

LOOGOOTE LIONS VOLLEYBALL TEAM
PREPARES FOR SECTIONALS TOURNAMENT
THIS WEEKEND



LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Postseason volleyball matchups were officially set as the IHSAA released the Class 1A Sectional 62 tournament draw, with Loogootee High School serving as the host site for the upcoming title chase.

The host Loogootee Lady Lions drew an opening-round bye, positioning themselves directly into the semifinal round on Saturday, Oct. 17. Loogootee awaits the winner of an opening-night county matchup between the Shoals Lady Jug Rox and the North Daviess Lady Cougars.

Tournament action begins Thursday, Oct. 15, featuring a doubleheader clash to set the semifinal field. Orleans and Medora take the court first at 6 p.m. to open sectional play. North Daviess and Shoals will follow immediately afterward in the second contest of the evening, with game time scheduled for approximately 7:45 p.m.

The tournament shifts to morning action on Saturday, Oct. 17, with two semifinal matchups determining who battles for the championship hardware. Bloomington Lighthouse, which received the upper bracket bye, takes on the winner of Orleans and Medora in the day's first semifinal at 10:30 a.m.

Loogootee enters the fray for the second semifinal at 12:15 p.m., facing either Shoals or North Daviess on its home court with a title game appearance on the line.

Both semifinal winners will return to the gymnasium later that evening for the Sectional 62 championship match, scheduled for a 6 p.m. start. The sectional champion advances to regional postseason competition.



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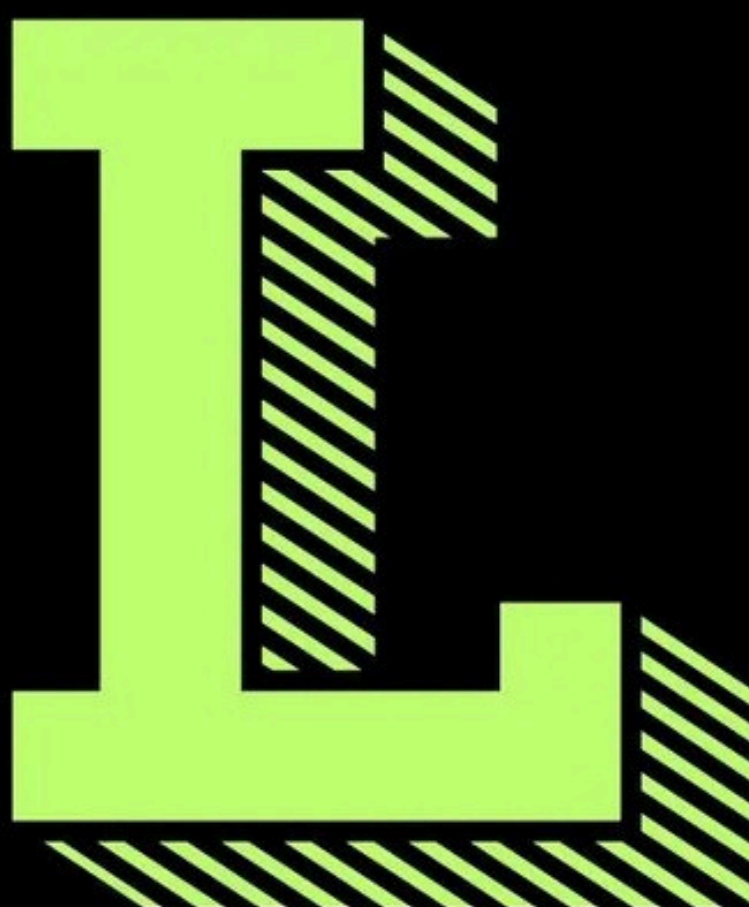
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MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTS 2027 BUDGET, REVIEWS SHERIFF PENSION AND VETERANS TRANSPORTATION

SHOALS, Ind. — The Martin County Council conducted an efficient regular session Monday evening, formally adopting the 2027 county operational budgets, receiving a positive annual evaluation on the sheriff’s merit pension fund, and addressing driver shortages for the county’s Veterans Service Office.

Following the opening Pledge of Allegiance, the council addressed the formal adoption of the 2027 fiscal year budgets and tax levies for Martin County and the Martin County Solid Waste Management District under Ordinance Resolutions 2026-32 and 2026-33.

The formal adoption resolution stated that “for expenses of Martin County for the year ending December 31st, 2027 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same.”

Under the adopted civil levy specifications, the county projected an estimated maximum property tax levy of \$2,942,768, with a total property tax levy set at \$3,205,000.

Individual fund budgets and levies approved under the resolution included:

- General Fund: Adopted budget of \$4,780,613 with an adopted tax levy of \$1,500,000.
- Reassessment Fund: Adopted budget of \$281,825 with an adopted tax levy of \$175,000.
- Cumulative Bridge Fund: Adopted budget of \$236,663 with an adopted tax levy of \$220,000.
- County Health Fund: Adopted budget of \$90,485 with an adopted tax levy of \$80,000.
- Cumulative Capital Development (CCD): Adopted budget of \$188,000 with an adopted tax levy of \$230,000.

In addition to county operations, the council adopted the 2027 Solid Waste Management District budget of \$739,241. Officials noted that the solid waste budget does not draw from property taxes, operating strictly from collected user fees. The council approved both budget measures unanimously.

Sheriff’s Merit Pension Plan Health Report

During the regular meeting, Martin County Sheriff Josh Greene introduced Mary Dishman from German American Wealth Advisory Group to present the annual actuarial valuation of the Martin County Sheriff’s Merit Board retirement plans.

Dishman explained that a new state statute, Senate Bill 144, now mandates an annual public presentation to fiscal bodies outlining the fiscal health of local public safety retirement systems.

“We have taken care of the Sheriff’s pension plan since 2019,” Dishman said. “And as he mentioned this year, we had SB 144 pass. And so basically that just means that we have to come... or the board has to kind of present the health of the plan to you guys, and we are doing that.”

Dishman outlined the core metrics for the defined benefit retirement plan as of the Jan. 1, 2026, valuation (tracking through Dec. 31, 2025):

- Funding Ratio: 90.0%, up from 86.3% the previous year and 67.7% when German American assumed management in 2019.
- Total Plan Assets: \$2,587,738.31.
- Investment Returns: The plan achieved an actual calendar-year investment return of 17.77% (9.9% on an actuarial smoothing basis), exceeding the required 6.0% actuarial assumption.
- 2025 Contributions: County contributions totaled \$163,669, while employee contributions totaled \$19,369, generating \$183,038 in total deposits.
- Plan Demographics: The plan supports eight active merit officers, with three retirees and one surviving spouse beneficiary drawing annual benefits totaling \$108,343.

Dishman also detailed the smaller, separate monthly disability and death benefit plan:

- Funding Ratio: 71.5%.
- Total Assets: \$152,998.34.
- Investment Return: 13.71% in 2025.
- Contributions & Payouts: County contributions totaled \$18,945, with \$7,200 paid out across three beneficiaries.

Addressing council questions regarding whether county tax contributions could decrease in future years, Dishman urged steady fiscal discipline until the plan reaches full capitalization.

“We have to get to 100% first and stay there for several years,” Dishman said. “When German American took over the plan in 2019, the plan was 67.7% funded. We’ve worked it up the last several years to 90%. Obviously the market plays a hand in that.”

Dishman credited strategic portfolio restructuring for the consistent gains.

“Your asset allocation was about 50% stocks, 50% bonds. We increased that to 75% stocks, 25% bonds,” Dishman explained. “And so obviously that is gonna help with the growth and the funding status, because the majority of the growth in the plan is coming from the stock market.”

Council members commended the progress, noting that eliminating the unfunded liability saves taxpayers from paying the functional equivalent of carrying interest.

Veterans Transportation Solutions and Wage Amendments

The council next tackled ongoing logistical hurdles facing the Martin County Veterans Service Office (VSO), specifically regarding transporting local veterans to distant medical centers.

Council members were asked to approve a salary and wage amendment in the General Fund establishing a designated driver compensation line under the VSO department.

“This is the third time that we’ve not had a driver for a veteran that has to go to Indianapolis,” an official reported. “We only have a couple volunteers, three I think, and one of those won’t go to Indy. The veteran has an appointment this Wednesday and Paul had to ask one of the highway guys if they’d be able to drive. So this is to pay a highway guy to drive this veteran to Indianapolis.”

The stopgap measure prompted an extended discussion on creating permanent, funded transport arrangements rather than relying entirely on unpaid volunteers or pulling county highway employees away from road work.

“Transportation, wages, driving services... something like that, because this keeps coming up,” one council member urged. “We’ve got to serve our veterans. I’m not one, but I support them.”

Council members debated establishing either an hourly wage or a predictable daily per diem (such as \$50 to \$60 for regional half-day trips and \$100 to \$125 for all-day runs to Indianapolis) to account for heavy city traffic and lengthy hospital appointments.

“Greene County’s got a VSO officer, three people work under him. They’re finding money. Other counties are finding money,” a councilman stated. “Sure we can find \$10,000 to \$12,000 for drivers to take a

veteran somewhere... If you’re talking three or four a month, that’s only \$500, that’s \$6,000 a year.”

The council voted unanimously to adopt the salary amendment and approved an immediate intra-fund transfer moving \$200 from the VSO postage budget to the veteran van driver line to cover this week’s emergency run. Officials agreed to coordinate with the Martin County Commissioners and the Veterans Service Officer to establish a formalized line item and mileage framework ahead of the upcoming year.

Before adjourning, council members noted that the Martin County Courthouse will be closed Monday, Oct. 12, for Columbus Day. The next regular Martin County Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 p.m.

LOOGOOTEE RDC PRIORITIZES SIDEWALKS, PARKING, AND COMMUNITY GROWTH IN LATEST MEETING

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The City of Loogootee’s Redevelopment Commission (RDC) met Tuesday evening for its monthly meeting, focusing on transformative infrastructure projects, grant opportunities, and community development to shape the city’s future for decades to come. The meeting took place at the Loogootee Municipal Building on Mon. October 5.

In an informative session that covered everything from sidewalk expansions and parking improvements to historic preservation and public-private partnerships, RDC members and city officials mapped out priorities and weighed funding options amid shifting local and federal requirements. Key votes advanced two major projects in time for federal grant deadlines, while other initiatives remained on the table for further engineering analysis and public input. “After talking with the mayor and looking at the needs of our community, these five projects are what we believe could make the biggest difference for Loogootee,” said RDC member Dana Strange during the meeting. “Our focus has to be on what’s going to have the most impact and what we can actually get funded.”

Prioritizing Projects for Federal Funding

The commission’s top priorities reflect both immediate infrastructure needs and longer-term community vision. Even after receiving a grant, members discussed each proposal, ultimately ranking them according to urgency, potential impact, and likelihood of securing federal or state funding. The top five projects are:

- 1.Lights and Sidewalks from Butcher Boulevard to DG Bar — Aimed at improving pedestrian safety and aesthetics on a major thoroughfare.
- 2.CSX Parking Lot Phase One (Legion Area) — Proposed covered parking with possible solar panels, designed to serve residents and local businesses.
- 3.Renovation of the Old School Gymnasium — Including new windows and structural upgrades, with an eye toward historic preservation and community use.
- 4.Southridge Expansion (Water/Sewer Infrastructure) — In partnership with Martin County, this project would bring sewer services to new development areas.
- 5.CSX Parking Lot Phase Two (Methodist Church Area, Potential Playground) — Envisioned as a mixed-use space with parking and recreational facilities.

“We all agreed that the lights and sidewalks project should be at the top of the list,” said Justin, another RDC member. “It’s about making Loogootee safer and more welcoming, and honestly, it just looks good for the city.”

The Role of Engineering Assessments

As federal grant applications require detailed engineering assessments and cost analyses, the RDC discussed the need for upfront investment in planning. “Every federal project we want to pursue needs to start with a solid engineering plan,” Dana explained. “That’s what unlocks the funding and shows we’re serious.”

Tara, a consultant with USI who attended the meeting, emphasized, “If we want to see these projects move, we must invest in engineering now. These are the documents that federal agencies want to see

before they’ll even consider us for direct spending or matching grants.”

The commission estimated engineering assessments at approximately \$10,000 per project, budgeting for at least two studies this year to meet the January deadlines for 2028 federal funding cycles.

Historic Preservation and Community Partnerships

Discussion of the old school gymnasium revealed both challenges and opportunities. The building, part of Indiana’s basketball heritage, has generated interest from the Indiana Historical Society and local groups. “It would be nice to try to get grant funding for the gym,” said a member, referencing possible partnerships with the Martin County Foundation and historic preservation agencies. “But all the grants I’ve found require a structural analysis first.”

Ownership complexities—since the school corporation owns the facility—will require collaboration between the city and the school district. “Working together is the only way to make this happen,” Dana noted. “We’ve seen attempts before, but now there’s a real push to preserve this piece of our history for future generations.”

Funding, Leveraging, and Investment Strategies

The commission also explored strategies to maximize the impact of redevelopment funds, including investing with the community foundation for long-term returns. Megan, a consultant, is preparing models for investments ranging from \$200,000 to \$350,000, aiming to generate sustainable revenue for future projects.

“My opinion is that money is the only money we can use to invest or do anything with,” said a board member. “We want to make sure we’re getting the biggest bang for our buck, so we’ll look at Megan’s numbers before making a recommendation to the council.”

Partnerships with County and Regional Entities

Infrastructure projects like the Southridge sewer expansion are more likely to succeed, officials said, if they are presented as joint city-county ventures. “If Southridge is a county-Loogootee initiative, we have a better rate of success than just Loogootee trying to do it alone,” said Mayor Ader, referencing advice from Congressman Mark Messmer during a recent meeting. “The same goes for Shoals and the county working together on their wastewater issues.”

The commission expressed hope that regional collaboration would increase the city’s competitiveness for federal and state infrastructure funding, especially as deadlines approach.

Community Engagement and Public Input

Throughout the meeting, officials stressed the importance of transparency and public involvement. “We’re going to have a meeting with Tara and her team in the next two weeks to go over these projects,” Dana Strange said. “Public input is crucial, and we want to make sure everyone’s voice is heard.”

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RDC members also encouraged citizens to take advantage of city programs for sidewalk repairs and replacements. “If someone has a sidewalk that needs replacing, we’ll split the cost of the concrete with them,” Mayor Ader said. “We’re committed to making Loogootee a safer and more attractive place to live.”

Looking Ahead: Next Steps and Deadlines

With engineering assessments approved and priorities set, the commission is racing against the clock to submit proposals before the January deadline for federal infrastructure grants. “We’re not going to get all five projects funded this year,” Dana acknowledged. “But if we focus and get our top priorities lined up, we have a real shot at bringing significant funding to Loogootee.”

The next steps include:

- Finalizing engineering assessments for the top two projects
- Meeting with grant consultants and regional partners
- Submitting applications for the 2028 federal funding cycle

“We’re putting Loogootee in a position to grow, attract new families, and strengthen our community,” said Mayor Ader. “It’s a long process, but we’re committed to seeing it through.”

Other Business: Land Swaps and Road Improvements

Beyond the headline projects, the RDC discussed a pending land swap near Rosie’s, which would allow the city to develop new business incubator space. “It’s a simple transfer,” Dana said. “We want to take care of Rosie and Doug, but we also want to make sure we keep moving forward with our plans.”

Plans are also in the works to widen Williams Street and Walker Street; address storm drain failures and replace aging infrastructure. “All of these projects are in the pipeline,” a board member said. “We’ve submitted grant requests and hope to hear back by November.”

