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Loogootee City Officials Defend Responsible Event Management Policies and Downtown Revitalization Efforts

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— In a candid discussion on February 13, 2026, city leaders from Loogootee sat down with [Martco.news](#) to outline their approach to public events, the successful launch of the new Downtown Pavilion and Green Space, and the ongoing legal challenges from the ACLU of Indiana. From the city's perspective, their policies represent a thoughtful, forward-looking effort to protect taxpayers, ensure public safety, and create a vibrant, well-managed downtown for all residents. Loogootee officials emphasize that their event ordinances were not reactive or targeted at any group but were developed in tandem with major downtown improvements—specifically the construction of the new pavilion and green space—to bring small-town Indiana in line with modern best practices. From Informal Traditions to Structured Excellence: The Evolution of Loogootee's Event Policies For decades, Loogootee operated without a formal special events ordinance. Public gatherings in the downtown square or parks were approved informally through city council

City of Loogootee Board of Works Meeting Reviews Asphalt Paving Bids



LOOGOOTE, Ind. — The City of Loogootee's Board of Works convened a special meeting on Tuesday, February 17. This meeting was set to review bids for upcoming asphalt paving projects that will improve infrastructure across the community. Present at the meeting were Mayor Brian Ader, Danny Clark, Mark McAtee, and Attorney Steven Teverbaugh. The meeting, held in accordance with city protocol, involved a detailed evaluation of proposals from various contractors vying for the construction contracts. Attendees included board members, city officials, and representatives from the bidding companies, who gathered to ensure transparency and proper oversight in the bid selection process. The primary purpose of the session was to open and review submitted bids for asphalt-paving projects funded by a community grant. Five bids have been considered with each from a different company with varying proposals and pricing structures. The bids were carefully scrutinized to ensure compliance with all requirements, including adherence to addendums

and bid bonds. Representatives from each bidding company provided details about their proposals, and board members asked questions to clarify specifics of the bids. The companies involved included EMV Paving, Flintstone Paving, Construction Paving, Milestone Contractors, and Trucking and Excavating. The bid review was meticulous, emphasizing transparency in awarding contracts. EMV Paving submitted a bid totaling \$1,480,000.00. The company's proposal referenced all three addendums issued during the bidding process. EMV's bid was straightforward and met all requirements, prompting a positive response from the board. Next was Flintstone Paving, which presented a bid of \$1,336,076.01. Like EMV, Flintstone's proposal was comprehensive, referencing all addendums and including a bid bond—a financial guarantee required by the city to ensure commitment and seriousness of the bid. Construction Paving followed with a bid of \$1,384,323.67. The

representatives confirmed that their proposal also included all three addendums and the required bid bond. The bid appeared competitive, given the scope of work and materials specified. Milestone Contractors submitted a bid of \$1,657,750.50. The company's representatives emphasized compliance with all bid requirements, referencing all amendments and providing a bid bond. Their proposal was noted for its detailed scope of work. Finally, Trucking and Excavating presented a bid of \$1,843,811.00. Their proposal also referenced all the addenda and included the necessary bid security. Despite being the highest bid, the company's references and bid bond indicated a serious commitment to the project. Following the bid opening, the board members discussed the proposals' merits and compliance. A motion was made to review the bids in greater detail before making a final recommendation. The motion also set a timeline for further review and decision-making, aiming to reach a conclusion within the upcoming week.

During the meeting, city officials discussed the importance of these projects for local infrastructure development and community welfare. The asphalt paving projects are expected to enhance road quality, improve safety, and support economic growth by providing better transportation routes. In the course of deliberation, the board also addressed procedural matters, including the verification of bid bonds and adherence to submission requirements. Each bid was reviewed to confirm that all addendums referenced were included, ensuring a fair comparison. The chairman of the board acknowledged the competitive nature of the bids and emphasized the importance of selecting a bid that provides the best value for the community. The board resolved to examine the bids carefully, considering both cost-effectiveness and contractor reliability. The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn, signaling the end of the session. The board agreed to reconvene in the following days to finalize the decision and prepare for contract negotiations. In a statement following the meeting, city officials expressed confidence that the bidding process upheld transparency and fairness. They also reassured the community that the selected contractor would be held accountable for timely and quality project completion.

Loogootee Schools Celebrate Three Educators For Earning Prestigious STEM Fellowship

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Three teachers from Loogootee Schools have been recognized for their dedication to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education. Sarah Knepp, Brandy Tippery, and Tyler Walton have been named Noyce Microelectronics (ME) Master Teacher Fellows through Purdue University, a major achievement in the field of STEM teaching.

The fellowship, funded by the National Science Foundation and supported by SCALE K-12, aims to prepare K-12 STEM teacher leaders to enhance microelectronics education in high-need schools across the country. Recipients participate in advanced training to deepen their understanding of semiconductor and microelectronics instruction, equipping them to lead the next generation of innovators.

"We are incredibly proud of Sarah, Brandy, and Tyler for representing Loogootee in this important statewide and national initiative," said Superintendent Jane Doe. "Their leadership not only elevates our STEM program but also positions our students at the forefront of technological education in Indiana."

