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New Tier 2 Analysis Highlights Significant Time Savings with Mid-States Corridor in Dubois County

New Tier 2 analysis shows that daily peak-time commuters would save up to 2½ hours each workweek with the Mid-States Corridor. With the remaining two alternatives refined and access options explored, the Tier 2 analysis of Section 2 in Dubois County provides a clearer picture of the time savings the new corridor will deliver. An average daily one-way trip between Dale and Hayesville would save seven minutes of travel time. During peak travel times, those savings increase to 14½ minutes. Commuting during peak times would result in a total savings of 28 minutes per day, on a Monday through Friday work week. This more detailed analysis should not be confused with the Tier 1 analysis of access to destinations from a specific location, such as downtown Jasper. These reductions represent only a fraction of the total travel-time savings identified in the Tier 2 analysis. The Mid-States Corridor will produce significant overall travel-time savings throughout Southern Indiana. For example, the two alternatives carried forward, [Alternative 2B](#) and [Alternative 3B](#), would save approximately 300 truck hours and 600 automobile hours each day. Over the course of a year, that total exceeds 300,000 hours saved; 52% of this savings

IHSAA Boys Basketball Sectional 62: Day #1 Loogootee High School Tournament Highlights and Matchups



The IHSAA Boys Basketball Sectional 62 tournament began tonight at Loogootee High School, featuring both a dominant blowout and a closely contested game.

To start the action, Orleans decisively defeated Washington Catholic with a score of 64-8, ending the Cardinals' season. According to a report, "Orleans destroyed Washington Catholic by the astounding score of 64-8." The No. 4 Bulldogs (19-3) maintained control throughout the game, holding WC to just three baskets and two points across the first three quarters. Sophomore Brody Voges led

Washington Catholic with five points, and Abdu Askar contributed three points. The Cardinals finished the year with a 0-23 record under first-year coach Peyton Catt.

The game opened with turnovers by Washington Catholic, allowing Orleans to establish a 5-0 lead, which they extended to 14-0 before the 4-minute mark. Voges scored WC's first basket to make it 16-2. Orleans responded with 11 consecutive points, eventually taking a 27-2 lead into the second quarter. The Bulldogs scored seven points off turnovers, while WC struggled offensively, shooting just 1-5 in the first half.

In the second quarter, Orleans eased up on defense but still outscored WC, leading 38-2 at halftime. The game quickly moved into the third quarter with a running clock due to IHSAA rules. Orleans extended its lead to 44-2, as Washington Catholic continued to miss shots, going 0-10 for the quarter.

By the final quarter, VC was down 50-2. Voges sunk a three-pointer early in the fourth, and Askar added an "and-1" play to bring the score to 56-8. Orleans finally finished with a 64-8 victory, ending their season.

Photo Courtesy of Washington Times Herald

Looking ahead, Orleans will face Vincennes Rivet in the Sectional Semi-Finals on March 6 at 6 p.m. at Jack Butcher Arena. Meanwhile, Washington Catholic concludes their season at 0-21.

In other sectional action, Vincennes Rivet defeated Medora High School 59-52 at 7:30 p.m. yesterday, setting up the anticipated matchup against Orleans. The semifinal games are scheduled for March 6 at Jack Butcher Arena, located on the Loogootee High School campus.

Additionally, local rivalries continue as the Loogootee Lions will face Barr-Reeve at 6 p.m., followed by North Daviess versus Shoals. Both games will be held at Jack Butcher Arena tomorrow evening.

Flood Watch In Effect With More Rain on the Way



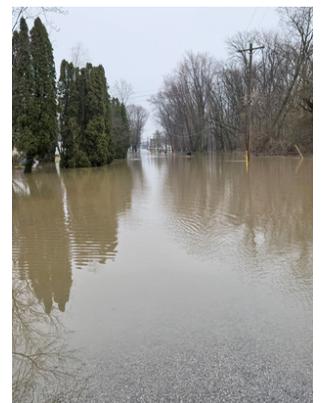
(HOMER, Ind.) – The heavy rains have led to flooding on some local roadways.

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.

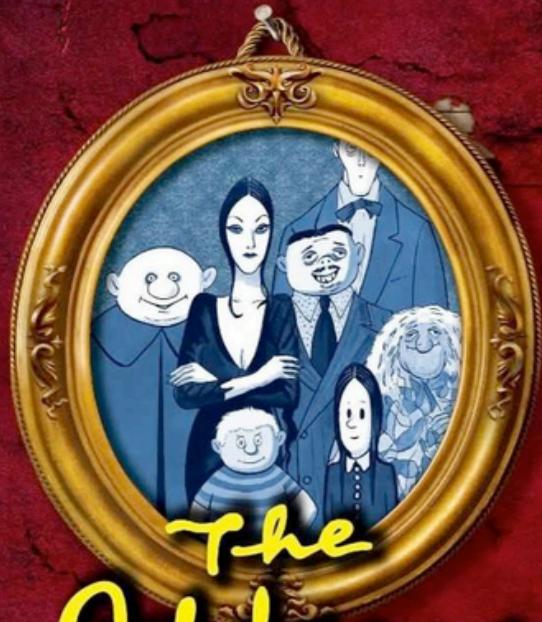


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SCHOOL GEARS UP FOR A
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 Saturday, March 14, 2026 @ 2:00 PM
 Saturday, March 14, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
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- Full time Day CNA 5a-5p
<https://easyapply.co/a/58420662-9cc3-4b21-901b-7f246e7a2ccb>
- Full time/ Part time RN 7a-7p, 7p-7a
<https://easyapply.co/a/be2dce93-484c-4c1b-a872-de79da14d0a4>

\$1,000.00 Referral Bonus

- Part time Dietary Cook/ Aide. Shifts 6a-9a, 3:30-7:30 – Aide
 5a-1:15p, 10:30a-7:30p – Cook
<https://easyapply.co/a/87287e84-52a6-4de6-8e9c-e96db770dd20>
- Full time Housekeeping/Laundry. Shift 6a-2p. Every other weekend.
<https://easyapply.co/a/90d1f2c0-7cc4-4c33-bdfd-0734a63013ec>

****Keep checking back for open positions****

Come see Stacy Meade in HR with any questions regarding positions and referral bonus payouts.

“Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers”

CONT.D DUBOIS COUNTY (From pg.1)

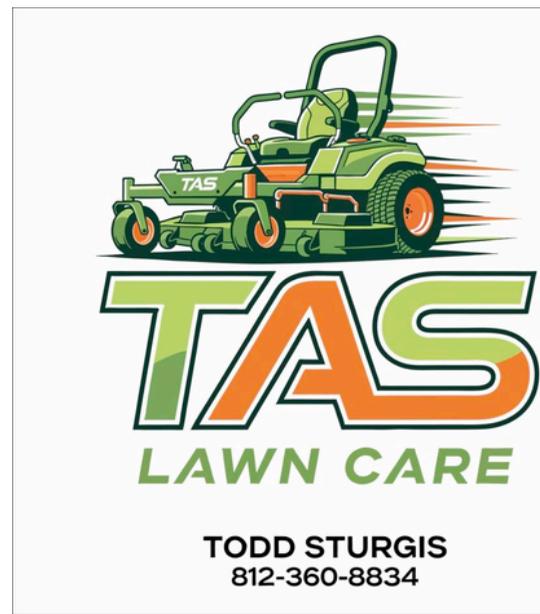
occurs in Dubois County. These benefits extend beyond commuters and truck fleet vehicles. Drivers using US 231 will experience improved travel conditions, since the Mid-States Corridor is expected to divert more than 1,700 semi-trucks from US 231 each day.

This analysis is part of the broader process used to measure costs, benefits, and impacts. It is included in a draft environmental document anticipated to be released next fall. The document follows a process prescribed by, and closely coordinated with, the Federal Highway Administration and other regulatory agencies. The Mid-States Corridor project team carried forward two alternatives for additional analysis and refinement. An alternative consists of the highway alignment, type (expressway was selected), and access variations. Maps for Alternatives 2B and 3B are available on the project website by scrolling down on the homepage. 2B and 3B were divided into a 2B North / 3B North and 2B South / 3B South to make them

more user-friendly, reduce file size and improve scale. Scrolling past Alternatives 2B and 3B, you will find six variations. These are areas where more analysis is needed so options were added in addition to those shown for 2B and 3B. The variations are:

- [Variation 1-US 231 at Haysville Access Variation](#)
- [Variation 2-US 231 at CR 600 N Access Variation](#)
- [Variation 3-SR 162 to SR 164 Alignment Variation](#)
- [Variation 4-SR 162 – Schnellville Road Access Variation](#)
- [Variation 5-Phoenix Drive – 400 S – CR 130 – CR 375 Access Variation](#)
- [Variation 6-CR 1100 S Access Variation](#)

When viewing the maps, the first thing you will likely notice are the bright yellow lines. These lines show the approved 2,000-foot-wide corridor, which represents the study area. This is not the project footprint. This is a common misconception we hear from visitors at the project office who assume the entire area between the yellow lines will be impacted. In reality, only about 25% of this area is expected to be needed for the project.



- continuous improvement
- “When we set out to design a new way to measure success in our schools, our primary objective was simple: keep every student front and center,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “Thanks to the partnership of educators, parents and families, and other stakeholders across the state, we now have a clear, student-focused view of where our schools are and where we’re headed—and together, we will continue to drive improvement for every community, school, and most importantly, each student.”

The new accountability model is strategically aligned with Indiana’s Profile of a Graduate, which was developed based on extensive input about what Hoosiers value most. This Portrait of a Graduate is also the framework for Indiana’s Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) dashboard, which helps elevate and continuously improve upon the good work happening in schools by measuring multiple indicators across five key characteristics:

- Academic Mastery
- Career & Postsecondary Readiness: Credentials & Experiences
- Communication & Collaboration
- Work Ethic
- Civic, Financial, & Digital Literacy
- Based on these characteristics, the accountability model elevates both traditional academic outcomes, as well as skill development. The model measures success at key milestones in a student’s K-12 journey, including kindergarten through grade three, grades four through eight, grades nine and 10, and grades 11 and 12. At each of these milestones, stakeholders have helped to identify multiple ways that students can demonstrate success, including both test scores, as well as skills and experiences.

- As students progress through their K-12 education, the number of ways to demonstrate success naturally grows as well. The model prioritizes reading and math fundamentals, as well as opportunities for skill development, such as work-based learning and earning credentials of value in high school. This approach encourages sc

Why Does the U.S. Navy Have a Massive Forest in So. Indiana?



Even if you've lived in Indiana your whole life, there are bound to be some fun surprises you never knew about. You're never too old to learn something new, right? Well, here's a neat nugget about the Hoosier state – there is a 50,000-acre forest in Crane, Indiana, that is protected and maintained by the United States Navy. That's not a typo – I said the Navy. But why does the Navy care about a huge forest that is nowhere near a body of water? That's what makes this story really awesome. What Is Constitution Grove? This particular forest is called "Constitution Grove," and it's tucked inside the Naval Surface Warfare Center. While the base is known for high-tech military research and defense innovation, this massive white oak forest has a completely different mission - preserving a living piece of American history. The trees growing here aren't random. They're carefully maintained white oaks, and their only purpose is to help restore and maintain the legendary USS Constitution.

The History of the USS Constitution
Built in 1797, the USS Constitution – nicknamed "Old Ironsides" – is the oldest commissioned wooden warship in the world that's still afloat. She was one of the original six frigates of the early U.S. Navy, and more than 225 years later, she's still in service. She isn't just sitting in a museum – this beautiful old ship still actually sails. Why White Oak Still Matters Today
Back in the 18th century, ships like the Constitution were built primarily from white oak because of its incredible strength and durability. The problem is that old-growth white oak isn't nearly as easy to come by these days. So, decades ago, the Navy had the foresight to plant and preserve its own long-term supply right here in southern Indiana.
Every time Old Ironsides needs repairs, lumber from Constitution Grove is used to keep her shipshape.

