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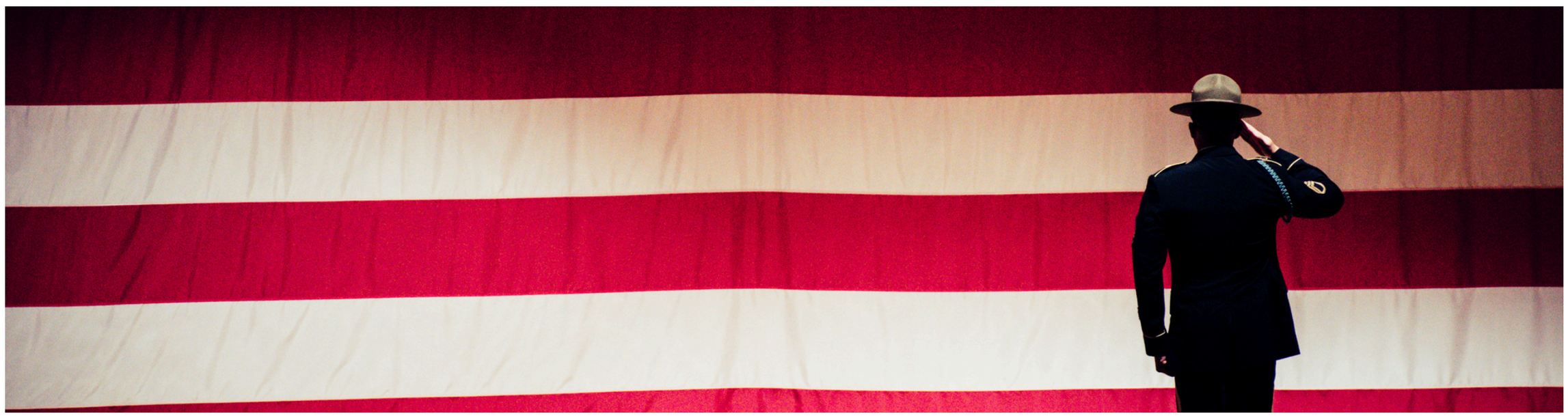
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LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Municipal leaders in Loogootee moved forward on wastewater infrastructure upgrades, approved seasonal utility billing adjustments, authorized new municipal hires, and explored downtown veteran memorial concepts during a comprehensive meeting of the Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety.

Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, the session addressed routine utility billing reviews alongside major capital bidding decisions, monthly operational reports from the city's utility, fire, and police departments, and long-term infrastructure planning.

Wastewater Bid Approved and Utility Adjustments Granted
A central action item on the board's agenda focused on upcoming municipal wastewater improvements. Board members reviewed contractor proposals for the project and voted unanimously to approve a low bid submitted by Temple & Temple.

"They came in low," a board official noted while reviewing the bid documentation prior to the vote. A motion was subsequently made and seconded to formally approve Temple & Temple on their bids for the upcoming wastewater work, passing without opposition.

The board also examined routine water and sewer billing adjustments, focusing on a residential account that experienced a sharp spike in water usage—rising from a typical baseline of 4,800 gallons to 10,500 gallons. Officials confirmed that the excess water consumption resulted from a child's birthday party featuring an outdoor sprinkler and an inflatable water slide, meaning the water ran onto the yard rather than entering the municipal sanitary sewer system.

"Yeah, that one was a birthday party," an official explained during the review. "They had a sprinkler and then they had like one of [those] water slides for a kid's birthday party."

Board members verified that while the customer remains responsible for the water consumption charges, a sewer credit was warranted because the water did not enter the wastewater treatment stream. "More or less, yeah. It's like an inflatable kind of house ... with water," a member noted, comparing the usage to filling a swimming pool. Following the brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to pass the water and sewer adjustments

October Departmental Reports: Utilities, Fire, and Police
Department heads presented operational statistics summarizing municipal activity throughout the month of October, highlighting steady utility production, emergency response runs, and new grant funding secured for law enforcement equipment.

Water and Wastewater Operations

Utility leadership reported that during October, municipal crews completed 83 service calls, handled 84 line locates, and fielded 245 office calls. At the water treatment plant, total production reached 14.2 million gallons for the month, representing an average daily output of 458,000 gallons. Of that total, the city sold 7.25 million gallons to Daviess County Rural Water.

Meanwhile, the municipal wastewater treatment plant processed 7.721 million gallons during October, operating at approximately 25% of its total capacity.

Fire Department and Firemen's Ball

Fire department representatives reported that firefighters responded to 51 total emergency runs in October, including 17 fire-related incidents alongside medical and rescue responses.

Board members also inquired about the success of the recent Firemen's Ball, which drew strong regional participation. "About 215 or 220," a fire representative estimated regarding attendance. Officials noted that the event was open to the entire community and drew support from neighboring emergency agencies, including Civil Defense personnel and firefighters from Odon and Marion Township Fire Departments.

"Oh, anybody—anybody and everybody," a representative said when asked whether the event was open countywide. "We had fire departments, had Civil Defense showed up, some of them ... people from Odon, Marion Fire Department, some of their guys came."

Police Department Grant Award

Law enforcement officials reported that officers handled 26 calls for service in October, generated 11 case reports, and made seven total arrests.

In addition to patrol statistics, the police department announced it has secured $3,900 in grant funding through Hoosier Uplands, facilitated with assistance from David Miller, to replace aging portable breathalyzer units.

"We also applied for a grant through David Miller at Hoosier Uplands to get new portable breath tests for the department," a police representative told the board. "The ones we have are pretty outdated and they're starting to not work. So we were awarded $3,900, and that will give us six new portable breath tests—enough for all of what our full-time officers would be."

Personnel Hiring and Property Swap Discussions
Following an executive session regarding personnel matters, the board returned to open session to take formal hiring action. Members unanimously approved a motion to hire "candidate two and three" to fill open municipal positions.

In real estate matters, officials discussed a proposed property exchange involving city-owned parcels adjacent to a private business property, referenced in the discussion as Pink Rose and Dunn. Under the preliminary framework, the city owns a parcel directly beside the business's building while the private owners hold the next two adjacent lots. The proposed swap would trade parcels so that property ownership aligns contiguously.

"One piece of property—the city owns one right next to their building and they own the next two," an official explained. "[We're] going to swap where they own the first one [and] the second one, and we're going to take the one that they had. So we'll take that in front of the council, get that done, and then come back with an agreement."

Officials also noted that an agenda item involving staff member Megan would be held over until the upcoming Loogootee Common Council meeting for formal consideration.

Downtown Veteran Memorial Concepts and Patriot Banners
Board members spent considerable time discussing potential downtown beautification and veteran recognition projects, including signage proposals, property negotiations with CSX Transportation, and a countywide military banner initiative.

Officials noted that local stakeholders had requested preliminary permission to potentially erect a decorative sign or structure on city property at no cost to the municipality. Board members indicated they are awaiting additional specifications regarding dimensions and costs before taking action, noting that many neighboring towns feature painted black metal welcome or commemorative displays.

"They're going to get us some more information as far as the size of [the] thing," an official said. "They're going to figure out what the cost is and see what exactly they can put up. So at that point, we can come back."

The conversation broadened into long-term hopes of establishing a dedicated downtown veterans memorial near wooded railroad property owned by CSX. However, officials noted ongoing challenges in acquiring the land outright from the rail carrier.

"That would make a good area for a veteran memorial right downtown," a board member said, pointing toward the wooded parcel along the tracks. "We can turn by the wooded property down there, CSX. We're trying, trying. They don't want [to sell]; they want to lease." Officials noted that CSX will not allow permanent structures to be placed on the property unless formal land terms are reached, making outright purchase preferable to a lease.

In a related community effort, board members discussed a social media post by Heather Harger regarding a "Patriot Banners" program—a project being explored as a capstone initiative by the Legacy Martin County Leadership Program through the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth.

The proposed banner program would honor active-duty service members around Armed Forces Day, fallen service members around Memorial Day, and military veterans around Veterans Day across all branches of the U.S. armed forces.

"So this is actually the Legacy Martin County Leadership Program that the Alliance leads," a participant noted during the meeting. "They're talking about having this be their capstone project, so every partner at the table would be very helpful ... They're just now getting all this put together. They're putting input out there [to] see who would be interested in having their loved one's name placed on it. But they're going to need more partners. It's going to be a big issue."

Board members voiced strong enthusiasm for the initiative, noting that local families would likely step up to sponsor banners for their relatives.

"I told Heather, I said, 'My family is willing to pay for any [banners] for my family—my son's at West Point or whatever, and then my dad and that type of stuff,'" one official shared. "So I'm sure there's other families who would be willing to do the same thing ... and that covers all branches of the service."

Officials noted that city staff member Megan is also participating in the leadership class and will help keep the board updated as the project develops and seeks municipal partnership.

Wastewater Plant Road Naming and Street Inventory
Municipal leaders also addressed infrastructure logistics surrounding the access road leading to the city's wastewater treatment plant, noting that the roadway currently lacks an official street name and physical address.

"Road names—we talked about the road going out to the wastewater plant being on our inventory, so we get money [to] pay for that type of stuff," an official said. "Technically, we don't have an address for the wastewater plant. When [drivers] deliver something there, we say 'wastewater plant,' [and they ask], 'So what's the address?' 'Well, you've got to go here, turn here, and turn there, and then there.'"

Assigning a formal legal street name to the access drive would not only streamline emergency response and freight deliveries, but would also allow the city to officially add the roadway to its municipal street inventory—making it eligible for state motor vehicle highway funding for future paving and maintenance.

According to county Geographic Information System (GIS) records, the access corridor was included when the city acquired the surrounding three-and-a-half-acre tract, though officials noted slight discrepancies between digital GIS parcel lines and physical survey stakes on the ground.

"After he said he wasn't sure if we owned it, so I looked it up on the thing and it showed what that section was," an official explained. "The survey stakes didn't represent that."

"Well, you know who wins, don't you? The survey stakes—if they're real ones," another member replied, before confirming the city maintains clear legal access. "Well, we still have a right-of-way, so we should definitely have an easement because that road's right on top of [the utilities]."

While members traded lighthearted suggestions for potential street names—ranging from "Wastewater Way" and "All Downhill" to "Pee-Pee-Poo-Poo Lane"—officials agreed to research historic family names associated with the property before selecting a formal designation.

"Years ago, they always went by the old family [that] owned that property's name," a board member observed, noting there is no immediate rush to finalize the name.

The board also briefly noted a separate 900-foot roadway extension near a local subdivision that will require formal voluntary annexation procedures and future Community Crossings matching grant planning before municipal paving work can proceed.

"And we've [got] to still [get] the voluntary annexation in before we do anything," an official confirmed. "Yes, exactly."

Closing Remarks
Before adjourning, board members shared a moment of personal encouragement with colleague Mark, who noted he is continuing his recovery after suffering a stroke roughly two months ago.

"We're with you, Mark," board members affirmed, before wrapping up routine communications updates—including resolving a technical glitch that had inadvertently blocked a phone number—and adjourning the session.

LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AWARDS WASTEWATER BID, REVIEWS POLICE GRANT, AND DISCUSSES VETERANS MEMORIAL PLANS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Municipal leaders in Loogootee moved forward on wastewater infrastructure upgrades, approved new municipal hires, reviewed police grant funding for updated equipment, and discussed downtown veterans tributes and street naming protocols during the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting this week.

The session opened with the Pledge of Allegiance before board members turned their attention to routine utility billing adjustments and major municipal capital projects.

Utility Adjustments and Wastewater Bid Approval
Board members reviewed a slate of water and sewer billing adjustments submitted by municipal utility customers. One prominent request involved an account whose water usage jumped from 4,800 gallons to 10,500 gallons during a single billing cycle. City officials noted that the spike stemmed from a residential child's birthday party that utilized outdoor sprinklers and an inflatable water slide.

"Yeah, that one was a birthday party," an official explained during the review. "They had a sprinkler and then they had like one of [those] water slides for a kid's birthday party."

Because the water was used outdoors for recreational play rather than entering the sanitary sewer collection system, board members clarified that the customer would remain responsible for the water consumption charges while receiving relief on the corresponding sewer portion—a policy mirroring standard adjustments granted when residents fill swimming pools.

"So it's like a pool then?" a board member asked. "More or less, yeah. It's like an inflatable kind of house ... with water."

Following the clarification, the board voted unanimously to approve the water and sewer adjustments.

Transitioning to capital infrastructure, the board reviewed contractor bids for upcoming municipal wastewater system improvements. After confirming that Temple & Temple submitted the lowest responsive bid for the project, board members moved to formally award the contract.

"They came in low," a city representative confirmed prior to the vote.

A motion to approve Temple & Temple's bid for the wastewater project was seconded and carried unanimously. Officials noted that project coordination will continue over the coming week as schedules are finalized. Meanwhile, an additional administrative matter involving Megan was deferred to the full Loogootee Common Council for consideration.

October Department Reports and Police Breathalyzer Grant
Department heads presented operational summaries detailing municipal utility output, fire department responses, and law enforcement activity throughout the month of October.

In the utilities department, crews handled 83 service calls, completed 84 line locates, and fielded 245 office calls during the month. The Loogootee water treatment plant pumped 14.2 million gallons of water in October, averaging 458,000 gallons per day, including 7.25 million gallons sold to Daviess County Rural Water. Meanwhile, the municipal wastewater treatment plant processed 7.721 million gallons, operating at 25% of its total capacity.

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"Oh anybody, anybody and everybody," a fire official said when asked who attended the community gathering, noting strong turnout from neighboring agencies. "We had fire departments, had Civil Defense showed up, some of them, we had some from Odon, Marion Fire Department, some of their guys came."

On the law enforcement front, the Loogootee Police Department logged 26 calls for service, generated 11 case reports, and recorded seven arrests during October. Police leadership also announced that the department secured a $3,900 grant through David Miller at Hoosier Uplands to purchase six new portable breath test units.

The ones we have are pretty outdated and they're starting to not work," the police representative told the board. "So we were awarded $3,900 and that will give us six new portable breath tests—enough for all of what our full-time officers would be."

Downtown Property Swap and Veterans Memorial Discussions
Board members also discussed ongoing property negotiations and potential downtown beautification and tribute projects.

City officials outlined a proposed property swap involving neighboring parcels adjacent to a municipal building, where the city owns one lot directly next to the structure and private owners hold the adjacent two lots. Under the proposed arrangement, the parties would exchange parcels to better align property boundaries.

"So we'll take that in front of the council, get that done, and then come back with an agreement," an official said.

Additionally, the board reviewed preliminary inquiries from local groups seeking permission to erect signage or displays on city-owned property. Officials noted that the interested group is gathering exact dimensions and cost estimates before returning with a formal proposal.

"So they're going to get us some more information as far as the size of [the] thing," a board member explained. "They're going to figure out what the cost is and see what exactly they can put up. So at that point, we can come back."

The conversation broadened into a discussion regarding downtown aesthetics, streetscape durability, and the city's ongoing efforts to establish a dedicated veterans memorial. Board members noted that previous attempts to install decorative street banners or fixtures faced durability challenges over time, prompting leaders to consider more permanent tributes.

City officials confirmed they have been exploring a wooded parcel near the railroad tracks downtown as an ideal location for a veterans memorial, though negotiations with CSX Transportation have hit roadblocks.

"That would make a good area for a veteran memorial right downtown," a board member said. "We're trying, trying. They don't want [to sell], they want to lease."

Personnel Appointments
Following executive session interviews conducted earlier in the week, the board took formal hiring action to fill open municipal positions.