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Loogootee Senior Center Nearing Completion of Revitalization Project

LOGOOTE — The Loogootee Senior Center is close to finishing its revitalization efforts, with various community partnerships contributing to the improvements.

City officials recently installed new solar lights outside the center, enhancing visibility and safety for evening activities. The installation was made possible

through a grant from the Martin County Community Foundation.

Jessica and Tierlan of the center displayed community photographs last week, including images from the Martin County Historical Society and contemporary photos courtesy of JG Media. These framed pictures were obtained with support from the Being for Others

Health & Wellness Foundation.

Additionally, a suggestion board has been set up to gather community ideas for activities, thanks to Krista Truelove.

Center officials expressed pride in the collaborative effort behind the project and announced plans for

an open house and additional activities soon. The community is encouraged to stay tuned for more updates.

Beech Grove Police Officer Killed During Disturbance Response in Indiana

BEECH GROVE, Ind. — A Beech Grove Police Department officer was killed and another was wounded during a response to a disturbance Monday evening, authorities said.

for their extraordinary response and support."

The department has not released the name of the other officer involved.

The investigation is ongoing.



Officer Brian Elliott was shot around 6:08 p.m. while responding to a call on the 100 block of Diplomat Court. He later died from his injuries at Eskenazi Hospital, despite efforts by medical personnel. The other officer involved is in stable condition and is expected to survive.

Police Chief Michael Maurice expressed his grief, offering condolences to Elliott's family and loved ones. "My heart goes out to Brian's wife, Erin, his parents, and all of his family, friends, and loved ones," he said. "We are grateful to the team at Eskenazi Hospital, and our law enforcement and community partners

Join Us for Mingle with the Mayor – February 27 at the Senior Center

Residents are invited to join the Mingle with the Mayor event on Friday, February 27, at 10 AM at the Senior Center. The gathering offers an opportunity for community members to engage in conversation, ask questions, share ideas, and connect with local leadership in a casual and welcoming environment. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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- Benefits for Employers & Building a Local Talent Pipeline
- Collaboration & Support Between Schools and Employers

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

Deaconess Memorial Medical Center Announces Christie Thomas as Next DAISY Award Winner

Jasper, IN – Deaconess Memorial Medical Center is excited to announce that the next recipient of the DAISY Award is Christie Thomas, RN! Thomas works in Women and Infant Services and was nominated by a patient. In the nomination, the patient shared, "She was more than a nurse, but also my sense of power, strength, determination and endurance throughout the labor and delivery process.... She got into the trench of the hardest thing I've ever went through physically, to bear it along with me. Forehead to forehead, refusing to let me believe that I couldn't do what I needed to do to birth that baby."

We thank Thomas for her dedicated and compassionate care she provides to our patients every day. For more information on how you can nominate a nurse, visit www.deaconessmemorial.com or contact Anna Borden in Human Resources at 812-996-1488.

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care given by nurses every day. Deaconess Memorial Medical Center is proud to be a DAISY Award Partner, recognizing one of our nurses with this special honor each quarter. To find out more about the

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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).

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CONT.D STEM (from pg.1)
The program emphasizes mentorship, curriculum development, and professional growth, fostering educators who can inspire students to pursue careers in cutting-edge fields. "This fellowship provides a unique opportunity for our teachers to expand their expertise and bring innovative microelectronics education to our students," added Jane Doe.

The selected educators will participate in coursework and hands-on projects designed to advance their skills and curriculum development. The training aligns with the state's goals to increase STEM proficiency, addressing the growing demand for skilled workers in tech-driven industries.

"Microelectronics is a vital part of modern technology," explained Dr. John Smith, director of SCALE K-12. "By investing in educators like Sarah, Brandy, and Tyler, we're ensuring that students receive quality instruction in these critical fields."

Loogootee Schools has a long-standing commitment to STEM education, emphasizing real-world applications and preparing students for future careers. The participation of Knepp, Tippery, and Walton in this fellowship underscores the district's dedication to academic excellence and technological innovation.

The fellowship also includes opportunities for networking with experts and peers nationwide, providing valuable insights and collaboration possibilities. "We look forward to seeing how their newfound knowledge will impact our classrooms," said Principal John Doe.

More information about the Noyce Microelectronics Master Teacher Fellowship can be found at <https://www.scalek12.org/noyce>.

Join Jasper Indiana Travelers on The Harmony Dinner Theater X-mas bus trip to Hillsboro, IN on Thursday, December 10, 2026

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7pm Back in Jasper



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Book by Colin Escott. Originally developed and produced by Madison Wells Live
LUNCH: Family Style Meal/Buffer - made from scratch in Harmony Dinner Theater Kitchen
1st Course: Tossed Salad, Broccoli Salad & Fresh Baked Rolls
Buffer Main Course: includes 3 meats and 4 vegetables
Dessert: includes 2 desserts
Drinks: Coffee, Tea and Water

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CONT.D Loogootee City Council (from pg. 1)

The next steps involve further review of the bids by the board, possibly involving site inspections and reference checks. Once a recommendation is finalized, the city plans to formalize the award and proceed with contract signings.

This process underscores the city's commitment to responsible infrastructure development, ensuring taxpayer funds are used effectively for projects that will benefit the entire community.

