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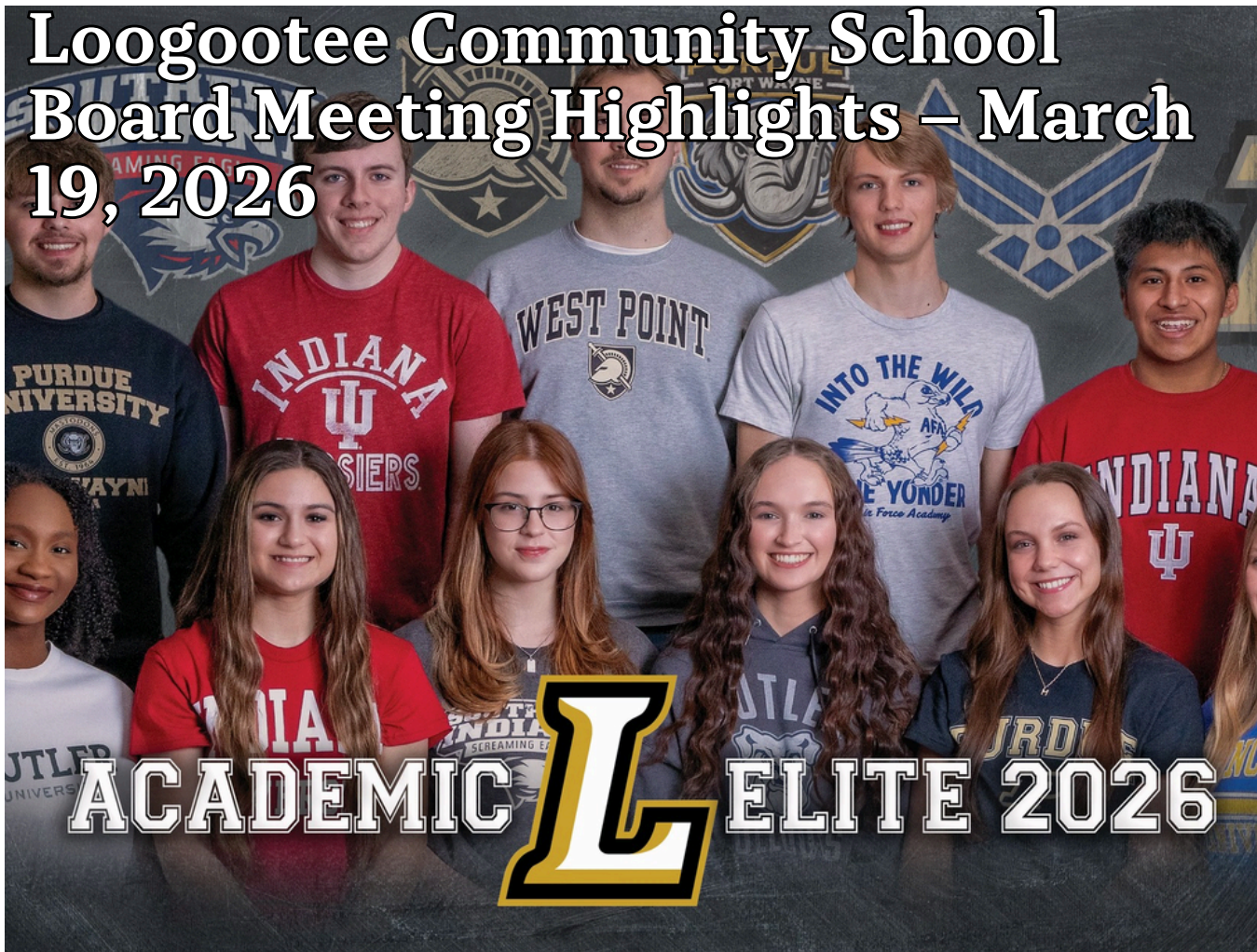
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## Loogootee Community Schools Welcome New Elementary School Principal

Loogootee Community Schools is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Amy Hammond as the new principal of Loogootee Middle School for the 2026-27 academic year. Mrs. Hammond, who is pictured with her sons, brings a wealth of experience and leadership to the district. The school district looks forward to her contributions in fostering a positive learning environment and supporting student success.

As the newest member of the Loogootee family, Mrs. Hammond is set to begin her tenure later this year. Her arrival marks an exciting chapter for the middle school, and the district community is encouraged to join in welcoming her. Throughout her career, Mrs. Hammond has demonstrated a commitment to educational excellence and a dedication to student development.

The district administration and staff are confident that Mrs. Hammond's leadership will greatly benefit the school community. Her background in educational administration and her passion for student achievement align with the district's mission to provide high-quality education. As she prepares to take on her new role, the district extends its support and enthusiasm for her upcoming leadership.



The Loogootee Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees convened for its regularly scheduled meeting on the evening of March 19, 2026, in the Loogootee High School Media Center. Board President TJ McAtee called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present included Vice President Nick Toy, Secretary Brent Courter, Dr. Brooke Hawkins, and Chad Wade. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Brian Harmon, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Shelley Christmas, Director of Curriculum

and Technology/Middle School Principal Dana Campbell, Corporation Treasurer Sandra LaMar, Corporation Secretary and Deputy Treasurer Georgia Templin, and Corporation Computer Technician Pryce Hedrick, along with several community members and guests. Following the call to order, the board proceeded with routine business. Approval of the previous board meeting minutes was granted on a motion by Dr. Brooke Hawkins and a second by Brent Courter, passing unanimously with a 5-0 vote. The board also approved corporatiot

n claims and vouchers, with a motion from Nick Toy and a second by Dr. Hawkins, again receiving unanimous approval. A substantial portion of the meeting focused on personnel matters, all of which were approved in a single motion by Brent Courter, seconded by Dr. Hawkins, and passed unanimously. The board approved Terri Smith as a long-term substitute teacher to cover Brittney Gibson's maternity leave. Several resignations were accepted, including Andrea Lindsey as a PAWS Daycare worker, Shirley Jeffers as a teaching assistant, Abbi Bratton as a

paraprofessional, Heather Hawkins as a guidance counselor, and Ellen Dant as Food Service Director, all effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. Additionally, Hannah Kidwell's leave request beginning April 7 through the remainder of the school year was approved. In personnel appointments, Amy Hammond was approved as the new Middle School Principal. Recommendations were also accepted for summer PAWS Daycare staff, including Amanda Campbell, Trisha Fox, Alivia Fox, Katie Callison, Courtney Glover, Aubrey Gilbert, and Isabelle Winger. Athletic appointments included Tracie McAtee as Head Volleyball Coach and MaKaylee Long as Middle School Golf Coach. Prom volunteers Krista Sims, Kay Summers, Debbie Truelove, Jolene McAtee, and Pat Wagoner were also approved.

## Celebrating Art at The Loogootee Senior Center



This afternoon, Tyler Walton inspired creativity within our group during a Paint and Create session. While none of us claimed to be Picasso, our efforts resulted in some amusing and unique interpretations. When Tom Walker captured a group photo, he humorously remarked, "Those are some interesting interpretations." The session was filled with laughter and enjoyable moments, thanks to Tyler's generosity in sharing his time and talents. We look forward to scheduling another class this summer to continue exploring our artistic sides and fostering community engagement.

