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COSTELLO FIELD RENOVATION UNDERWAY FOR LOOGOOTEE SOFTBALL FOLLOWING COMMUNITY GRANT

By Braydyn Lents



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Major facility upgrades are officially underway at Costello Field, kicking off a comprehensive renovation project designed to modernize the home facility for the Loogootee middle school and high school softball teams. The extensive revamp is made possible through grant funding awarded by the Martin County Community Foundation. Construction crews began ground operations this week, with the complete transformation expected to take shape over the next couple of weeks, weather permitting. Athletic officials noted that the project marks the second major capital improvement completed

at Costello Field over the past 12 months. The grant-backed upgrades will deliver a safer, modernized, and higher-quality playing surface for the Lady Lions for years to come. In addition to improving daily player safety and game conditions, the enhanced facility will expand Loogootee's capacity to host larger regional events, invitational tournaments, and postseason competitions locally. Program leaders emphasized that increased hosting capabilities will directly benefit the school system, athletic programs, and the broader Martin County economy by drawing visiting teams and



spectators into local businesses. Coaching staff and school administrators expressed strong enthusiasm for the ongoing transformation, describing it as part of a continued, long-term commitment to improving athletic facilities for student-athletes, the school district, and the community. Work will continue at the facility throughout the coming weeks as crews finalize playing surface enhancements ahead of upcoming seasonal preparations.

MARTIN COUNTY
APPROVES \$1M ROAD
PROJECTS AND
ADDRESSES LOGGING
DAMAGE

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MARTIN COUNTY APPROVES \$1M ROAD PROJECTS AND ADDRESSES LOGGING DAMAGE

By Braydyn Lents



MARTIN COUNTY, Ind. — The Martin County Commissioners on Monday advanced a \$1 million road improvement plan and moved to hold a logging company accountable for damage to a rural intersection.

Engineer Brian outlined the county’s proposed application for the state Community Crossings Matching Grant, estimating \$1,018,855 in paving projects. Because of state caps and lane-mile distribution, Martin County would be eligible for up to \$782,946.44 in grant funding, leaving a local share of \$235,908.56.

“We try to be above that target, right? So you can utilize all your available funding,” Brian told commissioners, noting the program has become “extremely competitive” with awards reduced from about \$230 million statewide to \$100 million a year.

Projects in the package include segments of Boyd Hollow Road between State Roads 550 and 150, Langanfelter Road from State Road 231 toward Parsons and the gravel transition toward True Love Church Road, Rattlesville Road from 231 to the St. Joe Road curve, and Henderson Falls Road from Brooks Bridge to 550. Work would occur in 2027 if the county wins funding.

Commissioners unanimously approved the financial commitment letter. “Make a motion to approve the financial commitment ... \$235,908.56,” one commissioner said before the 3–0 vote. County attorney David reported no response from Hamilton Logging over damage at Kale Road and Warhoot Mountain Road and asked to proceed under a 2021 ordinance. The ordinance allows “a fine up to \$500 plus the potential requirement to pay restitution for damage to the highway,” David said. Commissioners authorized him to move forward with an ordinance violation case.

The board also authorized advertising a request for proposals for repairs and interior renovations in the courthouse basement after flooding, with bids expected for a Sept. 15 decision.

Throughout the meeting, residents praised the county highway’s mowing and chip-and-seal work but pressed for road bonds and stronger enforcement on heavy trucks. “We need to hold these people responsible,” one resident said of out-of-county log haulers.

MINGLE WITH THE MAYOR

by Cori Lukomski



Pat Daugherty, Loogootee Senior Center activity director, invited Mayor, Brian Ader, to the center for an informal question- and- answer session where City Councilman, Mike Engleman says Ader fielded questions ranging from housing to street repairs. Attendees received updates on apartment and road construction projects and learned of the goals the Mayor and council will be striving toward in the future.

The 90- minute event was also attended by City Council President, Dave Smith and several others from the community. Due to its success, there are plans to hold more in the coming months, possibly, every quarter on a quarterly basis. Despite what the venue's name suggests, these events are open to residents of all ages.

KIWANIS INDIANA BALLOON FEST RETURNS TO WEST BOGGS PARK ON AUG. 28–29

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — The annual Kiwanis Indiana Balloon Fest, presented by Visit Daviess County Indiana, will take place at West Boggs Park on Friday, Aug. 28, and Saturday, Aug. 29.

The festival features five special-shape character hot air balloons, tethered rides, live entertainment, and family activities to raise funds for youth programs.

Gates open Friday at 4 p.m., kicking off a weekend lineup that includes:

- Friday, Aug. 28: Pyrotechnic skydiving show, adult egg hunt with prizes, golf cart parade, balloon animals, and appearances by Smokey the Bear and Hoosier the Bison.
- Saturday, Aug. 29: Evening fireworks display, Bedford Jeepers Show and Shine, youth egg hunt, pilot meet-and-greet with trading cards, hot air balloon painting with Artist Within, Golf Scramble for Riley, Teddy Bear Mobile, and a "Learn to Braille" booth.
- Both Days: Tethered balloon rides (\$20 per person, cash- only, on-site), trackless train rides, robotics demonstrations, wood- carving exhibitions, a kids' fun zone, and food and commercial vendors.

Admission passes are charged per carload, covering parking and admission for all vehicle occupants with re-entry permitted via wristbands. Single-day passes and weekend passes are available online at scikiwanisclub.org.

Out-of-town visitors can find accommodations at the Gasthof Village Inn in Montgomery (812-486-4900) or at hotels within 30 minutes in Washington, Bloomfield, and Jasper.

LOOGOOTE CHOIR GOLF SCRAMBLE SET FOR SEPT. 27

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Local golfers can hit the greens this fall to support local student vocalists at the 6th Annual Loogootee Choir Golf Scramble.

The fundraising tournament is scheduled for Sept. 27 at Lakeview Golf Course. Play will begin with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Registration is \$50 for Lakeview Golf Course members and \$60 for nonmembers. Interested participants and teams can sign up by calling the golf course directly at 812-295-5678.

LOOGOOTEE TO HOST FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY AND DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Downtown entertainment and classic cinema will take center stage on Friday, Aug. 21, during a community Food Truck Friday, Car Cruise-In, and Movie Night event.

Festivities begin at 4 p.m. with a car cruise-in sponsored by Double D Motor Cars. A variety of food trucks—including Big Boys Burgers, Creations by Crystal LLC, Sips and Snacks, and The Open Shelf—will operate from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The event will conclude with an outdoor screening of the classic film "American Graffiti" at dusk, between 8:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Concessions will be offered by the Loogootee Beautification Board.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY ANTIQUE SHOW UNVEILS MUSICAL LINEUP

ELNORA, Ind. — The White River Valley Antique Association has announced the musical schedule for its 2026 Antique Show, scheduled for Sept. 9–12.

The live music schedule includes:

- Wednesday, Sept. 9: Music and Bible at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 10: Spring Blossom at 7 p.m., followed by Porch Light at 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 11: Austin Harper and Friends at 7 p.m., followed by Creekside Bluegrass at 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 12: Lost River Risin' at 1 p.m., followed by an On Stage Jam at 2:30 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to bring dancing shoes and instruments to join in.

