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2026 INDIANA ELECTION RESULTS: DAVIESS AND MARTIN COUNTIES BACK GOP SLATE AND STATEWIDE REFERENDUMS







LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Voters across Daviess and Martin counties cast their ballots Tuesday in the 2026 general election, delivering sweeping victories for Republican candidates in federal, state, and local races while heavily endorsing constitutional amendments on bail and judicial residency rules, according to unofficial tallies released Tuesday night by county election officials.

In both southwestern Indiana counties, the Republican slate maintained robust margins across legislative and countywide contests, driven by steady in-person turnout and thousands of early and absentee ballots.

Daviess County Turnout and Ballot Measures

In Daviess County, election officials tabulated 4,391 total ballots out of 17,346 registered voters, marking a 25.31% voter turnout across the county's 28 precincts. Early voting served as the preferred method for the majority of participants: 2,550 voters cast walk-in absentee ballots, 179 mailed in paper absentee ballots, and 1,662 cast ballots in person on Election Day

. Straight-ticket voting favored Republicans, with the party drawing 1,460 straight-party ballots compared to 336 for Democrats.

Voters in Daviess County strongly backed both statewide constitutional amendments. On Public Question 1, which addresses the right to bail, 2,585 voters (69.43%) voted "Yes" and 1,138 voters (30.57%) voted "No". On Public Question 2, concerning residency requirements for city and town court judges, "Yes" carried 2,634 votes (66.41%) over 1,332 "No" votes (33.59%). However, a local referendum—the Barr-Reeve School Referendum (BRRef)—narrowly failed, with 168 voters (52.01%) voting "No" against 155 voters (47.99%) voting "Yes".

Congressional, Statewide, and Legislative Contests in Daviess

At the top of the ballot, Republican Mark Messmer carried Daviess County in the race for U.S. Representative in District 8, securing 2,921 votes (67.84%) to defeat Democrat Mary Allen, who received 1,383 votes (32.12%), while two write-in votes were recorded (0.05%).

In statewide executive contests, Republican candidates won decisive pluralities in the county:

- Secretary of State: Republican Max Engling earned 2,665 votes (61.89%), followed by Democrat Beau Bayh with 1,440 votes (33.44%), Lincoln Party candidate Greg Ballard with 128 votes (2.97%), Libertarian Lauri A. Shillings with 71 votes (1.65%), and two write-in votes (0.05%).

- State Comptroller: Republican Elise Nieshalla secured 2,932 votes (69.12%), besting Democrat Jessica Bailey, who captured 1,222 votes (28.81%), and Libertarian John Schick with 88 votes (2.07%).

- Treasurer of State: Republican Daniel Elliott gathered 3,090 votes (72.96%) over Democrat Coumba Kebe, who tallied 1,145 votes (27.04%).

In the Indiana General Assembly races:

- State Senate District 39: Republican incumbent Jeff Ellington ran unopposed, collecting 3,311 votes (100.00%).

- State House District 45: Republican Kellie E. Streeter defeated Democrat Rebecca Dawn (Becky) Mayfield, 235 votes (74.13%) to 82 votes (25.87%).

- State House District 63: Republican Amy Kippenbrock led with 2,535 votes (63.49%) against Democrat Tiffanie Arthur's 1,458 votes (36.51%).

Daviess County Judicial and Local Offices

Uncontested Republican candidates swept all countywide courthouse posts:

- Judge of the Daviess Circuit Court (49th Judicial Circuit): Gregory A. Smith won with 3,513 votes (100.00%).

- Judge of the Daviess Superior Court: Daniel S. Murrie garnered 3,441 votes (100.00%).

- Prosecuting Attorney (49th Judicial Circuit): Abby Jo McKee-Brown earned 3,410 votes (100.00%).

- Clerk of the Circuit Court: Lauren Milton received 3,469 votes (100.00%).

- County Auditor: Jennifer (Jen) Welsh took 3,437 votes (100.00%).

- County Sheriff: Steve Sturgis tallied 3,564 votes (100.00%).

- County Assessor: Crystal Ostby collected 3,392 votes (100.00%).

- County Commissioner District 2: Tony Duncheon took 3,431 votes (100.00%).

In the County Council races, uncontested Republicans also won each district:

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- District 1: Darin S. Holder with 349 votes (100.00%).
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- District 2: Phil Cornelius with 658 votes (100.00%).
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- District 3: Kip D. Kelley with 1,082 votes (100.00%).
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- District 4: Matt Meredith with 1,354 votes (100.00%).
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For Township Trustee, uncontested Republican candidates prevailed in nine jurisdictions: Lisa Duncheon in Barr Township (226 votes), Benjamin A. Slone in Bogard Township (51 votes), Joshua M. Dove in Elmore Township (97 votes), Kimberly Armes in Harrison Township (148 votes), Shelly Chestnut in Madison Township (167 votes), Jon Hawthorne in Reeve Township (27 votes), Sheila Heshelman in Steele Township (220 votes), Amanda Stoll in Van Buren Township (32 votes), and William R. Killion in Veale Township (383 votes). In the contested race for Washington Township Trustee, Republican Michelle R. Guy secured 1,812 votes (67.54%) to defeat Democrat Rowdy Abbott, who received 871 votes (32.46%).

In Township Board elections:

- Barr Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Steve L. Hart (183 votes, 62.89%) and Dean Miller (108 votes, 37.11%) claimed the seats.
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- Bogard Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Kelly Eaton (48 votes, 39.02%), Jessica L. Wagler (38 votes, 30.89%), and Matthew S. Morris (37 votes, 30.08%) were elected.
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- Elmore Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Amy Alderson (67 votes, 36.61%) and Brad W. Townsend (61 votes, 33.33%) won seats, alongside Democrat David D. Neidigh (55 votes, 30.05%).
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- Harrison Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Abby Armes-Baker (117 votes, 40.77%), Shannon R. Tomey (85 votes, 29.62%), and Valerie Williams (85 votes, 29.62%) swept the seats.
- Reeve Township (Vote for 3): Republicans William C. Corbin (21 votes, 38.89%), Ethan Knepp (18 votes, 33.33%), and Jill Freyberger (15 votes, 27.78%) won the seats.

- Steele Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Ed Ryan (152 votes, 39.28%) and Bryan Engleman (146 votes, 37.73%) won election alongside Democrat Mary Ann Kensek (89 votes, 23.00%).

- Van Buren Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Troy Wininger (25 votes, 35.71%), Elmer Lee Graber (23 votes, 32.86%), and Shirley Hannel (22 votes, 31.43%) were selected.
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- Veale Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Pam Bartlett (295 votes, 34.62%), Clint Young (288 votes, 33.80%), and Rosemary E. McGuire (269 votes, 31.57%) won all three spots.
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- Washington Township (Vote for 3): Republicans swept the board, led by Andrea Brown with 1,398 votes (21.46%), Debbie Goodwin with 1,327 votes (20.37%), and Don Williams with 1,229 votes (18.86%), beating Democratic candidates Anita K. Ash (942 votes, 14.46%), Bruce Hatton (833 votes, 12.79%), and Gary Arthur (786 votes, 12.06%).

In municipal and school board races:

- Odon Town Council Member At-Large: Independent Douglas Benjamin carried the seat with 58 votes (100.00%).

- Barr-Reeve School Board: Jody W. Schultheis won the At-Large seat with 224 votes (100.00%), and Lana Helms took District 2 with 236 votes (100.00%).

- North Daviess School Board: Brad Roark won the At-Large seat with 475 votes (100.00%), while Roger B. Callahan won District 1 with 491 votes (100.00%).
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- Washington Community School Board: Uncontested winners included Sarah Browning in District 1 (2,496 votes), Scott Arthur in District 2 (2,230 votes), Jason Omer in District 3 (2,358 votes), and Garrett C. Miller in District 4 (2,163 votes).
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Judicial retention questions were affirmed by wide margins in Daviess County:

- Court of Appeals Fourth District (Judge Mary A. DeBoer): 2,537 "Yes" votes (73.20%) to 929 "No" votes (26.80%).

- Court of Appeals Fifth District (Judge Paul A. Felix): 2,447 "Yes" votes (71.89%) to 957 "No" votes (28.11%).

- Indiana Tax Court (Judge Justin L. McAdam): 2,528 "Yes" votes (73.28%) to 922 "No" votes (26.72%).
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Martin County Summary Results
In neighboring Martin County, all 18 precincts reported complete unofficial counts, registering 3,623 ballots cast out of 6,917 registered voters for a 52.38% turnout rate. County voters favored Republican straight-party ballots, casting 735 (78.19%) compared to 191 for Democrats (20.32%), 10 for Libertarians (1.06%), and 4 for the Lincoln Party (0.43%).

Voters approved both statewide questions in Martin County:

- Public Question 1: 1,680 votes "Yes" (57.14%) to 1,260 votes "No" (42.86%).

- Public Question 2: 2,084 votes for Option #1 (73.41%) to 755 votes for Option #2 (26.59%).

Federal and state results mirrored Daviess County's Republican preferences:

- U.S. Representative District 8: Republican Mark Messmer won with 2,265 votes (65.35%) over Democrat Mary Allen's 1,201 votes (34.65%).

- Secretary of State: Republican Max Engling took 2,085 votes (60.43%), followed by Democrat Beau Bayh (1,160 votes, 33.62%), Lincoln Party candidate Greg Ballard (108 votes, 3.13%), and Libertarian Lauri A. Shillings (97 votes, 2.81%).

- State Comptroller: Republican Elise Nieshalla carried 2,229 votes (66.28%) against Democrat Jessica Bailey (973 votes, 28.93%) and Libertarian John Schick (161 votes, 4.79%).

- Treasurer of State: Republican Daniel Elliott gathered 2,485 votes (75.33%) over Democrat Coumba Kebe's 814 votes (24.67%).
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- State Senate District 39: Republican Jeff Ellington took all 2,635 uncontested votes (100.00%).

- State Representative District 63: Republican Amy Kippenbrock secured 2,080 votes (60.47%) over Democrat Tiffanie Arthur's 1,360 votes (39.53%).

- In Martin County countywide races:

- Prosecuting Attorney 90th Circuit Court: Republican C. Michael Steiner won with 2,803 votes (100.00%).

- Clerk of the Circuit Court: Republican Julie Fithian won with 2,919 votes (100.00%).

- County Sheriff: Republican Keith D. Keller defeated Independent Larry Gibson, 2,504 votes (71.91%) to 978 votes (28.09%).

- County Assessor: Republican Carolyn S. McGuire won with 2,909 votes (100.00%).

- County Commissioner District 2: Republican Paul R. George won with 2,449 votes (70.25%) over Democrat John R. Collins (1,037 votes, 29.75%).

- County Council: Republican Jordan Robert Berry won District 1 with 772 votes (100.00%); Republican Jimmy Ray Hamby, Jr. won District 2 with 626 votes (100.00%); Republican Monty L. Gregory won District 3 with 614 votes (100.00%); and in contested District 4, Republican Sheri Bowling won with 584 votes (65.18%) against Democrat Ronald Gilbert's 312 votes (34.82%).

- Township Trustees in Martin County saw victories for Republican Savannah Mathies Hunt in Perry (1,050 votes, 59.97%) over Democrat Jason Hennette (701 votes, 40.03%); Republican Terry J. Street in Rutherford (228 votes, 100.00%); Republican James (Bub) Brown in Center (479 votes, 100.00%); Republican Travis L. Montgomery in Halbert (442 votes, 100.00%); Democrat Tammy Jo Gore in Mitchelltree (133 votes, 100.00%); and Republican Chrystal Maschino in Lost River (139 votes, 100.00%).

- For Township Boards across Martin County:

Perry Township (Vote for 3): Republicans John (Cheeta) Mathias (967 votes, 21.65%) and Danny R. Clark (932 votes, 20.86%) were elected alongside Democrat Tony Dant (902 votes, 20.19%), beating Republican Justin S. Davis (743 votes, 16.63%), Democrat Brandi Hennette (465 votes, 10.41%), and Democrat Floyd Lonnie Hawkins (458 votes, 10.25%).

- Rutherford Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Danny Berry (183 votes, 40.76%) and Jeff Horney (133 votes, 29.62%) and Democrat Virgil Scott Street (133 votes, 29.62%) won seats.

- Center Township (Vote for 3): Republicans swept with Cathy Evans (340 votes, 34.62%), Matthew Sullivan (331 votes, 33.71%), and Norma J. Baker (311 votes, 31.67%).

- Halbert Township (Vote for 3): Republicans took all three seats: Kimberly L. Albright (368 votes, 40.35%), Stevie J. Horton (276 votes, 30.26%), and Amberly Lou Zeigler (268 votes, 29.39%).

- Mitchelltree Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Becky Sellers (127 votes, 39.56%), Kay Belcher (109 votes, 33.96%), and Charity (Belcher) Tolbert (85 votes, 26.48%) won the seats.

