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China Wok Stories Have Been Taken Down

Written by Braydyn Bear-Lents

Yesterday, August 26, 2025, we addressed a complaint regarding the China Wok stories we covered in The Loogootee Times. We removed these posts after a user nearly took legal action and criticized our newspaper for false reporting. We contacted the China Wok establishment by phone yesterday and spoke to the restaurant's receptionist, an accurate source, to inquire about the store's status after hearing online rumors about a possible closure. The store confirmed they were open and would remain open as long as possible in Loogootee.

The user then decided to frame our newspaper and me, the Editor-in-Chief, and threaten legal action if the story was not available on our website, social media pages, and today's edition of the paper—the one you are reading now.

At The Loogootee Times, although we are a relatively new online newspaper and are in the process of becoming a company and LLC, we uphold the same high standards of truth, facts, and honesty as any reputable newspaper across the United States and around the world.

This story was not intended as a hit piece, nor has it ever been one, nor an act of slander. The user repeatedly sent hateful messages to others on Facebook who commented that the store was open, which we believe is the truth. China Wok is open for now, and if any changes, such as a closure, occur, we will be the first to report it. Our goal is to share the truth about the post to help clear the air.

On behalf of The Loogootee Times, I sincerely apologize for any confusion, concern, or inconvenience caused by our recent coverage of China Wok. We are committed to truthful, accurate, and responsible journalism, and we regret any misunderstanding that may have resulted from our reporting. It was never our intention to misrepresent or slander any Facebook group or individual. We are dedicated to maintaining the integrity of our reporting and will implement measures to prevent similar issues in the future. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: The Impact of SB128 on Indiana's Regional Development Authorities

Written by Mr. Jim Arvin, Contributor

To the Editor,

My apologies to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, "Listen my friends and you shall hear of the 2017 misdirection which is now so clear".

In 2005, the Indiana Legislature passed the Regional Development Authority law. This legislation was originally only for Northwest Indiana; and, was intended as a way that private and public interests could work together to improve communities. The concept proved to be very successful.

In 2007, the RDA Law was amended, opening the law to the entire state. Again, in the northern counties, the law proved to be a boon for the revitalization of towns. The cooperation between civic minded local businesses and local government was amazing. It showed what could be done to bring back faltering towns.

Let's fast-forward to 2017 and SB128. SB128 was an amendment to the original 2005 RDA law and was co-sponsored by Sen. Messmer and Rep. Braun. This amendment radically changed the intent and nature of the original law. The most significant changes were: Loan Fund Oversight, Bond Issuance Authority, Eligible Borrowers/Entities, Eligible Projects and Federal Funding Access. These were significant changes because without them the Mid-States Corridor was not possible, by Indiana law.

Most significant are the changes in eligible projects and access to federal funding. SB128 added "bridges and other public ways" and explicitly authorized RDAs to apply for federal grants (e.g., FASTLANE) which were not allowed in the original law. Without these changes it would be impossible to build the Mid-States Corridor under the RDA law. Rutherford Township

Magic is misdirection in the form of deception in which the Magician draws audience attention to one thing to distract it from another. This is what the Lochmueller Group, INDOT and the Mid-States Corridor RDA are doing for the Mid-States Corridor. The misdirection is claiming there is no North-South connectivity in the Dubois, Martin and Daviess county area, drawing our attention from US 231. They continue the misdirection by trying to prove that only a \$3 billion new terrain, 4-lane highway will provide the needed connectivity.