"So I'll make a motion that we hire candidate two and three," a board member stated. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the board.

Wastewater Plant Road Naming and Annexation Logistics
City leaders spent significant time examining street inventory records, property lines, and formal naming requirements for the access road leading to the municipal wastewater treatment plant.

Currently, the access road lacks an official street name or physical street address, which complicates deliveries and prevents the city from claiming the roadway on its official street inventory for state road-funding distributions.

"Technically we don't have an address for the wastewater plant," an official explained. "When [someone] delivers something there, we say 'wastewater plant,' [and they ask], 'So what's the address?' Well, you've got to go here, turn here, and turn there, and then there."

Adding the roadway to the city's official street inventory would make it eligible for future paving and maintenance funding. Officials also briefly discussed a separate 900-foot roadway extension near a local subdivision, agreeing to table formal action on that stretch until voluntary annexation procedures are finalized and future Community Crossings grant cycles open next year.

"And we've got to get the voluntary annexation in before we do anything," a board member noted.

Regarding the wastewater plant access road, officials reviewed GIS parcel maps alongside physical survey stakes to verify municipal ownership and right-of-way easements. According to GIS records, the roadway corridor was included when the city purchased the surrounding three-and-a-half-acre tract, though board members noted discrepancies between digital GIS lines and physical survey stakes on the ground.

"The survey stakes didn't represent that," one official pointed out during the map review. "Well, you know who wins, don't you? The survey stakes—if they're real ones."

Regardless of boundary nuances, board members affirmed that the city maintains a legal right-of-way and utility easement along the corridor. When brainstorming potential street names so the route can be officially added to the city inventory, officials traded lighthearted suggestions before agreeing to select a formal name at an upcoming meeting.

"[I] thought 'Wastewater Way' was a good one, but that's what everybody was talking about earlier," one member joked. "It's better than Pee-Pee-Poo-Poo Lane or something. Or 'It All Flows Downhill' or something? All downhill, yeah. It doesn't have to be done right now. The thing about it was, figure some other name."

Patriot Banners Leadership Project
Before adjourning, board members discussed a community-wide Patriot Banner initiative currently being organized through the Legacy Martin County Leadership Program.

Prompted by recent social media outreach from organizer Heather Harger, the program aims to honor local military service members and veterans with commemorative banners displayed during major patriotic holidays—including Armed Forces Day for active-duty personnel, Memorial Day for fallen service members, and Veterans Day for all veterans.

"So this is actually the Legacy Martin County Leadership Program with the Alliance leads," an official explained to the board. "They're talking about having this be their capstone project, so every partner at the table would be very helpful."

Organizers are currently gauging public interest from families who wish to sponsor banners honoring their loved ones across all branches of the U.S. military. Board members voiced strong personal and municipal support for the project, noting that local families—including those with relatives currently serving at institutions like West Point—are eager to participate and help cover banner costs.

"I told Heather, I said, 'My family is willing to pay for any [banners] for my family,'" a board member said. "My son's at West Point or whatever, and then my dad and that type of stuff. So I'm sure there's other families who would be willing to do the same thing. And that covers all branches of the service—all services."

Officials noted that city staff member Megan is participating in the leadership class and will help keep the board updated as logistics, pole mounting hardware, and sponsorship tiers are finalized.

In closing remarks, board members offered warm words of encouragement to colleague Mark as he continues recovering from a stroke suffered two months ago, before resolving a minor municipal phone-blocking glitch and voting unanimously to adjourn.

LOOGOOTEE CITY COUNCIL APPROVES $300K ENDOWMENT FUND, BACKS WORKFORCE HOUSING INITIATIVE, AND REVIEWS MISSED STREET GRANT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Common Council took major steps toward long-term municipal investing and local workforce housing during its monthly meeting, voting to establish a permanent city endowment fund, approving $25,000 for a revolving cottage-home program, and authorizing a downtown property swap.

Council members also approved utility infrastructure payouts and discussed the city's unsuccessful bid in the latest round of Indiana's Community Crossings matching grant program, which will delay planned street widening projects into next year.

$300,000 Municipal Endowment Approved

Megan Hawkins, director of the Martin County Community Foundation, addressed the council regarding a proposal requested by Mayor Brian Ader to establish a permanent designated endowment fund for the city.

Hawkins explained that setting up a designated fund allows the municipality to invest capital that generates annual grant disbursements for city projects in perpetuity. While an initial illustration looked at a $350,000 principal investment—which could yield roughly $496,000 in annual 4% payouts over 25 years while growing the fund balance to an estimated $732,000—council members opted to start with $300,000 so the redevelopment commission retains cash reserves.

"This is going to be—whatever dollars are put in this, it's a permanent endowment," Hawkins told the council. "You won't be able to get this money back, but it's making that investment in the city of Loogootee, and all these funds is just for the city, whatever projects come your way."

City officials noted that if the $300,000 commitment is finalized prior to the Nov. 30 deadline—pending legal clearance from the Indiana State Board of Accounts—the Martin County Community Foundation will provide a dollar-for-dollar match up to $5,000, bringing the initial principal to $305,000.

"I think it's a good proposal for planning forward, and it leaves a legacy for the city long after all of us have gone out of here," one council member said before moving to approve the $300,000 allocation, which passed unanimously.

$25,000 Investment in Revolving Cottage Housing

Jessica Potts, executive director of the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, presented a separate funding request for a new infill workforce housing initiative aimed at building affordable, 1,100- to 1,200-square-foot cottage-style homes priced between $150,000 and $160,000.

Potts explained that the program operates as a revolving fund: proceeds from selling each newly constructed two-bedroom home are reinvested directly into purchasing and developing the next residential lot.

"The whole goal is to keep the funds revolving," Potts said. "Once we get the funds secured, we're going to buy a lot and then start hopefully this spring on building our first cottage-style home. ... I'm also a nonprofit, and I work for the county, so it's not like you're giving money to a developer to build homes."

Potts reported she has already secured $50,000 in initial grants—including $20,000 from the Being for Others Health and Wellness Foundation, $15,000 from the Old National Foundation, $10,000 from Hoosier Uplands, and $5,000 from Duke Energy—alongside a $5,000 corporate sponsorship commitment from Crane Credit Union and donated building materials from a local county business.

Additionally, Potts noted the Martin County Community Foundation has pledged a $25,000 matching grant if the Alliance raises $131,250 by Dec. 15.

Council members praised the initiative as a way to clean up vacant lots and create single-family starter homes rather than additional duplexes. "It's a one-time ask, and we're all about housing here," a councilman said. "I believe this is a good initiative because it cleans up a lot of the properties that we have [and] makes nice, affordable homes for families."

The council voted unanimously to approve a $25,000 contribution toward the project.

Property Swap Resolution and Utility Payouts

In real estate action, the council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing a property swap with resident Rosie Bridges to align adjacent parcels for an upcoming incubator space project involving the Alliance.

Under the resolution, the city will transfer parcel number 51-08-24-300-123.000-008 (described as parts of Lots 16E and 17H in Craze Addition) to Bridges in exchange for parcel number 51-08-24-300-125.000-008 (part of Lot 12A in Craze Addition). Officials confirmed that both parties will retain a right of first refusal should either decide to sell their respective properties in the future.

The council also approved two contractor pay applications tied to ongoing water and booster station upgrades: $101,700 for initial project work and $95,500 to Van Hoy & Sons, noting that torn-up sidewalks leading to the pump station will be replaced as part of the restoration.

Community Crossings Grant Update and Welcome Sign Delay

During departmental updates, officials confirmed that Loogootee did not receive funding in the latest cycle of the Indiana Department of Transportation's Community Crossings matching grant program, which had been earmarked for street improvements including widening work along Walker Street and West William Street.

"We didn't get the grant," an official said, noting that heightened statewide competition and a shift in program rules—which reduced the annual application window from twice a year to once a year and lowered local match requirements to 20%—left many regular recipients without awards this cycle. "We were fortunate the last two years; we've gotten the full amount each year. ... It hurts when a small community like us—it's benefited us very well."

Officials noted that without the state matching funds, the planned street projects will be pushed back until the city can reapply next year.

Finally, in response to a question about the damaged welcome sign north of town that was struck earlier this year, officials reported that the mounting structure has been rebuilt, though installation of the sign face remains delayed due to a manufacturing backorder on the specialized composite board that dates back to March. Delivery of the sign board is expected later this month.

MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE $656,922 ROAD PAVING PACKAGE, PURCHASE HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK,AND ADDRESS AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

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SHOALS, Ind. — The Martin County Board of Commissioners tackled a wide-ranging agenda during its recent regular session at the courthouse in Shoals, approving a $656,922.20 countywide road paving package, authorizing the purchase of a $125,000 highway department dump truck, ratifying a new $56,000 Purdue Extension contractual services agreement, and addressing public questions surrounding county ambulance staffing and upcoming solid waste district meetings.

Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting began with routine administrative business, including the unanimous approval of minutes from the Oct. 27 meeting as well as county claims and balances.

Hindostan Days Committee Celebrates Record Growth

Bill Greene, representing the five-member Hindostan Days planning committee—alongside Sierra Rutledge, Jessica Potts,Josh Greene, and Travis Harder—appeared before the commissioners to thank county officials, emergency responders,and volunteers for helping transform the annual event at Hindostan Falls into a premier regional draw.

Greene noted that since launching in 2021 with roughly 500 attendees and 24 vendors, the six-hour festival has grown exponentially, drawing well over 5,000 visitors and 111 vendors this past year, including 24 young entrepreneurs and dozens of local nonprofit organizations. Traffic counters recorded more than 2,842 vehicles entering the area during the six-hour window.

"Hindostan Days started in 2021, and there's no way Hindostan Days could happen without the support of what you guys have done, because between the county, the sheriff's department, the highway department, community corrections, the auditor's office—you guys have made every year better by being there for us through this," Greene told the board."Hindostan Days started out [with] 500 people showing up to, in six years, we have over 5,000 people showing up for a six-hour event. So it's just a little crazy how fast that grew."

Greene highlighted that half of the event's vendors are local nonprofits given a platform to showcase their community missions, and praised the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for clearing more than 80 feet along the wood line at the falls, which has encouraged year-round tourism. He also credited the Ham Radio Operators Club, whose 28 radio-equipped volunteers helped streamline early morning vendor load-in and visitor parking.

"We do have five people in the planning committee, but it takes the whole community to make it [the] success [it] is," Greene said. "And I'm going to tell you, the nonprofits that are benefiting from this—half of the vendors are nonprofits,not-for-profit, you know? And so they get an opportunity to showcase what they're doing here in Martin County. And it's very, very positive."

Reflecting on the event's appeal to visitors from neighboring counties, Greene emphasized that Martin County's natural beauty remains unspoiled. "Martin County is a beautiful place. There's not too many places in Indiana that's like this.Brown County, as far as I'm concerned, has nothing over Martin County," he said. "You can still go out there and enjoy all the beauties of the bluffs, the rivers, the rock formations, the falls."

$656,922 Road Paving Package Approved Following Partial State Grant

Highway consultant Brian Flemming and Highway Department representatives presented an updated paving strategy after Martin County received a partial award of roughly $163,000 in the latest round of Indiana's Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) program.

Because state grant funds covered only two paved segments of Boyd Hollow Road —from State Road 550 to the gravel section, and from the gravel section to U.S. Highway 150—county highway officials recommended bundling those grant-funded sections with three locally funded priority projects into a single bid package. The locally funded additions include paving the middle gravel section of Boyd Hollow Road to create a continuous paved corridor, Raglesville Road from U.S.Highway 231 to the 90-degree curve at St. Joseph, and Lincoln Fodder Road from U.S. 231 to Parsons.

"So basically then his first priority of additional roads was obviously the section of gravel of Boyd Hollow so we could make a complete segment through there," Flemming explained. "And then Raglesville Road, which is from [U.S.] 231 to St. Joe's right where it makes the 90 down at St. Joe's, and then Lincoln Fodder from Highway 231 to Parsons."

Flemming noted that bundling all five segments into one bid package—with contract language allowing the commissioners to pick and choose individual road segments depending on bid pricing—will attract more competitive contractor bids. Combining the county's $40,830 local match on the two CCMG segments with 100% local funding from lane-mileage distributions and wheel-tax revenues for the three additional roads brings the total estimated package to $656,922.20, which includes a standard 10% contingency cushion.

"For the record, $656,922.20," Flemming confirmed after commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with the combined package. Advertisements for bids are slated to run in The Shoals News, with formal bid openings scheduled for the Dec. 22 commissioners meeting and contract awards targeted for Jan. 5.

Highway Equipment Purchase and Annual Material Bids

In addition to road paving plans, commissioners unanimously approved the purchase of a used 2018 Freightliner dump truck equipped with a snowplow, dump bed, Cummins engine, and Allison transmission for $125,000 to bolster the highway fleet ahead of winter weather.

"We are wanting to buy a 2018 Freightliner dump truck," highway staff reported. "It's got a snowplow on it with the dump bed on it, Cummins engine, Allison transmission. ... $125,000." Officials confirmed funds were available in the department's equipment budget to cover the purchase immediately so the truck is not sold to another buyer while insurance paperwork is finalized. Highway staff also reported that paperwork has been submitted to Crane Credit Union to finalize financing on the department's new motor grader.

The board then opened and read aloud annual unit-price bids for 2027 highway maintenance materials—including crushed stone, hot-mix asphalt, cold-mix patching material, liquid asphalt emulsions, culvert pipe, bridge decks, and guardrails—from regional suppliers including Cave Quarries, Rogers Group, U.S. Aggregates, Gwynn Brothers, J&J Concrete, E&H Bridge and Grating, E3 Bridge, and Asphalt Materials. Commissioners voted unanimously to take all bids under advisement for review by highway leadership and County Attorney David Lett ahead of the Nov. 24 meeting.

Resident Raises Concerns Over Willow Valley / Deep Cut Bridge Closure

During the public comment portion of the highway report, an east-county resident urged commissioners to reopen the closed bridge along Deep Cut / Willow Valley Road near U.S. Gypsum, which has remained barricaded for nearly five years after an oversized semi-truck struck and bent a guardrail.

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"So basically then his first priority of additional roads was obviously the section of gravel of Boyd Hollow so we could make a complete segment through there," Flemming explained. "And then Raglesville Road, which is from [U.S.] 231 to St. Joe's right where it makes the 90 down at St. Joe's, and then Lincoln Fodder from Highway 231 to Parsons."

Flemming noted that bundling all five segments into one bid package—with contract language allowing the commissioners to pick and choose individual road segments depending on bid pricing—will attract more competitive contractor bids. Combining the county's $40,830 local match on the two CCMG segments with 100% local funding from lane-mileage distributions and wheel-tax revenues for the three additional roads brings the total estimated package to $656,922.20, which includes a standard 10% contingency cushion.

"For the record, $656,922.20," Flemming confirmed after commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with the combined package. Advertisements for bids are slated to run in The Shoals News, with formal bid openings scheduled for the Dec. 22 commissioners meeting and contract awards targeted for Jan. 5.

Highway Equipment Purchase and Annual Material Bids
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The board then opened and read aloud annual unit-price bids for 2027 highway maintenance materials—including crushed stone, hot-mix asphalt, cold-mix patching material, liquid asphalt emulsions, culvert pipe, bridge decks, and guardrails—from regional suppliers including Cave Quarries, Rogers Group, U.S. Aggregates, Gwynn Brothers, J&J Concrete, E&H Bridge and Grating, E3 Bridge, and Asphalt Materials. Commissioners voted unanimously to take all bids under advisement for review by highway leadership and County Attorney David Lett ahead of the Nov. 24 meeting.