- Lost River Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Alice D. Butler (115 votes, 36.39%), Bruce Fithian (102 votes, 32.28%), and Devin Dorsett (99 votes, 31.33%) swept the contest.

- In municipal and local school contests:

- Crane Municipal: Republican Ashely Clark won Clerk/Treasurer with 28 votes (54.90%) over Independent Brenisha (Nisha) Carrico (23 votes, 45.10%). In the Town Council race (Vote for 3), Republicans Robert T. Gallagher (40 votes, 34.78%), CJ Parcels (38 votes, 33.04%), and Jeff Clark (37 votes, 32.17%) were elected.

- Shoals Municipal: Democrat Tina M. Franklin won Clerk/Treasurer with 148 votes (100.00%). On Town Council (Vote for 3), Republican J Cody Roush led with 176 votes (29.43%), followed by Democrat Cecil L. Ragsdale (142 votes, 23.75%) and Republican Luke A. Copeland (141 votes, 23.58%), defeating Democrat Walter Holt (87 votes, 14.55%) and Independent Garrick Wade Cooper (52 votes, 8.70%).

- School Boards: In Loogootee Community School At-Large (Vote for 3), Jared Walton (1,144 votes, 22.90%), Nicholas Toy (986 votes, 19.74%), and Republican Cheryl Lynn Strange (743 votes, 14.87%) won seats over Molly Ellen Johnson (604 votes, 12.09%), Bobbi Sue Nonte (558 votes, 11.17%), Tommy Flynn (553 votes, 11.07%), and Susan Jacobs (408 votes, 8.17%). In Shoals School Board District 1, Christin Johnson won with 613 votes (57.61%) over Courtney Cave (451 votes, 42.39%). In Shoals District 4, Republican Eva Nadine George took the uncontested seat with 1,031 votes (100.00%).

- Judicial retention votes in Martin County also passed handily:

- Madison Township (Vote for 3): Republicans Kimberly Shafer (107 votes, 54.59%) and Paul Shafer (89 votes, 45.41%) took the positions.Indiana Tax Court: 1,756 "Yes" votes (66.41%) to 888 "No" votes (33.59%).

- Retain Judge DeBoer: 1,742 "Yes" votes (66.31%) to 885 "No" votes (33.69%).
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- Retain Judge Felix: 1,737 "Yes" votes (66.25%) to 885 "No" votes (33.75%).

- Martin County Precinct Highlights
- Detailed precinct summaries from Martin County highlighted distinct local voting patterns across the county's townships:

- Lost River Precinct: Turnout reached 46.44% (176 ballots from 379 voters). Mark Messmer won U.S. Representative with 131 votes (74.43%) to Mary Allen's 41 (23.30%). In the Shoals School Board District 1 race, Christin Johnson narrowly led Courtney Cave by a single vote, 62 to 61.

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- South Center Precinct: Turnout was 57.84% (155 ballots from 268 voters). Messmer carried the precinct with 101 votes (65.16%) to Allen's 40 (25.81%). County Sheriff Keith D. Keller defeated Larry Gibson, 94 to 56.

- Southeast Halbert Precinct: Turnout hit 52.41% (152 ballots from 290 voters). Unlike other precincts, voters opposed Public Question 1, with 62 "No" votes (40.79%) to 48 "Yes" votes (31.58%). Messmer took 107 votes (70.39%) to Allen's 40 (26.32%).

- North Halbert Precinct: Turnout stood at 53.70% (196 ballots from 365 voters). Messmer won with 141 votes (71.94%) to Allen's 45 (22.96%). In Shoals School Board District 1, Christin Johnson edged Courtney Cave by a single vote, 74 to 73.

- South Halbert Precinct: Turnout was 52.05% (152 ballots from 292 voters). Voters narrowly rejected Public Question 1 (61 "No" to 60 "Yes"). Messmer captured 119 votes (78.29%) to Allen's 25 (16.45%).

- East Memphis Precinct: Turnout reached 47.89% (68 ballots from 142 voters). Messmer led with 39 votes (57.35%) to Allen's 22 (32.35%). The County Sheriff contest was an exact tie, with Keith D. Keller and Larry Gibson receiving 34 votes apiece.

- West Memphis Precinct: Turnout was 54.96% (183 ballots from 333 voters). Messmer took 113 votes (61.75%) to Allen's 57 (31.15%). In Town Council Shoals, J Cody Roush led with 132 votes, followed by Luke A. Copeland (106) and Cecil L. Ragsdale (103).

- Mitcheltree Precinct: Turnout reached 48.82% (207 ballots from 424 voters). Messmer received 143 votes (69.08%) to Allen's 54 (26.09%). Democrat Tammy Jo Gore won Township Trustee unopposed with 133 votes.

- North Center Precinct: Turnout was 54.18% (259 ballots from 478 voters). Messmer captured 182 votes (70.27%) to Allen's 64 (24.71%). County Commissioner Paul R. George won 211 votes (81.47%) over John R. Collins (41 votes, 15.83%).

Perry 1 Precinct: Turnout was 57.45% (324 ballots from 564 voters). Messmer received 180 votes (55.56%) to Allen's 132 (40.74%). Savannah Mathies Hunt took Township Trustee with 183 votes (56.48%) to Jason Hennette's 138 (42.59%).

- Perry 2 Precinct: Turnout stood at 55.70% (220 ballots from 395 voters). The congressional race ended in a dead heat, with Messmer and Allen each receiving exactly 107 votes (48.64%). The Township Trustee race was also tied, with Savannah Mathies Hunt and Jason Hennette each securing 107 votes. Democrat Tiffanie Arthur carried the State Representative race over Amy Kippenbrock, 125 to 87.

- Perry 3 Precinct: Turnout reached 43.82% (156 ballots from 356 voters). Messmer won with 104 votes (66.67%) to Allen's 43 (27.56%). Hunt carried Township Trustee over Hennette, 94 to 59.

- Perry 4 Precinct: Turnout was 47.19% (227 ballots from 481 voters). Messmer won with 127 votes (55.95%) over Allen's 91 (40.09%). Hunt carried Township Trustee over Hennette, 124 to 102.

- Perry 5 Precinct: Turnout was 53.47% (239 ballots from 447 voters). Messmer led with 145 votes (60.67%) to Allen's 91 (38.08%). Hunt carried Township Trustee over Hennette, 161 to 74.

- Perry 6 Precinct: Turnout reached 59.44% (337 ballots from 567 voters). Messmer won with 194 votes (57.57%) over Allen's 129 (38.28%). Hunt led Township Trustee over Hennette, 200 to 126.

- Perry 7 Precinct: Turnout stood at 53.09% (232 ballots from 437 voters). Messmer carried the precinct with 137 votes (59.05%) to Allen's 90 (38.79%). Hunt defeated Hennette for Trustee, 145 to 77.

- Crane Precinct: Turnout reached 35.71% (55 ballots from 154 voters). Voters rejected Public Question 1 (28 "No" to 21 "Yes"). In the municipal race, Ashely Clark won Clerk/Treasurer over Brenisha (Nisha) Carrico, 28 to 23.

- Rutherford Precinct: Turnout stood at 52.29% (285 ballots from 545 voters). Messmer led with 163 votes (57.19%) to Allen's 109 (38.25%). Republican Terry J. Street won Township Trustee unopposed with 228 votes.

County election boards in both Daviess and Martin counties will review provisional ballots and complete official certification of the canvass in the coming days as required by Indiana election law.

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CARLA HARNER NAMED MARTIN COUNTY PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR AT MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DINNER





SHOALS, Ind. — Nearly 300 community members, civic leaders, and local supporters gathered at the Martin County 4-H Community Building on Monday evening to celebrate local philanthropy and honor longtime community servant Carla Harner as the Martin County Philanthropist of the Year.

The recognition was formally announced during the Martin County Community Foundation's 27th annual dinner, an evening dedicated to celebrating civic leadership and highlighting more than two decades of charitable investment across Shoals, Loogootee, and Crane.

Foundation board member Greg Bateman introduced Harner as this year's honoree, drawing warm applause across the packed banquet hall as he recounted her extensive record of service. Harner was recognized for dedicating nearly 30 years of hands-on leadership to local youth through the Purdue Extension office and Martin County 4-H programs, mentoring generations of area children in agricultural projects, civic responsibility, and community leadership.

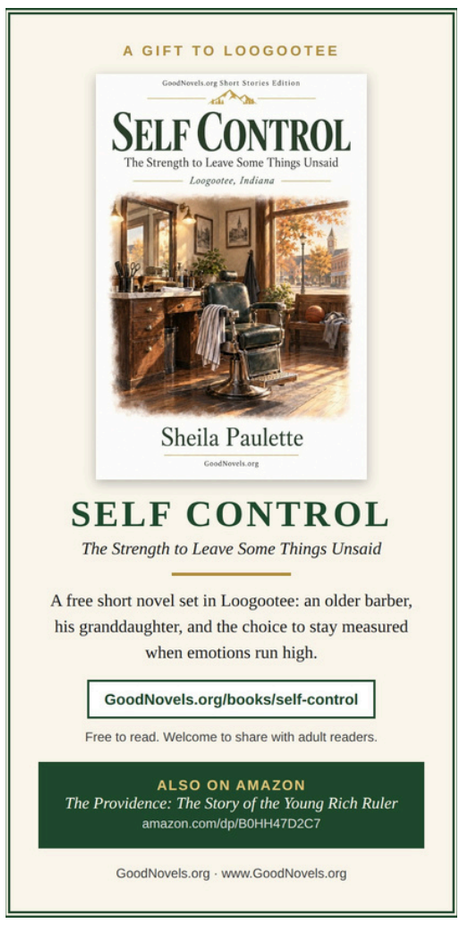
Beyond her foundational extension service, Harner became an integral part of the county's small business landscape when she established Carla’s Catering in 2002. Over the subsequent 24 years, her venture developed into a familiar staple at area festivals, family milestone events, fundraisers, and regional celebrations. Harner was also recognized as one of the visionaries who helped launch the Martin County Community Foundation, serving as an instrumental founding board member who shaped its operational structure and early grant-making priorities.

Since its inception in the late 1990s, the foundation has facilitated and directed more than $18 million in grants, academic scholarships, and public infrastructure endowments throughout Martin County. Visible community assets supported through the foundation’s philanthropy include the downtown Loogootee Pavilion, capital construction of the 4-H Community Building that hosted Monday's event, comprehensive facility upgrades to youth Little League baseball and softball complexes in both Loogootee and Shoals, safety equipment for Loogootee's police K-9 unit, and continuous artistic funding for theater departments at Loogootee and Shoals High Schools.

Executive Director Megan Hawkins addressed the gathering to express appreciation for generations of donors whose gifts have steadily expanded permanent endowment assets for future county residents. Hawkins placed special focus on the present giving landscape, reminding attendees that local contributions currently carry double the impact through the ongoing Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow Phase VIII (GIFT VIII) initiative sponsored by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Through November 30, every individual dollar donated to the foundation’s unrestricted community endowment will be matched dollar-for-dollar under the GIFT VIII matching grant program. Foundation leaders urged residents and local business owners to take full advantage of the limited-time match before the end of the month, noting that unrestricted endowment dollars directly generate the funding required for quarterly teacher mini-grants, emergency food pantry support, and municipal park improvements.

Residents interested in making a tax-deductible contribution or learning more about the GIFT VIII matching challenge are encouraged to contact the Martin County Community Foundation office at 812-295-1022 or visit the foundation online at cfpartner.org/mccf.



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LOOGOOTEE CONCLUDES 2026 COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT SEASON WITH VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Organizers in Loogootee have officially wrapped up their 2026 outdoor community movie night series, celebrating another successful season of family entertainment on the downtown square and recognizing the dedicated local volunteers who made the final screening possible.

The free seasonal movie nights, hosted downtown at the Loogootee Pavilion throughout the warm-weather months, provided area families, children, and visitors an opportunity to gather for open-air films, refreshments, and evening community fellowship.

Event organizers extended special appreciation to the community volunteers and youth helpers who contributed their time and energy to run the season's final presentation. Recognized for their valuable service, concessions assistance, and crowd coordination were Aubri Gilbertson, Belle Griffith, Bella Wininger, Rawlings Bell, Jenae Knepp, and Savannah Hunt. In addition, organizers commended adult leaders and community supporters Hannah Harshaw, Mitch Harder, and Justin Davis for their hands-on work in setting up audiovisual projection equipment, managing event logistics, and assisting attendees.

Community movie nights have developed into a cherished recreational tradition in Martin County, offering free, accessible family-friendly entertainment while encouraging residents to visit downtown businesses and historic public spaces. Organizers emphasized that the continued success of the seasonal screenings relies heavily on the dedication of local volunteers, municipal cooperation, and civic organizations working together to create engaging community programming.