Trees growing right here in Indiana are helping maintain one of America's most historic ships. What a fun Hoosier historical fact!
12 Must-Visit Indiana Military Museums
Keep this list handy, and then next time you're on a road trip around Indiana, you might be able to plan a visit to one of the following museums. We have a couple of great ones right here in Evansville, by the way, so you should probably start with those.
Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum - Columbus, IN
• Address: 4742 Ray Boll Boulevard, Columbus, IN 47203
• Hours: Open Thursday-Saturday from 10am-4pm
• Admission: FREE (donations are appreciated)
• Website: atterburybakalarairmuseum.org

Ernie Pyle World War II Museum - Dana, IN
• Address: 120 W Briarwood Avenue, Dana, IN 47847
• Hours: Open Friday & Saturday from 10am-5pm, and Sunday from 1pm-4pm
• Admission: FREE (donations are appreciated)
• Website: erniepyle.org
Evansville Wartime Museum - Evansville, IN
• Address: 7503 Petersburg Road, Evansville, IN 47725
• Hours: Open Thursday-Sunday from 10am-4pm
• Admission: \$11 for general admission, \$8 for ages 6-17, FREE for children under five, \$8 for Active Duty Military, Veterans, Seniors (65+), and First Responders
• Website: evansvillevartimemuseum.org
Freeman Army Airfield Museum - Seymour, IN
Address: 1035 A Avenue, Seymour, IN 47274

Hours: Saturday from 10am-1pm
• Admission: FREE
• Website: freemanarmyairfieldmuseum.org
Grissom Air Museum - Peru, IN
Facebook/GrissomAirMuseum
Grissom Air Museum - Peru, IN
• Address: 1000 W Hoosier Blvd, Peru, IN 46970
• Hours: Open Monday-Sunday 10am-4pm (EST) from May 29-September 4. See website for additional hours.
• Admission: \$9 for GA, FREE for children 5 and under. See website for additional pricing.
• Website: grissomairmuseum.com
Indiana Military Museum, Inc. - Vincennes, IN
Facebook/Indiana Military Museum, Inc
Indiana Military Museum, Inc. - Vincennes, IN
Address: 715 South 6th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

• Hours: Open Monday-Sunday from 10am-4pm
• Admission: \$8 for adults, \$7 for Veterans, Active Duty, & Seniors (over age 62), FREE for WWII veterans, \$5 for ages 5-17, FREE for children under five
• Website: indianamilitarymuseum.com
Indiana War Memorial Museum - Indianapolis, IN
Facebook/Indiana War Memorials
Indiana War Memorial Museum - Indianapolis, IN
• Address: 55 E. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204
• Hours: Wednesday-Sunday from 9am-5pm
• Admission: FREE (donations are appreciated)
• Website: indianawar memorials.org
Military Honor Park & Museum - South Bend, IN
Facebook/Military Honor Park and Museum

• Indianapolis, IN, United States, 46216
• Hours: Open Saturday & Sunday 10am-6pm, Thursday & Friday 10am-2pm, Closed Monday-Wednesday
• Admission: N/A
• Website: facebook.com/M20CW
• Museum of the Soldier - Portland, IN
• Facebook/Museum of the Soldier
• Museum of the Soldier - Portland, IN
• Address: 510 E Arch St, Portland, IN 47371
• Hours: Open 12n-5pm every 1st & 3rd Weekend from April until Veteran's Day (Nov. 11th)
• Admission: FREE
Website:

**2026 ELECTION
ANNOUNCEMENT
MAY 5TH, 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 23rd, 2026. Absentee Ballots will be mailed out starting Friday, March 20th. 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 7th 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 4th at 12:00 p.m. NOON.

Saturday, April 25th and Saturday, May 2nd 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 7th, 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 30th 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.

Martin County Historian

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



A newly colorized photograph is believed to have been taken around 1945. The image features Helen (Fields) Dodson on the left and her cousin, Natalie (Jones) Corcorhan, on the right. A figure named Montgomery is positioned in the center. The identity of the basketball coach present in the photo remains unknown with many guessing this photo was taken for the 1943-1944 basketball season.

Loogootee Nursing Home's Energizing Start to the Week with Activities and Music



The Loogootee Nursing Home began the week on an energetic note Monday, engaging residents in a lively activity at the center. Susan Ramsey Fitness LLC volunteered her time to lead an afternoon session filled with music, laughter, and movement. Residents smiled, sang, and moved together, creating a joyful atmosphere. "Your energy got us moving," one staff member remarked.

The event marked a positive start to the week, and staff invite residents to join upcoming activities, including cards and board games scheduled for Tuesday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Photographs of the event were taken by Tierlan Norris.

CONT.D (U.S. NAVY. (From pg. 3))

- museumofthesoldier.info
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- USS LST Ship Memorial - Evansville, IN
- Facebook/USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc.
- USS LST Ship Memorial - Evansville, IN
- Address: 610 NW Riverside Drive, Evansville, IN 47708
- Hours: Open Tuesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm
- Admission: \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for ages 6-17), FREE for children 5 and under
- Website: lstmemorial.org
-
- Veterans Memorial Museum - Terre Haute, IN
- Facebook/Veterans Memorial Museum of Terre Haute
- Veterans Memorial Museum - Terre Haute, IN
- Address: 1129 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47807
- Hours: Open Saturdays from 12n-4pm
- Admission: FREE (just thank a veteran when you can)
- Website: veteransmuseumofterrehaute.com



MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

The Mid-States Corridor has now become a political hot potato, especially for Mike Braun and his allies. It's become so hot that Shane Lindauer has chosen not to seek reelection and Mark Messmer and Daryl Schmitt are being primaryed. This is significant as the polling shows the voters of Dubois County, and the state of Indiana, say they will not vote to elect or reelect anyone who supports the Corridor project.

The December Public Policy Poll (PPP) showed that 81% of the voters in Dubois County are opposed to the Mid-States Corridor and that 74% would not vote for anyone supporting the project. This has been echoed in a new (February 2026) PPP poll. This new poll surveyed the entire state with remarkably similar results. In the statewide poll 65% oppose the Corridor project. Statewide voters (88%) want any Mid-States Corridor funds to be used for the over 400 road and bridge projects that have been canceled or postponed. Furthermore, 85% want INDOT and the state legislature to respect the local opposition and 74% want the Corridor project cancelled.

Polling is one thing but how do the people really feel? Bill Kaiser, who stated, again, at the February 23,

2026 Dubois County Council meeting that "only" 636 people were polled in the December poll. He intimated these 636 voters were all part of the PRA. Does he feel the same about those who were polled statewide? Over the past several years close to 15,000 signatures have been gathered on petitions opposing the project. About 10 days ago an online petition was created and over 2,200 new signatures have been gathered. The polling and the petitions verify the overwhelming local, and now statewide, opposition to the Mid-States Corridor.

Where does this leave folks, who are major backers of the Corridor, like Hank Menke, Doug Bawel, Mark Schroeder and Mike Ackerman? It leaves them on the wrong side of people. These backers are now trying to sway the politicians by calling them into their offices, one at a time. Is this an attempt to divide and conquer? These backers are no longer able to force their will on the people of several counties. The jig is up. We, the people know better.