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ODON VFW ANNOUNCES FIVE NOVEMBER OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



ODON, Ind. — Area residents, veterans, and visitors looking for a welcoming spot to gather with neighbors and enjoy a warm meal are invited to visit the Odon Veterans of Foreign Wars post during its upcoming November Open House days.

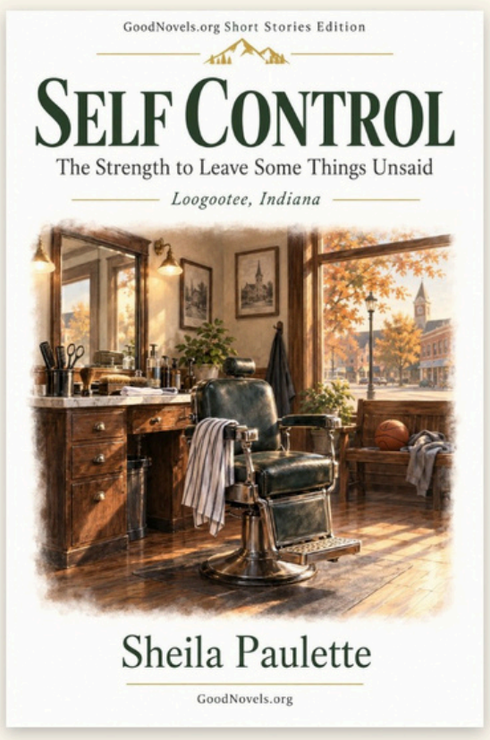
Post organizers have scheduled five open-house dates throughout the month, welcoming the public into the facility on Wednesday, Nov. 11; Saturday, Nov. 14; Saturday, Nov. 21; Thursday, Nov. 26; and Saturday, Nov. 28.

Designed as casual community gathering days, the open houses provide an opportunity for local residents across Daviess, Martin, and Greene counties to connect with friends, unwind, and experience the camaraderie of the local veterans post.

Attendees are invited to stop by for meals, cold beverages, and conversation in a relaxed social setting. Organizers noted that the monthly schedule includes both weekend dates and holiday-week openings—including Veterans Day on Nov. 11 and Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 26—giving community members and traveling families multiple opportunities to visit.

The Odon VFW continues to serve as an active hub for local fellowship, veteran support, and neighborhood gatherings. Community members are encouraged to stop in during any of the five scheduled dates throughout November.

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LOOGOOTEE SHOP SMALL SATURDAY VENDOR EVENT SET FOR NOV. 28 AT METHODIST CHURCH

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Holiday shoppers across Martin County are invited to get an early start on their Christmas gift lists while supporting neighborhood entrepreneurs during the upcoming Shop Small Saturday event in downtown Loogootee.

The seasonal community marketplace will take place Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. inside the Loogootee Methodist Church, located at 208 W. Main St.

Organized in conjunction with national Small Business Saturday, the six-hour indoor market brings together regional artisans, cottage bakers, and independent merchants under one roof. Shoppers browsing the vendor booths will find a wide variety of locally crafted goods, including handmade items, seasonal gifts, home decor, and homemade baked treats.

Event organizers emphasized that choosing to shop locally during the Thanksgiving weekend keeps holiday spending circulating directly within the Martin County economy, helping independent small businesses and home-based creators thrive.

Families, friends, and visitors from surrounding communities are encouraged to attend and enjoy a festive day of holiday shopping. Admission to the marketplace is free and open to the public throughout the day.

DAVIESS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS MEASLES CASE AMID STATEWIDE INDIANA OUTBREAK

WASHINGTON, Ind. — Public health officials in neighboring Daviess County are urging residents across southwestern Indiana to check their immunization records and watch for symptoms after confirming a laboratory-tested case of measles this week.

The Daviess County Health Department confirmed the local diagnosis Tuesday, Nov. 10, marking the county's first reported case of the year as measles infections continue to climb across Indiana. According to the Indiana Department of Health, at least 153 confirmed measles cases have been recorded statewide across more than 20 counties as of Nov. 10,with the vast majority occurring in individuals who are unvaccinated or have unknown vaccination status.

Daviess County Health Officer Dr. Merle Holsopple emphasized that measles is a highly contagious respiratory virus that spreads easily through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. According to the health department,airborne virus particles can remain infectious in a room or airspace for up to two hours after an infected individual has left the area.

In response to the confirmed diagnosis, Daviess Community Hospital is coordinating closely with local and state public health authorities to manage containment protocols, trace potential exposures, and monitor community health risks.Health systems in neighboring counties—including Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes—also reported reviewing infectious disease response plans this week as cases spread beyond northeastern and eastern Indiana.

Health officials warn that measles typically begins with a high fever, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes. Two to three days after initial symptoms appear, tiny white spots known as Koplik spots may develop inside the mouth, followed by a characteristic red, blotchy rash that generally starts on the face near the hairline before spreading downward across the neck, trunk, arms, and legs.

Because the virus is easily transmitted in waiting rooms, Holsopple and local medical providers strongly advise anyone experiencing symptoms or seeking measles testing not to walk into an emergency room, urgent care center, or doctor's office unannounced. Instead, symptomatic individuals should call their healthcare provider ahead of time so medical staff can arrange safe, isolated entry protocols. Unvaccinated individuals who develop symptoms are instructed to isolate at home until at least four days after the rash first appears.

Public health authorities stress that the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine remains the most effective protection against infection and helps maintain community immunity to protect infants under 12 months, pregnant women, and immunocompromised residents who cannot be vaccinated. Residents in Daviess, Martin, and surrounding counties who are unsure of their vaccination status are encouraged to contact their primary care physician or local county health department to review their immunization records.

For broadcast coverage of the local health department's warning, watch the WTWO News report on the confirmed Daviess County measles case, which summarizes the airborne transmission risks and health guidance issued for area residents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE ANNOUNCES THANKSGIVING TURKEY TROT AT CITY PARK FOR NOV. 28

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Runners, walkers, and families across Martin County are invited to lace up their sneakers for a holiday tradition as the City of Loogootee hosts its Thanksgiving Turkey Trot on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026, at Loogootee City Park.

The community event offers three race options designed for participants of all ages and fitness levels. Race-day registration and packet check-in open at 7:00 a.m. at the park, with all races beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m.
The main 5K Run/Walk is open to all paces for a $25 entry fee. The 3.1-mile course starts at Loogootee City Park and winds through city streets rather than remaining on the park trail. City officials noted that an official 5K route map and corresponding road closure notices will be released closer to the event.
Two youth and family-friendly events will take place along the Loogootee City Park walking trail, each priced at $15 per child:

- 1-Mile Fun Run: A short loop along the walking trail suited for beginners and families.
- Lil' Gobbler Dash: A brief sprint along the trail designed specifically for young children.

Participants can sign up online by submitting an individual registration form for each entrant, or register in person through Amber Gilbertson at the City of Loogootee Mayor's Office, located at 401 John F. Kennedy Ave.
Registration fees may be paid digitally via Venmo to @Amber-Gilbertson-6—with the participant's full name and chosen event noted in the memo—or by mailing or dropping off cash or checks payable to the City of Loogootee at the Mayor's Office.

Pre-registered participants who sign up by Friday, Nov. 20, are guaranteed a commemorative event T-shirt, available in Youth Small through Youth Large and Adult Small through 2XL. Day-of registrants will not receive a shirt.
Organizers are also seeking community volunteers to assist with course marshaling, water stations, and distributing finisher medals, as well as local businesses interested in event sponsorships.

For registration assistance, sponsorship inquiries, or volunteer sign-ups, contact Gilbertson at agilbertson@loogootee.in.gov or visit the Mayor's Office.

LOOGOOTEE BEAUTIFICATION BOARD SEEKS FOOD TRUCK VENDORS FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND CHRISTMAS STROLL

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Beautification Board is inviting regional food truck operators to participate in two of the city's premier community holiday celebrations at The Pavilion in downtown Loogootee.

Organizers are currently recruiting food truck vendors to serve visitors during the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., as well as the annual Christmas Stroll on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Both festive gatherings will be hosted at The Pavilion in Loogootee, drawing families, holiday shoppers, and residents downtown for seasonal music, lights, and community festivities.

Food truck operators interested in reserving a vendor spot for either or both holiday events can contact board organizers directly to coordinate placement and event details:

- Andrea Strawn: 812-351-1996
- Tracy Stoll: 812-709-0498
- Brittany Potts: 812-709-8830

Organizers encourage interested mobile food vendors to reach out early, as space around The Pavilion is limited for the holiday events.

MARTIN COUNTY WELCOMES NEW REMOTE WORKER THROUGH CHOOSE SOUTHERN INDIANA $5,000 RELOCATION PROGRAM

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Economic development leaders in Martin County are welcoming a new resident to the community through the Choose Southern Indiana population and talent attraction initiative.

Jessica Potts, executive director of the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, recently welcomed remote worker Johnna to the county after she utilized the program's up to $5,000 relocation incentive to make the move to southwestern Indiana.

Administered regionally in partnership with Radius Indiana, Choose Southern Indiana offers financial stipends and local community perks to qualified out-of-state remote workers and professionals who relocate to participating southern Indiana communities.

To qualify for the Remote Worker Program, applicants must currently reside outside Indiana, maintain full-time remote employment or self-employment with a minimum annual income of $50,000, relocate to a participating county within six months of acceptance, and commit to living in the region for at least two years. In addition to the cash relocation incentive, Martin County movers receive welcome packages that include an annual pass to Indiana Department of Natural Resources state parks and quarterly networking events.

Local economic development officials noted that attracting remote professionals brings new household spending, civic engagement, and long-term population growth to rural communities while allowing workers to enjoy Martin County's lower cost of living and outdoor recreation.

Out-of-state professionals interested in learning more about eligibility requirements or applying for the relocation incentive can visit choosesouthernindiana.com.

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MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES LOCAL CONTRIBUTORS FOLLOWING ANNUAL DINNER

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Martin County Community Foundation has extended public appreciation to the community members, civic leaders, and volunteers who helped make its annual dinner and celebration program a success.

Held at the Martin County 4-H Community Center, the annual gathering highlighted the foundation's ongoing philanthropic investments across Shoals, Loogootee, and surrounding communities.

Foundation officials thanked Ralph Ausbrooks, secretary of the Martin County Historical Society, who served as the evening's featured guest speaker. Ausbrooks shared how ongoing grant support from the foundation has helped preserve Martin County's heritage and historical records for future generations. Organizers also recognized Ausbrooks and Bill Greene for transporting and setting up historical displays for attendees to view throughout the evening.

Pastor Daniel Day of Family Fellowship Church opened the gathering by leading the invocation, while Alan Hamilton managed audio and sound system production to ensure guests could hear the program clearly.

Foundation board members and staff—including Foundation Director Megan Hawkins—also addressed attendees during the program to review community grant milestones and recognize individuals making a lasting impact across Martin County.

Foundation leaders remind residents that Lilly Endowment GIFT VIII matching funds remain active through Nov. 30, offering a dollar-for-dollar match on qualifying donations made to support local charitable endowments.

MARTIN COUNTY CEO STUDENTS TOUR WORTH MD & CO. IN MONTGOMERY TO EXPLORE MEDICAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

MONTGOMERY, Ind. — Student entrepreneurs with the Martin County CEO program gained firsthand insight into healthcare leadership and boutique medical business models during an educational site visit to Worth MD & Co. in Montgomery.

The cohort traveled to the clinic on Sept. 21 to meet with owner Dr. Lindsey Taylor, who welcomed the students inside her practice and shared her journey of launching an independent medical and aesthetic care business in rural southwestern Indiana.

During the visit, Dr. Taylor walked the students through the day-to-day operations of her clinic and explained the breadth of services offered across her practice. She detailed how her professional vision came together to blend comprehensive general medical care with specialized aesthetic treatments, all delivered within an elevated, boutique patient experience.

Students learned how operating an independent practice requires balancing clinical excellence with business management, customer service, branding, and strategic planning. By opening her doors to the group, Dr. Taylor provided the aspiring young professionals with an up-close look at the diverse career and ownership pathways available within the modern medical field.

The Martin County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program connects local high school juniors and seniors with area business owners, civic leaders, and professionals throughout the academic year. Through site visits, guest speakers, and hands-on business development projects, students learn real-world entrepreneurship skills while discovering the economic opportunities available in Martin County and surrounding communities.

Program organizers and students expressed their appreciation to Dr. Taylor for hosting the cohort, sharing her entrepreneurial story, and inspiring the next generation of local business leaders.

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H OFFERS FREE ENROLLMENT DURING EXTENDED "20 DAYS OF TERRIFIC" CAMPAIGN THROUGH NOV. 26

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Youth across Martin County have an extended opportunity to join 4-H at no cost this month as Purdue Extension–Martin County hosts its "20 Days of Terrific" enrollment promotion through Thursday, Nov. 26, 2026.

Originally scheduled for October, the fee-waiver window has been extended to run from Nov. 1 through Nov. 26, featuring a special "Wizard Weekend" addition for the 2026 program year. During this promotional period, local youth in grades 3 through 12 can enroll in Martin County 4-H completely free of charge, courtesy of program sponsorships from Martin County 4-H.

Outside of the Nov. 1–26 promotional window, standard enrollment for regular 4-H members in grades 3 through 12 carries a $20 program fee. Mini 4-H, which is open to younger students in kindergarten through second grade, remains free of enrollment fees year-round.

Operating under the national "Beyond Ready" initiative, Purdue Extension–Martin County emphasizes hands-on youth development, leadership, citizenship, and life skills across dozens of project areas—from livestock and agriculture to robotics, arts, and public speaking. Program materials note that the initiative aims to ensure every child has an equal opportunity to succeed right now.

Families can complete registration online by scanning the enrollment QR code on program flyers or access the Martin County 4-H 101 Guide for step-by-step details on club options and project requirements.

Parents or youth with questions about signing up before the Nov. 26 deadline can contact the Purdue Extension–Martin County office by calling 812-295-2412, texting 812-653-2089, or emailing heldd@purdue.edu. In-person assistance is also available at the extension office located at 2666 U.S. Highway 50 in Loogootee.

INDOT BRIDGE WORK CONTINUES ON I-69 AND STATE ROAD 57 NEAR NEWBERRY IN NORTHERN DAVIESS COUNTY

NEWBERRY, Ind. — Commuters and commercial drivers traveling through northern Daviess and southern Greene counties should continue budgeting extra travel time this week as the Indiana Department of Transportation advances concurrent bridge deck and pavement rehabilitation projects along Interstate 69 and State Road 57 near Newberry.

According to INDOT traffic advisories, single-lane restrictions remain active in both the northbound and southbound driving lanes of I-69 between County Road 900 East and County Road 25 West. Highway crews are conducting bridge deck overlay and pavement patching operations along the corridor, with single-lane traffic configurations scheduled to continue through mid-November, weather permitting.

Just west of the interstate corridor, State Road 57 remains completely closed near Newberry at the White River bridge for a separate INDOT bridge deck overlay project. Transportation officials had previously postponed the State Road 57 closure earlier in the autumn to allow area farmers to complete local grain harvest traffic without major route disruptions.Crews began the closure on Nov. 2, and work is expected to remain active through the end of November.
While local residents and agricultural vehicles retain access up to the physical point of closure on State Road 57, through motorists are directed to follow INDOT's official posted detour utilizing State Road 58, State Road 67, and State Road 54.

