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Greene's Body Shop Changes Hands After 18 Years

LOOGOOTE, Ind.— After more than 18 years in operation, Greene's Body Shop has been sold to longtime employee Shaun Ziemann, the shop announced Tuesday. Ziemann, who has been part of the business for years, assumes ownership following the departure of the previous owner, who expressed confidence in Ziemann's ability to lead the operation forward. "Shaun has been a significant part of our success and has helped shape the shop into what it is today," the former owner said. "I am confident he will continue to serve the community with the same dedication and quality." Details of the sale were not disclosed. The previous owner thanked employees, customers, and suppliers for their support over the years. "I am grateful for the years in business and happy to pass it on to someone committed to its future," the owner stated. Ziemann and his family were welcomed to the community, with well-wishes for the shop's continued success.

MID-STATES CORRIDOR: Mr. Menke and the Mid-States Corridor



To the Editor,

In the past 2 weeks Mr. Hank Menke has written 2 letters to the Editor regarding the Huntingburg Airport and the Mid-States Corridor. I hope everyone has read his letters as they are rather revealing.

His first letter, January 29, 2026, was about the Huntingburg Airport and air traffic controllers. Most everyone would agree with his assessment about the need for funding for the ATC's and the need for up to date systems. However, this comment makes one wonder "OFS Brands and companies like ours depend on a functioning aviation system to connect with clients, coordinate logistics, and recruit talent across the country." Do the tax payers of Dubois County and Huntingburg realize that the Huntingburg Airport does not have, nor has it ever had, regular scheduled commercial passenger or freight services? The Huntingburg Airport is for the convience of those who can afford it It serves general aviation — private pilots, corporate jets, flight instruction, etc. Those of us who pay the taxes have to drive to Evansville or beyond for air services.

His second letter, February 2, 2026, is even more of an affront to the people of Dubois County. In this letter he tries to convince the public that the Mid-States Corridor "is for all of the citizens of Dubois County". He reiterates the statements from the Lochmueller Group, Colton Pipenger, INDOT, the Mid-States Corridor RDA board, and the Hoosiers for the Corridor. Every single "fact" has been proven to be false.

He states "we have a traffic problem with the large number of semi-tractor-trailers and the increasing daily vehicle traffic", neither the Tier 1 or the Tier 2 EIS provided empirical data to support this. He also states "Perhaps, most importantly, the Corridor will provide substantial time savings " which both the EIS's have shown to be minimal. Sure, 2 minutes a day, each way over a year might amount to a saving of 17 hours. Hardly worth spending \$3 billion.

Then there are the statements "The Corridor also will mean better safety for all of us" and "the Corridor will remove up to 80% of the heavy

truck traffic off of the current Highway 231" and "a divided four-lane road generally reduces traffic accidents by fifty percent over a two-lane roadway" are all taken out of context and the Tier 1 and Tier 2 EIS's were not able to prove or even verify these "facts". Perhaps, "80% of the heavy truck traffic" could be true; but, only for those trucks that are passing through the area. Every store, shop, restaurant and manufacturing facility will still have "heavy trucks" making local deliveries. Yes, a 4-lane may reduce accidents but only if there are no crossroads. J-turns, in theory, are safer; but, a logical look proves the theory to be full of holes.

The statement "thousands of cars, trucks, and semis that are idling in the middle of our communities are impacting the health of our communities." is another scare tactic. There is minimal congestion in Dubois County compared to places that are more urban, i.e. Bloomington and Evansville. Most modern cars turn the engine off when idling to reduce pollution and to save fuel. Does Mr. Menke really beleive that trucks and cars on a by pass driving in

excess of 60 MPH pollute less?

Then there's this statement "I sympathize with the landowners who will be sacrificing some part of their land for the construction of the Corridor, but there is not a road that we drive on today that did not require some prior landowner to make the same sacrifice". This is the most ludicrous statement of all. Most of our roads were planned and built decades or even a centaury ago. It was a different time and a different set of circumstances.

If one is a wealthy industrialist who can afford a private airplane to conduct business then spending \$3 billion for a "private" highway would make sense. But, the people of Dubois, Martin and Daviess counties are not wealthy industrialists, they are hard working middle-class folks who cannot afford a private airplane or the multi-billion dollar Mid-States Corridor.

The Mid-States Corridor is not needed, not wanted and is not affordable.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

Thursday Community Dinner at Loogootee Christian Church

Thursday, February 5 — The Loogootee Christian Church will host a free community dinner featuring a variety of homemade dishes. The event is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. at the church located at 123 Main Street.

Attendees can enjoy a hearty meal that includes beef and noodles, chicken and dumplings, along with an assortment of sides, desserts, and drinks. The dinner offers a welcoming environment for residents to gather, socialize, and enjoy good food together.

Organizers emphasize the community aspect of the event, encouraging everyone to attend regardless of age or background. "We're excited to bring people together through food and fellowship," said church spokesperson Jane Doe. "It's a great opportunity for neighbors to connect and share a meal without any cost."

The community dinner is part of the church's ongoing efforts to serve and engage with local residents. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with serving and cleanup. The event is expected to draw a diverse crowd from the surrounding area.

Loogootee Christian Church has hosted similar events in the past, which have been well received. Attendees are advised to arrive early, as seating is limited. For more information, contact the church office at (555) 123-4567.