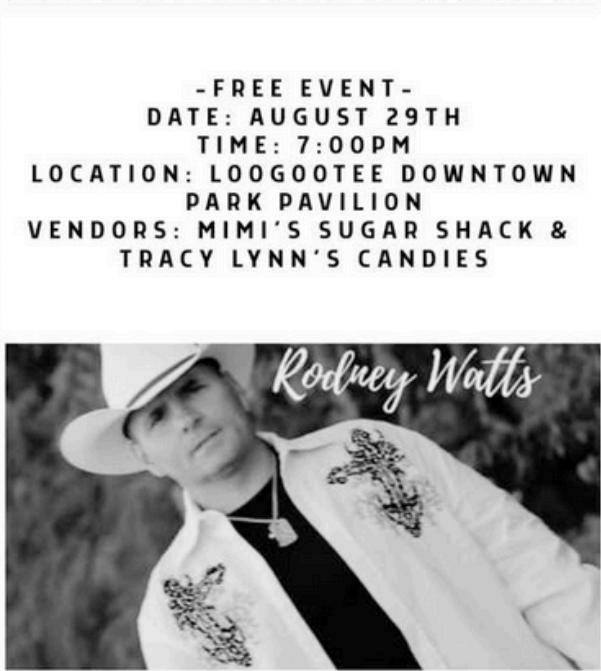
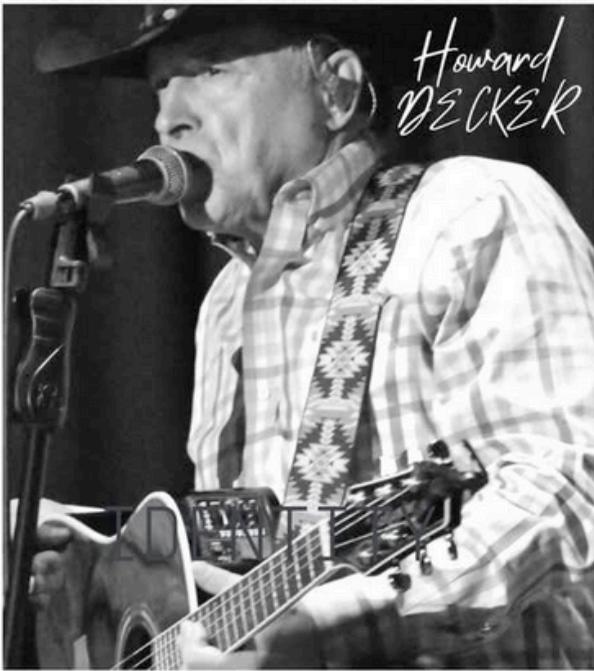
Why was it so imperative for Sen. Messmer and Rep. Braun to push SB 128? Why all the subterfuge, sleight-of-hand and misdirection to convince the people of the area to

accept something that is not there? Is this something the public, their constituents, asked them to do? Was this what they campaigned on way back when? Neither Mr. Messmer nor Mr. Braun ever campaigned for the Mid-States Corridor or the even the I-67 project. More misdirection.

So why did the Mid-States Corridor become such a burning issue to Mr. Braun and Mr. Messmer that they had to co-sponsor SB 128 to radically change the RDA their constituents were clamoring for it, except maybe, for some folks involved in construction and trucking. More misdirection.

We know who the public donors are, Jasper, Huntingburg, Dubois and Spencer County; but, who are the private donors to the Mid-States RDA? This is supposed to be public information, i.e.. transparency. Yet, when asked for a list what was received was a 99% redacted list. Since then legal counsel for the RDA has refused to provide an unredacted list. More misdirection.

We must all be aware that "they" are trying to force the Mid-States Corridor onto us. They are trying to speed up the process. They want to start acquiring ROW, right-of-way, property in less than year. When that starts so will the law suits regarding eminent domain. Yes, the Mid-States Corridor and INDOT will attempt to force us to sell. We must continue to resist. We must continue to say "NO!" We must stand firm. We can beat the misdirection. We are the patriots; and we can win.



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DATE: AUGUST 29TH
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PARK PAVILION
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HOWARD DECKER FROM NASHVILLE, TN
ALONG WITH OPENING ACT, RODNEY WATTS FROM VINCENNES, IN
MUSIC IS LIFE!

**COLLEGE MOVE IN
WEEK HAS BEGUN**
STUDENTS AT MANY
INDIANA UNIVERSITIES
ARE MOVING BACK
INTO COLLEGE

**EXCLUSIVE CHINA WOK
INTERVIEW**
AN EMPLOYEE AT THE
CHINA WOK LOCATION
LOCATED IN LOOGOOTE
SPEAKS ON HIS
EXPERIENCE

**SPORTS: CROSS
COUNTRY HISTORIC
WEEKEND**
THIS WEEKEND, THE
LOOGOOTE LIONS MADE
HISTORY IN CROSS
COUNTRY

**DO NOT DRIVE
IMPAIRED**
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Woman arrested in connection to shooting at 10th and Walnut Grove streets

Written by Molly Gregory
Indiana Daily Student

The IU Police Department arrested a woman in connection with a shooting on 10th and Walnut Grove streets that prompted a series of emergency IU Notify alerts early Saturday morning.

The 18-year-old woman was detained after she allegedly shot an individual in the leg and fled the scene via car, IUPD Public Information Officer Julia Nowak said.