The overlapping work zones affect daily commuters traveling between Martin, Daviess, and Greene counties, including personnel commuting toward Naval Support Activity Crane, Bloomington, and Washington. Regional traffic reports note that motorists merging through the narrowed I-69 work zone near Newberry may encounter brief slowdowns during peak morning and evening travel windows.

Additionally, INDOT officials remind drivers across southwestern Indiana to remain vigilant as shorter November daylight hours reduce visibility near active construction zones. Through the agency's Project Greenlight safety initiative,highway maintenance crews have been equipped with high-visibility flashing green lights designed to improve worker visibility by nearly 90% during dusk, dawn, and overcast conditions.

INDOT urges all drivers passing through the I-69 lane restrictions or navigating the State Road 57 detour to slow down,obey posted work-zone speed limits, avoid distractions, and watch for stopped traffic and road crews.
For full detour route details on the State Road 57 closure, see the WRZR local traffic report on the Newberry bridge work,and check the 511 Indiana live traffic incident tracker for real-time updates before traveling.

LOOGOOTEE SHOP SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY VENDOR EVENT SET FOR NOV. 28 AT METHODIST CHURCH

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area holiday shoppers looking to support local entrepreneurs and cottage industries can discover unique handcrafted goods during the annual Loogootee Shop Small Business Saturday Vendor Event later this month.

The community shopping market will take place Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. inside the Loogootee Methodist Church, located at 208 W. Main St. in downtown Loogootee.

Organized under the banners of "Small Business Big Community" and "Support Local, Support Loogootee," the event runs alongside national Small Business Saturday to spotlight local creators, bakers, and boutique merchants ahead of the busy December Christmas rush.

Event coordinators are officially accepting applications for independent vendors, artisans, and small business owners interested in showcasing their products. The indoor market accommodates a broad selection of retail offerings, including handcrafted woodworking, holiday decor, artisan jewelry, boutique apparel, homemade baked goods, seasonal crafts, and personalized gift items.

Vendor booth spaces measure 10-by-10 feet and are available for an affordable registration fee of $25. Organizers note that pre-payment is required to secure space, and tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis as floor space permits.

Organizers Andrea Strawn and Tracy Stoll noted that the bazaar offers an ideal opportunity for Martin County residents to invest dollars directly back into regional households while avoiding crowded commercial retail centers. Shoppers can expect a festive, family-friendly holiday market atmosphere paired with convenient access to one-of-a-kind presents.

Merchants and craft vendors seeking additional details or wishing to reserve booth space can contact Andrea Strawn at 812-351-1996 or Tracy Stoll at 812-709-0498.

BARR-REEVE ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES STUDENT KINDNESS, STAFF RECOGNITION, AND MONTHLY VIKING VALUE OF RESPECT

MONTGOMERY, Ind. — Students and faculty at Barr-Reeve Elementary School recently gathered for a school-wide celebration highlighting positive behavior, staff appreciation, and student leadership across the building.

During the assembly, school leaders recognized students selected for the "Caught Being Good" program, honoring youngsters who consistently demonstrated kindness, made responsible choices, and modeled Barr-Reeve's core school expectations throughout their classrooms and hallways.

The celebration also spotlighted faculty members who go above and beyond to support the school environment.Administrators drew a winner from a pool of staff members nominated by their peers and colleagues for making a meaningful, positive impact on the building. Mrs. Lindsey Freyberger was announced as the staff recognition winner,receiving a Zax gift card in appreciation of her daily dedication to students and fellow educators.

Student leadership took center stage during the gathering as a group of fifth-grade students stepped forward to introduce Barr-Reeve Elementary's "Viking Value" for the month: Respect. The fifth graders delivered a presentation reminding their younger peers of the importance of practicing respect toward themselves, one another, and the broader school community.

School officials emphasized that taking time to pause and celebrate everyday achievements helps foster an encouraging,supportive culture for both learners and staff. Administrators praised the students and educators alike for making Barr-Reeve Elementary a welcoming place to learn and grow, urging the young Vikings to keep up their positive momentum throughout the school year.

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE OPENS REGISTRATION FOR DEC. 6 GRINCHMAS CHRISTMAS PARADE AND ANNOUNCES FIVE THEMED AWARDS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Holiday cheer is heading to downtown Loogootee next month as the City of Loogootee officially opens participant registration for its annual Christmas parade, this year featuring a whimsical "Grinchmas" theme.

Scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026, the evening parade invites local floats, businesses, churches, athletic teams, civic organizations, and families to decorate, dress up, and showcase their holiday spirit through the heart of downtown. Parade lineup will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the procession stepping off at 6:00 p.m.

Organizers are encouraging entrants to embrace the theme—"the Grinchier, the better"—and compete for five special themed honors that will be awarded during the festivities:

- The Whoville Wonder Award: Selected by the Grand Marshal.
- Heart Grew Three Sizes Award: Presented to the most energetic or lively entry.
- Whoville Wonderland Award: Recognizing the most festive costumes or decorations.
- Cindy Lou Who Spirit Award: Honoring the best display of Christmas spirit or community love.
- The Grinch's Seal of Approval Award: Chosen as the Mayor's Choice selection.

Event coordinators emphasized that entries of all sizes are welcome—noting that if an entry rolls, walks, or sparkles, organizers want it in the lineup.

Community members, businesses, and organizations interested in participating can register online by scanning the QR code on official event flyers or by completing the digital parade entry form directly at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Rjv_olSZGTfbRcnFSjbKFFRPX-rwq-BVbgaE6vXdx4/viewform.

The Grinchmas Christmas Parade serves as the grand finale to an afternoon of seasonal celebration in downtown Loogootee. Prior to the parade, residents and visitors are invited to arrive early for the annual downtown Christmas Stroll, which runs from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During the stroll, families can enjoy local shopping, seasonal activities, food trucks, and holiday entertainment leading directly into the parade lineup.

City officials noted that additional details regarding the broader schedule of downtown Christmas festivities will be announced in the coming weeks. In the meantime, organizers encourage groups to start planning their Whoville-inspired floats, costumes, and light displays early and to share event announcements with neighbors across Martin County.

Anyone with questions about parade registration, lineup logistics, or entry guidelines can contact event coordinator Hannah Kidwell by phone at 812-296-7091 or via email at hmkidwell08@gmail.com.



12TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR RETURNS TO JASPER'S CABBY O'NEILL GYM DEC. 5 WITH OVER 40 VENDORS AND $500 CASH GIVEAWAY

JASPER, Ind. — Holiday shoppers across Dubois, Martin, and surrounding southwestern Indiana counties are invited to browse handcrafted gifts, enjoy local food trucks, and enter for a chance to win a $500 cash prize during the 12th Annual Holiday Bazaar in Jasper.

The seasonal shopping showcase is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST inside the Cabby O'Neill Gym, located at 340 W. 6th St. in Jasper. Admission to the six-hour indoor market is free and open to the public.

Now in its 12th year, the annual bazaar brings together more than 40 local and regional vendors offering a diverse mix of handmade crafts, seasonal home decor, boutique apparel, specialty treats, and unique Christmas gift items. In addition to indoor booth shopping, event organizers will host on-site food trucks so families and visitors can grab lunch or refreshments while making their rounds.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to take part in a featured $500 cash giveaway held in conjunction with the event.

Hosted at the historic Cabby O'Neill Gym just blocks from downtown Jasper, the Holiday Bazaar provides a convenient one-stop destination for early December gift buying while directly supporting independent crafters, artisans, and small business owners across the region.

Visitors from Loogootee, Shoals, Washington, and neighboring communities are encouraged to bring family and friends for a festive Saturday of holiday shopping and local food. For additional event information, shoppers can contact Heart of Jasper at 812-482-4255.

CORNER CAFE IN LOOGOOTEE SERVES WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST SPECIALS, WELCOMES ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Diners in Loogootee looking for a hearty midweek breakfast or classic comfort-food lunch can stop by The Corner at 201 S. JFK Ave., where kitchen staff are serving up Wednesday specials alongside their regular daily menu.

Breakfast is served until 10:30 a.m., highlighted by a customizable egg sandwich combo that includes a drink. Customers can choose their preferred bread—including a croissant, bagel, or biscuit—and pair it with bacon, ham, sausage, or German bologna.

For those craving something sweet in the morning, the bakery case is also stocked with fresh homemade cinnamon rolls topped with vanilla icing or caramel icing, alongside homemade raspberry rolls.

Following the morning rush, the restaurant transitions into its Wednesday lunch service, offering three classic homestyle entrees: fried chicken, salmon patties, and tenderloins. Full breakfast and lunch menus remain available throughout operating hours until the restaurant closes at 1:30 p.m.

Customers on a tight schedule can place takeout orders ahead of time by calling the restaurant directly at 812-295-4243.

Diners can also browse the full menu and submit mobile pickup orders online through the restaurant's Toast ordering portalon their new online website.

LOOGOOTEE SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SETS JULY 24, 2027 DATE FOR 51ST ANNUAL CELEBRATION AT ST. MARTIN HALL

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Graduates of Loogootee and St. John schools are invited to save the date for next summer's homecoming gathering as the Loogootee Schools Alumni Association announces plans for its 51st Annual Alumni Celebration.

Scheduled for Saturday, July 24, 2027, the milestone event will once again be hosted at St. Martin Hall in Whitfield.Organizers selected the venue for a second consecutive year following positive feedback from attendees who gathered there during this past summer's 50th anniversary celebration.

The 2027 celebration is open to all graduates, former students, faculty, and friends of both Loogootee High School and St.John High School. Each year, the annual banquet brings generations of Lion and Eagle alumni back to Martin County to reconnect, share school memories, and celebrate community heritage.

Next summer's gathering will place a special spotlight on two milestone graduating classes:

- 50-Year Reunion: The Loogootee High School Class of 1977 will be recognized as the honored golden anniversary class.
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- 25-Year Reunion: The Loogootee High School Class of 2002 will be celebrated for reaching its quarter-century milestone.
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Alumni organizers encourage classmates from 1977, 2002, and every graduating class to begin reaching out to old friends,coordinating tables, and making travel plans early ahead of the July 24 gathering.

Additional details regarding ticket reservations, banquet schedules, and registration deadlines will be shared by the alumni association in the months leading up to next summer's event.

LOCAL MOBILE COFFEE SHOP RESUMES ESPRESSO SERVICE OUTSIDE O'REILLY'S IN LOOGOOTEE FOLLOWING QUICK EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Coffee lovers and commuters in Loogootee can once again get their daily espresso fix as a local mobile coffee vendor has resumed full operations outside O'Reilly Auto Parts following prompt equipment repairs.

After experiencing a brief service interruption due to maintenance needed on its espresso machine, the business announced it is back in full operation for customers today and tomorrow at O'Reilly's in Loogootee.

Business operators credited BestTech Beverage for completing the necessary repairs quickly, minimizing downtime and allowing the mobile coffee stand to return to its regular brewing schedule without extended delays.

With the espresso machine back up and running, customers can stop by the O'Reilly's location in Loogootee today and tomorrow to order their favorite hot and iced espresso-based beverages, specialty lattes, and brewed coffee selections.

Local patrons are encouraged to swing by the stand during regular operating hours over the next two days to grab a drink and support local small-business service in Martin County.

LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR AND MUSICAL BOOSTERS HOST 2026 HOLIDAY HOME TOUR ON NOV. 29

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Residents and visitors across Martin County will have the opportunity to step inside six festively decorated local residences later this month during the 2026 Holiday Home Tour, sponsored by the Loogootee High School Choir and Musical Boosters.

Scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the self-guided afternoon showcase invites community members to experience holiday decorating inspiration, seasonal hospitality, and historic architecture while supporting fine arts programming at Loogootee High School.

This year's tour features six stops across the community, blending private family residences with historic local landmarks:

- The home of Jared and Alexandra Wathen
- The home of Will and Erin Lyon
- The home of Ashton and Kailye Wagler
- The home of Kirk Summers and his fiancée, Jill
- The home of Bryant and Brittany Ackerman
- The PB Larkin Historic Mansion 1865

In addition to viewing each host's seasonal decor and Christmas displays, ticket holders will have the chance to enter to win a door prize at every individual stop along the route.

Proceeds from the annual fundraiser directly benefit the Loogootee High School Choir and Musical Boosters, helping fund student vocal performances, theatrical productions, sheet music, costumes, and fine arts opportunities throughout the school year.

Tickets for the 2026 Holiday Home Tour are $20 per person and are available for purchase through several convenient local outlets:

- Directly from any Loogootee High School musical or choir student
- In person at Jolene's Decorating, located at 108 Church St. in Loogootee
- By contacting organizer Kay Summers at 812-295-7249

The afternoon home tour also coincides with the kickoff of downtown Loogootee's Christmas season, giving families and holiday guests a full Sunday afternoon of community festivities. Organizers encourage residents to purchase tickets early, gather friends or family members, and enjoy a festive tour through some of Loogootee's most welcoming homes while supporting local student performers.

ELITE PRO WRESTLING BRINGS "APEX" LIVE EVENT TO ODON COMMUNITY CENTER ON NOV. 14

ODON, Ind. — Professional wrestling fans across Daviess, Martin, and surrounding southwestern Indiana counties can catch high-energy, family-friendly ring action this weekend when Elite Pro Wrestling presents its live event, "Apex," in Odon.

The show is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, at the Odon Community Center, located at 311 Park St. in Odon. Doors will open to spectators at 6:00 p.m., with the opening bell ringing at 7:00 p.m.

Promotional materials for the event showcase a full roster of regional independent wrestling talent, champions, and fan favorites scheduled to compete throughout the evening. Fans can expect singles bouts, championship clashes, and dramatic matchups designed to entertain wrestling enthusiasts of all ages.

Tickets for the live card are priced affordably for local families:

- Front Row Seating: $12
- General Admission: $10
- Children Ages 5 and Under: Free admission

In addition to attending the live show in person at the Odon Community Center, fans who cannot make it to ringside can stream the event on WSN+. Event flyers also feature a QR code allowing viewers to scan and connect directly with WSN+ streaming access.

The evening is supported by several regional sponsors, including Premier Ag, VP, DX (DEX Block Studios LLC), Kimberly's Discoveries, and the Academy of Pro Wrestling.

Area residents from Odon, Loogootee, Shoals, and Washington are encouraged to arrive early when doors open at 6:00 p.m. to secure front-row seating and enjoy a Saturday night of live sports entertainment.

LOOGOOTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS HONORS MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL FALL ATHLETES AND MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee Community Schools celebrated the achievements, dedication, and sportsmanship of its student-athletes Monday evening during the annual Middle School and High School Fall Sports Awards banquet.

Coaches, families, and community supporters gathered to recognize athletes across cross-country, girls golf, boys tennis,and volleyball following the 2026 fall season. School officials thanked the coaching staffs for their leadership, parents and families for their ongoing encouragement, and the athletes for representing Loogootee with pride.

During the ceremony, varsity coaches presented major individual honors across each fall program:

- Girls Golf: Claire Wolfe was named Most Valuable Player, while Libby Swartzentruber received the Mental Attitude Award.
- Boys Tennis: Cooper VanHoy earned Most Valuable Player honors, and Carter Downey was recognized with the Mental Attitude Award.
- Volleyball: Jocelynn Sims was named Most Outstanding Defensive Player, Alaina Diamond earned Most Outstanding Offensive Player honors, and Aubrey Gilbert received the Mental Attitude Award.
- Boys Cross-Country: Knox Jeffers was named Most Valuable Player, and Noah Hager received the Mental Attitude Award.
- Girls Cross-Country: Ava Jeffers earned Most Valuable Player honors, while Reese Gibson was selected for the Mental Attitude Award.

