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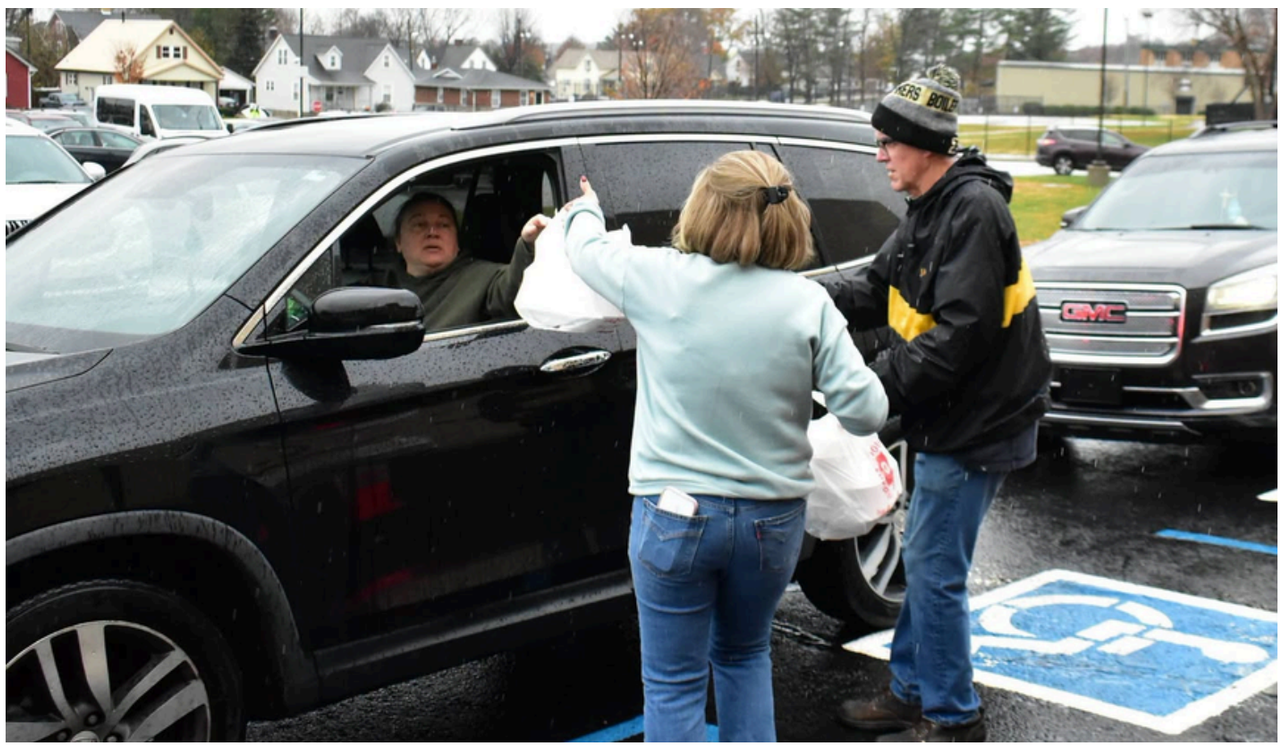









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CITY OF LOOGOOTEE ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL ROUTE FOR ANNUAL GRINCHMAS CHRISTMAS PARADE





LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Holiday spirit is coming to the streets of Loogootee as event organizers have officially released the route and schedule details for this year's Grinchmas Christmas Parade.

Scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m., the evening procession will bring decorated floats, local businesses, community groups,and festive lights through the heart of the city.

According to event organizers, parade participants will gather for lineup in the Loogootee High School parking lot prior to the 6:00 p.m. start. Once underway, the parade will travel along U.S. Highway 231, pass through the downtown square,and continue onto Church Street before concluding at Jolene's Decorating.

Organizers are inviting spectators across Loogootee and surrounding Martin County communities to review the route ahead of time and stake out prime viewing spots along Highway 231, the downtown square, and Church Street.

In keeping with this year's Whoville-inspired theme, parade coordinators are also encouraging homeowners and business owners located along the parade path to turn on their outdoor Christmas lights and decorations to help transform downtown Loogootee into a festive holiday backdrop for families and children.

The parade serves as a centerpiece of Loogootee's community holiday celebrations, following afternoon downtown stroll festivities and bringing neighbors together for a family-friendly evening of seasonal cheer.

Residents and local businesses are encouraged to share the route information with friends and family as final preparations get underway for the 6:00 p.m. kickoff.

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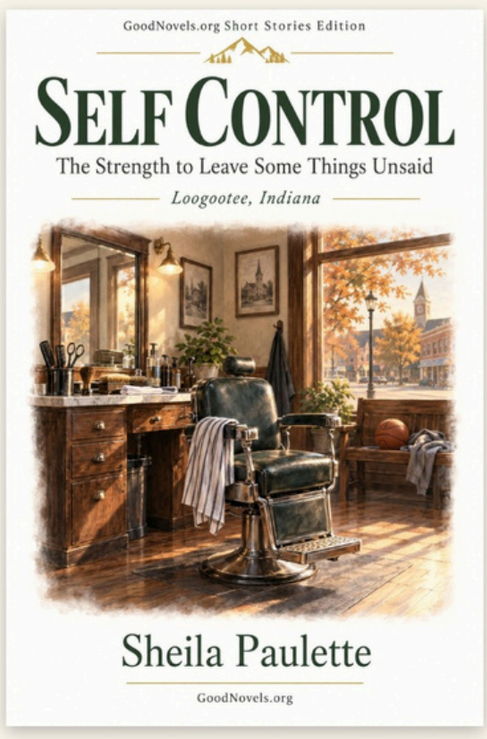

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LOOGOOTEE CHOIR AND MUSICAL THEATRE STUDENTS PERFORM IN NASHVILLE











LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee Schools choir and musical theatre students recently completed a three-day educational and performance trip to Nashville, Tennessee, gaining behind-the-scenes access to the country music industry and performing at a landmark venue.

Students opened their Music City itinerary with lunch at Opry Mills Mall before going behind the scenes for a backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry. The group concluded its first day with an evening dinner and show aboard the General Jackson Showboat on the Cumberland River.

The second day focused on music education, history and live performance. Students began the morning in a songwriting workshop led by professional songwriter Will Nance, who has co-written No. 1 hits for country artists Brad Paisley and George Strait. Following the workshop, the group toured the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, ate lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe in downtown Nashville and visited the historic Ryman Auditorium.

After dinner at Paula Deen's Kitchen, students took the spotlight themselves with a live performance in front of the Grand Ole Opry. They capped off the evening by attending a live Grand Ole Opry show.

On the third and final day, students spent time exploring downtown Nashville, ate lunch at Ole Red and participated in a group line dancing class before returning home.

Program organizers credited Natalie Gentry and Taylor Tours for planning and guiding the trip, alongside the parent chaperones who accompanied the group. Organizers also recognized parents, Loogootee Schools and the participating students for their enthusiasm and conduct throughout the excursion, which offered young performers hands-on experience outside the classroom.

LOOGOOTEE CHOIR & MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS "ELF JR. THE MUSICAL" ON DEC. 6

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Holiday cheer will take center stage in Loogootee next month as Loogootee Choir & Musical Theatre presents its upcoming stage production of "Elf Jr. The Musical" on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026.

The single afternoon performance is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m., giving families and community members across Loogootee and Martin County an opportunity to enjoy the festive Broadway junior adaptation during a busy weekend of downtown Christmas celebrations.

Based on the beloved holiday film, "Elf Jr. The Musical" follows Buddy, a young orphan who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. Raised unaware that he is actually human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities force him to face the truth, Buddy embarks on a heartwarming journey to New York City to find his birth father and help the city rediscover the true meaning of Christmas.

Tickets for the Dec. 6 performance are priced at $5 and can be purchased online in advance at loogootee.booktix.com. Remaining tickets will also be available for purchase at the door beginning 30 minutes prior to the 2:00 p.m. curtain.

The matinee production pairs naturally with Loogootee's broader Sunday, Dec. 6 holiday schedule, allowing attendees to catch the afternoon musical before heading downtown for the annual Christmas Stroll and the 6:00 p.m. Grinchmas Christmas Parade.

Community members, parents, and local theater supporters are encouraged to secure tickets early online and come out to support Loogootee's student performers.

LOOGOOTEE SHOP SMALL SATURDAY BRINGS FOOD TRUCKS AND LOCAL VENDORS DOWNTOWN

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Shoppers looking to support independent businesses this holiday weekend will find local vendors and food trucks gathered in downtown Loogootee for Shop Small Saturday.

The community event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, offering residents and visitors an opportunity to dine locally and browse holiday gifts from area entrepreneurs. Organizers are encouraging community members to stop by, shop local and enjoy food from participating vendors throughout the day.

Two mobile eateries will set up on Railroad Street, just north of the Loogootee Pavilion, serving customers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Boys Burgers will offer specialty burgers, while Tulums Mexican Cuisine will serve tacos, loaded fries and other Mexican dishes.

In addition to the outdoor food trucks on Railroad Street, shoppers can head indoors to browse a variety of merchandise. Local small business vendors will be stationed at the United Methodist Church during the same 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. timeframe, giving attendees a central indoor stop to support homegrown businesses and find seasonal items.

Observed nationwide on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Shop Small Saturday highlights the economic impact of independent retailers, restaurants and artisans in small towns. By pairing local vendor booths with accessible dining options near the pavilion, the Loogootee event aims to draw steady foot traffic and keep holiday spending within the community.

All food trucks and church vendors will operate concurrently from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., allowing visitors to easily walk between both locations during their Saturday errands.

K OF C LADIES AUXILIARY SERVES THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR 61 GUESTS AS LOOGOOTEE SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP TOPS 100

Volunteers with the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary recently donated, prepared and served a community Thanksgiving dinner that drew 61 guests and volunteers.

Coordinated by Becky Smith, the holiday meal featured home-cooked dishes prepared by auxiliary members who volunteered their time for the annual gathering. Organizers noted that the feast received numerous compliments from attendees, including several newcomers and community members who had previously attended only a limited number of events at the center.

Center leaders credited city employees for assisting with event accessibility by vacating nearly the entire parking lot so patrons could reach the building more easily. Because nearby parking was readily available, a planned golf cart shuttle was not needed for the event.

Alongside the holiday meal, the center announced steady recent growth, noting that several new members have joined over the past few weeks. Total membership has now surpassed 100 individuals. Organizers emphasized that membership is open to residents of all ages and encouraged newcomers from the Thanksgiving gathering to return for upcoming programs.

As November comes to a close, staff and volunteers are preparing for another active schedule in December. Printed copies of the December activity calendar were distributed to attendees during the dinner so members can plan ahead for next month's gatherings.

Attendees who took photographs during the Thanksgiving meal are also invited to share their pictures in the comments of the center's social media post recapping the event.

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.

VFW POST 9395 UNVEILS COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST MENU FEATURING HEARTY CLASSICS

VFW Post 9395 is serving up a full lineup of morning staples with its Commander's Breakfast menu, offering dine-in guests several hearty plates and customizable sides.

Operating under the motto "Proudly Serving Those Who Served," the post's breakfast menu pairs traditional comfort food with community fellowship. The menu features three signature entrees alongside an a la carte selection priced for families and individuals.

Leading the main offerings is the Liberty Plate for $9, which includes three eggs cooked to order, a sausage patty, three pieces of bacon and toast. For diners looking for a sweet-and-savory handheld option, the Freedom Shammich is priced at $7 and stacks egg, a sausage patty, bacon and cheese between two pancake buns. A single-meat version of the pancake sandwich is also available for $5.

Rounding out the main dishes is a classic plate of biscuits and gravy, offered as a half order for $3.50 or a full order for $6.

Guests who prefer to build their own meal or add extra sides to their plate can order from the a la carte menu. Individual eggs are $1.50 each, while pancakes are $2 each. Side orders of three pieces of bacon or a sausage patty are priced at $2.50 each, and two pieces of toast cost $1.

