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Indiana DOE Approves Loogootee High School Weather Waivers After Winter Storms

The Indiana Department of Education has approved Loogootee High School, allowing a two-weather waiver day to occur following last week's severe winter storms, made possible by Governor Mike Braun's emergency declaration.

The first waiver day, Monday, Feb. 16, which coincides with Presidents' Day, will not be a make-up day, and students will not attend school. The second waiver day has been scheduled for Monday, April 6, serving as an additional no-school day. If further weather cancellations occur, April 6 will be the first day used for make-up. School officials expressed appreciation for community flexibility as they work to ensure student safety and learning during the winter months.

Loogootee High School Presents "The Addams Family" Spring Musical | Performances & Fundraiser



The Loogootee High School spring musical is rapidly approaching, and this year, students will bring the iconic production of The Addams Family to life on the stage of the school auditorium. According to music director Lindsey Walton, this long-anticipated show is ideally suited for the cast, which consists of nearly 70 students spanning grades 7 through 12. Rehearsals have already commenced, choreography is underway, and volunteers are preparing to construct the set in the upcoming days.

Senior Camilla Wilson has been cast as Wednesday Addams, the beloved daughter, while fellow senior Dalton Strange will portray Gomez Addams, the charismatic patriarch. The performances are scheduled for three days: March 13 at 7 p.m., March 14 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and March 15 at 2 p.m. The school community is rallying behind the production, and to support the event financially, the musical program will host a barbecue fundraiser on February 22, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at St. John's Center. Attendees can enjoy a variety of sandwiches, sides, and desserts as they contribute to the cost of the production.

Loogootee Community Schools is excited to present The Addams Family: School Edition, a lively and humorous musical that features memorable characters, engaging songs, and plenty of mischievous Addams family antics. The production promises to deliver a fun-filled experience for audiences of all ages, with performances that highlight the talent and dedication of the student cast and crew. This event offers an excellent opportunity for community members to come together and celebrate the arts, showcasing the vibrant spirit of Loogootee High School.

The cast and crew have been working tirelessly, dedicating numerous hours to rehearsals, set design, and costume preparation. This collaborative effort demonstrates the commitment of students, staff, and volunteers to creating an entertaining and professional-quality production. The musical's selection as the School Edition ensures that it is adapted to be suitable for a school setting while eliver,

maintaining the humor and charm that make The Addams Family so beloved.

The upcoming performances are expected to draw a large audience, including families, alumni, and community supporters. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door, with proceeds supporting future theatrical endeavors and school programs. The production not only provides entertainment but also serves as a valuable educational experience for students involved in every aspect of the show, from acting and singing to set construction and technical support.

In anticipation of the musical, students have been participating in various related activities, including promotional events, costume design workshops, and rehearsal dinners. The excitement is palpable among students and staff alike, as they prepare to present a show that promises to be both fun and memorable.

The Loogootee High School spring musical is more than just a performance; it is a celebration of talent,

teamwork, and community spirit. As the cast and crew put the final touches on their preparations, the entire school community looks forward to a successful run of The Addams Family. Mark your calendars for March 13-15 and plan to attend this entertaining spectacle that captures the essence of classic sitcom humor and gothic charm.

For additional information, tickets, and updates, community members are encouraged to visit the school's website or contact the school office. By supporting this event, attendees help foster a vibrant arts program that enriches the educational experience and brings joy to all involved. The Addams Family: School Edition is sure to be a highlight of the spring season, offering entertainment, laughter, and a touch of spooky mischief that only the Addams family can d

Star Mill Gathering Place Receives Tax abatement from Shoals Town Council

SHOALS – The Shoals Town Council approved a 10-year tax abatement to the owners of a historic mill located along the White River Monday night.

Martin County residents Chad and Audrey Gibson are owners of the Star Mill Gathering Place, a historic structure built in 1858 that has been partially restored. The abatement covers the property's next phase of development. The proposed project involves the stabilization, restoration and adaptive reuse of the existing structure while maintaining its historic integrity. Planned improvements will include:

- Installation of ADA compliant entrances, exits and restrooms to ensure accessibility for all visitors.
- Construction of a commercial grade kitchen to support public and private events, community gatherings and local tourism.
- Addition of secondary ingress and egress to the second floor to meet current Indiana Building Code and life-safety standards.
- Preservation and repair of the original brick masonry and timber framework to ensure long-term structural stability.

Upon completion, the Star Mill will serve as a multi-purpose community gathering venue that supports local entrepreneurship, cultural programming and heritage

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Deaconess Memorial Medical Center Names Kerri Blessinger as Next GARDENER Award Winner

Jasper, Ind. – Deaconess Memorial Medical Center is excited to announce the next recipient of the GARDENER Award is Kerri Blessinger. Blessinger works in the Security/Deaconess Police Department and is described as one who has shown to provide compassionate, patient-centered care by using calm communication and genuine connection in high-stress situations. Her presence, empathy, and professionalism made a meaningful difference in patient outcomes and team success. Deaconess Memorial is grateful to have Blessinger as part of our team. For more information on the Gardener Award, please visit www.deaconessmemorial.com or contact Anna Borden in Deaconess Memorial's Human Resources Department at 812-996-1488.

Deaconess Memorial Medical Center created The GARDENER Award as a result of the internationally known DAISY Award that recognizes the super-human efforts nurses perform every day. Deaconess Memorial is fully aware that it takes an entire team to function as a hospital. This team includes not only the nurses, but also maintenance, billers, therapists, medical records, food service, etc. Every employee is necessary and plays an important role every day. The nurses would not be able to provide the proper care to patients without the appropriate support staff. The GARDENER Award was created to acknowledge incredible support staff that goes above and beyond his/her regular call of duty.

Nominate a Physician for Deaconess Memorial's Little Company of Mary Outstanding Physician Award

Jasper, Ind. – The public is asked to help nominate a deserving physician for Deaconess Memorial Medical Center's annual Little Company of Mary Outstanding Physician Award. In support and recognition of exceptional and exemplary devotion to continuing Christ's healing mission, Deaconess Memorial began presenting the LCM Outstanding Physician Award to a deserving physician in 2013. This award is named after the Little Company of Mary Sisters, the founders of Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

The nomination process begins with an individual completing and submitting a nomination form to Tina Roos in Deaconess Memorial's Medical Staff Office by February 15, 2026. All nominations will be reviewed by the hospital's Selection Committee consisting of Medical Staff officers, the Chief Administrative Officer, a Little Company of Mary Sister, the Chief Medical Officer, the Executive Director of Mission Integration, and the Chief Nursing Officer of Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. The LCM Outstanding Physician Award will be presented by the Medical Staff President on March 30.

