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LOOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1976 AND 2001 REUNITE FOR 50TH ALUMNI CELEBRATION



LOOGOOTE, Ind. — The Loogootee Schools Alumni Celebration will mark its 50th anniversary Saturday, July 25, bringing together graduates, former students, and community members to honor local traditions and reunite long-time classmates. This year's milestone gathering will specially recognize the Loogootee High School Class of 1976 on its 50-year reunion and the Class of 2001 on its 25-year milestone. The 1976 graduating class holds a unique place in the event's history, as the annual alumni tradition

first began during their graduation year. The celebration will take place at St. Martin Hall in Whitfield. Event organizer Greg Bateman noted that the venue was relocated this year following extensive water damage caused by a broken pipe at the St. John's Center in Loogootee. In honor of the nation's semiquincentennial, this year's banquet features a patriotic theme. In addition to celebrating the milestone classes, the alumni committee will formally present Kenny Greenwell with the Outstanding Alumnus award

the evening program. The alumni weekend festivities officially kick off Saturday morning with the annual Ring of Honor Golf Outing at Country Oaks Golf Club. Local radio station WRZR (94.5 FM) will broadcast live from the course beginning at 8 a.m. to launch the day's activities. Organizers encourage all Loogootee High School graduates, St. John's alumni, and former district teachers planning to attend to submit their reservations promptly. RSVPs can be completed by contacting Greg Bateman

at gbateman8159@gmail.com or through members of the alumni committee.

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CRANE VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES UTILITY AGREEMENTS, INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CRANE, Ind. — The Town of Crane Board convened on July 6, 2026, for a meeting that addressed a range of community priorities, from infrastructure to utility management, drawing on the expertise of board members and local partners. The discussion was marked by a formal tone and a focus on transparency and community service.

The meeting began at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by A board member said.

"Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance," A board member said said, setting a respectful and unified tone for the proceedings. Another board member said continued, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Welcome to the Town of Crane Board meeting."

Following standard procedure, A board member said noted, "We'll start off three minutes from last month, and then right after, I will let you have the floor, Shane." The meeting's opening minutes included a review of previous grants by Jeff Clark and a summary of an executive session. "The council had an executive meeting, and the only thing discussed was the subject that was supposed to go on the town hall office information board," A board member said explained. "The attorney asked if the council agreed to the terms. All agreed."

The board addressed several ongoing initiatives. "Everything went good with fling spring, fling, and clean," A board member said reported, highlighting recent community events. "We're working on getting unregistered vehicles tagged and towed. Southern Indiana development is accepting applications for home repair loans and grants. Vehicles are not supposed to be parked in the bicycle lane. It is okay to move over into the lane while driving to share the road with another vehicle, but please do not target the vehicle in the classic line."

The board then turned to infrastructure and utility concerns, inviting Shane Smith of UDWI RMC to address the council. "Council let me attend the talk. I'm Shane Smith. I'm with UDWI RMC," Smith introduced himself. "I've been working with Jeff a little bit off and on about taking care of outages inside the town. We don't have an agreement in place yet. We really need to get an agreement in place because I need to invest a little bit in coming and mapping out the system, getting the residents of the town into our system so they can just call a number for an outage. Right now, they call Jeff. Jeff calls me. I call the crew. Not the most official stuff."

Smith emphasized the need for clear roles and responsibilities. "Before we invest in getting all that done, we'd like to have an agreement in place where we kind of know what everybody's role is and what we're going to be doing," he said, noting the draft agreement he had prepared. "We've never done this before, so we're not tied to anything in there. So if there's anything you want to see changed, we'll do some back and forth."

He outlined the potential for a broader partnership. "While we're working on this, we thought there might be an opportunity to partner more than just taking care of outages. If you need help with metering and billing, that's something we do every day. We could do that, and basically, we could set up the rates so that money is being returned back to town." Smith described the utility rate structure. "Our rates are built in two pieces. One is a facility charge or a base surface charge that just covers the basics of power, whether you use any electricity or not. The rest of it's in the entrance. But when you look at what's in the base facility charge, it's the cost of metering, building maintenance, outage response, some basic materials like transformers and meters. The parts that the town is providing, that money could go back to the town."

He discussed options for deeper collaboration. "We could work out a structure where the residents either stayed residents and they paid the bill to RMC, and we cut a check back in town. We could work out a deal where we took over the entire thing, took over ownership, and then paid the town back over time for the value of that infrastructure, and then convert everybody. We can basically do everything from one end of the spectrum to the other. We just want to be here from wherever you need us to be."

Smith noted that any agreement would take time. "It'll probably take a month or two to draft up some sort of agreement," he said. "We just had a rate study done, so we can have a pretty good handle on what our costs are." Board members expressed the need for due diligence. "I think with us, we really need to find out for sure what we can legally do. The municipality is owning the electric rights. I want to make sure that we don't have to provide that to keep our status and whatnot," A board member said said.

Smith acknowledged the legal complexities. "Cooperatives have kind of done similar things with other municipalities across the country. Really, I don't know if anywhere ever has

been done in Indiana, so I'm like you, where I would have to rely pretty heavily on my lawyer to tell me what the options are."

Board members also raised concerns about rates. "Yeah, our hands are kind of tied with our rates being just as many. One of the highest locally, and we're basing it off of what you guys are charging us," The board member said 3 remarked.

Smith responded, "You're being charged on a three-phase rate right now, which is seasonal. Our residential rates are not seasonal. If you go back 10 years, our rates were some of the highest. We've lowered our rates some. We've had some rate decreases, but the rest of the state has come up at such a rate. Now we're average."

The discussion touched on the town's unique electrical setup. "Why are we on three-phase, and that's not normal for good labor to go through? What's the difference?" The board member said 5 asked. Smith explained, "That's going to predate me, like probably living, having three-phase here. I can tell you we've served three phase years while I've been with the co-op for 30 some years. It's been three-phase power that entire time. That's just the type of power that was apparently requested from us at some point."

Smith also addressed system maintenance and reliability. "We can map out the town and kind of get a better view of what that would look like. My background is doing engineering studies for low, so determining what size wire, what size service needs to come into a place to do it. My motivation for doing this is not to make profit because we're nonprofit, and then we bring back it's reinvested, and that goes back to our members."

A board member said summed up the urgency of the situation. "I think we definitely should get with our lawyer and see what legally we can do. I definitely like the idea of our agency coming in and mapping it out. This system has been neglected for 25 plus years. We have been trying to fix things as we go, but 25 years is a long time."

Smith cited increasing costs. "When you look at the cost of electric material, especially electric industry materials, things like transformers, metering wires, it's going up faster than inflation. We try to recover that through that base surface charge, so we're recovering it over 20 or 30 years."

As the meeting concluded, the board addressed additional municipal concerns, including sidewalk repairs and a potential land development deal with the county. "The county is interested in making some kind of a deal with the town, whether it's a purchase, whether it's some kind of a deal with the town to use the seven acres to develop a pond, whether it be homes, whatever the town or the board is going to be discussing," A board member said said. The meeting ended with board members reaffirming their commitment to community improvement and transparency. "Any questions?" A board member said asked. With no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

The Town of Crane continues to navigate the complexities of infrastructure, utilities, and community development, prioritizing legal compliance, fiscal responsibility, and public input as it moves forward.

MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TACKLE BUDGET DEFICIT, ROAD REPAIRS, AND TRANSPARENCY IN JULY MEETING

MARTIN COUNTY, Ind. — The Martin County Commissioners addressed a series of pressing issues in their July 22, 2026, meeting, ranging from a looming budget deficit and the implementation of the wheel tax to ongoing concerns about road repairs, ambulance service billing, and transparency with the public.

Financial Pressures and Budget Deficit
Commissioners opened the meeting with a discussion about the county’s financial challenges, highlighting concerns about delayed funding and its impact on local operations. “If they would not have released that money, that would have taken a big financial hit. You know, 50, 50 grand,” one commissioner remarked, emphasizing the stakes. The conversation revealed that certain funds had been cut for three months, with one official noting, “The dollar amount there altogether total was for—that’s a lot of money.” The scale of the issue extends beyond Martin County. “Wasn’t it like 30 some million?” a speaker asked, referencing the cumulative deficit facing counties across the state. “Counties alone, one month would be a \$12 million deficit,” another added. Despite these daunting figures, officials expressed gratitude for the funds received and committed to keeping the public informed as more information becomes available.

Wheel Tax and Road Repair Plans
The commissioners also grappled with how to best utilize limited wheel tax funds for road repairs. Residents raised concerns about the lack of a public plan for how the tax dollars would be spent. “At the 6/23/26 meeting, Paul, you said that the county highway superintendent would share a plan for the wheel tax usage, because I think again I’m not the only one that thinks that’s important,” one resident commented, voicing a sentiment echoed throughout the meeting.

Commissioners responded by outlining recent and upcoming roadwork, including repairs on Tedrow, Gibson, Weininger, Bear Hill, Hart Road, DH Gate, and Dover Hill Gate. “Those roads have not all been done. They’re on the list to be done,” a commissioner clarified. The selection of roads, officials explained, is guided by recommendations from hired engineers and public feedback on road conditions.

“We’ve only got a limited amount of wheel tax money,” a commissioner said, underscoring the challenge of meeting community expectations. “I believe this wheel tax may all work out great once we really get it all figured out and going. I mean, that’s several miles of road right there we’re being able to chip and seal.”

Ambulance Service Billing and Transparency
The meeting also addressed concerns about ambulance service billing and the need for more regular public reporting. “Has there been any information received from the ambulance service about their stats and deposits or anything like that publicly?” a resident asked. The commissioners confirmed that a report had been received for the first quarter but not yet for the second quarter.

“We’re still trying to find a billing service that does us a little better,” a commissioner explained, noting that most outstanding claims were due to issues with Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements. “That’s why it makes it look like we’re losing money so much, because our charge and what they pay. Right. But it has been looked into, and I think the council and I know we felt a lot better once we seen what we actually...”

Payroll and Reconciliation Corrections
The commissioners also approved measures to resolve longstanding payroll errors and bank reconciliation discrepancies, some dating back over a decade. “We’d make a correction in payroll, and they wouldn’t transfer over correctly to one of our computer sides, so we weren’t matching to the bank balance, but we were matching to each other,” an official explained. The board approved a motion to issue a check to the treasurer to balance the accounts: “So I have \$233.91 that we need to approve, so we can have our checkbook all balanced and in order.”

