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SHOALS LADY JUG ROX OUTLAST SHAKAMAK IN FIVE SETS FOR FIRST REGIONAL TITLE



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — High above the hardwood floor inside legendary Jack Butcher Arena, the roar did not just merely bounce off the walls. The sound of an entire community could easily blare from the historic gym even from miles away.

Down below, beneath a fluttering sea of royal blue and white that seemed to encompass every soul who made the trek across the Martin County line from Shoals, Emmalyn McNabb cocked her right arm.

The pass was true. The quick set floated into the October air like destiny.

“Free ball across… here comes a quick set… McNabb… GOT IT! YES! 15-8! AND IT IS HISTORY! The Shoals Jug Rox, regional champs for the first time!”

The radio play-by-play cracked across the airwaves, drowned out instantly by the collective release of a community that had waited a lifetime. Fans stormed the floor. Players dropped to their knees in joyful tears. Hugs turned into a swirling, jumping mob.

For the first time in school history, the Shoals Lady Jug Rox are IHSAA regional volleyball champions, outlasting Shakamak in an unforgettable five-set heavyweight bout: 16-25, 25-12, 19-25, 25-16, 15-8.

To understand what Saturday afternoon meant, one had to look beyond the scoreboard. Shoals had never captured a regional volleyball crown. They had never earned a ticket to the IHSAA Semi-State. For decades, postseason journeys ended before reaching this summit. But this autumn, something special was brewing along the White River.

Yet Shakamak had no intention of playing courteous guests at Shoals’ coronation.

The Lakers struck first, throwing an icy bucket of water over the electric arena. Behind star senior Brylee Faulk — the Murray State commit who recorded her 1,000th career kill three weeks ago — Shakamak unleashed a 12-2 run in the opening frame. A suffocating double block stifled Shoals’ attack, pushing the Lakers to an early 12-5 lead and a 23-9 cushion.

The cavernous arena fell quiet. But even facing a blowout, Shoals refused to surrender. Chastain delivered a thumping kill to spark life, and the Jug Rox rallied on a 6-0 surge before falling 25-16. That late pulse proved vital.

“I knew coming into this game it wasn’t going to be easy,” a tearful Rylee Bauer said as she clutched the championship trophy, her voice trembling into the courtside broadcast headset. “Honestly… this is like a big dream of mine. I was getting flashbacks from last game, and I was like, my girls are going to push for me. And it’s just… it’s so nice to win!”

Shoals emerged in the second set completely reborn.

Emmalyn McNabb opened with a ringing kill, setting the tone for an explosive 25-12 equalizer.

At the core of the comeback was the dynamic tandem of Loren Bauer and Rylee Bauer. Operating like a relentless defense team, the duo controlled the net and back line with surgical precision — prompting the radio broadcasters to joke about “Bauer and Bauer” like a seasoned law firm. Loren Bauer played the match of her career with 12 kills, while Rylee orchestrated the offense and racked up 11 crucial service points.

Still, the match refused to follow a simple script.

Shakamak counterpunched in the third set, riding Faulk’s heavy hitting to a 17-9 advantage. Facing a steep climb, senior Brazelea Lents stepped directly into the storm. Refusing to yield, Lents delivered a momentum-shifting kill that electrified the bench, followed later by a crafty tap-in at 23-16. With Ava Landry providing steady serving off the bench, Shoals narrowed the margin before falling 25-19.

Down 2-1 and facing elimination in the fourth set, Shoals tapped into Martin County grit. Shakamak surged ahead 6-3, then 8-4. But the Jug Rox battled back.

Lents delivered again, setting up consecutive points to lock the score at 8-8 and 9-9. Moments later, Brylee Calbert rose above the net to drill a ferocious kill down the line, igniting the gym and swinging momentum for good. Shoals pulled ahead 13-9. When a diving kill clipped three Shakamak defenders to push the lead to 19-15, the Lakers’ bench was visibly frustrated. Shoals closed out the set 25-16, forcing a winner-take-all fifth frame.

In the tiebreaker, the tension was suffocating. Shoals struck first; Shakamak answered to tie. But when Rylee Bauer took the service line, she caught fire, serving seven straight points to break the match wide open. Shoals committed just three service errors all day.

At match point, the ball floated toward McNabb, who capped her 17-kill double-double by burying the clincher into open wood, securing the 15-8 triumph.

As championship t-shirts were handed out, players gathered near the radio table, overwhelmed by history.

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SHOALS OUTLASTS SHAKAMAK







“It’s just amazing. We’re really lucky to be here,” said senior Brazelea Lents, scanning the sea of blue still celebrating on the court. “Looking down on the floor and seeing our crowd of blue, it just makes us push to keep going. There was a couple times where I was reminding my juniors that they needed to lock in for their seniors, and they did just that.”

Senior Emmalyn McNabb pointed to the faith and spiritual focus that anchored the roster.

“I said it last week and I’m going to say it again this week: We have to give all glory to God,” Emmalyn said. “Without Him, we wouldn’t be here. He’s just put people in our lives and pushed them… Taylor was telling us to talk and I was like, ‘Taylor, I can’t talk, I’m literally just praying the whole time in my head,’ and God really did show up for us.”

For Journey, the sight of Shoals united in celebration was unforgettable.

“All I can say is it’s such a blessing to be here with this team and to see all of these people here supporting us for the second time,” Journey said. “It’s just awesome. We’re the first team in Shoals history to win a regional. We’re going to be on a high for a long time.”

Haley Asbell praised the team’s disciplined preparation at the service line.

“It’s really crazy to play out there with all the fans and everything,” Haley said. “We’ve worked really hard on serving too, I mean really hard. You just have to do the job at the service line.”

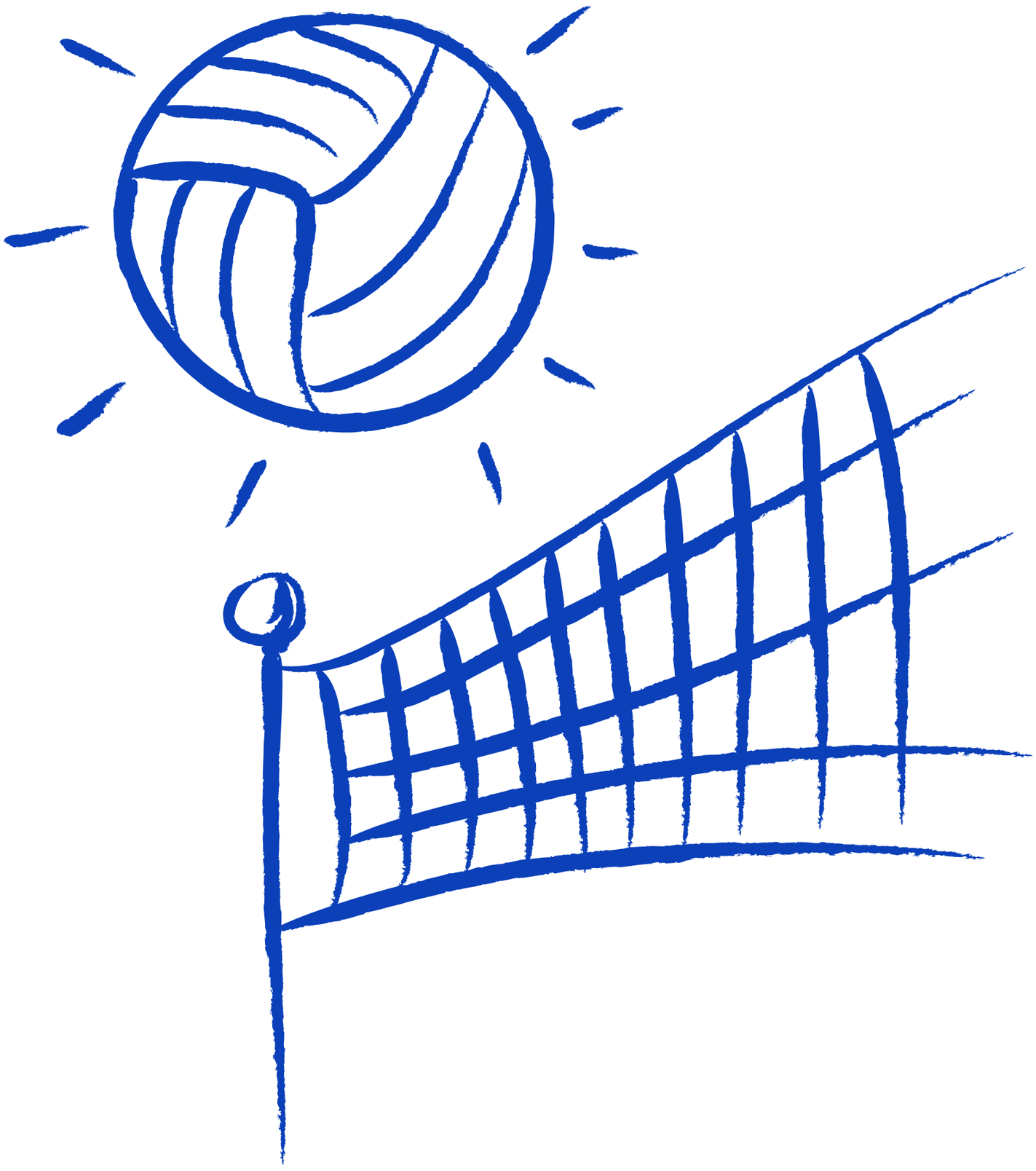
For Hadley Haulk, the regional title fulfilled a lifelong promise made on middle school playgrounds.

“Once again, I don’t have any words. It’s just so crazy,” Hadley said. “We literally have been talking about this since we started playing volleyball. We knew we were going to be a different team and we were going to be a role model for these younger girls.”

As the gym lights dimmed, fans lingered in the lobby, talking about regional plaques, caravan routes, and celebration meals at Bo-Mac’s. For one unforgettable Saturday in Loogootee, a small town’s dream became history.

The next game tonight at Jack Butcher Arena following this victory is North Posey and Sullivan with tip coming up in a several minutes. We will update this article once the final score is avaliable

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MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE COURTHOUSE REPAIRS, REVIEW 77% SURGE IN VETERAN BENEFITS

SHOALS, Ind. — The Martin County Commissioners addressed a wide array of county business during their regular session, approving courthouse infrastructure repairs, reviewing surging veteran benefits, and receiving updates on emergency ambulance operations.

The meeting opened with the approval of the Oct. 13 minutes and regular county claims before moving directly into departmental reports and project bids.

Veteran Benefits Surge by 77 Percent
Martin County Veteran Service Officer Ryan presented a report documenting Department of Veterans Affairs payments to local veterans and their families from 2020 through 2025.

According to the data, federal VA disbursements climbed from $4,234,000 in 2020 to $7.5 million in 2025.

"It looks like that in 2020 it was $4,234,000, and in 2025 was $7.5 million, an increase of 77.38%," Ryan told commissioners. "So that's money that the veterans are getting through the VA and spending in the county."

Ryan noted his office has experienced an influx of service members seeking assistance, resulting in a casework backlog despite recently completing an office relocation.

"I'm running way behind on, I'd say about close to three weeks to a month behind on everything because I'm getting bombarded with people," Ryan said, noting that while the workload remains heavy, "I'm logging along with it and I did get offices moved."

The discussion also addressed the veteran transportation program. Ryan reported the county van made four trips in October and is scheduled for four in November.

With the current van aging, commissioners directed staff to explore replacement minivans. Officials debated whether to seek wheelchair accessibility, noting conversions cost between $5,000 and $25,000, while only one local veteran had ever requested it. Commissioners authorized staff to solicit purchase quotes from regional dealers without a trade-in.

Emergency Management Roof and Radio Upgrades
Martin County Emergency Management Agency Director Andy reported on certifications and maintenance.

Andy announced he completed state training that permits local personnel to program 800-megahertz public safety radios in-house, eliminating vendor fees.

"Last week I went to a training class that will enable me to get the ability to program 800 megahertz radios," Andy explained. "I've noticed it's getting up to $90 or so every time someone needs to get one reprogrammed. The state's kind of eased up a little bit. Back in the early days they were kind of reluctant to give people the ability. Now I guess they've decided it's a lot less work on them to let us program it."

Andy emphasized that the training fits within his radio repair budget with no extra county expense.

The board also addressed roof repairs over a 60-by-30-foot office section of the emergency management building. Andy confirmed the cost was roughly $8,000 rather than an earlier $17,000 estimate, as insurers deemed storm damage cosmetic and denied coverage.

"I hate to hear Jim Hanby saying, told you so, but the damage did get under the tin and the reason it's costing so much is it got into the sheeting board," Andy said. "So they're gonna have to lift off the whole roof and put in new sheeting. So, and there's a little mold and stuff that's gonna have to be taken out. So it needs to get done before it grows even bigger."

Andy explained water seeped in over time around backing screws and roof valleys. Commissioners awarded the bid to Jack's Construction.

Turning to fire conditions, Andy noted fire chiefs inquired about a burn ban following a stubborn yard fire in Loogootee. While acknowledging soil dryness, Andy reported humidity and surface leaf moisture are resisting field fires. With weekend rain forecast, commissioners opted against an immediate ban, issuing an advisory urging caution. Andy also noted the 4-H Fair Board will host its turkey dinner Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Courthouse Renovation and Sidewalk Contracts Awarded
The commissioners took formal action on structural improvements for the Martin County Courthouse complex in Shoals.

Following water damage from heavy summer storms, the board approved a $25,895 contract awarded to Wagler and Sons Construction to renovate the circuit courtroom. The bid was the sole proposal received after advertising twice, with officials noting the contractor was willing to work around court sessions.

The courtroom scope includes demolition, hanging and painting drywall, molding repairs above the bench, staining paneling, painting, debris removal, and replacing carpet across the courtroom, two offices, and hallway.

Officials explained exterior drainage repairs near outdoor air conditioning units had already been completed by Schrock Construction to resolve underground water infiltration that flooded the basement.

"They said when they started cutting into the concrete, it was like they could see where the water was running. It had dug a trench like a foot or more deep under the concrete," commissioners noted, referencing what had become the courthouse's "very own little lost river."

In a separate matter, the board reviewed two bids to replace the deteriorating sidewalk running along the courthouse toward the prosecutor's office.

Schrock Construction bid $20,000, while Streets Contracting proposed $9,200. Commissioners awarded the $9,200 contract to Streets Contracting to remove old walkways, set a four-inch aggregate grade, place wire mesh, and pour sealed 4,000-pound broom-finished concrete.

Ambulance Service Recertification and Leadership
Commissioner David provided an update on the Martin County Ambulance Service, reporting state recertification paperwork would be submitted within days.

Addressing audience inquiries regarding clinical oversight, commissioners confirmed Deaconess continues to provide interim supervisory leadership following the departure of former director Jeremy.

Officials clarified the service remains fully a county agency. While Deaconess is contracted through November—with an option to extend through December—the county is resolving internal salary structures before launching a search for a permanent director.

"Dave's had to jump through several hoops for us here in the last six weeks," officials noted. "And we're not gonna kid anybody. So we're not going to rush into anything. We want to make sure we're doing the best for everybody in the county. But it is still Martin County Ambulance Service."

Before adjourning, commissioners announced county offices will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 3, for Election Day and Wednesday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 5:30 p.m. Board members closed the session by wishing the Shoals High School Lady Jug Rox volleyball team success in semi-state tournament play

AI DATA CENTERS STRAIN INDIANA POWER GRID AND RURAL COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW EXPERT JANET MCCABE WARNS



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — As artificial intelligence infrastructure expands rapidly across the American heartland, the rush to construct massive, energy-devouring data centers is colliding with aging utility grids, fragile ecosystems, and unprepared local governments.

Across Indiana, rural counties, regional planning commissions, and municipal leaders find themselves on the front lines of an unprecedented digital industrial buildout. The surge of hyperscale data centers—sprawling commercial campuses housing tens of thousands of high-density server racks powering generative AI and cloud computing—is forcing communities to confront urgent questions about electric grid reliability, air pollution, water resources, and local zoning control.

According to Janet McCabe, a prominent environmental law scholar and former federal environmental official, the resources required to power and cool these facilities present a challenge unlike anything modern utility planners have encountered.

"When you think about waves of development that come through communities, I don't know that we've ever had one that had this kind of impact on our utility system and on the grid," McCabe said in an extensive interview detailing the environmental and regulatory ramifications of data center expansion.

McCabe, currently a visiting professor at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law who also works with the Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs and the IU Environmental Resilience Institute, has spent decades navigating environmental statutes and regulatory policy at both state and federal levels. Having previously served in leadership roles within the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's air quality office and as deputy administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, McCabe brings a long-range regulatory lens to an issue that has suddenly surged to the forefront of Indiana civic life.

"The need for energy is so great by the data centers and the development is moving so fast," McCabe emphasized, that the sheer velocity of the boom risks slowing the state's transition toward cleaner, more economical energy sources while prolonging fossil fuel emissions.

Strain on the Power Grid

At the epicenter of the data center debate is electric power. Modern computing facilities require staggering volumes of round-the-clock electricity to operate high-performance processors and industrial cooling loops. Unlike traditional manufacturing plants operating on standard shifts, hyperscale facilities draw heavy, uninterrupted baseload power 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

This relentless demand arrives during a pivotal transition for the nation's electric power sector. Across the Midwest, utility providers have spent recent years steadily retiring aging, economically uncompetitive fossil fuel plants in favor of lower-cost renewable resources such as solar, wind, and battery storage.

However, the explosive load growth driven by artificial intelligence is suddenly upending those utility plans.

