

## Mid-States Corridor and the Dubois County Council

To the Editor,

A special Dubois County Council meeting was held on Monday December 29, 2025. The only agenda item was a "presentation" by the Mid-States Corridor RDA's legal counsel, Mr. Bill Kaiser and it's Chairman, Mr. Mark Schroeder. It was unclear what the purpose of the meeting was; but, Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Schroeder spoke for over an hour and forty-five minutes about the RDA, the recent Public Policy Poll and other issues related to the RDA.

Mr. Kaiser noted that the RDA law requires that within 12 to 18 months of the end of the RDA's term, it, the RDA, must be reapproved by the entities involved. He indicated that the law is not clear about the method or the timing. This is a rather disingenuous statement, as the law is very clear. Indiana Code 36-7.6-2-5 provides clear and direct verbiage for continuing or ending an RDA. How can an attorney not understanding the following:

"At least twelve (12) months and not more than eighteen (18) months before the end of a county's, qualified city's, third class city's, or town's membership period under subsection (b) or this subsection, the county, qualified city, third class city, or town described



Today, the ACLU of Indiana filed two actions against the City of Loogootee arising from its latest ordinance that would prevent the annual PrideFest from taking place in the city's Public Square area, in violation of the First Amendment. The complaints include a new lawsuit and a motion for contempt. A prior ordinance was permanently enjoined as unconstitutional by the U.S. District Court for the Southern Division of Indiana in August 2025. That injunction had

allowed PrideFest to continue as planned the following month. Nevertheless, at the end of 2025, Loogootee passed a "new" ordinance that contained much of the same language as the enjoined ordinance, including two provisions that the Court had declared unconstitutional and permanently enjoined. As a result, the ACLU has sought to hold Loogootee in contempt for not obeying the Court's prior orders and has filed a new lawsuit to have the new ordinance declared unconstitutional

and enjoined so that Loogootee PrideFest 2026 can proceed as planned. Ken Falk, legal director, ACLU of Indiana, issued the following statement: "Court orders must be complied with, and Loogootee, by enacting an ordinance that contains provisions enjoined by the Court, is in contempt of its lawful orders. Moreover, the ordinance it has adopted continues Loogootee's pattern of attempting to unconstitutionally restrict this celebration of the LGBTQ+ community. We will continue to

vigorously defend our client's right to hold the event at their desired location in the heart of Loogootee." The complaint can be found on their website on the ACLU Indiana website by visiting [www.aclu-in.org](http://www.aclu-in.org)

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CORRIDOR:**

## Rep. Mark Messmer's January Constituent Casework Service Meetings

Hi all,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Congressman Mark Messmer's press office to ask for your help sharing important information with residents across Indiana's 8th Congressional District.

Congressman Messmer's office regularly hosts Constituent Casework Service Meetings throughout the 21 counties of IN-08. These meetings give constituents the opportunity to meet one-on-one with district staff to get help navigating federal agencies, including the VA, Social Security Administration, IRS, and more.

We would greatly appreciate your help in advertising these meetings through your community calendar, website, or other local coverage so residents who may need assistance know this resource is available to them.

Here is a comprehensive list of the times we have scheduled for this month, and some language you are more than free to use!

Wednesday, January 7

Greene County  
Linton Mayors Office  
86 S. Main Street, Linton, IN 47441  
9:00 am – 11:00 am EST

Spencer County  
Spencer County Courthouse,  
Commissioners Meeting Room  
200 Main Street, Rockport, IN 47635  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm CST

Perry County  
Perry County Government Office,  
Commissioners Office  
2219 Payne Street, Tell City, IN 47586  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm CST

Thursday, January 8  
Warrick County  
Warrick County Courthouse,  
Commissioners Meeting Room  
1 County Square, Boonville, IN 47601  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm CST

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January 8, 2026

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Loogootee Library Community Room

#### Agenda

#### CALL Old Business

1. Approval of minutes December 11, 2025
2. Treasurer's Report
3. MCCF Laptop grant check presentation
4. Computer/Printer order
5. Additional Rural Placemaking Studio application
6. Bylaws approval
7. ODAN report / Time Sheets
8. Membership Drive / Split lists
9. Insurance

#### CALL New Business

1. Elections for C.A.L.L. Directors
2. Adjourn

## Loogootee High School Seeking Girls Assistant Tennis Coach for School Athletic Program

Loogootee High School is currently seeking enthusiastic and dedicated individuals to fill two important coaching positions within our school's athletic program. The first position is for a Girls Assistant Tennis Coach. This role involves supporting the head coach in training and mentoring our female student-athletes, organizing practice sessions, and helping to coordinate match strategies. The ideal candidate should possess a strong understanding of tennis techniques and a passion for working with young athletes to develop their skills and teamwork.