With affordable pricing and familiar favorites, the Commander's Breakfast menu provides a welcoming gathering spot centered on good food, great company and American pride.



STACY'S PLACE ANNOUNCES 25% OFF STOREWIDE SALE FOR BLACK FRIDAY AND SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

Stacy's Place is kicking off the holiday shopping season with a two-day promotion offering 25% off everything for Black Friday and Shop Small Saturday.

The resale, boutique and consignment shop is running the discount Friday, Nov. 27, and Saturday, Nov. 28. Unlike single-day doorbuster events that require early-morning lines, the storewide markdown applies across both days of the holiday weekend.

Shoppers can take advantage of the 25% discount both in-store and online, giving local customers and digital browsers equal access to the holiday savings. Because Stacy's Place specializes in boutique apparel alongside curated resale and consignment finds, the promotion covers a wide range of clothing, accessories and gift items.

Black Friday and Shop Small Saturday mark two of the busiest retail days of the year, bridging major post-Thanksgiving sales with Saturday's nationwide push to support independent storefronts. By extending its 25% discount across Nov. 27 and Nov. 28, Stacy's Place offers shoppers flexibility whether they prefer browsing racks in person or shopping from home.

Customers planning to shop the event can visit the store during regular business hours on Friday and Saturday or place orders online throughout both promotional days to receive the 25% markdown.

LOOGOOTEE METHODIST CHURCH OFFERS FREE FAMILY CHRISTMAS PHOTOS NOV. 28

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Families in Martin County can capture a holiday keepsake at no cost this weekend when Loogootee Methodist Church hosts a free community Christmas photo event.

The outreach event, billed as "A Christmas Gift for our Community," is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at the church, located at 208 W. Main St. in downtown Loogootee.

Open to all area residents, the afternoon session provides households, couples and individuals with an opportunity to take a seasonal portrait together without sitting fees or reservations. Organizers designed the event as a simple way to bless local families at the start of the Advent and Christmas season while removing the financial barrier often associated with professional holiday photography.

The Saturday afternoon timeframe also coincides with Shop Small Saturday activities taking place throughout downtown Loogootee, allowing residents running errands or visiting local businesses to stop by the church during their afternoon outing.

Visitors may drop in at any point during the three-hour window between 1 and 4 p.m. to have their family photo taken. Additional information about Loogootee Methodist Church and its seasonal ministries is available online at loogooteemethodist.org or by calling the church office at 812-295-3049.

LOOGOOTEE AND BARR-REEVE STUDENT MUSICIANS TO PERFORM IN 2026 ALL-DISTRICT HONOR BAND CONCERT AT VINCENNES UNIVERSITY

VINCENNES, Ind. — Student musicians representing Loogootee and Barr-Reeve will take the stage alongside regional peers this weekend during the Indiana Bandmasters Association 2026 All-District Honor Band concert at Vincennes University.

The performance is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. EST inside the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center Theatre on the Vincennes University campus. Doors will open to the public at 3:30 p.m., and admission to the concert is free.

Organized annually by the Indiana Bandmasters Association, the All-District Honor Band brings together top high school instrumentalists from across southwestern Indiana for an intensive weekend of rehearsals under guest conductors,culminating in Sunday afternoon's public showcase.

Families, friends, and community members from Martin and Daviess counties are encouraged to attend and support the participating student musicians from Loogootee and Barr-Reeve.

LOOGOOTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING NOV. 19

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees will convene tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026, for its regular monthly public session.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. EST.

During regular monthly sessions, board members typically review routine district business, financial claims, personnel recommendations, academic updates, and operational matters affecting Loogootee schools.

As with all regular school board meetings, the session is open to the public, and patrons from the Loogootee community are welcome to attend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOOGOOTEE HIRING BAR MANAGER THROUGH NOV. 30

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Knights of Columbus Council 732 in Loogootee is accepting applications for a bar manager, with submissions due by the end of the day on Monday, Nov. 30.

According to a hiring notice shared by the local fraternal organization, the position is open to candidates interested in overseeing bar operations at the Loogootee council hall.

Prospective applicants are asked to submit their information directly via email to kofc732@gmail.com. All applications must be received by the end of the day on Nov. 30 to be considered.

Knights of Columbus Council 732 serves as a social and charitable hub in Loogootee, hosting regular community gatherings, member activities and fundraising events throughout the year. The bar manager role supports daily hospitality and event service for members and guests visiting the facility.

Individuals seeking employment in hospitality or looking for a local leadership opportunity in Martin County are encouraged to send their background and contact details to the council's email address prior to Monday's deadline.

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

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

Scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the annual afternoon showcase features six local homes dressed in seasonal décor, including the historic PB Larkin Mansion 1865.

Proceeds from the tour directly support Loogootee High School's choir and musical theater students, helping fund upcoming productions, performances, and student music programming throughout the school year.

Tickets for the self-paced Sunday tour are priced at $20 and are currently available for purchase in advance at Jolene's Decorating, located at 108 Church St. in downtown Loogootee, as well as directly from Loogootee High School choir and musical students.

The Nov. 29 afternoon tour serves as a centerpiece of Loogootee's Thanksgiving weekend holiday kickoff. Following the conclusion of the home tour at 6:00 p.m., community members are invited to head downtown to The Pavilion—where local food truck vendors will be gathered—for the city's annual Christmas Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m.

Community members, alumni, and holiday enthusiasts are encouraged to purchase tickets early and support Loogootee's student vocalists and performers while enjoying a festive afternoon across the community.

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

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Holiday shoppers across Martin County will have the opportunity to support local makers, bakers, and small businesses later this month during the Loogootee Shop Small Business Saturday Vendor Event on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026.

The annual holiday shopping fair will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Loogootee Methodist Church, offering residents and visitors a one-stop destination to kick off the Christmas shopping season while keeping holiday dollars local.

According to event announcements from the City of Loogootee, the event will feature an assortment of local vendors showcasing handmade items, seasonal gifts, artisan crafts, and homemade baked goods.

Held on the Saturday immediately following Thanksgiving, the vendor fair anchors a full weekend of community festivities in Loogootee. Earlier that morning, runners and walkers will gather for the 2nd Annual Gobble Wobble 5K, 1-Mile Fun Run, and Lil' Gobbler Dash beginning at 8:00 a.m., followed the next evening by downtown Loogootee's annual Christmas Tree Lighting at The Pavilion on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Admission to the Shop Small Business Saturday Vendor Event is free, and organizers encourage families and holiday shoppers from across Loogootee, Shoals, and surrounding communities to stop by between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to browse vendor booths and support homegrown entrepreneurs.

INDIANA DNR AND PURDUE EXTENSION ANNOUNCE DECEMBER PRESCRIBED AND WILDLAND FIRE TRAININGS

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Landowners, natural resource professionals and volunteer firefighters looking to build credentials in controlled burning can register now for upcoming prescribed and wildland fire training courses offered this December through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Highlighted by Purdue Extension's Forestry and Natural Resources program, the late-fall training lineup includes both introductory field courses and advanced operational certifications. Several of the classes fulfill core training requirements toward becoming an Indiana Certified Prescribed Burn Manager, a credential designed to promote safe, effective fire management across Indiana woodlands and grasslands.

Two certification-track courses will be held at the Morgan-Monroe State Forestry Training Center in Martinsville:

- S-130 Field Day: Tuesday, Dec. 1, providing hands-on field instruction for entry-level wildland and prescribed fire personnel.
- Rx Fire for Managers: Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17–18, focusing on burn planning, crew leadership and operational management for prescribed burns.

In addition to certification prerequisites, the Indiana DNR is hosting supplemental safety and equipment courses at the Martinsville training facility in early December. Additional sessions of the RT-130 Fire Refresher are scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 2, and Thursday, Dec. 3, following an earlier November session at Prophetstown State Park in West Lafayette. An S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaws course will also take place Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 8–10, in Martinsville.

Prescribed fire is widely used across Indiana to restore native habitats, control invasive brush and reduce hazardous wildfire fuels.

Course prerequisites, registration links and full schedule details are available through the Indiana DNR Fire Headquarters Training page and the Purdue Extension Forestry and Natural Resources website at purdue.edu/fnr/extension.

VETERAN BROADCASTER GREG BATEMAN TO SPEAK ON RADIO CAREER AT LOOGOOTEE SENIOR CENTER DEC. 1

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Community members and longtime local radio listeners are invited to hear stories from behind the microphone next month when veteran broadcaster Greg Bateman speaks at the Loogootee Senior Center on Tuesday,Dec. 1, 2026.

The presentation is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. EST and was arranged at the invitation of Pat Crody Daugherty, who asked Bateman to share highlights and reflections from his broadcasting career with center visitors.

In a lighthearted social media message announcing the appearance, Bateman thanked Daugherty for organizing the talk and joked with followers about turnout expectations, noting that in radio, knowing even one person is tuned in is enough to call a broadcast a success.

"I'm not proud. On the radio, if I know that at least ONE person is listening, then I'm good," Bateman wrote, adding with humor that attendees are welcome to daydream, look around the center, or even take a nap while he shares stories from his career.

Bateman also recalled honing his play-by-play skills growing up by broadcasting imaginary games in his backyard,basement, and empty gymnasiums to an audience of none—saying that whether one person or a full room turns out, he is ready to talk.

For residents who have been meaning to visit the Loogootee Senior Center, Bateman encouraged making Tuesday morning, Dec. 1, at 10:30 a.m. the occasion—and bringing a friend along to make it an official audience.

LOOGOOTEE MIDDLE SCHOOL RAISES $1,795 TO PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR 18 LOCAL FAMILIES

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee Middle School students, families and community members raised $1,795 this holiday season to provide Thanksgiving meals for 18 local families.

School officials announced the results of the holiday fundraising drive, noting that contributions from across the student body and broader Martin County community directly funded complete Thanksgiving dinners for households in need.

Organizers thanked donors and volunteers for supporting the effort and praised middle school students for demonstrating kindness and civic responsibility through their participation. By pooling resources from classrooms and local supporters, the school was able to make a direct impact for nearly two dozen area families ahead of the holiday.

Community food drives and student-led fundraisers remain a central part of holiday outreach across Loogootee Community Schools, connecting classroom lessons on service and generosity with tangible support for neighbors during the winter months.

School leaders said the success of the drive reflects the ongoing partnership between Loogootee Middle School families and local residents working together to support the community.

LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM SHOP CLOSES NOV. 30

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Fans and supporters of Loogootee High School boys basketball have only a few days remaining to purchase official 2026-27 team apparel before the online store closes Monday, Nov. 30.

Hosted through BSN Sports, the limited-time team shop opened Nov. 20 and will stop accepting orders at the end of the day Nov. 30. Organizers noted that no late orders will be accepted once the deadline passes.

The online catalog features nine pages of fan gear and spirit wear, including adidas men’s and women’s short-sleeve and long-sleeve pregame T-shirts in black, white and gray.

Supporters can browse and place orders online at bsnteamsports.com using the access code dseUhMXCbC. Orders can be completed using major credit cards as well as Apple Pay, Google Pay, Klarna and Discover.

Questions regarding team apparel or the ordering process can be directed to team coordinator Josh Thompson at jthompson@loogootee.k12.in.us. Customers needing technical or order assistance can also contact BSN Sports customer support at 800-749-3813 or by email at myteamshop@bsnteamsports.com, referencing shop number 17148598.

LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY RECEIVES $500 GRANT FROM MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR PHONICS PROGRAM

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee Elementary School has received a $500 grant from the Martin County Community Foundation to support early literacy instruction through its phonics program.

The funding was awarded through the foundation’s Make My Day Grant program, an initiative that allows each MCCF board member to direct $500 to a local nonprofit organization or charitable cause of their choice. Board member Greg Bateman selected Loogootee Elementary School for the award to help put the school’s phonics curriculum into practice as young students build foundational reading skills.

Bateman recently presented the grant to Loogootee Elementary School Principal Lacey Wade, according to information shared by the foundation.