Though the shooting took place on IU Bloomington's campus, Nowak said the individuals involved are not affiliated with the university. The gunshot victim was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The shooter faces a level three felony charge for aggravated battery and a level six felony charge for criminal recklessness.

FDA 483 Cites Contamination and Safety Issues at Novo Plant in Bloomington

Written by Christopher Cole
PharmTech.com

A recent FDA inspection has identified significant quality concerns at a Novo Nordisk pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Bloomington, Indiana (1). The site, which was acquired in late 2024 through Novo Nordisk's purchase of Catalent facilities (2), received an FDA Form 483 following findings of contamination and unresolved equipment problems. Inspectors documented cases of "atypical extrinsic particles," including cat and human hair in vial stoppers, along with pest infestations in classified areas (3). These observations were made between late June and mid-July 2025. Unresolved contamination complaints and equipment failures The plant, which produces therapies for Regeneron and Scholar Rock, has faced

recurring complaints of contamination dating back several years. According to the FDA's inspection report obtained by STAT, "Your investigation failed to determine a root cause for the contamination, assess the potential impact to the rest of the lot, or evaluate whether similar issues may have occurred in upstream batches" (4). The report noted that the company's review "was limited to a one-year time frame, and no complaints were assessed. Although components were considered a potential root cause, no corrective or preventative actions were taken to address this." The agency added that since then, "approximately 20 additional deviations related to hair contamination during 100% manual visual inspection have occurred," along with 14 deviations uncovered through a gap analysis.

Client concerns extend back to June 2022, when reports of "foreign matter" and "particles" were raised (1). In 2024 and 2025, roughly 10 work orders were logged for "recurrent leaks and other failures" in a key system, with some repairs delayed for extended periods. Acquisition expanded US fill-finish capacity The Bloomington facility became part of Novo Nordisk's network in December 2024, when Novo Holdings completed its \$16.5 billion purchase of Catalent's operations (3). At the time, company leadership emphasized the importance of adding US fill-finish capacity to strengthen its supply chain for diabetes and obesity treatments. "We are very pleased with the agreement to acquire the three Catalent manufacturing sites which will enable us to serve significantly more people living with diabetes and obesity in the future," said Lars Fruergaard Jorgensen, president and CEO of Novo Nordisk, in the acquisition announcement (3). "The acquisition complements the significant investments we are already doing in active pharmaceutical ingredients facilities, and the sites will provide strategic flexibility to our existing supply network." Broader workforce shifts in gene therapy manufacturing Separately,



Catalent recently announced it will reduce its workforce by 350 employees at its Baltimore gene therapy site, citing changes in customer demand (5). "Our gene therapy business continues to see strong growth and we look forward to working on behalf of customers to deliver novel therapies for patients with genetic diseases/disorders," a company spokesperson told Endpoints News. "It is never easy to see talented colleagues leave Catalent and we remain committed to providing them transition support as they manage this change."

City of Loogootee Board of Works & Common Council Meetings

Join us for the City of Loogootee Board of Works meeting, followed by the City of Loogootee Common Council meeting to stay updated on decisions and community discussions!

Both meetings are open to the public to attend! The Board of Works meeting starts at 6:00PM at the Loogootee City Hall and the Common Council meeting begins immediately following the conclusion of the Board of Works meeting.

For those unable to attend in-person, the proceedings will be live-streamed on YouTube. Tune in to the live stream on our YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@LoogooteeCity>

Martin County Launched Dementia-Friendly Initiative with Kickoff Event

MARTIN COUNTY — The community kicked off its efforts to become dementia-friendly with an event scheduled on Tuesday at the Martin County Event Center. The Dementia Friendly Martin County Kickoff runs from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Doors open at 8am, offering attendees a complimentary breakfast prepared by Lisa Bauer. Vendors and informational tables will also be available throughout the event. The morning program begins promptly at 9am with speakers from the Alzheimer's Association and Dementia Friendly Indiana. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Natali Edmonds, a nationally recognized educator and founder of Dementia Careblazers. The event aims to educate the community about dementia, promote awareness, and foster a more supportive environment for individuals affected by the condition and their families.

Dementia is a growing concern nationwide, and Martin County's efforts are part of a larger push to create communities that are accessible and accommodating for those experiencing memory loss. Attendance is open to the public, and organizers encourage community members, healthcare professionals, and local leaders to participate. For more information, contact the Martin County health department. The kickoff marked the first step toward making Martin County a dementia-friendly community, with ongoing programs and resources planned for the future.



Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice Of A Hearing For Vacated Alley Request Of The City of Loogootee Common Council

A notice of a hearing for a vacated alley request is to be held at the Council Meeting Room, 401 N. JFK Avenue, Loogootee, IN 47553 on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. or immediately following the Board of Works meeting.

The hearing will take place during the City Council meeting.

Vacated Alley request is for an alley located at the SE corner of Lot Number 7 in the Oliver and Taylor's Addition on Sycamore Street and running North and connecting to E Williams Street, at the NE corner of Lot Number 9 in the Oliver Taylor's Addition.

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SPORTS



Loogootee Volleyball Swept in Straight Steps 3-0 Against Linton-Stockton

LINTON, Ind. (Tuesday, August 26, 2025)- The Linton-Stockton (Linton, IN) varsity volleyball team won Tuesday's home non-conference match against Loogootee (IN) by a score of 3-0.

The Lions lost in straight sets 19-22, 20-25, 22-25 against Linton.

The Lions were challenged by the Miners all night, but several key contributors were important for keeping the Lions competitive in the match.

Alaina Diamond led the Loogootee Lions tonight in Kills (37) and Total Blocks (12), Jocelynn Sims had 62 digs and Lydia Hawkins led the team in Assists (45).

The Lions have a 1-3 overall record and 0-2 on the road. The Linton-Stockton Miners are now 4-1 on the season. The Lions remain undefeated in the conference with a 1-0 record so far.

The Loogootee Lions' next match will be against Orleans High School at home, Jack Butcher Arena, on Thursday, September 4 at 6 p.m.

On the other side, Linton-Stockton's next match will be on the road at Barr Reeve on.

The final box scores look like this:

TEAMS

S1

S2

S3

Wins

Loogootee

17

16

12

22

0

Linton-Stockton

25

25

25

3

Loogootee
Linton-Stockton
96
Kills
160
14
Total Blocks
15
14
Serving Aces
47
208
Digs
223
92
Assists
158
-
Receptions
232

Team Leaders

Loogootee

Linton-Stockton

National Avg.

#12 Alaina Diamond37

Kills

#5 Ella Warrick91

11

#12 Alaina Diamond12

Total Blocks

#15 Kinley Carmichael7

2

#6 Lydia Hawkins7

Serving Aces

#5 Ella Warrick19

4

#1 Jocelynn Sims62

Digs

#6 Taylor Warrick70

17

#6 Lydia Hawkins45

Assists

#9 Audrey Sullivan126

11

-

Receptions

#6 Taylor Warrick109

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Middle School Cross Country Teams Show Strong Performance at Southridge Meet

The middle school cross country teams demonstrated impressive form and determination at the Southridge meet on Tuesday night. The event saw athletes from various grades competing in a bid to improve their times and set personal records as they prepare for the upcoming season.

In a highly competitive race, Griffyn Thompson led the middle school pack, finishing in fourth place with an impressive time of 11 minutes, 25 seconds. Thompson's performance highlighted his dedication and rising potential within the team. His strong finish contributed to the team's overall reputation for effort and perseverance.

Closely following was Jackson Lengacher, who secured 20th place with a time of 12 minutes, 43 seconds. Lengacher's finish

was notable not only for its placement but also because it qualified him for the upcoming state meet at the end of the season. This achievement marks a significant milestone for the young athlete and indicates his promising future in the sport.

The meet serves as an essential milestone for the student-athletes, many of whom are gaining valuable experience competing at this level for the first time. Coaches and team officials have expressed pride in the athletes' progress throughout the season, emphasizing the importance of consistent effort and training.

Most competitors showed noticeable improvement in their times compared to their performances last week, a testament to the hard work and dedication of both the athletes and their coaches. The focus on continuous improvement is a core component of the team's philosophy, aiming to foster growth and sportsmanship.



the Southridge meet is a positive indicator as they prepare for upcoming competitions, including the regional and state meets. The team's ability to adapt, improve, and perform under pressure showcases the strength of their training program and the commitment of the young athletes.

As the season progresses, the team continues to set goals centered around personal bests and team achievements. The coaches remain optimistic about the potential of each athlete and are dedicated to developing skills and resilience that extend beyond the racecourse.

Local Obituaries

Audriana Paige Crosby

October 13, 2005-August 21, 2025

Audriana Paige Crosby, 19, of Odon, Indiana, passed away on August 21, 2025. She was born on October 13, 2005, in Jasper, Indiana to Justin Crosby and Tiffany (Shoultz) Kidwell. Audriana was engaged to her beloved fiancé, Lane Clark.

