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ODON LOCKER EXPANDS TO TRIPLE-SIZED FACILITY IN DAVIESS COUNTY GRAND OPENING



ODON, Ind. — The aroma of fresh popcorn blended with the crisp chill of display freezers as long lines of patrons filled a newly expanded regional landmark last week.

Odon Locker, a staple of Daviess County commerce since 1970, officially debuted its new facility Sept. 24. Driven by years of surging demand, the family-owned business relocated into a structure triple the footprint of its previous storefront.

“It got to the point where it was hard to even come in,” said Luke Swartzentruber, son of the owners. “People would go past and not stop because it was just too busy.”

The expanded floor plan resolves decades of congestion, allowing shoppers to navigate wide aisles without maneuvering around cramped displays.

“We didn’t realize they were building this big, huge place,” said Marilyn Dwyer, who traveled from Washington with her husband, Steve. “We really think it’s impressive.”

Beyond foot traffic relief, the added square footage unlocks new product lines previously shelved by physical limitations. The market now features fresh produce, dairy from Crystal Springs Creamery, and more than 250 meat cuts. Plans are underway to introduce ready-to-cook home meals, expanded seafood, and a hot-sandwich deli bar with dedicated customer seating.

While famous for its signature marinated turkey, the family hopes the open layout encourages visitors to explore broader grocery selections, from cheeses and baked goods to local preserves.

For the Swartzentruber family, the grand opening marks the newest chapter of a multi-generational legacy spanning more than 50 years. Swartzentruber, who recalls building forts out of egg cartons in the store during his youth, now watches his own children ride bicycles across the new lot.

“Hopefully we’ll be able to provide high quality products, high quality meats,” Swartzentruber said, “for many years.”

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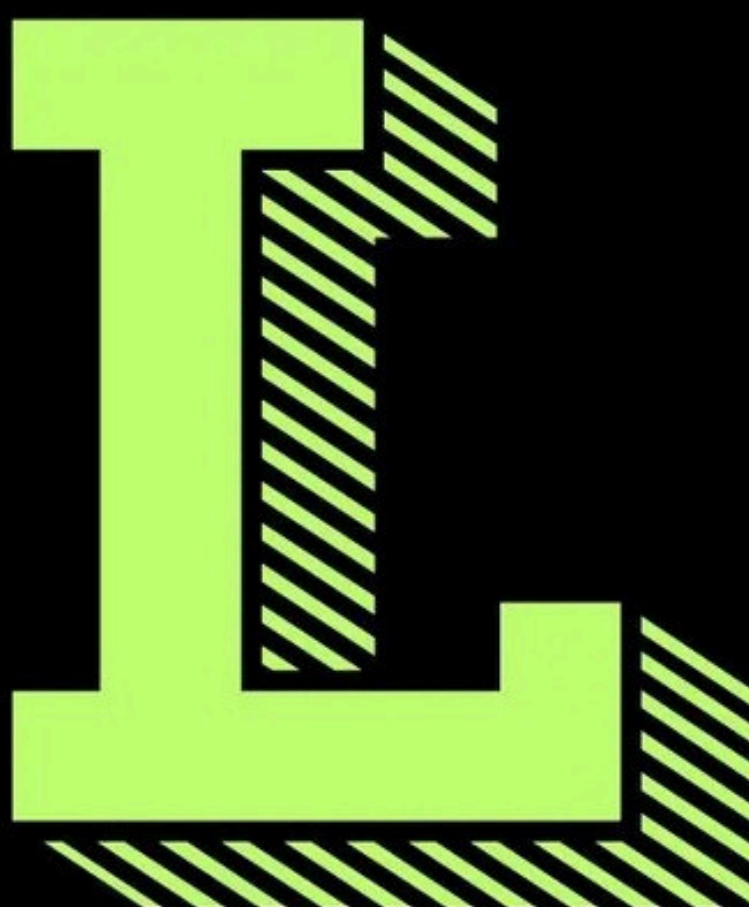
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MARTIN COUNTY BOARD ADDRESSES ROAD SAFETY, BUDGET CHALLENGES, AND FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING AT LIVELY MEETING

SHOALS, Ind. — In a meeting marked by concern for public safety, transparency in government spending, and the future of local fire protection, the county board met Tuesday evening to address pressing issues ranging from hazardous road conditions to the allocation of public safety funds. The session, which drew residents, officials, and fire department members, highlighted both the challenges facing rural communities and their determination to find solutions.

Addressing Road Hazards Amid Construction

The board's agenda opened with road safety, as ongoing highway construction on US 50 has forced more traffic onto Stiles and Williams Roads. Residents have reported speeding, heavy truck usage, dust, and dangerous conditions on these rural byways.

"We've had people slam on their brakes and slide into the other lane," said one board member, describing near-misses locals witnessed. "That's why I wanted this speed limit. Traffic is very heavy and they are speeding."

In response, the board approved an emergency ordinance establishing a 20,000-pound weight limit and 25-mile-per-hour speed limit for the duration of the highway recovery work. Violators could face fines up to \$500. Law enforcement presence will increase, with deputies already patrolling and stopping violators. "I appreciate the sheriff's department for stepping up," said a resident, noting that enforcement seemed more consistent this week.

Residents like Kelsey Hurt, who submitted a letter to the board, voiced concerns about road maintenance, dust, and the safety of children in the area. The board assured her and other residents that it is taking steps to address these issues, including adding more signage, graveling problem areas, and evaluating additional dust-control measures.

Challenges in Road Funding and Maintenance

Discussion also turned to the broader state of county roads, with officials detailing recent projects funded by the wheel tax and county efforts to chip and seal over seven miles of roadway. Board members acknowledged ongoing complaints about overgrown weeds, potholes, and dangerous drop-offs, vowing to continue addressing maintenance needs. "We continue on. Do best we can," one member summarized, citing limited resources and state funding cuts.

The board also discussed issues on Red School Road and Progress School Road, where residents and school buses have struggled with rough conditions and insufficient drainage. Funding remains a concern, especially as gas tax revenues and other reimbursements from the state have been delayed or reduced. "There's a struggle right now," a member admitted. "Our day or funding that we were getting was like cut in half."

Fire Department Funding, Audits, and the I170 Fund

A major portion of the evening featured a detailed report from Millie, the outgoing Lost River Township Trustee. She addressed recent confusion over funding for volunteer fire departments, prompted in part by an audit that revealed the existence of the I170 "LIT Public Safety" fund—an account with a current balance nearing \$1.2 million.

"If we'd known that fund was there, we would have applied and accessed those funds way back when," a member told the board. "We're behind on a lot of things."

Millie detailed the township's support for its fire department, which has received over \$30,000 annually in recent years for equipment, contracts, and mandated allowances. However, a large portion of available funds has gone unspent—or been used primarily for salaries, benefits, and other operating costs, not for tangible equipment like radios or trucks.

"These are taxpayer dollars," Millie emphasized. "It's not my money. It's not your money. That's the taxpayers' money."

Millie pointed out that the cost of outfitting a new firefighter can reach \$10,000, and new 800 MHz radios run \$2,600 each. "I would love to see part of this million dollars be spent on those radios because we have a communication problem," she said. "Our volunteer people need the best they can get. They don't need junk."

Board members and staff noted that state code sets strict rules on how LIT Public Safety funds are allocated, and that direct grants to fire departments are often not permitted. Instead, funds are used for sheriff deputies, 911 dispatchers, police pensions, and jail medical expenses. However, an avenue exists for township fire departments to request an "off-the-top" portion of the distribution, provided they apply before the July 1 deadline each year.

"If we start in January, that's a way to get the money we need," Millie suggested, urging the new trustee to pursue the process. "Here's the opportunity. Let's use it. Our tax money has to work."

Lease Agreement for Radios Reached

To address immediate needs, the board approved a lease agreement allowing Lost River Volunteer Fire Department to receive radios at a nominal cost of \$1 per radio per year. "We wanted to just give them to you, but State Board of Accounts said we had to have some sort of trail on where our equipment's at," explained a commissioner. The county attorney prepared the formal lease, which the commissioners and the fire chief were set to sign.

Looking to the Future

As the meeting drew to a close, board members reflected on the constant changes in state rules, the need for ongoing education for new trustees, and the importance of planning for the future. "I feel like I've done my duty. We've built a building, furnished a lot of equipment, done a lot of good. But there's always room for improvement and progress," Millie said.

The board encouraged residents to stay engaged and bring their concerns forward, noting that transparency and community involvement are vital for effective local government. "We're here to talk with you, not to you," a board member reminded attendees. The next county board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th, at 5:30 p.m. in the courthouse. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions about the county's future.

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF WORKS APPROVES PACKED CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS, ADVANCES MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AT SPECIAL MEETING

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The City Board of Works convened a special meeting this week, tackling a jam-packed agenda that included approving several community events for the coming months and advancing a major infrastructure project targeting William and Walker streets. The meeting, which opened with a roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance, quickly moved to address both community celebrations and pressing public work’s needs.

Mayor Ader called the meeting to order, noting, “For the record, at last week’s meeting, we had some special events that were turned in, and they were left off the agenda. That’s the reason why we’re here.”

Event Approvals: From Holiday Festivities to BMX Spectacle

The Board reviewed a comprehensive list of upcoming events, including the annual Christmas tree lighting and parade scheduled for December 6, a book reading scavenger hunt, a vendor market on October 10, the fall festival on October 31, and a BMX bike show set for October 22. Mayor Ader emphasized the importance of these events to the fabric of the community, stating, “We had several events here we want to follow up and get these approved through the board.”

Board member Dave Smith moved to approve all 60 events, which was promptly seconded and passed unanimously. The approval clears the way for city staff and volunteers to move forward with planning and logistics.

Infrastructure Focus: William and Walker Street Project

The meeting’s second major focus centered on the city’s application for a Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG), a state program designed to help local governments fund road and bridge improvements. Blake, representing the city’s contracted engineering firm, addressed the Board regarding an extra work agreement necessary for the grant application.

“This is the extra work agreement on top of the contract we already have with you guys for the community housing for 2027 application,” Blake explained. He went on to detail the scope of the project, which includes the widening and design work for William Street (from 231 to Walker) and Walker Street (from Williams south to the bridge). “Our original agreement did not have any engineering design work included in it because the CCMG grant does not cover engineering fees. That’s why we don’t typically include that in our initial package for our clients.”

Blake outlined the key tasks to be completed, including survey work — full topography, surface, and right-of-way limits for William Street, and parcel-level work for Walker Street. Heavy emphasis will be placed on William Street due to a major culvert at the intersection with Walker, a point of concern for both city staff and residents.

“One of the things Endot will require to get a permit is hydraulic modeling, which we are not doing. That was requested not to do because of the round of this and to reduce our fees,” Blake said, adding, “This does not include hydraulic or hydrology. This does include the Endot right-of-way permit and widening improvements within the Endot right-of-way.”

Addressing Uncertainties and Community Impact

The project faces several unknowns, particularly regarding underground utilities and the outlet for the culvert on Walker Street. “Part of the unknowns here as well, which is why we require survey, is to include this on this year’s application because we don’t know what’s really going on there. There’s a lot of utilities in that surrounding area — we don’t even know the outlet.”

Blake also highlighted the need for a right-of-entry agreement with homeowners, a step the city’s attorney, Stephen Teverbaugh, will help facilitate. “We’re going to have our right of entry agreement for the homeowners, which would be involving the attorney to get those forms addressed because we don’t want to have any issues coming back on you guys or us during this project.”

Budget and Next Steps

The estimated design fee for the extra work agreement is \$52,500, though Blake noted the actual cost may be lower depending on what the surveys reveal. “This may not even come to that full amount. I could see it coming to this depending on what the survey brings back — there are some big unknowns,” he said. The Board voted to move forward with the extra work agreement, with members emphasizing the importance of advancing the project ahead of the grant’s application deadline. “This is something we gotta do, and I’ve talked to a couple and given them a heads up what’s going on here,” Mayor Ader noted. “The council has a final say as far as paying for it, but this is something we have to do.”

Transparency and Community Engagement

Throughout the meeting, officials stressed transparency and community involvement. The next Board of Works meeting is set for October 5, with all sessions open to the public. “Just want to get that out there for everybody that you want to come,” Mayor Ader said, reminding residents of the importance of civic engagement.

Looking Ahead

With approvals granted for a slate of community events and a key infrastructure project moving forward, City leaders say they are optimistic about the coming months. “These events and improvements show our commitment to both the quality of life and the long-term vitality of our city,” said Board member Dana Strange.

For more information about upcoming events or the William and Walker Street project, residents are encouraged to visit the city’s website or attend the next public meeting.

WEST BOGGS PARK TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING ON 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN IN LOOGOOTEE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local officials are inviting the community to help shape the future of West Boggs Park as the department begins drafting its strategic roadmap for the coming years.

The Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks and Recreation Department announced it will host a public meeting Oct. 6 to gather public input for the 2027–2031 Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The session is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. inside the West Boggs Park Activity Center, located at 16117 U.S. Highway 231 in Loogootee.

The comprehensive plan will establish development goals, maintenance strategies and funding targets for the recreational destination over the next five years. Department leadership is encouraging residents, frequent visitors, community groups, active park users and non-users alike to attend and provide feedback.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share ideas regarding future park facilities, recreation programs, nature conservation, and overall accessibility improvements across the property.

Officials emphasized that community involvement is critical for identifying local recreational needs and securing state and federal grant funding opportunities tied to approved master plans.