For more information or to receive a nomination form, please contact Tina Roos at 812-996-0675 or tina.roos@deaconess.com, or go online to www.deaconessmemorial.com and scroll to the section titled "Read All About It".

The award is based on outstanding job performance reflecting Deaconess Memorial's Mission Statement and the Core Values of Respect for Human Dignity, Compassionate Caring, Stewardship, Quality, and Justice. To be accepted as a nominee, a physician must be classified as a member of the hospital's active Medical Staff for a minimum of 12 months and be in good standing with the Medical Staff.

Martin County Alliance Business Lunch & Learn: Strengthening School-Employer Partnerships

Martin County businesses are invited to the upcoming Lunch & Learn event, hosted by the Martin County Alliance in partnership with Loogootee and Shoals School Corporations. The session will focus on strengthening school-employer collaborations, specifically exploring how local businesses can engage in student internships and work-based learning opportunities. This is especially important given recent changes to state diploma requirements. Attendees will learn how their businesses can contribute to building a robust local talent pipeline while supporting students in Martin County. Please see the attached flyer for full details and registration information. The Martin County Alliance hopes you will consider joining them in the meeting.

LUNCH & LEARN

BUILDING STRONG SCHOOL-EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS

WORK-BASED LEARNING: STUDENT INTERNSHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

Is your employer interested in learning more about student internships and possible ways to collaborate with the local school corporations? Join the lunch and learn to acquire more!

Tuesday, March 31, 2026
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Bowling Manufacturing Building
99 W. Washington St.
Loogootee, IN 47553

FREE EVENT! LUNCH PROVIDED

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- Understanding Work-Based Learning & Student Internships
- Benefits for Employers & Building a Local Talent Pipeline
- Collaboration & Support Between Schools and Employers

To RSVP: **RSVP By: March 24**

Option 1: Scan QR Code
Option 2: Click this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7m2kFIR2qpcCIBUjCvraeK5Rw_mJhU7_0S5vKUZ216QvIwefwform?usp=header

For questions, contact Jessica Potts: 812-295-4800 jessica.potts@martinalliance.org

HHYF's Multi-Seasonal Itinerary Promises Exciting Programs in Loogootee

Anderson, IN – HHYF's now multi-seasonal itinerary is packed with a variety of programs and many locations. With stops in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, New York, New Jersey, and Virginia – so much education, excitement and increased awareness for harness racing is anticipated.

"HHYF programs are vital to the industry," explained HHYF Executive Director Ellen Taylor. "Not only do our events stimulate interest from new horse-loving participants but they also reinvigorate the hardened trainer when he/she sees the kids having fun and learning."

Spoiler alert: HHYF's first visit was actually in early February at Carroll County's (IN) Young Wranglers 4-H Club. The 2026 HHYF schedule is as follows: **Bold indicates preregistration required.**
April 10-12 Equine Affaire (Columbus, OH)
April 15, 16 Anderson Community Schools Field Trip to Hoosier Park
April 19 Martin County 4-H (Loogootee, IN)
April 28 Benton Central Jr. Sr. High School (Oxford, IN)
May 7 Equine Field Day (Wakarusa, IN)
June 8 Winners Circle Training Center (Ashville, OH)

June 9 Miami County Fairgrounds (Troy, OH)
June 15 DeLong Stables (Anderson, IN)
June 24 Clinton County Fairgrounds (Frankfort, IN)
July 10-12 Breyerfest (Lexington, KY)
July 14-18 Leadership at Hoosier Park
July 28 Tioga Downs (Nichols, NY)
July 30-31 Historic Track (Goshen, NY)
Aug. 3-4 Gaitway Farm (Manalapan, NJ)
Aug. 8 Hambletonian (East Rutherford, NJ)
Aug. 21-22 Shenandoah Downs (Woodstock, VA)
Aug. 31 Marvelous Mondays (Anderson, IN)
September tba Harrison County Ag Days (Corydon, IN)
Oct. 10-11 HHYF 50th Anniversary (Lexington, KY)
Oct. 21-24 National FFA Convention (Indianapolis, IN)
Please visit [Martin County residents are invited to attend a February Lunch & Learn session focused on using ChatGPT. The event will take place on February 10th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the Bowling Manufacturing Building.](http://MartinCountyresidentsareinvitedtoattendafbruarylunchandlearnsessionfocusedonusingChatGPT)



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Remember and honor your loved ones with a gift that keeps giving back to Martin County.

Gifts sent to the Martin County Community Foundation build the endowments that continue to grow and give back in the form of grants to charitable causes in Martin County, forever.

2025 HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

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Curt & Julie Johnson
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Jerry & Denise Sin-Ott
Mike & Nancy Smith

In Memory of Barbara Lorey
Tom & Patti Goepfrich

In Memory of Delores Ragsdale
Liz & John Chattin

In Memory of Ben Trout's 47th Birthday
Dick & Sharon Mentzer

In Memory of Carter Lee Kerns
Anonymous
Jon & Diane Lineback

In Memory of Adolio Villareal
Liz & John Chattin

In Memory of John Lannan
Hope & Steve Flores
Jon & Diane Lineback

In Memory of Moses and Cora Williams
Franeyne Fegan

For more information, contact the **Martin County Community Foundation** at 812-295-1022, mccf@cfpartner.org, or 2668 US Highway 50, Loogootee (back building on the 4-H Fairgrounds).