HUNTINGBURG STUDIO TO HOST 'HONEY THE HIGHLANDER' PAINT NIGHT

HUNTINGBURG, Ind. — Community members looking to explore their creative side can attend the upcoming "Honey the Highlander" Paint Party on Thursday, Sept. 3.

Hosted by Artist Within, the guided painting session begins at 6 p.m. at Capture-Crop-Create Scrapbooking Studio, located at 302 E. 4th St. in Huntingburg.

Registration is \$35 per person. Attendees can register by visiting artistwithiparties.com or by calling 512-202-7122.

TRACY LYNN'S CANDIES TO POP UP AT WESTGATE ACADEMY ON AUG. 19

ODON, Ind. — Local confectioner Tracy Lynn's Candies, Etc. LLC will bring an assortment of homemade desserts to WestGate Academy on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

The pop-up bake sale will operate in the academy lobby from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., catering to morning commuters, tenants, and afternoon visitors looking for fresh-baked goods.

The menu will feature a variety of scratch-made pastries and treats, including:

- Fresh-baked glazed donuts
- Homemade chocolate chip cookies
- Traditional no-bake cookies
- Iced cinnamon rolls

In addition to day-of lobby sales, organizers are accepting pre-orders ahead of the event to guarantee item availability. Customers interested in reserving specific pastries can place orders in advance by calling 812-709-0498.

LOOGOOTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHEDULES ANNUAL PICTURE DAY FOR AUG. 31

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Students and staff across Loogootee Community Schools are preparing for their annual school portraits, with Picture Day scheduled for Monday, Aug. 31.

The district has partnered with Inter-State Studio to photograph students for the upcoming school year. The portraits will be used for school records, student identification, and the official school yearbook, in addition to availability to being made available for family purchase.

Parents and guardians can order portrait packages in advance through the photography company's website:

- Website: inter-state.com
- School Order Code: 0500XSA

School officials encourage families to mark their calendars early and remind students to come dressed and ready to smile on picture morning.

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MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE TO HOST 'DESTINATION IDENTITY WORKSHOP' WITH HGTV FEATURED PRESENTER

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area business leaders, community stakeholders, and residents will have the opportunity to explore place-branding and regional development during an upcoming "Destination Identity Workshop" scheduled for this fall.

The event, presented by the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, will take place on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lark Ranch, located at 3125 Killion Mill Road in Loogootee.

The session will be led by guest speaker Shellie Phelps, known for her appearance on HGTV's "Home Town Takeover." Phelps will share insights on defining local identity, revitalizing community spaces, and leveraging regional character to attract visitors and economic opportunity.

Co-sponsoring the workshop alongside the Martin County Alliance are Martin County and the Martin County Redevelopment Commission.

Key event details include:

- Date and Time: Thursday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Location: Lark Ranch, 3125 Killion Mill Road, Loogootee, IN
- Presenter: Shellie Phelps (HGTV's "Home Town Takeover")
- RSVP Deadline: Attendees must secure their seats by Oct. 6

Local organizers encourage civic leaders, business owners, and interested community members to reserve their spots ahead of the October deadline to help shape the area's ongoing growth and identity initiatives.

ODON LOCKER OPENS NEW FACILITY, WELCOMES MATRIARCH AS FIRST SHOPPER

ODON, Ind. — Decades of tradition met a fresh chapter this week as Odon Locker welcomed the first customers into its brand-new facility, marking a major milestone for the long-standing family business.

The opening day held deep personal significance for the owners, as Norm Swartzentruber's mother walked through the doors as the very first official shopper in the new store.

The family connection traces back to 1970, when Norm's father, Amos Swartzentruber, originally purchased the local meat locker and processing facility. The acquisition marked the beginning of more than 50 years of Swartzentruber family ownership. Following Amos's passing, honoring the family roots by having his widow make the maiden purchase created an emotional, full-circle moment for the owners and staff.

Business highlights of the transition include:

- Rich Heritage: sServing the Odon area with custom butchering and specialty products under continuous family leadership since 1970.
- Modern Expansion: uUpgraded, modern retail space designed to improve customer flow while retaining traditional service values.
- Work in Progress: Retail operations are officially open as crews finalize minor exterior and interior cosmetic touches.
- Grand Opening Planned: A formal community celebration and official grand opening ribbon-cutting will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Owners emphasized that while the building itself is new, the business's foundational commitment to hard work, quality meat products, and community service remains unchanged. Residents can now visit the new storefront during regular business hours to shop the retail counters while final construction elements wrap up ahead of the planned grand opening festivities.

HENRY DWYER VFW POST 9297 ANNOUNCES OPERATING HOURS AND WEEKLY LUNCH SPECIALS

CRANE, Ind. — Veterans of Foreign Wars Henry Dwyer Post 9297 has released an updated schedule of operating hours and dining services, effective immediately until further notice.

The post canteen and facilities will open throughout the week with varying afternoon and evening hours to accommodate members, guests, and community patrons:

- Monday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Tuesday through Thursday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday: cClosed
- Sunday: Noon to 6 p.m.

In addition to its standard hours, Post 9297 will offer weekday lunch specials Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., catering to local workers and area residents seeking afternoon meal options.

Post leadership reminds patrons that the revised schedule remains in place until further notice.

HINDOSTAN DAYS SEEKS VENDORS AND DEMONSTRATORS AHEAD OF AUG. 28 REGISTRATION DEADLINE

SHOALS, Ind. — The Martin County Historical Society is issuing a final call for artisans, sutlers, and demonstrators to register for the annual Hindostan Days celebration scheduled for Oct. 3.

Organizers have set a strict vendor application deadline of Friday, Aug. 28, with preference given to Martin County residents and organizations.

All offered merchandise must consist of homemade arts, crafts, or traditional goods. Informational community organizations are also eligible to participate under the same criteria. Complimentary booth spaces will be provided to non-selling demonstrators showcasing heritage skills such as woodworking, painting, or ax throwing.

Key vendor guidelines and event details include:

- Event Date: Saturday, Oct. 3
- Application Deadline: Friday, Aug. 28
- Booth Specs and Fees: 12-by-12-foot grassy spaces cost \$30 each; vendors may purchase up to two additional adjoining spots. Demonstrator spaces without retail sales are complimentary.
- Amenities: No water or electricity is available on-site; personal shade canopies, chairs, and generators are permitted.
- Food Vendor Requirements: All food vendors must include proof of liability insurance with their submission.
- Payment Terms: Fees should be paid after application approval by check payable to the Martin County Historical Society (memo: Hindostan Days).

Vendors will receive timed arrival schedules and specific set-up instructions prior to the festival.

Completed forms can be mailed to the Martin County Historical Society / Hindostan Days at P.O. Box 564, Shoals, IN 47581, or emailed to greenebc57@gmail.com. Inquiries can be directed by phone to 812-259-1284.

TRACY LYNN’S CANDIES REVERSES CLOSURE DECISION, PLANS TO STAY OPEN

ODON, Ind. — Local sweet shop Tracy Lynn’s Candies, Etc. LLC announced Wednesday that it will remain open for business, reversing an earlier decision to permanently shut down operations.

Owner Tracy Lynn had previously planned to close the confectionery on July 31 and transition to outside employment once her grandchildren returned to school. However, evolving family caretaking responsibilities led her to reconsider and keep the small business active.

Lynn explained that serving as her father’s legal guardian, assisting with his daily care, and driving her mother to medical appointments required a level of schedule flexibility that a traditional workplace could not provide. Operating the confectionery will allow her to earn an income while maintaining the time needed to support her parents.