Here's a recent twist, Amy Kippenbrock (R), Jasper told the Martin County Commissioners that she is against the Corridor but favors a bypass around Jasper. This is a new position as she has always been a supporter of the project. So what does she really support? Just a bypass around Jasper? What about Huntingburg and Loogootee?

Where does she want the bypass to start and end? Sounds more like an attempt to sway Martin County to vote for her. I think she's a wolf in sheep's clothing; and it's way past time for Ms. Kippenbrock to publicly state her true position on the Mid-States Corridor, as a whole.

The citizens of Dubois, Martin, Daviess and yes, Spencer counties are all overwhelmingly opposed to the Corridor. We must all be on guard as INDOT and the Lochmueller Group are starting to contact land owners about selling their land for the right-of-way (ROW) for the Corridor. Now is the time to once again refuse to entertain their attempts to force, or cajole, us into selling. We do not have to allow these snake-oil pitchmen onto our property. We do not have to listen to them, answer their calls, reply to their letters or even be civil to them. Do not, under any circumstances, sign or agree to anything.

We are not finished as INDOT has not yet announced the cancellation of the Mid-States Corridor. However, they have to be close to making that decision. INDOT cancelled the Link 101 project and it never had this amount of statewide opposition. We are winning and we will

continue to win. Onward, forever onward as we have the just cause cause and the people of Indiana are supporting us.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

Upcoming Events:

- **Thursday, March 5th, 6pm at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant, Pfaffenweiler Room. Bring friends!**

SPORTS

Gov. Mike Braun Awards Coach Curt Cignetti Indiana's Highest Honor



INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Governor Mike Braun honored Indiana University football Coach Curt Cignetti for his inspirational leadership and service to the state of Indiana with the 2026 Sachem Award, Indiana's highest honor.

Governor Braun also awarded every member of the undefeated 2025 championship-winning Indiana Hoosiers team with the Sagamore of the Wabash, accepted by Coach Cignetti and IU President Pamela Whitten.

"Never daunted, Coach Curt Cignetti represented the state of Indiana on the national stage and showed the world that the Hoosier values of grit, perseverance, and no-excuses hard work are the way to victory. I'm honoring Coach Cignetti with Indiana's highest award, and awarding the whole championship Hoosiers team with the Sagamore of the Wabash to celebrate their historic achievement for our state." – Governor Mike Braun

First Lady and Indiana University alumna Maureen Braun helped Governor Braun deliver the award. She graduated from IU in 1976, the last time a Hoosiers team went undefeated.

The Sachem is reserved for individuals who have profoundly shaped Indiana through character, leadership, and service.

Only one award is presented per year, chosen by Indiana's Governor.

Photos can be found on the official Flickr account for Indiana Governor Mike Braun, [HERE](#).

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

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LOOGOOTEE COACH BRIAN SMITH SELECTED FOR IBCA ALL-STAR STAFF



Loogootee Girls Coach Brian Smith has been selected for the IBCA Girls All-Star game coaching staff, according to a statement from Loogootee Athletics. The announcement congratulated Smith on the honor. Smith, who has compiled a 152-111 record over 11 seasons at Loogootee, led his team to a 16-7 record last season. His teams have secured three Blue Chip Conference titles (2018, 2020, 2021), two sectional titles, two semi-state appearances, the 2020 Class A state championship, and a runner-up finish in the 2021 Class A state tournament.

He was named HBCA District 1 Coach of the Year in 2019 and IBCA girls' District 3 Coach of the Year in 2020. Additionally, Smith served as head coach for the 2021 Junior All-Stars and as an assistant for the South Team in the 2023 All-Star Futures Game. A 1991 graduate of White River Valley High School, Smith participated in basketball and cross country before earning his bachelor's degree from Indiana State University in 1997. Smith began his coaching career in 1999 at White River Valley, serving as a boys' basketball assistant for seven seasons before becoming the boys' varsity coach at Shoals in 2007. There, he led a rebuilding program, ending his tenure with a 36-90 record over six seasons.

He has been the girls' coach at Loogootee since 2015.

He has also worked as a health and physical education teacher at Shoals Junior-Senior High School for 19 years and is in his 27th year of teaching overall.

Smith and his wife, DeAnna, have two sons—Nick, 25, and Jacob, 22.

Loogootee Community Schools and Loogootee Lady Lion Basketball team expressed their congratulations on the coaching staff appointment.

LOOGOOTEE LIONS VS. #2 BARR-REEVE VIKINGS

GAME DAY

4 MARCH 2026 AT 6:00

WARSON SPORTS

LOOGOOTEE VS. BARR-REEVE-SECTIONAL 62 CLASSIC SET FOR TONIGHT

The Barr-Reeve Vikings will travel to Loogootee on Wednesday, March 4, to face the Loogootee Lions in a boys basketball playoff game. The Vikings enter the contest with a 19-1 record, while the Lions hold a 14-7 mark.

This game marks another chapter in what is considered the greatest rivalry in Indiana high school basketball. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 PM at Jack Butcher Arena, with live coverage beginning at 5:45pm on The General 95.9/101.3 FM and available for streaming at www.wamwamfm.com.

The matchup pits Coach Howington against Coach Thompson in the first round of the IHSAA Sectional 62. Barr-Reeve, ranked No. 2, will attempt to advance while the Lions have nothing to lose.

Sectional predictions include Loogootee defeating Barr-Reeve 48-43, breaking an upset trend. Other sectional matchups feature North Daviess versus Shoals and Evansville Day versus Cannelton, with predictions favoring Daviess and Day.

This game carries significance as the Vikings face pressure as the higher-ranked team, while the Lions aim to pull off an upset and advance in the IHSAA Basketball Sectional Tournament Friday night.

