

# FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS BEGIN ACROSS THE REGION AS CALENDAR TURNS TO JULY



LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Southern Indiana is preparing for an extended, multi-day celebration this Independence Day weekend, combining regional Fourth of July traditions with historic milestone anniversaries. Official event schedules released in promotional materials, including image\_039d0e.jpg and image\_039d48.jpg, outline an expansive lineup of live music, carnival rides, and fireworks displays spanning multiple parks across Daviess County.

The festivities double as a historic commemoration. This year marks both the semiquincentennial of the United States—celebrated nationwide as America 250—and the 250th anniversary of the city of Loogootee itself. The community-wide party kicks off early on Thursday, July 2, at the Loogootee Gathering Pavilion. According to the event flyer detailed in image\_039d0e.jpg, the "Loogootee 250th Celebration Fourth of July Kickoff Party" will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Local rock band The Puking Buzzards is scheduled to headline the evening's live music. Attendees can sample local flavors from food trucks such as 250 Grill, 812 BBQ, and Blues Cafe Go, alongside refreshments from Boady's Lemon Shake-Ups and Petty's Pour Decisions. The night will conclude at 10:00 p.m. with a spectacular fireworks display produced by Wagler Pyrotechnics. The celebration moves to the waterfront on Friday, July 3, shifting focus to West Boggs Park, located at 16117 US-231

in Loogootee. As shown in image\_039d48.jpg, the Daviess County July 3rd Celebration is billed as one of the region's largest annual gatherings. Family activities, including bounce houses and kids' crafts, will open ahead of a lakeside performance by country-rock outfit Cody Ikerd and the Sidewinders at 7:45 p.m. Organizers are encouraging visitors to bring blankets and lawn chairs for a major fireworks show over the lake following the concert. Independence Day itself will center around Eastside Park, located at 501 Burkhardt

Drive in nearby Washington, Indiana. The July 4th itinerary, also outlined in image\_039d48.jpg, serves as the grand finale of a four-day carnival that begins July 1.

The Fourth of July schedule features back-to-back musical performances, starting with Black Cats & The Bones from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., followed by a second holiday weekend performance by Cody Ikerd & The Sidewinders from 08:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. A diverse lineup of regional food vendors will be on-site, including Scoops Ice Cream, The Ice Box, Callahan's Fish, and Surv'd BBQ & Grill. The entire multi-day celebration will conclude with a final massive fireworks display at 10:00 p.m. Local officials expect high turnout across all venues due to the consecutive holiday schedules and the historical significance of the 250th-anniversary milestones. Admission details and parking information are available through local municipal offices.

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# DAVIESS COUNTY JULY 4TH Celebrations!

JOIN THE CELEBRATIONS  
FOR AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!



★ JULY 3RD ★

## WEST BOGGS PARK

📍 16117 US-231, Loogootee, IN

*One of Our Biggest Nights of the Year!*



★ LIVE MUSIC ★  
FEATURING



LIVE ON OUR LAKESIDE STAGE  
AT 7:45PM



BOUNCE HOUSES



KIDS CRAFTS



FOOD VENDORS & FAMILY FUN



SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS SHOW  
*OVER THE LAKE!*



BRING A BLANKET, BRING THE FAMILY,  
*and enjoy the show!* ★ ★

★ JULY 4TH ★

## EASTSIDE PARK

📍 501 Burkhart Dr., Washington, IN

★ AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION ★ ★



CARNIVAL RIDES,  
CONCESSIONS & GAMES



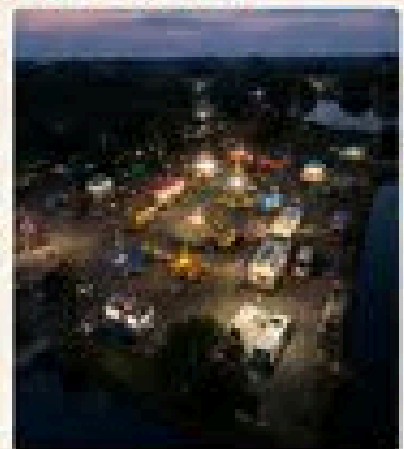
BLACK CATS & THE BONES  
5:00-7:00 PM



CODY IKERD & THE  
SIDEWINDERS  
8:00-10:00 PM



BIG FIREWORKS SHOW  
10:00 PM



★ ★ FOOD VENDORS INCLUDING: ★ ★



SCOOPS  
ICE CREAM



THE  
ICE BOX



CALLAHAN'S  
FISH



SURV'D BBQ  
& GRILL

### JULY 1-4 CARNIVAL SCHEDULE

JULY 1	JULY 2	JULY 3	JULY 4
Rides, Games & Live Remote 107.9	American Pie 7-9 PM	For Pete's Sake 7-9 PM	Grand Finale Celebration

★ CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN FREEDOM! ★

TWO GREAT EVENTS ★ TWO GREAT LOCATIONS ★ ONE HISTORIC CELEBRATION

★ *We can't wait to celebrate with you!* ★

# LOOGOOTE

# 250<sup>TH</sup>

## CELEBRATION

FOURTH OF JULY KICKOFF PARTY!

Loogootee Gathering Pavilion

JULY 2, 2026

LIVE MUSIC

# THE PUKING BUZZARDS

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

### FOOD VENDORS

- ★ 250 Grill
- ★ 812 BBQ
- ★ Blues Cafe Go



### DRINKS & TREATS

- ★ Petty's Pour Decisions
- ★ Boady's Lemon Shake-Ups



Spectacular

## FIREWORKS

BY WAGLER PYROTECHNICS

10:00 PM

★ CELEBRATE LOOGOOTE'S 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY! ★

Food • Music • Drinks • Fireworks

# AMERICA AT 250: THE HISTORY, SACRIFICE, AND LEGACY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



PHILADELPHIA — Two hundred and fifty years ago, in the sweltering summer heat of a Pennsylvania assembly room, a group of 56 men risked execution for treason to sign a single sheet of parchment. That act of defiance fundamentally altered the course of human history.

On July 4, 2026, the United States marks its Semiquincentennial—the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. From the National Mall in Washington to local town squares across the country, millions of Americans are gathering to reflect on a legacy built on the radical proposition that all people are created equal.

As the nation celebrates this historic milestone with nationwide parades, drone shows, and massive fireworks displays, historians and citizens alike are looking back at the dangerous, experimental beginnings of the American republic.

**The Road to Revolution**  
The birth of the United States was not an inevitability, but rather the climax of a bitter, decade-long dispute over government overreach and colonial rights.

Following the conclusion of the French and Indian War in 1763, Great Britain found itself deeply in debt. Believing the American colonies should help cover the costs of their

defense, the British Parliament enacted a series of aggressive taxation measures. The Stamp Act of 1765 levied taxes on all paper goods, sparking widespread public fury and introducing a rallying cry that would define the era: "No taxation without representation".

As political resistance escalated, so did British military presence. Tensions reached a boiling point on March 5, 1770, during the Boston Massacre, when British soldiers fired into an angry mob, killing five colonists. Three years later, in December 1773, members of the Sons of Liberty dumped 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest the Tea Act, an event forever remembered as the Boston Tea Party. In retaliation, Great Britain imposed the Coercive Acts—dubbed the "Intolerable Acts" by the colonists—which stripped Massachusetts of its self-governance and closed Boston Harbor. Instead of isolating Massachusetts as the Crown intended, the harsh punishments united the 13 colonies. In September 1774, representatives from across the territories gathered in Philadelphia for the First Continental Congress to coordinate a unified response. By the spring of 1775, diplomacy had failed. The first shots of the American

Revolutionary War rang out on April 19, 1775, at the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Drafting the Declaration Even as active warfare raged throughout 1775, the concept of total independence from Great Britain remained a radical notion. Many colonists still considered themselves loyal British subjects seeking a peaceful resolution. However, public sentiment shifted dramatically in January 1776 with the publication of Thomas Paine's pamphlet, *Common Sense*, which laid out a straightforward, passionate argument for self-governance. By June 1776, the Second Continental Congress, meeting at the Pennsylvania State House—now Independence Hall—realized that reconciliation was impossible. On June 11, Congress appointed a "Committee of Five" to draft a formal statement declaring total separation from Great Britain. The committee consisted of Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, and Robert R. Livingston of New York. Jefferson, famed for his eloquent writing style, was tasked with drafting the document. Working in a rented brick house in Philadelphia, the 33-year-old lawyer drew upon the philosophies of the European Enlightenment,

particularly John Locke's theories of natural rights.

Jefferson's opening preamble became the emotional and philosophical backbone of American democracy:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

**A Vote to Sever Ties**

After weeks of drafting and subtle revisions by Adams and Franklin, the document was presented to Congress. On July 2, 1776, the delegation took the monumental step to vote in favor of a resolution for independence introduced by Richard Henry Lee.

John Adams was so moved by the July 2 vote that he wrote to his wife, Abigail, predicting that the date would be celebrated by succeeding generations as "the great anniversary festival," commemorated with pomp, parades, games, and bonfires from one end of the continent to the other.

Congress spent the next two days debating, editing, and refining Jefferson's draft, notably removing a harsh condemnation of the transatlantic slave trade to ensure the unanimous support of the Southern colonies. Finally, on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence.

While July 4 marks the adoption of the text, the actual signing of the physical parchment sheet did not begin until August 2. John Hancock, the President of the Continental Congress, famously etched his large signature first. In total, 56 delegates put their names to the document. By signing, these men were legally committing high treason against King George III, a crime punishable by death by hanging.

**250 Years of Progress and Pain**

The signing of the Declaration did not instantly grant freedom; it initiated a grueling, seven-year war that concluded with the Treaty of Paris in 1783. Over the course of the next 250 years, the United States evolved from a fragile collection of agrarian colonies into a global economic and cultural superpower. However, the nation's journey has been defined by a constant, turbulent struggle to align its structural realities with the lofty ideals penned in 1776.

At its founding, the Declaration's promise of equality did not extend to enslaved Black Americans, Native Americans, or women. The nation's history is fundamentally shaped by the movements that fought to expand those rights: the bloody Civil War that abolished slavery, the women's suffrage movement that secured the right to vote, and the civil rights movement of the 20th century that challenged systemic segregation.

**A Global Celebration**

# AMERICA AT 250

Today, the Semiquincentennial festivities reflect an ongoing experiment in democracy. In Philadelphia, thousands are walking through the historic district to view the original documents that sparked the Revolution. On the National Mall, a massive "Salute to America 250" exhibition features state pavilions, historical storytelling, and military tributes, culminating in a historic pyrotechnic show.

Simultaneously, international naval fleets have gathered in New York Harbor for the "Sail 4th 250" tall ship parade, honoring the global alliances—particularly with France and Spain—that helped the young colonies secure their freedom centuries ago.

Two hundred and fifty years after 56 patriots signed away their safety for an idea, the United States continues to look to its founding document not as a relic of the past, but as a living mandate to continually build a more perfect union.

## LOOGOOTEE MUNICIPAL POOL OFFERS FREE ADMISSION ON JULY 1 AND 2 DUE TO EXTREME HEAT

The Loogootee Municipal Pool will offer free admission on July 1 and July 2 due to extreme heat. The pool will be open from 12 PM to 6 PM both days.



*Happy*  
**FOURTH  
OF JULY**



Independence day

The Loogootee Big-L Times  
Newspaper

# MARTIN COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT ARRESTED FOR OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT



SHOALS, Ind. — The Martin County Highway Superintendent was arrested last Saturday night on multiple charges, including official misconduct and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, according to jail booking records. Scott Seals, 56, was booked into jail facility at 11:38 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, following an outright arrest, and was released out of custody on June 28.

According to the official booking documentation detailed above, Seals faces a Level 6 felony charge of official misconduct, a Level 6 felony in Indiana carries a potential penalty ranging from six months to two and a half years in prison. In addition to the misconduct charge, Seals faces two misdemeanor traffic offenses: a Class A misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, endangering a person, and a Class C misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Seals has served as the superintendent of the Martin County Highway Department, where his duties include overseeing the maintenance and upkeep of hundreds of miles of county roads, bridges, and local infrastructure projects.