Moving forward, the business model will focus on:

- Custom Orders: Continuing to accept individual customer orders for homemade baked goods and candies.
- Community Pop-Ups: Setting up retail vendor booths and participating in local events across the region whenever possible.
- Flexible Operations: Balancing batch baking schedules around ongoing family caregiving duties.

Lynn apologized to patrons for any confusion caused by the initial closure announcement and expressed deep gratitude to the community members who have purchased sweets, shared posts, or offered encouraging words.

She confirmed that customers can continue placing orders directly as she steps into this next chapter of running the home-style bakery.

GREGG PARK TO HOST BANDSHELL BASH FEATURING FULL DAY OF LIVE MUSIC AND FOOD TRUCKS

VINCENNES, Ind. — Live regional music and local food trucks will take over Gregg Park next month during the Bandshell Bash, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12.

The free community festival will run from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the park’s historic bandshell. The event features alternating performances across two stages, providing continuous live entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening.

The 2026 performance lineup includes:

Acoustic Stage

- 1:00–1:45 p.m.: Just 1 More
- 2:30–3:15 p.m.: Jamie & Wade
- 4:00–4:45 p.m.: Mary & P nut
- 5:30–6:15 p.m.: Big D
- 7:00–7:45 p.m.: Mari & Tracy
- 8:30–9:15 p.m.: Emily & Tony

Electric Stage

- 1:45–2:30 p.m.: Joe’s Last Stand
- 3:15–4:00 p.m.: Alexia Caballero Group
- 4:45–5:30 p.m.: One Nation
- 6:15–7:00 p.m.: Supermatic
- 7:45–8:30 p.m.: Buck Rogers Clark
- 9:15–10:00 p.m.: Loner Dottie

In addition to the musical entertainment, attendees will have access to a variety of local food truck vendors on-site.

Admission is free to the public. Organizers encourage community members to bring family, friends, and lawn chairs to enjoy the daylong outdoor celebration of music and local food.

LONELY NIGHT SALOON AND VILLAGE PIZZA SEEKS GENERAL MANAGER AMID REGIONAL GROWTH

CRANE, Ind. — Local dining and entertainment establishment Lonely Night Saloon and Village Pizza has opened applications for a new general manager as regional commercial activity expands around Naval Support Activity Crane.

The small bar and restaurant venue is seeking a motivated, professionally minded leader to manage daily operations, guide staff, and help steer the business through an anticipated period of local economic growth driven by surrounding defense contractor and base support developments.

Key candidate qualifications and responsibilities include:

- Leadership & Adaptability: sStrong organizational and communication skills, with flexibility to adjust to changing operational demands.
- Staff Management: oOversight of all personnel management responsibilities, including team coordination and occasional shift coverage.
- Compensation: Pay rates are open and negotiable based on experience and qualifications.

Ownership noted that the hiring initiative comes at a critical expansion juncture and encouraged candidates with a passion for hospitality, community service, and team building to apply.

Interested candidates can apply in person at Lonely Night Saloon and Village Pizza in Crane or submit a resume electronically to jpendeavors@yahoo.com.

WINSLOW COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE HISTORY AND ALUMNI AT HISTORIC GYM ON SEPT. 19

WINSLOW, Ind. — Past graduates, current residents, and community members will gather next month to celebrate local heritage and school spirit during a townwide reunion event.

The Winslow Community Engagement celebration is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19, beginning at 3 p.m. EDT at the Historic Winslow High School Gym, located at 411 E. Porter St.

Originally conceived as an alumni gathering for the Winslow High School Eskimos, the event has expanded into a broader community festival. Organizers invite anyone who attended the school, lived or worked in Winslow, or considers the town home to join an afternoon of nostalgia, food, and family entertainment. Attendees are also encouraged to dress to impress their high school selves under the theme "The Way We Were."

Key event activities include:

- Classic Dining: cCafeteria-style chili soup and sandwiches served inside the historic gym.
- Nostalgic Car Cruising: a retro-themed cruise route, with cruising maps provided to participating drivers.
- Interactive Games: a basketball free-throw challenge, a "golf putt into the igloo" contest, and a cornhole challenge.

Organizers hope to fill the historic gym bleachers and reconnect generations of Winslow residents, encouraging attendees to invite friends, family, and former classmates to celebrate the community's lasting spirit.

SPORTS

LOOGOOTEE SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tennis (Boys V & JV) - Bloomfield Jr/Sr
HS (H)
8/20/2026 4:30 PM

Volleyball (Girls V) - Northeast Dubois
High School (A)
8/20/2026 6:00 PM

Tennis (Boys JH) - Barr Reeve Junior-
Senior High School (A)
8/21/2026 4:30 PM

Cross Country (Co-ed V) - Raider
Invitational (A)
8/22/2026 9:00 AM

Cross Country (Co-ed 7/8) - Raider
Invite (A)
8/22/2026 10:00 AM

Tennis (Boys V & JV) - Heritage Hills
(A)
8/22/2026 12:00 PM

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COACH MCATEE BEGINS HER SECOND TENURE WITH LADY LIONS VOLLEYBALL

The Loogootee Lady Lions opened their 2026 volleyball season on the road Saturday, falling in three sets to Evansville Christian, 24-26, 15-25, 19-25. Despite the sweep, the Lady Lions had opportunities throughout the afternoon, particularly in a back-and-forth opening set that came down to the final points.

Loogootee came out strong in the opener, jumping ahead 3-0 behind the serving of Aubrey Gilbert. The Lady Lions maintained the advantage through much of the set and eventually built their largest lead at 15-10, forcing an Evansville Christian timeout. The Eagles began to chip away at the deficit and eventually evened the set at 18 before taking their first lead at 21-20. Evansville Christian stretched the advantage to 23-20, but Loogootee wasn't finished. Facing set point at 24-22, Alaina Diamond delivered a kill to pull the Lady Lions within one. Diamond then went back to the service line, where an Evansville Christian error tied the set at 24-24. The Eagles responded by taking the next two points to escape with a 26-24 opening-set victory.

The second set was a much different story, as Evansville Christian raced out to a 7-0 advantage. Loogootee struggled to recover from the early deficit and trailed 17-7 before putting together its best stretch of the set. Wilson came up with back-to-back blocks, and Savannah Green followed with back-to-back aces, helping Loogootee score four straight points and force an Evansville Christian timeout at 17-11.

The Eagles steadied themselves from there and went on to take the second set 25-15.

Loogootee again found itself behind early in the third, trailing 3-0, but this time the Lady Lions quickly answered. A kill from Taryn Brown, an ace from Lauren Nolan and kills from Lydia Hawkins and Green helped Loogootee battle back. Hawkins added an ace before Green put down a kill to give the Lady Lions their first lead of the set at 8-7.

The teams continued trading points before Evansville Christian broke a 10-10 tie with three consecutive points. Loogootee stayed within striking distance, and Diamond delivered four of her match-high 11 kills during the latter portion of the third set. The Eagles, however, maintained their advantage and closed out the match with a 25-19 win.