As the city moves forward with these asphalt paving improvements, residents can expect updates in the coming weeks regarding contract awards and project timelines. The community's infrastructure is poised for significant enhancement, reflecting the city's ongoing commitment to safe and accessible roads for all in Loogootee.

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CONT.D Revitalization (from pg.1)

-or Board of Works motions. This flexible approach worked for a smaller, more predictable event calendar. That changed as the city began ambitious revitalization efforts. In early 2023, Loogootee secured a READI grant to transform a vacant downtown lot into a modern pavilion and green space, a community hub designed for concerts, festivals, markets, and gatherings. Groundbreaking occurred in November 2024, with completion targeted for mid-2025.

Recognizing that a shiny new venue would attract more events and greater potential liability, the administration under Mayor Brian Ader took proactive steps. City officials attended state-sponsored training courses on event management for small Indiana municipalities. These sessions highlighted the importance of advance planning, liability insurance, and clear rules to shield taxpayers from risk. This planning directly informed the creation of Loogootee's first comprehensive special events ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2024-4 (June 2024):

Laying the Foundation

Passed on June 10, 2024, this ordinance established a formal permitting process for "special events" (gatherings of 15 or more people in public spaces). Key elements included:

- Applications filed 45 days in advance.
- Proof of liability insurance and indemnification agreements.
- Review by the Board of Works based on health, safety, and welfare considerations.
- Designated locations to ensure events fit the space and resources available.

The city viewed this as a necessary update applying equally to all organizers, including city departments, to prepare for the pavilion's opening and prevent the kinds of unplanned incidents that could strain a small-town budget.

Ordinance No. 2025-1 (January 2025):

Refining for the New Pavilion

Just months after groundbreaking, the council passed Ordinance 2025-1 on January 13, 2025. This measure repealed and recreated the event rules, incorporating feedback from the first year of implementation and explicitly tying the policies to the upcoming green space.

It maintained core protection while expanding approved locations to include the new pavilion area. The timing was no coincidence: With the pavilion nearing completion, the city wanted clear, consistent guidelines in place so every event—from Summerfest to community picnics—could be handled professionally and safely.

Ordinance No. 2025-14 (December 2025):

Strengthening Protections Post-Ruling

Following a federal court decision in August 2025 that enjoined enforcement of certain provisions, the council passed Ordinance 2025-14 in late December 2025. This updated version refined the framework while preserving essential safeguards:

- Retained the 45-day application window and insurance requirements.
- Expanded location options to include the pavilion and green space, with a measured buffer around the historic town fountain to protect sensitive infrastructure.

Continued to emphasize community welfare and resource management. City leaders describe this as a good-faith effort to comply with the court while fulfilling their duty to residents.

Importantly, at no time were any requests for events including those from any group ever denied by the city. Any suggestion otherwise is simply not true. The policies have enabled dozens of successful events at the new pavilion since its ribbon-cutting on June 19, 2025, during Summerfest, with zero complaints from other organizers. A New Downtown Hub: The Pavilion and Green Space in Action The Downtown Pavilion and Green Space, completed in late June 2025, has quickly become the heart of Loogootee's event scene. Funded in part by state grants and designed as an open, inviting space with lighting, seating, and utilities, it was built with structured events in mind.

Under the new ordinances, all events, private, and groups are now held at the Community Pavilion, treating everyone equally, including the city itself. This includes city-led events such as the Christmas tree lighting in December 2025 (moved from the square after years of traditional placement there) and the 2026 Summerfest, which will fully relocate to the pavilion and continue going forward from there. The pavilion area, approximately 150 walking steps from the square, allows for seamless events without hindering city streets being blocked around the square especially beneficial given the residential parking in that area. Every gathering since opening has followed the updated policies, demonstrating how the ordinances and the infrastructure complement each other perfectly. The midway at Summerfest 2025 was the only exception, and even that will fully relocate to the green space in 2026.

City officials point out that the pavilion has hosted vendors, concerts, and community celebrations without issue, proving the system works when everyone plays by the same rules. Protecting Taxpayers in a Small Town Loogootee, with a population of about 2,600, operates on a modest budget. The proposed 2026 civil city levy is roughly \$786,000, with total operating funds in the \$3-5 million range. Requiring liability insurance for larger events is simply responsible stewardship the same standard applied to the city's own activities. The 2025 PrideFest, held under court order without enforced insurance, ran over its permitted hours, required extra city cleanup, and involved unauthorized use of electricity. Officials note that even a minor incident could have significant consequences for local taxpayers.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As of February 2026, September slot at the pavilion and green space remains open. The city encourages all groups to submit applications at least 30-45 days in advance through the standard process. This gives organizers time to secure insurance and allows the Board of Works to review during regular meetings.

While the city has not had direct contact with PrideFest organizers (all communications have gone through legal counsel), the Board of Works is ready to consider any 2026 application fairly and promptly.

Standing Firm for Fairness and Fiscal Responsibility

The ACLU has filed multiple lawsuits, most recently in January 2026, challenging the latest ordinance. City officials respect the judicial process but maintain that their policies are content-neutral, narrowly focused on safety and liability, and essential for a small community investing in its future.

In the words of those who serve Loogootee: "We're not against events we're for events done right. The pavilion is here for everyone. Our job is to make sure it's used responsibly so it can be enjoyed for generations."

