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INDIANA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE SECURITY UPGRADES FOR COURTHOUSE, FUNDED BY GRANT AND OPIOID SETTLEMENT



LOOGOOTE, Ind. — The Indiana County Board of Commissioners, in a special session Tuesday, approved a series of courthouse security upgrades, including a \$45,000 main entrance renovation to be funded in part by a \$30,000 state security grant and \$10,000 in county-matched funds. The remaining balance will be covered by additional county resources. A separate \$17,000 project to improve the courthouse's side entrance was also approved, drawing on unrestricted opioid settlement funds.

The meeting, which opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, was called specifically to address the courthouse security grant and related infrastructure needs. Presiding Judge [Name] introduced the main topic: the 2026 Court Reform Security Grant awarded to Indiana County, intended to enhance safety at public facilities. The \$30,000 grant, Judge [Name] said, required a local match to unlock the full amount, resulting

in a combined project budget of \$40,000 for the main entrance.

"Our goal is to ensure the courthouse remains a safe, welcoming place for all, while meeting new security standards set by the state," Judge [Name] told commissioners.

The centerpiece of the upgrade is the installation of security bolsters and other protective measures at the courthouse's main entrance. Commissioners and Judge [Name] emphasized that the redesign will balance security needs with an aesthetically

pleasing appearance, featuring new flagpoles and light poles to complement the building's historic facade.

The main entrance project was proposed at \$45,000, exceeding the combined grant and match by \$5,000. The commissioners agreed to allocate the extra funds from the county's budget, ensuring the project would move forward without delay. Contractor Tabor Owens was named to oversee the renovations, which are expected to be completed before the end of the year.

In addition to the main entrance, the commissioners approved a separate \$17,000 renovation of the courthouse's side entrance. Unlike the primary project, this work will be financed entirely by the county, drawing on unrestricted funds received as part of Indiana's opioid settlement. The dedicated funding line was established to support local infrastructure and safety initiatives.

The commissioner, who made the motion to approve the main entrance project, said the improvements were long overdue. "We're taking meaningful steps to protect the public, our staff, and the integrity of our judicial process," member said. "These investments will have a lasting impact on our community."

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A subsequent motion to approve the side entrance project also received unanimous approval.

During the session, commissioners expressed their appreciation for the collaborative effort in securing the grant and developing cost estimates. The judge thanked the commissioners for their continued support of courthouse safety initiatives. "Your willingness to match state funding and invest additional resources demonstrates your commitment to the safety of everyone who uses this courthouse," member said.

The commissioner also acknowledged the work of Judge [Name] and the administrative staff in preparing the grant application and coordinating with project partners. "This could not have happened without a team effort," they said. "We're grateful for the proactive approach taken to address these important security concerns."

The funding for the side entrance, drawn from opioid settlement money, reflects a broader trend of counties using such funds for public health and safety improvements. The commissioners said they were pleased to apply these resources to a project that will benefit the entire community.

No public comments were made during the session, and no online participants were present via Zoom. The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn, which passed without opposition. The next regularly scheduled commissioners' meeting is set for Tuesday.

The courthouse security upgrades are expected to begin in the coming weeks, with completion targeted for the end of 2026. Officials say the improvements will strengthen access control, deter potential threats, and preserve the welcoming atmosphere of the historic building.

"We look forward to seeing these enhancements take shape," a Judge said. "It's an investment in the safety, security, and future of Indiana County."

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COFFEE AND SWEET TREATS POP-UP SETUP OPENS AT LOOGOOTEE O'REILLY AUTO PARTS



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local residents in Loogootee looking for a morning pick-me-up or a sweet treat have a new mobile stop to add to their routine today.

A local beverage and dessert vendor has set up shop directly in the parking lot of the O'Reilly Auto Parts store in Loogootee, serving up a wide variety of handcrafted drinks and baked goods for community members on the go.

The vendor is offering a full menu tailored to early risers and midday commuters alike. Drink options range from traditional brewed coffees and blended frappes to sweet iced teas, specialty lemonades, and custom energy mixers designed to boost energy levels throughout the afternoon. Additionally, customers can pair their drinks with a rotating selection of sweet treats.

The pop-up location was officially announced on social media early this morning to alert local patrons of the temporary setup.

"Good Morning, we are in the O'reillys parking lot in Loogootee today," Jessica Graham posted on Facebook this morning. "Make sure to stop by and enjoy a coffee, sweet tea, lemonade, frappe, energy mixer, lemonade energy refresher, and of course a sweet treat. We hope to see you soon!"

Mobile drink stands and pop-up food vendors have become a popular fixture across rural Indiana communities, offering local entrepreneurs an opportunity to connect directly with neighborhoods while providing convenient, on-the-go service.

Organizers encourage local residents, commuters, and nearby workers to stop by the O'Reilly Auto Parts parking lot early to catch the stand while inventory lasts. Additional details regarding operational hours, future parking locations, and updated daily menu additions will be posted to social media channels as the mobile setup continues its regional rounds.

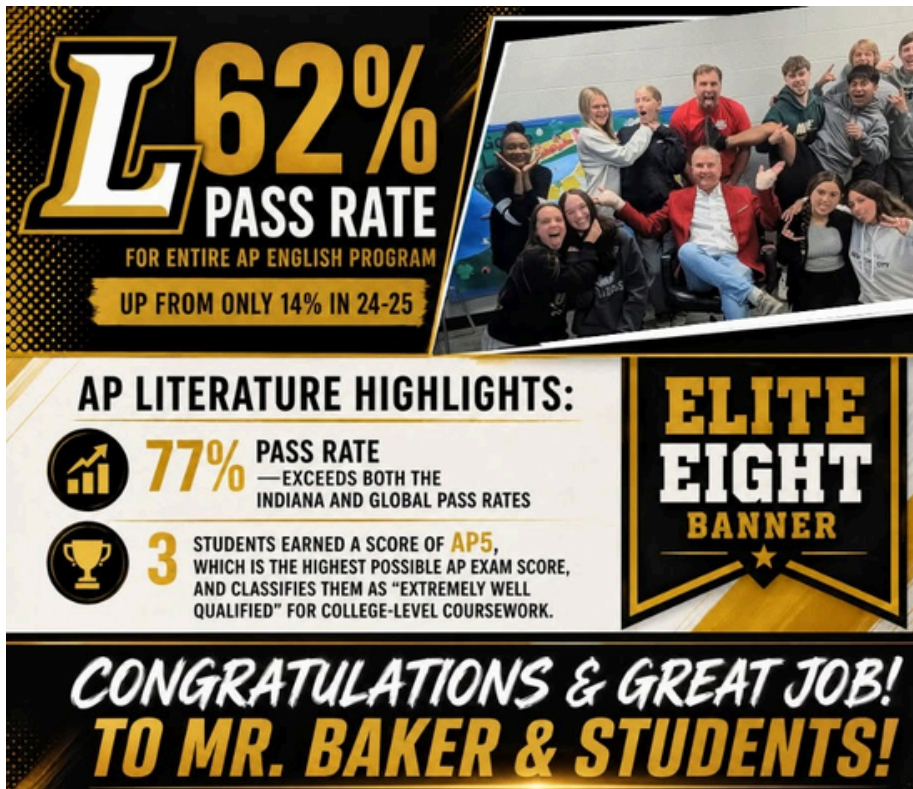
CALL FOR PROPOSALS: REVITALIZE LYONS

The Uplands Regional Land Bank is officially calling on local and regional developers to help transform the Town of Lyons. The land bank is currently seeking qualified partners to take ownership and breathe new life into four key vacant sites across the area.

This redevelopment initiative is a major step forward for neighborhood revitalization, aiming to clear blight, boost property values, and create exciting new opportunities for the community. Interested parties are encouraged to review the Request for Proposals (RFP), which outlines specific site details, submission requirements, and project guidelines. The RFP will be available beginning August 3, 2026. To view the RFP and learn more about the submission process and application instructions please visit the [Uplands Regional Land Bank](#) website or call their office at 812-295-3707 ext 5.

LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL AP ENGLISH STUDENTS ACHIEVE ‘ELITE EIGHT’ EXAM MILESTONE

IMPORTANT INFO FOR LOOGOOTEE FALL SPORTS ATHLETES’ PARENTS



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — High school English students in Loogootee are celebrating a standout academic postseason performance, logging a major surge in Advanced Placement exam scores for the 2025-26 academic year.

In instructor Mr. Baker's classroom, AP exam outcomes are traditionally evaluated using a March Madness framework, mapping passing percentages directly to collegiate basketball milestones. A 50% pass rate represents a basic tournament qualifier, while a 70% threshold earns Sweet Sixteen status. Reaching 76% to 79% secures an Elite Eight designation, scaling upward to a National Championship rank for pass rates exceeding 90%.

This year's AP English Literature cohort secured an Elite Eight finish by posting a 77% pass rate. Ten of the 13 enrolled students earned a qualifying score of 3 or higher, outperforming both the Indiana state and global AP Literature averages. Three students achieved a top score of 5, indicating they are extremely well qualified for college-level coursework, while no student in the class received a score of 1.

The individual literature class results contributed to a dramatic broader turnaround for the school's overall AP English curriculum. Across the entire program, the aggregate pass rate rose from 14% during the 2024-25 school year to 62% in 2025-26. To commemorate the milestone, an Elite Eight banner will be permanently displayed in the classroom to recognize the graduating cohort's efforts and establish a visual benchmark for future classes. School administrators commended both Baker and the student body for their academic commitment, noting that the program's growth reflects significant academic progress for Loogootee High School.

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.

2026 LOOGOOTEE LIONS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE RELEASED

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee High School volleyball team has released its official schedule for the 2026 fall season.

The Lions kick off the action in August with a mix of home fixtures and key road trips before rolling into a busy September conference slate and concluding their regular season in early October.

Here is the complete 2026 Loogootee Lions volleyball schedule:

- Aug. 13 – vs. Sullivan (Scrimmage, Home)
- Aug. 15 – at Evansville Christian (Away)
- Aug. 17 – vs. Jasper (Home)
- Aug. 20 – at Northeast Dubois (Away)
- Aug. 25 – vs. Linton-Stockton (Home)
- Aug. 27 – at Lighthouse Christian Academy (Away)
- Sept. 3 – at Orleans (Away)
- Sept. 5 – at Borden Tournament (Away)
- Sept. 8 – at North Daviess (Away)
- Sept. 10 – vs. Forest Park (Home)
- Sept. 12 – Phil Goodpaster Invitational (Home)
- Sept. 15 – vs. Vincennes Rivet (Home)
- Sept. 17 – vs. North Knox (Home)
- Sept. 18 – at Shoals (Away)
- Sept. 21 – at Southridge (Away)
- Sept. 25 – vs. Barr-Reeve (Home)
- Sept. 28 – at Eastern Greene (Away)
- Sept. 29 – at Springs Valley (Away)
- Oct. 1 – vs. Washington (Home)
- Oct. 3 – at Castle Invitational (Away)
- Oct. 5 – at Wood Memorial (Away)
- Oct. 6 – vs. South Knox (Home)
- Oct. 8 – vs. Bedford North Lawrence (Home)

LOOGOOTEE HOSTS YOUTH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ACROSS MULTIPLE AGE DIVISIONS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Youth softball teams from across southern Indiana are gathering in Loogootee for a regional tournament featuring pool play and single-elimination bracket action across 8U, 10U, and 12U age divisions.

The action is organized across three designated diamonds. All 8U division matchups will take place on Field 3. The ten-team 8U field is split into two pools. Pool A features the Hawks 8U, Washington Softball Club, Blue Streak Lightning, Bloomfield, and Mitchell All-Stars. Pool B includes the Loogootee 8U All-Stars, Pike County All-Stars, Monrovia All-Stars, Lanesville All-Stars, and Valley Stars 8U. Pool games run 60 minutes with 15-minute breaks, while bracket games extend to 65 minutes with 10-minute breaks.

Field 2 hosts the 10U division, featuring an eight-team field divided into two pools. Pool A contains Washington Softball Club 9u, Bluestreak Blue Jays, Loogootee 10U All-Stars, and Indiana Illume 10U. Pool B consists of the Ellettsville All-Stars, Valley Stars 10U, Washington Softball Club 10U, and Lanesville 10U. Pool play games on Field 2 run 65 minutes, while bracket games expand to 70 minutes.

Over on Field 1, the 12U division features a single five-team pool comprising Washington Softball Club 12U, FRYL All-Stars, Loogootee, NED 12U, and Indiana Illume 12U. Their pool play games run 65 minutes, with bracket play using 70-minute slots.

Tournament officials have outlined logistical details for visiting teams and fans. Coach check-in is located near the main concession area between the fields. General spectator parking is available in designated lots surrounding Loogootee Middle School, with entry accessed through the main spectator gate.

Dedicated parking for umpires and field workers is designated near Field 1 off Butcher Boulevard.

MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE HOSTS ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE AT LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE

LOGOOTE, Ind. — The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth has opened registration for its upcoming Annual Golf Scramble, inviting local business leaders, community partners, and area golfers to a morning of competition and professional networking.

The annual fundraising outing is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 11, at Lakeview Golf Course, located at 15485 Half Moon Road in Loogootee. Play will officially launch with a shotgun start beginning promptly at 9 a.m.

Organizers have set participation rates at \$50 per individual golfer or \$200 for a four-person team. The entry fee covers all primary course fees, golf cart rentals, and complimentary lunch and refreshments for players throughout the morning. To raise additional project funds, teams can purchase mulligans for \$20, with a strict cap set at four mulligans per team and a limit of one per player.

In addition to seeking team registrations, the organization is actively recruiting regional sponsors to support the economic development initiative. Hole sponsorships are currently available for local businesses and community organizations at \$100 per hole.

The Martin County Alliance serves as the primary economic development organization for the county, focusing on business retention, expansion, and community attraction initiatives. Proceeds from the annual scramble directly support the group's ongoing economic growth programs throughout the area. Interested golfers and prospective corporate sponsors can secure a spot or request further information by calling the alliance office at 812-295-4800. Registration requests and sponsorship inquiries can also be directed via email to Jessica Potts at jessica.potts@martinalliance.org.

LOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL SETS MANDATORY PARENT MEETING FOR ALL BAND STUDENTS

LOGOOTE
BAND

PARENT MEETING

**ALL PARENTS
OF LOGOOTE BAND STUDENTS**

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 6**

7:00 PM

**LOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM**

WHY THIS MEETING MATTERS
Our goal is to make sure all parents understand how the Loogootee Band program works and what to expect this year.

**PLAY TOGETHER.
ROAR TOGETHER.**

THANK YOU FOR BEING AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR BAND FAMILY!

LOGOOTE, Ind. — School music directors and boosters in Loogootee have scheduled an informational assembly for families ahead of the upcoming academic year, inviting guardians to review expectations and schedules for the music department.

The Loogootee Band Parent Meeting is set for Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. The gathering will take place inside the Loogootee High School Auditorium. Organizers noted that attendance is encouraged for all parents and guardians of students participating in the Loogootee Band program. The primary objective of the session is to ensure families gain a clear understanding of how the band program operates and learn what to anticipate throughout the course of the school year.

During the session, music staff will outline seasonal schedules, rehearsal commitments, performance expectations, and administrative procedures. The assembly also aims to foster stronger connections between the school's music staff and student families, reinforcing a shared community effort behind the performing arts curriculum under the motto "Play together. Roar together." School music programs across Indiana routinely utilize early August meetings to align logistics with parents before full-time classes, marching band rehearsals, and concert schedules kick into high gear for the fall term.

Parents seeking additional details regarding the meeting or looking to connect with band boosters ahead of the Aug. 6 session are encouraged to contact Loogootee High School administrative offices or reach out directly to the music department staff.