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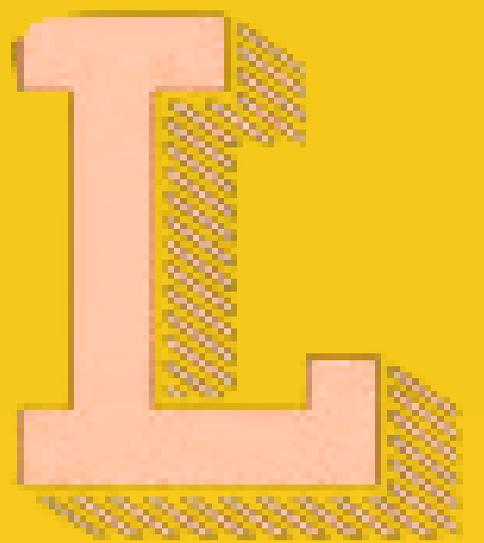


LIONS



FROM ALL OF US AT THE LOOGOOTEETIMES NEWSPAPER

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Sparklight Launches Mobile Service with Limited-Time Offer of One Free Unlimited Line for 12 Months



PHOENIX, Ariz., (March 3, 2026) — As reliable mobile connectivity becomes increasingly essential for education, work, healthcare access and everyday life, Sparklight, a leading broadband communications provider serving more than 1 million customers across 24 states, has introduced Sparklight Mobile, expanding affordable wireless options for customers and reinforcing the company's commitment to providing reliable, easy-to-use connectivity solutions.

Sparklight Mobile is a no-contract prepaid wireless service available exclusively to Sparklight internet customers. The service offers unlimited talk and text, nationwide coverage and straightforward pricing, with plans starting at \$15 per month when bundled with Sparklight home internet service.

As part of a limited-time promotional offer, eligible new and existing customers can receive one unlimited mobile line at no cost for 12 months. After the 12-month promotional period, standard unlimited plan pricing applies. A one-time SIM activation fee and taxes may apply.

As of March 2, 2026, Sparklight Mobile is available in all Sparklight service areas.

"In today's world, staying connected at home and on the go is essential," said Tony Mokry, Senior Vice President of Residential Services at Sparklight. "Sparklight Mobile gives customers a dependable mobile option that delivers the flexibility, reliability and value they expect from a provider they already know and trust. By offering a free unlimited line for a full year, we're making it even easier for customers to experience the benefits of bundled connectivity."

Simple Plans, Straightforward Pricing
Sparklight Mobile includes:

- 1 GB of data for \$15 per month
- 5 GB of data for \$25 per month
- Unlimited data for \$30 per

- month

All plans include unlimited talk and text, nationwide coverage, no contracts, no credit checks and no in-store activation. Customers can keep their existing mobile number when switching.

Added Protection with Mobile Device Care
To complement its new mobile offering, Sparklight also provides optional Mobile Device Care for customers who bring their own devices to the network. Mobile Device Care includes coverage for accidental damage and post-warranty malfunctions, including:

- Cracked screen repair
- Accidental damage
- Operational failure
- Battery replacement

In addition to repair coverage, the service provides access to technical support for enrolled devices. Mobile Device Care is available for \$5, \$9 or \$11 per month, depending on the device.

A Natural Extension of Sparklight's Connectivity Mission
The launch of Sparklight Mobile marks a meaningful step forward in Sparklight's mission to provide seamless, reliable connectivity solutions to the communities it serves. By combining home internet and mobile into one ecosystem, customers benefit from a simple, integrated experience built on the company's long-standing service reputation.

"We're thrilled to expand our offerings to include mobile service alongside our fiber-powered home internet," Mokry said. "This launch gives customers a seamless way to stay connected wherever they are, and reinforces our commitment to innovation, reliability and always working for our customers."

Learn More or Enroll
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One Week Left to Apply for \$30,000 in STEM Funding through Sparklight's 2026 "Dream Bigger" Contest

PHOENIX, Ariz. (March 3, 2026) – With just one week remaining before the March 10 deadline, fiber-fueled internet provider Sparklight is encouraging eligible schools and organizations to apply for its 2026 "Dream Bigger" contest. The company will award \$30,000 to support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education for K-12 students, with 12 schools or organizations each receiving \$2,500.

Applications will be accepted through March 10 at sparklight.com/contest.

Through the annual contest, Sparklight helps educators bring hands-on

STEM experiences into classrooms and learning environments, equipping students with skills that spark curiosity, strengthen problem-solving and inspire innovation.

K-12 schools and organizations located in communities Sparklight serves are eligible to enter. Applicants must submit a photo and a written summary explaining how the award will support a STEM project — such as classroom equipment, robotics or science competitions, curriculum development or other materials — and how the project will benefit students.

Finalists will be selected by Sparklight, and the 12 winners will be chosen through public voting from March 12 through March 18 at

sparklight.com/contest. Winning schools and organizations will be highlighted on Sparklight's social media channels. Since launching the Dream Bigger initiative, Sparklight has awarded nearly \$200,000 to STEM programs across its footprint.

To learn more about Sparklight's high-speed internet services, visit sparklight.com and business.sparklight.com or follow the company on Facebook, Instagram and X.

Congrats to our High School Students of the Month!

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 Congratulations to our Students of the Month! These students were nominated by their teachers for having this month's "Mane" Trait of a Lion

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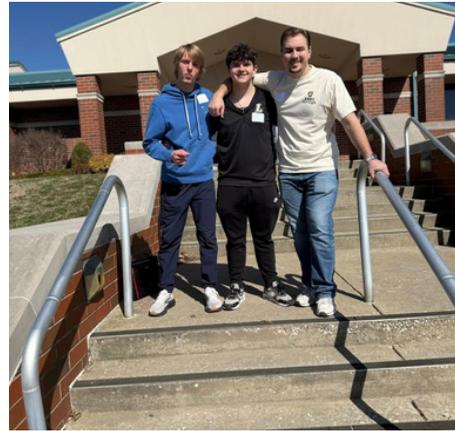
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Kindergarten Screening Success at LES with Daviess County Volunteer Center

Loogootee High School students excelled at the fifth annual Scholastic Contest at Oakland City. A total of 216 students from 11 schools participated in the event, which included campus tours, academic tests, and hospitality from university faculty and ambassadors. Loogootee secured the overall first-place trophy.

Individual medalists included Owen Tompkins, who took home three medals: silver in American government, gold in American history, and gold in economics. Dax Lee earned gold in biology, and Sarah Jones received silver in biology.

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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/>.

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WEDNESDAY
 School Spirit Day
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THURSDAY
 Hat Day

FRIDAY Class Color Day
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GO LIONS!

Martin County & Courts 10

Monday, February 23, 2026

12:13 a.m.- Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

7:18 a.m.- Received a call reporting a possible fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:51 a.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.

10:57 a.m.- Received a report of possible property damage North of Shoals.

Sergeant Hawkins responded.

3:22 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check East of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

4:22 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

4:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, LPD Chief Cummings, Sergeant Hawkins and Deputy Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

5:15 a.m.- Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Major Reed responded.

