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# MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEIGH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, FLOOD SAFETY, EQUIPMENT UPGRADES IN LIGHT AGENDA

MARTIN COUNTY, Ind. — The Martin County Commissioners moved through a light but wide-ranging agenda at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 1, hearing updates on veterans services, approving a major road equipment purchase, and preparing for a looming U.S. 50 closure that will again push traffic onto rural county roads. The meeting opened with routine housekeeping—approval of the Aug. 18 regular meeting minutes and claims and allowances—before quickly turning to departmental reports and infrastructure decisions that will shape county operations over the coming months.

Veterans officer progressing toward full compliance  
Southwest District Service OfficerDirector Kevin Hinton of the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs appeared for a required biannual review of the county's veterans' services under Indiana Code 10-17-1-9. Hinton said County Veteran Service Officer Ryan[1] is on track to be fully credentialed in the VA system. "Ryan is coming along in his compliance to be accredited," Hinton told commissioners. "He has applied for his EIB card so he can get on the VA system. He has an appointment to go get fingerprinted and then start the background check. Then he'll be able to get his card, and then he will be in compliance after that." Hinton reported that Ryan has attended both district service training in April and summer training at the Johnson County Armory, and is expected at fall training on Sept. 15 at Spring Mill State Park. The state, he said, is moving more training into state parks as part of a broader initiative. Commission President Paul[2] asked whether there were any additional technology costs to the county. "All the computer tech and all that is [a] cost to the county," Hinton said, noting that the main data system is provided without charge. "It was like 50 bucks, right?" Paul responded, "Well, that's great. Good job, Ryan." Ryan, who has not been at recent meetings due to summer umpiring, updated commissioners on veterans' transportation and office workload. "In July, the van went out seven times, taking veterans to appointments, and then in August it went out nine times," he said. He added that property-tax- related calls and claims work are keeping the office busy. "People are just bombarding me with [property taxes]." Commissioners noted Ryan's new office is nearly ready, with doors expected to be installed this week. Board members thanked both Hinton and Ryan for their work, particularly on recent outreach events. "Good deal with the veterans' events here a while back," one commissioner said, referencing a gathering at Hindostan Falls. "Thanks for what both you guys do."

Flood safety: "Turn Around, Don't Drown" sign, cones for patrol cars  
Emergency management updates centered largely on flooding and public safety. An emergency management representative, Andy Ball, said the state has been occupied with recent flooding in northern Indiana and ongoing efforts for a presidential disaster declaration. Locally, he said he had pursued a national "Turn Around, Don't Drown" sign for a flood-prone area south of town. "Last time we had the big flood down here, and we had a fatality, there was an email going around for 'Turn Around, Don't Drown' signs," he said. "I went ahead and applied for one with the encouragement of the coroner, Tony, and we've gotten awarded one." The sign is expected to be installed along River Road, near the south end of town, likely close to the key intersection where motorists decide whether to proceed into high-water areas. Commissioners then turned to broader road-closure tools, with the commissioner pushing for basic traffic-control equipment in each sheriff's patrol vehicle. "I would love to get the sheriff's office, each of their patrol vehicles, four ... orange cones," the commissioner said. "If there's an issue, we got them out there at least, and then that allows for other agencies' time." He noted cones could help in situations beyond flooding, including downed trees and overnight hazards. "It'd be nice [if] they had them on their vehicles," he said. "It could be boom, they got them out there, and then we will get out there. Just maybe we don't have to call two people out at two in the morning." Andy agreed to price the cones and look at options that might include flashing lights, after Paul suggested seeking models with built-in warning beacons. "Could they be out here fancy?" Ball joked, drawing laughter before commissioners agreed to pursue both cones and lighted options if costs are reasonable.

Bridge work: French Creek repair vs. full replacement bid  
Highway Superintendent Scott Seals brought two quotes from CLR for work on French Creek Bridge, which isa structurally limited andFrench Creek bridge that withalready had a low posted weight limit and was in the county's five-year replacement plan. The county sought pricing for both a structural repair and a complete replacement. For repairs to the existing truss structure, Paul[3] read CLR's figure into the record: ● \$135,805 for the basic repair scope ● An additional \$28,650 if crews must drive piling A full replacement — approximately 55 feet long and 24 feet wide with approaches — was quoted at: ● \$237,150 for the main project ● An additional \$34,500 if piling is required There were also several alternates listed, but commissioners opted not to discuss those in detail before legal review. Paul said the bids would follow the county's typical process. "We'll just let you go over this with the attorney," he told Scott, asking for a motion "to table this until Dave and Scott can look at it" and return with a recommendation. The board unanimously voted to table the item for further analysis. One commissioner noted CLR "always does a good job for us," expressing confidence in the firm's past work.

U.S. 50 closure: Ccounty sets unofficial detour via Stiles Lane  
Scott also briefed commissioners on an upcoming closure of U.S. 50 "on or around September 14" and the need for an "unofficial detour" route requested by the state. The proposed local route would carry traffic from U.S. 50 onto Stiles Lane, then Williams Road, through the back of the state forest, and back out to 50. "That's the path of least resistance," Scott said. He emphasized that the state's official detour will route heavy trucks to State Road 150, and that "no semi" signs are already posted along the unofficial route. Commissioners and Scott recalled the last U.S. 50 closure, when heavy traffic damaged county roads but ultimately led to reimbursement. "The unofficial route gets us paid if the road gets tore up, or we have to do more work," Scott said.

Paul estimated the county spent "only 40, I think," while Scott recalled the figure was "somewhere in the 20-30,000" dollar range, which the state did pay. George described Stiles Lane as "a rough road," but noted Scott's crews have it "in about the best shape as we can get it" and said it will be further improved before the closure. Scott added the route is already "on our radar" and that he brought documents for commissioners to sign returning the detour agreement to the state.

County invests in new John Deere grader  
The most significant financial action of the evening was approval of a new John Deere road grader after several months of discussion about aging equipment and reliability. Scott said he had obtained two quotes, one from John Deere and one from Pallister (a Caterpillar dealer). The John Deere quote came in lower and with a better overall package, in his view. The John Deere bid totaled \$344,897.97, with a \$30,000 trade-in allowance on an existing grader, bringing the net cost to \$314,897.97. The competing bid was: ● \$383,286.07 from Pallister ● With a \$20,000 trade-in credit Scott said he believed the Deere option would be better in the long run, noting the county's positive experience with its existing three John Deere graders. "We've had normal wear and tear," he said, but overall, "I think [our] better bet's probably going to be the John Deere." Commissioners agreed to rely on his judgment. "I'll take Scott's opinion on it. He knows more about them than I do," one commissioner said before moving to purchase the Deere machine. The board voted unanimously to approve the purchase, instructing Scott to check all local banks for the best financing rate. The new grader is expected to arrive by the end of the year or early next year. In discussion, Paul noted the traded John Deere tractor has nearly 12,000 hours on it. "There comes a certain point," he said, referring to machine age and reliability.

Equipment struggles and road work updates  
The grader discussion came amid ongoing challenges with some county equipment, including a John Deere mower that has been frequently sidelined. "The John Deere went down again today," Paul said. "I think it's only ran three weeks in the last year. I'm not going to kid you." Scott said the latest issue appears to be an electrical problem with wiring on a cylinder. He asked for "one more shot" at repairing it before the county makes a final decision. Despite equipment issues and heat, commissioners praised highway crews' work in recent weeks. They cited projects at Dover Hill Gate Road, where work is expected to finish imminently, and other efforts on the "Mount Calvary" side of the county. Scott said once those are completed, a mower will move down toward Walter, and pothole patching is planned on Killian Mill as a September project before a quarry reopens. Aaron offered a public thanks to the highway workers. "That's hard work, and [I] applaud them," he said, noting crews have been out in "100 degrees." "You got your good bunch ... every single one of them." Scott acknowledged heavy truck traffic remains a concern on improved roads, mentioning a route past the home of a former recycling director that has seen increased large-truck use. "The bad thing about a good road is it seems to attract big trucks," he said. "Lots of traffic." Commissioners said they have already received compliments on work at Dover Hill Gate Road.

Downtown work and balloon festival support  
The board also heard a brief update on downtown work, with a representative reporting that a construction crew "wrapped it up early" that day and hoped to finish most of the work by the end of the week. "It's looking good," Paul said of the downtown project. "It'll be finished — hopefully finished up tomorrow with most of the work." Earlier in the meeting, Andy noted that his office had assisted with a recent balloon show at Boggs Park, described as having "a lot of balloons" and strong public turnout, though he said he never had time to see the balloons himself while helping at the highway department.

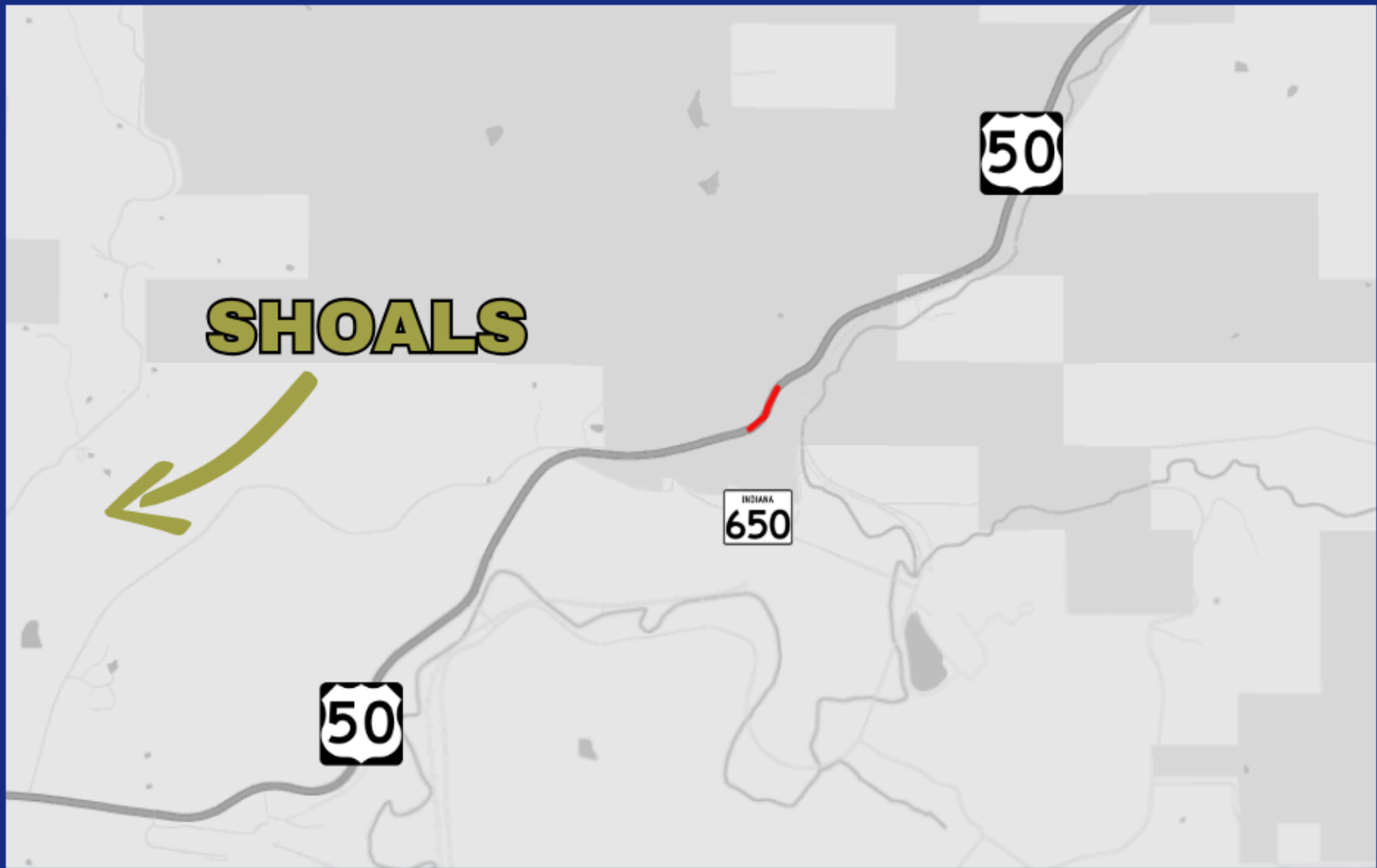
West Boggs Park Board appointment  
In one of the night's few personnel actions, commissioners filled a vacancy on the West Boggs Park Board after the resignation of commissioner appointee Chris Ball. Paul[4] George said the park board hopes to have a replacement in place before its next meeting "in just a [of] couple weeks." After reviewing multiple applications, commissioners said they had reached consensus on a candidate. Aaron moved to appoint Terry Hesslin to the park board. "I'll make a motion ... to approve Terry Hesslin ... on the West Boggs Park Board appointment," he said. Commissioner Retha seconded the motion, and the appointment was approved unanimously. Hesslin will serve out the remainder of Ball's term; commissioners noted they will need to revisit the seat when the term expires.