"We built the modern industrial age on fossil fuel-fired power plants, and those were super important—they were very important in Indiana," McCabe explained. "And many communities were very much a part of helping the economy move forward in developing those resources. But we're in a transition to where other kinds of energy are cheaper, first and foremost, but are also much better for people's health and for the long-term health of the planet."

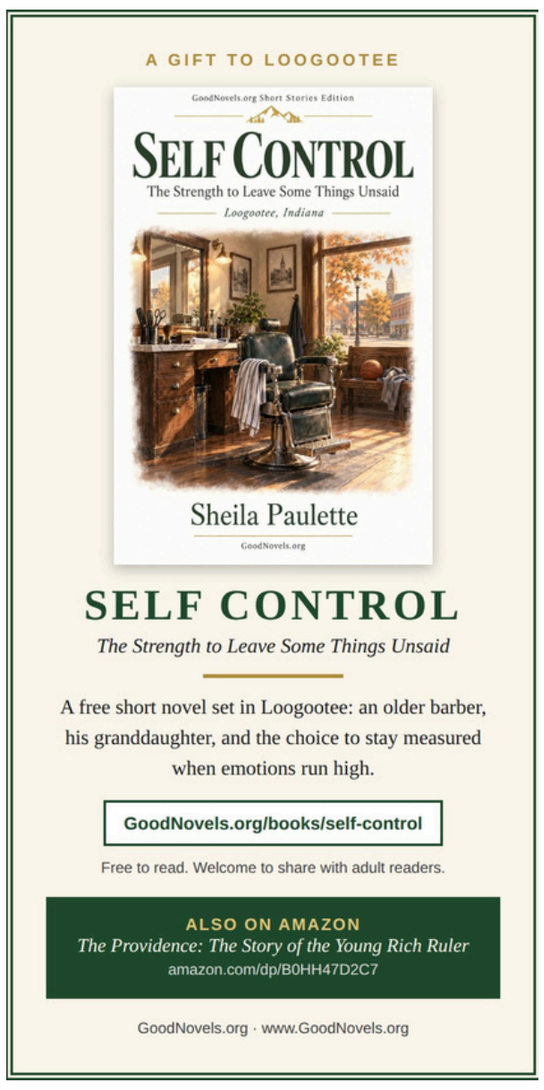
That transition is now meeting severe headwinds. To satisfy multi-gigawatt power requests from technology conglomerates, regional utilities are re-evaluating planned retirement schedules and contemplating new fossil fuel generation.

"What we are seeing is that the need for energy is so great by the data centers, and the development is moving so fast, that plants that were planning to close because they'd lived out their useful lives—that the companies had decided they're too expensive to run anymore, they're too expensive to fix, that sort of thing, the old fossil plants, the old coal plants—are being kept open longer," McCabe said. "And more natural gas plants are being talked about being built in order to serve these facilities."

Delaying coal plant retirements and constructing new gas peakers carries direct environmental consequences. Coal-fired power generation remains a major industrial source of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, fine particulate matter, and mercury, creating documented respiratory and cardiovascular risks for surrounding communities.

"There is some amount of renewable energy that people are looking and developers are looking to include," McCabe noted, "but it's moving so fast that we're really seeing this phenomenon as a reason to keep these coal plants open. And so that means more harmful air pollution in people's communities, and it means more greenhouse gas pollution which is contributing to the changes in our climate and, once emitted, won't go away for a long time."

Localized Noise, Air, and Water Concerns



JANET MCCABE: ELECTION 2026 INTERVIEW (CONT.D)

While macro-level grid impacts dominate policy debates in state capitals, the immediate physical footprint of hyperscale facilities creates distinct daily quality-of-life concerns for neighboring rural residents.

Chief among those complaints is chronic acoustic noise. The persistent hum and vibration generated by industrial cooling fans, chiller units, and ventilation equipment can travel across open rural landscapes, disturbing sleep and residential peace.

In addition to continuous cooling systems, data centers rely on massive banks of backup generators to keep servers online if the electrical grid goes down. In most current installations, this secondary safety net consists of dozens, or even hundreds, of industrial diesel-powered engines.

"Noise is a concern, and noise comes from their cooling systems, because they have to keep those machines cool, and it can come from generators that are used to make electricity," McCabe said. While backup generators are not built to run continuously, routine readiness testing generates noise and air emissions that nearby communities rarely anticipate.

"They're emergency only, but they do need to be tested on a regular basis to make sure that they're ready when there's an emergency," McCabe pointed out. "So if you have a facility with several hundred of these diesel generators, they could be testing on a pretty frequent basis. So noise is a concern in people's neighborhoods. Air quality is also a concern from the diesel generators locally, and then air quality generally from the increased power that these facilities need to the extent that it comes from a coal plant or a natural gas plant."

Diesel exhaust contains fine particulates and toxic air contaminants classified as human carcinogens. For vulnerable rural populations, including elderly residents and children with chronic asthma, frequent testing from large generator fields can aggravate respiratory conditions.

Cooling mechanisms also raise vital questions regarding local water supplies. Depending on system designs, large facilities can consume millions of gallons of water daily through evaporative cooling towers, drawing heavily from municipal utilities or underground aquifers.

"There are concerns about water use," McCabe stated. "I've heard all kinds of different things about how much water these facilities use. Some of them apparently can run on not a whole lot of water, but of course the power plants that provide their power do use a lot of water. So if you're thinking about these in a holistic way or as a system, there are water impacts. But there are situations in which these facilities could use quite a bit of water from the surface water supply or the groundwater supply."

In rural farming communities dependent on private wells, sudden high-volume industrial withdrawals can threaten water tables, particularly during drought cycles.

Wetlands Destruction and Extreme Heat

As developers scout rural farmland, campus footprints continue to grow. Modern installations are rarely confined to single buildings; tech firms increasingly assemble mega-campuses spanning vast tracts of agricultural land.

"These can be very large campuses—a thousand acres or more," McCabe said. "They seem to be getting bigger and bigger the more we hear about them. So there can be wetlands disturbance and disturbance of sensitive areas."

In Indiana, where state legislative changes have rolled back protections for isolated wetlands, large-scale industrial grading poses heightened ecological hazards. Natural wetlands act as biological sponges that absorb stormwater runoff, filter agricultural chemicals, and recharge groundwater supplies.

"We are concerned about that because wetlands are an incredibly important part of our ecological systems, and one particular concern is that they help us with flooding situations," McCabe explained. "They absorb stormwater. And one of the things that is true in Indiana is that we're having a lot more frequent, severe storms, which is leading to localized flooding. So one way to handle that is to have open space, to have wetlands that can absorb that water when it's flooding and keep it away from populated areas."

When acreage is cleared and covered with impermeable concrete pads, asphalt parking lots, and utility switchyards, natural drainage is lost, increasing runoff onto neighboring farms and roadways.

Compounding water displacement is the microclimatic impact of excess heat rejection. High-density servers generate tremendous thermal energy, which cooling systems vent directly into the surrounding atmosphere.

"Another concern that I'm hearing about is excess heat," McCabe noted. "These machines are running, running, running, and so it's going to be hotter around these facilities than further away from them. And since the other big impact that we're seeing in Indiana from climate change is higher temperatures across the whole state and a lot of extreme hot weather, having it be even hotter—a couple of degrees hotter in your house—can be a significant issue for people's health. In fact, heat is the top weather-related health hazard that we have in this country, and it sends people to the emergency room, and it can be really, really scary."

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Non-Disclosure Agreements and Civic Distrust

As tech firms seek rural acreage, residents frequently report feeling blindsided by corporate secrecy. Development entities routinely require local commissioners, economic boards, and utilities to sign strict non-disclosure agreements before project details become public.

By the time plans are unveiled at public hearings, options on farmland have often been signed and preliminary tax abatements drafted. McCabe acknowledged that the unfamiliar nature of data center infrastructure contributes to public apprehension.

"It's kind of an opaque industry," McCabe said. "It's different than a distribution center coming into your community, or a factory, or a big-box store. People can understand those. People don't really understand how much employment there will be long-term for these facilities, and that's a concern for communities that are looking for good job-creating developments so that people can find jobs in their hometowns. And a lot of that is opaque to people."

While corporations routinely protect proprietary server designs and trade secrets, blanket secrecy pacts with local public officials often fuel deep neighborhood suspicion.

"I think one of the concerns—and this certainly isn't the first industry to try to keep their details kind of quiet as they're going into development—but when they enter into non-disclosure agreements with local governments, it tends to make people even more nervous and suspicious than they might otherwise be, that the details aren't transparent to people," McCabe noted.

McCabe emphasized that transparency early in the planning process benefits both the community and the developer.

"Based on what I've heard recently, I think many companies are deciding that that probably isn't a good idea," she added. "There's certain information that truly is proprietary, that is trade secrets that by law needs to be kept out of the public eye, but a lot of it doesn't. And so being forthcoming about it, and then you can have more open conversations about things, and local governments can help with that depending on how they handle these projects that come in."

Home Rule, Zoning Gaps, and Moratoria

Confronted by rapid developer inquiries, county commissioners and town councils across Indiana are finding their zoning ordinances unprepared. Most rural zoning laws were written decades ago to govern single-family subdivisions and conventional manufacturing, leaving local boards without specific standards for massive server facilities.

In response, local governing bodies are invoking statutory home rule powers to establish formal pauses, giving communities time to study the technology and craft tailored regulations before developers break ground.

"What I'm hearing from the local government community is that a lot of cities and counties and towns, their zoning ordinances just don't address this type of use specifically," McCabe said. "And so I think it makes sense for a community who wants to be thoughtful about this and wants to be a little bit more in control of their own process to say: 'Let's take a little bit of time, let's learn about these facilities, and then let's decide if we need to make some changes to our own zoning requirements so that we can make sure that the things that are important to us as a community are protected in the approval process.'"

Across Indiana, roughly half of all 92 counties have taken regulatory action. Several counties have enacted formal development moratoria, four counties have passed outright bans on commercial data centers, and dozens more have updated zoning codes to establish strict operating standards.

Proactive local ordinances give county commissioners the legal mechanism to protect community interests rather than reacting after projects are announced.

"Maybe that's design expectations, or setbacks, or requiring a decommissioning plan so that somebody's thinking ahead to what happens when this facility is no longer there, to how are the water resources of the community going to be protected, how are the citizens and the residents going to be protected from adverse noise—should there be limits on noise?" McCabe explained. "And when you have those kinds of things in an ordinance, that gives you a lot more ability to be specific about the kind of development that you want to see."

Metropolitan areas are taking similar approaches. Indianapolis established a formal moratorium while undertaking an extensive multi-departmental study to examine infrastructure, environmental, and neighborhood impacts to guide future City-County Council policy. In southwestern Indiana, Evansville launched a comparable fact-finding process.

"Indianapolis has a moratorium in place and they've put together a pretty elaborate study process to gather information on a whole bunch of issues—all the ones we've talked about and probably a bunch more over the course of the next year or so to inform the city council on what kind of particular requirements they want to put in place, if any," McCabe noted. "And Evansville is doing a similar thing. So I think that makes all kinds of sense."

Building Sustainable Digital Infrastructure

Despite substantial environmental and resource challenges, McCabe stressed that advanced computing infrastructure is not fundamentally incompatible with environmental stewardship.

Artificial intelligence models and cloud computing provide vital tools for public welfare, healthcare research, climate resilience, and agricultural productivity. In rural farming areas, advanced computing already supports precision agriculture, helping growers optimize fertilizer usage, conserve irrigation water, and anticipate drought conditions.

"I think we're all probably using AI a lot more than we think we are—those of us who don't think we are, right?" McCabe said. "So I'm confident that there are many, many positive applications of AI, and I certainly hope so. I'm hoping that these kinds of high-level computing processes will really be helpful in terms of finding cures for disease and helping us predict weather crises and all the other things that could make life so much better for people."

To realize those societal benefits without overburdening local resources, McCabe stressed that operators must hold their facilities to rigorous environmental and energy standards.

"There are ways that these facilities can be more sensitive to the environmental impact that they're having," McCabe emphasized. "They can maximize the use of renewable energy and minimize the use of and the building of more fossil energy. They can use systems that conserve water and minimize the use of water. They can avoid sensitive ecological areas. They can do the things they need to do to make sure that the noise impacts are acceptable if there are nearby neighbors, or that they're located in places where there aren't nearby neighbors that are going to be affected by the noise and excessive heat."

With newer server architectures and direct liquid-cooling technologies advancing steadily, facilities can dramatically reduce their power and water intensity.

"And they're getting more and more efficient, the equipment itself, so that all needs to keep going," she said. "So I think that to the extent that data centers can put themselves forward as environmentally sensitive as they can possibly be, and as energy-sensitive, including paying their own way when it comes to their energy use, then there will be communities that will be happy to have those facilities."

McCabe added that transparent communication and local planning will ultimately determine where projects succeed: "Hopefully, with more and more information being available to people, and more cities and towns going through the process of learning more and developing regulations, that will lead to those kinds of environmentally sensitive data centers in the right kinds of places where the communities will welcome them."

What Voters Should Know Before the Polls

With upcoming elections poised to shape local planning boards, county commissions, and the state legislature, the balance between technological expansion and community protection has become an unavoidable issue on the ballot.

For citizens preparing to vote, McCabe urged voters to look closely at local leadership and ask direct questions regarding how candidates plan to govern the influx of energy-intensive industry.

"The most important thing is for people to vote, and for people to find out as much as they can about the candidates that are on their local ballot and how those candidates feel about the issues that they care about," McCabe said.

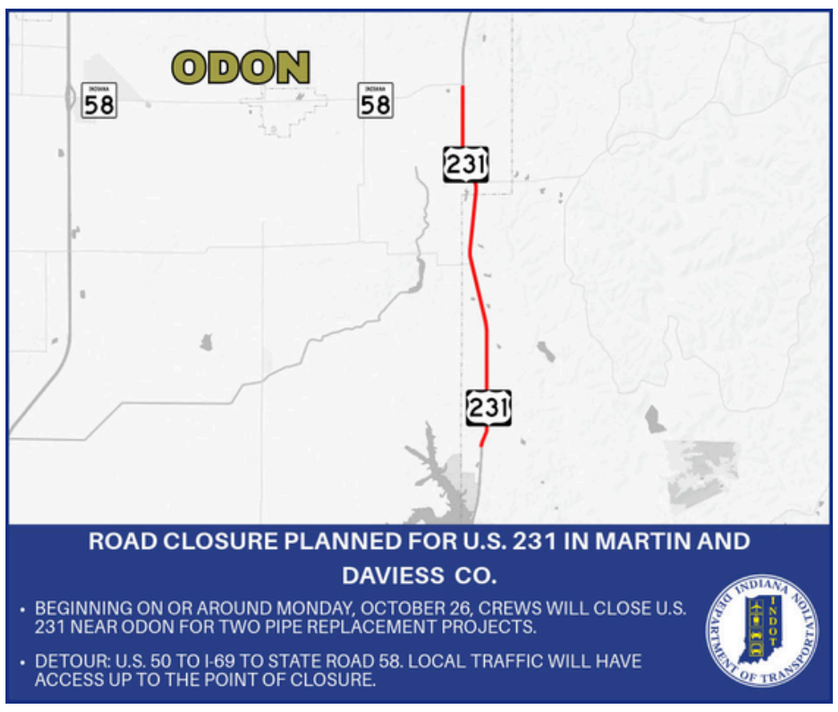
Whether voters live in suburban corridors or rural agricultural townships, McCabe underscored that candidate stances on zoning ordinances, utility grid stability, and natural resource protection will directly determine how their communities evolve.

"If you live in a community where there are data center proposals, or there's a data center, find out what all the candidates are thinking about those facilities," McCabe urged. "And then weigh that information as you decide how to make your own choice about who to vote for. But ask the questions, and read the information—whether it's data centers or any other issue that's important to you as a voter."

As local officials across Indiana face decisions that will shape land use and utility infrastructure for generations, McCabe's guidance offers a clear roadmap: informed citizens, proactive local governance, and rigorous environmental accountability remain the foundation for navigating the digital age.

Would you like a companion sidebar analyzing Martin County's recent battery storage and solar utility ordinance, or a series of pull-quotes formatted for social media?

US 231 ROAD CLOSURE: CULVERT REPLACEMENT SHUTS DOWN HIGHWAY IN MARTIN COUNTY



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Motorists traveling through Martin County should expect significant delays and alternate routes as state transportation crews begin an extensive culvert replacement project along U.S. 231.

The Indiana Department of Transportation announced that U.S. 231 is shut down to all through traffic between County Road 700 North and County Road 800 North. The project requires a complete roadway closure at the work zone to allow crews to excavate and replace the existing drainage structures beneath the highway.

Highway crews have placed barricades at County Road 700 North and County Road 800 North. Access beyond these perimeter checkpoints is restricted strictly to residents, emergency personnel, and local property owners. Officials emphasized that no through traffic will be allowed to pass through the construction site under any circumstances.

To accommodate regional passenger vehicles and commercial truck traffic, officials have established an official detour route. Northbound and southbound highway traffic will be redirected around the closure utilizing U.S. 50, Interstate 69, and State Road 58 before rejoining U.S. 231.

Transportation officials encourage commuters and commercial haulers to familiarize themselves with the designated detour well in advance. Motorists should anticipate increased congestion along the alternate corridors and build extra travel time into their daily schedules.

The full closure will remain in effect around the clock until construction crews finish replacing the culverts, backfilling the site, and repaving the affected sections of the highway. Project completion and roadway reopening timelines remain dependent on favorable weather conditions.