10:03 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.

10:42 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported two inmates to court.

12:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:26 p.m.- Received two 911 calls reporting a tree down Southeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded. INDOT was also notified.

1:59 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check Southeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:24 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. All on-duty units were advised.

2:58 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in

Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

3:47 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

5:15 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West. All on-duty units were advised.

6:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Deputy Clark responded.

7:21 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

8:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible trespasser Southwest of Shoals. Deputy Clark and Marshal Copeland responded.

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

7:10 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:16 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Hawkins and Deputy Clark responded.

9:28 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:53 a.m.- Received a call from Shoals Community Schools advising they will be doing tornado drills today.

10:30 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Crane Village. Captain Gibson responded.

10:46 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn South of Loogootee.

11:23 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

11:26 a.m.- Received a report that they will be testing fire alarms at the Loogootee nursing home.

1:29 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Advised all on-duty units.

1:51 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

2:52 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling South. Advised all on-duty units. Dubois County was also notified.

3:12 p.m.- Received a call reporting a field fire Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Sergeant Hawkins, Deputy Branham and Hoosier National Forest responded. No one was transported.

3:53 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West. Captain Gibson responded.

4:42 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

4:53 p.m.- Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Utilities responded.

5:21 p.m.- Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

6:01 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:29 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

7:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Officer Purcell responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:48 p.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Marshal Copeland responded. No one was transported.

Thursday, February 26, 2026

12:02 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Officer Purcell, Captain Gibson, Deputy Droke and Major Reed responded. No one was transported.

12:56 a.m.- Sergeant Hawkins on station with Terri Williams, a 48-year-old female from Odon, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

12:58 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

2:20 a.m.- LPD Officer Purcell on station with Brian Henard, a 41-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Strangulation, Domestic battery, and Resisting Law enforcement. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

6:14 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1 and Crane Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

8:36 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 231S near Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey, Captain Gibson and Big John's Towing responded.

8:41 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting the same vehicle. The caller was advised that units were enroute.

9:58 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

10:04 a.m.- Received a report of a possible gas leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:06 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

10:30 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

12:59 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check Northeast of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

2:55 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

3:00 p.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Corporal Erwin responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:11 p.m.- Received a report of a communication loss alarm in Crane. Keyholder advised to disregard.

3:33 p.m.- Jail Officer Bills and Jail Officer Bradley on station with James Paauwe, a 41-year-old male from Jasper, arrested by Corporal Erwin in a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

4:08 p.m.- Received a report of a possible trespasser Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

5:50 p.m.- Received a report of a possible threat and vandalism Southeast of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded. Orange County was also notified.

6:27 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

6:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Shoals. LPD Officer Purcell responded.

6:50 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Larry Cook, an 84-year-old male from Jasper, arrested by Corporal Erwin for Intimidation with a deadly weapon, Criminal recklessness with a deadly weapon, Pointing a firearm at another person and Shooting from roadway. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.

7:24 p.m.- Received a report of a vehicle repossession in Loogootee.

Friday, February 27, 2026

4:08 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Deputy Droke and LPD Officer Purcell responded.

7:54 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn East of Shoals.

8:00 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling North into Daviess County. Advised Daviess County. ISP responded.

9:55 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

9:56 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Corporal Erwin responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

2:19 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Erwin responded.

2:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle West of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

3:01 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

3:03 p.m.- Received a report of a telephone line down South of Shoals. Frontier was notified.

3:03 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a field fire South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

3:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle South of Shoals. Sheriff Greene and Marshal Copeland responded.

4:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

5:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

6:38 p.m.- Brandon Martin, a 50-year-old male from Mooresville, on station to serve a weekend commitment.

10:43 p.m.- Deputy Droke on station with Chealsie Senne, a 41-year-old female from Shoals, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated with juvenile in vehicle, Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, Operating a vehicle while intoxicated with BAC >.15, and Neglect of a dependent. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

11:50 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Harold Gooding, a 61-year-old male from Sandoval, Illinois, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-controlled substance with a prior, Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, Possession of marijuana and Possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

Saturday, February 28, 2026

7:30 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

7:10 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

10:34 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

11:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling South. Advised all on-duty units.

12:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

2:44 p.m.- Received a report of a field fire North of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded.

2:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting the same fire. Advised the caller that units are enroute.

4:08 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard West of Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

6:09 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, ISP Troopers, Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

7:25 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South into Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

8:40 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:38 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn South of Shoals.

8:44 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded

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and transported one patient to IU Bedford.

9:30 a.m.- Received a report of a commercial alarm in Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

11:31 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check North of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

3:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Crane Naval Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:28 p.m.- Received a report of a field fire in Lawrence County. Lawrence County requests mutual aid. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:47 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:38 p.m.- Received a noise complaint North of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

6:06 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

8:42 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check East of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

11:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Courts

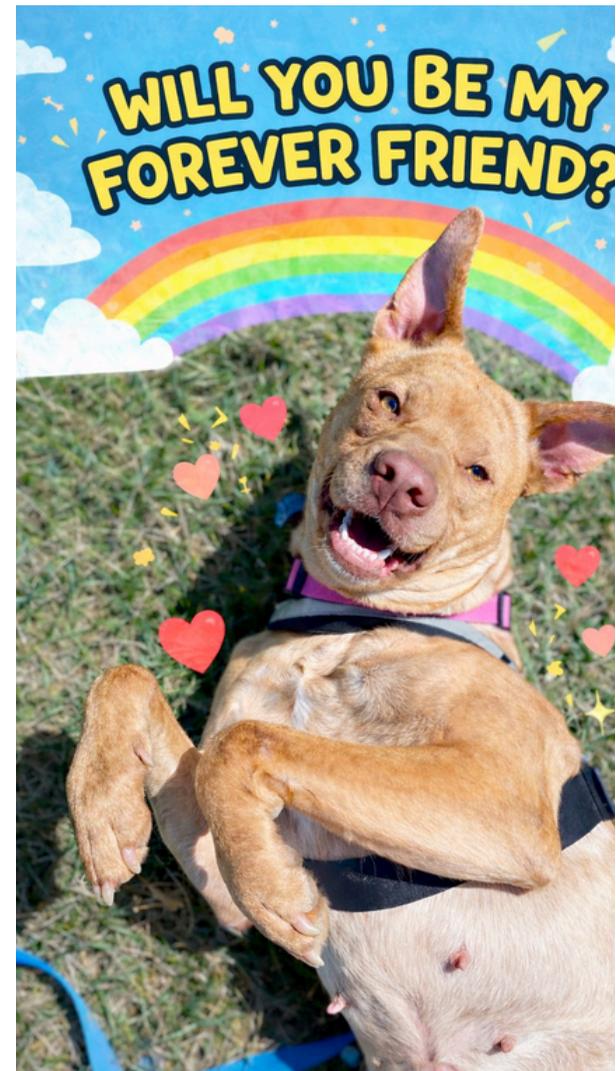
None This Week as Court Meets Monthly

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Arwin: Longing for a Loving Home After 390 Days at the Shelter



Arwin waits for a home after 390 days in shelter

Arwin has been at the shelter for nearly 13 months, since she was surrendered along with her puppies in February 2025. While her puppies were quickly adopted, Arwin remains in need of a forever home. She was among the first dogs taken in after the shelter reopened.