The evening concluded with the presentation of the prestigious Fall Sports Heart of a Lion Awards, which recognize student-athletes who exemplify exemplary character, work ethic, leadership, and school spirit. Senior Reed Brittain was named the Male Heart of a Lion honoree, and Reese Gibson earned the Female Heart of a Lion distinction.

School administrators congratulated all middle school and varsity honorees on a memorable fall athletic campaign as Lion sports teams transition into the winter season.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO RIBBON CUTTING FOR DEACONESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATHWAYS – JASPER

JASPER, Ind. – Deaconess Memorial Medical Center invites the community to attend a blessing and ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of Deaconess Behavioral Health Pathways – Jasper, a new mental health program designed to provide intensive behavioral health care to individuals in Dubois County and the surrounding region.

The ceremony will take place Monday, November 16, at 4 p.m. EST at the Medical Office Building (formerly Medical Arts Building), Suite 122, located at 721 W. 13th Street in Jasper. Guests will have an opportunity to tour the clinic and enjoy refreshments following the ceremony.
Deaconess Behavioral Health Pathways – Jasper offers a Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), an intensive outpatient mental health treatment option for individuals who need more support than traditional weekly therapy but do not require inpatient hospitalization.

Through the program, participants receive in-depth treatment during the day and return home in the evenings. Care typically involves several hours of programming per day, multiple days a week, and may include therapy, medication management, education, skill-building and support from a mental health treatment team.

The addition of this program reflects Deaconess Memorial Medical Center's continued commitment to meeting the healthcare needs of the community and supporting the mental health and well-being of individuals and families throughout the region.

Deaconess Behavioral Health Pathways – Jasper was made possible through the support of Memorial Medical Center Foundation, in partnership with the Dubois County Community Foundation. Their investment in community health and well-being helped make this important behavioral health resource available to residents of Dubois County and surrounding communities.

For more information regarding services, please call Deaconess Behavioral Health Pathways – Jasper at 812-996-6100.

IBLC ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP CHANGES

INDIANAPOLIS – Yesterday, members of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC) elected its new leadership board following the conclusion of outgoing chair Rep. Earl Harris Jr.'s (D-East Chicago) term. The IBLC elected State Rep. Carolyn Jackson (D-Hammond) as chair for the upcoming term. State Rep. Alex Burton (D-Evansville) will serve as vice chair, State Rep. John L. Bartlett (D-Indianapolis) will serve as parliamentarian, Sen.-Elect Allissa Impink (D-Indianpolis) will serve as treasurer and Rep.-Elect Kim Townsend (D-Anderson) will serve as chaplain.

Jackson, who has served in the Indiana House of Representatives since 2018, issued the following statement:
"I am thrilled to lead the IBLC, especially following such a large period of growth for Statehouse Democrats. This week, Rep.-Elect Townsend, Sen.-Elect Impink, Rep.-Elect Nick Neal (D-Crown Point) and Rep.-Elect David Boyd (D-Indianapolis) all won their respective races and have joined the IBLC.

"Over the past few years, it's become very clear that Hoosiers are looking for a change. Too many people throughout our state struggle to keep food on the table, their prescriptions refilled and their lights on. Hoosiers are tired of hearing the same old empty promises from their elected officials without seeing any results. The IBLC is committed to being a voice for Hoosiers from all walks of life whose needs have been neglected by the supermajorities in both chambers of the Indiana General Assembly. We have a lot of work to do to make life better for Hoosiers, and the IBLC is up to the challenge."

"HEARTY HEARTS" CARDIAC REHAB CLUB

Jasper, IN –The "Hearty Hearts" Rehab Club is an organization formed specifically for all former and current Deaconess Memorial's Cardiac Rehab and Angina Heart Therapy patients and their families. The meetings are held three times a year and are conducted by the nurses and exercise physiologists of the Cardiac Rehab at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. EST in the Medical Arts Building Conference Center, located at 721 West 13th Street in Jasper. Our guest speaker for the November meeting will be Deena Mokris, OTR, CLT, WCC, an occupational therapist at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. She has worked in rehabilitation for 31 years and was a director for 16 years. The topic will be energy conservation, fall prevention, and home safety.

Cardiac Rehab is an outpatient, heart-monitored exercise program for patients who have had a recent heart attack, angina, coronary artery bypass surgery, heart valve replacement surgery, balloon angioplasty, or stent placement.

For more information about the "Hearty Hearts" Cardiac Rehab Club, please call the Deaconess Cardiopulmonary Rehab Center at 812-996-0554.



INDIANA STATE AUDIT REVEALS UNPAID UTILITY BILLS FROM CRANE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

CRANE, Ind. — A special compliance examination released by the Indiana State Board of Accounts revealed that municipal utility accounts held by Town of Crane officials grew significantly without collection enforcement, late fees, or service disconnections while they oversaw town operations.

The special audit, filed Oct. 14, 2026, examined town utility billing and collection records from Aug. 1, 2023, through Feb. 28, 2026, following a public complaint submitted to the state in October 2025 regarding cash collections and outstanding accounts.

According to the report, Clerk-Treasurer Ashely A. Clark, who was appointed in August 2023, did not enforce collection procedures on utility accounts held by her own household or on accounts belonging to Town Council members Jeff Clark — her husband — and Charles Parcels.

State examiners found that the Clarks' residential utility balance rose from $333.59 in August 2023 to $6,348.17 in February 2026, an increase of over 1,800%. The report noted that the Clarks made no utility payments between the December 2024 billing and the May 2025 billing.

Utility balances associated with Parcels also accumulated during the same timeframe, according to the audit. Parcels' primary residence account increased from $353.62 to $4,088.99, with no payments recorded from December 2024 through October 2025. Additional accounts tied to a garage and a rental property owned by Parcels increased to $2,522.25 and $1,432.17, respectively.

The town provides municipally owned electric, water, internet, wastewater, trash, and stormwater utility services.

Examiners noted that substantial payments toward the delinquent balances occurred only after state regulators launched their inquiry. Following a joint interview with state examiners on Feb. 19, 2026, Parcels paid $4,088.99 on Feb. 27 to clear his residential balance. The Clarks submitted a $10,500 payment on June 5, 2026, reducing their balance to $320.66.

Although the town's monthly utility invoices stated that unpaid accounts were subject to a 10% late fee after the 15th of the month and disconnection after the 25th, the clerk-treasurer did not apply penalties or disconnect delinquent officials' accounts, the report stated. Examiners found late penalties totaling $668.61 had been billed across three dates to six commercial accounts, but no penalties were assessed against the accounts of elected officials. Furthermore, the town was unable to produce a council ordinance authorizing the penalty or shutoff provisions printed on invoices, and no statutory wastewater liens had been filed during the clerk-treasurer's tenure.

As of May 28, 2026, the town carried 122 delinquent utility accounts totaling $114,796.65. Accounts tied to the two elected officials and six commercial accounts made up 69% of the total balance owed to the municipality.

Citing a breakdown in internal controls and segregation of duties, the State Board of Accounts assessed the Town of Crane $8,115.67 to reimburse the state for the additional costs of conducting the examination.

The audit's findings were formally discussed during a Sept. 23 exit conference with Ashely Clark, Jeff Clark, and Charles Parcels. Requests for comment sent to town officials were not returned by press time.

STATE AUDIT CLEARS PERRY TOWNSHIP FINANCES FOLLOWING MULTI-YEAR REVIEW

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — State examiners found no reportable instances of noncompliance during a routine four-year review of Perry Township's financial records and operations, according to an audit report released by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The compliance engagement report, filed on Oct. 19, 2026, evaluated the Martin County township's records from Jan. 1, 2022, through Dec. 31, 2025. Unlike prior state examinations of the local taxing unit, the most recent review concluded with no citations, comments, or corrective action directives.

"No reportable instances of noncompliance," state examiners wrote in the five-page document released this fall.

The clean assessment contrasts with findings from earlier state reviews. In an audit examining records from 2011 through 2013, state regulators noted several procedural deficiencies, including $9,802 in disbursements that exceeded budgeted appropriations in the township assistance fund, late annual financial filings, and missing written certifications regarding state contracting and nepotism laws. A subsequent compliance report covering 2014 through 2017 cited unresolved bank reconciliation issues, showing a $5,195 discrepancy between township ledger records and bank statements.

Under Indiana law, the State Board of Accounts conducts periodic reviews of local governmental entities to evaluate whether public officials adhere to statutory guidelines governing appropriations, vendor documentation, and accounting procedures.

In the latest report, examiners noted that their review procedures were conducted under Indiana Code 5-11-1 to test compliance with uniform guidelines, rather than to issue a formal audit opinion on the township's overall financial statements. The agency included its standard regulatory disclaimer noting that the examination was not designed to identify every potential instance of noncompliance.

The findings were formally communicated during a Sept. 24 exit conference with township officials, including Trustee Jason Hennette, Township Board Chair Tony Dant, board member Brandi Hennette, and bookkeeper Steven L. Anderson. Hennette has served as the township's executive trustee since 2011.

The filing follows recent discussions within the Martin County community and on social media questioning whether historical spending issues or conflict-of-interest disclosures had been flagged during the state's latest oversight cycle. State audit documentation confirms that no current or retroactive compliance violations were cited in the October report.

SPORTS

LOOGOOTEE SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL (BOYS 5 & 6) - CEDAR CREST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (H)
11/12/2026 6:00 PM

BASKETBALL (GIRLS 5 & 6) - SPRINGS VALLEY (A)
11/12/2026 6:00 PM

BASKETBALL (GIRLS JV) - EASTERN GREENE (H)
11/12/2026 6:00 PM

BASKETBALL (GIRLS V) - EASTERN GREENE HIGH SCHOOL (H)
11/12/2026 7:30 PM

BASKETBALL (GIRLS 7 & 8) - TIP-OFF CLASSIC (H)
11/14/2026 TBD

BASKETBALL (GIRLS 5 & 6) - TIP-OFF CLASSIC (H)
11/14/2026 TBD

LOOGOOTEE LIONS BOYS BASKETBALL RELEASES 2026-27 VARSITY SCHEDULE



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Lions varsity boys basketball program has officially unveiled its 2026-27 regular-season schedule, featuring a competitive slate of Blue Chip Conference matchups, multi-day holiday tournaments, and local rivalries.

The Lions will tip off the regular season on the road Tuesday, Nov. 24, traveling to face regional rival North Daviess. Four days later, Loogootee will compete in the Loughmiller Classic on Saturday, Nov. 28, opening against Owen Valley before playing a second matchup against an opponent to be determined.

December features a heavy stretch of home dates at Jack Butcher Arena. Following a Dec. 4 road trip to Wood Memorial, the Lions host Forest Park on Dec. 11, travel to Eastern Greene on Dec. 15, and return home for back-to-back weekend games against Washington on Dec. 18 and Springs Valley on Dec. 19.

Loogootee will close out the calendar year by hosting the Hoosier Crossroads Classic by Bobcat of Daviess County at Jack Butcher Arena on Dec. 22 and Dec. 23. The Lions will open the tournament Dec. 22 against Waldron alongside a second pairing, concluding with bracket play on Dec. 23.

The new year begins with a Jan. 2 road test at Vincennes Rivet before Loogootee enters the Greene County Invitational from Jan. 5 through Jan. 9. The Lions open tournament play against Dugger-Union on Jan. 6, with subsequent tournament matchups set for Jan. 7 or Jan. 8 and Jan. 9.

Mid-January brings intense local rivalry action as the Lions travel to Barr-Reeve on Jan. 15 before returning home to host county rival Shoals on Jan. 22. Loogootee closes out the month with road trips to Bloomfield on Jan. 23 and South Knox on Jan. 29.

The final stretch of the regular season includes road games at Orleans on Feb. 4, Mitchell on Feb. 12, and Northeast Dubois on Feb. 19, alongside home contests against Washington Catholic on Feb. 16 and North Knox on Feb. 25.

LOOGOOTEE LIONS VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS NAMED TO IHSVCA CLASS 1A ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee High School's volleyball program is celebrating postseason statewide recognition after standout members of the Lions varsity squad were selected to the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association Class 1A All-District Team.

The prestigious postseason honor is reserved for top-performing high school volleyball athletes across Indiana, with only 48 Class 1A players selected statewide to represent their respective geographic districts.

Earning a spot among the select group places the Loogootee honorees in the top tier of small-school volleyball talent in Indiana. Selections are voted on by member coaches across the state, recognizing athletes who demonstrated exceptional court leadership, statistical production, consistency, and competitive impact throughout the 2026 fall regular season and IHSAA state tournament run.

School and athletic department officials congratulated the student-athletes on the achievement, praising their dedication, work ethic, and commitment to upholding Loogootee's proud volleyball tradition. Coaching staff members noted that the recognition reflects not only individual athletic skill, but also the collective effort and teamwork displayed by the entire varsity roster throughout the fall campaign.

The IHSVCA All-District teams serve as a cornerstone of postseason recognition in Indiana high school volleyball, highlighting premier student-athletes across all four enrollment classifications while spotlighting regional programs on a statewide stage.

Community members, classmates, and Lion fans joined the athletic department in applauding the players for representing Loogootee High School and Martin County with pride both on and off the court.

The honor caps off a memorable fall season for the Lions program as student-athletes transition into winter sports and offseason training ahead of next year's campaign.

LOOGOOTEE LADY LIONS FALL 38-35 IN LATE RALLY AT WOOD MEMORIAL; DIAMOND REACHES 965 CAREER POINTS

OAKLAND CITY, Ind. — The Loogootee Lady Lions battled back from an eight-point fourth-quarter deficit Tuesday night before falling just short, dropping a 38–35 decision to Wood Memorial in their first road contest and conference matchup of the 2026–27 season.

Senior Alaina Diamond led the way for Loogootee with a game-high 21 points, accounting for 60% of the Lady Lions' offense. Diamond connected on seven of her 12 field-goal attempts and went 6-for-7 from the free-throw line. With the 21-point performance, Diamond raised her career scoring total to 965 points, standing just 35 points shy of becoming the next member of Loogootee's 1,000-point club. She sits eighth on the program's all-time scoring list, trailing seventh-place Amanda Green (1,034 points) by 69 points.

Wood Memorial established an early 9–4 first-quarter advantage before Loogootee answered in the second frame, outscoring the Lady Trojans 9–7 to trim the halftime deficit to 16–13. Both squads tallied nine points in the third quarter, leaving the Lady Lions trailing 25–22 entering the final period.

After Wood Memorial built a 33–25 cushion late in the contest, Loogootee responded with a 10–0 run to seize a 35–33 lead. However, the Lady Trojans scored the game's final five points down the stretch to escape with the three-point victory.

Sydnee Salmon contributed six points for Loogootee, Lydia Hawkins added five, and Alexis Heckard rounded out the scoring with three. Hawkins led the team on the glass with eight rebounds, Ava Jeffers recorded four rebounds and a team-high four assists, and Diamond added four rebounds and two blocked shots. Loogootee shot 11-for-34 from the field and 12-for-15 from the foul line, while Wood Memorial shot 15-for-38 and held a 26–20 rebounding edge.

In the junior varsity contest, Wood Memorial defeated Loogootee 34–28, dropping the JV Lady Lions to 0–2. The varsity Lady Lions (1–1, 0–1 conference) return home to Jack Butcher Arena to host Eastern Greene.

