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## LOOGOOTE PRIDEFEST RETURNS FOR A THIRD YEAR IN DOWNTOWN LOOGOOTE



LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Faced with triple-digit heat and weeks of legal uncertainty, a determined gathering of LGBTQ+ community members and allies took to the streets for Loogootee Pride over the weekend. The festival went forward after organizers secured a judicial reprieve just days before the scheduled event, ending months of municipal hurdles over their constitutional right to peaceably assemble in the rural Martin County community. The eleventh-hour legal decision took an operational toll on the event's footprint. With permits tied up until shortly before festival day, numerous vendors had been forced to seek guaranteed bookings elsewhere to protect their livelihoods, leaving noticeable gaps along the planned vendor row. Combined with temperatures soaring past 100 degrees, the

physical crowd remained modest in size. Yet for those in attendance, the gathering proved to be a powerful display of resilience and solidarity. Performers, including drag artists dressed in full regalia, braved the oppressive afternoon sun to entertain the crowd, while local advocacy organizations staffed tables to offer community resources. Supporters made a point of visiting every remaining vendor and informational booth, offering both patronage and encouragement to the organizers who had fought to preserve the event. The modest footprint also drew quiet support from local youths, who gathered nearby in shaded areas to watch the proceedings unfold. Attendees noted that the visibility of older LGBTQ+ adults asserting their civic presence served as an important symbol for the town's younger generation.

While rural Pride festivals across the country continue to face political pushback and logistical hurdles, attendees framed the day not by what was missing, but by the courage required simply to show up. Organizers thanked the allies and residents whose steadfast support made the celebration possible.

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# FEATURES

## ECHOES OF 9/11/2001

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.— The morning began with a sky so clear and intensely blue that survivors, witnesses, and first responders still recall evoke its color decades later. It was an ordinary late-summer Tuesday in Manhattan, northern Virginia, and the rural hills of Pennsylvania. Commuters caught early subways, took elevators up 100 floors, opened briefing binders, and boarded morning cross-country flights.

Then, at 8:46 a.m., the course of history changed history pivoted violently on its axis.

American Airlines Flight 11 sliced into the north face of the World Trade Center's North Tower, tearing through floors 93 to 99. Seventeen minutes later, United Airlines Flight 175 struck the South Tower. By midmorning, American Airlines Flight 77 had slammed into the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93 had plunged into a reclaimed strip mine near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers fought back against hijackers.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed that day. In the years that followed, thousands more first responders, recovery workers, and residents succumbed to toxic respiratory illnesses and cancers contracted in the pulverized wreckage of Ground Zero.

Yet alongside the staggering geopolitical shifts and protracted wars launched in its wake, the enduring narrative of Sept. 11, 2001, remains fiercely personal. It survives in the recorded memories of those who lived it: the rhythmic [1] descent down darkened concrete stairwells, the roar of collapsing steel sounding that sounded like a freight train, the white particulate dust that coated three states of grief, and the profound, lingering absence left behind.

### Descent Through the Dark

When the first hijacked Boeing 767 hit One World Trade Center, Theresa Marino Leone was at her desk on the 57th floor.

"We went down the next staircase, and thank God, the lights were on, we could see, and talk to each other," Leone recalled in an oral history account recorded years after the disaster. "Amazingly there was no pushing or panic or people getting trampled. Thank God, too, that He made me tall, five foot nine, because I can't wear heels, only a pair of black, very sensible shoes."

As thousands began winding their way down emergency exits across both 110-story towers, orderly cooperation defined the stairwells. Office workers held hands, shared sips of water, and made space for the injured.

Zaheer Jaffery, working on the 65th floor of the nearby World Financial Center complex, recalled navigating evacuation stairs as structural disruptions forced evacuees across intermediate landings.

"I was walking very, very slow by now because I could barely walk," Jaffery stated in Columbia University's Sept. 11 Oral History Project. "In the concourse level I was going so slow that two or three times people offered to carry me and I said, 'No, no, maybe somebody else needs help.' You know, the water was this much, up to my ankles, and it was slimy and slippery."

Outside, fire apparatus from all five boroughs raced toward Lower Manhattan. As civilians streamed downward to escape, firefighters, paramedics, and police officers moved in the opposite direction, carrying 70 pounds of gear on their backs up stairs slick with water from ruptured sprinkler pipes.

Kirk Long, an FDNY firefighter with Engine 1 who responded directly to the North Tower, recalled the surreal encounter between those fleeing and those entering.

"I was watching every person coming down, looked at their face, just to make them happy that they were getting out and we were going in, and everything was OK," Long said in his department oral history.

Yet behind the professional resolve, first responders were grappling with an incomprehensible scale of catastrophe.

"We were saying, 'Don't worry, we're with the Fire Department. Everybody is going to get out,'" one firefighter remembered. "We were just as scared as anybody else. We were just victims too. Basically the only difference between us and the victims is we had flashlights."

### The Falling Sky

On the street below, emergency personnel and civilians watched the unthinkable unfold high above the plaza. Trapped by impenetrable smoke and temperatures exceeding 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, scores of workers gathered at shattered windows before plunging to the pavement.

Firefighter Maureen McArdle-Schulman recalled hearing calls on the street warning of objects falling from the burning upper floors. At first, she thought office furniture was tumbling out.

"Then the first body hit and then we knew what it was," she said in an official account. "I was getting sick. I felt like I was intruding on a sacrament. They were choosing to die and I was watching them and shouldn't have been. So me and another guy turned away and looked at a wall and we could still hear them hit."

At 9:59 a.m., after burning for 56 minutes, the South Tower gave way.

Emergency Medical Technician John Felidi was nearby when the building began its catastrophic pancake collapse.

"We heard a rumble," Felidi recounted. "I heard the rumble and looked — in the back of me [2] all I seen was a monstrous — I can't even describe it. A cloud. Looked like debris, dust."

When the North Tower followed at 10:28 a.m., it sent a deafening shockwave roaring through the concrete canyons of the Financial District.

"I never forget that sound," Felidi said. "It sounded like a freight train passing by. I never forget that sound, never forget that sound. Like a freight train."

Robert Snyder, a Rutgers University instructor commuting through Lower Manhattan, turned around as the rumblings reverberated across the Hudson River.

"And then I look over my shoulder and now Lower Manhattan is covered in apocalyptic smoke and flames," Snyder said. "And I just looked back and saw this scene of horror to me: smoke, strange lights from flame, utterly impossibly beautiful blue sky ultimately above it all."

A volcanic cloud of pulverized gypsum drywall, concrete, asbestos, and incinerated jet fuel blanketed Lower Manhattan, turning bright morning into total midnight within seconds. Survivors ran blindly through blinding white out conditions, feeling along storefront glass, ducking into corner delis, and seeking refuge in subway stations.

### The Pentagon and a Field in Pennsylvania

While New York was shrouded in gray ash, horror was unfolding along the Potomac.

At 9:37 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 struck the western side of the Pentagon at 530 mph, killing all 64 passengers and crew on board and 125 military personnel and civilian workers inside the building.

Lt. Col. Ted Anderson was working in an unrenovated section of the Pentagon when the impact shook the five-sided fortress. Walls buckled, jet fuel ignited instantly into rolling fireballs, and corridors filled with choking, acrid black smoke.

Anderson and his colleagues crawled along linoleum hallways on their stomachs beneath the smoke layer, guiding disoriented personnel out into open interior courtyards. Despite the blast destroying hundreds of offices, civilian workers and military officers repeatedly re-entered the burning structure to drag wounded colleagues out onto triage lawns.

Twenty-six minutes later, across the Allegheny Plateau in southwestern Pennsylvania, a different kind of stand took place.

Passengers aboard United Airlines Flight 93, having learned through cell phones and Airfones about the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, voted to breach the cockpit. Todd Beamer's words, whispered into an airborne telephone line to a GTE operator — "Are you ready? OK, let's roll" — became a permanent emblem of collective civilian resistance.

The Boeing 757 plowed into an open field in Stonycreek Township at roughly 563 mph, inverted and at a 40-degree angle. All 40 passengers and crew members died instantly. But their decision spared the United States Capitol or the White House, denying the attackers their ultimate symbolic target.

First responders arriving at the rural crater found almost no recognizable aircraft parts. Debris was scattered across hemlock trees, and smoldering soot settled over late-summer grasses. The silence was immediate and absolute.

### The Pile: 16 Acres of Ash

In New York, the hours following the collapse were defined by frantic, desperate digging.

Off-duty firefighters, ironworkers, police officers, and medical personnel poured into Lower Manhattan without orders, driven by the instinct to save anyone buried in the subterranean voids of the 16-acre ruins.

FDNY firefighter Michele Fitzsimmons was among those dispatched to the scene late that night.

"We did a lot of wandering around, walking around in an apocalyptic world," Fitzsimmons recalled. "There were crushed cars, cars on fire, gutted cars that had been on fire and burnt themselves out, or had been put out. Finally — I guess it must have been about 11:00 at night — we made it over to the West Side Highway. We came out about four or five blocks above where the towers had been. I think that was the first time it hit me that they were really, completely gone. There was really nothing but a big, big, big pile of nothing."

Derrick Milone, an emergency worker who spent two straight weeks digging on the smoldering mound known as "The Pile," described the shock of discovering how thoroughly the two 1,360-foot towers had been atomized.

"There was just crumbled everything," Milone said in an interview preserved in the Pace University 9/11 Oral History Project. "You couldn't find a computer, there wasn't a chair, a desk. The only things that didn't get destroyed were paper because it couldn't break down, and material."

He noted the agonizing realization that set in as the hours turned into days.

"After the first, uh, I think it was the first six or seven hours that we were down there... We were there six, seven hours, nothing," Milone recalled. "We didn't find one person alive. We felt that if we ain't finding anyone alive in those, you know, those peak hours, that we weren't going to find anybody. So as each day went by... You start to realize that you know, now you're just trying to look for people, firefighters to bury."

The fires beneath the twisted heaps of structural steel would burn for 99 days, sustained by compressed office paper, vehicle fuel, and building contents, sending sulfurous plumes drifting over Brooklyn and New Jersey.

"The cloying smell of burning rubble and steel, but mixed with the very pungent smell of nearly 3,000 decaying bodies," one downtown survivor noted. "A smell I will never forget. A metallic taste mixed with powdered gypsum from the imploded drywall was on everyone's tongue."

### The Human Absence

For families of the victims, the weeks following the attacks unfolded as an agonizing vigil.

Walls outside hospitals, subway stations, and the Armory on Lexington Avenue became spontaneous memorials, covered in photocopied 8.5-by-11-inch flyers. They featured snapshots of missing loved ones: smiling portraits taken at weddings, beach vacations, and family barbecues, annotated with heartbreaking details: "Last seen on 104th floor," "Wearing diamond band and blue tie," "Tattoo of an anchor on right forearm."

Few of those flyers ever yielded reunions. The FDNY lost 343 members in a single morning, including its chief of department, first deputy commissioner, and department chaplain, Father Mychal Judge. The New York City Police Department lost 23 officers, and the Port Authority Police Department lost 37. Cantor Fitzgerald, the financial services firm occupying floors 101 to 105 of One World Trade Center, lost 658 employees — more than two-thirds of its workforce.