Light agenda, early adjournment  
With no report from the auditor's office and no additional business from the commissioners, the meeting wrapped up quickly. Paul [5] characterized the evening as "quiet in here tonight," and after confirming there was nothing further on the agenda, Retha moved to adjourn. Aaron seconded, and the board voted to close the session. The next regular meeting of the Martin County Commissioners is expected to include follow-up on the French Creek bridge options, the U.S. 50 detour agreement, and progress on the new grader purchase and road maintenance schedule.

[1]On first mention, please mention first name as well.  
[2]Is this referring to Paul R. Lawrence? If so, he is the VA Deputy Secretary and on his first mention should be mentioned as Paul R. Lawrence.  
[3]Commission President Paul?  
Should be Deputy VA Secretary Paul R. Lawrence.  
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# ROAD CLOSURE PLANNED FOR U.S. 50 IN MARTIN COUNTY



### ROAD CLOSURE PLANNED FOR U.S. 50 IN MARTIN CO.

- BEGINNING ON OR AROUND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, CREWS WILL CLOSE U.S. 50 NEAR SHOALS FOR A SLIDE REPAIR PROJECT.
- DETOUR: U.S. 50 TO STATE ROAD 37 TO U.S. 150. LOCAL TRAFFIC WILL HAVE ACCESS UP TO THE POINT OF CLOSURE.



MARTIN COUNTY, Ind.— – The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a road closure for U.S. 50 in Martin County.

Beginning on or around Monday, September 14, crews will close U.S. 50 near Shoals. This closure will occur three miles east of Shoals.

This road closure will allow for a slide repair project. This work is expected to last through mid-October, depending on the weather.

The official detour for this project is U.S. 50 to State Road 37 to U.S. 150. Local traffic will have access up to the point of closure. INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, use extra caution, and avoid distractions when traveling in and near work zones.

## MARTIN COUNTY SWCD OOPENS OORDERS FOR ANNUAL FALL POND FISH SALE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Landowners and pond managers looking to stock private waters can now place orders through the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District for its annual fish sale.

The conservation district is accepting orders through Thursday, Oct. 15, offering a broad selection of game fish, forage species, and biological weed control options suited for pond health and recreation across southern Indiana.

Delivery is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 20, with customer pickup beginning promptly at 9 a.m. in the Redemption Christian Church parking lot, located at the junction of U.S. Highway 231 and U.S. Highway 50 in Loogootee.

The sale includes 2-to-4-inch regular bluegill and hybrid bluegill for \$0.95 each, 2-to-4-inch redear sunfish for \$1.05 each, and 6-to-8-inch channel catfish for \$0.95 each. For predatory and sport species, 3-to-4-inch largemouth bass are available for \$1.40 each, while 3-to-4-inch black crappie are priced at \$1.35 each, subject to favorable weather conditions.

To support pond ecosystems and food chains, fathead minnows measuring 1 to 3 inches are offered at \$12.25 per pound. Ornamental 6-to-8-inch koi are priced at \$15 each.

For vegetative pond management, 8-to-11-inch triploid grass carp are available for \$17.50 each. A minimum order of five is required for grass carp, and Indiana state law mandates that the district deliver them directly.

Payment must be made by cash or check only. Conservation officials advise buyers to bring adequate containers filled with pond water on distribution morning to safely transport their fish.

To place an order or obtain more information, customers can contact the Martin County SWCD office at 404 JFK Ave. in Loogootee by calling 812-295-3149 or emailing martinswcd@yahoo.com.

## 11TH ANNUAL CANCER RIDE IN ODON TO BBENEFIT VFW AUXILIARY CANCER FUND

ODON, Ind. — Off-road drivers, Jeep owners, and community supporters will take to regional backroads later this month as the 11th Annual Cancer Ride returns to Daviess County.

The charity event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, departing from the Odon VFW post located at 212 E. Elnora St. in Odon.

Billed under the banner "Riding Together to Fight Cancer," the outing invites side-by-side (SxS) operators, Jeep drivers, and motorsports enthusiasts of all kinds to join in a scenic group ride through the countryside. Friends, family members, and community supporters are also welcomed to participate and cheer on the convoy.

Registration will be open the morning of the event from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the VFW post. Participation is open by free-will donation, allowing drivers and passengers to contribute at whatever level they are able.

All proceeds raised throughout the event directly benefit the Odon VFW Auxiliary Cancer Fund. The charity program delivers direct financial relief and critical resources to local community members actively battling cancer diagnoses and undergoing treatments.

In addition to the trail ride, organizers will host on-site raffles and prize drawings throughout the day to help maximize fundraising totals for the auxiliary fund under Indiana Gaming License 0028393.

Charity rides have grown into an essential fundraising tradition for veteran service organizations across southwest Indiana, pairing outdoor recreation with grassroots community support for families facing long-term medical challenges.

Those interested in entering vehicles, donating to the fund, or obtaining further route information can reach event organizers Keith Bechtel at 812-381-3066 or Amber Hudson at 812-322-0738.



# INAUGURAL KIWANIS INDIANA BALLOON FEST GOLF-4-KIDS RAISES FUNDS FOR RILEY CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION



LOGOOTE, Ind. — Community members, local businesses, and golfers from across the state joined forces on the greens to support pediatric healthcare during the inaugural Kiwanis Indiana Balloon Fest Golf-4-Kids tournament.

The charity event raised crucial support for Riley Children's Foundation, drawing strong community backing to ensure the first-year outing was a resounding success.

Lakeview Golf Course hosted the event, partnering closely with organizers to provide a scenic backdrop and smooth operations throughout the day. Tournament leaders specifically recognized Lakeview staff members Carrie, who assisted with coordination from start to finish, and Mike, who stepped in across various operations to support the event's logistics.

Local sponsors served as the financial backbone of the tournament. Key contributors included the Martin County Tourism Council, The Shockney Family, Crane Credit Union, Kerns Insurance, and Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Organizers noted that the tournament would not have been possible without the dedication and generosity of these community partners.

The competition saw an enthusiastic turnout from regional players who answered the call to support the cause. Numerous teams registered to fill out the roster, including one dedicated squad that traveled south from Indianapolis specifically to compete for the charity.

Following the strong initial response, organizers announced plans to make the tournament an annual tradition in conjunction with the Kiwanis Indiana Balloon Fest. Further details regarding dates and registration for next year's outing will be released in the coming months.



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# CORNING IRISH HERITAGE CENTER TO HOST BENEFIT PAINT PARTY IN MONTGOMERY

MONTGOMERY, Ind. — Community members will have the chance to create their own autumn-themed artwork while supporting local cultural preservation during an upcoming benefit paint party at the Corning Irish Heritage Center.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, beginning at 2 p.m. at the heritage center, located at 4962 South 800 East in Montgomery.

Hosted by Artist Within, an interactive art event company, the gathering serves as a fundraiser to support ongoing initiatives and preservation efforts at the Corning Irish Heritage Center. The historic facility honors the cultural roots and traditions of the early Irish immigrants who settled in Daviess County and the surrounding region.

Participants will receive step-by-step guidance to paint a vibrant seasonal scene featuring a red fox resting beneath a canopy of colorful fall foliage. The session is designed for painters of all skill levels, from complete beginners picking up a brush for the first time to experienced hobbyists looking for an afternoon of creative leisure.

Admission is \$35 per person, which covers all necessary painting supplies, including canvases, brushes, paint, and instruction. Space is limited, and organizers encourage interested attendees to reserve their seats in advance to ensure materials are prepared for everyone.

Registration is currently open online through the host's official website at [www.artistwithinparties.com](http://www.artistwithinparties.com). Those seeking additional details about the event, group accommodations, or registration questions may also contact Artist Within by phone at 512-202-7122.

# AMERICAN RED CROSS, HELLO KITTY TEAM UP FOR LOOGOOTE BLOOD DRIVE

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — The American Red Cross is calling on area residents to roll up their sleeves and donate during an upcoming community blood drive at Redemption Christian Church in Loogootee. The drive will take place Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the church foyer, located at 1 Loogootee Plaza.

Donors participating in the drive will receive a special incentive courtesy of an exclusive collaboration between the American Red Cross and Sanrio's Hello Kitty and Friends. Under the campaign theme "Giving blood is super kind," individuals who donate between Sept. 1 and Sept. 20 will receive an exclusive Red Cross and Hello Kitty collectible item, while supplies last. Blood collection agencies frequently face critical seasonal needs following holiday weekends, making local community drives vital to sustaining supplies for hospital trauma care, cancer treatments, and chronic illness therapies.

Officials strongly encourage donors to schedule appointments in advance to minimize wait times and streamline the donation process. Appointments can be reserved online by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and entering the sponsor code "redemption," or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Donors can also use the Red Cross Blood Donor App to track their appointments and health vitals. To further speed up the process on donation day, participants are encouraged to complete a pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire using RapidPass, available via the donor app or online before prior to arriving.



# LOOGOOTEE POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES THREE NEW OFFICERS TO RANKS



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Police Department has expanded its roster with the addition of three new officers committed to protecting and serving the local community.

Jeryco Burris and Jaybe Wagoner have officially been appointed as full-time police officers with the department. Alongside them, Montana Carrico has taken on a role as a reserve officer, bolstering the agency's auxiliary support and part-time enforcement capabilities.

The appointments mark an important milestone for the department as it continues to strengthen its public safety presence across the city. Department officials publicly congratulated all three individuals, commending their decision to enter public service and noting the agency's shared anticipation for their future achievements within the ranks.

Burris and Wagoner immediately took the next step in their law enforcement careers, beginning their first day of intensive training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. While enrolled in the Basic Recruit Class, the two officers will undergo months of rigorous preparation covering criminal law, tactical operations, vehicle maneuvers, community policing strategies, and emergency response procedures. After graduating from the academy, both will return to Loogootee to complete their field training program before moving to standard patrol duties.

Meanwhile, Carrico's addition as a reserve officer will provide vital operational flexibility, assisting full-time personnel during special community events, busy patrol shifts, and emergency situations throughout Martin County. City and department leaders expressed immense pride in the recruits' dedication to the Loogootee community, formally welcoming them to the police force and extending well wishes as they begin their formal training and service.



# HOLIDAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE SETS SEPTEMBER DOUBLE FEATURE LINEUP

MITCHELL, Ind. — Moviegoers can head to the big screen under the stars as the Holiday Drive-In Theatre announced a double feature weekend running Friday through Sunday, Sept. 4–6.

Gates at the outdoor venue are scheduled to open each evening at 7 p.m., giving patrons time to arrive, park, and visit the concession stand before showtime.

The double-feature lineup begins at 8:35 p.m. with the animated adventure "Paw Patrol: The Dino Movie." The feature follows the rescue pups as they navigate prehistoric challenges alongside dinosaur companions, offering family-friendly viewing for all ages.

The second feature, scheduled to start at 10:05 p.m., is "Coyote vs. Acme." The live-action and animated hybrid film stars Will Forte, Lana Condor, and John Cena, bringing the classic Looney Tunes rivalry to life as Wile E. Coyote takes legal action against the Acme Corporation over decades of faulty gadgets and comically failed Road Runner traps.