LOOGOOTEE JUNIOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL LADY LIONS OPEN BASKETBALL SEASONS AGAINST PIKE CENTRAL AND ORLEANS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Lady Lions junior high and middle school girls basketball teams opened their seasons this week with a full night of action, featuring four competitive games against Pike Central and Orleans.

The junior high program is led by fourth-year coaches Nick Toy (seventh grade) and Jack Fellers (eighth grade), while the middle school program is under the direction of first-year coaches Brooklynn Jones and Danielle Abel (sixth grade) and Tyler Bratton (fifth grade).

In eighth-grade action, Loogootee fell 30–22 to the Pike Central Lady Chargers. The Lady Lions jumped out to early leads of 7–0 and 15–5, leading 13–5 after the first quarter before Pike Central steadily chipped away and pulled ahead. Emma Downey led Loogootee in scoring with nine points, while Ayla Hawkins added seven, Alyn Strange had four, and Abby Meyer scored two.

The seventh-grade Lady Lions dropped a narrow 25–24 decision to Pike Central despite mounting a strong second-half rally after trailing 7–0 early. Shyann Salmon dominated the contest with 20 points, while Haley Hager and Kollins Jeffers added two points apiece. Loogootee had a final look at the basket to win at the buzzer, but the shot would not fall.

Meanwhile, the sixth-grade Lady Lions picked up a dominant 31–4 victory over Orleans, holding the visitors scoreless over the final three quarters. Isabel Toy paced the offense with 17 points, followed by Kaia Arvin with eight, Gracie Barnett with four, and Eme Smith and Micah McAtee with one point each.

The fifth-grade squad also opened its season in the win column with a thrilling 25–22 overtime triumph over the Orleans Lady Bulldogs. Embry Wade led the scoring with 17 points, Hattie Kluesner added four, and Fiona Fisher and Avrie Bratton chipped in two points each.

The junior high teams return to action at home at Jack Butcher Arena against Rivet, while the middle school squads host Linton at the Activity Center.

LOOGOOTEE JUNIOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL LADY LIONS SWEEP FOUR HOME GAMES AGAINST RIVET AND LINTON

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee junior high and middle school Lady Lions basketball teams swept a four-game home slate, with the eighth- and seventh-grade squads earning their first wins of the season against Vincennes Rivet and the sixth- and fifth-grade teams defeating Linton.

The eighth-grade Lady Lions evened their record at 1–1 with a 46–28 victory over Vincennes Rivet. Loogootee surged to a 28–14 advantage before Rivet answered with an 11–0 run to pull within 28–25. The Lady Lions closed strong, outscoring the Patriots 15–3 in the fourth quarter. Alyn Strange and Ayla Hawkins led Loogootee with 11 points apiece, followed by Emma Downey with five, Abby Meyer, Bell, and Arvin with four each, Ausbrooks with three, and Graber and Wade with two each.

In seventh-grade action, Loogootee edged Vincennes Rivet 36–33 in a tight battle to secure its first win. Trailing 15–7, Shyann Salmon took over the contest, scoring eight points in the second quarter and 12 in the third to erase the deficit before sinking two late free throws to seal the three-point win. Salmon finished with 31 points, while O'Brien and Kollins Jeffers added two apiece and Conn scored one.

The sixth-grade Lady Lions improved to 2–0 with a 25–15 win over the Linton Lady Miners, holding Linton scoreless in the opening quarter. Isabel Toy led all scorers with 12 points, Gracie Barnett added six, Kaia Arvin had three, and L. Barnett and Moore contributed two points each.

The fifth-grade Lady Lions also moved to 2–0 with a dominant 41–2 victory over Linton. Loogootee held Linton scoreless in three of four quarters to build a 27–0 halftime lead. Embry Wade paced the offense with 21 points, Hattie Kluesner and Avrie Bratton scored six each, Everly Jeffers added four, and Fiona Fisher and Alexia Reinbold netted two points apiece.

Next up, the junior high Lady Lions host the Tip-Off Classic this weekend, while the middle school teams travel to Springs Valley on Thursday night.

UNDEFEATED NORTH DAVIESS FOOTBALL TEAM FAR FROM SATISFIED AHEAD OF REGIONAL SHOWDOWN WITH RIVERTON PARKE



ELNORA, Ind. — While the 2026 football season has been a resounding success so far for the undefeated North Daviess Cougars, head coach Trent Fine insists his team is anything but satisfied as regional play arrives.

"We're proud of what our players have accomplished so far, but they understand that our goals are still in front of us," Fine told Indiana HS Sports Report. "This group is focused on preparing the right way and making the most of the opportunity they've earned."

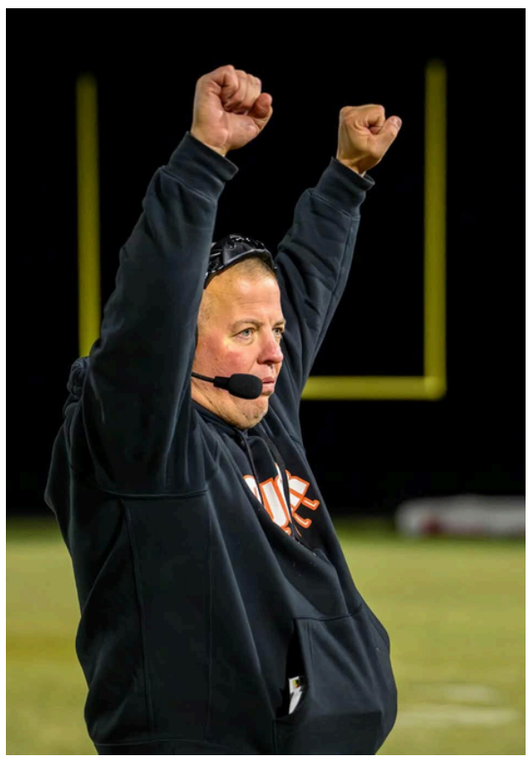
Last week, North Daviess improved to 12-0 with a decisive 35-7 victory over Forest Park, propelling the Cougars into a regional matchup against fellow unbeaten Riverton Parke (12-0), which advanced past Cloverdale. For Fine, the sectional triumph reinforced his belief that this year's roster possesses true championship potential.
"We knew coming into the season that we had a talented group, but the level of consistency and maturity these players have shown has been impressive," Fine said. "As the season progressed and we continued to respond well to challenges each week, we started to realize this team had the potential to be special. The confidence really grew when we saw how our kids handled quality opponents and difficult situations without losing their focus."

According to the veteran coach, North Daviess' unblemished run stems from daily buy-in across the entire program rather than relying on a handful of stars.

"Our success comes from a combination of factors," Fine said. "First, our players have bought into the program and the expectations we set every day. They have developed a strong work ethic and a team-first mentality. We also have great leadership from our senior class, a coaching staff that works extremely hard preparing each week, and tremendous support from our school and community."

Fine added that contributions on both sides of the football—paired with underclassmen stepping seamlessly into expanded roles—have made the Cougars difficult to prepare for.





"It's difficult to single out individuals because our success has truly been a team effort," Fine noted. "We have had a number of players make significant contributions on both sides of the ball, and our leadership from the senior class has been outstanding. One of the most encouraging things has been the development of several younger players who have stepped into bigger roles and performed beyond their years when the team needed them most."

Rather than dwelling on an undefeated record or postseason hype, Fine has kept his locker room anchored in week-to-week execution.

"Our message to the players has been to stay grounded, prepare the same way every week, and not get caught up in outside expectations," Fine said. "The kids have done an excellent job of keeping their attention on improving and controlling what they can control."

Standing in North Daviess' way next is a hungry Riverton Parke squad riding the momentum of its first sectional championship in more than two decades. Fine expects a physical, disciplined battle with a regional crown on the line.

"This is a very good football team, especially at this stage of the season,"

Fine said of the Panthers. "They are well coached, physical, and have playmakers who can change a game quickly. To be successful, we will need to play disciplined football, win the line of scrimmage, limit mistakes, and execute our assignments consistently. At this point in the year, every team is talented, so attention to detail and effort will be critical."

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GOOD LUCK IN REGIONALS!



EVENT PLANNER NOV. 4-11

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

Located at 406 NW 1st St. in Loogootee, the Senior Center provides a full lineup of activities designed to keep older adults active and engaged. The following is the schedule of programs and events from Wednesday, October 21 through October 28.

- Thursday, November 12
  - 11:30 AM: Lunch and Bingo with Martin County Council on Aging
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Game Day
- Friday, November 13
  - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Chair Exercise
  - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Play – or learn to play – Tripoli

- Saturday, November 14 – Sunday, November 15
- No events scheduled
- Monday, November 16
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Genealogy 101 with Mary Ellen Wildman
- Tuesday, November 3
  - CLOSED FOR ELECTION DAY

REST OF NOVEMBER

- Tuesday, November 17

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

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

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

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

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

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Game Day

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

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

- Monday, November 23
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Rhythm & Strength with SRF
- 6:00 PM: Learn to make noodles (Limited to 15 – Sign up required)
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- Tuesday, November 24
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Tuesday Game Time

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

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

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



EVENT PLANNER NOV. 4-11

The Loogootee Public Library continues to offer engaging youth reading programs, creative workshops, and community events for Martin County families each week.
Supporters who want to contribute to the facility's ongoing programs and operational supplies can donate directly via Venmo (@loogooteelibrary) or purchase items from the library's official Amazon wish list.
Located at 504 Park Street in Loogootee, the library offers a wide variety of activities each week. The following is the schedule of operational hours and scheduled events taking place from Wednesday, October 21-28

- Thursday, Oct. 22 & Oct. 29: Wiggle Worms (11:00 a.m.)
- Friday, Oct. 23: Sweet Treat Social (5:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 & Oct. 20: Little Learners: Fall Craft (10:15 a.m.)
- Monday, Oct. 26: Adult Craft Night: Pumpkin Painting (5:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, Oct. 27: Little Learners: Halloween Craft (Wear Costumes!) at 10:15 a.m., followed by Cemetery Hoppers at 1:30 p.m.

November 2026 Library Schedule of Events & Programs

- Thursday, Nov. 12: Wiggle Worms — 11:00 a.m.
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- Friday, Nov. 13: Medicare Open Enrollment — 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (By appointment only)
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- Saturday, Nov. 14: Give a Book, Get a Book! — 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
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- Tuesday, Nov. 17:
- Little Learners: Indiana Day! — 10:15 a.m.

- Fall Prevention Program — 1:00 p.m.

- Thursday, Nov. 19: Wiggle Worms — 11:00 a.m.

- Friday, Nov. 20: Good Samaritan Walk-In Clinic — 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

- Saturday, Nov. 21: Book Signing with Alice Sexton! — 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 23: Adult Craft Night: Paint Party with Laura Albertson — 5:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 24:
  - Little Learners: Thanksgiving Craft — 10:15 a.m.
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  - "How to get Published" with Rex Knight — 5:00 p.m.
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Holiday & Facility Closures

- Closed every Sunday (Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) and Wednesday (Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25).

- Closed Tuesday, Nov. 3 for Election Day.

- Closed Thursday, Nov. 26 through Saturday, Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving.

MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

"They were cranky, irritable and we did not read that well," Gov. Braun said, referring to voters after last week's election.

Well, Governor Braun, they're still cranky and irritable, and you still aren't reading them very well. If you decide to run for reelection, the Mid-States Corridor may very well become your Waterloo.

Thankfully, we live in a nation where we can vote for what we believe in, knowing that no matter who wins an election, we will have another opportunity to hold our elected officials accountable and correct the mistakes we believe have been made. The Mid-States Corridor will continue to be an important issue in that process.

Some may leap to the conclusion that last week's election results represent a desire by the people to completely change our political system. I don't believe that is the case. Nor do I believe the results necessarily represent an endorsement of a more "Democratic socialist" form of government. I believe voters were expressing their frustration with affordability, accountability, and elected officials who weren't listening to them. Those concerns transcend political parties.

The Mid-States Corridor is not, nor will it ever be, a winning campaign promise. The project is unpopular with voters here in southwestern Indiana. And, Statewide polling has also shown that Hoosiers overwhelmingly prefer using transportation funds for local road and bridge projects rather than the Mid-States Corridor. That preference comes at a time when more than 300 INDOT road and bridge projects have been canceled, postponed, or delayed because of funding constraints. Shouldn't those projects receive attention before the state launches expensive new ones? Let's not forget that INDOT has yet to demonstrate a dedicated funding source for the Mid-States Corridor.

If Gov. Braun learns anything from last week's election, it should be that people vote for their interests, not simply for what a political party wants. Voters will continue to be cranky and irritable when their concerns are ignored, and politicians will continue to misread them.

The voters do not want the Mid-States Corridor.

Those opposing the Corridor are a nonpartisan group. They are not crying in their drinks or weeping and wailing about the election results. Quite the opposite. The results have invigorated them. They have shown us that there are chinks in the armor and that we can win this battle. Changes in our state government may very well bode ill for the Corridor.

What did voters tell us? Affordability, less corruption, and greater accountability from elected officials are among the issues demanding attention. There will be more banners, more yard signs, more hats, more T-shirts, more buttons, and more decals on our cars and trucks, all saying STOP THE MID-STATES CORRIDOR.

The Property Rights Alliance (PRA) is not going away. In fact, it is getting stronger and better organized. We intend to be a force to be reckoned with going forward.

Now is the time to gather together and plan for the future. A future without a multibillion-dollar expressway running through it. A future where progress and growth come from innovation rather than at the expense of others. A future where our farmers can pursue their chosen profession without the threat of the state taking their land through eminent domain. A future where communities can determine their own direction and residents can enjoy the fruits of their hard work.

Yes, the future is bright, and it will be one without the Mid-States Corridor.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Nov 12 at 6:00pm — Property Rights Alliance meeting at Klubhaus61, 2031 Newton St, Jasper

Tuesday, Nov 17 at 6:00pm — Jasper Chamber of Commerce Data Center presentation at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center Atrium. The presenter will be Paul Wyman, a Kokomo-area land developer.

PETS

Section by The Martin County Humane Society

ADOPTABLE CATS

The Martin County Humane Society is encouraging local residents to consider adoption and support community animal welfare initiatives as it spotlights available pets and ongoing shelter needs.

Every animal adopted through the shelter receives comprehensive care prior to joining a new home. Pets are spayed or neutered, fully vaccinated, microchipped, dewormed, and treated for fleas. To ensure long-term health, dogs undergo testing for common tick-borne diseases, while cats are tested for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV).

Adoption fees remain accessible to promote pet placement throughout the region, with cat adoptions set at $45 and dog adoptions at $100.