Diamond led the Loogootee attack with 11 kills while also recording two aces. Green finished with five kills and two aces. Gilbert directed the offense with a team-high 13 assists, while Hawkins added six assists. Defensively, senior libero Jocelynn Sims led the Lady Lions with 10 digs, while Hawkins collected nine. At the service line, Lauren Nolan led Loogootee with five service points, while Hawkins and Green each recorded four. The Lady Lions showed their ability to battle back throughout the afternoon, particularly in the opening set when they erased a late three-point deficit and fought off set point.

Loogootee will look to build on those stretches as the young season moves forward. This was notably the first match of Coach Tracie McAtee's second stint at the helm of the Lady Lion Volleyball program. Her previous time with the program was from 2016-18, where she won a Sectional Championship in 2016, and compiled a record of 67-32. Coach McAtee is the fourth coach in Lady Lion Volleyball history to have held two different head coaching tenures with the program. Shelly Lengacher (2003-06, 2019-22), Ann Ackerman (1980-88, 1992-93), and Doug Denson (1994-99, 2013-15) are the other three.

Varsity Final: Evansville Christian 3, Loogootee 0

Set Scores: 26-24, 25-15, 25-19

Loogootee Statistical Leaders:

Service Points — Lauren Nolan 5, Lydia Hawkins 4, Savannah Green 4

Aces — Alaina Diamond 2, Savannah Green 2

Digs — Jocelynn Sims 10, Lydia Hawkins 9

Kills — Alaina Diamond 11, Savannah Green 5

Assists — Aubrey Gilbert 13, Lydia Hawkins 6

In the JV match, Evansville Christian jumped on the Lady Lions early and won the first set, but the young Lady Lions came out in the second set, jumping to an 11-3 lead and eventually winning the set to force a third. The JV would win the final set 15-9, to give them their first victory in their first match of the season.

Stats for the match:

Service Points — Kensleigh Carrico 13, Fara Fisher— 10

Aces — Kensleigh Carrico 7

Digs — Haylo Harmon 16, Abbi Rollins 7

Kills — Kensleigh Carrico 9, Mkenna Gregory 4

Assists — Fara Fisher 12, Kensleigh Carrico 6

LADY LIONS GOLF PLACES SECOND AT SHADOWOOD

On Tuesday evening, our Varsity Girls Golf team traveled to Shadowood Golf Course in Seymour for a three-team meet. Our girls placed second with a 252, finishing between Trinity Lutheran (239) and Crothersville (259).

Our girls' scores were Claire Wolfe 57, Libby Swartzentruber 60, Hattie Humerickhouse 67, Brynn Lengacher 68, Jessica Pride 71, Marly Jones 68. The team moved to 2-2 in the year with the win and the loss.

LOOGOOTEE MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS ROLLS PAST VINCENNES CLARK

The Loogootee Middle School tennis team picked up a strong victory Tuesday night, defeating Vincennes Clark with an impressive performance from top to bottom.

In singles, Brodan Hawkins cruised to an 8-0 victory, while Keaton Smith also dominated with an 8-0 win. LJ Marks added another 8-0 shutout for the Lions. Loogootee was just as strong in doubles. Nicholas Helderman and Eli Graber teamed up for an 8-0 victory, while Kash Wagler and Blake Stall also recorded a win to help the Lions secure the team victory.

It was a complete performance from the Lions, with the team continuing to show strong improvement and competitive play throughout the lineup. The MS Lions head back to the courts on Friday when they head to Barr-Reeve.

LADY LIONS FALL TO LADY WILDCATS IN VOLLEYBALL HOME OPENER

The Loogootee volleyball teams traveled to Jasper, with the JV Lady Lions falling in two sets before the varsity dropped a three-set match to the Wildcats. The JV Lady Lions (1-1) won 15-25, 17-25. Kensleigh Carrico led Loogootee with 5 kills and 2 aces, while Haylo Harmon recorded a team-high 8 digs. Fara Fisher finished with 5 assists, Carrico added 3, and Addison Moore led the team with 3 service points. The Varsity Lady Lions (0-2) fell to Jasper 14-25, 7-25, 9-25. Loogootee stayed within striking distance during the early portion of the opening set.

Lydia Hawkins picked up a pair of early kills, while Alaina Diamond added a kill and was involved at the net with a block assist as the Lady Lions tried to keep pace. Jasper began creating separation midway through the set and eventually took the opener, 25-14. Jasper controlled much of the second set, jumping in front early and limiting Loogootee's opportunities to string points together. The Lady Lions picked up points from Hawkins and Diamond at the net, but Jasper continued to extend its advantage on the way to a 25-7 win.

The Lady Lions showed some fight early in the third. Loogootee picked up early points at the net, including kills from Hawkins and Diamond, but Jasper again found a lengthy run and pulled away to complete the sweep, 25-9. Hawkins and Diamond led the Loogootee attack with 4 kills each. Aubrey Gilbert finished with a team-high 5 assists, while Hawkins added 4. Defensively,

Lauren Nolan led Loogootee with 6 digs, with Jocelynn Sims and Gilbert each recording 5. Nolan also led the Lady Lions with 3 service points. Loogootee falls to 0-2 on the varsity season, while the JV Lady Lions move to 1-1.

LIONS RUN TO TEAM VICTORY AT NORTH KNOX CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

The Loogootee Cross Country teams turned in a strong performance Tuesday night at the North Knox Invitational, with the Lions boys claiming the team championship in the four-team meet. Loogootee was led by Knox Jeffers, who captured first place individually with a time of 18:37.

The Lions put together an impressive team effort, with the boys finishing 1st through 7th overall and four runners recording personal-best times. On the girls' side, Ava Jeffers led the Lions with a 2nd-place finish in 22:57. Reese Gibson followed closely behind, finishing 4th with a personal-best time of 23:32. Coach Lilly was proud of the effort from both teams.

"The kids ran so hard tonight, it was a beautiful thing to watch," said Coach Lilly. "The boys won and finished in positions 1 through 7. Ava finished 2nd among the girls, and Reese ran fourth. This team is just about humbly doing their best." The Lions will look to build on Tuesday night's performance when they return to action Saturday morning at Southridge for the Southridge Invitational.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY COMPETES WELL AT FOREST PARK INVITE

The Loogootee Middle School Cross Country teams competed at the Forest Park Invitational, with both teams showing great effort and determination on the course!

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LIONS RUN TO TEAM VICTORY AT NORTH KNOX CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

The boys came out on top, winning 5-0, and middle school JV won 3-1. The Loogootee Lions continued their strong start to the season Friday night with an impressive road victory over Southridge, taking control of the match from the opening point. In singles action, Jack Divine delivered a dominant 8-0 victory, while Kendall Wilson battled to an 8-4 win. Mason Mathias added another strong performance with an 8-3 victory.

The Lions were just as impressive in doubles. Anderson Toy and Brodan Hawkins cruised to an 8-0 victory, while Eli Graber and Keaton Smith also shut out their opponents 8-0. Loogootee's JV squad added to the night's success, earning a 3-1 victory over Southridge.

It was a strong all-around performance by the Lions, who showed confidence, consistency and toughness on the road. With both the varsity and JV teams finding success, Loogootee continues to build momentum as the season moves forward.

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LOOGOOTEE BOYS TENNIS SWEEPS FOREST PARK IN SEASON-OPENING ROAD MATCH

FERDINAND, Ind. — The Loogootee High School boys varsity tennis team opened its 2026 campaign Tuesday with an emphatic 5-0 road sweep against Forest Park.