With late autumn temperatures turning cooler, organizers confirmed that the series has concluded for the calendar year and will pause over the winter months before returning for another run of outdoor titles next spring.

Organizers expressed sincere gratitude to all Martin County residents, sponsors, and families who attended screenings throughout the year, noting that scheduling and title selections for the 2027 outdoor movie series will be announced ahead of next summer's kickoff.

LOOGOOTEE BEAUTIFICATION BOARD ISSUES CALL FOR FOOD TRUCKS AHEAD OF HOLIDAY EVENTS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Beautification Board is inviting regional mobile food vendors to participate in downtown holiday festivities as the city gears up for its annual winter community celebrations at the public square pavilion.

Board members officially issued a call for food trucks to serve attendees during two major upcoming seasonal events: the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and the popular downtown Christmas Stroll. Both gatherings are designed to bring residents and regional visitors together to celebrate the holiday season and patronize local downtown establishments.

The official Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at The Pavilion in downtown Loogootee. The evening will feature the ceremonial lighting of the municipal holiday tree, festive music, and community fellowship to inaugurate the holiday season.

One week later, the downtown square will host the annual Christmas Stroll on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The afternoon stroll encourages families to browse downtown shops, enjoy holiday window displays, sample seasonal treats, and visit community craft and activity booths surrounding the pavilion.

Organizers are seeking food trucks and specialty food vendors offering a diverse range of sweet and savory items, including warm drinks, holiday treats, and dinner options to keep crowds nourished during the outdoor festivities.

The events highlight the Loogootee Beautification Board's broader mission to enhance downtown civic life, create vibrant public gathering spaces, and support local economic vitality across Martin County.

Mobile food operators interested in securing vendor space for either or both holiday events are encouraged to contact the Loogootee Beautification Board promptly to review site layouts, setup guidelines, and vendor registration requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATE AUDIT CLEARS PERRY TOWNSHIP FINANCES FOLLOWING MULTI-YEAR REVIEW

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — State examiners found no reportable instances of noncompliance during a routine four-year review of Perry Township's financial records and operations, according to an audit report released by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The compliance engagement report, filed on Oct. 19, 2026, evaluated the Martin County township's records from Jan. 1, 2022, through Dec. 31, 2025. Unlike prior state examinations of the local taxing unit, the most recent review concluded with no citations, comments, or corrective action directives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Requests for comment sent by The Loogootee Times to the State Board of Accounts and Perry Township leadership were not returned by press time.

Official public records and annual financial reports filed by Perry Township remain accessible to the public through the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting portal.

ANNUAL LOOGOOTEE FARRIER CLINIC FEATURES ANATOMICAL DISSECTION AND LIVE SHOEING DEMOS

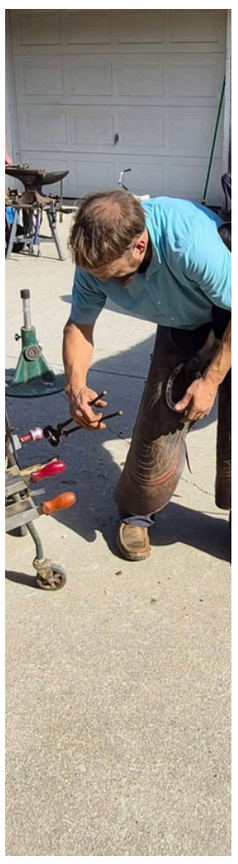
LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local equine professionals, blacksmiths, and horse enthusiasts gathered in Martin County recently for the area's annual farrier educational clinic, hosted by certified farrier Allen Horton and featuring hands-on instruction from guest clinician Lavon Jess of Arthur, Illinois.

The daylong educational workshop kicked off with an intensive morning session centered on equine lower-limb anatomy. Participants observed a detailed leg dissection to deepen their understanding of tendon structure, bone alignment, and biomechanical health, giving farriers practical insights to improve hoof care, performance, and long-term soundness in working and performance horses.

After a midday break for lunch and networking, the afternoon session shifted to live practical application. Jess led interactive shoeing demonstrations, showcasing specialized trimming methods, forge techniques, and custom shoe fitting tailored to common structural challenges in everyday practice.

Organized annually by a dedicated coalition of local farriers, the event serves as an essential regional hub for continuing education, skill refinement, and professional fellowship across southwestern Indiana's agricultural and equine communities. Attendees thanked the local hosting team for organizing the seminar and commended Jess for delivering exceptional instruction. Organizers confirmed plans to continue hosting the annual clinic to support ongoing professional development across the regional trade.







MARTIN COUNTY CEO STUDENTS TOUR STRAWN AGENCY, LEARN ENTREPRENEURSHIP FROM SHELDAN CHRISTMAS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — High school entrepreneurs in the Martin County Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) program gained firsthand insight into small business leadership and generational enterprise during a site visit to Strawn Agency in Loogootee.

Students met with Sheldan Christmas, who shared how his background in collegiate athletics and business administration helped shape his decision to return home to Martin County to lead his family's insurance agency.

During the presentation, Christmas reflected on his formative years serving as a student manager and graduate assistant with the Bellarmine University men's basketball program in Louisville, Kentucky. He described how the discipline,logistical preparation, and relationship-building skills developed in NCAA Division I athletic operations translate directly to managing a small-town insurance firm. Christmas explained that navigating the fast-paced demands of collegiate athletics reinforced his passion for leadership and ultimately guided him back to southwestern Indiana to assume management of the longstanding local business.

Christmas has maintained a close tie to the Martin County CEO program since its inception, having served as a student mentor and currently serving as an active member of the organization's governing board. Program coordinators commended Christmas for opening his office doors to the cohort and for his sustained commitment to fostering youth entrepreneurship in the community.

The Martin County CEO program immerses local high school seniors from Loogootee and Shoals in the regional business landscape. Cohort members visit dozens of area enterprises, interact with civic leaders, and learn foundational business principles before conceiving, funding, and launching their own individual startups in the spring.

Organizers expressed appreciation to Christmas and the Strawn Agency staff for providing students with real-world perspective on professional perseverance, customer relationships, and the rewarding path of returning to Martin County to build a career.



LOOGOOTEE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CALLS CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The City of Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety will convene behind closed doors for an executive session Wednesday evening at City Hall.
The executive meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. at 401 John F. Kennedy Ave. Under Indiana's Open Door Law, the session will be closed to the general public and news media. Municipal officials stated the board will meet privately “to receive information about and interview prospective employees pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).”

Under Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5), governing bodies may meet in executive session to review applications, gather background details, and conduct preliminary interviews with candidates seeking municipal employment. State transparency statutes mandate that any official actions, final hiring votes, or employment contracts resulting from such discussions must occur during a subsequent open public meeting.

The Board of Public Works oversees administrative municipal operations, city property management, departmental personnel matters, and public infrastructure across Loogootee.

LOOGOOTEE BASKETBALL TO HOST BOYS PREVIEW NIGHT AND CHILI SUPPER ON FRIDAY

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Lion basketball fans can welcome the upcoming winter season with an evening of competition and community fellowship as Loogootee High School hosts its annual Boys Preview Night and Chili Supper on Friday, Nov. 6.

The evening will serve as an official tip-off showcase for the boys basketball program while featuring live varsity girls basketball action on the home hardwood.

Festivities get underway in the cafeteria with the traditional Chili Supper, which will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fans, students, and community members are invited to gather for food before and during the early portion of the evening's athletic lineup.

Court action begins inside the gymnasium at 5:30 p.m. as the Loogootee Lady Lions host regional rival Bloomfield in junior varsity and varsity girls basketball matchups.

Immediately following the conclusion of the girls varsity contest, the spotlight shifts to the boys basketball program from the youth ranks to the varsity level. The preview slate will open with intra-squad scrimmages featuring the fifth and sixth grade teams, followed by a scrimmage showcasing the seventh and eighth grade squads.

The evening will culminate with formal introductions of the 2026–27 Loogootee High School boys varsity and junior varsity basketball rosters and coaching staff, giving fans an advance look at the Lions before official regular-season play begins.

Community members, alumni, and families are encouraged to pack the stands in their black and gold to support student-athletes across all grade levels as winter sports get underway in Martin County.

MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE TO HOST FREE SMALL BUSINESS BOOKKEEPING AND TAX GUIDE WORKSHOP IN LOOGOOTEE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Area entrepreneurs, startup founders, and small business owners preparing for the close of the financial year will have access to professional guidance during a free public workshop later this month in Loogootee.

The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth announced it will host its November Lunch & Learn event, titled “Bookkeeping and Tax Guide for Small Businesses,” on Monday, Nov. 23, 2026. The workshop is scheduled from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Bowling Manufacturing Conference Room at 99 W. Washington St.

Representatives from Street’s Accounting will serve as the featured presenters, providing local business owners with strategies to ensure an organized and efficient year-end close. Discussion topics will focus on maintaining clean financial ledgers, navigating tax obligations, tracking deductible expenses, and preparing the necessary documentation ahead of upcoming filing deadlines.

Organizers noted the session is open to the public free of charge and tailored for both new and established businesses across Martin County and neighboring communities. In addition to the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding practical bookkeeping workflows and tax considerations.

While admission is free, organizers encourage attendees to reserve a seat in advance. Registration is available by calling the Martin County Alliance at 812-295-4800 or by emailing assistant@martinalliance.org.

LOOGOOTEE BEAUTIFICATION BOARD CELEBRATES MASSIVE COMMUNITY TURNOUT AT TRICK-OR-TREAT FALL FESTIVAL

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Hundreds of costumed children and families packed the downtown public pavilion as the Loogootee Beautification Board hosted its annual Trick-or-Treat Fall Festival, drawing a record crowd to celebrate autumn, seasonal games, and community fellowship.

Board organizers hailed the event as an overwhelming success, extending heartfelt thanks to dozens of dedicated volunteers, municipal leaders, civic groups, and local businesses whose weeks of tireless preparation brought the festive evening to life.

The festival was sparked by volunteer Charlie Tedrow, who initially proposed creating the seasonal event. Tedrow spearheaded extensive logistical legwork, hauling a full truckload of wood for fire pits while stringing lights, spiderwebs, and holiday skeletons across the pavilion. Creative planning was further elevated by Andrea Strawn, who designed and constructed an interactive "Inside Out Headquarters" tent for attending children.

Event organizers tackled an enormous logistical undertaking by assembling 2,000 treat bags for trick-or-treaters. A team consisting of Bobbi Nonte, Nikki Wagoner, Debbie Truelove, family helpers, and local exchange students packed 500 bags in a single evening session. The remaining 1,500 bags were prepared ahead of time by Amber Gilbertson, Jenae Knepp, and city interns Libby Swartzentruber and Belle Griffith.

During the festival, active candy distribution lines and support crews kept lines moving smoothly, while dedicated volunteers managed bounce houses to ensure child safety. Cathy Seals collected donations for s'mores, DJ Karson Burch provided live music, and Mayor Brian Ader fabricated custom fire pit barrels.

Community creativity was also on display in the costume contest, featuring custom trophies designed and 3D-printed by Mrs. Wagoner’s sixth-grade WIN class and the Lion’s Den, alongside eight handcrafted wooden plaques carved by Wagoner. Officer Jarred Stuckey maintained an active public safety presence throughout the night, ensuring a secure environment for all.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BARR-REEVE EIGHTH GRADERS EXPLORE CAREER PATHWAYS AT JA JOBSPARK IN EVANSVILLE

MONTGOMERY, Ind. — Barr-Reeve Middle School eighth graders spent an engaging day exploring potential professions and post-secondary opportunities during an educational trip to the annual JA JobSpark career expo in Evansville.

The hands-on event, coordinated by Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana, provided eighth-grade students with direct exposure to dozens of career clusters through interactive demonstrations, technical simulations, and one-on-one discussions with industry professionals.

Throughout the exhibition, students navigated multiple career sectors representing high-demand regional industries, including advanced manufacturing, engineering, healthcare, public services, agriculture, and information technology. Rather than merely observing traditional presentations, students participated in tactile exhibits that allowed them to test equipment, engage in simulated trade exercises, and gain insight into the day-to-day responsibilities required in various trades and professions.

School leaders emphasized that providing career exploration during the middle school years serves as a critical milestone. The experience helps students connect academic coursework in the classroom to real-world applications, assisting them as they prepare to select high school diplomas, career pathways, and technical education tracks in the coming years.

Barr-Reeve educators extended appreciation to Junior Achievement, participating employers, and community volunteers for providing the immersive field experience and investing time in the next generation of southwestern Indiana's workforce.

LOOGOOTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY INTRODUCES 'WIGGLE WORMS' MOVEMENT AND STORY SESSIONS FOR YOUTH

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Young children and families in Martin County looking for an active morning routine have a weekly outlet at the public library with the launch of "Movement Day Wiggle Worms," a recurring youth program blending literacy and physical activity.