As the meeting adjourned, the Regional Development Committee members expressed optimism—and a sense of urgency. With deadlines looming and big dreams for Loogootee’s future, the city’s leaders are betting on strategic planning, community engagement, and strong partnerships to turn ideas into reality.

For more information or to get involved in upcoming projects, residents are encouraged to attend future RDC meetings or contact City Hall.



CITY OF LOOGOOTEE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVES 2027 BUDGET, BACKS SPECIAL EVENTS APPEAL, AND FUNDS TAHOE AND STREET SWEEPER

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Facing major infrastructure projects, public safety vehicle upgrades, and pivotal municipal legal decisions, the Loogootee City Council and Board of Public Works convened Monday evening for an extensive double session addressing the city’s future operations and financial commitments.

Following the opening call to order, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the unanimous approval of regular and special meeting minutes, the evening saw city officials approve the 2027 municipal budget, authorize an appeal against a federal court ruling striking down the city’s special events ordinance, and vote to purchase both a dual-purpose command vehicle for the fire department and a street sweeper.

Special Events Legal Ruling and Council Appeal

The meeting’s most legally consequential development came during the city attorney’s report, when legal counsel advised the council on a major court loss regarding the city of Loogootee’s special events ordinance.

“So as you know, there’s been some ongoing litigation with the special events ordinance here in the city of Loogootee,” the city attorney stated. “There’s been about five attorneys that have looked at the special event ordinance and made some revisions to it. But yet we found ourselves back in court. And we found ourselves on the losing end in front of Judge Young.”

The attorney reviewed the written court order with council members, emphasizing strong disagreements with both its timing and its legal rationale.

“I’ve got the order here and I look through it. I’ve noticed that there were some facts that the court failed to include in its order,” the city attorney explained. “Look, judges and lawyers can always disagree on what’s constitutional, what’s unconstitutional. That’s why you have five to four splits on the Supreme Court. Five justices saying something’s constitutional and four saying something’s unconstitutional. You can have reasonable people, intelligent, reasonable people just disagree as to things. But in this particular order, there’s a couple things that really kind of stuck out at me.”

According to the attorney, the court took issue with only a few specific provisions, but struck down the entire municipal framework rather than severing individual clauses:

“In our entire ordinance, there’s only a couple sections that the judge took issue with. However, instead of just striking out on those particular provisions, the court posed the question on saying, the question here is whether Loogootee would have enacted the challenged ordinance had it been presented without the invalid features. The court goes on to say, the answer to that question is clearly no. Nowhere in that order does a judge indicate how it said... what logic it used, what facts it used in that reasoning.”

The attorney argued that the broader ordinance served vital civic functions that the city clearly intended to preserve:

“There’s plenty of other things in that ordinance that was still constitutional,” the attorney said. “I mean, in the ordinance, we’d still obviously want a procedure for people to apply for special events. We would still want there to be insurance to cover the taxpayers of Loogootee from expenses with special events. We would still obviously want participants to sign an indemnification clause protecting Loogootee taxpayers. This is all stuff we would clearly want in there. So for the court to say that, you know, we clearly wouldn’t have passed an ordinance without those provisions, just honestly, I think it’s laughable.” The attorney stressed that the complete invalidation has left the municipality without administrative oversight over public gatherings:

“I take great exception to that particular part of the order. Now we can’t enforce any part of the ordinance, so we’re kind of stuck here in a bad spot,” the city attorney noted, also criticizing the timing of the judicial decree. “The other thing is this court order came down about four days before the event. Yet litigation was initiated clear back in April of this year. I take great issue with the court waiting until practically the day of the event to issue this order.”

Recommending immediate appellate action, the attorney concluded:

“So we find ourselves here at what do we do next and I really just don’t believe the City of Loogootee has gotten a fair shake in front of this judge. So I’m going to advise the City of Loogootee appeal this decision.”

While acknowledging that appellate litigation would involve costs, the attorney confirmed that a notice of appeal has already been filed and that the parties are scheduled for mediation on Oct. 20.

A council member made an immediate motion to appeal the ruling, which received a second from council member Dave and passed unanimously. Council members subsequently approved a motion authorizing the mayor to sign an engagement letter retaining appellate counsel Brent Schwartz and Joshua Claiborne to lead the city’s case.

Fire Department Dual-Purpose Command Tahoe Approved

Earlier in the evening, the Board of Public Works and City Council reviewed a proposal from the Loogootee Fire Department to replace its aging assistant chief command vehicle.

The fire chief presented a detailed comparative package to the board, noting that the vehicle currently in use has outlived its functional service life.

“I’m looking to replace the assistant chief vehicle that we have now. The current one though, it’s been handed down ever since we had that position when they would get a vehicle,” the chief explained. “I said last meeting I feel like it’s a death trap. I’ve been in that thing shaking up and he’s never complained about it.”

To optimize municipal funds, the chief proposed a dual-role arrangement where the replacement vehicle would serve both emergency response and municipal code operations:

“I propose that this vehicle will be dual purpose—it would also serve as a building commissioner as well,” the chief said. “As long as my assistant chief falls under that with the building commissioner title, that could be used as that. I’m just asking for the Council or Board of Works to figure out how to pay for half the vehicle only. Not including lights, not including insurance, everything else... I’m just looking at half the bid, not what it’s gonna cost with the lights on it.”

The chief included a reimbursement protection clause for the city:

“And if at any point in time that he is no longer the building commissioner, the fire department—I have a caveat here—will pay the full amount back in five years. Five years or less. Anything over that, then we’re gonna do like a depreciation.”

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Addressing daily operations, the chief pointed out that the current setup causes vehicle inefficiency:

“Instead of him using his own vehicle, he’s probably taking his own vehicle to these instead of taking the other vehicle, the other command vehicle. So I feel like that would really benefit both sides as well.”

The chief evaluated two main platforms: a Dodge Durango and a Chevrolet Tahoe, both sourced through John Jones:

- Dodge Durango: Quoted at \$60,544.50 fully outfitted with lighting and municipal package (base vehicle half-cost around \$24,000 to the city).
- Chevrolet Tahoe: Quoted at \$72,337.50 fully outfitted with custom package (city share around \$29,000 for the base split).

“There is two that came down to best. Full size is the Tahoe. Bigger frame, we can hold air pack as PPE, have a slide-out for command unit whenever we’re on scene and things like that. The Durango would not fit in that purpose,” the chief said. “It is cheaper. I mean you’re looking about, I think it costs about \$11,000 cheaper even when you outfit it all. But I feel like after researching and going through everything else, the Tahoe would probably be the best option.”

Reading from his formal submission, the chief detailed the Tahoe’s long-term utility:

“The Tahoe is basically a better asset, better for the fire department as an assistant fire chief vehicle. Granted I know it is \$11,793 more, but it’s a more suitable platform for command equipment and future growth. The Tahoe is a larger, four-wheel-drive PPV platform. It’s better suited for carrying a growing amount of command equipment, incident command boards, command bags, PPE, medical equipment, traffic control devices, portable radios, chargers, scene lights, and other equipment to be added to the vehicle service line.”

The police pursuit vehicle (PPV) layout includes a center console delete layout, protective wiring, siren packages, and computer mounts for mobile command.

“Basically, it’s going to be used to respond to incidents in all weather, carrying PPE, Chief Officer PPE, transport additional personnel when needed, operate as a command post during extended incidents, store radios, chargers, and remain on scene for long periods of time,” the chief summarized. “Bottom line, even though the Durango is a more economical vehicle, the Tahoe is a stronger long-term command vehicle in space, equipment capacity, and future adaptability.”

A board member agreed, observing humorously: “You can barely get two full-sized men in the front seat of a Durango and not be touching shoulders almost. So, I mean, I agree with the Tahoe.”

The Board of Public Works voted to recommend the Tahoe to the City Council. Later in the council meeting, council members noted a 12- to 16-week delivery turnaround and voted unanimously to fund the Tahoe command vehicle purchase.

Street Sweeper Financing and Fleet Management
The council and Board of Works addressed municipal street cleaning operations, deliberating whether to replace an outdated 2009 street sweeper with a brand-new unit or a late-model used machine.

City officials noted that the 2009 sweeper is functionally inadequate for primary city streets. “It’s a parking lot sweeper, it’s not what we need it for,” one official noted, adding that dealership trade-in value is minimal and suggesting private sale to commercial lot sweeping businesses.

Officials reviewed financing scenarios between a new sweeper and a used machine located in Fort Wayne showing only 791 operating hours:

- Used Sweeper: Estimated around \$140,000; available on 3-year, 4-year, or 5-year financing.
- New Sweeper: Quoted upwards of \$302,000 to \$303,000; requiring a 7-year finance term.

Annual financing comparisons revealed:

- 3-Year (Used): \$52,368.62 annually.
- 4-Year (Used): \$40,392.97 annually.
- 5-Year (Used): \$33,349.76 annually.
- 7-Year (New): \$53,927.00 annually.

“So the guy actually recommended—he said if it was up to him, he would prefer the used one,” a city official reported after conferring with the equipment sales representative. “He said it’s the style of machine better anyway than the new one... he called me and said, ‘I’m going to tell you, you’re not going to want it [the new one].’ He said, ‘I was just told to present, get everything for a new one.’ He said the used one has been fully inspected and proved and everything, it is in Fort Wayne, but he can have it down here tomorrow.”

With \$50,000 already budgeted for street cleaning equipment, the council selected the used machine financed over four years at \$40,392.97 annually, leaving cushion in the department budget rather than exhausting the full \$50,000 allocation.

2027 Municipal Budget and Long-Term Capital Planning

The council formally adopted the city’s 2027 budget following line-item reviews.

The budget includes a 3% wage and salary increase for municipal employees, while the city will absorb the majority of a projected 7% increase in employee health insurance premiums. Council member Mike moved to adopt the 2027 budget and salary schedules with the 3% raise, which passed unanimously. In long-term capital discussions, council members addressed future fleet planning for the fire department, emphasizing the need to begin setting aside capital reserve funding for future fire apparatus rather than facing sudden multimillion-dollar purchases. City leadership noted that the city’s Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) fund currently maintains a balance of approximately \$1.4 million. Officials proposed transferring between \$50,000 and \$200,000 annually into a dedicated capital fund.

“I made a recommendation that we can start taking \$100,000 or \$200,000 out of EDIT and put it into an account for a fire truck,” an official noted. “It gives us a start.”

Council members also reported collaborating with a professional grant writer engaged at French Lick who has been provided the city’s comprehensive plan to pursue federal and state equipment grant matches.

Redevelopment Projects and Infrastructure Improvements

The Loogootee Redevelopment Commission submitted an overview of five priority infrastructure and revitalization initiatives targeted for preliminary engineering and grant funding:

- South Ridge Sewer Extension: Planning long-term municipal sewer trunkline extensions south of town, requiring intergovernmental coordination between the city and Martin County officials.
- Old Gymnasium Renovation: Replacing aging exterior windows and performing structural repairs at the historic facility.
- CSX Rail Corridor Phase I: Tree planting and aesthetic greenway buffering along the CSX right-of-way.
- CSX Phase II: Continued parcel improvements across from the Methodist church, incorporating side-track access.
- U.S. Route 50 East & West Corridor Lighting: Extending municipal boulevard decorative lighting and concrete sidewalk networks north toward the DG Market and along East and West Highway 50.

On public works infrastructure, council approved an extra work agreement for Community Crossings 2027 street projects focusing on Walker and West William streets.

City officials noted that the current roadway width of 17 feet must be widened to a minimum standard of 22 to 24 feet, requiring the potential relocation of overhead power poles, buried fiber optic lines, and failing storm drainage infrastructure. Engineering costs of up to \$52,500 were authorized out of EDIT funds, along with a final contractor claim voucher of approximately \$33,000 for completed street paving. In planning and zoning matters, the council accepted a recommendation from the Board of Zoning Appeals to adopt “Option 3” of an updated building and zoning fee schedule effective Jan. 1, 2027, establishing revenue to support building commissioner office operations.

Departmental Activity Reports and K-9 Swearing-In

Department heads presented September operational summaries:

- Police Department: Handled 10 motor vehicle accidents, filed 11 case reports, and executed nine criminal arrests. Six formal employment applications have been received for the department’s open patrolman position, with six additional application packets picked up. Candidate physical agility testing is scheduled for Friday morning. Academy recruits have entered week six of the 16-week Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) curriculum and will transition into tactical firearms, emergency vehicle driving, and defensive tactics next week.
- Utilities: Recorded 91 service calls, 90 utility line locates, and 263 customer office inquiries. The water plant treated 15.2 million gallons (averaging 500,000 gallons per day), while the wastewater plant treated 9.5 million gallons, operating at 32% design capacity.
- Fire Department: Responded to 56 emergency dispatches, comprising 20 fire runs and 36 medical assists. The chief warned that medical calls are projected to increase as local volunteer first responders absorb regional EMS transport and coverage shortages across the county.
- Building & Code Enforcement: Logged 20 residential complaints, one commercial complaint, and issued two final building permits.

During a special ceremonial moment in the session, the Loogootee Police Department formally administered the official oath of service to its active police service dog, Loki, following the canine’s return to duty:

“I, Loki, having been selected and appointed to serve as police K-9 for the Loogootee Police Department, City of Loogootee, Indiana, do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully and lawfully serve citizens of the City of Loogootee and Martin County. I pledge to faithfully perform the duties entrusted to me to the best of my ability under the direction and guidance of my handler and the officers of the Loogootee Police Department. I will use my training and abilities to assist in the detection of narcotics, the apprehension of offenders, the search for evidence and missing persons, and other lawful police operations as directed. I will remain dedicated to the protection of the public, the safety of my fellow officers, and the service of the communities in which I am called upon to work.”

Loki was deployed twice during the final week and a half of September, resulting in two assisted arrests. Police officials noted that command training utilizes German commands and confirmed that a protective ballistic K-9 vest has been ordered, expressing appreciation to local business owners who have donated pet food and veterinary supplies to offset the K-9 unit’s operational costs. Following the completion of all agenda items and departmental reports, the meeting was adjourned.

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HINDOSTAN DAYS HAM & BEAN DINNER HUGE SUCCESS

HINDOSTAN, Ind. — Hungry festivalgoers cleared out nearly every kettle and serving dish at the Historical Society booth during this year’s Hindostan Days, turning the group’s annual charity meal into a major triumph.

The event drew steady crowds eager for a taste of traditional, slow-cooked favorites, with diners contributing through freewill donations to help fund the society’s ongoing community preservation projects.

Organizers reported a near-total sellout, fueled by strong attendance and a menu built around savory comfort food.

“I would like to thank everybody who stopped by the Historical Society booth during Hindostan Days and gave a freewill donation for some of our famous ham and beans, pulled pork and brisket stew,” organizers shared following the event. “We sold out of everything other than three gallons of ham and beans.”

The popular weekend gathering has long served as a seasonal highlight for the area, but the meal’s overwhelming success hinged on days of labor behind the smokers and stovetops. Volunteers spent long shifts tending fires, seasoning meats, and simmering kettles to ensure festival attendees were served hot, hearty portions throughout the celebration.

Event leaders credited the feat to the dedicated crew working behind the scenes.

“I want to thank my son Dylan, my nephew Dustin Greene, and my friend Randy Wininger for spending many hours preparing and cooking this fabulous combination of food that everyone looks forward to every year,” the lead organizer said.

With community support running high and cooking pots wiped nearly clean, organizers noted that the annual culinary tradition remains one of the festival’s most anticipated highlights, bringing residents together while raising vital funds to preserve local history.