Community Engagement and Transparency
Throughout the meeting, residents urged greater transparency and public access to plans, particularly regarding road repairs and tax usage. “I wish they would come to meetings, but people do not. I seem to be the only person asking about a plan that the public could hear about,” a resident said, offering to gather signatures to demonstrate community interest. Commissioners acknowledged the call for openness, with one saying, “It’d be nice publicly to hear about them, just like right now.”

The meeting concluded with routine board matters, gratitude expressed to staff and community participants, and the scheduling of the next meeting for August 4, 2026.
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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP HIRING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR IN LOOGOOTEE

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Community Foundation Partnership, which serves Lawrence and Martin counties, has announced an opening for a full-time Community Engagement Director.

Operating out of the organization's main office in Bedford, Indiana, the role is designed to strengthen community connections, enhance organizational visibility, and support local donor relations.

The full-time position requires 40 hours per week, with primary office hours set from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Candidates must also be available to attend occasional after-hours meetings and special events across both Lawrence and Martin counties.

Key responsibilities for the role include managing content creation, overseeing digital and social media accounts, maintaining the foundation's website, coordinating community events, and fostering relationships with local partners and donors.

According to the foundation, the ideal candidate will possess strong written and verbal communication skills, well-developed organizational abilities, and a positive, approachable demeanor. The role requires a self-starter who can multi-task, meet deadlines, and work both independently and impartially while upholding strict confidentiality standards. Applicants must be capable of passing a standard drug test and credit check as part of the hiring process. The foundation noted that this is an in-person, non-exempt hourly role, and remote work arrangements are not available.

The Community Foundation Partnership plays a central role in managing philanthropic funds, administering local grants, and awarding scholarships to support community development initiatives across Lawrence and Martin counties.

Interested applicants and qualified professionals can view full job descriptions and application instructions on the organization's official website at cfpartner.org.

RSVP OF DAVIESS AND MARTIN COUNTIES LAUNCHES FREE TECH TUESDAY EDUCATION SERIES

WASHINGTON, Ind. — The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Daviess & Martin Counties has announced the launch of a new community education initiative, "Tech Tuesday," designed to help local residents navigate modern technology.

The inaugural session, titled "Learn. Save. Stay Safe.," will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, at the Community Building at Eastside Park, located at 501 Burkhart Drive in Washington. The educational event is free and open to the public, with no pre-registration required. The July program will feature the INTELECYN team from RTC Communications, who will lead presentations on practical, everyday technology topics affecting local households. The curriculum focuses heavily on maximizing cost savings and digital security.

Key topics scheduled for the session include analyzing how digital streaming services can reduce monthly entertainment costs compared to traditional cable packages. Representatives will also discuss the practical advantages of fiber internet, focusing on its reliability, speed, and capability to support smart home technology.

Additionally, a significant portion of the presentation will cover crucial internet safety protocols. Attendees will learn techniques to identify online scams, protect sensitive personal information, and browse the web more securely.

While organizers developed the "Tech Tuesday" series with older adult volunteers in mind, community members of all ages are encouraged to attend. The series aligns with RSVP's ongoing mission to provide lifelong learning opportunities that foster independence and community engagement.

For more information regarding the upcoming event or future technology sessions, residents can contact the RSVP of Daviess & Martin Counties at 812-254-1996 or visit the organization's official website at www.rsvpvolunteercenter.org.

BARR-REEVE TENNIS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION OPEN

MONTGOMERY, Ind. — Get your paddles ready! The Barr-Reeve Tennis program is preparing to host a major community sports event. The 3rd Annual Barr-Reeve Tennis Pickleball Tournament is set for Saturday, August 29th, according to event details.

Players of all experience levels are invited to participate, with games scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the BR Tennis Courts in Montgomery.

The tournament is designed as an all-inclusive event, welcoming men, women, and kids to compete. Organizers confirmed that the competition will be structured with dedicated divisions for kids and adults, ensuring balanced and enjoyable play for everyone.

An informative event flyer, reference file image_0.png, highlights the registration details.

For teams ready to secure their spots on the court, the registration costs are set at \$30 per team for the kid's divisions and \$40 per team for the adult divisions. Prospective competitors must register in advance to participate. The central hub for all tournament information, registration forms, and links is the Barr-Reeve Viking Tennis Facebook page. All teams are encouraged to visit the page promptly as registration is currently open.

Tournament attendees will also have the chance to win some serious equipment. High-end Wilson pickleball paddles will be up for raffle, adding an extra layer of excitement and giving players a chance to upgrade their gear.

For more information, local pickleball fans should follow the Barr-Reeve Viking Tennis Facebook page for updates, announcements, and final bracket information. Mark your calendars and prepare for a day of competitive and community fun.



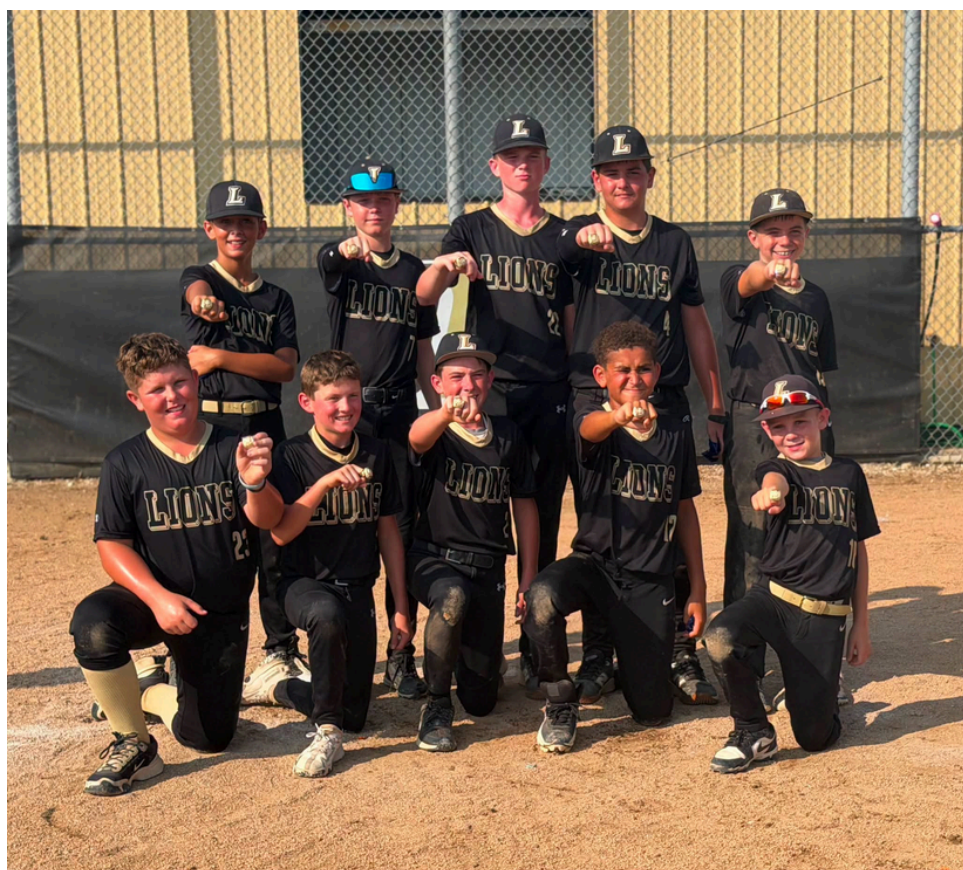
LOOGOOTEE 12U ALL-STARS RALLY FOR THRILLING HOME TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee 12U Little League All-Star team capped off a dramatic weekend of baseball with a championship victory, mounting a thrilling sixth-inning rally to win the Loogootee Little League All-Star Tournament.

After finishing Saturday's pool play with a 0-1-1 record, the Lions found their rhythm in bracket play on Sunday. The team opened elimination action with a 4-1 victory over Shoals before rolling past North Daviess FRYL 10-2 to secure a spot in the title game. In the championship clash against Heritage Hills, Loogootee faced an 8-5 deficit entering the bottom of the sixth inning. The Lions responded with four runs in their final frame to claim a 9-8 victory and the tournament trophy.

Kyle Wade powered the Lions throughout the tournament, launching three home runs over the weekend. His most crucial shot came in the final inning of the championship game, when he hit a game-tying grand slam to set the stage for the walk-off win. Eli Graber also contributed to the team's offensive success with a home run of his own during the tournament.

The weekend saw strong performances across the entire Loogootee Little League program. The 8U All-Star team finished as tournament runners-up in their bracket, while the 10U squad advanced through bracket play to reach the semifinal round. Following their success on home turf, the 12U Lions will carry their momentum on the road as they prepare to travel to Owensboro, Kentucky, for their next tournament.



INDIANA ELITE BASKETBALL ANNOUNCES FALL LEAGUE AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE



ELLETTSVILLE, Ind. — Indiana Elite has officially revealed its upcoming Fall League schedule, offering young athletes competitive play and structured skill enhancement across multiple high school venues. Operating under the slogan “Play Here, Compete Here,” the program aims to elevate regional basketball talent throughout late summer and autumn.

The Fall League features a dual-track schedule split between Edgewood High School and Loogootee High School, giving participants access to both regular-season competition and ongoing player development training.

At Edgewood High School, player development sessions will take place every Wednesday evening starting Aug. 5 and running through Sept. 30. The facility will then host regular-season competition dates on Sunday, Sept. 13 and Sunday, Sept. 27. Meanwhile, Loogootee High School will host player development sessions on Mondays, spanning from Aug. 3 through Sept. 28. Loogootee’s hardwood will also serve as the host site for regular-season matchups and tournament play scheduled for Sept. 20 and Oct. 4.

Designed for athletes looking to sharpen their skills ahead of the school basketball season, the program balances focused instructional workouts with structured, high-intensity game action. The midweek development sessions focus on fundamental skill-building, conditioning, and tactical awareness, while the weekend dates allow players to put those improvements to the test in game situations.

Local players and parents seeking additional details regarding division breakdowns, session times, or registration guidelines can visit the official Indiana Elite portal.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR LOOGOOTEE FALL SPORTS ATHLETES’ PARENTS



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee High School will host an informational meeting for parents of student-athletes competing in upcoming fall athletic programs, school officials announced.

According to a promotional graphic released by the athletic department, the Fall Sports Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, at 7 p.m. The gathering will take place in the high school auditorium.

The meeting applies to families with students participating in all fall sports programs offered by the school, including cross country, volleyball, girls golf, and boys tennis.

Coaches and athletic staff will cover important logistics for the upcoming season, including practice schedules, team expectations, physical forms, and school safety guidelines. Parents will also have the opportunity to meet team coaches and ask questions before official practices begin.