Drivers in the area are reminded to use caution, slow when approaching work zones, obey posted barricades, and stay alert for highway maintenance personnel and heavy equipment near the roadway.

UDWI REMC COMMUNITY FUND GRANT DELIVERS NEW COOLER TO OPERATION HAND UP PANTRY

BLOOMFIELD, Ind. (Oct. 27, 2026) — Cold storage expands for Lighthouse Fellowship Church's Operation Hand Up food pantry with purchase of a new cooler, made possible by a grant from the Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC Community Fund. Located in Gosport, the pantry serves roughly 100 families every week.

"Looking back at how we started — operating out of a supply closet — it's a blessing to see how much the pantry has grown through the generosity of the community, our staff, and volunteers," said Angie Devore, Executive Assistant and Treasurer for the Lighthouse Fellowship Church.

Since its founding in 1978, the Operation Hand Up pantry at Lighthouse Fellowship Church has provided supplemental food/meals to those in the area. Although the operation started small, it quickly grew from a closet to a classroom and kept growing until it took over the fellowship hall. In 2010, the church built a designated building for the pantry. The food pantry building is open every Thursday, except on holidays.

In addition to its regular activities, Operation Hand Up participates in special community initiatives, such as giving food to the "backpack buddy" program, the local fire station and to other local pantries.

"We thank UDWI members for donating to the Community Fund and to the Community Fund Board for choosing our 'Operation Hand Up' as the recipient of this grant. It truly allows us to continue our mission of supporting families in the community," said Devore.

With the $2,500 grant, the pantry replaced two old refrigerators with a large cooler. This expands the amount of cold products carried and distributed to families.

If you are interested in stocking, distributing, or otherwise helping at Operation Hand Up, Lighthouse Fellowship Church welcomes all to give back to the community and inquire about volunteering. Stop by 5392 IN-67, Gosport, IN 47433 or visit www.lfc.life to learn more.

The full list of recent recipients of an UDWI REMC Community Fund grant are: A.M. Risher Pool Revitalization Project, Inc.; C2C; Greene County Drug Task Force; Greene County General Hospital Foundation, Inc.; Greene County Soccer Association; Loaves and Fishes Food Program; Operation Hand Up; Pregnancy Choices; RoboBoosters, Inc.; St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry; White River Youth Foundation; Worthington Community Improvement Committee; and Yielding Health Wisdom and Halcyon.
To donate to the Community Fund, UDWI REMC members can participate in the RoundUp Program, which allows cooperative members to round up to the nearest whole dollar on their electric bills. The money accumulated is awarded to various nonprofit organizations—determined by the UDWI REMC Community Fund Board (separate from UDWI REMC staff and Board of Directors).
The UDWI REMC Community Fund, Inc. is now accepting applications for its next grant cycle. All nonprofit businesses in UDWI REMC's service area are encouraged to apply. Please visit www.udwiremc.com to learn more about the program and to start an application.

LOOGOOTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST FREE MEDICARE ENROLLMENT REVIEW SESSION NOV. 13

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area seniors and Medicare beneficiaries can receive free, individualized guidance on their healthcare coverage during a dedicated review session on Friday, Nov. 13, at the Loogootee Public Library.

The informational outreach session, co-hosted by the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and the Loogootee Senior Center, will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the library, located at 504 Park St.

The clinic arrives during the annual fall open enrollment window, which began Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7. During this crucial period, Medicare recipients have the opportunity to review, compare, and modify their Medicare Advantage plans or Part D prescription drug coverage to ensure their policies fit their healthcare needs and budget for the upcoming year.

Navigating plan adjustments, formulary changes, and premium fluctuations can often feel daunting for older adults. To assist residents, state-certified SHIP counselors will provide free, confidential, and impartial one-on-one evaluations to help individuals evaluate coverage options side by side. Because SHIP counselors do not sell insurance or work on commission, their guidance remains strictly objective.

Appointments are required to meet with a counselor during the day-long session. Community members wishing to reserve a consultation time should call 812-295-3713 and speak with Maddie.

To ensure an efficient and accurate consultation, participants must bring their current Medicare cards along with a complete, up-to-date list of all prescription medications, including exact dosages and frequencies.

Open enrollment is the primary annual opportunity for most beneficiaries to make changes to their plans, making timely review essential for protecting health benefits and avoiding unexpected out-of-pocket expenses.

MIDWEST FALL FESTIVAL GUIDE: 5 REGIONAL EVENTS CLOSING OUT AUTUMN FESTIVAL SEASON

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Autumn festival season is reaching its peak across the region this Saturday, offering residents, travelers, and families a stacked roster of community celebrations, seasonal attractions, and open-air entertainment.

For regional mobile vendor teams and traveling artisans, the weekend represents a busy turning point in the annual operational calendar. Saturday marks the final major chapter of the outdoor festival circuit before local businesses and touring beverage stands shift their attention indoors for the late-autumn and holiday market season.

To help weekend day-trippers make the most of the brisk weather, organizers and traveling vendors have spotlighted five premier regional destinations spanning Southern Indiana and neighboring Central and Southern Illinois.

In Martin County, Lark Ranch in Loogootee anchors the regional schedule as a signature destination for family agritourism. The sprawling venue invites guests to explore extensive pumpkin patches, navigate large-scale corn mazes, ride open-air tractor wagons, and browse a rotating selection of pop-up concessions. Local mobile drink purveyors will be on hand serving craft teas, hot ciders, and seasonal refreshments to keep visitors warm between outdoor attractions.

Across the state line in Illinois, four distinct community celebrations offer travelers additional options to explore small-town charm and seasonal traditions:

In Arthur, Illinois, The Great Pumpkin Patch welcomes visitors into the heart of rural Amish Country. Known for its vast collection of heirloom pumpkins, squash, and gourds from around the world, the working farm pairs hands-on agricultural education with fresh-baked goods, scenic walking paths, and colorful harvest displays.

Further south, the community of Dieterich, Illinois, hosts its lively Boos and Brews gathering. The evening celebration blends Halloween festivities with adult social camaraderie, spotlighting craft beverage selections, festive seasonal fare, music, and costume-friendly entertainment designed to draw neighbors and regional visitors together downtown.

In Clay County, the Louisville, Illinois Fall Harvest Festival is bringing the local community together for a full slate of traditional autumn pastimes. The civic celebration features homemade craft booths, family games, live entertainment, and classic comfort food options served up by civic organizations and independent concessionaires.

Meanwhile, in Crawford County, the historic Oblong Fall Follies takes center stage. A staple of regional fall celebrations for decades, the event fills downtown Oblong, Illinois, with artisan market vendors, parade floats, carnival rides, and seasonal contests that draw large crowds from across the Wabash Valley.

Mobile food and drink vendors are encouraging patrons to pick a single community festival or plan a multi-stop day trip across the tri-state area. Carrying a signature iced or hot specialty tea, attendees can tour the vendor booths, support independent makers, and take in the sights before the outdoor festival circuit officially closes down.

Following this weekend's festivities, event organizers and traveling merchants will transition their mobile setups into local community centers, convention spaces, and fairground exhibition halls for the busy November and December holiday boutique season.

For residents looking to enjoy the final stretch of autumn weather, Saturday provides an opportunity to support regional small businesses while celebrating the Midwest's rich harvest traditions.

INDOT ANNOUNCES U.S. 231 CLOSURE NORTH OF LOOGOOTEE THIS WEEK

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Motorists traveling between Martin and Greene counties should expect delays and detours as the Indiana Department of Transportation begins a full closure of U.S. 231 late this month.
Transportation officials announced that U.S. 231 will be closed in both directions between Pine Tree Road, located three miles north of the Loogootee area, and State Road 58, approximately four miles south of the Scotland area. The planned closure covers a seven-mile stretch extending from mile point 74.27 to mile point 81.34 in northern Martin County.

The highway shutdown is scheduled to take effect at 7 a.m. EDT on Monday, Oct. 26, and remain in place until approximately 3 p.m. EDT on Friday, Oct. 30, weather permitting. According to INDOT officials, the multi-day project is necessary for maintenance crews to complete an essential drainage pipe replacement beneath the roadway just north of West Boggs Lake.

An official mtate detour will guide regional highway traffic safely around the active construction site. Commuters traveling daily between Loogootee, Crane and Bloomfield should anticipate additional travel time on surrounding state and county roadways, or consider utilizing Interstate 69 to bypass the construction corridor entirely during peak morning and evening drives.

INDOT emphasized that while through traffic will be strictly prohibited through the pipe replacement work zone, local property owners, area residents and emergency response vehicles will retain continuous access to points along U.S. 231 up to the physical closure barricades.

Highway officials urge drivers to exercise heightened caution, strictly adhere to all posted warning signs and avoid cutting through unauthorized rural routes that cannot accommodate heavy commercial vehicles. Motorists can monitor real-time road conditions, work zone advisories and official detour maps through INDOT's TrafficWise mapping portal at 511in.org or via the state agency's mobile application.

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I want to be part of the solution for any challenges that Loogootee School Corporation faces.

My Priorities Are:

- **Students First:** Every decision, policy, and resource puts students first.
- **Full Transparency:** An open, accessible school board that works with our dedicated teachers and staff.
- **Proactive Safety:** Partnering with local first responders — police, fire, and ambulance — to keep our schools safe.
- **Fiscally Responsible Excellence:** Helping Loogootee Schools achieve their goals for long-term stability.
- **Supporting the Arts:** Continuing our strong tradition of backing our performing arts programs.
- **Open Communication:** Building a stronger bridge between our schools and parents through clear, consistent communication.

I welcome your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions.
I would appreciate your support on November 3rd.

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GOV. BRAUN DELIVERS NEARLY $110 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS INDIANA INCLUDING IN MARTIN & DAVIESS COUNTY

KOKOMO, Ind – Indiana Governor Mike Braun presented nearly $110 million in state matching funds to local communities today that will be used to improve infrastructure in 346 Indiana cities, towns, and counties.

The Governor presented the $109.9 million in INDOT Community Crossings Matching Grants during the 43rd Annual Indiana MPO-IARC Conference in Kokomo.

"Good roads and bridges are essential to strong communities and a growing economy," said Gov. Mike Braun."This funding ensures hundreds of Indiana communities have the necessary resources to make improvements that Hoosiers will see and use every day. What makes Community Crossings work is that local governments have skin in the game. They're investing alongside the state to get these projects done, making roads safer, supporting local businesses and creating more opportunities for communities across Indiana to grow."

Communities submitted applications during the FY 2027 call for projects in September. Funding for Community Crossings comes from the state's local road and bridge matching grant fund.

"More than $2 billion in matching funds have been awarded for local road improvements since 2016," said INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist. "Community Crossings is a testament to the strong partnerships between INDOT and local communities that help provide safe, efficient transportation infrastructure for our cities, towns and counties."

The Indiana General Assembly identified long-term funding for Community Crossings as part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed in 2017. Following recent legislative changes to the program, the matching grant cap is now set at $100 million per year, and the annual cap is reduced to $1 million per local unit of government per state fiscal year. Cost favorability has allowed INDOT to exceed the annual $100 million cap the past two fiscal years.

A list of all communities receiving matching funds in the FY 2027 call for projects and additional information about Community Crossings are available here.



LOOGOOTEE MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES FIRST TERM SUCCESS WITH LION UP REWARD DAY

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Hard work, classroom discipline, and outstanding academic performance took center stage at Loogootee Middle School as students gathered to celebrate their first term achievements during the school's inaugural LION UP Day of the academic year.

The special incentive event recognized students who consistently embodied positive school citizenship throughout the first grading term. To qualify for the celebration, middle schoolers had to meet rigorous behavioral and academic benchmarks, including maintaining strong grades, achieving consistent attendance, arriving to class promptly, avoiding disciplinary referrals, and submitting all coursework on time.

School administrators noted that the term-end initiative serves both as a celebration of past achievement and as an ongoing motivator, teaching students that consistency and personal responsibility lead directly to positive rewards.

As part of the festive celebration, qualifying students were treated to a hands-on pumpkin painting competition. With autumn in full swing, students transformed plain gourds into colorful, creative works of art during an afternoon dedicated to community building and peer camaraderie.

The artistic efforts were capped with a friendly grade-level competition. A panel evaluated the completed pumpkin designs, selecting one winning student from each grade level. The grade-level winners earned an exclusive lunch from McDonald's, provided directly courtesy of middle school principal Mrs. Hammond.

Staff and faculty praised the entire student body for their dedication to classroom values, highlighting how the first grading term often sets the operational rhythm for the entire academic school year. By mastering early classroom expectations and demonstrating sustained focus, educators noted, students establish good study habits that carry over into subsequent terms.

School leaders emphasized that community partnerships continue to play an invaluable role in bringing special student celebrations to life. The pumpkins painted during the afternoon festivities were donated entirely by Lark Ranch, a regional agritourism destination known for its support of local educational initiatives. Administrators extended their sincere appreciation to the ranch owners and staff for supplying the seasonal materials and investing directly in local youth achievements.

The celebration concluded with words of encouragement from staff members, who reminded students to carry their current momentum into the newly started second term. With seasonal sports, extracurricular programs, and challenging curriculum milestones ahead, students were challenged to uphold the core tenets of the program across the hallways and classrooms each day: staying focused, acting responsibly, and continuing to "LION UP."

LITTLE LEARNERS BOOK CHARACTER DAY BRINGS HALLOWEEN READING AND CRAFTS TO LOOGOOTEE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Young readers are invited to step into the pages of their favorite stories Tuesday, Oct. 27, as the Little Learners program hosts a special Book Character Day celebration.

The community literacy event encourages toddlers and preschool-age children to dress in costume as their favorite storybook characters. Designed to foster early reading habits and celebrate the fall season, the gathering pairs imaginative play with an interactive Halloween-themed craft activity.

Event organizers emphasize that pairing costumes with storytelling provides young children an approachable entry into early childhood literacy. By dressing as heroes, animals, royalty, or adventurers, children can engage directly with characters they recognize from picture books, sparking narrative comprehension and creative expression. The planned seasonal craft gives participants a hands-on creative outlet while encouraging fine motor skill development alongside peers and family members.

The event embraces the theme "Stories Grow Here," highlighting the role early reading programs play in laying an educational foundation for local youth. Organizers note that costumes do not need to be elaborate; simple homemade outfits representing classic fairy tales, popular modern children's books, or beloved cartoon figures are all welcome.

Families, caregivers, and young children from throughout the area are invited to attend and celebrate the autumn season together. Participants are encouraged to bring their enthusiasm and imagination as young readers bring children's literature to life.

For further details regarding the Tuesday morning schedule and program guidelines, local families can check with event coordinators or visit local community program bulletin boards.



ROOTS AND REVIVAL: LOOGOOTEE SENIOR CENTER TO HOST MARTIN COUNTY FOLKLORE AND STORYTELLING EVENT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Martin County residents are invited to gather and celebrate the shared memories, heritage, and spoken traditions of their community during "Roots & Revival: Martin County Folklore and Storytelling," scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Loogootee Senior Center.

The hour-long community event, which runs from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., seeks to unearth, celebrate, and document local history directly from the people who lived it. Coordinated in collaboration with community partners, including the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, the initiative aims to bridge generational divides while safeguarding regional heritage that might otherwise fade from public memory over the passage of time.

Organizers are extending an open invitation to longtime residents, amateur historians, multi-generational families, and curious neighbors to come ready to participate. Attendees are encouraged to share favorite hometown memories, recount colorful local legends, discuss enduring cultural traditions, and recount anecdotes that have been handed down through families across generations.

In addition to spoken tales, community members are urged to bring vintage family photographs, historical keepsakes, newspaper clippings, letters, and regional artifacts that help illustrate life in Martin County throughout past eras. Event coordinators noted that personal recollections—ranging from former downtown storefronts, vanished landmarks, and agricultural life to beloved community festivals, local sports memories, and rural folk tales—form an irreplaceable mosaic of the region's historical identity. Every shared photo or memory adds invaluable context to how towns like Loogootee evolved over the decades.