An email tip sent to The Loogootee Times by a concerned citizen alleged that Seals was drinking on the job prior to his arrest. The Martin County Highway Department and local

authorities in Martin County, Ind., have not yet released an official statement regarding the specific circumstances leading up to the traffic stop, the citizen's allegations of on-the-clock drinking, or whether Seals was operating a county-owned vehicle at the time of his arrest. Formal court filings and an initial hearing date are currently pending. More information on this case, since the case is fresh, is pending at the time this story is published. Under Indiana law, all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

# LOOGOOTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS RECEIVE \$20,000 IMPACT GRANT TO SUPPORT LOOGOOTEE MUSICAL PROJECT



Loogootee Community Schools received a \$20,000 Impact Grant to support Loogootee Musical's project, "Every Voice Heard." The grant was presented during a ceremony attended by community and school representatives.

Pictured from left to right are Richard Burch, MCCF Board Vice President; Mike Arvin and Kristi Ausbooks, MCCF Board Members; Hope Flores, CEO of CFP; Katie Milligan, treasurer of the Loogootee High School Musical and Choir Boosters; Carrie Williams, president of the booster club; Lindsey Walton, music and musical director for Loogootee Community School Corporation; Kay Summers, props and costume assistant; Lila Williams, incoming junior at Loogootee High School; Janie Johnson, MCCF Board President; and Sherry Wade and Greg Bateman, MCCF Board Members.

# RSVP VOLUNTEER CENTER RECEIVE \$2,000 BOOST GRANT TO SUPPORT NEW PROJECT



RSVP Volunteer Center of Daviess County IN received a \$2,000 Boost Grant for their project "Golden Hands: Small Caps, Big Impact."

Pictured left to right: Richard Burch, MCCF Board Vice President; Megan Hawkins, MCCF Development Director; Betty Huelsman, RSVP Board President; Andrea Preston, RSVP Executive Director; Janie Johnson, MCCF Board President; Kristi Ausbooks, MCCF Board Member; Sherry Wade, MCCF Board Member

# APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR LEGACY – MARTIN COUNTY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM | VOLUNTEER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



**2026-2027  
APPLICATION**

### WHAT YOU'LL GAIN:

- Personal & Professional Growth
- Network & Relationships
- Hands on civic projects
- Enhanced leadership skills
- Tangible community impact

### CLASS TOPICS:

- **Martin County Overview:**  
Understanding our community
- **Leading Locally:** The Communication Advantage
- **Local Government 101**
- **Real World Leadership:** Business, Planning, & Conflict Resolution
- **Building Stronger Communities:**  
Planning & Progress
- **Boardroom to community:**  
Leadership in action
- **Class graduation**

### Duration & Tuition:

- Class meets one Friday per month
- Class is from 8:30am-3:30pm
- October 2026-April 2027
- Cost is \$350 to participate



# WAGLER PYROTECHNICS' EXCITING FIREWORKS SCHEDULE: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SHOWS FOR THE FOURTH

Wagler Pyrotechnics announced on social media that they have already held several shows this year, but the upcoming four days are expected to be the busiest. The company has six shows planned, coinciding with a period of hot weather. Fans are encouraged to attend one of the public displays scheduled this weekend.

On July 1st, a private show will take place, followed by a free public event in Loogootee on July 2nd. On July 3rd, two events are scheduled: a free public show at the Simon J. Graber Complex and a private performance. Independence Day will feature two shows as well; a public event at Salem Speedway with a gate fee, and a private show.

Wagler Pyrotechnics emphasizes the season's busy schedule as it prepares for these celebrations. The company invites community members and visitors to enjoy the fireworks displays and participate in the festivities.

The schedule highlights a mix of public and private events, with some displays opening their gates free of charge, while others require a fee. The organization is known for its elaborate and safe fireworks shows, drawing audiences from across the region.

As the Fourth of July approaches, residents are reminded to check the event details and arrive early. The displays promise to be a spectacular way to celebrate the holiday, with the added excitement of summer weather and community gathering.

Events are subject to weather conditions, so organizers recommend checking their social media channels for updates. Whether attending a public show or watching a private display, spectators can look forward to memorable fireworks acts from Wagler Pyrotechnics this holiday weekend.

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Applications are now open for the next cohort of Legacy – Martin County Leadership, a program designed to develop and connect community leaders. The initiative aims to strengthen leadership skills, broaden networks, and foster a greater impact within Martin County.

Legacy – Martin County Leadership is seeking emerging and established leaders eager to deepen their understanding of the community, enhance their leadership abilities, and collaborate with others passionate about the region's future. The program offers a variety of topics, including community and economic development, government and public service, education and workforce development, communication and leadership skills, and community engagement.

Participants from diverse backgrounds—including business professionals, nonprofit leaders, educators, public servants, and community volunteers—will find opportunities for personal and professional growth. The program emphasizes shaping the future of Martin County through leadership and community involvement.

Applications are now being accepted, but space is limited. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply promptly to secure their spot.

For more information and to submit an application, visit the program's website or contact the program coordinators directly. This is a valuable opportunity for those looking to make a difference in Martin County and develop their leadership potential.

## STEVE SMILEY RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE AT CRANE ARMY AMMUNITION ACTIVITY



CRANE, Ind.- Steve Smiley, a dedicated materials handler supervisor, has officially retired after more than 35 years of service with Crane Army Ammunition Activity and the U.S. Army. Smiley's retirement marks the end of a distinguished career characterized by steadfast leadership and expertise that significantly contributed to the safety and efficiency of military ammunition operations.

Throughout his tenure, Smiley was known for his meticulous attention to detail and his commitment to excellence. His colleagues and supervisors alike credited him with fostering a culture of safety and teamwork within his department. Over the years, Smiley faced numerous challenges associated with managing sensitive materials and ensuring compliance with strict military standards.

Smiley's contributions extend beyond routine responsibilities. He played a key role in implementing new safety protocols and training programs, which improved overall operational safety. His expertise was often sought in complex projects, where his problem-solving skills proved invaluable.

As he transitions into retirement, Smiley plans to spend more time with his family and pursue personal interests. Col. Doe expressed gratitude for Smiley's service, stating, "We are all grateful for his years of service and are proud of his accomplishments. We wish him well in this new chapter of his life."

Smiley's career serves as a testament to dedication and professionalism in the military logistics field. His legacy will continue to influence the safety culture at Crane Army Ammunition Activity for years to come.

## LOOGOOTE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES STRICT 'BELL-TO-BELL' DEVICE BAN, MANDATES \$20 'NUKASE' SECURE STORAGE

LOOGOOTE, IN – In an effort to curb classroom distractions and align with state legislation, Loogootee Middle & High School has announced a sweeping update to its wireless communication device policy, effective July 1, 2026.

According to an official announcement graphic detailed in [image\\_17d8e0.jpg](#), the school is implementing a strict "bell-to-bell" restriction on all personal wireless devices during the school day. The move comes in accordance with Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 78 (SEA 78), which mandates that Indiana schools restrict student access to personal communication devices during instructional hours.

### Total Lock on Personal Electronics

Under the newly enacted policy, students are strictly prohibited from using or possessing any accessible personal wireless communication devices while school is in session. The ban covers a broad spectrum of everyday tech, explicitly including:

- Cell phones
- Smartwatches
- Handheld gaming devices
- Other personal wireless communication equipment

To ensure compliance, the school administration is introducing a mandatory secure storage procedure. Any student who intends to bring a device onto school grounds must purchase a school-issued, lockable container known as a "NuKase" at a cost of \$20. Devices must remain secured inside these cases throughout the entire duration of the school day.

### Exceptions and Availability

The school administration noted that "limited exceptions" will be granted under specific circumstances. These include documented medical needs, emergencies, and pre-approved accommodations outlined in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. Parents and students can purchase the mandatory NuKase pouches ahead of the upcoming school year during several designated times:

- In-Person Registration: July 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Back to School Open House: August 3, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Main Office: Available for purchase daily starting July 23.

The school's new campaign slogan, "Focused Learning. Stronger Tomorrow," underscores the district's push to foster a highly productive, distraction-free learning environment. While cell phone bans are sweeping across the state, Loogootee's requirement of a specialized \$20 pouch marks a highly structured approach to enforcing the state mandate.

## **LOOGOOTEE ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY-WIDE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION WITH FIREWORKS AND LIVE MUSIC**

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Civic leaders in Loogootee have announced the schedule for a community-wide independence celebration planned for this summer. A large-scale event, designated as the "Fourth of July Kickoff Party," is scheduled to occur at the Loogootee Gathering Pavilion. While celebrating Independence Day, the festivities will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2026, offering an early start to the national holiday weekend.

The event will serve as a central hub for patriotic observance and features a performance lineup headlined by a prominent musical act. City officials confirmed that the band "The Puking Buzzards" will provide live music throughout the evening, performing multiple sets. The selection of this locally sourced band emphasizes a commitment to supporting regional artistic talent and creating an accessible, community-focused entertainment environment. The Gathering Pavilion, known as a focal point for civic engagement, will be configured to accommodate large crowds and provide necessary infrastructure for the performance stage.

A significant visual component of the evening will be an extensive fireworks display, designed to be one of the city's largest. The pyrotechnic show is scheduled to begin at dusk, concluding the kickoff party. Organizers believe that by moving the main civic celebration to July 2, it allows for greater community participation before the standard multi-day travel periods associated with the holiday itself. Specific logistical details regarding parking, vendor presence, and public seating arrangements are currently being finalized and will be released to the public in the weeks leading up to the celebration. Admission to the entire kickoff event is free of charge, with all residents and regional visitors encouraged to attend. The early date also provides potential buffering against weather cancellations on the statutory holiday.

## **LOOGOOTEE HOSTS INAUGURAL MIDSUMMER VENDOR MARKET TO BOOST LOCAL BUSINESS**

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — City officials in Loogootee have announced a major mid-summer community event to support local commerce and provide seasonal entertainment. On Saturday, July 18, the municipality will host its inaugural Midsummer Vendor Market, transforming the Loogootee Pavilion and its surrounding grounds into a bustling marketplace designed to attract both residents and visitors.

The event, which is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., seeks to provide a physical platform for diverse regional businesses, including both craft artisans and mobile food vendors. Organizers have established two distinct categories for participation. Standard craft and merchandise vendors are being offered 10x10 outdoor spaces for a set fee of \$25. Mobile food truck operators may reserve larger dedicated areas for a fee of \$50. The structured fees are intended to create an affordable access point for small businesses while funding the necessary logistical support for the market.

City officials emphasize that early registration is required to ensure proper site allocation. All logistical inquiries, space reservations, and general information regarding vendor requirements must be directed to event coordinator Tracy Stoll. The primary point of contact is accessible by telephone at 812-709-0498. While a preliminary map of the market layout is being developed, specific placement will be determined by vendor type and utility needs. The Midsummer Vendor Market represents a key component of Loogootee's ongoing economic development strategy, which focuses on enhancing community engagement through organized, business-focused public events that leverage existing infrastructure.

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## **MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR LAUNCHES 1ST ANNUAL LIVESTOCK STALL DECORATING CONTEST**

MARTIN COUNTY, Ind. — The Martin County 4-H Fair is introducing a patriotic twist to its annual festivities this summer with the launch of its first annual Livestock Stall Decorating Contest.

As detailed in an official promotional flyer, identified as image\_191896.jpg, the inaugural competition will celebrate America's 250th birthday. Fair organizers are encouraging participants to showcase their fair spirit utilizing a red, white, and blue theme.

Exhibitors can sign up for the contest during animal check-in, or beforehand by calling or texting event coordinator Abbey Lindsey. The deadline for completing the decorations is set for July 9, 2026, at 2 p.m., and displays must remain intact for the remainder of the fair.

The public will drive the voting process, which will run in the community building using assigned containers and spare change. Under the coin-based system, a penny counts as one vote and a nickel counts as five votes, with larger coins scaling accordingly. The contest winners will be announced Monday, July 13, 2026, following the conclusion of the swine show.

While participants are limited to one official contest entry per exhibitor, they are permitted to decorate additional stalls for fun. The event guidelines emphasize strict safety and animal welfare rules. Displays must not cause stress or interfere with an animal's comfort, health, or daily routine.

Furthermore, all decorations must be kept completely out of the reach of livestock to prevent ingestion hazards. Prohibited items include glass, breakable materials, open flames, candles, unapproved heating elements, and balloons. Organizers also require that walkways, exits, fire extinguishers, and ventilation systems remain completely unblocked, and all materials must be entirely removed at the conclusion of the fair.

For more information, community members can contact Abbey Lindsey at (812)-709-8501.