**BARR REEVE HIGH  
SCHOOL PREPARES FOR  
THE STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME  
THIS SATURDAY**

**MARTIN COUNTY  
POLICE & EMT  
REPORTS PROVIDED  
BY THE MARTIN  
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OFFICE**

**EMBARGOED STATEWIDE  
POLL RESULTS — MID-  
STATES CORRIDOR AND  
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**CONT'D SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (From pg.1)**

Superintendent Dr. Brian Harmon took a moment to recognize Ellen Dant for her years of dedicated service, stating that her commitment to the corporation and its students had been "second to none." He also congratulated Tracie McAtee on her new role. Newly appointed Middle School Principal, Amy Hammond, addressed the board and audience, sharing that she immediately felt at home upon entering the school and expressed enthusiasm about joining the Loogootee community, noting that she has heard nothing but good things about the school, students, staff, and community. Tracie McAtee also spoke, noting her excitement to lead the volleyball program and praising the team's offseason efforts. The board then moved into action items, beginning with the approval of an increase in the PAWS Daycare daily rate from \$20 to \$25, effective at the start of the summer session. The measure pass

ed unanimously following a motion by Brent Courter and a second by Dr. Hawkins. The board also approved the acceptance of multiple donations from Tri Kappa, benefiting various programs across the elementary, middle, and high schools, including art departments, libraries, band, choir, life skills, and student support services. Dr. Harmon expressed appreciation for Tri Kappa's continued generosity, emphasizing the positive impact such contributions have on students. Additional action included approval to advertise bid specifications for a technology infrastructure upgrade and a food service vendor request for proposals, with the motion made by Chad Wade and seconded by Nick Toy, passing unanimously. The meeting also highlighted student achievement through presentations by three Loogootee Middle School students. Elena Lyon presented a science project from Miss Crim's class, showcasing a detailed model of the human eye constructed from recycled materials while explaining the functions of each component. Jack Divine, representing Miss Bauer's language arts class, delivered an argumentative

presentation advocating for a chess club or class, complete with a custom-designed chess logo and pieces created using the school's laser engraver and 3D printer. Ayla Hawkins also presented an argumentative proposal for the addition of a culinary class at e Community Schools, accompanied by a 3D-printed model of an egg in a skillet created with both a 3D printer and 3D pen. Board President TJ McAtee commended the students for their work, noting their evident passion and effort in their respective topics. Their presentations served as a demonstration of both academic engagement and the integration of technology within the curriculum. With no further business to address, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting on a motion by Brent Courter, seconded by Dr. Hawkins. The meeting concluded at 5:39 p.m. The next regularly

scheduled meeting of the Loogootee Community School Board is set for April 16, 2026.



**TODD STURGIS**  
**812-360-8834**

## Martin County Alliance's Annual Dinner on April 10 Featuring Shammy's Auto Wash Auction Item

The Alliance will hold its annual dinner on April 10, featuring a special auction item donated by Shammy's Auto Wash. The event coincides with spring—a season synonymous with cleaning and cruising—making it a fitting time to promote the giveaway. During the dinner, attendees will have the opportunity to bid on a yearly gold wash membership pass, perfect for car owners looking to keep their vehicles spotless throughout the year.

Shammy's Auto Wash generously contributed the donation, supporting the organization's efforts. The pass could be a great gift for anyone who knows someone in need of a vehicle refresh or simply wants to enjoy meticulous car care.

Tickets for the event are available through a provided link, where guests can purchase their seats and participate in the auction.

The fundraiser aims to support local initiatives and strengthen community ties. The alliance encourages community members to join the dinner and take part in the auction, which promises a chance to win valuable prizes while supporting a good cause. The event underscores the importance of community involvement and local business support.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the alliance's official fundraising page at [https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fmartincountyallianceeconomic.betterworld.org%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwZXh0bgNhZWOCMTAAAYnJpZBExSWROmpvcWx3Tm4zeGpwd3NydGMGYXBwX2lkEDyMjAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAAR7um\\_lwCk3EUnfFQ8i22-IdAu4kL53GZzbBe3d9t-kjrg\\_8xhltv9sus3ilw\\_aem\\_pvGRLVge4QgsRSYem\\_452g](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fmartincountyallianceeconomic.betterworld.org%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwZXh0bgNhZWOCMTAAAYnJpZBExSWROmpvcWx3Tm4zeGpwd3NydGMGYXBwX2lkEDyMjAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAAR7um_lwCk3EUnfFQ8i22-IdAu4kL53GZzbBe3d9t-kjrg_8xhltv9sus3ilw_aem_pvGRLVge4QgsRSYem_452g).



**CONT'D. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, From pg. 1)** Loogootee Community Schools continues to prioritize academic achievement, student well-being, and community engagement. The district invites parents, students, and community members to collaborate with Mrs. Hammond and to look forward to a productive and inspiring school year. The entire

district community is excited to work with Mrs. Hammond and to support her as she leads the middle school through the upcoming school year and beyond.

# Indiana Sheriffs' Association Announces 46th Youth Leadership Camp for 2026



The Indiana Sheriffs' Association announced and will be celebrating their 46th Annual Indiana Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Camp which will be held in June 2026. There will be two camp sessions this year, the first session will be held June 15-17, 2026, serving the Southern part of the state at the Indiana FFA Leadership Camp in Trafalgar, Indiana (Johnson County). The second session will be held June 22-24, 2026, serving the Northern part of the state at Pine Creek Camp in Pine Village, Indiana (Warren County). The Indiana Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Camp is a program provided by the Indiana Sheriffs' Association for boys and girls who are currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade of school and are interested in learning more about a possible career in law enforcement. The camp provides a very meaningful experience and relationship with other campers from throughout the state and sheriff officers who serve as counselors and instructors. Any boy or girl currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade of school interested in attending the camp should contact the Sheriff's Office or your school counselor for an application and additional information. The Sheriff announced that arrangements can possibly be made to provide the camp registration fee through a local business or civic organization for anyone interested. For more information, please contact your local Sheriff's office or Lauren Hess, Program Administrator for the Indiana Sheriffs' Association at lhess@indianasheriffs.org.

**EARLY CARE  
PROVIDER SURVEY**

Help Shape Child Care Supports  
in Your Community

# Join us on Thursday, March 26th at Valley Inn & Suites for Delicious Pulled Pork, Chicken, Nachos, and More!

On Thursday, March 26, a food event will take place in front of Valley Inn & Suites, opposite SVB&T, starting at 11:30 a.m. and continuing until the food is sold out. The organizers will serve pulled pork, chicken, nachos, and potentially additional options. The event encourages community participation with the phrase "YEA THAT MEANS YOU!!!" aiming to attract attendees.

