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## Loogootee City Parks Are Hiring Workers For The Summer

The Loogootee City Pool is set to open for the summer season on May 23, prompting the city to begin accepting applications for seasonal positions. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply for roles such as lifeguards, concession stand workers, and other staff members. This opportunity is ideal for students and community members looking to contribute to a safe and enjoyable pool environment. Applications are available via provided links, and early submission is advised as preparations for the season are underway.

Lifeguard Application:  
<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfHaYTUDwU.../viewform...>  
Manager/Assistant Manager Application:  
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Concession Worker Application:  
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## Loogootee City Council Discusses Funding For New Fire Truck, Oak Street Village Update, & Canine Program Information



Loogootee, Ind. (March 9, 2026) — The Loogootee City Council tackled a full agenda Monday night, approving the purchase of a new emergency response vehicle, discussing parking reconfigurations to accommodate downtown growth, and celebrating progress on a \$15 million workforce housing development. Present at the Common Council Meeting were Mayor Brian Ader, Dave Smith, Mark McAtee, Jeremy Holland, Mike Engleman, Carroll Rayhill, and Attorney Steven Teverbaugh. Present at The Board of Works Meeting were Mayor Brian Ader, Mark McAtee, Brandon Carrico, Danny Clark, and

Attorney Steven Teverbaugh. Council Unanimously Backs New Medical Response Vehicle After approving minutes from February's meetings, council attention turned to urgent public safety needs. Fire department officials presented a detailed case for replacing Squad Three's aging 2002 two-wheel drive truck with a new, four-wheel-drive Ford F-350 extended cab, citing reliability, safety, and the growing demands of community outreach and medical response. "We lack a reliable, dedicated vehicle with the necessary towing capacity to transport vital education tools and equipment safely to

community events," fire officials explained. "Our current truck is 24 years old. Maintenance costs are rising, and it's limited by Indiana weather and rural terrain. This new vehicle will ensure our department can respond efficiently for years to come." The department compared multiple bids and models, ultimately recommending the \$55,432 Ford F-350 for its balance of size, power, warranty, and price. "Ford's extended cab gives us the right mix of maneuverability and capacity," one member noted. "Other options were \$10,000 to \$13,000 more." Councilors debated

whether to source the vehicle from Missouri—where the best price was found—or keep the purchase local. "I'd prefer to buy in Indiana, even if it's a bit more. Supporting local businesses matters," said a Council Member, "... but we need this truck for the safety of our community." A motion passed to approve the purchase, with a preference for buying from an Indiana dealer if a comparable offer could be secured. Funding will be finalized in

consultation with city trustees, who were encouraged to contribute more given the county-wide benefits. "This is an investment in public safety and our city's future," The Loogootee Fire Chief said. "We're grateful to the department for seeking donations and grants to offset costs, and to everyone who's stepped up to help."

## Barr-Reeve vs. West Washington: IHSAA Regional Championship Details

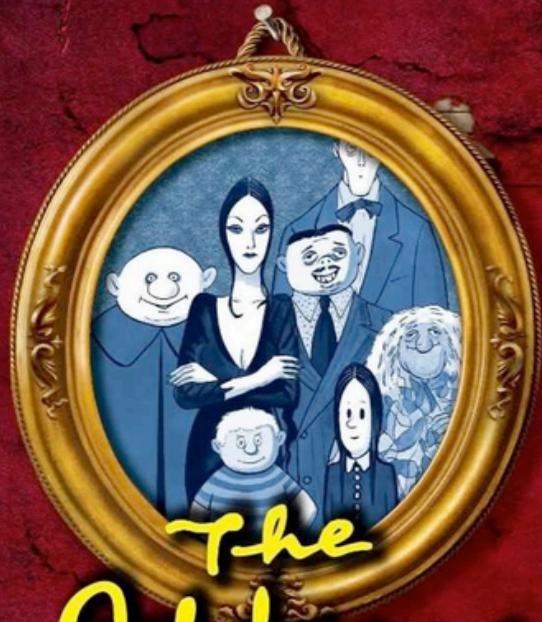
The Barr-Reeve High School Athletics Office has provided additional information to fans, parents, and students regarding ticket and admission sales for the IHSAA Class 1A Regional Championship game, which will be held at The Hatchet House in Washington, Ind. Barr-Reeve will compete against West Washington in the first game, scheduled to start at 1 p.m. The second game of the day will feature Northeast Dubois versus Bloomfield, following the conclusion of the first matchup around 4 p.m. The winners of both regional championships will be announced on Sunday afternoon during the IHSAA Semi-State Pairings Show, where they will receive instructions about game locations and times for the Semi-State tournament and championship. Tickets are priced at \$10 for general admission and grant access to both games on that day. Cash-only sales will be available at the entrance. To purchase tickets in advance online, visit the following link: The Barr-Reeve High School Athletics Office has provided additional information to fans, parents, and students regarding ticket and admission sales for the IHSAA Class 1A Regional Championship game, which will be held at The Hatchet House in Washington, Ind. Barr-Reeve will compete against West Washington in the first game, scheduled to start at 1 p.m. The second game of the day will feature Northeast Dubois versus Bloomfield, following the conclusion of the first

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**MARTIN COUNTY POLICE & EMT REPORTS PROVIDED BY THE MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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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.

### CONT.D Barr Reeve Tickets, from pg. 1

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Pictured above is County Road 715 West in the area of Homer in Rush County. Photos were taken by Dana Durbin.

More rain is moving into the area this evening as a Flood Watch is in effect for the majority of the area until 1 p.m. Thursday.

Forecasters say 1 or 2 inches of rainfall is possible through Thursday morning.

- “With much of the area saturated from rainfall over the past day, this additional rain may quickly result in flooding,” the National Weather Service said.

Online ticket purchases incur an extra 95-cent fee. Barr-Reeve’s student section will be in seating area F; students from West Washington High School are assigned to seating areas G, H, I, and J. All attendees should adhere to the Indiana High School Athletic Association’s sportsmanship code, demonstrating respect to athletes, fans, and spectators. Upholding these rules is essential for a safe and enjoyable athletic environment. Prohibited items include signs, noise makers, banners, confetti, silly string, stuffed mascots, balloons, line-up lanes, and alcoholic beverages. Shirts must always be worn, and faces must be visible; masks are not permitted.

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### CONT.D COMMON COUNCIL MEETING (From pg.1)

Downtown Parking and Senior Access Take Center Stage  
 The council next reviewed proposed parking changes to accommodate new businesses and growing activity downtown, particularly along North Line Street.

City engineers outlined a plan to convert a block of North Line Street to one-way traffic, allowing for additional angled and parallel parking spaces near new businesses and the New Beginnings Church. “We can add up to 12 spaces in front of the barbershop and new businesses, and possibly another on the west side by the playground,” explained the city engineer. “This is about facilitating growth and making downtown accessible.”