Audriana worked as a Rural Mail Carrier for the US Postal Service and has been a member of the Mail Carriers Union 2919. Outside of work, she enjoyed cooking, fishing, hunting, and tending to her yard. Audriana loved music and working on Demo cars.

Family left to cherish the memory of Audriana include her parents, Justin (Jessie) Crosby and Tiffany (Joey) Kidwell; fiancé, Lane Clark; grandparents, Stephanie Shoultz, Arvell Crosby, Sarah Campbell, Kent Doane; brothers, Darren Kidwell, Ian Crosby, Korbin Kidwell, Kingston Kidwell, Kamaron Hall, Kolt Kidwell, Kanyon Kidwell; sisters, Mylee Crosby, Brystle Kidwell, Oaklee Kidwell, Kynlee Kidwell, Faith Hall; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Audriana was preceded in death by her brother, Parker Crosby, and grandparents, Anthony Gerard Shoultz and Sandy Crosby. Funeral services to honor the life of Audriana will be at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, August 27, at the Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Pastor Marty Evans officiating. Audriana will be laid to rest in St. Martins Catholic Cemetery

in Loogootee, Indiana.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 26, at the funeral home.

A GoFundMe has been started in Audriana's honor. Donations for her service can be given at Tamara Lynn Cooper - Hovis, of Shoals, Indiana passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones at 6:28 P.M on Friday August 15, 2025. After a long battle with liver bile duct cancer, she went to be with her Lord and Savior at the age of 54 years old.

She was born on April 30, 1971, in Washington, Indiana to her parents, Mike and Linda (Peek) Cooper.

Tammy was a graduate of Shoals High School with the class of 1989. She graduated from USI, Evansville, Indiana with a bachelor's degree in marketing and business administration in 1993. Tammy and Kevin Hovis spent 10 happy years together and were united in love by the blessing of God on August 2, 2025.

Tammy worked for the Shoals Community School for over 7 years, as the Food Service Director ensuring that no student goes hungry. Tammy's legacy is one of showing extra kindness to children in need, and of pausing to marvel at life's simple wonders, as she was known to do. Though our hearts ache, we find hope in the love Tammy inspired among us. May we lean on each other, sharing laughter and tears, as we remember Tammy.



She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Ellis Jr. and Mary Peek, and her paternal grandparents, Seymour and Evelyn Cooper.

Marie Wagler

June 18, 1932-August 23, 2025

Marie Wagler, 93, of Montgomery, Indiana passed away peacefully on Saturday August 23, 2025, at the Villages of Oak Ridge in Washington, Indiana. She was born on June 18, 1932, in Montgomery, Indiana to Henry and Louise Graber.

Marie was a member of the Providence Mennonite Church. She worked in a factory for many years of her life. She loved to bake pies and spend time with her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Louise Graber, her husband, Albert Wagler, son - in - laws, Ted Humbaugh, Myron Slaubaugh, her siblings, Albert Graber, Ervin Graber (Rosa), Edwin Graber (Ruth), and Verda Graber (John), brother- in- laws; Jack Graber, and Joel Stoll.

Marie is survived by her children, Kent Wagler (Sue Seger), Kim Humbaugh (Joe McKinley), Charlotte Slaubaugh, her grandchildren, Myrna Greene, Angela Slaubaugh (Steve Marks), Roland Slaubaugh (Ami), Curtis Slaubaugh (Jory Kirk), Travis Humbaugh (Autumn), great-grandchildren, Michael, Timothy, and Lacey Wilson, Sterling Marks, Abigail Slaubaugh, Aubrie Colburn, Leland Slaubaugh, Karsyn Humbaugh, Eastyn Humbaugh, sisters, Alda Graber, Eva Stoll, Marge Wallace (Dr. Victor Wallace), sister-in-law, Edna Graber, and several nieces, nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday August 27, 2025, at 1:00 P.M at Providence Church Cemetery in Montgomery, Indiana with Hospice Chaplain - Pastor Joshua Jones to officiate.