The Make My Day Grant program highlights community needs across Martin County while empowering board members to provide timely, targeted support to local schools, youth programs and civic organizations. At Loogootee Elementary, the $500 contribution will directly assist classroom efforts focused on reading development and literacy instruction.

More information about the Martin County Community Foundation and its grantmaking programs is available through the foundation’s local office and community channels.

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.

LOOGOOTEE LIONS HOLIDAY STORE OPENS SUNDAY AT JOLENE'S DECORATING

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Fans looking to pick up black-and-gold spirit gear ahead of the Christmas season can browse local apparel and keepsakes this weekend when the Loogootee Lions Holiday Store opens for a one-day pop-up event.

The holiday shop will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at Jolene's Decorating, located at 108 Church St. in Loogootee.

Organized to give families and supporters a convenient local stop for holiday gifts, the store will feature a variety of school spirit items in stock and ready for purchase. Available merchandise includes Loogootee Lions hoodies, crewnecks and T-shirts, alongside 2026 Loogootee basketball T-shirts and Lions Hype Chains.

In addition to ready-to-wear apparel, shoppers will have the opportunity to order special-edition custom ornaments. Organizers will have a sign-up list on site for those wishing to reserve the custom keepsakes as holiday gifts.

Community pop-up shops like the Lions Holiday Store provide residents with an opportunity to support local school programs and athletic spirit while shopping close to home during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Doors open at 2 p.m. Sunday, and shoppers are encouraged to stop by early for the best selection of sizes and in-stock merchandise before the event concludes at 6 p.m.

LOOGOOTEE METHODIST CHURCH RELEASES VENDOR LIST FOR NOV. 28 SHOP SMALL EVENT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — More than 30 local artisans, bakers, crafters and independent retailers will gather at Loogootee Methodist Church this weekend for a "Shop Small, Shop Local" vendor market.

The indoor shopping event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at the church, located at 208 W. Main St. in downtown Loogootee.

Organizers released the full lineup of 34 participating vendors ahead of the holiday weekend, highlighting a wide variety of handmade goods, seasonal treats, boutique clothing, jewelry and home decor. Shoppers browsing the market will find baked goods and specialty foods from Tracy Lynn's Candies, Etc. LLC, Maggie's Sweet Creations, Jayliene's Cakeballs, Joey Granola, Darrin and Shannon Graber Hot Sauces, Small Town Sips and Tastefully Simple.

Handmade crafts, woodworking, soaps and home accents will be offered by 3 Guys and a Saw, Hickory Ridge Soaps, Wooden Creations By Brooke, Mann Made Crafts, Stitches, Stuffing and Odd Socks, Twinkling Treasures and Suncatchers, Bellbrook Crafty Corner, TT 3D Prints, Potted and Planted, Burgles Bookery and Crafts, Kaitlyn's Cozy Loops, Indian Springs Leather Creations and Creative Prepress Graphics.

Additional booths will feature boutique apparel, jewelry, beauty items and custom gifts from 3 Chics Boutique, Sallee's Closet, Lady Sarah's Jewelry, Linked Up with A&M Permanent Jewelry, Andrea's Scentsy, Heavenly Scented Freshies, Avery's Paint and Create, Momma Bear's Treasures, B & B's Tumblers and Tees, Pretty Little Painters, Jan's Rosaries, Press It Up Design, From Reyes Family with Love and Puttin on the Ritz.

Held alongside downtown food trucks and community holiday activities, the market offers Martin County residents a single indoor destination to support small businesses during the Thanksgiving shopping weekend.

LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR BOOSTER TO HOST 2026 HOLIDAY HOME TOUR NOV. 29

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Community members can kick off the Christmas season with a tour of festively decorated local residences when the Loogootee High School Choir and Musical Booster hosts its 2026 Holiday Home Tour this weekend.

The self-paced afternoon tour is scheduled from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. Admission is $20 per ticket, and attendees will have a chance to win a door prize at each participating stop along the route.

Six Loogootee-area homes and historic properties are featured on this year's tour:

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

Proceeds from the event support the Loogootee High School Choir and Musical Booster, helping fund student performances, travel and theatrical productions throughout the school year.

Tickets are available in advance from any Loogootee High School choir or musical student. Community members may also purchase tickets in person at Jolene's Decorating, located at 108 Church St. in Loogootee, or by contacting Kay Summers at 812-295-7249.

The tour coincides with Sunday afternoon holiday shopping hours at Jolene's Decorating, giving residents an opportunity to browse local school spirit merchandise and tour decorated homes across the community during the same afternoon.

CITY OF LOOGOOTEE TO HOST GRINCHMAS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING SUNDAY AT GATHERING PAVILION

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The City of Loogootee will kick off the holiday season Sunday, Nov. 29, with its "Loogootee Grinchmas Christmas Tree Lighting" celebration at the Loogootee Gathering Pavilion.

Running from 4 to 7 p.m., the event carries the theme "Hang an Ornament, Grow Your Heart Three Sizes" and features family activities, live entertainment, food trucks and a fireworks finale.

Throughout the afternoon, attendees can enjoy free hot chocolate, apple cider and water served by Connect Church. Seven food trucks will also be on site from 4 to 7 p.m., including Worship Cafe, Mimi's Sugar Shack, Big Boys Burgers, Memories from Oakland City, Sips & Snacks, Plated & Poured and Bad Brad's BBQ.

Families can participate in several scheduled activities leading up to the evening ceremony:

- 4 to 6:30 p.m.: Music and entertainment provided by KB Entertainment.
- 5:30 to 7 p.m.: Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus.
- 6:30 to 7 p.m.: Community members are invited to bring an ornament from home to hang on the Pavilion Tree.

Children can also write letters to Santa with assistance from Summerfest Queens Ava Jeffers, Ava Wade, Preslee Bledsoe and Cheyanne Hudson, or head upstairs at the American Legion for "Max's Reindeer Games" hosted with help from the St. John's Youth Group. Organizers noted that the Grinch, Cindy Lou Who and Max will also be roaming the event grounds.

Prior to the lighting, The Loogootee Choir, directed by Lindsey Walton, will perform holiday selections.

The celebration culminates at 7 p.m. with a ball drop countdown led by the Loogootee Fire Department. Summerfest Queen Ava Jeffers will officially light the community Christmas tree, followed by a fireworks display presented by Wagler Pyrotechnics.

COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE FOR LEASE IN DOWNTOWN LOOGOOTEE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Entrepreneurs, service providers and small business owners looking to establish or expand a presence in Martin County have a new commercial leasing option available in downtown Loogootee.

BLT Properties announced that a 785-square-foot commercial space at 210 N. Line St. is currently open and available for immediate occupancy. Situated near the heart of Loogootee's business district, the property offers convenient accessibility for both clients and staff, including dedicated front parking directly outside the building.

The interior layout spans 785 square feet and is configured into four separate rooms along with a restroom, making the building adaptable for professional offices, boutique retail, studio space or client-facing service operations. The property also features two separate entrances, allowing flexible traffic flow for customers, deliveries or multi-office use.

Downtown storefronts and small-footprint commercial spaces continue to draw interest from independent business owners seeking visible, accessible locations close to local restaurants, shops and community traffic in Loogootee. With its multi-room floor plan and front-door parking, the N. Line Street property provides a move-in-ready footprint without the overhead of a large commercial complex.

Prospective tenants interested in viewing the space, inquiring about lease terms or requesting additional property details can contact BLT Properties by email at bltproperties22@gmail.com or by phone at 812-276-5291.

LOOGOOTEE VARSITY GIRLS GOLF TEAM RECEIVES $500 GRANT FROM MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee High School varsity girls golf team recently received a $500 boost from the Martin County Community Foundation to support student-athletes on and off the course.

Foundation board member Mike Arvin presented the award through the MCCF Make My Day Grant program. The initiative allows each foundation board member to direct $500 to a local nonprofit organization or charitable cause of their choice, empowering leaders to support community projects and youth programs making a difference across Martin County.

Arvin selected the Loogootee varsity girls golf program to help provide student-athletes with resources and opportunities to sharpen their skills, build teamwork and represent Loogootee High School in competition.

Joining Arvin for the check presentation were MCCF Development Director Megan Hawkins, Loogootee varsity girls golf coach Tyler Walton and team members Jessica Pride, Addison Brittain, Hattie Hummerickhouse, Marley Jones, Claire Wolfe, Brynn Lengacher and Libby Swartzentruber.

Through the Make My Day Grant program, the Martin County Community Foundation continues to invest directly in local schools, athletic programs and civic initiatives throughout the county. Additional information about the foundation and its community grantmaking opportunities is available through MCCF's local channels.

TIMELESS FRENCH LICK INVESTS IN DESTINATION'S FUTURE WITH TWO NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES

FRENCH LICK, Ind. - Monday, November 16, 2026 - Some places just stay with you. From the grand hotels and storied history to the rolling hills, small-town charm, and unexpected adventures, French Lick and Orange County have been making memories for generations.

Now, Timeless French Lick is looking ahead to what's next.

The organization has welcomed two new members to its leadership team, creating dedicated positions focused on shaping the destination's future and sharing Orange County with more travelers.

Phil Deiwert has been named Director of Destination Development, while Abbie Rumbach joins as Director of Marketing. Together, they'll help build on the experiences, partnerships, and sense of place that make this corner of Southern Indiana special to visitors and the people who call it home.

Deiwert and Rumbach join an expanding team of professionals specializing in brand strategy, administration, community impact, and visitor services. These roles create a comprehensive destination management team, equipped to support tourism partners, strengthen the visitor experience, and advance the long-term economic vitality of Orange County.

"For 200 years, Orange County has welcomed visitors, created memories, and built an economy around hospitality," said Joe Lannan, Executive Director of the Orange County CVB. "Today, that economy includes everything from historic resorts and emerging entertainment experiences to locally owned restaurants and community favorites like Lost River Market & Café. Each brings something unique to our destination, and each deserves a partner invested in its success."

Building on What Makes This Place Special

Great destinations don't happen by accident. They're shaped by the people, businesses, experiences, and communities that bring them to life.

As Director of Destination Development, Phil Deiwert will focus on bringing those pieces together, working with community partners, tourism businesses, and local leaders to identify opportunities that make Orange County an even better place to visit, explore, and enjoy.

From strengthening existing experiences to helping bring new ideas to life, Deiwert's work will focus on thoughtful development that honors the destination's character while creating opportunities for its future.

Deiwert brings more than a decade of work in community development. Previously, he served as Executive Director of his hometown Destination Marketing Organization, Visit Greensburg, and most recently as Director of Destination Development at Visit Hendricks County.

“Orange County has a remarkable legacy of hospitality and tourism, with world-class attractions, natural beauty, and the unique character of its communities that make this destination truly special,” Deiwert said. “I'm so excited to work alongside local businesses and community partners to build on that foundation, create new opportunities, and help make Orange County an even better place to visit and call home."

Sharing the Stories That Make Us Timeless

Every destination has a story. Here, there are countless stories waiting to be told.

As Director of Marketing, Abbie Rumbach will lead efforts to bring those stories to life, connecting travelers with the people, places, traditions, and experiences that make French Lick and Orange County memorable.

Her work will span brand storytelling, marketing campaigns, digital experiences, and visitor communications, with an emphasis on inspiring new discoveries and giving travelers more reasons to return.

Rumbach brings more than 15 years of experience in marketing, brand development, and strategic communications. Her career has primarily focused on helping organizations tell their stories in ways that resonate.

"There's something about this place that stays with you," said Rumbach. "It's the history, the scenery, the experiences, but it's also the people and the feeling you get when you're here. That's what makes Timeless French Lick so special. I'm excited to help tell those stories, introduce more people to everything this destination has to offer, and give visitors new reasons to fall in love with it, time and time again."

Looking Ahead, Together

For generations, Orange County has been a place where people come to discover something special. Keeping that spirit alive means continuing to invest in the businesses, experiences, and communities that make it possible.