Councilors debated whether to extend one-way designations to nearby streets and how to balance business, apartment, and church parking needs. “We need to look at the big picture,” said Council Member Dana. “Changes like this can help us bring new life to Old Town and ensure we’re ready as more businesses

move in.” Dedicated parking for senior citizens was also discussed. The city will mark central spaces near the municipal building for seniors and add additional handicap spots. “With the senior center’s activities growing, we owe them convenient, safe parking,” said Council Member Jessica. Plans include new signage and possible fines for unauthorized parking in reserved spaces. The council also discussed improvements to the senior center building, including ADA-compliant doors and bathroom upgrades. “We’re pursuing grants to fund these vital accessibility improvements,” Jessica said. “Every resident deserves to feel welcome and included.”

### Major Progress on Oak Street Village Workforce Housing

In a highlight of the meeting, city staff shared updates on the Oak Street Village Development, a \$15 million investment that will bring 50 units of workforce housing and a childcare facility to Loogootee. The project, developed in partnership with local and regional agencies, aims to address the critical need for affordable housing

for working families. Interest in the development has been strong: “We’ve already had 48 inquiries for the 50 units,” JBH Ventures Owner, Joe WhiteWhite said. “What’s encouraging is that 88% of those are from Martin or Daviess County. This shows the need is real and local.” Pre-leasing is scheduled to begin in September, and residents expressed strong support during public comment. “This is what our community needs to keep families here and attract new ones,” White said. “It’s exciting to see real progress.” Minor issues such as water runoff and parking are being addressed as part of the site plan. The council praised the project’s momentum and the positive community feedback. “This development will be transformative,” Mayor Ader said. “Not just for affordable housing, but for economic growth and quality of life.”

### Police Canine Program and Fire Radios Get Green Light

The police department requested and received preliminary approval to seek \$15,000 in funding for a new canine program. “A K-9 unit will enhance our ability to fight crime and protect the community,” Police Chief [Name] said. The council voiced broad support, encouraging the department to seek grants and donations to offset costs. Meanwhile, the fire department received 20 replacement radios, addressing concerns about aging communication equipment. “Reliable radios are essential for responder safety and interagency coordination, especially as we work more closely with neighboring departments,” the fire chief said.

Council members discussed the importance of seeking county trustee support for major equipment purchases, given the regional nature of emergency response. “We know the trustees have resources,” said Council Member Dana. “It’s time they step up to help fund these vital upgrades.”

### Utility Adjustments, Property Cleanup, and Financial Corrections

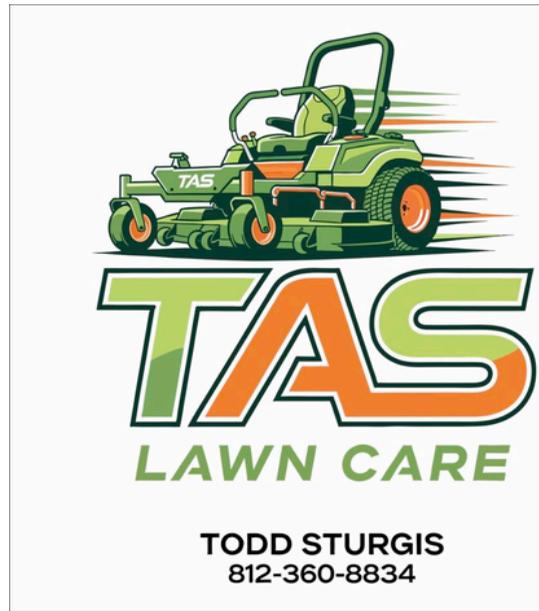
The council also discussed a 504,700-gallon sewer adjustment related to an abandoned house, part of ongoing

### Public Comment and Next Steps

Residents in attendance voiced support for the housing development and praised the city’s efforts to upgrade public safety equipment and downtown infrastructure.

“We’re seeing real investment in Loogootee’s future,” said one attendee. “It’s good to see the council working together to serve everyone—from seniors to young families.”

The council adjourned after more than 90 minutes, with plans to revisit parking proposals and finalize emergency vehicle funding at the next meeting.



efforts to modernize utility billing and infrastructure. A quote for property cleanup was also approved, targeting blighted properties and supporting neighborhood revitalization.

During the financial report, the council discussed transferring funds to correct negative balances flagged in a recent audit, ensuring that dollars intended for the fire department and other accounts are properly allocated. “We’re committed to transparency and fiscal responsibility,” Mayor Ader said.

Community Projects and Upcoming Improvements Updates were provided on several other community projects:

- Equipment: Installation has been delayed by winter weather, but work is expected to resume next month.
- Historic Building Improvements: The city is seeking a grant, in partnership with AARP and Patronicity, to fund up to \$50,000 in improvements to the senior center and other historic properties. “We’ll match community dollars and leverage every resource to preserve our city’s heritage,” Jessica said.
- ADA Upgrades: All bathrooms at the senior center are now ADA-compliant and unisex; exterior doors and windows are slated for future upgrades as grant funding becomes available.

# Loogootee Historic Downtown District To Partner with IU on New Public Art & Design Recognition



Fifteen rural Indiana organizations will collaborate with Indiana University for the 2026 Rural Placemaking Studio, working alongside IU faculty and students to enhance their communities through creative design and public art projects.

Launched in 2024, the Rural Placemaking Studio is a collaborative initiative of the IU ServeDesign Center at the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design and the IU Center for Rural Engagement. The studio partners with rural Indiana communities to design vibrant, welcoming and sustainable public spaces that celebrate local identity and strengthen community connections through art. IU students majoring in comprehensive design and graphic design will work directly with local partners under the leadership of Jon Racek, program director of comprehensive design at the Eskenazi School and director of the ServeDesign Center, and with support from the Center for Rural Engagement team.

“Over the last three summers, the Rural Placemaking Studio has connected Eskenazi School students with people throughout south-central Indiana,” said Peg Faimon, founding dean of the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design. “These partnerships are transformative for the students, communities and leaders, and they result in impactful, beautiful and educational projects that enhance civic pride. The RPS is at the center of our strategic goal to engage our community, state and beyond.” This year’s community-identified concepts include public art installations, interpretive signage, parklets, plaza designs, trail enhancements, and early-stage architectural concepts for historic buildings and community hubs. The studio will guide each project from vision to action, shaping a clear scope of work and producing implementation-ready designs aligned with each partner’s needs and timeline.

A view of one of the eight remaining Mesker façade buildings in Loogootee, Indiana, one of 15 communities being helped in 2026 by the Rural Placemaking Studio. Photo by Jeni Waters, Indiana University. “The Rural Placemaking Studio helps communities bring their ideas to life in ways that increase connection and local vibrancy,” said Kyla Cox Deckard, Center for Rural Engagement interim executive director. “Rural Indiana’s beautiful, historic landscapes provide inspiration for thoughtful and welcoming designs, and Rural Placemaking Studio projects continue to deepen partnerships between communities and Indiana University that extend beyond the design experience.” The Rural Placemaking Studio invites proposals from rural communities with populations under 50,000 and located within roughly a 90-mile radius of Bloomington.