THURSDAY  
6:00-8:00PM

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8AM-1PM

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# Information Regarding the 2026 Loogootee Schools Alumni Celebration for Loogootee & St. John's High School

**THE 2026 LOOGOOTEE SCHOOLS ALUMNI CELEBRATION FOR  
LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL**

**&**

**ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND THEIR GUESTS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**ST. JOHN CENTER LOWER LEVEL IN LOOGOOTEE**

**SOCIAL HOUR AT 6PM FOLLOWED BY A MEAL**

**CATERED BY WITTMER'S CATERING AT 7:00pm**

**There will be a cash bar provided by Red Bones!**

The 50 year (1976) and 25 year (2001) honored classes will be introduced, followed by a presentation that promises to be entertaining.

Various classes from both schools have chosen to celebrate their special years with us over these many years. The alumni celebration provides a simple solution for your class to reminisce together without the hassle of finding a venue, food, drinks and décor. So, bring a friend, gather your classmates and join us for this special evening.

*Please send your reservation with your year of graduation and school along with*

*\$30 per person to:*

*Loogootee Schools Alumni, P.O Box 78 Loogootee, IN 47553*

**If you prefer to pay by Venmo, you can do so @Gregory-Bateman-1 with the following information.**

**Alumnus name, School and Graduation Year**

- **Guest name (Maiden name and Graduation Year ONLY if LHS or St. John alum)**
- **Alumnus Contact info: phone or e-mail**

*Please note: we will reserve tables for the honored classes, however we can not take requests as to who you may wish to sit with.*

*Feel free to e-mail Greg Bateman at [gbateman8159@gmail.com](mailto:gbateman8159@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.*

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**Name(s) (Please include maiden name only if alum of LHS or St. John)**

**Names attending:**

**School and year of Graduation (only if alum)**

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**Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE RESPOND BY SATURDAY, JULY 18TH, 2026!**

**Festivities For The Event Begin on July 25, 2026 Honoring The  
Classes of 1976 & 2001**

# Deaconess Hospital in Jasper Offering a Basic Life Support, Childbirth, & Breastfeeding Classes in March & April

## Basic Life Support Class Information

Jasper, IN – Deaconess Memorial Medical Center offers an instructor led Basic Life Support (BLS) training class for licensed and certified health care professionals, such as physicians, dentists, nurses, paramedics and EMTs. This American Heart Association course covers CPR for all ages, 2-man CPR, bag-valve mask ventilation, relief of responsive and unresponsive FBAO (choking), and use of the AED. Participants must successfully complete a written test and skills evaluation in CPR and AED to receive a course completion (credential) card.

The next available class is Monday, April 6, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Health and Wellness Classroom at Memorial Southside Office, 1100 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Jasper. The cost is \$65. Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. For more information, or to register, please visit Deaconess Memorial Medical Center website at [www.deaconessmemorial.com](http://www.deaconessmemorial.com) and click on “Classes & Events,” or call the Deaconess Wellness Solutions department at 812-996-2399.

## Breast Feeding Class Information

Expecting a baby? Sign up to attend Deaconess Memorial Medical Center’s in-depth breastfeeding class, “Breastfeeding: Getting Started.” During your time of baby preparation, this educational class can help provide an easier transition into motherhood and breastfeeding. It is recommended that both mother and the support person, who will assist the mother, attend the classes as support is important to breastfeeding success.

“Breastfeeding: Getting Started,” will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Deaconess Memorial in Board Conference Room B/C, located on the lower level of the LCM Tower, at 800 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Jasper. The class is free for those delivering at Deaconess Memorial; otherwise, cost is \$15.

Pre-registration is required. To enroll, please visit Deaconess Memorial’s website at [www.deaconessmemorial.com](http://www.deaconessmemorial.com) and click on “Classes & Events.” If you do not have online access, please call Deaconess Memorial’s Lactation Services at 812-996-0383.

## Preparation for Childbirth Class Information

It is known that the more you know about your pregnancy and childbirth, the better you will be able to cope with and adjust to changes during this time. Expectant parents are invited to attend Deaconess Memorial Medical Center’s “Preparation for Childbirth” classes held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

“Preparation for Childbirth” is class to help prepare expectant mothers and support persons for childbirth, including a tour of the Women and Infant Services unit. It is recommended that both mother and the support person who will assist the mother during delivery of the baby attend the class.

This class is being held in Medical Arts Conference Room at 721 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Jasper. It is free to those who are delivering at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center or \$65. The “Preparation for Childbirth” classes are conducted by qualified obstetrical nursing personnel. To enroll, please visit Deaconess Memorial’s website at [www.deaconessmemorial.com](http://www.deaconessmemorial.com) and click on “Classes & Events.” If you are unable to access online, please 812-996-0383.



**LOOKING FOR VENDORS**

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*Vendor market*

**10x10 Booth \$10**

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## Important Information From The Martin County Election Board



The Martin County Election Board will be having a PUBLIC TEST of the ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., in the Commissioner's Room at the Martin Co. Courthouse at 129 Main Street in Shoals pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-5.

## Martin County Historian

History Lesson Every Month By The Martin County, Ind. Historical Society



Waggoner's Chapel History

## LMC Truck Hop: Exciting Automotive Event for Families and Car Enthusiasts

LMC Truck Hop is approaching quickly, and excitement is building for the upcoming event. Enthusiasts and families are encouraged to visit the lineup of cars, each offering a fun treat for attendees. The event aims to create a welcoming environment where everyone can enjoy a day of automotive admiration and community engagement. Participants are invited to bring friends and family to experience this lively gathering. As the event draws near, organizers are preparing for a day filled with entertainment, activities, and surprises for all ages. The Truck Hop is set to be a highlight for local car lovers and a festive occasion for the community.



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Create a 3 - 5 minute video that showcases your favorite part of your communities history to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

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**WHERE?**  
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**WHO?**  
AREA STUDENTS GRADES 9-12

**WHEN?**  
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 31<sup>st</sup> @ 11:59 PM SHOWING & WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT: JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM

Grand Prize DJI OSMO POKKET 3 VALUED AT OVER \$500

RESOURCES SUBMISSION FORM QUESTIONS

# MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

Have you seen the photo on the Mid-States Corridor Facebook page about RCI Testimonials? It's rather telling, as one can see where the traffic crosses all lanes of traffic. This shows how dangerous the RCI's really are. By the marks on the pavement it's apparent there is little traffic on the illustrated highway. If the Mid-States Corridor traffic is as little as the photo it's just more proof that we do not have congestion problem and therefore do not need the Corridor.

Speaking of need, Friday's Dubois County Commissioner's meeting was a meeting without a need. The special meeting had a single agenda item "RDA Discussion"; but, what we got was another unopposed lecture by the RDA's leaders, Bill Kaiser and Mark Schroeder. They held court for an hour while Commissioner Serice Stenftenagel asked several inane and what appeared to be pre-planned questions. Questions she could have and should have asked at the previous Monday's meeting.

There was no discussion and there was no counter presentation, allowed. Commissioner Stenftenagel actually made the comment that it was she that wanted this special meeting. I guess that means she set the parameters so there would be no public debate. This was all a show to have Commissioner

Nick Hostetter there to second her motion and vote to recommend the renewal of the RDA to the County Council. To Chad Blessinger's credit, he did not go along with the others.