The Lions controlled the court across all flights, winning every varsity match in straight sets to secure the clean victory on Aug. 18. Grayson Kluesner led the way at No. 1 singles, defeating Forest Park's Jace Brockman 6-3, 6-4. Knox Jeffers kept the momentum rolling in the second singles position with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Miles Rea, while Carter Downey completed the singles sweep by besting Trey Benton 6-2, 6-1. Loogootee's doubles lineup proved equally formidable:

- Emmett Graber and Cooper Vanhoy defeated Eli Brockman and Clayton Boesner 6-3, 6-1.
- Reed Brittain and Gabe Walton downed Jace Betz and Drew Fisher 6-1, 6-1.

The junior varsity Lions mirrored the varsity squad's dominance, putting together an undefeated 4-0 showing. Dawson Potts and Judah Davis each posted unblemished 8-0 singles shutouts. In JV doubles action, Bryce Christmas and Mitchell Walton claimed an 8-2 victory, while Henry Humerickhouse and Rawlings Bell closed out the day with an 8-1 win.



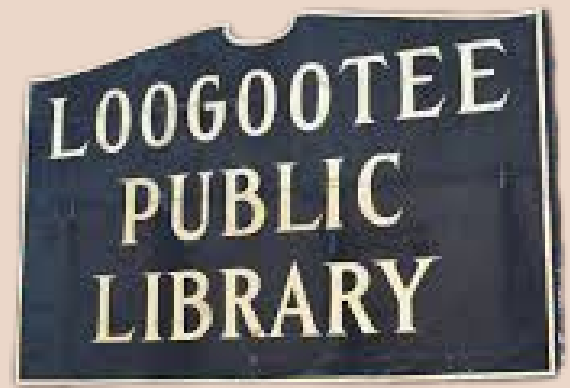
EVENT PLANNER AUGUST 17-21

The Loogootee Senior Center continues to offer area seniors a welcoming space for physical wellness, social connection, and community fellowship through its weekly schedule of events.

Located at 406 NW 1st Street in Loogootee, the Senior Center provides a full slate of activities tailored to keep older adults active and engaged. The following is the schedule of programs and events taking place for the week of August 17 through August 21:

- Monday, August 17th: Stretching with Yoga on Main: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Start the week with a gentle stretching and flexibility session led by instructors from Yoga on Main, designed for all skill levels.
- Tuesday, August 18th: Ice Cream Social & Game Day: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Cool off with sweet treats during an Ice Cream Social sponsored by BoMacs Drive In, followed by an afternoon of cards and board games.
- Wednesday, August 19th: August Birthday Celebration Lunch & Book Club: 11:30 a.m.
- Join fellow members for lunch provided by Parkview Village at 11:30 a.m. as the center celebrates August birthdays. Afterward, the Monthly Book Club will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to discuss this month's selection.
- Thursday, August 20th: Chair Exercise: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Participate in a low-impact chair exercise class focused on mobility, strength, and balance.
- Friday, August 21st: Friday Game Day: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Wrap up the week with friends over table games, puzzles, and social fellowship.

Area seniors interested in joining daily activities or signing up in advance for sponsored meal days are encouraged to stop by the Loogootee Senior Center during regular hours or contact the front desk directly.



EVENT PLANNER AUGUST 19-26

The Loogootee Public Library continues to provide educational resources and community programs for area residents of all ages, offering digital safety seminars, social club meetings, and weekly youth activities.

Supporters who would like to contribute to the facility's ongoing programs and operational supplies can submit donations directly through Venmo (@loogooteelibrary) or purchase items from the library's official Amazon wish list.

Located at 504 Park Street in Loogootee, the library hosts a wide variety of activities each week. The following is the schedule of operational hours and scheduled events taking place from Wednesday, August 19 through Wednesday, August 26:

- Wednesday, August 19th: Closed
- Thursday, August 20th: Taylor Tech: Scams Presentation at 5:00 p.m.
- Join the library for an informative digital safety workshop presented by Taylor Tech. Attendees will learn how to recognize modern online scams, safeguard personal data, and protect themselves against cyber fraud.
- Friday, August 21st: Loogootee Women's Club from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The Loogootee Women's Club will gather for its scheduled daytime meeting and community fellowship session.
- Saturday, August 22nd: Open for regular hours
- Sunday, August 23rd: Closed
- Monday, August 24th: Open for regular hours
- Tuesday, August 25th: Little Learners at 10:15 a.m.
- Young children and families are invited to attend an interactive morning of storytime, early literacy activities, and fun.
- Wednesday, August 26th: Closed

For additional information regarding upcoming late-summer events, room reservations, or program registrations, patrons can visit the Loogootee Public Library circulation desk during normal business hours or consult the facility's digital announcements.

MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,
The public record surrounding the development of the Mid-States Corridor project raises legitimate questions about whether a coordinated relationship existed among private business interests, economic-development organizations, elected officials, and later governmental entities to advance a predetermined transportation project. The available evidence does not prove an unlawful conspiracy or collusion; however, the chronology and relationships are sufficient to justify further investigation into whether influential interests, and people, worked together to shape public policy, legislation, and ultimately a project involving the possible use of eminent domain. The story did not begin with an independent governmental determination that a new 54-mile highway was necessary. Years before the Mid-States Corridor RDA was formed, the I-67 Development

Corporation, a business and civic advocacy organization, was promoting improved north-south transportation connections. The organization raised substantial public and private funds to commission transportation and economic studies. By October 2016, approximately \$455,250 had reportedly been invested, including \$225,250 in private contributions from local businesses, ultimately raising over \$7 million. The precise identities of some donors remain confidential under Indiana law. Nevertheless, several donors consented to public identification, and the public record demonstrates that private business interests played an important role in financing the early development of the transportation case. At an October 2016 meeting concerning the Mid-State Corridor project, industrialist Hank Menke, then State Senator Mark Messmer and then State Representative Mike

Braun discussed the need for new methods of assembling local financial support. This discussion followed the London Witte funding study, which examined ways to generate local resources for the project. Braun reportedly described the need for the region to have "skin in the game" in order to obtain INDOT participation. Messmer discussed pursuing legislation to provide additional funding options. Within a few months, SB 128 was introduced in the Indiana General Assembly by Mark Messmer. The legislation ultimately created a mechanism allowing regional development authorities to participate in transportation infrastructure financing, coordinate regional resources, seek federal transportation funding, and enter supplemental funding agreements with INDOT. The Indiana Chamber of Commerce subsequently stated that the mechanism in SB 128 originated in