## **KIWANIS INDIANA BALLOON FEST 2026 RETURNS TO WEST BOGGS PARK**

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Hot air balloons will soon fill the skies over southern Indiana as the Kiwanis Indiana Balloon Fest returns late this summer. The regional event is scheduled to take place Friday, Aug. 28 and Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, at West Boggs Park, located at 16117 US-231 in Loogootee.

According to a promotional flyer released for the event, identified as image\_19881c.jpg, this year's festival will feature an array of traditional hot air balloons along with several unique special shapes. Visuals from the flyer highlight large, whimsical character balloons styled after a gray elephant, Tweety Bird, and Sylvester the Cat.

Beyond the main aerial attractions, the two-day festival promises a wide variety of ground-level entertainment for visitors of all ages. Family-friendly activities listed include pony rides, a trackless train, a bungee trampoline, live entertainment, and interactive robotics demonstrations. For automotive and sports enthusiasts, the weekend lineup boasts a Jeep Show & Shine, a professional woodcarver exhibition, and a "Golf Scramble for Riley" charity event.

The festival will also host two distinct novelty activities: the Wilkes Concessions Adult Fun Egg Hunt and the Maelyn Wilkes Youth Fun Egg Hunt. A diverse selection of food and commercial vendors will be stationed throughout the park grounds, and a fireworks display is scheduled to cap off the weekend's festivities. Visit Daviess County is serving as the presenting sponsor for the event. Additional corporate and community support is provided by IU Health, Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design, Wagler Pyrotechnics LLC, Murphy Truss LLC, IU Credit Union, Propane Direct Inc., and Old National Bank.

Organizers encourage the public to follow the official Facebook page at @Kiwanis Indiana Balloon Fest for direct ticket links, scheduling updates, and weather-related announcements.

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# MARTIN COUNTY 4H SCHEDULE JULY 9-14, 2026

Fair Schedule July 9 - July 14  
Thursday, July 9th - Fair Opening Night  
4:00 PM 4-H Rabbit Show - Livestock Arena  
5:00 PM 4-H Static & Open Class Exhibits on Display - Community Building Opens  
5:00 PM Silent Auction Opens - Community Building  
6:30 PM Queen Contest, 4-H Fashion Revue & Mini Sewing Modeling - Stage  
7:30 PM Euchre Tournament Registration - Livestock Arena  
8:00 - 10:00 PM Jr. Leaders Euchre Tournament - Livestock Arena  
Friday, July 10th - Health & Safety Night  
5:00 PM 4-H Static & Open Class Exhibits on Display - Community Building Opens  
5:00 PM Silent Auction Opens - Community Building  
6:00 - 8:00 PM Health and Safety Interactives - Between the Community Building and CLC Prizes Sponsored by RTC  
6:30 PM 4-H Beef & Dairy Cattle Show - Livestock Arena Followed by Old Timers Beef & Dairy Show  
7:30 - 9:30 PM Live Music by Kirby Stailey and the Dash – Stage  
Saturday, July 11th - All-Star Saturday  
9:00 AM 4-H Poultry Show - Poultry Barn  
9:00 AM 4-H Static & Open Class Exhibits on Display - Community Building Opens  
9:00 AM Silent Auction Opens - Community Building  
1:00 - 3:00 PM Craft Corner Open - Community Building  
5:00 PM 4-H Sheep & Goat Show - Livestock Arena - followed by Old Timers Sheep & Goat Show Great Inflatable Races (Immediately following the sheep and goat show.) Bring your own inflatable.  
5:00 - 9:00 PM Bounce Houses Open: Bracelets are \$5 a night Lawn  
7:00 PM 4-H Horse & Pony Show Speed Classes (Day 1 of 2) – H & P Arena  
8:00 - 10:00 PM Andrew Staggs - One Cause Band – Stage  
Sunday, July 12th - Kids Day At The Fair  
10:00 AM Community Church Service – Stage Message by Lauren (Biggs) Alexander  
1:00 PM 4-H Static & Open Class Exhibits on Display-Community Building Opens  
1:00 PM Silent Auction Opens - Community Building  
1:00 - 3:00 PM Craft Corner Open - Community Building  
2:00 PM Farm Bureau Games - Livestock Arena  
3:00 - 3:30 PM Pie Baking Contest Drop Off (Judging starting at 3:30) - CLC 3:00 - 4:30 PM Carnival Games - Farm Bureau Building  
3:30 - 4:00 PM Kiddie Tractor Registration - Lawn  
4:00 PM Kiddie Tractor Pull Begins - Sponsored by Farm Credit Mid America  
4:00 PM 4-H Horse & Pony Show Day 2 of 2 - H & P arena  
4:00 PM Lego Build with Shoals Robotics - Community Building  
4:00 - 8:00 PM Bounce Houses Open: Bracelets \$5/night - Lawn  
4:30 PM Baby Show - Community Building  
5:00 PM Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest & Cookie Stacking - Lawn 5:15 - 5:30 PM Story Time with Shoals Library - Lawn  
5:30 PM Animal Tales - Lawn  
6:00 PM Jr. Leaders Movie Night - Lawn  
6:00 - 6:30 PM Ice Cream Contest - Drop Off (Judging Begins at 6:30) - CLC  
Monday, July 13th Rodeo Day  
5:00 PM 4-H Static & Open Class Exhibits on Display - Community Building Opens  
5:00 PM Silent Auction Opens - Community Building  
5:00 PM 4-H Swine Show - Livestock Arena Followed by Old Timers Swine Show  
7:30 PM Bar MC Rodeo - \$ 10 admission 4 and under FREE  
Tuesday, July 14th Closing Day Of The Fair  
5:00 PM 4-H Static & Open Class Exhibits on Display - Community Building Opens  
5:00 PM Silent Auction Opens - Community Building  
5:00 PM 4-H Supreme Showmanship - Livestock Arena  
5:15 PM 4-H Static Exhibits Released & 4-H Gratitude Station Open  
5:30 PM Silent Auction Ends (Pick up items at 6:30 pm) - Community Bldg.  
7:00 PM 10 Year & Last Year 4-H Member Recognition - Livestock Arena  
7:15 PM 4-H Premium Livestock Auction - Livestock Arena  
Food Vendors  
Karen's Custom Kandies & More  
Mimi's Sugar Shack  
Spill The Tea With Mama Z  
The SnoMobile Warship Cafe  
Martin County 4-H Council

# SPARKLIGHT INVESTS MORE THAN \$16 MILLION TO ENHANCE CONNECTIVITY IN SOUTHERN INDIANA

VINCENNES, Ind. (June 30, 2026) – [Sparklight®](#), a leading broadband provider, has invested more than \$16 million over the past three years to expand and enhance its fiber-rich network in Vincennes, Washington, Mitchell, Bicknell, Loogootee, Petersburg, Monroe City, Odon and surrounding areas, helping deliver faster connectivity and greater capacity for local residents, businesses and critical community services.

As part of its continued network evolution, Sparklight has expanded fiber deeper into its service areas to build a future-ready network that supports long-term growth and economic development. With a fiber-rich network spanning more than 31,000 route miles, Sparklight's investments help create the infrastructure needed to support emerging technologies, increasing digital demands and the evolving connectivity needs of homes and businesses.

Residential customers in Southern Indiana have access to [internet speeds](#) as fast as [2 Gig](#). [Sparklight Business](#) also provides connectivity solutions for organizations of all sizes, including fiber-powered internet, voice and managed services for small businesses, along with scalable fiber, Ethernet and high-capacity network solutions with speeds up to 10 Gig and beyond for enterprise, carrier and wholesale customers.

Together, these investments and services help deliver:

- Faster speeds for streaming, gaming and video conferencing
- Optimal performance across multiple connected devices
- Reliable connectivity for remote work, online learning and business operations
- Scalable connectivity solutions for businesses of all sizes

“Reliable connectivity is essential for how people work, learn, stream and stay connected every day,” said Travis Harr, Sparklight Senior Regional Director. “Our investments help ensure families and businesses across our communities have access to the fast, dependable connectivity they need today, while continuing to strengthen network performance and reliability for the future.”

Sparklight's investments also support the company's suite of connectivity products and services, including:

- [Intelligent whole-home Wi-Fi](#) powered by eero Wi-Fi 7 technology
- [Sparklight Mobile](#), a no-contract wireless service with 5G nationwide coverage and unlimited talk and text starting at \$15/month when bundled with Sparklight home internet
- [Tech Assist](#), a U.S.-based support and protection service for connected home devices, smart TVs, gaming systems and more

To learn more about Sparklight's high-speed internet services, visit [www.sparklight.com](#) and [business.sparklight.com](#) or follow the company on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#).

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## About Sparklight

Sparklight is a leading broadband communications provider delivering exceptional service and enabling more than 1 million residential and business customers across 24 states to thrive and stay connected to what matters most. Through Sparklight®, the brand our customers know and trust, we're not just shaping the future of connectivity – we're transforming it with a commitment to innovation, reliability and customer experience at our core.

Our robust infrastructure and cutting-edge technology don't just keep our customers connected; they help drive progress in education, business and everyday life. We're dedicated to bridging the digital divide, empowering our communities and fostering a more connected world. When our customers choose Sparklight, they are choosing a team that is always working for them – one that believes in the relentless pursuit of reliability, because being a trusted neighbor isn't just what we do – it's who we are.

# OP-ED: DON'T LET CONTROVERSY AT THE IURC DISTRACT YOU FROM THE REAL PROBLEM

Controversy surrounding the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's (IURC) decision in the AES rate case and Governor Braun's decision to name a new chairman of the Commission have put the spotlight on the IURC. But the Indiana General Assembly should not escape scrutiny.

The legislature intended the IURC to be an impartial entity that regulates how utility companies charge for services, manage infrastructure and adhere to state and federal safety guidelines. It is bound by the utility laws passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. Time and again, the Republican Supermajorities in the state legislature have chosen utility profits over customer costs. Governor Braun and the Commission should urge the General Assembly to repeal the giveaways to utilities adopted over the past decade and recommend changes in the law to give the Commission more power to rebalance a regulatory process the legislature has stacked against customers who pay the bills.

Why are utility bills so high?

Bill by bill, statehouse Republicans have streamlined opportunities for utilities to pile more costs onto utility customers. Plus, whenever the courts ruled the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) illegally gave utilities even more than those sweetheart laws allowed, the Republicans quickly rewrote them to override the court rulings and ensure the utilities got what they wanted. Here are just a few of those laws:

- SEA 560 (2013): Allowed utility companies to implement a Transmission, Distribution, and Storage Improvement Charge (TDSIC), passing 80% of system improvement costs onto your utility bill without a rate case, where consumer groups could argue for lower rates.
- HEA 1470 (2019): Reversed a court ruling that said the IURC illegally allowed utilities to bill consumers for TDSIC charges that did not benefit them and asked for more charges too often.
- HEA 1417 (2023): Overturned an Indiana Supreme Court decision that ruled the IURC had illegally allowed Duke Energy to charge households \$212,000,000 for coal-ash pond cleanup costs. The court said the IURC had improperly engaged in "retroactive ratemaking" by allowing Duke to charge more for costs the IURC had already determined in an earlier case. Utilities can now return to the IURC to get more than they were originally allowed to recover from consumers.
- HEA 1421 (2023) and SEA 271 (2022): Allow utility companies to charge consumers for new power generation plants while they are being constructed and not yet providing any power to customers. This shifts the risk of any cost overruns from utility company shareholders to customers.

Governor Braun's revamp of the IURC doesn't do a thing to change these anti-consumer laws. No matter who runs the IURC, it is bound by the laws passed by the General Assembly.

Consumer outrage about high utility bills in an election year got the attention of the Republican supermajorities during the last session of the General Assembly and caused them to pass a modest bill focused on affordability. But a decade's worth of legislation favorable to the major corporations that control our monopoly energy utilities is still on the books, working against us.

The Governor and IURC Commissioners should be honest with the public about the effects of these laws and demand that the House and Senate Republican supermajorities put the law on the side of consumers struggling just to keep the lights on. Then consumers might have a real shot at relief from high utility costs.

# DESSI'S PLAYGROUND IN-HOME DAYCARE NOW ENROLLING IN EASTERN GREEN

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AGE GROUP: 1 - 5 YEARS OLD

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EASTERN GREEN, Ind. — A new early childhood education option is coming to the Eastern Green area with the launch of Dessi's PlayGround In-Home DayCare. The facility has officially opened enrollment for full-time, part-time, and drop-in childcare services.