What we saw was flawed democracy in action. The people of not only Dubois County but of Indiana as a whole are opposed to the Mid-States Corridor project. 74% statewide want the project scrapped and the monies spent on other more important INDOT projects. Ms. Stenftenagel and Mr. Hostetter should be listening to the 81% of their constituents and not the 19% minority. It's been my understanding that the needs/wants of the many outweigh the needs/wants of the few...even if the few are the Governor and his cabal.

In 1895, just shy of his 21st birthday, after touring the United States Winston Churchill, in a letter to his mother said "Americans can always be trusted to do the right thing, once all other possibilities have been exhausted." It wasn't a compliment. Yet, here we are, with our elected officials choosing to NOT do the right thing. Study after study after study for the past 75 years have proven one thing, a by-pass around Huntingburg, Jasper and Loogootee is NOT the right thing as it's NOT what the people want.

The property Rights Alliance (PRA) and many civic minded people from Dubois, Martin and Daviess counties donated money to have 2 scientific polls done regarding the Mid-States Corridor. Both the local (Dubois County) and the statewide polls showed exactly the same thing, the people do not want or need the Mid-States Corridor. They want our current roads maintained as they should be. They do not want to spend \$3+ billion for 54 mile new terrain highway.

Now is the time for all good people to come to the defense of their homes. We thought our elected leaders would take the wants and needs of their constituents to heart. It appears we were wrong. Some of them seem to still want to please the Cabal that is trying to force it's will on we the people, just like Cartels do in other countries.

The Dubois County Council is set to vote on the Mid-States Corridor at their next meeting. We must all attend as this will be a very important meeting. The RDA gang will there in force to continue to press what they think is their advantage. We must not allow the RDA to take to the podium unchallenged. We must not allow the Council to vote until our position has been stated. We must insist on a debate before the Council. We must ensure that the Council understands that the will of the people is paramount to the will of the Cabal.

It's time for the good people of Martin and Daviess counties to come to aid (and

support) of our neighbors in Dubois County. The Mid-States Corridor will effect all of us. Come to the Dubois County Council meeting and show your support.

Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County

## Upcoming Events:

**Dubois County Council Meeting,  
March 30, 2026**

# SPORTS

## Loogootee Sports Schedule

Softball (Girls V) -  
Washington High School  
(H)  
3/30/2026 5:00 PM

Tennis (Girls V & JV) -  
Washington (Scrimmage)  
(A)  
3/31/2026 4:30 PM

Softball (JH) Girls - North  
Daviess (A)  
3/31/2026 6:00 PM

Softball (Girls V) -  
Bloomfield Jr/Sr HS (A)  
4/1/2026 5:30 PM

Softball (JH) Girls -  
Bloomfield Jr/Sr HS (H)  
4/1/2026 5:30 PM

## VARSITY SOFTBALL BATTLES, BUT FALLS IN HOME OPENER

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The Lady Lions took the field last night and delivered a strong performance in their season opener against the North Daviess Lady Cougars. Despite being a hard fought game, they ended up falling short, losing 6-4. North Daviess set the tone early, scoring 2 runs in the first inning, but Loogootee rallied back to take the lead in the bottom of the third. The offense was led by Ava Jeffers, who went 3-4 at the plate, Brynn Lengacher going 2-4 and Chloe Ramsey, Savannah Green, Jade Lawson and Maycee Hembree adding in a hit each as well. In the circle, Savannah Green and Jocelynn Sims came out strong. Savannah pitched 4 and 2/3 innings, recording

3 strikeouts and Jocelynn pitched 2 and 1/3 innings. The pitching duo, combined with the Lions Defense stranded 13 runners left on base for North Daviess. Head coach Josh Franklin praised the team's effort, saying, "He is extremely pleased with the tempo and effort the girls showed. This is only her first game of the season and we will continue to improve and elevate our level of play as the season continues."

## FIVE INDIVIDUALS HONORED WITH IHSAA STATE FINALS AWARDS INCLUDES LOOGOOTEE BASEBALL COACH, SCOTT ARTHUR



Five individuals will be honored Saturday during the 116th Annual IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals in Indianapolis. They are recognized for their contributions to education-based athletics and Indiana high school basketball. The honorees include Senator Ron Altig and Tamika Catchings, a WNBA champion. Catchings, who previously received the Richard G. Lugar Award but was unable to attend last year, will accept the award at halftime of the Class 4A state championship game.

Other nominees are Scott Arthur of Loogootee High School, who will be celebrated as the Boys Basketball Official of the Year during halftime of the Class 2A championship. Mike Broughton will receive the Ray Crowe Excellence in Leadership Award at halftime of the Class 3A final. Broughton, a former Jeffersonville High School coach, led the school to a state championship in 1993 and is a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and the IHSAA Board of Directors. He also served as a basketball analyst during IHSAA broadcasts.

Additionally, Rick Vanderwielen will be presented with the Jim Morris Humanitarian Award at halftime of the Class 3A championship. Vanderwielen, a Noblesville resident, is a business owner and an innovative website broadcaster for IHSAAtv.org.

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# BARR-REEVE STOPS JETS ONE WIN SHORT OF STATE FINALS

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WASHINGTON — Hauser had momentum on its side late in the third quarter Saturday night when it battled back from a nine-point deficit to tie Barr-Reeve in the championship game of the Washington Semistate.

But just after that, senior point guard Stryker Gill was whistled for his fourth foul and went to the bench until about five minutes remained in the game. By that time, the Vikings had regained control, and they held on to post a 52-47 victory.

“In these tournament games, the ball has to bounce your way in some moments,” Hauser coach Trent Moorhead said. “Whistles have to go your way in some moments. It felt like we were fighting uphill on some of that tonight.”

The Jets (26-3) got within two on a basket by Gavin Keller with 4:08 remaining. But that was as close as they would get until Gill drained a 3-pointer from the left corner with 36 seconds left to cut it to 48-45. Barr-Reeve (27-1) then made four consecutive free throws to ice it.

“It shows a lot about the character of our team to not quit or fold there in the second half,” Moorhead said. “They responded to adversity, they battled back to tie it a couple times and put ourselves in positions to win that game. But you have to credit Barr-Reeve. They made the plays when it counted, they made free throws down the stretch when they needed to, they played very physical, they finished well and just did a little bit more than we did tonight, and that’s why they won.”

The Vikings frustrated Hauser at both ends of the floor in the first half in taking a 25-18 lead. Kierson Lengacher, who scored a game-high 29 points, and others got to the rim for layups. “We couldn’t really stop their downhill dribble-drive in the first half,” Hauser junior Joel Bechtel said.

Keller, the Jets’ leading scorer, battled foul trouble in the first half, picking up his second and third in the second quarter.



“They made their shots, and we couldn’t stop their dribble in the first half,” Keller said.

Gill finished with 14 points to lead Hauser. Bechtel scored 11 points, while Keller had 10 and Kam Blair added nine points and seven rebounds.

“I thought they did a great job of protecting the paint and making it difficult for us to get to the rim, and when our perimeter shots weren’t falling on top of that, it hurt us offensively,” Moorhead said. “Then, they did a really good job of finishing and attacking the basket and made some perimeter shots. I thought that was the difference — our inability to convert in a few different half-court trips that mattered.”