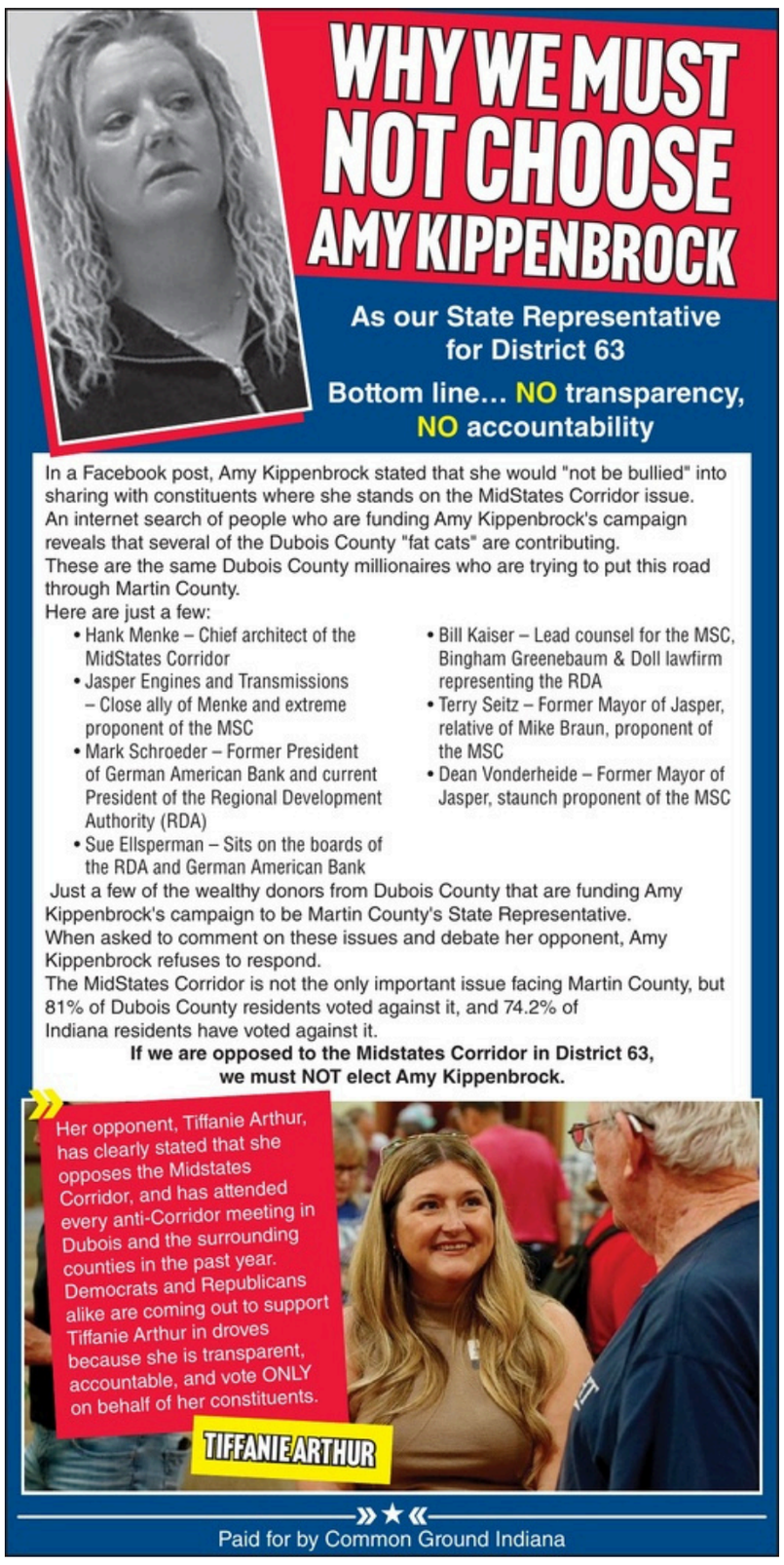
The interactive forum is intentionally designed to foster a relaxed, welcoming environment where attendees can rekindle old friendships, spark lively group discussions, and inspire younger generations to appreciate their rural roots. Organizers noted that oral history plays an essential civic role in small-town Indiana, capturing the nuance, humor, hardship, perseverance, and everyday triumph that formal state textbooks and county archives often overlook.

Preserving these spoken accounts ensures that the distinctive spirit, communal identity, and traditions of Martin County remain vibrant and accessible for future generations of students, researchers, and local leaders. Planners hope that the November gathering will inspire ongoing local storytelling projects, community scrapbooks, and audio recordings across the wider region.

The gathering will take place inside the Loogootee Senior Center, located at 406 NW 1st St. in downtown Loogootee. To create a comfortable, neighborly setting for conversation and reflection, organizers will supply complimentary cookies and light refreshments for all participants throughout the afternoon.

Whether area residents have a rare historical document, remember a forgotten local landmark, carry vivid memories of bygone school days, or simply want an engaging afternoon listening to their neighbors' voices, all are encouraged to attend and add to the county's living history record.

Admission to the event is free and open to everyone across Martin County and neighboring communities. Local residents seeking more details about the program, or those who want to submit family stories in advance, can visit the Loogootee Senior Center or follow regional community announcements.



LHS HOLIDAY HOME TOUR 2026: PARTICIPATING HOMES, TICKET LOCATIONS AND BOOSTER DETAILS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The holiday season is set to arrive in festive style across Martin County this November, as the Loogootee High School Choir & Musical Booster organization officially announced the return of the annual Holiday Home Tour.

Scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 29, the community tour will welcome guests from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., inviting area residents and regional visitors to explore a curated collection of local residences beautifully decorated for Christmas. The seasonal fundraiser offers attendees a festive look inside distinctive neighborhood homes while raising essential financial support for local high school vocalists, musicians, and stage performers.

This year's self-guided itinerary features six unique properties that highlight a blend of contemporary family craftsmanship and historic regional architecture. Homeowners opening their doors to ticket holders include Jared and Alexandra Wathen, Will and Erin Lyon, Ashton and Kailye Wagler, Kirk Summers and his fiancee, Jill, as well as Bryant and Brittany Ackerman.

Rounding out the featured lineup is the PB Larkin Historic Mansion 1865, giving guests a memorable step back into 19th-century county history framed by elegant period holiday decor. Organizers noted that each stop along the route offers its own creative approach to the holiday spirit, ranging from traditional evergreen garland and tree trimming to vibrant modern interior designs, handcrafted hearth displays, and festive dining arrangements.

Adding to the afternoon's excitement, guests at every stop on the tour will have a chance to enter and win a special door prize. Organizers encourage patrons to take their time exploring each residence, gathering creative decorating ideas for their own living spaces, and celebrating the warmth of the holiday season alongside neighbors, friends, and family members.

All proceeds generated from ticket sales directly benefit the Loogootee High School choral and musical theater programs. Booster officers emphasized that community backing from events like the Holiday Home Tour remains crucial for covering the substantial expenses associated with staging annual theatrical productions. Funds raised will help finance musical performance licensing royalties, stage set building materials, sound and lighting gear, professional accompanists, period costuming, and student travel to regional clinics and competitions throughout the school year.

Tickets for the four-hour self-guided tour are $20 each and are officially available now across the community. Area residents can purchase tickets directly from any LHS choir or musical theater student.

In addition to student sellers, physical tickets are available in downtown Loogootee at Jolene's Decorating, located at 108 Church St. Area residents who prefer to reserve or purchase tickets by telephone can reach booster representative Kay Summers directly at 812-295-7249.

With six distinct properties participating and strong community turnout anticipated, booster representatives encourage families and holiday enthusiasts to secure their tickets early, invite friends along for the drive, and kick off the post-Thanksgiving holiday season by supporting local student artists in Martin County.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2026: VOLUNTEERS PACK 70 SHOEBOXES AT LOCAL BOXING PARTY

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Community volunteers gathered this week to pack gifts, school supplies, and personal care items for children in need around the globe during the 2026 Operation Christmas Child Boxing Party.

By the end of the effort, volunteers packed and prepared 70 shoeboxes, each filled with age-appropriate toys, hygiene necessities, and essential learning materials destined for youngsters facing adversity, poverty, or displacement worldwide.

The annual packing event brings together neighbors, church members, and local families to assemble the gift packages ahead of the global holiday distribution. Organizers extended their gratitude to everyone who donated items, contributed shipping funds, or spent time sorting and filling boxes along the assembly line.

Operation Christmas Child, an international initiative operated by Samaritan's Purse, collects shoebox gifts filled by local communities and distributes them to children across more than 100 countries. For many recipients, the colorful boxes represent the first holiday gifts they have ever received.

Event coordinators emphasized that the 70 packed shoeboxes reflect the generous spirit of the local community, demonstrating how individual efforts combine to make a meaningful international impact. The completed boxes are scheduled to be transported to a regional collection drop-off center before beginning their journeys to distribution sites overseas.

LOOGOOTEE FIRE DEPARTMENT BENEFIT: FINAL HOURS TO BUY TICKETS BEFORE MIDNIGHT CUTOFF

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Time is running out for area residents looking to attend the upcoming Loogootee Fire Department fundraiser, with the official deadline for ticket sales set for Wednesday, Oct. 28, at midnight.

Department organizers issued a final reminder this week emphasizing that the cutoff is strict. Once the midnight deadline passes, ticket sales will close permanently, with no extensions granted. Fire officials stressed that tickets will not be sold at the door under any circumstances, making advance purchase mandatory for entry.

The annual gathering promises an evening of community fellowship, live music, and catered food, bringing neighbors together in support of local emergency services.

Proceeds from the event directly benefit the Loogootee Fire Department, helping supply essential gear, protective equipment, and ongoing operational funding to ensure local firefighters remain equipped to respond to emergency calls across Martin County.

Community members can purchase advance tickets directly from any Loogootee firefighter or member of the Fire Ladies Auxiliary. Digital tickets are also available for online purchase through the department's official website at www.loogooteefire.org.

With the deadline just hours away, department personnel encourage supporters to secure their tickets immediately before the portal closes.

LOOGOOTEE SHOP SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY VENDOR EVENT SET FOR NOV. 28: REGISTRATION DETAILS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area artisans, crafters, and local entrepreneurs are being invited to reserve booth space as organizers finalize plans for the Loogootee Shop Small Business Saturday Vendor Event on Saturday, Nov. 28.

The holiday shopping fair will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Loogootee Methodist Church, offering community members a festive destination to support homegrown businesses while kicking off the Christmas shopping season.

Event organizers are actively seeking vendors of all types to participate in the marketplace. The call for participants welcomes makers of handmade goods, home-baked treats, boutique apparel, holiday crafts, seasonal home decor, and specialty gift items.

Designated vendor spaces measuring 10 feet by 10 feet are available for $25. Coordinators noted that prepayment is required to reserve a booth, and spaces are allocated on an advance basis ahead of the holiday weekend.

Observed annually on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, Small Business Saturday encourages consumers to reinvest their dollars locally rather than spending exclusively at large national retailers. Coordinators stressed that keeping holiday spending within Martin County provides direct support to local families, cottage industries, and independent merchants during their most crucial sales period of the year.

Vendors and community members seeking more information or looking to register for booth space can contact event coordinators Andrea Strawn at 812-351-1996 or Tracy Stoll at 812-709-0498.

MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE LAUNCHES 2027 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ACROSS SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA

ODON, Ind. — Area residents struggling with chronic fatigue, brain fog, and metabolic challenges are invited to attend a free educational wellness seminar this weekend at the Simon J. Graber Community Building.

Titled "The Energy Crisis: Why am I tired, foggy, stuck or running on empty?," the seminar is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 31, at 10 a.m. Eastern. The event aims to explore the underlying factors behind persistent exhaustion, examining how nutrition, metabolism, sleep habits, and brain function interact to impact daily vitality.

Community host Cleon Brubacker of Neurogen Brain Balancing of Southwestern Indiana will welcome featured speaker Dr. Terry Harmon from Chi Rho Wellness, an organization specializing in doctor-guided root-cause wellness based in Morganfield, Kentucky.

Throughout the presentation, Harmon will discuss how modern lifestyle stressors deplete cellular energy and share insights into functional lab testing, whole-person nutrition strategies, and recovery techniques designed to restore lasting energy. The discussion will directly address common health struggles, including slow metabolism, weight-loss plateaus, and declining mental sharpness.

Attendees will also be introduced to high-performance neuromodulation through Neurogen Brain Balancing. The technology utilizes real-time, EEG-guided protocols across 28 brain pathways to deliver non-invasive, drug-free support focused on whole-brain balance.

Organizers noted that the event will be held at a new location: the Simon J. Graber Community Building, located at 9164 East 875 North in Odon.

Admission is free and open to the public. While seat reservations are preferred, advance registration is not required to attend. Community members can reserve a seat or obtain additional details by calling 812-674-6474 or visiting neurogenbbin.com.

DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON HOLIDAY MAILER ARRIVES: MERCHANT OPEN HOUSE AND SHOPPING EVENTS

WASHINGTON, Ind. — Area residents should keep a close eye on their postal deliveries this week as the official TOC Holiday Mailer begins arriving in mailboxes throughout the community.

The seasonal guide serves as a comprehensive resource for the upcoming holiday shopping and celebration calendar, featuring information on community events, advertisements, special seasonal offers, and exclusive coupons from local merchants inviting residents to keep their dollars close to home.

The mailer's arrival comes as Downtown Washington gears up for its first major holiday shopping showcase of the season: "Jingle All The Way Downtown: Main Street Merchant Holiday Open House." The festive shopping event invites visitors to explore decorated storefronts, browse seasonal inventory, and kick off their Christmas shopping while supporting independent brick-and-mortar retailers.

Downtown organizers noted that local merchants still have time to participate in the retail promotion. Business owners who want their storefronts featured in official event marketing and promotional guides must submit their registrations by the Saturday, Oct. 31 deadline.

A diverse lineup of retailers, wellness providers, artisans, and cultural hubs has already registered to participate in the open house festivities, including:

- Annabelle's Boutique
- Skin & Body Empire Med Spa
- Daily Design & Furniture Gallery
- A Wonderful Life Home Decor and Gifts, LLC
- Arts Unleashed Presents: The Gallery
- Daviess County Historical Society Museum
- Chandelier Barn Market
- Chandelier Style Studio
- Cherry Ghost Coffee House
- Top Notch Boutique
- Myers Flower Shop

Community leaders emphasized that whether residents are crossing items off their holiday wish lists, participating in seasonal celebrations, or operating a storefront, downtown activity remains vital to the regional economy throughout November and December.

Households are encouraged to keep their mailers handy and mark their calendars to discover downtown shopping throughout the Christmas season.

BILTMORE CHRISTMAS TRIP 2026: WEEKEND BUS TOUR DEPARTS BLOOMINGTON AND CLARKSVILLE

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Area travelers looking to experience holiday splendor in the Blue Ridge Mountains can now reserve seats for a weekend excursion to Asheville, North Carolina, as regional tour operator Back by Sunday announced its 2026 Biltmore Christmas Trip.

Scheduled for Nov. 13–15, the three-day, two-night motorcoach getaway offers passengers an opportunity to tour George Vanderbilt's historic estate decorated for the winter holiday season without the hassle of driving.

The journey departs Friday evening, Nov. 13, offering two regional pickup points for travelers. The motorcoach will leave Bloomington at 9:00 p.m. before stopping in the Clarksville and Jeffersonville area at 11:00 p.m. to board southern Indiana and Louisville-area guests. Passengers will travel overnight on the charter bus, with a scheduled stop planned Saturday morning roughly one hour outside Asheville for travelers to freshen up, shower, and change clothes.

Saturday will be spent entirely exploring the Biltmore Estate at each guest's leisure. Visitors can tour the decorated French Renaissance chateau, stroll through the grounds and gardens, and visit Antler Hill Village for seasonal shopping and dining.

Following a full day at the estate, passengers will reboard the motorcoach Saturday night at 9:00 p.m. for the overnight return trip, arriving back at the Clarksville/Jeffersonville and Bloomington drop-off points on Sunday morning, Nov. 15.

Standard pricing for the tour is $299 per person, with discounted admission of $79 for children ages 14 and under. Special flat-rate pricing is also available for groups of four or more. Under an early booking promotion, travelers were able to reserve seats with a $25 deposit down through Oct. 23.

The package includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, admission to the Biltmore Estate, light bus snacks, onboard games and entertainment, and driver gratuity.

DAVIESS COUNTY CRASH CLAIMS LIFE OF 9-YEAR-OLD; DRIVER ARRESTED ON OWI CHARGES

On Sunday, October 18, 2026, at approximately 2:46 p.m., Daviess County Central Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a two-vehicle traffic accident on State Road 57 near County Road 700 South.

Upon arrival, first responders determined that a northbound 2022 Chevrolet had lost control and struck a southbound 2017 Dodge minivan.

The driver of the minivan was identified as 62-year-old Melinda Pea of Monroe City. All three occupants of the minivan were transported to the hospital for treatment. One passenger, 9-year-old Keith Walton of Monroe City, was airlifted to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Further investigation revealed that the driver of the Chevrolet was 25-year-old Jacob Sisco of Washington. Sisco showed signs of impairment and was transported to Daviess Community Hospital for chemical testing. Following testing, Sisco was placed under arrest and transported to the Daviess County Security Center. He was charged with Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Causing Serious Bodily Injury and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Resulting in Death.

Sisco was not injured in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation, and accident reconstruction is ongoing. Assisting agencies included: the Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Daviess Community Hospital Ambulance Service, Washington Township Fire Department, Veale Township Fire Department, Indiana State Police, Daviess County Coroner's Office, Marion County Coroner's Office, Pike County Ambulance, and Countryside Towing.

ODON VFW POST 9627 TO HOST HALLOWEEN PARTY AND COSTUME CONTEST THIS SATURDAY

ODON, Ind. — Area residents looking to celebrate Halloween with music, costumes, and community fellowship are invited to Odon VFW Post 9627 this Saturday evening for its annual Halloween Party.

The celebration will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the post home in Odon. Organizers encourage community members to dress up in their favorite creative outfits and spend Saturday night celebrating together.

A centerpiece of the evening will be a competitive costume contest, with prizes awarded across three distinct categories: Best Guy, Best Girl, and Best Couple. Attendees are invited to showcase everything from spooky and classic Halloween looks to clever, humorous attire for an opportunity to take home top honors.

In addition to the costume competition, partygoers can enjoy free music throughout the four-hour gathering, along with surprise food and drink specials available all evening long.

Post representatives welcome both longtime patrons and newcomers to gather with friends, support the local veterans organization, and take part in an evening of seasonal fun in Daviess County.

MARTIN COUNTY MUSEUM TO HOST COURTHOUSE TRICK-OR-TREAT WALKTHROUGH OCT. 30

SHOALS, Ind. — Local families and young trick-or-treaters can step into county history this Friday as the Martin County Museum opens its doors for a special evening Halloween walkthrough.

The community trick-or-treat event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 30, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the historic Martin County Courthouse in Shoals, home to the county museum.