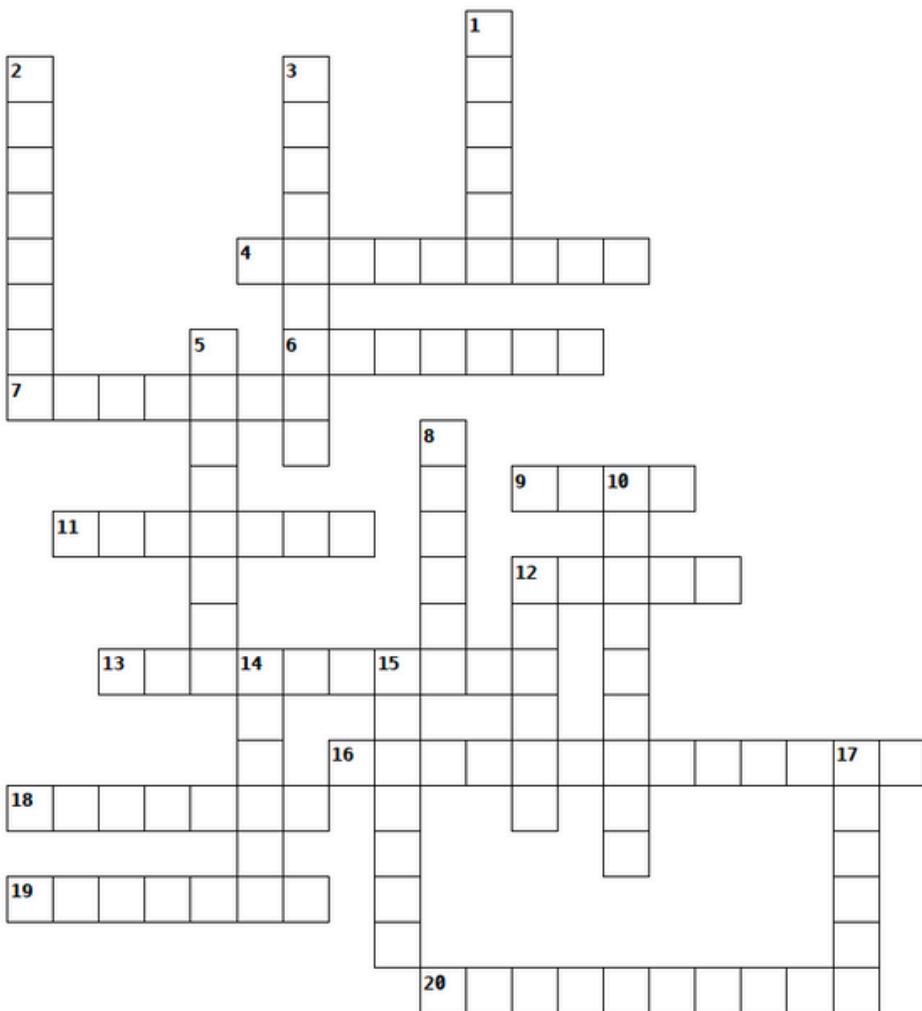
Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

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

To send a flower arrangement in memory of Marie Wagler, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Marie Wagler, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

#6 Lee Corso Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 4. the company that has sponsored College GameDay for over 20 years.
- 6. The country home of the land, the free, and college football
- 7. the University of Oklahoma mascot
- 9. the company that airs the College GameDay pregame show.
- 11. Think of Will _____ the actor and big time USC fan
- 12. Think Katy, the popstar who debuted on one of the best episodes of College GameDay ever.
- 13. The team that Lee Corso picked from time to time that now joined the Big Ten from the Pac-12.
- 16. This is the last name to a man named Gene who premiered special reports throughout the College GameDay broadcast
- 18. the second word to "College _____"
- 19. Another name famous with ESPN College GameDay
- 20. Lee Corso's partner from the beginning of ESPN College GameDay that played Quarterback at Ohio State

Down

- 1. Think of Pat and the punter from the Indianapolis Colts & West Virginia
- 2. the first team that Lee Corso picked back in 1996
- 3. The punchline Lee Corso said when picking an upset team to beat a ranked opponent.
- 5. This show has created a lot of good _____ for fans and players alike
- 8. the furry creature head gears that Lee Corso put on.
- 10. University of Delaware mascot Lee Corso picked in a surprise interest at Delaware
- 12. The pen Lee used to tell people about picking an upset team and state a point.
- 14. Think of Desmond then the Heisman Trophy pose
- 15. What you tell Lee Corso one last time before he leaves the College GameDay set.
- 17. Think of Bobby or Robert Montgomery Knight who premiered on the show in 2008.

Sudoku #2

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

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle. Use it to identify the next square you should solve. Or use the answers page if you really get stuck.

"Music is nothing else but wild sounds civilized into time and tune."



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