The Jets were looking to make it to the state finals for the first time in 20 years. They fell one win short.

“We had a goal set and just came up a little bit short,” Bechtel said. “There’s nobody I’d rather be on the court with than these guys.”

“It doesn’t take away from the season that we had and how proud I am of these seniors and what they’ve accomplished,” Moorhead added. “It will be days, weeks, months from now, but we’ll look back and be really proud at the season that we had and making it to the final four and all the great things that this team has accomplished.”

Barr-Reeve 52, Hauser 47

Barr-Reeve;14;11;9;18;—;52

Hauser;10;8;14;15;—;47

Barr-Reeve (27-1): Kierson Lengacher 10 6-6 29, Carson Yoder 0 1-4 1, Braxton Neidigh 5 3-5 13, Jaylon Graber 2 1-2 5, Josh Miller 1 2-2 4. Totals: 18 13-19 52.

# Congratulations, Elena! Recognized For Beta Club Award in Gatlinburg



We proudly recognize 7th grader Elena Lyon for her exceptional achievement. Recently, Elena competed in Gatlinburg for a Regional Beta Leadership title, where she was one of only two winners out of more than 20 participants. This accomplishment highlights her dedication, confidence, and leadership skills. Building on her success, Elena is now preparing to compete at the national level for a National Beta Leadership title. We wish her the best as she continues this exciting journey and represents our school with distinction. Congratulations, Elena!

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Sarah Jones

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

*FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST*

**SILK SONIC**

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**BBQ RIBS**

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# SARAH JONES

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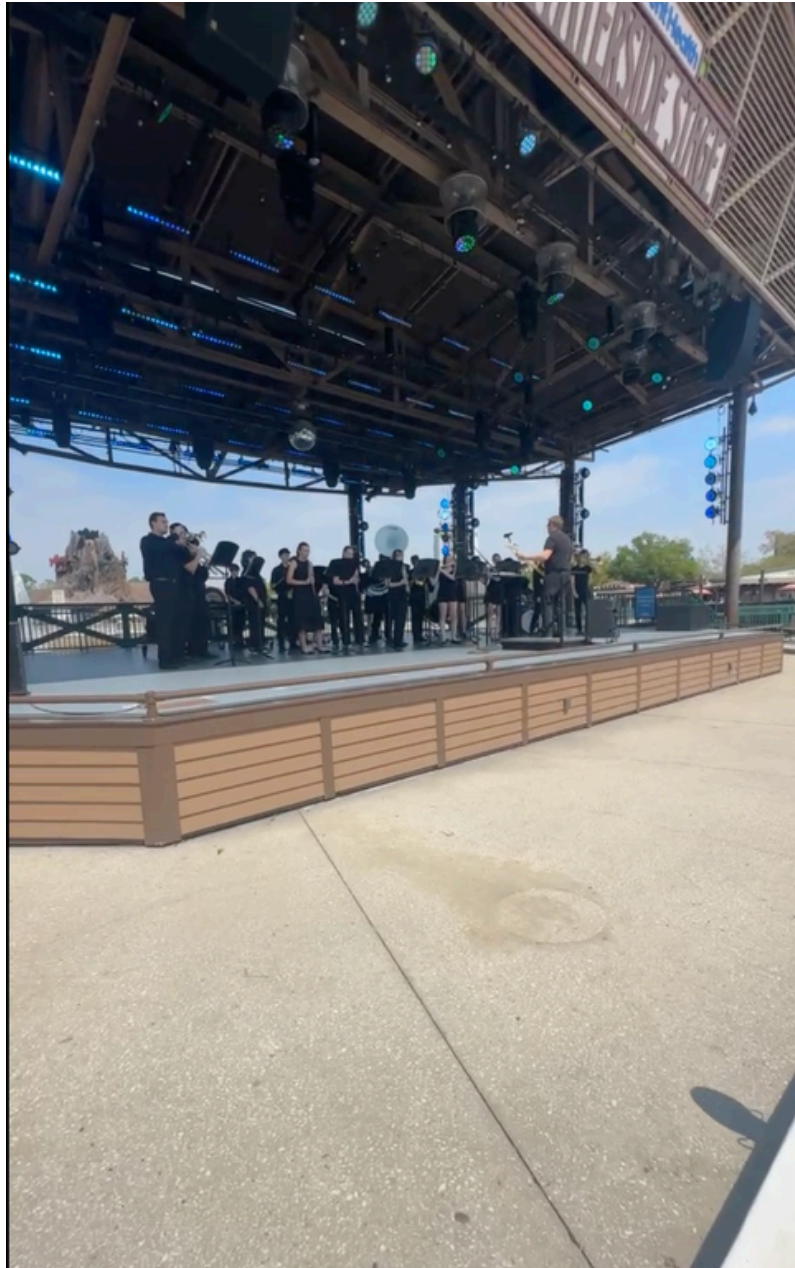
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## Learn Checkpoint Activities (Photographed by Loogootee Community Schools)



# Martin County & Courts 12

Monday, March 16, 2026

4:13 a.m.- Received a report of powerlines down Northeast of Shoals. Major Reed and REMC responded.

5:03 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

6:43 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southeast of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.

8:06 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

9:04 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy for traffic control East of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:16 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check South of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

10:49 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Crane Village. ISP Trooper Wier responded.

12:40 p.m.- Indiana Conservation Officers requested assistance in Shoals. Captain Gibson, Martin County Coroner Abel, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 3 responded.

1:52 p.m.- Deputy Clark transported one inmate to court.

1:52 p.m.- Jail Officer Mooneyham transported two inmates to court.

3:14 p.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:23 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male in Shoals. Marshal Copeland and Captain Gibson responded.

5:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:01 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey, LPD Officer Purcell and Deputy Clark responded.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

1:1 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial

Medical Center.

8:10 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance with traffic control East of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:25 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

10:29 a.m.- Received a call from Midwest America advising of a road closure in Loogootee today.

2:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Shoals. Marshal Copeland and Captain Gibson responded.

2:05 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance North of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:55 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a hit and run accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, LPD Chief Cummings, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and ISP Master Trooper Lents responded. No one was transported.

3:43 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East into Shoals. Marshal Copeland and Captain Gibson responded.

6:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting harassment in Marion County. Transferred the call to Marion County 911.

6:42 p.m.- Received two calls reporting horses out South of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

7:18 p.m.- Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Advised all on-duty officers.

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

5:15 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident East of Shoals. Major Reed and Big John's Towing responded.

5:40 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle South of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

8:08 a.m.- Received a report of horses out South of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

8:15 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:44 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:41 p.m.- Received a report of possible trespassing South of Loogootee. DNR was notified.

1:43 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn Northeast of Loogootee.

2:17 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

2:43 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle North of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

4:15 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

4:26 p.m.- Received a report of a possible safety issue in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

5:59 p.m.- Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Crane Village. Deputy Clark responded.

8:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call from Daviess County requesting an ambulance. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3 and Daviess County Coroner responded.

Thursday, March 19, 2026

9:23 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

10:36 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

1:36 p.m.- Received a report of property damage East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

4:12 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

4:49 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn Southwest of Shoals.