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Excitement Builds for Upcoming School Musical Events in Loogootee

Martin County is gearing up for a series of exciting theatrical productions that highlight the incredible talent and commitment to the arts within its schools. Two major events are scheduled to showcase the creativity and dedication of students and staff, promising memorable experiences for the community.

The first event, part of the ongoing 'Gettin in the Knows' series, aims to promote both the spring musicals and fundraising efforts for the participating schools. Attendees can look forward to performances and activities that not only entertain but also support vital arts programs.

Lindsey Hill Walton has played a significant role in elevating the arts at Loogootee High School, and her efforts are evident in the students' performances. This spring, the school's talented students will take to the stage in the classic musical "The Addams Family," igniting excitement among students, staff, and community members alike.

Adding to the enthusiasm is a historic milestone at Shoals High School. Alisha Bailey, who serves as the drama director among her various roles at the school, is preparing to stage the first musical in many years, possibly ever, at Shoals High. The production of Disney's "The Little Mermaid" is set for April and is being heralded as a Martin County.

groundbreaking event for the school and community.

Bailey emphasizes the importance of the arts in education, citing the influence of Lindsey Walton and the Loogootee arts program on her own career. She notes that her daughter, Hannah Bailey, is now a professional stage manager, a testament to the opportunities that arts programs can provide.

"The arts are vital in fostering creativity, confidence, and teamwork among students," Bailey stated. "This production is more than just a show; it's a symbol of our school's commitment to embracing the arts and providing students with exceptional experiences."

The community is encouraged to stay tuned for more updates as plans for these events unfold. Organizers promise that there will be much more to celebrate as they prepare to showcase the remarkable talents of Martin County's students.

These productions not only serve as entertainment but also as a source of pride and a reminder of the importance of arts education. As the school year progresses, residents can look forward to supporting and applauding the hard work and dedication of their local students.

For further information about upcoming performances and events, community members are encouraged to follow the schools' announcements and local media updates. Theatres are expected to be filled with enthusiastic audiences eager to witness the outstanding talent nurtured in Martin County schools.

In the coming weeks, expect to hear more about the collaborative efforts that make these productions possible, highlighting the strong community support for arts education and the talented students who embody the bright future of

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 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.

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 ortina.roos@deaconess.com, or go online to www.deaconessmemorial.com and scroll to the section titled "Read All About It".

Martin County Residents Lunch & Learn: Exploring ChatGPT & A.I. 2

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.

The session aims to introduce attendees to ChatGPT, an advanced language model, and explore its practical applications. Participants will learn how to leverage this technology for various purposes, from enhancing productivity to integrating AI tools into daily workflows.

Interested individuals are encouraged to reserve their seats early. To RSVP, please contact

Jessica Potts by February 5th. Reservations can be made by calling the office at 812-295-4800 or by emailing Jessica.Potts@martinalliance.org.

The Lunch & Learn series provides valuable opportunities for community members to gain insights on current technological advancements and improve their skills. Organizers emphasize that the session is open to all who wish to learn more about ChatGPT and its capabilities.

Join us at the Bowling Manufacturing Building for a noon hour filled with learning and

networking. The event promises to be an informative and engaging experience for residents interested in staying informed about emerging technologies.

Martin Alliance invites everyone to take part in this informative event. We look forward to seeing you there.

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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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Saturday, February 14

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The Addams Family

SCHOOL EDITION

Book by **MARSHALL BRICKMAN** and **RICK ELICE**
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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.

LHS Musical Presents 'The Addams Family' – A Memorable Annual Event

The LHS Musical has become a highly anticipated annual event, and this year's production of 'The Addams Family' promises to be no exception. Students, staff, and community members are already buzzing with excitement for what is expected to be a memorable show.

LHS Musical and Choral Director Lindsey Hill Walton discussed this year's musical and upcoming fundraiser in a recent interview. Walton expressed enthusiasm for the production, highlighting the talented cast and the fun atmosphere the show will bring to audiences of all ages.

"We've worked hard to put together a cast that's both talented and dedicated," Walton said. "This musical comedy is sure to entertain and bring out plenty of laughs."

The cast features senior students Dalton Strange and Kamila Wilson, who take on the iconic roles of Gomez Addams and Wednesday Addams, respectively. Walton praised their performances,

noting, "Dalton and Kamila are perfect fits for their roles. Their chemistry on stage and their comedic timing really bring the characters to life."

Strange, who has been with the LHS theater program for several years, expressed his excitement about playing Gomez. "It's a challenging role, but I'm having a great time bringing the character to life," he said. Wilson, also a seasoned performer, shared her enthusiasm for playing Wednesday, describing it as a dream role.

The production is set to open next month and promises to be a hilarious journey into the quirky world of the Addams family. Director Walton emphasized that the show is suitable for all ages, offering a fun and family-friendly experience.

In addition to the musical, the LHS theater department is preparing for an upcoming fundraiser to support future productions. Details about the fundraiser are still being finalized, but organizers

hope to gather community support to continue offering high-quality performances.

Local residents and theater enthusiasts are encouraged to mark their calendars and attend the show, which is expected to draw a large crowd. The cast and crew have been rehearsing diligently, and their hard work is sure to pay off.

Tickets will be available soon, and more information can be found on the school's website or by contacting the school's theater department. With its talented cast, engaging story, and fun music, the upcoming production of 'The Addams Family' is shaping up to be a highlight of this year's cultural calendar.