Dubois County. This demonstrates a close chronological connection between the local business-led effort to solve the project's funding problem and the legislative mechanism that then helped make the project institutionally possible. The formation of the Mid-States Corridor RDA did not occur in isolation from this earlier advocacy. Public reporting described the same regional initiative as helping lay the groundwork for the RDA. The project therefore appears to have evolved through a continuum: private and public advocacy, privately and publicly funded studies, pursuit of new legislative authority, creation of a governmental RDA, and finally the formal environmental review process. The role of private economic interests continued during project development. Businesses and economic-development organizations were formally interviewed regarding

transportation needs before alternatives were screened. Stakeholders included companies and organizations such as Jasper Engines, Meyer Distributing, OFS Brands, Cook Group, Mulzer Crushed Stone, and Radius Indiana. Their concerns included freight movement, interstate access, market connectivity, workforce access, and regional economic development. Those concerns substantially overlap with the project's eventual objectives: improving access to major business markets, increasing freight efficiency, improving regional connectivity, and supporting economic development. This does not disprove that businesses selected the final Alternative P. The potential concern is not necessarily that a particular company dictated the route. Rather, the question is whether a network of aligned private, political, and governmental interests progressively defined the transportation "problem" in terms that favored a large new-terrain corridor over improvements to existing roads. The sequence, business advocacy, private funding, consultant studies, legislative action, RDA formation, business stakeholder input, and a final project closely aligned with business and freight objectives, is consistent with coordinated advocacy. Whether that coordination rose to the level of improper collusion cannot be determined from the evidence currently available; but, it gives the appearance that it was. Further investigation should therefore focus on communications, meeting records, legislative testimony, funding decisions, and the development of the project's Purpose and Need. The central question is not whether businesses were allowed to advocate for better transportation. They clearly were. It is whether private interests and public officials coordinated their actions in a manner that effectively predetermined a government project before the formal public decision-making and environmental processes were complete. Herein is the crux of the matter, was there collusion and why aren't we all concerned? This is just a highway, next time we could be battling these same people about a nuclear waste dump in Porterville.
Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

PETS

Section by The Martin County Humane Society

ADOPTABLE CATS

The Martin County Humane Society is encouraging local residents to consider adoption and support community animal welfare initiatives as it spotlights available pets and ongoing shelter needs.

Every animal adopted through the shelter receives comprehensive care prior to joining a new home. Pets are spayed or neutered, fully vaccinated, microchipped, dewormed, and treated for fleas. To ensure long-term health, dogs undergo testing for common tick-borne diseases, while cats are tested for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV).

Adoption fees remain accessible to promote pet placement throughout the region, with cat adoptions set at \$45 and dog adoptions at \$100.

Prospective adopters can submit applications directly on the organization's official website at martincountyhumane.org to schedule a meeting with available animals, or email inquiries to info@martincountyhumane.org.

In addition to adoption efforts, the non-profit organization relies on community donations to maintain daily

operations and provide essential care. Community members wishing to support the shelter can view critical supply needs through the society's official Amazon Wishlist.

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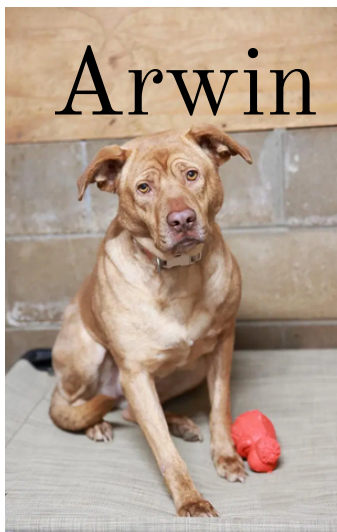
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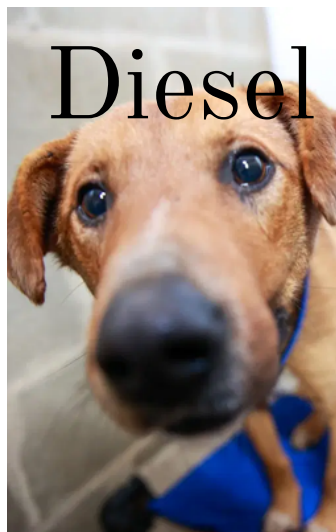
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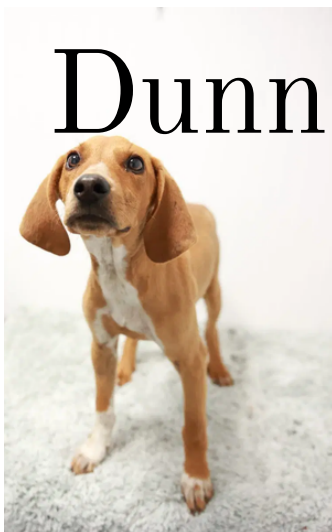
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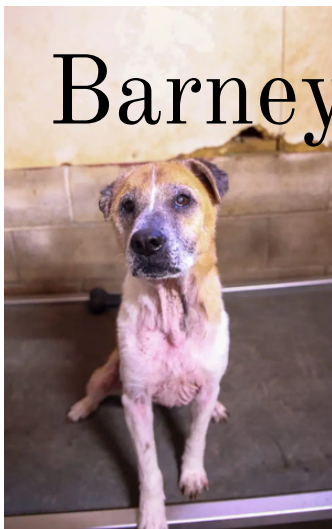
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Obituaries

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William “Marvin” Osborne

*December 17, 1952-
August 15, 2026*

William “Marvin” Osborne, 73, of Loogootee, Indiana passed away peacefully on Saturday August 15, 2026, at his home.

He was born on December 17, 1952, in Alfordsville, Indiana to James “Bud” and Ellosie “Penny” Osborne. Marvin married Deborah Martin on June 5, 1999.

He attended the Alfordsville Christian Church. Marvin enjoyed his furry friends and watching Indiana Fever and NCAA with Debbe. For many years he worked driving trucks for Eaton’s Transport in Montgomery, Indiana.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his son, Jeremy Osborne, his stepson, Ian Martin, his brothers, James Edward Osborne, James M. “Chade” Osborne, Randy Osborne, nephew, Jason Seits, brother-in-law, Mike Catt.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 27 years, Debbe Martin, his step-son, Mike Sellers, of Finley, Ohio, his siblings, Charles (Cindy) Osborne of Utica, Kentucky, Don (Brenda) Osborne of Washington, Indiana, Mariann (Ali) Hamzeh of Arlington, Texas, Brenda (Mike) Sanders of Loogootee, Indiana, sister-in-law, Jacquie Catt, Brenda (Jerry) Edwards, Falicia (Tony) Halloway, many nieces and nephews, and lifelong friend and coworker, Dan McAtee.

Cremation was chosen according to his wishes, he will be laid to rest at Alfordsville Cemetery in Alfordsville, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society in memory of Marvin.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

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Mary Margaret Walton

*March 27, 1952-
August 14, 2026*



Mary also loved to cook and took great joy in preparing Sunday dinners for her family. Gathering around the table with the people she loved was a special part of her life, creating memories that her family will treasure for years to come.

Mary’s generous spirit, unwavering faith, love for her family, famous chocolate chip cookies, and willingness to serve others left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family and friends, and the many people whose lives she touched. Her legacy of faith, love, service, and family will continue to live on in all who were blessed to know her.

Mary Margaret Walton, 74, of Loogootee, Indiana passed away peacefully on Friday August 14, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana.

She was born on March 27, 1952, in Loogootee, Indiana to Willis and Mary Hembree. Mary married Terry Walton on September 18, 1971.

Mary was a woman of strong faith whose love for her family guided her throughout her life. She was a member of Loogootee Methodist Church, where she was always willing to serve others. She especially enjoyed helping prepare funeral meals, offering comfort and kindness to families during difficult times. Mary truly had a servant’s heart and was always looking for ways to help those around her.

Mary dedicated many years to the Loogootee community through her work with Loogootee Community Schools. She retired after a fulfilling career serving in several roles, including athletic department secretary, Loogootee Community Schools Corporation Treasurer, and substitute teacher. She touched the lives of many students, families, and colleagues through her compassion, dedication, and willingness to help.