The city remains committed to transparent, equitable governance and invites all residents to enjoy the new downtown amenities that were built with the entire community in mind.

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MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

Over the weekend Hoosiers for the Corridor posted on their Facebook page a very disingenuous article. The article attempted to explain why upgrading US 231 was not feasible. As always this pro-Corridor article failed to disclose the reality and truth.

Let's analyze their article from the beginning. The Tier 1 study of Alternative R was an after thought, it was not considered in the Draft EIS, nor was the a No Build option. We are told they were not considered because they did not meet the Purpose and Needs requirements. In other words, the Tier 1 EIS was never an analysis of the best and most cost effective way to improve traffic. It was done to "prove" a new terrain highway was needed.

The need to relocate 418 homes and businesses is based on building a 4-lane highway through both Jasper and Huntingburg. Why would the residents of Jasper and Huntingburg want a 4-lane highway through the center of their cities? An analysis of spot improvements: improved intersections, turning lanes or synchronized traffic signal was not studied as it wouldn't support the "purpose and need" for a new terrain 4-lane highway.

In June 2021, former Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb announced \$475 million in infrastructure projects that included \$75 million to make major improvements to existing US 231 through Dubois and Martin counties. Funding for \$75 million in improvements on existing US 231 would address only minor and site-specific safety and operational issues." This quote, from the post, shows that money was allocated but never spent on necessary road work. Yes, more money may have been required; but, it would certainly be less than the \$3 billion estimates for the Mid-States Corridor. The tax payers of Dubois, Martin, Daviess and Spencer counties would not be on the hook for the 10% match that INDOT requires for the Mid-States Corridor. This is something the Hoosiers for the Corridor always ignore.

There are better ways to have an ongoing commitment to not only Dubois County but to all the counties that will be affected by the unneeded Mid-States Corridor. This is not a single county or city project. It will negatively affect 4 counties and 3 cities directly in its path. The economic pie-in-the-sky justification falls flat when we look at the lack of economic booms from the bridge to I-64 or around Vincennes and Washington on the US 50 bypass or on the SR 37 bypass of Bedford or even the I-69 bypass of Bloomington.

Traffic congestion is minimal in and around Jasper and Huntingburg as it is confined to two short periods of the day; and, even then it's only an issue Monday thru Friday. The idea of removing all truck traffic by routing it to the Corridor ignores the fact that there will always be truck traffic through Jasper and Huntingburg, as long as there shops, stores, restaurants and industries needing daily supplies.

Hoosiers for the Corridor have an agenda and that agenda is to get the Mid-States Corridor built. Who do they really represent in Dubois County? The polling shows that over 80% of the voters oppose the project . Over 10,000 people have signed anti-Corridor petitions to date; and, many more want to sign. Where is the public support for the Corridor?

Once again, the concerned citizens, and tax payers, of Dubois, Martin, Daviess and Spencer counties must stand up and show publicly that they do not want the Mid-States Corridor. I'm sure they will all attend the next Dubois County Council meeting where a presentation opposing the Mid-States Corridor RDA and the project will be presented.

There is nothing positive about the project.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
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SPORTS

Loogootee Sports Schedules

Basketball (Boys JV) - Northeast
Dubois High School (H)
2/20/2026 6:00 PM

Basketball (Boys V) - Northeast
Dubois High School (H)
2/20/2026 7:30 PM

Basketball (Boys JV) - North
Knox High School (A)
2/26/2026 6:00 PM

Basketball (Boys V) - North
Knox High School (A)
2/26/2026 7:30 PM

LOOGOOTEE BOYS BASKETBALL STING THE JACKETS



The boys Varsity/JV basketball teams both notched another victory on Friday night over Mitchell. The Varsity won 61-35 and the JV team won 49-25. The Varsity Lions improved to 14-7 and the JV moved to 9-6 on the year. The Varsity got out to a 17-10 first quarter lead and led 37-20 at half. The Jackets scored the first seven points of the third quarter before Cooper VanHoy hit a three to push the lead back to 13 and from that point the Lions never looked back. Will Lyon led the Lions with 24 points. Cooper VanHoy had 18 points and AJ Foster joined them in double figures with 11. Christian Garcia had 4 points and Seth

Salmon and Chase Miller each chipped in with a basket. "Will played his best game of the year. He knocked down some shots that really got us rolling and then when they came out hard on him, he was able to get some great looks going at the rim," said Coach Thompson speaking of the Junior who had 19 points in the first half. "Cooper (VanHoy) really played a great game for us both ways. He got our pressure going out front that got them out of their rhythm offensively," commented Coach Thompson. The Lions will return to action on Tuesday night when the JV travels to Washington Catholic and the Varsity and JV will both be in action when they entertain Dubois.