LOOGOOTEE SENIOR CENTER TO HOST MULTIGENERATIONAL FALL BREAK FAMILY FUN NIGHT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area families looking for autumn activities during school break will have a new community option this month as the Loogootee Senior Center hosts a special multigenerational gathering.

The center announced its "Fall Break Evening" celebration scheduled for Friday, Oct. 16, running from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event is designed to bring multiple generations together under one roof, welcoming children, parents, and seniors for a shared evening of entertainment and seasonal festivities.

Organizers have lined up a full slate of activities to keep visitors of all ages engaged throughout the two-hour program. Highlights include complimentary food and drinks, face painting, and autumn-themed arts and crafts stations. Guests can also take part in lawn games such as cornhole, alongside other casual indoor and outdoor family contests.

Community centers across the region frequently use school vacation weeks to foster stronger bonds between younger residents and older adults, creating opportunities for shared stories, games, and neighborhood connection.

“The goal is to provide a welcoming space where all ages can unwind together over the break,” center representatives noted regarding the planned activities.

To ensure sufficient refreshments and craft supplies are prepared for all attendees, organizers are requesting that interested families RSVP in advance.

The evening is open to the public, with all local households encouraged to attend. Additional details and registration information can be obtained directly through the Loogootee Senior Center.

MARTIN COUNTY EARLY VOTING OPENS AHEAD OF 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

SHOALS, Ind. — Registered voters in Martin County can officially cast their ballots ahead of the upcoming general election as in-person early voting launched Tuesday, county election officials announced.

The early voting site is located at the Martin County Clerk’s Office, 129 Main St. in Shoals. The option gives residents an alternative to traditional voting lines on Election Day, providing expanded opportunities to participate in the democratic process over the next month.

Regular weekday voting runs Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Election officials emphasized that voters should verify their registration status and bring a valid photo identification before heading to the ballot box.

To accommodate residents with weekday scheduling conflicts, election staff will also open the clerk’s office on two designated Saturdays: Oct. 24 and Oct. 31, with voting hours scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon.

The early voting window will formally conclude Monday, Nov. 2, with abbreviated morning hours from 8 a.m. until noon. Following that final early session, county voting will pause until polls officially open for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

“Whether you’re voting early or on Election Day, make a plan to vote,” local officials said in an announcement reminding residents of the timeline. “Your vote matters. Your voice matters. Make sure you use it.”

County administrators encourage registered voters who want to avoid peak crowds to take advantage of the extended in-person absentee hours in Shoals. Complete schedules and voter information can be obtained directly through the Martin County Clerk’s Office.

FELLOWSHIP, CARDS AND SCRAPBOOKS HIGHLIGHT AFTERNOON AT LOOGOOTEE SENIOR CENTER

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — A close-knit gathering of local seniors turned a quiet weekday into an afternoon of fellowship, games, and shared history during regular community activities this week.

While attendance was slightly down compared to typical turnouts, a group of a dozen participants gathered around the dining tables for a catered midday meal that set a warm, conversational tone for the day.

Organizers noted the relaxed nature of the afternoon as friends reconnected over lunch.

“Smaller than usual group of 12 today for a delicious lunch provided by The Villages,” center coordinators said. “Always good to see Kaylee. Haley had a meeting out of town so couldn’t come.”

The lunch program serves as an essential anchor for neighborhood older adults, combining regular nutrition with a welcoming space to socialize. The meals, sponsored frequently by community partners like The Villages, allow attendees to catch up on local news before transitioning into afternoon leisure programs.

Once the meal service cleared, the dining room transformed into a competitive game parlor. Card tables filled up quickly, a routine tradition for regulars who rarely miss a chance to shuffle a deck.

“The card players started up soon as lunch was over,” organizers shared. “Then by 1 p.m., two more came in so they could split up into two groups.”

The arrival of latecomers allowed the players to organize multiple tables, ensuring everyone who wanted a hand could participate in friendly competition.

Across the room, other members settled into quieter pastimes. Center regular Mark took on a fresh challenge, sitting down with a brand-new jigsaw puzzle while showing off some lighthearted personal flair.

“Mark started working a new puzzle and was wearing his special puzzle shirt,” attendees noted with a smile.

Amid the afternoon activities, center leaders also directed attention to a significant ongoing preservation project displayed inside the building. Since regular programs resumed earlier this spring, volunteer Susie Page has carefully documented the center’s milestones, holiday celebrations, and everyday moments through detailed scrapbooks.

Organizers took time to publicly praise Page’s labor of love, encouraging all visitors to browse through the volumes during future visits.

“Next time you are at the Center, take some time to look through the scrapbooks Susie Page has been keeping since we started activities in March,” coordinator Pat announced. “Susie has put a lot of time into these books, which tell our stories. THANK YOU Susie! All your hard work is much appreciated!”

The handmade memory books chronicle the center’s growth and serve as a tangible archive of the friendships formed within its walls over the past seven months.

Senior center officials emphasized that programs remain open to all area seniors looking for wholesome meals, table games, and community connection throughout the week.

HOPE IN THE STREET COMMUNITY APPRECIATION EVENT SET FOR DOWNTOWN LOOGOOTEE



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRACY LYNN’S CANDIES TO FEATURE HOMEMADE FALL SWEETS AT LOOGOOTEE VENDOR MARKET

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local shoppers preparing for autumn festivities will have a variety of handcrafted baked goods to sample this weekend as Tracy Lynn’s Candies, Etc. LLC heads to the Loogootee Fall Vendor Market.

The community market is scheduled to open Saturday, Oct. 10, running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Loogootee Pavilion. The seasonal gathering highlights independent small businesses and craft makers from across the region, encouraging residents to shop locally ahead of the holiday season.

With fair autumn weather forecast for the area, organizers and vendors anticipate an active turnout of local families and weekend visitors.

Tracy Lynn’s Candies announced an extensive lineup of fresh-baked sweet treats prepared specifically for the Saturday market, featuring regional autumn flavors and traditional comfort desserts.

Among the primary attractions are jumbo homemade cinnamon rolls, offered in three styles: regular iced, caramel, and brown sugar pecan. Cookie lovers will find a diverse selection that includes traditional chocolate chip, blueberry lemon, iced Amish sugar cookies—commonly known locally as church cookies—and seasonal persimmon cookies, a staple of southern Indiana fall baking.

In addition to individual treats, the bakery is rolling out small-batch mini sweet breads. The loaf lineup includes pumpkin, banana, blueberry lemon, and persimmon varieties.

Shoppers browsing the booth will also encounter rich chocolate and peanut butter fudge, along with an assortment of dessert bars. The specialty bar menu features seasonal fruit and confections, including apple pie bars, apple streusel bars, caramel apple bars, s’mores bars, and snickerdoodle bars. Traditional crispy marshmallow treats will also be on hand, offered in regular portions as well as a specialty pumpkin cheesecake flavor decorated with seasonal sprinkles.

To help customers sample different flavor profiles, the booth will provide sampler boxes and pastry flight boxes upon request. The assorted boxes allow patrons to take home a wider variety of treats for family gatherings or autumn parties.

The seasonal vendor fair reflects an ongoing push by area merchants and community members to bolster the local economy by supporting independent home-based and storefront producers. Outdoor pavilion markets remain a popular hub for neighbors to gather, browse handmade wares, and stock up on locally made foods.

“The weather is supposed to be nice,” the bakery announced in its event notice. “Come out and support your local small businesses!”

The Loogootee Fall Vendor Market is free and open to the general public throughout Saturday. Attendees are advised to arrive early to ensure the best selection of baked goods and artisan items before popular flavors sell out.

RADIUS INDIANA SEEKS FINAL SURVEY RESPONSES ON REGIONAL WAGES AND BENEFITS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Regional economic leaders in Loogootee are making a final push to collect critical workforce data, announcing that their ongoing compensation assessment is just 15 submissions short of reaching its target goal.

Radius Indiana, the regional economic development partnership serving southern Indiana, issued a public call for employers and employees across the area to complete the Radius Region Wages & Benefits survey. The organization noted that the data will play an essential role in understanding current labor trends and shaping future business recruitment and retention efforts throughout the multi-county area.

“Your voice shapes the future of southern Indiana,” the organization stated in an announcement urging community participation.

The survey collects detailed benchmarks on employee earnings, workplace benefits, and standard compensation models, offering civic leaders, economic planners, and business owners accurate local metrics rather than national estimates. Such data is routinely utilized to assist regional businesses in offering competitive wage scales while highlighting the region’s economic climate to companies exploring potential expansion or relocation.

Radius Indiana represents an eight-county footprint that includes Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington counties. Regional development officials emphasize that comprehensive feedback across diverse industries—ranging from manufacturing and defense contracting to healthcare and small retail—is necessary to produce an accurate profile of the local job market.

Participants can access and complete the questionnaire by scanning the official QR code on promotional materials or by visiting the partnership’s website at radiusindiana.com. The online questionnaire takes only a few minutes to submit, with organizers encouraging eligible participants to respond promptly so the data collection phase can conclude and the resulting analysis can be published.

ODON VFW ANNOUNCES OCTOBER DINING SPECIALS AND WEEKLY TACO TUESDAY LINEUP

ODON, Ind. — Local veterans, auxiliary members, and community diners will find a fresh lineup of seasonal comfort food this month as the Odon Veterans of Foreign Wars post rolled out its official dining specials for October.

The autumn menu offers several hearty sandwich creations alongside the post’s regular weekly dining traditions, encouraging area residents to support local veterans programs through community meals.

Topping the seasonal offerings is a specialized smash burger, prepared on thick Texas toast and served with American cheese, shredded lettuce, and Thousand Island dressing. Diners seeking classic options can order an upgraded grilled cheese sandwich layered with crispy bacon and fresh tomato slices.

The kitchen is also serving a grilled chicken cordon bleu sandwich, topped with Swiss cheese and ranch dressing on a hoagie bun.

In addition to the monthly sandwich features, the post is continuing its popular "Taco Tuesday" weekly event. On Tuesdays, guests can select from traditional tacos or taco salads made to order.

Community-supported meals remain an essential revenue stream for regional VFW posts, helping finance maintenance for local facilities, provide assistance to disabled veterans, and support community outreach initiatives throughout Daviess County.

Post leadership highlighted that the dining room aims to offer an inviting atmosphere for both long-time patrons and new visitors.

“Good food, good company,” post organizers shared in a notice to patrons. “Support your VFW.”

The October food specials are available throughout the month during regular kitchen hours. Community members interested in current serving times, weekly kitchen schedules, or membership information can contact the Odon VFW post directly or visit the hall in downtown Odon.

HINDOSTAN DAYS FOOD BOOTH RAISES COMMUNITY SUPPORT WITH NEAR SELLOUT

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Festivalgoers turned out in force to back local preservation efforts during this year’s Hindostan Days, clearing out nearly every pot of traditional fare prepared by the Martin County Historical Society.

The society’s annual booth served as a major draw for attendees seeking slow-simmered comfort meals, featuring a hearty menu of brisket stew, pulled pork, and kettle-cooked ham and beans offered for freewill donations.

By the end of the celebration, organizers announced that demand had nearly exhausted their entire supply, leaving only three gallons of ham and beans behind.

Booth leaders expressed deep gratitude to the patrons and neighbors whose contributions help sustain ongoing historical preservation initiatives throughout the county.

“I would like to thank everybody who stopped by the Historical Society booth during Hindostan Days and gave a freewill donation for some of our famous ham and beans, pulled pork and brisket stew,” the lead coordinator said. “We sold out of everything other than three gallons of ham and beans.”

Preparing such massive quantities of smoked meats and stew required extensive advance labor, with volunteers dedicating long hours at the smokers and burners to feed the crowd.

Organizers emphasized that the popular dinner could not happen without dedicated family and community members working behind the scenes.

“I want to thank my son Dylan, my nephew Dustin Greene, and my friend Randy Winger for spending many hours preparing and cooking this fabulous combination of food that everyone looks forward to every year,” the coordinator noted.

Hindostan Days serves as an annual tribute to the historic former county seat, with food booths and gatherings playing a vital role in keeping local heritage alive for future generations.

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS SEEKS CASE MANAGER TO SUPPORT LOCAL REHABILITATION

SHOALS, Ind. — Martin County Community Corrections is expanding its team, announcing an open recruitment search for a case manager to guide and supervise local program participants.

The agency operates under the mission of “Safer Communities, Stronger Tomorrows,” focusing on alternative sentencing, accountability, and community-based rehabilitation. According to hiring officials, the department is seeking a dedicated, compassionate professional tasked with supporting clients toward positive life changes while helping them achieve stability and personal growth.

The primary responsibilities of the role include developing and monitoring tailored individual case plans, offering ongoing advocacy, and connecting participants with essential rehabilitation resources. The case manager will also collaborate closely with regional service providers, coordinate with community partners, track client progress, ensure strict compliance with court-mandated program guidelines, and maintain accurate case documentation.

Preferred qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in human services, criminal justice, social work, psychology, or a related field. Prior experience working within probation, case management, or community services is considered ideal, though department leaders noted it is not strictly required. Candidates must possess strong organizational, communication, and problem-solving skills, alongside the ability to work effectively with diverse populations in a professional setting.

The position offers a comprehensive public-sector benefits package designed to attract qualified applicants. Included benefits feature health, dental, and vision insurance coverage, a public retirement pension plan, paid time off, and observed county holidays. Hired personnel will also receive life and disability insurance protections.

Community corrections programs across Indiana provide vital alternatives to incarceration, reducing recidivism by addressing the underlying challenges facing offenders. Prospective applicants interested in joining the agency can contact Martin County Community Corrections directly to review application procedures and submission requirements.

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PIONEER CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP RESUME WEEKLY PROGRAMS WITH GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local youth are diving into interactive lessons and team competitions as church mid-week programs prepare to return to their full schedule this week.

Recent sessions for fifth and sixth graders have centered on dynamic group activities designed to blend scripture learning with friendly competition. Students engaged in Old and New Testament challenge games alongside "Beat the Flood," a cooperative team-building game modeled around the story of Noah's Ark.

Organizers noted that the creative approach to teaching has generated strong enthusiasm among the students, setting a lively foundation for the weeks ahead.

"Our fifth and sixth grade has been having lots of fun playing an Old and New Testament game and a team game of Beat the Flood, a Noah's Ark game," program leaders shared. "More good times are ahead!"

The mid-week energy expands Wednesday evening as the broader youth ministry lineup convenes under one roof. Pioneer Club classes are scheduled to join back together alongside the church's regular youth group gatherings, welcoming students of all ages back for an evening of shared activities, spiritual lessons, and fellowship.

The evening will open with a community meal before classes transition into their instructional time.

"Dinner is served at 5 p.m.," leaders announced. "Classes begin at 6 p.m.! We hope you will consider joining us!"

Mid-week programs like Pioneer Club and youth group serve as vital community connection points for area families, offering structured environments where children can develop friendships, engage in collaborative games, and learn foundational values outside the traditional Sunday morning service.

The church invites all neighborhood families and youth interested in joining the weekly activities to attend Wednesday's dinner and classes.

MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE AND WORKONE SOUTH CENTRAL TO HOST OCTOBER JOB FAIR

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Job seekers and expanding businesses in southern Indiana will have a dedicated venue to connect later this month as the [Martin County Alliance, Inc.](#) partners with WorkOne South Central for a countywide hiring event.

The upcoming Martin County Job Fair is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 22, running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bowling Manufacturing, located at 99 W. Washington St. in Loogootee.