Beverly Eckert lost her husband, Sean Rooney, who died on the 105th floor of the South Tower. They had been sweethearts since meeting at a high school dance at age 16.

"I remember how I didn't want that day to end, terrible as it was," Eckert later reflected. "I didn't want to go to sleep because as long as I was awake, it was still a day that I shared with Sean."

Kenneth Feinberg, appointed special master of the federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, oversaw the distribution of billions of dollars to grieving families and surviving casualties. Yet the bureaucratic mandate was constantly pierced by raw human pain.

"A 24-year-old woman came to see me, sobbing," Feinberg once recalled. "'Mr. Feinberg, my husband died in the World Trade Center. He was a fireman, and he left me with our two children, six and four... Now they're gonna be orphans. I have got to get this money while I still have my faculties. I've gotta set up a trust. I've gotta find a guardian. We never anticipated this.' I ran down to the Treasury, we accelerated the processing of her claim, we got her the money, and eight weeks later she died."

The Second Wave: Ground Zero Illnesses

The tragedy of Sept. 11 did not end when the fires finally subsided in December 2001.

For tens of thousands of rescue workers, laborers, clean-up crews, and nearby residents who breathed the thick, toxic cauldron of the disaster site, the passage of time brought a devastating second casualty list.

Derrick Milone foresaw the crisis while standing on the smoldering ruins during the recovery phase.

"That's the dust now that, as you see, each guy every once in a while, now you know, who has, who's complaining of lung problems and stuff like that," Milone said. "This thing is going to go on... Aand one by one,even the civilians who nobody's even going to know about are going to die one at a time from what they were breathing that day. It was all chemicals, besides the fact the jet fuel was everywhere, which is not healthy to begin with anyway... Eeverything that was melting, is definitely going to cause major problems for people."

Milone's forecast proved tragically accurate. According to data tracked by the World Trade Center Health Program, more firefighters, police officers, and civilian survivors have now died from post-9/11-related illnesses— including pulmonary fibrosis, respiratory disorders, and dozens of forms of aerodigestive cancers — than the total number of people killed on the day of the attacks themselves.

Among those lost in the years that followed was Mike Brown, whose brother, FDNY Capt. Patrick Brown of Ladder 3, died inside the North Tower. Mike spent months at Ground Zero searching for his brother's remains, later succumbing to cancer tied directly to his recovery work.

"Waiting for Mike to feel ready to record took some patience, but waiting gave him the time and space he needed to reflect deeply on his relationship with his brother and with Pat's fire department brothers and how 9/11 had shaped nearly the last 20 years of his life," Amy Weinstein, senior curator of oral history at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, wrote of documenting the brothers' shared legacy.

Preserving the Fragile Record

Over the quarter-century since the towers fell, oral historians, curators, and family groups have worked against time to preserve the auditory and visual memories of Sept. 11.

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum has gathered more than 2,500 oral history recordings, capturing the voices not only of prominent leaders and decorated responders, but of elevator mechanics, window washers, high school teachers, and neighbors.

Columbia University's oral history archive contains nearly 700 hours of interviews with more than 350 individuals. Project co-directors Peter Bearman and Mary Marshall Clark sought to document the catastrophe's wider cultural and social perimeter.

"It's not just the EMT. It's not just the first responders. It's not just the people directly involved," Bearman said during the project's archival release. "It's those who are seemingly distal, but their experiences, thoughts, sadnesses, meanings make them close to the whole story."

For Clark, the project underscored that trauma does not heal simply because a calendar page turns.

"The most painful time for survivors," Clark observed, "is the day of the anniversary."

Yet memory serves as both a burden and a preservation of identity.

Gamil M. Tawfik, founder of the Arabic Channel in New York, recalled the profound architectural and emotional void created when the complex disappeared from the harbor.

"I saw the first tower — the second tower fell first. And I was shocked," Tawfik recounted. "I thought this building would never fall, and I was so mad and upset, because I used to love this building. I used to eat in the Windows on the World. I used to bank over there at Citibank. And any visitor coming from overseas, the first thing I take them to is the World Trade Center, actually to impress them with the World Trade Center."

The Footprints of Water and Light

Today, where the Twin Towers once anchored Manhattan's financial district, two vast granite voids descend into the earth. Cascades of water plunge 30 feet into reflecting pools that outline the exact foundations of One and Two World Trade Center. Bronze parapets surrounding the pools bear the inscribed names of all 2,983 victims of the 2001 attacks and the Feb. 26, 1993, Trade Center bombing.



Towering above them is One World Trade Center, rising to a symbolic 1,776 feet.

For those who lived through the terror of that September morning, the physical reconstruction of Lower Manhattan brings complex reflections.

"I'm very proud of our country and of NYC for the resilience we showed in the aftermath of these debilitating attacks on our freedom," one survivor noted while looking out at the rebuilt transit hub and plaza. "When I see the new World Trade Center 1 filling the skyline, I become emotional. The tower stands not only for the greatness of America, but it is also a headstone for the lives lost there on that fateful day."

In Shanksville, a 93-foot Tower of Voices rises over the Laurel Highlands, holding 40 wind chimes tuned to resonate across the open fields. At the Pentagon, 184 cantilevered benches hover over glowing pools of water, aligned along the exact trajectory of Flight 77.

Every autumn, as the calendar advances toward Sept. 11, the clear blue sky returns. Family members still gather at the pools to trace fingertips across raised bronze letters, leaving single white roses tucked into the engraved names of parents, siblings, and spouses.

The buildings are gone, replaced by steel, stone, and trees. But the memories — etched into digital archives, personal journals, and the collective consciousness of a nation — refuse to fade. As one survivor remarked, paraphrasing an old phrase on grief and enduring love: "There are no periods. There are only commas. It's all life."

[1]why rhythmic? I'd omit.

[2]is this the direct quote? Worded oddly. If direct quote of course don't change it.

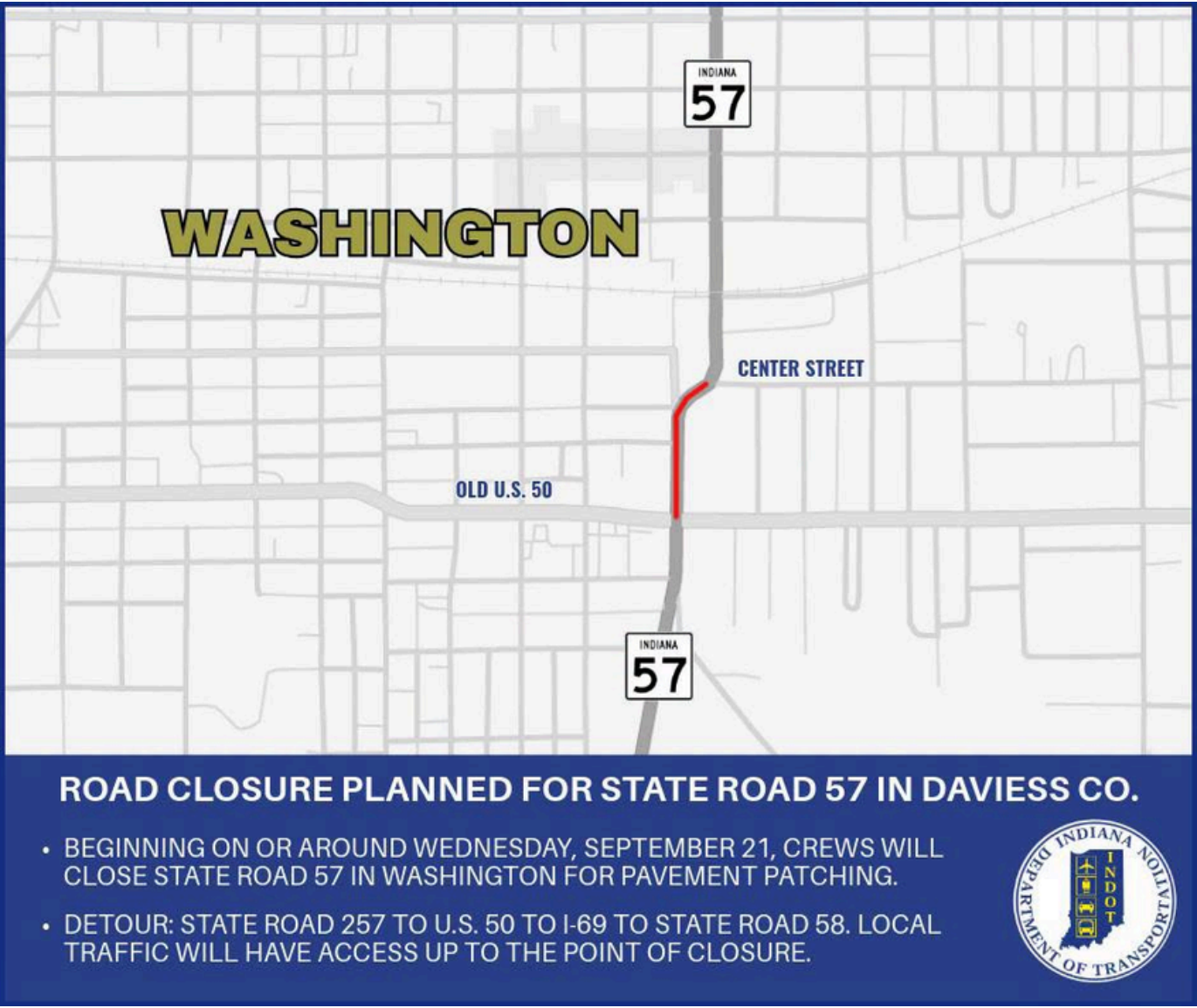


# NEVER FORGET

*The Loogootee Times Remembers Those  
Who Lost Their Lives on September 11,  
2001*



# INDOT ANNOUNCES STATE ROAD 57 CLOSURE IN WASHINGTON FOR PAVEMENT PATCHING



WASHINGTON, Ind. — Motorists traveling through Daviess County should prepare for detours starting late this month, as state highway crews begin pavement maintenance on a key local corridor.

The [Indiana Department of Transportation](#) announced that State Road 57 in Washington will close on or around Monday, Sept. 21. The closure will take place between Old U.S. 50 and Center Street.

The temporary shutdown is necessary to permit scheduled pavement patching operations. Agency officials anticipate the repair work will take approximately two weeks to complete, though all schedules remain subject to favorable weather conditions.

INDOT has established an official detour route directing through-traffic to bypass the work zone using State Road 257, U.S. 50, Interstate 69, and State Road 58. While through-traffic must follow the signed detour, local motorists will retain vehicle access up to the exact point of closure.

State highway officials urge all drivers to slow down, exercise extra caution, and eliminate mobile phone distractions when navigating near or through construction work zones. Travelers seeking real-time construction updates and route restrictions across the state can monitor road conditions using the [INDOT Trafficwise Map](#).

## 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](mailto: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.



# 55TH ANNUAL MONTGOMERY TURKEY TROT FESTIVAL FEATURES LONESTAR, RACING, AND DEMOLITION DERBY



MONTGOMERY, Ind. — The 55th Annual Montgomery Turkey Trot Festival returns this week, bringing four days of community entertainment, competitive racing, motorsports, and national country music headliners to Daviess County.