With the snow melting and warmer weather today, we're dreaming of Spring! 🌞
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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

LOOGOOTEE JUNIOR VARSITY LIONS CAGE THE BIRDS AT THE CAGE



The Loogootee Junior Varsity and C-Team traveled to Washington Catholic on Tuesday night to take on WC in a Blue Chip Conference match-up. The C-Team came away with an 18-18 tie against the WC JV team and the JV Lions beat the Varsity Cardinals 64-24. Chase Miller led the Lions with 14 points and Clayton Miller; Gabe Walton; and Lucas Helderman joined him in double figures. Miller and Walton had 13 apiece and Helderman had 10. Noah Hager and Carter Downey each had 4 points. Bode Graber; Jackson Smith; and Garrison Graber each had two for the Lions. The JV and Varsity Lions will go up against Dubois on Senior Night this Friday at Jack Butcher Arena in the last home game of the regular season.

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Martin County & Courts ⁷

Monday, February 9, 2026

6:10 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East towards Shoals. Major Reed responded.
8:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
9:23 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 Daviess Community Hospital.
12:38 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle West of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
1:57 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
3:10 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
4:10 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins on station with Willie Wilson, a 44-year-old male from Washington, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.
8:46 p.m.- Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial fire alarm in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell and Loogootee Fire Department responded.
10:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Clark responded. No one was transported.

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

12:43 a.m.- Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial fire alarm in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell and the Keyholder responded.
12:57 a.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.
1:30 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded.
8:00 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded

and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
10:30 a.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported one inmate to court.
10:48 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.
10:51 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported two inmates to court.
11:15 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Sheriff Greene responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
11:40 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
1:40 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported two inmates to court.
1:51 p.m.- LPD Chief Cummings on station with Paul Houchin, a 34-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested on two counts of child molesting. He is being held on \$45,000 10% bond.
2:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Paoli.
2:13 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported one inmate to court.
2:33 p.m.- ISP Trooper Nolan on station with Daniel Rasche, a 52-year-old male from Shoals, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.
5:00 p.m.- Shanon Gammons, a 37-year-old female from Indianapolis, on station reference a commitment.
6:25 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Christopher Hennessy, a 34-year-old male from Shoals, arrested for Attempted murder, Domestic battery with a deadly weapon, Intimidation with a deadly weapon x2, Obstruction of justice, Neglect of a dependent, Criminal recklessness with a deadly weapon, Interference with reporting a crime, Theft, and Criminal mischief. He is being held without bond.
8:15 p.m.- Received a report of a possible trespasser North of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

5:34 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance West of Shoals. Major Reed and Big John's Towing responded.
7:10 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
9:49 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.
10:11 a.m.- Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
11:08 a.m.- Sergeant Hawkins on station with Colton Smart, a 32-year-old male from Mitchell, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.
1:48 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
2:15 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard South of Shoals. INDOT was notified.
2:25 p.m.- Received a call from Martin County Highway Department advising there is now a 10-ton weight limit on all county roads.
2:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.
10:00 p.m.- Deputy Clark on station with Myles Hayden, a 20-year-old male from Shoals, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on \$15,000 cash only bond.

Thursday, February 12, 2026

2:53 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
6:19 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a hit and run in Shoals. Major Reed, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Orange County units responded.
7:17 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
10:56 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.
11:23 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.
12:11 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.
12:50 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.
12:50 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported two inmates to court.
12:54 p.m.- Received a report of a scam call stating that they are from the Sheriff's Office.
2:34 p.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 Daviess Community Hospital.
2:47 p.m.- Received another report of a scam call stating that they are from the Sheriff's Office.
2:55 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported one inmate to court.
3:33 p.m.- Received a call requesting extra patrol Southwest of Shoals. Advised all on-duty units.
4:36 p.m.- Received a call from Lifeline advising of a medical alarm push Southeast of Shoals. The subject advised it was an accidental push.
5:36 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1 and Crane Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
5:46 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.
7:21 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.
7:42 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

Friday, February 13, 2026

7:57 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Shoals Fire Department responded.
8:27 a.m.- Received an animal complaint Northeast of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.
11:11 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries South of Loogootee. ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.
11:53 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

2:58 p.m.- Received a 911 call advising of a field fire East of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded.
7:24 p.m.- ISP Trooper Ewing and ISP Trooper Hatton on station with Gary Campbell, a 42-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Operating while intoxicated-endangerment and Possession of a controlled substance. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.
8:08 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West toward Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
8:17 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious vehicle North of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Deputy Droke responded.
8:38 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Droke responded.

Saturday, February 14, 2026

8:01 a.m.- Received 911 call reporting trespassers in a home in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
8:36 a.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Bryson Haines, a 21-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for domestic battery. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.
2:18 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn South of Shoals.
3:26 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.
3:38 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, LPD Chief Cummings and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
6:55 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer West of Loogootee. LPD Officer Seals responded.

Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:59 a.m.- Received a report of possible trespassing Southwest of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
9:17 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.
10:28 a.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.
10:38 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Dubois County. Advised Dubois County.

12:38 p.m.- Received a report of possible vandalism East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
12:53 p.m.- Received a call from a Marion County address. Advised the caller of the Marion County Sheriff's office phone number.
1:46 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.
2:30 p.m.- Received a report of an injured deer East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
3:34 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.
3:50 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
4:01 p.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.
4:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Daviess County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Daviess County Medics transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

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In the Circuit Court of Martin County, Indiana. ~

Pursuant to I. C. '29- 1-7-7, notice is hereby given that Candace Embree was on the 29th day of January 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Viola Ruth

Embree, deceased, who died on the 27th day of December, 2025, and authorized to administer

\» this estate without Court supervision and without posting bond.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim

in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication

of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the

claims will be forever barred. .