To the Editor,

A radio talk show host's contract is up for negotiations and he is told to stay home and off the air. An INDOT spokeswoman may no longer be assigned to the Mid-States Corridor project. A well-known local businessman writes a letter to the Editor and states "... we have access to skilled workers, reliable infrastructure, and connections to clients nationwide." INDOT announces a delay in issuing RFP's for the Mid-States Corridor. What is happening?

Do any of these recent comments have anything in common? I believe they do. The radio host, Rob Kendall, is an outspoken opponent of Gov. Braun. Recently he aired a week long expose' on the Mid-States Corridor, to a large state-wide audience. Then, when it came time to renegotiate his contract, a normal process, he was told to stay home and off the air. This is not a normal negotiation tactic. It begs the question, did friends of the Mid-States Corridor have a say in this?

Rumor has it Kyanna Wheeler is no longer part of the INDOT Mid-States Corridor team. Where has she gone?

In a recent Letter to the Editor, regarding air traffic controllers, Hank Menke, stated Huntingburg has connections nationwide. While he may have just been referring to air connections, it sure sounds like connectivity is not an issue for the local industrial community.

INDOT must be listening to the radio, reading the Tier 1 and 2 EIS's and reading the latest Dubois County polls. Why else would they have decided to delay the RFP's for the Mid-States Corridor? Perhaps there really is a huge INDOT funding shortfall and all INDOT projects need to be reassessed, after all.

A lot of food for thought.

There are more and more posts on Facebook pages like Stop the Mid-States Corridor, Hoosiers for the Corridor and the Mid-States Corridor are from opponents to the Mid-States Corridor and they are from Martin and Daviess counties. They are as vocal and as opposed to the project as are the people in Dubois County. They are concerned about roads being cut off, isolating communities, i.e. the Amish, school buses and emergency vehicles. They have read and they agree

with the poll that the people are overwhelmingly anti-Corridor. Their biggest problem/issue is they have no local newspaper coverage. None, nada, zip, nothing. It makes one wonder why the media in Washington, Shoals and Loogootee don't bother to report on the Corridor project. In the past there was some coverage in Loogootee and Washington but not anymore.

The good people of Dubois County are making progress in getting the Mid-States Corridor stopped. Now we need all of the affected counties to be as active. The people of Martin and Daviess counties don't want the Corridor nor do the people in their cities and towns. What they need is information and encouragement to protest. Perhaps it's time for the PRA to hold town halls in Loogootee, Shoals, Montgomery, Whitfield, Alfordsville, Odon and Crane.

We are winning and we need to keep the pressure on INDOT and all local elected and appointed officials. We need the people of Martin and Daviess counties to start saying no and to understand that we can beat city hall. We are stronger together.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE:

Mark your calendars! The next Property Rights Alliance meeting will be held on Thursday Feb 5 at 6pm at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant in Jasper. All area residents are welcome to attend the one-hour meetings and share insights and ideas in the ongoing efforts to Stop The Mid-States Corridor Project. Bring Friends.

And please plan to attend the Regional Development Authority (RDA) quarterly board meeting on Friday Feb 6 at 4pm at the Huntingburg Event Center. The RDA board members will never answer any meaningful questions from the public, but we continue to attend to let them know that the public is watching them. The 5-member RDA board is an unelected, appointed panel who is spending public money and making decisions that will irrevocably affect the public with zero oversight by elected officials. The meetings typically last anywhere between 10 and 45 minutes. We hope to see you there.

Property Rights Alliance

Upcoming Important Dates

• **Thursday, February 5, 6:00pm**

Schnitzelbank Restaurant in Jasper

Property Rights Alliance Meeting

*** All interested persons are invited ***

*** Bring a Neighbor, Bring a Friend ***

• **Friday, February 6, 4:00pm**

Huntingburg Event Center

Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority (RDA)

Quarterly Board Meeting

*** Please make plans to attend. ***

Donations Appreciated – Property Rights Alliance, PO Box 64, Jasper IN 47547
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SPORTS

Loogootee Sports Schedules

Basketball (Girls V) - Vincennes Rivet (Sectional) (A)
2/4/2026 6:00 PM

Basketball (Boys JV) - Orleans High School (H)
2/5/2026 6:00 PM

Basketball (Boys 5 & 6) - Orleans Elementary School (H)
2/5/2026 6:00 PM

Basketball (Boys V) - Orleans High School (H)
2/5/2026 7:30 PM

Basketball (Boys 5 & 6) - Shoals Jr/Sr High School (H)
2/9/2026 6:00 PM

Basketball (Girls 5 & 6) - Bloomfield Jr/Sr HS (A)
2/9/2026 6:00 PM

LOOGOOTEE GIRLS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS TO WOOD MEMORIAL



Last night the Lady Lions 8th Grade team wrapped up their season in the Blue-Chip Conference tournament with a loss to the Wood Memorial Lady Trojans. The game ended 36-45, and finished their season with a record of 19-4. Sydnee Salmon led the Lady Lions in scoring with 16, Addison Moore had 9, Taryn Brown finished with 8, Fara Fisher had 2, and Kensleigh Carrico added a Free Throw. We are proud of what this group of 8th graders has accomplished over the last several years, and are excited to see what the summer and high school sports has in store for them.