The festival, organized by the Montgomery Ruritan Club, runs from Thursday, Sept. 10, through Sunday, Sept. 13. Free carnival ride attractions are included with paid admission across all four days of the event.

Gates open at 5 p.m. Thursday to kick off the opening slate of activities. Signature track turkey races start at 6 p.m., followed by the annual Media Turkey Race at 6:15 p.m. Attendees can also participate in community bingo inside the Community Building at 6:30 p.m. or watch tractor and truck pulls on the track beginning at 6:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the beverage garden until 10 p.m.

Friday’s schedule resumes at 5 p.m. with carnival attractions and a fresh round of turkey races on the track at 6:30 p.m. Country artist John Foster takes the main stage at 8 p.m., followed by a late-night set by musical guest Sam Hahn in the beverage garden, which stays open until 1 a.m.

Saturday features a full schedule of tournaments and activities for all ages beginning at 11 a.m. Adult co-ed mud volleyball kicks off in the pit at 11:30 a.m., while Texas Hold’em and cornhole tournaments start at noon in the Annex Building. Youth activities include kids’ pedal tractor pulls at 1 p.m. and basketball competitions and races in the parking lot at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday evening showcases local cooking and regional entertainment. A trackside barbecue cookoff that begins early Saturday morning will conclude at 6 p.m. Semifinal turkey heats will take place on the track at 6:30 p.m. Multiplatinum country group Lonestar will headline the main stage at 8 p.m., followed by an after-concert performance by rock band Gunshine in the beverage garden until 1 a.m.

The festival wraps up Sunday, Sept. 13, with gates and carnival rides opening at noon. The championship turkey races will crown this year’s winner on the track at 12:15 p.m. Youth co-ed mud volleyball matches will begin in the pit at 1 p.m., leading into the festival’s demolition derby on the track at 1:15 p.m.

During the demolition derby intermission, officials will announce the winners of the Montgomery Ruritan 2026 25-Gun Raffle.

Daily gate admission is \$10 for Thursday and Sunday, and \$25 for Friday and Saturday. Four-day season passes are available for \$45. Admission for children ages 3 to 11 is \$5 daily and includes unlimited carnival rides. Additional[1] festival updates and schedule notices are available through the Montgomery IN Ruritan Club social media page.

[1]New paragraph since previous paragraph is all about pricing.





# ANNUAL MONTGOMERY TURKEY TROT FESTIVAL

## Thursday, September 10

- 5:00 pm FREE Carnival Ride Attractions (with paid admission)
- 6:00 pm Turkey Races on the Track
- 6:00 pm Beverages in the Garden (until 10pm)
- 6:15 pm Media Turkey Race on the Track
- 6:30 pm BINGO in the Community Building
- 6:45 pm Tractor & Truck Pulls on the Track

## Friday, September 11

- 5:00 pm FREE Carnival Ride Attractions (with paid admission)
- 6:00 pm Beverages in the Garden (until 1am)  
w/ musical guest Sam Hahn (after Concert)
- 6:30 pm Turkey Races on the Track
- 8:00 pm John Foster (On stage)

## Saturday, September 12

- 11:00 am FREE Carnival Ride Attractions (with paid admission)
- 11:30 am Adult Co-Ed Mud Volleyball in the Pit
- 12:00 pm TX Hold'em Poker Tourney at Annex Building (Sign-up at 11am)
- 12:00 pm Cornhole Tourney at Annex Building (Sign-up at 11:30am)
- 1:00 pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls in Community Building Parking Lot (Sign-up at 12pm)
- 1:30 pm Kids Competitions (basketball/races) in the Community Building Parking Lot
- 6:00 pm Beverages in the Garden (until 1am) w/ musical guest  
Gunshine (after Concert)
- 6:00 pm BBQ Cookoff ends on Track (5:30am start)
- 6:30 pm Semi Final Turkey Races on the Track
- 8:00 pm Lonestar Show (on stage)

## Sunday, September 13

- 12:00 pm FREE Carnival Ride Attractions (With paid admission)
- 12:15 pm Championship Turkey Races - Track
- 1:00 pm Youth Co-Ed Mud Volleyball-Grades - Pit
- 1:15 pm DEMOLITION DERBY - Track

Montgomery  
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### Friday, September 11

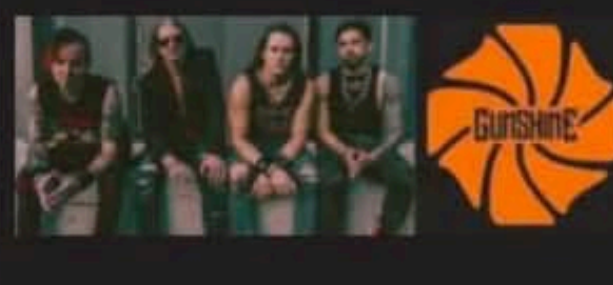


**JOHN  
FOSTER  
8PM**

### Saturday, September 12



**LONESTAR  
8PM**



**ADMISSION: THURSDAY/SUNDAY GATE PRICE \$10**

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY GATE PRICE \$25**

**FOUR DAY SEASON PASS - \$45**

**CHILDREN 3-11 \$5 Daily Admission Includes Unlimited Carnival Rides**

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# 55TH ANNUAL MONTGOMERY TURKEY TROT FESTIVAL



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| 4-DAY SEASON PASS        | \$45 |
| FRI/SAT GATE             | \$25 |
| THURS/SUN GATE           | \$10 |
| CARNIVAL RIDES           | FREE |
| KIDS AGE 3-11 DAILY GATE | \$5  |

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- 12:00pm Cornhole Tourney at Annex Building (Sign-up at 11:30)
- 1:00pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls in Community Building Parking Lot (Sign-up at 12pm)
- 1:30pm Kids Competitions (basketball/races) in the Community Building Parking Lot
- 6:00pm Beverages in the Garden (until 1am) w/ musical guest "Gunshine" (after Concert)
- 6:00pm BBQ Cookoff ends on Track (5:30am start)
- 6:30pm Semi Final Turkey Races on the Track



- 12:00pm FREE Carnival Ride Attractions (with admission)
- 12:15pm Championship Turkey Races on Track
- 1:00pm Youth Co-Ed Mud Volleyball in the Pit
- 1:15pm Demolition Derby on the Track

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# HOLIDAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE ANNOUNCES SEPTEMBER DOUBLE FEATURE WEEKEND LINEUP

MITCHELL, Ind. — Moviegoers across southern Indiana can take in a weekend of family-friendly cinema under the stars as the Holiday Drive-In Theatre rolls out its latest double feature lineup.

The historic outdoor venue announced it will screen back-to-back animated and comedic adventures on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Sept. 4–6, 2026.

Gates at the drive-in will open each evening at 7 p.m., giving motorists and families ample time to secure parking spots, tune their car radios, and visit the concession area before the show begins.

The first movie on the twin bill, "PAW Patrol: The Dino Movie," is scheduled to hit the big screen at 8:35 p.m. The prehistoric adventure follows Ryder and the heroic rescue pups as they navigate action-packed escapades alongside dinosaurs, serving as the evening's prime entertainment for younger children and families.

Immediately following the opening film, the long-awaited live-action and animated comedy "Coyote vs. Acme" will screen as the second feature at 10:05 p.m. Starring Will Forte, Lana Condor, and John Cena, the courtroom-and-slapstick romp follows the iconic Looney Tunes character Wile E. Coyote in his humorous legal battle against the fictional Acme Corporation over its defective contraptions.

Drive-in theaters continue to offer a nostalgic, community-centered alternative to modern indoor multiplexes, particularly for rural audiences looking for affordable evening entertainment. Families often set up folding chairs in truck beds or spread blankets across vehicle hoods to enjoy warm late-summer nights while watching Hollywood releases on the towering outdoor screen.

In addition to the main double bill, theater management previewed upcoming autumn programming, announcing that "Practical Magic 2" will join the drive-in's movie rotation beginning the following weekend on Friday, Sept. 11.

Patrons planning to attend the upcoming holiday weekend screenings are encouraged to arrive early to avoid entrance line backups along the highway corridor. Concession stands offering traditional theater fare, hot food, and cold beverages will remain open throughout both screenings each night.

Visitors seeking additional information on tickets, sound transmission frequencies, and future weekend movie schedules can check announcements directly through local entertainment listings and the [Holiday Drive-In Theatre](#) portal.

# BREAK TIME BAR & GRILL CELEBRATES 25- YEAR MILESTONE AND ANNOUNCES GIVEAWAY WINNERS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — A longstanding Martin County gathering spot is marking a quarter-century in business, celebrating 25 years of food, fellowship, and local community memories.

Management and staff at [Break Time Bar and Grill](#) expressed gratitude to area patrons this week following a celebration commemorating the restaurant's 25th anniversary.

The establishment, situated on Cooper Street, hosted a series of milestone giveaways to thank customers for their loyalty over the past two and a half decades. The anniversary grand prize drawing drew wide community participation, generating nearly 600 entries from local diners and regulars.

Following the drawing, the restaurant announced four giveaway winners:

- Don Greene
- Steve Purkhiser
- Leah Padgett
- Wayne Yoder
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The celebration also featured a familiar face behind the counter. Susie Taylor, a staple of the business who served as part of the restaurant's operational team for 23 of its 25 years, returned to help commemorate the occasion. Taylor assisted leadership during the festivities and officially drew the winning tickets for the giveaway prizes.

Owners credited their past and present employees for the restaurant's longevity, emphasizing that sustained success in the competitive hospitality industry relies entirely on the daily dedication and hard work of frontline service workers.

Independent dining spots often serve as vital social anchors in small communities across southwestern Indiana. Beyond functioning as neighborhood eateries, they provide informal meeting grounds where generations of residents celebrate milestones, catch up after work, and build enduring local traditions.

Reflecting on the milestone, management underscored that 25 years of steady operation would never have been possible without the continued patronage of Martin County residents who have made the eatery an integral part of their daily routines.

Looking forward, the team at Break Time Bar & Grill noted they remain dedicated to serving area families and visitors as they embark on their next chapter in Loogootee.



# CURT PATE LEADS HANDS-ON STOCKMANSHIP TRAINING AT SIPAC IN DUBOIS COUNTY

DUBOIS, Ind. — Livestock producers, farm operators, and agricultural workers looking to enhance animal welfare and profitability can attend an intensive two-day handling workshop later this month in Dubois County.

The Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center (SIPAC) will host “Stockmanship with Curt Pate” on Friday, Sept. 25, and Saturday, Sept. 26. The educational program takes place at the research center, located at 11371 E. Purdue Farm Road in Dubois.

The clinics offer practical, hands-on livestock handling training framed through a commercial, for-profit lens. Pate, a widely recognized stockmanship clinician based in Ryegate, Montana, draws from decades of field experience to demonstrate how low-stress handling methods directly boost livestock performance, reduce injuries, and increase farm profitability. Pate also addresses the growing public interest and consumer scrutiny regarding humane animal production, illustrating how improved techniques strengthen the overall sustainability of the livestock industry.

The two-day training allows participants to select focused sessions tailored to their agricultural operations:

● Friday, Sept. 25: Dedicated to small ruminants, the sheep and goat-focused program will run from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. EST. A supper will be served to attendees during the evening.