Dated at Shoals, Indiana, this 29 day of January , 2026.

Courts

NEW CIVIL COURT CASES # : 51C01-2602-CC-000057
: 51C01-2602-CC-000038 CASE: Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC. V. Gregory Aldrich
CASE: Lvnv Funding LLC. CASE TYPE: CC-Civil Collection
As Successor in Interest To Credit One Bank N.a.v. File Date: 02-13-26
Michael McCoy Current Case Status 02-13-26 (Pending)

CASE TYPE: CC-Civil # : 51C01-2602-CC-000054
Collection CASE: N.A. Citibank v. Chastin Burris
File Date: 02-11-26 CASE TYPE: CC-Civil Collection
Current Case Status 02-11-26 File Date: 02-17-26
26 (Pending) Current Case Status 02-17-26 (Pending)

: 51C01-2602-CC-000039 # : 51C01-2602-CC-000055
CASE: Lvnv Funding LLC. CASE: N.A. Citibank v. Chastin Burris
As Successor in Interest To Credit One Bank N.a.v. File Date: 02-17-26
Michael McCoy Current Case Status 02-17-26 (Pending)

CASE TYPE: CC-Civil # : 51C01-2602-CC-000056
Collection CASE: Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Stephanie Ballinger
File Date: 02-11-26 CASE TYPE: CC-Civil Collection
Current Case Status 02-11-26 File Date: 02-17-26
26 (Pending) Current Case Status 02-17-26 (Pending)

: 51C01-2602-CC-000040 # : 51C01-2602-CC-000056
CASE: Crane Credit Union v. Donald Hawkins CLOSURE DATE: 02-11-26 Bench Trial
CASE TYPE: CC-Civil CASE STATUS DATE 02-11-26 Decided

Collection 51C01-2510-DC-000323 - Jessica Bundy vs. Brandon Bundy
File Date: 02-11-26 CASE TYPE: DC- Domestic Relations
Current Case Status 02-11-26 with Children, Divorce with Trial
26 (Pending) CLOSURE DATE: 02-11-26 Bench Trial
CASE STATUS DATE 02-11-26 Decided

: 51C01-2602-CC-000041 51C01-2511-EV-000051 - Maxine Huebner vs. Steve L. Corbin
CASE: Capital One N.A. Successor By Merger to Discover Bank v. Darrell Levi
CASE TYPE: CC-Civil CLOSURE DATE: 02-13-26 Bench Trial
Collection CASE STATUS DATE 02-13-26 Decided

File Date: 02-12-26 Martin County Marriage Licenses Issued (Feb.11-17, 2026)
Current Case Status 02-12-26 DATE: 02/12/26
26 (Pending) LICENSE #: 2026-0000003
Applicants

: 51C01-2602-CC-000047 James D. Walls, 56 of Shoals, Indiana
CASE: Mariner Finance LLC v. Michael Brassine Soon to Marry
CASE TYPE: CC-Civil Applicant Parent #1 (Wells): Alford D. Walls
Collection Applicant Parent #2 (Wells): Rebecca S. Wells

File Date: 02-12-26 Applicant Parent #1 (Siddons): Edward J. Laughlin
Current Case Status 02-12-26 Applicant Parent #2 (Siddons): Gwenn A. Laughlin
26 (Pending)

PETS

Lost Shelter Dog Sammie Missing in Shoals – Help Find Her



A former shelter resident named Sammie escaped from her fenced yard on Tedrow Lane in Shoals. She was accidentally left unattended and her collar was off for cleaning at the time. Authorities advise residents to be on the lookout for her.

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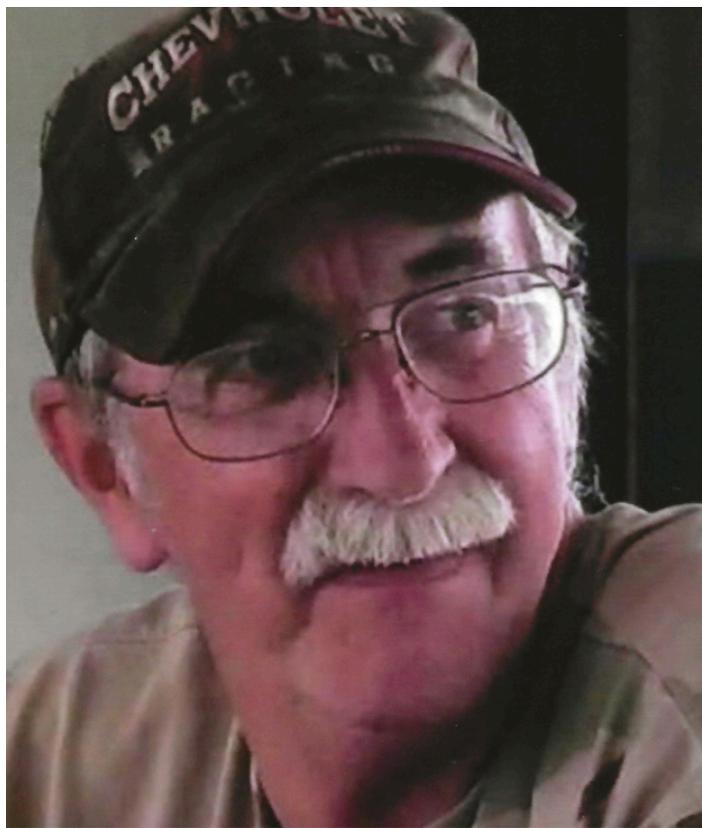
November 8, 1956 - February 15, 2026

Billy Dean Wildman, 69, of Shoals, Indiana passed away peacefully on Sunday February 15, 2026, at 3:45 PM at Select Specialty Hospital in Evansville, Indiana surrounded by his family.