School administrators encourage parents and guardians of all participating fall athletes to attend as the Lions gear up for another competitive school year under the hashtag campaign, #TIMETOROAR.

HENRY DWYER VFW POST 9297 UNVEILS REVAMPED DINING MENU

CRANE, Ind. — Following direct feedback from community members and patrons, Henry Dwyer VFW Post 9297 has officially launched a revamped menu featuring an expanded selection of sandwiches, baskets, sides, and salads.

Post leaders expressed gratitude to everyone who participated in a recent survey designed to help shape the new offerings. The updated menu goes into effect starting Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

The new lineup includes a variety of classic American fare, led by a heavy selection of sandwiches served with lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles. Sandwich options range from a bacon cheeseburger (\$10.50) and grilled or breaded tenderloins (\$8.50) to classic options like fish (\$8.00), BLTs (\$6.00), and grilled cheese (\$5.00).

For diners seeking shareable items or quick bites, the sides and baskets menu features crowd favorites such as chicken strips (\$9.00), bone-in wings (\$8.00), breaded mushrooms (\$5.50), jalapeno poppers (\$5.50), and various cheese bite options priced between \$5.00 and \$5.50. Lighter options, including a crispy chicken salad (\$8.00) and tossed salad (\$7.00), are also available alongside a variety of snacks and beverages.

The menu overhaul reflects the post's ongoing effort to better serve its members, guests, and the local community by providing quality meal choices at accessible price points. Local residents and visitors are invited to visit the post to try the new menu items.

COMMUNITY CENTER INVITES RESIDENTS TO JULY 23 POTLUCK LUNCH AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Local residents and community center members are invited to gather for a day of food, fellowship, and celebration later this month.

The Center is hosting a community potluck lunch on Thursday, July 23, with the event scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m.. Organizers are encouraging area individuals to join the gathering for what promises to be a great meal and an excellent opportunity for socializing with friends.

To help coordinate the logistics of the event, organizers ask that participants stop by the Center ahead of time to formally sign up for the luncheon. The advance registration ensures an accurate headcount for the main courses, seating arrangements, and provided amenities.

The event features a coordinated menu where the Center will provide several staple items for the crowd. Fried chicken will serve as the main entrée, and the Center will also supply all drinks and full table service for the attendees.

In addition to the shared meal, the gathering will double as a monthly celebration. A special birthday cake will be served to honor all Center members who are celebrating their birthdays during the month of July.

While the Center is providing the primary components of the luncheon, attendees traditionally bring complementary side dishes, salads, or desserts to share with the group, creating a diverse, community-style spread. The promotional materials for the gathering emphasize a welcoming atmosphere, noting that "good food" and "great company" are the core focuses of the day, and explicitly stating that all are welcome to attend.

For more information regarding the upcoming potluck, to check on recommended side dishes, or to sign up for the July 23 event, individuals can visit the Center's main office.

MARTIN STATE FOREST SEEKS INTERMITTENT CLERK FOR SHOALS PROPERTY OFFICE

SHOALS, Ind. — The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is hiring a Seasonal Natural Resources Worker to serve as an intermittent clerk at Martin State Forest. The position offers local job seekers an opportunity to support public land management while launching a potential career with the State of Indiana.

The state posted the opening under Requisition ID 471155. Duties for the clerical role include managing inventory, stocking supplies, compiling reports, budgeting, and performing other administrative tasks to support the property office and existing staff.

Hourly wages for seasonal state employment vary, starting at \$12.25 per hour. The position does not offer state benefits and is strictly limited to 180 working days within an 11-month continuous period.

Candidates must possess a high school diploma, a GED, or at least one year of work experience to qualify. Applicants must also be prepared to work flexible schedules, including afternoons, evenings, weekends, and holidays. The role may require wearing a state-provided uniform, traveling to different state properties, or maintaining a valid driver's license. While primarily an office-based role, seasonal workers must be comfortable occasionally working around heavy equipment or in varying weather conditions.

Established in 1932 with just 1,205 acres, Martin State Forest has expanded to 7,863 acres of restored, healthy woodland. The property features camping, fishing, hiking, and hunting, and sits adjacent to the Hoosier Woodland Arboretum.

Interested applicants living in the Shoals area can learn more by contacting the Martin State Forest office directly at 812-247-3491. Digital applications are being accepted online through the state's hiring portal at LOOGOOTE, Ind. — The Loogootee Public Library has finalized arrangements for its upcoming youth activity program, launching a creative community event designed to encourage teamwork and interactive problem-solving among local children.

The special event, titled "Save Spike," will take place on Thursday, July 9. The library's main programming room will host the interactive mission during normal operational hours, running from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The story-driven event centers around a playful adventure scenario where participants must work together to complete tasks to help a cartoon dinosaur character named Spike the Stegosaurus navigate a journey across the ocean. Organizers have tailored the nautical-themed dinosaur mystery specifically for young readers and student groups, incorporating age-appropriate logic puzzles and literacy skills into the overarching mission itinerary.

Library staff are encouraging local parents and child care providers to enroll children ahead of time to ensure adequate materials are available for all participants throughout the day. The facility has introduced multiple accessible methods for families to secure entry slots.

Interested participants can complete their enrollment digitally by scanning the quick-response code provided on the official event announcement. Alternatively, families can coordinate registration forms or make specific logistical inquiries by contacting the library's main administrative office directly at 812-295-3713.

The interactive initiative is part of the library's ongoing commitment to providing structured, educational entertainment options for area families during the summer season. Organizers expect a strong turnout for the day-long event, noting that the program provides an excellent opportunity to keep young minds active and engaged within a supportive, community-centered environment.

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MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE TO HOST FREE GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP IN AUGUST

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth has announced its upcoming August "Lunch & Learn" event, featuring a specialized workshop designed to assist local businesses and civic organizations with navigating the complexities of funding procurement.

The professional development seminar, structured as a Grant Writing Workshop, is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2026. The hour-long session will run from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bowling Manufacturing, located at 99 W. Washington St. in Loogootee. Admission to the networking and educational gathering is completely free to the public, and a complimentary lunch will be provided to all registered attendees.

The workshop features Bridget Anderson, the Indiana director for Patronicity, as the guest presenter. Anderson will lead the instructional session, sharing industry tips, strategies, and practical frameworks intended to streamline the grant application process. The curriculum is tailored to help both independent small business owners and non-profit administrators identify available funding pipelines, structure compelling narratives, and ultimately make the writing process significantly easier and more effective.

Alliance coordinators are encouraging local entrepreneurs, community organizers, and regional development stakeholders to attend the midday session. Because a catered lunch is included in the program, advanced registration is required to ensure an accurate headcount for the facility space and seating arrangements.

Area residents who wish to secure a seat, submit an RSVP, or obtain additional logistical details regarding the event can get in touch with the economic development agency directly. Inquiries can be made by calling the administrative office at 812-295-4800 or by sending an electronic mail request to assistant@martinalliance.org.



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Bridget Anderson
Indiana Director
Patronicity

WEDNESDAY
August 12th, 2026

FROM
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Questions or to RSVP:



Bowling Manufacturing: 99 W Washington St. Loogootee IN



(812)-295-4800
assistant@martinalliance.org

MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE HOSTS ONE-DAY QUICKBOOKS WORKSHOP FOR SMALL BUSINESSES



QUICKBOOKS TRAINING WORKSHOP

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Monday, November 16th, 2026



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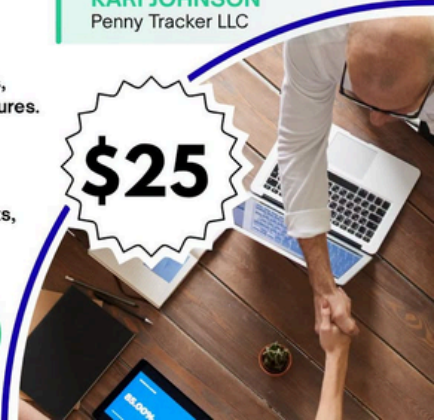
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Bowling Manufacturing:
99 W Washington St, Loogootee IN 47553



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Small business owners and entrepreneurs in Martin County looking to streamline their financial management can attend a one-day QuickBooks Training Workshop hosted by the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth. The interactive workshop will take place on Monday, Nov. 16, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Bowling Manufacturing, 99 W. Washington St., Loogootee.

Led by Kari Johnson of Penny Tracker LLC, the session is designed to eliminate guesswork from small business accounting by teaching participants how to track income, manage expenses, and navigate financial reports to drive informed business decisions. Registration for the event is \$25 per person.

During the comprehensive six-hour workshop, attendees will explore the core functions and time-saving features of QuickBooks Online, including proper file setup and integration tools. Key instructional topics include:

- Accounting Fundamentals: Understanding bookkeeping organization, financial statements, and the principles of double-entry accounting in straightforward terms.
- System Customization: Setting up customized Charts of Accounts to monitor meaningful business data and streamline day-to-day workflows.
- Financial Management: Practical methods for efficient receipt capturing and conducting monthly reconciliations.

The course caters to both new users seeking to set up their bookkeeping system correctly from the start and experienced users looking to refine their setup and utilize advanced automation tools. Organizers emphasize that establishing an organized financial foundation is essential for long-term business sustainability and local economic development.

Space for the training session is limited. Business owners interested in attending are encouraged to reserve their seats early through the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth website at martinalliance.org.

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

LOGOOTE, Ind. — The Logoote 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_la83da.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_la83da.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. 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.

DAVISS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



Daviss Community Hospital

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- Carbon Monoxide Screening
- Mood/Depression screening

Services

Cash or check only.

\$15	Simple Spirometry Test (bring shirt off early long sleeve)
\$17	Prostate Cancer Screening For men who are 50 or older
\$20	Hemoglobin A1C (blood-sugar based sugar level test done over the past 3 months)
\$25	Electrocardiogram (EKG) For those 40 years old or older. Appointment & interpretation available by Cardiovascular Clinician Office.
\$25+	Flu Shot Regular shot is \$20. High dose is \$35.
\$44	Chem16 & Total Cholesterol Panel (waiting for 3 hours prior to the test is required)
\$50	Pap Smear By appt only call 812-334-9134 to schedule. For private appts 219-533-3444 have our fax # 219-533-3444
\$49	Calcium Heart Scan By appt only call 812-334-9134 to schedule. Accounts for amount of calcium deposits in your heart's arteries.
\$175	Mammography with Pap Smear By appt only call 812-334-9134 to schedule. For self-pay women a fee form and Radiology Payment for reading the reports.
\$125	Mammography with Tomography By appt only call 812-334-9134 to schedule. For self-pay women a fee form and Radiology Payment for reading the reports.