Since its launch, the Rural Placemaking Studio has collaborated with 25 rural Indiana organizations in 19 counties to develop 30 community-guided placemaking projects. This year’s partners and projects are:

- Community Action Leading Loogootee in Martin County: A kiosk and window clings will be designed to support the Mesker Walking Tour and highlight the Loogootee Commercial Historic District, expanding on a 2025 Rural Placemaking Studio project.
- The City of Salem in Washington County: A new mural installation will be designed for an alcove off the historic Salem Square.
- Eastern Greene Schools in Greene County: Conceptual designs will be developed for a new public space on 28 acres near the school campus.
- Decatur County Community Garden: Enhancements will be designed to expand the community garden, including shaded areas, raised beds and signage.
- Heartland Artists in Marshall County: A small park and public art installation will be designed at the intersection where four historic byways converge in downtown Plymouth.
- The University of Southern Indiana’s Historic New Harmony in Posey County: Improvements to Church Park and Maclure Square will enhance interpretation, gathering spaces and connectivity.
- Blue River Community Foundation, Marietta Fire Station in Shelby County: A community gathering space with a pavilion and landscaping will be designed at the Marietta Fire Station.
- Blue River Community Foundation, Blue River Trail in Shelby County: Enhancements along the Blue River Trail will include improved seating, wayfinding and interpretive signage.
- The Heart of Lebanon in Boone County: A plaza will be expanded by activating an adjacent street for event and market use.
- The City of Bluffton in Wells County: Concepts for public art installations will be designed to activate the downtown plaza and strengthen the community’s emerging arts initiative.
- The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand in Dubois County: Drawings and conceptual designs will be developed for the renovation of one floor of the historic annex to support future community-serving uses.
- Cannelton Grows Inc. in Perry County: Conceptual designs will reimagine the main floor of a former school to support a new community hub focused on local food, wellness and entrepreneurship.
- Clarksville Historic Preservation Commission in Clark County: Interpretive signage will be designed for the new Lincoln Park Trail trailhead, including directional and historical displays that share the story of Clarksville’s historic Black neighborhood.
- Heart of Jasper in Dubois County: Wayfinding and welcome signage will guide visitors and highlight Jasper’s downtown attractions.
- Main Street Greencastle in Putnam County: Public-facing historical displays and digital storytelling elements will highlight downtown Greencastle’s buildings, residents and key events.
- The 2026 Rural Placemaking Studio will conclude this summer with a public open-house showcase.
- A future call for proposals is planned for late 2026. More information about the Rural Placemaking Studio and upcoming events is available on the [Center for Rural Engagement website](#).

# Kid City USA Partners with Oak Street Village To Provide Childcare in Loogootee



LOOGOOTE, Ind. (AP) — Adam and Jenny Martindale, owners of three Kid City USA childcare centers, announced plans to open a new location during the Loogootee Board of Works and Common Council meeting on March 9. The Martindales shared details about operating a childcare facility within the Oak Street Village housing development. Oak Street Village officials confirmed an agreement with Kid City USA to manage the dedicated childcare space. While an opening date has not yet been announced and no updates are posted on city records or the company's website, the partnership marks a significant step forward for childcare access in Martin County. Quick Look at Kid City USA Kid City USA was founded in 2000 by Audrey Bruner in Florida, drawing on her background in gymnastics and early childhood education. The brand emphasizes a nurturing, home-like setting with play-based learning, indoor sandboxes, bee-themed décor, and the motto, "Where Kids Can BEE Kids." Programs include daycare, preschool, and before- and after-school care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. The company began franchising in 2011 and now operates more than 140 locations nationwide.

primarily in Florida and Indiana. Under its franchise model, Kid City USA provides branding, curriculum, training and support, while local owners manage daily operations. Despite recent financial restructuring, including a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in early 2026 and select closures, the company continues to pursue growth in family-focused Indiana communities. Adam and Jenny Martindale operate Kid City USA centers in Jasper, Indiana, roughly 30 to 40 miles northeast in Dubois County. Their involvement dates to 2013, when Jenny's mother, Cindy Nicholson, and family friend Audrey Bruner, who coached Jenny in gymnastics as a child, brought the brand to Jasper. The long-standing relationship helped launch the local centers. The Martindales serve as directors and owners of the Jasper facilities:

- Truman Rd (600 N Truman Rd, Jasper, IN 47546): The flagship site offers daycare, preschool, and school-age programs.
- Baden Strasse Rd (4312 Baden Strasse, Jasper, IN 47546): A second location provides the same services.

The Martindales are known for community involvement, social media engagement and steady operations that have earned them a strong local reputation.

Their success in Jasper, a similar small-town market, positions them well for Loogootee. The Oak Street Village project, a \$14.6 million workforce housing initiative, includes a 4,500-square-foot childcare facility expected to add about 60 seats. Construction began in 2025, with completion set for November 2026 and leasing starting in late summer or fall. The new agreement places Kid City USA in charge of the center, reinforcing the project's focus on supporting working families. While specific site plans and an official opening date remain unavailable, the council presentation signals ongoing progress. Residents can follow Loogootee city resources or contact Kid City USA for updates. The addition is expected to significantly expand childcare options in the community.

# Search Underway for Missing Man in Martin County Flood



The Following Message Was Sent By the Martin County Sheriff's Office today, around 3 p.m. One man missing in flood waters, another man rescued after truck is swept off roadway in Martin County. Indiana Conservation Officers are searching for a man after his truck was swept off Spout Springs Road just south of Shoals, while the passenger was rescued. This location is near the White River and is prone to flooding. Yesterday at 2:37 p.m., a 911 call for help was received by Martin County dispatch from the passenger of the vehicle who was able to climb out of a window and hold on to a nearby tree vine. Members of the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and the Martin County Sheriff's Department launched a boat and rescued the passenger.

Surface searches and sonar are being used to locate the driver, James Petty, 82, of Fortville and the vehicle. Search efforts for Petty have been hindered by the swift moving water conditions. Responding agencies included the Martin County Sheriff's Department, Martin County Emergency Medical Services, Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and Indiana Conservation Officers.

## Join Our Team!



### USDA Farm Service Agency in Daviess/ Martin County Temporary Program Analyst Position Now open with the Farm Program Team

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Daviess/ Martin County Office in Washington is seeking to fill a Temporary Program Analyst position.

Depending on qualifications, available position is offered at:  
Grade 3/4 Temporary Program Analyst as a Trainee or  
Grade 5/7/9 Temporary Program Analyst position  
This position is not to exceed September 30, 2026.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) helps America's farmers, producers and landowners make investments or improvements to their agricultural operations and assists producers in recovering from the impacts of natural disasters and market fluctuations.

Duties consist of carrying out office activities and functions pertaining to the program areas administered in the counties. Utilizing various web-based software applications to maintain producer data and processing automated forms. Using a high degree of initiative and judgment in planning and carrying out assigned tasks and resolving problems encountered. Regular use of Microsoft Office applications.

Applicants should be excited to learn new skills and be willing to work as a team to reach agency goals. Customer service skills are highly valued.

The announcement is open from March 9, 2026 to March 19, 2026. Apply by visiting or contacting the Daviess/ Martin County Farm Service Agency to pick up an application. A resume with work history and references will be required.

The county office is located at 2524 E National Hwy, Washington, IN 47501. Please contact Jacki Dant at 812-254-4780 Ext: 2 or at Jacquelyn.dant@usda.gov for additional information.