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| CONT.D Messmer from pg.1  | Orange County<br>Orleans Town Hall<br>161 East Price Avenue,<br>Orleans, IN 47452<br>9:00 am – 11:00 am<br>EST               | Friday, January 16   | Thursday, January 22   | Calling all #IN08 residents!<br>Do you need help with a federal agency?<br>Congressman Mark Messmer's office is hosting Constituent Casework Service Meetings across Indiana's 8th District. Staff will be available to meet one-on-one to discuss your case and help navigate federal agencies.<br>For more information, call Congressman Messmer's office at (812) 465 |
| <b>Friday, January 9</b>  | Parke County<br>Rockville Town Hall<br>119 West High Street,<br>Rockville, IN 47872<br>9:00 am – 11:00 am EST                | Crawford County<br>Judicial Complex, Jury Room<br>715 Judicial Plaza Drive, English, IN 47118<br>12:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST          |  |  |
| Martin County<br>Loogootee<br>Mayors Office<br>401 JFK Avenue,<br>Loogootee, IN<br>47553<br>9:00 am – 11:00 am<br>EST | Dubois County<br>Jasper Mayors Office<br>610 Main Street,<br>Jasper, IN 47546<br>1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST                       | Vermillion County<br>Vermillion County Courthouse<br>255 S. Main Street, Newport, IN 47928<br>11:30 am – 1:30 pm EST             | Friday, January 23   |  |
| Vigo County<br>Terre Haute City Hall<br>17 Harding Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47807<br>10:00 am – 12:00 pm EST           | Daviess County<br>City Council<br>Chambers<br>200 Harned Avenue, Washington, IN 47501<br>1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST               | Fountain County<br>Fountain County Courthouse<br>301 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Covington, IN 47932<br>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EST        | Clay County<br>Clay County Courthouse<br>609 E. National Avenue, Brazil, IN 47834<br>10:00 am – 12:00 pm EST |  |
| Sullivan County<br>Sullivan City Hall<br>110 N. Main Street, Sullivan, IN 47882<br>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EST              | Gibson County<br>Princeton City Hall<br>310 W. State Street, Princeton, IN 47670<br>11:00 am – 1:00 pm CST                   | Vanderburgh County<br>Commissioner's Office<br>1 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708<br>9:00 am – 11:00 am CST | Owen County<br>Owen County Courthouse<br>60 S. Main Street, Spencer, IN 47460<br>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EST       |  |
| Tuesday, January 13-6484.   | Pike County<br>Pike County Courthouse, Commissioners Room<br>801 Main Street, Petersburg, IN 47567<br>9:30 am – 11:30 am EST | Posey County<br>Mt. Vernon City Hall<br>520 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620<br>1:00 pm – 3:00 pm CST                           | Wednesday, January 28  | Knox County<br>Vincennes Mayors Office<br>201 Vigo Street, Vincennes, IN 47591<br>9:00 am – 11:00 am EST<br>Below is language you're welcome to use or adapt:  |

# Public Notice Martin County Election Board Public Meeting Scheduled for January 9, 2026

The Martin County Election Board will convene a public meeting JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M. at the Martin County Clerk's Office, 129 Main Street in Shoals pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-5.

(Correction Made: Meeting is at 11:00 A.M. NOT 11:00 P.M.)

## 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.

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\*Shooting Distances - 35 yards on ham and money rounds, 47 yards on beef rounds --

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To the Editor,

Over 300 INDOT projects have been or are being cancelled or postponed indefinitely due to "funding constraints". Yet, the billion plus dollar Mid-States Corridor project is not on the list. Why? It appears that INDOT and Gov. Braun are trying to get the FHWA to allow the Mid-States Corridor to be a toll road. Gov. Braun has said that he wants to capture dollars from out-of-state vehicles traveling through Indiana that don't fill up at the gas pump, as a reason for the tolling request.

What is going on here? The Mid-States Corridor is being touted as the cure-all in transportation needs. Making Indiana's limited access highways toll roads seems counter intuitive. It's a known fact that if trucker (or most travelers) has to pay a toll, they will find a non-toll route. And, most assuredly, all local traffic will shun a toll road. Dubois, Martin and Daviess counties just don't have the congestion to cause commuters to pay a toll to go to and from work; or, for that matter, to save a few minutes to get to Indianapolis.