The weekly sessions take place on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. inside the Loogootee Library Community Room.

Designed for children from birth up to age 14, each 30-minute gathering opens with a short, engaging storytime read-aloud before transitioning into instructor-led guided movement. The interactive format pairs early childhood reading comprehension with gross motor skill development, rhythmic exercise, and stretching, providing an energetic and social environment for young attendees.

Library staff emphasize that blending active movement with early storytelling helps foster a positive, joyful connection with reading and library spaces. The program accommodates toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age youths, offering parents, grandparents, and caregivers an accessible, free midday activity in downtown Loogootee.

Admission to "Wiggle Worms" is free, and no advance registration is required to attend. Families interested in participating can join the group every Thursday morning in the library's community meeting room.

LOOGOOTEE SENIOR CENTER TO HOST PITCH-IN BRUNCH AND SOCIAL MORNING ON THURSDAY

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Older adults and community members across Martin County are invited to gather for food and fellowship Thursday morning during a community pitch-in brunch hosted by the Loogootee Senior Center.

The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Community Activity Center in downtown Loogootee.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite breakfast dish, baked goods, fresh fruit, or brunch item to share as part of the pitch-in spread. Fresh coffee and table seating will be provided by the center.

Organizers noted that the morning is designed to provide an open, welcoming setting for local seniors to socialize, catch up with neighbors, and connect over casual conversation. The senior center regularly organizes recreational and social gatherings to support active community engagement among Martin County's older residents.

All area seniors and guests are welcome to attend without advance registration.

LOUGHMILLER MACHINE PARTNERS WITH LOOGOOTEE SENIOR CENTER FOR FREE VETERANS DAY DINNER

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local veterans will be treated to a complimentary rib and chicken dinner on Veterans Day as Loughmiller Machine, Tool & Design hosts its annual meal honoring area service members.

The appreciation meal will be served Wednesday, Nov. 11, beginning at 4:00 p.m. behind Loogootee City Hall.

This year's event includes an expanded partnership with the Loogootee Senior Center to provide a full dine-in option. Veterans wishing to sit down and enjoy fellowship with fellow service members can eat inside the senior center dining room, while the traditional drive-thru pickup will remain fully operational for those who prefer carryout.

To maintain organized vehicle flow during the dinner rush, drivers attending the drive-thru are directed to enter the parking lot behind City Hall by traveling northbound on NW 1st Street. Event volunteer traffic directors will be stationed along the route to guide motorists safely into position.

The annual meal represents an enduring community tradition coordinated by the Loughmiller family and business staff to express gratitude to Martin County veterans for their military service and sacrifice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ME SCREENPRINT & EMBROIDERY IN SHOALS ANNOUNCES FULL-TIME SCREENPRINTER OPENING

SHOALS, Ind. — A local custom apparel and design shop in Martin County is expanding its production team and looking to fill a skilled manufacturing position.

ME Screenprint & Embroidery, which provides screenprinting, embroidery, and custom laser engraving services in Shoals, announced an immediate opening for an experienced screenprinter.

The position is a full-time role featuring competitive compensation, a flexible schedule, and opportunities for overtime. The business operates out of a climate-controlled production facility, offering a collaborative, team-oriented work environment.

According to company hiring details, the primary responsibilities will include managing daily job setups, operating automatic screenprinting presses, and conducting rigorous quality-control checks across finished garments before order fulfillment.

Qualified applicants with prior press operating experience are encouraged to apply by submitting a resume or inquiry via email directly to michael@mewebandprint.com.

LOOGOOTEE METHODIST PIONEER CLUB AND YOUTH HOST WEEKLY DINNER AND WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Following a successful annual autumn hayride, the Pioneer Club and LMC Youth ministries are welcoming community children and teens back for their regular Wednesday evening fellowship and programming.

Organizers celebrated the turnout for last week’s annual hayride, extending gratitude to the volunteer drivers who carried youth across the countryside and the student ministry leaders who prepared s'mores around the fire following the ride.

The midweek programs resume Wednesday evening with a community meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tonight’s menu features a pancake and sausage supper served in the church fellowship hall before youth split into their respective age-level breakout sessions.

Programming is structured for two main age divisions: the Pioneer Club, which serves children from age 3 through the sixth grade, and LMC Youth, tailored for students in seventh through 12th grades.

Evening activities focus on Bible-based learning, worship, seasonal crafts, and structured recreational gym time designed to foster mentorship and spiritual growth. Church leaders emphasized that Wednesday nights provide a positive, encouraging environment for area students to connect with peers and adult leaders midway through the school week.

Families and students across Martin County and neighboring communities are invited to attend, with no prior registration required to join the dinner or evening activities.

MARTIN COUNTY GIS TO MIGRATE TO BEACON PLATFORM; PUBLIC TRAINING SET FOR NOV. 6 IN SHOALS

SHOALS, Ind. — Martin County's geographic information system is transitioning to a new digital portal this week, and county officials are inviting the public to attend a free informational training session to learn how to navigate the upgraded software.

Martin County GIS will formally migrate from its current Elevate host to Schneider Geospatial's Beacon platform starting Friday, Nov. 6, 2026.

To help local residents, title researchers, real estate professionals, and property owners adapt to the new interface, Martin County Assessor Carolyn S. McGuire announced an open public training session scheduled for Friday at 1:00 p.m.

The demonstration will take place in the Commissioners' Room on the main floor of the Martin County Courthouse, located at 129 Main St. in Shoals.

The Beacon platform provides digital mapping and land-records access, enabling users to look up parcel boundaries, property tax assessments, transfer deeds, aerial photography, and zoning data across the county. The migration is designed to enhance site reliability, streamline search capabilities, and provide an updated mobile-friendly design for public record searches.

During the hour-long session, attendees will learn how to execute parcel searches, generate property reports, review assessment cards, and utilize interactive map layering tools within the Beacon environment.

Property owners and researchers with questions regarding the platform migration or Friday's training presentation can contact the Martin County Assessor's Office by phone at 812-247-2070.

LHS BETA CLUB WRITES LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO ALUMNI SERVING IN MILITARY

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Student leaders in the Loogootee High School Beta Club combined routine club business with civic gratitude at their last meeting in October, gathering before classes to draft personal letters of encouragement to recent graduates currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The morning service project aimed to connect current high school scholars with former classmates stationed across domestic military installations and overseas deployments ahead of the holiday season.

Club members spent time writing individualized notes, cards, and seasonal greetings to alumni who chose military service following graduation. The letters expressed appreciation for the sacrifices made by service members, offered school updates, and delivered hometown encouragement to help bridge the distance between Martin County and distant duty stations.

Beta Club sponsors emphasized that hands-on outreach embodies the core pillars of the National Beta Club, which emphasizes academic achievement, character development, leadership, and community service. By intentionally reaching out to graduates serving in uniform, student leaders sought to reinforce that the community continues to support and honor its hometown veterans and active-duty personnel long after they leave the classroom.

Faculty advisors expressed pride in the students' commitment to recognizing school alumni, noting that simple acts of personal communication make a lasting difference for young men and women deployed away from family during the holidays.

MARTIN COUNTY SEES DOUBLE-DIGIT SHIFT TOWARD DEMOCRATS FOLLOWING GENERAL ELECTION

SHOALS, Ind. — Election returns and precinct data across Indiana following Tuesday's General Election revealed notable shifts in voter margins across rural counties, including a 33.85-point swing toward Democrats in Martin County.

The trend was highlighted in post-election margin-shift analyses showing leftward movement in every single county across the state. While the majority of rural counties remained solidly Republican in total vote share, the data indicated that Republicans did not expand their victory margins in any Indiana county compared to previous election baselines.

The 33.85-point shift in Martin County represents one of the more pronounced percentage-point changes in southwestern Indiana. Local party organizers pointed to the data as evidence of shifting political engagement in historically conservative strongholds.

In response to the figures, local Democratic Party leaders issued an open call for community engagement, urging residents interested in civic involvement to connect with county party committees. Organizers emphasized that sustained grassroots efforts, local candidate recruitment, and community outreach will be central to building momentum ahead of upcoming municipal and regional races.

State and county election boards continue to finalize official canvassing and certified tallies to document official precinct-level breakdowns across all 92 Indiana counties.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE COLLECTING NONPERISHABLE ITEMS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — A community-wide Thanksgiving food drive is officially underway to help stock pantry shelves and provide holiday meals for Martin County families facing food insecurity.

The seasonal donation initiative is collecting canned goods and nonperishable food items through Monday, Nov. 23. All donations gathered during the two-week collection drive will be distributed directly to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to support local households throughout the upcoming holiday season.

Organizers are asking community members, church groups, students, and local businesses to contribute staple, shelf-stable grocery items. Priority items sought include canned vegetables, canned meats, soups, pasta, boxed stuffing, dry potatoes, and other nonperishable Thanksgiving meal goods.

The annual holiday drive comes at a critical time of year as local food pantries prepare to meet increased demand heading into Thanksgiving and winter break. Volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul pantry assist hundreds of Martin County residents each month, working to ensure that no family goes without a warm, nutritious meal during the holidays.

Community members are encouraged to drop off their canned and boxed donations at designated collection bins prior to the Nov. 23 cutoff date to allow volunteers ample time to sort, package, and distribute the provisions to families in need before Thanksgiving Day.

HILLTOP RACEWAY IN SHOALS TO HOST FRIDAY NIGHT T-JET SLOT CAR RACING

SHOALS, Ind. — Slot car hobbyists, racing enthusiasts, and local families looking for high-speed Friday night competition can hit the miniature speedway in Martin County as Hilltop Raceway hosts an open competitive race night on Nov. 6, 2026.

Practice heats will get underway at 6:00 p.m., followed by the green flag for official feature racing at 6:45 p.m. The event takes place at Hilltop Raceway, located at 11408 Hilltop Honey Road in rural Shoals.

Track operator Vaughn Montgomery announced that Friday's competition will run on the raceway's signature custom "Barney" track layout. Racers will compete using classic Aurora Thunderjet, or T-Jet, HO-scale slot cars, which remain renowned across the hobby for their historic scale realism, intricate pancake motor mechanics, and ultra-competitive pack racing.

Montgomery emphasized that the race is completely open to the public, with drivers of all skill levels, ages, and backgrounds invited to participate. To keep the hobby accessible and encourage newcomers to try their hand at racing, Montgomery provides all cars and electronic hand controllers free of charge for participants, eliminating equipment barriers for curious beginners or families.

The competition brings together veteran hobbyists and casual racers from across Martin, Daviess, and surrounding counties for an evening of friendly tabletop motorsport. Racers rotate through timed lane heats, testing their trigger finger control and navigating tricky chicanes and banking curves on the Barney layout to tally the highest lap totals.

Spectators are also welcome to attend and cheer on the drivers. Anyone seeking additional information, driving directions, or details about upcoming race dates can call or text Montgomery directly at 812-247-2129, or visit the "Hilltop raceway, HO slot car racing" community page on Facebook.

REPUBLICAN DARYL SCHMITT WINS INDIANA SENATE DISTRICT 48 SEAT OVER BRAD HOCHGESANG

JASPER, Ind. — Republican nominee Daryl Schmitt has secured election to the Indiana State Senate, capturing the Senate District 48 seat following Tuesday's General Election balloting across southwestern Indiana.

District-wide vote tallies confirmed Schmitt received 24,945 votes, representing 57.3% of the total ballots cast across the multi-county district. Democratic challenger Brad Hochgesang collected 18,552 votes, finishing with 42.7% of the overall vote share.

Senate District 48 encompasses a broad geographic footprint across southwestern Indiana, covering Dubois, Pike, Gibson, Spencer, Perry, and portions of neighboring rural communities. The legislative seat opened after former State Sen. Mark Messmer vacated the post to run successfully for the U.S. House of Representatives. Schmitt, a longtime agricultural leader and former Dubois County Commissioner, previously assumed the seat via a local Republican caucus appointment to fill the unexpired portion of the term before standing for a full four-year term on Tuesday's ballot.

Throughout the campaign, Schmitt campaigned on priorities centered on state fiscal discipline, capital investment in rural infrastructure, support for family farms, and workforce development initiatives across southwestern Indiana employers. Hochgesang, a Dubois County civic leader and businessman, mounted an active campaign emphasizing increased state funding for public schools, accessible rural healthcare, and local economic revitalization.

The 14.6-point victory keeps the southern Indiana legislative seat firmly in Republican hands as the Indiana General Assembly prepares to convene for the upcoming 2027 state budget session in Indianapolis.

Schmitt expressed gratitude to voters, families, and campaign volunteers across the district, pledging to be an active advocate for rural interests, small businesses, and community development at the Statehouse.