Operating Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the in-home daycare serves children between the ages of 1 and 6 years old.

Positioned as a warm, nature-based environment, the daycare's philosophy emphasizes a holistic approach to early development. "We believe childhood should be protected, not rushed," the provider stated, noting that the program focuses heavily on creativity, social-emotional growth, and learning through hands-on play and connection.

The daily curriculum incorporates specialized language development, including both Spanish and sign language lessons. Daily routines are structured around outdoor play, nature exploration, and messy, creative activities designed to foster natural curiosity.

To accommodate busy parents, the facility provides nutritious meals throughout the day and utilizes the Brightwheel mobile application to deliver daily updates and communication directly to families.

Financial incentives are also available for enrolling families, as the daycare is currently offering sibling discounts as well as referral bonuses.

Families interested in touring the facility, asking questions, or learning more about specific enrollment opportunities for the upcoming season are encouraged to contact the provider directly via message.

# LOGOOTEETH ATHLETICS SEEKING NEW HEAD COACHES FOR GOLF AND TRACK PROGRAMS

LOGOOTEETH, Ind. – The Loogootee High School athletic department is seeking new leadership for multiple sports programs following the departures of two veteran head coaches, school officials announced.

The school administration issued a statement expressing sincere appreciation for track coach Bill Riley and golf coach Kevin Johnson as they step down from their respective roles. Officials commended both leaders for their countless hours of dedication, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to the development of Loogootee's student-athletes throughout their tenures. With these departures, the Lions are officially looking to fill the vacancies before the upcoming seasons begin. An official promotional graphic released by the athletic department, identified as image\_199ae0.jpg, highlights the open coaching opportunities.

According to image\_199ae0.jpg, Loogootee Athletics is currently hiring for a Head Boys Golf Coach as well as a combined Boys and Girls Track Coach. The chosen candidates will be responsible for overseeing program logistics, student-athlete development, and varsity competition.

The athletic department hopes to attract motivated individuals who can build upon the strong foundations established by Riley and Johnson, fostering an environment that emphasizes both competitive excellence and character development.

Individuals who are interested in applying for either the head boys golf position or the boys and girls track position should reach out to the athletic department to learn more about the application requirements. Inquiries, resumes, and further questions regarding the openings should be directed to Coach Thompson via email at [jthompson@loogootee.k12.in.us](mailto:jthompson@loogootee.k12.in.us).

# LOGOOTEETH COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES 2026-2027 REGISTRATION DATES

LOGOOTEETH, Ind. – The Loogootee Community School Corporation has announced the upcoming registration schedule for the 2026-2027 school year, providing both online and in-person options for district families.

School officials stated that online registration will officially open on Monday, July 20, and will remain available through Friday, July 31. Parents and guardians can complete the necessary enrollment steps remotely during this two-week window through the Skyward student information portal.

For families requiring assistance, lacking internet access, or preferring to register face-to-face, the district will host an in-person registration session. The on-site event is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will take place in the Loogootee High School Media Center.

Administration officials advised that parents who experience technical difficulties or trouble logging into their Skyward accounts on or after the July 20 launch date should contact their respective school's main office directly for technical support. The upcoming enrollment period marks a key milestone as the corporation prepares to welcome students and staff back to the classrooms for the fall semester. School leaders expressed enthusiasm for the approaching academic calendar, noting they look forward to welcoming students back for an exciting and productive 2026-2027 school year.

Additional details regarding specific grade-level supply lists, orientation schedules, and first-day procedures are expected to be released by individual school buildings as the registration period concludes. District families are encouraged to monitor official school communication channels and the corporation website for further updates.

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# HOLIDAY WORLD UNVEILS \$22 MILLION 'CANNONBALL!' WATER COASTER FOR 2027

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. — Holiday World & Splashin' Safari has officially announced its largest single-attraction investment in park history with the unveiling of a \$22 million water roller coaster set to debut in May 2027.

Named "Cannonball!", the massive new attraction will anchor the park's Fourth of July-themed section, arriving just ahead of America's 250th anniversary celebrations. An official concept graphic debuting today showcases the ride's sprawling layout, high-flying track, and vibrant aquatic setting.

Designed by Germany-based manufacturer Mack Rides, the installation will make history as the first water roller coaster of its kind in the Midwest and only the third ever built in the United States. Park officials stated that it will also claim the titles for the nation's fastest top speed and tallest drop for any ride in its specific category.

According to promotional details, passengers will scale a 90-foot-tall lift hill before plunging down a steep 75-foot drop. Reaching speeds of up to 45 mph, riders will navigate through five total drops and experience over 1,000 feet of coaster track.

The ride features a lighthearted, immersive narrative themed around a fictional community pool party and an annual diving competition in the small town of Boulder Canyon, USA. Guests will board one of seven uniquely styled, eight-passenger boats designed to look like colorful novelty inner tubes, including themes like a doughnut, watermelon, and a patriotic popsicle.

The experience concludes with a major splashdown into a community pool-themed pool. Holiday World co-owner Leah Koch-Blumhardt dedicated the ride to "every kid who had to work up the courage to climb the tall diving board at their community pool," promising a magical mix of small-town tradition and high-thrill excitement.

# FRENCH LICK RESORT ANNOUNCES MASSIVE FOUR-DAY JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

FRENCH LICK, Ind. — French Lick Resort, in conjunction with Timeless French Lick, has unveiled a comprehensive four-day Independence Day celebration featuring live music, historical recreation, and dual night sky spectacles running from Thursday, July 2, through Sunday, July 5.

The multi-property holiday event spans both the French Lick Springs and West Baden Springs hotels. Festivities kick off Thursday with daily pool parties, horse-drawn carriage rides, and a double-feature Americana Movie Night at East Park, showcasing "Field of Dreams" and "A League of Their Own."

On Friday, July 3, the celebration expands with an array of local food trucks, a kids' glow-in-the-dark pool party, and free concerts by regional acts Eighty-Six and First & Main inside the Exhibition Hall. The evening concludes at 10 p.m. with a synchronized drone show launched from the French Lick Casino front lawn.

Independence Day on Saturday, July 4, shifts toward traditional Americana. The schedule boasts trophy-awarding pickleball and cornhole tournaments, a front lawn bounce house, and an old-fashioned carnival. At 8 p.m., a pie-eating contest will take place on the lawn while Southern Accents, a Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers tribute band, takes the Exhibition Hall stage for a complimentary performance. The weekend's main event, a grand fireworks display, will light up the casino front lawn at 10 p.m.

The celebration wraps up Sunday, July 5, with patriotic crafting sessions, lawn games, and the final installment of the "Dine & Unwind" fireside hayride dinners at the Stables Pavilion.

Resort officials noted that all outdoor activities are weather permitting. While many events offer complimentary admission, certain premium programs—including afternoon tea, carriage rides, and the stable dinners—require advanced registration. More information can be found by contacting the resort directly.

# LOOGOOTEE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST 5TH ANNUAL FIRE RUN THIS JULY

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Fire Department has announced the return of its annual summer community fundraiser, bringing local motorists and residents together for a day of food and entertainment.

The 5th Annual Fire Run, presented by the fire department's Ladies Auxiliary, is officially scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2026. According to a promotional flyer released for the event, identified as image\_1a83da.jpg, the day's activities will be centered at the Southside Fire Station, located at 417 Heritage Hill Street in Loogootee.

The event kicks off bright and early with registration opening at 8:00 a.m. Simultaneously, volunteers will host a pancake and sausage breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to welcome attendees. For participants hitting the road and spectators staying behind, lunch, refreshments, and various prize giveaways will be served throughout the remainder of the day.

While the run itself spotlights a variety of vehicles—with image\_1a83da.jpg showcasing illustrated classic trucks, Jeeps, and motorcycles on the road—the overarching goal remains local community support. Organizers emphasize that all proceeds directly benefit the fire department's continuous efforts to protect and serve the region.

Community members planning to participate in the run are encouraged to secure their spots early. Pre-registration is currently open online at the department's official website, [www.loogooteefire.org](http://www.loogooteefire.org). Alternatively, individuals can scan the QR code located on the event's promotional materials to access the sign-up form directly. Additional inquiries regarding the run, volunteering, or donation opportunities can be processed through the department's online portal.

# ME SCREENPRINT & EMBROIDERY ANNOUNCES CUSTOM ENGRAVED TUMBLER FLASH SALE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local promotional apparel and merchandise manufacturer ME Screenprint & Embroidery has announced a limited-time flash sale on custom engraved tumblers to clear out excess warehouse inventory.

The special promotion focuses on 20-ounce custom engraved tumblers, which are being offered at heavily discounted bulk rates while supplies last. According to company representatives, the items are highly customizable, making them ideal branding or promotional solutions for local businesses, sports teams, schools, churches, community events, fundraisers, or corporate gifts.

The temporary pricing structure offers deeper discounts for larger bulk quantities. Under the current inventory special, tier-one pricing sets a minimum order of 25 pieces at \$9.00 per tumbler. For larger orders of 50 pieces or more, the price drops to \$8.00 per tumbler.

The custom drinkware is available in five distinct color options, including black, army green, grey, royal blue, and white. However, company officials noted that the available stock is strictly distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Because inventory is limited, specific color availability may become restricted as orders are processed. Management also emphasized that once the current excess stock is completely depleted, this specific promotional pricing structure will no longer be available.

Area business owners, event organizers, and individuals looking to secure custom merchandise at the discounted rate are encouraged to act quickly. Orders can be initiated by messaging the company directly.

For more information regarding design capabilities, color availability, or to browse additional promotional products, customers can visit the official website at [www.mewebandprint.com](http://www.mewebandprint.com) or contact ME Screenprint & Embroidery by phone at 812-788-0097.

# PHANTOM FIREWORKS URGES RESPECTFUL AND SAFE CELEBRATIONS FOR AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — As the nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence this July Fourth, Phantom Fireworks is launching a national public safety campaign urging consumers to practice courtesy and safety.

In a letter to the editor, the company Vice President William A. Weimer emphasizes that while Independence Day is a time of historic celebration, fireworks users must remain mindful of neighbors, veterans, pets, and individuals sensitive to loud noises and bright lights.

The company is recommending that consumers communicate clearly and early with neighbors before lighting displays, providing an estimated start time and duration so individuals can make necessary accommodations. Sharing plans also allows neighbors to join the viewing, fostering a sense of community.

Property respect and fire prevention are also central to the safety push, highlighting advice to carefully choose launch sites and fallout zones to prevent debris from impacting nearby homes. Operators are advised to wet down surrounding areas ahead of time to ensure errant sparks do not ignite dry grass and to thoroughly clean up all debris afterward.

According to data cited by the company, increased consumer awareness has yielded significant long-term safety improvements. While U.S. fireworks consumption grew by more than 175% from 1994 to 2025, fireworks-related injuries declined by 62.6% during that same thirty-year period.

For comprehensive safety guidelines, product instructions, and regional legal recommendations, the company directs consumers to visit their safety portal at SHOALS, Ind. — Local book lovers have a chance to expand their personal libraries while supporting a local institution this holiday weekend, as the Friends of the Shoals Public Library hosts its upcoming community book sale.

The event will take place at 404 High Street, offering community members a massive selection of reading materials spanning multiple genres.

- According to a promotional flyer for the event, seen in image\_dc87a1.jpg, the sale is scheduled to run across two days:
- Friday, July 3: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 4: 10:00 a.m. until closing (noted as "?").

Organizers have curated an extensive collection of items to cater to readers of all ages and interests. Available genres and materials listed on image\_dc87a1.jpg include adult fiction, non-fiction, westerns, juvenile literature, early readers, audiobooks, and young adult titles, among others.

Proceeds from the holiday weekend sale will benefit the library's ongoing community programs and resources. For more information, community members can contact or visit the Shoals Public Library.

# LOGOOTE MIDSUMMER VENDOR MARKET SEEKING FOOD TRUCKS AND ARTISANS



LOGOOTE, Ind. — Organizers of the upcoming Midsummer Vendor Market are officially seeking local businesses, artisans, and mobile food operators to participate in the seasonal community gathering later this month.

The single-day event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 18, 2026. According to an official promotional flyer for the event, identified as image\_la8b9e.jpg, the market will be held at the Loogootee Pavilion and run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The flyer, image\_la8b9e.jpg, features a vibrant, patriotic red, white, and blue theme complete with illustrations of fireworks, bunting, a food truck, and a vendor tent. The event aims to bring area residents together to support local makers and enjoy a variety of dining options.