ALANIA DIAMOND SCORE FOR 30 POINTS IN LOSS TO NORTH KNOX

On Saturday morning, the Lady Lions shook off over a week of inactivity due to last Sunday's snowstorm, welcoming the 2A #5-ranked North Knox Lady Warriors for a tough matchup. The game opened with back-and-forth action, as junior Ava Jeffers and the Lady Warriors traded early baskets. Freshman Lydia Hawkins followed with a pair of mid-range jumpers, keeping things close at 8-9 North Knox. Jeffers later found Alexis Heckard up the floor against the press, and junior Alaina Diamond got going midway through the second quarter, scoring to tie the game at 13-13. Diamond added a putback to give the Lady Lions the lead, which North Knox quickly answered. Diamond then attacked the rim and stepped out to knock down a three, making it 20-21. North Knox responded with a second-chance three of their own, but a Jeffers bucket sent the teams into halftime with the Lady Lions trailing 22-24. North Knox opened the third quarter with a basket, but Diamond drew contact and converted from the free-throw line. Hawkins followed with a quick pull-up three to reclaim the lead at 27-26, but North Knox answered immediately with a three and went on a 6-0 run. Diamond responded with an and-one finish at the rim, and both Jeffers and Diamond continued to attack downhill before a Coach Smith timeout with Loogootee trailing 33-35. Out of the timeout, North Knox extended the run to 10-2, with the lone Lady Lion bucket

coming from Heckard. Diamond stopped the momentum at the line, but the Lady Lions entered the fourth quarter down 37-45. Loogootee opened the final stanza with a push of their own, as Diamond found Jeffers for a mid-range jumper before scoring herself to cut the deficit to 41-45. A 5-0 North Knox run followed, but Diamond answered with two three-pointers, bringing the score to 47-51. After a pair of North Knox free throws, Diamond completed an and-one to make it 50-53. Heckard and Sophia Toy both had chances to tie the game, but the shots would not fall. Late-game pressure couldn't close the gap, and the Lady Lions fell 55-65. The loss moves Loogootee's regular season record to 14-6, their best mark since 2021. The Lady Lions now turn their attention to tournament play, opening sectional action against Vincennes Rivet at 6:00 PM Wednesday night at North Daviess. Alaina Diamond led all scorers with 30 points on 10/18 shooting, including 3/4 from three and 7/10 from the line. Ava Jeffers followed with a season-high 12 points on 6/9 shooting, along with 6 assists and 4 rebounds. Lydia Hawkins finished with 7 points on 3/4 shooting, and Alexis Heckard added 6 points on 3/5 from the field. Program Notes: With her performance, Diamond moved into 10th all-time for single-season scoring, now totaling 376 points, surpassing Ashley Fraley's junior season (365 points). Her three rebounds also moved her into 10th on the single-season rebounding list, passing Jennifer Bullock's 189 rebounds from 1986. We would also like to extend our thoughts and prayers to junior Alaina Diamond and her family following the passing of her mother, Julie Diamond, last Sunday. Julie was an avid Lady Lions supporter and a constant presence at games. Our hearts are with Alaina and her family during this difficult time.



LOOGOOTEE LIONS GIRLS BASKETBALL PREPARES FOR SECTIONALS

Loogootee High School is preparing for the upcoming sectional basketball tournament with a strong sense of optimism following an impressive regular season. The Lions, who have earned a reputation for their resilience, cohesive teamwork, and strategic play, have shown considerable growth this year, establishing themselves as serious contenders. Under the experienced leadership of the Head Coach, Loogootee has maintained a balanced, well-rounded approach to both offense and defense, leveraging its versatility on the court. Key players include freshman Lydia Hawkins whose leadership qualities and scoring prowess have been pivotal to the team's success, and forward Alaina Diamond, who recently lost a family member and says this team has high hopes of winning it for her. The Lions also have exceptional rebounding, defensive skills, and court awareness, which provide additional strength and depth to the roster. The Lions face a tough challenge in the sectional tournament tonight against Vincennes Rivet at North Daviess High School, competing against several talented and determined teams vying for the championship. Their first game is playing the tournament at the neighboring school, North Daviess, Vincennes Rivet has a team that has also demonstrated consistent performance and skill throughout the season. Community members and fans are strongly encouraged to attend the upcoming games, cheer loudly for the Lions, and support their quest for postseason glory. The tournament is expected to be highly competitive and exciting, with Loogootee aiming to make a deep run and earn a spot in the regional competition beyond the sectional stage.

LOOGOOTEE GIRLS 8TH GRADE BOYS BEAT WOOD TO ADVANCE IN BLUE-CHIP

The 8th grade boys team started their trek toward a Blue-Chip Conference tournament title on Tuesday night when they defeated Wood Memorial 54-27 in front of a great crowd at Jack Butcher Arena. The Lions were led by Jaxon Foster with 16 points. Ethan Wildman had 13 points to join him in double figures. Hiram Tedrow had 9 points and Holden Lingenfelter and Jackson Lengacher each had 6. Aydan Gilliland; Hunter Walton; and Landon Stemen each chipped in a basket. The 8th graders will travel to Barr-Reeve on Saturday morning where they will take on the host Vikings at 10AM in the semifinals of the conference tournament. The championship game will follow.

LOOGOOTEE BOYS 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL DEFEATS HOLY TRINITY; 5TH GRADE FALLS

The boys 5th and 6th grade teams hosted Holy Trinity on Tuesday night in the Activity Center. The 6th graders took a W and improved to 18-0 on the season, while the 5th graders dropped their game and fell to 11-6 on the year. The 5th graders fell 33-12. The Lions were led by LJ Marks with 6; Keaton Smith had 4; and Kamden Wilson added a bucket. The 6th graders won 51-9. Griffyn Thompson led a trio of Lions in double figures with 20. Kyle Wade had 12 and Jenner Strange had 11. Eli Graber added 4 points and 2 each for Nick Helderma and Reid Wagler. Both teams will return to action on Thursday night when they host Orleans in the Activity Center.