Drive-in operators encourage visitors to arrive early to secure preferred parking spots ahead of the initial screening. Patrons can tune in to the movie audio on their vehicle radios or portable FM receivers.

Looking ahead to the fall schedule, theater management also announced that "Practical Magic 2" is set to debut on the drive-in screen the following weekend, beginning Friday, Sept. 11. Additional details on ticketing, concession menus, and future autumn showtimes are available directly through the theater.

# BQMI SSEEKS FINANCIAL ANALYST TO SUPPORT NSWC CRANE OPERATIONS

CRANE, Ind. — Defense contractor Banner Quality Management Inc. announced an open recruitment effort for a financial analyst to directly support operations at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division.

The position will be based in Crane, where NSWC Crane serves as a critical Department of Defense installation focusing on mission-driven research, development, and engineering support for the U.S. Navy and joint armed forces.

According to hiring specifications released by BQMI, the role requires candidates who currently hold, or can obtain and maintain, a Department of Defense Secret security clearance. Key responsibilities will center on comprehensive financial tracking, budget allocation, and operational accounting for military and defense programs. The selected analyst will monitor budget trends, review ongoing project expenditures, support de-obligations, and research data discrepancies across multiple military financial databases. Daily duties will also include utilizing enterprise resource planning (ERP) software and reviewing personnel travel authorizations and vouchers processed through the Defense Travel System.

The role also requires substantial technical expertise in data modeling. Applicants must demonstrate advanced proficiency in Microsoft Excel, including complex data gathering, refinement, analysis, and extensive work with pivot tables. The analyst will use historical expenditure figures to forecast trends, identify operating costs, assess customer portfolio performance, and help leadership shape corporate and customer financial planning strategies. BQMI stated that qualified professionals interested in supporting defense initiatives at NSWC Crane can review full job details and submit an application online through the company's official careers portal at [www.bqmi.com/careers](http://www.bqmi.com/careers).

# WEST BOGGS PARK TO HOST FALL FOREST PAINT PARTY IN LOOGOOTEE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area residents looking to embrace the upcoming autumn season with a creative afternoon can take part in a community "Fall Forest" Paint Party scheduled for mid-September.

The event will take place Saturday, Sept. 19, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at West Boggs Park, located at 16117 U.S. Highway 231 in Loogootee.

Hosted by Artist Within, an interactive traveling art studio, the session invites participants to paint a scenic autumn landscape titled "Fall Forest." The featured artwork showcases silhouetted trees against a glowing, warm sunset sky filled with golden and orange foliage, capturing the transition into fall across southern Indiana.

Admission is \$35 per participant, which includes an individual 16-by-20-inch canvas along with all painting materials and guided step-by-step instruction. The two-hour class is geared toward painters of all experience levels, from first-time beginners looking for a relaxing weekend activity to experienced hobbyists.

Organizers emphasize that advance registration is recommended, as seating is limited to ensure proper spacing and adequate supplies for all painters. The outdoor setting at West Boggs provides a natural backdrop for the seasonal-themed gathering, offering locals a relaxed, social atmosphere to create their own home decor.

Interested participants can reserve their spots online through the host's official website at [www.artistwithinparties.com](http://www.artistwithinparties.com). Additional details and updates about the event are available on Facebook at [facebook.com/artistwithinllc](https://facebook.com/artistwithinllc), or by contacting Artist Within directly by phone at 512-202-7122.

# LOOGOOTEE PAVILION TO HOST FALL VENDOR MARKET IN OCTOBER

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local shoppers and seasonal artisans will gather next month at the Loogootee Pavilion for a Fall Vendor Market highlighting area businesses, crafters, and mobile food options.

The market is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Loogootee Pavilion.

Event organizers have officially opened registration and are actively seeking both merchandise vendors and food trucks to round out the seasonal roster. The open-air gathering aims to provide regional entrepreneurs, crafters, and independent merchants with an accessible venue to showcase home decor, handmade goods, fall produce, baked items, and specialty retail products.

Vendor booth spaces measuring 10 by 10 feet are available for a \$25 registration fee. Mobile food trucks and dining concessions can secure a spot for the day for \$50. With limited spaces available under and around the pavilion, prospective participants are encouraged to apply early to secure booth placement and avoid overlapping product offerings.

The event offers community members an opportunity to shop locally ahead of the holiday season while enjoying outdoor concessions in downtown Loogootee.

Vendors, food truck owners, and community members seeking additional information about booth availability, setup guidelines, or general event details can contact organizer Andrea by call or text at 812-351-1996.



**LOGOOTEESenior Center  
Announces Weekly  
Activity Schedule  
through Sept. 4**

LOGOOTEES, Ind. — The Loogootee Senior Center has unveiled a full slate of wellness programs, social gatherings, and informational sessions for area older adults in the area running through Friday, Sept. 4.

Located at 406 NW 1st St. in Loogootee, the facility serves as an active community hub offering routine fitness classes, communal meals, and educational outreach to promote senior well-being across Martin County.

The weekly schedule opened Monday, Aug. 31, with a chair exercise session held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., designed to help participants maintain flexibility and mobility through low-impact movement.

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, attendees gathered for an 11:30 a.m. lunch provided by the St. John's Altar Society, followed immediately by "Game Day Tuesday," which ran through 3 p.m.

Fitness programming continues Wednesday, Sept. 2, with a specialized "Stretching and Strength" class hosted by Harvest Health & Rehab from noon to 1 p.m. The guided session focuses on joint health, safe resistance techniques, and balance maintenance.

On Thursday, Sept. 3, the center shifts focus to healthcare literacy and entertainment from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. A representative from the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) will lead an interactive round of "Medicare Bingo," combining community gaming with helpful guidance on navigating Medicare coverage and state assistance options.

The week concludes Friday, Sept. 4, with a dual-activity morning from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. featuring a group walk in the park alongside an indoor chair exercise session for participants of varying mobility levels.

Senior center staff encourages local older adults, caregivers, and family members to attend the free programs and explore available community resources throughout the week.

**Martin County Republican  
Party to Host Free Annual  
Fish Fry at Hindostan**

SHOALS, Ind. — The Martin County Republican Party is inviting residents from across the county to gather for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and political discussion during its upcoming community fish fry.

The event will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Hindostan Shelter House near Shoals. Admission and meals are free, and organizers emphasized that all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Guests will be served a traditional fish fry meal complete with fried fish fillets, classic side dishes such as coleslaw and hushpuppies, and refreshments. The casual outdoor setting aims to provide a relaxed atmosphere for residents to connect with neighbors and community leaders.

In addition to serving as a social gathering, the event offers voters an opportunity to meet local party officials, discuss key community issues, and learn more about regional political initiatives heading into the fall season. Promoted under the banners "Let's Keep Martin County Strong" and "Working Together for a Better Tomorrow," the gathering highlights party efforts to engage the local electorate and support grassroots party operations.

Political picnics and community meals have long served as a staple of Hoosier civic traditions, providing an accessible forum for constituents to interact directly with local representatives outside of formal council chambers and campaign debates.

Party leaders encourage families, supporters, and interested community members to turn out for good food and conversation at the scenic shelter grounds. Additional details regarding the event and party activities can be obtained directly through the Martin County Republican Party.

**Hoosier Alley  
Announces Half-Price  
Labor Day  
Entertainment Special**

WASHINGTON, Ind. — Families and entertainment seekers looking to celebrate the holiday weekend with high-energy indoor activities can take advantage of major discounts at Hoosier Alley.

The regional family entertainment center announced a special Labor Day promotion featuring half-price admission across several of its most popular indoor attractions. The holiday event aims to provide affordable recreation for children, teenagers, and families wrapping up the summer holiday weekend.

Under the promotion, guests can enjoy 50% discounts on arcade play, laser tag sessions, roller skating, and bumper cars. The facility offers a wide range of activities designed for all age groups, allowing visitors to spend the day competing in interactive games or skating on the hardwood rink.

Hoosier Alley's attraction lineup includes a modern game floor featuring classic favorites such as air hockey alongside digital prize games and video simulations. For guests seeking fast-paced group competition, the venue features a dedicated laser tag arena along with motorized, arena-style bumper cars equipped with responsive controls and vibrant lighting. The venue's roller skating area also provides rental skates and open floor space suitable for both beginner skaters and seasoned regulars.

Holiday weekends typically draw high traffic to regional entertainment hubs as schools and workplaces close for the federal holiday. Center officials encourage visitors to plan their visits early in the day to navigate holiday crowds and maximize time across the various discounted attractions.

The half-price promotion applies directly to the featured activities throughout the holiday celebration. Guests interested in checking operating hours, group accommodations, or facility guidelines ahead of their visit can find additional information directly through Hoosier Alley's official social media channels and customer service desk.

**Loogootee Senior Center to  
Host Community Cookout  
and Casino Night**

LOGOOTEES, Ind. — Area adults are invited to enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and gaming entertainment as the Loogootee Senior Center hosts its upcoming Community Cookout and Casino Night.

The adult-only gathering is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 18, beginning at 6 p.m. at the senior center facility, located at 406 NW 1st St. in Loogootee.

Billed under the theme "Good Times, Good People," the event combines a traditional backyard barbecue with the excitement of casino-style table games. Attendees will be treated to a fresh cookout spread featuring classic summertime fare, including grilled burgers and hot dogs paired with traditional picnic sides and condiments.

Following the meal, the center will transform into an interactive casino hall. Guests will have the opportunity to gather around gaming tables, test their luck with chips in hand, and enjoy friendly competition alongside neighbors and fellow community members in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

The event serves as an extension of the senior center's ongoing mission to provide engaging recreational opportunities and foster meaningful social connections throughout Martin County. While the center regularly hosts daytime health programs, fitness classes, and informational seminars, this evening gathering offers a lively nighttime outing designed exclusively for adult patrons looking to unwind.

Organizers encourage local residents to mark their calendars and turn out for an evening dedicated to good food, engaging games, and community camaraderie. Additional details regarding the event format, admission, and volunteer opportunities can be obtained directly through the Loogootee Senior Center.

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# MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE TO HOST COFFEE NETWORK EVENT IN SHOALS

SHOALS, Ind. — Local business leaders, entrepreneurs, and community partners will gather later this month to foster regional commerce during an upcoming "Connect Over Coffee" networking event.

The morning meetup will take place Monday, Sept. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Bauer Family Coffee Shop in Shoals.

Organized by the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, the hourlong session serves as a casual business-and-member networking opportunity designed to strengthen relationships throughout the county's commercial landscape. Under the theme "great ideas always start with coffee," the event offers local business owners and alliance members an informal setting to share updates, discuss emerging regional developments, and explore collaborative opportunities over a warm cup of coffee.

Attendees will also be treated to a complimentary breakfast provided courtesy of the host organization. Because meals are being served, organizers emphasize that advance reservations are required to ensure the venue can accurately prepare food orders ahead of time.

The Martin County Alliance regularly conducts outreach and support programs to drive economic development, assist small businesses, and retain commercial investments throughout Shoals, Loogootee, and surrounding rural communities. Morning gatherings like the coffee meetup aim to keep local merchants connected while highlighting homegrown establishments such as Bauer Family Coffee Shop.

Prospective attendees can RSVP through the official registration link provided by the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth. Additional information regarding membership, upcoming community development initiatives, and local business resources is available directly through the alliance.

# MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE TO HOST ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE IN LOOGOOTEE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth will host its Annual Golf Scramble on Friday, Sept. 11, welcoming area professionals, local business leaders, and community members for a morning of outdoor networking and friendly competition.

The tournament will take place at Lakeview Golf Course, located at 15485 Half Moon Road in Loogootee. Play is scheduled to begin promptly at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start.

The scramble provides area residents and company representatives with a relaxed environment to connect and build professional relationships while supporting ongoing economic development efforts across Martin County.