The event aims to bridge the gap between regional employers seeking talent and local residents exploring new career opportunities, apprenticeships, or career transitions. With multiple industries across Martin and surrounding counties actively recruiting, organizers designed the multi-hour session as an open networking platform to facilitate direct, in-person interviews and resume submissions.

Economic development officials noted that bringing regional workforce agency WorkOne South Central into the partnership ensures candidates can also learn about workforce training grants, resume support, and career counseling services alongside meeting prospective employers.

Area businesses and hiring managers interested in participating are encouraged to reserve a space promptly. To register and secure a vendor station, employers should email Randall Wells at rwells@vinu.edu to request an official booth application.

Additional registration guidelines and event information are available by calling the Martin County Alliance office directly at 812-295-4800 or by visiting [Martin County Alliance](#).

Community members and local job hunters are encouraged to mark their calendars, prepare updated copies of their resumes, and share event notices with friends, family, and neighbors across the region. Admission for job seekers is free and open to the general public.

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COMMUNITY INVITED TO SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE FOR FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local residents seeking spiritual renewal, connection, and collective worship are invited to gather for a community prayer service this weekend.

The evening service is scheduled for Sunday at 6 p.m., offering a dedicated time for attendees to pause, reflect, and unite in communal faith. Organizers structured the gathering to provide a quiet, welcoming sanctuary for individuals and families across the area to bring personal and collective petitions together under one roof.

Ministry leaders emphasized that the event is designed for open community participation, welcoming neighbors from all backgrounds to experience an intentional atmosphere of shared faith.

“All are invited this Sunday to join us as we come together to pray and seek the Lord together,” organizers shared in an invitation to the community. “We hope you will come expecting, ready to pray, and see what the Lord can do as we come together as one!”

The service highlights a theme of rest and spiritual refuge, drawing guidance from the biblical passage of Matthew 11:28: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Church leaders noted that during seasons of busy schedules and daily pressures, intentional gatherings centered solely on prayer offer essential encouragement, mutual comfort, and community unity.

Evening prayer assemblies have long served as vital touchstones for regional congregations, providing a more reflective, unhurried space compared to traditional morning liturgies. The gathering allows attendees time for private contemplation, corporate intercession for local needs, and shared spiritual support.

The Sunday evening prayer service is free and completely open to the public, with doors opening prior to the 6 p.m. start time. Area residents seeking spiritual encouragement or looking to join in collective community worship are encouraged to attend.

LOOGOOTEE METHODIST CHURCH TO HOST OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Volunteers and local church members will kick off the holiday giving season this month as Loogootee Methodist Church hosts an Operation Christmas Child packing party.

The community outreach event is set for Sunday, Oct. 25, beginning at 6 p.m. inside the church’s fellowship hall. The gathering offers church congregants, families, and neighborhood volunteers a hands-on opportunity to assemble gift-filled shoeboxes for children across the globe.

Operation Christmas Child, an international initiative operated by Samaritan’s Purse, collects and delivers shoeboxes packed with essential school supplies, personal hygiene products, and small toys to boys and girls affected by war, poverty, disease, and disaster. For decades, regional churches throughout southern Indiana have participated in the program, mobilizing congregations to collect donated items throughout the year before holding assembly-line packing parties ahead of National Collection Week.

Volunteers of all ages typically work side-by-side during the annual packing sessions, organizing bulk donations, sorting items by age and gender categories, and packaging shoeboxes with handwritten notes and cards of encouragement.

Church organizers noted that the event provides an accessible way for youth, families, and older adults to participate directly in global missions. The completed boxes will be delivered to regional collection hubs before being processed and transported internationally by Samaritan’s Purse in time for Christmas distributions.

Community members interested in volunteering, dropping off donated shoebox items, or learning more about the packing party can contact Loogootee Methodist Church directly or visit the fellowship hall during the scheduled assembly evening.

FALL REVIVAL SERVICES FEATURE GUEST SPEAKER REV. WES JONES

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area churchgoers and community members seeking spiritual encouragement and renewal are invited to attend a three-day Fall Revival series scheduled for mid-October.

The special gathering is organized around the theme “Refreshed in His presence. Renewed for His purpose,” offering multiple services aimed at uplifting believers and strengthening faith across the region. The events will take place over the weekend of Friday, Oct. 16, through Sunday, Oct. 18.

The revival will feature guest speaker Rev. Wes Jones, who will deliver keynote messages throughout the weekend services.

The schedule opens with evening services on Friday, Oct. 16, and Saturday, Oct. 17, with each beginning at 6 p.m. The series will conclude on Sunday morning, Oct. 18, with a closing worship gathering at 10 a.m.

Organizers designed the services to serve as a focused spiritual retreat for area families and individuals navigating everyday pressures, encouraging attendees to come together for focused prayer, inspirational teaching, and corporate worship.

“Come expecting. Leave changed,” ministry leaders shared in an announcement inviting the broader public to take part in the weekend meetings.

Autumn revival meetings carry a long-standing tradition in southern Indiana congregations, providing a seasonal pause for community fellowship and dedicated scriptural teaching outside regular Sunday morning schedules. Area organizers note that the multi-day format allows attendees to step away from daily routines and engage in intentional spiritual renewal alongside neighbors from across the community.

All services throughout the three-day Fall Revival are free and open to the public. Area families and visitors of all backgrounds are welcome to attend any or all of the scheduled sessions.

LOOGOOTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS HONORS ATHLETIC MENTORS ON NATIONAL COACHES DAY

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee Community Schools took time Tuesday, Oct. 6, to formally recognize the dedication of its athletic leadership, celebrating coaches across all grade levels in observance of National Coaches Day.

School administrators issued a heartfelt message honoring the dozens of mentors who guide local programs, from grassroots youth volunteers to the 15 varsity coaches directing high school athletics. Officials emphasized that coaching stretches well beyond drills, conditioning, and box scores, serving as an essential extension of the classroom.

“Thank you for the countless hours, the early mornings, late nights, practices, games, and, most importantly, for the time you invest in our student-athletes,” school officials stated Tuesday. “Your impact goes far beyond the scoreboard. You are helping shape young people, build character, teach life lessons, and create experiences they will carry with them long after their playing days are over.”

District leadership praised the instructors’ daily commitment, noting that their passion helps sustain the rich athletic tradition associated with the Black and Gold.

“We are incredibly grateful for your time, passion, commitment, and dedication to Loogootee Athletics,” the district added.

Officials also extended special gratitude to the households behind each coach, recognizing the personal sacrifices made at home throughout long seasons and tournament schedules.

“And to the families of our coaches, thank you, too,” the tribute continued. “Coaching requires sacrifice, and your willingness to share your spouse, parent, or loved one with our student-athletes does not go unnoticed. Your support makes it possible for our coaches to pour so much of themselves into our kids.”

National Coaches Day, established to acknowledge coaches at all competition levels, provided the community a chance to reflect on the lasting impressions left on student-athletes.

“Happy National Coaches Day to all of our Loogootee coaches,” school officials concluded. “Thank you for investing in our Lions and making a difference every day.”

MARTIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY HOSTS ‘DOGGY DAY OUT’ EVENT IN LOOGOOTEE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local animal lovers can spend quality time with a shelter pet this weekend as the Martin County Humane Society hosts a special “Doggy Day Out” event.

The outreach initiative is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10, running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the humane society shelter, located at 507 N. Oak St. in Loogootee. The program allows area residents and families to check out an adoptable dog for a few hours or for the entire day.

Shelter staff highlighted that short field trips outside kennel walls offer immense physical and emotional benefits for dogs awaiting permanent adoption. Temporary outings help lower kennel-related stress, allow animals to decompress, and provide shelter staff with deeper insights into each dog’s true personality in everyday home and public environments.

Participants can customize their outing based on their plans and energy levels. Suggested activities include hiking or exploring local trails, grabbing a pup-friendly treat, running routine weekend errands around town, or simply relaxing on the couch at home.

Volunteers and daytime foster companions are also encouraged to snap fun photos and record videos during their adventures. Those pictures and video clips can then be shared with the shelter to boost the animals’ visibility on social media and connect them with prospective adoptive families.

“Taking a shelter dog out on an adventure helps to lower stress, bring out their true personalities, and gives you a cute companion for the day! It’s a win-win!” the organization announced.

The program requires no long-term adoption commitment, offering animal enthusiasts who cannot permanently adopt an opportunity to provide hands-on support. Community members interested in participating can visit the shelter Saturday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or contact the Martin County Humane Society for guidelines.

MARTIN COUNTY URGENT CARE SPOTLIGHTS NICOLE IN COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE ROLE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Martin County Urgent Care is highlighting lifelong local resident Nicole this week, celebrating her ongoing commitment to patient care and community wellness in an employee spotlight.

A familiar presence to area households, Nicole brings six and a half years of regional pharmacy experience to the clinic’s healthcare team. During her years behind the counter, she established herself as a trusted, reliable resource for residents managing medications and healthcare questions—a foundation of personal service she now carries forward in the urgent care setting.

Clinic officials noted that her deep community ties and familiarity with local patients help create a welcoming, comforting environment for individuals arriving for treatment.

“During that time, she had the opportunity to become a familiar and trusted part of many patients’ lives and she continues that commitment to serving others here at MCUC,” clinic representatives shared in an announcement recognizing her contributions.

In addition to her daily duties assisting clinic staff and patients, Nicole is actively advancing her professional credentials in healthcare administration. She is currently enrolled in coursework to become a certified Medical Coding and Billing Specialist. The specialized training focuses on patient records, insurance processing, and reimbursement systems, equipping her with broader skills to assist patients navigating the administrative side of medical care.

Clinic leadership praised her dedication to ongoing education, noting that her background in pharmaceutical support paired with administrative training provides comprehensive value to the facility.

“Nicole loves meeting new people, learning how the healthcare system works, and helping patients have the best experience possible,” team members noted. “We’re so happy to have Nicole on our team!”

Martin County Urgent Care continues to serve area residents with walk-in medical services, minor injury treatment, and acute illness care in downtown Loogootee.

LOOGOOTEE LAUNDRY ATTENDANT POSITION OPENS WITH FLEXIBLE WEEKDAY HOURS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LOOGOOTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS HONORS ATHLETIC MENTORS ON NATIONAL COACHES DAY

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee Community Schools took time Tuesday, Oct. 6, to formally recognize the dedication of its athletic leadership, celebrating coaches across all grade levels in observance of National Coaches Day.

School administrators issued a heartfelt message honoring the dozens of mentors who guide local programs, from grassroots youth volunteers to the 15 varsity coaches directing high school athletics. Officials emphasized that coaching stretches well beyond drills, conditioning, and box scores, serving as an essential extension of the classroom.

“Thank you for the countless hours, the early mornings, late nights, practices, games, and, most importantly, for the time you invest in our student-athletes,” school officials stated Tuesday. “Your impact goes far beyond the scoreboard. You are helping shape young people, build character, teach life lessons, and create experiences they will carry with them long after their playing days are over.”

District leadership praised the instructors’ daily commitment, noting that their passion helps sustain the rich athletic tradition associated with the Black and Gold.

“We are incredibly grateful for your time, passion, commitment, and dedication to Loogootee Athletics,” the district added.

Officials also extended special gratitude to the households behind each coach, recognizing the personal sacrifices made at home throughout long seasons and tournament schedules.

“And to the families of our coaches, thank you, too,” the tribute continued. “Coaching requires sacrifice, and your willingness to share your spouse, parent, or loved one with our student-athletes does not go unnoticed. Your support makes it possible for our coaches to pour so much of themselves into our kids.”

National Coaches Day, established to acknowledge coaches at all competition levels, provided the community a chance to reflect on the lasting impressions left on student-athletes.

“Happy National Coaches Day to all of our Loogootee coaches,” school officials concluded. “Thank you for investing in our Lions and making a difference every day.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARTIN COUNTY FALL CLEANUP SET FOR OCTOBER 9–10

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

SHOALS, IDEM CONVENE WASTEWATER COMPLIANCE TALKS FOR LAGOON UPGRADES

SHOALS, Ind. — Town administrative officials, municipal utility personnel and consulting engineers convened Wednesday for a high-stakes technical consultation with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to establish a binding compliance framework for the community's wastewater lagoon system.

The virtual conference, held via Microsoft Teams, brought together Shoals leadership, wastewater operations staff, and representatives from Indianapolis-based HWC Engineering alongside state environmental regulators. Discussions focused on developing formal corrective milestones, evaluating hydraulic capacity targets, and establishing a structured remediation schedule to address recurring operational challenges at the aging treatment facility.

Shoals has faced heightened regulatory scrutiny over discharge limits and seasonal flow variations that test the open-air lagoons' treatment capacity. During the meeting, engineering consultants presented comprehensive operational logs, recent effluent sampling data, and preliminary design proposals to stabilize the system's overall performance. Key topics addressed included sludge management protocols, potential aeration improvements, and structural upgrades required to maintain consistent compliance with state National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit standards. HWC Engineering officials outlined phased modernization concepts intended to balance technical performance requirements against long-term financial impacts on the town's utility ratepayers.

Town officials underscored their intent to pursue a proactive, collaborative path forward with state oversight agencies while aggressively exploring state revolving fund loans, infrastructure grants and regional development funding mechanisms to offset heavy capital improvement costs. Establishing an agreed-upon compliance timeline with state officials represents a critical first step toward avoiding unilateral administrative orders or civil penalties. Following Wednesday's session, municipal leaders and consulting engineers will incorporate state regulatory feedback into an updated remediation plan. The Shoals Town Council is expected to review the proposed engineering schedule, potential rate implications and grant strategies during its upcoming regular public meeting, providing local residents with an official update on next steps for the municipal utility.

LOOGOOTEE MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS FREE ‘ANNIE KIDS’ MUSICAL PRODUCTION TONIGHT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Elementary and intermediate school students from across the community take the stage Wednesday evening as the Loogootee Music Department proudly presents a special showcase production of "Annie Kids." [cite: 1]

The stage performance marks the grand culmination of the music department's annual Music Kids Camp, highlighting talented young performers in grades two through six Curtain time is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, welcoming families, friends, fellow classmates and local residents to an evening celebrating community youth musical theater

Admission to the performance is completely free of charge, offering Martin County families an accessible, family-friendly evening out while directly supporting local youth performing arts education

"Annie Kids" delivers an energetic, youth-focused adaptation of the beloved Broadway classic, following the spirited and optimistic orphan Annie as she navigates 1930s New York City in search of a loving family and permanent home The production features familiar musical favorites adapted specifically for developing young voices, including iconic showstoppers such as "Tomorrow" and "It's the Hard-Knock Life."

Throughout the camp's intensive rehearsal sessions, participating elementary students worked alongside dedicated district music instructors to master essential stage performance fundamentals The program emphasizes vocal projection, choral ensemble singing, introductory choreography, stage movement and theatrical expression, giving children valuable practical experience under the bright stage lights

Presented under the banner of Loogootee Musical Theatre, the camp serves as an introductory training pipeline for the school corporation's broader performing arts curriculum By introducing younger students to stagecraft and collaborative storytelling early, directors aim to nurture creative expression and build personal confidence that carries forward into junior high and high school drama and choir ensembles.

Organizers encourage area patrons, families and community theater enthusiasts to arrive early ahead of the official 6 p.m. showtime to secure seating and cheer on the talented young local cast



FEATURES

JFK GYM TURNING 100 SPECIAL

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The historic John F. Kennedy Gymnasium in Loogootee will celebrate its centennial anniversary in 2027, marking 100 years as one of Indiana’s most revered shrines to small-town basketball.