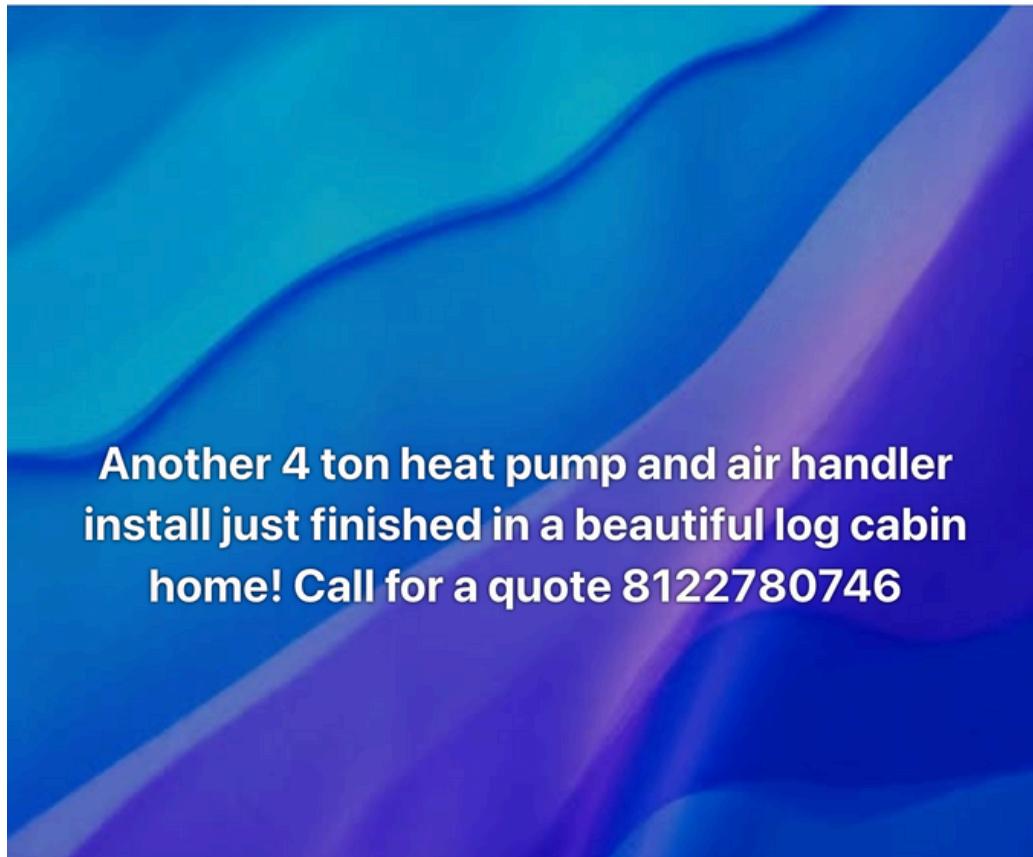
LOOGOOTEE GIRLS 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL BOYS BEAT BLOOMFIELD AND DUBOIS

The 6th grade boys ran their record to 17-0 on the season with wins over Bloomfield on Saturday and Dubois on Monday night. They defeated the Cardinals 49-21 and topped the Jeeps 51-28. Griffyn Thompson led the Lions against the Cardinals with 15 points. Eli Graber also hit double figures with 10 points. Kyle Wade had 8 for the Lions. Jenner Strange added 7. Nick Helderma had 6 and Reid Wagler had 3 to round out the Lion scoring attack. On Monday night against Dubois Thompson had 26 points to lead the Lion barrage. Jenner Strange had 12 points. Nick Helderma had 3 and Reid Wagler and Eli Graber each had a basket. The Lions also played an extra quarter at the end of the night and the Lions came out on top 10-5. Fallyn Taylor had 6 points to pace the Lions. Kasey Bratton and Eli Graber each had 2. The Lions get right back into action Tuesday night when they host Holy Family along with the 5th graders in the Activity Center.

Slot Car Race Event - February 6, 2026 at Hilltop Raceway in Shoals, Ind.

A slot car race is scheduled for Friday night, February 6, 2026, at Hilltop Raceway in Shoals, Indiana. Practice begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the race at 6:45 p.m. The event, hosted by Vaughn Montgomery, will feature cars and controllers provided by the organizer. Participants and spectators are welcome. If time permits, there will be two races on the Barney track, using Dash AFX mondo grip and T-jets. For more information, contact Vaughn Montgomery at 812-247-2129 via call or text or visit the Hilltop Raceway Facebook page, HO slot car racing.