Entry fees are set at \$50 per individual golfer or \$200 for a four-person team. Each registration fee covers full-course play, golf cart rental, and a complimentary lunch and refreshments during the outing. Golfers looking for an extra edge on the scorecard can also purchase mulligans for \$20, with a limit of one per person and four per team.

In addition to team entries, the Martin County Alliance is offering local businesses and organizations opportunities to gain visibility among regional leaders. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100, giving sponsors prominent on-course recognition throughout the day's event.

Organizers encourage golfers and corporate teams to register in advance to secure tee-time placement and lunch accommodations. To reserve a team spot, purchase a hole sponsorship, or learn more about the tournament, contact Jessica Potts by phone at 812-295-4800 or by email at [jessica.potts@martinalliance.org](mailto:jessica.potts@martinalliance.org).

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# FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE SCHEDULED FOR MARTIN COUNTY

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Martin County residents, employers, and community advocates will have the opportunity to learn life-saving behavioral health intervention strategies during an upcoming, full-day training session this month.

A free, evidence-based Mental Health First Aid course will take place Monday, Sept. 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Purdue Extension Office, located within the Martin County Fairgrounds & Event Center at 2666 U.S. Highway 50 in Loogootee.

The specialized workshop is designed to teach everyday citizens how to recognize, understand, and respond effectively to signs of mental health crises and substance use challenges in adults. Participants will be equipped with practical action plans to support individuals experiencing distress across various environments, whether in the workplace, at home, or within community organizations.

The program is presented in partnership with Deaconess Wellness Solutions - Jasper, the Dubois County Community Foundation, and the Memorial Medical Center Foundation. A light lunch will be provided for all attendees.

Because the training relies on interactive instruction and small-group discussions, class capacity is strictly capped at 30 participants. Pre-registration is required, and seats will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register, prospective attendees can visit [www.deaconess.com](http://www.deaconess.com), navigate to the "Classes & Events" tab, and filter search results for Jasper offerings, or scan the official registration code provided on event flyers.

Local employers, businesses, and civic groups interested in arranging a dedicated, private training session for their own organizational leaders can reach out directly via email to [communityeducation@deaconess.com](mailto:communityeducation@deaconess.com).

# MARTIN COUNTY CEO STUDENTS MEET NEW COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DIRECTOR MEGAN HAWKINS

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — High school students in the Martin County Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program recently met with Megan Hawkins, the newly appointed director of the Martin County Community Foundation, to learn about regional philanthropy and civic leadership.

The meeting took place Aug. 17, providing the young entrepreneurs with an inside look at how philanthropic investment shapes quality of life and supports nonprofit initiatives across Martin County.

During the interactive session, Hawkins outlined the foundation's mission, explaining how donor funds are stewarded, invested, and distributed through grants to support education, community development, healthcare, and public welfare projects. She highlighted the organization's essential function as a funding bridge, helping local charitable organizations launch programs, maintain operations, and expand services for county residents.

For the student cohort, the discussion proved to be an eye-opening look at behind-the-scenes community support. Members of the class discovered that the Community Foundation had directly funded several local programs, school activities, and civic facilities they had personally engaged with throughout their youth without realizing where the backing originated.

The Martin County CEO program immerses local high school seniors in real-world business environments, connecting them with area business owners, executives, and community organizers to foster leadership and enterprise. Program leaders emphasized that the conversation with Hawkins reinforced the essential connection between local commerce and civic responsibility, demonstrating why community reinvestment matters.

Organizers praised the visit as an impactful experience for the cohort, noting that understanding philanthropic leadership helps inspire students to remain actively involved in their hometowns as future civic leaders, business owners, and community champions.



# MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PREPS LOOGOOTEE, SHOALS STUDENTS FOR LILLY SCHOLARSHIP



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — High school seniors at Loogootee and Shoals high schools received hands-on guidance and expert advice as local foundation leaders and former recipients hosted informational workshops for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

The outreach sessions were designed to help prospective applicants navigate the rigorous application process, review eligibility requirements, and gather practical tips to build competitive submissions for the prestigious award.

Board members Kristi Ausbrooks and Sherry Wade participated in the school visits, walking students through the specific expectations of the application portfolio, which emphasizes academic achievement, leadership qualities, and sustained community involvement throughout high school.

To offer firsthand perspective, three recent Lilly Scholars—Breanna Courter, Logan Davis, and Haley Fischer—joined the discussions. The alumni shared their personal experiences preparing for the scholarship, managing deadlines, drafting essays, and handling final interviews, giving current candidates a clear roadmap of what to expect during the evaluation cycle.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program awards full-tuition, four-year undergraduate scholarships to selected Indiana high school students pursuing a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private nonprofit college or university within the state. In addition to covering full tuition and required fees, the award provides an annual book stipend for recipients.

Program organizers praised the seniors for their dedication to higher education and commended both high schools for their support in hosting the workshops. Leaders emphasized that demystifying the application process steps helps ensure students across Martin County can confidently present their accomplishments and compete for life-changing collegiate funding.

Students seeking further information or application assistance are encouraged to reach out directly to their school guidance counselors or foundation representatives as the scholarship deadline approaches.



# LOOGOTOEE SCHOOLS LAUNCHES COMMUNITY DONATION DRIVE FOR HYGIENE SUPPLIES, RECESS EQUIPMENT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — School leaders have launched a community-wide donation drive aimed at supporting students and stocking essential classroom, hygiene, and recreational supplies for the school year.

Organizers are calling on local residents, families, and community partners to contribute new, unopened items that directly assist students' day-to-day well-being and after-school activities. The initiative focuses on removing practical barriers for children and teenagers by ensuring easy access to personal care necessities throughout the school day.

The drive is actively seeking a wide variety of personal hygiene and grooming products. Requested items include deodorant for men and women, women's body spray, facial wash, conditioner, and 2-in-1 shampoo and conditioner combinations. Donors are also asked to contribute lip balm, hair ties, and brand-new pairs of socks.

In addition to hygiene products, the school is collecting general household and support items, including laundry detergent and clean plastic grocery bags to help package and distribute supplies discreetly to students and families in need.

The campaign also extends outside the classroom to enhance recess, physical education, and outdoor playtime. School officials are requesting athletic balls and playground supplies to keep students active and engaged, including soccer balls, footballs, volleyballs, and sidewalk chalk.

Educators note that basic hygiene items and playground equipment play a vital role in student comfort, confidence, and overall mental wellness, allowing youths to focus fully on their academic and personal growth.

Community members interested in supporting the initiative can drop off donations during standard school hours. Coordinators expressed gratitude to community members for their ongoing generosity, emphasizing that every individual contribution helps foster a positive, supportive learning environment for all students across the district.

# FOURTH ANNUAL HUNTINGBURG PUMPKIN STROLL BRINGS FOUR DAYS OF FALL FUN TO 4TH STREET

HUNTINGBURG, Ind. — Downtown Huntingburg will kick off the autumn season this week as the 4th Annual Huntingburg Pumpkin Stroll returns to Historic 4th Street for a four-day celebration of local shopping, food, and family entertainment.

The rain-or-shine festival runs Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 3–6, offering free admission to visitors across the region.

Festivities begin Thursday evening, Sept. 3, with an Artist Within Paint Night from 6 to 8 p.m. at Capture, Crop & Create. Open to all ages and experience levels, the kickoff workshop invites painters to create their own seasonal artwork.

Full street activities launch Friday, Sept. 4, with downtown shopping and public scarecrow voting beginning at 10 a.m. Starting at 4 p.m., visitors can explore fall vendor booths, play family lawn games, gather around fire pits for s'mores, visit the pumpkin patch, check out permanent jewelry, and try a golf simulator hosted by FORE! on 4th. Live acoustic music from Kodee Miller will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5, marks the festival's largest day, with booths and attractions open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Special Saturday programming includes a mixed combo planter workshop by Family Roots Nursery at 10 a.m., face painting from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a petting zoo presented by Catalpa Hills from noon to 4 p.m., and live music by Mr. Blue from 4 to 7 p.m.

The weekend wraps up Sunday, Sept. 6, from noon to 5 p.m. with final strolls through retail shops and vendor booths, alongside live music from Dave Underwood from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Community members can find further event updates by following @strollinginhuntingburg on social media.

# VINCENNES FRENCH COMMONS TO HOST THREE-DAY COMMUNITY REVIVAL IN OCTOBER

VINCENNES, Ind. — Area congregations and community members will gather under a traditional open-air tent this fall as two regional ministries unite to host a three-day community revival in historic Vincennes.

The outdoor tent revival is scheduled to take place from Friday, Oct. 2 through Sunday, Oct. 4, at the French Commons grounds in Vincennes. Services will be held nightly beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The weekend gathering is presented collaboratively by Kingdom Pursuit Ministries and Conduit Assembly of God. Organizers emphasized that the revival is open to the public, welcoming residents and families from across Knox County and surrounding communities, regardless of church background or denomination.

Traditional tent revivals carry a long heritage across the Midwest, offering an accessible, camp-style environment centered on musical worship, preaching, and community fellowship. Hosted beneath a large marquee tent pitched on the grass of the French Commons, the services aim to provide a welcoming space for spiritual renewal and civic connection heading into the autumn season.

Ministers and organizers from both partnering faith organizations will lead the evening sessions, featuring faith-based messages and collaborative praise. The French Commons venue provides ample open-air space for attendees to gather safely and comfortably for each service.

Admission to all three evening sessions is free, and no advance registration is required. Guests are encouraged to arrive early each evening to secure seating ahead of the 6:30 p.m. start time.

Community members seeking additional details about the revival schedule, guest speakers , or ministry outreach initiatives can visit Kingdom Pursuit Ministries online at [www.kpministry.org](http://www.kpministry.org) or scan the official event information code provided on community announcement materials.

# FLEIG’S CAFE IN FERDINAND FEATURES HOMESTYLE FRIED CHICKEN LUNCH SPECIALS

FERDINAND, Ind. — Local diners looking for homestyle cooking can head to Ferdinand as Fleig's Cafe announced its upcoming Tuesday lunch plate special, continuing the establishment's longstanding tradition of classic comfort food.

The featured special will be served Tuesday, Sept. 1, during the restaurant's lunch rush from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Headlining the menu is golden, crispy fried chicken paired with seasoned baby baker potatoes and sweet green peas. Billed as "Homemade Goodness, just like Grandma's," the lunch plate highlights the tavern's reputation for traditional, made-from-scratch cooking that has drawn regulars and regional visitors to Dubois County for generations.

Known throughout southern Indiana for its hearty Midwestern staples and welcoming community atmosphere, Fleig's Cafe regularly prepares daily plate lunches alongside its regular menu. The quick-service midday special is structured to accommodate working professionals, area residents, and travelers seeking a hot meal during their lunch break.

Diners can enjoy the fried chicken special in the dining room or take their meals to go. Due to the popular demand for the cafe's midday lunch plates, patrons are encouraged to place carryout orders in advance to avoid long waits during the two-hour serving window.

Customers wishing to reserve meals or place carry-out orders can contact Fleig's Cafe directly by calling 812-367-1310.



# LONELY NIGHT SALOON AND VILLAGE PIZZA HIRING MANAGER IN CRANE

CRANE, Ind. — A regional dining and entertainment establishment is looking to expand its leadership staff, as Lonely Night Saloon and Village Pizza announced an immediate opening for an experienced management professional.

Located in Crane, the dual-concept business operates as both a casual eatery serving pizza and pub fare, and an active evening entertainment venue offering live music and a full-service bar.

Management announced an active search for a motivated, dependable leader capable of overseeing day-to-day hospitality operations. The open position requires candidates to possess strong organizational and verbal communication skills, along with a collaborative leadership style suited for a high-energy kitchen, dining, and bar setting.

Core responsibilities encompass all aspects of staff leadership and personnel management. The prospective manager will oversee scheduling, guide front-of-house and kitchen team members, coordinate daily workflow, and handle possible shift work across peak operating hours. Leadership emphasized that adaptability and flexibility are crucial qualities, as the manager will be tasked with resolving issues quickly and addressing shifting operational demands across both the saloon and pizza parlor.