5:30 p.m.- Received a report of an accident West of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Corporal Erwin, Deputy Branham, Marshal Copeland and Reserve Marshal Linch responded. No one was transported.

4:53 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn North of Loogootee.

11:56 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Friday, March 20, 2026

5:08 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down Northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.

9:01 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

10:53 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

12:04 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn East of Loogootee.

2:22 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

2:29 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

3:02 p.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Charles Stewart Jr, a 54-year-old male from Vincennes, arrested for Invasion of privacy and for Possession of marijuana. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

3:59 p.m.- Received a report of property damage East of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

7:36 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and LPD Officer Purcell responded. No one was transported.

7:56 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

8:21 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded. No one was transported.

8:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle East of Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

8:46 p.m.- Received two 911 calls reporting a field fire East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Marshal Copeland responded.

Saturday, March 21, 2026

8:59 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn South of Shoals.

9:25 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

10:30 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check East of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

10:46 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard Southwest of Shoals. INDOT was notified.

11:02 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

11:08 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn South of Shoals.

12:15 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

1:26 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Crane Village. Advised all on-duty units.

2:28 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

3:17 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn East of Loogootee.

3:42 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless motorcycle in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

4:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:09 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Branham and Deputy Droke responded.

7:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a field fire North of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Droke responded.

8:09 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting the same fire. Advised caller units are enroute.

10:12 p.m.- Received a noise complaint in Crane Village. Deputy Droke responded.

Sunday, March 22, 2026

11:33 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

12:38 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

3:46 p.m.- Received a report of a possible break-in East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

4:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

6:31 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

7:54 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:21 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down in Lawrence County. Notified Lawrence County.

10:58 p.m.- Received a report of a tree on a powerline in Daviess County. Notified Daviess County.

11:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Officer Purcell responded.

## COURT RECORDS

Civil Court New Filings

In Re: the Marriage of Sabrina D. Keller and Derek Andrews Keller; domestic relations with children, pending.

Closed Civil Cases

Plaza Services LLC v. Andrew Hopkins; civil collection, decided.  
In the Matter of Petition for Name Change of Josphine Louise Smith; miscellaneous civil, decided.

Small Claims Court Judgments

Hoosier Accounts Service v. Christopher C. Bledsoe; small claims, decided.

Hoosier Accounts Service v. Ashley N. Hembree; small claims, decided.

Hoosier Accounts Service v. Erin Carter; small claims, decided.

Hoosier Accounts Service v. Rhiannon M. Graves; small claims, decided.

Rachel Richmond v. Care Strategies; small claims, decided.

Criminal Court Judgments

State of Indiana v. Logan Padgett; Defendant pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine, Level 6 Felony, Unlawful Possession of a Syringe, and Driving While Suspended. Sentenced 19-Mar-26. Other counts dismissed.

State of Indiana v. Daniel R. Rasche; charges of Criminal Confinement and Domestic Battery, dismissed.

In the State of Indiana v. Logan Padgett, Defendant pleaded guilty to Auto Theft, Level 6 Felony. Other counts dismissed.

Dustin Cramer pleaded guilty to Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, Level 6 Felony. Other count dismissed.

Brian Helenburg pleaded guilty to Operating a Vehicle With a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance or its Metabolite in the Blood, Class C Misdemeanor. Other Counts dismissed

Daniel Rasche pleaded guilty to Harassment by Use of a Computer Network, Class B Misdemeanor. Other count dismissed.

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State of Indiana v. Dustin A. Cramer; Defendant pleaded guilty to Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated and Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Bodily Injury. Sentenced 18-Mar-26, Case dismissed.

State of Indiana v. Dustin A. Cramer; charge of Driving While Suspended (prior conviction), dismissed.

#### Updated New Criminal Cases

Terri Williams is charged with Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person. Case pending.

Larry D. Cook is charged with Intimidation (defendant allegedly drew or used a deadly weapon), Criminal Recklessness with a deadly weapon, Pointing a Firearm at Another, and Shooting From or Across a Public Highway. Case pending.

Tony Junior Leatherman is charged with Theft of a Valuable Metal at Risk of Bodily Injury, Railroad Mischief, and Railroad Trespass. Case pending.

Bryan Henard is charged with Strangulation, Domestic Battery, and Resisting Law Enforcement. Case pending.

Harold Gooding is charged with Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia, Introducing a Controlled Substance into Body, and Operating a Vehicle with a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance or its Metabolite in Blood. Case pending.

Amy Ward is charged with Possession of Marijuana. Case pending.

Garrick W. Cooper is charged with Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person, Criminal Mischief, Possession of Marijuana, and Operating a Vehicle with a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance or its Metabolite in Blood. Case pending.

Willie D. Wilson is charged with Invasion of Privacy (alleged violation of an order). Case pending.

Joshua A. Yarbrough is charged with Invasion of Privacy (alleged violation of an order). Case pending.

Jesus Arturo Saldana is charged with Knowingly or Intentionally Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Ever Receiving a License. Case pending.

James R. Honeycutt is charged with Violation of Driving Conditions. Case pending.

Jason Lee Walker is charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia. Case pending.

Hakeem Ahmed Khan is charged with Possession of Marijuana. Case pending.

Michael J. Searl is charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident (driver allegedly failed to stop at the scene). Case pending.

Stephanie Hall is charged with Possession of Marijuana. Case pending.

Heather Stewart is charged with Possession of Marijuana. Case pending.

Blake Tucker is charged with Minor in Possession of Alcohol. Case pending.

Timothy S. Morrow, Jr. is charged with Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, Kidnapping (allegedly committed by using a vehicle), and Intimidation. Case pending.

Taylor Alan Kavanaugh is charged with Burglary, Theft (property stolen is a firearm), Obstruction of Justice, and False Informing. Case pending.

Rocky Mccoy Baker is charged with Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Paraphernalia. Case pending.

Carol Baker is charged with Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Paraphernalia, and Possession of Marijuana. Case pending.

Chealsie Senne is charged with Operating a Vehicle Without ACE of .15 or More with Passenger Under 18, Neglect of a Dependent, Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person, and Operating Vehicle with Alcohol Concentration. Case pending.

Tommy Bertrand is charged with Possession of Methamphetamine Over 5 Grams and Possession of Paraphernalia. Case pending.

Joshua R. Patterson is charged with Resisting Law Enforcement (uses a vehicle), Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person, Reckless Driving, and Refusal to Submit to Breath or Chemical Test. Case pending.

John L. Jewell is charged with two counts of Intimidation, Residential Entry, Disorderly Conduct, and Public Intoxication. Case pending.

Michael Holt is charged with Battery. Case pending.

# Local Obituaries

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## Rosa Mae Stoll

May 1, 1950-March 20, 2026



Rosa Mae (Wagler) Stoll, 75, of Montgomery, Indiana, passed away on Friday, March 20, 2026 at her residence.