Shop & mingle in our Vendor Fair!

EVENT SPONSORS:





Daviess Community Hospital will host its annual Community Health Fair on Friday, Sept. 18, from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Simon Graber Complex in Odon. The event will feature free health education, blood pressure checks, depression screenings, carbon monoxide screenings, a vendor fair, bingo, and biscuits and gravy. Low-cost health screenings, including cholesterol testing, A1C testing, EKGs, flu shots, prostate cancer screenings, and mammograms, will also be available. Some services require appointments. For more information or to schedule eligible screenings, contact Daviess Community Hospital.

LOOGOOTEE TACO BELL LAUNCHES RECRUITMENT DRIVE OFFERING DAILY PAY AND IMMEDIATE HIRING

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The local Taco Bell franchise has launched a major recruitment initiative, opening up applications for multiple positions across all operational shifts to bolster its restaurant team.

The fast-food establishment, located at 704 W. Broadway St. in Loogootee, is seeking area applicants for its new hiring push. To attract candidates in a competitive employment market, the restaurant is advertising a modern flexible compensation structure, highlighting the availability of a "Daily Pay" option that allows team members to access their earned wages more rapidly.

According to promotional recruitment materials, the franchise is offering competitive compensation alongside a comprehensive list of corporate perks. Employment benefits for the available positions include access to health and medical benefits packages, scholarship opportunities for qualifying student employees, and clear internal advancement programs designed to transition hourly crew members into management tracks.

Additionally, the establishment is offering immediate on-the-job incentives, including free tacos and complimentary meals provided to employees during their scheduled shifts. The hiring coordinators emphasized that the restaurant operates as a fast-paced, fun environment built around "great people, great vibes, and great tacos."

The open positions feature flexible scheduling arrangements, allowing the restaurant to accommodate applicants seeking full-time careers or part-time shifts around existing personal schedules.

Local job seekers can utilize a simplified text-to-apply mobile system to begin the application protocol immediately. Interested applicants are instructed to text the keyword "TACO" to 35966 to receive a digital application link and connect directly with the hiring team at the Loogootee location. Candidates can also visit the restaurant property during normal operating hours to request further hiring details.

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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NATIVE WILDFLOWER AND INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP SCHEDULED IN LINTON



LINTON, Ind. — Local conservation organizations are inviting residents and nature enthusiasts to participate in a hands-on Native Wildflower Planting and Invasive Species Training workshop scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 13540 W. County Road 400 S. in Linton.

Organized in partnership with the Greene County Invasive Species Initiative, the Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the three-hour workshop aims to equip community members with practical land stewardship skills.

During the session, instructors will cover best practices for establishing native wildflower plantings and effective strategies for identifying, managing, and controlling invasive plant species that threaten local ecosystems. Participants attending the event are eligible to earn educational credits for both Master Gardener and Master Naturalist certification programs.

Due to hands-on instruction and space limitations, registration is strictly required, with capacity capped at 20 participants. Organizers encourage interested individuals to reserve their spots early to secure attendance. The Greene County Invasive Species Initiative continuously works to control invasive plants throughout Greene County by educating citizens and promoting native habitat restoration.

To reserve a spot or request additional details about the upcoming training, prospective attendees should contact Cassandra Arthur via email at cassandra-arthur@iaswcd.org.

DOWNTOWN LOOGOOTEE REVITALIZATION CONTINUES WITH LARKIN APARTMENTS FACADE PROJECT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Downtown Loogootee's ongoing aesthetic and economic transformation reached another milestone Wednesday morning with the completion of a major facade improvement project at the historic Larkin Apartments.

The latest enhancement features a newly installed exterior awning on the prominent downtown building, funded in part by the community's local facade grant initiative.

Located at 103 Public Square, the Larkin Apartments building—originally constructed in 1898—stands as a central fixture in Loogootee's historic core. The new awning installation is designed to improve storefront curb appeal while offering weather protection and preserving the architectural character of the downtown district.

The project was made possible through local facade grant funding aimed at encouraging property owners and downtown businesses to invest in exterior upgrades. Local leaders have utilized the grant program to support various capital improvements, including updated signage, structural masonry work, refreshed painting, and customized awning installations. Community development organizers emphasized that small visual upgrades play a critical role in broader economic growth, helping attract new residents, visitors, and commercial investment to Martin County.

By providing matching financial support to local business and residential property owners, the grant program continues to catalyze private reinvestment throughout Loogootee's central business district. Local officials and community revitalization advocates celebrated the completion of the project, noting that continued participation from downtown property owners remains vital to preserving the area's historic charm while encouraging long-term economic development.

Property owners interested in applying for future rounds of facade improvement matching grants can contact local economic development representatives or visit the city's official community growth portals for guidelines and application deadlines.

VINCENNES MAYOR JOE YOCHUM ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR INDIANA STATE SENATE DISTRICT 39

VINCENNES, Ind. — Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum today announced his candidacy for Indiana State Senate District 39, promising to bring decades of public service, practical experience and a commitment to southwest Indiana to the Statehouse.

A Ballot Vacancy Nominating Caucus will be held at 7:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, July 23 at the Washington City Council Chambers, 200 Harned Avenue in Washington, Indiana, to confirm Yochum’s nomination for the November 3 election.

Yochum has served as mayor of Vincennes for the past 15 years, working with Republicans, Democrats and Independents to strengthen the city, support economic development and improve residents’ quality of life. “For too long, decisions made in Indianapolis and Washington, D.C. have taken resources away from our cities and towns without considering the consequences for the people who live here,” Yochum said. “Southwest Indiana deserves a state senator who understands our communities, listens to local leaders and will stand up for the resources our families depend on.”

As mayor, Yochum has overseen major infrastructure and community improvement projects, including the Riverwalk, Main Street and Second Street improvements, the Kimmell Road extension, Rainbow Beach renovations and critical levee certification projects. His administration has also worked with economic development partners to attract businesses and encourage investment throughout the region. Yochum said his campaign will focus on protecting local communities, supporting public safety, strengthening infrastructure, expanding economic opportunities and ensuring southwest Indiana receives its fair share of state funding.

Yochum began his public service career at age 18 as a volunteer firefighter and served for 32 years, including four years as chief of the Vincennes Fire Department. First elected mayor in 2011, he is now serving his fourth term. His regional service has included leadership roles with the Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Development Board and Southern Indiana Development Commission Executive Board. He currently serves on the Accelerate Indiana Municipalities Board of Directors.

“I have spent my life working alongside the people who call southwest Indiana home,” Yochum said. “I will bring a common-sense, bipartisan approach to the Indiana Senate. This campaign is about service, not politics, and delivering results for the people of District 39.” A lifelong Knox County resident, Yochum graduated from Vincennes Lincoln High School and earned an associate degree in business management from Vincennes University. He and his wife, Susan, have five children and 15 grandchildren. To learn more about Joe Yochum and his campaign for Indiana State Senate District 39, visit joeyochum.com. About Joe Yochum Joe Yochum is a lifelong Knox County resident who has dedicated his career to serving his community. He served for 32 years as a firefighter, including four years as City of Vincennes Fire Chief, before being elected mayor of Vincennes in 2011. Now serving his fourth term as mayor, Joe is running for Indiana State Senate District 39 to bring practical experience, a bipartisan approach and a strong voice for southwest Indiana to the Statehouse.

LOOGOOTEE HOSTS WEEKEND FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY AND OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local residents can look forward to a full weekend of community entertainment, featuring food trucks, fundraising, and outdoor family movies scheduled for Friday, July 24, and Saturday, July 25.

The festivities begin Friday with "Lunchtime Food Truck Friday," running from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Community members can grab lunch and beverages from a featured lineup of local vendors, including Sips and Snacks, Small Town Sips, and Java J's.

In addition to the lunch options, the Choir Boosters Booth will operate on Friday across two separate shifts, serving visitors from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and reopening from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to support local student programs. As evening approaches, the community gathering transitions into "Outdoor Movie Nights," offering free film screenings at dusk on both Friday and Saturday:

- Friday, July 24: The weekend kicks off at dusk with a screening of Hoppers, sponsored by Aaron & Brenda Smith.
- Saturday, July 25: The family movie series continues at dusk with a screening of Trolls, sponsored by Michael & Samantha Alvarez.

Throughout the evening movie events, full concessions will be provided by the Loogootee Beautification Board to help support local civic maintenance and enhancement projects. Families and attendees are encouraged to arrive early, bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating, and support the local vendors and civic groups throughout the weekend.

BVR FOCUSES ON INNOVATION AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AT QUARTERLY BREAKFAST



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — A local professional team recently gathered at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant for its second-quarter meeting, blending team-building exercises, competitive pitching, and educational workshops.

The event focused heavily on teamwork and collaboration. To foster creative problem-solving, team members were randomly paired and assigned everyday office supplies. Each group was tasked with creating a compelling sales pitch to present before a panel in a "Shark Tank"-style presentation.

The competition proved both lively and intense as teams demonstrated their sales acumen. Ultimately, the team of Eric, Lucy, Tyce, and Chadd claimed top honors for their winning pitch on why the standard office stapler reigns supreme among office products.

Following the interactive workshop, the morning shifted toward workplace safety and professional development. Attendees completed hands-on fire safety training before participating in an educational session led by Edward Jones, which covered smart money strategies and financial wellness principles. Company leadership praised the staff's enthusiasm and dedication throughout the event, highlighting the team's strong culture and collaborative spirit. Quarterly team-building events and continuous education sessions remain a key priority for local organizations seeking to foster strong workplace connections, elevate professional skills, and ensure employee safety in an evolving business landscape.