Children and parents are invited to explore the historic building while collecting treats in a safe, family-friendly setting. The event gives visitors an opportunity to tour the landmark structure, view local heritage exhibits, and enjoy seasonal autumn decorations adorning the courthouse grounds.

Organizers designed the walkthrough to provide an accessible trick-or-treating experience for area youth while encouraging residents to engage with local history and preservation efforts. The 19th-century courthouse provides an atmospheric backdrop for the seasonal celebration.

Admission to the courthouse walkthrough is free and open to trick-or-treaters of all ages. Costumed children and their families from across Martin County are encouraged to attend and kick off their Halloween weekend at the museum.

WASHINGTON PATRIOTS ON PARADE 2026: ROUTE, TIMES AND REGISTRATION FOR USA 250TH CELEBRATION

WASHINGTON, Ind. — Downtown Washington will transform into a patriotic celebration next month as Daviess County residents gather to honor the United States' 250 years of independence during the "Patriots on Parade" community celebration on Sunday, Nov. 8.

The celebratory afternoon begins at 2 p.m. with a special presentation hosted at the local museum, coinciding with the opening of on-site registration for participants. Organizers encourage community members, youth groups, civic clubs, schools, and small businesses to take part in the procession, which is open to standard floats, youth box floats, marching bands, decorated golf carts, and unique walking units.

A panel of judges will evaluate all registered entries starting at 3 p.m. to recognize standout creative displays and historical themes before the official parade steps off through the heart of downtown Washington at 4 p.m.

The semiquincentennial gathering serves as a focal point for Daviess County residents to celebrate national history, local pride, and community spirit. Spectators of all ages are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, line downtown streets, and enjoy the colorful procession, listen to patriotic marching music, and celebrate the milestone anniversary alongside friends, family, and neighbors.

Organizers noted that advance preparation helps ensure a diverse lineup representing all corners of the county. Those planning to enter a float, band, or vehicle unit can view complete parade guidelines, regulations, and digital registration forms by visiting daviesscountyhistory.com.

Participants seeking float-building ideas, design inspiration, or assistance with decorating supplies can contact event coordinators by calling or texting 812-617-5300.

Area families, veterans, and visitors from neighboring communities across Southern Indiana are invited to attend, wave flags, and join downtown Washington in commemorating 250 years of American independence.

ROOTS AND REVIVAL: LOOGOOTEE SENIOR CENTER TO HOST MARTIN COUNTY FOLKLORE AND STORYTELLING EVENT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Martin County residents will have the opportunity to share personal recollections, local folklore, and family traditions during "Roots & Revival," an upcoming storytelling event set for Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Loogootee Senior Center.

Scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., the hour-long community program invites area residents of all ages to help preserve the county's living history. Sponsored by the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, the gathering is designed to collect, record, and celebrate the personal accounts, regional folklore, and cultural heritage that make the local community unique.

Organizers are encouraging attendees to bring cherished hometown memories, forgotten historical details, vintage family photographs, or keepsakes that shed light on Martin County's past. The collaborative event aims to spark meaningful conversation among neighbors and bridge generations by documenting stories passed down through families before they fade over time.

Event coordinators emphasized that firsthand recollections of everyday rural life—from historic downtown storefronts and community gatherings to school traditions and agricultural roots—play an invaluable role in preserving local heritage. The informal setting offers longtime residents, amateur historians, and curious newcomers a welcoming venue to reflect on the events, landmarks, and individuals that shaped the area.

The gathering will take place inside the Loogootee Senior Center, located at 406 NW 1st St. in downtown Loogootee. To foster a comfortable and festive environment, complimentary cookies and light refreshments will be provided for all participants throughout the afternoon.

Admission is free and open to the public. Area families, seniors, and local history enthusiasts interested in attending or contributing a story, photograph, or legend are invited to join the conversation and help ensure Martin County's cultural traditions endure for future generations.

LOOGOOTEE FAITH NEWS: HIGH SCHOOL FCA HUDDLE WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKER; LMC HOSTS PASTOR WELCOME DINNER NOV. 1

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — High school students and church community members gathered this week for fellowship, encouragement, and faith-building discussions as local youth ministry outreach and upcoming congregational celebrations took center stage heading into November.

At the high school level, student members of the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle welcomed special guest speaker Justin Hilligoss from Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church. Hilligoss visited the student gathering to provide lunch and deliver an inspiring devotional message centered on personal integrity, spiritual discipline, and moral character.

Providing pizza for the high schoolers, Hilligoss led an engaging discussion centered on the biblical narrative of Daniel. Throughout his presentation, he examined Daniel's steadfast resolve when confronted with intense societal pressure, personal danger, and spiritual adversity in ancient Babylon. He urged the student athletes to draw direct parallels between Daniel's choices and the modern challenges, peer pressures, and tough decisions they encounter each day in their own lives.

Hilligoss challenged the teens to develop deliberate, proactive strategies to withstand temptation and difficult ethical dilemmas. He emphasized that establishing a clear plan of action in advance empowers young people to make principled, positive choices before high-stakes situations arise in school hallways, classrooms, on athletic courts, or among social circles. Following the presentation, student leaders and group sponsors expressed their sincere gratitude to Hilligoss and Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church for investing their time, mentorship, and support into area youth.

The spirit of community encouragement and fellowship continues into the coming weekend as Loogootee Methodist Church prepares to host a major congregational milestone celebration.

On Sunday, Nov. 1, church members, neighbors, and visiting families will gather immediately following the conclusion of the second morning worship service at 11:45 a.m. for a special Welcome Dinner honoring Pastor Chris and his family.

The celebratory gathering serves a dual purpose for the congregation, welcoming Pastor Chris and his household to their new ministry role while formally observing annual Pastor Appreciation Month festivities. Church organizers noted that the afternoon event offers parishioners and area residents a dedicated opportunity to extend warm personal greetings, express heartfelt gratitude for faithful spiritual leadership, and deepen social connections across the wider faith community.

The celebration will feature a traditional pitch-in style banquet. While a main dish will be provided for the gathering, church organizers welcome attendees who wish to contribute to bring along a salad, a dessert, or both to share around the fellowship table.

Church leadership extended an open invitation to all residents across Martin County and neighboring communities to attend the Sunday service and stay for the banquet, whether they are longtime members, recent visitors, or families looking to connect with a local congregation. By pairing school-week youth mentorship with warm weekend fellowship, area churches continue to foster community unity, support local families, and strengthen regional faith traditions across generations in Loogootee. Area residents seeking additional information can contact the church office directly.



LOOGOOTEE HALLOWEEN FALL FESTIVAL 2026: SAFE STOP, HAYRIDES, INFLATABLES AND COSTUME PARTY GUIDE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Downtown Loogootee is set to transform into a bustling center of autumn festivities, community trick-or-treating, and family entertainment as the annual Loogootee Halloween Fall Festival arrives at the City Pavilion on Friday, Oct. 31.

The comprehensive four-hour celebration, scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., consolidates several favorite seasonal traditions into a single, centralized destination. Designed to provide a safe, accessible, and vibrant alternative to traditional neighborhood trick-or-treating, the festival brings together local municipal leaders, civic groups, emergency service personnel, and homegrown merchants to create a festive holiday atmosphere for Martin County residents of all ages.

The evening officially kicks off at 6 p.m. with the annual Halloween Safe Stop, running through 8 p.m. along the perimeter of the City Pavilion. During this two-hour window, local youth dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes can safely navigate between festively decorated tables, booths, and community vehicles to collect candy from a wide variety of participating civic entities and community partners.

An extensive lineup of local organizations and business sponsors has already registered to distribute treats to trick-or-treaters. The participating roster includes the Loogootee Beautification Board, the City of Loogootee, St. John Catholic Parish, the Loogootee Public Library, and REMC. Local commercial partners are also turning out in force, including Double J Automotive, Hoosier Uplands, Oak Street Village, Kern's Insurance, and Hometown Flowers and Gifts. Members of the Loogootee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will also be on hand to pass out treats and greet neighborhood families.

Organizers also highlighted vital community contributions that help make the Safe Stop possible, extending special recognition to Greenwell's for donating bulk candy and Wallace Veterinary Clinic for contributing treats for children along with special goodies for family pets. Local officials noted that additional businesses, civic clubs, and individual volunteers are still welcome to take part; anyone interested in reserving a table to hand out candy or donating unopened sweets can coordinate arrangements through the Mayor's Office.

Alongside the candy distribution, the festival features multiple interactive attractions operating throughout the night. From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., attendees can gather around open-air fire pits during the "S'mores & Fall Fun" gathering. Individual s'mores kits, complete with marshmallows, chocolate bars, graham crackers, and roasting skewers, will be available for purchase at $5 each, providing a warm, nostalgic outdoor treat for families enjoying the cool autumn air.

Younger children will find dedicated active entertainment on the pavilion grounds with the addition of large seasonal inflatables. Two Halloween-themed bounce houses will be open to young festivalgoers, sized specifically to accommodate eight to 10 children at a time to ensure a safe, supervised, and fun play environment.

As the Safe Stop concludes at 8 p.m., the festival shifts its focus toward evening music, pageantry, and cherished harvest traditions.

Beginning at 8 p.m. and continuing until 10 p.m., the pavilion will host a high-energy DJ Dance Party and Costume Contest. Featuring a wide-ranging musical lineup curated by KB DJ & Entertainment, the event invites costumed children, teens, and adults to dance under festive pavilion lighting and showcase their creative outfits.

A centerpiece of the late-night gathering will be the formal costume competition, with judges evaluating entries across eight distinct award categories:

- Best Family Costume
- Best Duo (2 people)
- Funniest
- Scariest
- Best Inflatable
- DJ's Choice
- Best Overall

Running concurrently from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Loogootee Fall Fest Hayride offers visitors a classic harvest experience. Departing directly from the pavilion grounds, decorated farm trailers lined with hay bales, corn stalks, and autumn lights will take riders on scenic evening tours through the surrounding area.

Festival organizers emphasized that bringing multiple seasonal events under one umbrella provides Martin County families with an organized, vibrant, and welcoming setting to celebrate Halloween together. By pairing the structured trick-or-treating of the Safe Stop with late-night music, fireside snacks, and hayrides, the festival offers seasonal fun tailored for toddlers, teenagers, and parents alike.

Admission to the City Pavilion grounds is free, and residents from throughout Loogootee, Shoals, and neighboring communities are encouraged to don their costumes, bring trick-or-treat bags, and take part in the downtown festivities.

WASHINGTON HALLOWEEN 2026: NIGHTMARE ON MAIN STREET EVENTS, MOVIES, TRICK-OR-TREATING AND PARTIES

WASHINGTON, Ind. — Downtown Washington and surrounding Daviess County communities are gearing up for a bustling, multi-day Halloween celebration, featuring free movie screenings, expansive trunk-or-treat walking trails, youth outreach programs, and lively late-night costume contests.

United under the community calendar lineup "A Nightmare on Main Street," local civic organizations, historic downtown landmarks, and neighborhood merchants have coordinated a comprehensive schedule of holiday activities running from Wednesday evening through Saturday night The unified event slate aims to provide accessible, family-friendly alternatives for neighborhood trick-or-treaters while fostering civic connection throughout the county seat

The festivities begin Wednesday, Oct. 28, with an inclusive community evening hosted by Real Recovery at its facility located at 10 W. Van Trees St. [cite: 23] From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., area families and youth can enjoy an array of autumn activities, including face painting, seasonal crafts, an indoor movie presentation, and a complimentary dinner The evening celebration also includes a costume judging showcase followed by a high-energy glow and dance party Designed to merge holiday celebration with ongoing community encouragement, the program includes an adult recovery circle meeting at 7 p.m., providing peer fellowship and support in a welcoming, festive environment

As the weekend approaches, the spotlight shifts to the historic Indiana Theater, which is hosting a pair of free film screenings tailored for different generations of moviegoers

On Friday, Oct. 30, the vintage cinema welcomes mature horror fans for a special 10 p.m. late-night presentation of the 1984 classic "A Nightmare on Elm Street."[cite: 23] To heighten the suspense for brave filmgoers, the historic theater will go completely dark throughout the screening Concession stands will join the holiday spirit by serving specialty themed Halloween drinks alongside spooky snacks and popcorn

The cinema shifts gears on Saturday, Oct. 31, welcoming younger children and families for a free noon matinee screening of "Hotel Transylvania 3."[cite: 23] Designed as a relaxing prelude to evening trick-or-treating, the animated feature is offered at no cost to the public courtesy of local event sponsor Terri Kelso

When twilight arrives Saturday evening, multiple centralized trick-or-treating hubs will open simultaneously across the city, offering secure, pedestrian-friendly environments for children collecting candy

From 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Eastside Park will host its Park Trunk or Treat Rather than navigating neighborhood sidewalks, participating families can stroll along the park's paved half-mile walking trail, collecting sweets from themed, decorated vehicle trunks and community booths stationed at regular intervals along the scenic route

Concurrently, local public safety personnel will host their annual Safe Stop trick-or-treat gathering from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Daviess County Security Center The event provides a well-lit, highly supervised venue where children can show off their costumes, gather treats, and interact positively with local law enforcement officers, emergency responders, and county personnel

Just outside the downtown core, another long-standing neighborhood tradition takes place behind Campton's General Store from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. [cite: 23] Hosted at Doug's house, the annual stop will distribute 500 pre-packaged treat bags, freshly made cotton candy, and assorted candy bars to young visitors The site features an elaborate outdoor Halloween photo setup alongside an interactive photo contest offering four $50 cash prizes Organizers remind all visitors to remain behind posted caution tape and leave decorative props untouched to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for all guests

As night falls, adult revelers can continue celebrating with evening entertainment, music, and competitions

Burch-Wood Post 121 of the American Legion will open its doors for a costume karaoke party starting at 7 p.m.[cite: 23] Singers and costumed attendees will compete for cash rewards during a formal costume judging at 9 p.m., with prizes of $100 for first place, $50 for second, and $25 for third

Downtown nightlife continues at The Chamber, which will host a late-night Halloween party featuring specialty holiday cocktails, prizes for creative costumes, and festive music lasting late into the night

Organizers across all participating locations encourage community members to map out their weekend plans early, dress in their best costumes, and celebrate safely across Washington Attendees are advised to monitor individual host organizations' social media pages for any last-minute weather updates or schedule changes

SPORTS

LOOGOOTEE SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL (GIRLS V) - EVANSVILLE CENTRAL (SCRIMMAGE) (H) 10/29/2026 7:00 PM

PERRY TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN TEAM



November 3rd

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Trustee

Danny Clark
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LOOGOOTEE CROSS-COUNTRY: THREE LIONS COMPETE AT IHSAA CRAWFORD COUNTY REGIONAL



MARENGO, Ind. — Three Loogootee High School cross-country runners closed out their postseason campaigns on a high note Saturday morning, testing their endurance against an elite regional field at the IHSAA Crawford County Regional championship meet.

Taking to the course against the premier distance programs from across Southern Indiana, the Lions trio demonstrated the grit, stamina, and competitive resolve that defined their autumn season, setting a strong standard for the program's ongoing growth.

Leading the charge in the boys championship race was freshman standout Knox Jeffers, who delivered an eye-opening performance in his first career high school regional appearance. Battling through a crowded, fast-paced field, Jeffers crossed the finish line in 58th place overall, recording an impressive time of 17 minutes, 4.8 seconds. His near sub-17-minute pace placed him among the fastest freshmen runners in the entire regional competition, signaling a promising trajectory for his prep career across Southwestern Indiana.

Sophomore teammate Mosby Jones followed with a resilient, determined effort across the rolling terrain. Jones maintained steady pacing throughout the grueling 5,000-meter course, finishing in 203rd place with a time of 19:14.5. The race capped off a breakthrough sophomore campaign marked by steady individual development, dropping split times, and valuable high-stakes championship racing experience.

In the girls regional championship race, senior leader Ava Jeffers concluded her prep cross-country career with a gritty,poised performance. Battling against seasoned upperclassmen, the senior cracked the top 100 finishers, placing 97th overall with a final time of 21:36.0. Her effort capped a memorable high school tenure characterized by relentless work ethic, competitive poise, and veteran mentorship for the program's younger runners.

Team representatives, school officials, and community supporters commended the trio for representing the community with distinction, noting that their regional qualifications were the result of countless miles logged during summer conditioning and disciplined early-morning practices.

"These three student-athletes have represented Loogootee with pride and determination throughout the season," school and team supporters shared in a celebratory statement following the meet. "Their hard work and commitment have helped set the standard for the future of Loogootee Cross-Country!"

Program supporters also extended sincere gratitude to head coach Lilly, crediting his guidance, leadership, and tireless dedication for elevating the team's competitiveness. Under Lilly's leadership, the Lions cross-country program has fostered a culture of accountability, athletic growth, and program pride that is steadily putting Loogootee back on the state cross-country map.

Coaches and fans emphasized that competing at the regional level provides invaluable momentum for the entire athletic department. The experience gained against top-tier conference and sectional rivals serves as a catalyst for younger athletes in middle school and high school looking to join the cross-country ranks.

With Ava Jeffers leaving a lasting legacy of leadership for future runners to emulate, and underclassmen Knox Jeffers and Mosby Jones returning with championship meet experience, the foundation is firmly set for the next chapter of Loogootee distance running.

Would you like a shorter version tailored for social media graphics or an Instagram caption spotlighting individual runner times and splits?

BARR-REEVE TENNIS STANDOUT DANIEL UNDERWOOD COMMITS TO IU EAST RED WOLVES

MONTGOMERY, Ind. — Barr-Reeve High School tennis standout Daniel Underwood has officially committed to continue his academic and athletic career at Indiana University East, making the jump to the collegiate ranks.