She was born on May 1, 1950 in Montgomery, Indiana to Alvin and Mary (Wittmer) Wagler. Rosa married Kenneth Stoll on April 6, 1974, and he survives. She was a member of Crossroads Mennonite Church, where she was strong in her faith. Her relationship with the Lord was a guiding light throughout her life. She especially cherished time spent with her grandchildren, nieces and nephews, finding great joy in their presence and creating lasting memories with them.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; daughter: Cheryl (Nathanael) Wagler of Odon; son: Shawn (Audrey) Stoll of Montgomery; grandchildren: Akaysha Stoll, Maeli Stoll, Nataya Stoll, Asher Stoll and Apollo Wagler; brothers: David (Barbara Jean) Wagler, Richard (Carolyn) Wagler, Marlin (Laurel) Wagler, Alvin Jr. (Shirley) Wagler, all of Montgomery, and Dale William "Bill" (Janet) Wagler of Greensburg, Kentucky; sisters: Kathleen (Fred) Stoll, Diane (Bruce)

Lengacher, Shirley (Donald) Swartzentruber, Marjorie (Harold) Graber, all of Montgomery, Delilah Lengacher, Ruth (Elmer Lee) Graber, both of Loogootee; sister-in-law: Rosemary Wagler of Montgomery; uncle: Henry (Martha) Wittmer of Montgomery; aunt: Dora Mae Wittmer of Evansville; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother: Paul Joe Wagler; sister: Mary Jane Kemp; brothers-in-law: Ora Wagler, Leroy Kemp and Leroy Lengacher.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. at Crossroads Mennonite Church in Montgomery, Indiana. Burial will follow at Crossroads Cemetery.

Visitation will begin on Sunday, March 22, 2026 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and again on Monday from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Arrangements provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery, Indiana.

To send a flower arrangement in memory of Rosa Mae Stoll, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

## Mary J. Bradley

March 30, 1933- March 20, 2026



Mary J. Bradley, 92, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Poplar Care Strategies in Loogootee, Indiana. Born on March 30, 1933, she was the youngest daughter of George and Sarah "Sadie" (Greenwell) Bradley. Mary was a lifelong member of St. John the Evangelist Church. She lived a simple life rooted in deep faith, finding joy in the everyday moments that mattered most. She was a fan of Loogootee and I.U. basketball. She lovingly cared for generations of local children, cherishing each laugh, story, and small hand held in hers. The outdoors was her sanctuary, and she found her greatest happiness in tending her garden under bright,

open skies—sunny days were her absolute favorite, bringing her a special kind of peace and warmth that she carried within her. She also shared her love through her kitchen, where her homemade white chocolate-covered pretzels became treasured treats that family and friends eagerly anticipated. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, siblings: Irene Ford, Eileen Haag, "Bill" William C. Bradley, Lucille Bradley, Benard Bradley, and Joe Bradley. Surviving is her niece, Rita Divine of Loogootee; great-nieces: Jackie (Kyle Jones) Lannan of Evansville, Indiana, Jessie (Jason) Bell of Loogootee; and 5 great-great nieces and 1 great-great nephew who were like her own grandchildren: Gabrielle, Sophia,

and Vivienne Lannan; Cora, Rawlings, and Remington Bell; and several nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2026 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, Indiana with burial to follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 26, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. John Catholic Cemetery Fund. Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com) Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mary J. Bradley.

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# Marvin Graber

April 13, 1948-March 19, 2026

Marvin Graber, 77, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2026 with his family by his side.

He was born on April 13, 1948, to Mahlon & Mattie (Yutzy) Graber. On June 12, 1977, he married Carolyn Mamer.

Marvin was a true jack-of-all-trades. He worked as a farmer, spent many years as a maintenance technician at Boggs Lake, and dedicated several years to small engine repair. He was also a member of Mt. Joy Church in Odon, Indiana. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Ervin, Ezra, and Mahlon, Jr., and sister, Mary Ellen.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Carolyn Graber, their children, Jeff (Joanna) Graber of Ukraine, Jason (Melissa) Graber of Loogootee, Regina (Andy) Weaver of Foxworth, MS, Christina (Jerald) Witmer of Smithdale, MS, Marvin (Joanna) Graber, Jr. of Elnora, Indiana, and Katrina Graber of Loogootee, grandchildren, Karlin, Rosalie (Nevin Yoder) Lanae, Jarell, Glendon, Randall, Lyndell Graber, Cheyanne (Jasper Reimer), Serena Weaver, Austin, Jeremy, Nolan, Kendric, Sherilyn, Carson, and Adrian Witmer, Keeanna, K'Senia, Sebastian, Rhema Graber, sisters, Amanda Davis of Goshen, IN, Fern (Tim) Sult of Loogootee, IN, Lena (Kenny) Stemen of Loogootee, IN, Dorothy (Jim) Gilbert of Loogootee, IN, Joanne (Curt) Yoder of Anderson, IN, brother, Delmar (Vera) Graber of Cannelburg, IN.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at the Shiloh Community Center in Odon, Indiana at 10:00 a.m. Burial to follow at Mt. Joy Cemetery, Odon, Indiana.

Visitation will begin on Monday, March 23, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Shiloh



Community Center and continue on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 from 2:00 P.M until 4:00 P.M and 6:00 P.M until 8:00 P.M.

Blake and Wagler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Marvin Graber.

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To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Marvin Graber, please click here to visit our sympathy store.

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# Ethan Jerome Doyle

May 11, 1993-March 18, 2026



Ethan Jerome Doyle, 32, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at his residence. Born on May 11, 1993 in Indianapolis, Indiana, he was the beloved son of Ruth A. Doyle.

Ethan was an avid sports enthusiast who loved watching SportsCenter and was a devoted fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. Music was the backdrop of his life and he cherished the time he spent with friends and family. Creative and thoughtful, he enjoyed expressing himself through art and writing, particularly when it came to sports. Ethan was a 2011 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School and attended Vincennes University. During his time at Barr-Reeve, he played basketball for four years and did an internship publishing sports articles with the Washington Times Herald, showcasing both his passion and talent. He possessed a curious and imaginative mind, along with a strong interest in technology, always eager to learn and explore new ideas.

Ethan was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth, and

grandfather, Jerome Doyle. He leaves behind his loving parents, Jim and Angela Doyle; his sisters: Morganne Doyle (Jordan Graber), Molleigh Doyle (Shane Smith), Macenzie (Jeffrey) Moeller; his girlfriend, Kenzie Nolan; grandparents: Rachel Doyle, Mark and Linda Strange; aunt Andrea Strange and uncle Travis (Brooke) Strange and their children.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Father Frank Renner at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, with a private burial to take place at a later date in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 beginning at 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana, and again from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made for Masses or to St. John the Evangelist Church or to the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America: [Marvin Graber, 77, o](#)

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He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Ervin, Ezra, and Mahlon, Jr., and sister, Mary Ellen.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Carolyn Graber, their children, Jeff (Joanna) Graber of Ukraine, Jason (Melissa) Graber of Loogootee, Regina (Andy) Weaver of Foxworth, MS, Christina (Jerald) Witmer of Smithdale, MS, Marvin (Joanna) Graber, Jr. of Elnora, Indiana, and Katrina Graber of Loogootee, grandchildren, Karlin, Rosalie (Nevin Yoder) Lanae, Jarell,