Organizers have established a two-tier pricing structure for interested participants based on their operational setup. Standard commercial or craft vendors can secure a 10-foot by 10-foot booth space for a registration fee of \$25. Mobile food truck operators can secure a designated spot at the market for a registration fee of \$50.

The midsummer event provides an opportunity for small businesses, independent crafters, and food vendors to showcase their products to the regional Loogootee community during peak summer foot traffic. Spaces are limited and are expected to be filled ahead of the mid-July weekend deadline. Business owners, mobile caterers, and craft vendors interested in booking a space or obtaining additional registration details are instructed to contact event coordinator Tracy Stoll. Inquiries and booth reservations can be directed to Stoll by calling 812-709-0498.

# LOOGOOTEE TIMES COMMUNITY FORUM FEATURES 'CEMETERY HOPPERS' HISTORY GROUP

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Times has announced the next installment of its brand-new Community Conversation Forum, a public initiative designed to foster thoughtful dialogue, healing, and local connection.

The upcoming session will feature a presentation by a unique local volunteer organization known as The Cemetery Hoppers. Composed of dedicated area history keepers, the group ventures into dense woods, remote locations, and private lands to locate and document obscure and abandoned burial grounds throughout Martin County.

According to event coordinators, the mission of the Cemetery Hoppers blends outdoor adventure with historical reverence. The group focuses on finding forgotten gravesites before their markers fade away entirely, clearing overgrown brush and debris, and photographing headstones to officially document the historic sites. Their work aims to preserve the memory of regional ancestors and prevent irreversible historical loss.

The forum is designed to appeal to local history enthusiasts, genealogy researchers, and community supporters. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear firsthand stories of the group's discoveries, learn about active preservation techniques, and gain a deeper appreciation for the county's foundational roots. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Loogootee Public Library, located at 508 Park St. Admission is free and open to the general public.

For community members unable to attend the live session in person, organizers will provide a digital Zoom link for virtual viewing on July 7. Following the conclusion of the meeting, an audio and video recording of the discussion will be distributed as a podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, YouTube, and other major streaming platforms.

Questions regarding the forum or virtual access can be directed to Braydyn Bearlents at 812-361-8635 or via email at [braydyn\\_bearlents@loogooteetimes.com](mailto:braydyn_bearlents@loogooteetimes.com).

# MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE HOSTS PROFESSIONAL BRANDING AND HEADSHOT WORKSHOP

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, in partnership with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, has announced a personal branding workshop for local professionals seeking to advance their careers.

The "Brand You: Coffee & Professional Portraits Workshop" is scheduled for Thursday, July 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. According to an event flyer labeled [image\\_lb7c73.jpg](#), the session will be held at Bowling Manufacturing, 99 West Washington St., Loogootee.

The morning event is structured to combine professional development, networking opportunities, and breakfast. Attendees will work with an on-site photographer to receive four professional headshots suitable for career use.

Additionally, a designated resume updating station will be available during the workshop. Experts from WorkOne will be on hand to guide participants through polishing their traditional resumes and updating their LinkedIn profiles to improve visibility to recruiters.

Complimentary morning bakery items will be provided for attendees before or after their photography sessions. Additionally, specialized coffee will be available for purchase through the Warship Cafe Mobile Coffee Cart. Organizers have established a two-tier admission fee structure for the event. Registered Martin County Alliance members can attend for \$10, while non-members can register for \$20. As noted in [image\\_lb7c73.jpg](#), participants are requested to bring their entry payment directly to the workshop event, with both cash and checks accepted.

The joint initiative reflects the organizations' shared goal of providing accessible workforce readiness and professional networking resources to the regional business community. Individuals interested in reserving a spot or seeking additional details can contact organizers by phone at 812-295-4800 or via email at [martinalliance@martinalliance.org](mailto:martinalliance@martinalliance.org).

# TURNKEY 38-UNIT SELF-STORAGE FACILITY LISTED FOR SALE IN PRINCETON

PRINCETON, Ind. — A fully operational commercial property has entered the southwestern Indiana real estate market, as brokers announced the listing of a 38-unit self-storage facility in Gibson County.

The turnkey, income-producing property is listed at an asking price of \$185,000. Located at 701 W. Broadway Street, the facility occupies a premium position within the heart of Princeton along the city's highly visible Broadway Street commercial corridor.

According to marketing details released by Integrity Realty Indiana, the facility has been recently remodeled and well-maintained. The site features a variety of storage unit configurations designed to accommodate a broad consumer tenant base, ranging from personal residential storage to local commercial needs.

The low-maintenance asset is equipped with multiple operational features tailored for convenience and security. The property includes a completely security-fenced lot with secure gated access, standard drive-up units for easy loading, and spacious drive aisles designed to facilitate smooth traffic flow for moving trucks and larger vehicles.

Real estate representatives note that the listing arrives amid a strong regional market. Driven by Princeton's steady population growth and ongoing commercial developments—largely supported by major regional employers like the nearby Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana plant—the demand for localized self-storage solutions in the area remains high. Industry analysts view the property as an ideal opportunity for investors seeking a stable, immediately profitable asset with clear upside potential.

Prospective buyers, real estate investors, and independent operators looking to view the complete real estate portfolio, unit dimensions, or financial records can review the listing online via the firm's digital property portal at [www.integrityrealtyindiana.com](http://www.integrityrealtyindiana.com). Additional inquiries, private property tours, and purchase offers can be directed to listing agent Ed Swartzentruber by calling 812-486-5136.

# COUNTRY OAKS GOLF CLUB ANNOUNCES 2026 JUNIOR PAR 3 'HOT DOG OPEN'

DAVISS COUNTY, Ind. — Young golfers of all skill levels will have the opportunity to compete on the green later this month as Country Oaks Golf Club hosts the annual Country Oaks Junior Par 3 Open, affectionately known as "The Hot Dog Open."

The individual stroke play tournament is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2026, with tee times starting at 10:00 a.m. As highlighted in a promotional poster, the event concludes with a hot dog and a drink for all participants following their rounds.

According to the official rules sheet detailed in [image\\_257881.jpg](#), the field is divided into five skill-appropriate divisions:

- High School Boys: Incoming freshmen through graduated 2026 seniors playing a 9-hole, par-3 layout spanning 120 to 180 yards.
- High School Girls: Incoming freshmen through graduated 2026 seniors playing a 9-hole layout spanning 115 to 150 yards.
- Middle School Boys: Incoming fifth through eighth graders playing a 9-hole layout spanning 115 to 150 yards.
- Middle School Girls: Incoming fifth through eighth graders playing a 9-hole layout spanning 115 to 150 yards.
- Future Champions: Incoming kindergarteners through fourth graders playing a shortened 3-hole format at 50, 75, and 100 yards, where parent or guardian caddies are highly encouraged.

To maintain an encouraging pace of play, a maximum score rule dictates that an eight is the highest mark a golfer can record on any single hole. Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each bracket.

Registration fees are \$10 for Country Oaks junior members and \$15 for non-members. The 2026 event is locally sponsored by Bobcat of Daviess County and The Trey Miller Real Estate Team Powered by RE/MAX.

Official tee times will be published on the Country Oaks Golf Club Facebook page no later than July 17, 2026. Because player capacity is strictly limited, families are encouraged to register early by contacting the Country Oaks Golf Shop directly.

# Information Regarding the 2026 Loogootee Schools Alumni Celebration for Loogootee & St. John's High School

THE 2026 LOOGOOTEE SCHOOLS ALUMNI CELEBRATION FOR  
LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL

&

ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND THEIR GUESTS

SATURDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

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The 50 year (1976) and 25 year (2001) honored classes will be introduced,  
followed by a presentation that promises to be entertaining.

Various classes from both schools have chosen to celebrate their special years with us over these many years. The alumni celebration provides a simple solution for your class to reminisce together without the hassle of finding a venue, food, drinks and décor. So, bring a friend, gather your classmates and join us for this special evening.

*Please send your reservation with your year of graduation and school along with*

*\$30 per person to:*

*Loogootee Schools Alumni, P.O Box 78 Loogootee, IN 47553*

**If you prefer to pay by Venmo, you can do so @Gregory-Bateman-1 with the following information.**

**Alumnus name, School and Graduation Year**

- **Guest name (Maiden name and Graduation Year ONLY if LHS or St. John alum)**
- **Alumnus Contact info: phone or e-mail**

*Please note: we will reserve tables for the honored classes, however we can not take requests as to who you may wish to sit with.*

*Feel free to e-mail Greg Bateman at [gbateman8159@gmail.com](mailto:gbateman8159@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.*

**Name(s) (Please include maiden name *only* if alum of LHS or St. John)**

**Names attending:**

**School and year of Graduation (only if alum)**

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**Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE RESPOND BY SATURDAY, JULY 18TH, 2026!**

**Festivities For The Event Begin on July 25, 2026 Honoring The Classes of 1976 & 2001. Respond by July 18**

# MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

"Civilized men are more discourteous than savages because they know they can be impolite without having their skulls split, as a general thing." is a quote from Robert E. Howard in his book The Tower of the Elephant. They can not only be impolite, they can also be greedy and disingenuous for the same reason.

Why do I bring this up? Because of the most recent posts on the Mid-States Corridor's Facebook page. They are amplifying their disingenuousness by saying we will be saving 2.5 hours per week in our commutes. Really? Are they assuming we all commute from I-69 at Crane down to I-64? Many anti-Corridor comments are what the savings will be if one commutes East to West? Obviously, that is not a concern of the Cabal.

Did you see that there is a new survey for the Dubois County comprehensive plan? A couple of the questions "assume" that the Mid-States Corridor is a done deal and will be built. This flies in the face of what the voters have said in the two Public Policy Polling (PPP) polls. It also is saying that no matter what the elected officials do, i.e. withdraw from the RDA, they have already decided the Corridor will be built. Make no mistake, leading people to believe that the project is inevitable is a violation of both INDOT and the FHWA regulations. I'd say this is not only discourteous but it is illegal. However, Cabals and cartels really don't care as long as they get what they want.

It's time again, we must all complete the survey; and, we must be adamant that the Corridor is NOT a done deal; and, that Dubois County has voted to no longer be a part of the RDA. Don't forget that neither Martin nor Daviess County have ever belonged to the RDA. We must attend any and all Dubois County comprehensive plan meetings. This insanity and discourtesy must end.

We must also remember that both Jasper and Huntingburg must vote on the RDA. That have been procrastinating since January. Why? The voters have said what they want. It's past time to get this done.

It's summer and everyone is busy with fairs, holidays, events and just doing summery things. As much as we might want a respite, the Cabal and it's minions are working overtime to push the Corridor onto us. We must not allow them any latitude. We must work the fairs, the events, keep yard signs up and add more. We must march in the parades, drive the floats and generally be ever vigilant. They are looking for any and every weak spots to exploit.

Come to the Property Rights Alliance meeting on July 9 and help us fight these dastardly tactics. We all are in this together; and together we can win.

Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County

# Mid-States Corridor Comments Due TODAY



On June 1, 2026, the Federal Highway Administration announced a 30-day period for the public to send their comments regarding the proposed Mid-States Corridor project for Tier 2, Section 2. This includes the Dubois County portion of the project that is currently being studied.

To submit your comments online go to

Next, is the attempt to minimize public comment. Yes, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to issue the Tier 2 FEIS. They are doing this even though their data has been shown to be faulty.

Then, there are the comments that soon the preferred corridor/route will be selected and once selected right-of-way acquisition will begin, ahead of construction, pending FHWA approval. How this will happen without funding is going to be a good magic trick.

What one won't see on their Facebook page is that the FHWA very quietly opened a 30 day Comment Period on the Mid-States Corridor, beginning June 1 and ending July 1. One can find how to submit a comment on the STOP-THE-CORRIDOR Facebook page and in the Dubois County Free Press. At this time over 70 people have commented with only one comment in favor of the Corridor. Just shows that, one more time, the majority of people in "the region" are adamantly opposed to the project.