Underwood finalized his collegiate commitment this week, selecting the Richmond-based NAIA program to further develop his game at the next level. The announcement marks an exciting personal milestone for the senior athlete and highlights another chapter of success for the Barr-Reeve tennis program, which has long stood among the most competitive and consistent small-school programs across Southern Indiana.

Throughout his prep career with the Vikings, Underwood played an instrumental role in guiding Barr-Reeve through high-stakes regular-season schedules and fiercely contested postseason tournament brackets. Known on the court for his consistency, quick baseline reactions, and competitive drive, he regularly went toe-to-toe with the region's premier talent across singles and doubles play, earning widespread respect from teammates, opposing coaches, and area competitors alike.

Coaches and school administrators commended Underwood for his relentless work ethic, disciplined training habits, and steady leadership both on the court and in the classroom. His ability to maintain composure under pressure and deliver in key match points served as a vital anchor for the Vikings during critical conference, county, and sectional showdowns.

"We're proud of you and excited to watch you compete at the next level," Barr-Reeve tennis representatives and supporters shared in a celebratory statement announcing his decision to become a Red Wolf.

At Indiana University East, Underwood will join a competitive Red Wolves tennis roster competing in the River States Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The program has steadily grown its regional footprint, emphasizing student-athletes who balance high-level athletic performance with classroom excellence and community involvement.

The transition from Daviess County prep tennis to the collegiate ranks will provide Underwood with an expanded platform to test his skills against top regional adversaries across Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. College dual matches demand exceptional physical conditioning, strategic versatility, and mental stamina across lengthy sets, attributes that Underwood consistently honed during his years leading the Vikings.

Teammates, faculty, friends, and family members gathered to celebrate the signing, pointing out that Underwood's advancement to the next level is the culmination of countless hours dedicated to offseason drill work, stroke mechanics, match play, and physical training. His dedication to mastering every aspect of his game set a high standard for younger players within the Barr-Reeve school system.

Underwood's signing adds to a proud tradition of Barr-Reeve student-athletes advancing to collegiate athletics, illustrating how small-town dedication, quality coaching, and unwavering community support can open doors to higher education and intercollegiate competition.

As he prepares to graduate and head east to Richmond, Underwood will focus on closing out his high school tenure strong before officially joining the IU East squad and representing the Red Wolves on the collegiate courts.

LOOGOOTEE VOLLEYBALL: THREE LIONS NAMED TO ALL-BLUE CHIP CONFERENCE TEAM AS SIMS BREAKS RECORDS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Following a memorable campaign on the court, three Loogootee High School volleyball standouts earned official postseason recognition this week with selection to the 2026 All-Blue Chip Conference team.

Seniors Alaina Diamond and Jocelynn Sims, along with sophomore Lydia Hawkins, garnered all-conference honors from league coaches following ballots cast across Southwestern Indiana.

The accolades highlight another strong autumn for the Lions, who maintained their status among the area's premier programs behind a balanced mix of veteran leadership, explosive net play, and historically dominant back-row defense.

Leading the charge at the net, senior Alaina Diamond capped her high school career with an authoritative final season. Diamond provided consistent firepower from the outside, using her athleticism, court awareness, and aggressive attacking angles to pace the Lions' offense through competitive conference showdowns. Her presence at the net routinely altered opposing defensive game plans, while her blocking and vocal leadership stabilized Loogootee during critical sets. Her ability to deliver decisive kills in late-set situations earned her widespread respect from opposing coaching staffs throughout the league.

Joining Diamond on the all-conference senior roster is defensive specialist Jocelynn Sims, whose historic postseason run solidified her place in program lore. Sims anchored the Loogootee defense with relentless pursuit and precision serve-receive passing, breaking two major school records during the year.

Sims officially became Loogootee Volleyball's all-time career digs leader, finishing her prep career at the top of the leaderboard with 1,416 career digs. In doing so, she surpassed the previous record of 1,406 digs established in 2019 by former Lions standout and current assistant coach Jocelyn Strange. Sims also raised the bar on her own single-match school record, tallying an astonishing 46 digs against sectional rival Shoals to break her previous mark of 45 set against the same opponent the year before. Her exceptional court vision and ability to extend rallies under pressure made her an indispensable anchor for the team.

Rounding out the Lions' all-conference contingent is sophomore Lydia Hawkins, who emerged as a versatile two-way contributor. Despite competing against experienced upperclassmen across the Blue Chip slate, Hawkins stepped into a prominent varsity role with poise. Her consistent serving, reliable transition play, and timely offensive kills provided crucial depth, making her one of the few underclassmen honored across the conference and establishing her as a core foundation for the program's future.

Coaching staff members, school administrators, and community supporters commended the trio for their dedication in the gym, offseason commitment, and team-first leadership.

The honors reflect the continuing tradition of excellence within the Loogootee volleyball program, which prides itself on fundamentally sound defense and selfless team play. As Diamond and Sims graduate having left an indelible mark on the record books, Hawkins' emergence ensures the Lions remain a formidable conference contender for seasons to come.

LOOGOOTEE LADY LIONS HOST EVANSVILLE CENTRAL FOR PRESEASON BASKETBALL SCRIMMAGE AT JACK BUTCHER ARENA

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — High school basketball season officially returns to Martin County on Thursday evening as the Loogootee Lady Lions host the Evansville Central Bears for a preseason scrimmage at Jack Butcher Arena.

Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. inside Loogootee's historic gymnasium, giving community members, students, and local basketball supporters their first live look at the 2026–27 Lady Lions squad before the regular season officially begins.

The exhibition contest provides an essential testing ground for head coaches and player rotations. Facing a Class 4A opponent like Evansville Central from the Southern Indiana Athletic Conference offers Loogootee an immediate test against larger-school speed, length, and athleticism. Preseason scrimmages allow coaching staffs to experiment with offensive sets against live man-to-man and zone schemes, assess transition defense, and refine court communication without the pressure of an official win-loss result.

For the Lady Lions, Thursday's matchup marks the start of a promising winter campaign. With a blend of tested upperclassmen and developing underclassmen looking to claim rotational minutes, the scrimmage serves as an early audition for ball-handling duties, rebounding responsibilities, and perimeter scoring options.

Fans in attendance will get an early glimpse of Loogootee's system in live game action. Known for disciplined half-court defense, fundamental rebounding, and unselfish passing, the Lady Lions will look to set a competitive tone early against the Bears. The exhibition also provides younger varsity players with invaluable experience adjusting to the physical speed and intensity of varsity basketball against outside competition following weeks of intrasquad practices and conditioning drills.

Jack Butcher Arena, celebrated statewide as one of Indiana's iconic basketball venues, will once again serve as the centerpiece of local winter sports traditions. The scrimmage gives fans an opportunity to shake off the autumn chill, reconnect with neighbors in the bleachers, and support student-athletes preparing for demanding conference and sectional schedules.

The exhibition also allows coaches to test situational lineups, evaluate full-court pressure breaks, and observe how underclassmen respond to live varsity game flow before regular-season games count toward state tournament rankings. Coaching staffs frequently use these four quarters to gauge player stamina, identify areas needing practice focus, and establish defensive accountability.

Coaches and athletic department personnel are encouraging the entire Loogootee community to fill the arena stands, bring plenty of energy, and give the squad an enthusiastic hometown welcome. A strong turnout in the bleachers provides an early motivational boost for the athletes as they finalize preparations for November's official season opener.

Admission details and program rosters will be available at the door on Thursday evening. Basketball supporters from across Martin County and neighboring communities are invited to arrive early, secure their favorite seats in the arena, and get a sneak peek at the 2027 Lady Lions as a brand-new basketball season gets underway



EVENT PLANNER OCTOBER 28-NOV.

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 from Wednesday, October 21 through October 28.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

- 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.

- Sunday, November 1
  - No events scheduled
- Monday, November 2
  - 11:30 AM: Lunch from Los Amigos sponsored by Hawkins Health & Bingo
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Game Day
- Tuesday, November 3
  - CLOSED FOR ELECTION DAY
- Wednesday, November 4
  - 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM: Harvest Health and Rehab Strength and Stretching

- Thursday, November 5
  - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Brunch & Conversation (Please sign up to indicate name/number and what you will bring)

- Friday, November 6
  - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Chair Exercise
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Game Day

- Saturday, November 7 – Sunday, November 8
  - No events scheduled
- Monday, November 9
  - 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM: Exercise with Yoga on Main

- Tuesday, November 10
  - 11:30 AM: Lunch provided by Homestead Restaurant & Bakery
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Tuesday Game Time

- Wednesday, November 11
  - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Exercise with Functional Fitness
  - 4:00 PM: Veteran's Day – We salute our Veterans! Partnering w/ Loughmiller's – BBQ dinner – Come in and eat. Drinks & dessert will be available.
- Thursday, November 12
  - 11:30 AM: Lunch and Bingo with Martin County Council on Aging
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Game Day
- Friday, November 13
  - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Chair Exercise
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Play – or learn to play – Tripoli

- Saturday, November 14 – Sunday, November 15
  - No events scheduled

- Monday, November 16
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Genealogy 101 with Mary Ellen Wildman

- Tuesday, November 17
  - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: LHS Athletic Director & Boys Basketball Coach Josh Thompson – to talk about upcoming season

  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Tuesday Game Time

- Wednesday, November 18
  - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Chair Exercise

  - 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Bookworm Book Club (Book of the Month: "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave)

- Thursday, November 19
  - 11:30 AM: Thanksgiving lunch provided by the K of C Ladies Auxiliary; Nov Birthdays

  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Game Day

- Friday, November 20
  - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Chair Exercise
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Game Day

- Saturday, November 21 – Sunday, November 22
  - No events scheduled

- Monday, November 23
  - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Rhythm & Strength with SRF
  - 6:00 PM: Learn to make noodles (Limited to 15 – Sign up required)

- Tuesday, November 24
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Tuesday Game Time

- Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27
  - CLOSED – ENJOY THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

- Saturday, November 28 – Sunday, November 29
  - No events scheduled

- Monday, November 30
  - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Chair Exercise
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Decorate for Christmas and enjoy ice cream from Bo-Mac's



EVENT PLANNER OCTOBER 28-31

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, October 21-28

- Thursday, Oct. 22 & Oct. 29: Wiggle Worms (11:00 a.m.)
- Friday, Oct. 23: Sweet Treat Social (5:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 & Oct. 20: Little Learners: Fall Craft (10:15 a.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.

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REST OF OCTOBER

- 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,

Is the Mid-States Corridor on this year's ballot? Yes, it is, but not as a referendum. Some candidates on this year's ballot have voiced opposition to the Mid-States Corridor project. Why have the candidates who favor the project been eerily silent? There are many important issues facing us as we go to vote: inflation, fuel prices, international strife, extreme political division and, yes, plain old partisan loyalty. But for us here in the Dubois, Martin, and Daviess County area, the most significant issue is the Mid-States Corridor.

Since the last election, we have seen the truth about the Corridor come to light. We have seen local and statewide polling showing widespread opposition to the project, over 80% locally and over 70% statewide. We see the misrepresentations put forth by the Mid-States Corridor and the Hoosiers for the Corridor Facebook pages. We have seen candidates refuse to take a public position. We now know that INDOT has canceled or postponed over 300 projects because of a lack of funding and a budget shortfall of more than $1 billion, yet the Corridor project remains untouched. We also saw the State Legislature pass an amendment requiring State Budget Committee review of road projects.

Now what? Now is the time for all good Hoosiers to go to the polls and vote. We must exercise our civic duty and vote. There are significant issues to weigh and decide, both locally and nationally.

This election will determine if voters and concerned citizens can really make a difference. We have all been taught that if we want change in our government, then we must vote. Locally, we will be deciding if we want "home rule" on our infrastructure. Home rule means that the people whose communities will be affected deserve a meaningful voice in deciding whether and where major highways are built—not simply a decision handed down by INDOT and the Governor.

Matthew McConaughey recently stated that being and voting as an Independent is really the most American attitude. I would have said being NPA (No Party Affiliation) is really what our nation's founders had in mind. George Washington, for one, was opposed to political parties for good reason. I urge all of us to become non-partisan and vote for what is best for all Hoosiers.

It's time to cross party lines here in Dubois, Martin, and Daviess counties, and in Pike, Spencer, and Greene counties as well, and vote for those candidates who will stop the Mid-States Corridor. The project is not good for southwest Indiana, not good for Indiana, and really not good for the nation.

Yes, go vote. Make your voices heard. Make the best decision for you and your families. Evaluate the candidates carefully and then vote for any and all who will stop the Mid-States Corridor.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, Oct 29, 7pm at Klubhaus61 – Candidate Forum/Debate sponsored by the American Legion. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Tuesday, Nov 3 – Election Day. Everyone please VOTE for our preferred candidates.

Friday, Nov 6, 4pm at Huntingburg Event Center – Mid-States Corridor RDA Board Meeting

Thursday Nov 12, 6:00pm at Klubhaus61 – Property Rights Alliance meeting – NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. When Daylight Saving Time ends, meetings move to 6pm instead of 7pm until Spring.

Thursday, Nov 26 – Thanksgiving – No Property Rights Alliance meeting

Thursday, Dec 10, 6pm (location to be determined) – Property Rights Alliance meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit County of Martin County, Indiana in Cause No. 51C01-2406-MF-000147 wherein Hoosier Hills Credit Union and Martin County Co-Op were the Plaintiffs, and Defendants Mark Taylor and Dawn Taylor were Defendants as well as City of Logootee Utilities, Old National Bank, District of Washington of the Society of St. Vincent Depaul, Danny Arthur, and Tammy Arthur, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 17th day of November at the hour of 11:30 a.m. at or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 318 Capital Ave Shoals, IN 47581, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Martin County, Indiana.

Property 1: 308 Sheridan Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

A part of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Three (3) North, Range Five (5) West, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the west line of Keck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana, Two Hundred Fifty-four and one-half (254 ½) feet north of the Southwest corner thereof, said point being on the west side of Sheridan Street, in said City; thence North One Hundred and Four (104) feet to a steel rod with cap (MRF) set flush; thence leaving said west line and running North 88 degrees 33 minutes 46 seconds West for a distance of One Hundred Thirty-nine and one-half (139 ½) feet to a steel rod with cap (MRF) set flush; thence South for 54 feet to a steel rod with cap (MRF) set flush; thence East for 7.50 feet to a steel rod with cap (MRF) set flush; thence South for 54 feet to a steel rod with cap (MRF) set flush; thence East for One Hundred Thirty-two (132) feet to the point of beginning, containing in said tract, 14,416 square feet and/or 0.331 of an acre, more or less.

More commonly known as: 308 Sheridan Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

State Parcel Number: 51-08-24-300-314.000-008

Property 2: 301 East Main Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

The South Half of Lot Number Twenty-Eight (28) in the plat of the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

More commonly known as: 301 East Main Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

State Parcel Number: 51-08-24-400-059.000-008

Property 3: 306 East Broadway Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

South line of said West South Street; running thence South One Hundred Twenty (120) feet; thence West Sixty (60) feet; thence North One Hundred Twenty (120) feet; thence East along the said South line of said West South Street Sixty (60) feet to the place of beginning.

Seventy-two (72) feet off of the north end of Lot Number One Hundred Thirty-one (131) in Loogootee, Indiana (Original Plat).

More commonly known as: 306 East Broadway Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

State Parcel Number: 51-08-24-400-186.000-008

Property 4: 402 East Main Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

Lot #14 and 10 feet of even width off of the West side of Lot #15 in the original plat of the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

EXCEPT THEREFROM: One and one-half (1.5) feet of even width off of the West side of Lot 14 in the original plat of the Town, now City, of Loogootee, Indiana.

More commonly known as: 402 East Main Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

State Parcel Number: 51-08-24-400-064.000-008

Property 5: 111 South Oak Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

Lot Number Six (6) in Block "D" in the Loogootee Land Company Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

More commonly known as: 111 South Oak Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

State Parcel Number: 51-08-25-100-068.000-008

All together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuations or appraisement laws.

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY:
Jackie R. Clowers, Attorney No. 31700-22
WATERS, TYLER, HOFMANN & SCOTT, LLC
1947 East Spring Street
New Albany, Indiana 47150
(812) 949-1114

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Sheriff of Martin County, Indiana
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addresses published herein.

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.