JASPER FARMERS MARKET OPENS SATURDAY MORNINGS THROUGHOUT STRASSENFEST SEASON



JASPER, Ind. — Local agricultural producers and artisan vendors are gearing up for a busy summer and autumn run as the Jasper Farmers Market continues its weekend operations, including an active schedule during the city's annual Strassenfest celebration.

Located directly behind the Jasper Cultural Center, the community market operates every Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Organizers confirmed that the seasonal outdoor market will run continuously through Saturday, Oct. 3. The market puts a heavy emphasis on home-grown agricultural goods and hand-made products sourced from regional farms and independent makers. Visitors can expect a broad selection of seasonal items, ranging from fresh local produce, fruits, and vegetables to farm-raised meats, baked goods, artisan breads, preserves, flowers, and handcrafted goods.

A major focal point for the market this season is its integration with Jasper's signature Strassenfest festivities. Market directors highlighted that the Saturday morning market will remain fully open and accessible during the festival weekend, providing both festivalgoers and local residents an opportunity to shop for fresh regional foods alongside traditional street festival activities.

Community farmers markets across southern Indiana serve as crucial retail hubs for regional agricultural producers, allowing small-scale farms and artisan crafters to sell directly to consumers. Organizers encourage shoppers to arrive early on Saturday mornings to secure the best selection of fresh, locally grown products before inventory runs out. Additional vendor updates and seasonal inventory details are made available weekly at the market grounds.

PATOKA LAKE TO HOST FREE GUIDED PLANT IDENTIFICATION WALK ON AUG. 22

BIRDSEYE, Ind. — Environmental experts in southern Indiana are inviting community members to explore local flora during a free, guided Plant ID Walk scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22, at Patoka Lake.

The hour-long educational excursion will run from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and will be co-led by Patoka Lake Wildlife Specialist Brian Finch and Soil and Water Conservation District Invasive Specialist Emily Finch. Participants will learn to identify several native forest and edge plant species that support local wildlife ecosystems, while also learning how to spot invasive vegetation, such as Japanese stiltgrass, that threatens native habitats.

Designed to be accessible for attendees of all fitness levels, the walk will follow an easygoing route primarily utilizing paved and gravel sections of the Patoka Lake Bike Trail. The event will proceed rain or shine, except in cases of severe weather, and no advance RSVPs are required.

Hikers will meet at the Patoka Lake Bike Trail parking lot, located south of County Road 1060 S inside the Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area. Standard park entrance fees or valid Indiana state park passes are required for vehicle entry at the gate.

To reach the staging site from State Road 164, visitors should take Dillard Road through the main park entrance gate, drive straight for 1.4 miles, and pull into the gravel lot on the left just before the second road intersection. Campers exiting the park grounds can reach the lot by turning right onto CR 1060 S, taking a left at the next intersection, and making an immediate right into the parking area. For additional information or specific venue directions, prospective attendees can call or text 812-329-0048 or send an email to Emily.Finch@in.nacdnet.net.

SMALL TOWN SIPS LAUNCHES ONLINE WISHLIST DRIVE TO SUPPORT LOCAL TEACHERS



LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Local beverage shop Small Town Sips has launched a community-wide support campaign aimed at helping local educators stock their classrooms for the upcoming school year.

The business announced the initiative on social media, creating an interactive platform where teachers and school staff members can directly share their supply needs with area residents. Local educators are invited to drop links to their online classroom wishlists in the comment section of the official promotional post.

In turn, community members are encouraged to review the submitted links and purchase needed items to help fulfill supply requests before students return to the classroom. Requested materials typically range from basic instructional supplies and organizational tools to books and specialized learning aids that educators frequently purchase out of pocket.

Organizers highlighted the crucial role educators play in shaping the youth of the community, framing the campaign as an opportunity for residents to show tangible appreciation for school staff. By leveraging social media to connect donors directly with individual classroom wishlists, the initiative aims to streamline the giving process and ensure resources reach local teachers efficiently.

Community-led supply drives have become an increasingly popular way for small businesses and residents to rally around public and private school educators across southern Indiana. Business owners noted that even minor contributions can make a significant difference in alleviating the financial burden placed on teachers each fall.

Small Town Sips expressed gratitude to the community for supporting local educators and encouraged residents to share the post widely to maximize reach and involvement. Teachers, staff members, and prospective donors can participate in the ongoing drive by visiting the business's official social media page to post or fulfill classroom wishlists.

BACK TO SCHOOL SEASON HERE— DRIVE CAREFULLY

It's back to school a week from today for students in the North Knox School Corporation, along with Washington Community Schools, Washington Catholic Schools, and the Barr Reeve School Corporation in Daviess County. Vincennes Community Schools, Vincennes Catholic Schools, and the South Knox School Corporation start classes the next day after that—Thursday, August sixth.

Martin County schools will start classes Wednesday of next week. That includes the Shoals Community School Corporation and Loogootee Community Schools. North Daviess students return on Wednesday, August 12th.

Drivers need to be on the lookout for school buses dropping off or picking up students and knowing when to stop.

COMMUNITY SHIRT FUNDRAISER LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT INDIANA GIRL FIGHTING CANCER

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Local family members have launched a community shirt fundraiser to help cover growing medical expenses for a young girl facing a renewed battle against cancer.

Kynslee, who was originally diagnosed with thyroid cancer, underwent surgery several months ago to remove her thyroid. However, during a follow-up radioactive treatment session last week, doctors discovered that the cancer had spread to her lungs. She now faces an additional surgery alongside ongoing treatment protocols, leading to rising medical bills and related travel expenses for her family.

To assist Kynslee and her mother during the upcoming treatment phase, her family is organizing a custom apparel fundraiser through the end of August. All profits generated beyond the base cost of producing the shirts will go directly to support the family's medical and living expenses.

The custom shirts are available in black, white, gray, or pink across a wide range of sizing options. Pricing tiers are set at \$23 for infant sizes (3–24 months), \$25 for toddler sizes (2T–6T), \$26 for youth sizes (XS–XL), \$27 for adult sizes small through medium (XS–MD), \$30 for adult large through extra-large (LG–XL), and \$35 for extended adult sizes (2XL–5XL).

Organizers are accepting payments through Venmo, cash, or physical check. Orders will officially close at the end of August, with completed shirts expected to be delivered following a two-week production turnaround. Family members expressed deep gratitude for the outpouring of community support, prayers, and encouragement already received. They noted that residents who are unable to purchase a shirt can still assist the family by sharing the online fundraising campaign across social media to help broaden its reach.

FALL PARENTS SPORTS MEETING TONIGHT AT 7 P.M. AT LOOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Loogootee High School athletic directors and coaching staff will host an informational assembly for parents and student-athletes tonight ahead of the upcoming autumn sports season.

The mandatory Fall Sports Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, at 7:00 p.m. inside the Loogootee High School Auditorium. The orientation applies to families of middle and high school students participating in all fall sports programs offered by the athletic department. Covered programs include cross-country, volleyball, girls' golf, and boys' tennis. During the general session, administrative staff will review core athletic department guidelines, including eligibility rules, physical documentation requirements, safety protocols, and general expectations for student-athletes. Following the main presentation in the auditorium, families will break out into sport-specific meetings with head coaches to discuss team rules, practice schedules, equipment needs, and game schedules for the upcoming term.

School officials ask that each participating student-athlete attend the session alongside at least one parent or legal guardian to ensure clear communication before official practice sessions begin across all disciplines.

The annual meeting marks the formal kickoff for the Lions' fall campaign as teams prepare to begin official preseason workouts. Parents seeking additional information or necessary registration paperwork ahead of tonight's 7:00 p.m. gathering can contact the Loogootee High School athletic department main office directly.

LOOGOOTEE LAUNDRY CENTER HIRING FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME LAUNDRY ATTENDANTS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local business Loogootee Laundry Center has announced open recruitment for new staff members, seeking applicants for laundry attendant positions to join its daily operations team.

Located at 104 SW 2nd Street, the facility is hiring for both full-time and part-time positions. Available shifts run daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The business is seeking candidates who are reliable, friendly, and enjoy cleaning environments. On-site job training will be provided to all newly hired attendants, covering standard operational procedures, facility maintenance, and customer service practices.