KCP CREATIVE IMAGERY ANNOUNCES ONE-DAY CHRISTMAS MINI SESSIONS AT THE LAZY BLACK BEAR BARN

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Holiday photo bookings are officially underway in Martin County as KCP Creative Imagery released open scheduling for its upcoming one-day-only Christmas Mini Sessions.

The festive portrait sessions will be hosted at The Lazy Black Bear Barn, providing area families a rustic, beautifully styled holiday backdrop for seasonal greeting cards, annual family portraits, and holiday keepsakes.

This year's themed visual staging combines rustic elegance with traditional holiday charm. Staged inside the scenic timber-framed barn, the setting features lush evergreen arrangements, twinkling string lights, and seasonal rustic props. The visual design includes dedicated photo opportunities featuring a classic, authentic Santa Claus for children, alongside coordinated family living settings tailored for parents, siblings, and family pets.

Mini photo sessions provide an efficient, accessible option for families seeking professional holiday photography without committing to a full-length studio portrait package. Photographers work with clients in scheduled time increments, capturing a variety of candid expressions and classic group poses that are professionally retouched and delivered via private digital download galleries ahead of Christmas mailing deadlines.

Due to the one-day schedule, studio organizers noted that available session time slots are strictly limited and anticipated to sell out quickly on a first-come, first-served basis. Families are encouraged to reserve their appointments early to guarantee their preferred time on the calendar.

Online booking and scheduling reservations are accessible directly through the studio's client portal at app.iris-works.com. Families interested in securing a spot, viewing sample gallery portraits, or reviewing session guidelines can view pricing and availability online.

T&T GUNS AND AMMO CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING IN LOOGOOTEE



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Municipal officials, local business leaders, and community residents gathered in downtown Loogootee to celebrate the official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for T&T Guns and Ammo's new storefront.

The new retail establishment is located at 121 Cooper St. in Loogootee, bringing firearms, ammunition, hunting supplies, and outdoor shooting sports gear directly to Martin County sportsmen and outdoors enthusiasts.

The ribbon cutting was hosted in partnership with the City of Loogootee and local economic development advocates to formally welcome the business owners and operators, the Talbott family, as they embark on their entrepreneurial venture. City representatives congratulated the Talbotts on their investment in downtown Loogootee, highlighting that independent small businesses serve as the lifeblood of commercial activity and community identity across Martin County.

T&T Guns and Ammo officially opened its retail doors to the public following the morning ribbon cutting. To celebrate the opening week milestone, the shop is hosting a special promotional drawing for visiting customers. Patrons are invited to visit the new Cooper Street storefront throughout the week to explore the showroom inventory and enter their names into the free drawing.

The grand opening drawing winner will be formally announced inside the storefront on Saturday, Nov. 7, at noon.

Local commerce organizers celebrated the store's opening as another positive step forward for downtown foot traffic, encouraging Martin County residents to shop locally and support independent retail operators. Community members can learn more about available brands and inventory by stopping by the shop on Cooper Street during regular business hours.

HURON WTK CLUB TO HOST ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER AT FIRE BARN ON SATURDAY

HURON, Ind. — Neighbors, families, and visitors across the Martin-Lawrence county line are invited to gather for food, live music, and community fellowship this weekend as the Huron WTK Club hosts its annual Soup Supper on Saturday, Nov. 7.

The benefit dinner will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. inside the Huron Fire Barn in Huron, located just off U.S. 50 east of Shoals.

Admission for adults is $8.00 per person and includes one door prize ticket, while children under the age of 10 eat free of charge.

Attendees will be treated to a hearty homestyle buffet featuring homemade soups, beans, cornbread, hot dogs, fresh desserts, and a variety of hot and cold drinks. In addition to the dinner, the evening will feature live musical entertainment from area performers, creating a warm, festive gathering space for neighbors to connect heading into the late fall season.

Organizers emphasized that all proceeds generated from the annual supper serve an essential civic purpose for the unincorporated community: funds raised go directly toward paying the electric bill for Huron's municipal streetlights throughout the year.

The WTK Club has long organized the community supper as a grassroots tradition to keep the town lit and maintain neighborhood safety. Community members from Huron, Shoals, Loogootee, and Mitchell are encouraged to come out, enjoy dinner and live music, and support a vital local cause.

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LOOGOOTEE SPORTS SCHEDULE

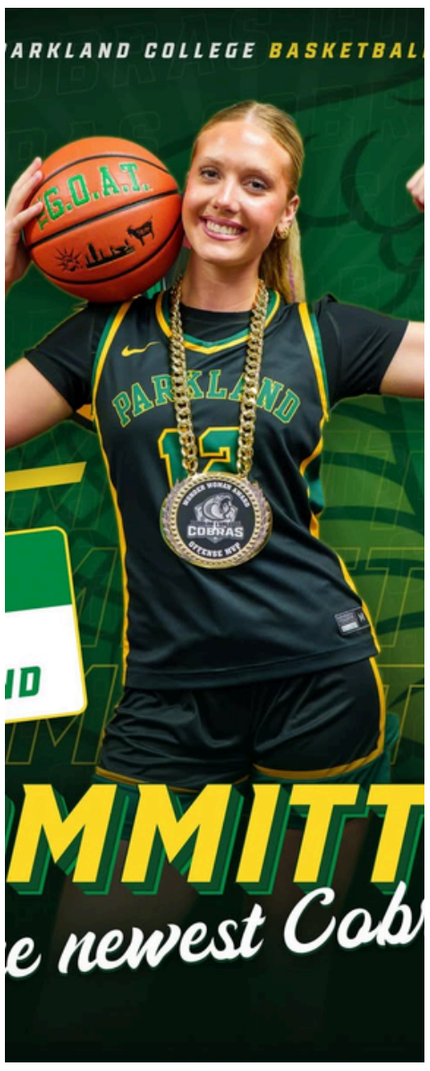
Basketball (Girls JV) - Bloomfield Jr/Sr HS (H)
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Basketball (Boys 7 & 8) - Tip-off Classic (H)
11/7/2026 TBD

Basketball (Boys 5 & 6) - Tip-Off Tournament (H)
11/7/2026 TBD

LOOGOOTEE VOLLEYBALL STANDOUT ALAINA DIAMOND COMMITS TO PARKLAND COLLEGE





LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee Jr.-Sr. High School volleyball standout Alaina Diamond has announced her verbal commitment to continue her academic and athletic career at Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois.

Diamond, a senior who recently capped her varsity career with her second consecutive All-Conference selection, will join one of the premier junior college volleyball programs in the nation. The Parkland College Cobras compete at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II level and have built a longstanding reputation as a national championship contender in women's volleyball.

During her tenure at Loogootee, Diamond served as a centerpiece for the Lady Lions' front row, establishing herself as an offensive force at the net while anchoring the squad's block and defensive presence throughout the autumn campaign. Her steady play earned her back-to-back All-Conference accolades and helped lead Loogootee through deep postseason play.

With her collegiate destination established, Diamond transitions to the next phase of her athletic journey, bringing her net play, leadership, and varsity postseason experience to the collegiate ranks.

Parkland College athletics, represented by the Cobras moniker, consistently draws top-tier high school talent from across the Midwest, providing student-athletes a competitive national platform and pathways to four-year NCAA and NAIA programs.

NORTH DAVIESS HOSTS FOREST PARK IN CLASS 1A SECTIONAL 48 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

ELNORA, Ind. — Friday night lights spirit began well before kickoff across the North Daviess campus as Cougar varsity football players greeted elementary students at the school doors, sharing smiles, high fives, and plenty of Cougar pride to energize the student body for championship game day.

The high-energy morning tradition set the festive stage for one of the most anticipated postseason football matchups in southwestern Indiana: an IHSAA Class 1A Sectional 48 championship collision between the visiting Forest Park Rangers (6-5) and the undefeated North Daviess Cougars (11-0).

Both communities carry decades of historic motivation into Friday night's title tilt. The Forest Park Rangers travel to Elnora looking to write program history by capturing their first-ever football sectional championship trophy. Across the gridiron, the host Cougars are seeking to secure their first sectional football crown since 1993, aiming to validate a dominant, undefeated campaign with long-sought postseason hardware in front of their home crowd.

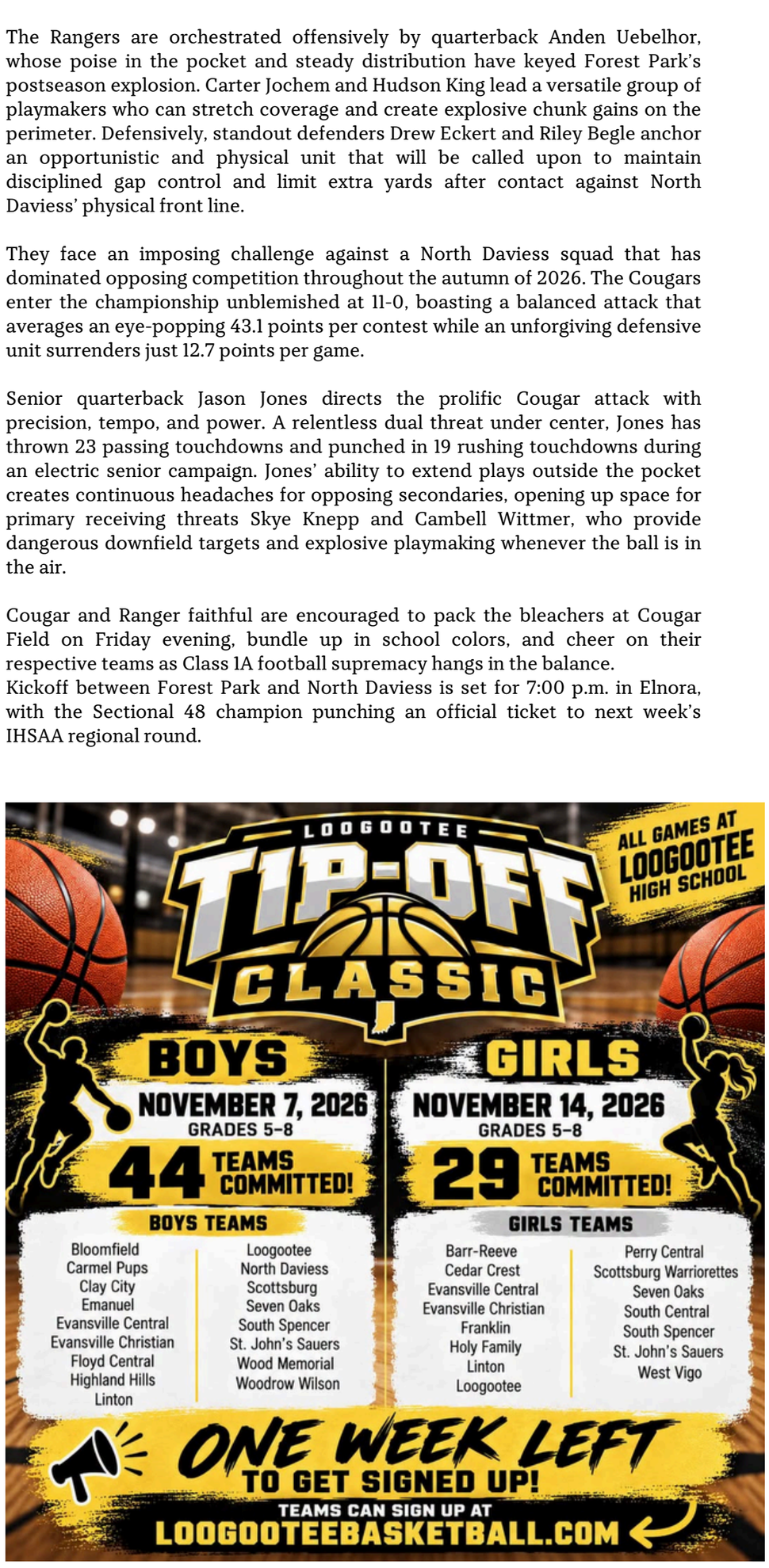
Forest Park enters Friday's championship clash riding a potent two-game postseason surge. The Rangers have caught fire during tournament play, outscoring sectional opponents Crawford County and North Knox by a combined 105-13 over the past two weeks.

The Rangers are orchestrated offensively by quarterback Anden Uebelhor, whose poise in the pocket and steady distribution have keyed Forest Park's postseason explosion. Carter Jochem and Hudson King lead a versatile group of playmakers who can stretch coverage and create explosive chunk gains on the perimeter. Defensively, standout defenders Drew Eckert and Riley Begle anchor an opportunistic and physical unit that will be called upon to maintain disciplined gap control and limit extra yards after contact against North Daviess' physical front line.

They face an imposing challenge against a North Daviess squad that has dominated opposing competition throughout the autumn of 2026. The Cougars enter the championship unblemished at 11-0, boasting a balanced attack that averages an eye-popping 43.1 points per contest while an unforgiving defensive unit surrenders just 12.7 points per game.