Why didn't Mr. Bill Kaiser or Mr. Mark Schroeder disclose these "funding constraints" when they addressed the Dubois County Council? Why hasn't Ms. Kyanna Wheeler, Ms. Nicole Minton, Mr. Jason Dupont or even Mr. Colin Pipenger ever mentioned this? Why has this not appeared on the Mid-States Corridor's website or Facebook page; or for that matter, why have the Hoosiers for the Corridor been silent? This does not sound like transparency in government.

The Indiana State Legislature has apparently had enough of the chicanery. INDOT has been and is canceling much needed highway projects all over the state; but, are leaving the



Mid-States Corridor untouched. We all know this is a pet project of the Governor's; and, now so does the rest of the state. Many of us have said that the Mid-States Corridor is a project that will negatively impact the entire state and now the proof is in front of the entire legislature. As the banner on the Washington Post declares "Democracy dies in darkness" and perhaps now the truth about the folly of the Mid-States Corridor will see the light of day.

Tolls may help with on-going maintenance but there are no tolls to pay the billion dollar construction costs. The tolls will not offset the "local" match of over \$100 million that INDOT requires from Dubois County. Don't be fooled, the people of Martin and Daviess counties are not willing or able to pay a \$100 million local match. It gets lost that the Mid-States Corridor is a multi-county project. The Martin County Commissioners and Council have stated they are opposed; and, they are not members of the Mid-States

Corridor RDA. The stated cost of \$1 billion is only for the 21 miles in Dubois County. The Corridor from I-64 to I-69 is 54 miles long with about 22 miles in Martin County. It's disingenuous for INDOT and the RDA to continue to say the cost of the Corridor will be about \$1 billion without also saying there is at least another billion dollar cost through Martin and Daviess counties. What are the cost and time savings if the Corridor were to end at Haysville?

growing state-wide, it's no longer just a few here in Dubois, Martin and Daviess county that are opposed. The list of State legislatures who are now opposed to the Mid-States Corridor is growing; and they are publicly stating their opposition. It's way past time, as the recent poll indicated, for our local politicians to take a stand. It's no longer acceptable to be a Mug-Wump on the fence. The public demands to know their representatives position, so they can decide whether or not to support them in the up-coming elections.

Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County

The opposition to the Mid-States Corridor is

# SPORTS

## Loogootee Sports Schedules

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| Basketball (Boys 7 & 8) -<br>Springs Valley (A)<br>1/7/2026 6:00 PM                  | Basketball (Boys 5 & 6) - Linton Shootout (A)<br>1/10/2026 TBD                  |
| Basketball (Girls 5 & 6) -<br>Jasper 5th/ A&B (A)<br>1/8/2026 6:00 PM                |   |
| Basketball (Boys 5 & 6) -<br>Jasper Middle School (H)<br>1/8/2026 6:00 PM            | Basketball (Girls 5 & 6) - Pike Central MS (6 A/B) (A)<br>1/10/2026 9:30 AM     |
| Basketball (Girls 7 & 8) -<br>Bedford Middle School (A)<br>1/8/2026 6:00 PM          | Basketball (Girls 7 & 8) - Shakamak (A)<br>1/10/2026 10:00 AM                   |
| Basketball (Boys Fr) -<br>Pike Central (Cancelled) (A)<br>1/8/2026 6:00 PM           | Basketball (Boys 7 & 8) - Vincennes Rivet (7th Only) (H)<br>1/10/2026 11:00 AM  |
| Basketball (Girls V) -<br>Graves Construction Classic (A)<br>1/8/2026 6:00 PM        | Basketball (Girls V) -<br>Graves Construction Classic (A)<br>1/10/2026 12:00 PM |
| <u>Basketball (Boys V) -<br/>Greene County<br/>Invitational (A)</u><br>1/9/2026 TBD  | Basketball (Boys 5 & 6) - 5th Jasper Black A&B (H)<br>1/12/2026 6:00 PM         |
| <u>Basketball (Boys V) -<br/>Greene County<br/>Invitational (A)</u><br>1/10/2026 TBD | Basketball (Girls 7 & 8) - Springs Valley (A)<br>1/12/2026 6:00 PM              |

## 5th Grade Basketball Beats Clark at Home

### RESULTS:

6th Grade vs  
Vincennes Clark  
(19-36) Loss 5th  
Grade vs  
Vincennes Clark  
(27-21) Win