He was born on November 8, 1956, in Washington, Indiana to Billy Leland and Mabel Sue (Heshelman) Wildman.

Billy graduated from Loogootee High School in 1975. He then went to Oakland City College and graduated from the Auto Diesel Mechanics Program. He was an auto mechanic by trade; a profession he took pride in throughout his life. He worked for over 42 years as a mechanic at Albright's, Winkle's, and the Petro Tire Shop, where he dedicated himself to the craft and built many friendships along the way. Outside of work, Billy enjoyed watching tractor pulls, spending time fishing, and camping. He liked to go boating and driving his golf cart but most of all he liked to spend time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Steven Wildman, and his niece, Stephanie (Wildman)



Chesnut.

Billy is survived by his sons, Brian (Cinnamon) Wildman of French Lick, Indiana, Brandon (Jada) Wildman of Odon, Indiana, his brother, Norman (Debbie) Wildman of Loogootee, Indiana, grandchildren, Sabrina, Bailey, Chase, Bryce, Navaeh and great-grandchildren, Serenity, Chloe, Electra, Laney, Kayce, several nieces and nephews including, Sara, Wesley, Megan, Ashley, Angela, Nathan, Daniel, Megan, and his significant other of 15 years, Ramaetta "Jeannie" Dye.

Other Obituaries

Edward "Neal Jackson"

December 8, 1949 - February 14, 2026



Edward "Neal" Jackson, 76, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at home with his loving wife by his side.

Born on December 8, 1949, he was the beloved son of Johnie and Edna (Bruner) Jackson. He married Marion Jackson on April 11, 2011.

Neal had a zeal for life and lived it to the fullest. He took pride in his long military career starting in the Army in 1968 and proudly served his country in Vietnam. Neal transitioned to the Marine Corp and retired after 31 years of service with the rank of Captain.

A lifelong learner, he graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Mathematics. He went on to earn an education degree from Vincennes University as well as a nursing degree, becoming an RN. As a testament to his Christian faith he studied theology at St. Meinrad and was an Oblate. Neal served his community as a Knight and member of the K of C

in Washington, Indiana; Men's Club member of St. Peter Catholic Church; worked tirelessly at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. A lover of nature with an adventurous spirit, he hiked both the Appalachian Trail and the Camino in Santiago Spain; cycled coast to coast twice, riding both the Northern and Southern route. Neal was preceded in death by his parents and will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Marion; his children: Garri (Tim) Jackson-Mace and Aaron (Nannet) Jackson; Grandchildren: Isaac (Jolene) Jackson, Audra (Cody) Anthony, Lianne Jackson, and Skylar Mace; 2 great-grandchildren; Siblings: Karen (Bob) Enlow, Joy (David) Stien, Renee (David) George, and several nieces and nephews. His influence and love for his extended family was a demonstration of his love for His God and Savior.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 10 a.m. by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, with burial to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee, Indiana with military rites. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers memorial gift donations may be made to St. Meinrad in memory of Neal, by filling out an online form at www.saintmeinrad.edu/support-us/ways-to-give/, or by calling 1-812-357-6501, or by mailing Saint Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary & School of Theology Development office 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, Indiana 47577, or in person at visitation. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Neal Jackson.