Compensation for the position is negotiable, with ownership encouraging prospective candidates to present their experience, management background, and salary expectations during the application process.

The establishment promotes an engaging work atmosphere centered on quality food, friendly customer service, and community entertainment. Qualified candidates with hospitality or retail leadership experience are asked to apply in person at the Lonely Night Saloon and Village Pizza facility in Crane.

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# LOOGOOTEE TO HOST YOUTH HALLOWEEN BASEBALL, SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Young ballplayers across southern Indiana will close out their fall season with costumes, competition, and championship hardware as Loogootee hosts an upcoming Halloween Baseball and Softball Tournament.

The two-day tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 31, and Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Lions Baseball and Softball Complex, located at 201 Brooks Ave. in Loogootee.

The event invites competitive youth travel and community recreation squads across three age divisions: 8U, 9U, and 10U, spanning both baseball and softball. Designed to blend competitive youth athletics with holiday festivities, the weekend will feature on-field play alongside family-friendly activities, prizes, and giveaways throughout the complex.

A signature highlight of the weekend is a tournament-wide costume contest, encouraging players, coaches, and families to dress up in seasonal attire between games. Winning squads will also earn customary championship hardware and trophies, celebrating division winners at the close of bracket play.

Fall tournaments serve as an important development milestone for young athletes before moving into winter training programs, while also bringing regional visitor traffic to local parks, concession stands, and area businesses.

Organizers emphasize that team registration is open, but slots are strictly capped to accommodate weekend diamond schedules. Coaches and program administrators looking to enter teams are urged to register promptly before brackets reach capacity.

Team registration and additional bracket information can be secured by contacting tournament coordinator Kyanna Arvin by phone at 812-295-6063.



# SPORTS

## LOOGOOTEE SPORTS SCHEDULE

Golf (Girls V) - Eastern Greene, Linton-Stockton, Clay City, Bloomfield (A)  
9/2/2026 5:00 PM

Tennis (Boys JH) - Bloomfield Jr/Sr HS (H)  
9/2/2026 6:45 PM

Tennis (Boys V & JV) - Barr-Reeve Middle/High School (A)  
9/2/2026 7:00 PM

Volleyball (Girls V) - Orleans High School (A)  
9/3/2026 6:00 PM

Volleyball (Girls 7 & 8) - Shoals Jr/Sr High School (A)  
9/3/2026 6:00 PM

Cross Country (Co-ed V) - Alan Hopewell Class Invitational (Gibson Southern) (A)  
9/3/2026 6:00 PM

Tennis (Boys JH) - North Daviess (H)  
9/3/2026 6:30 PM

Tennis (Boys V & JV) - Silver Creek Invite (A)  
9/4/2026 6:00 PM

Tennis (Boys JH) - Jasper Invitational (A)  
9/5/2026 TBD

Volleyball (Girls 7 & 8) - Wabash Valley 7th Grade Invite (A)  
9/5/2026 TBD

Volleyball (Girls V) - Borden Tourney (A)  
9/5/2026 TBD

Tennis (Boys V & JV) - Silver Creek Invite (A)  
9/5/2026 9:00 AM

Volleyball (Girls 6) - Crawford County Tourney (A)  
9/5/2026 9:00 AM

Golf (Girls V) - Blue Chip Conference Meet (A)  
9/5/2026 1:00 PM

## LADY LIONS GOLF WIN FIRST- EVER HOME MEET



Lady Lions Make History in First Home Match The Loogootee Lady Lions Girls Golf team added another first to the record books, hosting the first home match in program history at Lakeview Golf Course and coming away with a victory against the Shakamak Lady Lakers.

Loogootee edged Wood Memorial, 221-223, while Shakamak also competed with an individual golfer, who earned medalist honors with a 39. Hattie Humerickhouse led the Lady Lions with a 50, followed by Jessica Pride (56), Libby Swartzentruber (57), Claire Wolfe (58), Brynn Lengacher (61), Addison B. (62), and Marley J. (63). Hattie Humerickhouse now takes the 9-hole record for the Lady Lions with a 50, recording the first- ever birdie in program history on Hole 2 of Boggs as well.

The Lady Lions are now 11-20 ion the season.

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# BARR REEVE LADY VIKINGS SWEEP FIELD TO WIN BROWNSTOWN INVITATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CROWN

BROWNSTOWN, Ind. — The Lady Vikings delivered a commanding tournament performance over the weekend, sweeping through top-tier regional competition to claim the championship trophy at the Brownstown Invitational.

The squad produced an undefeated run through bracket play, turning back host Brownstown, perennial powerhouse Bedford North Lawrence, and a disciplined Trinity Lutheran squad to secure the tournament title.

Facing host Brownstown on its home floor, the Lady Vikings set the tone early with aggressive service runs, disciplined front-row blocking, and steady back-line passing. Controlling the net and capitalizing on key transitional plays, the team defused the host team's momentum to secure a hard-fought opening victory.

The momentum carried into the matchup against Bedford, where the Vikings demonstrated resilience in extended rallies. Timely kills and crisp defensive floor coverage allowed the squad to pull away in high-leverage late points, adding another quality win to their tournament resume.

In the title-clinching contest against Trinity Lutheran, the Lady Vikings maintained high-tempo ball movement and consistent floor communication. Sharpened defensive adjustments blunted Trinity's attack, allowing the Vikings to dictate pace and seal the championship sweep.

The tournament triumph marks a significant early-season milestone for the program, highlighting both depth across the roster and the poise required to execute against proven postseason contenders away from home. Coaches praised the team's relentless effort, cohesion under pressure, and mental toughness throughout a demanding slate of back-to-back matches.

With the Brownstown Invitational championship in hand, the Lady Vikings will look to carry their winning rhythm forward into conference play as the regular-season schedule ramps up.

# LOOGOOTEE MS BOYS AND GIRLS BOTH FINISH 4TH AT SOUTHRIDGE RAIDER INVITE

The Loogootee Middle School cross country teams had a strong showing, with both the boys and girls squads finishing 4th at the Southridge Raider Invite.

The Loogootee boys scored 69 points to finish fourth in the team standings. Griffyn Thompson led the Lions in a big way, capturing 1st place overall with a time of 11:33.70. Chayse Houston followed in 11th at 12:59.80, while August Weitkamp placed 16th (13:31.80), Liam Hilligoss was 17th (13:34.80), and Noah Sergeant finished 25th (13:54.20). Ryder Davis added a 36th-place finish at 14:29.20, with Aden Summers and Wyatt Flammer rounded out the team effort in 54th at 15:47.20 and 72nd at 18:36.70 respectively.

The Lady Lions also finished 4th as a team, scoring 92 points. Embry Wade paced Loogootee with a 12th-place finish in 14:20.40, followed closely by Lyric Graber in 13th at 14:28.70. Trinity Kerns finished 24th (16:05.60), Everlye Jeffers was 25th (16:06.20), and Avrie Bratton placed 28th (16:12.10). Harper Tinkle rounded out the Lions effort in 50th at 18:36.30. Both teams continue to show steady improvement and depth early in the season. A pair of fourth-place team finishes—and an individual championship from Thompson—gave the Lions plenty to celebrate. The Lions will be back in action next Saturday when they travel to the Crawford County Invitational.

# LIONS VARSITY TENNIS FALL AT EVANSVILLE MEMORIAL

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The varsity boys tennis team headed to Evansville to take on Evansville Memorial on Tuesday night. The Lions entered the night at 6-0 on the season, but it wasn't their night. The Lions were swept, losing 5-0.

Although they lost 5-0, there were several close matches.

Cooper VanHoy fell 6-2, 0-6, 3-6 at #1 Singles to Zach Woodyard. Grayson Kluesner fell to Hunter Kendall 3-6, 6-7 (5-7) at #2 Singles. Knox Jeffers fell 4-6,; 5-7 at #3 Singles to Ty Jackson.

In doubles action, Emmett Graber and Gabe Walton fell 7-6 (7-5); 3-6; 4-6 at #1 Doubles to Kenny Dilger and Porter Will, and Reed Brittain and Carter Downey lost 6-7 (2-7); 4-6 to Graham Baker and Andon Miller. The JV Lions fell 3-2 to the Tigers. They were able to pick up wins at #3 Singles with Landon Stiemman and #1 Doubles with Rhett Whitney and Rawlings Bell. The Lions will be back in action on Wednesday night when they travel to Barr-Reeve. Due to the heat, the match has been moved back to a 7 p.m.PM start.

# LOOGOOTEE MS BOYS 5TH AND GIRLS 8TH AT DUBOIS VIC BETZ XC INVITE

The Loogootee Middle School boys and girls cross country teams competed Tuesday evening at the Northeast Dubois Vic Betz Invitational at Celestine Park, putting together a solid team performance against a strong field.

On the boys' side, Griffyn Thompson led the Lions with an outstanding 3rd-place finish, running 11:17.8. That put him just 5 seconds behind the individual winner and gave Loogootee a huge start at the front of the race.

Chayse Houston followed with another excellent performance, placing 15th in 12:06.4. The Lions then had a very tight group behind him:

Noah Sergeant — 45th, 13:21.5  
August Weitkamp — 48th, 13:28.7  
Liam Hilligoss — 56th, 13:37.8  
Ryder Davis — 77th, 14:03.3  
Aden Summers — 95th, 14:53.9  
Boston Shoultz — 124th, 16:07.7

In the girls' race the Lions finished 8th as a team with 169 points, led by 8th-grader Lyric Graber, who placed 20th overall in 14:19.1. Embry Wade followed closely in 25th at 14:51.4, while Gracie Barnett finished 30th in 15:02.2.

Loogootee's fourth and fifth scorers were Avrie Bratton, 46th in 16:34.6, and Everlye Jeffers, 48th in 16:42.9. Trinity Kerns added a 55th-place finish in 17:13.1, followed by Harper Tinkle in 67th at 20:06.6.

Both squads will be back at it on the course next Tuesday, September 8 when they host their own invite at West Boggs Park.



# LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF 3RD AT PHIL HARRIS

The Loogootee Lady Lions were 3rd of 5 teams at the Phil Harris Golf Course in Linton tonight. The Lady Lions finished with a 238, led by a Loogootee Girls Golf 9-hole record, 56 shot by Libby Swartzentruber. Wolfe finished with a 59, Humerickhouse a 61, and Lengacher and Brittain each finished with a 62. The Lady Lions move to 4-4 on the season.

# 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.

# LOOGOOTEE BOYS TENNIS MOVES TO 5-0 ON THE SEASON

What a performance by the Logoottee Varsity Men's Tennis team! The Lions came out strong and earned a commanding 5-0 victory over the South Knox Spartans on Tuesday night. In singles, Cooper VanHoy battled through two tight sets, winning both in tiebreakers, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5). Grayson Kluesner followed with a convincing 6-4, 6-1 win, while Knox Jeffers closed out singles with a hard-fought 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) victory. The doubles teams continued the momentum. Gabe Walton and Emmett Graber earned a solid 7-5, 6-4 win, while Reed Brittain and Carter Downey showed great resilience after dropping the first set, rallying to win 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. A complete team effort from start to finish! JV battled tonight , but ultimately fell 2-4. They showed great determination and team effort. The Lions return to action on Thursday night for a match with Washington.

# LIONS TENNIS TEAM EDGE JEEPS 3-2 IN VARSITY TENNIS

The Loogootee Lions took to the courts at Rick Graves Tennis Complex on Monday night and were victorious 3-2 to run their record to 4-0 on the young season. Wins for the Lions came at #3 Singles and both double positions. #3 Singles player Knox Jeffers defeated Tucker Woolems 6-2, 6-3. Emmett Graber and Gabe Walton defeated Logan Reckelhoff and Bentley Hopf 6-0, 6-0 at #1 Doubles. Reed Brittain and Carter Downey teamed up at #2 Doubles to win 6-0, 6-0 over Ross Brosmer and Levi Pankey. #1 Singles player Cooper VanHoy dropped a tough three setter to Carson Beck 2-6, 6-3, 3-6. #2 Singles player Grayson Kluesner dropped a 5-7, 2-6 decision to Kole Kalb. The Lions will be back in action on Tuesday when they travel to South Knox.

