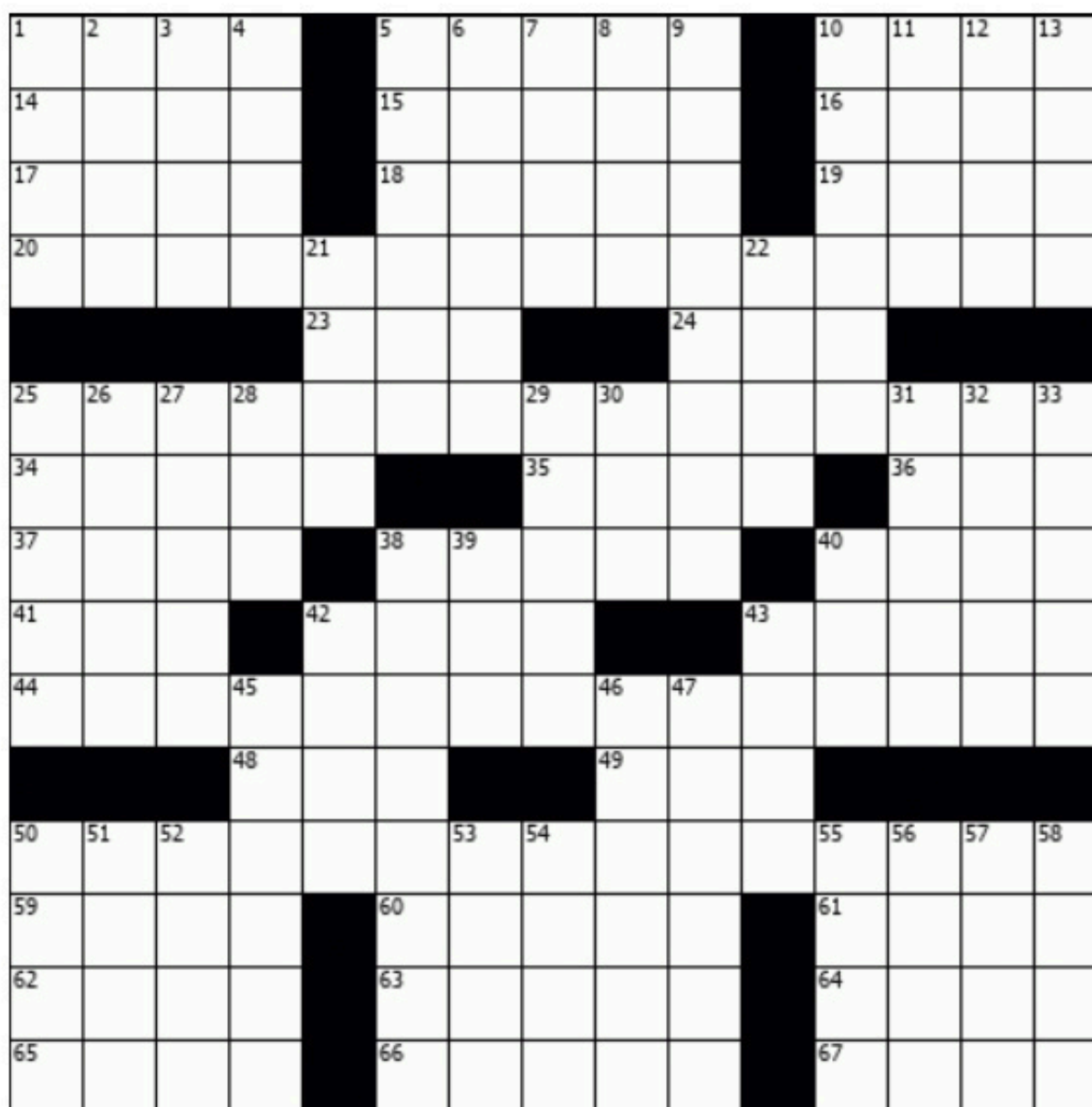
Coloring Sheet

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Across

1. Somewhat moist
 5. "The Count of Monte Cristo" author
 10. Pats on lightly
 14. Hebrew month
 15. Legalize
 16. Over the hill?
 17. Moon goddess
 18. Man from Madrid
 19. Window part
 20. Arborist's avowal?
 23. Suffix with social
 24. Demand payment
 25. Arborist's exercise?
 34. Athenian statesman
 35. Grow faint
 36. Cote quote?
 37. Beware of this type of joint
 38. It helps you stand tall
 40. Partner of circumstance
 41. It's stuffed with green stuff
 42. MBA's major, perhaps
 43. Contradict
 44. Arborist's favorite magazine?
 48. Wartime entertainment org.
 49. Set the pace
 50. Arborist at day's end?
 59. Top-of-the-line
 60. Ingenuous
 61. Chlorophyllous plant
 62. Bodily distress
 63. "___ Goat-Boy" (John Barth allegory)
 64. A light covering
 65. Aardvark snacks
 66. A password may provide it
 67. Kid stuff

**Down**

1. It may be kosher
 2. Styptic substance
 3. Pasteur portrayer
 4. Diagram
 5. Conquistador Hernando
 6. Varied
 7. Pride of lions?
 8. "Don't have ___, man!" (Bart Simpson saying)
 9. Clamorous
 10. Apollo's love
 11. On vacation
 12. Something to pick?
 13. A whole bunch
 21. Property right
 22. Cylinder
 25. Musical association
 26. Musical extreme
 27. Overhead sight at a ballgame, perhaps
 28. Truncate
 29. Strong cord
 30. Computer villain
 31. Notorious bacillus
 32. Word with strip or book
 33. Expectations
 38. Obtain by wheedling
 39. Half a drum?
 40. Kind of pal
 42. Division in many leagues
 43. Issued a command to
 45. Light measures
 46. Adroit
 47. Joan of Arc's crime
 50. One of the three bears
 51. Advance
 52. College credit
 53. First son
 54. Highlands garb
 55. Batty
 56. Mishmash
 57. Hardly handsome
 58. Woolen caps

Crossword Puzzle #28

D	A	M	P		D	U	M	A	S		D	A	B	S
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