● Saturday, Sept. 26: Geared toward large livestock, the beef-focused clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, with lunch provided on-site.

● The event is presented through a collaborative partnership featuring Purdue University Extension, the Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA), the Indiana Sheep Association (ISA), the Indiana Forage Council (IFC), and Zoetis.

Board member Don Ryan recently praised the training during a local agricultural board meeting, highlighting its practical value for local farmers seeking real-world techniques to safely manage cattle, sheep, and goats while improving operational margins.

Registration costs \$45 per person per single-day event. For mail-in entries submitted directly through the IBCA office, membership pricing of \$40 per day is available for members of the IBCA, ISA, or IFC. Attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Advance registration is required, with all registrations closing on Friday, Sept. 18. Producers can register online under the events tab at either [Indiana Beef Cattle Association](#) or [Indiana Forage Council](#).

Paper registration forms and checks made payable to the Indiana Beef Cattle Association can be mailed to IBCA, 8425 Keystone Crossing, Suite 240, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

For questions, special accommodations, or additional event details, prospective attendees can contact SIPAC Superintendent Jason Tower by phone at 812-678-4427 or via email at [towerj@purdue.edu](mailto:towerj@purdue.edu). Purdue University is an equal opportunity, equal access institution.

# SCHOOL FUNDRAISER MUM PICKUP SCHEDULED FOR YESTERDAY IN SHOALS

Families and community supporters who purchased fall flowers through the local student fundraiser can collect their orders during a scheduled distribution window today.

Mum pickup for students and parents will take place this afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the designated school pickup area.

Following collection, students will begin delivering the seasonal plants directly to neighbors, relatives , and patrons who placed orders through them during the autumn campaign.

Organizers urge all participants to pick up their orders promptly during the two-hour window to keep the distribution line moving smoothly and ensure plants remain fresh.

School officials also shared a key care reminder for recipients: Wwater the mums thoroughly upon arrival. Consistent watering is essential to maintain root health, promote full blooms, and keep the vibrant autumn displays thriving through the coming weeks.

Proceeds from the annual plant sale support student activities, classroom initiatives, and upcoming youth programs. Organizers thanked the broader community for participating in the fundraiser and contributing to the students' ongoing academic and extracurricular efforts.

Anyone with specific questions regarding pickup logistics or missing orders should contact school organizers directly.

# TRI KAPPA HOSTS ‘FALL INTO SOUTHERN INDIANA’ JEEP AND VINTAGE CAR RIDE OCT. 24

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Automotive enthusiasts, Jeep owners, and community supporters will take to the open highway next month for a scenic autumn charity cruise through the rolling landscapes of southern Indiana.

The “Fall Into Southern Indiana” Jeep and Vintage Car Ride, organized in partnership with Tri Kappa, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026. The charity motoring event will start and finish at the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

Festivities begin early Saturday morning with on-site registration and a community pancake breakfast opening at 8 a.m. Drivers, passengers, and spectators can gather over breakfast before engines start, allowing attendees to view the displayed lineup of classic cars, custom trucks, and modern off-road vehicles.

The official convoy will depart the church grounds at 10 a.m. to embark on a guided, scenic cruise across regional roads, highlighting southwest Indiana’s vibrant peak fall foliage. The mapped route includes designated stops along the way designed for sightseeing, photo opportunities, and casual socializing.

Registration is open to both drivers and passengers. Participants who preregister in advance pay \$15 per person, while registration on the day of the ride is \$20 per person. Drivers can access registration forms and details by scanning the QR code featured on official promotional flyers.

At the conclusion of the cruise, organizers will present various prizes and awards. Categories include accolades for standout Jeeps, vintage vehicles, a People’s Choice award, and other specialty honors.

All proceeds raised from the event directly benefit Tri Kappa, a statewide philanthropic sorority dedicated to supporting education, culture, and community charity initiatives throughout Indiana. Local chapters regularly fund educational scholarships, assist youth programs, and provide civic grants to strengthen local neighborhoods.

Charity cruises and vehicle runs have become an increasingly popular fundraising model for local service clubs, blending automotive appreciation with recreational tourism. By inviting both vintage automobile collectors and Jeep trail riders, organizers aim to draw a diverse group of vehicle enthusiasts while generating funding for local community needs.

Organizers invite the public to participate under the motto, “Let’s fall into fun while making a difference!” Drivers seeking additional registration details, event times, or sponsorship opportunities can consult Tri Kappa announcements and local community event boards.



# LOOGOOTEE BEAUTIFICATION BOARD SEEKS COMMUNITY VOTES FOR HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHTS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area residents will have the final say on what plays on the big screen as local organizers begin preparing for a pair of seasonal Halloween movie screenings.

The Loogootee Beautification Board has launched a public community survey, inviting moviegoers to vote on the film lineups for upcoming “Kids Halloween Movie Night” and “Adult Halloween Movie Night” events.

The community initiative aims to crowdsource film selections to ensure the seasonal celebrations reflect what local families and horror fans want to watch. Organizers are asking residents to cast their ballots by commenting directly with their favorite titles on the board’s official social media announcement.

For the family-focused Kids Movie Night, organizers have selected four classic, family-friendly Halloween options:

- “Casper”
- “Monster House”
- “The Great Pumpkin Patch”
- “The Nightmare Before Christmas”

The children’s event is designed to offer a gentle, festive atmosphere suitable for moviegoers of all ages.

In contrast, the board is planning a separate late-night screening tailored exclusively for older audiences and horror enthusiasts. The Adult Halloween Movie Night will showcase one installment from the legendary slasher franchise starring masked killer Michael Myers.

Voters can select from a wide range of entries spanning the franchise’s multi-decade run, including:

- “Halloween” (1978)
- “Halloween II” (1981)
- “Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers”
- “Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Myers”
- “Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers”
- “Halloween H20: 20 Years Later”
- “Halloween: Resurrection”
- Rob Zombie’s “Halloween” (2007)
- “Halloween II” (2009)
- “Halloween” (2018)
- “Halloween Kills”
- “Halloween Ends”

Board officials noted that while the youth event is strictly family-friendly, selections for the adult screening are intended solely for mature audiences due to intense horror themes, suspense, and violence.

Outdoor film screenings have grown into a cornerstone of community programming across Martin County, regularly drawing crowds to local pavilions and parks for affordable civic entertainment. By dividing the Halloween screenings into distinct child and adult events, board members hope to cater to diverse segments of the population while fostering vibrant public spaces in downtown Loogootee.

Specific screening dates, event locations, concessions details, and showtimes will be announced after voting concludes and the winning films are tallied.

Residents interested in casting a vote or tracking upcoming municipal events can visit the [City of Loogootee](#) portal or participate through the Loogootee Beautification Board’s official community channels.

# LARK RANCH OPENS FALL FIELD TRIP BOOKINGS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area schools, preschools, and youth programs can now book reservations for autumn educational excursions as [Lark Ranch](#) announced the return of its annual fall field trip program.

The regional agritourism destination, known for its sprawling seasonal attractions in both Loogootee and Greenfield, is opening its grounds on select weekdays throughout September and October for guided school visits.

Field trips are scheduled for select dates, including Sept. 22, 24, and 29, followed by October dates on Oct. 1, 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29.

Designed to blend hands-on outdoor recreation with agricultural education, the ranch program offers students an interactive day on the farm. Activities included in the visit feature scenic train rides around the property, large bounce pillows, direct interaction with farm animals, giant hillside slides, play tunnels, and access to the farm’s seasonal pumpkin displays.

Admission for the scheduled weekday field trips is \$10 per student and \$10 per accompanying parent. To support school districts and reduce overhead costs for group travel, licensed teachers and school bus drivers receive free admission.

Organizers recommend that visiting schools allocate approximately two hours to complete the tour and experience the primary ranch attractions. The facility provides dedicated, easily accessible bus parking to streamline student drop-off and pickup routines for larger school groups.

To accommodate full-day school schedules, Lark Ranch offers open picnic areas where classes may eat. Visiting students and chaperones are permitted to bring sack lunches and beverages from home or school cafeterias. Management noted that multiple school groups may be scheduled on the same date to accommodate regional demand during peak autumn weeks.

Agritourism venues across southern Indiana have increasingly served as outdoor learning spaces for primary education, giving suburban and rural students alike an opportunity to observe livestock and farm heritage up close. Operators emphasize that group farm visits foster physical activity while introducing children to working rural environments in an engaging setting.

Schools and educational groups can submit booking requests and reserve dates directly through the farm’s online scheduling portal at <https://larkranch.com/field-trips>.

For inquiries regarding date availability, group requirements, or accommodations, educators can reach the Loogootee location by phone at 812-709-5004, or the Greenfield location at 317-408-0226.

# LOOGOOTEE SENIOR CENTER HOSTS COMMUNITY COOKOUT AND CASINO NIGHT SEPT. 18

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Senior Center will host an evening of dining, entertainment, and friendly competition during its upcoming Community Cookout and Casino Night.

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

Designed around the theme “Good Times, Good People,” the gathering aims to bring games. Attendees will be treated to traditional cookout fare, including hamburgers, hot dogs, and a variety of side dishes.[1]

Organizers emphasize that the social mixer offers local adults an opportunity to reconnect and unwind in a fun, relaxed environment. Guests can test their luck at several gaming tables, with poker chips and casual card games running throughout the evening alongside the dinner.

Community centers across Martin County regularly serve as vital hubs for local programming, yet events like this highlight efforts to engage the broader adult public beyond standard daytime services.

Admission is restricted to adults only. Further details regarding ticket prices, reservations, and game rules have not yet been released.

Residents seeking more information or interested in attending are encouraged to visit the Loogootee Senior Center directly at its First Street location or monitor local community boards for forthcoming updates. [1]”aims to bring games” is a bit confusing. Not sure what's meant here. So perhaps combining the sentences:

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**LOOGOOTEE  
BEAUTIFICATION BOARD  
HOSTS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY  
DATE NIGHT SEPT. 18**

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Couples and community members looking for an evening out can head to the Loogootee Pavilion for a special “Date Night Under the Stars” edition of Food Truck Friday.

The community event, organized by the Loogootee Beautification Board, will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18.

Designed to offer a relaxing night filled with food, film, and fellowship, the gathering will feature an outdoor screening of the romantic drama “The Notebook” at dusk. The film presentation is sponsored by Duke Energy. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to set up on the pavilion grounds.

Visitors will have access to a variety of local mobile vendors, with a lineup featuring featured lineup that includes Big Boys Burgers, Creations by Crystal, and Maggie’s Sweet Creations. Additional event concessions will be provided on-site directly by the Loogootee Beautification Board.

To help local parents enjoy an uninterrupted evening, organizers are providing free child care during the festivities. Parents can drop off their children at City Hall inside the Council Room before heading over to the pavilion. While the adults watch “The Notebook,” children will be treated to a screening of Disney’s “Zootopia 2,” sponsored by Richer Farms LLC.

The initiative aims to support local businesses while offering Martin County families and couples a cost-effective, community-centered evening out.

Admission to the movie and child care area is free, with food and refreshments available for independent purchase throughout the evening. Residents can find further event information and local updates through municipal community channels.