# 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!

The boys finished 6th out of 10 teams, led by an outstanding performance from Griffyn Thompson, who placed 8th overall in 12:01. Chayse Houston followed with a strong 20th-place finish in 12:40, while Noah Sargent (38th, 13:36), August Weitkamp (41st, 13:48), and Ryder Davis (47th, 14:12) rounded out the team's top five scorers. Aden Summers, Boston Shoultz, and Wyatt Flammer also competed hard for the Lions. The girls finished 9th out of 10 teams, led by Lyric Graber, who placed 30th in 14:28, and Embry Wade, who finished 31st in 14:45. Gracie Barnett added a strong 43rd-place finish, followed by Trinity Kerns, Everlye Jeffers, Avrie Bratton, and Harper.

# JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS THE LADY COUGARS

On Monday night, the Junior High Lady Lions traveled to North Daviess for a 6th, 7th, and 8th grade match. The 6th grade opened the night with a 3-set match, winning in a close battle each set. The 7th grade followed with yet another competitive match, but winning in 2-sets. Finally the 8th grade won in 2-sets as well, but not without their own drama, winning the first set with a shocking 31-29 score. The 6th grade Lady Lions are now 2-2 on the season, the 7th grade and 8th grade are each 5-2 following these matches.





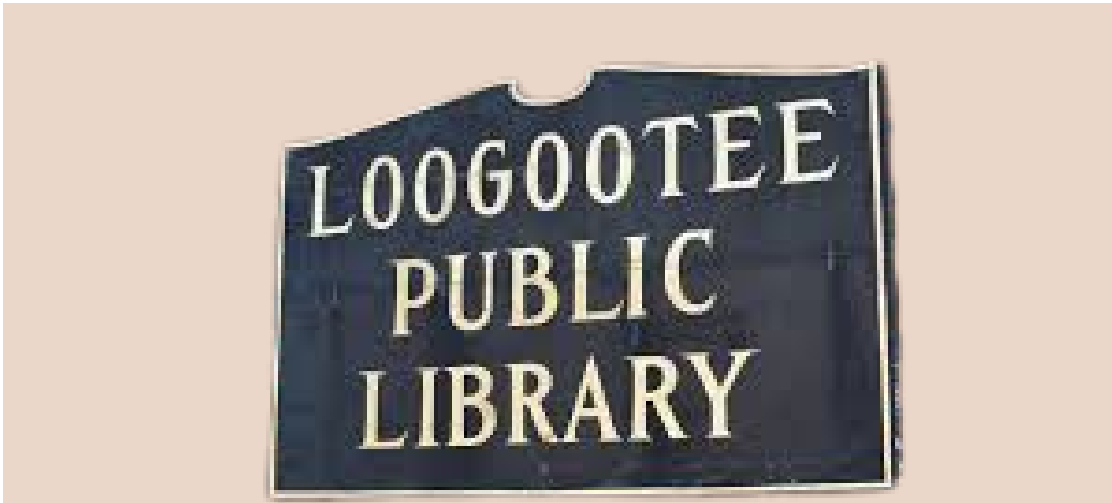
**EVENT PLANNER  
AUGUST 31-SEPT. 4**

The Loogootee Senior Center continues to offer area seniors a welcoming environment for physical fitness, educational workshops, and community fellowship through its weekly event calendar.

Located at 406 NW 1st St. in Loogootee, the Senior Center provides a full slate of activities tailored to keep older adults active and socially connected. The following is the schedule of programs and events taking place for the week of Aug. 31 through Sept. 4:

- Monday, Aug. 31st: Chair Exercise from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Start the week with a low-impact workout focused on mobility, gentle stretching, and balance.
- Tuesday, Sept. 1st: Community Lunch & Game Day Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Join fellow members at 11:30 a.m. for a community lunch provided by the St. John’s Altar Society, followed by an afternoon of cards, board games, and socializing.
- Wednesday, Sept. 2nd: Stretching and Strength with Harvest Health & Rehab from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Participate in a guided strength and flexibility session led by professional therapists from Harvest Health & Rehab.
- Thursday, Sept. 3rd: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Rep & Medicare Bingo from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Learn about health benefits, upcoming policy changes, and coverage options while playing bingo for prizes with trained SHIP counselors.
- Friday, Sept. 4th: Walk in the Park & Chair Exercise from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Wrap up the week with fresh air during an outdoor morning walk in the park, followed by seated chair exercise at the facility.

Area seniors interested in participating in weekly programs or joining the Tuesday lunch are encouraged to visit the Loogootee Senior Center during regular operational hours.



**EVENT PLANNER  
SEPT. 2-9**

The Loogootee Public Library continues to offer engaging educational activities, youth reading sessions, and digital safety programs for Martin County residents of all ages.

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 offers a variety of events for all ages each week. The following is the schedule of operational hours and scheduled events taking place from Wednesday, September 2 through Wednesday, September 9:

- Wednesday, September 2nd: Closed
- Thursday, September 3rd: Wiggle Worms at 11:00 a.m.
- Toddlers and young children are invited for an active morning of movement, rhythm, and interactive play.
- Friday, September 4th: Taylor Tech Presentation: Scams at 5:00 p.m.
- Join the library for an informative digital safety workshop presented by Taylor Tech. Attendees will learn how to identify modern scams, safeguard sensitive personal data, and protect themselves against cyber fraud.
- Saturday, September 5th: National Library Card Sign Up Bingo! at 10:30 a.m.
- Celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month with family fun and a special morning game of bingo.
- Sunday, September 6th: Closed
- Monday, September 7th: Closed for Labor Day
- The library will be closed in observance of the federal holiday.
- Tuesday, September 8th: Little Learners: Ants on a Log! at 10:15 a.m.
- Preschoolers and early readers are invited to enjoy themed storytime, early literacy activities, and a fun snack creation.
- Wednesday, September 9th: Closed

For additional information regarding upcoming September programming, card sign-ups, or event registrations, patrons can stop by the circulation desk during regular library hours or follow the library’s online announcements.

# MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

## Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,"All warfare is based on deception." Sun Tze wrote in The Art of War; and, the latest Mid-States Corridor's economic announcement presents some impressive, albeit deceptive, numbers, 1,371 new jobs created, 961 new households established, 2,043 additional residents and \$427 million in additional annual business output by 2050. The project website also claims that benefits will exceed costs by more than four to one, in other words we will receive some place between \$4 to \$12 billion in benefits. Those figures sound compelling; but, they should not be mistaken for economic results that are guaranteed to occur. Deception. The first issue is transparency. The Mid-States Corridor's own August 4, 2026 announcement states that the analysis was performed using TREDIS and that the detailed TREDIS analysis will be released when the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is issued. In other words, the public currently has the headline results but not the underlying analysis necessary to independently evaluate them. More deception.

This matters because economic models are only as reliable as their assumptions, remember GIGO (Garbage-In-Garbage-Out). INDOT itself explains that TREDIS is one of several economic modeling tools it uses to monetize transportation benefits and evaluate proposed improvements, tradeoffs and investment decisions. A model is not a crystal ball. It produces an estimate based upon assumptions about traffic, travel time, freight movement, development, employment, population and other economic variables. More deception. The most misleading number may be the \$427 million in additional annual business output. "Business output" is not the same as \$427 million in new wages, household income, government revenue or economic profit. It represents economic activity flowing through businesses and their supply chains. We, the public, need to know how much of that \$427 million represents genuine new economic activity and how much represents activity that would have occurred somewhere in the region anyway. Even more deception.

The same problem applies to the 1,371 new jobs. Section 2 alone is estimated by INDOT to cost over \$1 billion, not including land acquisition costs, and for only 22 miles of the 54 mile project. A reasonable question is not merely how many jobs the project might produce, but how much public investment is required for each permanent job and whether alternative investments could produce greater employment and economic benefits. Most importantly, the appropriate comparison is not today's economy versus an economy with the Mid-States Corridor. It is the 2050 economy with the corridor versus the 2050 economy without the corridor. The deception continues. That distinction is critical. Our Southwestern Indiana region will continue to experience economic change whether the corridor is built or not. Businesses will expand or contract. Populations will change. Existing highways will be improved. Technology and freight patterns will evolve. New development will occur independently of the project. The real

question is how much additional economic growth the highway itself causes, not how much growth the model predicts for the region while assuming the highway exists. The claimed four-to-one benefit-cost ratio deserves equally careful examination. The project website says future benefits are discounted at 3% annually to compare them with present-day costs. That is a standard economic technique, but the result remains highly dependent upon the assumptions used to calculate those future benefits. If traffic is lower than forecast, development occurs elsewhere, construction costs rise, or projected economic activity fails to materialize, the ratio can decline substantially. Is the four-to-one ratio (\$4 to \$12 billion) just more deception? There is also a broader warning from Indiana's own experience. TREDIS has been used for previous highway projects to forecast substantial economic benefits. Reviewing the I-69 Section 6, for example, the environmental

documentation reported significant projected economic gains associated with improved accessibility and reduced transportation costs. Those forecasts demonstrate the usefulness of economic modeling, but they do not establish that a model's projections are guaranteed outcomes. It does show that the economic forecasts must be subjected to a post-project "forecast versus actual" audit. Historical deception. The Mid-States Corridor might ultimately produce substantial economic benefits; but, that conclusion should follow full disclosure and independent examination of the evidence, not precede it. Before we taxpayers accept the \$427 million, \$8 billion in cumulative value, or a four-to-one return as established facts, we should be allowed to examine the complete TREDIS model, its assumptions, traffic forecasts, development assumptions, discounting methodology, sensitivity analysis, and most importantly, the projected economic outcome of the No-Build alternative. Until that information is available, the honest description is simple, the Mid-States Corridor's economic model predicts these benefits; it does not prove that they will occur. A forecast should be a subject for scrutiny, not a substitute for it. And so the Cabal, the Lochmueller Group, INDOT and the Mid-States Corridor RDA still keep at the deception, so maybe this is a war. Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County

- Upcoming Events & Information
- 9/3/26 Property Rights Alliance meeting at the Schnitzelbank, 7:00pm EDT
  - 9/8/26 Brad Hochgesang's Big Tent Town Hall at Ireland Sportsman's Club. Starts at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm. EDT
  - 9/8/26 Daryl Schmitt's Town Hall at The Vault on Main, 618 Main St, Petersburg, 6:00pm EDT
  - 9/9/26 Brad Hochgesang's Big Tent Town Hall at Princeton Library, 124 S Hart St. Starts at 8:00pm, doors open at 7:30pm. EDT
  - 9/14/26 Daryl Schmitt's Town Hall at Dick Clark's Family Restaurant, 702 N Princeton St, Princeton. 6:30pm EDT
  - 9/16/26 Daryl Schmitt's Town Hall at Crawford County Fairgrounds, 1095 St Rd 66, Marengo. 5:30pm EDT
  - 9/17/26 Property Rights Alliance meeting at Klubhaus61, 7:00pm EDT
  - 9/19/26 Ferdinand Folk Fest
  - 9/21/26 Daryl Schmitt's Town Hall at Venue 1408, 1408 N Main, Huntingburg. 5:30pm EDT



# 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](http://martincountyhumane.org) to schedule a meeting with available animals, or email inquiries to [info@martincountyhumane.org](mailto:info@martincountyhumane.org). In addition to adoption efforts, the non-profit organization relies on community donations to maintain daily