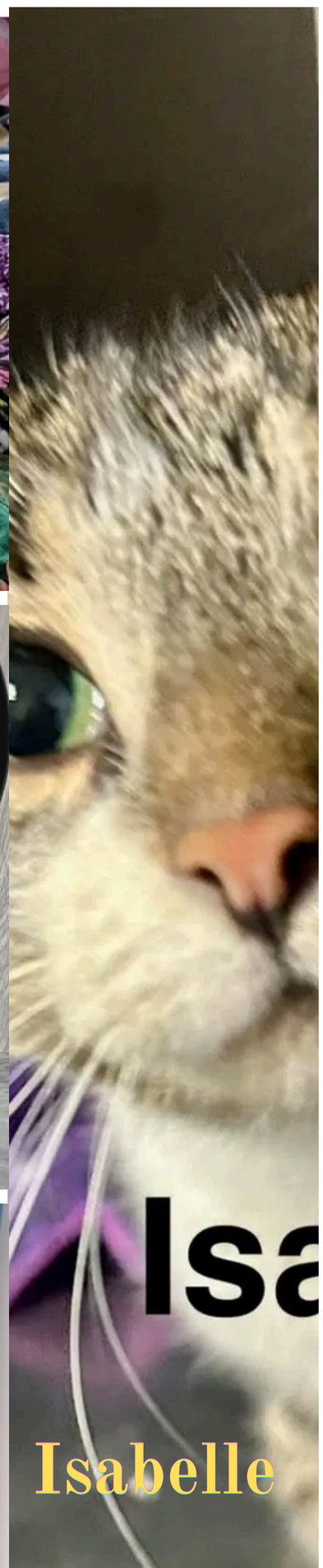
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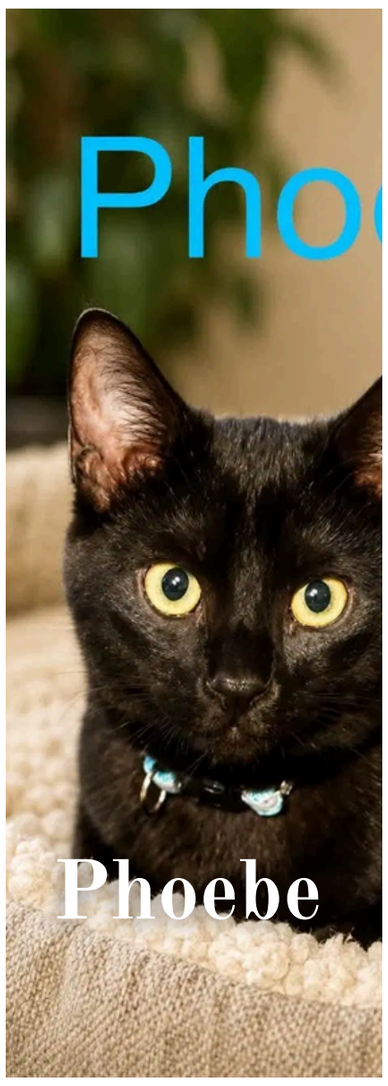
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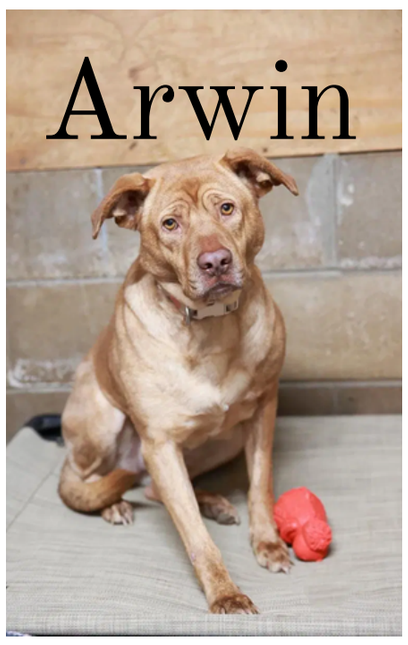
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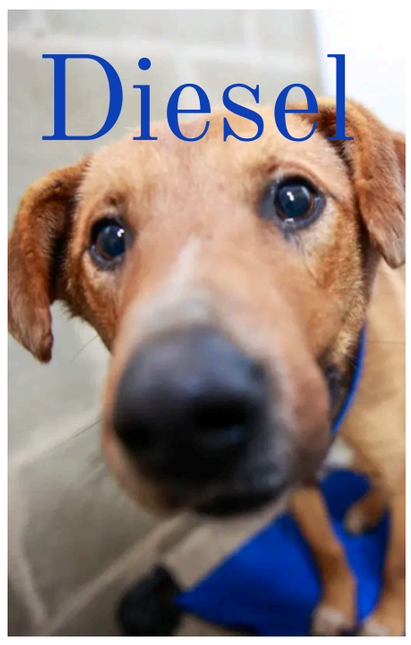
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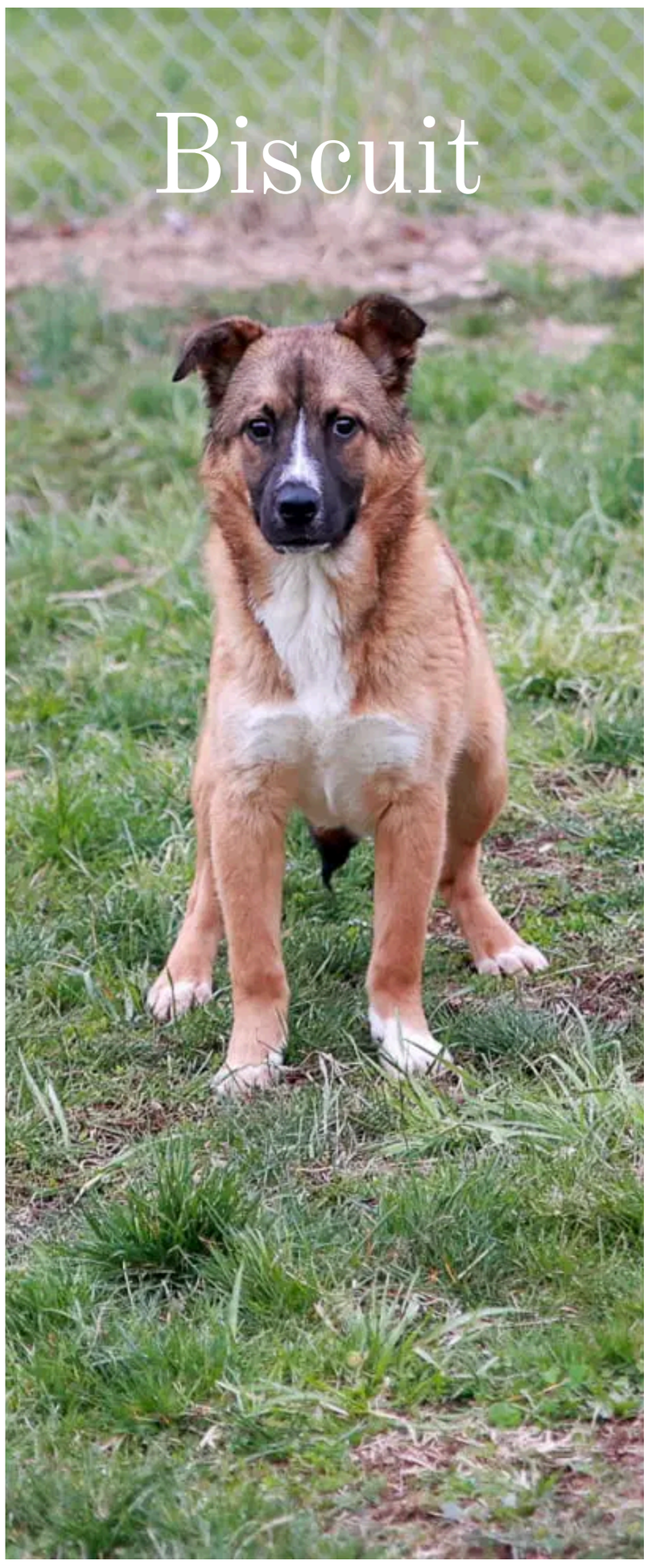
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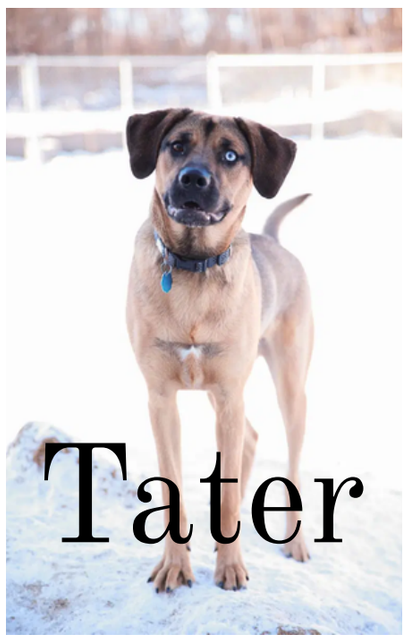
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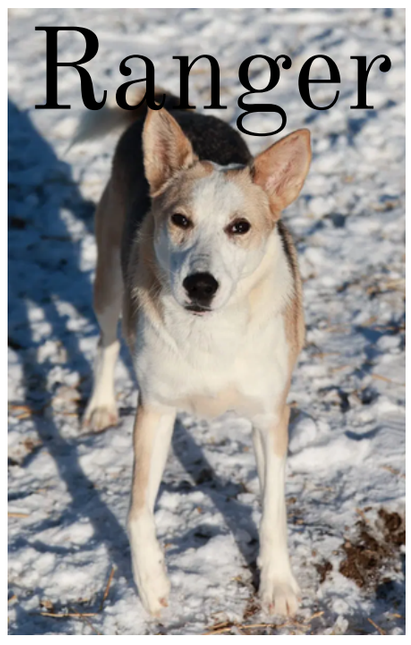














Obituaries

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Keevin Wynn Biggs

May 25, 1948

November 10, 2026



Keevin Wynn Biggs, 78, was a husband, father, mentor, teacher, coach, leader, writer, and Believer. He passed away on November 10, 2026. A devoted man of God, he used his gifts to point people toward the Savior and left this earth knowing he was headed to a better place.

Keevin dedicated 34 years to teaching at Loogootee High School, where he taught history, English, and biblical literature. Keevin's influence also extended to the basketball court. As assistant coach to legendary Loogootee coach Jack Butcher for 13 years, Keevin helped lead the team to six sectional championships and three regional championships. He always rooted for the underdog and encouraged players from this small Southern Indiana town to dream big. He emphasized the importance of discipline and hard work, both on and off the court. Keevin also remained active in summer basketball programs, and some of his favorite memories came from assisting with basketball camps at Indiana University and Purdue University.

Above all, Keevin was a beloved mentor to his students and players, many of whom remained in contact with him as they navigated adulthood. Years later, former students continued to speak about the lasting impact he had on their education and their lives. Hardworking, compassionate, driven and principled, Keevin lived by his convictions and was never afraid to stand up for what he believed was right, even when it was difficult.

On August 23, 1969, Keevin married Cheryl Louise Lane. They had the privilege of encouraging others in their faith and serving their community until Cheryl's passing in 2007.

On March 7, 2013, Keevin married Roberta (Ziliak), welcoming a special family into his life. His commitment to serving the Lord continued throughout his later years as he taught Bible studies and sang in the choir at St. James Catholic Church in Haubstadt.

Keevin was also active in the Walk to Emmaus community and served as Lay Director in 2003. He loved genealogy, traveling, trivia, and hunting down good food. Fried chicken and pork tenderloin sandwiches were among his favorites.

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Also surviving are Keevin's fourteen grandchildren:

To Kristin, Hannah, and Ellie Biggs, he was Pa.

To Tabbitha Wynne, Heather, Ty, and Elijah Alexander, he was Papaw.

To Cayden and Landon Kite; Vincent, Leonard, Robert, and Benjamin Hughes; and Nola Glen Seibert, he was Pops.

Keevin leaves behind a loving family, many friends and countless people whose lives he touched. His life was a testimony to the goodness of God, and his legacy will continue through all who knew and loved him. He is deeply missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Phillip Rogier at 11:00 A.M. CST on Friday, November 13, 2026, at St. James Catholic Church in Haubstadt, Indiana, with burial immediately following in Memorial Park Cemetery in Vincennes, Indiana.

A visitation will be held Thursday, November 12, from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, and Friday, November 13, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. CST at St. James Catholic Church in Haubstadt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. James Catholic Church or to The Stand-Up Foundation in honor of his eleven foster grandchildren.

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Judith Ann Pankey

April 16, 1943

November 10, 2026



Judith Ann (Colvin) Pankey, 83, formally of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at the Redcrest Hospice House in Bloomington, Indiana, surrounded by her family.

She was born on April 16, 1943, in Washington, Indiana to the late Bernard and Virginia (Gough) Colvin.

Judy worked as a program analyst at Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center, where she dedicated many years of service before retiring in 2010. During her career, she was also a member of the Federally Employed Women at Crane. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, where she remained connected to her faith. Judy especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, who meant so much to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Debby Bowers; brother, Donald Colvin; and great-grandson, Jakob King.

Judy is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Karen (Joe) Sherfick; grandchildren, Carissa King, Derrick Pendley, Dustin Pendley, Abigail Sherfick, Alec Sherfick; great-grandchildren, Hunter King, MaKayla King, Matthew King, Adrianne Pendley, Jacqueline Pendley; great-great-grandchildren, Riley King, Elias Gonzalez King, soon to arrive, Atticus King; and several cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, November 16, 2026, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, Indiana. Cremation was chosen according to her wishes, and a Burial of Ashes will be held at a later date in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

aVisitation will be held on Monday, November 16, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dementia Society of America, PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901. Donations can be made online here: Keevin Wynn Biggs, 78, was a husband, father, mentor, teacher, coach, leader, writer, and Believer. He passed away on November 10, 2026. A devoted man of God, he used his gifts to point people toward the Savior and left this earth knowing he was headed to a better place.

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Consider a donation, as requested by the family.

Martin County & Courts

Monday, November 2, 2026

2:30 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.
2:39 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
6:41 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling North into Daviess County. Notified Daviess County.
6:59 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident North of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.
7:29 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident North of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.
7:31 a.m.- Received a report of cows out South of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded. The owner was notified.
7:45 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
10:11 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a structure fire Southwest of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Lost River Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded. No one was transported.
11:42 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
1:22 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North into Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
1:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and Corporal Erwin responded.
2:25 p.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard East of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
5:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
7:43 p.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident that occurred in Lawrence County. Caller was advised to contact Lawrence County.
9:35 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Daviess County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Daviess County transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
9:54 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Dubois County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.
10:55 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Big John's Towing responded.

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

4:07 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Daviess County EMS, Shoals Fire Department and Major Reed responded. Daviess County transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
10:15 a.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard South of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.
11:21 a.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
12:28 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
12:50 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Chief Cummings responded. Daviess County transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
3:54 p.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Kevin Ervin, a 59-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Possession of methamphetamine, Possession of marijuana, and Possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on $15,000 10% bond.
6:18 p.m.- Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Loogootee City Utilities was notified.
7:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute North of Shoals. Major Reed, ICO Fuhrman and ISP trooper responded.
8:05 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute North of Shoals. Major Reed and ICO Fuhrman responded.
9:47 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
11:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy East of Shoals. Major Reed responded.
11:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible impaired driver Northeast of Shoals. Major Reed responded.
11:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

1:09 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Major Reed responded. No one was transported.
4:22 a.m.- Received a call from Johnson Control advising of a commercial burglar alarm North of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.
7:39 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries East of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
8:49 a.m.- Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
9:32 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down South of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
11:52 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
2:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked North of Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.
2:57 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn North of Shoals.
3:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Advised all on-duty units.
9:45 p.m.- Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.
11:47 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.

Thursday, November 5, 2026

5:27 a.m.- Received a call reporting an animal complaint North of Shoals. Major Reed responded.
6:29 a.m.- Received a report if a car deer accident North of Loogootee. Major Reed and Big Johns Towing responded.
8:06 a.m.- Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and ISP Trooper Lents responded.
8:45 a.m.- Received a 911

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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.
12:44 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
2:34 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
4:33 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
5:01 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic hazard South of Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Deputy Nash responded.
5:36 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Daviess County 911. Transferred 911 call to Daviess County Dispatch.
7:18 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Loogootee. Deputy Nash, Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department, and Coroner Abel responded.
7:33 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin, Martin County Medic 2, Daviess Martin REMC, Shoals Fire Department, ISP Trooper Ewing and Coroner Abel responded.
11:27 p.m.- Deputy Nash is on station with Shell Needler, a 41-year-old male from Bloomfield. He was arrested on a Monroe County Warrant. He is being held at no bond.