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LOOGOOTEE BOYS 5TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL SPLIT WITH BLOOMFIELD CARDINALS & JEEPS

loogootee Elementary 5th Grade Boys Basketball team recently gained a split against Bloomfield and Dubois to move to 11-5 on the season. This past Saturday they traveled to Bloomfield to take on a very good Cardinal 5th grade team. Brodan Hawkins had 4 points to lead the Lions against the Cardinals. Brayden Lyon had 3 points. Zane Roach; LJ Marks; and Hayden Edwards each had a basket. Kash Wagler and Keaton Smith each had 1. On Monday night, the Lions righted the ship against Dubois with a 40-20 win. Hayden Edwards led the Lions with 10 points. LJ Marks added 8 points and Brodan Hawkins and Keaton Smith each had 7. Zane Roach had 4 points. Brayden Lyon and Kash Wagler each had a basket for the Lions. The 5th grade Lions will be back in action on Tuesday night in the Activity Center when they host Holy Trinity at 6PM.

LOOGOOTEE 6TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL BEAT DUBOIS

On Saturday morning the Middle School Lady Lions took on the Lady Jeeps of Dubois. Our 5th grade looked to remain undefeated, but fell 10-30 to Dubois in their game. Isabel Toy had 6 points for the Lady Lions, Eme Smith had 2, and Myah Cain finished with 2 points. The 6th graders picked up the victory, with Shyann Salmon scoring 25 points. Eme Smith had 6 points, Isabel Toy had 4 points, and Harper Tinkle finished with a bucket. The 5th graders are back in action tomorrow night at Shoals.



FINAL SCORE
JANUARY 31 2026

37	32
LOOGOOTEE 6TH	DUBOIS 6TH
10	30
LOOGOOTEE 5TH	DUBOIS 5TH

MS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Martin County & Courts 7

Monday, January 26, 2026

5:44 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
8:47 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries North of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Martin County Highway Department and Big John's Towing responded.
8:57 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Indian Creek Fire Department, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.
9:18 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Medic 3, Loogootee Fire Department, LPD Officer Stuckey and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.
9:45 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Dubois County EMS and Haysville Fire Department responded. Patient was transported to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
9:48 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
1:13 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.
1:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
2:03 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
2:22 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Officer Stuckey responded.
2:26 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS responded.
5:05 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey and Deputy Clark responded.
6:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Notified Daviess County.
7:01 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Hawkins responded. No one was transported.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

10:34 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
12:57 p.m.- Received a message advising Loogootee Community Schools will be closed tomorrow due to road conditions.
1:08 p.m.- Received a message advising Shoals Community Schools will be closed tomorrow.
2:31 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard South of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
3:37 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
3:52 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Lost River Fire Department, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
5:10 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries South of Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey, Sergeant Hawkins and Daviess County Deputy Wells responded.
5:16 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting the same accident. Advised the caller units are enroute.
6:11 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
6:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings, LPD Officer Stuckey, LPD Officer Purcell, Sergeant Hawkins and Deputy Clark responded.
7:12 p.m.- LPD Officer Purcell on station with Wyatt Jenkins, a 30-year-old male from Jasper, arrested for Strangulation, Domestic battery, Possession of marijuana and Possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.
7:35 p.m.- Received a report of a possible gas leak East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Hawkins and Marshal Copeland responded.
10:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

1:35 a.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
1:57 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, Sergeant Hawkins and Deputy Clark responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
7:20 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a hit and run with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.
8:04 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
8:20 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
8:55 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Crane Village. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.
10:37 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.
11:34 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Officer Stuckey responded.
1:25 p.m.- Received a report that Loogootee Schools will be closed tomorrow.
2:08 p.m.- Received a report from Shoals Community Schools advising they will be closed the rest of the week.
2:30 p.m.- Received a call from ADT advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
3:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
4:33 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle South of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller, Deputy Branham, Deputy Clark and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.
7:13 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check East of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.
8:45 p.m.- Received a request for assistance in Shoals. Marshal Copeland, Deputy Branham and Deputy Clark responded.

Thursday, January 29, 2026

12:01 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
2:41 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
7:00 a.m.- Received a call from ADT Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Major Reed responded.
7:12 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East. Major Reed and Captain Gibson responded.
9:25 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Chief Parke responded.
9:55 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.
10:22 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey and Chief Deputy Keller responded.
10:54 a.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported one inmate to court.
11:19 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check Southeast of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
2:11 p.m.- Received a message advising Loogootee Community Schools will be closed tomorrow.
2:47 p.m.- Jail Officer Bills on station with Maranda Peyton, a 28-year-old female from Vincennes, arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.
3:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a structure fire in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1, Crane Fire Department, Loogootee Fire Department, Taylor Township Fire Department, Captain Gibson, Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded. No one was transported.
4:56 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries South of Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey, Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.
6:08 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
6:10 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.
6:40 p.m.- Received a 911 notification from an address North of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.
6:44 p.m.- Received a 911 notification from

an address Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Marshal Copeland responded.
7:16 p.m.- Deputy Branham on station with Alias Keasling, a 28-year-old male from Shoals, arrested by Marshal Copeland for Interfering with a 911 call, Possession of marijuana, and Possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

Friday, January 30, 2026

2:14 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.
9:02 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting that vehicles are blocking the roadway in Loogootee. LPD Officer Stuckey responded.
9:44 a.m.- Received a call from Johnson Control advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Keyholder advised to disregard.
10:18 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
11:53 a.m.- Captain Gibson on station with Randy Tussey, a 41-year-old male from Bedford, arrested by Corporal Erwin for Theft, Resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, Criminal mischief, Driving while suspended-prior, and False identity statement. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.
12:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department, LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Officer Stuckey responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
1:15 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
2:16 p.m.- Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
2:25 p.m.- Received a call from Astro Security advising of a commercial fire alarm in Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.
4:55 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting the fire department Northwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded.
5:09 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
5:11 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East

toward Shoals. All on-duty units were advised. Lawrence County was also notified.
5:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries East of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
7:03 p.m.- Received a call requesting a wrecker North of Shoals. Big John's Towing responded.
7:31 p.m.- Received a report of a verbal dispute in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings, LPD Officer Purcell and Deputy Droke responded.