**WHITE RIVER VALLEY  
ANTIQUE ASSOCIATION  
SHOW FEATURES PULLS,  
RODEO AND HISTORY**

ODON, Ind. — The White River Valley Antique Association will showcase historic farming heritage, pulling competitions, and family entertainment during its annual five-day gathering running Wednesday, Sept. 9, through Sunday, Sept. 13.

The community celebration kicks off Wednesday at 9 a.m. with a daily flag raising, opening prayer, and traditional equipment demonstrations. At 1 p.m., a wagon train departs from Odon Park, followed by an evening open-air church service and Sullivan County Garden Tractor Pullers in the arena at 7 p.m., alongside live bluegrass music.

Agricultural strength and machinery take center stage through the weekend. Thursday features working equipment demonstrations, shelter house music, and a 7 p.m. horse pull in the arena. Friday opens with an educational day welcoming area school children for hands-on history lessons, followed by an antique tractor pull at 6 p.m.

Saturday offers a packed itinerary starting with morning logging demonstrations and an 11 a.m. pet parade behind the cattle barn. Youth festivities take over Saturday afternoon with a pedal pull in the park, with registration opening at 3 p.m. and competition starting at 4 p.m. The evening culminates with the White River Rodeo Company performance at 6 p.m. in the arena.

The festivities conclude Sunday, Sept. 13, with a 9 a.m. church service inside the Feature Tractor Building.

Daily demonstrations illustrate rural lifestyle, machinery, and craftsmanship from bygone eras. Arena events, including pulls and the rodeo, have admission fees posted directly at the gate, while children ages 14 and younger are admitted free. Visitors for musical performances and outdoor services are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

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# MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE HOSTS ‘CONNECT OVER COFFEE’ BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT IN SHOALS

SHOALS, Ind. — Local entrepreneurs, civic partners, and organizational members will gather in Shoals next week for an early morning networking session designed to build commercial partnerships and spark regional innovation.

The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth will host its upcoming “Connect Over Coffee” business and member networking event on Monday, Sept. 14, 2026. The one-hour meetup will run from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Bauer Family Coffee Shop in Shoals.

Organized around the idea that “great ideas always start with coffee,” the mixer provides an informal venue for area business owners, community stakeholders, and alliance members to exchange ideas, discuss regional business trends, and foster commercial ties.

The alliance is offering a complimentary breakfast to all attendees. Organizers request that participants RSVP in advance through the organization's registration link to ensure an accurate food count for morning catering orders.

Informal breakfast meetings have become a regular tool for regional economic development groups looking to support small businesses. By bringing independent owners and civic leaders together under one roof, organizers aim to strengthen interpersonal networks, retain local talent, and encourage collaboration across Martin County’s commercial districts.

Admission is open to alliance members, prospective partners, and local business owners throughout southwestern Indiana.

Participants seeking to reserve a seat or find additional information about event logistics can consult Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth community channels or visit the organization's official communications portal.

# MARTIN COUNTY DEMS COMBINE PUBLIC MEETING AND TRASH CLEANUP AT HINDOSTAN SHELTER HOUSE

HINDOSTAN FALLS, Ind. — The Martin County Democratic Party will blend civic discussion with local beautification during its upcoming public gathering at the Hindostan Shelter House later this month.

The event, which combines a regular public meeting with a roadside trash pickup, is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, beginning at 6 p.m.

In addition to conducting official party business and discussing regional concerns, volunteers will clean up litter along the roadway leading to the shelter house. The cleanup effort is planned specifically to help prepare the grounds for upcoming community events scheduled to take place at the facility over the following weekend.

Organizers are promoting the dual-purpose event under the motto “Let’s keep Martin County clean!” emphasizing civic pride and hands-on environmental stewardship. Members of the Martin County Young Dems are particularly encouraged to attend and take part in both the political discussions and the service initiative.

Party leaders stressed that the gathering is open to the general public regardless of background, operating under the principles that "your voice matters" and "your community matters."

Participants planning to assist with the roadside cleanup are advised to wear comfortable, sturdy walking shoes suitable for outdoor labor along the roadway. Organizers recommend dressing appropriately for the weather and potential uneven terrain around the park area.

Grassroots events combining volunteer service with local party organization have become an increasingly popular way for county committees to engage residents and demonstrate community investment ahead of election seasons.

The meeting and cleanup will proceed rain or shine at the shelter house site. Area residents seeking additional information or wanting to volunteer can connect through local Martin County Democratic Party announcements and outreach channels.



# MARTIN COUNTY DEMOCRATS HOST SEPT. 26 COOKOUT AND CANDIDATE MEET-AND-GREET

HINDOSTAN FALLS, Ind. — The Martin County Democratic Party will host a community cookout and candidate meet-and-greet on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Hindostan Shelter House.

The three-hour gathering is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering local residents a chance to engage directly with local and state Democratic candidates ahead of the upcoming general election.

Organizers have scheduled Joe Yochum, candidate for Indiana Senate District 39, as the event’s featured guest speaker. The midday program aims to bring neighbors together for casual conversation regarding area concerns, public policy, and the community’s future.

Attendees will be served complimentary cookout foods, including hot dogs, potato chips, desserts, and cold refreshments.

In addition to political discussions and dining, the event will serve as the official distribution site for the party’s recent online silent auction. Winning bidders from the virtual fundraiser can check in during event hours to pick up their designated items and prizes.

County party leadership highlighted the gathering as an informal, family-friendly venue where voters can speak one-on-one with candidates seeking office in southwest Indiana. The cookout follows a series of local civic and volunteer activities held at the park shelter house throughout September.

Admission to the picnic and candidate forum is open to the public. Residents seeking additional details regarding the candidate lineup or auction item collections can contact local Martin County Democratic Party representatives or monitor county party social media channels.

# FRENCH LICK WEST BADEN MUSEUM REACHES EARLY MILESTONES IN 30 DAYS OF HISTORY CAMPAIGN

FRENCH LICK, Ind. — The French Lick West Baden Museum has reached significant fundraising and membership milestones just one week into its monthlong civic campaign.

Marking day seven of the “30 Days of History” initiative, museum leadership announced that public support has generated 15 commemorative brick purchases, 150 general admissions, and 20 new or renewed memberships.

The 30-day initiative is designed to preserve the unique heritage of Orange County’s twin resort communities. Revenue raised through admissions, contributions, and retail operations directly supports efforts to curate historical photographs, archival records, physical artifacts, and architectural legacy from French Lick and West Baden Springs.

Officials noted that multiple avenues remain open for residents and visitors to participate as the campaign continues. Supporters can buy inscribed commemorative bricks, schedule visits to the galleries, enroll in annual memberships, or purchase goods at the French Lick 5 & 10 Vintage Dime Store.

To celebrate that progress, the museum will host its annual Member Party this Saturday, Sept. 12, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the French Lick American Legion.

The gathering will welcome current museum members for an evening featuring dinner, charity auctions, special awards, and fellowship. Nonmembers can still attend the weekend festivities by purchasing an active membership prior to the event, with guest allowances determined by chosen membership tiers.

Small regional museums across Indiana rely heavily on community-driven campaigns to maintain operations and fund ongoing preservation work. Leaders stressed that grassroots involvement remains the lifeblood of historical preservation in the Springs Valley.

Supporters seeking to enroll in membership, order a brick, or attend Saturday’s gathering can register online directly through the [French Lick West Baden Museum Membership and Donations](#) portal.

# BOMGAARS DONATES 20 CASES OF WATER TO WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RESPONDERS

WASHINGTON, Ind. — The Washington Township emergency response team received a boost to its operational supplies following a donation from a local retail partner.

Township officials extended their gratitude to the Bomgaars store in Washington for donating 20 cases of bottled drinking water to the department.

The bottled water will be deployed on emergency vehicles and at active scene sites to keep first responders properly hydrated while battling structure fires, handling rescues, and responding to prolonged incidents throughout the service district.

First responders often work extended shifts in heavy protective turnout gear under extreme heat and physically demanding conditions. Maintaining adequate hydration is a critical safety priority that prevents heat exhaustion and ensures personnel can safely perform their duties.

Department leaders praised the rural retailer for stepping forward to directly support frontline workers. Contributions from neighborhood merchants play an important role in supplementing essential department provisions, allowing crews to focus on community protection.

Local officials reiterated their appreciation to the store’s management and staff, emphasizing that such corporate partnerships demonstrate the strong spirit of community cooperation across Daviess County.

# RSVP’S SECOND "TECH TUESDAY" COMMUNITY SERIES: A FREE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION EVENT SEPTEMBER 15

WASHINGTON, Ind. – Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Daviess & Martin Counties is hosting the second session of its free community technology-based education series, Tech Tuesday, next Tuesday, Sept. 15. The second session, “Scam Alert: Spotting Fraud Before It Costs You” will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Community Building at Eastside Park, 501 Burkhart Drive, Washington. The event is free and open to the public. The program is being presented by Brady Taylor, Owner / President of Loogootee-based Taylor Tech Solutions. The business provides friendly, local tech support and cybersecurity help for residential and commercial customers in and around southern Indiana. While the series was developed with RSVP’s senior volunteers in mind, organizers encourage community members of all ages to attend. No registration is required. The Tech Tuesday series is part of RSVP’s ongoing commitment to connect older adults with educational opportunities that promote lifelong learning, independence, and community engagement. The free program is designed to help residents make informed decisions about today’s technology. Future sessions will explore additional technology topics based on community interest. The first program was held Tuesday, July 21. The third program is set for Tuesday, Nov. 17.

For more information, contact RSVP of Daviess & Martin Counties at 812-254-1996 or visit the RSVP Volunteer Center website: [www.rsvpvolunteercenter.org](http://www.rsvpvolunteercenter.org). Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Daviess County, Indiana, Inc. 501 Burkhart Drive Washington, IN 47501 [www.rsvpvolunteercenter.org](http://www.rsvpvolunteercenter.org) About RSVP of Daviess & Martin Counties: Established in 1973 under the sponsorship of the YMCA in Washington, the organization became an independent nonprofit in 1989 and expanded into Martin County beginning in 2011. RSVP of Daviess & Martin Counties is a proud grantee of AmeriCorps Senior and connects volunteers with local organizations to address critical community needs through service



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### PRESENTER:

**Brady Taylor**

Owner / President of  
*Loogootee-based Taylor Tech Solutions*



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- ✓ Get practical tips to protect yourself and your family



DATE:  
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LOCATION:  
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## LOOGOOTEE SPORTS SCHEDULE

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS 6) - WASHINGTON  
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (H)  
9/10/2026 5:15 PM

TENNIS (BOYS V & JV) - WOOD MEMORIAL  
HIGH SCHOOL (H)  
9/10/2026 5:30 PM

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS V) - FOREST PARK JR./SR.  
HIGH (H)  
9/10/2026 6:00 PM

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS 7 & 8) - WASHINGTON  
(6TH ALSO) (H)  
9/10/2026 6:00 PM

GOLF (GIRLS V) - SOUTH KNOX/WOOD  
MEMORIAL (A)  
9/11/2026 5:30 PM

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS 7 & 8) - WABASH VALLEY  
8TH GRADE TOURNEY (A)  
9/12/2026 TBD

TENNIS (BOYS V & JV) - LOOGOOTEE  
INVITATIONAL (H)  
9/12/2026 TBD

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS V) - PHIL GOODPASTER  
INVITE (H)  
9/12/2026 9:00 AM

CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED V) - WASHINGTON  
INV B-G (A)  
9/12/2026 9:00 AM

TENNIS (BOYS V & JV) - LINTON-STOCKTON JR  
SR HIGH SCHOOL (H)  
9/14/2026 5:00 PM

TENNIS (BOYS JH) - BLOOMFIELD JR/SR HS (A)  
9/14/2026 5:30 PM

## LADY LIONS CAPTURE BORDEN INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Loogootee Lady Lions put together a perfect day at the Borden Invitational, going 3-0 and bringing home the tournament championship with victories over Corydon Central, Shoals, and host Borden. Loogootee opened the tournament against Corydon Central and came away with a hard-fought three-set victory, 25-8, 20-25, 16-14. The Lady Lions then defeated Shoals in two close sets, 25-22, 26-24, to advance to the championship match. In the finale,

Loogootee took care of Borden in straight sets, 25-22, 25-12, completing the undefeated day and securing the Borden Invitational title. Alaina Diamond led the Lady Lion attack with 28 kills across the three matches, while Karmen Wilson added 16 and Savannah Green finished with 12. Aubrey Gilbert recorded 29 assists, with Lydia Hawkins adding 24. Hawkins also had a big day from the service line, leading Loogootee with 21 service points and six aces. Gilbert added 14 service points, while Lauren Nolan had 13.