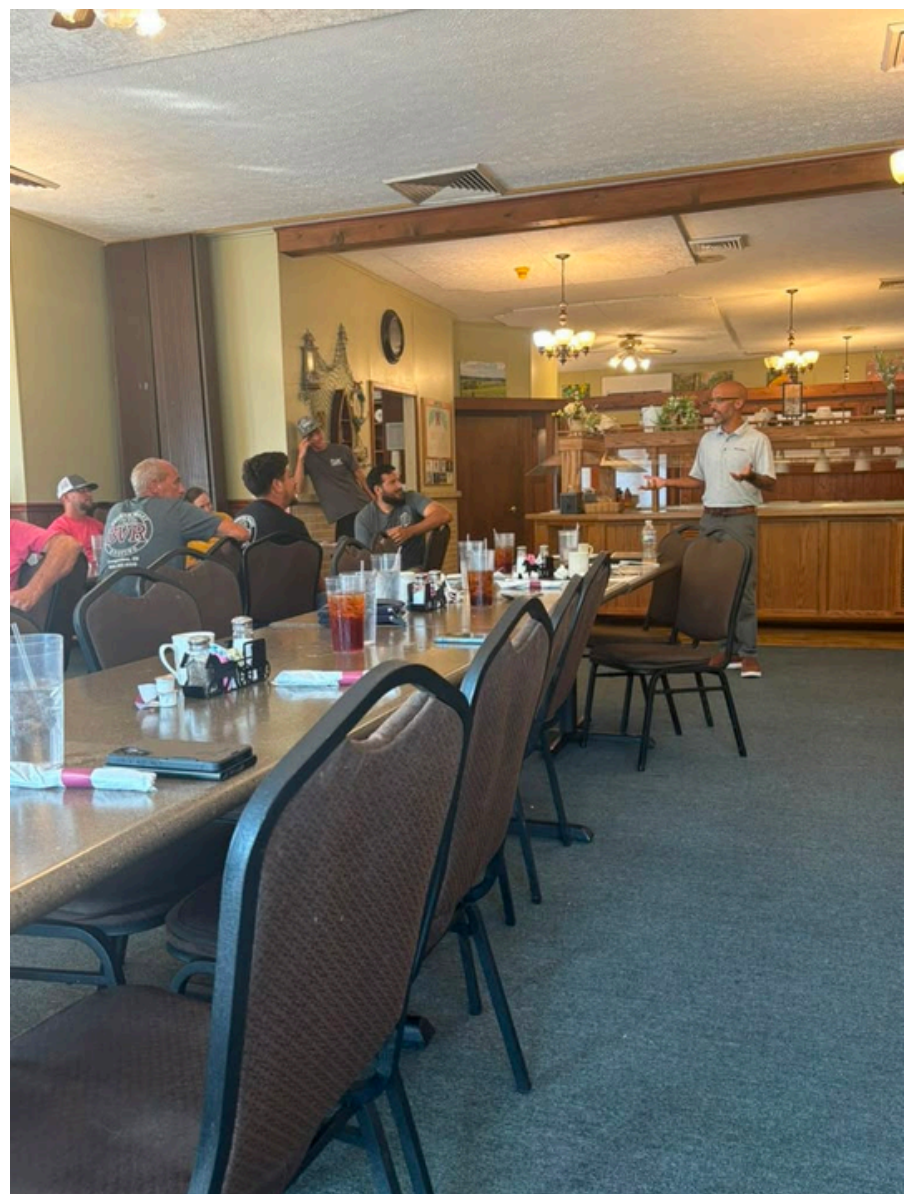
HILLTOP RACEWAY HOSTS AUTO WORLD VW BUG SLOT CAR RACE FRIDAY IN SHOALS

SHOALS, Ind. — Local racing enthusiasts and families can head to Hilltop Raceway this Friday night, July 24, for an evening of competitive HO slot car action on the track.

The event, organized by host Vaughn Montgomery, promises classic, fast-paced entertainment for all skill levels. Practice sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m., with official racing launching at 6:45 p.m.

This Friday's competition will take place on the venue's popular "Barney" track, featuring Auto World Volkswagen Bugs as the featured vehicle class. The event is open to the public, and no personal equipment is required to participate. Montgomery will furnish all slot cars and hand controllers for drivers, making it easy for newcomers and seasoned racers alike to jump right into the competition.

"Come and enjoy a good slot car race," Montgomery said, emphasizing that everyone in the community is invited to attend and test their skills on the track. Hilltop Raceway is located at 11408 Hilltop Honey Road in Shoals. Interested participants, spectators, and community members looking for more details or directions can reach Montgomery by phone or text at 812-247-2129. Updates and event announcements are also available on the official Facebook page, Hilltop raceway, HO slot car racing.



LOOGOOTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FOR AUGUST 3



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — School administrators have finalized preparations for the upcoming academic year, announcing the official date for the district's annual Back to School Open House.

The community event is scheduled for Monday, August 3rd, offering local families, returning students, and incoming personnel a dedicated opportunity to prepare for the fast-approaching fall semester.

According to guidelines released by Loogootee Community Schools, the open house will utilize a condensed, one-hour format. The evening activities will officially commence at 5:00 p.m. and conclude promptly at 6:00 p.m. The annual event serves as a critical transition window for student success, allowing attendees to tour campus buildings, locate their designated classrooms, and familiarize themselves with daily school layouts. Parents and guardians will have the chance to meet with building principals, classroom teachers, and support staff to discuss curriculum expectations, safety protocols, and supply requirements before the official first day of instruction.

District personnel will also be stationed throughout the facilities to assist families with essential administrative duties, including verifying student registration paperwork, updating transportation schedules, and processing school lunch program documentation.

The open house acts as a central hub for school spirit, featuring the district's classic "L" branding and coordinating with local youth sports and extracurricular groups. School officials encourage all families to attend the brief window to help minimize first-day anxieties and ensure a smooth operational start for the student body. Additional information regarding grade-specific school supply lists, registration portals, and individual school building maps can be accessed through the main office or via the official Loogootee Community Schools digital platform.

ODON VFW HOSTS WEEKLY TACO TUESDAY DEALS AND COMMUNITY DINING

ODON, Ind. — Looking to spice up your midweek routine? The Odon VFW Post 9627 is welcoming local residents to its weekly Taco Tuesday event, offering discounted Tex-Mex favorites, full-menu options, and evening drink specials. The weekly culinary feature runs all day at the post, located at 212 E. Elnora St. in Odon.

Diners can take advantage of \$5 tacos or opt for a full taco salad for \$7. For guests craving standard comfort food, the VFW's full regular kitchen menu remains available alongside the daily specials. In addition to all-day food deals, the post hosts a daily Happy Hour from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., featuring ice-cold beers for \$2. Organizers emphasize that the dining room is open to the public, providing a family-friendly gathering spot for community members, veterans, and local families alike.

While food services are open to all visitors, alcohol consumption on the premises is governed by internal club regulations. Guests can consult the post's online "About" section or ask their server upon arrival for specific guidelines regarding beverage service. Post leadership encourages neighbors to bring friends and family out to enjoy great food, cold drinks, and good company while supporting the local veteran facility.

For additional information on weekly specials, kitchen hours, or venue guidelines, visitors can stop by the post at 212 E. Elnora St. or connect with Odon VFW representatives directly.



EVENT PLANNER

JULY 19-25

The Loogootee Senior Center provides a vibrant schedule of wellness activities, group exercises, and social gatherings designed to foster health, connection, and community among local older adults.

Located at 406 NW 1st Street in Loogootee, the Center offers a variety of events for members each week. The following is a list of events happening in the next week, July 19th–25th:

- Monday, July 20th - Workout with Susan Ramsey
- Susan Ramsey returns to lead the group in an energizing workout session. Check local postings or the Center for specific activity start times.
- Tuesday, July 21st - Card & Game Day
- Join fellow members for cards, cabinet games, and group puzzles throughout the day.
- Wednesday, July 22nd - Paint with Tyler Walton
- Participate in a guided painting session with Tyler Walton to create a custom lighthouse scene.
- Thursday, July 23rd - Community Potluck Dinner & July Birthday Celebration: 11:30 a.m.
- Join us for a great meal and socializing! Fried chicken, drinks, table service, and a special birthday cake for July member birthdays will be provided. Please stop by the Center to sign up on the bulletin board in advance with your name, party size, and planned dish.
- Friday, July 24th - Walk in the Park & Chair Exercise
- Wrap up the week with a community walk at the park followed by a chair exercise session to promote strength and mobility.
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Loogootee Public Library Update

We have a 2026 Summer Reading Program Champion! Harper Tinkle earned 555 points, and won the gift card raffle. Roarsome reading, Harper! We're so proud of all of our readers!



EVENT PLANNER

JULY 19-25

The Loogootee Public Library is currently running its "Unearth a Story" Summer Reading Program, designed to inspire a love of reading in children from ages 4-12. The Library will continue hosting events for the program throughout July. We have a 2026 Summer Reading Program Champion! Harper Tinkle earned 555 points, and won the gift card raffle. Roarsome reading, Harper! We're so proud of all of our readers!

If you would like to support the Library, you can submit a donation to their Venmo (@loogooteelibrary) or purchase supplies from their Amazon wish list viewable here.

Located at 504 Park Street in Loogootee, the Library offers a range of events for all ages each week. The following is a list of events happening in the next week:

- Sunday, July 19th - Closed
- Wednesday, July 22nd - Closed
- Thursday, July 23rd - Community Potluck Lunch & July Birthday Celebration: 11:30 a.m.
- Join the Loogootee Senior Center for a great meal and socializing! Fried chicken, drinks, table service, and a birthday cake for July member birthdays will be provided. Don't forget to stop by the Center (located at 406 NW 1st St.) to sign up in advance.
- Friday, July 24th - Adult Craft Night: 5:00 p.m.
- Keychains are the perfect accessories for your purse or backpack and make great gifts! Join the Library this month to make wooden flip-flop keychains. Registration forms can be found at the circulation desk. Program capacity of 13.



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What the Class of 2001 missed the most of after graduation.

MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

Oops, I made a couple of errors in my last letter. The withdrawal vote was not on the Huntingburg City Council agenda; but, it should have been. The Jasper City Council meeting was not July 15th but was July 22nd.

The issues at hand are why hasn't the Huntingburg City Council added the vote as an agenda item and does the Jasper City Council Ordinance No. 2026-12 have the same 12 - 18 month withdrawal time frame as the County's ordinance did? If so, why?

The Mid-States Corridor is a project that is opposed by overwhelming majorities in not only the counties directly affected by it; but, also by the entire state. It's a project that INDOT, the Lochmueller Group, the Mid-States Corridor RDA and its proponents cannot legitimately defend as necessary. So why the continued charade?

There have been many reasons put forward by

the Corridor's proponents, most notably, that the Corridor will compel new businesses to relocate to our area. If this were true then why are the solar farms, data centers, the BESS and other projects already clamoring for special considerations? Apparently, these businesses don't think they need the Corridor for their businesses to grow and prosper. Is this an example of all new businesses are bad for the area? Or, is it an attempt to keep "some" industries out of our area? All I know is the Corridor, solar farms or even the BESS should not be associated with, or against, any one political party. The projects are either good for our communities or they aren't; and, the Mid-States Corridor is one that is bad for the area.

Did you know that Amy Kippenbrock is in favor of the Mid-States Corridor but only in Dubois County? That sounds like she's in favor of a by-pass and not the entire 54 mile Corridor. If Ms. Kippenbrock really feels this way then she should stand up and say so. Or, does

she think she can straddle the fence, get elected and then force the Corridor onto her constituents?