A once fearful dog, Arwin has had a rough past and now seeks a second chance. She enjoys walks, has formed bonds with other shelter dogs, and loves to play. A meet-and-greet is recommended for any potential dog siblings. She is also believed to be okay with cats, pending another test. In a home, she would do best with older children.

be protective of her owners once she bonds closely with them. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the shelter to arrange a meeting.

For more information, contact the Martin County Humane Society at info@martincountyhumane.org or visit <https://martincountyhumane.org>.

At the shelter, she adapts well to meeting new people, but staff note she can

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Local Obituaries

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Marie Yoder

June 28, 1944- February 27, 2026

Marie Yoder, 81, of Cannelburg, Indiana passed away peacefully on Friday, February 27, 2026, surrounded by her family.

She was born on July 28, 1944, in Montgomery, Indiana to Henry and Lydia (Lengacher) Raber.

Marie was a member of Fresh Start Chapel in Washington, Indiana, where she was strong and steadfast in her faith. Her devotion to her church and her relationship with the Lord were guiding lights throughout her life.

Marie was a devoted homemaker who dedicated herself to raising her family. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who found her greatest joy in caring for those she loved. Her home was always warm and welcoming.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, and sewing, and she was known for generously sharing her homemade meals and baked goods with friends, family, and even the mailman. Marie also loved gardening and took pride in growing beautiful flowers that brightened her yard and brought joy to others.

Known for her warm hugs and kind heart, Marie was a cherished member of her family and community. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 Grandchildren, 2 Great-Grandchildren, her siblings, Herbert (Barbara) Raber, Corene (David) Graber, David Raber, Joseph Raber, Anna Mae Stoll, sister-in-law, Rosie (Wagler) Raber, and brother-in-law, Lewis Jr. Graber.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Lester Yoder, her children, David Lee Yoder, Ruth Ann (Louis) Wagler, Henry (Katie) Yoder, Rachel (Joe) Knepp, Betty (Scott) Hall, Marge (Glenn) Wagler, Sam (Marla) Yoder, Leon Yoder, Lydia (Greg) Knepp, Elvin Yoder, 36 Grandchildren, 67 Great-Grandchildren, siblings: John Raber, Sarah (Ezra) Lengacher, Henry Jr. (Ida Mae) Raber, Victor (Dorothy) Raber, Wilma Graber, Fred (Mary Catherine) Raber, Loren (Sharon) Raber and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. at Parson Event Center in Montgomery, Indiana. Burial will follow in Fresh Start Chapel Cemetery



in Washington, Indiana.

Visitation will begin on Saturday February 28, 2026, from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at the Parson Event Center and again on Sunday March 1, 2026, from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

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Harvey Graber

October 16, 1936- February 26, 2026

Harvey Graber, 89, of Odon, Indiana passed away on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at his residence.

He was born on October 16, 1936 to Nicholas R. and Ida Graber. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. Harvey married Leah (Wagler)

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents; Siblings: Viola (John) Knepp (Both Deceased), Sylvia Graber (Deceased), Noah (Candis) Graber (Both Deceased), Alma (Emery) Helmuth (Both Deceased), Raymond (Martha) Graber

(Both deceased), Ida Mae (John) Stoll, Pauline (Levi) Stoll (Both deceased) (Alice), Mary Ruth (Daniel) Graber, Nickolas Jr. (Anna) Graber (Both deceased) (Barbara), Clara (Joe) Raber, Rosa Jean (Deceased) (Paul) Raber (Ruth Ann); 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren He is survived by his wife, Leah, and their children: Vernon (Susie) Graber, Rosie Mae (Lloyd) Graber, Daniel (Fannie Mae) Graber, David (Mary Jane) Graber, James (Esther) Graber, Mary Ann

(Irvin) Raber, Steven (Jean) Graber, Ida Marie (Dale)

Knepp, Delilah (Darvin) Wagler; Sisters: Clara (Joe) Raber, Ida Mae (John) Stoll, and Mary Ruth (Daniel) Graber, 62 grandchildren and 111 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Monday, March 2, 2026 at 9:00 AM at Shiloh Community Center in Odon, Indiana. Burial will follow at Shiloh Cemetery.

Visitation will begin on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at Shiloh Community Center in Odon, Indiana and continue until the time of service on Monday, March 2, 2026.

Arrangements provided by Blake and Wagler

John W. Taylor

March 13, 1958 - February 26, 2026

John W. Taylor, 67, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at Deaconess Memorial Center in Jasper, Indiana.

He was born in Washington, Indiana on March 13, 1958, the beloved son of Donald Ray and Juanita Mae (Davis) Taylor. On November 10, 1979, he married Lea Ann Burton, and she survives.