## LOOGOOTEE BOYS BASKETBALL ADVANCES TO THE SEMIFINALS OF THE GREENE COUNTY INVITATIONAL



The boys varsity basketball team traveled North to WRV tonight to take on Pleasantview Christian in the opening round for the Greene County Invitational. The Lions came home with a 50-32 victory and advanced to the semifinals on Friday night where they will take on Shakamak at 6PM. The Lakers were victorious over Dugger Union. The Lions led 13-11 at the end of the first quarter, but the pesky Bulldogs used a late three to tie it before the break at 21 all. The Lions held the Bulldogs to just three points in the third quarter and led 34-24 heading to the 4th. In the 4th quarter, they again kept

up solid defense and led by as much as 50-26 before reserves finished it off. "Hats off to those kids," said Coach Thompson of the Pleasantview team. "They play extremely hard, maybe harder than anyone we've played all year. Trenton Gruber is a load and could play for a ton of teams in the area," stated Coach Thompson. Gruber led the Bulldogs with 13 points and 8 rebounds. Junior Will Lyon led the Lions with 18 points. Senior back-court mate AJ Foster added 17 for the Lions and Senior forward Christian Garcia joined them in double figures with 11. Seth Salmon and Noah Hager rounded out the Lion scoring with two apiece. The Lions moved to 10-3 on the season. The Greene County Invitational continues on Wednesday

night with WRV vs. Pike Central and Evansville Day vs. Shoals.



**Alaina Diamond Nears Top 10 All-Time Scorers, AJ Foster Approaching 1000 Points**

Jack Fellers recorded an assist from Wyatt Street during the game. A number of Lions are approaching significant milestones in the history of Lion basketball. Alaina Diamond, a junior at LHS, scored 24 points in Monday night's victory, bringing her unofficial career total to 763 points. This places her within 43 points of entering the top 10 all-time Lady Lion scorers. If she remains healthy, Diamond is expected to surpass the late Diane Kiefner's record within the next few games. On the boys' side, senior AJ Foster is nearing membership in Loogootee's 1,000-point club. Foster scored 17 points in the recent game and has accumulated 924 points overall. At his current scoring rate of nearly 19 points per game, he is projected to reach 1,000 points in the upcoming four to five games. The milestone is of interest to fans, and attention is now focused on Foster's progress.

## LOOGOOTEE JUNIOR HIGH LIONS BASKETBALL DULL THE HATCHETS

The 7th and 8th grade Lions both were in action at Jack Butcher Arena on Tuesday night. Both came away with big wins over the visiting Washington Hatchets. The 7th graders improved to 11-1 with a 33-25 win and the 8th grad moved to 10-1 on the season with a 47-22 win over the visitors from Daviess County. In the 7th grade contest, Garrett Downey led the Lions with 11. Jack Divine and Zach Lyon each had 8. Kaleb McCloskey had 4 and August Weitkamp had 2. The 8th graders were led by Knox Jeffers who had 19 points. Jaxon Foster joined him in double figures with 10. Holden Lingenfelter added 7; Hiram Tedrow 5; and Jackson Lengacher had 4. Both teams were scheduled to play Springs Valley on Wednesday night, but that game has been cancelled due to Springs Valley moving their boys Varsity game to Wednesday night. The 7th grade will be in action on Saturday when they host Rivet. The 7th and 8th grade will be in action next week on Tuesday when they travel to Loogootee.

## LOOGOOTEE 5TH GRADE A&B TOP WARRIORS

The 5th Grade boys took a trip to Bicknell on Monday night and topped the North Knox Warriors 41-27 in the A game and 37-10 in the B game. The 5th graders improved to 6-2 on the season and the B squad improved to 2-0. In the A game, Keaton Smith led the Lion charge with 21 points. Hayden Edwards had 10 points. Broden Hawkins had 4 points. Brayden Lyon; LJ Marks; and Kash Wagler each had 2 points. The B team moved to 2-0 on the season and were led by Zane Roach with 15 points. Brayden Lyon had 8 points; Kamden Wilson added 6; 4 for Mykel Phillips; and 2 each for Hayden Edwards and Kash Wagler.