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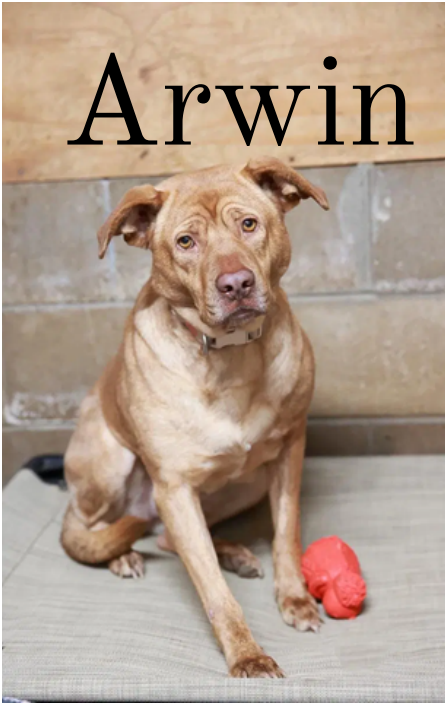
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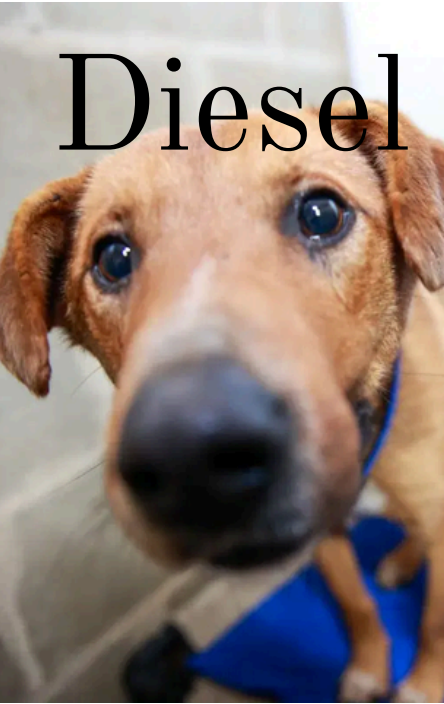
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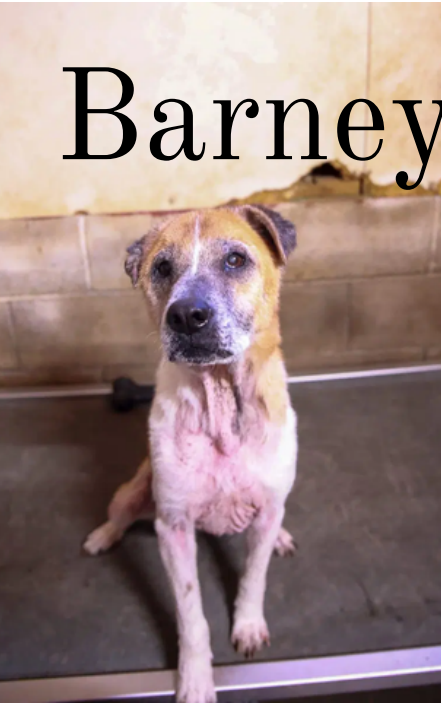
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# Martin County & Courts

Monday, August 24, 2026

1:08 a.m.- Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Major Reed responded.

5:51 a.m.- Received a report of illegal burning in Crane Village. Loogootee Fire Department, Taylor Township Fire Department and Major Reed responded.

8:28 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Captain Gibson, Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman and Daviess County responded. No one was transported.

9:38 a.m.- Received a report of a possible break-in North of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

9:52 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

11:21 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Deputy Clark and LPD Officer Burris responded.

11:37 a.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard in Loogootee. Deputy Clark and LPD Officer Burris responded.

1:30 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, Captain Gibson, Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman, Deputy Clark, LPD Officer Wagoner and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported three patients to IU Bedford.

1:31 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Clark responded.

2:16 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

4:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries South of Shoals. Deputy Clark and LPD Officer Wagoner responded.

4:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins and LPD Officer Burris responded.

4:54 p.m.- Received a call from Orange County requesting an ambulance in French Lick. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

7:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins, Deputy Clark and LPD Officer Wagoner responded.

7:56 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:27 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins on station with Kevin Qualkenbush, a 51-year-old male from Shoals, arrested for Domestic battery in the presence of a minor. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

9:55 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn North of Loogootee.

1:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

2:46 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.

3:58 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check Northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

4:02 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Officer Burris responded.

4:52 p.m.- Received a call requesting a lift assist in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

5:15 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 Daviess Community Hospital.

5:40 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male Northwest of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

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

7:45 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Crane Village. Deputy Clark responded.

7:57 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

10:31 p.m.- Received a report of an illegal burn in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded.

11:31 p.m.- Received a 911 call and multiple landline calls reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Major Reed and Deputy Clark responded.

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

12:24 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Deputy Clark and Major Reed responded.

2:13 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

2:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 3 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

6:17 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling North. Major Reed responded.

7:43 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.

9:43 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.

10:29 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Medic 3 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:05 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. LPD Officer Burris responded.

12:23 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

12:27 p.m.- Received a report of a gas leak in Shoals. Corporal Erwin, Marshal Copeland and Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:49 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported two inmates to court.

12:51 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.

1:24 p.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Captain Gibson and Marshal Copeland responded. No one was transported.

2:25 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

3:15 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins on station with Katina Jewell, a 43-year-old female from Shoals, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated and Possession of marijuana. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

4:21 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.

5:11 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings, LPD Officer Wagoner and LPD Officer Burris responded.

5:40 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings, LPD Officer Burris, LPD Officer Wagoner, Martin County Medic 1 and Medic 3 responded. No one was transported.

7:10 p.m.- LPD Chief Cummings on station with Corbin Wildman, a 34-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Domestic battery in the presence

of a minor, Strangulation, and Criminal Confinement. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

7:27 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:43 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

8:06 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

8:15 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West toward Martin County. Advised all on-duty units.

10:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call from an Orange County address. Transferred the call to Orange County 911.

11:20 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down on a power line North of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, REMC and INDOT responded.

Thursday, August 27, 2026

12:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

1:24 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

2:17 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:55 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down Northeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:49 a.m.- Received a message from Loogootee Community Schools advising they will be operating on a 2-hour delay.

5:58 a.m.- Received a message from Shoals Community Schools advising they will be operating on a 2-hour delay.

6:17 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

6:19 a.m.- Received a report of an accident



# MARTIN COUNTY LOG

with no injuries South of Shoals. Major Reed and Big John’s Towing responded. 9:20 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court. 9:29 a.m.- Received a report of a possible trespasser North of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded. 10:26 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court. 10:30 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. LPD Officer Burris and LPD Officer Wagoner responded. 10:50 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down on the railroad tracks East of Loogootee. CSX was notified. 12:27 p.m.- Received multiple calls reporting a traffic hazard East of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Corporal Erwin responded. 12:49 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded. 1:44 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy South of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded. 1:53 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Sheriff Greene responded. 1:55 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court. 2:31 p.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

3:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a trespasser in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings, LPD Officer Burris and LPD Officer Wagoner responded. 5:46 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 Daviess Community Hospital. 6:15 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Deputy Nash and Marshal Copeland responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. 8:53 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 Daviess Community Hospital. 10:10 p.m.- Deputy Nash on station with Nathaniel Smith, a 27-year-old male from Jasper, arrested for Driving while suspended-prior, Possessions of marijuana, and Possession of paraphernalia. He was held on \$10,000 10% bond.

Friday, August 28, 2026

01:39 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Indian Creek Fire Department, Deputy Nash, and Marshal Copeland responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Bedford IU Hospital. 1:56 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer North of Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded. 7:11 a.m.- Received a call reporting a vehicle slide off South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Big John’s Towing responded. 9:10 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Officer Burris responded. 11:36 a.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Shoals. Chief Keller and Corporal Erwin responded. 12:22 p.m.- Received a call reporting property damage South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded. 1:01 p.m.- Received a call reporting a protection order violation. Corporal Erwin responded. 2:42 p.m.- Transport Officer Norman on station with Brian Hammons, a 36-year-old male of Fredericksburg. He is arrested for a Martin County Warrant. He is held without bond. 4:10 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 4:31 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 6:28 p.m.- Received a call reporting a commercial burglary alarm in Crane. Deputy Branham responded. 7:51 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Deputy Droke, and Deputy Nash responded. 8:45 p.m. Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Droke spoke with the caller. 9:28 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Marshal Copeland, and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. 10:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center

Saturday, August 29, 2026

6:27 a.m.- Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle South of

Shoals. Deputy Droke and Shoals Fire Department responded. 11:55 a.m.- Received a call reporting lose horses North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded. 12:05 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver traveling Eastbound on US 50. Lawrence County was advised. 12:14 p.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn East of Loogootee. 12:22 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 1:27 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Medical Center. 2:10 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Corporal Erwin and Martin County Medic 2 responded. No patient was transported. 2:23 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded. 2:50 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver traveling on US 50 East of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded. 2:54 p.m.- Received a call reporting a welfare check on an animal North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded. 2:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance West of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. 4:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded. 4:58 p.m.- Received a call requesting traffic control for a benefit ride in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded. 6:06 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 6:12 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 6:13 p.m.- Received a call requesting to make a property damage report. LPD Chief Cummings responded. 7:01 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call. 7:02 p.m.- Received a call reporting two reckless motorcycle drivers East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:38 p.m.- Received radio traffic requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire responded. No patient was transported. 8:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. 8:36 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Droke responded. 9:24 p.m.- Received a call reporting a vehicle slide-off Southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Deputy Droke, and Big John’s Towing responded. 10:24 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded. 10:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Dorke responded.

Sunday, August 30, 2026

12:20 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded. 10:29 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded. 10:54 a.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn in Loogootee. 3:15 p.m.- Received a call reporting a tree in the roadway North of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded. 3:19 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver traveling East on US 50 to Shoals. Deputy Clark responded. 4:14 pm.- Received a call reporting a possible field fire North of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded. 6:09 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No patient was transported. 6:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check Southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded. 7:01 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic hazard East of Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded. 9:02 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital. 10:04 p.m.- Received an immediate hang-up 911 call in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.



# LOGOOTEЕ POLICE LOG

Monday, August 24, 2026  
5:51 am- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a report of illegal burning in Crane Village.  
8:31 am- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a report of an accident on US 231N.  
11:09 am- A caller advised of a parking situation that is causing a traffic hazard on SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
11:21 am- Officer Burris responded to a property damage accident at SE 1<sup>st</sup> St and Church St.  
7:47 pm- Officer Wagoner responded to a domestic dispute on S. Oak St.  
9:27 pm- Officer Wagoner arrested Kevin Qualkenbush, a 51-year-old male from Shoals. Qualkenbush was charged with Battery in the Presence of a Minor.

Tuesday, August 25, 2026  
8:16 am- Chief Cummings responded to a commercial burglar alarm at a local business.  
1:25 pm- Chief Cummings and Officer Burris responded to a property damage accident in the parking lot of a local business.  
2:20 pm- Chief Cummings and Officer Burris assisted with a civil matter on North Line St.

Wednesday, August 26, 2026  
7:43 am- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Sycamore St.  
8:33 am- Chief Cummings was conducting speed patrols on Bloomfield Rd.

9:30 am- A local business owner called regarding a vehicle left on the business parking lot.  
9:45 am- Chief Cummings spoke with a complainant on station to report harassment.  
10:30 am- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on SR 645.  
11:35 am- Officer Burris assisted with a locked vehicle at Sunset Trailer Court.  
1:55 pm- A subject came to the station to turn in a found property.  
5:14 pm- Chief Cummings, Officer Wagoner, and Officer Burris completed a welfare check on North St.  
5:41 pm- Chief Cummings, Officer Wagoner, and Officer Burris responded to a domestic dispute on Queen St. Corbin Wildman, a 34-year-old male, from Loogootee, was arrested and charged with Battery in the Presence of a Minor, Strangulation, and Confinement.

Thursday, August 27, 2026  
9:26 am- Chief Cummings, Officer Wagoner, and Officer Burris responded to a report of a possible abandoned vehicle on North Line St.  
9:34 am- Chief Cummings, Officer Wagoner, and Officer Burris responded to a report of an open door on a house.  
10:36 am- Chief Cummings, Officer Wagoner, and Officer Burris responded to a report of a possible impaired driver entering

Loogootee on US 231N.  
11:19 am- Officer Wagoner and Officer Burris completed several vehicle inspections at a local business.  
2:30 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a report of a gravel truck with a leaky load nearing Loogootee on US 50E.  
8:44 pm- Chief Cummings located lost property and returned it to the owner at a local business.