Local small businesses and service facilities across Martin County continue to expand local employment options, providing flexible schedules for area job seekers.

Interested candidates can submit applications directly on-site at the 104 SW 2nd Street location during normal business hours. Job seekers can also access the official application form online via the digital registration link provided on the business's hiring announcement.

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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INFORMATION**

INDIANA STATE FAIR 2026 FREE STAGE LINEUP FEATURES FULL SLATE OF LIVE CONCERTS



INDIANAPOLIS — Organizers for the Indiana State Fair have finalized the performance schedule for the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage, offering fairgoers access to a star-studded roster of live entertainment included with general fair admission.

The annual summer event runs from Aug. 7 through Aug. 23 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, remaining closed on Mondays. Local youth participants, including Loogootee 4-H winners who qualify for state-level competition, will have the opportunity to see all scheduled performances for free as part of their general fair access.

The 2026 concert series features diverse musical genres spanning rock, country, hip-hop, Motown, and contemporary Christian music. Opening night on Friday, Aug. 7, kicks off with legendary Motown groups The Spinners and The Four Tops. Other headliners throughout the fair’s run include classic rock tribute TUSK on Aug. 8, Josiah Queen on Aug. 9, country singer Clayton Anderson on Aug. 11, and hard rock bands Warrant with special guest Vixen on Aug. 12. Hip-hop icon Busta Rhymes takes the stage on Aug. 13, followed by classic rock group Grand Funk Railroad on Aug. 14, DJ Golden Hour on Aug. 15, and country star Trace Adkins on Aug. 16. The final week includes Latino Night on Aug. 18, the Happy Together Tour on Aug. 19, Gene Simmons on Aug. 20, co-headliners Sammy Kershaw and Craig Morgan on Aug. 21, Don McLean on Aug. 22, and gospel artist Tasha Cobbs Leonard closing the series on Aug. 23. All shows on the newly renovated Hoosier Lottery Free Stage begin at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. General admission tickets and event details are available online.

YOUROLOGY OFFERS COMPREHENSIVE SYMPTOM EVALUATIONS FOR LOW TESTOSTERONE AND HORMONAL IMBALANCES

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Chronic fatigue, disrupted sleep, unexpected weight changes, and mood shifts are increasingly leading patients to seek specialized medical care when conventional answers fall short.

Medical providers at Yourology are addressing these pervasive symptoms through a personalized, full-picture clinical approach aimed at pinpointing underlying hormonal imbalances and wellness barriers. Many individuals experience persistent low motivation, reduced libido, and a general feeling of not being fully like themselves, yet struggle to find definitive explanations through standard routine checkups. Clinical experts note that these broad physical and emotional indicators are often the body's way of signaling physiological changes, particularly shifts in hormone levels, metabolic function, or stress response systems.

To bridge the gap between persistent symptoms and actionable medical solutions, Yourology has structured an evaluation process that looks beyond surface-level complaints. The specialized practice evaluates each patient by combining comprehensive symptom tracking, targeted laboratory testing when clinically appropriate, detailed health histories, daily lifestyle factors, and individual personal health goals.

By examining how these distinct health factors intersect, medical staff can construct tailored wellness protocols designed to restore balance and help patients optimize their long-term health.

Health officials emphasize that experiencing persistent fatigue or shifts in energy and mood should not be dismissed as an inevitable part of aging or lifestyle stress. Early clinical evaluations allow providers to identify root causes and establish targeted management plans effectively. Patients struggling with unresolved health symptoms, low energy, or suspected hormonal fluctuations can schedule an initial evaluation directly with Yourology to review their health history, undergo targeted diagnostic testing, and begin a personalized path toward recovery.

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON 4-H EXCELLENCE: LOCAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 2026 LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR

The 2026 Lawrence County Fair, held at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds, recently concluded another successful season of competition. Local 4-H youth demonstrated exceptional talent, discipline, and dedication across livestock shows, static state projects, and county-specific exhibits. Participants earned Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors, numerous class-placing ribbons, and selections to represent Lawrence County at the upcoming Indiana State Fair.

Notable achievements include Caris Armstrong (Grade 9), who earned Grand Champion in Cake Decorating and advanced to the state fair; Fynley Baker (Grade 10), who secured Grand Champion Lawrence County Bred and Owned Steer along with multiple swine and beef honors; Levi Peek (Grade 10), Grand Champion in Photography with a Reserve Champion in Woodworking; Maggie Peek (Grade 12), Grand Champion in Arts and Crafts; Heather Stigall (Grade 12), who collected multiple Grand Champions in Sewing Construction, Veterinary Science, Foods (Baked), and Fashion Revue categories; and Garrison Thomas (Grade 7), Grand Champion Lawrence County Bred and Owned Barrow with a showmanship title. Additional strong performances came from exhibitors such as Walker and Westyn Bailiff in swine and goats, Colton Pemberton with a Reserve Grand Champion swine entry, and many others who earned championships or state-fair qualifications in projects ranging from photography and demonstration to geology, child development, and clogging. These results reflect months of preparation, record-keeping, animal care, and skill development under the guidance of adult volunteers and Purdue Extension staff. The fair serves not only as a competitive showcase but also as a culminating educational experience that builds responsibility, public speaking ability, and practical knowledge.

An Overview of the History of Southern Indiana 4-H
The roots of 4-H in Indiana, including the southern counties, trace to the early twentieth century. The earliest documented clubs emerged from corn-growing contests organized by school superintendents. In 1904, Hamilton County Superintendent John F. Haines established one of the first boys' corn clubs, distributing seed and arranging exhibitions. Similar efforts soon appeared in other counties, supported by Purdue University's Farmers' Institutes, which had been authorized by state legislation in 1889. Formal statewide leadership arrived in 1912 when Z. M. Smith was appointed State Leader of Boys' and Girls' Club Work under Purdue's newly created Department of Agricultural Extension. Smith's principles emphasized local organization, practical projects addressing real farm and home challenges, year-round activity, and recognition of youth achievement. The 1914 Smith-Lever Act further solidified Cooperative Extension, enabling land-grant universities such as Purdue to partner with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in delivering educational programs.

In southern Indiana, including Lawrence County, 4-H developed along these lines, adapting to the region's agricultural character while expanding beyond traditional crops and livestock. Today the Purdue Extension-Lawrence County 4-H program serves youth in grades 3-12 (with Mini 4-H available for younger children). It maintains approximately 18 community clubs and offers more than 70 project areas spanning agriculture, natural resources, health and human sciences, community development, arts, technology, and life skills. Programming occurs through clubs, workshops, camps, in-school and after-school activities, and the annual county fair.

The Lawrence County Fair itself has long served as the principal public venue for these projects, evolving from earlier project round-ups into a multi-day event that combines education, competition, and community celebration. The 4-H motto—"To Make the Best Better"—and the familiar four-leaf clover emblem continue to guide local members, volunteers, and Extension educators in fostering personal growth and civic contribution.

The recent fair successes illustrate the enduring value of this tradition. As selected Lawrence County youth prepare for the Indiana State Fair, their accomplishments affirm both individual effort and the sustained support of families, leaders, and the broader community. Residents interested in learning more about enrollment, volunteering, or upcoming activities may contact the Purdue Extension-Lawrence County office at 924 16th Street, Bedford, or visit the county 4-H web resources.