We must also be aware of those who are railing constantly about "environmental" causes/projects. Not all of these causes/projects are detrimental to the tax payers or even the area. How can progressives be against all progress? As I say, the Mid-States Corridor is not and should not be a partisan issue. There are more conservatives opposed to the Corridor than there are liberals. It's the project that is the problem, not the politics.

Let's not waste the summer bickering about party politics. Let's spend our summer getting our current elected officials to do what their constituents want, vote the RDA out and stop the Corridor. There will be plenty of Town Halls, parades, fairs, festivals and events at which we can tell our side. We can get more people onboard by being visible and vocal.

So, let's all put up more STOP THE CORRIDOR signs, put more stickers on our vehicles, wear our hats, shirts and buttons, and attend every PRA, City and County government meetings and be vocal. We are winning and we will stop the Corridor.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

Property Rights Alliance (PRA) Updates/Information

7/09/26 PROPERTY RIGHTS ALLIANCE MEETING
71 people present, including 3 new members and 2 guests.
The membership just keeps growing

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- 7/22/26 5:30pm Jasper City Council meeting, Jasper City Hall - RDA Renewal/Withdrawal will be on the agenda. The Jasper City Council will address the renewal or withdrawal from the Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority. We would like to have as many people as possible attend this meeting.
- 7/22/26 6:30pm Town Hall at St. Anthony Community Center, Democratic Candidates, Common Ground Indiana PAC. Some preferred political candidates will be hosting their first of several planned Town Halls at the St. Anthony Community Center. A variety of issues will be discussed, including the Mid-States Corridor, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), solar farms, data centers and others.
- 7/23/26 7:00pm Property Rights Alliance Meeting at Klubhaus61 (incl. Zoom mtg with state legislator) A state legislator is scheduled to attend our 7/23 PRA meeting via Zoom. We will see him, and more importantly, he will see US, so we would like to PACK the room! Please make plans to attend. Bring family, friends and neighbors with you!
- 7/28/26 5:30pm Huntingburg City Council Meeting, City Hall. Will the ordinance to vote the RDA out be on this meeting's agenda??
- 8/6/26 7:00pm Property Rights Alliance Mtg in conjunction with Dem. Candidates Town Hall at Klubhaus61
- 8/7/26 4:00pm Mid-States Corridor RDA Board Meeting, Huntingburg Event Center

PETS

Section by The Martin County Humane Society

ADOPTABLE CATS

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

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

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

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

In addition to adoption efforts, the non-profit organization relies on community donations to maintain daily

operations and provide essential care. Community members wishing to support the shelter can view critical supply needs through the society's official Amazon Wishlist.

Physical donations can be delivered or dropped off directly on the porch at the shelter facility located at 507 N. Oak St., Loogootee, IN 47553.



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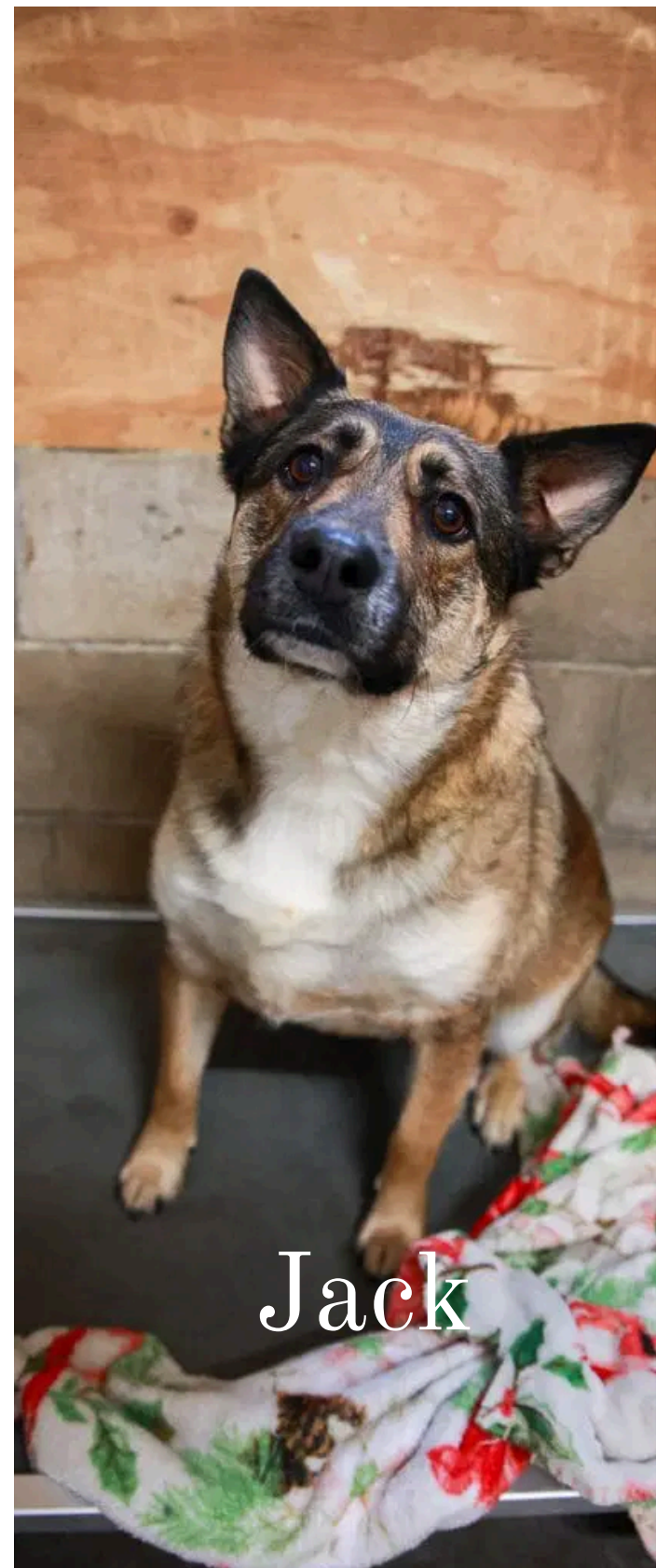
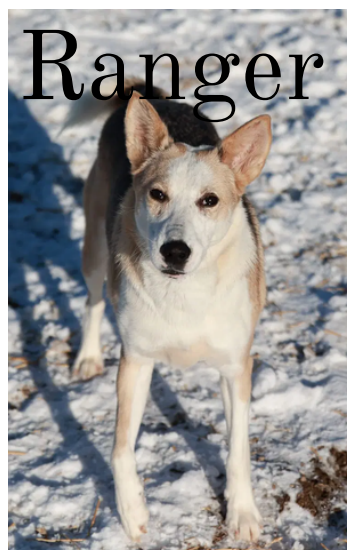
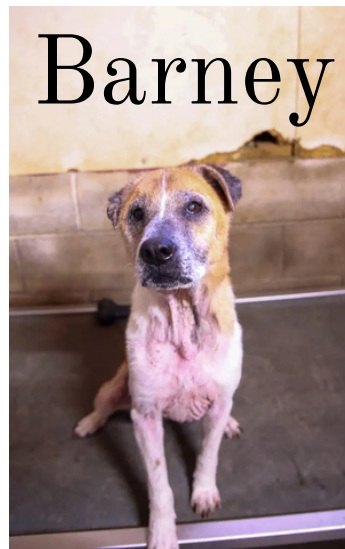
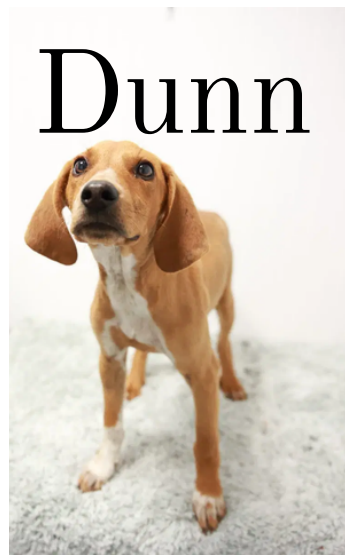
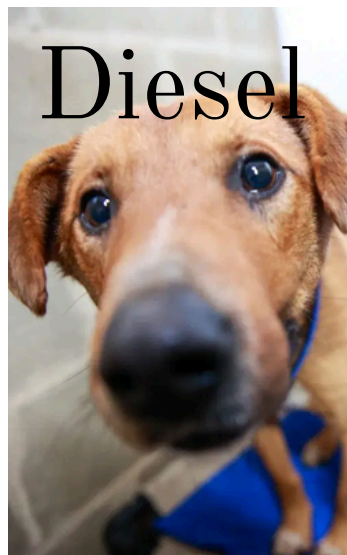
Adoption fees remain accessible to promote pet placement throughout the region, with cat adoptions set at \$45 and dog adoptions at \$100.

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

In addition to adoption efforts, the non-profit organization relies on community donations to maintain daily

operations and provide essential care. Community members wishing to support the shelter can view critical supply needs through the society's official Amazon Wishlist.

Physical donations can be delivered or dropped off directly on the porch at the shelter facility located at 507 N. Oak St., Loogootee, IN 47553.



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Monday, July 13, 2026

3:45 a.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a residential burglar alarm North of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

6:25 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

6:28 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

7:14 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

7:41 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:57 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard South of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:56 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.

9:00 a.m.- Zachary Kelsey, a 42-year-old male from Shoals, on station to serve a court-ordered commitment.

11:59 a.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

2:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

2:51 p.m.- Received a call reporting the stop light on US 50 East of Shoals is malfunctioning. Sergeant Hawkins and Captain Gibson responded. INDOT was notified.

2:57 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:58 p.m.- Received multiple landline and 911 calls reporting the stop light. Advised callers that units are enroute.

2:59 p.m.- Jail Officer Mooneyham transported one inmate to court.

3:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling South. Transferred the call to Dubois County 911.

4:12 p.m.- Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

4:28 p.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

4:44 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard East of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

7:03 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Devon Eastman, a 27-year-old male from Centerville, arrested for Possession of methamphetamine with enhancing circumstances, Neglect of a dependent, Driving while suspended-prior, Possession of a legend drug, Possession of marijuana-prior, Possession of a controlled substance, and on a Mercer County Ohio warrant. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.

8:18 p.m.- Received a call from Response Center advising of a commercial fire alarm East of Loogootee. Keyholder advised accidental and to disregard.

10:20 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:24 p.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a commercial fire alarm East of Loogootee. Keyholder advised accidental and to disregard.

Tuesday, July 15, 2026

6:34 a.m.- Received a call from Medical Alarm Service requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

9:00 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

9:45 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported two inmates to court.