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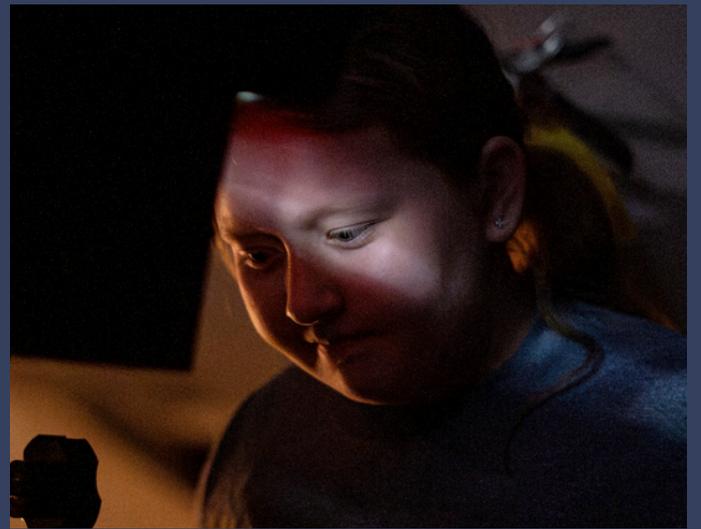
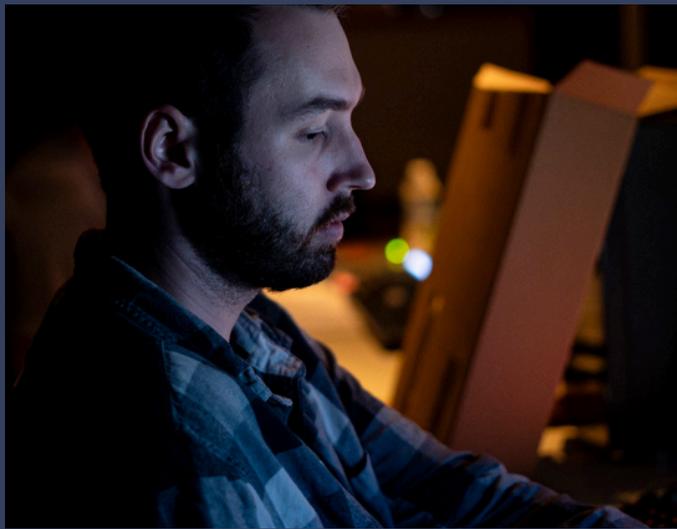
# PHOTO GALLERY

A Preview of Loogootee High School's Theatrical Performance of  
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# PHOTO GALLERY (pg. 2)

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# Mark Your Calendar: Martin County Non- Profit Roundtable on March 18th at Bowling Manufacturing




*March*  
**MARTIN COUNTY  
NON-PROFIT  
ROUNDTABLE**

**1:00-2:00PM**

**MARCH  
18TH**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**SARA MARSHALL**  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
COORDINATOR FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

**LOCATION:**  
**Bowling Manufacturing**  
99 W Washington St.  
Loogootee, IN

Mark your calendars for March 18th! Martin County's Non-Profit Roundtable will be held at Bowling Manufacturing from 1:00 to 2:00pm. We are pleased to welcome guest presenter Sara Marshall, who will speak on the significance of storytelling in achieving organizational success.

Sara Marshall is currently serving as the Administrative Coordinator for the Department of Transportation. She previously worked as a Project Coordinator for the IU Center for Rural Engagement. Her experience in these roles provided her the opportunity to collaborate with Martin County on the IU Rural Placemaking Studio scheduled for 2024.

The event aims to connect local nonprofit organizations, provide valuable insights, and foster community engagement. Attendees will learn how effective storytelling can strengthen their organizations and enhance community impact.

Participants are encouraged to RSVP by contacting the office at [assistant@martinalliance.org](mailto:assistant@martinalliance.org) or by filling out the registration form available at <https://forms.office.com/r/LbLBNHRh9d>. This ensures adequate preparation and materials for all attendees.

The Non-Profit Roundtable offers a valuable opportunity for local nonprofit leaders, staff, and volunteers to network,

share resources, and gain practical knowledge to support their missions. Sara Marshall's talk will highlight the power of storytelling as a tool for engagement and organizational growth.

We look forward to seeing you there. Don't miss this chance to strengthen your organization's outreach and impact in the community.

## RSVP

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Our "Bunnies" will arrive on Saturday, April 4th!  
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# FEATURED JOB: Westgate @ Crane Hiring Senior Mechanical Engineer

## FEATURED JOB

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### Senior Mechanical Engineer



TRISTAR is hiring a Senior Mechanical Engineer for its Radar Technologies Division, where they will support both mechanical and electrical systems while ensuring technical documentation accuracy. Interested candidates can view the full posting and apply through the company's job board at <https://www.westgate-academy.com/jobboard>.

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# Martin County Celebrates 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Ag Day at 4-H Fairgrounds



America's farmers are dedicated to supplying food, fiber, and renewable resources to meet the needs of a growing population. In observance of National Ag Day on March 24, 2026, the nation highlights the collaborative efforts of farmers and the agricultural community. Martin County will host its Ag Day on March 14 at the Community Building.

# NOW HIRING

## FULL-TIME PATROLMAN

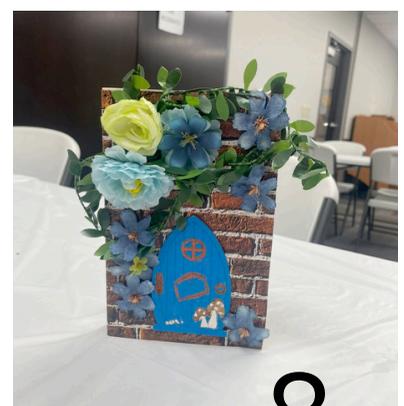



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21-40 Years of Age Prior to Appointment</li> <li>• High School Diploma or GED</li> <li>• Valid Driver's License</li> <li>• No Felony Convictions</li> <li>• Successful Completion of PERF Physical &amp; Psychological Testing</li> <li>• Pass Department PT Standards Set by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy; Academy-Certified Candidates Are Exempt From the PT and Written Test*</li> <li>• No Dishonorable Discharge from the Military</li> <li>• Successful Panel Interview</li> <li>• Legally Eligible to Possess a Firearm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vacation and Sick Leave</li> <li>• Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance</li> <li>• Air Evac Coverage for Household (Paid by the City)</li> <li>• Take-Home Vehicle</li> <li>• Multiple Training Opportunities</li> <li>• 1977 Police Retirement Plan</li> <li>• 20-Year 67% Pension at Age 52</li> <li>• \$1,200 Annual Uniform Allowance</li> <li>• Paid Holidays</li> </ul>

The Loogootee Police Department is now accepting applications for Probationary Patrolman. Applications can be picked up in person at the Loogootee Police Department (401 JFK Ave, Loogootee, IN 47553) or requesting one by e-mail ([police@loogootee.in.gov](mailto:police@loogootee.in.gov)). Applications can be turned in at the Loogootee

Police Department or by e-mailing them to [police@loogootee.in.gov](mailto:police@loogootee.in.gov). Application DEADLINE is Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

## Craft Night at The Loogootee Public Library



**2026 ELECTION  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
PRIMARY  
(6:00 a.m. to 6:00  
p.m.)**



Voters: Absentee Ballot Applications to vote by mail are now being accepted at the Clerk's Office until April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Absentee Ballots will be mailed out starting Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Since this is the primary election, you do need to make a choice between a Republican Ballot and a Democrat ballot on your application. Please include either your driver's license number or the last 4 digits of your social security number.