Your Honorariums and Memorials may be sent to:

**MCCF
P.O. Box 28
Loogootee, IN 47553**

Saturday, February 14

Valentine's Day

DINNER SPECIAL

PRIME RIB OR FILET

WITH BAKED POTATO, HOUSE SALAD, BREAD, & A RED VELVET CUPCAKE (WHILE THEY LAST)

FULL MENU AVAILABLE

SERVING 4 PM - 9 PM

WINE MENU

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THE ADDAMS FAMILY

FUNDRAISER SUNDAY

2/22/26 11AM-1:30 PM
ST. JOHN'S CENTER

\$12 meal- pulled pork BBQ sandwich, 2 sides, drink & dessert

\$7 meal- hotdog, 2 sides, drink & dessert

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

Sides:
baked beans
mac&cheese
slaw
chips

The Addams Family
SCHOOL EDITION

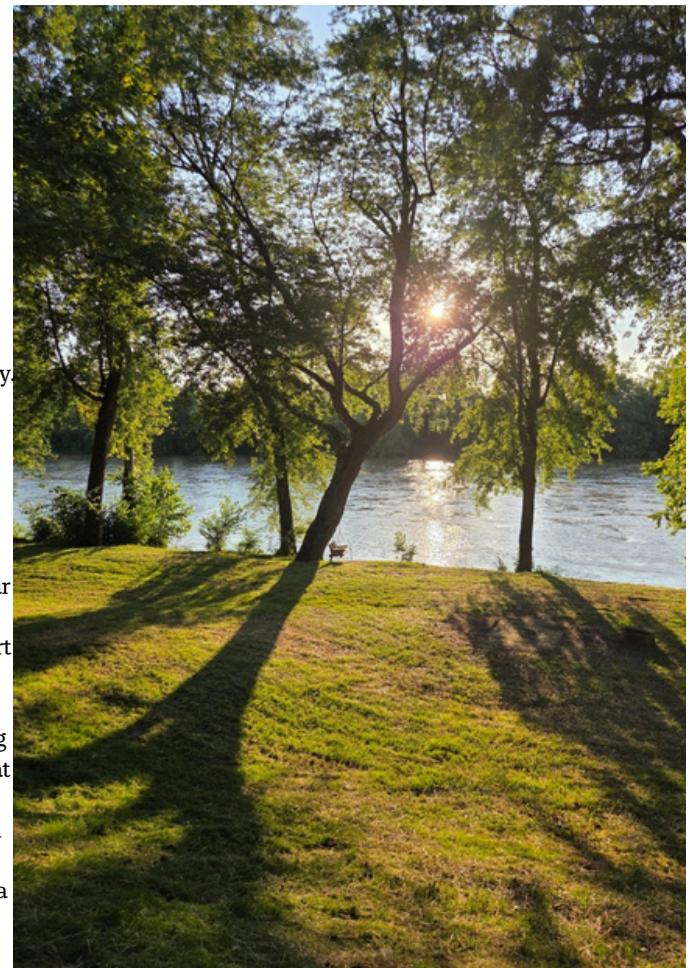
Book by **MARSHALL BRICKMAN** and **RICK ELICE**
Music and Lyrics by **ANDREW LIPPA**
Based on Characters Created by **CHARLES ADDAMS**

Friday, March 13, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 14, 2026 @ 2:00 PM
Saturday, March 14, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
Sunday, March 15, 2026 @ 2:00 PM

General admission tickets may be purchased 30 minutes prior to each performance for \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.

CONT.D Shoals Town Council (from pg. 1) tourism. The Gibsons envision development of a mercantile space featuring locally made goods, drinks and small bites, offering visitors a place to gather, shop and enjoy the scenic views and natural sounds of the White River while experiencing the Mill. "Chad and I are incredibly grateful to the Shoals Town Council for their confidence and support in moving forward with this opportunity. The approval of the tax abatement is not only an investment in the Star Mill Gathering Place, but in the broader growth and strengthening of the Shoals Historic River District and our local business community," said Audrey Gibson. "Support like this helps small businesses take thoughtful steps forward while honoring the character and history that make Shoals special. "We truly believe Shoals is in the midst of a quiet but meaningful renaissance. It's a small river town with deep roots, hardworking people who call it home, and a welcoming spirit for visitors who come to experience its history, natural beauty, and sense of community. We are honored to play a small role in that story and are excited about what lies ahead for Shoals as a whole."

The Gibsons are developing the property in phases. In 2025, they added two campsites with full electric, water, and sewer hookups. Canoe and kayak rentals were also added with multiple launch and pick-up locations along the East Fork of the White River.



Star Mill Gathering Place in Shoals offers beautiful views of the White River. (Photo courtesy)

SPORTS

Loogootee Sports Schedules

BASKETBALL (BOYS FR) - WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL (A)
2/12/2026 6:00 PM

BASKETBALL (GIRLS 5 & 6) - VINCENNES RIVET JR/SR. HIGH SCHOOL (A)
2/12/2026 6:00 PM

BASKETBALL (BOYS JV) - MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL (H)
2/13/2026 6:00 PM

BASKETBALL (BOYS V) - MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL (H)
2/13/2026 7:30 PM

5TH & 6TH BOYS BASKETBALL GRADE WINS BATTLE OF MARTIN COUNTY



The boys 5th and 6th Grade teams both took to the court at Jack Butcher Arena on Monday night and they were victorious in the elementary version of the Battle for Martin County. In the 5th grade contest the Lions won 38-15

and placed three players in double figures. LJ

Marks and Keaton Smith each had 12 points. Brodan Hawkins had 10. Zane Roach and Hayden Edwards each

had 2. The 6th graders were 49-9 winners and were led by Griffyn

Helderman added 4. Fallyn Taylor had 3 and Reid Wagler had 2. The 5th grade finished 13-6 and the 6th grade finished 20-0. Both teams will finish up their seasons with some travel tourneys. They will play at Dubois this coming weekend and Crawford County the following weekend. The 6th graders will travel to Jammin' in Jasper to complete their season.

LOOGOOTEE LADY LIONS LOSE IN SECTIONAL FINALS MATCH



ELNORA – The Orleans Lady Bulldogs (21-3) split their two-games with Loogootee this season – however, they won the one that mattered most.

Orleans took the Class A Sectional 62 final against the Lions (16-7) on Saturday in the Cougar Den, 47-34. It was just their second sectional title in the program's history.

The Lions went toe-to-toe for three quarters, before Orleans had a fourth quarter surge that secured the game. LHS did get 14 from freshman Lydia Hawkins and 12 from Alaina Diamond, along with a solid night from Ava Jeffers, but it wasn't enough to keep Orleans from the title.