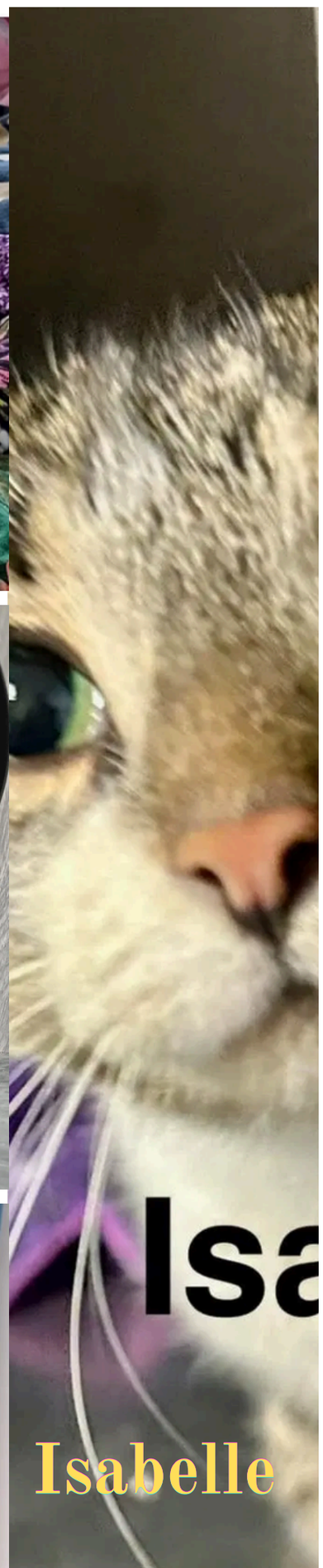
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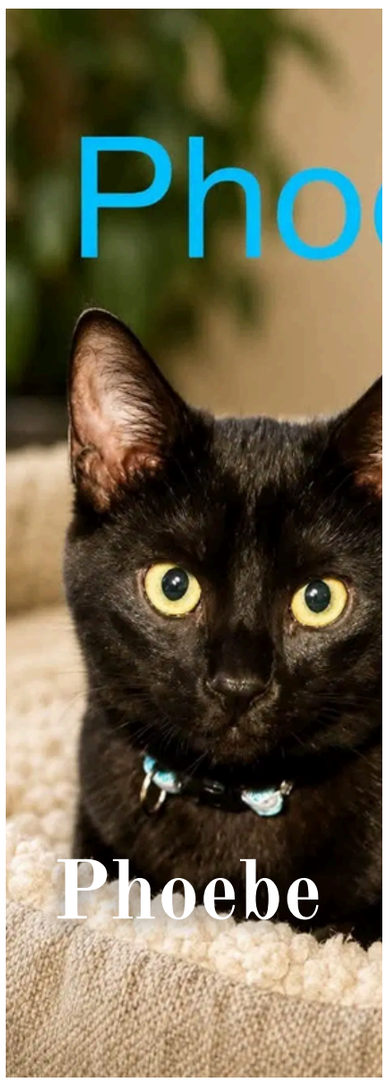
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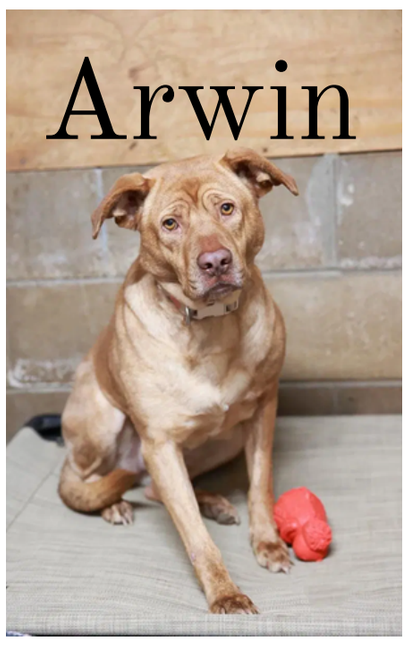
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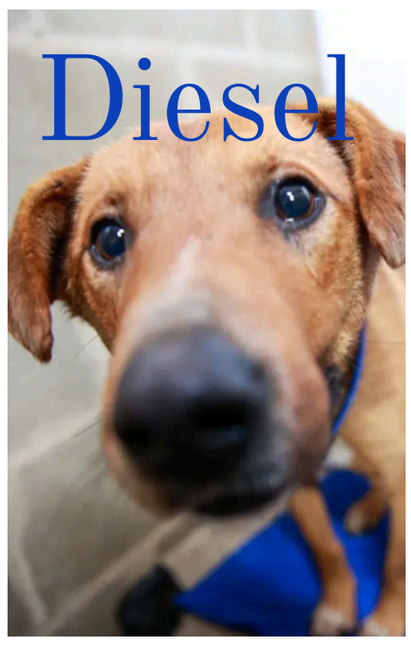
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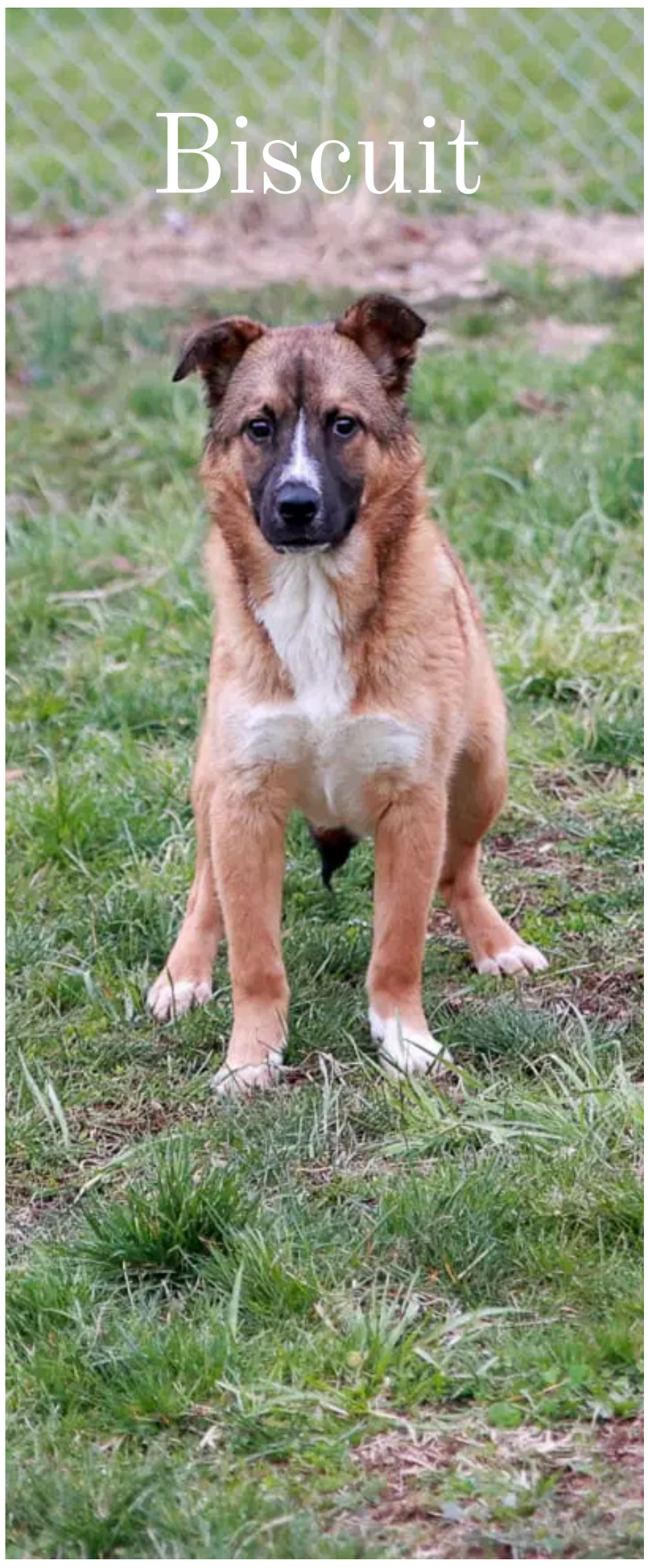
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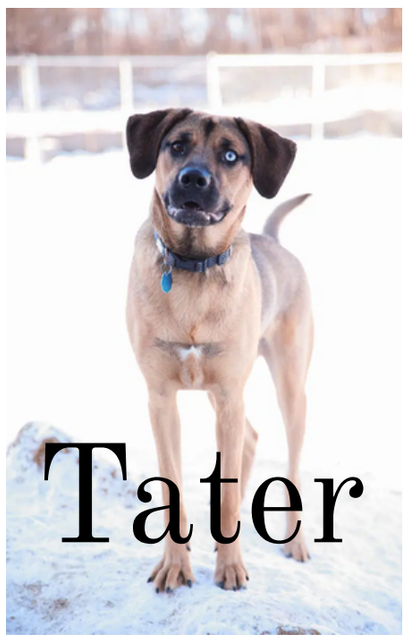
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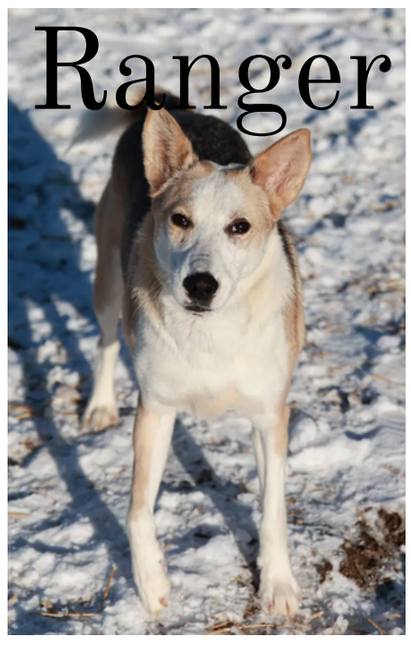












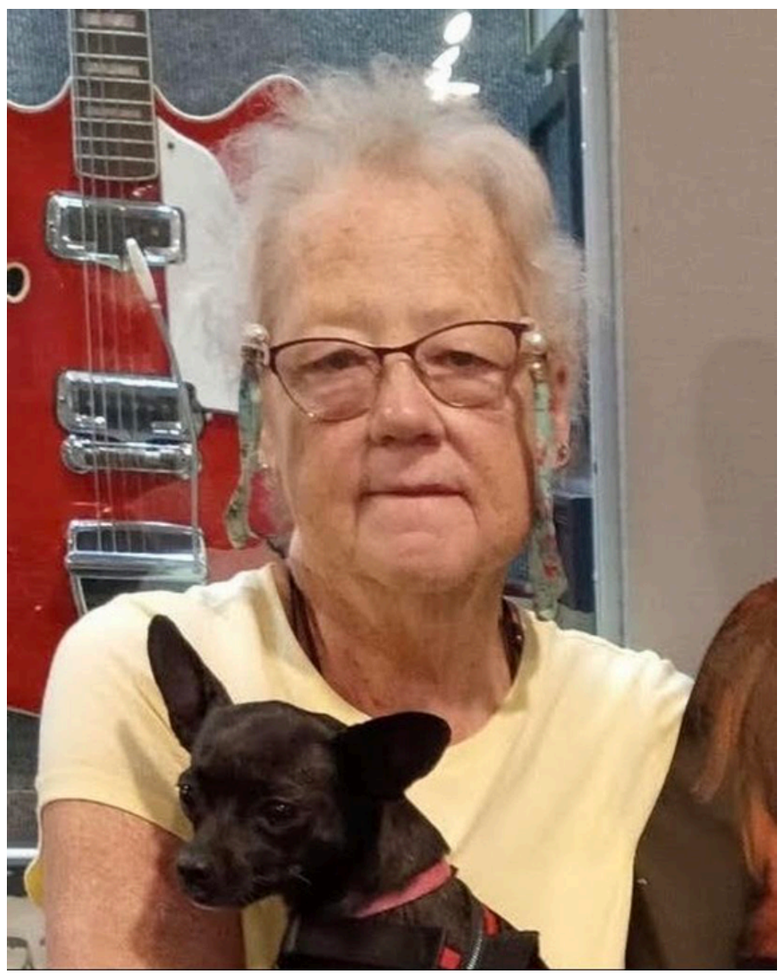


Obituaries

Brought to You By Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Ind.

Izetta Kay Spears

March 8, 1951
October 25, 2026



Izetta “Kay” Spears, 75, of Loogootee, Indiana passed away peacefully Sunday, October 25, 2026, in Jasper, Indiana surrounded by her family.

She was born on March 8, 1951, in Shelbyville, Indiana to Isaac Ray and Sarah (Morning) Shaw.

Kay married Harold Spears on April 18, 1967, and he survives. She attended the Hindostan Church. Kay was talented at crocheting and made many blankets and gifts for her friends and family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Isaac and Sarah Morning, her brother Preston Shaw, and her sister, Marcella Laudenbach.

Kay is survived by her husband, Harold Spears, children, Timothy Spears, Travis (Wana) Spears, Tamra Spears, 6 Grandchildren, 3 Great- Grandchildren, brother, Isaac Ray Shaw Jr. sister, Cordelia “Dee” Goodwin, and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation was chosen according to her wishes.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kay Spears.

To send flowers with our preferred florist or plant a memorial tree, please visit our flower store.

Kierra Brooke Raber

February 5, 2012
October 22, 2026



Kierra Brooke Raber went home to be with her Lord and Savior on October 22, 2026, at the age of 14. She was born in Odon, Indiana to her parents, Dallas and Treva (Graber) Raber.

Kierra is survived by her loving parents; siblings, Kaden Lee, Kyla Rose, and Koen Lamar; grandparents, Jake and Anna Raber, and Naomi Graber; and great grandparent, Margaret Graber. She is also survived by her uncles and aunts and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Henry Graber; great grandparents, Herbert and Geneva Raber, Abraham and Viola Knepp, Willis and Barbara Ann Eicher, and Willie Graber.

Kierra is remembered by those close to her, Lillian Stoll, Abby Wagler, Alivia Raber, Zoey Graber, Kenli Knepp, Karissa Raber, Jacinda Wagler, Adam Wagler, Jordan Wagler, Nolan Knepp, Kenzie Stoll, Lilly Wagler, Kaleah Wagler, Jamie Graber, and many other friends from church and the community around her as being a most patient, kind, and thoughtful friend, having a sweet spirit and smile that brightened any room, and a talented artist.

She loved drawing and journaling and left a written testimony of her faith in God. She loved making bouquets for neighbors, taking pictures of God’s beauty in the sunrises and sunsets around her home, and caring for her young cousins, Dakota, Denver, Deacon, and Averly. Her faith was evident in the way she lived her life, and her memory will be a blessing to those who will miss her.

Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance of Kierra at Trinity Faith Church on Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., and again on Monday, October 26, 2026, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M and 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 9:30 A.M at the Simon J. Graber Complex in Odon, Indiana. Kierra will be laid to rest at Trinity Faith Church Cemetery.

Blake & Wagler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kierra Brooke Raber.

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Martin County & Courts

Monday, October 19, 2026

3:46 a.m.- Received a call from WH International reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Major Reed responded.
6:42 a.m.- Received a call reporting a theft in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
7:43 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
8:14 a.m.- Received a call reporting property damage in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
8:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Trinty Springs. Captain Gibson, Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
8:43 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Daviess County transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
9:25 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.
9:48 a.m.- Received a call reporting an animal compliant East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
11:00 a.m.- Chief Keller transported two inmates to court.
1:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
1:49 p.m.- Deputy Clark off station with one inmate to court.
1:57 p.m.- Chief Keller on station with Sasha Pottorff, a 39-year-old female from Shoals. She was arrested for a court commitment. She is being held without bond.
3:15 p.m.- Received a call reporting an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
6:14 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Deputy Clark responded.
6:35 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Phillip Fellers, a 35-year-old male from Jasper, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-controlled substance, Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, Possession of marijuana, and Possession of paraphernalia. He was held on a $15,000 10% bond.
7:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute South of Shoals. Deputy Clark, LPD Chief Cummings, and Marshal Copeland responded.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

12:11 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 Bedford IU Hospital.
3:53 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
7:03 a.m.- Received a 911 call report of a car-deer accident on Crane Navel Base. Transferred call to Crane Regional Dispatch Center.
8:12 a.m.- Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Chief Keller responded.
8:13 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.
9:01 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
12:06 p.m.- Received a call reporting an animal compliant East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
1:05 p.m.- Received a call reporting an accident with no injures South of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
1:50 p.m.- Captain Gibson transported two inmates to court.
4:05 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard East of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
4:56 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
5:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy North of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.
5:51 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
5:56 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification inspection South of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.
6:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting extra patrol for speeding traffic Northeast of Shoals.
7:19 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins on station with Betty Fields, a 52-year-old female from Shoals, arrested for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person. She is being held on a $10,000 10% bond.
7:22 p.m.- Received a traffic complaint East of Shoals.
9:48 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

4:02 a.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic hazard North of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.
7:22 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident with air bag deployment North of Loogootee. Major Reed, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, and Big John's Towing responded. No patient was transported.
7:24 a.m.- Received a call reporting a car-deer accident in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents, Captain Gibson, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey, and Big John's Towing responded.
7:46 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting car-deer accident East of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.
9:30 a.m.- Jail Officer Bradley transported one inmate to court.
9:52 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
10:08 a.m.- Received radio traffic from Conservation Officer Fuhrman requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded. No patient was transported.
10:19 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.
10:33 a.m.- Received a traffic complaint East of Shoals.
10:57 a.m.- Chief Keller transported two inmates to court.
12:04 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.
1:48 p.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn South of Loogootee.
2:07 p.m.- Deputy Branham and Jail Commander Gregory transported one inmate to court.
2:30 p.m.- Jail Officer Bradley transported two inmates to court.
2:56 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
2:26 p.m.- Individual on station to report harassment. Volunteer statement was submitted.
2:58 p.m.- Jail Officer Bradley transported one inmate to court.
3:14 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins and Deputy Branham responded.
3:22 p.m.- Deputy Branham on station with James Wallisa, a 44-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested on a Martin County Bench Warrant. He is being held without bond.
4:46 p.m.- Received a call reporting an animal complaint Northeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
8:04 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.

MARTIN COUNTY LOG

Thursday, October 22, 2026

1:05 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Nash, Deputy Droke, and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.

5:08 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a vehicle fire Southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Droke responded.

7:34 a.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:13 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:38 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin was advised.

1:50 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Corporal Erwin was advised.

1:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East. Lawrence County Dispatch was advised.

2:03 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

2:25 p.m.- ISP Trooper Lents on station with Rebecca Allbright, a 67-year-old female of Loogootee, arrested for a Martin County Warrant. She is being held without bond.