With Deiwert and Rumbach joining the team, Timeless French Lick is building on that foundation, bringing together the people, partnerships, and expertise to support a thriving tourism economy while creating new possibilities for the future.

"Bringing Phil and Abbie onto our team is about more than adding positions. It's about investing in the people and expertise we need to better serve our tourism partners, strengthen our communities, and help Orange County thrive for generations to come," Lannan added.

About Timeless French Lick

Nestled among the rolling hills of Southern Indiana, French Lick and Orange County offer a one-of-a-kind mix of rich history, natural beauty, outdoor adventure, and memorable experiences.

Timeless French Lick is the destination brand of the Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau, the official destination management organization for Orange County, Indiana. Representing French Lick, West Baden Springs, Paoli, Orleans, and surrounding communities, the organization works to inspire travel, support local tourism businesses, and celebrate what makes this region special.

Discover more at www.TimelessFrenchLick.com.

SPORTS

LOOGOOTEE SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL (GIRLS V)
Shoals (VARSITY ONLY) (A)
Thu, Nov. 19 2026
6:00 PM EST
Shoals Jr/Sr High School

BASKETBALL (BOYS V)
Crawford County Jr-Sr HS (H)
Thu, Nov. 19 2026
6:00 PM EST
Loogootee Jr-Sr High School

BASKETBALL (BOYS 7 & 8)
North Knox Jr-Sr High School (H)
Thu, Nov. 19 2026
6:00 PM EST
Loogootee (Activity Center)

BASKETBALL (BOYS 5 & 6)
West Washington (A)
Thu, Nov. 19 2026
6:00 PM EST
West Washington

BASKETBALL (BOYS 7 & 8)
Bosse Shootout (A)
Sat, Nov. 21 2026
TBD
Evansville Bosse High School

BASKETBALL (GIRLS 7 & 8)
Bloomfield Jr/Sr HS (A)
Sat, Nov. 21 2026
10:00 AM EST

LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST 2026 LOUGHMILLER CLASSIC BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT NOV. 28



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — High school basketball action returns to Martin County this weekend as Loogootee High School hosts the 2026 Loughmiller Classic on Saturday, Nov. 28, featuring varsity and junior varsity boys brackets across two campus gyms.

The four-team varsity tournament will be played at Jack Butcher Arena, tipping off at 10 a.m. when the host Loogootee Lions face Owen Valley. Game 2 follows at 11:30 a.m., matching Christian Academy against Seven Oaks.

Afternoon placement rounds at Jack Butcher Arena begin with the varsity consolation game at 3 p.m. between the losers of the opening two matchups. The varsity championship game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., pitting the winners of Game 1 and Game 2 against each other for the tournament title.

Running concurrently at the Loogootee Activity Center, a four-team junior varsity tournament will give fans additional early-season matchups. Junior varsity play opens at 10 a.m. with Christian Academy taking on Pike Central, followed at 11:15 a.m. by Loogootee facing Owen Valley.

The junior varsity consolation game is set for 12:30 p.m., with the junior varsity championship game concluding Activity Center play at 1:30 p.m. Officials Sollman and Puntari are assigned to officiate all four junior varsity contests.

On the varsity side, officiating crews include Murphy, Andry and Mathies for Game 1; Stoll, Arvin and Jenkins for Game 2; Benter, Gutsgell and Fitzgerald for the consolation matchup; and Deckard, Babbs and Pickens for the championship game.

With eight total games scheduled between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., the annual holiday-weekend classic offers local basketball fans a full slate of early-season competition at Loogootee High School.

LOOGOOTEE JUNIOR HIGH LADY LIONS SPLIT ROAD BASKETBALL GAMES AT SOUTH KNOX

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee junior high girls basketball teams split a pair of road matchups at South Knox, with the seventh-grade squad rallying late for a victory while the eighth-grade team came up short in a close contest.

Seventh Grade

The seventh-grade Lady Lions opened the evening with a 34-28 win over South Knox to improve to 4-3 on the season.

After trailing 12-8 at the end of the first quarter, Loogootee tightened its defense in the second period, outscoring the Lady Spartans 9-2 to take a 17-14 lead into halftime. South Knox regained momentum in the third quarter, limiting Loogootee to two points to carry a 22-19 advantage into the final frame.

Loogootee delivered its strongest offensive stretch in the fourth quarter, outscoring South Knox 15-6. All five starters scored during the final period, and Kollins Jeffers knocked down two late free throws to seal the six-point victory.

Shyann Salmon led Loogootee with 16 points, followed by Haley Hager with eight. Jeffers and Kyndal O'Brien added four points each, and Kat Conn chipped in two.

Eighth Grade

In the eighth-grade contest, Loogootee dropped a 32-25 decision to move to 4-4 overall.

The Lady Lions started fast, building early leads of 7-2 and 9-6. However, South Knox answered in the second quarter by holding Loogootee to two points and taking a 12-9 halftime lead. South Knox extended its margin with a 12-8 third quarter before both teams matched each other with eight points apiece in the fourth.

Ayla Hawkins paced the eighth-grade Lady Lions with 11 points, while Alyn Strange scored six. Kori Arvin, Emma Downey, Lyric Graber and Elin Wade each contributed two points.

Both junior high teams return to action Monday, Nov. 30, when Loogootee hosts Southridge.

7TH/8TH GRADE BOYS JAM THE JEEPS

The boys 7th and 8th grade teams both picked up wins on Tuesday night against Dubois. The 7th grade improved to 6-0 on the season and the 8th graders moved to 5-1. In the 7th grade game the Lions were led by Griffyn Thompson with 24 points and Kyle Wade had 20. Nick Helderman had 4 and Jenner Strange had 3. The 8th graders were led in scoring by Chayse Houston with 12 points. Garrett Downey joined him in double figures with 10. Jack Divine had 6 points and 4 points for Caleb McCloskey; Zach Lyon; and August Weitkamp. Mason Mathias added a bucket to round out the Lion scoring. Both teams are off until after Thanksgiving when they play at Washington on Monday 11/30/26.

JUNIOR HIGH LADY LIONS BATTLE THROUGH PAIR OF ROAD TRIPS

Lady Lions Battle Through Pair of Road Trips Eighth grade rolls past Linton before both junior high teams suffer setbacks at Bloomfield.

LINTON — TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 8TH GRADE — LOOGOOTEE 49, LINTON 15 The 8th grade Lady Lions picked up their third consecutive victory Tuesday night, defeating the Linton Lady Miners 49-15 to improve to 4-2 on the season. Despite Linton connecting on a pair of early three-pointers, Loogootee established a 12-8 advantage following the opening quarter.

The Lady Lions took control in the second quarter, outscoring Linton 14-2 to build a commanding 26-10 halftime lead. Loogootee continued its strong defensive effort throughout the second half, allowing just five more points while closing the game with a 16-point fourth quarter. Three Lady Lions reached double figures, led by Ayla Hawkins with 18 points. Abby Meyer contributed 13 points, while Alyn Strange added 12. Kori Arvin finished with 4 points, and Lyric Graber rounded out the scoring with

2. 7TH GRADE — LINTON 28, LOOGOOTEE 19 The 7th grade Lady Lions opened the night with a tough, physical contest against Linton, falling 28-19 to move to 3-2 on the season. Loogootee held a 10-8 advantage following the opening quarter, but the Lady Miners responded by outscoring the Lady Lions 10-2 in the second period to take an 18-12 halftime lead. The Lady Lions narrowed the deficit to four points entering the final quarter, but Linton closed the contest with an 8-3 scoring advantage to secure the victory. Shyann Salmon led Loogootee with 13 points, while Kyndal O'Brien, Haley Hager and Kollins Jeffers each contributed 2. BLOOMFIELD — SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 8TH GRADE — BLOOMFIELD 41, LOOGOOTEE 26

The 8th grade Lady Lions saw their three-game winning streak come to an end Saturday, falling 41-26 to the Bloomfield Lady Cardinals. Loogootee trailed by just one point following the opening quarter, but Bloomfield outscored the Lady Lions 12-4 in the second period to build a 19-10 halftime advantage. Despite facing a sizable deficit, the Lady Lions battled back in the second half, cutting Bloomfield's lead to as little as three points.

However, the Lady Cardinals were able to regain control and pull away to secure the victory. Ayla Hawkins led the Lady Lions with 12 points, followed by Kori Arvin with 6 and Abbigail Meyer with 4. Elin Wade and Alyn Strange each contributed 2 points. The loss moved the 8th grade Lady Lions to 4-3 on the season

. 7TH GRADE — BLOOMFIELD 27, LOOGOOTEE 25 The 7th grade Lady Lions found themselves in another tightly contested road game Saturday, narrowly falling to Bloomfield 27-25. Loogootee held a 5-4 advantage following the opening quarter before putting together a strong second period, outscoring the Lady Cardinals 9-4 to take a 14-8 halftime lead. Bloomfield responded in the third quarter, outscoring Loogootee 10-4 to even the contest at 18 heading into the final period. The two teams battled throughout the fourth quarter, with Bloomfield ultimately pulling ahead. A last-second half-court attempt by Shyann Salmon was unable to change the outcome as the Lady Cardinals escaped with a two-point victory. Salmon led the Lady Lions with 14 points, while Kyndal O'Brien added 4 and Haley Hager contributed 3. Kollins Jeffers and Kaia Arvin each finished with 2 points. The loss moved the 7th grade Lady Lions to 3-3 on the season.

BARR-REEVE VIKINGS DOMINATE COUNTY RIVAL WASHINGTON 62-29 IN BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON OPENER

WASHINGTON, Ind. — The Barr-Reeve Vikings opened their 2026-27 boys high school basketball campaign with a dominant road performance Wednesday, Nov. 25, rolling past Daviess County rival Washington 62-29.

Playing in front of a pre-Thanksgiving crowd in Washington, Barr-Reeve seized early momentum and never looked back,limiting the Hatchets to 29 points over four quarters to secure a 33-point county victory. The win gives the Montgomery-based Vikings a 1-0 start to the regular season while dropping Washington to 0-1 in its opener.

Both Daviess County programs will now regroup following the Thanksgiving break as nonconference and Blue Chip Conference schedules ramp up in December.

SHOALS JUG ROX OPEN BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON WITH 77-58 ROAD WIN OVER DUGGER UNION AS GIRLS FALL TO PAOLI

SHOALS, Ind. — Shoals High School's varsity basketball programs split a pair of Tuesday night matchups on Nov. 24,as the Jug Rox boys opened their season with a convincing road victory while the Lady Jug Rox fell at home.

In Dugger, the Shoals boys basketball team kicked off its 2026-27 season in high-scoring fashion, defeating the Union (Dugger) Bulldogs 77-58. The Jug Rox controlled the tempo on the road to pull away for a 19-point victory in their opener.

Meanwhile, back in Shoals, the Lady Jug Rox hosted visiting Paoli in a varsity girls basketball contest. Paoli proved too strong on the road, handing Shoals a 58-29 defeat to drop the Lady Jug Rox early in their nonconference slate.

NORTH DAVIESS COUGARS HOLD OFF LOOGOOTEE LADY LIONS 36-32 IN COUNTY-LINE GIRLS BASKETBALL CLASH

ELNORA, Ind. — In a tightly contested Daviess-Martin county rivalry matchup Tuesday, Nov. 24, the North Daviess Cougars girls basketball team held off a late charge from the visiting Loogootee Lady Lions to claim a 36-32 victory.

Junior guard Maleah Lengacher paced the Lady Lions' offensive attack with a game-high 16 points, but North Daviess made enough key stops and baskets down the stretch on its home floor to preserve the four-point win and remain unbeaten at 5-0.

The contest served as the opening half of a special rivalry doubleheader in Elnora, preceding the formal dedication of the Jerry Osmon Showcase of Champions and the boys varsity season opener between the two schools. With the narrow road loss, Loogootee moves to 3-2 on the young season.