For those unable to attend the in-person meeting, written comments and suggestions will be accepted through Oct. 7. Written feedback can be submitted via email to elaine@westboggs.com or mailed directly to West Boggs Park at P.O. Box 245, Loogootee, IN 47553.

Individuals with questions aboutregarding the planning session or who requirethose requiring special accommodations to attend may reach department representative Elaine Taylor by phone at 812-295-3421 or by email at elaine@westboggs.com. Additional details about park operations and amenities are availablecan be found through the park's official department channels.

SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL SET TO HOST HARLEM WIZARDS GAME FOR CHARITY

SHOALS, Ind. — High-flying slam dunks, trick shots and family-friendly comedy are coming to Martin County this fall as the world-famous Harlem Wizards prepare to face off against local community members.

The exhibition basketball game between the Harlem Wizards and the Martin County Marvels is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 23, at Shoals High School. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m., with gymnasium doors opening to spectators at 6 p.m.

The community event will serve as a major fundraiser, with all proceeds directly benefiting Martin County 4-H youth development programs.

Known across the country for their theatrical style, acrobatic plays and audience participation, the Wizards travel nationwide, bringing communities together while helping local schools and non-profit organizations raise funds. The matchup offers local fans a chance to see teachers, local leaders and community figures take to the hardwood to square off against professional showmen.

General admission tickets cost \$10 per person, andwhile children ages 5 and under are will be admitted for free.

Organizers have made tickets available for advance purchase both online and at selected local establishments throughout the county. Fans can secure their seats by scanning promotional QR codes found on event flyers or by stopping in person at Purdue Extension Martin County, Crane Credit Union, or Richer Farms.

With demand expected to be strong among basketball fans of all ages, event organizers encourage attendees to arrive early when doors open at 6 p.m. to get prime seating and catch pregame warmups.

For additional more information aboutregarding tickets or sponsorship opportunities, community members can contact reach out to the Purdue Extension Martin County office.

PICKUP TRUCK FULLY SUBMERGES IN WEST BOGGS LAKE, NO INJURIES REPORTED

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — A pickup truck became fully submerged in West Boggs Lake on Sunday morning after rolling off a public boat ramp in Martin County.

Emergency personnel responded around 11:40 a.m. to the boat ramp located near Boggs West Circle inside West Boggs Park. Upon arrival, first responders found discovered a Ford F-150 with an attached trailer submerged beneath the water's surface of the water.

Preliminary reports indicate the truck slid down the ramp and into the lake while the driver was handling a boat and trailer setup.

All occupants exited the vehicle safely before rescue crews arrivedinside the vehicle managed to exit safely before rescue crews arrived on the scene. Authorities confirmed that no injuries were reported among the passengers or bystanders in the park.

Park visitors and nearby boaters watched as emergency responders secured the area and prepared for salvage efforts. Multiple local agencies coordinated to mark the submerged truck and prevent navigation hazards for incoming lake traffic.

Specialized tow services and recovery units were called to hook the submerged vehicle and winch it out of the water alongside its trailer. Officials briefly restricted access to the boat ramp while crews completed the extraction, allowing traffic to resume once the ramp was cleared of debris and standing hazards.

Local park officials are still reviewing the exact mechanical or operational circumstances that caused the pickup to enter the waterThe exact mechanical or operational circumstances that caused the pickup to enter the water remain under review by local park officials. Authorities frequently advise motorists launching or loading vessels to engage emergency brakes, use wheel chocks, and inspect ramp slope conditions to avoid vehicle slide-offs.

West Boggs Park, situated north of Loogootee along U.S. Route 231, encompasses more than 1,500 acres of recreational land surrounding a 622-acre lake popular for boating, fishing and camping. Ramp operations returned to normal following the vehicle's recovery.

FREE 'A MATTER OF BALANCE' FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM COMING TO LOOGOOTEE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Older adults and residents worried about slip-and-fall accidents will have access to an award-winning prevention workshop starting this October in Martin County.

Purdue Extension Martin County, in collaboration with Generations and Vincennes University, will host "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls" at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center. Sessions will take place inside the Community Learning Center at 2666 U.S. 50 in Loogootee.

The evidence-based course meets on eight consecutive Mondays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., beginning Oct. 19 and running through Dec. 7. Participation is completely free, though enrollment is strictly capped at 15 participants to ensure individualized guidance and a supportive group environment.

Organizers designed the curriculum for anyone concerned about falling, individuals who have experienced a fall in the past, or those who have curtailed daily activities out of fear of getting hurt. It also welcomes community members looking to enhance general strength, flexibility and stability.

Throughout the eight-week workshop, attendees will learn practical strategies to view falls as controllable events rather than inevitable aspects of aging. Instructors will guide participants through setting personal goals to safely increase physical activity, identifying and eliminating common household fall hazards, and performing targeted light exercises to build core strength and improve balance.

Originally developed by Boston University, the acclaimed volunteer-led model has earned national recognition for helping seniors maintain independent lifestyles and reduce emergency room visits.

Because space is limited to the first 15 registrants, community members are encouraged to reserve their seats promptly. To RSVP, call 812-247-3303, ext. 4607. Additional information and program registration are also available by contacting Alma Kramer toll-free at 1-800-742-9002.

HOPE IN THE STREET COMMUNITY APPRECIATION EVENT SET FOR DOWNTOWN LOOGOOTEE



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — New Beginnings Community Church will host “Hope in the Street,” a two-evening community appreciation festival designed to bring local families together on the town square.

The free event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 9, and Saturday, Oct. 10, running from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. both nights outside the church facility in downtown Loogootee. Centered on faith, family, and community unity, organizers welcome all area residents to attend.

The weekend gathering features a variety of affordable services, activities, and dining options. Attendees can purchase \$1 "Jesus Burgers," and professional haircuts will be available for \$1 on Friday evening only, courtesy of Shear Perfection. Organizers note that haircuts are for regular cuts only and require attendees to arrive with freshly washed hair.

In addition to food and personal services, the festival offers basic healthcare resources, including free wellness checks conducted on-site by a licensed nurse practitioner.

Families with children can enjoy carnival-style games, inflatables, and hands-on craft activities throughout the evening. The schedule also includes live musical performances, prize drawings, and inspirational messages presented by church leadership.

Organizers framed the gathering around Jeremiah 29:11, highlighting a mission of bringing “Real People, Real Hope, Real Change” directly to the community.

By providing affordable meals, wellness support, and family entertainment, New Beginnings Community Church aims to strengthen neighborhood bonds and foster goodwill across Martin County. No advance registration is required.

LINTON DRIVER KILLED IN HEAD-ON CRASH WITH FUEL TRUCK ON HIGHWAY 57 IN DAVIESS COUNTY

WASHINGTON, Ind. — A 60-year-old Linton woman died Monday morning following a two-vehicle collision involving a commercial fuel truck in Daviess County, authorities said.

Emergency dispatchers received a 911 call around 7:19 a.m. reporting a traffic crash along Highway 57 South near Bethany Church, according to a news release from Daviess County Sheriff Gary Allison.

When Upon arriving at the scene, first responders arrived, they founddiscovered that a 2013 Nissan Pathfinder traveling on the highway crossed left of center. The SUV collided directly with an oncoming 2021 Kenworth fuel truck registered to Premier Ag Co-op Inc.

Deputies identified the driver of the Pathfinder driver as Tracie M. Shipwash of Linton. The Daviess County Coroner's Office pronounced Shipwash dead at the scene.

Authorities reported no other injuries in connection with the crash. Officials did not immediately indicate whether fuel or hazardous cargo leaked from the commercial carrier as a result of the impact.

Emergency crews The roadway was temporarily restricted the roadway as they as emergency crews worked to assessed the site, managed traffic flow, and documented thevehicular damage. Specialized tow personnel were called to clear the heavy commercial vehicle and wreckage from the roadway.

Multiple area agencies responded to assist Daviess County sheriff's deputies at the site. Responders included the Daviess Community Hospital Ambulance Sservice, Washington Township Fire Department, Washington City Fire Department, Washington City Police Department, Indiana State Police, the Daviess County Coroner's Office, and Briggeman's Towing.

The Daviess County Sheriff's Office is actively investigating the exact cause and contributing factors of the collisionexact cause and contributing factors of the collision remain under active investigation by the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

BIGGINS LOOGOOTEE PIZZA SHOP AND BAR LISTED FOR SALE AT \$363,000

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — A staple downtown dining and entertainment location has hit the commercial real estate market in Martin County.

Biggins Place, a turnkey restaurant, pizzeria and bar located at 109 Hill St., is currently listed for sale at \$363,000, according to real estate representative Stacey with Thieman Realty. The business remains open for regular operations during the sale process.

The property offers nearly 4,000 square feet of commercial floor space, featuring a fully equipped commercial kitchen outfitted with a Lincoln pizza oven, fryers, freezers, and stainless steel prep tables. The sale also includes extensive hospitality inventory, including such as tables, chairs, barstools, a furnished bar setup, a margarita machine, four half-bathrooms, and an outdoor patio dining area.

While currently configured as a functional dining destination, listing agents emphasize that the expansive footprint provides broad flexibility for adaptive reuse by future commercial investors.

Potential alternative uses for the site include a craft brewery or taproom, retail storefront, specialized grocery market, creative office suite, fitness center, or indoor community entertainment venue. The generous square footage allows prospective owners the option to expand the existing hospitality concept or repurpose the interior layout for non-food retail services.

Downtown Loogootee has maintained a tight-knit business district, and the listing presents a fully outfitted space designed to significantly reduce startup buildout costs for an incoming entrepreneur.

Prospective buyers interested in viewing the commercial space or requesting detailed property disclosures can contact Stacey at Thieman Realty by calling 812-661-8991.

OCTOBER LOOGOOTEE CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF WORKS MEETINGS RESCHEDULED FOR OCT. 5

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee city officials have announced an adjusted schedule for upcoming local public meetings ahead of the October holiday and school calendar breaks.

City officials said theThe October City Council and Board of Public Works and Safety meetings have been moved to Monday, Oct. 5, city officials announced. The shift places the sessions on the first Monday of the month rather than their typical rotation.

Officials confirmed the adjustment during the Sept. 21 Board of Works meeting. The date changemodificationwas implemented to accommodates the upcoming Columbus Day federal holiday andas well as regional school fall break schedules.

Both municipal boards will address routine city business, department reports and pending community infrastructure matters during their Oct. 5 gatherings.

Meeting times and agendas are expected to follow customary scheduling protocols at City Hall, unless otherwise posted by city administrative staff. The public sessions remain open to all community members, residents and media representatives wishing to observe or participate in designated public comment periods.

Residents seeking formal agendas or meeting access details can review official city postings or contact the city clerk's office beforeahead of the Monday's convening.

EDWARD JONES ADVISOR BRENT COURTER HOSTS MARTIN COUNTY CEO STUDENTS IN LOOGOOTEE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local business leaders continue to invest in the next generation of area entrepreneurs through hands-on mentorship and practical financial instruction.

Brent Courter, an Edward Jones financial advisor based in Loogootee, welcomed the Martin County Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) cohort into his local branch office on Sept. 9 for an educational presentation on financial literacy and professional development.

During the session, Courter walked the students through fundamental principles of wealth management and fiscal responsibility. He focused on practical strategies that emerging professionals can use early in life, outlining the long-term benefits of disciplined budgeting and mindful spending.

"Brent shared with the group the importance of making good financial decisions, how much of an impact compound interest has when you start saving at a young age, and how living within your means can lead to a satisfying life," program representatives said.

In addition to technical investment concepts, Courter emphasized that emotional intelligence and a constructive mindset play an equally critical role in sustaining personal and professional milestones.

"Perhaps the most important thing he shared was how having a positive outlook on life and always seeing the good in people and in life creates an environment that allows you to be successful," organizers noted following the event.

The Martin County CEO program pairs area high school students with local professionals, civic leaders and entrepreneurs, immersing them in real-world business operations, problem-solving and network-building throughout the school year. Site visits giveprovide participants with firsthand insights into diverse career pathways across the county.

"Thanks, Brent, for hosting us, and thank you for always being a supporter of Martin County CEO," program leaders shared in a statement expressing gratitude for his ongoing commitment to youth development.

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LOOGOOTEE POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN IN MARTIN COUNTY

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Police Department has officially launched a recruitment process for a probationary patrolman, seeking qualified applicants to join the ranks of municipal law enforcement in Martin County.

Department officials announced that prospective officers have until Thursday, Oct. 8, to complete and submit their hiring paperwork.

Candidates may pick upobtain physical application packets in person by visiting the Loogootee Police Department station, located at 401 N. JFK Ave. in Loogootee. Digital application materials are also available upon request by emailingcontacting agency personnel via email at police@loogootee.in.gov. Completed materials can be returned in person or submitted bythrough email before the deadline.

Mandatory evaluation phases will begin immediately following the application cutoff. Testing is scheduled to start Friday, Oct. 9, and will includeconsist of multiple assessment stages, including physical agility testing, a written examination, and a formal panel interview.

Under standard Indiana law enforcement qualifications, candidates must be U.S. citizens, at least 21 years old,and hold a valid driver's license alongside a high school diploma or equivalent certification.

Selected recruits will serve as probationary patrolmen and undergo structured field training. New hires will also attend the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) to earn official state law enforcement certification, which includes instruction in firearms proficiency, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, and Indiana criminal law.