Friday, August 28, 2026  
9:12 am- Chief Cummings and Officer Burris responded to a report of a battery that occurred at a local business.  
10:54 am- A subject came on station to turn in found property.  
11:09 am- A caller reported a theft.  
2:34 pm- A subject came on station to report harassment.

Saturday, August 30, 2026  
4:14 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a report of a controlled burn possibly getting out of control of US 231N.  
9:02 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Cedar St.



# Property Records

## Transfers August 26- September 2

NOTICE 1 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Howard Knepp and Barbara Jean Knepp, husband and wife, residing at 275 N 1050 E, Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated off US Hwy 231, Loogootee, IN 47553 (Legal Description: Part of the South Half of the South Half of Section Six (6), and part of the North Half of the North Half of Section Seven (7), all in Township One (1) North, Range Four (4) West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing in total 14.108 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-13-06-700-047.000-010 and 51-13-07-500-005.006-010) from the current owner, Abydel Farms, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company.

NOTICE 2 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, The Elizabeth G. Kemp Irrevocable Trust dated August 11, 2026, Mark A. Kemp, Trustee, residing at 21797 U.S. Highway 231, Odon, Indiana 47562, is negotiating to purchase/transfer an undivided one-seventh (1/7th) interest in the property situated in Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: Tract I: The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; the South Half of the Northeast Quarter and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 140 acres, more or less; Tract II: The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 40 acres, more or less; Tract III: The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13,

Township 3 North, Range 5 West, EXCEPT portions described in deed, containing after exceptions 37.572 acres, more or less, subject to a life estate reserved by grantor; State ID: 51-03-25-800-009.000-006, 51-03-25-400-017.000-006, and 51-08-13-300-049.000-007) from the current owner, Elizabeth Kemp.

NOTICE 3 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Mary Sue Garrett, as Trustee of the Revocable Trust of Mary Sue Garrett, dated August 20, 2026, residing at 1988 N. 75 E., Washington, IN 47501, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at St. Road 550, Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: Six tracts consisting of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34; the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33; the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, EXCEPT 1-4/5 acres; part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3; the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4; and part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, EXCEPT portions previously conveyed; all in Martin County, Indiana, containing in all 343.77 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-07-33-400-009.000-001, 51-07-34-300-004.000-001, 51-10-03-200-001.000-001, 51-10-03-200-004.000-001, 51-10-04-100-

007.000-001, and 51-10-04-400-019.000-001) from the current owner, Sue Garrett, also known as Mary Sue Garrett.



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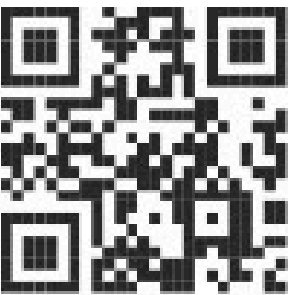
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Easy

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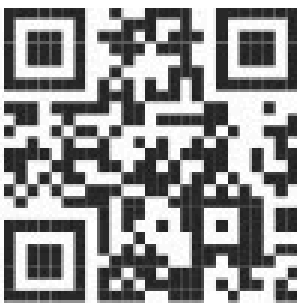
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Master

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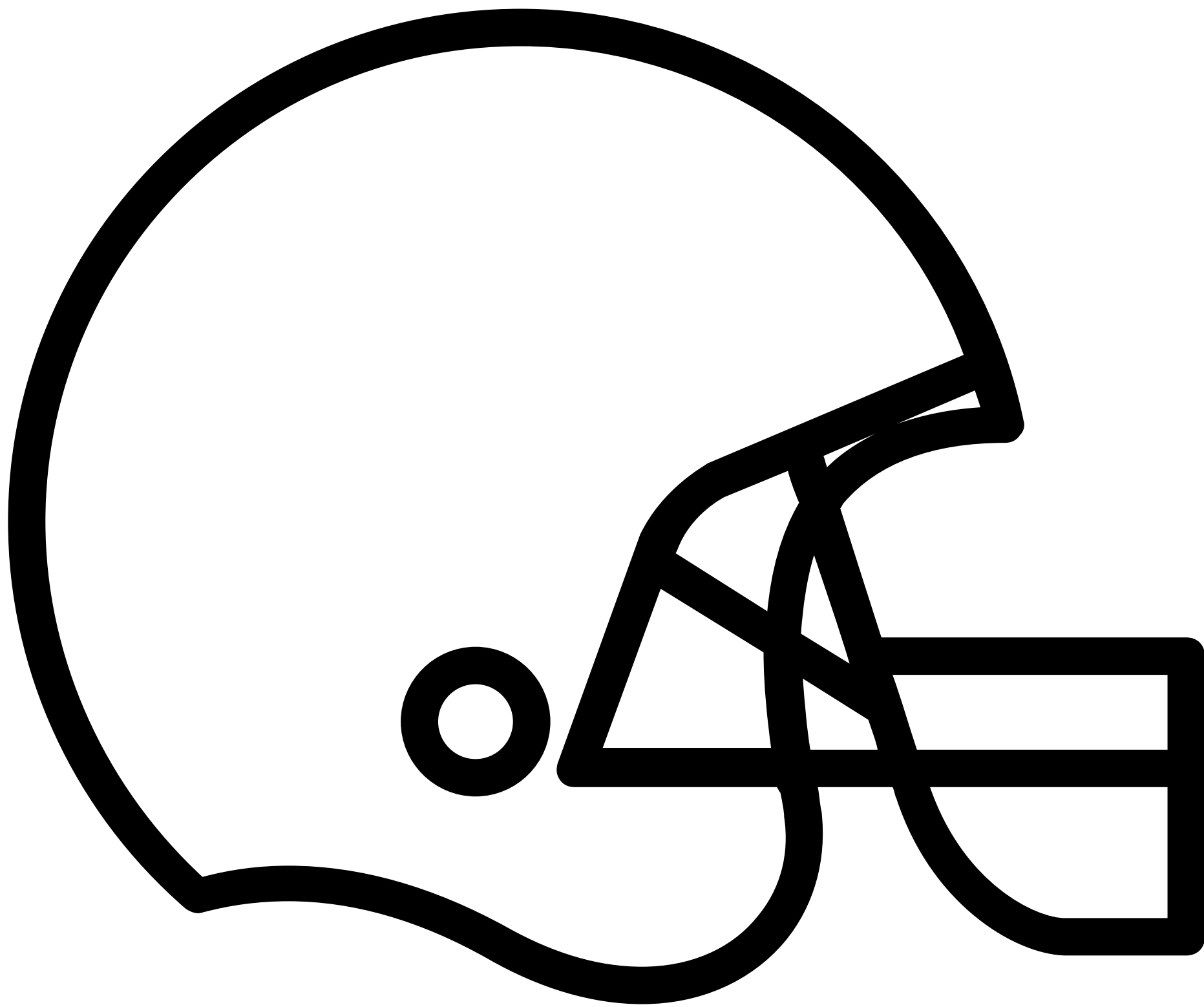
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## SOLUTIONS

**Coloring Sheet**  
**HOO HOO HOO HOOSIERS!**  
**BOILER UP!**  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL SEASON**  
**BEGINS!**





- Across**
- 1. False god
  - 5. Splash through water
  - 10. Upright framing piece
  - 14. Spur
  - 15. Rounded like an egg
  - 16. Component used as fertilizer
  - 17. Place for mail
  - 18. Prescription amounts
  - 19. Assigns workers to
  - 20. Sheer bliss
  - 22. Fair grade
  - 23. Finsteraarhorn, for one
  - 24. Up to now
  - 26. Onion variety
  - 30. Waftures
  - 34. Bygone school event
  - 35. Sight-unseen purchase
  - 38. Lower in public estimation
  - 41. Take a wrong turn
  - 42. Penta- minus one
  - 43. Politician's project
  - 46. The piper's son
  - 47. Regard with respect
  - 48. Gets gas, in a way
  - 51. Wilder co-star
  - 54. Prefix with political or logical
  - 55. Key's middle name
  - 58. Bumbling
  - 63. Pueblo Indian
  - 64. Something to kick
  - 65. Fizzy quaff
  - 66. Obi-Wan player
  - 67. Crop up
  - 68. Grail descriptor
  - 69. Layers, really
  - 70. Dovetail part
  - 71. Cream-filled cookie

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- Down**
- 1. He ran in 2000
  - 2. He sang of Alice
  - 3. Full of excitement
  - 4. "\_\_\_ Weapon"
  - 5. Nehi, e.g.
  - 6. City in the Ukraine
  - 7. Gobi stopovers
  - 8. Shorthand whiz
  - 9. "\_\_\_ a real nowhere man ..."
  - 10. Do Double Dutch, e.g.
  - 11. Shrinking sea
  - 12. Carte before the course
  - 13. Mingus' instrument
  - 21. 45 inches
- 22. Diamond weight
  - 25. Summer cooler
  - 26. Form
  - 27. Boxcar riders
  - 28. Like pieces requiring assembly
  - 29. Ticket info
  - 31. "Semper fidelis," for one
  - 32. Goodyear's home
  - 33. Clothes lines
  - 36. Sound from a boxer
  - 37. Cholers
  - 39. "Show me" types
  - 40. Critic Roger
  - 44. "Little Women" woman
- 45. Decrease, as a load
  - 49. Blowgun missile
  - 50. Boss (with "head")
  - 52. Illinois arrival site
  - 53. 1994 Peace Prize winner
  - 55. Former Iranian ruler
  - 56. Nat or Natalie
  - 57. Frank
  - 59. Soy-based soup
  - 60. Slammer?
  - 61. Vogue rival
  - 62. Belafonte refrain
  - 64. Pillbox or toque

Crossword Puzzle #59

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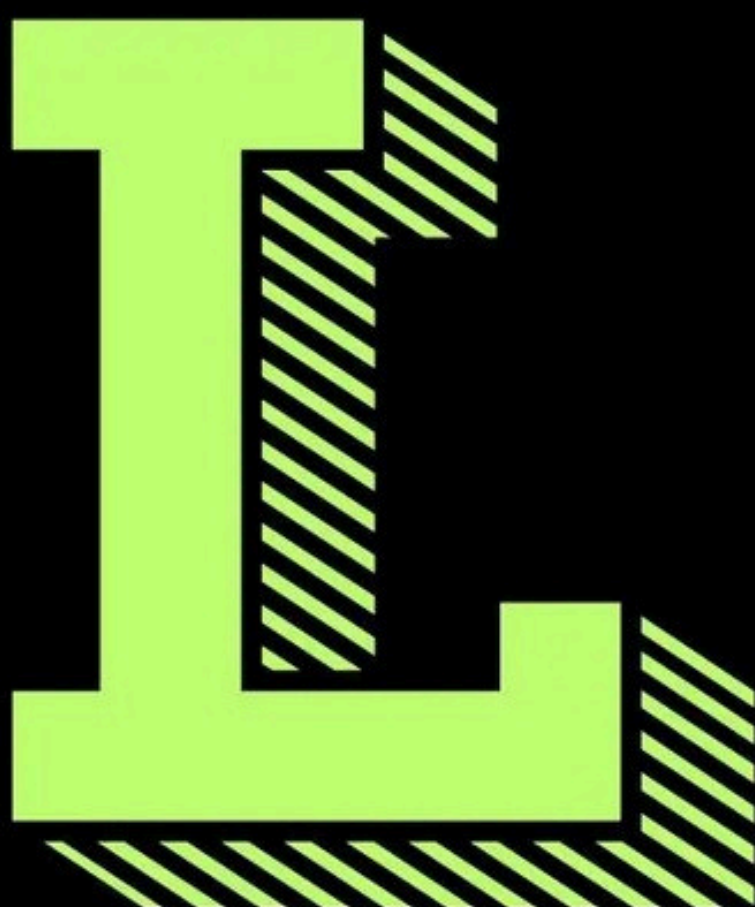
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