IHSAA FOOTBALL STATE FINALS RETURN TO LUCAS OIL STADIUM THIS WEEKEND FOR SIX CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS

INDIANAPOLIS — High school football across the Hoosier State reaches its pinnacle this weekend, Nov. 27–28, 2026,as 12 teams converge on Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis for the 54th Annual IHSAA Football State Finals.

Three state championship games will be contested on Friday, Nov. 27, followed by three more title matchups on Saturday,Nov. 28, crowning champions across Classes 1A through 6A.

The traditional post-Thanksgiving showcase serves as the culmination of Indiana's six-week state tournament, bringing together northern and southern semistate winners on the turf of the Indianapolis Colts' home stadium.

Under the standard IHSAA State Finals schedule at Lucas Oil Stadium, championship action follows a three-game daily slate (all times EST):

- Friday, Nov. 27:
  - 11:00 a.m. — Class 1A State Championship
  - 3:00 p.m. — Class 3A State Championship
  - 7:00 p.m. — Class 5A State Championship
- Saturday, Nov. 28:
  - 11:00 a.m. — Class 2A State Championship
  - 3:00 p.m. — Class 4A State Championship
  - 7:00 p.m. — Class 6A State Championship

In addition to crowning six state champions, the IHSAA will recognize one senior student-athlete from each participating class with the Phil N. Eskew Mental Attitude Award following each championship contest, honoring excellence in scholarship, leadership, and athletic achievement.

Fans unable to attend in person at Lucas Oil Stadium can follow live coverage throughout the weekend via the IHSAA Champions Network television affiliates and online streaming on IHSAAtv.org.

NO. 14 INDIANA HOSTS PURDUE SATURDAY NIGHT IN 101ST BATTLE FOR THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — One of college football's oldest rivalries takes center stage under the lights Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026, as No. 14 Indiana hosts Purdue in the 101st Battle for the Old Oaken Bucket at Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. EST on FS1.

Saturday's clash marks the 128th all-time meeting between the in-state foes. While Purdue holds a 77-44-6 advantage in the historic series, Indiana enters with firm momentum in the Curt Cignetti era, having won the past two Bucket matchups by a combined score of 122-3.

Indiana (9-2, 6-2 Big Ten) enters the regular-season finale with Big Ten Championship Game aspirations still alive, though the Hoosiers do not control their own destiny and will need help from earlier conference results—including losses by combinations of Iowa, Oregon, and UCLA—alongside a victory over the Boilermakers. Quarterback Josh Hoover (1,981 passing yards), running back Lee Beebe Jr. (880 rushing yards), and wide receiver Charlie Becker (1,117 receiving yards) headline an Indiana offense favored by 23.5 points.

Purdue (3-8, 2-6 Big Ten) travels south to Bloomington looking to play spoiler and reclaim the Old Oaken Bucket to close out its 2026 campaign.

SPORTS ON TV TONIGHT

INDIANAPOLIS — Sports fans across Indiana have a packed television lineup from Friday afternoon through Sunday night, headlined by Saturday's Old Oaken Bucket football rivalry game in Bloomington, Notre Dame football's regular-season finale, and Sunday afternoon action for the Indianapolis Colts.

All kickoff and tipoff times below are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST):

Friday, Nov. 27

- 12:00 p.m. — College Football: Nebraska at Iowa (CBS) / Mississippi State at Ole Miss (ABC)
- 3:00 p.m. — NFL Football: Denver Broncos at Pittsburgh Steelers (Prime Video)
- 3:30 p.m. — College Football: Florida at Florida State (ABC) / Temple at Memphis (ESPN)
- 6:00 p.m. — College Men's Basketball: Bowling Green at No. 23/24 Indiana (Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. — College Football: Texas at Texas A&M (ABC) / Minnesota at Wisconsin (NBC)
- 7:30 p.m. — NBA Cup Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers (Gainbridge Fieldhouse)
- 9:00 p.m. — College Football: West Virginia at Utah (FOX)

Saturday, Nov. 28

- 12:00 p.m. — College Football: Notre Dame at Syracuse (ABC) / Michigan at Ohio State (FOX) / Louisville at Kentucky (ESPN2) / Central Michigan at Ball State (CBSSN)
- 12:30 p.m. — College Football: Illinois at Northwestern (BTN)
- 3:30 p.m. — College Football: Georgia Tech at Georgia (ABC) / USC at UCLA (CBS) / Penn State at Maryland (FS1) / Cincinnati at BYU (FOX)
- 4:15 p.m. — College Football: Oklahoma at Missouri (SECN) / Michigan State at Rutgers (BTN)
- 7:00 p.m. — College Football: Purdue at No. 14 Indiana — Battle for the Old Oaken Bucket (FS1)
- 7:30 p.m. — College Football: Auburn at Alabama (ABC) / Washington at Oregon (NBC)
- 8:00 p.m. — College Men's Basketball: Stonehill at Notre Dame (Purcell Pavilion)
- 8:00 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls (United Center)

Sunday, Nov. 29

- 12:00 p.m. — College Women's Basketball: UT Martin at Purdue (Mackey Arena)
- 1:00 p.m. — NFL Football: New York Giants at Indianapolis Colts (FOX) / New Orleans Saints at Cincinnati Bengals (CBS) / Baltimore Ravens at Houston Texans (CBS)
- 4:05 p.m. — NFL Football: New England Patriots at Los Angeles Chargers (CBS)
- 4:25 p.m. — NFL Football: Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers (FOX) / Washington Commanders at Arizona Cardinals (FOX)
- 8:20 p.m. — NFL Sunday Night Football: Las Vegas Raiders at Cleveland Browns (NBC)

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS CRUISE PAST LIPSCOMB 95-78 BEHIND ANTIONE WEST JR.'S 27 POINTS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The No. 23/24 Indiana Hoosiers men's basketball team puts its unbeaten record on the line tonight, Friday, Nov. 27, 2026, when it welcomes the Bowling Green Falcons to Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall for a 6 p.m. EST tipoff.

Entering the second season of head coach Darian DeVries' tenure, Indiana has surged to a 7-0 start behind a fast-paced, high-scoring offense averaging 87.0 points per game. The Hoosiers have eclipsed the 80-point mark in every contest this season, highlighted by marquee neutral-site victories over Arkansas at Madison Square Garden (81-76) and Kentucky at Lucas Oil Stadium (90-76), along with an 82-64 home win over Jacksonville on Tuesday.

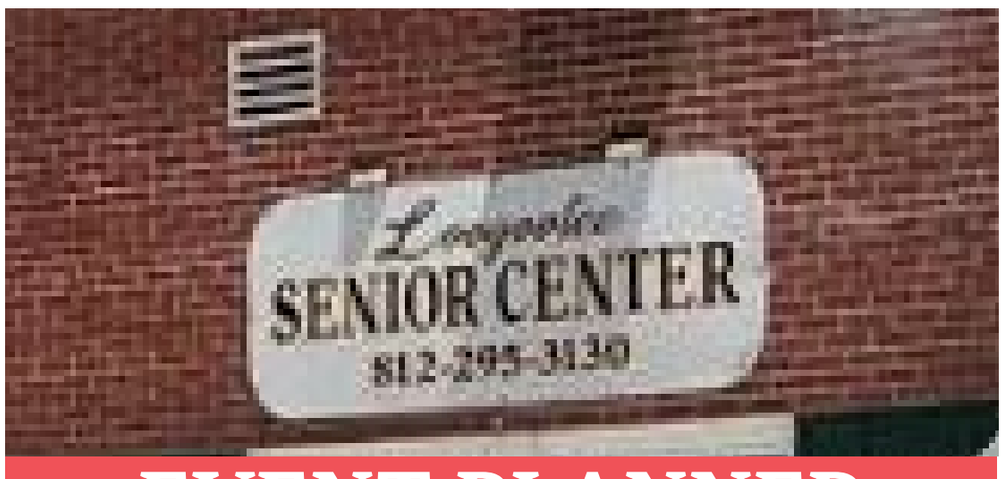
Balance has defined Indiana's early-season attack, with five players averaging at least 11 points per game. Guard Darren Harris paces the scoring at 14.3 points per game, supported by frontcourt production from Aiden Sherrell (11.8 points per game) and Samet Yigitoglu (10.7 points and 6.5 rebounds per game), while Jaeden Mustaf adds 9.9 points per contest.

NOTRE DAME SURGES TO 7-1 AHEAD OF SATURDAY HOME GAME AS PURDUE REGROUPS FROM FLORIDA LOSSES

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Two of Indiana's premier college basketball programs enter the post-Thanksgiving weekend on contrasting trajectories as Notre Dame rides a four-game winning streak back home while Purdue looks to bounce back from a pair of setbacks in Florida.

In South Bend, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish men's basketball team (7-1) returns to Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center on Saturday, Nov. 28, to host Stonehill at 8 p.m. EST. Since opening the season with a 74-72 win over Villanova in Rome, Notre Dame has stacked quality victories—including a 110-100 overtime thriller over Rutgers and a 78-73 triumph over Auburn in Las Vegas—before rolling past Central Michigan 88-70 on Tuesday. The Notre Dame women's squad is also rolling, defeating West Virginia 78-64 in the Bahamas on Thursday to improve to 7-0.

In West Lafayette, the Purdue Boilermakers men's basketball team (4-4) is regrouping after dropping two neutral-site games at Suncoast Credit Union Arena in Cypress Lake, Florida, falling 65-56 to DePaul on Tuesday and 70-63 to Oklahoma on Thanksgiving Day. Antione West Jr. led Purdue with 17 points and five assists against the Sooners, while Luke Ertel added 11 points. Purdue returns to Mackey Arena on Tuesday, Dec. 1, to open Big Ten play against Iowa at 7 p.m. EST, while the Purdue women host UT Martin on Sunday, Nov. 29, at noon EST.



EVENT PLANNER REST OF NOVEMBER

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

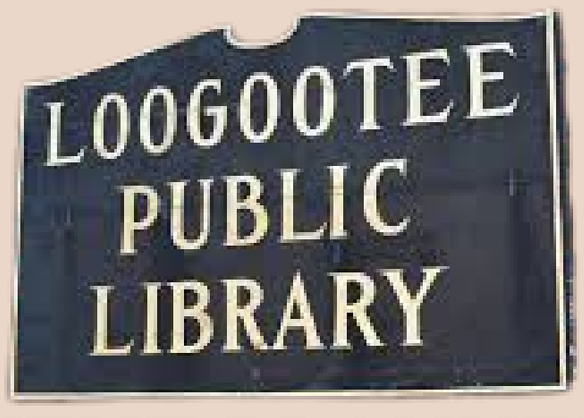
Located at 406 NW 1st St. in Loogootee, the Senior Center provides a full lineup of activities designed to keep older adults active and engaged. The following is the schedule of programs and events from Wednesday, November 18 through November 28

- 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 REST OF NOVEMBER

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, November 18-28

- 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

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NO COLUMN THIS WEEK

Upcoming Events:

THURSDAY, DEC 10, 6:00 PM -- Property Rights Alliance Meeting at Klubhaus61, 2031 Newton St, Jasper. Because of the Christmas holidays, this will be the ONLY meeting in December. Please attend

PETS

Section by The Martin County Humane Society

ADOPTABLE CATS

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

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

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

Prospective adopters can submit applications directly on the organization's official website at martincountyhumane.orgto schedule a meeting with available animals, or email inquiries to info@martincountyhumane.org.

In addition to adoption efforts, the non-profit organization relies on community donations to maintain daily operations and provide essential care. Community members wishing to support the shelter can view critical supply needs through the society's official Amazon Wishlist.