9:50 a.m.- Jail Officer Bills transported one inmate to court.

11:22 a.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

12:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 150 traveling Northwest. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:17 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:29 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Captain Gibson and LPD Chief Cummings responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:16 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible theft in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Captain Gibson responded.

1:16 p.m.- Jail Officer Bills escorted one inmate to remote court.

2:01 p.m.- Received a call requesting a

vehicle unlocked in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

2:17 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

2:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Orange County. Transferred the call to Orange County 911.

3:38 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, LPD Chief Cummings, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

3:42 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy Southwest of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

5:26 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check Southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

5:41 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

6:03 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North. Advised all on-duty units.

7:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

8:05 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries East of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

8:16 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.

11:08 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

9:47 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:03 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an abandoned animal North of Loogootee. Martin County Humane Society responded.

10:09 a.m.- Received two 911 calls reporting an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Sheriff Greene and Captain Gibson responded.

12:03 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

:09 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:38 p.m.- Received a call from Orange County requesting an ambulance in Paoli. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

2:20 p.m.- Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

2:35 p.m.- Received a report of reckless driving South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

2:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

3:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East toward Shoals. Advised all on-duty units.

3:34 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn North of Shoals.

3:47 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Orange County EMS, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Hawkins and Marshal Copeland responded. No one was transported.

4:24 p.m.- Marshals Copeland on station with Sasha Pottorff, a 38-year-old female from Shoals, arrested for Battery on a minor and Intimidation. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

5:08 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

7:05 p.m.- Received a report of an abandoned vehicle South of Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

7:30 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

7:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Southeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:07 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Nash responded. No one was transported.

9:31 p.m.- Received a call from Vivent Security advising of a residential burglar alarm in Crane Village. Major Reed and Deputy Nash responded.

11:48 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

Thursday, July 16, 2026

1:24 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Dubois County. Transferred the call to Dubois County 911.

7:52 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible disabled vehicle South of Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.

8:04 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

9:40 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, LPD Chief Cummings, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey, Captain Gibson and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

9:53 a.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line Northeast of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

11:03 a.m.- Received a request to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

11:10 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling South into Dubois County. Transferred the call to Dubois County 911.

11:30 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:58 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute in Crane Village. Captain Gibson, Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

12:52 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

2:31 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

2:48 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

3:01 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

3:07 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:23 p.m.- Crane Naval Base requested Loogootee Fire Department for mutual aid. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

3:56 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

5:07 p.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Cody Major, a 31-year-old male from Bloomfield, arrested for Resisting law enforcement, Possession of marijuana and on a Greene County warrant. He is being held without bond.

5:19 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

10:05 p.m.- Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.

10:31 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious female South of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

11:54 p.m.- Received a report of a vehicle being broken into in Loogootee. Deputy Nash and Deputy Droke responded.

Friday, July 17, 2026

12:34 a.m.- Received a report of a possible break-in in Loogootee. Deputy Nash and Deputy Droke responded.

7:31 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

7:49 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle South of Shoals. Big John's Towing responded.

8:11 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard South of Shoals. INDOT was notified.

9:54 a.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Nicholas Guy, a 47-year-old male from Shoals, arrested by LPD Chief Cummings for Possession of methamphetamine, Resisting law enforcement and Operating a vehicle while

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intoxicated-endangerment, refusal. He is being held without bond.
9:57 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
10:00 a.m.- One inmate was escorted to remote court by jail staff.
10:20 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
10:38 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries East of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Shoals Fire Department and Schuetter Towing responded.
11:08 a.m.- Received a call requesting an officer South of Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.
11:32 a.m.- Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Chief Cummings responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
11:37 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.
12:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
12:39 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn North of Shoals.
1:13 p.m.- Received a call from Ring advising of a residential burglar alarm South of Shoals. The keyholder advised to disregard.
2:52 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller and Uebelhor Towing responded. No one was transported.
3:16 p.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.
5:42 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn North of Shoals.
6:06 p.m.- Corporal Erwin on station with Synthia Osgatharp, a 27-year-old female from Loogootee, arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held on \$5,000 10% bond.
6:49 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.
7:02 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
7:47 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries North of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.
8:15 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Deputy Nash and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
9:22 p.m.- Deputy Nash on station with Emily George, a 30-year-old female from Loogootee, arrested by Deputy Droke for Domestic battery in the presence of a minor. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.
9:24 p.m.- Deputy Droke on station with James Garrison, a 54-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Domestic battery in the presence of a minor. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.
10:06 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.
10:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.
11:39 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred the call to Lawrence County 911.

Saturday, July 18, 2026

6:35 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting the traffic light East of Shoals is not working. Deputy Droke responded.
6:35 a.m.- Received multiple calls advising of the traffic light. Advised callers a unit was enroute.
7:27 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.
7:30 a.m.- Received a call from Ring advising of a residential burglar alarm in Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.
7:45 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Droke responded.
8:24 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
9:05 a.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard Southeast of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.
9:50 a.m.- Tad Osgatharp, a 41-year-old male from Loogootee, on station to turn himself in on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.
10:14 a.m.- Received a report of a possible trespasser in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
11:29 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
3:29 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
3:41 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.
4:23 p.m.- Received a report of a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.
4:32 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
5:08 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
6:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
6:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident West of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, Corporal Erwin, Deputy Branham and Big John’s Towing responded. No one was transported.
7:05 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Shoals. Corporal Erwin, Deputy Branham and Deputy Droke responded.
7:24 p.m.- Received a report of a communication line down in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.
8:10 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Droke and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

Sunday, July 19, 2026

2:22 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
5:47 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Droke responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
8:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
8:45 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
12:05 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
1:11 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
1:29 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.
3:18 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting Dubois County. Transferred the call to Dubois County 911.
3:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
4:55 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
6:18 p.m.- Received a report of trespassers Southeast of Shoals. Corporal Erwin and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.
7:10 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
7:59 p.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Shoals. Deputy Clark and Shoals Fire Department responded.
9:30 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:45 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.
10:08 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.
11:24 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231S traveling South. Notified Dubois County.
11:33 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

LOOGOOTEE POLICE LOG

***NO POLICE LOG
THIS WEEK***

Property Records

Transfers July 15-23

NOTICE 1 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Jason Buechlein and Payton Buechlein, husband and wife, residing at 1196 Bellgrade Dr., Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 1196 Bellgrade Dr, Loogootee, IN 47553 (Legal Description: A portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Eighteen (18), Township Three (3) North, Range Four (4) West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.55 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-07-18-300-061.000-007) from the current owners, Thomas W. Walker and Wilma Jean Walker, husband and wife.

NOTICE 2 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, NORTH STREET PROPERTY LLC, residing at 103 North Street/P.O. Box 246, Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the City of Loogootee, Indiana (Legal Description: Lot Number Thirty-Six (36) in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, 8.25 feet added to the north side of said lot per Alley Vacated by Loogootee Ordinance #07-01; State ID: 51-08-24-400-046.000-008) from the current owner, Beth Anne Lett (by Christopher B. Lett, her Power of Attorney).

NOTICE 3 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Bryce W. Baker and Cassidy Shaw, as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship, residing at 5511 Brett Road, Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10.00 Acres, more or less; State ID: Parent Parcel #51-07-11-400-023.000-001) from the current owners, William D. Baker and Mary Ellen Baker, husband and wife.

NOTICE 4 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Trey M. Kidwell and Hannah M. Kidwell, husband and wife, residing at 504 SE 3rd St., Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the City of Loogootee, Indiana (Legal Description: Lots Numbered Thirty-nine (39), Forty (40) and Forty-one (41) in Walker's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana; State ID: 51-08-24-400-363.000-008) from the current owner, Dylan Street.

NOTICE 5 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Michael J. McAtee and Audra L. McAtee, husband and wife, residing at 1058 Pleasant View Ln, Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the City of Loogootee, Indiana (Legal Description: Lot Numbered Three (3) in Country Court V, a Subdivision in the City of Loogootee, as per plat thereof, recorded in Document No. 202500658, in the Office of the Recorder of Martin County, Indiana; State ID: 51-08-24-200-001.001-008) from the current owner, D & L CONSTRUCTION, LLC, an Indiana Limited Liability Company.

NOTICE 6 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Cecil C. Baker and Linda L. Baker, husband and wife, residing at 14768 Dover Hill Road, Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A portion of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Eleven (11), Township Three (3) North, Range Four (4) West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.7 acres, more or less; AND a portion of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Eleven (11), Township Three (3) North, Range Four (4) West, containing 2.00 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-07-11-200-003.000-001 and 51-07-11-200-007.000-001) from the current owner, Cecil C. Baker.

NOTICE 7 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Robert M. Conklin and Maria Rose Conklin, husband and wife, residing at 2108 Martinsburg Road, Borden, IN 47106, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the Town of Indian Springs, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: Part of Lot 28 in the Town Indian Springs, described as 30 foot front and 60 foot back in the Northwest corner of said lot; State ID: 51-05-08-100-038.000-006) from the current owner, Brandon Melvin.

NOTICE 8 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Barbara M. Warren, residing at 407 E Main St., Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the City of Loogootee, Indiana (Legal Description: Lot Number Twenty-one (21) in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana; State ID: 51-08-24-400-006.000-008) from the current owner, Michael J. Nonte.

NOTICE 9 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Kasie Lynn Green, residing at 212 Acton St., Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the City of Loogootee, Indiana (Legal Description: The East One-Half of Lot Number Nineteen (19), also, Lot Number Twenty (20) and fifteen (15) feet of even width off the West side of Lot Number Twenty-one (21), all in Heck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana; State ID: 51-08-24-100-080.000-008) from the current owner, Julie A. Dye f/k/a Julie A. Green.

NOTICE 10 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Charles R. Chrisman, residing at 13812 Mt. Calvary Rd., Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: That portion lying East of the County Road of a 12-acre tract off the South side of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.25 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-08-13-100-021.000-007) from the current owner, B & L WALKER RENTALS LLC, an Indiana Limited Liability Company.