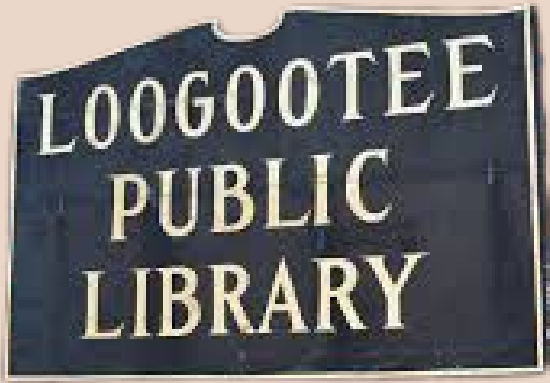
EVENT PLANNER

JULY 26-AUG. 1

The Loogootee Senior Center has announced its event schedule for the upcoming week, offering local seniors a full lineup of wellness programs, community meals, social games, and special upcoming family events. Located at 406 NW 1st Street, the center offers regular programs to support social engagement and health among area residents. The weekly schedule features the following activities:

- Monday, July 27: Chair Exercises
- Tuesday, July 28: Community Lunch provided by Homestead Restaurant & Bakery of Odon, followed by cards, puzzles, and board games.
- Wednesday, July 29: "Bingo with a Twist," featuring an interactive exercise component. Participants are asked to bring a \$5 snack-themed gift item for the prize pool.
- Thursday, July 30: Community Lunch provided by the Council on Aging. Attendees are asked to call the Shoals Senior Center at 812-247-2525 in advance to register. \$5 bingo prizes will be provided on-site.
- Friday, July 31: Morning Walk at the Park, followed by Chair Exercises.

Looking ahead, center coordinators are also encouraging local families to mark their calendars for a special "Multi-Generational Family Fun Back-to-School" event on Monday, Aug. 3. Organized ahead of the first day of school on Aug. 5, the gathering will feature lunch, cornhole, rock painting, crafts, puzzles, games, coloring, and face painting by Sandy Woods. Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are invited to bring youth out for a day of community fellowship before classes resume.



EVENT PLANNER

JULY 26-AUG. 1

The Loogootee Public Library is wrapping up its summer programming while continuing to offer community events for residents of all ages.

Library staff recently celebrated the conclusion of the 2026 Summer Reading Program, naming Harper Tinkle as the 2026 Champion after earning an impressive 555 points and winning the grand prize raffle. Community members interested in supporting ongoing library initiatives can submit donations via Venmo (@loogooteelibrary) or purchase items directly from the organization's Amazon wish list.

Located at 504 Park Street in Loogootee, the library serves as a community hub for education, crafting, and public gatherings. The schedule of events and operational hours for the week of July 26 through August 1 includes:

- Sunday, July 26th: Closed
- Monday, July 27th: Open for regular hours
- Tuesday, July 28th: Open for regular hours
- Wednesday, July 29th: Closed
- Thursday, July 30th: Hometown Flowers Workshop at 5:30 p.m.
- Patrons are invited to join local instructors for a hands-on floral design session focused on arranging fresh, local blooms. Registration information is available at the front circulation desk.
- Friday, July 31st: Open for regular hours
- Saturday, August 1st: Open for regular hours

For more information regarding upcoming August programs, workshop registrations, or room reservations, community members can visit the library during regular business hours or check their official digital channels.

MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority Act (what people mean when they say the “Indiana RDA Act”), has no provision that requires a 12–18 month period of non-affiliation for member entities wanting to exit an RDA. The Jasper City Council voted 5-2, on July 22, 2026, to not vote on a resolution for Jasper to exit the Mid-States Corridor RDA. Once again the will of the people is being relegated to the trash heap. This decision and the State AG's memo are both wrong. The law does not require a 12-18 month delay. Therefore, any waiting period or delay in exiting an RDA is not statutory but opinion.

So, why did the Jasper City Council chose not to vote to exit the RDA? Maybe for the same reason the Huntingburg City Council has yet to put the issue on their agenda or to bring the issue up for vote. Dare we say it's because the Jasper and Huntingburg City Councils are really in favor of the Corridor. Actions speak louder than words and a lack of action is the loudest voice of all.

People are voting and choosing who they want to govern our communities. They are overwhelming selecting candidates who are opposed to the Corridor, from both parties. The local and statewide polls show and have shown the lack of support the Corridor project has. Are our city councils so timid and afraid that they will defy the will of the people? It seems to be the case with regards to the Mid-States Corridor and its RDA.

Perhaps it's time for a law suit to force the Court to make the decision for the politicians. Statutory footing is the strongest point in that Indiana Code 36-7.6 requires member entities serve a minimum 8 year term. After that the entities may chose not to renew. The law does not require advance notice of a specific length, does not impose a "cooling off" period nor does it mandate a continued membership past the term. The 8 year term was from April 2017 to April 2025; therefore, when Dubois County voted to exit the RDA in April 2026, the exit should have been immediate, per the statute. The AG's memo is not law but an opinion.

Once again, we have shenanigans at work here in Southern Indiana. INDOT, the Lochmueller Group and the Mid-States Corridor RDA keep putting forth inaccurate and contrived results to bamboozle us. They keep trying to tell us that the Corridor will reduce our commutes to zero, that there will be so much economic development by 2050 that there will never again be any financial problems and we will all live happily ever after in a land of milk and honey. And some of them actually beleive these fairy tales.

Now is not the time to take the summer off and lay around in the shade sipping lemonade. This is what "they" want us to do. This is not how we rid ourselves of the Corridor and its advocates. We have to attend all the public meetings where we can at least present our positions and force our elected leaders to acknowledge that we exist. Perhaps we should be more assertive, perhaps. At a minimum we must

stay united and be very vocal. Do not despair, we are winning, whether our leaders want us to or not.

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

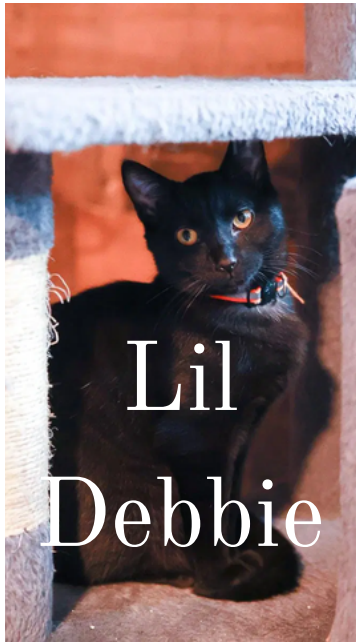
UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- 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