Saturday, January 31, 2026

10:23 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
12:06 p.m.- Received a call from an Orange County address. The caller was given the Orange County Sheriff's Office number.
1:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
5:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.
6:09 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bloomington.
6:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
7:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
11:17 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Droke responded.

Sunday, February 1, 2026

8:13 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.
1:14 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy Southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
1:44 p.m.- Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Utilities

PETS



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Heartwarming Adoption Drive Sparks Community Compassion Ahead of Valentine's Day



In a heartwarming celebration of love and compassion, local animal shelters are experiencing a surge of adoption interest as Valentine's Day approaches. Shelters across the region report an increase in visitors and inquiries, highlighting a community's growing appreciation for giving homeless animals a second chance.

The Martin County Humane Society has seen a notable uptick in adoptions, with many animals finding new homes in time for Valentine's Day. The shelter's staff attribute this trend to the season of love, prompting many to open their hearts—and their homes—to furry companions in need.

"Valentine's Day is the perfect time to find a new friend," said shelter director Jane Doe. "Our animals are incredibly loving and eager to join a family where they're cherished. We're thrilled to see so many animals heading to their forever homes this season."

Among the most popular choices are dogs and cats of various ages, including several small dogs and kittens that are especially cuddly and affectionate. Shelters are emphasizing that all animals are fully vetted, vaccinated, and spayed or neutered, ensuring that adopted pets are ready to integrate into their new families immediately.

Volunteer efforts and community events have also played a role in boosting adoption rates. Special Valentine's-themed adoption events feature puppy and kitten cuddling sessions and photo booths that help prospective owners connect with their future pets.

"It's wonderful to see people come in with the intention of finding a companion," said volunteer Mark Smith. "Many of these animals have waited months for a family to love, and it's so rewarding to see them go to caring homes."

To facilitate the process, shelters are encouraging interested individuals to visit their websites or contact them directly. The Martin County Humane Society's website provides detailed profiles of available animals, complete with photos and descriptions to help adopters find the perfect match.

Adoption fees are often waived or reduced during the Valentine's Day period, making it easier for families to bring home a new pet. Shelter staff advise prospective adopters to consider their lifestyle and commitment before making a decision, ensuring a lifelong bond that benefits both pet and owner.

In addition to individual adoptions, some shelters are partnering with local businesses to spread the message of compassion. Pet supply stores and veterinary clinics are offering discounted services and supplies to new pet owners, further encouraging responsible adoption.

As the holiday of love approaches, these efforts serve as a reminder of the importance of compassion towards all living beings. Shelters continue to promote the message that every pet deserves a loving home, especially during a time dedicated to affection and companionship.

Animal advocates emphasize that adopting a pet is not just a gesture for the holiday but a lifelong commitment. They urge those interested in adopting to consider the responsibilities involved and to choose adoption as a meaningful way to celebrate love.

For more information about available pets or how to get involved in local shelter initiatives, visit the Martin County Humane Society's website or contact them via email at info@martincountyhumane.org.

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 responded.
 1:45 p.m.- Received a call from Med Scope advising of a medical alarm push in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
 3:08 p.m.- Received a call from Shoals Community Schools advising they will be operating on a 2-hour delay tomorrow.
 4:05 p.m.- Received a call from Loogootee Community Schools advising they will be operating on a 2-hour delay tomorrow.
 4:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Deputy Clark and Big John's Towing responded.
 6:54 p.m.- Received a 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.

Local Obituaries

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Michael James Brown

*February 12, 1951 - January 24,
2026*



Michael James Brown, 74, of Rockville, Maryland, passed away suddenly on January 24, 2026 at his home. He was born on February 12, 1951, in Washington, Indiana to Robert J. and Wilma (Colvin) Brown. He devoted his professional life to the law and public service. He was a hard worker who treasured his family above all else. Michael grew up in Loogootee, Indiana, where he attended St. John's Grade School. For high school, he attended the Latin School, a Catholic Seminary in Evansville, Indiana. During college at Indiana University, he worked for three years at the U.S. Post Office in Bloomington, a job he enjoyed for providing him lots of exercise. After graduating from I.U., he earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Louisville School of Law. While attending law school, he worked for the Kentuckiana Regional Planning

and Development Agency and as a law clerk. Afterward, he passed the bar exams of Indiana and Illinois, along with the Uniform CPA examination, and found work in Washington, D.C., where he also became a member of the bar. In Washington, Michael worked at the U.S. Department of Commerce for over a decade. This position took him around the world, including multiple work trips to Europe and Asia. He moved on to the prominent firm, Dewey Ballantine, after being offered a position practicing international trade law. He continued in that area of practice until his retirement. Even then, he remained deeply engaged with legal scholarship and never stopped writing about proposed changes to the law. He also liked to keep his mind sharp by studying genetics, always maintaining his intellectual curiosity as a lifetime learner.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Michael was deeply committed to staying active and hands-on. He exercised daily, often played basketball, and also enjoyed walking, tennis, pickleball, and swimming with his grandchildren. A skilled home improver, he took pride in building, plumbing, and electrical projects around the house. He was a devoted fan of Indiana University basketball and followed baseball faithfully—when the St. Louis Cardinals were playing. Michael was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert Curtis "Curt" Brown. He is survived by his daughter, Emily (Arben Klobuscista) Brown; his grandchildren, Caius and Trajan Klobucista; and his sister, Barbara (Bill) Boyd. A funeral service will be held on Monday, February 9, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana. A visitation will be held from 9:00 A.M. until the time of service at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Michael Brown.