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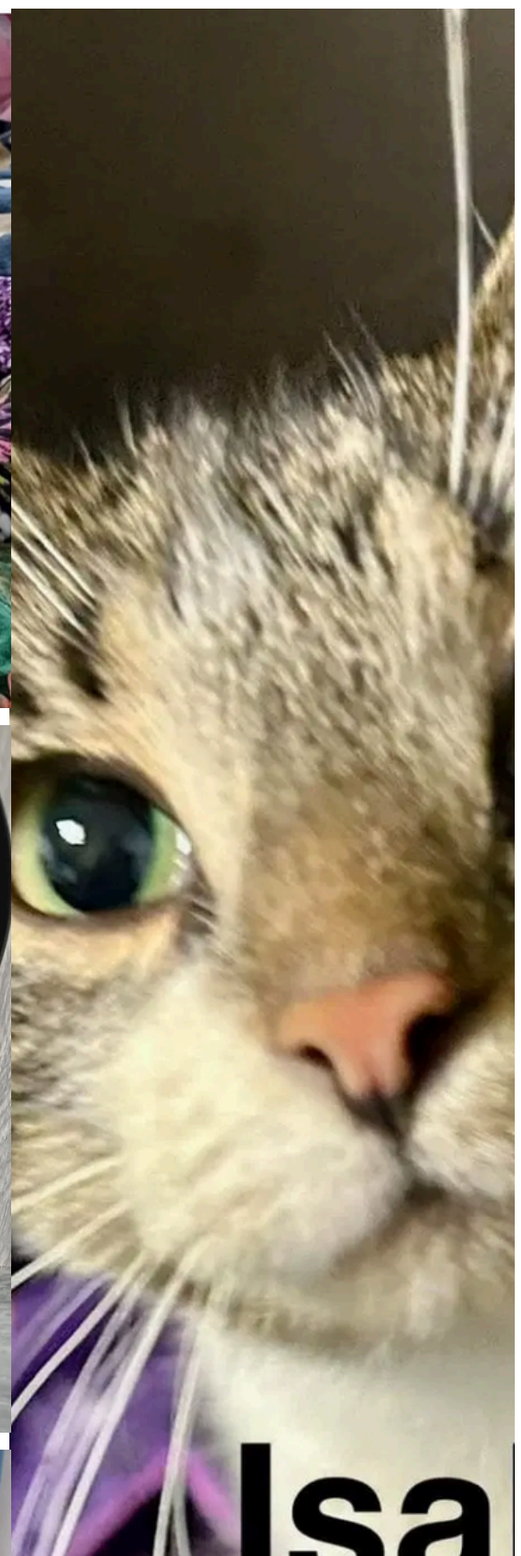

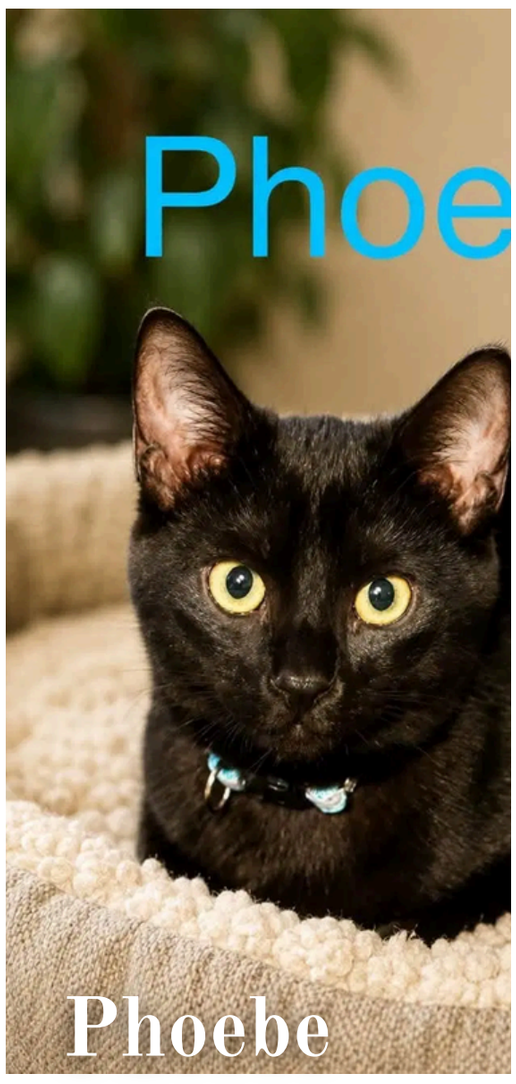



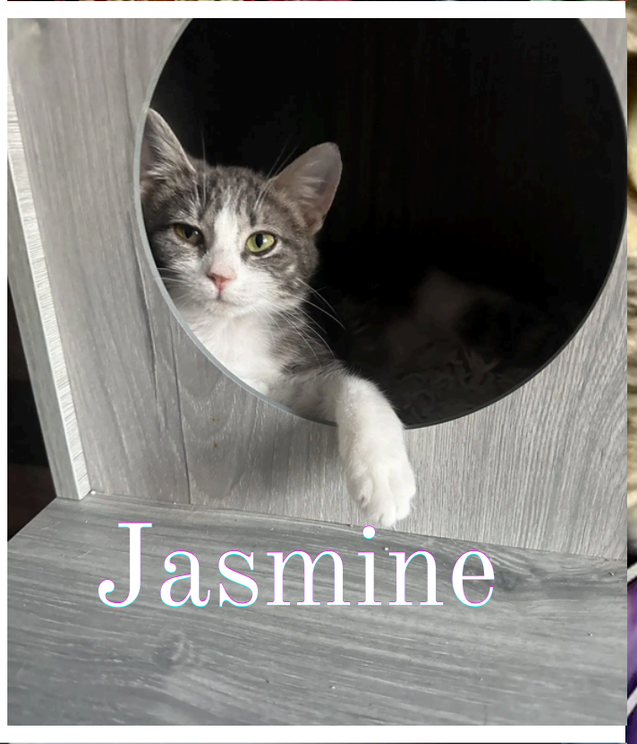





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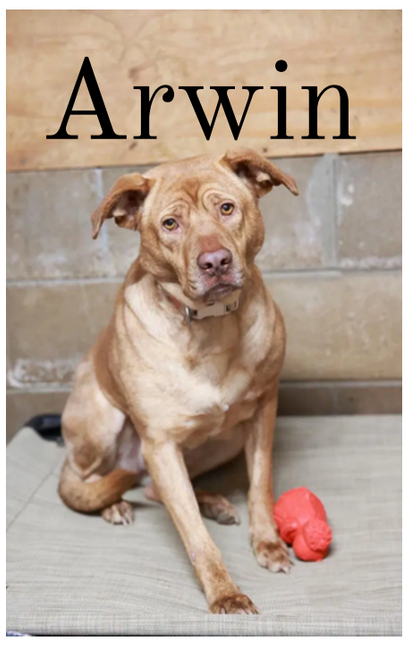

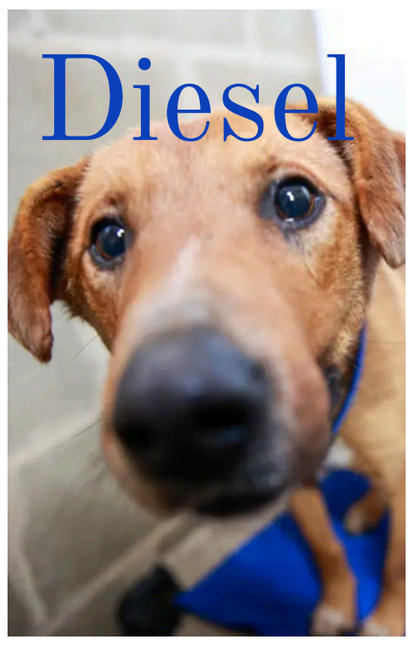

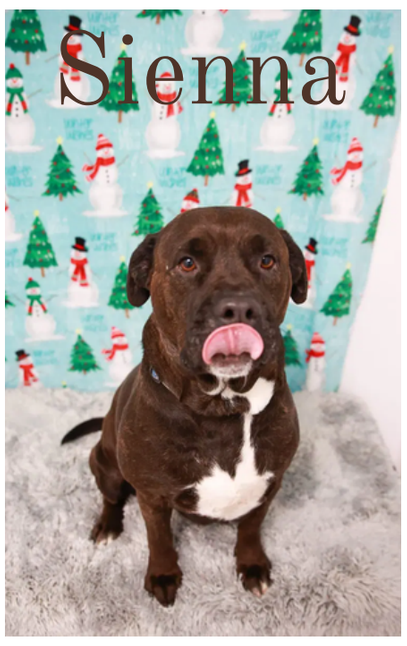

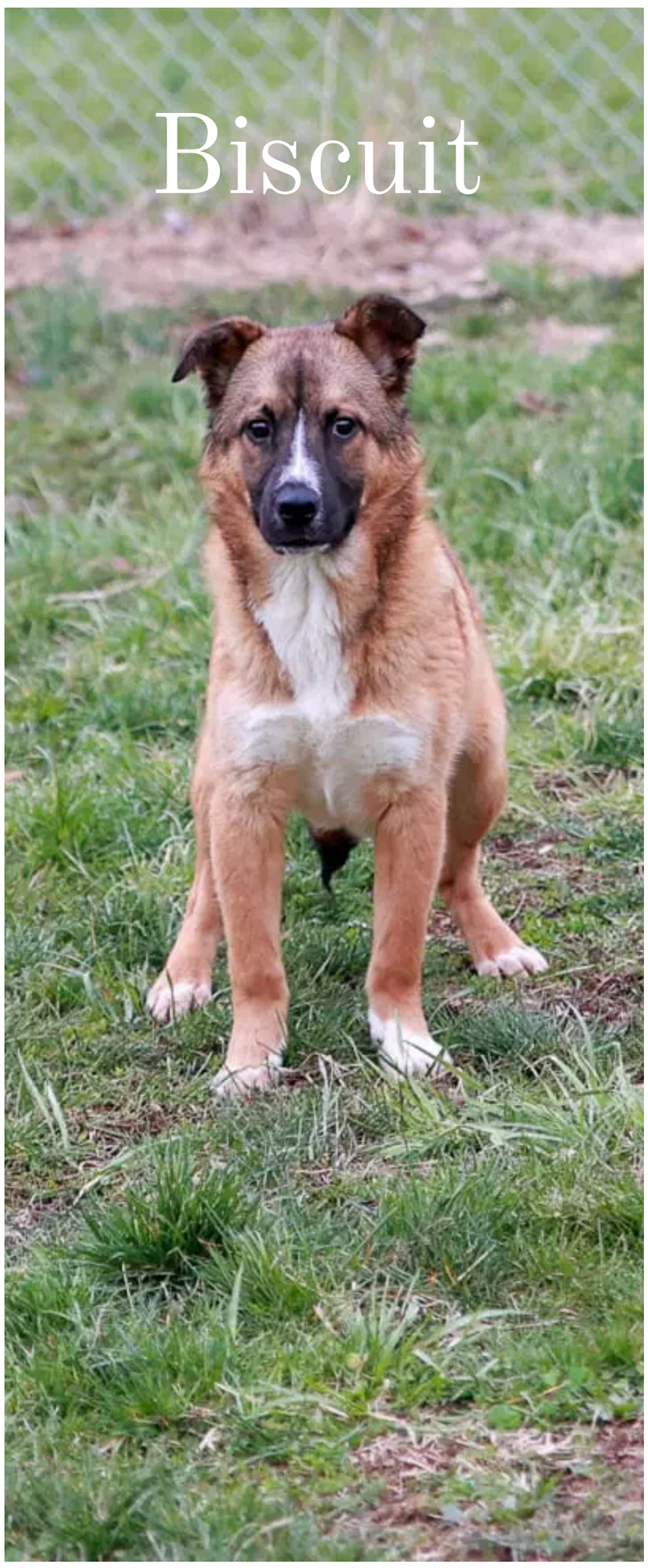

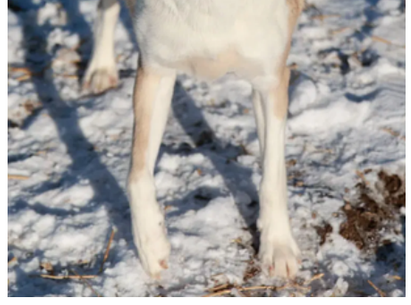



Obituaries

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

Mary Graber

May 3, 1953

November 18, 2026



Mary Graber, 73, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at her residence.