2:31 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance for a Daviess County address. Transferred to Daviess County Central Dispatch.

2:49 p.m.- Received a call reporting disables farming equipment East of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

4:02 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:51 p.m.- Received a call from WH International reporting a commercial burglary alarm North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:39 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.

9:07 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:03 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

10:14 p.m.- Deputy Nash on station with Kenneth Arvin, a 75-year-old from Loogootee, arrested for Battery Against a Public Safety Official, Resisting Law Enforcement, Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person, Violation of Conditions Imposed by Court Order, Operating a Vehicle with an ACE of .08 or More. He was held on a $15,000 10% bond.

Friday, October 23, 2026

2:56 a.m.- Received a call from Johnson Control reporting a commercial burglary alarm in Crane. Deputy Droke responded.

8:06 a.m.- Received a call reporting an accident with no injury South of Loogootee. Chief Keller and LPD Chief Cummings responded.

10:48 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification inspection in Trinty Springs. Deputy Branham responded.

11:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance West of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:42 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Greene County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Greene County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:13 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:04 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals.

1:38 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint East of Shoals.

2:34 p.m.- Received a call reporting a scam.

2:57 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Deputy Branham responded.

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

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

5:03 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a grass fire North of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:23 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Droke responded.

7:53 p.m.- Received a call reporting an animal compliant East of Shoals.

8:03 p.m.- Received a call reporting an animal compliant East of Shoals.

8:04 p.m.- Received a call from Earth Cam Security reporting a commercial trespass in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:51 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident North of Loogootee. Deputy Droke and Big John's Towing responded.

11:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

11:46 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

Saturday, October 24, 2026

12:18 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Paoli IU Hospital.

7:51 a.m.- Received a call from Earth Cam Security reporting a commercial trespass in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:55 a.m.- Received a call reporting illegal hunting South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:55 a.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn South of Shoals.

8:34 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Branhan responded.

9:29 a.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless semi driver on US 231S traveling North. Deputy Branham responded.

9:30 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a reckless semi driver on US 231S traveling North. Deputy Branham responded.

9:46 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

9:55 a.m.- Received a call reporting run-away juvenile in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

10:28 a.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

11:25 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Branham, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey, K9 Loki, LPD Reserve Officer Carrico responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

12:08 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification inspection East of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

12:42 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

1:55 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a farm equipment fire Southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:34 p.m.- Received a call reporting littering in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

3:45 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Deputy Branhan responded.

3:59 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a grass fire in Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County Central Dispatch.

7:32 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No patient was transported.

8:21 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver on State Road 450 traveling South. Deputy Droke was advised.

11:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call immediate hang up in Crane. Deputy Droke responded.

Sunday, October 25, 2026

1:58 a.m.- Received a call reporting a car-deer accident West of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

5:43 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Bedford IU Hospital.

11:41 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification inspection in Trinty Springs. Dep uty Clark responded.

11:51 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Crane. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:04 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification inspection North of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

2:16 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

4:30 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings was advised.

7:04 p.m.- Received an animal complaint South of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

7:34 p.m.- Received an animal complaint South of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

8:41 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

9:52 p.m.- Received a call reporting a large tree down across the roadway South of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Clark responded.

LOOGOOTEE POLICE LOG

Monday, October 19, 2026
6:42 am- A caller reported a possible theft.
8:43 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a dropped 911 call on Cedar St.
1:24 pm- A caller requested to speak to an officer regarding a report they had made.
3:07 pm- Chief Cummings spoke with a complainant regarding a possible theft.
3:15 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle that has been left in a business parking lot.
3:30 pm- Chief Cummings spoke with a complaint regarding possible trespassing.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
2:42 pm- A caller reported a dog loose on North Line St.
4:06 pm- A subject came on station for fingerprints for employment.

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
7:24 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a property damage accident on US 231N at Goodwill Cemetery Rd.
9:53 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. and Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a medical call at the high school.
1:10 pm- A caller advised of continuous possible spam calls.

Thursday, October 22, 2026
12:59 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to assist Daviess Co. EMS on SR 558.
1:31 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. assisted Martin Co. EMS on Cooper St.
2:04 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a property damage accident in a local business parking lot.

Friday, October 23, 2026
11:30 am- Chief Cummings spoke with a local business owner regarding the process of trespassing individuals from their property.
11:43 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on 3rd Rd.
3:00 pm- Chief Cummings completed several vehicle inspections at a local business.
3:35 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a dropped 911 call on SW 1st St.
5:03 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a small fire along the roadway on US 231N.

Saturday, October 24, 2026
11:25 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. and Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a medical call in Country Court.

Sunday, October 25, 2026
4:30 pm- A caller advised of an ongoing issue with vehicles speeding on Redbud St.

Property Records

Transfers October 21-28

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, C & L Construction LLC, of the State of Indiana, residing at 3152 N 525 E, Montgomery, IN 47558, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 7770 State Road 550, Shoals, IN 47851 (Legal Description: A part of the East half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.725 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-11-06-400-015.002-003) from the current owners, Ronald Steven Jones and Aaron Jones.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, David R. Schneider and Mona E. Schneider, husband and wife, residing at 3546 Emmons Ridge Road, French Lick, IN 47432, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Two (02), Township One (01) North, Range Three (03) West, situated in Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.92 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-12-02-400-014.001-005) from the current owners, Charles I. Neideffer and Cathy L. Neideffer, husband and wife.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Curtis M. Johnson and Julie A. Johnson, husband and wife, residing at 1003 Bellgrade Ave, Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.57 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-08-24-200-279.011-008) from the current owner, Thomas E. Carrico.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Logan Harker and Allison Harker, husband and wife, residing at 3571 Davis School Road, Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated along Davis School Road, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: Part of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian in Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.21 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-07-28-400-043.000-001) from the current owner, Thomas W. Harker.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Jane Sutton, of Martin County, Indiana, residing at 18762 US Hwy 231, Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 18762 US Hwy 231, Loogootee, IN 47553 (Legal Description: TRACT I: A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.5 acre; TRACT II: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing approximately 0.5 acre, more or less; TRACT III: An undivided 1/3 interest in a part of the East side of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West; State ID: 51-03-24-100-037.000-007) from the current owners, Kevin Joseph Hunt and Kelly Jay Hunt, as tenants in common, and William Joseph Hunt and Roxie Kay Hunt, husband and wife, as to their life estate interest.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Jimmie Nichols, III and Holly Nichols, husband and wife, residing at 23119 Sonoma Ln, Cicero, IN 46034, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at E St Rd, Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: TRACT I: A part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, lying North of White River and South of the State Highway, containing 1.34 acres, more or less, together with an access easement (TRACT II); State ID: 51-05-14-400-029.000-006) from the current owners, Patrick Sean Mackey and Elizabeth Wiseman Mackey, husband and wife.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Jordan Hawkins and Brooke Hawkins, husband and wife, residing at 1 Loogootee Plz, Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 504 Queen Street, Loogootee, IN 47553 (Legal Description: Lot Number Three (3) in Joseph D. Gootee's Addition to the Town, now City, of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana; State ID: 51-08-24-100-261.000-008) from the current owners, Brian Brown and Tessa Brown, husband and wife.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Joshua E. Fegan, of Martin County, Indiana, residing in Martin County, Indiana, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 9.75 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-09-36-200-002.002-010) from the current owner, Diana K. Fegan (retaining a life estate).

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, James M. Hart, residing at 3276 US Highway 50, Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A part of the Northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.36 acres, more or less, EXCEPT therefrom 1.00 acre, more or less; State ID: 51-07-21-200-010.000-007) from the current owners, James M. Hart and Shawna S. Hart, husband and wife.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, James M. Hart and Shawna S. Hart, husband and wife, residing at 3276 US Highway 50, Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Perry Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.987 acres; State ID: 51-07-21-200-010.001-007 & 51-07-21-200-010-000-007) from the current owner, James M. Hart.

Easy

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Hard

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Master

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Easy

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Medium

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Hard

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Expert

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Master

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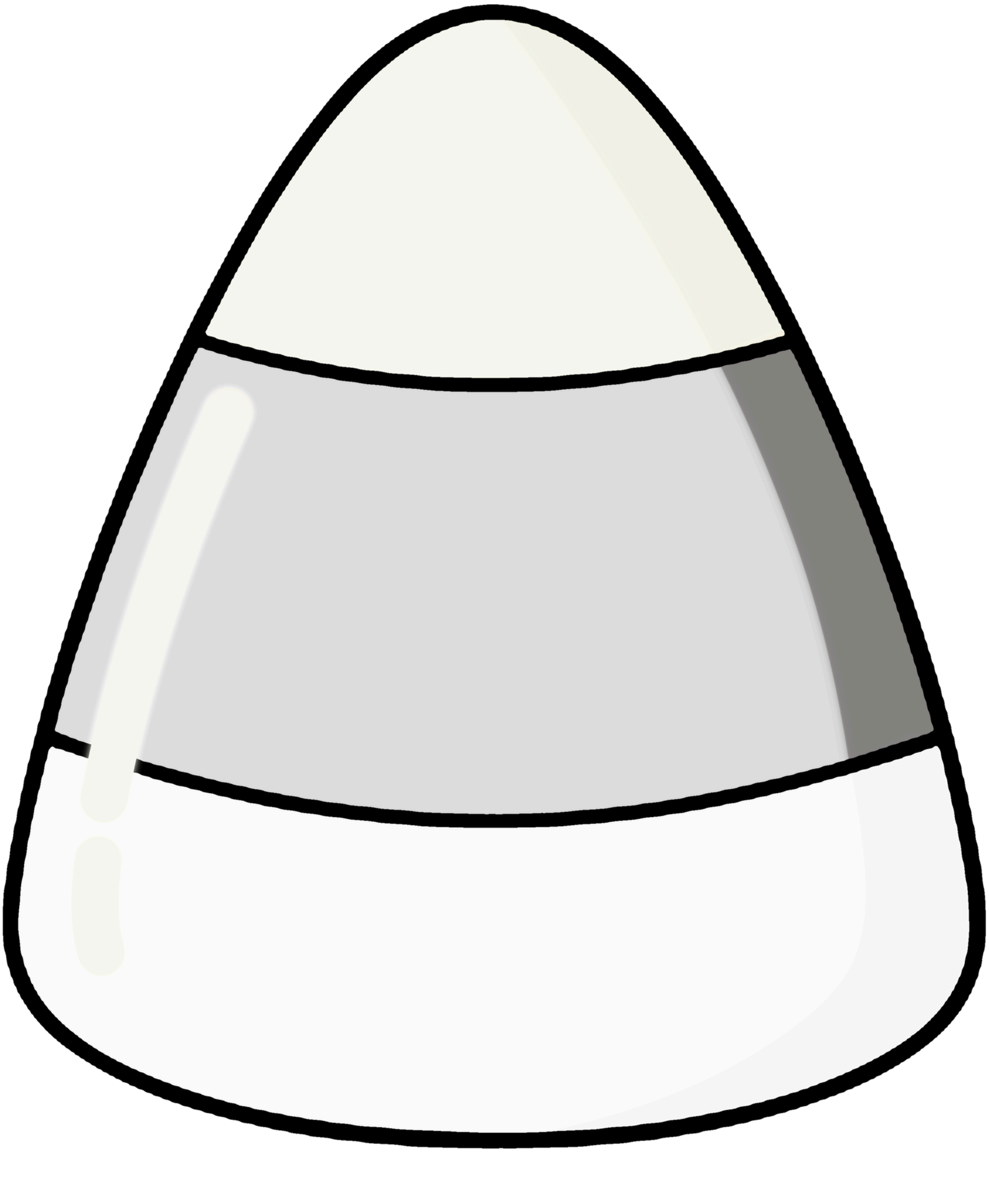
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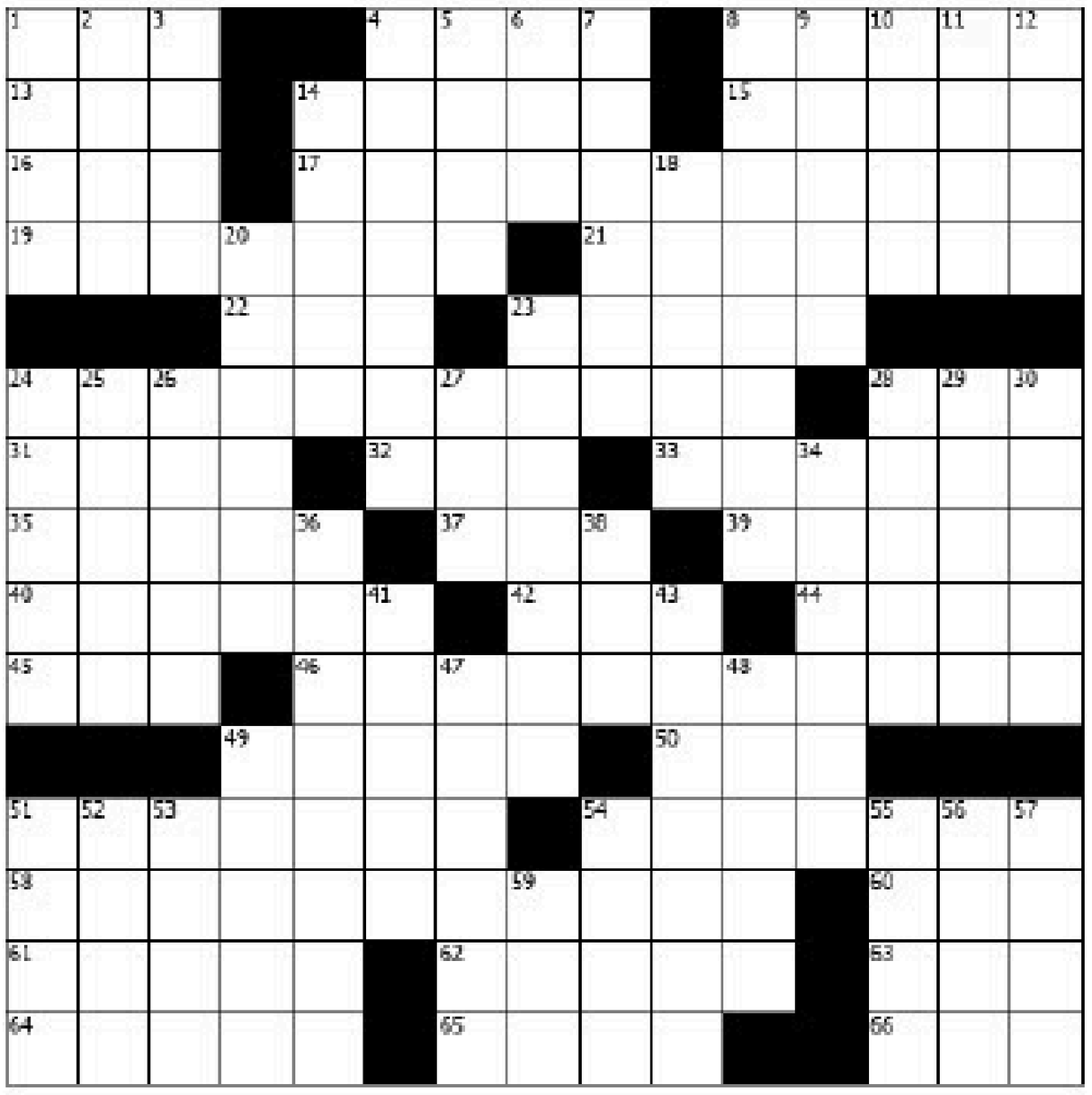
Coloring Sheet

“THIS IS HALLOWEEN”



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Across
1. Ross, for one
4. Mail org.
8. Acknowledges with one's fedora
13. Possesses
14. Bowler's 7-10, e.g.
15. Florida citrus center
16. Play part
17. George's brother
19. Bric-a-brac stand
21. Takes umbrage
22. Formerly
23. Radio station sign
24. Place to haggle
28. Important time, history-wise
31. Off-Broadway theater award
32. Instant greenery
33. Missing-person locator
35. Fatty compound
37. Highly reliable evidence
39. Range
40. Handsome young man
42. Stowe's little heroine
44. Zeno's birthplace
45. Stimpy's cartoon buddy
46. Classroom diversion
49. They may be locked or blown
50. Brewed drink
51. Attire
54. Not deep at all
58. Certain researcher
60. Pub potion
61. "The Canterbury Tales" pilgrim
62. Second or sixth president
63. One getting the red carpet treatment
64. Canadian physician Sir William
65. Turner and Cole
66. Picnic problem

Down
1. "Pygmalion" penner
2. A pop
3. Movie dog
4. Displaces
5. Blinds crosspiece
6. Snowball in "Animal Farm"
7. Breastbones
8. Some FBI files
9. Fall color
10. Kowtow
11. Dart
12. Without
14. Scorch
18. Do a double-take, e.g.
20. Absorb
23. Been there, done that
24. Grinding tooth
25. Tolerate
26. Wisconsin college town and college
27. Peas' place
28. Eleve's place
29. Drive back
30. "He's ___ nowhere man" (Beatles)
34. Perfume ingredient
36. Chaos
38. Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
41. Hag
43. National songs
47. Temporarily at the museum
48. Hons
49. Split
51. Dr. J wore one
52. Slapstick-movie missiles
53. Rind
54. Game with 32 cards
55. Magma exposed
56. Actress Lena
57. Turned on the waterworks
59. Nutritional advisory, abbr.

Crossword Puzzle #67

S	E	A			U	S	P	S		D	O	F	F	S
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