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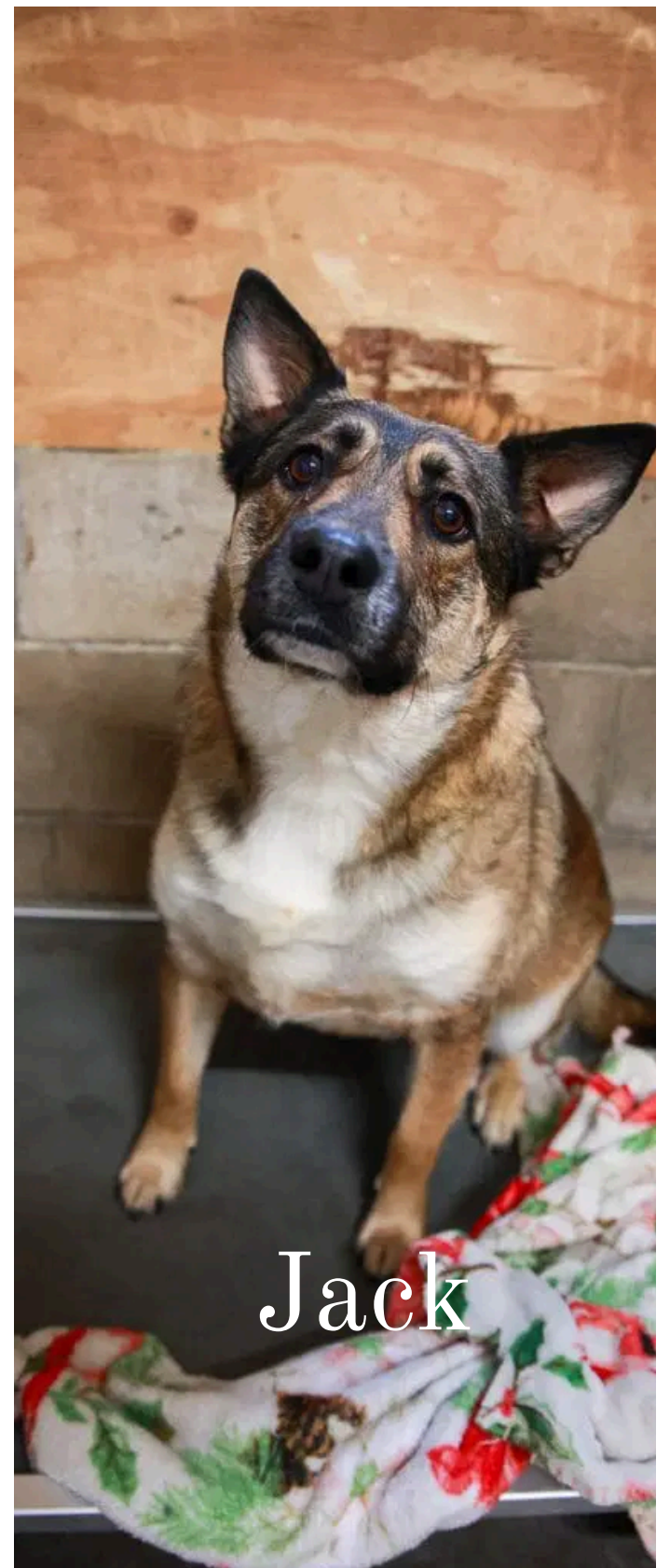
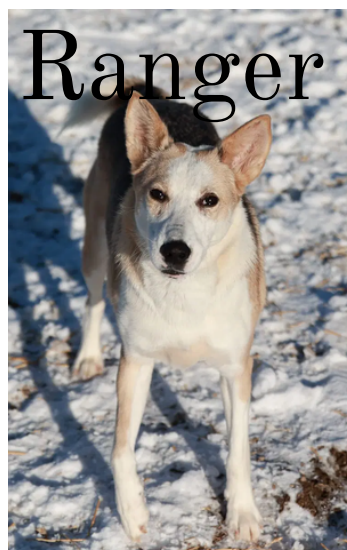
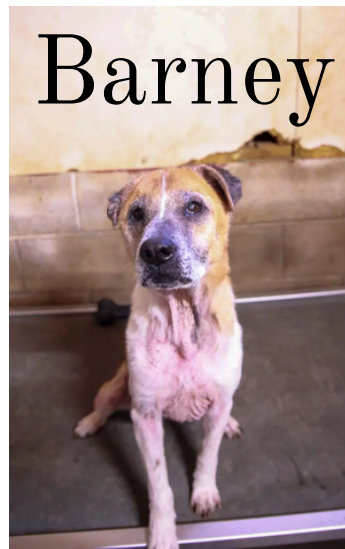
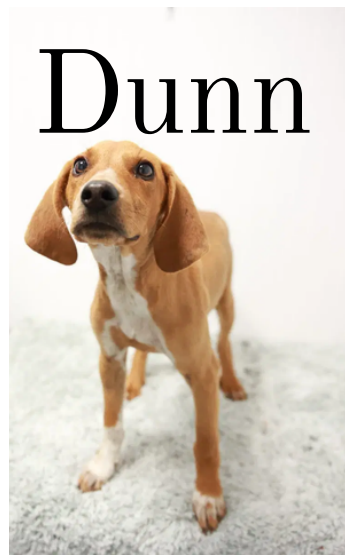
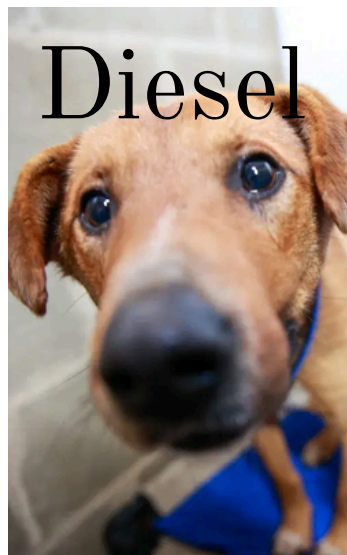
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Monday, July 20, 2026

2:47 a.m.- Received a report of a possible prowler in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

4:06 a.m.- Received a report of a possible prowler in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

5:37 a.m.- Received a 911 call on Crane Naval Base. Transferred the call to Crane 911.

5:50 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Deputy Clark and Shoals Fire Chief responded.

6:38 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

7:40 a.m.- Received a report of a possible trespasser Southeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:06 a.m.- Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

9:23 a.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 Daviess Community Hospital.

11:13 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South into Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

11:28 a.m.- Received a call requesting traffic control in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

11:37 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

12:50 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line East of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

3:21 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.

3:56 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check East of Shoals. Sheriff Greene and Captain Gibson responded.

4:42 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded.

4:47 p.m.- Received a 2nd call reporting the same tree. Advised the caller that units are enroute.

7:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy North of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

8:56 p.m.- Received a report of a possible fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:41 p.m.- Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm North of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

12:55 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

1:04 a.m.- Received a call from Conversion Technologies advising of a commercial panel alarm in Crane Village. Deputy Clark responded.

3:00 a.m.- Received a Texty 911 message requesting a welfare check in Daviess County. Notified Daviess County.

8:12 a.m.- Received a request to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

9:20 a.m.- Captain Gibson transported one inmate to court.

10:03 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

10:12 a.m.- Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

10:19 a.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line South of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

11:09 a.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

11:26 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

12:47 p.m.- Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

1:30 p.m.- Captain Gibson on station with Randy Knepp, a 39-year-old male from Loogootee, arrested for Criminal confinement. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

2:00 p.m.- Received a request to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

2:15 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

2:45 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down

South of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:51 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southwest of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:54 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

3:26 p.m.- Received a report of a telephone line down South of Shoals. Frontier was notified.

4:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:47 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:51 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

5:41 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

6:03 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious vehicle Northwest of Shoals. Corporal Erwin responded.

6:22 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down Northwest of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

6:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

6:58 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

4:26 a.m.- Received a report of a large tree branch in the roadway East of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

7:05 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle East of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

7:37 a.m.- Received a report of an injured animal South of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

10:55 a.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

11:35 a.m.- Received a

report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

12:12 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and Captain Gibson responded.

12:15 p.m.- Received a call reporting the same accident. Advised caller that units are enroute.

12:23 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East. Advised all on-duty units.

2:09 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings and Captain Gibson responded.

2:34 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line North of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

3:22 p.m.- Received a call from ADT advising of a residential fire alarm Northeast of Loogootee. Homeowner advised to disregard.

5:55 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded. INDOT was also notified.

6:35 p.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn East of Shoals.

7:05 p.m.- Received a report of a water outage in Loogootee. Loogootee City Utilities was notified.

8:38 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling South. Transferred the call to Dubois County 911.

9:22 p.m.- Received a call from Daviess County dispatch reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East into Loogootee. All on-duty units were advised.

9:30 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

11:15 p.m.- Deputy Droke on station with Harley Gammon, a 20-year-old male from Shoals, arrested by Marshal Copeland for Minor in consumption. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

11:15 p.m.- Indiana Conservation Officer Graber on station with Marina White, a 30-year-old female from Shoals, arrested by Marshal Copeland for Possession of a legend drug, Maintaining a common nuisance and Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

Thursday, July 23, 2026

1:34 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

1:40 a.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with Haven Simmons, an 18-year-old male from Shoals, arrested for Minor in consumption of alcohol. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

1:50 a.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard North of Loogootee. Indiana Conservation Officer Graber responded.

9:16 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

10:03 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Crane Naval 911. Transferred call to Crane Naval 911 dispatch.

11:42 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver going into Dubois County. Transferred 911 call to Dubois County Dispatch.

12:07 p.m. Received a call reporting a traffic complaint in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

12:21 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident North of Shoals. Corporal Erwin, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, Sheriff Greene, Martin County Civil Defense, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

2:22 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to LPD Chief Cummings. LPD Chief Cumming responded.

4:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious male in Loogootee. LPD Chief Cummings responded.

4:22 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

5:00 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

5:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call in Daviess County. Transferred 911 call to Daviess County Dispatch.

6:53 p.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down South of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:45 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

Friday, July 24, 2026

7:37 a.m.- Received a call reporting a water issue in Loogootee. Loogootee City Utilities responded.