John graduated from Loogootee High School in 1976, where he still holds a track record. During his time there, he played basketball for Coach Jack Butcher and competed on the cross-country team. He was a devoted member of Our Lady of Hope in Washington and lovingly made rosaries for family and friends, often for First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. Throughout his working life, John held several positions. He worked primarily at Midwest Printing before moving to North American in Jasper, where he made saw blades. He also worked as a welder for RT's Welding in Washington. John was known as an avid fan of Star Trek and Star Wars. He also cherished time spent outdoors, especially fishing and camping.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Lea Ann and their daughters: Brianna (James Russell) Taylor, Mikayla (Logan) Eirwin; his grandchildren: Anna, Jeremiah, Josephine, and Dante; his siblings: Paul (Mindy) Taylor, Neina (Mike) Engleman, Greg (Lisa) Taylor, Debby (Greg) Smith; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, Indiana, with burial to follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on the same day from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Martin Co. Humane Society or St. Vincent de Paul. Condolences may be made



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Hard

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Expert

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Master

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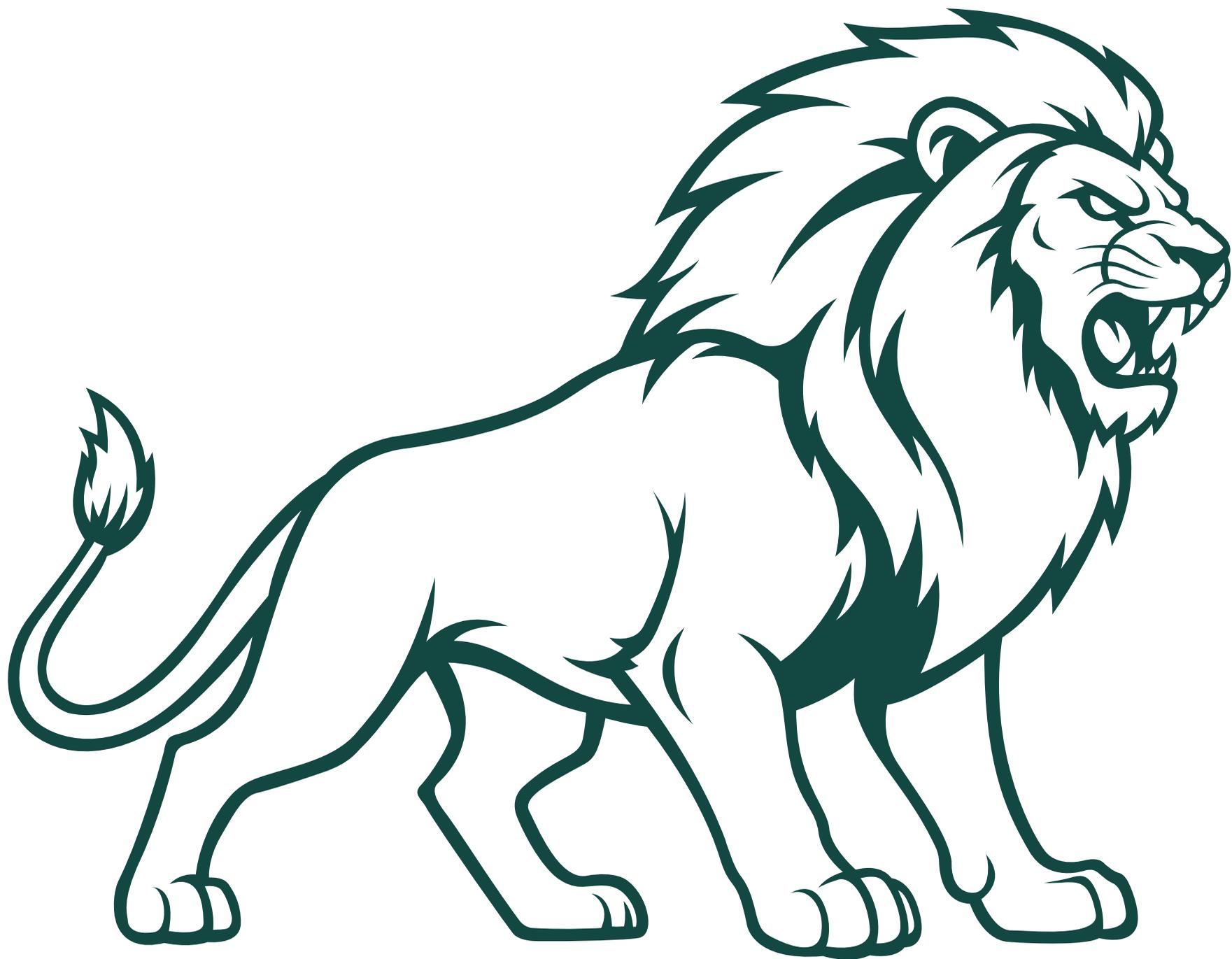
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SOLUTIONS

Coloring Sheet
LET'S GO LIONS!



Across

- 1. Discompose
- 6. Assemblage
- 11. White House nickname
- 14. Tattooed lady of song
- 15. Trunk artery
- 16. Actress Courteney
- 17. Place to stay, for awhile
- 19. PC attachment
- 20. Start to a phone?
- 21. Bladed pole
- 22. Nota --- (take notice)
- 23. Ostrich kin
- 26. Part of TGIF
- 28. Sky addition
- 30. Place to stay, for awhile
- 33. Place to stay, for awhile
- 34. Brainchild
- 35. Shacks
- 37. Smallest degree
- 39. Blood classification
- 40. Odd-toed ungulate
- 44. Elegant chest of drawers
- 47. What a hog wants
- 48. Place to stay, for awhile
- 51. Place to stay, for awhile
- 53. Rivalrous
- 55. Ex-QB Dawson
- 56. Break off
- 57. Defeat
- 58. "Norma ---"
- 60. Colin Powell's degree
- 62. "We --- the World"
- 63. Place to stay, for awhile
- 68. Sigma upsilon separator
- 69. Bitter
- 70. Piano pupil's piece
- 71. Freddy Krueger's street
- 72. Tablelands
- 73. Gift getter

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Down

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mass robe 2. Last word, often 3. Program interruptions 4. Warms the bench 5. Michener epic 6. Refined crude 7. "Portnoy's Complaint" writer 8. Treats with milk 9. City south-east of Amsterdam 10. Camera action 11. Readily receive 12. Third largest island in the world 13. Nonresident doctor 18. Praise to the sky | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22. Fragrant firs 23. Concert pianist Gilels 24. Word with ready, self or man 25. Component used as fertilizer 27. This can get let off 29. English act of 1715 31. Buckwheat's buddies 32. Fifer's snare drum 36. Like lymphatic tissue 38. Disturbance 41. Prepare to be shot 42. Tend to pressing business? 43. Divide 45. Chevalier of "Gigi" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 46. Plant swelling problem 48. Feel empathy 49. Lacking values 50. Curator's employer 52. Native 54. Fills fully 59. Book before Nehemiah 61. Palo --- 63. Meadow male 64. Becker's channel 65. Large wine cask 66. Lyrical poem 67. Born as |
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Crossword Puzzle #33

A	B	A	S	H		G	R	O	U	P		A	B	E	
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