Family was at the center of Mary’s life. She loved her family dearly and especially cherished being a grandmother and a great grandmother. One of her greatest joys was watching her grandchildren play sports. She could often be found in the stands cheering them on, whether they were playing Loogootee sports or traveling to Noblesville to support them. She was always their biggest supporter and took great pride in their accomplishments.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and siblings; William Hembree, Shirley Lineback, Sharon Farese, Alice Robbins, Ellen Mathias.

Mary is survived by her husband of 54 years, Terry Walton, children, Adam (Julie) Walton, Angie (Chris) Sutton, grandchildren, Paige (Jamal) Wittmer, Jace Walton, Wade Walton, Gabe Walton, Katie Sutton, Carson Sutton, great-grandchild, Sailor Wittmer, her siblings, Charles Hembree, Donald Hembree, Mildred “Susie” Hill, Norma Kay Breeding, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday August 20, 2026, at 10:00 A.M EDT at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana.

Friends may visit on Wednesday August 19, 2026, from 4:00 P.M until 7:00 P.M at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana.

She will be laid to rest in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Loogootee Community School Systems P.O Box 282 Loogootee, Indiana 47553, in honor of Mary.

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Martin County & Courts

Monday, August 10, 2026

2:42 a.m.- Received a call from Mulhaupts Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Major Reed responded.

7:14 a.m.- Received a report of a possible theft in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

7:17 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check Northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

7:53 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle North of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Wilson responded.

9:04 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

9:34 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.

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

10:22 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

11:27 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

1:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:21 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

4:07 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

7:33 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down East of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department and Deputy Clark responded.

7:33 p.m.- Received an animal complaint North of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

7:40 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Ashley Dillard, a 32-year-old female from Paoli, arrested for Driving while suspended-prior. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

10:27 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

11:44 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

7:13 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries Southeast of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

7:35 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard North of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.

9:45 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:17 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

10:42 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard North of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

11:29 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls requesting a deputy North of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

12:02 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.

12:36 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting deputies in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:27 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins on station with Michael Morrison, a 44-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Criminal mischief. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

1:39 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller and Sergeant Hawkins transported three inmates to court.

2:40 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

3:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:46 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Captain Gibson responded.

5:27 p.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Notified the keyholder and they advised we could disregard.

5:40 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West in Daviess County. Notified Daviess County.

5:44 p.m.- Received multiple calls reporting a tree down South of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:01 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

6:11 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:12 p.m.- Received a call from Smithville Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm North of Loogootee. Notified the keyholder and they advised we could disregard.

7:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible traffic hazard North of Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.

7:22 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

7:42 p.m.- Received multiple calls reporting tree limbs down South of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

7:42 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

12:00 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

2:36 a.m.- Received a call reporting smoke alarms going off North of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:52 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

8:56 a.m.- Jail Officer Bills escorted one inmate to remote court.

9:06 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a car fire North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded. No one was transported.

10:07 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

1:54 p.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Melvin Graber,

a 48-year-old male from Shoals, arrested on a Monroe County warrant. He is being held without bond.

2:34 p.m.- Received a call from Shoals Community Schools advising they are dismissing early today.

3:02 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn South of Loogootee.

4:09 p.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

4:19 p.m.- Received a report of a powerline down South of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

5:22 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Marshal Copeland and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

5:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman, Sergeant Hawkins and Corporal Erwin responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

6:16 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Crane EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Crane EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:27 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

Thursday, August 13, 2026

5:40 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy East of Shoals. Major Reed and Deputy Droke responded.

6:30 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down West of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

9:28 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Crane EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, Chief

Deputy Keller and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:49 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check North of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:28 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

11:50 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

12:09 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

1:10 p.m.- Received an animal complaint Southwest of Shoals. The owner was contacted.

2:20 p.m.- Deputy Branham transported two inmates to court.

2:33 p.m.- Received an animal complaint North of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

3:42 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check South of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

5:29 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

8:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman and Deputy Nash responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:58 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

Friday, August 14, 2026

5:03 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Droke and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

5:14 a.m.- Received a report of a malfunctioning traffic light in Loogootee. INDOT was notified.

MARTIN COUNTY LOG

Saturday, August 15, 2026

9:00 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Corporal Erwin responded.
9:05 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.
9:35 a.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
9:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
1:05 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check North of Loogootee.
1:35 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
1:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
2:00 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Erwin responded.
2:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, LPD Chief Cummings, Chief Deputy Keller, Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
3:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious male Northeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.
3:58 p.m.- Received a report of a vehicle repossession Northeast of Shoals.
5:08 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
5:14 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling North. Advised all on-duty units.
4:43 p.m.- Received a report of a vehicle repossession in Loogootee.
5:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an animal complaint North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.
5:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a trespasser North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

3:54 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic dispute Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.
4:37 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.
6:52 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident South of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.
11:04 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn South of Shoals.
3:30 p.m.- Received a report of a camper fire in Crane Village. Loogootee Fire Department, Taylor Township Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded.
3:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
7:44 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Droke responded.
8:00 p.m.- Deputy Droke on station with Chase Crowder, a 21-year-old male from Shoals, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.
9:59 p.m.- Received multiple 911 and landline calls reporting a tree down Southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Deputy Droke responded.
10:55 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male in Shoals. Advised on-duty units.
11:07 p.m.- Received multiple reports of a possible traffic hazard West of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

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12:02 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked East of Loogootee. Big John's responded.
8:14 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
10:26 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1,

Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
12:35 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle South of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.
1:50 p.m.- Received a request for assistance in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.
2:39 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.
3:03 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.
3:15 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
3:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
3:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
3:48 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Lawrence County EMS responded and transported one patient to IU Bedford.
5:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East into Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.
6:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
7:34 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Clark responded. No one was transported.
10:11 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling North. Major Reed responded.
10:12 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.
11:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Major Reed, Deputy Clark and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.

LOOGOOTEE POLICE LOG

Monday August 10, 2026
1:06 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on golf club lane.

Tuesday, August 11, 2026
12:04 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Mount Calvary Rd.
12:30 pm- A complainant came on station to advise of a possible scam.
1:55 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey and K-9 Officer Ripp assisted Martin County Sheriff's Dept.
2:20 pm- A complainant came on station to report a possible scam.
9:30 pm- Chief Cummings spoke with a complainant regarding harassment.

Wednesday, August 12, 2026
11:10 am- A caller advised of four large dogs running loose on SE 1st St.
2:35 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey spoke with a complainant on station regarding a scam.
3:15 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey assisted with a locked car at a local business.

Thursday, August 13, 2026
9:30 am- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on 2nd Rd.
10:00 am- Chief Cummings assisted Child Protective Services with a sensitive matter.
12:00 pm- A complainant came to the station to speak with an officer about suspicious activity through the mail.

Friday, August 14, 2026
8:21 am- A caller advised of a malfunction in the stoplight at US 231S and US 50.
9:01 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 231S, nearing Loogootee.
9:39 am- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Harper Hill Rd.
9:46 am- Chief Cummings responded to a 911 hang up at a local business.
11:15 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey, Officer Wagoner, and Officer Burris responded to a report of a broken down semi on N. JFK Ave.
11:45 am- A caller advised of a possible abandoned vehicle on SE 1st St.
2:26 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. and Chief Cummings responded to a medical call on Reinhart Rd.

Saturday, August 15, 2026
3:30 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a report of an illegal burn of a trailer in Crane Village.