Senior quarterback Jason Jones directs the prolific Cougar attack with precision, tempo, and power. A relentless dual threat under center, Jones has thrown 23 passing touchdowns and punched in 19 rushing touchdowns during an electric senior campaign. Jones' ability to extend plays outside the pocket creates continuous headaches for opposing secondaries, opening up space for primary receiving threats Skye Knepp and Cambell Wittmer, who provide dangerous downfield targets and explosive playmaking whenever the ball is in the air.

Cougar and Ranger faithful are encouraged to pack the bleachers at Cougar Field on Friday evening, bundle up in school colors, and cheer on their respective teams as Class 1A football supremacy hangs in the balance.
Kickoff between Forest Park and North Daviess is set for 7:00 p.m. in Elnora, with the Sectional 48 champion punching an official ticket to next week's IHSAA regional round.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE ARRIVES FOR LOOGOOTEE YOUTH LION CUB BASKETBALL LEAGUE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Parents and guardians in Martin County have until the end of the day Wednesday, Nov. 4, to register young athletes for the upcoming winter Lion Cub youth basketball league season.

Organizers for the community program announced that online registration will officially close at midnight, marking the final opportunity for elementary-age boys and girls to secure a roster spot ahead of team drafts and winter practices.

The Lion Cub league serves as the foundational feeder system for the historic Loogootee basketball tradition. Designed for primary and intermediate grade students, the winter league introduces participants to fundamentals including ball handling, defensive footwork, shooting mechanics, and team strategy within an instructional, positive environment.
Community volunteer coaches and high school coaching staff oversee the program, emphasizing player development,good sportsmanship, and teamwork on the court. Weekly games and clinics are held locally in Loogootee gyms, providing young players regular playing time throughout the winter schedule.

Registration forms, participant waivers, and program details are accessible online directly through the program website at loogooteebasketball.com. Organizers urge families to complete registration promptly on Wednesday to ensure accurate uniform ordering and timely roster scheduling before practices begin.

OVER 70 TEAMS COMMITTED FOR 2026 LOOGOOTEE TIP-OFF CLASSIC YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — More than 70 youth basketball teams from across southern and central Indiana have committed to compete in the upcoming 2026 Loogootee Tip-Off Classic, tournament organizers announced.

With just one week remaining for final team registrations, the annual middle school and intermediate showcase has drawn 73 programs across grades five through eight. All tournament games will be hosted at Loogootee High School facilities across two consecutive weekends this month.

The action tips off Saturday, Nov. 7, with the Boys Tip-Off Classic, which features 44 committed teams spanning grades 5–8. The competitive boys field includes host Loogootee alongside regional contenders and visiting programs such as Bloomfield, Carmel Pups, Clay City, Emanuel, Evansville Central, Evansville Christian, Floyd Central, Highland Hills,Linton, North Daviess, Scottsburg, Seven Oaks, South Spencer, St. John's Sauers, Wood Memorial, and Woodrow Wilson.

The following weekend, attention turns to the girls divisions. The Girls Tip-Off Classic will take the floor Saturday, Nov.14, featuring 29 committed teams. Participating girls programs include Barr-Reeve, Cedar Crest, Evansville Central,Evansville Christian, Franklin, Holy Family, Linton, host Loogootee, Perry Central, Scottsburg Warriorettes, Seven Oaks,South Central, South Spencer, St. John's Sauers, and West Vigo.

Loogootee athletic and basketball program officials expressed gratitude to the coaches, athletic directors, and community programs traveling to Martin County. Organizers noted that the multi-week tournament provides student-athletes early-season varsity floor experience while generating significant local economic activity as visiting families and fans patronize area businesses.

Coaches and youth programs interested in filling the remaining bracket spots have one week left to register before schedules and pairings are finalized.



EVENT PLANNER NOV. 4-11

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

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

- Wednesday, November 4
  - 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM: Harvest Health and Rehab Strength and Stretching

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

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

- Saturday, November 7 – Sunday, November 8
  - No events scheduled

- Monday, November 9
  - 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM: Exercise with Yoga on Main

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

- Wednesday, November 11
  - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Exercise with Functional Fitness
  - 4:00 PM: Veteran's Day – We salute our Veterans! Partnering w/ Loughmiller's – BBQ dinner – Come in and eat. Drinks & dessert will be available.

- Tuesday, November 3
  - CLOSED FOR ELECTION DAY

REST OF NOVEMBER

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

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

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

- Tuesday, November 17

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

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

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

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

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

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Game Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



EVENT PLANNER NOV. 4-11

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

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

November 2026 Library Schedule of Events & Programs

- Thursday, Nov. 5: Wiggle Worms — 11:00 a.m.
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- Monday, Nov. 9: Board Meeting — 4:00 p.m.
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- Tuesday, Nov. 10:
  - Little Learners: Fall Craft — 10:15 a.m.
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  - Veterans Day Cardmaking — 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
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- Thursday, Nov. 12: Wiggle Worms — 11:00 a.m.

- Friday, Nov. 13: Medicare Open Enrollment — 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (By appointment only)

- Saturday, Nov. 14: Give a Book, Get a Book! — 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 17:
  - Little Learners: Indiana Day! — 10:15 a.m.
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  - Fall Prevention Program — 1:00 p.m.
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- Thursday, Nov. 19: Wiggle Worms — 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

- Closed Tuesday, Nov. 3 for Election Day.

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

MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

It's all over but for the shouting and celebrating. Some of us won and some lost. But the fight is not over.

The issues have not been resolved. The Mid-States Corridor is not a settled issue, far from it. Those of us opposed to the Corridor project have been in this very same place before. It didn't stop us then, and the losses at the ballot box only energized our efforts.

We have made tremendous progress in our opposition, and we will continue down the path to stop the Mid-States Corridor. The project is still too expensive, still too intrusive, and still not needed. Will it be harder to stop now? I don't think so.

What we need to do now is regroup and focus our attention and efforts on stopping the project. We do this the old-fashioned way. We keep our opposition in front of the people. We keep debunking the talking points. We keep showing our neighbors the facts. We keep up the rallies. We continue to demand accountability from our elected officials. And, yes, we keep wearing our hats and shirts to every public event. We must not cry in our drinks. We must stand strong and proud.

The Mid-States Corridor didn't win the war; it won a political skirmish. Now is the time to start planning how to convince our city and county elected officials to continue being fiscally responsible. INDOT did not receive a sudden infusion of money. Nor has INDOT restored the more than 300 canceled road projects. Nothing has really changed, other than the resolve of the people who remain determined to end the Corridor project.

As we move forward, we must recognize that we cannot dilute our efforts and resources. Yes, data centers, BESS projects, solar farms, and wind farms are legitimate issues deserving attention. But the Mid-States Corridor must remain our primary focus. It is the one project with the potential to exercise eminent domain on such a massive scale. This is why we must concentrate our efforts on convincing our local politicians to do the right thing.

Yes, the losses sting, and they will for a few more days. But elections come and go. The issues remain. We have more work to do, and we intend to do it.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County



Upcoming Events

Friday, Nov 6 at 4:00pm — Mid-States Corridor RDA quarterly board meeting at Huntingburg Event Center.

Monday, Nov 9 at 6:30pm — Dubois County Data Center Forum at the Astra Theatre

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

Tuesday, Nov 17 at 6:00pm — Jasper Chamber of Commerce Data Center presentation at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center Atrium. The presenter will be Paul Wyman, a Kokomo-area land developer (gives you a clue about what side of the data center issue he is on).

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Property 1: 308 Sheridan Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sheriff of Martin County, Indiana
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PETS

Section by The Martin County Humane Society

ADOPTABLE CATS

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

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

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

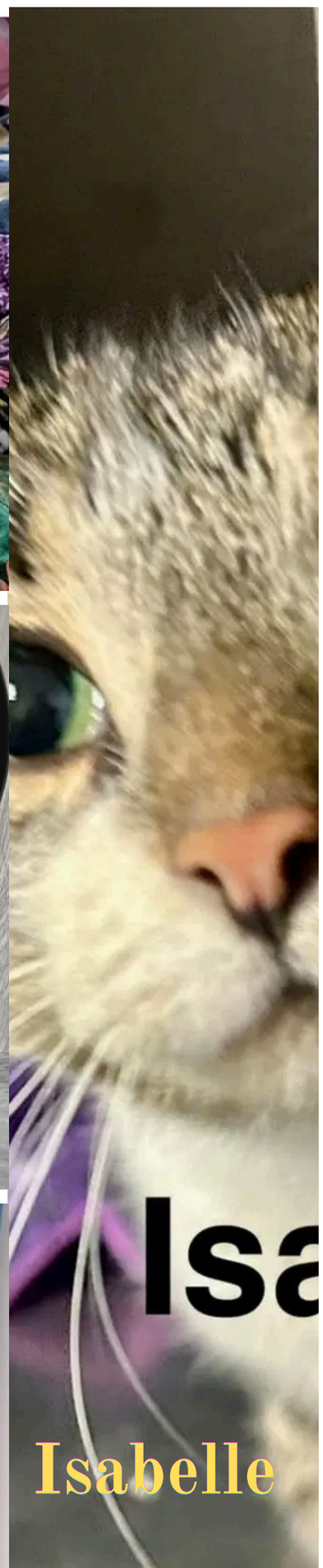
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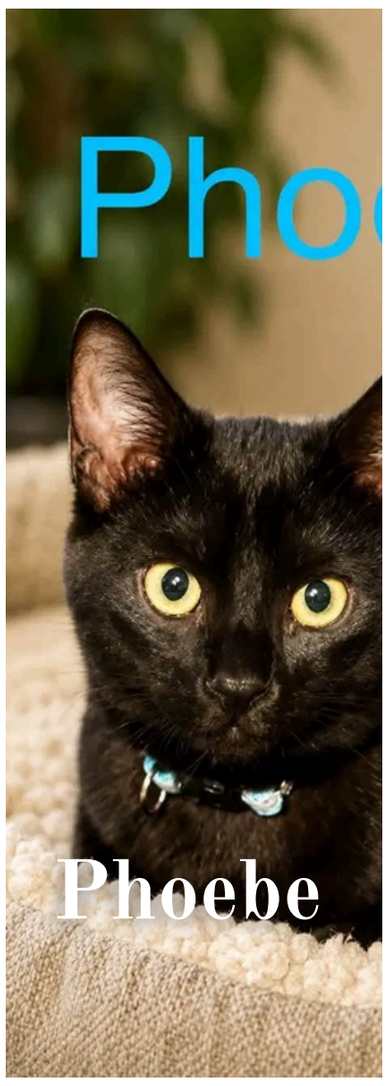
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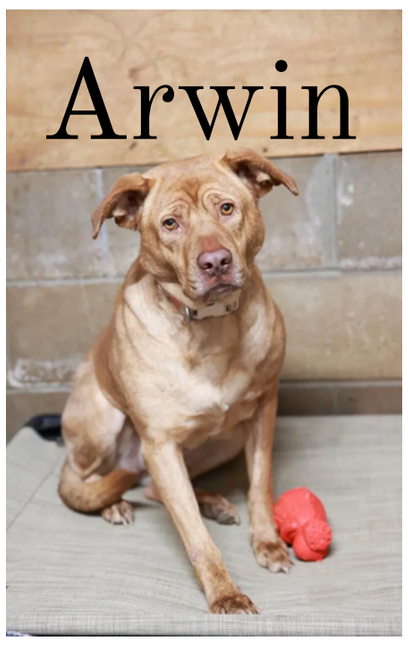
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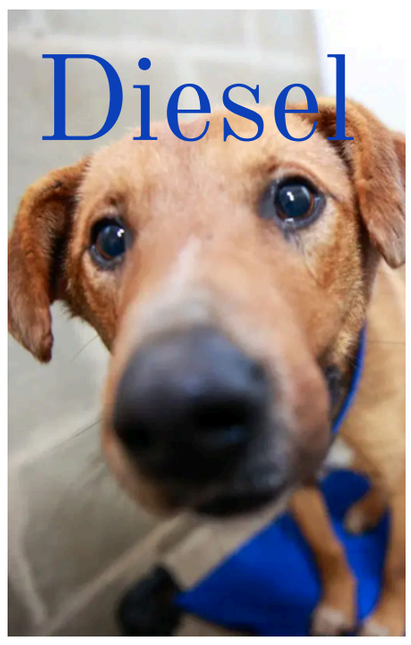
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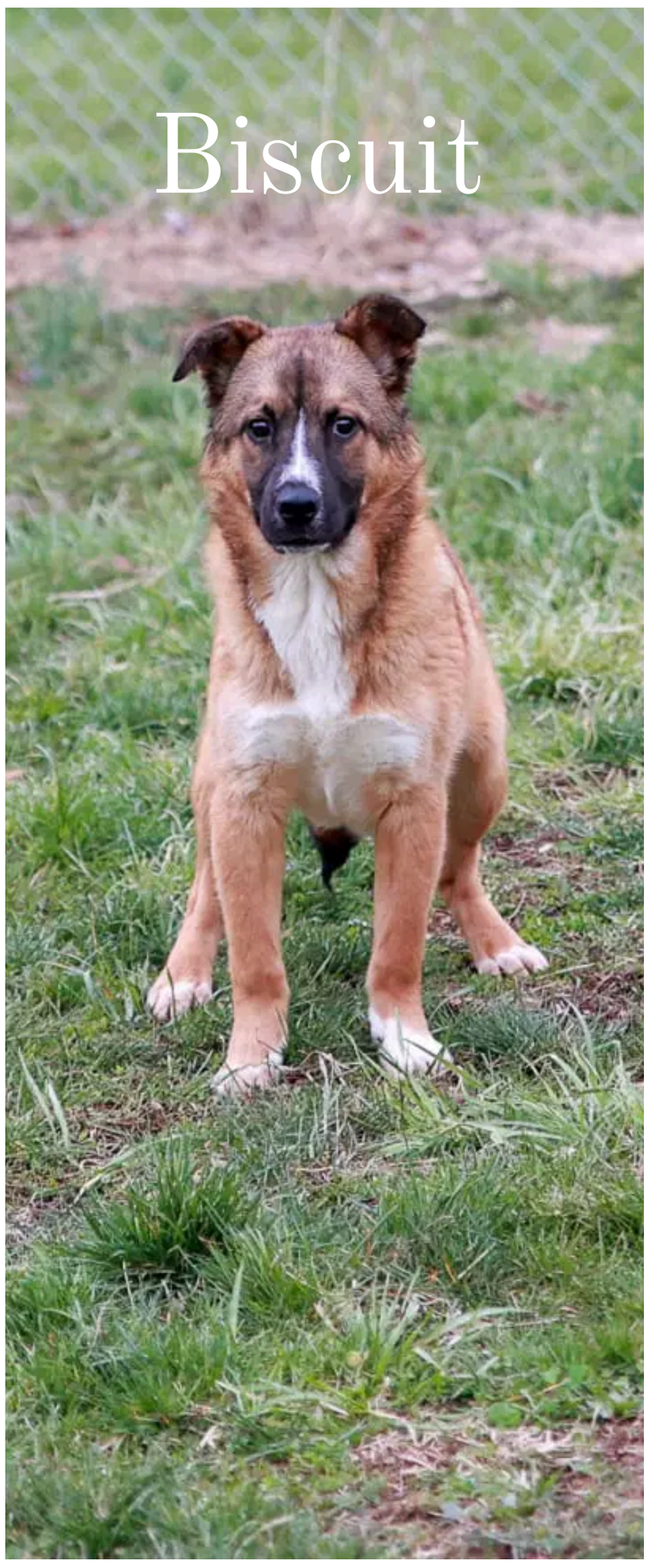
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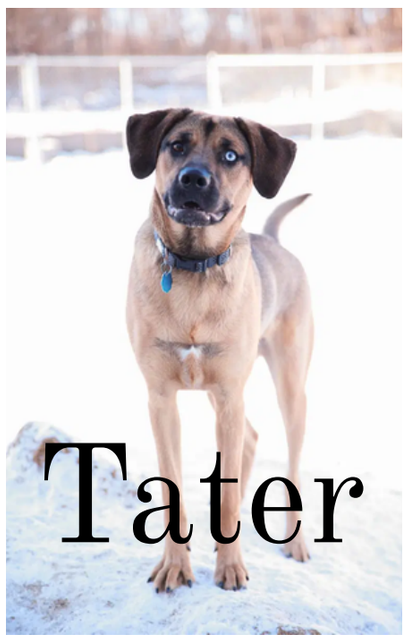
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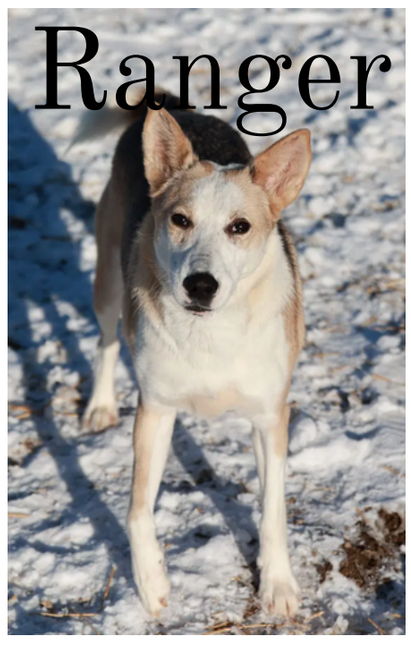