She was born on May 3, 1953 to the late Simon R. and Katie (Raber) Graber. Mary was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents.

Mary is survived by her brothers: Lavern and Ruthie Graber, Ben S. and Shirley Graber, Joe S. and Magdalena Graber, David S. and Caroline Graber; sisters: Rosanna Graber, Margaret and Jonas Graber, Fannie and Roman Knepp, Leona and Levi Wagler; 32 nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, November 20, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at the Daviess Community Building in Montgomery, Indiana. Burial will follow in Wagler Cemetery.

Visitation will begin on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. at the Daviess Community Building and will continue until the time of the service on Friday, November 20, 2026.

Arrangements provided by Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery, Indiana.

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Obituaries

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Owen Knepp

May 3, 1947

November 23, 2026



Owen Knepp, 79, of Montgomery, Indiana, passed away surrounded by his family on Monday, November 23, 2026, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital in Henderson, Kentucky.

He was born on May 3, 1947, in Montgomery, Indiana to Abraham and Sylvia (Graber) Knepp. He married Harriet (Martin) Knepp on June 13, 1974, and she survives.

Owen was a devoted member of Berea Mennonite Church, where his faith and fellowship were an important part of his life. He found great happiness in the simple things and had a deep appreciation for the outdoors. He loved spending time fishing, hunting, gardening, and especially working around his farm. Whether he was tinkering with a project or climbing into his Bobcat to fill in washouts and keep the farm in shape, he always found something to keep himself busy. Some of his favorite moments were those spent gathered with his family and friends playing cards, sharing stories, and enjoying one another's company.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and a natural gift for storytelling. He knew how to bring a smile to someone's face, make others laugh, and turn an ordinary moment into a cherished memory. He truly valued the people in his life and the time he was able to spend with them. Owen will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him, but his memory will live on through the countless stories, laughter, and special moments he shared with those fortunate enough to know him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Abraham and Sylvia; and his sister, Kay Wagler.

Owen will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Harriet; his sons, Jeffrey (Angela) Knepp and Jevon Knepp; brothers, Virgil (Barbara) Knepp, Clarence "Shorty" (Patsy) Knepp, Jack (Candy) Knepp; sister, Dorothy (Kevin) Delaney; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, November 30, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. at Berea Mennonite Church in Cannelburg, Indiana with Dave Swartz, Brian Wagler and Eddie Graber to officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2026, from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. and then resume from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Berea Mennonite Church. Friends may also visit on Monday, November 30, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. until 9:45 A.M at the church.

Online condolences may be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

Blake & Wagler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Owen Knepp.

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Obituaries

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

Anita Rose Memound

April 22, 1953

November 25, 2026



Anita R. Mermoud, 73, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones and into the arms of Jesus.

Born on April 22, 1953, Anita was the daughter of Leo and Etta Belle Ubelhor.

On March 25 1995, Anita married the love of her life, Robert (Bob) Mermoud, and together they shared 31 years of marriage, love, companionship, and cherished memories. Throughout their marriage, Nita and Bob exemplified the true meaning of their wedding vows, faithfully standing by each other's side in sickness and in health. Their selfless care, endless patience, and unwavering devotion were a beautiful testament to the love story they shared.

Anita was known for her love of Jesus, her kind heart, and her generous servant spirit. Her faith was reflected in the way she loved and cared for others. Above all else, Anita loved her family more than anything in this world. Being a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother brought her immeasurable joy, and nothing made her happier than spending time with those she loved and watching her family grow.

There was nothing Anita wouldn't do for her grandchildren, even if it meant making a special trip to McDonald's when there was plenty of food at home. Making them happy brought her happiness, and it was through these everyday acts of love that she created some of their most treasured memories. Her family was her greatest blessing and her most beautiful legacy.

Anita is survived by her loving husband, Robert Mermoud; her three children, Mick (Grace) Williams, Leah (Joe) Robinson, and Megan (Aaron) Zink; her stepchildren, Jason Mermoud and Amanda Wyeth; her sixteen cherished grandchildren, Aaron (Ana) Williams, Jacie Epperhart, Hunter (Zach) Phegley, Bright Mermoud, Isaiah Williams, Abbi Williams, Alli Robinson, Grady Zink, Celian Mermoud, Emma Williams, Stella Robinson, Warren Zink, CharLeigh Zink, Tally Mermoud, Rhett Robinson and Finnigan Mermoud; and her five precious great-grandchildren, Paislee, Posie, Rainer, Oaklee, and Beckham, with one more on the way, Daphne.

She is also survived by her sister, Donna (Rigo) Chavez; her brother, Leo (Shirley) Ubelhor; her niece Pam Weyer who was like a sister, and a host of beloved other nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Etta Belle Ubelhor; Half-sisters: Mildred Brown, Erlene Wurster. Sisters: Betty Gehlhausen, Rosetta Hobbs, Lou Guinn, Elaine Zehr and Judy Jackson. Half-brother: Alfred Ubelhor. Brother: Victor Ubelhor. Though her presence will be deeply missed, her family finds comfort in knowing she is at peace in the arms of Jesus, reunited her beloved mother, whom she lost at the tender age of 13, and many other loved ones.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at the Loogootee Christian Church in Loogootee, Indiana, with Pastor Ed Frost to officiate. Burial to follow at Goodwill Cemetery, Loogootee, Indiana.

Visitation will be held, Wednesday, December 2, 2026 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:45 P.M. at the Loogootee Christian Church in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, Anita's family asks that you honor her memory by paying it forward through simple acts of kindness. Whether it's paying for the person behind you in the drive-thru, leaving a waitress a generous tip, or finding another meaningful way to brighten someone's day, these were the everyday acts of generosity that came so naturally to Nita. There would be no greater tribute to her life than to carry on her legacy of kindness, generosity, and selfless love by sharing it with others.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Blake Funeral Home, Loogootee, Indiana.

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Martin County & Courts

Monday, November 16, 2026
1:26 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
1:38 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Lawrence County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Lawrence County transported one patient to IU Bedford.
2:35 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense and Major Reed responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
4:24 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident South of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.
4:34 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
7:03 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
7:12 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
8:43 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Notified Crane Naval.
11:25 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West into Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
11:52 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard West of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
3:53 p.m.- Received a report of property damage North of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
4:50 p.m.- Teri Fields, a 56-year-old female from Loogootee, on station for a Martin County warrant. She was held on $2,000 10% bond.
5:18 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn Southeast of Shoals.
6:15 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.
6:57 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
7:08 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

7:38 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident West of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
8:07 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.
9:00 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling South into Dubois County. Transferred the call to Dubois County 911.
9:07 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
9:28 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.
9:52 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
10:10 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
11:04 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
11:07 a.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Sergeant Hawkins and Marshal Copeland responded. No one was transported.
11:13 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Daviess County transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
11:25 a.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a residential burglar alarm South of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.
12:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
1:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Sergeant Hawkins responded.
2:50 p.m.- Received a report of a structure fire East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Lost River Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Hawkins responded. No one was transported.
3:27 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Dubois County EMS and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded. Dubois County transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
4:25 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
4:26 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance South of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
4:27 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Advised all on-duty units.
4:33 p.m.- Received a report of heavy smoke North of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller and Captain Gibson responded.
4:37 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy Northeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
5:40 p.m.- Received a report of possible harassment in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
5:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident East of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
6:40 p.m.- Received a report of a verbal dispute in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey, Sergeant Hawkins and Corporal Erwin responded.
9:28 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle Southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins and Corporal Erwin responded.

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

3:12 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
6:24 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle Southeast of Shoals. Major Reed responded.
7:15 a.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.
8:21 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a transfer to Clay County. Transferred the call to Clay County 911.
8:44 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute in Crane Village. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, ISP Master Trooper Lents and ISP Trooper Weir responded.
12:22 p.m.- Received a report of smoke Northeast of Loogootee.

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Sergeant Hawkins responded and advised it is a controlled burn.
1:32 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard East of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
2:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
5:46 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
6:15 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.
7:57 p.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Gary Moore, a 49-year-old male from Mitchell, arrested for Possession of methamphetamine, Dealing meth, Possession of legend drug-deception, Possession of marijuana, and Possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.
11:33 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

Thursday, November 19, 2026

1:44 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Trinty Springs. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford Hospital.
1:52 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Daviess County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Daviess County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
7:32 a.m.- Received a 911 call for Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane RDC.
8:03 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a car-deer accident on Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane RDC.
8:44 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Captain Gibson and Chief Keller responded. No patient was transported.
9:04 a.m.- Received a call reporting a prescribed burn South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Shoals Fire Department was advised.
9:30 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported two inmates to court.
10:50 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported two inmates to court.
11:34 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting a disabled vehicle in the roadway West of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
12:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
12:48 p.m.- Received a call requesting multiple vehicle identification checks North of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
1:07 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North into Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Chief Keller responded.
2:00 p.m.- Individual on station requesting to speak to a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.
3:19 p.m.- Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle in the roadway South of Shoals. Chief Keller responded.
3:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Keller, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
5:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
5:59 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East into Loogootee. LPD Deputy Nash responded.
7:43 p.m.- Received a reporting of a disturbance in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.

Friday, November 20, 2026
5:26 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
7:09 a.m.- Received a call reporting a car-deer accident with no injuries South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
7:32 a.m.- Received a call reporting a possible gas leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.
7:35 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
11:36 a.m.- Received a call reporting an injured deer East of Loogootee. Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.
1:15 p.m.- Individual on station at LPD requesting to speak to a deputy to report a theft North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
1:16 p.m.- Received a call reporting a prescribed burn Southeast of Loogootee.
2:05 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.
2:28 p.m.- Deputy Branham on station with James Johnson, a 62-year-old male of Tunnelton. He was arrested by Deputy Nash for possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. He is held without bond.
2:30 p.m.- Deputy Nash on station with Dakota Johnson, a 29-year-old male of Tunnelton. He was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. He is held on a $15,000 10% bond.
3:55 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
5:27 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Lawrence County EMS, Indian Creek Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Medic 4, and Coroner Abel responded.
5:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East into Shoals. Deputy Nash was advised.
5:59 p.m.- Received a call reporting a grass fire North of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.
6:51 p.m.- Deputy Branham on station with Shawna Vincz, a 32-year-old female of Shoals arrested for a Martin County Warrant for Strangulation and Domestic Battery. She is held without bond.
7:22 p.m.- Received a call reporting a suspicious activity in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.
7:28 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. No patient was transported.
9:53 p.m.- Received a call reporting reckless driving in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.
10:03 p.m.- Received a report of public indecency in Shoals. Marshal Copeland, Deputy Nash, Deputy Droke, and Big John's Towing responded.
10:25 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Chief Cummings, and Deputy Droke responded.

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LOOGOOTEE POLICE LOG

Monday, November 16, 2026
10:30 am- A complainant came on station to fill out paperwork for a report.
11:26 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 50E, nearing Loogootee.
11:34 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey assisted with a funeral procession.
1:00 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of an e-bike on the walk paths at the city park.
2:00 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed several vehicle inspections at a local business.

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
8:09 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call at Country Place Apartments.
8:10 am- A male called with an animal complaint on Miller Dr.
11:15 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Mulberry St.
12:41 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey spoke with a complainant regarding a possible scam on her phone.
1:24 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a dispute on SW 3rd St.
2:28 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 50 just West of Loogootee and nearing town.
3:00 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to assist Shoals Fire Dept. at a structure fire on Country Pines Rd.
3:10 pm- A caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Queen St.
3:28 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a possible suicidal subject on SW 3rd St.
4:25 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a dog bite on W. Washington St.
6:40 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey assisted Martin County Sheriff's Dept. with a report of an attempted residential breaking and entering.