Community-oriented policing remains a priority for the agency, which serves the city's residential neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and school districts within Martin County.

For further details on regarding qualifications, application procedures, or employee benefits, candidates may contact the Loogootee Police Department at its station on North JFK Avenue or via email.

LOOGOOTEE CHOIR BOOSTERS RAISE FUNDS FOR MUSIC STUDENTS AT 6TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local golfers and fine arts advocates gathered on the links for a day of friendly competition and youth fundraising during the sixth annual Loogootee Choir Boosters Golf Scramble.

The community tournament brought together area players, school families, and local business sponsors to generate financial support for student vocal programs in Loogootee. Participants enjoyed clear weather and an afternoon offilled with golf, camaraderie, and team spirit.

Organizers praised the community for turning out in strong numbers to champion local youth arts. Proceeds raised from entry fees, contest holes, and business sponsorships will directly benefit the student choir department, helping cover essential program expenses such as sheet music, travel costs for regional competitions, equipment upgrades, and performance attire.

The Loogootee Choir Boosters spearheaded the event, coordinating tournament logistics, volunteer operations, and sponsor recruitment leading up to the outing. Group leaders expressed deep gratitude to the numerous local hole sponsors whose financial contributions ensured the event's ongoing success.

Choir booster organizations play an essential role in sustaining arts education across Martin County schools, bridging budget gaps and providing extracurricular performance opportunities that enrich students' educational experiences.

Program supporters noted that community enthusiasm was high throughout the scramble, cementing the tournament's position as a signature annual fundraiser for the department. Organizers thanked extended thanks to every golfer, volunteer, and local patron who contributed time and resources to keep music education thriving for Loogootee students.

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SOUTHERN INDIANA DISPOSAL EXPANDS WEEKLY TRASH PICKUP TO NEW CUSTOMERS

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Southern Indiana Disposal announced this week that it is accepting new customers for weekly residential and commercial trash collection services across the area.

The local waste management provider is expanding its local pickup routes as autumn begins, offering routine curbside disposal to nearby residents and businesses.

Prospective customers seeking route availability, collection schedules, or service rates can contact Southern Indiana Disposal by calling or texting 812-699-3610. Inquiries and sign-ups may also be submitted directly through the company’s official social media messaging channels.

LOOGOOTE MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL HOSTS BARR- REEVE WITH BLACKOUT THEME AND FREE PIZZA YESTERDAY

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Middle school volleyball takes center stage tonight in Loogootee as the Lions prepare to host neighboring rival Barr-Reeve in a highly anticipated conference showdown.

School officials and athletic organizers are encouraging students, parents and area fans to turn out in full force to pack the gymnasium and back both middle school squads.

Adding to the game-night energy, the student cheer section will participate in a designated "blackout" theme. Organizers are calling on all attendees filling the cheer block to wear black apparel to create a united, intimidating home-court atmosphere against the visiting Vikings.

Fans packing the stands will also enjoy a special courtside treat. The Loogootee Papa John’s has partnered with the athletic department to sponsor the student section, providing free pizza for members of the fan block during the evening’s action.

Matchups between Loogootee and Barr-Reeve consistently rank among the most intense and well-attended athletic rivalries in Daviess and Martin counties. Across both junior high and high school levels, the two programs regularly battle for top standing in the Southern Indiana Conference and postseason tournaments.

Tonight’s contest offers younger Lion athletes an opportunity to showcase their development, fundamental skills and team chemistry in front of a spirited home crowd. With junior high teams often serving as the building blocks for future high school varsity programs, local organizers emphasize that strong community attendance helps foster school pride and competitive confidence early in athletes’ careers.

Families, alumni and community members are encouraged to arrive early before ahead of opening serve to secure seats, grab a slice of pizza and join the cheer block in black attire to support the young Lions.

LOOGOOTE SENIOR CENTER AND CVS PARTNER FOR OCT. 7 VACCINATION CLINIC

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Local seniors and community residents can will have the opportunity to update essential seasonal immunizations next week during an upcoming on-site health clinic.

The Senior Center is partnering with CVS Pharmacy to host a multi-vaccine clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 7, running from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to seasonal influenza immunizations, pharmacists will administer vaccines that protectprotectingagainst pneumonia, shingles, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and COVID-19. Organizers confirmed that eligible participants may receive up to two different injections during the same appointment window.

Clinic coordinators emphasized that advance registration is critical for the event to take place. The CVS clinic manager requires a minimum threshold of 15 scheduled shots—calculated by the total number of vaccines requested rather than individual attendees—in order for the mobile pharmacy team to proceed with the event.

Senior Center organizer Pat issued a reminder encouraging community members, guardians and family caregivers to register participants ahead of time using the official CVS online appointment portal. Those already in the CVS pharmacy database may experience a faster sign-up process. Organizers also noted they can email that a registration QR code is available by via email upon request for individuals who needneedingan alternative registration method.

Attendees must bring their health insurance cards and identification to their appointments on Oct. 7 to ensure coverage and paperwork are processed properly.

Public health officials consistently emphasize that early autumn vaccination remains one of the most effective strategies to prevent severe respiratory illness, reduce hospitalization risks and protect vulnerable older adults ahead of peak winter virus transmission.

Community members with questions about regarding appointment availability, vaccine guidelines, or insurance requirements are encouraged to contact the Senior Center directly ahead of the Wednesday session.

LOOGOOTE FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY BRINGS GHOST HUNT AND MOVIE NIGHT TO THE PAVILION

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Autumn family entertainment and mobile dining will take over downtown Loogootee next week as organizers host Food Truck Friday at the city pavilion.

The community gathering is set for Friday, Oct. 9, running from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Loogootee Pavilion on Church Street. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to settle in for an evening of seasonal outdoor activities.

Alongside a variety of visiting food trucks offering regional fare, the event features a packed schedule of free, family-friendly evening entertainment. The festivities begin with an interactive ghost hunt scheduled for 7 p.m., followed by a community book reading session at 7:30 p.m.

Once dusk falls, organizers will project an outdoor screening of the classic family film "Casper," allowing children and parents to watch together under the pavilion lights. Popcorn and fall treats will accompany the movie showing.

The event offers serves as an opportunity to support regional culinary entrepreneurs while providing local youth and families a centralized, safe gathering space ahead of Halloween. Community members are invited to arrive early to browse food truck selections before evening activities start.

Organizers are still accepting applications fromfor mobile eateries and specialty vendors interested in participatingwishing to participate in the Friday evening event. Food truck owners and craft vendors interested in securing a booth space can contact coordinators Tracy Stoll at 812-709-0498 or Brittany Potts at 812-709-8830.

LOOGOOTEE FALL FESTIVAL AT THE PAVILION FEATURES LOCAL VENDORS AND ARTISANS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Shoppers and seasonal festivalgoers will fill downtown Loogootee next weekend as local artisans, merchants and food purveyors gather for the annual Fall Festival at the Pavilion.

The daytime community market will take place Saturday, Oct. 10, running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Loogootee Pavilion located on Church Street.

Designed to highlight regional commerce and artisan craftwork, the open-air festival will showcase independent small businesses, home crafters, and retail vendors from throughout Martin County and surrounding areas.

Visitors canwill be able to browse an assortment of handmade craft goods, holiday decor, boutique merchandise, and custom items. A selection of traditional autumn treats, snacks, and seasonal refreshments will also be available for purchase from local food booths situated around the pavilion grounds.

Event coordinators organized the marketplace to encourage residents to shop small and directly support area entrepreneurs heading into the fourth-quarter holiday retail season. With ample parking nearby parking and accessible pedestrian walkways along Church Street, organizers anticipate a steady stream of foot traffic throughout the morning and early afternoon.

Booth spaces remain available for independent merchants, home-based businesses, and craft creators interested in setting up a retail display during the event. Prospective vendors can inquire about registration requirements, booth sizing, and setup details by contacting event coordinator Andrea Strawn at 812-351-1996.

DAVIESS COUNTY MUSEUM TO HOST 'YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR SAY' TOWN HALL ON LOCAL ISSUES

WASHINGTON, Ind. — Area residents will have an opportunity to voice their perspectives directly to local and state political candidates during an upcoming open-floor town hall in Daviess County.

The "Your Community, Your Say" community town hall is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Daviess County Museum, located at 212 E. Main St., in Washington. Doors open to the public at 6:30 p.m., with the formal program commencing at 7 p.m.

Hosted by the Daviess County Democratic Party, the forum is designed to bypass traditional stump speeches and formal podium presentations in favor of an interactive, audience-driven dialogue. Organizers will pass microphones aroundthroughout the room to letallow attendees to ask questions, share concerns, and discuss whether government bodies are effectively serving local constituents.

Key discussion topics slated for the evening include property rights, data centers, property taxes, local zoning policies, government accountability, legislative representation, and transparency.

The event features a panel of candidates and public officials, including Tiffanie Arthur, candidate for State House District 63; Rowdy Abbott, candidate for Washington Township Trustee; and Allen Brown, a member of the Washington City Council. Brad Hochgesang, candidate for State Senate District 48, will serve as moderator.

Event organizers stressed that the nonpartisan-style discussion is free and open to everyone regardless of political affiliation, welcoming Republicans, Independents, Democrats, and unaffiliated voters alike to bring neighbors and join the civic forum.

LOOGOOTEE LAUNDRY ATTENDANT POSITION OPENS WITH FLEXIBLE WEEKDAY HOURS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area job seekers looking for part-time, weekday employment have an immediate opportunity in the local service sector as hiring opens for a laundry attendant.

The hiring business announced this week that it is seeking an individual to fill a flexible part-time role requiring one to three days of work per week. The position offersfeatures weekday daytime scheduling, with available shifts running Monday through Friday.

Typical working hours for the role are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., though management noted that somecertainsscheduled workdays may endconclude earlier at 4 p.m. To accommodate applicants seeking predictable personal schedules, the employer confirmed that the position requires no weekend shiftsno weekend shifts will be required for the position.

The attendant role focuses on maintaining daily linen and wash operations, sorting and processing textiles, operating commercial or residential-grade washers and dryers, and ensuring quality cleanliness standards. Dependability, attention to detail, and the ability to work independently during assigned daytime hours are key attributes for prospective candidates.

Part-time positions with daytime schedules continue to appeal to area students, semi-retirees, and secondary household earners seeking supplemented income without evening or weekend obligations.

Prospective applicants interested in reviewing job details or submitting their employment history shouldare instructed to complete an official online application form accessible via the company's designated Google Forms portal.

Individuals with specific questions aboutinquiries regarding pay scale, daily responsibilities, or scheduling accommodations can submit direct messages through the company's official posting channel. Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted, and interested workers are encouraged to apply early while the schedule openings remain available.

LOOGOOTEE FALL TOWN-WIDE SALES AND HINDOSTAN DAYS SET FOR THIS WEEKEND

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Bargain hunters, antique enthusiasts and weekend travelers will descend on Martin County this week as the community kicks off its annual autumn festivities.

Community Action Leading Loogootee (C.A.L.L.) released the official master roster for the Fall Loogootee Town-wide Sales, which will run Thursday through Saturday across the city and surrounding rural routes.

The finalized guide features 36 registered sale locations spread across residential neighborhoods, local landmarks and public spaces. High-density stops include multiple community booths at Loogootee City Park's Shelters 1 and 2 along Park Street, the American Legion Post on Church Street, and Southside Fire on Heritage Hill Street.

Individual garage, yard and rummage sales will offer a wide array of goods, including tools, household goods, holiday decorations, clothing, furniture and collectibles. Operating hours vary by location, with select sites opening as early as 7 a.m. and others running through late afternoon.

To help shoppers navigate the extensive list of sales, organizers released an interactive digital Google Pin Map accessible via an online link and scannable QR codes displayed on promotional flyers.

The weekend bargain hunting serves as a prelude to Hindostan Days, scheduled for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at historic Hindostan Falls. The single-day outdoor festival will showcase local artisan crafters, specialty merchandise vendors, live musical performances and traditional food concessions along the White River.

Civic leaders note that the combination of community garage sales and the falls festival creates one of the busiest tourism weekends of the season, driving foot traffic to brick-and-mortar storefronts, gas stations and local restaurants throughout Martin County.

Shoppers can access the digital map on mobile devices to review updated addresses and daily operational hours before heading out across town.

STOLL'S LAKEVIEW RESTAURANT IN LOOGOOTEE NAMED INDIANA'S TOP BUFFET IN NATIONAL RANKING

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — A staple Martin County dining destination has earned nationwide recognition afterMSNbeing named it Indiana's premier all-you-can-eat establishment in a new state-by-state dining rounduppublished by MSN.

Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, located along the waters of West Boggs Lake in Loogootee, represented the Hoosier State on MSN's 50-state culinary list highlighting the best buffet destination in each state.

The feature singled out the restaurant's sprawling spread of hearty Amish cooking, noting that diners visiting the lakeside dining hall can expect "some of the best Amish cuisine you have ever eaten." Reviewers praised the buffet's authentic comfort food, variety of hot entrees, and nostalgic, timeless dining room atmosphere that overlooks the water.

Known throughout southern Indiana for its homestyle recipes, Stoll's Lakeview draws travelers and locals alike for its signature fried chicken, real mashed potatoes, noodles, roast beef, scratch-made soups, extensive salad bar, and traditional fresh pies and desserts.

The national accolade places the Martin County establishment among renowned regional eateries across the country, ranging from historic Southern cafeterias and coastal crab feasts to bustling metropolitan smorgasbords.