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Easy

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Medium

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Hard

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Expert

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Master

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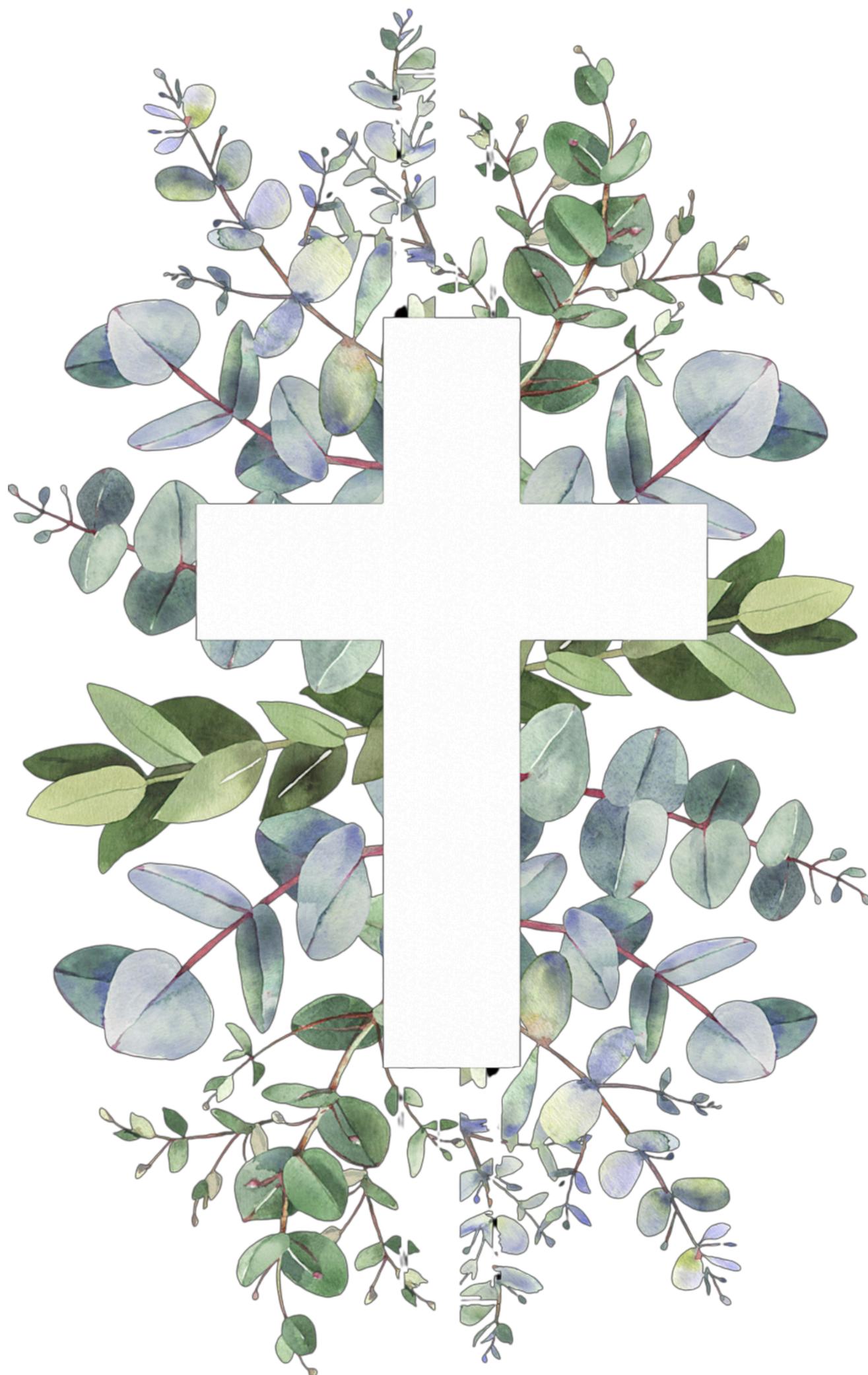


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SOLUTIONS

Coloring Sheet

Today is Ash Wednesday!



Across

- 1. Doesn't just sit there
- 5. Eniwetok, for one
- 10. Place east of Java
- 14. River to the Caspian
- 15. Electrical unit named for an inventor
- 16. Applications
- 17. Kimono cousin
- 18. Brilliant achievement
- 19. Longest sentence
- 20. Top mark
- 22. Place for scores
- 24. Kett of comics
- 26. Starting from
- 27. Over the hill
- 31. Seuss' Yertle
- 35. Kind of cord
- 36. Places for drawings?
- 38. Scoundrels
- 39. One way to run
- 41. Gastropod
- 43. Summer pest
- 44. Lowly workers
- 46. Shenanigan
- 48. "___ Got a Secret"
- 49. Highest in rank
- 51. Pick-up owner's purchase
- 53. Something to raise
- 55. Spilled the beans
- 56. Semi hazard
- 61. 1993 treaty, briefly
- 64. Kind of grease
- 65. It may be impounded
- 67. Kind of service
- 68. Honeybunch
- 69. Take off the board
- 70. Cajole
- 71. Some street liners
- 72. Some TVs
- 73. Some brief ring feats

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64					65				66		67			
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Down

- 1. Angelic atmosphere
- 2. Jockey's need
- 3. Add 15 to this for a cup
- 4. Lead follower
- 5. Had one's whey?
- 6. Word in many college names
- 7. Munch Museum site
- 8. Altiplano animal
- 9. Gossip (with "the")
- 10. Jeremiah of song
- 11. A large chunk of Earth
- 12. Hit the road
- 13. "Understood!"
- 21. Crockpot concoction
- 23. Serve the coffee
- 25. Lemon and lime drinks
- 27. Does seasonal mall work
- 28. Evangelist McPherson
- 29. Radius neighbor
- 30. Fallback strategy
- 32. It gives off good vibes
- 33. Split
- 34. Chemical compound
- 37. Something to build on
- 40. Midi-pants
- 42. Tops
- 45. Linger in the tub
- 47. Tribe
- 50. Salon tasks
- 52. Bound by routine
- 54. Glycerin lead-in
- 56. Shade of green
- 57. Skater's stunt
- 58. Happy mollusk?
- 59. Pal of Ollie
- 60. "Slow down"
- 62. Take-out words
- 63. Iowa State's home
- 66. Doorbell-answerer word

Crossword Puzzle #31

A	C	T	S		A	T	O	L	L		B	A	L	I
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