**CONT.D Ethan Jerome Graber (from pg. ##)**

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maintenance technician at Boggs Lake, and dedicated several years to small engine repair. He was also a member of Mt. Joy Church in Odon, Indiana. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Ervin, Ezra, and Mahlon, Jr., and sister, Mary Ellen.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Carolyn Graber, their children, Jeff (Joanna) Graber of Ukraine, Jason (Melissa) Graber of Loogootee, Regina (Andy) Weaver of Foxworth, MS, Christina (Jerald) Witmer of Smithdale, MS, Marvin (Joanna) Graber, Jr. of Elnora, Indiana, and Katrina Graber of Loogootee, grandchildren, Karlin, Rosalie (Nevin Yoder) Lanae, Jarell, Glendon, Randall, Lyndell Graber, Cheyanne (Jasper Reimer), Serena Weaver, Austin, Jeremy, Nolan, Kendric, Sherilyn, Carson, and Adrian Witmer, Keeanna, K'Senia, Sebastian, Rhema Graber, sisters, Amanda Davis of Goshen, IN, Fern (Tim) Sult of Loogootee, IN, Lena (Kenny) Stemen of Loogootee, IN, Dorothy (Jim) Gilbert of Loogootee, IN, Joanne (Curt) Yoder of Anderson, IN, brother, Delmar (Vera) Graber of Cannelburg, IN.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at the Shiloh Community Center in Odon, Indiana at 10:00 a.m. Burial to follow at Mt. Joy Cemetery, Odon, Indiana.

Visitation will begin on Monday, March 23, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Shiloh. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ethan Doyle.

To send a flower arrangement in memory of Ethan Jerome Doyle, please click here to visit our sympathy store.

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# Other Obituaries

## Gerald Bruner

April 22, 1932-March 16, 2026



Gerald Joseph Bruner, a beloved resident of Blakely, Ga., passed away peacefully on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the age of 93. Born on Friday, April 22, 1932, in Loogootee, Ind., Gerald lived a life marked by dedication to his family, faith and community. Gerald was preceded in death by his cherished wife of 64 years, Mary Dean Bruner, his parents, David Edward Bruner and Edna Beulah Bruner, his daughter Tammy Durham, and all thirteen of his siblings.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Terrie Hutchins (Ron) of Blakely, and his son-in-law, Keith Durham of Bluffton, Ga. Gerald was a proud grandfather to Ansley Panizzi (Sean), Adam Hutchins (Ashley), Allison Bacon (Jordan), Joey Durham, Hannah Medlin (Cole) and Hunter Durham (Kendall). His legacy continues through his great-grandchildren, Kate Panizzi, David Hutchins, Ellie Panizzi, Cullen Hutchins, Amelia Panizzi, Thomas Hutchins, Carter Bacon, Cam Bacon, Libby Durham, Leanna Medlin, Sadie Medlin,

Kellan Durham and Barrett Durham. A dedicated CPA by profession, Gerald also served his country honorably in the United States Air Force. His commitment to his faith was evident through his active participation in the First Baptist Church of Blakely, where he was a member of the choir and the Ric Hall Men's Sunday School Class. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Blakely on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 3 p.m., officiated by Rev. Chris Guffey. Visitation preceded the service from 2 until 3 p.m. at the church. Gerald was laid to rest in Blakely Cemetery. Pallbearers honoring Gerald's life included Tony Hawkins, Keith Durham, Sean Panizzi, Clink Alexander, Garrett Bennett, David Hutchins and Cullen Hutchins. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Ric Hall Men's Sunday School Class and the First Baptist Church choir.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, or Langdale Place, 2720 Windemere Drive, Valdosta, GA 31602. The family would like to thank the staff and loyal caregivers of Langdale Place who assisted the family by loving and providing for Gerald so well during his final years. The family also wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff of Hospice of South Georgia/Langdale Hospice house for their guidance, care and compassion during Gerald's final days. Gerald Bruner will be remembered for his unwavering faith, love for his family, and his service to his community and country. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Arrangements were handled by Manry-Jordan Hodges Funeral Home.

**Easy**

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6	8	5			2		9	
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4		3		5			1	

**Medium**

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

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	2	4				7		
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**Expert**

9					8	4		
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	5						4	
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		2		4	5		8	

**Master**

	1	7		2		3	4	
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**Easy**

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

**Medium**

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

**Hard**

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

**Expert**

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

**Master**

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

**Coloring Sheet**  
**LET'S GO VIKINGS!**



**Across**

- 1. Angelic features
- 6. Cheese concoction
- 10. Decides
- 14. Kicking partner
- 15. Take \_\_\_ (acknowledge applause)
- 16. Croquet wicket
- 17. See 59-Across
- 20. Laugh at derisively
- 21. Daredevil specialty
- 22. Comeback
- 23. Vote in favor
- 25. Battery option
- 26. See 59-Across
- 35. Road fees
- 36. Make suitable
- 37. Cry of triumph
- 38. Mayberry resident
- 39. "Paradise Lost" pit
- 40. Optimistically upbeat
- 41. Call-day connector
- 42. Out of whack
- 43. Lower the lighting
- 44. See 59-Across
- 47. Ship's sail
- 48. White House initials
- 49. Glad-hand
- 52. Theatrical kick-off
- 55. March Madness grp.
- 59. Clue for 17, 26 and 44-Across
- 62. K following
- 63. Links hazard
- 64. Eye angrily
- 65. Sellouts, for short
- 66. Garment edges
- 67. "Don Juan" poet

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59						60					61			
62					63					64				
65					66					67				

**Down**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pilgrimage to Mecca</li> <li>2. Soothing emolient</li> <li>3. Valleyspeak word</li> <li>4. Farm fashion</li> <li>5. Discern</li> <li>6. Yuletide visitors</li> <li>7. Dwindles</li> <li>8. Appearance</li> <li>9. Tenth of a score</li> <li>10. Words of dismay</li> <li>11. Ship's deck</li> <li>12. Adz or awl, e.g.</li> <li>13. Moving quickly and energetically</li> <li>18. Shot up</li> <li>19. Brightly banded cobra</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24. Toady's answer</li> <li>25. Rock gear</li> <li>26. Impassive</li> <li>27. Each state has one</li> <li>28. Pitt movie inspiration</li> <li>29. Daily routine</li> <li>30. Pleasant interludes</li> <li>31. Ziti, for example</li> <li>32. Role for Valerie</li> <li>33. Saharan stopover</li> <li>34. What Jay and Ray do</li> <li>39. . . . three men in ___</li> <li>40. Of late</li> <li>42. Baker of the blues</li> <li>43. Oyster's abode</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45. Deplanes, in a crisis</li> <li>46. It protects bank accts.</li> <li>49. Arnold's early hangouts</li> <li>50. Pride's sound</li> <li>51. Mark alternative</li> <li>52. Part of a plot?</li> <li>53. Pack in</li> <li>54. Faucets</li> <li>56. Overgrill</li> <li>57. Prefix for dynamics</li> <li>58. Grace finale</li> <li>60. Greatest degree</li> <li>61. Putin's former org.</li> </ul> |
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# Crossword Puzzle #36

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