Green recorded five aces and Nolan added three. Defensively, senior Jocelynn Sims led the Lady Lions with 36 digs, followed by Hawkins with 16 and Nolan with 11. The tournament also featured a major career milestone for Sims, who recorded her 1,000th career dig, becoming just the seventh Lady Lion in program history to reach 1,000 career digs. Sims now sits seventh on Loogootee's all-time career digs list and is closing in on Asia Crim's 1,046 for sixth place. The Borden Invitational championship gives the Lady Lions three more victories and another tournament title as they continue their season.

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# LADY LIONS VOLLEYBALL TEAM DEFEAT LADY COUGARS

The Loogootee Lady Lions continued their strong start to the season Tuesday night, picking up a 4-1 victory over North Daviess and improving to 7-3 on the year, giving the Lady Lions their 6th straight victory Loogootee had a balanced offensive attack, led by Savannah Green with 10 kills. Karmen Wilson added nine kills, while Lydia Hawkins and Aubrey Gilbert each finished with seven. Gilbert directed the offense with 23 assists, while Hawkins added 14.

Gilbert also led the Lady Lions with 11 service points, followed by Hawkins and Madison Davis with eight each. Hawkins led the team with four aces, while Jocelynn Sims and Gilbert each recorded two.

Defensively, Sims continued to anchor the back row, finishing with a team-high 28 digs. Lauren Nolan added 11 digs in the victory.

The Lady Lions also got the job done at the JV level, defeating North Daviess in straight sets, 26-24, 25-15, moving to 6-1 on the season. Kensleigh Carrico had a strong all-around performance for the JV Lady Lions, recording seven kills, nine assists and two aces.

Abbi Rollins added six kills and a team-high seven service points, while Fara Fisher matched Carrico with nine assists. Haylo Harmon led the defense with nine digs, and Addison Moore contributed five service points. With the varsity victory, Loogootee moves to 7-3 on the season.

# LADY LIONS GOLF COMPETES FOR FIRST BLUE-CHIP CONFERENCE TITLE

Last Saturday, the Varsity Lady Lions Golf team traveled to Bicknell for the Blue-Chip Conference tournament. Originally an 18-hole event, the tournament was moved to the morning and shortened to 9 holes because of the heat. Of 7 teams competing, the Lady Lions finished 6th. Hattie Humerickhouse led the way for the Lady Lions in their 3rd consecutive match, firing a 57; Jessica Pride shot a 59; Claire Wolfe, a 60; Libby Swartzentruber, a 62; and Brynn Lengacher, a 66. The Lady Lions move to 12-27 following the Blue-Chip Conference Tournament.

# 6TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL RUNNER-UPS AT CRAWFORD COUNTY

The 7th Grade Volleyball team made their annual trip to Terre Haute South for the Wabash Valley Invite. Our 7th grade beat Vincennes Clark and Woodrow Wilson in two sets, and fell to North Clay in two sets. The 7th grade move to 9-3 on the season following the invite.

Last Saturday, the 6th Grade Lady Lions traveled to the Crawford County 6th Grade Invite. The Lady Lions defeated a talented Dubois team 2-1, and the hosts Crawford County 2-0. They played Forest Park in the championship where they gave a competitive two sets, but ultimately fell. The 6th grade Lady Lions moved to 4-4 on the season after the Invite.

# LOOGOOTEE MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY COMPETES AT HOME INVITATIONAL

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Heat and humidity tested local runners on their home turf as the Loogootee middle school cross-country teams turned in competitive individual and team performances during their home invitational.

Despite the unyielding temperatures, familiar territory and strong sideline support pushed several athletes to achieve personal-best marks along the home course. The middle school girls kicked off the competition, securing a fourth-place team finish. Lyric Graber paced the squad with a 12th-place performance, clocking in at 13:58. Teammate Embry Wade followed close behind to take 14th place in 14:05. Two more Loogootee runners earned recognition for top-30 finishes: Gracie Barnett placed 23rd at 14:51, and Avrie Bratton crossed the line in 28th at 15:36. Rounding out the girls' roster were Everlye Jeffers in 34th (16:05), Trinity Kerns in 54th (17:43), and Harper Tinkle in 95th (21:17).

In the middle school boys' race, Griffyn Thompson delivered a standout performance, capturing a third-place overall finish with a time of 11:05. The boys team combined for a fifth-place overall team finish.

Chayse Houston secured 15th place with a time of 12:11, while Noah Sergeant claimed 32nd place in 13:08. Other competitors running for Loogootee included Ryder Davis in 53rd (13:56), Liam Hilligoss in 58th (14:05), August Weitkamp in 62nd (14:13), Aden Summers in 82nd (14:54), Boston Shoultz in 94th (15:39), and Wyatt Flammer in 111th (16:14).

Coaches and team officials extended their gratitude to the parents, volunteers, and supporters whose contributions on the course made the home meet run smoothly in demanding late-summer conditions.



# OBITUARIES

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## ROSE ANN STOLL

February 24, 1929-September 4,  
2026



Rose Ann Stoll, 97, of Montgomery, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday, September 4, 2026 at her residence.

She was born on February 24, 1929 in Montgomery, Indiana to Jacob and Lucy (Stoll) Miller. She married Roy William Stoll, and he preceded her in death.

Rose Ann loved and faithfully served the Lord, and her faith was the quiet foundation that guided her life. As a devoted member of Providence Mennonite Church, she found joy in her faith and in serving those around her.

A homemaker and loving mother, Rose Ann devoted her life to raising her five children and creating a warm and welcoming home. She will always be remembered for the simple comforts she made so special—her silver dollar pancakes, her beloved date pudding, and the many ways she showed her family love through the years.

Rose Ann enjoyed quilting and reading, but perhaps some of her happiest hours were spent swinging on her front porch. She loved to sit and take in the beauty around her, admiring the changing scenery and gazing at the pretty skies above. Those quiet moments of contentment reflected the gentle way she lived—grateful for the simple blessings and beauty that surrounded her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy; her parents; two infant sons: Gordon and Delmar and son, Ray Stoll; Daughter-in-law, Marsha Stoll; two brothers-in-law, John Swartzentruber and Amos Swartzentruber; siblings: Donnie Miller, Henry Miller, Dave Miller, Martin Miller, and Mary Lou Swartzentruber.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children: James Stoll, Arlene (Paul) Bean, Sue (Pat) Ash, and Kenny (Ann) Stoll, and daughter-in-law, Libby Stoll; Grandchildren: Jasen (Lyn) Stoll, Jamie (Shad) Truelove, Jeremy (Amy) Bean, Andy (Carrie) Bean, Luke (Brittany) Bean, Aaron (Mandy) Ash, Alison (Matt) Hart, Brittany (Josh) Grove, Dustin (Keshia) Stoll, Kinsey (Andrew) Weisman, Keshia (Paul) Hawa, Casey Stoll, Jordan (Sabrina) Stoll, and Colton Smith; 30 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren; siblings: Lydia Swartzentruber and Lena Swartzentruber, sister-in-law: Barb Miller.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery, Indiana. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to the time of service at Providence Mennonite Church.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com)

Blake & Wagler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Rose Ann Stoll

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## EVENT PLANNER SEPT. 4-11

The Loogootee Senior Center continues to serve as an active community hub for area seniors, offering fitness classes, sponsored lunches, and social gatherings to keep local residents engaged.

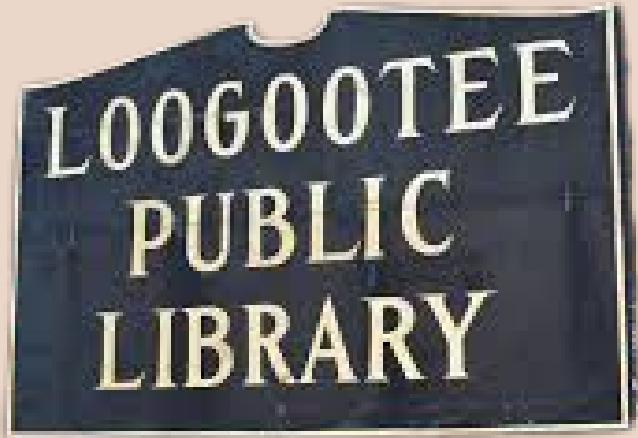
Located at 406 NW 1st St. in Loogootee, the center provides a welcoming space for physical wellness and fellowship each week. The following is the schedule of programs and events taking place for the week of September 7 through September 11:

- Monday, September 7th: Closed for Labor Day
- The Senior Center will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- Tuesday, September 8th: Community Lunch & Game Day Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Enjoy lunch provided by Odon Locker at 11:30 a.m., followed by an afternoon of board games, cards, and socializing from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 9th: Exercise with Functional Fitness: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Stay active with a guided movement session designed to build functional strength and everyday mobility.
- Thursday, September 10th: Lunch and Bingo with Martin County Council on Aging: 11:30 a.m.
- Join fellow members for lunch and an afternoon of bingo hosted by the Martin County Council on Aging.
- Friday, September 11th: Chair Exercise & Game Day
- Start the morning with low-impact chair exercise from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., then return for Friday Game Day from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In addition to weekly programming, the center has opened registration for two upcoming special events later this month:

- Loogootee Senior Center Cookout and Casino Night: Friday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.
- This adults-only evening features fresh grilled cookout food alongside casino-style games and entertainment. A sign-up sheet is now available at the center for attendees to reserve their spot.
- Fall Potluck Dinner: Wednesday, September 30 at 11:30 a.m.
- Celebrate the season with good food and great company. Community members are invited to sign up at the facility, list the number of attendees in their party, and note which dish they plan to bring.

For additional information or to sign up for upcoming lunches and events, seniors can visit the Loogootee Senior Center front desk during operating hours.