The game remained tight in the first five minutes with Orleans taking a 7-6 lead. Chelsea Ralph handled much of the bulldog scoring, while Lydia Hawkins and Ava Jeffers paced the Lions. Alaina Diamond picked up he first points late in the quarter, but Orleans was able to claw out a 13-12 lead.

Loogootee went up 17-15 and 20-18 on a Hawkins 3-ball. Although Loogootee led most of the quarter, a late basket from Caleigh Alston sent Orleans into the half with a 22-21 lead.

Orleans hit a quick 3 to open the third, but Diamond added a traditionally 3-point play to keep it at one. The Lions forced two turnovers leading to a 27-25 lead. Diamond added a triple, but a basket from Alston tied it at 30. Hallie Wolfe hit a 3-ball in the corner as time expired and the Dogs had a 34-30 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Dogs grew the lead to six, but Ralph picked up her fourth foul with six minutes to play, putting her on the bench for several minutes. Orleans had 12 unanswered points, pushing it to 42-30 before Ava Jeffers added a free throw for LHS. Diamond helped cut it to 34-42 with 2:00 to play. OHS then spent much of the final minute at the free throw line and were able to secure the 47-34 win and the sectional title, as the Bulldogs posted a 13-4 final quarter.

The regional site has been determined: Orleans will take on the Borden Braves, who are 21-4 on the year.

This matchup will take place at Jasper High School this Saturday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. following another 1A Regionals Championship with Evansville Christian H.S. (18-6) vs. White River Valley H.S. (13-10) . That matchup will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday before Orleans plays Borden.

LOOGOOTEE LOSING STREAK CONTINUES AS SOUTH KNOX SECURES WIN

Loogootee continued their struggles on Tuesday, suffering their third consecutive defeat with a 45-38 loss to the South Knox Spartans. The Lions faced a challenging game, as the Spartans seemed determined to avenge their previous loss to Loogootee in January 2025. The defeat brought Loogootee's record to 13-7, reflecting ongoing difficulties as they attempt to regain momentum. Conversely, South Knox improved to 8-9 with this victory, which also ended their four-game losing streak. Both teams are preparing for upcoming home games, eagerly anticipating the support of their fans. Loogootee is scheduled to face Mitchell at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The Lions' upcoming opponent has a relatively weak defense, allowing an average of 64.18 points per game, which could present an opportunity for Loogootee's offense to showcase their scoring ability. Meanwhile, South Knox is set to play Barr-Reeve at 7:30 p.m. on the same evening. Fans of both teams can look forward to these matchups, hoping for strong performances from their respective squads. As the season progresses, each team will aim to improve and secure more wins to strengthen their standings.

With the snow melting and warmer weather today, we're dreaming of Spring! 🌱☀️
Call or text us, at Kickin' Grass Lawn Care
812-675-2882
to talk about mowing, landscaping, aerating, and all your lawn needs!

Hey Past and Present Martin County Residents,
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In the past few months, we have been remodeling the front offices of the Bowling Manufacturing Building. We will be ready to share pictures soon but would love to add one last finishing touch first. This is where you come in! We would like to celebrate the past with a historic photo of the building's Perfect Fit days to use as a wall mural. If you or someone you know has one you would be willing to share, please let us know!

Thanks! Pat and Lana Beck - ShedEscape Designs

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Monday, February 2, 2026

7:30 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance Southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

8:00 a.m.- ISP Master Trooper Lents on station with Kindal Turpin, a 21-year-old male from Mitchell, arrested for Driving while suspended-prior. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

9:29 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

12:23 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check Southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:10 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries North of Loogootee. ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.

1:14 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

3:41 p.m.- Deputy Clark on station with Sean Ganem, a 54-year-old male from Kentucky, arrested by LPD Officer Stuckey for Possession of methamphetamine and Possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

5:39 p.m.- LPD Officer Stuckey on station with Rodney Durham, a 50-year-old male from Kentucky arrested for Driving while intoxicated-endangerment, Possession of methamphetamine and Possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

6:28 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

6:28 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

10:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell, Major Reed and Big John's Towing responded.

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:38 a.m.- Received a report of an injured deer East of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

5:50 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident North of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

6:40 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling South. Notified Dubois County.

8:01 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. The call

was transferred to Crane 911.

8:13 a.m.- Received a call from Astro Security reporting a commercial sprinkler alarm in Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.

8:45 p.m.- Received a report of a deer in the roadway East of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Gammon responded.

8:51 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Chief Cummings responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:52 a.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

11:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

1:06 p.m.- Received a report of a road that has been damaged Northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

12:55 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported three inmates to court.

3:21 p.m.- LPD Chief Cummings on station with Donald Hawkins, a 54-year-old male from Loogootee arrested for Possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

3:21 p.m.- LPD Officer Stuckey on station with Jessica Howard, a 36-year-old female from Loogootee arrested for Possession of paraphernalia. She is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

4:08 p.m.- Received a call from Shoals Community Schools advising they will be operating on a two-hour delay tomorrow.

6:36 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Brian Conley, a 27-year-old male from Shoals arrested for Driving while suspended-prior, Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-prior and Possession of methamphetamine with an enhancement. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.

8:16 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

9:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Clark and ISP Trooper Wier responded.

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

1:31 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:40 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an

ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:51 a.m.- Received a call from O'Reilly Alarm Services advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

8:19 a.m.- Received an animal complaint Northwest of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:44 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:44 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

2:53 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Chief Deputy Keller responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:57 p.m.- Received a call requesting a wrecker East of Shoals. Big John's Towing responded.

3:12 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Tony Leatherman, a 35-year-old male from Mitchell, arrested by Captain Gibson for Theft, Railroad Mischief and Railroad trespass. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

4:12 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:57 p.m.- Received a report of slick roads North of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

5:01 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.

5:07 p.m.- Jail Officer Mooneyham on station with Christopher Huntspon, a 50-year-old male from Jasper arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

5:54 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

6:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Dubois County address. Transferred the call to Dubois County 911.

6:01 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Chief Cummings responded. No one was transported.

7:22 p.m.- Received a call advising that Shoals Community Schools will be operating on a two-hour delay tomorrow.