11:23 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

11:26 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

12:37 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

2:34 p.m.- Marshal Copeland is on station with Harley Gammon, a 20-year-old male from Shoals. He was arrested on two Martin County warrants. He is being held without bond.

3:55 p.m.- Received a call reporting an animal complaint North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

3:59 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

4:01 p.m.- ISP Trooper Guzman is on station with Michelle Lents, a 57-year-old female from Loogootee. She was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held at \$1,000 10% bond.

5:15 p.m.- Received multiple calls reporting a stranded motorist East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

8:40 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Marshal Copeland and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

Saturday, July 25, 2026

12:05 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

12:15 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an animal complaint in Loogootee. LPD Assistant

MARTIN COUNTY LOG

Chief Stuckey responded.
1:53 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Daviess County. Transferred 911 call to Daviess County Dispatch.
3:40 p.m.- ISP Trooper Lents is on station with Chelsea James, a 39-year-old female from Evansville. She was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held at \$10,000 10% bond.
3:51 p.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver West of Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
6:11 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 did not transport.
6:19 p.m.- Received a call requesting the fire department North of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, and CenterPoint Gas Company responded.
7:04 p.m.- Received a call reporting a speed complaint North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
8:03 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
11:53 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Nash, Deputy Droke, and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

LOOGOOTEE POLICE LOG

***NO POLICE LOG
AVAILABLE***

Property Records

Transfers July 23-29

NOTICE 1 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Cynthia L. Holt and Deborah G. Nolan, as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship, residing at 11977 West River Rd, Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: TRACT I: A portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.09 acre, more or less; TRACT II: A tract of land in Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.19 acre, more or less, subject to a life estate retained by grantors; State ID: 51-06-30-200-006.000-002) from the current owners, Howard Hotz and Rose M. Holt, as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship.

NOTICE 2 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Alan H. Hovis and Terri Leanne Hovis, husband and wife, and Valerie Lane Hovis, as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship, residing at 129 Miller St./P.O. Box 635, Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A tract of land beginning 8 feet South and 246 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-06-30-200-002.000-002) from the current owner, Alan H. Hovis.

NOTICE 3 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, William E. Nugent and William Jason Nugent, as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship, residing at 8899 Red School Road, Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.74 acre, more or less; State ID: 51-06-20-400-035.000-003) from the current owner, Gillman Thomas Andrew Warren.

NOTICE 4 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Jeremy Emmons and Amy L. Emmons, husband and wife, residing at 144 McVay St., Crane, IN 47522, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 144 McVay Street, 152 McVay Street, Crane, IN 47522 (Legal Description: Lot 65 in the Original Town of Crane, Martin County, Indiana, AND Lot 62 in the Original Town of Crane, Martin County, Indiana, except a part containing 0.263 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-02-06-300-081.000-009, 51-02-06-300-071.001-009, and 51-02-06-300-071.000-009) from the current owners, Angel L. Sanchez-Hernandez and Violet J. Sanchez, husband and wife.

NOTICE 5 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Jordan Hawkins and Brooke Hawkins, husband and wife, residing at 1 Loogootee Plaza, Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 506 Queen St, Loogootee, IN 47553 (Legal Description: Lot Number Four (4) in Joseph D. Gootee's Addition of the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana, also that half of Second Street adjoining, except a 9-foot strip off the East side; State ID: 51-08-24-100-262.000-008) from the current owners, Marvin M. Yoder and Shirley May Yoder, husband and wife.

NOTICE 6 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Skylynn M. Terrell and Cameron Barkley, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, residing at 13145 West River Road, Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 13145 West River Road, Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.72 acre, more or less; State ID: 51-06-18-300-030.000-001) from the current owner, Graber Rental LLC, an Indiana limited liability company.

NOTICE 7 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Verlin Kemp and Malinda Kemp, husband and wife, residing at 1592 N. 950 E., Loogootee, IN 47563, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 20559 N. State Road 450, Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 7.465 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-05-12-100-024.000-006) from the current owners, Beth L. Cook and Jonathan W. Cornett.

NOTICE 8 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Jonathan Zeigler and Amberly Zeigler, husband and wife, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, residing at 10047 Mill Road, Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 10714 Sherfick School Road, Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: Part of the Northeast part of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying North of the Sherfick School House Road; State ID: 51-06-32-200-001.000-003 and 51-06-32-200-016.000-003) from the current owners, Brandon M. Peters and Abalena D. Peters, husband and wife.

Courts Report

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***NO COURT
NEWS THIS
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Easy

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

Medium

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		4				5		
	1	9						
	7			9			5	6
				2			4	
9		6		4				

Hard

		2	5		8	9		
9					2	6		
	3				7			
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			8	5		7		
		7			6			5
			6		5			
	8		7	3			6	
7		6	2		9		3	

Expert

9	8	4	6			5		1
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				9				
1			2	8				

Master

		8	6					
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	7							
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Easy