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
2:17 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a vehicle inspection at a local business.
2:46 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a reckless driver on US 231S.
7:13 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey and K-9 Loki assisted Martin County Sheriff's Dept. with a traffic stop in Shoals. Asst. Chief Stuckey deployed K-9 Loki and a positive indication was given, which resulted in an arrest on narcotics charges.

Thursday, November 19, 2026
8:50 am- A complainant came on station in regard to a parking concern.
2:45 pm- A complainant turned in a found set of keys to Asst. Chief Stuckey.
3:47 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on E. Broadway St.

Friday, November 20, 2026
7:35 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a possible gas leak on North Line St.
9:22 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of an unknown vehicle in a drive on Sheridan St.
1:03 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey and K-9 Loki assisted Martin County Sheriff's Dept. with a traffic stop at SE 1st St. and Broadway St. Asst. Chief Stuckey deployed K-9 Loki and a positive indication was given, which resulted in an arrest on narcotics charges.
1:15 pm- A subject came on station to report a theft.
5:59 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a possible grass fire on US 231N.
10:25 pm- Chief Cummings completed a welfare check on Haw Creek Rd.

Saturday, November 21, 2026
8:18 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on SE 1st St.

Sunday, November 22, 2026
2:29 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Bellbrook Rd.
2:55 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on W Washington St.
9:30 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Poplar St.
9:48 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a report of a gas detector going off on Doyle Ave.
3:09 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a possible brush fire on Dover Hill Rd.

MARTIN COUNTY

No patient was transported.
10:55 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Micky Spicer, 18-year-old male of Kentucky, arrested for possession of marijuana. He is held on a $10,000 10% bond.
10:55 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Greenlie Spicer, a 20-year-old female of Kentucky, arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and minor consuming alcohol. She is held on a $6,000 10% bond.
11:08 p.m.- Deputy Nash on station with Henry Haling, a 37-year-old male of Kentucky, arrested by Marshal Copeland for possession of methamphetamine- prior and possession of paraphernalia. He is held on a $60,000 10% bond.

Saturday, November 21, 2026
8:18 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Branham responded. No patient was transported.
12:18 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
12:38 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a motorcycle wreck with no injures Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash and Deputy Branham responded.
1:35 p.m.- Received a call from WH International reporting a residential burglar alarm North of Loogootee. Keyholder was contacted and advised to disregard.
1:40 p.m.- Received a call reporting a tractor fire Northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Branham, and Deputy Nash responded.
1:44 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
4:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.
7:48 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver traveling in Loogootee. Deputy Nash and Deputy Droke responded.
9:56 p.m.- Received a call reporting a controlled burn South of Shoals.
11:43 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy South of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.

Sunday, November 22, 2026
2:29 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.
2:55 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Daviess County EMS transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
8:12 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Medic 1 and Greene County EMS responded. Greene County EMS transported one patient.
9:30 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 Daviess Community Hospital.
9:48 a.m.- Received a call reporting a possible gas leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.
1:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
2:01 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification check East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
2:30 p.m.- Received a call reporting an animal compliant South of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
3:09 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a brush fire East of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Corporal Erwin responded.
3:55 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
5:40 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
5:40 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

Property Records

Transfers November 17-25

NO RECORDS THIS WEEK

Easy

6	3						5	
2		5	3	4				
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	7		6	9		5		
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		2					3	
3	1		9	8	4		7	5
7	2	9		3	5		8	6
		4					9	1

Medium

3	8				5			
	9		7					
5	1	6	9	2				7
9					2		1	3
	7					6	9	
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	2			5		4	6	
		4	3		6		8	1
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Hard

8				4				3
	2	7						
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3					5		9	
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7	1				9	8		
5					1			6

Expert

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				3	6			
		9				7	5	
		7		4				
4					3		8	
	1	6				3		
	4			6				1
2					1			
	3					8		7

Master

7		8		6			2	1
			2			4		
		1				8		
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	3			7				
		4	6				5	9
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4					9			
		9	5				1	6

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Easy

6	3	7	8	2	9	1	5	4
2	9	5	3	4	1	8	6	7
8	4	1	7	5	6	9	2	3
4	7	3	6	9	2	5	1	8
9	6	8	5	1	3	7	4	2
1	5	2	4	7	8	6	3	9
3	1	6	9	8	4	2	7	5
7	2	9	1	3	5	4	8	6
5	8	4	2	6	7	3	9	1

Medium

3	8	7	4	1	5	9	2	6
4	9	2	7	6	3	1	5	8
5	1	6	9	2	8	3	4	7
9	4	8	6	7	2	5	1	3
2	7	5	8	3	1	6	9	4
6	3	1	5	4	9	8	7	2
8	2	3	1	5	7	4	6	9
7	5	4	3	9	6	2	8	1
1	6	9	2	8	4	7	3	5

Hard

8	5	1	9	4	2	7	6	3
6	2	7	8	1	3	4	5	9
4	9	3	7	5	6	2	8	1
2	4	5	1	9	8	6	3	7
3	8	6	2	7	5	1	9	4
1	7	9	3	6	4	5	2	8
9	6	4	5	8	7	3	1	2
7	1	2	6	3	9	8	4	5
5	3	8	4	2	1	9	7	6

Expert

8	2	3	5	1	7	4	9	6
7	5	4	9	3	6	2	1	8
1	6	9	8	2	4	7	5	3
3	8	7	1	4	5	9	6	2
4	9	2	6	7	3	1	8	5
5	1	6	2	9	8	3	7	4
9	4	8	7	6	2	5	3	1
2	7	5	3	8	1	6	4	9
6	3	1	4	5	9	8	2	7

Master

7	9	8	4	6	5	3	2	1
6	5	3	2	1	8	4	9	7
2	4	1	3	9	7	8	6	5
9	1	6	8	5	4	2	7	3
5	3	2	9	7	1	6	8	4
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4	6	7	1	8	9	5	3	2
3	8	9	5	4	2	7	1	6

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Coloring Sheet

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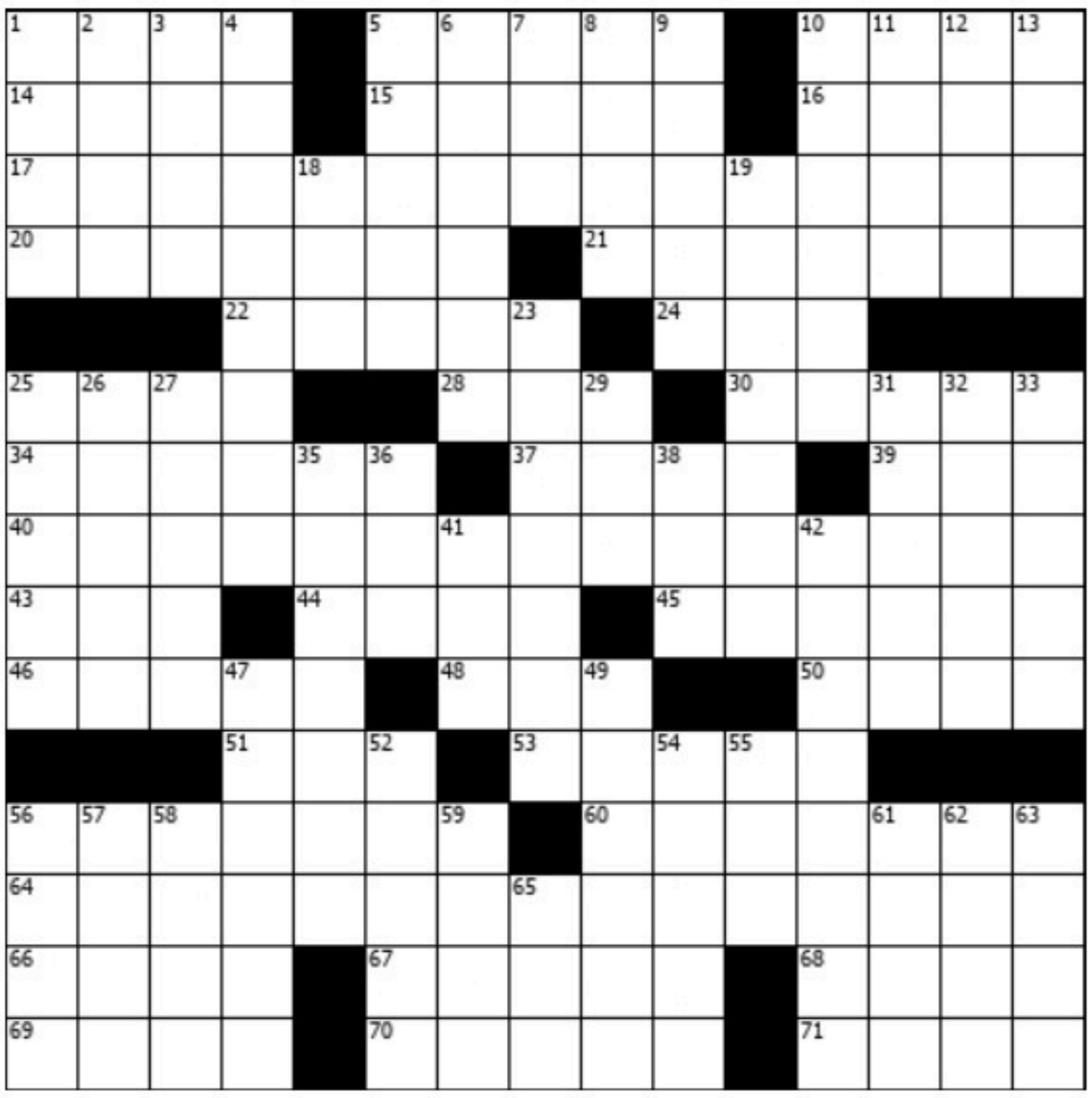

Across

1. Aerial maneuver
5. Truckers, often
10. Frame of mind
14. Run smoothly
15. Charge towards
16. Beef-rating org.
17. Book by 23 Down
20. Withdrawn
21. Settles up in advance
22. Signed, as a lease
24. Hitter's stat
25. Ala. neighbor
28. Lacking liquid
30. Sorority letters
34. Geological periods
37. Final Four game
39. Cold-blooded crawler
40. Book by 23 Down
43. Phone-line abbr.
44. __ cheese dressing
45. Boxer's souvenir
46. Keep an __ (watch)
48. Payroll ID
50. Sandberg of Cooperstown
51. "Cool!"
53. Does a number
56. "Holiday Inn" actor
60. Competition
64. Story by 23 Down
66. Toledo's lake
67. Green blades
68. Finished, as a cake
69. Hangs loosely
70. Brief squabble
71. Advanced degs.

Down

1. Org. for women drivers
2. Family pronoun
3. Sweet sandwich
4. Voting sector
5. Sound from a floorboard
6. Sounded reveille
7. H.S. subject
8. Coarse tool
9. One of the Beatles
10. Tot's messy creation
11. Dept. of Labor branch
12. Jazz singer Anita
13. Stops up
18. Palindromic diarist
19. Milquetoast
23. Notable author/illustrator
25. Little laugh
26. Strong adhesive
27. Opposite of "sur"
29. Nay opposite
31. Brownish yellow
32. Pallid
33. Germ cell
35. Heavy sole fastener
36. NBC debut of '75
38. Muir or Miniver
41. Bucks and boars
42. No-frills takeoff site
47. Speaks at length
49. Most gracious
52. Least valuable part
54. Untrue
55. Veldt grazer
56. Assents at sea
57. Transfusion fluids
58. Math course
59. French 101 verb
61. Mark permanently
62. Winter toy
63. "Bill and __ Excellent Adventure"
65. Monopoly token

Crossword Puzzle #71

L	O	O	P	■	C	B	E	R	S	■	M	O	O	D
P	U	R	R	■	R	U	N	A	T	■	U	S	D	A
G	R	E	E	N	E	G	G	S	A	N	D	H	A	M
A	S	O	C	I	A	L	■	P	R	E	P	A	Y	S
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T	E	N	N	■	■	D	R	Y	■	B	E	T	A	S
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