7:24 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

10:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Major Reed responded. No one was transported.

11:02 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

Thursday, February 5, 2026

3:52 a.m.- Received a report of a stop sign that is down South of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

8:03 a.m.- Received a 911 call from Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

8:03 a.m.- Received a report of a possible fire North of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:56 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Medic 1, Navy Police and Chief Deputy Keller responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

9:18 a.m.- Received a report of a commercial fire alarm in Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.

12:48 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported two inmates to court.

2:08 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported one inmate to court.

2:23 p.m.- Received a call from Lifeline requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

3:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County location. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

5:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

7:23 p.m.- Received a call advising that

Shoals Community Schools will be on a two-hour delay tomorrow.

7:40 p.m.- Received a call requesting the fire department for a small fire North of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:01 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a wrecker in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

10:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County location. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

10:33 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

Friday, February 6, 2026

12:19 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:25 a.m.- Received a call from O'Reilly Alarm Services advising of a commercial burglar alarm at O'Reilly's in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

3:22 a.m.- Received a 911 call Northeast of Shoals with no one on the line. Deputy Droke responded.

6:52 a.m.- Received a call from ADT advising of a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey and Deputy Droke responded.

7:46 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

8:25 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East. Corporal Erwin responded.

8:32 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.

9:25 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

9:45 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries North of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Corporal Erwin and Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N in Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.

1:35 p.m.- Received a request for an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

No one was transported.

2:08 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northwest of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

2:30 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N. Advised all on-duty units.

2:55 p.m.- Received a 911 call South of Loogootee with no one on the line. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

3:55 p.m.- Jail Officer Bills on station with Jociah Earl, a 27-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

4:03 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:41 p.m.- Received a report of a stolen vehicle out of Dubois County that may be at an address in Martin County. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

4:54 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Crane Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:20 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

6:00 p.m.- Brian Wagler, a 54-year-old male from Loogootee, on station reference a commitment.

6:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:36 p.m.- Received a report of possible harassment in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

9:51 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

9:59 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries Southwest of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Deputy Droke responded.

10:01 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred the call to Lawrence County 911.

10:39 p.m.- LPD Officer Purcell on station with Jose Antonio, a 38-year-old male from Texas, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated and Driving while never receiving a license. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

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Saturday, February 7, 2026

12:06 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S. Advised all on-duty units.

2:35 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree across the road South of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Haysville Fire Department responded.

2:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting the same tree. Advised the caller units are enroute.

6:10 p.m.- Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.

12:05 p.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 Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

12:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check in Vigo County. Transferred the call to Vigo County 911.

2:26 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

3:54 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:06 p.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:13 p.m.- Received a call from Astro Security advising of a commercial fire alarm in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

9:16 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings, LPD Officer Purcell and Deputy Branham responded.

Sunday, February 8, 2026

10:45 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

11:48 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

3:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Daviess County EMS, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:37 p.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire

Department, LPD Officer Stuckey and ISP Master Trooper Lents responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:37 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a vehicle fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Officer Stuckey responded.

6:11 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

8:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South toward Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

8:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northwest of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

Tickets Now on Sale for the Martin County Alliance Annual Dinner – Buy Online Today!

Tickets are now available for the Martin County Alliance Annual Dinner. To accommodate busy schedules, tickets are available online for purchase, including options for individual tickets or table sponsorships, simplifying attendance and support for local initiatives. The event will feature keynote speaker Shellie Phelps, a nationally recognized leader in community revitalization and author of "Becoming a Big Fish." Phelps played a significant role in transforming Wetumpka, Alabama, which was named HGTV's Home Town Takeover winner. She is passionate about helping small towns realize their potential, share their stories, and take bold steps forward. This evening promises to be an inspiring opportunity for connection, celebration, and envisioning the future of Martin County. Attendees are encouraged to secure their tickets and mark their calendars. Tickets can be purchased at [https://martincountyallianceeconomic.betterworld.org/](https://martincountyallianceconomic.betterworld.org/).

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Adopt a Pet Today! Cats and Dogs Ready for Forever Homes at Martin County Humane



Today, 29 cats and 17 dogs are available for adoption, seeking their forever homes. It has been two weeks since the last dog adoption, which is challenging given the number of wonderful pups waiting to bring joy to a new family. Potential adopters are encouraged to consider these animals and visit the shelter to meet them.

Tomorrow will mark one year since Arwin joined the shelter. She is a sweet girl who has waited far too long for her chance. Arwin has a sponsored adoption fee, making now an ideal time to meet her and see if she's the right fit.

Adoption fees are \$100 for dogs, \$45 for cats, or two cats for \$75. All animals are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, dewormed, on flea prevention, and tested for common diseases and viruses.

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The shelter urges community members to help find homes for these animals. Sharing posts about adoptable pets increases their visibility and can lead to more successful placements. Engaging through shares, comments, and likes supports the cause.

Supporting the local humane society can be simple—sharing posts makes a difference. The shelter expresses gratitude to its supporters for their ongoing help. For more information, visit martincountyhumane.org.