## LOOGOOTEE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TOPPLE THE SHOALS JUG ROX

The 7th and 8th graders headed East to Shoals on Monday night to take on the Rox and both came home with victories. The 7th graders won 40-20 and improved to 10-1 on the season. The 8th graders won 47-27 and improved to 9-1 on the year. The 7th grade Lions were led by Mason Mathias; Zach Lyon; Garrett Downey; and Jack Divine who each had 7 points. Kaleb McCloskey had 6; Kendall Wilson 4; and August Weitkamp had 2. The 8th graders were led by Knox Jeffers. Knox had 14 and Jackson Lengacher had 10. Ethan Wildman; Jaxon Foster; and Holden Lingenfelter each had 6. Hiram Tedrow chipped in 5 for the Lions. Both teams will be back in action on Tuesday night when they host Washington at Jack Butcher Arena. This game is a make-up game from December.

## LOOGOOTEE BOYS BASKETBALL C-TEAM SWATS THE JACKETS

The boys C-Team got back to action on Monday night after a long holiday break and picked up the win to run their record to 2-4 on the season. The C-Team led 25-19 at half and held off a late charge by the Blue Jackets to win 51-44. Chase Miller led the Lions with 16 points in just two quarters of action. Bryce Christmas joined him in double figures with 11. Jaxon Smith had 9 points; Garrison Gruber 8; Rhett Whitney 5; and two each for Carter Downey and Bode Gruber. The C-Team will return to action on Tuesday 1/13 when they travel to Linton to take on the Miners.

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# Martin County & Courts

Monday, December 29, 2025

12:01 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Seals, and LPD Officer Purcell responded. No one was transported.

1:28 a.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

1:58 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Purcell, and LPD Officer Seals responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:15 a.m.- Received a call reporting a power line down East of Shoals. Deputy Clark and REMC responded.

6:41 a.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down South of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Clark responded.

7:03 a.m.- Received a call reporting glass in the roadway in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

7:40 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and Captain Gibson responded.

9:04 a.m.- Captain Gibson is on station with Jason Schlachter a 49-year-old male from Loogootee. He was Arrested for Invasion of Privacy. He is being held at \$10,000 10% bond.

9:25 a.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious male South of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:50 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:24 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:19 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 4, Loogootee Fire Department, and Crane Naval Fire Department responded. Medic 4 transported one patient to IU Health Bloomington.

12:31 p.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down West of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

12:48 p.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down in Lawrence County. Advised Lawrence County Dispatch.

4:02 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and LPD Officer Reynolds responded.

6:07 p.m.- Received a call reporting an animal issue in Loogootee. LPD Officer Reynolds and LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

6:26 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

7:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:49 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver East of Loogootee. LPD Officer Reynolds, LPD Officer Seals, LPD Officer Purcell, and LPD Chief Wagoner responded.

8:24 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Nash responded.

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

4:49 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Purcell, and LPD Officer Seals responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

6:14 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident on Crane Naval Base. Transferred 911 call to Crane Naval 911.

8:17 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

8:56 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:58 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner and LPD Officer Reynolds responded.

12:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. LPD Officer Reynolds and LPD Reserve Captain Hunt responded.

12:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious male in Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner, Captain Gibson, and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:51 p.m.- Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Captain Gibson, Chief Deputy Keller, and Big Johns Towing responded. Medic 2 responded.

1:30 p.m.- Marshal Copeland is on station with Michael Morrison a 44-year-old male from Loogootee. LPD Chief Wagoner arrested him for Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Mischief, Intimidation, Possession of Methamphetamine.

and Resisting Law Enforcement Resulting in Bodily Injury. He is being held at no bond.

2:36 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Chief Deputy Keller, and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

3:23 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Advised Sergeant Hawkins.

5:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car deer accident in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell and LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

7:43 a.m.- Received a call reporting a gas smell in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County Dispatch.

8:55 a.m.- Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

11:14 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

3:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:35 p.m.- Received two accidental 911 calls.

3:48 p.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.

5:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident East of Shoals. Deputy Clark, Shoals Fire Department, Big Johns Towing, and Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 did not transport.

Thursdays, January 1, 2026

2:42 a.m.- Received a report of a possible theft in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

4:02 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Deputy Droke responded.

9:21 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Crane Naval EMS, and Taylor Township Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:11 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked South of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:55 p.m.- Received a report of possible vandalism Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

3:23 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

3:00 p.m.- Received a call reporting vandalism South of Shoals. Advised Sergeant Hawkins.

7:08 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

11:50 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a hit and run accident with no injuries Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Droke and Indiana Conservation Officer Doane responded. Orange and Dubois County were also notified.

Friday, January 2, 2026

12:15 p.m.- Received a report of possible harassment North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

11:14 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

3:07 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.