## EVENT PLANNER SEPT. 9-16

The Loogootee Public Library continues to provide enriching youth programs, early literacy events, and community activities for Martin County families each week.

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 range of events for all ages each week. The following is a list of operational hours and scheduled events taking place from Wednesday, September 9 through Wednesday, September 16:

- Wednesday, September 9th: Closed
- Thursday, September 10th: Wiggle Worms at 11:00 a.m.
- Toddlers and young children are invited to an energetic morning of interactive songs, movement, and rhythm play.
- Friday, September 11th: Open for regular hours
- Saturday, September 12th: Open for regular hours
- Sunday, September 13th: Closed
- Monday, September 14th: Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
- The Loogootee Public Library Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting to discuss library business, budget planning, and upcoming community initiatives.
- Tuesday, September 15th: Little Learners: Grandparents' Day! at 10:15 a.m.
- Preschoolers and early readers are invited to bring their grandparents along for a heartwarming morning of themed stories, crafts, and activities celebrating family.
- Wednesday, September 16th: Closed

In surrounding community news, the Loogootee Senior Center has opened registration for two popular upcoming gatherings at 406 NW 1st St. Area adults can attend a "Cookout and Casino Night" on Friday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. Later in the month, a community Potluck Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30 at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up sheets for both gatherings are available at the senior center front desk.



# MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

## Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

The time has come to ask a simple question about the proposed Mid-States Corridor. What transportation problem(s) in Dubois, Martin or Daviess County requires spending more than \$3 billion on a new highway? After reviewing Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) own traffic and transportation analyses, I believe the answer is, there isn't one.

That does not mean Dubois, Martin and Daviess County have no transportation needs. All roads require maintenance, intersections occasionally need improvement, and some sections of US 231 can benefit from additional capacity and safety improvements. These are legitimate needs that should be addressed.

But those needs are a long way from demonstrating the necessity of a 54-mile, new-terrain highway costing billions of dollars for Section 2 alone.

One of the principal arguments for the Mid-States Corridor is improved "connectivity." But Dubois, Martin and Daviess County are already very well connected. We have US 231, SR 56, SR 162, I-64, I-69 and reasonable access to I-65. Jasper, Huntingburg and the surrounding communities are not isolated from Indiana's interstate and highway system.

The question, therefore, isn't whether the Mid-States Corridor would improve connectivity.

Of course a new four-lane highway would make some trips faster. The question is whether those additional minutes of travel time saved are worth the enormous financial and human cost of constructing it. And, according to INDOT's own Tier 2 analysis, the answer is far from obvious.

Most US 231 segments in the Jasper and Huntingburg area currently operate at acceptable levels. INDOT's 2050 "No-Build" analysis also does not predict a transportation crisis. With already-planned improvements, including passing lanes between Huntingburg and Jasper, the existing highway system is projected to operate at acceptable levels on most rural segments.

What is even more telling, is that INDOT's own analysis identifies localized congestion rather than a widespread capacity problem. The U.S. 231/SR 162 intersection presents a legitimate concern, but INDOT itself indicates that intersection improvements could alleviate the problem, at much less than a billion dollars.

Safety doesn't provide a compelling justification either. INDOT's own Purpose and Need documentation states that crash indices on U.S. 231 in Dubois, Martin and Daviess County tend to be lower than crash rates on comparable Indiana highways.

So what remains? The principal justification is regional connectivity and the economic benefits

that supporters believe will result from faster travel and improved freight movement. Those benefits deserve consideration but so does their price. INDOT must also determine WHO will benefit.

The estimated cost of the 24 mile Section 2 is approximately \$1.077 billion, and the entire 54-mile Mid-States Corridor could ultimately cost several billion dollars. Those are enormous sums of public money. Not to mention the possible decade of construction.

We should also remember that economic projections are not guarantees. Models can estimate increased business activity, employment and economic output, but they cannot guarantee that those benefits will actually materialize. Meanwhile, the costs, construction, maintenance, property acquisition, environmental impacts and the opportunity cost, of diverting billions of dollars from other Indiana transportation needs are real.

We should not build a multibillion-dollar highway merely because it would be convenient or because it would save some motorists a few minutes.

Indiana should invest transportation dollars where the need is greatest and where the benefits justify the cost.

If Dubois County's existing highway network

can accommodate the projected traffic with reasonable improvements, and if the primary additional benefit of the Mid-States Corridor is faster regional travel, then Indiana taxpayers deserve a compelling justification before another billion, or several billion dollars, is committed.

This is not opposition to progress. It is a demand for responsible government.

Dubois, Martin and Daviess County are connected. Its transportation system has needs, but those needs do not appear to justify a multibillion-dollar new-terrain highway.

Before Indiana commits billions more, perhaps we should ask the question that should have been asked from the beginning: Do we really need it?

Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County

**Important Upcoming Events & Dates:**

- 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
- 9/22/26

Brad Hochgesang's Big Tent Town Hall, Highbanks Weddings & Events, Petersburg,

7:00pm EDT, doors open at 6:30pm EDT
- 9/29/26

Sens. Garten & Mishler, Rep Snow presentation on property tax freedom at Warsaw IN.

5:00pm EDT
- 10/2/26

Heart of Jasper Mingle on Main, 6:00pm. EDT
- 10/3/26

John Rust Oktoberfest & Rob Kendall celebration near Seymour.

FREE.



# 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

operations and provide essential care. Community members wishing to support the shelter can view critical supply needs through the society's official Amazon Wishlist. Physical donations can be delivered or dropped off directly on the porch at the shelter facility located at 507 N. Oak St., Loogootee, IN 47553.





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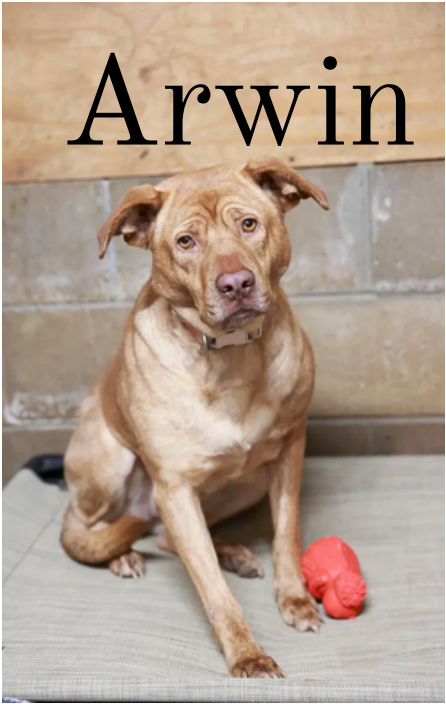
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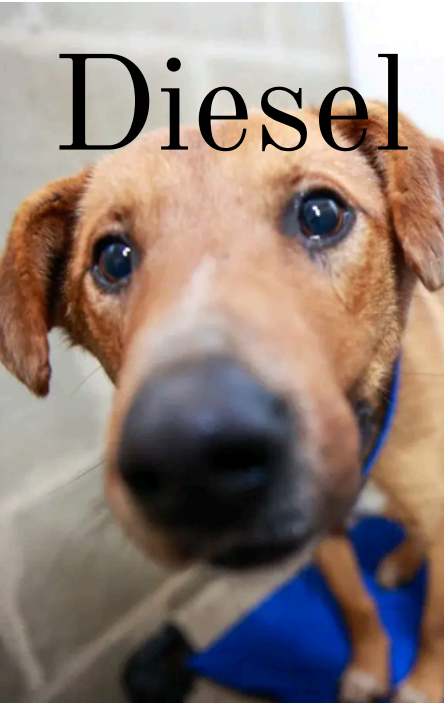
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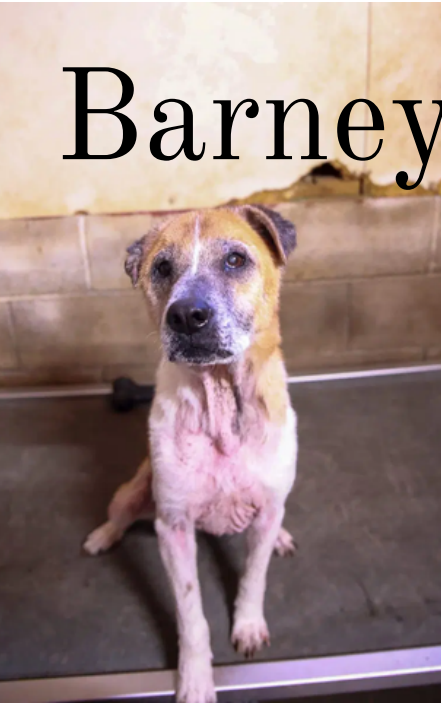
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# Martin County & Courts

Monday, August 31, 2026

12:24 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

9:25 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.

9:36 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

10:25 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

12:09 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:53 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:54 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard South of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

2:31 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 Memorial Medical Center.

3:16 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller on station with Haven Simmons, an 18-year-old male from Vincennes, arrested on a Martin County warrant and additional charges of Resisting law enforcement causing bodily injury, Resisting law enforcement, and Illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

6:58 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check North of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

7:28 p.m.- Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

7:35 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Crane Village. Deputy Clark responded.

8:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

9:27 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:02 p.m.- Received a report of a possible trespasser in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

11:13 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

1:19 a.m.- Received a report of possible harassment in Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

8:55 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported three inmates to court.

12:55 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Reserve Captain Hunt responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:19 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West into Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Reserve Captain Hunt responded.

2:45 p.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.

2:48 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line Northeast of Shoals

. Captain Gibson responded.

4:42 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check North of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

5:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

6:15 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

7:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Notified Daviess County.

7:52 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

8:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:16 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

5:30 a.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

6:44 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling North. Notified Daviess County.

7:03 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an injured animal in the roadway South of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

8:03 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

11:18 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

12:25 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance Northeast of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:27 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Deputy Branham responded.

5:03 p.m.- Received a call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

5:10 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.

5:16 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.

6:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

6:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

6:46 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller, Major Reed, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Hawkins, Corporal Erwin, Deputy Branham, Deputy Nash, Deputy Clark and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

8:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Major Reed responded. No one was transported.

8:58 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

9:24 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

Thursday, September 3, 2026

12:40 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Major Reed and Deputy Droke responded.

3:48 a.m.- Received a call from Smithville Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm North of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

5:19 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down East of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

5:34 a.m.- Received a call reporting the same tree. Advised the caller County Highway Department had been notified.

9:09 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:33 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department, LPD Chief Cummings, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Hawkins and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

10:48 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

1:23 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious female Northeast of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and Corporal Erwin responded.

2:48 p.m.- Captain Gibson on station with Harley Gammon, a 20-year-old male from Shoals, arrested on three Martin County warrants. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

3:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County



# MARTIN COUNTY LOG

Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:00 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle North of Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.

4:09 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Indian Creek Fire Department and Corporal Erwin responded. No one was transported.