To commemorate the milestone and safeguard its rich heritage, organizers and community leaders are launching “**The Legends of JFK Gym**,” a storytelling and historical preservation initiative designed to document the players, coaches, and local traditions that defined an era of Hoosier Hysteria. Constructed in 1927 on the campus of the former Loogootee High School, the brick cathedral served for four decades as the raucous epicenter of Martin County sports. While varsity action eventually transitioned to a newer facility in 1968, the JFK Gym remains an active, functioning fixture for youth athletics and community gatherings. As its 100th birthday nears, civic organizers hope the new project will bridge generations of Lions fans and preserve irreplaceable memories before they fade.

A Temple of Hardwood History

Walking through the double doors of the JFK Gym offers a direct window into the early 20th century. Built with distinct Art Deco touches, the facility retains architectural features rarely seen in contemporary sports venues. Spectators still pass the original wooden ticket booth in the front foyer before climbing one of two grand, crimson-painted staircases that rise into the steep balcony. The wooden bleachers hang tightly over the sidelines and one baseline, creating an intimate, echoing cauldron where generations of visiting opponents struggled to hear their own play calls. At the far end of the hardwood sits an elevated stage with theatrical curtains, a common layout for Depression-era civic auditoriums that doubled as basketball courts. Overlooking that very stage sits the old office of Hall of Fame coach Jack Butcher, who spent the first decade of his legendary coaching tenure pacing the sidelines of the JFK floor.

Butcher, who graduated from Loogootee in 1951 as the school’s all-time leading scorer, returned to his hometown in 1958 after a college career at Memphis State and service in the Korean War. Across 45 seasons, Butcher amassed 806 career victories, an Indiana high school record that stood unchallenged for decades. Ten of those seasons were spent inside the JFK Gym, forging the disciplined, hard-nosed style that made Loogootee a household name statewide. During the facility’s 41-year reign as the high school’s main floor, the Lions captured eight sectional championships, packing the rafters every Friday night.

Restoring a Community Anchor

Unlike many historic Indiana fieldhouses that met the wrecking ball as consolidations swept the state, the JFK Gym survived through deliberate civic commitment. In recent years, the City of Loogootee and local school leaders invested in key preservation efforts. The playing surface received a modern refinishing that highlights the traditional Loogootee Lion at center court. Ongoing maintenance has addressed roof stabilization, exterior window framing, and structural integrity, ensuring that the facility safely accommodates middle school games, elementary practices, and recreational leagues.

City officials note that maintaining an active building is the most effective way to honor its past. Rather than sitting mothballed as a museum piece, the building continues to echo with squeaking sneakers, bouncing leather, and referee whistles. Yet leaders recognize that the building’s physical bricks and mortar represent only half of its legacy. The heart of the gymnasium lies in the stories told by the people who filled its seats.

Launching “The Legends of JFK Gym”

With the 2027 centennial on the horizon, community organizers are rolling out “The Legends of JFK Gym,” a multi-part historical documentation initiative. The goal is simple: collaborate directly with local residents, former athletes, school alumni, and historians to compile a comprehensive living archive of the gymnasium’s first century.

The project will gather firsthand oral histories, digitized photographs, vintage game programs, ticket stubs, and memorabilia from 1927 onward. These materials will be showcased through an upcoming retrospective series featuring long-form profiles, video interviews, and an interactive permanent display inside the gymnasium lobby. Organizers emphasize that “The Legends of JFK Gym” is not reserved solely for record-setters or championship squads. The series intends to highlight the broad spectrum of community members who contributed to the gymnasium’s culture over the decades:

- **The Players and Coaches:** From the charter teams of the late 1920s to the Butcher-era squads that put Loogootee on the basketball map, documenting tactical innovations, locker-room speeches, and fierce local rivalries.
- **The Student Support:** The cheerleaders, pep band musicians, and student managers who spent freezing winter nights packing the grandstands and keeping school spirit alive.
- **The Custodians and Staff:** The caretakers who stoked the original boilers, swept the floor between halves, and ensured the arena stood ready for game nights.
- **The Fans in the Rafters:** The families who purchased season tickets year after year, walking through rain and snow to climb the steep crimson stairs and cheer on the Lions.

How the Community Can Participate

Organizers are calling on the public across Martin County and beyond to share their personal connections to the gym. Anyone with family heirlooms, scrapbooks, or distinct memories tied to the facility is encouraged to take part. Specific contributions sought include:

- **First-Person Stories:** Recorded interviews or written recollections detailing memorable games, buzzer-beaters, halftime rituals, and life in Loogootee during the gym’s peak varsity years.
- **Photographs and Film:** Vintage black-and-white prints, 8mm game film, or family snapshots depicting the interior, exterior, and crowds of the JFK Gym throughout the mid-20th century.
- **Ephemera and Artifacts:** Ticket stubs, regional tournament programs, letterman jackets, pennants, and school newspapers.

Digital scanning sessions will be scheduled at local venues so residents can have their historical keepsakes professionally digitized without parting with cherished originals.

Preserving a Way of Life

For Loogootee, honoring the JFK Gym is about more than celebrating athletic triumphs; it is about preserving a distinct way of Midwestern life. In small towns throughout Indiana, the school gymnasium long stood as town square, sanctuary, and community identity all rolled into one. As 2027 approaches, “The Legends of JFK Gym” aims to guarantee that when the building enters its second century, the names, voices, and triumphs of those who built its legacy remain firmly etched in the history of the town they called home.



SPORTS

LOOGOOTEE SPORTS SCHEDULE

Volleyball (Girls V) - Bedford
North Lawrence High School (H)
10/8/2026 6:00 PM

Cross Country (Co-ed V) - Blue-
Chip Conference Meet (A)
10/10/2026 10:00 AM

LOOGOOTEE MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY WRAPS SEASON AT STATE MEET

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Loogootee Middle School cross-country runners capped an arduous fall campaign Saturday, competing against Indiana’s best at the state championship meet held at the renowned LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course.

The appearance marked a significant milestone for the program, which faced a steeper hill to climb just to earn starting spots on the Terre Haute course this season. State officials tightened time requirements across the board, setting a qualifying standard 30 seconds faster than the previous year.

Despite the tougher cutoff and a season dominated by grueling, late-summer heatwaves that complicated daily training, the young squad met the challenge head-on to secure their tickets to the finale.

Team leadership praised the roster for rising to the occasion when the pressure mounted.

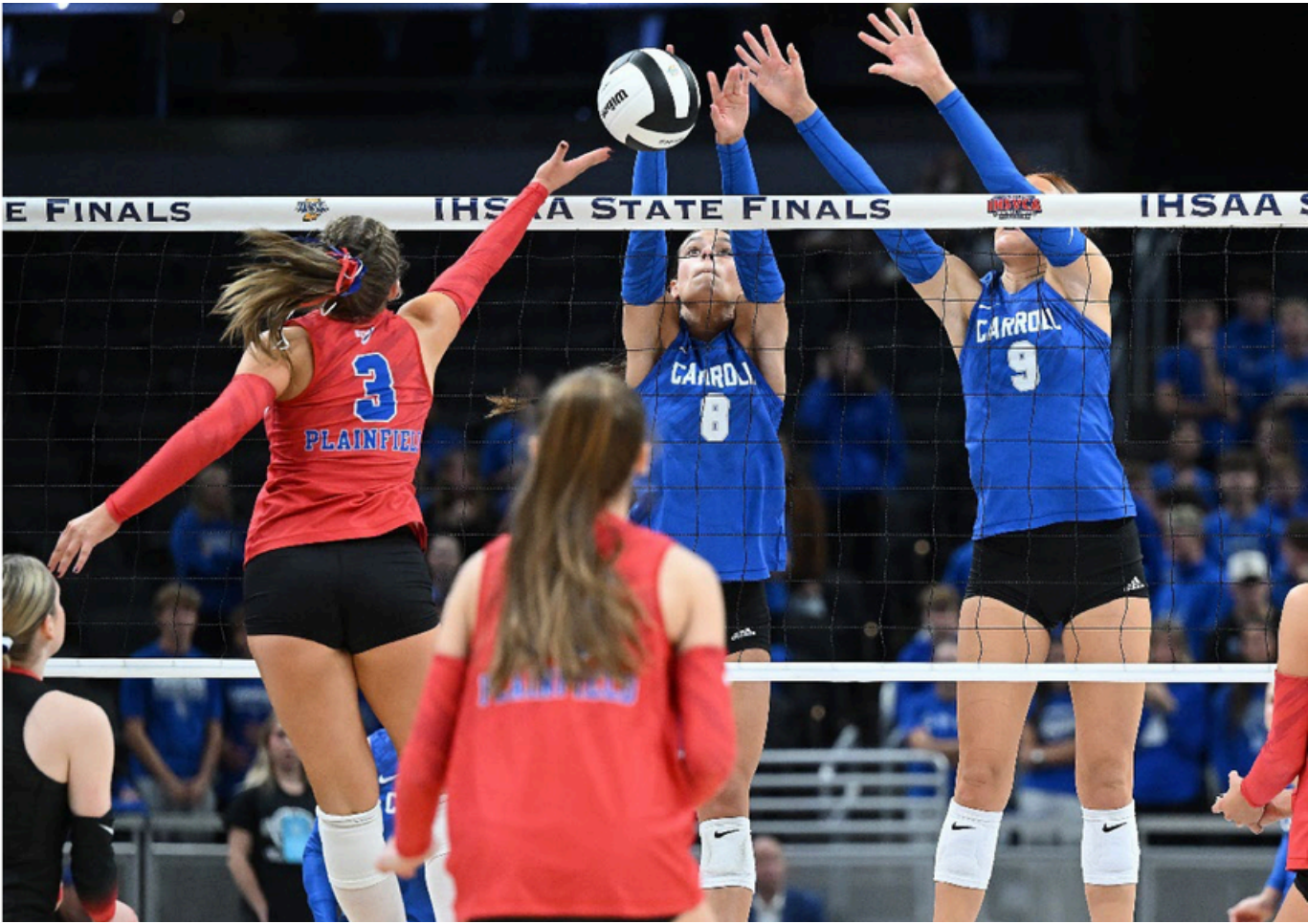
“This year’s qualifying standard was 30 seconds faster than last year’s, but these athletes battled through a tough season with the heat and still made it,” coaches said following the meet. “If that doesn’t tell you who these athletes are and what they’re made of, then I don’t know what else would.”

The LaVern Gibson course, which regularly hosts premier collegiate and national championships, offered a demanding final test to evaluate how far the runners had progressed since August. Observers noted that the squad’s resilience under adverse conditions has begun reshaping how competitors view the school’s distance running lineup.

“They are making our program known through their hard work,” the program announced. “Loogootee is proud of you all. Until next year.”

With the state finals concluded, the team turns toward winter conditioning, having established a higher standard of grit and speed for future Loogootee runners aiming to return to Terre Haute next autumn.

IHSAA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT DRAW 2026: FULL STATE PAIRINGS, SECTIONAL MATCHUPS AND ROAD TO GAINBRIDGE FIELDHOUSE



INDIANAPOLIS — The tournament pathway to a state title is set for 399 high school volleyball programs across Indiana following the official blind draw for the 55th Annual IHSAA Girls Volleyball State Tournament.

Broadcast across the state via IHSAAtv.org, the annual selection revealed a grueling postseason road encompassing four enrollment classifications, 64 sectional hosts, and 395 matches contested over a four-week span. Tournament play commences Tuesday, Oct. 13, and will conclude when four state champions are crowned on Saturday, Nov. 7, under the lights at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis.

This year’s state tournament features intense realignment drama, powerhouse programs defending state crowns in higher classes, and competitive sectional fields from the shores of Lake Michigan to the Ohio River. Defending champions face unprecedented tests: Class 4A top-ranked Carroll (Fort Wayne) aims to defend its state crown, while reigning Class 3A champion Roncalli has bumped into Class 4A, Class 2A champion Barr-Reeve has climbed into Class 3A, and Class 1A champion Trinity Lutheran now battles in Class 2A.

With the bracket officially published, teams have just days to make final regular-season adjustments before the do-or-die elimination rounds begin.

Tournament Format, Venues and Championship Schedule

The IHSAA girls volleyball postseason follows a four-stage knockout structure: Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States, and the State Finals.

To conduct the draw, the IHSAA placed ping-pong balls representing each school in a sectional into a lottery-style air mix machine. Balls were forced up a transparent tube in random order, with the second team drawn designated as the home team for each match.

Postseason Calendar and Admission

- Sectionals: Tuesday, Oct. 13; Thursday, Oct. 15; and Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026. Admission is \$8 per session or \$20 for a full sectional pass. Children age 5 and younger are admitted free.
- Regionals: Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026. Regional venues will feature a four-team doubleheader format hosting two separate regional championship matches per site. Admission is \$10 per session.
- Semi-States: Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026. Each semi-state location features a four-team bracket comprising two semifinal matches followed by an evening championship match. Admission is \$12 per session.
- State Finals: Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, at Gainbridge Fieldhouse (125 S. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis). General admission tickets are \$20 per person. Matches stream live via pay-per-view on IHSAAtv.org for \$20 per single match or \$25 for an all-day tournament pass.

State Championship Match Times (Saturday, Nov. 7)

- Class 1A: 12:00 p.m. ET / 11:00 a.m. CT
- Class 2A: 2:30 p.m. ET / 1:30 p.m. CT
- Class 3A: 5:00 p.m. ET / 4:00 p.m. CT
- Class 4A: 7:30 p.m. ET / 6:30 p.m. CT

IHSAA Girls Volleyball Tournament

The winner of each northern semi-state will serve as the designated home team in the state finals.

Notable Streaks and Program Storylines
A total of 399 schools entered the 2026 state tournament: 83 teams in Class 4A, 102 in Class 3A, 100 in Class 2A, and 114 in Class 1A.

Leading the active postseason tournament win streaks are Roncalli and Trinity Lutheran, each riding 14-match tournament winning streaks dating back to their 2024 and 2025 postseason runs. Defending 4A titlist Carroll (Fort Wayne) enters with 12 straight postseason victories, while Barr-Reeve holds seven consecutive tournament wins.

- Active Sectional Title Streaks
- 17 consecutive titles: Carroll (Fort Wayne)
 - 12 consecutive titles: Trinity Lutheran
 - 11 consecutive titles: Center Grove
 - 9 consecutive titles: Barr-Reeve
 - 8 consecutive titles: Indianapolis Cathedral
 - 7 consecutive titles: Brownstown Central, Crown Point, NorthWood
 - 6 consecutive titles: Yorktown
 - 5 consecutive titles: Castle, Floyd Central, Southwood
 - 4 consecutive titles: Faith Christian, Hammond Bishop Noll, Marquette Catholic, Northview, Tecumseh, Warsaw Community
 - 3 consecutive titles: Franklin Community, Harrison (West Lafayette), Loogootee, Roncalli, Shakamak, Tri-West Hendricks

All-Time Sectional Championship Leaders
Castle leads the state with 43 sectional championships all-time, narrowly ahead of Bellmont (41) and Jasper (40). Center Grove and Providence are tied with 37 sectional titles, followed by Evansville Mater Dei (35), Indianapolis Cathedral (33), Roncalli (33), Carmel (31), and Muncie Burris (31).

Class 4A Tournament Breakdown:
Heavyweights on Collision Course
Class 4A features Indiana’s premier large-school programs, with reigning state champion and top-ranked Carroll (Fort Wayne) seeking to protect its sectional streak on home hardwood. Meanwhile, the sudden jump of Roncalli into Sectional 12 at Center Grove sets up a loaded southern Indianapolis bracket.