Local community members and regional travelers frequently stop at the restaurant when visiting West Boggs Park or traveling along U.S. Route 231. Department tourism leaders and business advocates noted that national features of this caliber help spotlight local culinary traditions and drive food tourism across the county.

Stoll's Lakeview continues to operate its full dine-in buffet, menu options, and catering services from its landmark location along Highway 231 north of Loogootee.

SHOALS BETA CLUBS TO HOST RIVER RUN 5K CHALK & CHILLS ALONG WHITE RIVER

SHOALS, Ind. — Runners and walkers of all ages will hit the pavement in vibrant Halloween fashion next month as the Shoals Beta Clubs host their inaugural River Run 5K: Chalk & Chills.

The community color run is set for Saturday, Oct. 10, beginning and ending at The Star Mill, located at 117 Water St. in Shoals. All proceeds directly benefit the Shoals Elementary, Junior High, and High School Beta Clubs, supporting student leadership development and academic service projects.

The event features a 3.10-mile out-and-back course along the East Fork of the White River, taking participants along Spout Springs Road with scenic river views and towering cliff formations before turning around near the entrance to the Bluffs of Beaver Bend Nature Preserve.

Along the course, runners will pass through five Halloween-themed color stations where volunteers will toss colored powder, including Witch's Way (purple), Pumpkin Patch (orange), Ghostly Crossing (white), Monster Mash (green), and Zombie Zone (pink). A massive final color blast is scheduled for 5:45 p.m. at the finish line. A "no chalk" option is also available for those who prefer to run clean.

Check-in and registration open at 4 p.m., followed by a safety briefing at 4:45 p.m. and the 5K start at 5 p.m. An awards ceremony will take place at 6 p.m., recognizing top overall male and female finishers, along with category leaders in elementary, junior high, high school, and adult divisions. Music, concessions, and photo opportunities will follow until 6:15 p.m.

Admission is free for children 5 and under, \$15 for ages 6 to 12, and \$25 for ages 13 and older, with race-day entry is set at \$30. Strollers are welcome, though pets are prohibited.

Participants can register by scanning the event QR code or emailingcontacting organizer Kallie Fuhrman via email at kallie.fuhrman@shoals.k12.in.us.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR 2026 LOOGOOTEE FIREMAN'S BALL BENEFITING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Fire Department announced this week that tTickets are have officially on salebeen released for one of Martin County's signature autumn community traditions, the Loogootee Fire Department announced this week.

Paper tickets for the 2026 Fireman's Ball are now available directly through any local Loogootee firefighter, and digital tickets remain open for purchase online via the department's official website at loogooteefire.org.

Presented by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Loogootee Fire Department, the annual formal event serves as a premier community celebration and major charitable fundraiser supporting local volunteer emergency operations.

This year's ball is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7, at St. Martin's Hall in Whitfield. Doors will open to ticket holders at 5:30 p.m., followed by a formal catered dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sanders Catering will provide the evening meal, and local rock band Eighty-Sixt will provide live musical entertainment and dancingwhile live musical entertainment and dancing will feature local rock band Eighty-Sixt.

Ticket prices are set at \$45 for single admission, \$80 per couple, and \$270 to reserve an entire table seating eight guests.

Organizers emphasize that seating capacity is limited and tickets typically sell out well beforein advance ofevent night. Proceeds generated from ticket sales directly support the volunteer fire department, helping fund specialized firefighting equipment, safety gear, training programs, and facility maintenance that municipal budgets alone cannot always cover.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in evening formalwear and join local first responders, civic leaders, and neighbors for an evening dedicated to celebrating community service and public safety.

Community members wishing to purchase tickets or inquire about group reservations can speak with any active member of the Loogootee Fire Department or visit loogooteefire.org before supplies are exhausted. Additional details and department contacts are also available through the station's administrative offices.

LADIES AUXILIARY TO HOST LOOGOOTEE FIREMEN'S BALL AT ST. MARTIN'S HALL ON NOV. 7

WHITFIELD, Ind. — An evening of dinner, dancing and community support is scheduled for Martin County this November as local organizers prepare for the annual Firemen's Ball.

Presented by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Loogootee Fire Department, the formal celebration will take place Saturday, Nov. 7, at St. Martin's Hall in Whitfield. The event is designed to bring area residents, civic patrons and local first responders together for a night highlighting community service and fellowship.

Doors will open to guests at 5:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Sanders Catering will provide the meal for the evening, and a cash bar will be open throughout the festivities.

Live musical entertainment will follow dinner, featuring performances by regional cover band Eighty-Sixt, providing an upbeat soundtrack for dancing and celebration into the night.

The annual ball serves as a major community gathering and key fundraiser for the department's auxiliary, helping bolster resources, support firefighter families, and fundassist with essential equipment and outreach needs for local emergency services.

Organizers encourage attendees to reservesecure their reservations early, noting that space inside the banquet hall is limited and tickets oftenfrequently draw strong local demand ahead of the holiday season. The evening promises an elegant setting with formal decor, live entertainment, and opportunities to connect directly with the men and women who serve the region on the front lines.

Community members interested in attending can reserve their seats online by visiting the department's official website at loogooteefire.org. The website also provides aAdditional details on regarding ticket packages, event schedules, and donation options are also available through the website.

THE ULTIMATE FALL EXPERIENCE DRAWS STRONG CROWDS FOR 2026 OPENING WEEKEND AT LARK RANCH

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Autumn agritourism officially kicked into high gear over the weekend as families, visitors and local residents turned out in large numbers to launch the 2026 fall season.

Organizers celebrated a successful opening weekend for "The Ultimate Fall Experience," welcoming guests back to the ranch for a slate of seasonal outdoor activities, farm attractions and family entertainment.

AfterFollowing the busy launch, event operators thankedexpressed gratitude to the community for supporting the opening festivities and helping kick off the autumn calendar with their robust attendance.

"Thank you to everyone who came out and helped us kick off the 2026 season," organizers said in a statement. "We had such a great turnout, and we loved seeing so many families back at the ranch making fall memories."

Leadership also recognizedextended recognition to the seasonal workers and visiting merchants whose efforts kept operations running smoothly during peak visiting hours onacross Saturday and Sunday.

"A huge shout-out to our incredible staff and vendors who worked hard all weekend to make it happen," organizers added.

The opening weekend marks the beginning of an expanded schedule of autumn agritourism programming. Billed as a comprehensive family outing, the attraction will remain open to the public every weekend inthroughout the month of October.

Agritourism destinations continue to serve as major economic drivers across regional communities each fall, drawing regional travelers for pumpkin patches, outdoor games, seasonal foods, and agricultural recreation while supporting independent vendors and hospitality businesses.

With cooler weather approaching, organizers noted that additional weekend festivities, photo opportunities,and family-focused attractions are planned throughout the upcoming dates.

Guests planning to attend upcoming weekend sessions are encouraged to check official operating hours, ticket availability and event schedules online before visiting the ranch this fall.

MARTIN COUNTY FALL CLEANUP SET FOR OCTOBER 9–10

The Martin County Recycling Center in Loogootee will hold its fall cleanup Friday, October 9, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, October 10, from 8 a.m. to noon. Disposal fees are \$20 for small truckloads, \$30 for full-size truckloads and \$50 for trailers. Recyclables will be accepted free, and aluminum cans will be purchased for 25 cents per pound. Additional fees apply to items including tires, paint and electronics. Yard waste will not be accepted.

AFFORDABLE FALL MINI PHOTO SESSIONS OPEN IN ELNORA FOR UPCOMING SATURDAYS

ELNORA, Ind. — Local families and individuals looking to capture seasonal autumn portraits have an affordable booking opportunity this fall as limited openings remain for upcoming weekend photo sessions.

A regional photographer has announced that a few remaining spots are open for Saturday "fall mini" photo shoots hosted in Elnora. The seasonal sessions are priced at \$20, providing budget-friendly access to professional digital photography as foliage and outdoor backdrops reach their autumn peak.

Mini portrait sessions have grown increasingly popular among area residents seeking updated family portraits, children's milestones, couple pictures, or holiday card keepsakes without committing to full-length portrait packages. Typically lasting 15 to 20 minutes, mini shoots offer quick, structured appointments designed to capture quality portraits efficiently.

Organizers noted that three specific weekend dates are available on the calendar, giving prospective clients flexibility to choose a time slot that fitsaligns with their personal schedules. The Elnora setting will take advantage of scenic rural backdrops, natural autumn light, and colorful seasonal elements common to northern Daviess County.

Because session slots are limited and priced affordably priced, organizers encourage prospective clients to reserve their designated time slots as soon as possible before the remaining weekend schedule fills completely.

Interested participants can view open time slots, select their preferred date, and complete session reservations directly through the online booking link at <https://book.usesession.com/s/w4b3I7by7m>.

INDIANA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION TO HOST CHAINSAW SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR LANDOWNERS

MARTINSVILLE, Ind. — Hoosier property owners seeking to safely manage timber and maintain wooded acreage can receive specialized, hands-on instruction this fall during an upcoming field clinic in Morgan County.

The Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association announced it will host a comprehensive "Chainsaw Workshop for Landowners" on Saturday, Oct. 31. The full-day training session will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT at the Morgan-Monroe State Forest Fire Headquarters in Martinsville.

Designed to provide private landowners with practical skills and accident-prevention protocols, the intensive curriculum focuses on three core educational modules. Participants will learn aboutreceive instruction onpersonal protective equipment (PPE) and essential saw safety features, followed by technical demonstrations oncovering proper saw maintenance and chain- sharpening techniques.

Attendees will also participate in supervised field-cutting exercises, practicing proper limbing and bucking techniques under the direct guidance of forestry professionals.

To ensure individualized instruction, direct oversight and rigorous safety standards during live cutting demonstrations, enrollment is strictly limited to 14 participants.

Forestry specialists frequently emphasize that routine property upkeep, fallen limb cleanup and firewood harvesting carry substantial injury risks for casual chainsaw operators. Educational workshops aim to lower regional accident rates by training landowners to identify reactive forces, avoid kickback hazards and maintain equipment at factory specifications.

Early registration is recommended due to the capped class size. Prospective attendees can secure their spots online through Eventbrite by scanning the promotional QR code found on the official event materials.

ForIndividuals with questions aboutregarding required gear, course prerequisites, or registration availability, can contact the association by phone at 765-496-5013 or by email at ifwoal@gmail.com.

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LOOGOOTEE SPORTS SCHEDULE

TENNIS (BOYS V & JV) - SECTIONAL (H)
9/30/2026 TBD

CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED 7/8) - BLUE-CHIP
CONFERENCE MEET (A)
9/30/2026 6:00 PM

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS V) - WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
(H)
10/1/2026 6:00 PM

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS 7 & 8) - JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL
(A)
10/1/2026 6:00 PM

CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED 7/8) - MIDDLE SCHOOL
STATE (A)
10/3/2026 TBD

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS V) - CASTLE INVITATIONAL (A)
10/3/2026 10:00 AM

CROSS COUNTRY (CO-ED V) - BARR-REEVE INVITE (A)
10/3/2026 10:00 AM

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LIONS ADVANCE TO SECTIONAL FINAL TONIGHT WITH WIN OVER PAOLI RAMS



The Loogootee Lions boys tennis team beat Paoli 3-2 Tuesday night to advance to the championship match of the Loogootee Sectional.

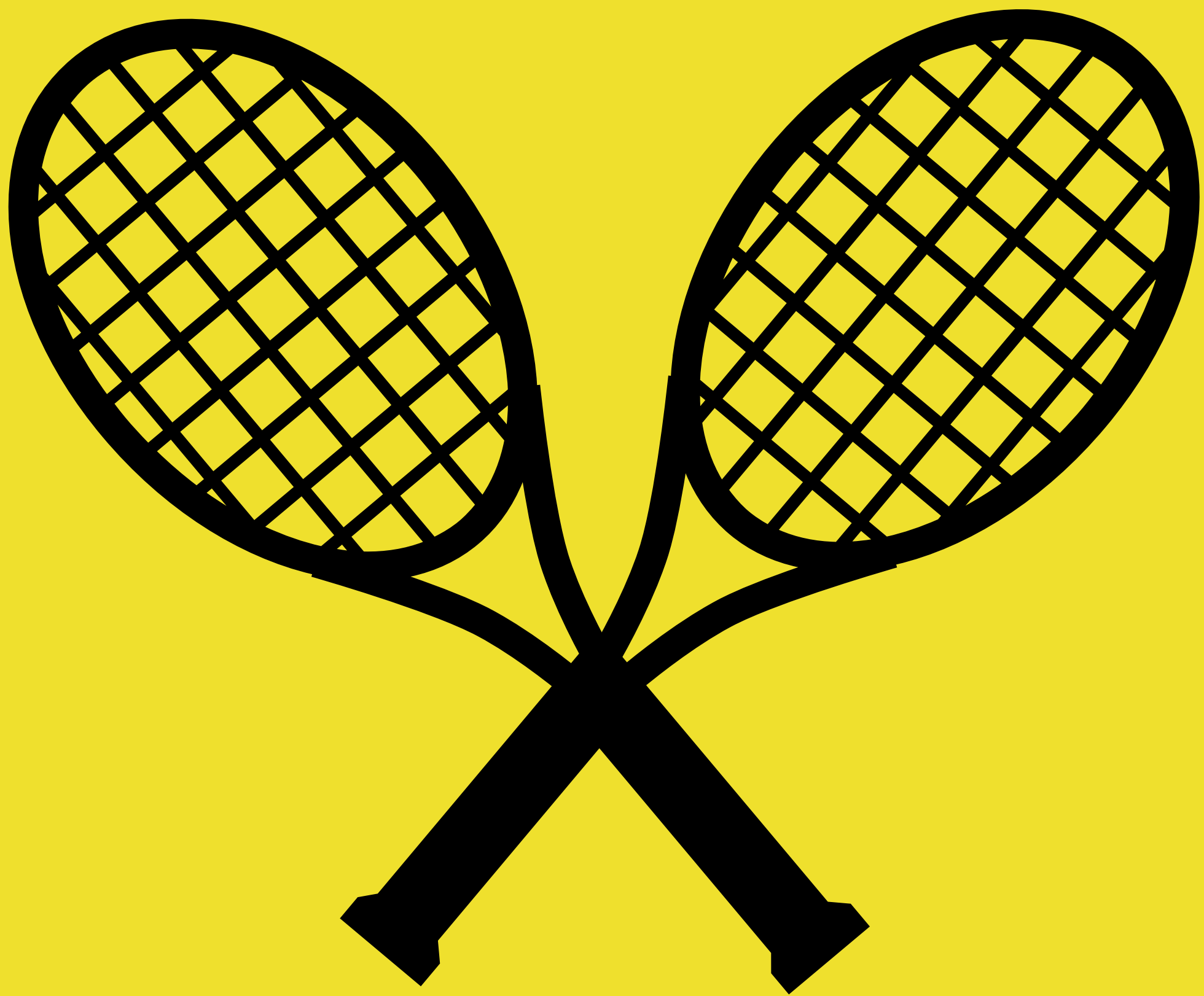
The Lions will tfaceBarr-Reeve, who had an impressive 5-0 win over Pike Central in the second semifinal. Cooper VanHoy won 6-1, 6-2 over Colton Henderson;