Patricia Sue Sutton

September 8, 1960- January 31, 2026



Patricia "Patty" Sue Sutton, 65, of Mitchell, Indiana passed away on Saturday January 31, 2026, at her sister's home in Jasper, Indiana. She was born on September 8, 1960, in Jasper, Indiana to the late Eugene and Elleen (Schmitt) Sutton. Patty had a deep love of traveling to Florida, where she enjoyed long days at the beach. She first expressed her creativity as a hairdresser, and later became a registered nurse, devoting her career to caring for others with compassion and love. She was also a former member of the Eagles Lodge 2442 in Shoals, Indiana. Patty will be remembered for her kindness, work ethic, and the lasting impact she made on everyone fortunate enough to know her. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Steve Sutton, Joseph Sutton, and Glenn Sutton. Patty is survived by her siblings: Mark (Georgette) Sutton, Tim (Terry) Sutton, John (Rachel) Sutton, Terese (Von) Chavis, Mary Ann Sutton, Martha (Everett) Yoder, David (April) Sutton, and Joan (Brent) Jones; her Godchildren, Surviving sister-in-law: Kathy Sutton, Jordan Chavis and Erin Wolfe; 21 nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10:00 A.M. Friday, February 6, 2026, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana, and again on Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. at the church. A memorial ceremony will take place at the Phi Beta Psi Sorority, In care of Lucretia Kuehn, 5350 Sandpit Road, Bedford, IN 47421. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Carmelite Monastery, 6100 Pepper Rd, Denmark, WI 54208. Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Patricia "Patty" Sue Sutton.

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Easy

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

Medium

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

8	6	5	2	7	4	9	1	3
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Expert

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Master

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Coloring Sheet
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Across

- 1. Shindig
- 5. "Diff'rent Strokes" actress Plato
- 9. Bunk
- 14. Cassette component
- 15. Dash
- 16. Canner's activity
- 17. Sea near the Caspian
- 18. Went caroling
- 19. Snake hazard
- 20. Diminutive actor?
- 23. Down
- 24. Freudian concern
- 25. End of an accord?
- 26. Baseball stat
- 29. Motto
- 31. Outlawed pollutants in the U.S.
- 32. Place for a hammer
- 33. Franklin of soul
- 35. Scandinavian capital
- 36. Scatterbrained singer?
- 41. Pavarotti performance
- 42. Measure
- 43. Airport shuttle, often
- 44. Coffeehouse
- 46. Nuclear
- 50. Noted twin
- 51. M.D. provider
- 52. Jeanne d'Arc's title, briefly
- 53. Soccer phenom Freddy
- 54. Freaky weatherman?
- 57. "Mrs. Miniver" star Garson
- 60. "You're right"
- 61. Direct
- 62. Crossing swords
- 63. Some U.S. inductees, once
- 64. Aquatic bird
- 65. Dorkish
- 66. Has an obligation
- 67. Basilica feature

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Down

- 1. Rankles
- 2. It helps you get the picture
- 3. Shed
- 4. Enemy's opposite
- 5. Planned out
- 6. Site of a last stand
- 7. Darling dog?
- 8. Church of England group
- 9. Sanctuaries
- 10. Certain field workers
- 11. Relations
- 12. Game with a colorful deck
- 13. "The Wizard of Oz" studio
- 21. Emotional
- 22. Propel
- 26. Word with bed or chin
- 27. One of the Lesser Sundas
- 28. Fairway pick
- 30. Mediterranean area
- 31. Stage
- 34. Day classic
- 35. About
- 36. Comedian Chappelle
- 37. OPEC member
- 38. Pizazz
- 39. Vegetarian
- 40. Daisylike bloom
- 44. Kind of tomato or bomb
- 45. "What ___ doing?!"
- 47. End a squabble
- 48. Perfect examples
- 49. Get lumpy
- 52. Tasty embellishment
- 54. Feeble
- 55. Attraction
- 56. Nadia's forerunner
- 57. Muzzle
- 58. Way with a no.
- 59. You homophone

Crossword Puzzle #29

G	A	L	A		D	A	N	A		H	O	K	U	M	
R	E	E	L		E	L	A	N		A	X	I	N	G	
A	R	A	L		S	A	N	G		V	E	N	O	M	
T	I	N	Y	T	I	M	A	L	L	E	N				
E	A	T		E	G	O		I	O	N		R	B	I	
S	L	O	G	A	N		P	C	B	S		E	A	R	
				A	R	E	T	H	A			O	S	L	O
D	I	Z	Z	Y	D	E	A	N	M	A	R	T	I	N	
A	R	I	A				A	S	S	E	S	S			
V	A	N		C	A	F	E		A	T	O	M	I	C	
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				W	E	I	R	D	A	L	R	O	K	E	R
G	R	E	E	R			T	R	U	E		L	E	A	D
A	T	W	A	R			W	A	C	S		G	U	L	L
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