Absentee Voting in Person will start Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals. In-person voting will end Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. NOON.

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be open at the courthouse for in person Absentee voting from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please make sure you are registered to vote at your current license/ID address no later than April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. You can update/register to vote at the clerk's office, BMV, or online at <http://www.indianavoters.com/>.

INDEPENDENT and MINOR PARTY candidates' filing period will be open until June 30<sup>th</sup> by NOON and will only appear on the 2026 General Election ballot in November.

Currently filed candidates include:

Independent, Brenisha (Nisha) Carrico for Crane Town Clerk/Treasurer.

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The people were furious at this offense and naturally suspicion fell on the Archer band. This band consisted of Thomas Archer, his sons John and Sam, his brother Martin Archer, "Little Marty" Archer, Samuel Bunch, a man named Marley and several others.

Nothing was done about the murder of the peddler. One summer day, some time after this first murder, Marty Archer was found dead on the highway. The crime had evidently been committed a few days before and his body showed that he had met with a most violent death. His relatives accused Marley of committing the crime and determined to avenge young Archer's death.

Marley disappeared soon after and no trace of him could be found. Then the Archer's turned on Bunch and accused him of helping Marley to escape. One morning after this, while Bunch was working around his farm, he was called away and this was the last that was ever seen of him. The Archers were accused of causing his disappearance and perhaps his death. They were arrested and given a preliminary trial but nothing could be proved as the body of the missing man could not be found. They were quickly acquitted and the matter was dropped for several years.

In the meantime offenses continued and the people in

**Martin County Courthouse Closed Today, March 11, Due to Severe Weather**

The Martin County Courthouse will remain closed today, March 11th, as a result of a town-wide power outage. The outage has affected multiple areas within the community, leading to the decision to suspend all courthouse operations for the day. Officials have indicated that repairs are underway, and they are working diligently to restore power as quickly as possible. Court services are expected to resume once electricity is restored and safety has been assured. Residents and legal professionals are advised to stay informed via local updates and to plan accordingly for any scheduled legal proceedings or visits to the courthouse. The local authorities appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this unexpected disruption. The courthouse staff will provide further updates once the power issue is resolved. In the meantime, individuals needing urgent assistance are encouraged to contact alternative local government offices or legal agencies for guidance.

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# MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



MID-  
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CORRIDOR

To the Editor,

\$3 billion is a lot of money to most people; but, our elected officials act like it's monopoly money. \$3 billion is also a lot of tax dollars from a rural, farming community. That's a lot of corn, soybeans, turkeys and hogs; or, it's a lot of desks, or pizza or air-soft pellets, depending on one's business. Then there's the ruse that it will be State or federal money. Where do they think the State or federal money comes from? Oh, right, they don't think. Our politicians seem to feel it's a simple matter to "obtain" tax dollars from private citizens, just raise their taxes.

The Lochmueller Group keeps revising the travel time savings and number of trucks that will be removed from US 231 by the Mid-States Corridor. These are disingenuous claims. They have not posted the methodology they used to create these claims. Why? Perhaps it's due to the fact that there is no verifiable data that there are over 1,700 trucks traveling on the roads every day, unless one counts pick-up trucks. How many local residents commute from Dale to Crane? Just saying it's so, does not make it a fact.

Is saving 5, 10 or even 30 minutes traveling between Crane and Dale really that important to the majority of the people who live and work in Dubois, Martin and Daviess counties? Who will really benefit? Who benefited from

the US 50 bypass around Washington? The US 50 bypass, as with the proposed Mid-States Corridor wasn't for the local's benefit, it was, and is, for the benefit of those driving from Illinois to Ohio. Yet, they chose to drive on a 2-lane highway instead of an interstate. Why?

The most disingenuous aspect of the Mid-States Corridor conversation is that it's being justified as "only" a 54 mile highway connecting I-64 to I-69. What excuse will they use to convince the people between Crane and Lafayette? It's only there to connect I-69 to I-65? It will reduce travel time to Purdue? Or, to Chicago? We all know that Hank Menke has always envisioned an interstate north to Michigan.

The Mid-States Corridor is a 54 mile long new terrain highway. It is not a 23 mile highway through Dubois County but a multi-county project. Those in favor keep saying the cost will only be \$1.3 billion. That is true for the Dubois County portion but does include the Spencer, Martin or Daviess counties portion. Nor does this \$1.3 billion include any land acquisition or legal costs to force even one land owner to sell. Eminent domain costs money; and, as we have seen there are 165 Dubois County landowners who have chosen to fight in court. There will that many and more in the adjacent counties that will also opt for a court fight.

The passage of Indiana Senate Bill 27 has rung the death knell for the Mid-States Corridor. It mandates any single county project in excess of \$250 million must go before the state legislature for approval, no matter where the money comes from. Like many cold-blooded animals when it's head is removed the body doesn't immediately die. Soon the Lochmueller Group and the local INDOT representatives will realize the head is gone. Then they will pack up and leave. This is where we are with the Mid-States Corridor.

Now is not the time to celebrate; but, it is the time to keep pressing the issue. The Corridor is not good for Dubois, Spencer, Martin and Daviess counties or for Indiana. We must continue to say NO. NO to the Corridor. NO to any inquiries from the Lochmueller Group or INDOT for our land. NO to anyone running for office who is not opposed to the Corridor. We must say YES to home rule. We must YES to all who oppose the Corridor. We must YES to any politician who opposes the Corridor.

Our local City Hall can be beat just the same as Tammany Hall was.

Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**The next Property Rights Alliance meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19th, 7:00 pm at Klubhaus61.**

**Bring friends!**

# SPORTS

## SEI Hoops Stars Earn HBCA All-District Honors, Getting Ready for All-Star Game In Loogootee



INDIANAPOLIS - The Hoosier Basketball Coaches Association has recognized outstanding student-athletes selected to the 2026 HBCA Senior All-District and Underclass All-District Teams.

These honors reflect exceptional performance, leadership, and commitment to the game of basketball across Southern Indiana.

Senior players selected to All-District teams will be on the ballot for the HBCA All-Star Game to be played at Loogootee High School in April. Underclass recognition concludes at the district level.