Knox Jeffers defeated Owen Sullivan 6-3, 6-1, and Reed Brittain and Carter Downey continued their winning ways with a 6-2, 6-2 win at #2 Doubles over Grant McAdams and Caleb Bosley.

The Lions dropped #2 Singles as Grayson Kluesner fell 6-4, 6-4 to Bolen Smith and Emmett Graber and Gabe Walton fell 7-6 (5), 6-3 to Blaze Knapp and Klay Turner. The Lions and the Vikings will lock up at 5PM at the Rick Graves Tennis Complex to determine the Sectional championship on Wednesday night.

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FALL BRAWL YOUTH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT CROWNS CHAMPIONS ACROSS FOUR AGE DIVISIONS

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Competitive youth softball action wrapped up over the weekend as eight travel teams battled through bracket play to claim championship and runner-up hardware at the annual Fall Brawl tournament.

Teams across southern Indiana and neighboring regions competed across four age divisions, showcasing defensive grit and potent offenses in the 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U brackets.

In the 8-and-under division, the Newburgh Nitro captured the title after a hard-fought championship series, edging past a competitive Orange Crush squad that finished as tournament finalist. Both developmental rosters highlighted dynamic base-running and timely hitting throughout pool play to secure their title berths.

The 10-and-under bracket saw the SI Diamond Queens take home top honors. The Diamond Queens outlasted Vincennes Sting Black, which earned division finalist honors following a gritty run through the single-elimination round.

Competition in the 12-and-under division ended with Extreme securing the division championship trophy. Extreme held off a strong charge from the Lady Cougars, who capped their weekend campaign as tournament finalists after knocking off top seeds earlier in the bracket.

In the elder 14-and-under bracket, Tecumseh powered its way to the championship title behind steady defense and commanding plate appearances. They topped the Smithville Scrappers-Brinson, who finished as division finalists afterScrappers - Brinson, who finished as division finalists following an impressive weekend run against heavy regional competition.

The Fall Brawl tournament isserves as an essential fixture on the autumn travel softball calendar, giving coaches, players and regional clubs an opportunity to test developing rosters against elite travel talent before shifting into winter training programs. Organizers praised all participating athletes, coaches and families for great sportsmanship, competitive play and dedication throughout the multi-division weekend showcase.

LADY LIONS VOLLEYBALL BOUNCES BACK WITH SWEEP OF EASTERN GREENE

The Loogootee Lady Lions returned to the win column with a strong performance against Eastern Greene, sweeping the Lady Thunderbirds 25-20, 25-10, 25-19.

The victory improved the Lady Lions to 13-7 on the season, while the JV squad also completed a straight-set victory to make it a successful night for the Loogootee program.

The opening set was the closest battle early in the match, but Loogootee created enough separation down the stretch to earn a 25-20 victory. The Lady Lions carried that momentum into the second set and turned in their most dominant performance of the night, holding Eastern Greene to just 10 points in a 25-10 win.

The Lady Thunderbirds responded with a more competitive third set, but Loogootee maintained control and finished the sweep with a 25-19 victory.

The Lady Lions received contributions throughout the lineup. Senior Alaina Diamond led the attack with eight kills, while junior Savannah Green and sophomore

Lydia Hawkins each put down six. Loogootee's two-setter offense was balanced as well, with senior Aubrey Gilbert recording 12 assists and Hawkins adding 10. Green led the Lady Lions from the service line with 12 service points, followed by junior Lauren Nolan with nine and Hawkins with eight. Senior libero Jocelynn Sims continued to lead the back row, recording a team-high 16 digs, while Hawkins added nine. The victory moved their season record to 13-7. JV Lady Lions Roll in Straight Sets.

The JV Lady Lions also put together a convincing performance against Eastern Greene, sweeping the Lady Thunderbirds 25-12, 25-14. Loogootee received balanced production from the service line, with Addison Moore, Abbi Rollins and Fara Fisher each recording five service points. Sophomore Haylo Harmon led the team with four aces. Moore led the offensive attack with six kills, while Kensleigh Carrico added five. Carrico also finished with a team-high five assists, followed by Fisher with four. Defensively, Carrico led Loogootee with seven digs and Fisher added four.

LOOGOOTE LOSE TO RIVAL BARR REEVE 3-0 IN STRAIGHT SETS

Friday night’s matchup between Loogootee and Barr-Reeve was about more than one of the area’s biggest rivalries. The two programs came together for “Rivalry with a Purpose,” using a packed night of volleyball to support members of their local communities facing health challenges. Barr-Reeve played in support of Shirley Gerkin, while Loogootee played for Linda Nolan and Julie Diamond, the late mother of Lady Lion senior Alaina Diamond. Both programs were able to raise money while bringing awareness to the health challenges represented throughout the evening. With a large crowd continuing to fill the gym, the JV teams provided an exciting opening act. Barr-Reeve ultimately earned the two-set victory, 30-28, 25-20, but not before the Lady Lions produced a memorable comeback in the opener. Loogootee trailed 22-14 before sophomore libero Haylo Harmon took over at the service line. Harmon delivered multiple aces during an 8-1 stretch, while Kensleigh Carrico contributed a block and later a kill off a Fara Fisher bump set. Harmon’s third ace of the rally completed the comeback and tied the set at 22. The rivals traded punches from there. Brylee Bateman put down a kill to give Loogootee its first lead of the night at 24-23, and the Lady Lions earned several opportunities at set point. Carrico answered with a kill to tie it at 25, and Loogootee led for the final time at 27-26 before Barr-Reeve battled back to take an extended 30-28 victory. The Lady

Vikings built another sizable advantage in the second, but once again the Lady Lions made a late push. Fisher served during a 6-0 Loogootee run highlighted by kills from Carrico and Abby Rollins, cutting what had been a nine-point deficit down to two before Barr-Reeve closed out the match 25-20. Carrico finished with six kills and six assists, while McKenna Gregory added three kills. Addison Moore led the defense with 12 digs and Fisher added nine. Harmon recorded a team-high eight service points, while she and Bateman each finished with two aces. With the crowd in place for the varsity edition of the rivalry, Loogootee came out firing. Senior Aubrey Gilbert dropped an ace into the middle of the Barr-Reeve defense to start the match, and two Lady Viking errors quickly gave Loogootee a 3-0 advantage. After Barr-Reeve got on the board, sophomore Haylo Harmon passed to Gilbert, who found senior Alaina Diamond for a soft kill and a 4-1 Lady Lion lead. The momentum changed quickly. Barr-Reeve responded with nine consecutive points, turning Loogootee’s early advantage into a 10-4 deficit. The Lady Lions tried to work their way back, with an attempted dink from Lydia Hawkins forcing an overpass that Diamond put away. A Barr-Reeve error followed, and Savannah Green’s ace later pulled Loogootee within four at 14-10. The Lady Vikings answered with another major run, however, scoring six straight to open a

20-10 advantage. Freshman Taryn Brown added a late kill, but Barr-Reeve controlled the remainder of the opener for a 25-12 victory. Loogootee responded with a much stronger second set. A Gilbert block opened the scoring, and Lauren Nolan’s ace helped the Lady Lions build a 4-1 advantage. Barr-Reeve worked its way back, but consecutive blocks from sophomore Karmen Wilson kept Loogootee within striking distance at 11-9. Barr-Reeve again tried to create separation, but Loogootee continued to answer. A Diamond swing off a Hawkins set kept the Lady Lions close, and later consecutive Barr-Reeve errors followed by a Green kill closed deficit at 16-20. Barr-Reeve found another gear at this point, putting together a late run behind its attack to take the set 25-18 and move within one of the sweep. The third set belonged to Barr-Reeve from the beginning. Two Loogootee errors were followed by four consecutive Lady Viking aces, and a 7-0 start forced Coach McAtee into an early timeout. Hawkins eventually provided Loogootee’s first offensive point with a kill, while Green and Diamond also found some success at the net, but the early hole proved too much to overcome. Barr-Reeve stretched its advantage to 20-8 and finished the match with a 25-9 third-set victory. Diamond led Loogootee offensively with five kills, followed by

Green with three. Gilbert finished with five assists and Hawkins added four, while Gilbert also led the Lady Lions with five service points. Senior libero Jocelynn Sims remained busy against the Barr-Reeve attack and finished with a team-high 24 digs, while Hawkins added nine. The 12-25, 18-25, 9-25 loss moves Loogootee to 12-7 on the season.



MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS
CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
FINISH 2ND & GIRLS 3RD AT
PIKE CENTRAL INVITE



LOOGOOTEE, Ind.- The boys' and girls' middle school teams headed to Pride's Creek in Petersburg on a beautiful Saturday morning to participate in the Pike Central Middle School Invite.

The weather was perfect, and several athletes set PRs, with some even qualifying for next weekend's Middle School State Meet. The boys finished in 2nd place behind Castle, just 22 points behind the Knights. Griffyn Thompson led the team with a 3rd-place finish.

Chayse Houston medaled in 11th place. Liam Hilligoss was 17th. August Weitkamp came in 23rd, and Noah Sergent was 27th. Aden Sergent came in 43rd; Boston Shoultz 56th; and Wyatt Flamer 66th. On the girls' side, Embry Wade led the Lions with a 16th-place finish. Lyric Graber was 22nd. Gracie Barnett was 26th, and Everlye Jeffers was 27th. Avrie Brtton was 29th, and Trinity Kerns was 30th. Harper Tinkle placed 54th; Zoey Flamer placed 57th; and Shilo Hall placed 64th. The boys and girls will be back in action on Wednesday night when they travel to Barr-Reeve for the Blue-Chip Conference Meet.

8TH GRADE LADY LIONS
RUNNER-UP IN BLUE-CHIP
TOURNAMENT



VOLLEYBALL

FINAL SCORES

vs. Dubois	vs. Rivet	vs. Barr-Reeve
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25-15 26-24	25-13 25-7	21-25 19-25

This past Saturday, the Lady Lions volleyball team traveled to North Knox for the 28th annual Blue-Chip Conference Tournament.

All nine conference schools had a team this year; Loogootee drew Dubois in the first round. Loogootee got off to a strong start, defeating Dubois in two sets, then defeating Vincennes Rivet in two sets. After defeating the Lady Patriots, the Barr-Reeve Lady Vikings faced Loogootee in the Championship match.

Despite a strong start by our 8th graders coached by Whitney Wagoner, and some late leads and runs in each set, the Lady Lions fell in two sets to the Lady Vikings, 21-25 and 19-25. The Lady Lions finished runner-up and are now 16-7 going into the final few matches of the season. The 8th Grade Lady Lions host Dubois tonight and Barr-Reeve tomorrow; come out and support them before their season comes to a close!

OBITUARIES

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BARBARA KAY EICHMILLER

May 14, 1938 — September 29, 2026



Barbara Kay (Swayze) Eichmiller, 88, of Cannelburg, Indiana, passed away peacefully on September 29, 2026, at the Linda E. White Hospice House in Evansville, Indiana, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on May 14, 1938, in Martin County, Indiana to the late Clyde and Madge (Morris) Swayze. Barbara married Paul Eichmiller on October 5, 1980, and he survives.