Sunday, August 16, 2026
8:14 am- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Vine St.
7:34 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to property damage accident at Butcher Blvd. and N. JFK Ave.

Property Records

Transfers August 12-19

NOTICE 1: Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Kevin Lee Gibbs and Tabitha Gibbs, as husband and wife, residing at 15850 Witt Rd., Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 15850 Witt Rd., Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: All that part of the north half of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, that lies east of the Dover Hill and Lynville Road, including parts of Out Lots 1 and 2 and part of Number 3 in De LaMater, Devir and Bevens Addition to the Town of Dover Hill; State ID: 51-07-01-100-004.000-001) from the current owners, Steven Michael Fahey and Annette Fahey.

NOTICE 2 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Jeffery J. Eckerle and Karla J. Eckerle, husband and wife, residing at 936 Bellgrade Dr., Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at Reinhart Road, Loogootee, IN 47553 (Legal Description: A part of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.17 acres, subject to a retained life estate; State ID: 51-07-17-200-009.000-007) from the current owners, James J. Eckerle and June A. Eckerle, husband and wife.

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Hard

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Master

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Medium

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Hard

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Expert

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Master

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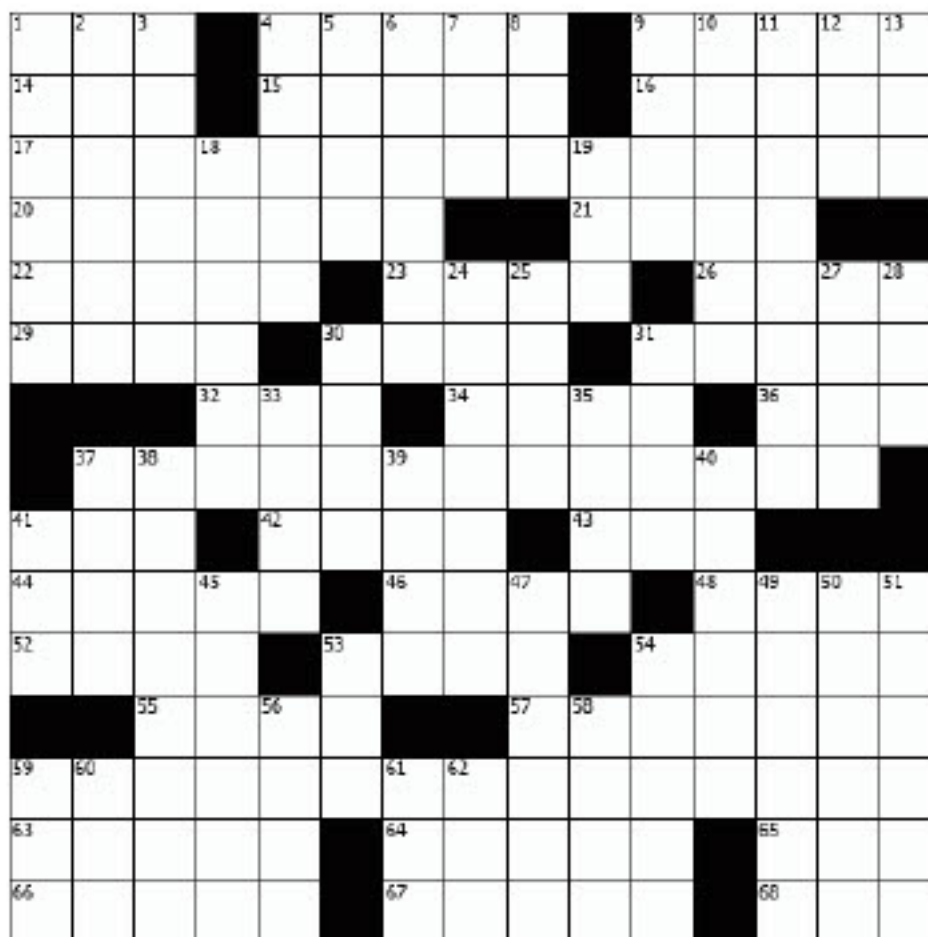
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Across

- 1.** Owns things
4. They're hardly fastidious
9. Exhorted
14. Erenow
15. Kinda down?
16. Unpleasant or sordid
17. Think
20. They're hostile to you
21. Sailor's stir
22. Madison Avenue suits
23. Certain admission exams
26. Parser's concern
29. Arabian peninsula capital
30. Porcine star of 1995
31. Final word
32. "Rebel Without a Cause" actor Mineo
34. All there
36. Omaha Beach vessel
37. Think
41. Crossword puzzle fan, presumably
42. AOL logo, e.g.
43. Carnival city, for short
44. Dadaist Max
46. Etching agent
48. Heaps
52. Smoke detector?
53. Mars' Hellenic counterpart
54. Dictator's assistant
55. Pendulum swings
57. Still
59. Think
63. Communication device
64. Will-o'-the-wisp locale, perhaps
65. "New World Record" rock grp.
66. Tried to get some answers
67. Aggravated
68. Serpentine sound

**Down**

- 1.** Word with corpus
2. Order of the day
3. Grave
4. Do a butler's job
5. Learn partner
6. Texas city
7. Something to lay on your hand
8. Full-house letters
9. Manipulative sort
10. Light-sensitive membrane
11. Grotesque waterspout
12. Australian with three toes
13. Batiking need
18. Oscar-winning "Nashville" tune
19. No big shot?
24. Truancy
25. Peter Angelos owns one
27. Pre-1991 atlas abbr.
28. "I'm ___ Rappaport"
30. Coalition
31. Partial suffix
33. Spatting
35. Overly bookish sort
37. Matador's threat
38. Goes berserk
39. Call of the wild
40. Used a dory
41. They're spent on the Ginza
45. Placid
47. Beatty bomb
49. Flood embankments
50. Ryan and Tatum
51. Trunks
53. African menace
54. Steal
56. Handed a line
58. Units of resistance
59. One doing checks and balances?
60. Pained reactions
61. Compass dir.
62. ___ Jima

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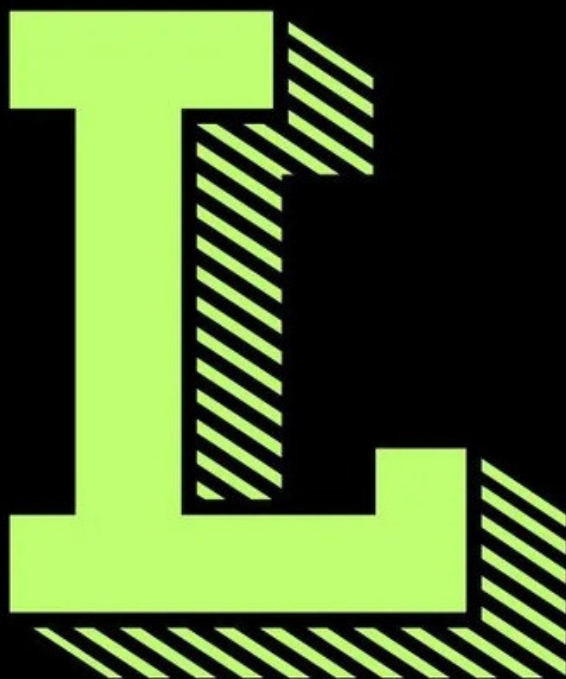
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