Local players earning recognition are:

2026 HBCA Boys Senior All-District 3

- Trenten Luers, Batesville
- Brayden Maple, Batesville
- Micah Norman, Milan
- Gabe Riehle, Milan
- Johnny Elkins, Jennings County

2026 HBCA Boys Underclass All-District 3

- James Hughes, Batesville
- Kamryn Holcomb, Batesville
- Liam Rogers, East Central
- Jacoby Miller, Greensburg
- Darian Grieshop, Jac-Cen-Del
- Owen Rennekamp, North Decatur
- Scout Gray, South Dearborn
- Wyatt Adams, South Dearborn
- Drew Volz, South Ripley
- Eli Gilpin, South Ripley

## BARR REEVE WINS 19TH SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN DOMINANT FASHION



LOGOOTE, Ind. (AP) — The Barr Reeve Vikings clinched their 19th sectional championship in school history Saturday night, defeating the Orleans Bulldogs 54-36 in a spirited contest at Jack Butcher Arena. The Vikings put on a resilient performance, pulling away in the second half to secure the victory and add another title to their storied basketball legacy.

Barr Reeve's determination on the court was reminiscent of the recent turnaround seen with Curt Cignetti's Indiana Hoosiers football team, displaying grit and composure in high-pressure moments.

Barr Reeve's 54-36 win over Orleans was hard-fought from the outset. The Vikings fended off a determined Bulldogs squad that threatened to close

the gap multiple times in the first half.

Orleans went on a run in the second quarter, trimming Barr Reeve's lead to just two points while the Vikings struggled with foul trouble late in the half.

Orleans senior Nate Brown paced his team with seven points in the first half, helping the Bulldogs keep pace in a tightly contested opening period.

Brown opened the second half with a pair of three-pointers, narrowing the Vikings' advantage from 26-21 to 33-27 and energizing the Orleans crowd.

Barr Reeve, who cruised past North Daviess 63-30 in Friday's semifinal, found themselves in a much closer contest early on, with Orleans applying pressure throughout the first half.

A controversial foul late in the half drew the ire of Orleans fans as Barr Reeve capitalized with three consecutive free throws, extending their lead heading into halftime.

With under two minutes left in the third quarter,

Barr Reeve surged ahead 40-29 following a series of layups and a key three-pointer, igniting the Viking faithful in the stands.

Brown, who finished with a game-high 21 points, fouled out with under three minutes remaining. He received a standing ovation from the Orleans supporters as he exited the court.

Barr Reeve controlled the pace in the final quarter, steadily pulling away and sealing the championship with a commanding performance down the stretch.

The Vikings advance to the IHSAA Regional Championship next week. Further details, including time and opponent, will be announced by the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

For tickets and game updates, visit the IHSAA website at [ihsaa.org](http://ihsaa.org) or check Barr Reeve High School's athletic social media pages. The Loogootee Times will provide ongoing coverage throughout the postseason.

## WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL HATCHETS ARE IN SEARCH OF A NEW BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Coach Brandt Schuckman has informed Washington High School that he will not see to return as head coach of the Washington Hatchets after taking over as interim head coach this past season.

Schuckman went 7-3 during his time as interim head coach and has spent 21 seasons as a head coach on the sidelines for the Hatchets.

The Washington High School Athletics Director, Larry Cochren, said in a statement on behalf of Washington Community Schools this morning, saying in a statement sent to the school's athletic Facebook page, "We are

grateful for Coach Schuckman's leadership and his loyalty to Washington High School Basketball and our players. We respect the fact that due to his new business and family obligations he does not feel he can balance that and give the head coaching responsibilities the full attention that the boys deserve."

He went on to say "We are indebted and grateful for Coach Schuckman and his family and they will always be a very important part of Hatchet Basketball and Athletics.

Coach Schuckman plans to continue to assist the team as a volunteer assistant coach for the Hatchets in the future.

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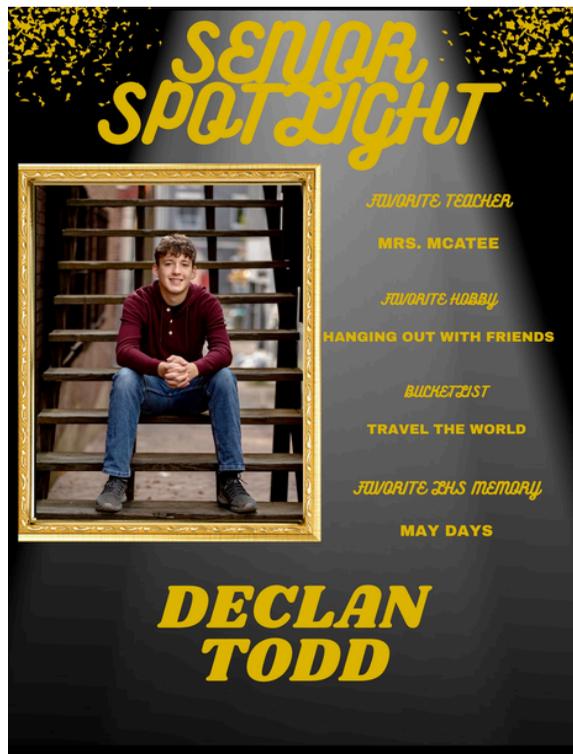
## Loogootee Schools Alumni Association Set for 50th Reunion on July 25

LOOGOTEEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Schools Alumni Association is gearing up for its 50th reunion, set for Saturday, July 25, at St. John Center's lower level. The celebration program will include the presentation of the prestigious Outstanding Alumnus Award, with this year's honoree announced at the event.

Last year's gathering featured surprises, including the award given to Kathy Combess Wittmer, a 1975 graduate of Loogootee High School. This year, organizers aim to make the milestone extra special by encouraging alumni to save the date and attend.

Registration details will be released soon. The event is open to alumni of Loogootee and St. John's Schools.

## Senior Spotlight: Olivia Holt & Declan Todd



**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

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MRS. MCATEE

*FAVORITE HOBBY,*  
HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS

*BUCKETLIST*  
TRAVEL THE WORLD

*FAVORITE JHS MEMORY,*  
MAY DAYS

**DECLAN TODD**



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**OLIVIA HOLT**

## LION SHOUTOUT!

### Weekly Shoutouts & News From The Loogootee Community School District



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## Tickets Now Available for the Martin County Alliance Annual Dinner 2026

Tickets are now available for the Martin County Alliance Annual Dinner. The event, set to take place soon, aims to bring the community together for an evening of connection, celebration, and vision. This year, attendees can purchase tickets online, including individual seats or table sponsorships, to support local initiatives. The keynote speaker will be Shellie Phelps, a nationally recognized leader in community revitalization and author of *Becoming a Big Fish*. Phelps played a significant role in transforming Wetumpka, Alabama, which was featured as HGTV's Home Town Takeover winner. The event encourages residents to mark their calendars and join in supporting the future of Martin County. Tickets are available at <https://martincountyallianceeconomic.betterworld.org/>.

## Nominees Announced for Little Company of Mary Outstanding Physician Award

Jasper, Indiana – Deaconess Memorial Medical Center has announced the names of the physicians nominated for the 14th annual Little Company of Mary Outstanding Physician Award.