Barbara graduated from Shoals High School and worked at Crim Enterprises, Shoals National Gypsum, and West Boggs Park before retiring from NWSC Crane Division. She was a member of Antioch Christian Church for 14 years. In her free time, she enjoyed playing cards, dancing, and watching old movies on TV. She will be lovingly remembered and missed by her family and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her son, Gregory Glenn (LaRita) Taylor; siblings, Loren Swayze, Elizabeth “Libby” Trambaugh, Merldean Trambaugh, Dorothy Souerdike, Richard Swayze, Hubert Swayze, and Hildred Harshaw.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 46 years, Paul; her children, Paul Thomas “Tom” Taylor (Jennifer Fuhrman) of Shoals, Mark Lewis (Dawn) Taylor of Loogootee, Tammy Deanene (Matt) Halter of Vincennes; stepchildren, Sheila (Doug) Hammer of Evansville, Eric Eichmiller of Washington; 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 5 step grandchildren, 6 step great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana, with Pastor Jeff Williams to officiate. Burial will follow in Mt. Union Cemetery in Loogootee, Indiana.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 2, 2026, from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana.

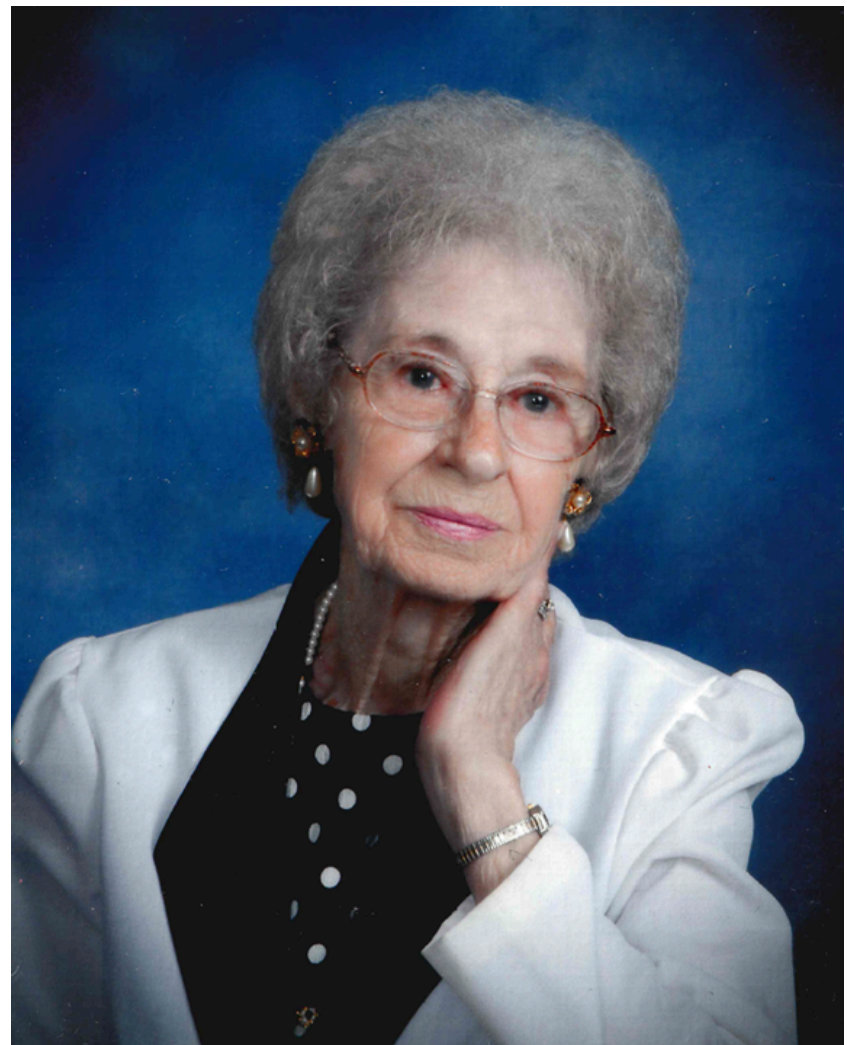
Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Barbara Eichmiller.

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ELISE “IRENE” ELLIOTT

September 25, 1933 — September
26, 2026



Elsie “Irene” Elliott, 93, of Loogootee, Indiana passed away at 4:18 P.M Saturday, September 26, 2026, in Jasper, Indiana surrounded by her family.

She was born on September 25, 1933, in Alfordsville, Indiana to Esle E. and Luna Marie (Hawkins) Buzan. Irene graduated from Alfordsville High School Class of 1953. She worked at Vonnegut's in Indianapolis, Indiana and then went on to retire from RCA in Bloomington, Indiana.

Irene married James C. “Curt” Elliott on December 26, 1953, and he preceded her in death on December 29, 2016. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Irene enjoyed the simple things in life, playing the piano, tending to her flower garden, hunting mushrooms, crocheting, quilting and sewing. Most of all, Irene loved spending time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great- great grandchildren. The memories she made with her family will be treasured and carried on in their hearts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son, James C. Elliott Jr., Great-Granddaughter, Madison Raeanne Allbright, daughter-in-law, Debbie Elliott, and was the last of her siblings, Gladys (Jay) Brown, Laura (Robert) Miller, Thomas (Doris) Buzan, and Ruby (John) Dicks.

She is survived by her children, Constance (Charles) Allbright, Dennis R. Elliott (Karen Schuster), Grandchildren, Clint Allbright (Jennifer Altmeyer), Maranda Allbright (Van West), Misty (Jonanthan) Sanders, great- grandchildren, Patrick Allbright, Carlette (Braulio) Morris, Nakisha McKee, Victoria (Ben) Belitz, Heather McKee, Veronica McKee, Rayden Sanders, great- great grandchildren, Athena, Naomi, Axel, Jarad, Sebastian, Asher, sisters- in- law, Mary Louise Elliott, Rita Elliott, Donna Vanwinkle, Debbie Elliott, brother-in-law, Mike

Elliott, and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11:00 A.M on Friday, October 2, 2026, at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield, Indiana. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Friday morning from 10:00 A.M until 11:00 A.M at St. Martin Church in Whitfield.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to St. Martin Cemetery or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Irene Elliott.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Irene Elliott.

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EVENT PLANNER SEPT. 28-OCTOBER

The Loogootee Senior Center continues to offer area seniors a welcoming environment for wellness, local education, and social connection through its ongoing community calendar.

Located at 406 NW 1st St. in Loogootee, the Senior Center provides a full lineup of activities designed to keep older adults active and engaged. The following is the schedule of programs and events taking place from Wednesday, September 30 through Wednesday, October 7:

- Wednesday, September 30th: Informational session from Redeeming Grace CWM at 11:30 a.m., followed by the community Potluck Lunch and September Birthday Celebration.

Join fellow members for an informative presentation, great food, and socializing as the center honors September birthdays.

- Thursday, October 1st: Game Day: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Gather with friends for an afternoon of cards, board games, and conversation.

- Friday, October 2nd: Chair Exercise: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Wrap up the week with a gentle, low-impact exercise class focusing on mobility and balance.

- Saturday, October 3rd & Sunday, October 4th: Closed for the weekend.

- Monday, October 5th: Exercise with Yoga on Main: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Start the week with guided flexibility and stretching led by Yoga on Main.

- Tuesday, October 6th: Lunch provided by The Villages at 11:30 a.m., followed by Game Time from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, October 7th: Harvest Health & Rehab Strength and Stretching from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m., followed by the Flu Clinic from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Advance registration is required for the flu vaccination clinic.

Community members are also reminded that the center recently hosted its exciting "Cookout and Casino Night" on September 18, and table sign-ups remain open for various upcoming workshops and meals.

Looking ahead through the rest of October, the Bookworm Book Club will read "Boomerang" by Robert Bailey. Other October highlights include:

- Thursday, Oct. 8: Game Day (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

- Friday, Oct. 9: Chair Exercise (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

- Monday, Oct. 12: Closed for Columbus Day Holiday

- Tuesday, Oct. 13: Chair Exercise (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) & Game Time (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

- Wednesday, Oct. 14: Exercise with Functional Fitness (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) & Author visit with Alice Sexton discussing her book (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

- Thursday, Oct. 15: Lunch and Bingo with Martin County Council on Aging (11:30 a.m., bring \$5 bingo prize)

- Friday, Oct. 16: Game Day (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) & Multigenerational Family Fun/Fall Break Evening (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

- Monday, Oct. 19: Chair Exercise (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

- Tuesday, Oct. 20: Lunch provided by Methodist Church (11:30 a.m.) & Game Time (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

- Wednesday, Oct. 21: Cooking with the Shoals Culinary Club (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) & Book Club (1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

- Thursday, Oct. 22: Taylor Tech Scam Presentation & Device Assistance (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

- Friday, Oct. 23: Medicare Reviews with Kym (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), Chair Exercise (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.), & Game Day (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

- Monday, Oct. 26: Rhythm & Strength with SRF (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

- Tuesday, Oct. 27: Lunch provided by The Strategies (11:30 a.m.) & Game Time (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

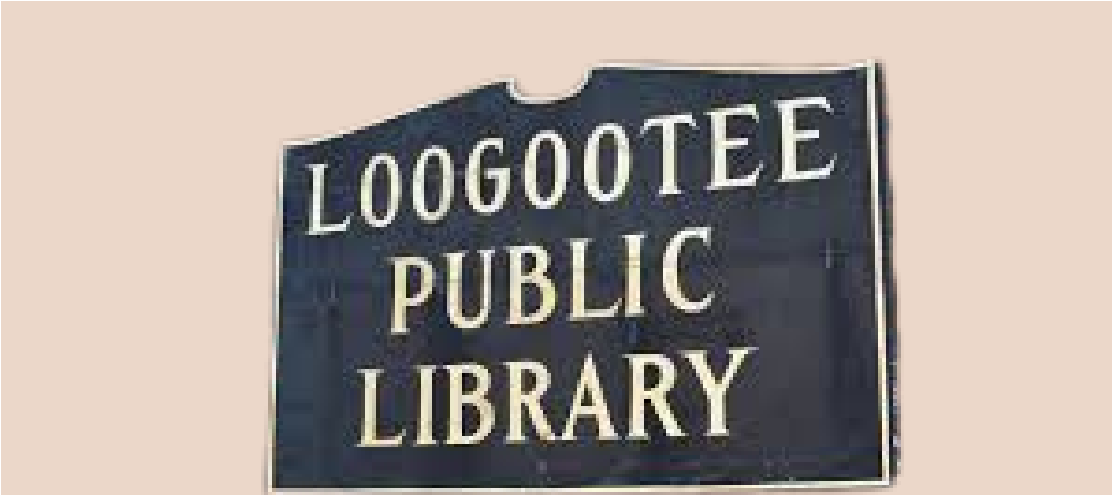
- Wednesday, Oct. 28: Road trip to Martin County Historical Society (10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., meet at center at 10:00 a.m. to carpool)

- Thursday, Oct. 29: Lunch and Bingo with Martin County Council on Aging (11:30 a.m., bring \$5 prize)

- Friday, Oct. 30: Chair Exercise (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) & Game Day (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

- Saturday, Oct. 31: Trick or Treat at the Senior Center (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Area seniors interested in joining daily activities or registering for special events can stop by 406 NW 1st St. during normal operating hours.



EVENT PLANNER SEPT. 30-OCTOBER

The Loogootee Public Library continues to offer engaging youth reading programs, creative workshops, and community events for Martin County families each week.

Supporters who want to contribute to the facility's ongoing programs and operational supplies can donate directly via Venmo (@loogooteelibrary) or purchase items from the library's official Amazon wish list.

Located at 504 Park Street in Loogootee, the library offers a wide variety of activities each week. The following is the schedule of operational hours and scheduled events taking place from Wednesday, September 30 through Wednesday, October 7:

- Wednesday, September 30th: Closed
- Thursday, October 1st: Wiggle Worms at 11:00 a.m.
- Toddlers and young children are invited for an active morning of songs, movement, and interactive storytelling.

- Friday, October 2nd: Open for regular hours
- Saturday, October 3rd: Open for regular hours
- Sunday, October 4th: Closed
- Monday, October 5th: Adult Craft Night: Eyeball Plants at 5:00 p.m.
- Kick off the spooky season with a festive, Halloween-themed crafting session to make decorative eyeball plants.

- Tuesday, October 6th: Little Learners: Fireman Visit at 11:00 a.m.
- Preschoolers and early readers will enjoy special storytime along with an interactive community visit from local firefighters.

- Wednesday, October 7th: Closed

Looking further ahead into the full October calendar, the library has scheduled several seasonal programs:

- Thursday, Oct. 8: Wiggle Worms (11:00 a.m.)
- Friday, Oct. 9: Medicare 101 informational session (1:00 p.m.)
- Monday, Oct. 12: Closed for Columbus Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 & Oct. 20: Little Learners: Fall Craft (10:15 a.m.)
- Thursday, Oct. 15: Wiggle Worms is CANCELED
- Friday, Oct. 16: Good Samaritan Walk-In Clinic (9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
- Monday, Oct. 19: Library Board Meeting (4:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, Oct. 22 & Oct. 29: Wiggle Worms (11:00 a.m.)
- Friday, Oct. 23: Sweet Treat Social (5:00 p.m.)
- Monday, Oct. 26: Adult Craft Night: Pumpkin Painting (5:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, Oct. 27: Little Learners: Halloween Craft (Wear Costumes!) at 10:15 a.m., followed by Cemetery Hoppers at 1:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 31: Trick or Treat at Pavilion! from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In surrounding community news, the Loogootee Senior Center (406 NW 1st St.) recently welcomed members for its popular "Cookout and Casino Night" on September 18 and its community Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, September 30. Area seniors can sign up for upcoming fall gatherings and holiday events by visiting the senior center front desk.

MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

As the Mid-States Corridor moves toward possible right-of-way acquisition, an important fact needs to remain clear, this is solely not a Dubois County issue. It is a regional project affecting Dubois, Martin, Daviess and other counties and that distinction matters. The Property Rights Alliance (PRA) was formed by farmers, landowners, business owners and residents from several counties whose property and communities will be affected by the proposed corridor. The organization has continued to represent people throughout the multi-county area, not simply Dubois County. And now, there's a significant right-of-way issue developing. INDOT's October 2025 request for proposals for Section 2 right-of-way services states that approximately 400 parcels are expected to be acquired and that nearly half of those parcels will "need to be delivered" during the first 12 to 18 months. That wording is important. It describes a project requirement, not evidence that property owners have agreed to sell. The same RFP anticipated real-estate activities beginning in late summer 2026. Before INDOT has even reached the acquisition stage, it encountered substantial resistance from property owners over just survey access. The original lawsuit involved 121 Dubois County property owners, and subsequent reports have placed the number involved in the survey-access litigation at approximately 165. The PRA became involved in assisting affected property owners, with attorney Russell Sipes reporting in April 2025 that he represented 88 of the 121 people then named in the lawsuit. This history should not be ignored or forgotten when discussing future right-of-way acquisition.

Several affected landowners have also made their positions clear publicly. Tom Bartelt, Bob Pfister and others have been outspoken in their opposition. The PRA's membership extends beyond Dubois County; Martin County landowners—including Jason McCoy and Mike Arvin—have been prominent in the organization. Mr. McCoy is a Martin County resident and PRA chair. Martin County landowners have a direct stake because the proposed corridor continues through their county. The same is true of Daviess County landowners farther north and west. What happens in Jasper and Huntingburg does not stop at the Dubois County line. This is why the public discussion should not be reduced to whether Dubois County wants the project. There is also an important question about the claim of "regional support."

Spencer County has taken a recent governmental action to remain in the Mid-States Corridor RDA. Dubois County commissioners also affirmed continued participation in the RDA in March 2026. But remaining in or supporting the RDA is not necessarily the same as a county government formally voting to support construction of the Corridor as currently proposed. Daviess County officials and economic-development interests have expressed support for the project in the past, but that historical support should not automatically be presented as a current county-government endorsement. That distinction matters because the public deserves to know exactly which county governments currently support construction of the proposed Corridor, rather than simply hearing that there is "regional support." And then there is the cost. The public

has been given a moving target. The original Tier 1 study put the estimated cost of the approximately 54-mile corridor at roughly \$900 million for the expressway construction portion. Yet the current estimate for only about 24 miles of Section 2 is now approximately \$1.18 billion, including land acquisition and construction. That's not a small difference. If approximately 24 miles can now cost \$1.18 billion, what will the remaining sections ultimately cost? And what happens when actual land acquisition begins, particularly when some property owners do not agree to sell voluntarily and condemnation proceedings become necessary?

The public should also be told exactly what these estimates include and what they don't. Are future cost increases, additional right-of-way expenses, utility relocations, inflation, financing, environmental mitigation and other associated costs fully reflected? Is \$1.18 billion a current estimate, a funding authorization, or a guaranteed maximum? These distinctions matter to taxpayers. There are more than three counties involved. There are landowners in all of the affected counties. There are communities in all of those counties. And ultimately, taxpayers throughout Indiana are being asked to help pay for the project. The question is whether the documented benefits justify the costs and impacts on the state and the communities affected. The right-of-way question is particularly important now. If INDOT needs approximately 400 parcels for Section 2 and expects nearly half to be delivered within the first 12 to 18 months, the public should be told plainly: How many parcels have actually

been acquired? How many owners have received offers? How many negotiations are underway? How many owners have indicated they will not voluntarily sell? And what is the timetable if those negotiations fail?

And regarding the cost, what is the current total estimated cost of the entire 54-mile corridor, not just Section 2, and what funding has actually been committed to pay for it? There is also a question of political accountability. House District 63 includes all of Martin County and portions of Daviess, Dubois and Pike counties. State Senator Daryl Schmitt has acknowledged that the counties he represents have some differing views, saying there is strong opposition in Dubois County but there is also some support in other counties. Yet, he doesn't offer any numbers of those who support the project. He has also said he has attended meetings, talked with residents and is working to modify portions of the proposal.

Amy Kippenbrock, a candidate for the District 63 House seat, has likewise said she understands concerns from both supporters and opponents. She supports the Senate Bill 27 provision requiring Budget Committee review of large projects and has said she wants a balance between property rights, taxpayer resources and economic needs. However, she has not taken a simple yes-or-no position on the Corridor as currently proposed.

Those positions are legitimate choices for candidates and elected officials. But voters are entitled to know what they believe should happen. If the answer is that the project should be modified, voters should be able to ask what specific changes they support and what conditions would have to be met.

These are not unreasonable questions. They are basic questions about the feasibility, cost, schedule, funding and political accountability surrounding a major public project. The Corridor should not be portrayed as though property-owner opposition is limited to a few people in one county, nor should support be described broadly without identifying whether it comes from county governments, individual officials, businesses, economic-development organizations or other groups. The Property Rights Alliance has organized landowners and residents across Dubois, Martin, Daviess and other counties. Whether someone supports or opposes the Corridor, everyone should want the same thing from government: accurate information about the cost, schedule, funding, land acquisition, county-level support and risks. This is a regional project. It deserves a regional discussion—and the people of all affected counties deserve to have their voices heard.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Meeting Dates

Important Upcoming Dates:

10/1 No PRA Meeting

10/1 Tiffanie Arthur's town hall at Daviess Co. Museum, 212 E Main St, Washington. Doors open at 6:30pm

10/2 Heart of Jasper Mingle on Main. 6:00pm. Tickets are available.

10/3 John Rust Octoberfest & Rob Kendall celebration near Seymour. Details available upon request.

10/15 Property Rights Alliance meeting, 7:00pm, at Klubhaus61, 2031 Newton St, Jasper Please attend and bring a friend!

PETS

Section by The Martin County Humane Society

ADOPTABLE CATS

The Martin County Humane Society is encouraging local residents to consider adoption and support community animal welfare initiatives as it spotlights available pets and ongoing shelter needs. Every animal adopted through the shelter receives comprehensive care prior to joining a new home. Pets are spayed or neutered, fully vaccinated, microchipped, dewormed, and treated for fleas. To ensure long-term health, dogs undergo testing for common tick-borne diseases, while cats are tested for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV).

Adoption fees remain accessible to promote pet placement throughout the region, with cat adoptions set at \$45 and dog adoptions at \$100. Prospective adopters can submit applications directly on the organization's official website at martincountyhumane.org to schedule a meeting with available animals, or email 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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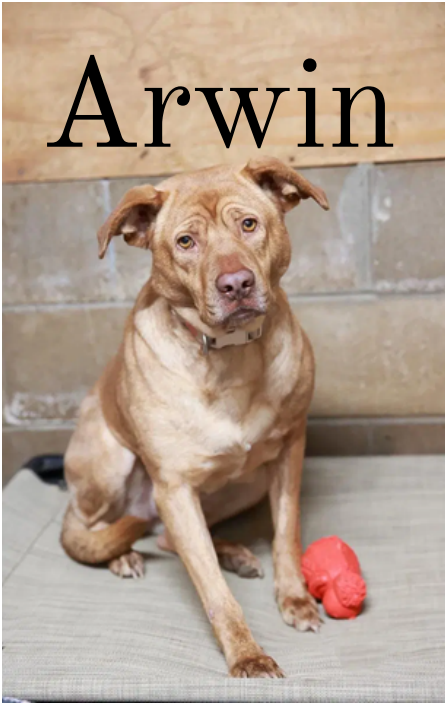
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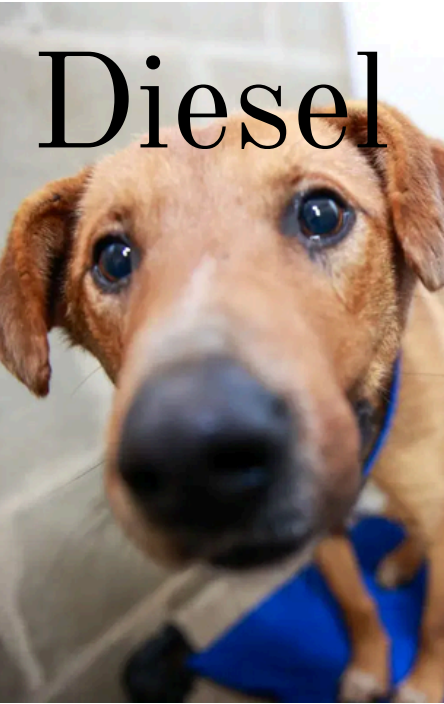
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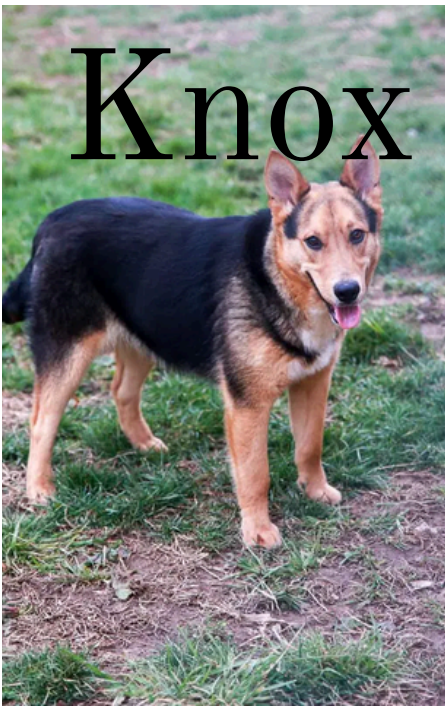
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Diesel



Barney



Knox



Ranger



Fred

Martin County & Courts

Monday, September 21, 2026

12:34 a.m.- Received a call requesting a courtesy ride South of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

12:54 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:36 a.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

10:21 a.m.- Received a call reporting a stranded motorist East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

10:51 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check South of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:12 a.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins and Captain Gibson responded.

12:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

12:02 p.m.- LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey is on station with Jessica Howard, a 37-year-old female from Loogootee. She was arrested for a Martin County warrant and Criminal Trespass x2. She is being held at no bond.

12:59 p.m.- LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey is on station with Cheryl Davidson, a 51-year-old female from Loogootee. She was arrested on a Mississippi warrant. She is being held at no bond.

3:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Crane Naval 911. Transferred 911 call to Crane Naval 911.

4:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:46 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

5:18 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle South of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

5:25 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

10:12 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious smell in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

11:07 p.m.- Received a call reporting a noise complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

1:55 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a noise complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded

2:06 a.m.- Received a call reporting a gas complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:05 a.m.- Received a call reporting a semi stuck East of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and ISP Trooper Qualkenbush.

8:42 a.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver North of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins advised

9:08 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:24 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:02 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 did not transport.

11:01 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Greene County 911. Transferred 911 call to Greene County Dispatch.

12:56 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting

an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:46 p.m.- Received a call reporting semis going through the road closure East of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

2:51 p.m.- Transport Officer Norman is on station with Courtney Hawkins, a 37-year-old female from Huntingburg. Chief Deputy Keller arrested her on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

3:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:25 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock North of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

3:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance from a deputy East of Shoals. Sheriff Greene and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

3:56 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious male in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

7:00 p.m.- An individual is on station requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Clark responded.

10:49 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Deputy Clark, Martin County Medic 1, and Indian Creek Frie Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

7:00 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:03 a.m.- Received a call reporting a car deer accident North of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

7:10 a.m.- Received a call reporting a juvenile complaint in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

8:26 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 did not transport.

8:26 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

8:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Crane Naval 911. Transferred 911 call to Crane Naval 911.

9:26 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls pinging in Orange County. Transferred 911 calls to Orange County Dispatch.

10:14 a.m.- Received a call reporting 2 suspicious females North of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

1:02 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Droke, Martin County Medic 1, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:14 p.m.- Received multiple calls reporting traffic complaints East of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

4:11 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:23 p.m.—Received a report of an accident North of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Droke, and Dubois County EMS responded. Dubois County EMS did not transport.

4:40 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic East of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

6:35 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer from Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

6:46 p.m.-

Received a call reporting property damage East of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

7:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting 2 suspicious females South of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

8:29 p.m.- Received a call reporting a car deer accident South of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

9:09 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.

10:32 p.m.- Deputy Clark is on station with Carl Wiscaver Jr, a 45-year-old male from Loogootee. He was arrested for a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

Thursday, September 24, 2026

3:33 a.m.- Received a call reporting suspicious activity in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

6:53 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

8:10 a.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver East of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

8:36 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Droke, Chief Deputy Keller, and Coroner Todd responded.

9:44 a.m.- Received a report requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:37 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

MARTIN COUNTY LOG

2:07 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

4:38 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

5:03 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check North of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

6:18 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

8:14 p.m.- Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Crane Village. Deputy Nash responded.

9:30 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:44 p.m.- Received a call reporting an accident North of Loogootee. Marshal Copeland and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

Friday, September 25, 2026

12:13 a.m.- Deputy Nash is on station with Darrin Jones, a 38-year-old male from Vincennes. He was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, ovwi controlled substance, and ovwi endangerment. He is being held at \$15,000 10% bond.