- Sectional 1 through Sectional 4 (Northern Region)
- Sectional 1 at Munster (5 teams): Match 1 pits Lake Central against Hammond Morton, while Match 2 features Hammond Central taking on host Munster. Crown Point, riding a seven-year sectional championship streak, awaits the Lake Central/Hammond Morton winner in the semifinals.
 - Sectional 2 at Valparaiso (5 teams): Portage opens against Duneland rival Chesterton in Match 1. Hobart plays Merrillville in Match 2, while host Valparaiso draws a bye to face the Portage/Chesterton winner.

- Sectional 3 at Mishawaka (6 teams): Michigan City plays LaPorte in Match 1, followed by a heavyweight showdown between host Mishawaka and Penn in Match 2. South Bend Riley awaits the Match 1 winner, while South Bend Adams awaits the Mishawaka/Penn victor.

- Sectional 4 at Northridge (5 teams): Elkhart faces Concord in Match 1, and Goshen squares off with defending sectional titlist Warsaw Community in Match 2. Host Northridge awaits the winner of Elkhart and Concord in Match 3.

- Sectional 5 through Sectional 8 (Northeast & Central)
- Sectional 5 at Carroll (Fort Wayne) (4 teams): No. 1-ranked Carroll opens its state defense at home against Fort Wayne Snider in Match 2, following the Match 1 clash between Fort Wayne North Side and Fort Wayne Northrop.

- Sectional 6 at Huntington North (4 teams): Fort Wayne Wayne takes on host Huntington North in Match 1, while Fort Wayne South Side challenges Homestead in Match 2.

- Sectional 7 at McCutcheon (4 teams): Host McCutcheon meets Lafayette Jefferson in Match 1, with Kokomo facing defending sectional champ Harrison (West Lafayette) in Match 2.

- Sectional 8 at Fishers (6 teams): One of the most competitive sectionals in the Midwest opens with Carmel against Westfield in Match 1, followed by Zionsville against Noblesville in Match 2. Powerhouse Hamilton Southeastern awaits the Carmel/Westfield winner, while host Fishers meets the Zionsville/Noblesville winner.

- Sectional 9 through Sectional 12 (Central & Metro Indy)
- Sectional 9 at Pendleton Heights (7 teams): Greenfield-Central meets host Pendleton Heights in Match 1. Muncie Central faces Anderson in Match 2, while perennial power Yorktown matches up with Mt. Vernon (Fortville) in Match 3. Richmond awaits the Match 1 winner in the semifinal round.

- Sectional 10 at Lawrence North (6 teams): Defending champ Lawrence North hosts crosstown rival Lawrence Central in Match 1, while Warren Central plays Indianapolis Arsenal Technical in Match 2. New Palestine awaits the Lawrence North/Lawrence Central winner, and North Central (Indianapolis) faces the Match 2 winner.

- Sectional 11 at Ben Davis (6 teams): Hendricks County clash Avon and Plainfield opens Match 1, with Brownsburg taking on Mooresville in Match 2. Host Ben Davis plays the Avon/Plainfield winner, and Pike awaits the Brownsburg/Mooresville victor.

- Sectional 12 at Center Grove (7 teams): Host Center Grove meets Perry Meridian in Match 1, Greenwood Community plays Decatur Central in Match 2, and Southport battles Franklin Central in Match 3. Defending Class 3A champion Roncalli drew the bye into Match 4, where it awaits the winner of Center Grove and Perry Meridian.

- Sectional 13 through Sectional 16 (Southern Region)
- Sectional 13 at Martinsville (5 teams): Host Martinsville plays Terre Haute South Vigo in Match 1, while Terre Haute North Vigo takes on Bloomington South in Match 2. Bloomington North awaits the Martinsville/Terre Haute South winner in Match 3.

Sectional 14 at Columbus East (5 teams): Columbus North plays Whiteland Community in Match 1, followed by host Columbus East taking on East Central in Match 2. Defending champion Franklin Community awaits the Columbus North/Whiteland winner.

- Sectional 15 at Jeffersonville (4 teams): New Albany plays host Jeffersonville in Match 1, while Seymour challenges defending champion Floyd Central in Match 2.

- Sectional 16 at Castle (4 teams): Evansville Harrison plays Evansville Reitz in Match 1, with Evansville North challenging host Castle in Match 2.

Class 3A Tournament Breakdown:
Reclassified Titans and Historic Rivals
Class 3A brings fierce depth across the state, highlighted by No. 1-ranked Providence, an 8-team loaded bracket at Jasper featuring reigning 2A state champion Barr-Reeve, and historic power Bellmont looking to defend its home court.

- Sectional 17 through Sectional 20 (Northern Corridor)
- Sectional 17 at Griffith (6 teams): Highland meets Calumet in Match 1, with Gary West Side taking on host Griffith in Match 2. Defending sectional champion Hammond Bishop Noll opens in Match 3 against the Highland/Calumet winner, while East Chicago Central plays the Match 2 winner.

- Sectional 18 at Hanover Central (5 teams): Lowell challenges Illiana Christian in Match 1, and host Hanover Central meets River Forest in Match 2. Kankakee Valley awaits the Match 1 winner.

- Sectional 19 at Mishawaka Marian (7 teams): Glenn plays host Mishawaka Marian in Match 1, Culver Academies faces New Prairie in Match 2, and South Bend Washington meets Plymouth in Match 3. South Bend Saint Joseph draws the semifinal bye to face the Marian/Glenn winner.

- Sectional 20 at West Noble (6 teams): Seven-time defending champion NorthWood draws Wawasee in Match 1, followed by Tippecanoe Valley versus Columbia City in Match 2. Fairfield awaits the NorthWood/Wawasee winner, while host West Noble plays the Match 2 winner.

- Sectional 21 through Sectional 24 (Northeast & North Central)
- Sectional 21 at East Noble (7 teams): East Noble hosts Garrett in Match 1, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran meets Angola in Match 2, and Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger battles Leo in Match 3. DeKalb awaits the East Noble/Garrett winner.

- Sectional 22 at Bellmont (7 teams): Host Bellmont takes on Fort Wayne Bishop Luers in Match 1, New Haven faces Woodlan in Match 2, and Norwell plays Heritage in Match 3. Bluffton awaits Bellmont or Luers in the semifinals.

- Sectional 23 at Logansport (7 teams): West Lafayette faces Marion in Match 1, Mississinewa meets Northwestern in Match 2, and host Logansport challenges Western in Match 3. Twin Lakes waits in the semifinals for the West Lafayette/Marion winner.

- Sectional 24 at New Castle (5 teams): Hamilton Heights meets host New Castle in Match 1, followed by Guerin Catholic against Delta in Match 2. Jay County awaits the Hamilton Heights/New Castle winner.

- Sectional 25 through Sectional 28 (Central & Wabash Valley)
- Sectional 25 at Crawfordsville (6 teams): Crawfordsville plays Tri-West Hendricks in Match 1, while Danville Community faces North Montgomery in Match 2. Frankfort awaits the Match 1 winner, and Lebanon faces the Match 2 winner.

- Sectional 26 at Indianapolis Shortridge (8 teams): A stacked Marion County field sees Herron face Brebeuf Jesuit in Match 1, Indianapolis Cathedral take on Speedway in Match 2, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard challenge Indianapolis George Washington in Match 3, and host Shortridge meet Indianapolis Crispus Attucks in Match 4.

- Sectional 27 at Beech Grove (5 teams): Host Beech Grove plays Rushville Consolidated in Match 1, followed by Purdue Polytechnic-Downtown against Shelbyville in Match 2. Connersville awaits the Beech Grove/Rushville winner.

- Sectional 28 at Indian Creek (5 teams): Bedford North Lawrence takes on Owen Valley in Match 1, with Edgewood playing host Indian Creek in Match 2. Defending sectional champion Northview draws the bye into the semifinals to face the BNL/Owen Valley winner.

- Sectional 29 through Sectional 32 (Southern Bracket)
- Sectional 29 at South Dearborn (6 teams): Franklin County challenges Greensburg in Match 1, while Batesville plays Jennings County in Match 2. Lawrenceburg awaits the Match 1 winner, and host South Dearborn faces the Match 2 winner.

- Sectional 30 at Silver Creek (8 teams): Top-ranked Providence begins its postseason pursuit against Scottsburg in Match 4. The bracket also features Charlestown vs. Corydon Central in Match 1, North Harrison vs. Madison Consolidated in Match 2, and host Silver Creek taking on Brownstown Central in Match 3.

- Sectional 31 at Jasper (8 teams): In an electric southwest pairing, defending Class 2A state champion Barr-Reeve moves into Class 3A to challenge Princeton Community in Match 4. The bracket opens with Southridge vs. Washington in Match 1, Heritage Hills vs. host Jasper in Match 2, and Vincennes Lincoln vs. Gibson Southern in Match 3.

- Sectional 32 at Mt. Vernon (6 teams): Host Mt. Vernon faces Evansville Bosse in Match 1, Evansville Central takes on Evansville Memorial in Match 2, and perennial power Evansville Mater Dei awaits the Match 1 winner. Boonville plays the Central/Memorial winner.

Class 2A Tournament Breakdown: State Champions on the Move
Class 2A is anchored by No. 1-ranked Southwood in Sectional 36, while defending Class 1A champion Trinity Lutheran enters Sectional 45 on a 12-year sectional title streak.

- Sectional 33 through Sectional 36 (Northern Section)
- Sectional 33 at Andrean (7 teams): Whiting plays Wheeler in Match 1, Gary 21st Century meets Lighthouse CPC in Match 2, and Boone Grove faces host Andrean in Match 3. Lake Station Edison awaits the Whiting/Wheeler winner.

- Sectional 34 at Bremen (7 teams): LaVille plays host Bremen in Match 1, Knox meets Winamac Community in Match 2, and South Central (Union Mills) plays Career Academy in Match 3. Jimtown awaits the LaVille/Bremen winner in Match 4.

- Sectional 35 at Lakeland (6 teams): Churubusco meets Central Noble in Match 1, and Eastside plays Westview in Match 2. Host Lakeland awaits the Match 1 winner, while Prairie Heights plays the Match 2 winner.

- Sectional 36 at Wabash (6 teams): No. 1 Southwood opens against South Adams in Match 1, with host Wabash taking on Adams Central in Match 2. Whitko plays the Southwood/South Adams winner, and Manchester awaits the Wabash/Adams Central winner.

- Sectional 37 through Sectional 40 (North Central)
- Sectional 37 at Western Boone (7 teams): Seeger faces Clinton Prairie in Match 1, Benton Central plays Rensselaer Central in Match 2, and Faith Christian challenges Delphi Community in Match 3. Host Western Boone awaits the Seeger/Clinton Prairie winner.

- Sectional 38 at Rochester Community (6 teams): Maconaquah plays Lewis Cass in Match 1, and Peru meets host Rochester in Match 2. Eastern (Greentown) awaits the Match 1 winner, and Oak Hill plays the Match 2 winner.

- Sectional 39 at Tipton (6 teams): Lapel takes on host Tipton in Match 1, while Frankton faces Elwood Community in Match 2. Sheridan awaits the Lapel/Tipton winner, and Taylor plays the Frankton/Elwood winner.

IHSAA Girls Volleyball Tournament

- Sectional 40 at Wapahani (5 teams): Muncie Burris meets Eastbrook in Match 1, while defending champion Wapahani takes on Alexandria Monroe in Match 2. Blackford awaits the Burris/Eastbrook winner in Match 3.

Sectional 41 through Sectional 44 (Central & East Central)

- Sectional 41 at Southmont (8 teams): Monrovia plays South Vermillion in Match 1, Cascade meets South Putnam in Match 2, Parke Heritage challenges Greencastle in Match 3, and host Southmont plays North Putnam in Match 4.
- Sectional 42 at Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter (6 teams): Riverside meets Park Tudor in Match 1, and host Cardinal Ritter plays Covenant Christian in Match 2. Heritage Christian awaits the Match 1 winner, while University faces the Match 2 winner.
- Sectional 43 at Indianapolis Scecina (5 teams): Knightstown challenges host Scecina in Match 1, while Triton Central meets Christel House in Match 2. Eastern Hancock awaits the Knightstown/Scecina winner.

- Sectional 44 at Hagerstown (6 teams): Union County plays Centerville in Match 1, and host Hagerstown takes on Northeastern in Match 2. Winchester Community faces the Match 1 winner, and Shenandoah awaits the Match 2 winner.

Sectional 45 through Sectional 48 (Southern Section)

- Sectional 45 at South Ripley (6 teams): Defending Class 1A champion Trinity Lutheran enters Class 2A play in Match 4, awaiting the winner of Match 2 between host South Ripley and Switzerland County. Match 1 features Brown County against Southwestern (Hanover), with Austin awaiting the winner.
- Sectional 46 at Mitchell (7 teams): Eastern (Pekin) takes on Paoli in Match 1, Crawford County meets Henryville in Match 2, and host Mitchell plays Salem in Match 3. Clarksville awaits the Eastern/Paoli winner in Match 4.
- Sectional 47 at West Vigo (6 teams): South Knox plays host West Vigo in Match 1, and Eastern Greene battles Sullivan in Match 2. Linton-Stockton faces the South Knox/West Vigo winner, and North Knox awaits the Eastern Greene/Sullivan winner.
- Sectional 48 at Perry Central (6 teams): Forest Park plays Pike Central in Match 1, and Tell City takes on host Perry Central in Match 2. South Spencer awaits the Match 1 winner, and North Posey awaits the Match 2 winner.

Class 1A Tournament Breakdown: Contenders Eye the Small-School Crown With Trinity Lutheran bumping to 2A, the Class 1A state championship is wide open. No. 1 Indianapolis Lutheran leads the state rankings, while traditional powers Loogootee, Springs Valley, Tecumseh, and Christian Academy of Indiana position themselves for deep southern runs.

Sectional 49 through Sectional 52 (Northern Tier)

- Sectional 49 at Kouts (8 teams): Washington Township faces Westville in Match 1, Hammond S&T meets Bowman Academy in Match 2, Morgan Township challenges Marquette Catholic in Match 3, and Hebron takes on host Kouts in Match 4.
- Sectional 50 at South Newton (8 teams): DeMotte Christian plays Caston in Match 1, West Central meets host South Newton in Match 2, Tri-County plays North Newton in Match 3, and North White battles Pioneer in Match 4.

- Sectional 51 at Culver Community (7 teams): Argos plays North Judson-San Pierre in Match 1, Tri-Township takes on Triton in Match 2, and Elkhart Christian challenges host Culver Community in Match 3. Oregon-Davis awaits the Argos/North Judson winner.

- Sectional 52 at Fremont (7 teams): Fort Wayne Canterbury meets Bethany Christian in Match 1, Hamilton plays Lakewood Park Christian in Match 2, and Lakeland Christian faces Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian in Match 3. Host Fremont awaits the Canterbury/Bethany winner.