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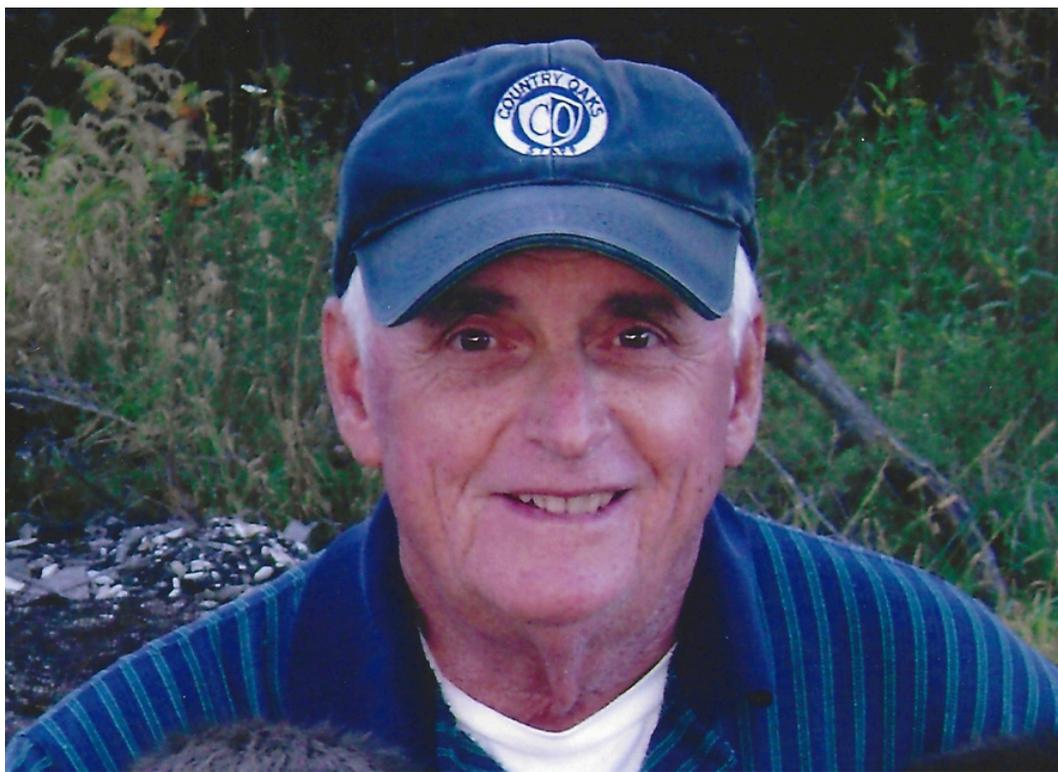
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Local Obituaries

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Dickie Dean “Dick” Crosby

February 2, 1938 - February 8, 2026



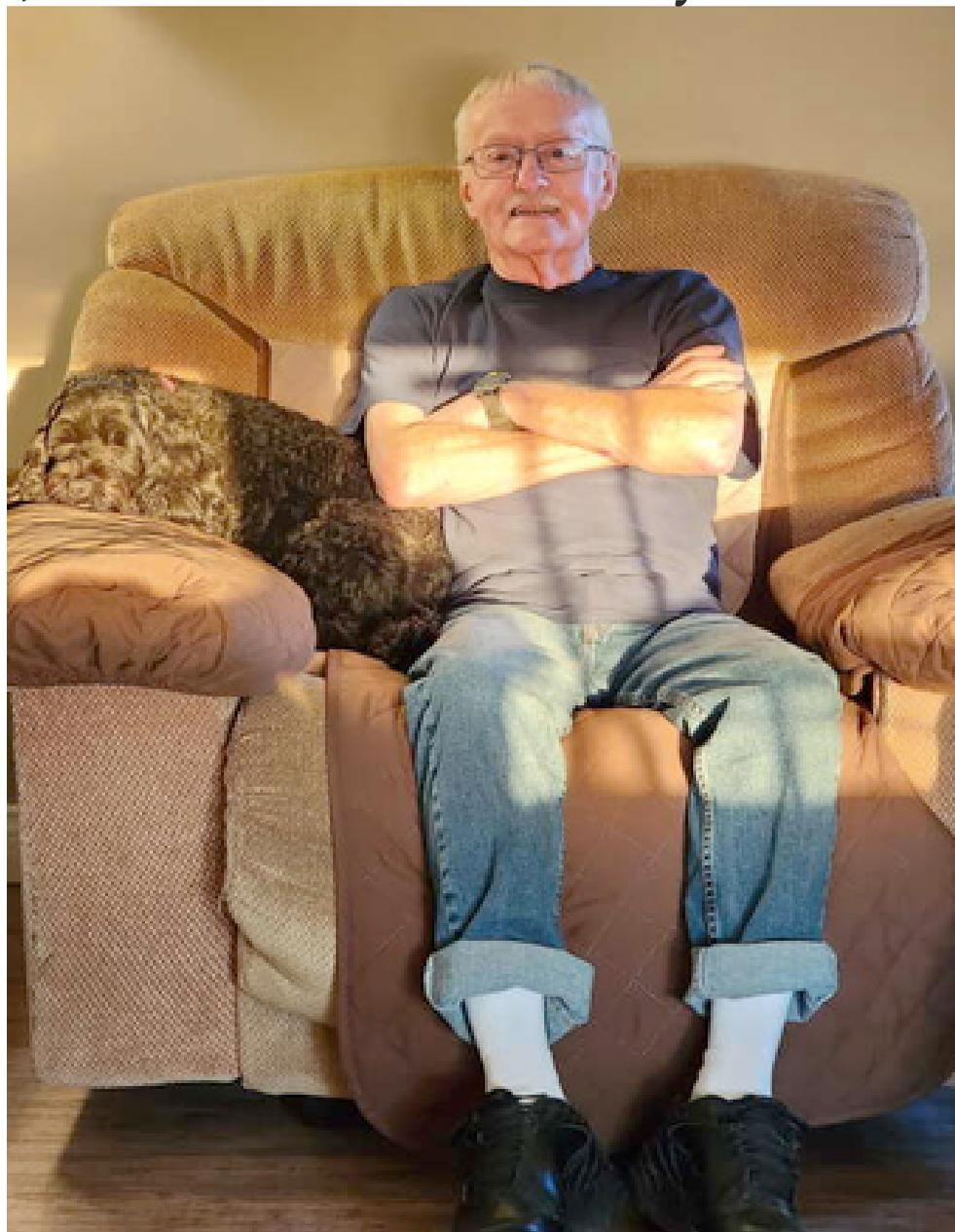
Dickie Dean “Dick” Crosby, 88, of Loogootee, Indiana passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at Serentiy Springs Senior Living at Jasper, Indiana. He was born on February 2, 1938, in Washington, Indiana to Kelly and Laura (Fox) Crosby. Dick married Mary Louise Freyberger on December 19, 1964. He was a proud United States Army Veteran. He was a member of the Loogootee American Legion Post 120, where he loved to participate in activities on Memorial Day and help place flags. Dick loved golf, he was a member of the PGA Tour, he attended the Master’s ceremony every year. He was considered a golf pro and taught many students how to play golf. He worked as an overhead crane man in the Steel Industry for over 33 years. He is preceded in death by his parents, Kelly and Laura Crosby, and his brothers, Bill, Kenny, and Bing. Dick is survived by his wife, Mary Louise Crosby,

his sons, Brian Crosby, Jason (Brenda) Crosby, his grandchildren, Tanya Crosby, Heather Gamblin, Nicole Crosby, his great grandchildren, Brayton, Rickie, Talon “Scooter” Crosby, Artie Gamblin, Serenity Gamblin, his brother, Dan Crosby, and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held on Thursday February 12, 2026, at 1:00 P.M at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana with Phil Todd to officiate. Burial and military rites will follow at Alfordsville Community Cemetery. Friends may visit on Thursday February 12, 2026, from 11:00 A.M until 1:00 P.M at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the American Legion to help with Veterans Day Services. Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com Blake Funeral Home in is honored to serve the family of Dick Crosby.