1:15 a.m.- Received a call requesting extra patrols in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

6:33 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance from a deputy North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

8:12 a.m.- Corporal Erwin is on station with Jared Sturgeon, a 43-year-old male from Shoals. He was arrested for intimidation, interfering with reporting a crime, and criminal confinement. He is being held at \$15,000 10% bond.

9:24 a.m.- Received a call reporting suspicious activity in the Martin State Forest. Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

10:02 a.m.- Received a call reporting a stranded vehicle South of Loogootee, Deputy Droke and Big Johns Towing responded.

10:38 a.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

11:50 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Droke responded.

12:27 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

2:25 p.m.- Received a report requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Droke, Deputy Branham, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:29 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

5:40 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Nash and Deputy Droke responded.

6:10 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious smell in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded.

7:29 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

8:02 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an aggressive juvenile in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin, Deputy Droke, and Deputy Nash responded.

8:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car deer accident South of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

10:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a noise complaint in Shoals. Deputy Nash and Deputy Branham responded.

10:52 p.m.- Corporal Erwin is on station with Marcy Stahl, a 56-year-old female from Bloomfield. She was arrested for possession of methamphetamine. She is being held at \$15,000 10% bond.

11:47 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Saturday, September 26, 2026

1:43 a.m.- Received a call reporting a trespass complaint South of Shoals. Deputy Nash and Corporal Erwin responded.

7:43 a.m.- Received multiple calls reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Crane Village. Deputy Droke responded.

8:19 a.m.- Received a call reporting a strong smell South of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

8:40 a.m.- Received multiple calls reporting an over the phone scam. Deputy Droke responded.

10:04 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:51 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

10:58 a.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

11:02 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident no injuries in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

11:54 p.m.- Received multiple calls requesting assistance from a deputy South of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

12:07 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a reckless driver South of Loogootee. Indiana State Police responded.

12:30 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Paoli.

3:08 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:11 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Sunday, September 27, 2026

1:43 a.m.- Received a call reporting a trespassing complaint South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Nash responded.

7:51 a.m.- Received a call reporting a missing dog in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

10:10 a.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn North of Shoals.

11:38 a.m.- Received multiple calls reporting a single vehicle accident North of Loogootee. Deputy Droke, Conservation Officer Haywood, Conservation Officer Graber, Loogootee Fire Department, Daviess County EMS, and Big John’s Towing responded. No patient was transported.

1:12 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint from East of Shoals.

1:15 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting directions to Bedford. Advised caller of options to take to Bedford.

2:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

2:08 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver North of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

2:08 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute South of Shoals. Deputy Droke and Indiana State Police responded.

2:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:48 p.m.- Received a call reporting an accident South of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

4:03 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Deputy Droke, Martin County Medic 1, and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

4:48 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Droke responded.

6:19 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:43 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Major Reed responded.

9:54 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle North of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

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Monday, September 21, 2026

11:19 am- A complainant from a local business advised of a trespasser at the business.

11:50 am- Chief Cummmings arrested Jessica Howard, a 36-year-old female from Loogootee, on a felony Martin County warrant for intimidation, and two counts of criminal trespass.

12:54 pm- Chief Cummings arrested Cheryl Davidson, a 50-year-old female from Cannelburg, on a felony warrant out of Mississippi for Possession of Methamphetamines.

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

9:08 am- A caller advised of a dog running loose around Wood St.

12:59 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on US 231N.

2:48 pm- A caller advised of a controlled burn on US 231S.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

12:10 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a broken down semi in the turn lane at US 231S and US 50.

1:04 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. and Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a medical call on Eastgate Ave.

Thursday, September 24, 2026

8:11 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of an erratic driver westbound on US 50, nearing Loogootee.

9:17 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey assisted SRO Rayhill with an issue with a student.

10:45 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a welfare check on E. Broadway St.

11:16 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Sheridan St.

Friday, September 25, 2026

12:43 pm- A complainant called with a dog complaint.

2:42 pm- Chief Cummings spoke with a complainant regarding a battery that took place at school.

6:10 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a trash can fire at a local business.

11:47 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Cedar St.

Saturday, September 26, 2026

4:11 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on E. Main St.

Sunday, September 27, 2026

7:51 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a report of a submerged vehicle at West Boggs Park.

2:39 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call at the Loogootee Little League field.

4:48 pm- A complainant advised of a possible Protective Order Violation.

Property Records

Transfers September 23-30

NOTICE 1 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Richard A. Edwards and Betty J. Edwards, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties (TOD to James Ryan Edwards), residing at 915 Keusch Lane, Jasper, IN 47546, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at Abel Hill Road, 5829 Abel Hill Rd., and Jackman Hill Rd., Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: Multiple tracts consisting of Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 35.478 acres; the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, containing 80 acres; the South part of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter in Section 26, containing 15 acres; 25 acres off the West side of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26; part of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, containing 65 acres; the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, containing 40 acres; the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, containing 80 acres; part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, containing approximately 10 acres; and part of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, containing approximately 5 acres, all in Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana; State ID: 51-10-26-100-006.000-005, 51-10-26-200-005.000-005, 51-10-26-100-002.000-005, 51-10-26-200-001.000-005, 51-10-23-300-015.000-005, 51-10-27-100-004.000-005, 51-10-22-400-014.000-005, and 51-10-27-200-003.000-005) from the current owners, Richard A. Edwards and Betty J. Edwards, husband and wife.

NOTICE 2 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Marvin Graber and Dorothy Graber, husband and wife, residing at 9315 E 900 N, Montgomery, IN 47558, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 13795 E 650 S, Loogootee, IN 47553 (Legal Description: Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.24 acres, more or less; ALSO a tract between the centerline of Old Alfordsville Road and the West right-of-way of new Alfordsville Road, containing 0.10 acres, more or less; ALSO part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 36, containing 5.89 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-09-36-100-009.000-010) from the current owner, Wayne Mae Property Group LLC, an Indiana Limited Liability Company.

NOTICE 3 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Nicholas W. Raber and Susie Raber, husband and wife, residing at 11382 E 1200 N, Odon, IN 47562, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Three (3) North, Range Five (5) West, in the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot #9 of J.D. Gootee's

Addition, containing 0.163 acre; State ID: 51-08-24-100-187.000-008) from the current owner, Susie Raber, as Trustee of The Susie Raber Trust.

NOTICE 4 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Marsha Kirkland, residing at 313 SE 1st St., Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: Lot 18 and the West Half of Lot 17 in Ackerman's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.285 acres, more or less; State ID: Parent Parcel #51-08-24-400-370.000-008) from the current owners, Chad M. Wade and Karla Wade, husband and wife.

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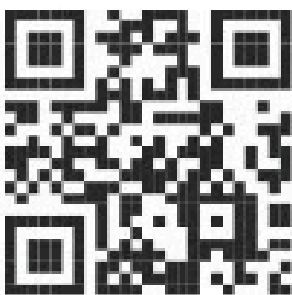
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Easy

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Medium

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Expert

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Master

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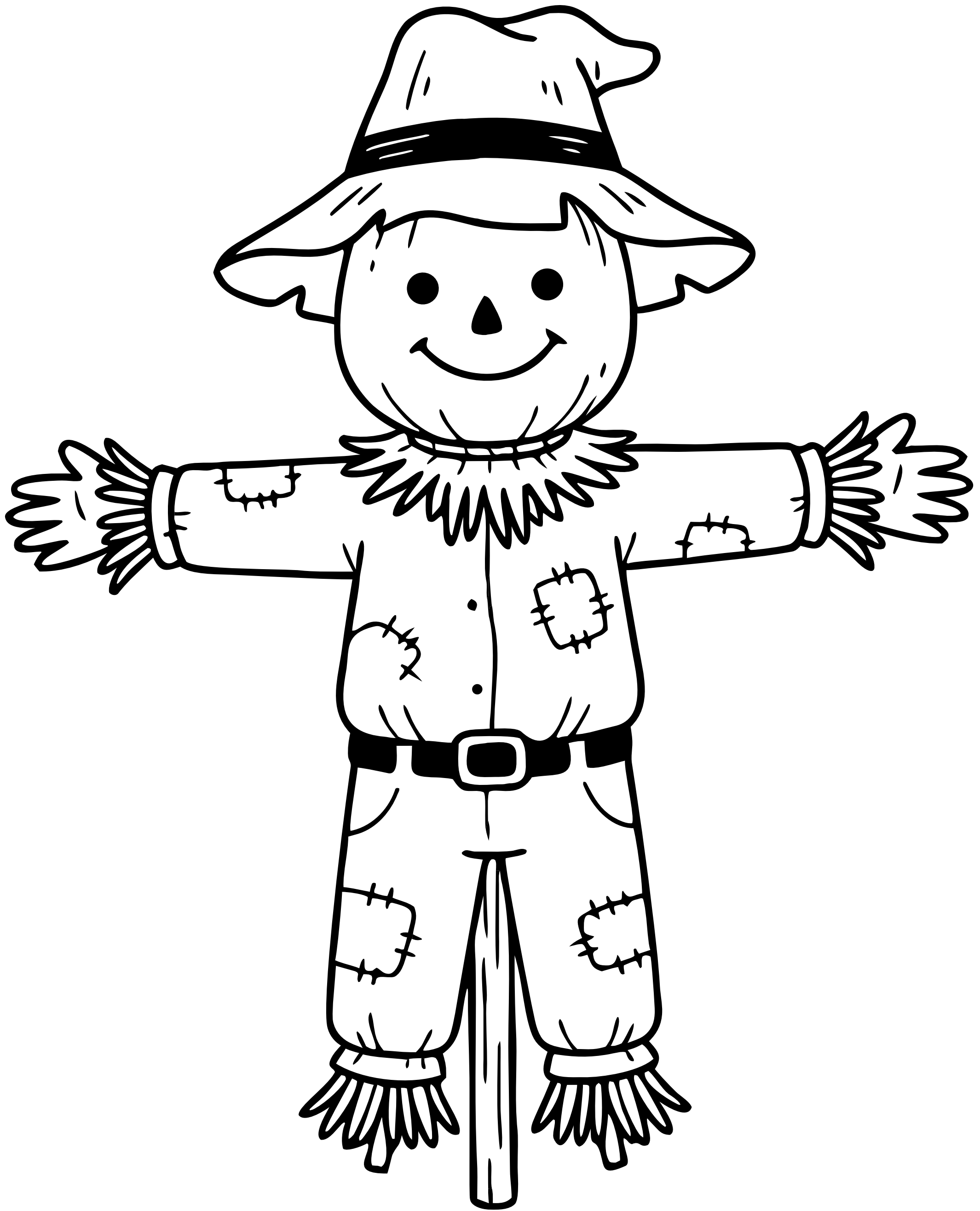
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SOLUTIONS

Coloring Sheet

THE DAY BEFORE

OCTOBER



- Across**
- 1. Duel prelude
 - 5. Teamsters notable
 - 10. Game bird
 - 14. Angelic quality, perhaps
 - 15. Rommel known as the "Desert Fox"
 - 16. Like the storied duckling
 - 17. Canter or trot
 - 18. Freshen the stamp pad
 - 19. Anthroponym
 - 20. They're acquired over the Internet
 - 23. No longer divided
 - 24. Black and Red, for two
 - 25. "What Kind of Fool ____"
 - 28. Landfill problem
 - 31. Dynamo part
 - 35. Red figure
 - 37. Apple device
 - 39. Sidestep
 - 40. They're acquired over the Internet
 - 43. "Three Lives" author Gertrude
 - 44. Discharge
 - 45. Social outing
 - 46. They're bigger than quarters
 - 48. Tail follower
 - 50. Day care attendee
 - 51. Issue a ticket
 - 53. Word in some commandments
 - 55. It's acquired over the Internet
 - 62. Green-haired "pet"
 - 63. Natasha's crime partner
 - 64. Kind of roast
 - 65. Big name in luxury cars
 - 66. Do penitence
 - 67. Peter Gunn's girlfriend
 - 68. Move from side to side
 - 69. Basic principle
 - 70. Laura of "Jurassic Park"

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- Down**
- 1. Lengthy tale
 - 2. Poi party
 - 3. Bone-dry
 - 4. Barbecue site
 - 5. Brought back, as cattle
 - 6. Cookie favorite
 - 7. Letters preceding a cyber opinion
 - 8. Swedish neighbors
 - 9. Spats spots
 - 10. Deli order, perhaps
 - 11. Relative of "Zounds!"
 - 12. Charity
 - 13. Caustic compound
 - 21. Beatle bride
 - 22. Author Joyce Carol
 - 25. Select group
 - 26. Billing cycle, often
 - 27. Japanese immigrant to the U.S.
 - 29. Stops wavering
 - 30. Wins in a walkover
 - 32. Pull on
 - 33. Keats' "____ a Nightingale"
 - 34. Fix a fracture
 - 36. Pryor film of 1980
 - 38. Intensely philosophical
 - 41. Actress MacDowell
 - 42. Playground apparatus
 - 47. Ancient hymn (with "Mater")
 - 49. Autumn mo.
 - 52. Get melodramatic
 - 54. Tuckered out
 - 55. "____ me thy ways, O Lord" (Ps. 25:4)
 - 56. Frank's daughter
 - 57. Club in a bag
 - 58. Number of cats' lives
 - 59. Easterner in the West
 - 60. Abu Dhabi honcho
 - 61. Candid
 - 62. "60 Minutes" network

Crossword Puzzle #63

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