Friday, November 6, 2026

12:12 a.m.- Received a report of a stranded motorist South of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.
12:38 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1. Medic 1 did not transport.
1:01 a.m.- ISP Trooper Ewing is on station with Tabitha Norman, a 31-year-old female from Shoals. She was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a prior. She is being held at $15,000 10% bond.
1:54 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Droke and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
5:02 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a stranded motorist North of Loogootee. Deputy Droke, Martin County Civil Defense, Loogootee Fire Department, and Big Johns Towing responded.
8:10 a.m.- Daviess County is on station with Rene Mora Jr, a 23-year-old male from Washington. Deputy Branham arrested him on a Martin County warrant. He is being held at no bond.
1:14 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call./
1:49 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
3:27 p.m.- Received a call reporting an animal complaint South of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.
4:55 p.m.- Received a call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.
6:06 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, and Deputy Nash responded. Medic 1 did not transport.
6:53 p.m.- Received a call reporting a vehicle with a flat tire in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.
7:18 p.m.- Received a call reporting a physical dispute North of Shoals. Deputy Nash and Deputy Droke responded.
8:22 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
10:53 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Nash responded.

Saturday, November 7, 2026

7:28 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.
11:13 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.
1:57 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Daviess County EMS, Shoals Fire Department, Air Evac 17, Deputy Branham, Deputy Nash, and Big Johns Towing responded.
2:14 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.
3:34 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Nash and Deputy Branham responded.
4:04 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.
5:44 p.m. Received a call reporting an animal complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
7:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS, Cannelburg Fire Department, and Deputy Droke responded.
7:59 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy. Deputy Nash responded.
8:08 p.m.- Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Crane Village. Deputy Droke responded.
8:24 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.
9:48 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy. Deputy Droke, Deputy Nash, and Daviess County EMS responded. Daviess County EMS did not transport.
10:26 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Dubois County 911. Transferred 911 call to Dubois County Dispatch

Sunday, November 8, 2026

11:53 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check North of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
12:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a field fire South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, and Corporal Erwin responded.
12:58 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
1:36 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
2:29 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
2:39 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
4:14 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
4:31 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Corporal Erwin responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.
4:48 p.m.- Received a call requesting the fire department in Loogootee.
Loogootee Fire Department responded.
5:44 p.m.- Received a call reporting 2 suspicious people in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

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Monday, November 2, 2026
2:30 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Bellbrook Rd.
11:43 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Mount Pleasant Rd.
11:46 am- A caller reported a large dog loose around Belair Dr. and Butcher Blvd.
1:22 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a report of an erratic driver on W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
11:25 am- Chief Cummings and Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a residential burglar alarm on Westwood Dr.
12:51 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. and Chief Cummings responded to a medical call on Cooper St.
2:58 pm- Chief Cummings and Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to assist Martin County Sheriff's Dept. on a traffic stop at the intersection of Bellbrook Rd. and Mount Calvary Rd. Asst. Chief Stuckey deployed his K-9 Loki
, w
hich resulted in a drug related arrest.
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
2:05 pm- A caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle at a local business.
2:20 pm- A subject came on station to report possible harassment and stalking.
3:47 pm- A caller advised of a dog that has gotten loose from Crane St. area.
3:54 pm- A caller advised the dog is at her residence on N. JFK Ave. The owner was notified.
Thursday, November 5, 2026
8:06 am- An alarm company advised of a commercial burglar alarm at a local business.
11:50 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey spoke with a complainant on station regarding the eviction process.
12:46 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a child locked in a vehicle.
Friday, November 6, 2026
10:33 am- A caller reported a suspicious object found on their property.
1:51 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a report of trespassing and possible violation of protective order on Public Square.
2:46 pm- A complainant reported suspicious activity in the city park.
Saturday, November 7, 2026
7:28 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Bellbrook Rd.

Property Records

Transfers November 4-11

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE 1 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Jeremy Stoll and Teresa Stoll, husband and wife, residing at 8178 E 800 N, Montgomery, IN 47558, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 6686 Hickory Ridge Road, Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: A part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast quarter and a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirteen (13), Township Three (3) North, Range Four (4) West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 42.315 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-07-13-100-015.000-001) from the current owner, Mervin L. Mellinger.

NOTICE 2 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Moses Eberly and Lisa Eberly, husband and wife, residing at 3843 Quarry Ave, Baltimore, MD 21211-1744, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: TRACT 1: A part of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.94 acres, more or less, together with a 20 feet wide ingress and egress easement; TRACT 2: A part of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.55 acres, more or less, together with a 20 feet wide ingress and egress easement; State ID: 51-08-36-400-056.000-007 and 51-08-36-400-055.000-007) from the current owners, Lawrence E. Gates and Mary A. Gates, Husband and wife.

NOTICE 3 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Knepp Logging, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, and part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, all in Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.00 acres in Section 16 and 74.46 acres in Section 17, and containing in all 78.46 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-10-16-300-013.000-010 and 51-10-17-400-029.000-010) from the current owners, Virgil L. Knepp and Barbara A. Knepp, husband and wife (undivided one-half interest), and Clarence Knepp and Patsy A. Knepp, husband and wife (undivided one-half interest).

NOTICE 4 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, BELCOURT PROPERTIES LLC, residing at 2598 US Hwy 231, Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: TRACT I: A tract of land being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.74 acres, more or less; TRACT II: A part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.569 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-08-25-200-259.000-008 and 51-08-25-300-359.001-007) from the current owner, WILL REALTY, LLC, a Kentucky Limited Liability Company.

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Easy

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Master

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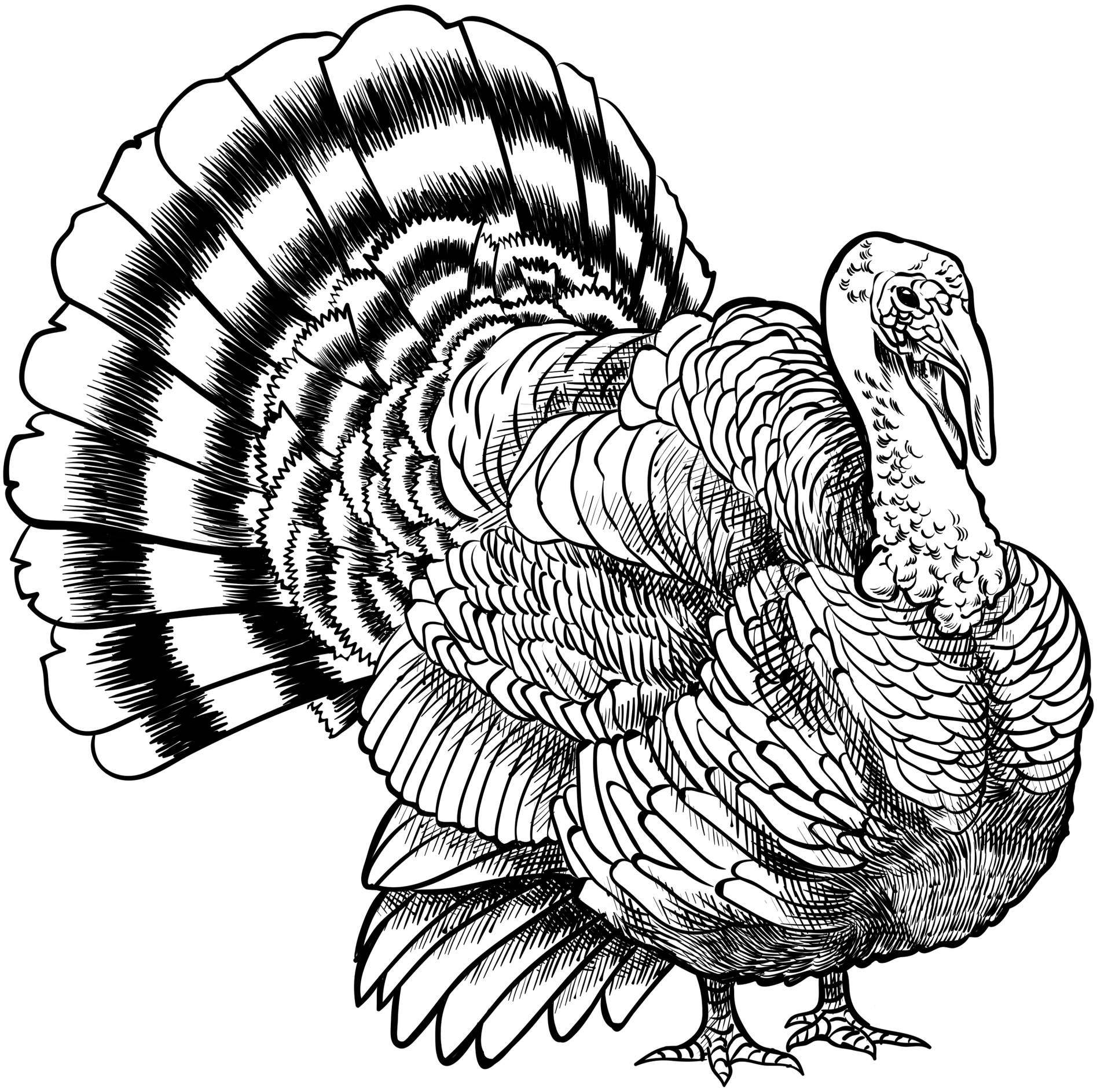
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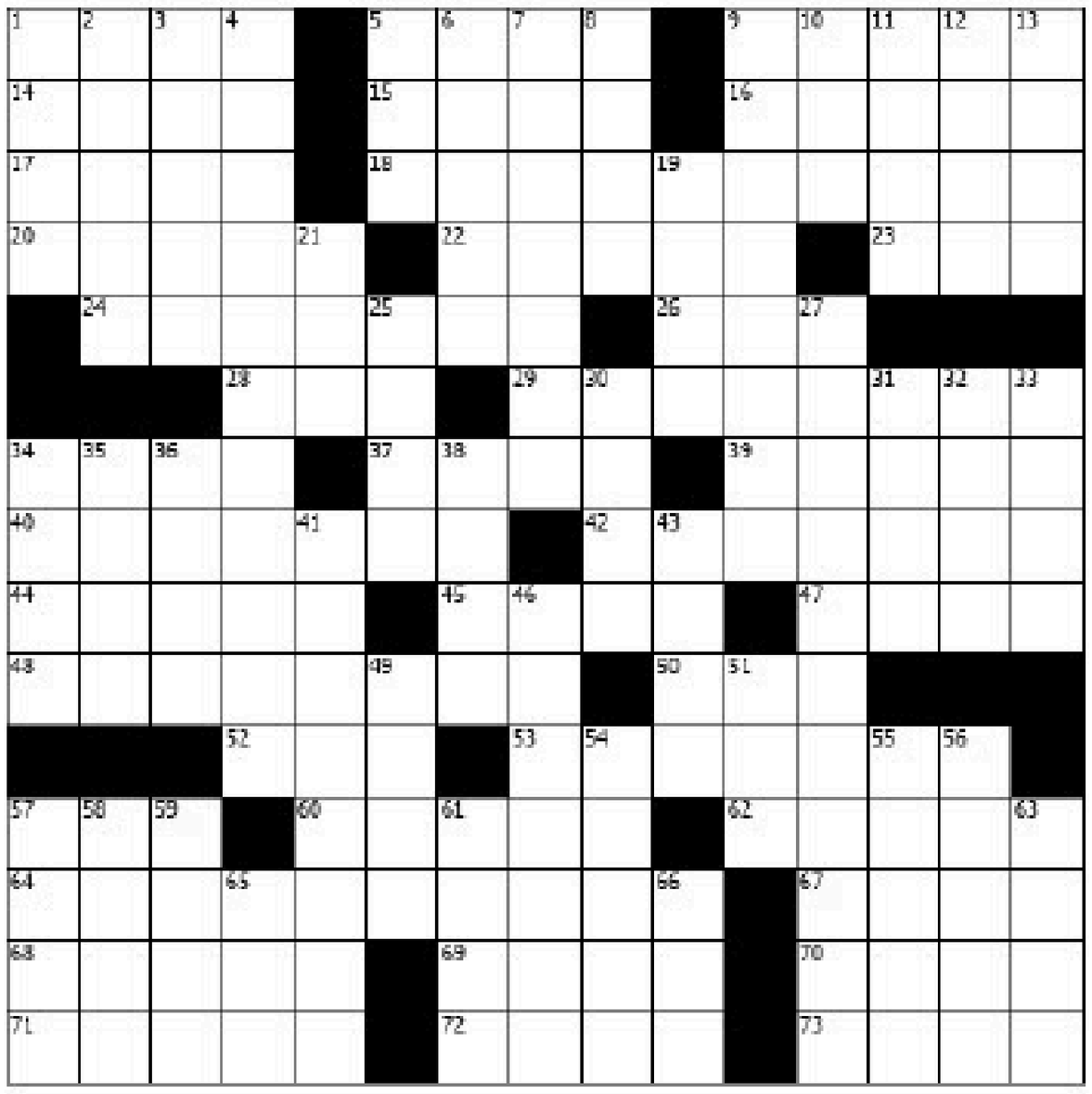
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Across

1. Seckel alternative
5. Churchill Downs event
9. Isn't serious
14. Gilels or Jannings
15. Daredevil Knievel
16. Master of ceremonies
17. Jacques of "Mon Oncle"
18. Breakfast for singer Moore?
20. Haughty response
22. Strike back
23. Unspecified power
24. Nursery denizens
26. Eighteen-wheeler
28. Row producer
29. Bilateral or reversible
34. Como --- usted?
37. Field of study
39. In abeyance
40. Space shot segment
42. Look-alikes
44. Performance space
45. State vehemently
47. Small needle case
48. Sequential list of events
50. Boater's blade
52. Popular '20s auto
53. Compact carrier
57. Writer Umberto or system header
60. Former Barbary state
62. Planet's path
64. Haymakers from Vinton?
67. Roof's overhang
68. Audibly censor
69. Ersatz butter
70. On the Mediterranean
71. Oleg's concern
72. It can be good, bad or breaking
73. Paneled rooms, typically

Down

1. Quinellas, e.g.
2. Mideast native
3. Kind of campus protest
4. Closet item for actor Robertson?
5. Deep sleep state
6. Manage to avoid
7. Holm of "All About Eve"
8. Napoleon's isle while in exile
9. Toss overboard
10. Funnyman Philips
11. Glance over
12. Measure of skill
13. Brother of Abel
19. Prefix meaning "highest"
21. --- Schwarz (toy company)
25. Word with miss or sighted
27. Moola for actress Rogers?
30. Soft or silver attachment
31. Go easy on the calories
32. Natural shade
33. Lucy's mate
34. While lead-in
35. Son of Ramses I
36. Cardinals or Orioles
38. Jack of Tom Clancy novels
41. Telegraphy trademark
43. Laundry chore
46. Means of transport
49. Written promises
51. Brouhaha
54. Out of kilter
55. Lower in public estimation
56. Established fact
57. Fades out
58. Corral youngster
59. Follow orders
61. When all hands meet
63. Some social events
65. Sound unit equal to 10 decibels
66. Mayday relative

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B	O	S	C	■	R	A	C	E	■	J	E	S	T	S
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