Other Obituaries

Paul Wayne Hoover

June 17, 1943 - February 2, 2026



Paul Wayne Hoover, 82, of Loogootee, IN passed away in the company of his family on February 2, 2026. He was born on June 17, 1943 to Charles Hoover and Helen (Johnson) Hoover. Paul is preceded in death by both parents; his wife Brenda Hoover; brother Richard Hoover; niece Tarin Harlan; as well as his stepson Jason Reed. He is survived by his nieces Oressa Patterson (Larry) and Teresa Wethington (Frank); grandchildren Justin Reed (Bree), Cassie, and Sidney; Stepson Tony Reed; his caring in-laws, who considered him to be close family; many great nieces and nephews as well as many friends and family in Loogootee, IN that cared for him. Paul served overseas in the United States Army. He owned and operated Hoover Neon Sign Shop in Indianapolis. Paul enjoyed fishing, shooting guns, and staying at his trailer on Monroe Lake. While living in Las Vegas Paul and his wife liked to ride 4-wheelers in the desert. Paul also liked going to car shows. Paul’s cremains will be laid to rest with his wife at Bailey Cemetery in Johnsonville, IL. There will be a celebration of life for Paul at a later date.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store.
Obituary published on Legacy.com by WTHI-TV 10 News on Feb. 4, 2026.

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Easy

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Hard

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Expert

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Master

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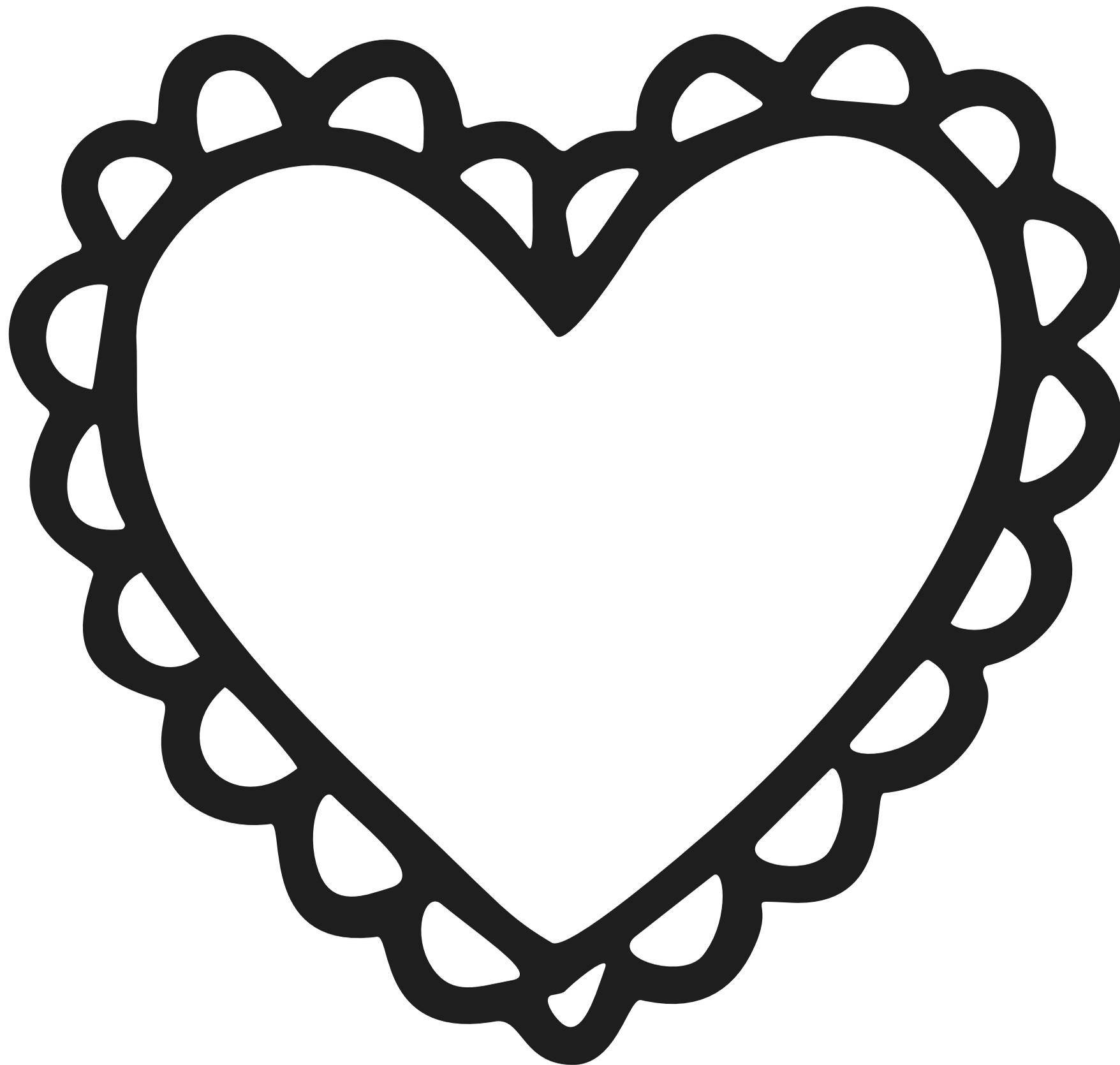