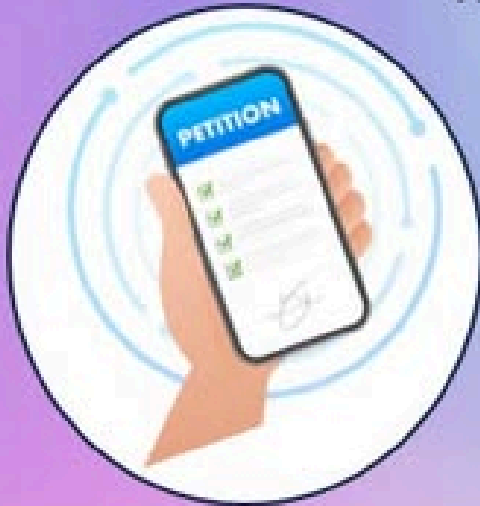
We are in the middle of election year "politicking". Let's remember that opposition to the Corridor is non-partisan. The highway is not right or left, liberal or conservative, poor or rich nor is it even Democrat or Republican. It's just plain wrong. We all need to vote for those who will go to Indianapolis and vote to NOT fund the Corridor and vote TO overturn SB128 and end the Mid-States Corridor nightmare.

Friends, Hoosiers and neighbors, now is the time to stand and be counted as opponents to the Cabal and the Corridor. Together we can end this nightmare once and for all.

1. Search for FHWA-2026-0562
2. Click on the Comment button
3. Type your comment
4. Select a comment category
5. Enter your email address
6. Select an identity (individual)
7. Enter your contact information
8. Check the "I am not a robot box"
9. Click on Submit Comment button

In addition to submitting comments online, you can also mail or hand deliver them to the Mid-States Corridor Project Office, Vincennes University Jasper Campus Administration Building, Room 216, 850 College Avenue, Jasper, IN 47546. Comments can also be submitted directly to Erica Tait, Interim Deputy Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Indiana Division at [erica.tait@dot.gov](mailto:erica.tait@dot.gov). Please remember to include the docket number FHWA-2026-0562 with your comments. All comments must be submitted no later than July 1, 2026.

Mark Nowotarski  
Coalition Against the Mid-States Corridor



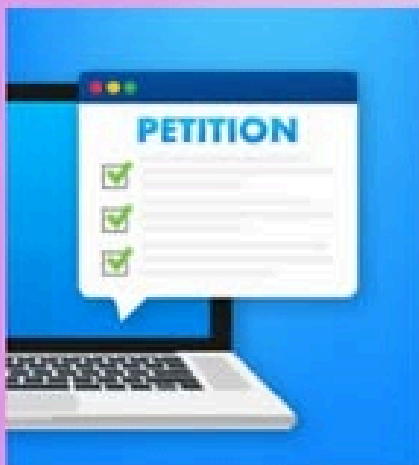
If you haven't already signed a paper  
or online petition AGAINST  
the Mid-States Corridor,

Please *Sign*

the ONLINE petition at

<https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-mid-states-corridor-project>

(The live LINK is included in the post)



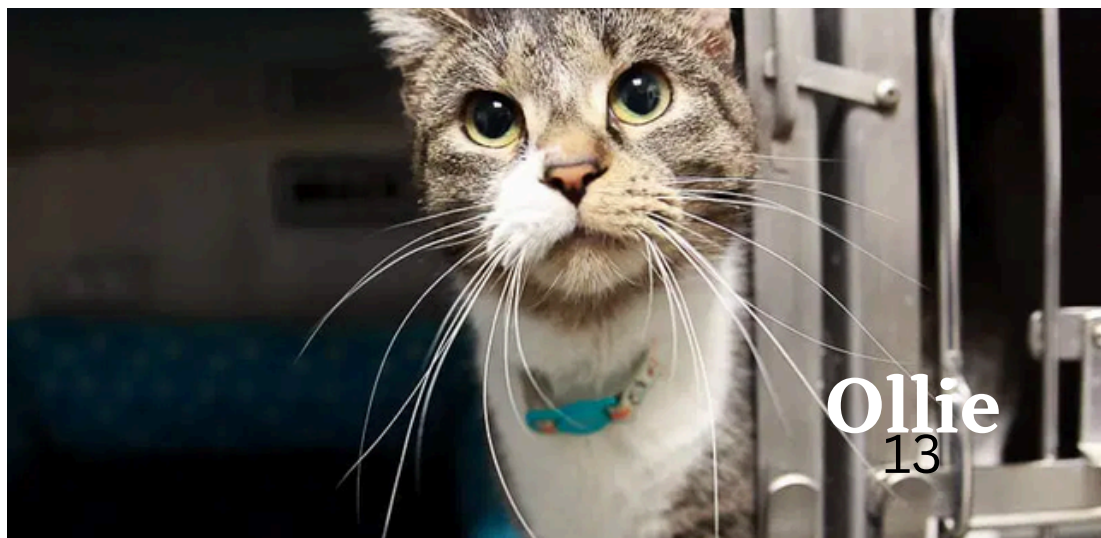
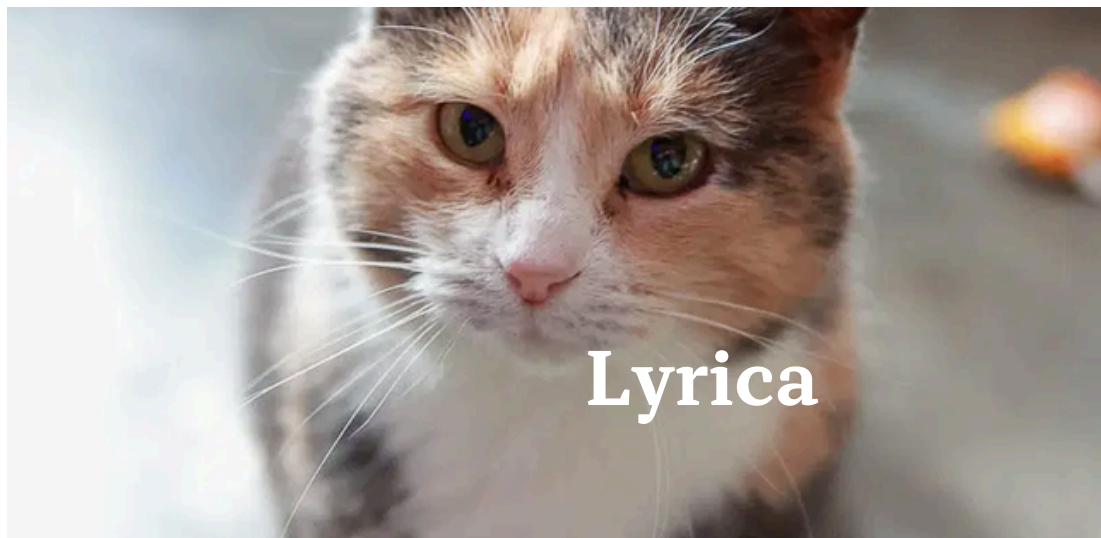
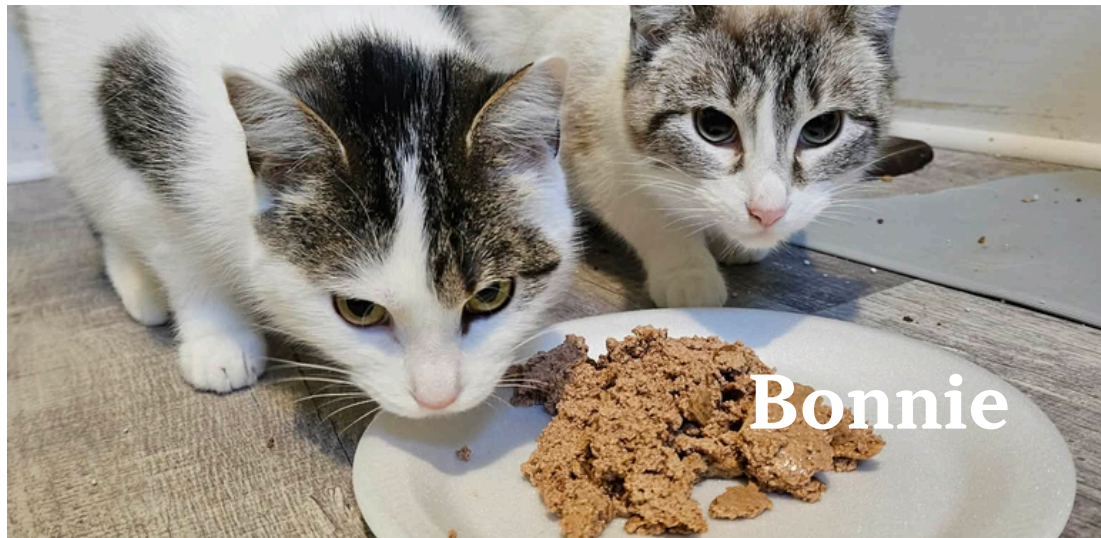
And please encourage family and  
friends all across Indiana to sign it.

The corridor will impact  
ALL Hoosier taxpayers.

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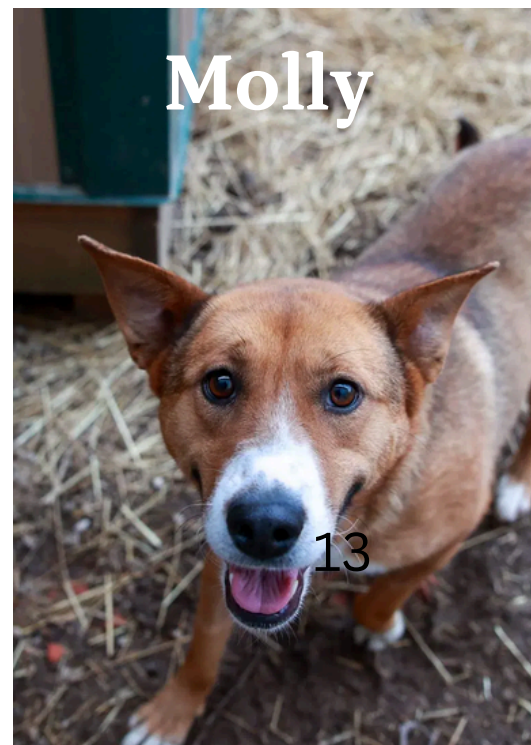
## ADOPTABLE CATS



# PETS

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## ADOPTABLE DOGS



# Martin County & Courts 14

Monday, June 22, 2026

12:12 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down East of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

12:24 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

12:29 a.m.- Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm North of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

12:56 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Captain Gibson, Deputy Droke and Deputy Clark responded.

1:02 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down in Daviess County. Notified Daviess County.

2:59 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:49 a.m.- Received a report of two abandoned vehicles East of Shoals. Major Reed and Big John's Towing responded.

4:50 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

5:32 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting Owen County. Transferred the call to Owen County 911.

5:52 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Shoals. REMC was notified.

6:08 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Major Reed responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

6:30 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Major Reed responded.

7:00 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense and Captain Gibson responded.

7:35 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an abandoned vehicle in Daviess County. Daviess County was notified.

7:46 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:03 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southeast of Shoals. REMC responded.

8:51 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries South of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:47 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

11:24 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

11:48 a.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

2:10 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South towards Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and Captain Gibson responded.

3:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South. Advised all on-duty units.

3:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call from Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

4:40 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Hawkins responded. No one was transported.

9:13 p.m.- Received a call from Life Alert advising of a medical alert push North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

9:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

10:36 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible traffic hazard West of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

11:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

1:26 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute in Shoals. Major Reed responded.

3:18 a.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

8:49 a.m.- Received an animal complaint Southeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

9:25 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported three inmates to court.

10:06 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:57 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported two inmates to court.

11:05 a.m.- Received reports of trees causing traffic hazards North of

Shoals. INDOT was notified.

12:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

1:04 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn North of Loogootee.

1:19 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East towards Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:50 p.m.- Captain Gibson transported two inmates to court.

2:19 p.m.- Sergeant Hawkins transported two inmates to court.

3:17 p.m.- Matron Greene on station with Andrew Masterson, a 34-year-old male from Huntingburg, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

3:30 p.m.- Received a report of black smoke East of Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

4:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:03 p.m.- Received an animal complaint Southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

5:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle Southeast of Shoals. Advised all on-duty units.

6:11 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries East of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

5:11 a.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident South of Loogootee. Major Reed and Big John's Towing responded.

5:14 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries Northeast of Loogootee. Major Reed and Big John's Towing responded.

8:36 a.m.- Received a report of a street closure in Shoals.

9:11 a.m.- Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

10:43 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

1:36 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins and Deputy Branham responded.

3:39 p.m.- Received an animal complaint Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:29 p.m.- Received a report of reckless driving

Southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

9:49 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling North. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

10:58 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Notified Daviess County.