The 2026 LCM physician nominees are:

- Aaron Blair, MD – Family Medicine, Deaconess Clinic Family Medicine – Dale
- Brian Blessinger, MD – Orthopedics/Spine, Deaconess Clinic Orthopedics – St. Charles
- Joseph El-Houjairy, MD – Hospitalist, Deaconess Memorial Medical Center
- Josh Leonard, MD – Cardiologist, Deaconess Clinic Heart and Vascular – Jasper
- Kevin Lusk, MD – Family Medicine, Deaconess Clinic Family Medicine – Ferdinand
- Erin Marchand, MD – Family Medicine, Deaconess Clinic Family Medicine and Specialists – Santa Claus
- Gary Riddle, MD – Family Medicine, Deaconess Clinic Family Medicine – Ferdinand
- Cassie Robertson, DO – Family Medicine, Deaconess Clinic Family Medicine – Ninth Street
- Kyle Schroering, DO – Emergency Medicine, Deaconess Memorial Medical Center

This 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. It is named after the Little Company of Mary Sisters, the founders of Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. To be accepted as a nominee, a physician must be classified as a member of the hospital's medical staff for a minimum of twelve months and be in good standing with the medical staff. The recipient of this year's award will be announced during a prayer service held in the hospital's Chapel on March 30, 2026.

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Monday, March 2, 2026

6:04 a.m.- Received a message from Shoals Community Schools advising they will be operating on a 2-hour delay today.

6:27 a.m.- Received a message from Loogootee Community Schools advising they will be operating on a 2-hour delay today.

7:30 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.

8:57 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

9:11 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn Northeast of Shoals.

9:38 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn Northeast of Shoals.

9:57 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

11:13 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

11:57 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins and ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.

3:15 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn Northeast of Shoals.

3:21 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

5:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Marshal Copeland responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

5:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, LPD Chief Cummings, Sergeant Hawkins and Deputy Clark responded. No one was transported.

8:34 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check Southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Clark and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

9:11 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked East of Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

5:46 a.m.- Received two 911 calls with no one on the line on Crane Naval Base. Crane Naval Base was notified.

7:14 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn North of Loogootee.

7:47 a.m.- Received a report of a possible identity theft. ISP was notified.

9:26 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance South of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:00 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded. No one was transported.

10:07 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

11:08 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.

12:59 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

2:13 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check North of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:38 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Shoals. Captain Gibson, Sergeant Hawkins and Marshal Copeland responded.

3:58 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

4:15 p.m.- Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. All on-duty units were advised.

4:15 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins on station with Rocky Baker, a 48-year-old male from Shoals, arrested by Marshal Copeland for Possession of methamphetamine, Possession of marijuana, Possession of paraphernalia, and Maintaining a common nuisance. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

6:13 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Purcell, Deputy Clark and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded. No one was transported.

6:17 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

6:27 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Carol Baker, a 73-year-old female from Shoals, arrested for Possession of methamphetamine, Possession of paraphernalia and Maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

6:44 p.m.- Jail Officer Mooneyham and Jail Officer Bradley on station with Robin Bruner, a 46-year-old male from Greenwood, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

6:53 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.

7:09 a.m.- Received a report of a stop sign down in Loogootee. Notified LPD.

8:47 a.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a residential burglar alarm Northeast of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Marshal Copeland responded.

11:19 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard West of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

2:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard on US 231S. Advised on-duty units and Dubois County.

4:03 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.

4:03 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down in Daviess County. Daviess County was notified.

4:55 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

5:58 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

6:06 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Deputy Branham responded.

7:24 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Highway Department and Deputy Branham responded. Frontier was also notified.

8:23 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Reserve Captain Hunt and Big John's Towing responded.

8:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

8:33 p.m.- Received a report of possible trespassing Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

8:54 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

Thursday, March 5, 2026

2:31 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Droke responded. No one was transported.

3:07 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

6:10 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire

Department, Marshal Copeland, and Coroner Abel responded.

6:38 a.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down South of Loogootee. INDOT responded.

7:51 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Pike County. Transferred 911 call to Pike County Dispatch.

8:25 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to speak to a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

9:50 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to speak to a deputy. Corporal Erwin responded.

10:07 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Shoals. Marshal Copeland, Captain Gibson, Corporal Erwin, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

12:10 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy in regards to a theft complaint. Captain Gibson responded.

1:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver North of Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

1:47 p.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.

2:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 did not transport.

3:01 p.m.- Marshal Copeland is on station with Garrick Cooper, a 54-year-old male from Shoals. He was arrested for OVWI Controlled Substance, OVWI Endangerment and Possession of Marijuana. He is being held at \$10,000 10% bond.

4:43 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious male in Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Corporal Erwin, and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

5:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting debris on the roadway East of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Corporal Erwin responded.

6:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a commercial burglar alarm North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

Friday, March 6, 2026

12:25 a.m.- Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

10:44 a.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn South of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department advised.

1:03 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver North of Loogootee. Martin County Law Enforcement responded.

1:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. Martin County Law Enforcement responded.

4:13 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

4:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

5:33 p.m.- Received a call reporting a semi broke down East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

6:05 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Corporal Erwin, Martin County Medic 1, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

7:23 p.m.- Received a call reporting an animal issue in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:27 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Droke responded.

7:46 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic violence situation South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Droke responded.

8:55 p.m.- Marshal Copeland is on station with Joshua Patterson, a 37-year-old male from Linton. He was arrested for Resisting Law Enforcement with a Motor Vehicle, OVWI Endangerment, OVWI, and Reckless Driving. He is being held at \$15,000 10% Bond.

10:11 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic violence situation South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Deputy Droke, and LPD Officer Purcell responded.

Saturday, March 7, 2026

7:39 a.m.- Received a call reporting a tree that was struck by lightning East of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin and Daviess Martin REMC responded.

8:34 a.m.- Received a call reporting possible drug activity in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:48 a.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver West of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

1:47 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey and Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:05 p.m.- Corporal Erwin is on station with Tommy Bertrand, a 53-year-old male from Elwood. He was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Paraphernalia. He is being held at \$15,000 10% bond.

3:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a transformer exploding South of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey and Daviess Martin REMC responded.

4:51 p.m.- Received a call reporting a speeder complaint in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

8:02 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

11:19 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Deputy Droke, and LPD Officer Purcell responded.

Sunday, March 8, 2026

12:02 a.m.- Received multiple 911 accidental calls pinging in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County Central Dispatch.

12:15 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Shoals. Deputy Droke and Deputy Branham responded.

1:36 a.m.- Extra patrols completed West of Loogootee.

4:25 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a single-vehicle accident West of Shoals. Deputy Droke, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford Hospital.

7:57 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:00 a.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn Southeast of Shoals.

10:16 a.m.- Received a call reporting a vehicle stuck on a flooded road in

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Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Big John's Towing responded.

10:18 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:55 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:46 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

2:18 p.m.- Received a call reporting a water meter leak in Shoals. Town of Shoals was advised.

3:00 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:00 p.m.- Received a call requesting extra patrol in Crane Village.

4:08 p.m.- Received a message from Shoals Community Schools advising they will be operating on a 2-hour delay Monday, March 9th.

4:54 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

5:52 p.m.- Received a call from Monitoring Center reporting a burglary alarm in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

8:53 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver traveling Southbound on US 231S entering Dubois County. Transferred to Dubois County 911.

9:08 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Clark responded.