Obituaries

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

John Anthony Walker

October 26, 1943
October 28, 2026



John Anthony Walker, 83, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at his residence.

He was born in Cannelburg, Indiana on October 26, 1943, to the late Bernard and Anna Walker. John married Judy McCann on June 26, 1965, and she survives.

John graduated from Montgomery High School in 1961 and went on to attend Indiana State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1965. He continued his education at Indiana State, earning a master's degree and a six-year certificate in guidance counseling. He began his career in education, teaching at Rockville, North Knox, and Loogootee High Schools. John enjoyed working with his students and took pride in the relationships he built throughout his teaching career. He later transitioned to the insurance industry, where he served his clients with dedication before retiring from Farm Bureau Insurance after 20 years of service.

John was a faithful member of St. John the Evangelist Church and generously volunteered his time at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, reflecting his desire to serve others and give back to his community.

John truly embraced retirement. He loved traveling with his beloved wife, Judy, especially spending winters in Florida, and treasured the time they shared. Together, they celebrated 61 beautiful years of love, companionship, and memories. He also enjoyed playing golf at Country Oaks, where he looked forward to his time with the group he affectionately called "the old man's league."

A very social and outgoing man, John had a special gift for making people feel welcome. He never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with just about anyone. Whether connecting with former students, insurance clients, friends, or new acquaintances, John had a genuine interest in people and a way of making those around him feel like old friends.

Above all else, John loved his family more than anything. They were his greatest joy and the most treasured part of his life. His love, warmth, and easygoing nature touched the lives of many, and he will be remembered not only for the life he lived, but for the love he gave, the friendships he formed, and the countless memories he leaves behind.

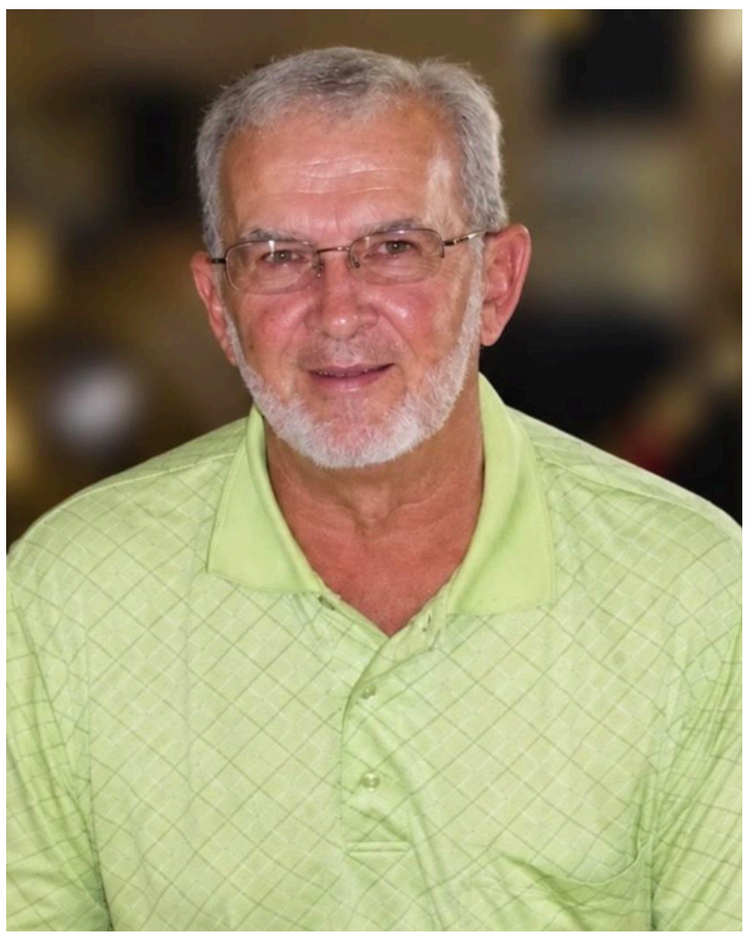
John was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: infant Charles Walker, Jerome Walker, Edward Walker, Paul Walker, Mary Lou Lockhart, Betty Shea, Loretta Withem, Helen Steeb, and Kay Petroff.

He leaves behind his wife, Judy; children: Pamela (Edward) Sipes; Andy (Yvonne) Walker; Grandchildren: Marissa Walker, Alexander Walker, and Anthony Walker; several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, November 2, 2026, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, Indiana. Cremation was chosen according to his wishes, and a Burial of Ashes will take place at a later date in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Marvin K. Wagler

December 12, 1951
November 2, 2026



Marvin K. Wagler, 74, of Odon, Indiana went to be with his Lord at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon, Indiana, on November 2, 2026, at 10:40 A.M. with his loving family members by his side.

He was born on December 12, 1951, in Montgomery, Indiana, to the late Glen and Ida (Knepp) Wagler. Marvin married his loving wife, Laura Mae Wagler, on April 5, 1975.

Marvin was a member of Bethel Mennonite Church. He owned W-W Country Feed Store and was known for handing out bubble gum on his deliveries. He was also a farmer and loved to play and sing bluegrass music.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laura Mae, his parents, infant daughter, Sheila Wagler, brother, Stephen Glen Wagler, and sister, Ida Lorene Wagler.

Those left to cherish memories of Marvin are his daughters, Theresa (Lonnie) Raber, Melissa Wagler and Katrina Wagler; grandchildren, Ethan Drew Raber, Karissa Joy Raber and Shayla Mae Ann Raber; siblings, Pauline Wagler, Willard (Ada Marie) Wagler, Ada Marie (Lester) Graber, Mary Catherine (Loren) Wagler, Rosa (Paul) Wagler, Rachel (Leroy) Knepp, Delmar (Mary Ruth) Wagler, Leanna (Robert) Wagler, Barbara Jean (Lewis) Stoll and Naomi Ruth (David Lee) Stoll; sister-in-law, Janet Wagler, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 9:30 A.M. at Bethel Mennonite Church in Odon, Indiana, with Carmen Detweiler, Daniel Pollard, and Alvin G. Knepp to officiate. Marvin will be laid to rest in Bethel Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and continue Wednesday, November 4, 2026, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Bethel Mennonite Church in Odon, Indiana.

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

All arrangements have been entrusted to Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery, Indiana.

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

Martin County & Courts

Monday, October 26, 2026

5:15 a.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard North of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.
5:17 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries East of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.
8:05 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
9:28 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.
10:10 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Notified Crane of call.
12:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Paoli.
1:01 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check South of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
1:24 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Cecorra Holt, a 28-year-old female from Shoals, arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.
1:46 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
2:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Marshal Copeland responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
2:55 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins on station with Isaac Shaw III, a 29-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Failure to register and for Sex offender residency violation. He is being held on $15,000 cash only bond.
5:47 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Clark responded.
7:10 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Edward Tinsley, a 53-year-old male from Evansville, arrested on a Vanderburgh County warrant. He is being held without bond for Vanderburgh County.
7:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Dubois County address. Transferred the call to Dubois County 911.
7:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a small grass fire Northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.
8:50 p.m.- Received a call requesting extra patrol Northwest of Shoals. Advised all on-duty units.
10:50 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Major Reed responded.
11:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

7:07 a.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard North of Loogootee. Notified INDOT.
8:18 a.m.- Received a call advising Loogootee Community Schools will be having a fire drill today.
9:56 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
11:04 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.
11:36 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
12:28 p.m.- Andrea Randall, a 41-year-old female from Terre Haute on station to serve a court ordered commitment.
12:55 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported one inmate to court.
1:19 p.m.- Received a report of a property damage accident West of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.
1:49 p.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.
2:38 p.m.- Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Sheriff Greene and Sergeant Hawkins responded.
5:00 p.m.- Received a call reporting a tree on fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.
6:21 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Clark responded.
7:07 p.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard in Loogootee. INDOT was notified.
7:50 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard East of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.
8:44 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

2:30 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Major Reed responded.
3:21 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.
4:01 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.
5:13 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Major Reed responded.
5:32 a.m.- Received a report that Medic 1 will be transporting one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
9:06 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.
9:11 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
9:40 a.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard East of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.
10:55 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
11:53 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
2:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Captain Gibson and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
3:07 p.m.- Jail Officer Bradley on station with Tyrone Goodman, a 26-year-old male from Eckerty, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

Thursday, October 29, 2026

3:08 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.
4:23 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident East of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Major Reed and

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Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.
8:39 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
9:06 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
9:20 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department and Chief Deputy Keller responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
9:27 a.m.- Received two 911 calls requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded. Daviess County transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
12:45 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported two inmates to court.
12:45 p.m.- Jail Commander Gregory transported one inmate to court.
1:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Good Samaritan Hospital.
1:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
1:33 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
1:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Shoals. Sheriff Greene, Captain Gibson and Marshal Copeland responded.
4:56 p.m.- Deputy Branham on station with Emani Kelly, a 21-year-old male from Indianapolis, arrested by Corporal Erwin for Possession of marijuana and on a Johnson County warrant. He is being on a $5,000 10% bond and being held for Johnson County.
6:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless motorcycle rider Southwest of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
8:24 p.m.- Received two 911 calls reporting a car-deer accident South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Nash and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.
11:59 p.m.- Received a call from a Lawrence County address. Advised the caller to notify Lawrence County.