4:20 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting the person from accident has left the scene. Corporal Erwin, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

5:04 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

5:14 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance Northeast of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

6:02 p.m.- Deputy Branham on station with Frank Sloan, a 49-year-old male from Shoals, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-controlled substance, and Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

6:09 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:52 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northwest of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:10 p.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a commercial burglar alarm East of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

7:47 p.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Kenneth Drake, a 35-year-old male from Terre Haute, arrested for Intimidation, Possession of a legend drug, Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, Leaving the scene of an accident, and Possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

8:00 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

10:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Nash responded. No one was transported.

11:25 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down East of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was advised.

Friday, September 4, 2026

6:16 a.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down East of Shoals. Advised Martin County Highway Department.

6:39 a.m.- Received a call reporting the same tree. Advised the caller that County Highway has been notified.

8:02 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a gas leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Branham and Centerpoint responded.

8:14 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:57 p.m.- Received an animal complaint Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

10:29 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

10:50 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

12:06 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

2:51 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

3:32 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:42 p.m.- Received multiple calls reporting a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Branham and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

8:16 p.m.- Received a report of a verbal dispute North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Droke responded.

8:54 p.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident in Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

8:59 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

9:22 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.

10:11 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

Saturday, September 5, 2026

4:12 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Deputy Droke responded.

8:20 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down in Daviess County. Notified Daviess County.

9:05 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:51 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

11:10 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

1:06 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:32 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

4:06 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a car-tree accident East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Branham, LPD Reserve Captain Hunt and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

4:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Shoals. LPD Reserve Captain Hunt responded.

5:35 p.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a residential burglar alarm South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

5:51 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

7:02 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down Northeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:11 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting that the temporary traffic light

East of Shoals is malfunctioning and there is also a tree down in the area. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Droke and INDOT responded.

8:13 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Deputy Droke responded.

8:56 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a car-deer accident Southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Droke responded.

10:16 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard in Shoals. Deputy Droke and Marshal Copeland responded.

10:19 p.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard in Shoals. Marshal Copeland and Deputy Droke responded.

Sunday, September 6, 2026

1:37 a.m.- Received two 911 calls reporting a verbal dispute Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Droke and ISP Troopers responded.

10:46 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:54 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

11:20 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

2:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

3:41 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

3:55 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle South of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman and Big John's Towing responded.

4:10 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

4:12 p.m.- Received a report of an abandoned vehicle East of Shoals. Deputy Clark and Big John's Towing responded.

5:03 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

6:28 p.m.- Received a call from a Daviess County address. Advised the caller of Daviess County phone number.

6:53 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

8:40 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line South of Shoals Deputy Clark responded.

8:49 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident East of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

10:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Notified Daviess County.

10:58 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.



# LOGOOTEЕ POLICE LOG

Monday, August 31, 2026  
12:40 pm- Chief Cummings completed a vehicle inspection at a local business.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026  
8:37 am- Chief Cummings spoke to a complainant regarding harassment.  
10:27 am- Chief Cummings spoke with a caller about a possible scam.  
10:36 am- Capt. Hunt assisted with a locked vehicle on S. Kentucky Ave.  
11:16 am- Capt. Hunt completed a vehicle inspection on Doyle Ave.  
12:56 pm- Chief Cummings, Capt. Hunt, and Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on US 231N.  
1:19 pm- Chief Cummings and Capt. Hunt responded to a report of an erratic driver westbound on US 50, nearing Loogootee.  
5:14 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the city park.

Wednesday, September 2, 2026  
11:50 am- Chief Cummings responded to a trespass complaint at a local business.  
12:08 pm- A caller reported property damage.  
3:23 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a commercial burglar alarm at a local business.  
3:29 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a report of property damage on N. JFK Ave.

3:54 pm- Chief Cummings completed several vehicle inspections at a local business.  
3:58 pm- Chief Cummings spoke with a complainant regarding the eviction process.

Thursday, September 3, 2026  
0935- The Loogootee Fire Dept. and Chief Cummings responded to an accident on West Broadway St.

Friday, September 4, 2026  
8:03 am- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a possible gas leak on Bellgrade Ave.  
10:07 am- A caller advised of a dog running loose on SR 550.  
10:31 am- A caller advised of a reckless driver on US 231S, northbound toward Loogootee.  
10:52 am- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on S. Kentucky Ave.  
12:02 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a 911 hang up on Sheridan St.  
12:40 pm- Chief Cummings assisted with a locked vehicle on Park St.  
9:22 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Bellbrook Rd.



# Property Records

*Transfers September 2-  
September 9*

***NO  
PROPERTY  
RECORDS  
THIS WEEK***

***(subject to  
change)***



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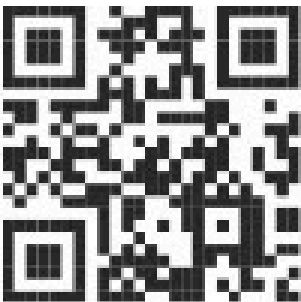
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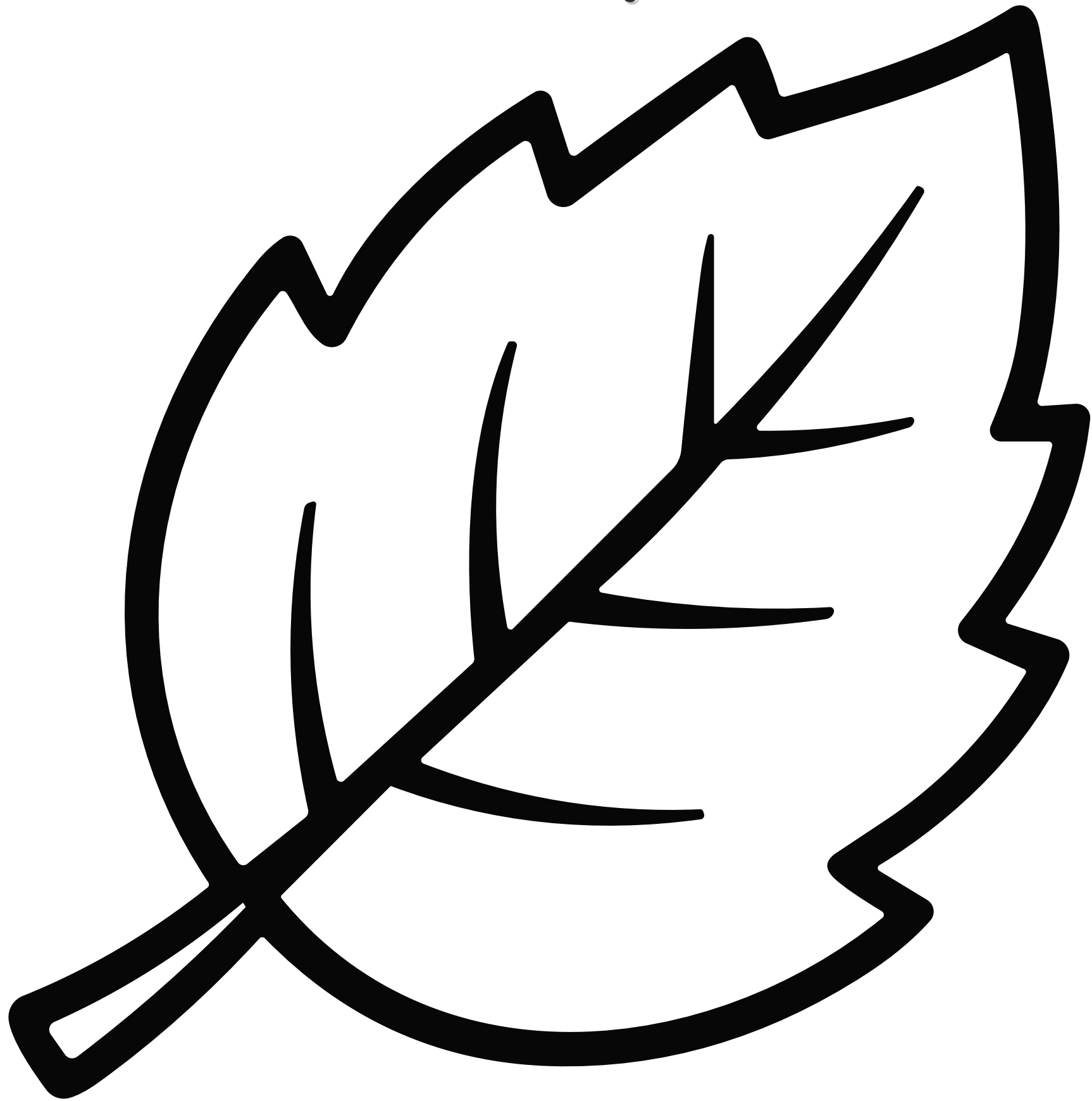
# Sudoku Daily Game #60

## SOLUTIONS



# Coloring Sheet

## Are You Ready for Fall?





- Across**
- 1. Obscure
  - 7. Dance at a Jewish wedding
  - 11. Essen interjection
  - 14. Trusted (with "on")
  - 15. Corrosive stuff
  - 16. Caroler's syllable
  - 17. Definition of an egotist (Part 1)
  - 19. Behavioral quirk
  - 20. Artist's hat, perhaps
  - 21. Office abbr.
  - 22. Comic strip sound effect
  - 23. Needs to catch up
  - 24. Never say this
  - 25. Come together
  - 26. England's Isle of ---
  - 27. Seasonally decorated tree
  - 28. Friday program?
  - 30. Dr. King, for one
  - 31. Most frightful
  - 32. Definition of an egotist (Part 2)
  - 34. Perfunctory
  - 36. Gloomy guy
  - 37. Backslides
  - 38. A Turner
  - 39. Letterman's network
  - 42. Massenet offering
  - 43. Third degree?
  - 44. Algonquian living in Canada
  - 45. Pirates' quaffs
  - 46. Wynken, Blynken and Nod, e.g.
  - 48. McCullough's "The --- Birds"
  - 49. Took the cake?
  - 50. Definition of an egotist (Part 3)
  - 52. Pole footage?
  - 53. Edison's middle name
  - 54. Monogram bearer
  - 55. NYC zone
  - 56. Invigorates (with "up")
  - 57. Takes back the lead?

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- Down**
- 1. Suitable for plowing
  - 2. Invalidate, as a law
  - 3. Priests and ministers
  - 4. River in England and city in France
  - 5. Branch headquarters?
  - 6. Old name for Tokyo
  - 7. Part of a ship's bow
  - 8. Baron in "Der Rosenkavalier"
  - 9. Laughfest
  - 10. Pitched messages
  - 11. Fictional Mason, for one
  - 12. Exhibits fear, in a way
  - 13. Comedian Buddy
  - 18. Hair removal brand
  - 22. Commences
  - 24. Sidetrack
  - 25. Pillage
  - 27. Bogart's snap brim
  - 28. 601, to Caesar
  - 29. Extended
  - 30. Makes reference to
  - 31. Where to sweat it out?
  - 32. Symphonic segment
  - 33. Printer's measures
  - 34. Assess proportionally
  - 35. Regards as
  - 38. You, once
  - 39. Embezzlers, burglars, etc.
  - 40. Songwriter Taupin
  - 41. Has a funny feeling
  - 43. Type sizes
  - 44. Hutch contents, often
  - 46. Ceramic slab
  - 47. Party giver's abbr.
  - 48. Old despot
  - 50. Drop the bait gently
  - 51. Seashell seller?

Crossword Puzzle #60



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