Courts Report

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Easy

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Expert

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

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6	9	4	3	5	2	7	8	1

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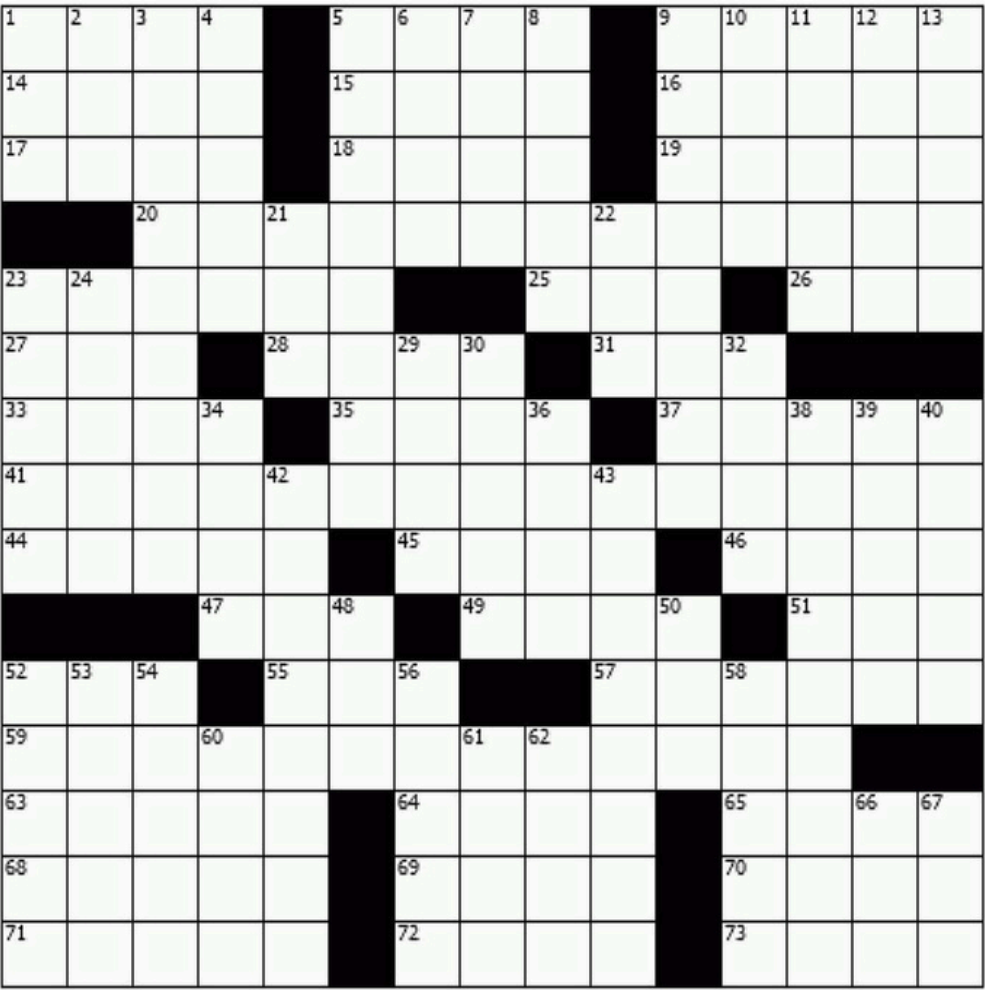
SOLUTIONS

Coloring Sheet
Color this for the Class of
1976 & 2001!



Across

1. Three-seater
5. "The ___ Wing"
9. Bothersome buzzers
14. Redact
15. Skirt or dance
16. Bat maker
17. Differentiate
18. Part of QED
19. "___ a million"
20. Educator Horace taking a swim?
23. Tenant
25. Slightest bit of money
26. Ward healers? (Abbr.)
27. United Nations Day mo.
28. Fashionable Picone
31. Inventor Whitney
33. King of Norway, once
35. Noted times
37. View from Bogotá
41. Actor Jamie admitting fault?
44. Lost
45. Uncluttered
46. Part of the winds
47. Broker : commission :: waitress : ___
49. Use scissors
51. Final (Abbr.)
52. Sault ___ Marie
55. Hood's comeuppance
57. Some Native Americans and some oranges
59. Newsman Roger getting dirty?
63. Kipling story locale
64. Duchess of ___ (Goya's love)
65. Word with chorus or flower
68. Weepy eyed
69. Paint ply
70. Keepers keep them
71. Messy pair?
72. "You Are ___"
73. "Jeepers creepers!"



Down

1. 10 reps X 3, typically
2. Lyric poem
3. Hollywood heavyweights
4. Titan with a load
5. At any time
6. Money, in many languages
7. Guy who may pay the Czech?
8. "Soap" family
9. Like the "lava" in a lava lamp
10. Second starter
11. Mr. T and cohorts
12. Final strike?
13. Uses UPS
21. Formerly called
22. Shad output
23. Bath sponge (Var.)
24. Acclamation
29. Graceland middle name
30. Elvis and Presley
32. Data
34. Toss and turn
36. Stretch across
38. Fixing code
39. French school
40. Dele deleters
42. Driving areas
43. Drain of color
48. Green goal, for many
50. Letters on a tire
52. Smack down
53. Whistlers' whistles
54. Norse literary collections
56. Fuzzy fruit
58. Rolling Stones hit song
60. Urgent
61. Type of gin
62. Skier's lift
66. Gene material
67. Leary's Special Dose?

Crossword Puzzle #54

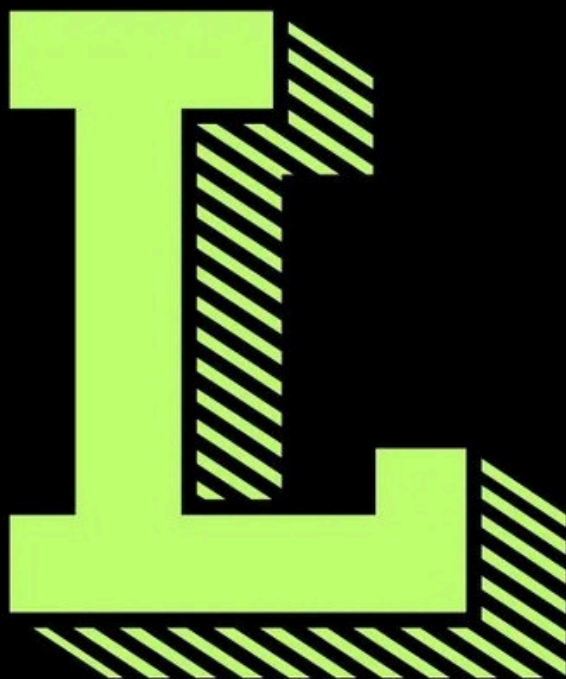
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Crossword Puzzle Solutions #54

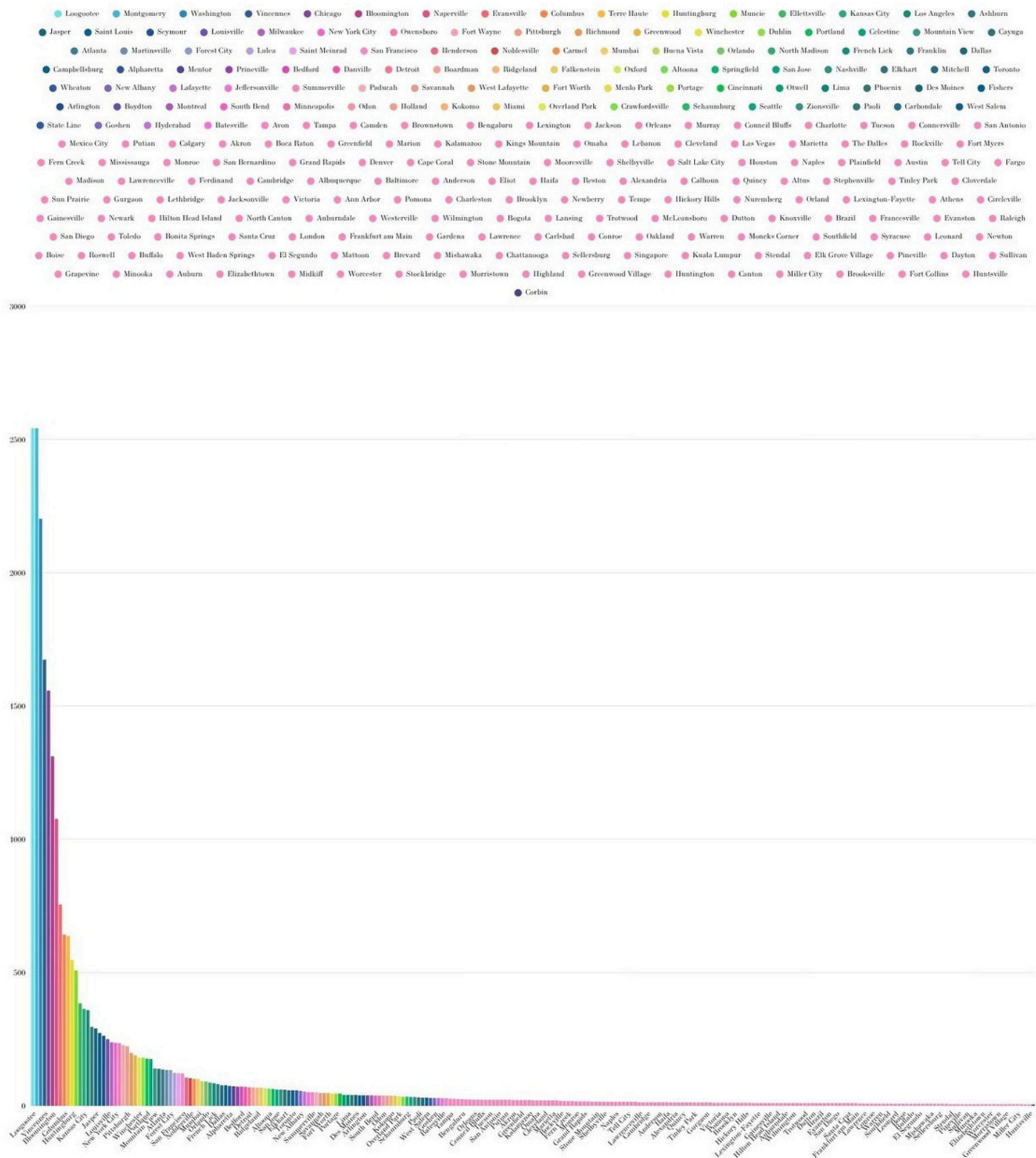
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YES YOU!**

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**WE CAN HELP YOU TODAY! THE NEXT FEW PAGES
WILL OUTLINE OUR NEW ADVERTISING POLICY AND
STRATEGY THAT MIGHT WORK FOR YOU. FLIP TO
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\$30 per week**

**Medium Size Online Ad
Placement
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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
for 52 Weeks*

\$450

The Golden Tier

*Medium Size Ad
Placement for 52 Total
Weeks*

\$1,500

The Platinum Tier

*Large Size Ad
Placement for 52
Weeks*

\$3,000

DEADLINES FOR ADS

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

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"

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