11:06 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible trespasser in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

Thursday, June 25, 2026

6:10 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.

9:01 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. LPD was notified.

12:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check

North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

12:54 p.m.- Received a panic button push in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

1:38 p.m.- Received a call advising testing of fire alarms at Loogootee Nursing homes today.

1:46 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

2:04 p.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a residential burglar alarm North of Shoals. The keyholder advised it was an accident.

3:18 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Erwin responded.

6:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and Deputy Branham responded.

8:33 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

8:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

9:09 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

Friday, June 26, 2026

2:06 a.m.- Received a report of a debris on the roadway West of Shoals. Deputy Droke responded.

12:53 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 West of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

1:39 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

2:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

3:03 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked Northeast of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

4:37 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Daviess County. Notified Daviess County.

5:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:21 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down West of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling North. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

8:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

8:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

10:11 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:39 p.m.- Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

10:53 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southwest of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

11:08 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

Saturday, June 27, 2026

3:43 a.m.- Received a 911

call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:14 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down Southeast of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:22 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

10:50 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

1:11 p.m.- Received a call from Life Alert advising of an alarm push in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

1:14 p.m.- Received a report of a vehicle impersonating a police unit South of Loogootee. ISP Master Trooper Lents, Corporal Erwin, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey, Deputy Branham and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.

1:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

3:04 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

5:53 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

Medic 1 transported two patients to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:58 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries East of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin, Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

6:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred the call to Lawrence County 911.

6:41 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:51 p.m.- Received numerous reports over the next couple of hours of flash flooding in the county.

8:06 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down East of Shoals. Deputy Nash and Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:09 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

8:59 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down Northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

9:38 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down in power lines East of Shoals. Deputy Nash and REMC responded.

10:54 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not

# MARTIN COUNTY LOG LOOGOOTEE POLICE LOG

10:54 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

11:32 p.m.- Deputy Nash on station with Scott Seals, a 56-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated, Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, and Official misconduct. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

Sunday, June 28, 2026

2:41 a.m.- Received a call reporting trees down Southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

3:20 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:49 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance South of Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.

7:15 a.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:25 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

7:45 a.m.- Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

9:15 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

11:29 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231S traveling South. Advised all on-duty units. Notified Dubois County.

3:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:23 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an aggressive driver on US 50 in Lawrence County traveling West. Advised all on-duty units. Lawrence County was also notified.

6:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

6:30 p.m.- Received a 911 call from an Orange County address. Transferred the call to Orange County 911.

6:39 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

8:36 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Clark responded. No one was transported.

8:39 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

8:52 p.m.- Received a report of a water leak South of Shoals. East Fork Water responded.

9:18 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:09 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down in power lines South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and REMC responded.

11:08 p.m.- Received a report of a car-deer accident South of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

11:13 p.m.- Received a report of a water leak South of Shoals. East Fork Water responded.

## Monday, June 22, 2026

12:24 am- Chief Cummings responded to a call from a resident on E. Broadway St. regarding a weather-related emergency.

8:17 am- A caller advised of a tree limb across SE 3<sup>rd</sup> St. by the railroad tracks.

1:55 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a complaint regarding possible trespassing on E. Broadway St.

## Tuesday, June 23, 2026

10:51 am- A caller reported a neighbor's dogs barking nonstop for three days.

12:50 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a report of a suspicious item found at a local business.

3:35 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of smoke seen in the area East of North Line St.

## Wednesday, June 24, 2026

8:15 am- A subject came on station to turn in found property.

9:08 am- An alarm company advised of a residential burglar alarm.

12:14 pm- Chief Cummings spoke with a manager at a local business regarding reckless driving in their parking lot.

12:29 pm- A caller reported that her vehicle was submerged during the last storm and that she needs to file a report.

2:33 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a property damage accident at a local business.

3:01 pm- Chief Cummings spoke with a complainant on station regarding traffic issues in the area of Dewey St. and W. Washington St.

## Thursday, June 25, 2026

9:02 am- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call at a local church.

12:35 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a report of an erratic driver westbound on W. Broadway St.

12:40 pm- A caller reported an erratic driver southbound on US 231N, nearing Loogootee.

12:55 pm- Chief Cummings responded to an alarm at a local business.

3:22 pm- A complainant advised of a vehicle parked on her business parking lot.

## Friday, June 26, 2026

9:48 am- A complainant advised of an extremely aggressive dog on Queen St.

1:08 pm- A complainant advised of a trailer parked on their property.

2:15 pm- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Mt. Calvary Rd.

## Saturday, June 27, 2026

1:14 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey assisted Indiana State Police with a traffic stop on JFK Ave.

3:04 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a dog running loose in the area of N. Vine St. and Sycamore St.

5:53 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey assisted Martin County EMS with a medical call on Public Square St.

# Property Records

## *Transfers June 24-July 1*

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, James D. Carpenter, residing at 18784 Us Hwy 231, Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.00 acre, more or less; State ID: 51-07-21-200-012.000-007) from the current owner, Valerie Earl.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, The Kebert Family Trust, residing at 11430 Mt. Olive Rd., Shoals, IN 47581, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, situated in Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.436 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-05-03-400-025.001-006) from the current owner, Glenda J. Gaither.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Jayme Street and Sebastian Street, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, residing at 7790 US 231, Jasper, IN 47544, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A tract of land commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Four (4) Township One (1) North, Range Four (4) West, containing 2 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-13-04-200-008.000-010) from the current owners, Neil A.

Strange (remainder interest owner) and Carl Gibson (life estate owner, by his attorney-in-fact, Mark A. Strange).

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Jason R. Greene, residing at 301 North St, Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the

property situated in the City of Loogootee, Indiana (Legal Description: Lot Number Forty-four (44) in the town, now city, of Loogootee, Indiana, except fifty-five (55) feet of even width off of the Northwest end of said lot; State ID: 51-08-24-400-004.000-008) from the current owner, Richard T. Butcher.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Trenton S. Beachy and Tiffany L. Beachy, husband and wife, residing at 103 Elm St., Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the City of Loogootee, Indiana (Legal Description: Ten feet of even width off of the South side of Lot Number Eleven (11); Lot Number Ten (10); and all that part of Lot Number Nine (9) which lies North of the street adjoining on the South, all in Block "F" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana; State ID: 51-08-25-100-260.000-008, 51-08-25-100-243.000-008, and 51-08-25-100-246.000-008) from the current owner, Southern Indiana Home Investments, LLC, an Indiana Limited Liability Company.

# Courts Report

*Brought to You By The Martin  
County Clerk's Office*

***NO COURT  
NEWS THIS  
WEEK***

# Obituaries

*Brought to You By Blake Funeral Home  
Located at 300 Church St, Loogootee, IN 47553*

## *Sherri Lynn Frye*

*May 23, 1961-June 26, 2026*



Sherri Lynn Frye, 65, of Loogootee, passed away on Friday, June 26, 2026, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, Indiana.

She was born on May 23, 1961, in Washington, Indiana to Mary Lavada Ziegler. Sherri married Ronald Frye on September 24, 1983, and he survives.

Sherri enjoyed spending her time playing board games, doing word searches and crossword puzzles, and especially playing cards, where she proudly beat Ron at "Rummy" every time. Sherri also enjoyed swimming and had a special love for animals.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Mary and her sister, Judy Donnelly.

Sherri is survived by her husband, Ron; children, Cody Dale Frye (Jessica Lord) and Isaiah Taft Frye; grandson, Enzo Elias Dale Frye; and nieces, Nikki and Sara Donnelly. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

A public visitation will be held on Saturday, July 11th, 2026, from 2:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana. Cremation was chosen according to her wishes.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com)

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sherri Lynn Frye.

To send flowers or plant a [memorial tree](#) in memory, please visit our [flower store](#).

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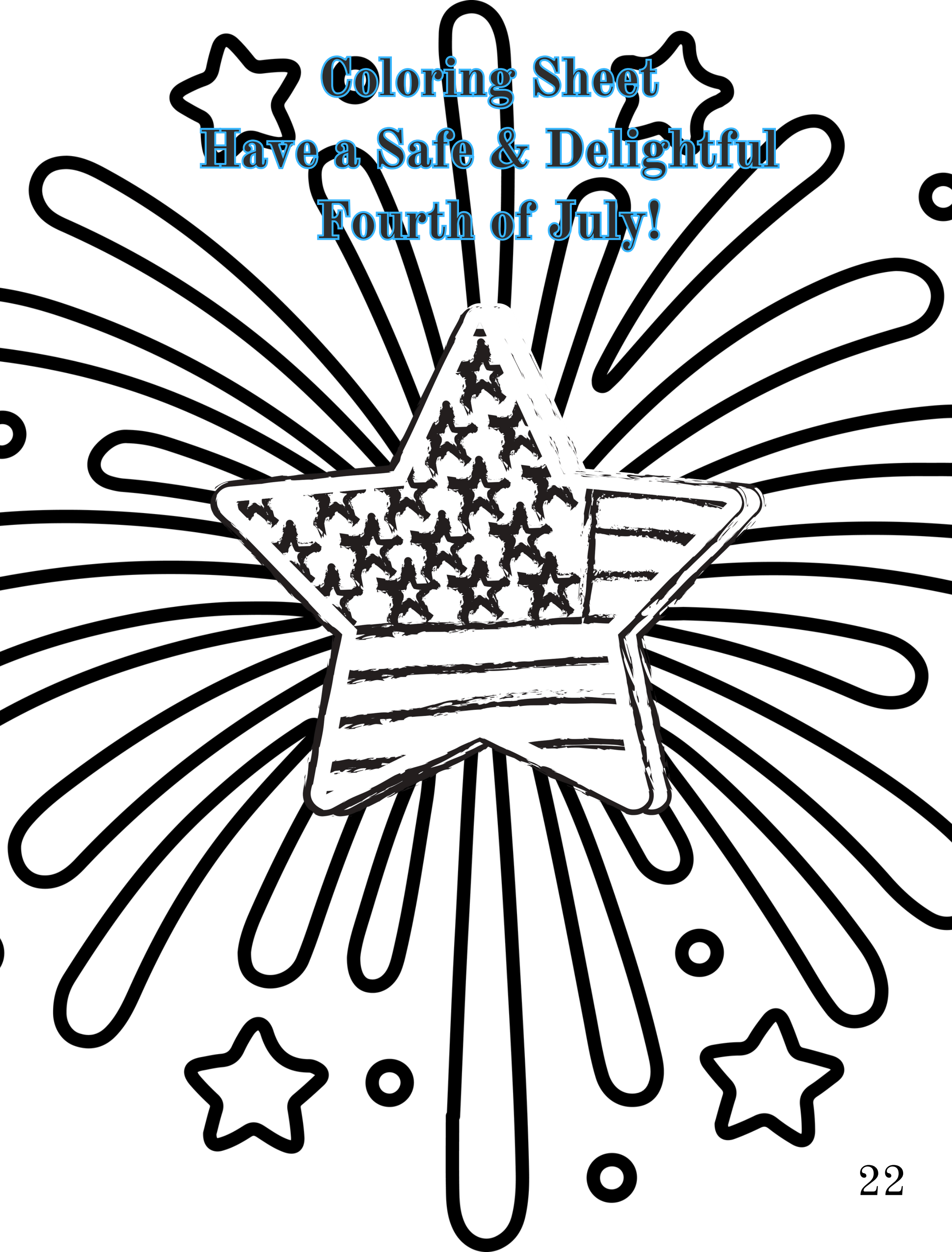
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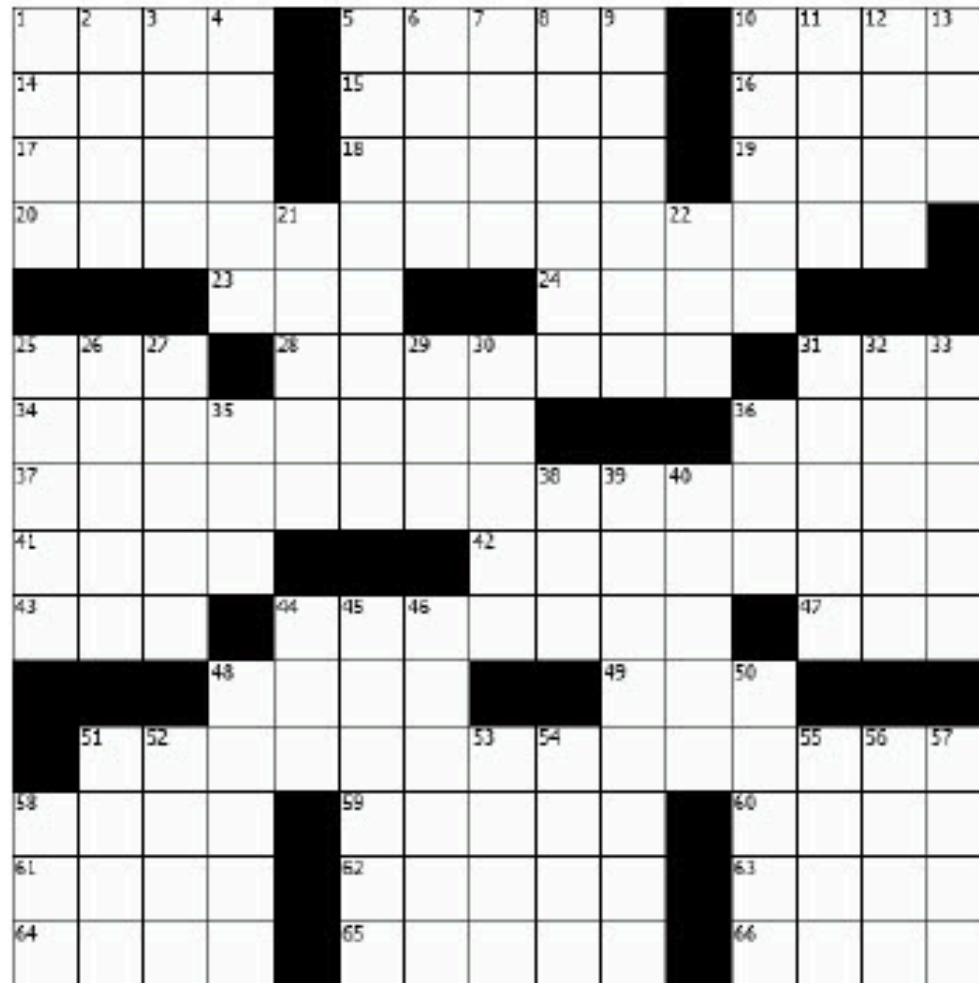
## SOLUTIONS