Sectional 53 through Sectional 56 (North Central & East)

- Sectional 53 at Covington (6 teams): Lafayette Central Catholic plays host Covington in Match 1, and North Vermillion takes on Riverton Parke in Match 2. Attica awaits the Match 1 winner, and Fountain Central meets the Match 2 winner.
- Sectional 54 at Rossville (7 teams): Bethesda Christian plays host Rossville in Match 1, Clinton Central meets Tri-Central in Match 2, and Carroll (Flora) challenges Frontier in Match 3. Traders Point Christian awaits the Bethesda/Rossville winner.
- Sectional 55 at Cowan (7 teams): North Miami meets Southern Wells in Match 1, Madison-Grant plays Daleville in Match 2, and Wes-Del challenges host Cowan in Match 3. Northfield awaits the North Miami/Southern Wells winner.
- Sectional 56 at Monroe Central (8 teams): Seton Catholic plays Cambridge City Lincoln in Match 1, Blue River Valley takes on host Monroe Central in Match 2, Randolph Southern faces Union City in Match 3, and Union (Modoc) meets Tri in Match 4.

Sectional 57 through Sectional 60 (Central & Southeast)

- Sectional 57 at Purdue Polytechnic - Broad Ripple (8 teams): Indiana Math & Science plays Tindley in Match 1, International challenges Anderson Preparatory in Match 2, MTI Knowledge meets Liberty Christian in Match 3, and Indiana Deaf takes on host Purdue Polytechnic in Match 4.
- Sectional 58 at Indianapolis Lutheran (6 teams): Top-ranked Indianapolis Lutheran awaits the winner of Match 1 between Irvington and Indianapolis Metropolitan in Match 3. Match 2 features Mooresville Christian against Eminence, with Providence Cristo Rey awaiting the winner.
- Sectional 59 at North Decatur (8 teams): Morristown faces Southwestern (Shelbyville) in Match 1, Hauser plays Waldron in Match 2, Greenwood Christian takes on South Decatur in Match 3, and host North Decatur battles Edinburgh in Match 4.

- Sectional 60 at Oldenburg (6 teams): Rising Sun meets host Oldenburg in Match 1, and Milan plays Crothersville in Match 2. Shawe Memorial awaits the Match 1 winner, and Jac-Cen-Del awaits the Match 2 winner.

Sectional 61 through Sectional 64 (Southern & Southwestern Region)

- Sectional 61 at White River Valley (8 teams): Dugger Union plays Bloomfield in Match 1, host White River Valley takes on North Central (Farmersburg) in Match 2, Shakamak meets Clay City in Match 3, and Cloverdale battles Seven Oaks in Match 4.

- Sectional 62 at Loogootee (6 teams): Three-time defending sectional champion Loogootee drew a first-round bye as the home host. The Lions will open play in Match 4 against the winner of Match 2 between North Daviess and Shoals. On the top half of the bracket, Orleans plays Medora in Match 1, with Lighthouse Christian awaiting the winner in Match 3.

- Sectional 63 at Christian Academy of Indiana (7 teams): Host Christian Academy meets Borden in Match 1, New Washington plays Lanesville in Match 2, and West Washington takes on Rock Creek in Match 3. South Central (Elizabeth) awaits the CAI/Borden winner.

- Sectional 64 at Northeast Dubois (7 teams): A fierce southern field opens with Vincennes Rivet taking on Springs Valley in Match 1. Wood Memorial plays host Northeast Dubois in Match 2, while Tecumseh battles Evansville Christian in Match 3. Cannelton awaits the Rivet/Springs Valley winner.

Regional Host Sites and Bracket Paths
Regional competition on Saturday, Oct. 24, will feature four teams per site, playing two separate regional championships in a single-session or split doubleheader format. Regional champions advance directly into four-team semi-states the following weekend.

Designated Regional Hosts

- Northern Regional Hosts: LaPorte, Culver Community, NorthWood, Homestead, Southwood, Norwell, Twin Lakes, and Elwood Community.
- Southern Regional Hosts: Greenfield-Central, Cascade, Monrovia, Bloomington North, Loogootee, Mitchell, Morristown, and Charlestown.

Scheduled Regional Championship Pairings

Class 4A Regional Matchups

- Regional 1: Mishawaka winner vs. Valparaiso winner
- Regional 2: Northridge winner vs. Munster winner
- Regional 3: McCutcheon winner vs. Fishers winner
- Regional 4: Carroll (Fort Wayne) winner vs. Huntington North winner

- Regional 5: Lawrence North winner vs. Pendleton Heights winner

- Regional 6: Ben Davis winner vs. Center Grove winner
- Regional 7: Martinsville winner vs. Columbus East winner
- Regional 8: Jeffersonville winner vs. Castle winner

Class 3A Regional Matchups

- Regional 9: Hanover Central winner vs. Griffith winner
- Regional 10: West Noble winner vs. Mishawaka Marian winner
- Regional 11: East Noble winner vs. Logansport winner

- Regional 12: Bellmont winner vs. New Castle winner
- Regional 13: Beech Grove winner vs. Crawfordsville winner
- Regional 14: Indian Creek winner vs. Indianapolis Shortridge winner

- Regional 15: Jasper winner vs. Silver Creek winner

- Regional 16: South Dearborn winner vs. Mt. Vernon winner

Class 2A Regional Matchups

- Regional 17: Andrean winner vs. Lakeland winner
- Regional 18: Wabash winner vs. Bremen winner
- Regional 19: Wapahani winner vs. Western Boone winner
- Regional 20: Tipton winner vs. Rochester Community winner
- Regional 21: Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter winner vs. Southmont winner
- Regional 22: Hagerstown winner vs. Indianapolis Scecina winner
- Regional 23: West Vigo winner vs. Perry Central winner
- Regional 24: South Ripley winner vs. Mitchell winner

Class 1A Regional Matchups

- Regional 25: South Newton winner vs. Kouts winner
- Regional 26: Fremont winner vs. Culver Community winner
- Regional 27: Covington winner vs. Rossville winner
- Regional 28: Monroe Central winner vs. Cowan winner
- Regional 29: Indianapolis Lutheran winner vs. Purdue Polytechnic-Broad Ripple winner
- Regional 30: North Decatur winner vs. Oldenburg winner
- Regional 31: Loogootee winner vs. White River Valley winner
- Regional 32: Northeast Dubois winner vs. Christian Academy winner

Semi-State Roadways to Indianapolis

Semi-state action will unfold on Saturday, Oct. 31, across eight host facilities split evenly between northern and southern Indiana.

- Northern Semi-State Host Gyms: NorthWood, Huntington North, Delphi Community, and Peru.
- Southern Semi-State Host Gyms: Martinsville, Bedford North Lawrence, Jasper, and Jennings County.

Semi-State Match Structures

Class 4A Semi-State

- Northern Bracket: Regional 4 winner vs. Regional 1 winner; Regional 3 winner vs. Regional 2 winner; winners play for the championship.
- Southern Bracket: Regional 8 winner vs. Regional 5 winner; Regional 7 winner vs. Regional 6 winner; winners play for the championship.

Class 3A Semi-State

- Northern Bracket: Regional 12 winner vs. Regional 9 winner; Regional 11 winner vs. Regional 10 winner; winners play for the championship.
- Southern Bracket: Regional 15 winner vs. Regional 13 winner; Regional 14 winner vs. Regional 16 winner; winners play for the championship.

Class 2A Semi-State

- Northern Bracket: Regional 19 winner vs. Regional 20 winner; Regional 18 winner vs. Regional 17 winner; winners play for the championship.
- Southern Bracket: Regional 22 winner vs. Regional 24 winner; Regional 21 winner vs. Regional 23 winner; winners play for the championship.

Class 1A Semi-State

- Northern Bracket: Regional 26 winner vs. Regional 27 winner; Regional 28 winner vs. Regional 25 winner; winners play for the championship.
- Southern Bracket: Regional 30 winner vs. Regional 32 winner; Regional 31 winner vs. Regional 29 winner; winners play for the championship.

Individual sectional host schools will publish specific start times, court assignments, and local ticketing links throughout the coming week, with full bracket updates populated online at IHSAA.org.

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EVENT PLANNER OCTOBER 7-14

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

Located at 406 NW 1st St. in Loogootee, the Senior Center provides a full lineup of activities designed to keep older adults active and engaged. The following is the schedule of programs and events taking place from Wednesday, October 7- Wednesday, October 14.

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

Advance registration is required for the flu vaccination clinic.

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

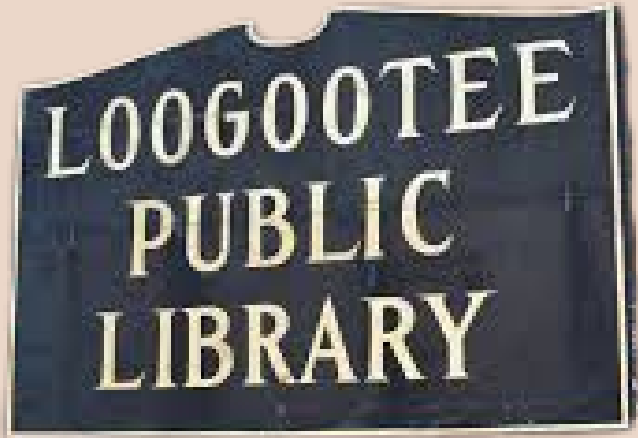
Looking ahead through the rest of October, the Bookworm Book Club will read "Boomerang" by Robert Bailey. Other October highlights include:

- Thursday, Oct. 8: Game Day (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Friday, Oct. 9: Chair Exercise (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- Monday, Oct. 12: Closed for Columbus Day Holiday
- Tuesday, Oct. 13: Chair Exercise (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) & Game Time (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Oct. 14: Exercise with Functional Fitness (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) & Author visit with Alice Sexton discussing her book (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

REST OF OCTOBER

- Thursday, Oct. 15: Lunch and Bingo with Martin County Council on Aging (11:30 a.m., bring \$5 bingo prize)
- Friday, Oct. 16: Game Day (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) & Multigenerational Family Fun/Fall Break Evening (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
- Monday, Oct. 19: Chair Exercise (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
- Tuesday, Oct. 20: Lunch provided by Methodist Church (11:30 a.m.) & Game Time (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Oct. 21: Cooking with the Shoals Culinary Club (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) & Book Club (1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, Oct. 22: Taylor Tech Scam Presentation & Device Assistance (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Friday, Oct. 23: Medicare Reviews with Kym (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), Chair Exercise (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.), & Game Day (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Monday, Oct. 26: Rhythm & Strength with SRF (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, Oct. 27: Lunch provided by The Strategies (11:30 a.m.) & Game Time (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Oct. 28: Road trip to Martin County Historical Society (10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., meet at center at 10:00 a.m. to carpool)
- Thursday, Oct. 29: Lunch and Bingo with Martin County Council on Aging (11:30 a.m., bring \$5 prize)
- Friday, Oct. 30: Chair Exercise (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) & Game Day (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, Oct. 31: Trick or Treat at the Senior Center (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

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



EVENT PLANNER OCTOBER 7-14

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 7-14

- Wednesday, October 7th: Closed

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

- Thursday, Oct. 8: Wiggle Worms (11:00 a.m.)
- Friday, Oct. 9: Medicare 101 informational session (1:00 p.m.)
- Monday, Oct. 12: Closed for Columbus Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 & Oct. 20: Little Learners: Fall Craft (10:15 a.m.)

REST OF OCTOBER

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

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

MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

The Mid-States Corridor is now promoting a projection that by 2050 the Corridor project will generate \$180 million in additional manufacturing output and \$92 million in additional agricultural output. Those numbers sound impressive; but they need to be put in context before being presented as proof that the Corridor will produce those economic gains.

First, these are projections from an economic model, not money that has already been generated or guaranteed to be generated. The Corridor's own website says the analysis uses TREDIS and projects \$427 million in additional annual business output in 2050. It also says the more detailed TREDIS analysis will become available with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Second, "business output" is not the same thing as profit, wages, tax revenue, or economic benefit to taxpayers. Business output generally represents the value of economic activity or sales. A company can generate millions of dollars in additional sales without generating anything remotely comparable in additional profit. Therefore, saying "\$180 million in manufacturing" can easily give the public the impression that manufacturers will receive \$180 million in new wealth. That is not what the number means.

Third, the projection is specifically for 2050. That is approximately 24 years from now. Predicting economic activity more than two decades into the future necessarily requires assumptions about population, employment, business growth, transportation patterns, land use, freight movement and other economic conditions. Small changes in those assumptions can produce very different results.

The most important issue is how much of this growth would occur without the Mid-States Corridor.

The Corridor's own earlier economic methodology makes an important distinction between "baseline growth" and "induced growth." Baseline growth is economic growth expected to occur regardless of whether the highway is built. The model then attempts to estimate the additional growth associated with the project.

That distinction matters enormously. Southern Indiana's manufacturing and agricultural economies are going to continue changing between now and 2050 whether or not a new highway is constructed. The real question isn't whether the region will produce more in 2050 than it does today. Of course it probably will. The question is how much additional economic activity will actually be caused by spending billions of dollars on this unneeded and unwanted highway rather than by normal economic growth or alternative transportation investments.

There is also an opportunity-cost question that the promotional material — or is it propaganda? — doesn't answer: What could Indiana accomplish by investing the same billions of dollars elsewhere? A highway's projected benefits should be compared not only with its construction cost, but also with alternative transportation projects, infrastructure improvements, tax reductions, education, utilities and private-sector investments that could produce economic benefits.

Finally, the Corridor supporters themselves acknowledge that the analysis is about a long-term outlook, not a guarantee. Its

website reports approximately \$8 billion in cumulative economic impact through 2050 and a benefit-cost ratio greater than 4-to-1. Those figures deserve scrutiny because the credibility of the entire argument depends upon the assumptions and methodology behind the model.

The proper conclusion isn't that the Mid-States Corridor will create \$180 million in manufacturing and \$92 million in agricultural output. The defensible conclusion is much narrower: a computer model predicts that, under its assumptions, the project might produce those additional levels of economic activity by 2050. These are two very different statements. Taxpayers should see the underlying assumptions and calculations before treating a 2050 projection as an economic fact. And, we should all keep this in mind when we vote.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

Important Upcoming Dates:

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

PETS

Section by The Martin County Humane Society

ADOPTABLE CATS

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

Adoption fees remain accessible to promote pet placement throughout the region, with cat adoptions set at \$45 and dog adoptions at \$100. Prospective adopters can submit applications directly on the organization's official website at martincountyhumane.org to schedule a meeting with available animals, or email info@martincountyhumane.org. In addition to adoption efforts, the non-profit organization relies on community donations to maintain daily

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



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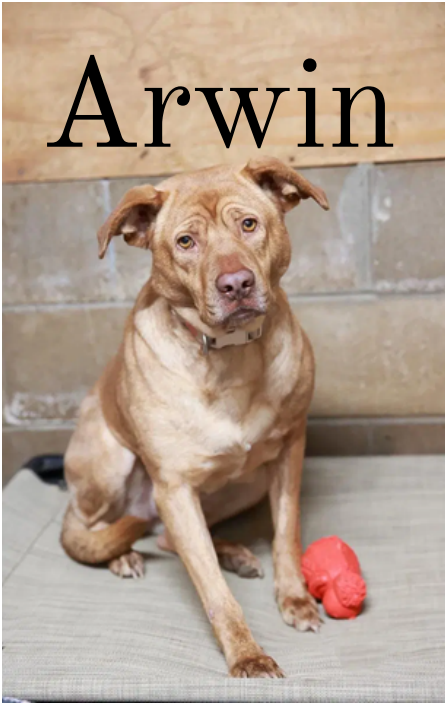
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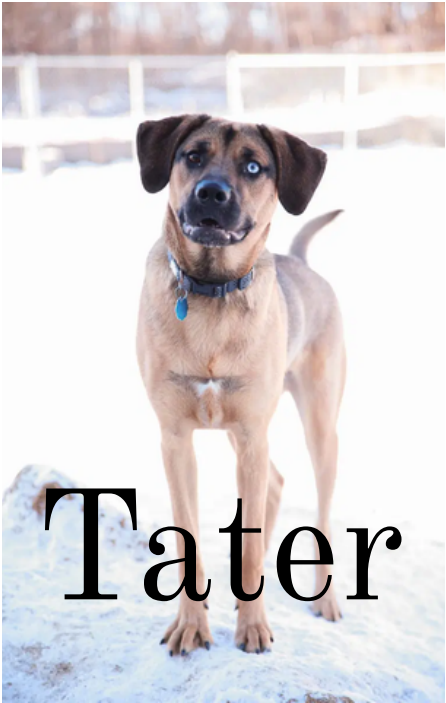
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Tater



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Barney



Knox



Ranger



Fred

Martin County & Courts

Monday, September 28, 2026

12:35 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Major Reed responded. No one was transported.