3:35 p.m.- Received two accidental 911 calls.

3:48 p.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.

5:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

6:38 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Deputy Branham, Deputy Nash, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

7:07 p.m.- Received a call from Orange County requesting an ambulance in French Lick. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

8:02 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check Northeast of Shoals.

Deputy Nash, Deputy Droke and Deputy Branham responded.

Saturday, January 3, 2026

3:42 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Seals, LPD Officer Purcell, Deputy Droke and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:46 p.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 Daviess Community Hospital.

9:37 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

3:20 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible field fire Northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Erwin and Deputy Nash responded.

3:21 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Bedford.

4:13 p.m.- Received a report of cattle in the road North of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded. Owner was notified.

5:20 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn Southwest of Shoals.

7:54 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver West of Shoals. Deputy Droke and LPD Officer Purcell responded.

Sunday, January 4, 2026

1:15 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

2:57 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute in Crane Village. Deputy Droke, LPD Officer Purcell and LPD Officer Seals responded.

6:49 a.m.- Deputy Droke on station with Daniel Thomas, a 47-year-old male from Crane, charged with Operating a vehicle while intoxicated with BAC over .15, and Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

7:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Indian Creek Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.

8:12 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

# Local Obituaries

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## Karen Hickman

July 20, 1954 - January 4, 2026

Karen Anne Hickman, aged 71, of Shoals, Indiana, passed away at her residence on Sunday, January 4, 2026.

Born on July 20, 1954, in Loogootee, Indiana, she was the beloved daughter of John and Norma (Wagoner) Hickman. Karen was a Gold Star sibling, and lifetime member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She spent her life making a home for her family. Karen enjoyed thrifting, living in her country home along with her beloved dog, Ellie, and spending time with her favorite person, Joe.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Thomas Steven Hickman.

Karen is lovingly remembered by her domestic partner, Joe Dunn; her children, Leslie (Trevor) Guy and Lynzee Hickman; grandchildren: Devin, Trevor, and Luke; siblings: Kelly (Matt) Bridgewater and Scott Hickman; several nieces and nephews; Joe's children: Tamara Dunn, George Dunn; and Katie (Tony) Doyle; grandchildren: Alix and Zakk Doyle. According to her wishes, cremation was chosen with a burial to take place at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com)

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Karen Anne Hickman.



Jeffrey Louis Berry, aged 65, of Shoals, Indiana, passed away peacefully at his home with his family by his side on January 5, 2026.

Born on April 28, 1960, in Washington, Indiana, he was the beloved son of Delbert and Theresa (Craney) Berry.

Jeffrey married Gayle (White) Berry on September 27, 1986. He was a devoted member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and proudly served his community through the Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, and the Martin County ambulance service. Jeffrey retired after 47 years with INDOT, where he served as a supervisor. In addition to his career, he farmed and took great pride in that work. Above all, Jeffrey cherished time spent with his family and enjoyed relaxing as an avid YouTube watcher.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Charlie Berry.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Gayle; his mother, Theresa Berry; two daughters: Angela and Kristen Berry; one son, Brad Berry; Siblings: Lisa (Scott) Ruckriegel, Barb (Jeff) Hyllested, and Ronnie (Jean) Berry, and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10:00 A.M. Friday, January 9, 2026, at St. Martin Catholic Church in Loogootee, Indiana, with burial to follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held at on Thursday, January 8, 2026 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana, and again on Friday morning from 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. at St. Martin Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice.