Coloring Sheet  
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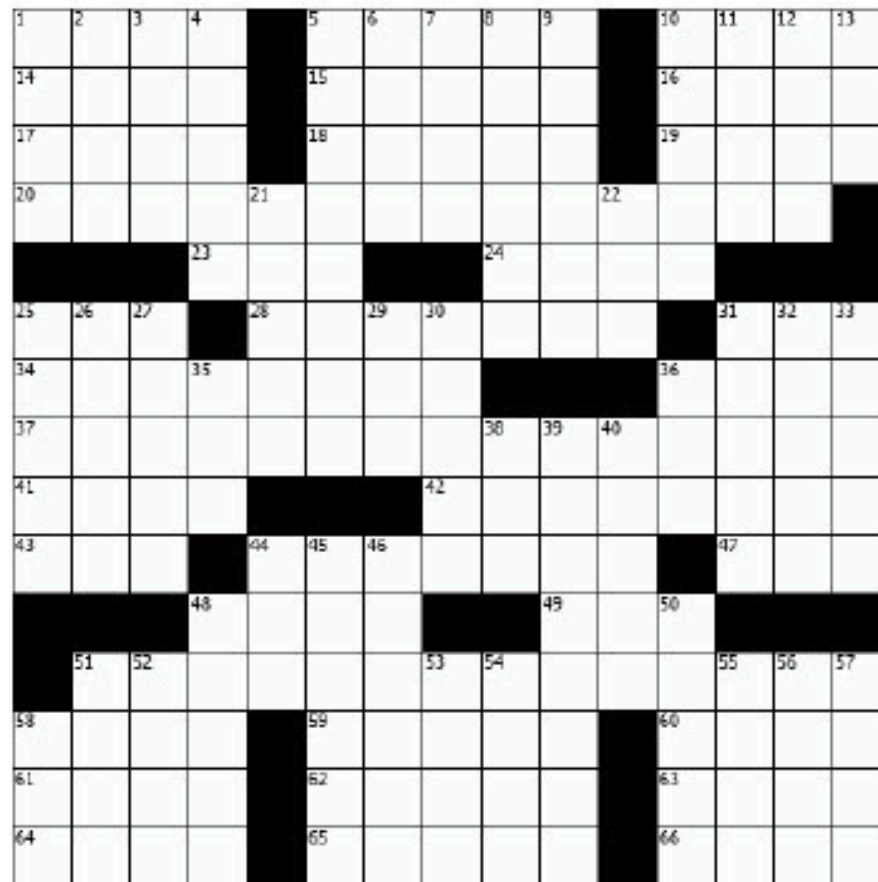
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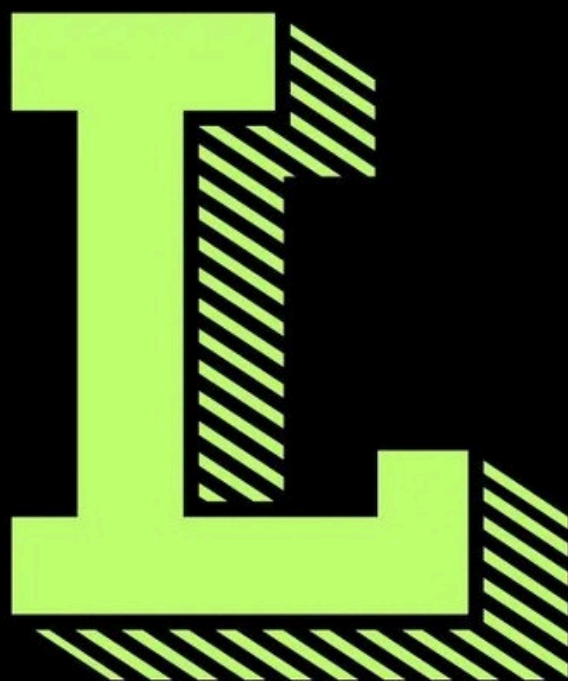
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# Crossword Puzzle Solutions #51

**HEY YOU!  
YES YOU!**

**DO YOU WANT YOUR BUSINESS TO ADVERTISE  
WITH US?**

**WE CAN HELP YOU TODAY! THE NEXT FEW PAGES  
WILL OUTLINE OUR NEW ADVERTISING POLICY AND  
STRATEGY THAT MIGHT WORK FOR YOU. FLIP TO  
THE NEXT PAGE TO SEE MORE. IF INTERESTED  
CONTACT THE EDITOR AT  
[BRAYDYN\\_BEARLENTS@LOOGOOTEETIMES.COM](mailto:BRAYDYN_BEARLENTS@LOOGOOTEETIMES.COM)**





# Online Advertisement Rates

To air on  
[www.loogooteetimes.com](http://www.loogooteetimes.com)

## Tier List

**Banner Size Online Ad  
Placement  
\$15 per week**

**Small Online Ad Placement  
\$20 per week**

**Full Size Online Ad Placement  
\$30 per week**

**Medium Size Online Ad  
Placement  
\$25 per week**

**The Bronze Tier**  
*Side Bar Ad and  
Brand Recognition  
for 52 Weeks*  
**\$275**

**The Silver Tier**  
*Small Size Ad Airing  
Online for 52 Weeks*  
**\$500**

**The Golden Tier**  
*Medium Size Ad  
Placement Online for  
52 Weeks*  
**\$1,800**

**The Platinum Tier**  
*Large Size Ad  
Placement for 52  
Weeks*  
**\$3,500**

# Loogootee Times Advertisement Rates

Annual Contributing Sponsors  
(Business Name on Our Tier List  
Recognition is Completely Optional)

## Banner/Strip Ad Placement

**\$10 per week**

**10.5 x 3 inches**

## Small Size Ad Placement

**\$15 per week**

**3.5 x 4.75 inches**

**11 x 17 inches**

## Large Size Ad Placement

**\$25 per week**

## Medium Size Ad Placement

**\$20 per week** 10 x 7 inches

Printed on Tabloid Style Newspaper 11.4" x 15.0"

## The Bronze Tier

*Banner Ad and  
Brand Recognition*

*for 52 Weeks*

**\$250**

## The Silver Tier

*Small Ad Placement  
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**\$450**

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*Medium Size Ad  
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**\$1,500**

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*Large Size Ad  
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**\$3,000**

**DEADLINES FOR ADS**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<b>Space Reservation</b>	<b>Wednesday at 3:45 PM</b> (1 week prior to publication)
<b>Ad Copy &amp; Design Requests</b>	<b>Tuesday by 3:00 PM</b> (1 week prior to publication)
<b>Final Proof Approval</b>	<b>Wednesday by 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Publication Day</b>	<b>Wednesday Afternoon at 4 p.m.</b>

# The Loogootee Times Ad Information

This document is designed to be the "fine print" of your media kit. It protects The Loogootee Times legally while ensuring your advertisers know exactly what is expected of them.

You can add this as a final tab in your Google Sheet or a standalone page in your PDF Media Kit.

The Loogootee Times | Terms & Advertising Policies

## 1. GENERAL RATE POLICY

**Rate Adjustments:** The Loogootee Times reserves the right to revise advertising rates with 30 days' notice. Existing contracts will be honored at the original rate until the contract expiration date.

**Payment Terms:** All first-time advertisers must prepay for their first three (3) insertions. Established accounts are billed monthly with terms of Net 30.

**Late Fees:** Accounts 30 days past due are subject to a 1.5% monthly finance charge.

**Taxes:** All rates are gross; any applicable local or state taxes are the responsibility of the advertiser.

**Charitable Rates:** To qualify for the Community Rate, organizations must provide proof of 501(c)3 status or be a registered local school/government entity.

## 2. CONTRACT AND COPY REGULATIONS

**Right of Refusal:** We reserve the right to edit, reject, or cancel any advertisement that we deem objectionable in phrase, text, or illustration, or that is detrimental to the public interest.

**Positioning:** While we try to honor "Request for Position" (e.g., Top of Page 3), specific placement is not guaranteed unless a Premium Placement Fee has been paid.

**Errors and Omissions:** The Loogootee Times is not responsible for errors in ads provided by the advertiser. For ads built by us, our liability for an error is limited to a "make-good" (re-running the corrected ad in the next issue) or a credit for the space occupied by the error.

**Political Advertising:** All political ads must be paid in advance and must clearly state "Paid for by [Committee Name]" as per state law.

**Indemnification:** Advertisers assume all liability for the content of their ads and agree to indemnify The Loogootee Times against any claims arising from their advertisements.

## 3. PRESS-READY AD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To ensure your ad looks professional and sharp on newsprint, please follow these technical standards:

**Deadline:** All files must be received by Wednesday at 3:00 PM (one week prior to publication).

**File Formats:** \* Preferred: Press-Optimized PDF.

Accepted: High-Resolution JPEG or TIFF (300 DPI minimum).

**Note:** We do not accept Microsoft Word or Publisher files as final "press-ready" art.

**Color & Ink:**

**B&W Ads:** Must be submitted in Grayscale.

**Color Ads:** Must be submitted in CMYK color mode. (RGB files from websites will be converted and colors may shift).

**Resolution:** All images within the ad must be at least 300 DPI. Photos pulled from the internet (usually 72 DPI) will appear "blurry" or "pixelated" in print.

**Fonts:** All fonts must be embedded in the PDF or converted to outlines/curves to prevent printing errors.

**How to Use This in Your Media Kit**

**Transparency:** Keep this on your website so there are no surprises regarding late fees or "make-goods."

**Signature Line:** At the bottom of your Google Sheet or PDF, add a line that says: "By submitting an advertisement, the advertiser agrees to the terms and regulations listed above."

Would you like me to help you draft a "New Advertiser Onboarding" email that includes these policies and a request for their first payment?



## NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING SIZES

**Tabloid: 289 x 380 mm**

## NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING DEADLINES

### PUBLICATION DAY DEADLINE

Every Tuesday by 5 P.M. for Your Ad To Premiere on Wednesday's Print Edition.

ONLINE: Every weekday by 5 P.M. to Premiere on Our Website.

## ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

TV Guide 5pm Thursday  
1 week prior to publishing

## DIGEST-SIZED ADVERTISING SIZES

Full Page 5"x8"

Half Page (horizontal) 5"x4"

Half Page (vertical) 2.5"x8"

Quarter Page 2.5"x4"