1:18 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

6:28 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident East of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

6:48 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling South. Advised all on-duty units. Dubois County was also notified.

7:35 a.m.- Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

8:11 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle Southwest of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

8:59 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:57 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

12:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a vehicle unlocked East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:07 p.m.- Received a call requesting traffic control for a funeral procession in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

1:32 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

2:00 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver East of Shoals. Deputy

Clark responded.

2:03 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.

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

4:39 p.m.- Received a 911 from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

6:15 p.m.- Received an iPhone crash detection in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Hawkins responded. No one was transported.

6:43 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

7:29 p.m.- Received a report of a verbal dispute North of Loogootee. Major Reed and Deputy Clark responded.

8:08 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver North of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

9:55 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Major Reed responded.

10:10 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting water gushing from a fire hydrant in Loogootee. Advised the caller they are flushing hydrants this week.

11:01 p.m.- Deputy Clark on station with John Bowens, a 27-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, Intimidation, and Domestic battery by bodily waste. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

1:24 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting that fire hydrants were gushing water in Loogootee. Advised caller they were flushing the hydrants this week.

7:06 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:07 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle Southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Captain Gibson responded.

10:44 a.m.- Received a report of a possible scam East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

11:19 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported two inmates to court.

12:22 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

12:55 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported three inmates to court.

12:55 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported three inmates to court.

2:27 p.m.- Received a 911 call from Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

3:05 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

3:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded. No one was transported.

4:21 p.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard South of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

6:29 p.m.- Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Loogootee City Utilities was notified.

7:25 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins on station with Joseph Rubsam, a 33-year-old male from Kentucky, arrested for Possession of marijuana, Possession of paraphernalia, Possession of synthetic urine, and Possession of substance to interfere

with a drug screening. He is being held on \$20,000 10% bond.

7:27 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 Daviess Community Hospital.

8:36 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting officers in Lawrence County. Transferred the call to Lawrence County 911.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

1:29 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident North of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

8:28 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Hawkins, ISP Troopers and INDOT responded. No one was transported.

10:12 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:53 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

12:28 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn South of Loogootee.

12:30 p.m.- Received a report of a vehicle disregarding the road closure signs East of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

1:23 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller, Deputy Branham, Marshal Copeland and Air Evac responded. Air Evac transported one patient to Midtown Deaconess in Evansville.

4:11 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

4:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:23 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:15 p.m.- Received a report of a trespasser in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line Southeast of Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

8:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

8:10 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Daviess County transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

8:43 p.m.- Received a report of a possible physical dispute East of Shoals. Deputy Nash and Deputy Clark responded.

9:32 p.m.- Received a report of possible trespassing in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.

10:09 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

11:24 p.m.- Deputy Clark on station with Noah Knight, a 21-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on a \$500 bond.

MARTIN COUNTY LOG

Thursday, October 1, 2026

2:20 a.m.- Received a call reporting a fire hydrant gushing water in Loogootee. Advised the caller they are flushing hydrants this week.

3:34 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.

6:45 a.m.- Received a report of possible vandalism East of Shoals. ISP was notified.

7:28 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Crane EMS and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:31 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless motorcycle driver on US 231S traveling North. Advised all on-duty units.

9:50 a.m.- Sheriff Greene transported three inmates to court.

9:50 a.m.- LPD Chief Cummings on station with Debra Wilson, a 58-year-old female from Shoals, arrested for Theft. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

10:50 a.m.- Transport Officer Norman and Jail Officer Bradley on station with Jerald White, a 53-year-old male from Holland, Indiana, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

11:48 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle South of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:56 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Marshal Copeland responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:00 p.m.- Monthly weather siren test completed.

12:55 p.m.- Deputy Branham transported two inmates to court.

2:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance

in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:01 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

3:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Branham and Marshal Copeland responded.

4:55 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:22 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious female in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

6:41 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Advised all on-duty units.

6:54 p.m.- Received a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Advised all on-duty units.

7:33 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.

9:11 p.m.- Received a traffic complaint East of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

11:51 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

Friday, October 2, 2026

12:55 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

12:59 a.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Sasha Pottorff, a 39-year-old female from Shoals, arrested for Possession of meth. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

3:35 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

4:27 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries Southeast of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

5:48 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:25 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Marshal Copeland, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Big John's Towing responded.

8:16 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane Naval 911.

8:17 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane Naval 911.

8:29 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Conservation Officer Doane and ISP responded.

9:35 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

10:17 a.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Jacob Bundy, a 38-year-old male from Mitchell, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment and Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-controlled substance. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

10:22 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North into Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

12:11 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

1:49 p.m.- Received multiple calls reporting semis disregarding the signs East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

2:04 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check South of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

2:10 p.m.- Received a report of a semi disregarding the road closure signs East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

2:40 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Branham and Marshal Copeland responded.

3:48 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Ashley Harris, a 41-year-old female from Shoals, arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

5:03 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard East of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

5:21 p.m.- Received a request for a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Branham, Deputy Nash, Marshal Copeland and Reserve Marshal Linch responded.

Saturday, October 3, 2026

2:39 a.m.- Deputy Nash on station with Tina Gravitt, a 57-year-old female from Loogootee, arrested for Possession of meth and for Possession of paraphernalia. She is being held without bond.

5:59 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

6:30 a.m.- Received a call from Care Center requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

10:04 a.m.- Received a call requesting traffic control

for a funeral procession in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:24 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Deputy Branham responded.

11:01 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

11:36 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Deputy Branham responded.

12:26 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an animal complaint in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings was notified.

12:35 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle West of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

12:56 p.m.- Received a report of possible trespassing North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

12:57 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

1:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance

West of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

3:30 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

4:06 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

4:12 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

6:32 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231S traveling into Loogootee. All on-duty units were advised.

7:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident South of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

7:39 p.m.- Received a report of a possible safety issue in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

7:46 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:53 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

9:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

9:24 p.m.- Received a report of a trespasser in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

9:39 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

10:35 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

2:59 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

3:27 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

8:34 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

10:42 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

12:27 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

12:39 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South into Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.

12:49 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.

1:31 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

2:19 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

2:43 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

5:09 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident East of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

8:58 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

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

LOOGOOTEE POLICE LOG

Monday, September 21, 2026 11:19 am- A complainant from a local business advised of a trespasser at the business. 11:50 am- Chief Cummmings arrested Jessica Howard, a 36-year-old female from Loogootee, on a felony Martin County warrant for intimidation, and two counts of criminal trespass. 12:54 pm- Chief Cummings arrested Cheryl Davidson, a 50-year-old female from Cannelburg, on a felony warrant out of Mississippi for Possession of Methamphetamines. Tuesday, September 22, 2026 9:08 am- A caller advised of a dog running loose around Wood St. 12:59 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on US 231N. 2:48 pm- A caller advised of a controlled burn on US 231S. Wednesday, September 23, 2026 12:10 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a broken down semi in the turn lane at US 231S and US 50.	1:04 pm- The Loogootee Fire Dept. and Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a medical call on Eastgate Ave. Thursday, September 24, 2026 8:11 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of an erratic driver westbound on US 50, nearing Loogootee. 9:17 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey assisted SRO Rayhill with an issue with a student. 10:45 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a welfare check on E. Broadway St. 11:16 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Sheridan St. Friday, September 25, 2026 12:43 pm- A complainant called with a dog complaint. 2:42 pm- Chief Cummings spoke with a complainant regarding a battery that took place at school. 6:10 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a trash can fire at a local business.	11:47 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Cedar St. Saturday, September 26, 2026 4:11 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on E. Main St. Sunday, September 27, 2026 7:51 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a report of a submerged vehicle at West Boggs Park. 2:39 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call at the Loogootee Little League field. 4:48 pm- A complainant advised of a possible Protective Order Violation.
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***THERE IS NO
CURRENT UPDATE
FOR THIS WEEK***

Property Records

Transfers September 30-October 7

NOTICE 1 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Darlin Vanessa Calderon Calderon, residing at 405 Butcher Blvd, Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 405 Butcher Blvd, Loogootee, IN 47553 (Legal Description: A part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Three (3) North, Range Five (5) West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.24 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-08-24-200-269.000-008) from the current owner, Brittain Properties LLC, an Indiana Limited Liability Company.

NOTICE 2 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Pro-Angle Properties, LLC, an Indiana limited liability company, residing at 12550 Chicken Farm Rd, Shoals, IN 47581, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at Byron Street, Loogootee, IN 47553 (Legal Description: Lot Numbered Thirty-five (35) in Country Court V, a Subdivision lying in the City of Loogootee, as per plat thereof, recorded in Document No. 202500658, in the Office of the Recorder of Martin County, Indiana; State ID: 51-08-24-200-001.000-008) from the current owner, WL Properties of Loogootee LLC, an Indiana limited liability company.

NOTICE 3 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Michael R. Kleinberg and Michelle C. Kleinberg, husband and wife, residing at 13558 East River Road, Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: Tract I: A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.06 acres, more or less; Tract II: Lot Number One Hundred Six (106) in Chenoweth's Extension to West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana; Tract III: All that part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying South of the East Fork of White River, EXCEPT portions described in deed; Tract IV: A part of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter and part of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter in Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West; State ID: 51-06-18-400-008.001-003, 51-07-25-100-042.000-002, 51-06-18-100-005.000-003, and 51-06-18-400-006.000-003) from the current owner, Michelle C. Kleinberg f/k/a Michelle C. Quinn.

NOTICE 4 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Dewayne Wagler and Sheila Wagler, husband and wife, residing at 8450 E 400 N, Montgomery, IN 47558, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.86 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-09-36-100-011.000-010) from the current owners, Neil A. Strange and Emily A. Strange, husband and wife.

NOTICE 5 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Edwin Jay Wagler and Brandyn N. Wagler, husband and wife, residing at 12135 South Pointe Dr., Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A part of the Northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.42 acres, more or less, together with an easement for ingress and egress and utility easement; State ID: 51-06-30-200-004.005-002) from the current owners, William Heckard and Amanda Heckard, husband and wife.

NOTICE 6 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Shayn M. Knies, individually, residing at 9893 E St. Rd. 164, Celestine, IN 47521, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: Tract I: A part of the West Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter, parts of the Southwest Quarter, and part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, containing after exceptions 88.96 Acres, more or less, EXCEPTING FURTHER 2.00 acres; Tract II: A part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, containing 5.00 Acres, more or less; Tract III: The East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, EXCEPT 0.56 Acre, containing 79.44 Acres, more or less; Tract IV: The East half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, containing 20 Acres, more or less, ALSO 12 Acres off the South end of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7; State ID: 51-12-07-400-031.000-005, 51-12-07-600-017.000-005, 51-12-07-300-021.000-005, 51-12-07-200-018.000-005, 51-12-07-300-027.001-005, 51-12-07-400-026.001-005, 51-12-07-400-025.001-005, and 51-12-07-400-029.000-005) from the current owners, Shayn M. Knies and Paige N. Arvin.

NOTICE 7 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Zachary Hembree and Megan Hembree, husband and wife, residing at 2073 North Ridgeway Dr., Ellettsville, IN 47429, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 12004 River Cabin Ln, Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: A part of the Southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.33 acres, more or less, together with an easement for ingress and egress and a public utility easement; State ID: 51-06-19-300-015.000-001) from the current owners, Andrea D. McIntosh and Brian D. McIntosh, wife and husband.

Easy

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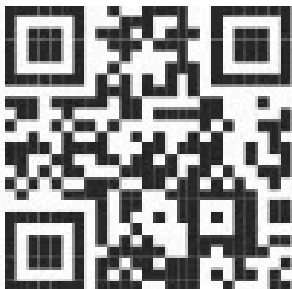
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Easy

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Medium

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Expert

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Master

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SOLUTIONS

Coloring Sheet

“IT’S SPOOKY SEASON”



- Across**
- 1. Monopolizes
 - 5. Not appropriate
 - 10. Hudson and Green
 - 14. Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and ____
 - 15. "When pigs fly!"
 - 16. Medicinal succulent
 - 17. Monster lizard
 - 18. Silk with a wavy pattern
 - 19. Eye infection
 - 20. "He may try to cover up his ..."
 - 23. Possessive pronoun
 - 24. Emmy winner Ruby
 - 25. Nickname of the 30th U.S. president
 - 28. Hawaiian instrument (Var.)
 - 32. ____ del Plata (Argentinean resort)
 - 35. Snooty
 - 37. Levesque of Quebec
 - 38. Use hip boots, e.g.
 - 39. "He may be hiding out at his ..."
 - 42. ____ out (just made it)
 - 43. Raw silk color
 - 44. Sea of the Solomon Islands
 - 45. Hankering
 - 46. Like some modeling substances
 - 48. Playable serves
 - 49. ____-Wan Kenobi
 - 50. Mosconi's pride
 - 52. "He will hide his identity with an ..."
 - 61. Cubby holes?
 - 62. Wee one in Glasgow
 - 63. Not the best place for a thorn
 - 64. Social starter?
 - 65. "The sky's the ____"
 - 66. L X W
 - 67. Sounds from a milk container?
 - 68. Mourmful poem
 - 69. 2000, for one

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- Down**
- 1. Good things to give your kids
 - 2. Ear-relevant
 - 3. Lavish celebration
 - 4. Lamb Chop's handler
 - 5. Reveal
 - 6. Gaudy night light
 - 7. Like fanatical sports fans
 - 8. Sassy
 - 9. Ran the old sewing machine
 - 10. Thanksgiving Day chore
 - 11. Range between soprano and tenor
 - 12. Ma the musician
 - 13. Gets an eyeful
 - 21. Thanksgiving Day chore
 - 22. Site of the first stroke?
 - 25. Shrewd
 - 26. How great minds think
 - 27. Pontl's wife
 - 29. Author Jong
 - 30. Having that doubtful feeling
 - 31. Listlessness
 - 32. A language of New Zealand
 - 33. Spot maker?
 - 34. Lively dances
 - 36. Like Methuselah
 - 38. "____ goes there?"
 - 40. Trustworthy
 - 41. Hebrew school (Var.)
 - 46. TV network letters
 - 47. Hardly plentiful
 - 49. Desert watering hole
 - 51. Test format, perhaps
 - 52. Man with an apple named after him?
 - 53. He's after the news
 - 54. "Out of the frying pan, ____ ..."
 - 55. Tooth partner
 - 56. Word with store or novel
 - 57. Icebox, informally
 - 58. The Emerald Isle
 - 59. The embryo of an invention
 - 60. Snookums

Crossword Puzzle #64

H	O	G	S		U	N	A	P	T		B	A	Y	S
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