# Courts

None This Week as Court Meets Monthly

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# PETS

## Help The Martin County Humane Society For A Good Cause

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Now Until **MARCH 15th!**

Send Checks To:  
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**507 N Oak St**  
**Loogootee, IN 47553**

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**Help Us Save More Lives!**

Want to help the shelter in a BIG way? Now is the perfect time!

We have an exciting opportunity to raise funds through the Martin County Community Foundation, and every donation will be matched 2 to 1. That means your gift can go three times as far to help the animals in our care.

We have until March 15 to raise as much as we can for the shelter!

# Local Obituaries

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300 Church Street, Loogootee, Ind. 47553*

## Robert “Bill” Jean Elliott

*September 5, 1930- March 5, 2026*



Bob came to enjoy off-shore fishing and loved taking family and friends out for a day of fishing in his boat.

He and Julia also created many happy memories with their travels throughout the U.S. and visits to several other countries.

Though his family grieves his passing, they are grateful for the life lessons he exemplified – a strong work ethic, his determination to achieve goals he set for himself, and the way he selflessly stepped in to help his family and extended family.

In addition to his wife and parents, Bob was preceded in death by his 4 siblings: Evelyn Leffler, Ralph Elliott, Lois Anne Willits, and William “Bill” Elliott.

He will be lovingly remembered by his 4 daughters: Jane (Scott) Bingham, McCordsville, Linda (Doug) Esmon, Naperville, IL, Carolyn Stoll, Washington, and Doris (Tom) Schuler, Evansville, and by his 8 grandchildren: Christy (Kevin) Showalter Wnukiewicz, Brandt (Jackie) Showalter, Carissa (AJ) Gomez, Brian (Jamie) Esmon, David Stoll, Casey Stoll, Jordan (Sabrina) Stoll, and Elliott (Rachel) Thole.

Bob also leaves behind 10 great-grandchildren, all of whom brought him so much joy in his later years, and 4 great-great grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews who have been so good to him throughout the years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Steven McGinnis at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Montgomery. Burial will follow in St. Peter Cemetery with military rites. Visitation will be held on the same day from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Gentiva Hospice Foundation ([www.gentivahs.com](http://www.gentivahs.com)) or to the Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation (<https://www.barr.k12.in.us/en-US/br-scholarship-foundation-b9faf43a>).

Condolences may be made online at: [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com)



Robert “Bob” J. Elliott, 95, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at The Villages at Oak Ridge in Washington, Indiana.

Born on September 5, 1930 in Richmond, Indiana, Bob was the son of Howard H. and Doris O. Elliott. He married Julia M. (Bucci) in 1953, and they enjoyed 64 years together in a full and loving marriage before Julia passed away in 2017.

After graduating from Windfall High School in 1948, Bob began studies at Purdue University’s School of Engineering. In 1951, he completed training at the Fort Sill Artillery Advanced Survey School and proudly served two years in the United States Army, primarily in Germany during the occupation of Germany during the Korean War.

After his military service, he resumed his studies at Purdue and went on to earn a degree in civil engineering.

Following graduation from Purdue, Bob built a successful career as a civil engineer. He began by working for consulting firms in Franklin and Indianapolis, but in 1961, accepted a job offer and moved his family from New Whiteland to Montgomery, and in 1963, became President of Midwestern Engineers, Inc., (MEI) in Loogootee. He continued as President until his retirement in 1993.

A dedicated civic leader, Bob spent countless hours devoted to community service, including submitting, through MEI, and successfully winning a federal grant that enabled the Montgomery Ruritan Club to build the Montgomery Ruritan Community Service Building.

Interested in flying, Bob became a licensed private pilot, which not only proved to be enjoyable, but also useful for traveling to MEI client meetings across Indiana and neighboring states – Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois.

Bob was an avid boater and slalom water skier, happily accomplishing his goal of still being to slalom ski on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Bob and his wife, Julia, both looked forward to spending their winters at Sanibel Island in Florida. During their nearly 40 years of being there,

**Easy**

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

**Medium**

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

**Hard**

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

**Expert**

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

**Master**

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

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**Easy**

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

**Medium**

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

**Hard**

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

**Expert**

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

**Master**

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

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# Sudoku Daily Game #34

## SOLUTIONS

# Coloring Sheet

## Stop N' Sea The Barr Reeve Vikings!



**Across**

- 1. Spaceman Shepard
- 5. Humdingers
- 10. Surgery reminder
- 14. "You've Got Mail" director Ephron
- 15. Man on a mission?
- 16. New Zealand fruit
- 17. Breaks environmental regularity?
- 20. Give the nod
- 21. Claptrap
- 22. Cyclone center
- 23. Losing proposition?
- 25. Bartlett or Bosc
- 27. Several reps, in the weight room
- 30. Proper partner
- 32. Brunch fare
- 36. Warm, so to speak
- 38. Big hit on Broadway
- 40. Lima's land
- 41. Follow the planned arrangement?
- 44. Brainstorming result
- 45. Culinary directive
- 46. Lethal loop
- 47. Meet an untimely fate
- 49. Get steamed up
- 51. Once named
- 52. Coward of the stage
- 54. Common canine
- 56. Ten Commandments container
- 59. For the taking
- 61. Darts down
- 65. Thorough investigation of war?
- 68. Word from Bishop T.D. Jakes
- 69. Pending
- 70. Word with fish or wish
- 71. Clarinet component
- 72. Act the coquette
- 73. Escape slowly

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14					15						16			
17				18						19				
20							21					22		
			23			24		25			26			
27	28	29		30			31		32			33	34	35
36			37			38		39			40			
41					42					43				
44					45					46				
47				48			49		50			51		
			52			53		54			55			
56	57	58		59			60		61			62	63	64
65			66					67						
68					69						70			
71					72						73			

**Down**

- 1. Singer/songwriter Paul
- 2. Clark's colleague
- 3. Circle parts
- 4. Like a jaybird, perhaps
- 5. More recent
- 6. "Yecch!"
- 7. Actor Cobb
- 8. Square, so to speak
- 9. Keep at bay
- 10. Hit the slopes
- 11. Quote as an authority
- 12. Elsewhere
- 13. Baptism, e.g.
- 18. Hidden marksman
- 19. Laser light
- 24. Nepal neighbor
- 26. Copy, briefly
- 27. Makeshift money
- 28. Sidestep
- 29. Printer powder
- 31. Recurring theme
- 33. Slot machine fruit
- 34. Take off the board
- 35. He's in a class by himself?
- 37. Wood coloring
- 39. A funny thing happened on the way there
- 42. Escort from the premises
- 43. Ring combo
- 48. Mushy
- 50. Iron-pumper's pride
- 53. Sierra \_\_\_
- 55. Pyramids, e.g.
- 56. A long way off
- 57. Cold crust
- 58. Dummy's seat
- 60. James of jazz
- 62. Symphony member
- 63. Mass of glass
- 64. Dance instruction
- 66. Deep place?
- 67. Casual greetings

# Crossword Puzzle #34

A	B	A	S	H		G	R	O	U	P		A	B	E
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E	L	M		M	E	S	A	S		D	O	N	E	E

# Crossword Puzzle #34 SOLUTION