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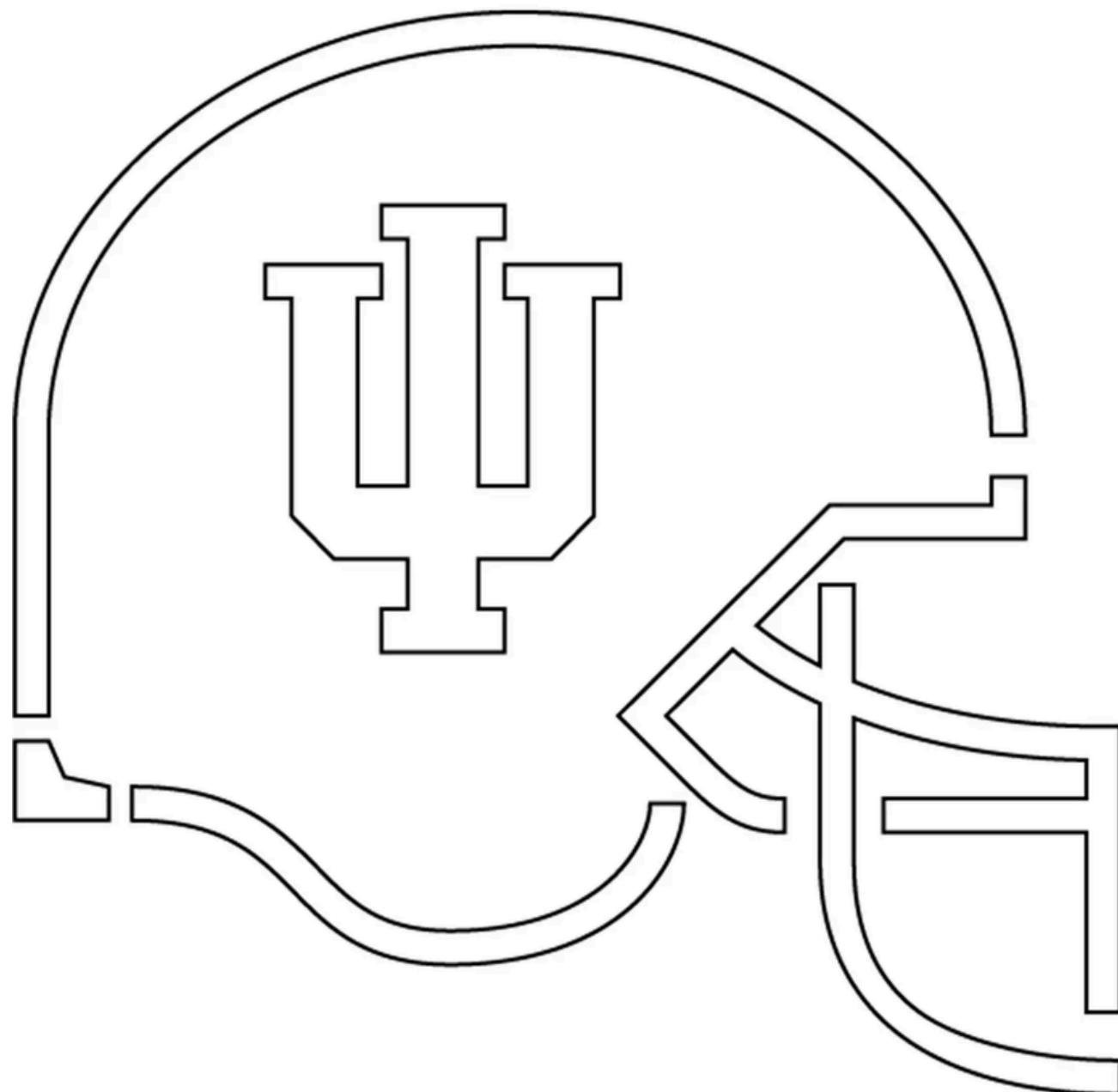
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# Sudoku Daily Game #25 SOLUTIONS