Thursday, October 29, 2026

3:08 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.
4:23 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident East of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Major Reed and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.
8:39 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
9:06 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check East of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.
9:20 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department and Chief Deputy Keller responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
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1:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
1:33 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
1:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Shoals. Sheriff Greene, Captain Gibson and Marshal Copeland responded.
4:56 p.m.- Deputy Branham on station with Emani Kelly, a 21-year-old male from Indianapolis, arrested by Corporal Erwin for Possession of marijuana and on a Johnson County warrant. He is being on a $5,000 10% bond and being held for Johnson County.
6:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless motorcycle rider Southwest of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
8:24 p.m.- Received two 911 calls reporting a car-deer accident South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Nash and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.
11:59 p.m.- Received a call from a Lawrence County address. Advised the caller to notify Lawrence County.

Friday, October 30, 2026

3:20 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
5:33 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.
7:42 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West into Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.
7:50 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
8:59 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
9:18 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy North of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
11:07 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
11:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Corporal Erwin responded. No one was transported.
3:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
4:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to speak with a deputy South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
4:35 p.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a commercial burglar alarm East of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
4:53 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.
5:36 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bloomington.
5:49 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute North of Shoals. Deputy Branham, Deputy Nash, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Marshal Copeland responded.
6:38 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Christopher Bearden, a 46-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested by Deputy Nash for Resisting law enforcement. He is being held without bond.
7:24 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked Northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.
7:35 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.
9:17 p.m.- Received a call requesting extra patrol North of Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.
9:28 p.m.- Deputy Droke on station with Kenneth Arvin, a 75-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.
9:55 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting suspicious activity South of Shoals. Advised all on-duty units.
10:50 p.m.- Deputy Nash on station with Lige Sizemore, a 52-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, Operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and Possession of marijuana. He was held on $10,000 10% bond.
10:56 p.m.- Received a report of possible fireworks or gunshots South of Shoals. Deputy Nash and Deputy Droke responded.

Saturday, October 31, 2026

12:27 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident East of Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.
2:35 p.m.- Received a report of an injured deer in the roadway South of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.
5:46 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident North of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.
5:50 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
6:38 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident South of Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.
8:13 a.m.- Received a call from Earth Cam advising of possible trespassers in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
8:38 a.m.- Received notification the nursing homes in Loogootee will be testing fire alarms today.
9:27 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.
11:08 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Indian Creek Fire Department and Martin County Civil Defense responded. No one was transported.
12:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East into Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
1:09 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.
1:16 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.
3:42 p.m.- Received a request for traffic control in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Branham and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
4:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.
11:13 p.m.- Received a report of possible vandalism in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.
11:13 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.
11:15 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Deputy Nash responded.

Sunday, November 1, 2026

1:12 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.
1:33 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
7:23 a.m.- Received a call from Earth Cam advising of a possible trespasser in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.
9:03 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
9:39 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.
9:39 a.m.- Received a request for a deputy South of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.
9:59 a.m.- Received a call from Peterbilt Recovery advising of a vehicle repossession in Loogootee.
10:01 a.m.- Received a call from Care Center requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.
10:16 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a hit and run in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
10:51 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
12:09 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
12:41 p.m.- Received a report of vandalism Southwest of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.
1:30 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
2:30 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Daviess County EMS, Deputy Clark and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded. Daviess County transported one patient to the hospital.

LOOGOOTEE POLICE LOG

Monday, October 26, 2026
8:06 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call in Nobles Court.
10:55 am- A caller advised of a child that was riding in a vehicle without the car seat secured.

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
12:45 pm- Chief Cummings spoke with a manager of a local business regarding a possible theft and trespassing.
2:34 pm- A caller advised he witnessed a semi-truck take down a utility line at NE 3rd St and North St.
2:50 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a controlled burn that got out of control on Eastgate Ave.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
8:03 am- A caller advised of a possible lost weapon.
10:20 am- A caller advised of damage done to his truck by a person mowing that threw rocks from a driveway.
2:47 pm- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Public Square St.

Thursday, October 29, 2026
9:29 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. and Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a medical call on Cedar St.
11:14 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a vehicle inspection on Doyle Ave.
11:19 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a vehicle inspection at a local business.
3:49 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a vehicle inspection on North Line St.

Friday, October 30, 2026
7:54 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Able Lane.
11:38 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. and Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a medical call at a local business.
5:49 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a domestic dispute on Ridge Rd.

Saturday, October 31, 2026
9:27 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on Church St.

Sunday, November 1, 2026
10:01 am- Loogootee Fire Dept. responded to a medical call on N. JFK Ave.
10:15 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a hit and run accident in the parking lot of a local business.
1:59 pm- A caller advised of a possible trespassing at a neighbor's residence.

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3:09 p.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a commercial burglar alarm East of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
3:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
5:18 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.
5:56 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance and deputies North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Branham and ISP responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
6:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible traffic hazard South of Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.
7:09 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident South of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.
8:56 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
9:08 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious person South of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

Property Records

Transfers October 28-November 4

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE 1 (File: 202601401.IN.pdf) Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Thomas J. Robinson, a single man, residing at 2466 U.S. 231, Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 2466 U.S. 231, Loogootee, Indiana 47553 (Legal Description: Tract I: Part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township One (1) North, Range Four (4) West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.971 acre; TRACT II: Part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township One (1) North, Range Four (4) West, containing 1.029 acres; State ID: 51-13-07-300-031.000-010 and 51-13-07-300-036.001-010) from the current owner, Joseph Dutch Simunek.

NOTICE 2 (File: 202601409.IN.pdf) Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Paul D. Howell, residing at 5151 Palamino Dr., Dubois, IN 47527, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Martin County, Indiana(Legal Description: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter all in Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 12.63 Acres, more or less; State ID: 51-12-04-300-024.000-005 and 51-12-04-400-025.000-005) from the current owner, Bonnie E. Leinenbach.

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Easy

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Master

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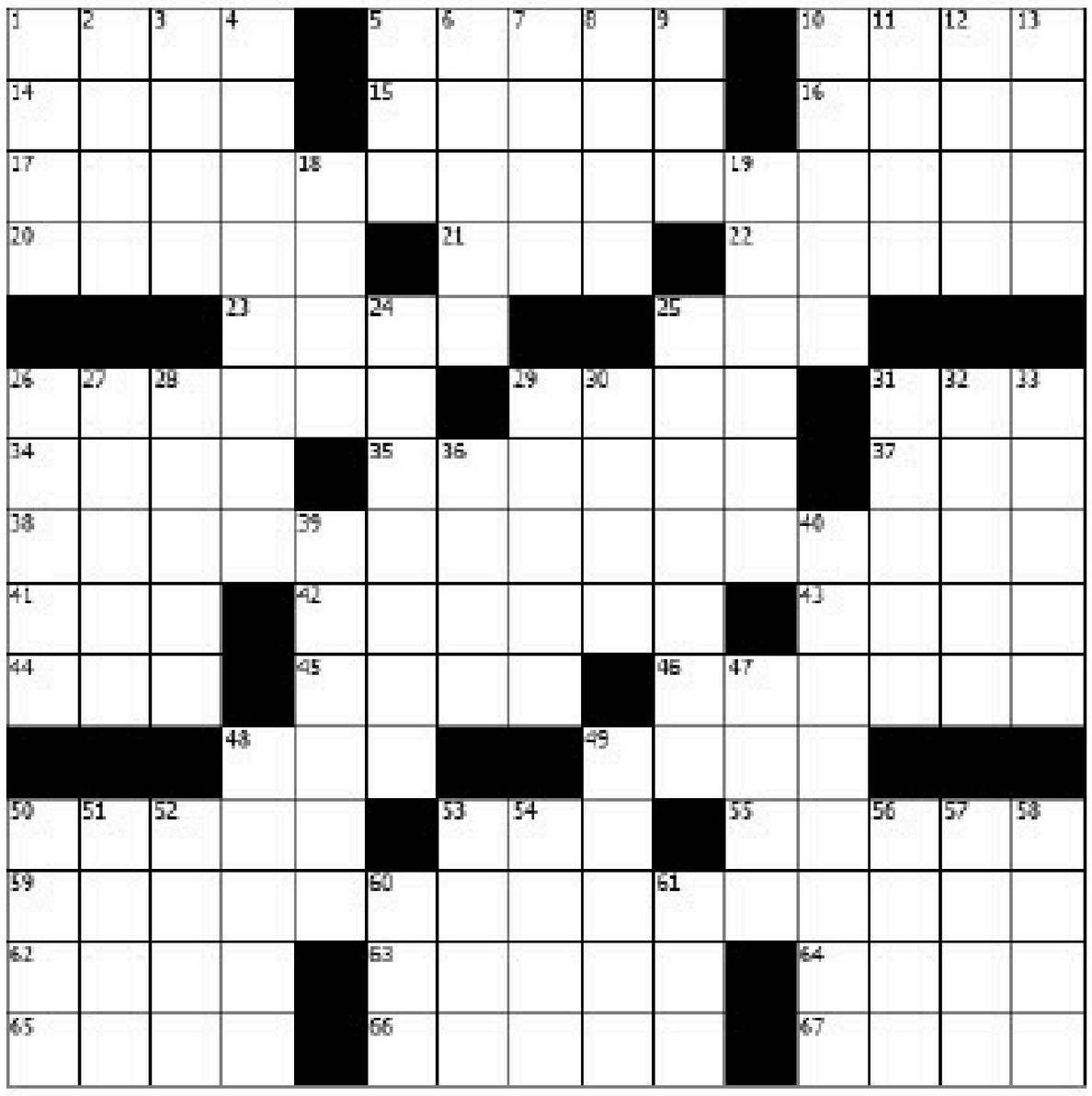
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“MOO-VEMBER”



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Across
1. Makes a mistake
5. Dominican Republic neighbor
10. Bride's dress
14. Airplane stunt
15. Zeal
16. A great lake
17. Much-welcomed words
20. Shorthand pro
21. Cunning
22. South Pacific spots
23. Slangy refusal
25. Wide shoe width
26. Elate
29. Ewes' mates
31. Denver clock setting: Abbr.
34. Ore deposit
35. Magic charm
37. Doctors' org.
38. Compliment a person
41. Magazine execs.
42. Except if
43. Young horse
44. Father's Day gift
45. Danson and Turner
46. Not in secret
48. Kept out of sight
49. Be confident about
50. Brother of Moses
53. Questionnaire info
55. Piece of stationery
59. Alters an opinion
62. Patronize a pawnshop
63. Doesn't go
64. Nickname for Ireland
65. Looks at
66. Carbonated drinks
67. Start over with

Down
1. Shade trees
2. Defeat soundly
3. Red flower
4. Twirling around
5. Derby, e.g.
6. Got up
7. Revered figure
8. Broadway award
9. Anger
10. Swans' relatives
11. Spoken
12. Send a telegram to
13. Loch __ monster
18. Great, to teens
19. Snooze, in Mexico
24. Made preparations
25. Writer Ralph Waldo __
26. Den appliance
27. Swiss miss of fiction
28. Washing-machine step
29. Ploys
30. Swiss mountains
31. Brick worker
32. One of the senses
33. Delicious
36. Playing-card combo
39. Day trip
40. Freebie restaurant drink
47. Balloon-bursting sounds
48. Sounds from 10 Down
49. Nairobi's nation
50. Muscle soreness
51. Sailor's greeting
52. Speed contest
53. Concerning
54. Ultimate objective
56. Not diluted
57. City in Oklahoma
58. City in Nevada
60. Upper-left keyboard key
61. Letter after ar

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