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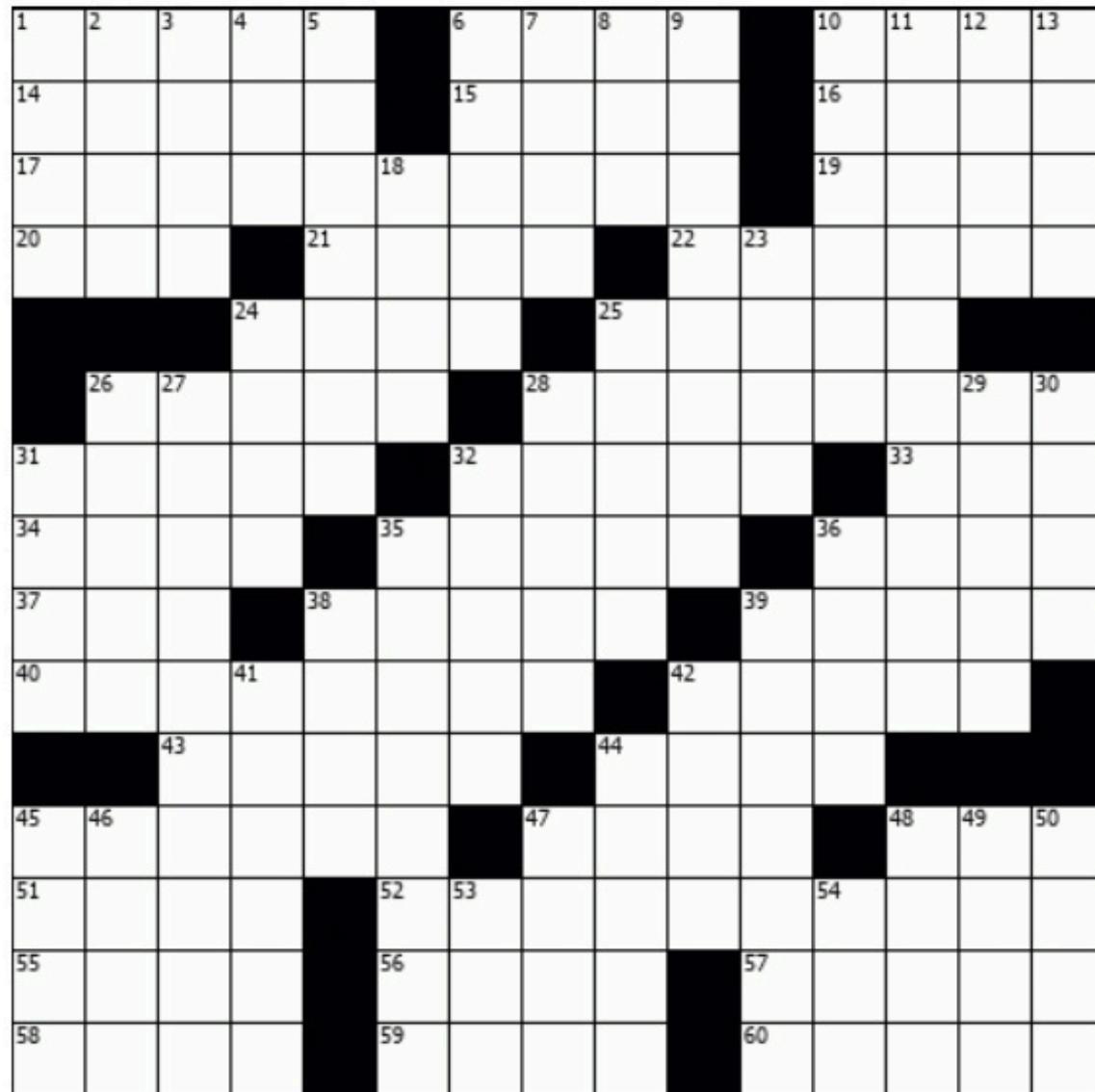
Coloring Sheet

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Across

- 1. "Get Shorty" actress
- 6. Great place for Chinese or Russian cuisine
- 10. "Hey, you!"
- 14. Ice palace of sorts
- 15. Sondheim's Sweeney
- 16. Four Corners state
- 17. Makeup applicator?
- 19. Go ballistic
- 20. Peppermint Patty, to Marcie
- 21. Lustful look
- 22. Put to work
- 24. Success for a closer
- 25. Interrogate
- 26. Put on
- 28. Practice exams
- 31. She played Erin
- 32. Pass it in church
- 33. Young 'un
- 34. Farsi-speaking land
- 35. Words to live by
- 36. Kenny Rogers' hit
- 37. Prohibit
- 38. Outrigger sailing canoes
- 39. Copy of a trade name?
- 40. Norwegian hunting dog
- 42. Michael and Peter
- 43. Desperado hunters
- 44. Pal of Ollie
- 45. Book boo-boos
- 47. Friend of Androcles
- 48. Campaign pro
- 51. Bell-shaped fruit
- 52. Required intake of milk and cheese?
- 55. Places to bed down
- 56. Freedom from difficulty
- 57. Felix's roomie
- 58. Fountain order
- 59. Easily duped sorts
- 60. Laminated rock



Down

- 1. Bars of a cage?
- 2. Not a pretty fruit?
- 3. Slide over, as words
- 4. Distress signal
- 5. "That's gorgeous!"
- 6. "--- Grows in Brooklyn"
- 7. Word with grapes or cream
- 8. Checks eligibility, slangily
- 9. Stick on
- 10. "--- Rain"
- 11. Delay the Whitewater investigator
- 12. Kind of palm
- 13. Not we
- 18. Group of quail
- 23. Tiny parasite
- 24. Recreational drive
- 25. Alumni
- 26. Earwise
- 27. Pirate's practical joke?
- 28. Beg
- 29. Commotions
- 30. River of Hades
- 31. Fore-and-aft maneuver
- 32. Belly to the ground
- 35. Series of wars to recover the Holy Land
- 36. Sprat's preference
- 38. Army base
- 39. Pencil game entries
- 41. Gruff
- 42. Avoirdupois alternative
- 44. "The X-___"
- 45. Cast-of-thousands film
- 46. Gambling mecca
- 47. Thpeak like thith
- 48. Typewriter type
- 49. Thermometer type
- 50. What Orpheus plucked
- 53. Battery type
- 54. Bat wood

Crossword Puzzle #30

Crossword Puzzle #30 SOLUTION