# Coloring Sheet

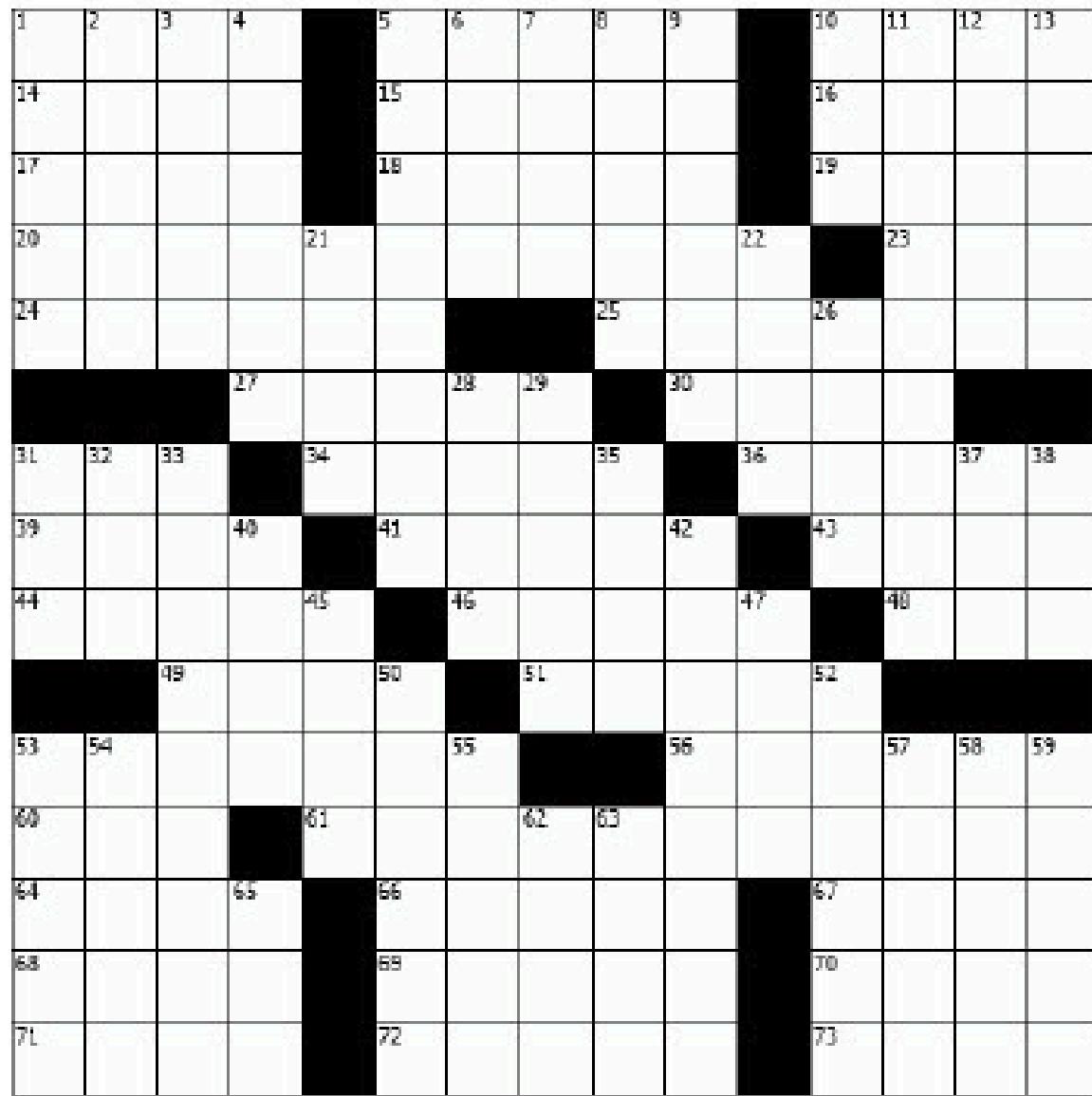
“HOO, HOO, HOO, HOOSIERS!”

GO HOOSIERS IN THE PEACH BOWL



**Across**

1. "Pygmalion" playwright
5. Dolphins' home
10. Fed. agent
14. Singing syllables
15. Synthetic fabric
16. Corn Belt state
17. Soon, in poems
18. Catches red-handed
19. Jacket fastener
20. Tennis star
23. Tiny Tim instrument
24. Light at a corner
25. Plans
27. Detergent target
30. Ripped
31. May honoree
34. Work of David
36. Bamboo eater
39. Heavy metal
41. 1980s TV group
43. Recipe directive
44. Sounds of music
46. Cape Cod catch
48. Wine designation
49. Cobblers' tools
51. Male voice

**Down**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Criticizes             | 21. Complain             | 45. Unlikely             |
| 2. Asian capital          | 22. Patronize, with "at" | 47. Way out              |
| 3. Together (with)        | 26. Periods              | 50. Bowling and          |
| 4. In decline             | 28. Padded surfaces      | badminton                |
| 5. Louvre work            | 29. Vote in              | 52. Mickey Mouse, e.g.   |
| 6. Investment options     | 31. Cambridge sch.       | 53. Acquisitions         |
| 7. "I cannot tell __"     | 32. Pizarro's quest      | 54. Eightsome            |
| 8. Gangsters' girlfriends | 33. Religious residence  | 55. Dog's muzzle         |
| 9. Entomology             | 35. Stable mother        | 57. Artoo __             |
| specimen                  | 37. Cube to roll         | 58. Ticked off           |
| 10. US soldiers           | 38. Multi-episode story  | 59. Mountain curves      |
| 11. Some statuary         | line                     | 62. Author Ferber        |
| 12. No longer out         | 40. Part of CNBC         | 63. Diary duration       |
| 13. Where to pick up      | 42. Cobra predator       | 65. "Simpsons" bar owner |
| kittens                   |                          |                          |

**Crossword Puzzle #25**