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Medium

5	6	8	9	1	3	4	2	7
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Hard

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

Expert

9	8	4	6	7	2	5	3	1
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Master

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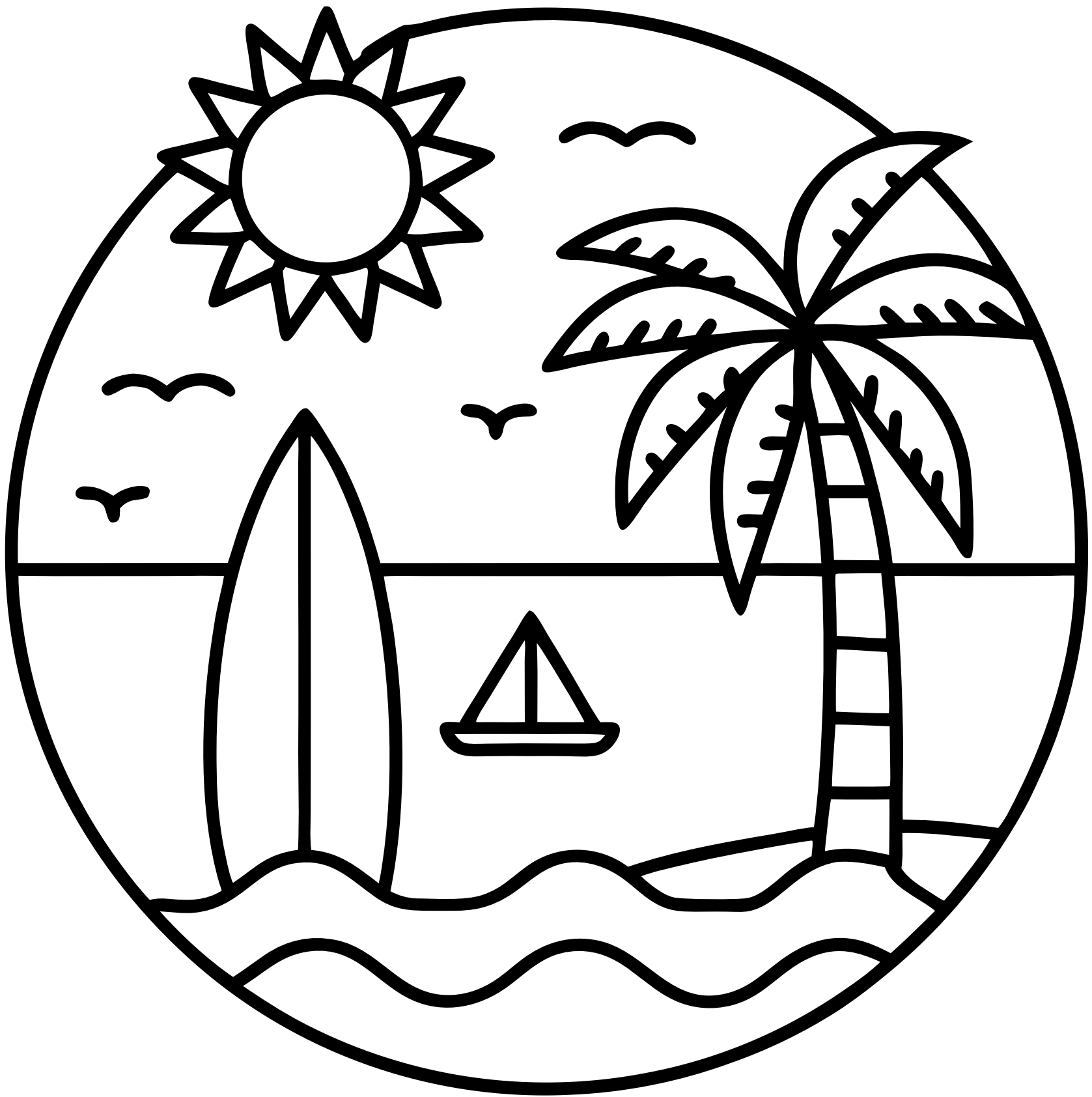
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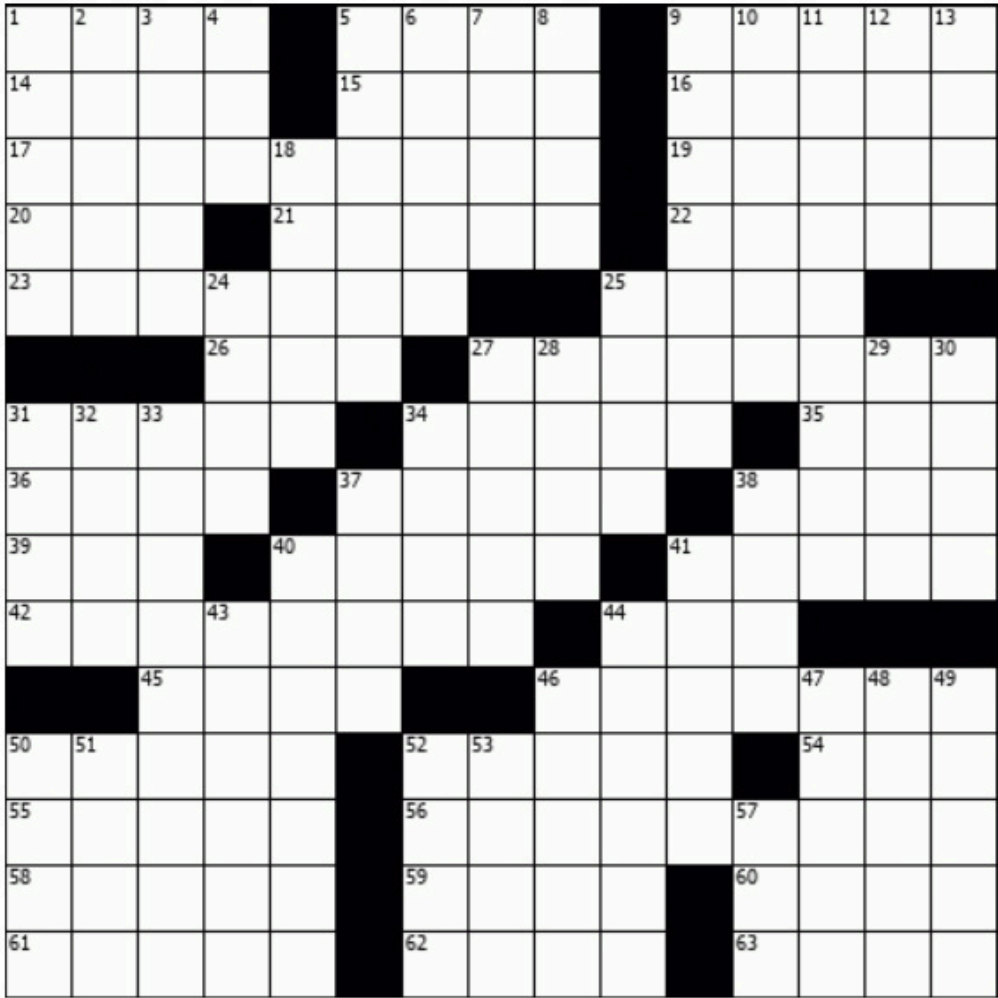
SOLUTIONS

Coloring Sheet

One Last Week of Summer



- Across**
- 1. Theatre level
 - 5. Cosmetics name
 - 9. Vertices
 - 14. Crazy way to run
 - 15. "Thank You" singer
 - 16. Bowling unit
 - 17. Obligations requiring payment in hay?
 - 19. Museum artifact
 - 20. Yachting dir.
 - 21. More than plump
 - 22. Like neon
 - 23. City of west central France
 - 25. Late-night monologist
 - 26. Way across town, perhaps
 - 27. Plot outline
 - 31. Church niches
 - 34. Place for a witness
 - 35. Com frontrunner
 - 36. Battleship shade
 - 37. Draws nigh
 - 38. Second in a series
 - 39. Sushi bar order, perhaps
 - 40. Description of St. Nick
 - 41. Orderly formation
 - 42. Total alternative
 - 44. Words before roll or whim
 - 45. Rubber ducky occasion
 - 46. Certain marital contracts, briefly
 - 50. Give or take
 - 52. Music genre
 - 54. Bit of whiskey
 - 55. A renter may break it
 - 56. Pregame storyteller?
 - 58. Take in or let out
 - 59. Landfill problem
 - 60. Cinderella's horses, after 12
 - 61. With a lot of lip
 - 62. Crying shame
 - 63. Not aweather



- Down**
- 1. Check this for size
 - 2. Gulf State resident
 - 3. Robot of Jewish legend
 - 4. Just manage (with "out")
 - 5. Pueblo homes
 - 6. Transports for Tarzan
 - 7. They may be against you
 - 8. Plane front
 - 9. James Taylor song title words
 - 10. Richard of "Rambo" flicks
 - 11. How to buy a guy?
 - 12. Abu Dhabi honcho
 - 13. Amish, for one
 - 18. Like a slug
 - 24. Follow orders
 - 25. Telescope piece
 - 27. Celery serving
 - 28. First name among Hollywood legends
 - 29. Greek vowel
 - 30. Buckwheat's assent
 - 31. Iron and Bronze, for two
 - 32. Get ready, for short
 - 33. Cut-rate crafts?
 - 34. Broker's order, perhaps
 - 37. Ark-eologist?
 - 38. Fiber source
 - 40. Nervous
 - 41. Lay ___ (flop)
 - 43. Things to march for
 - 44. Mean-tempered
 - 46. Furnace light
 - 47. Up to the time that
 - 48. Jigsaw part
 - 49. Shopaholic's binge
 - 50. Cry of dismay
 - 51. Lugosi of "The Raven"
 - 52. Organ part
 - 53. Dry riverbed
 - 57. Grp. with a noted journal

Crossword Puzzle #55

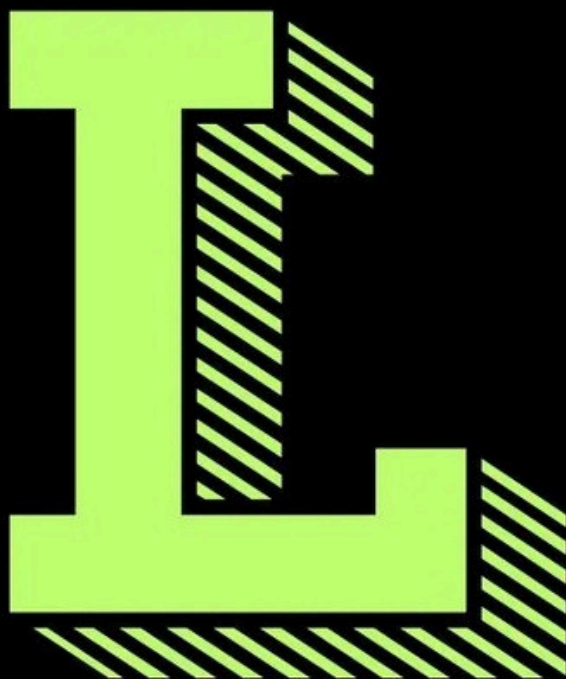
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Crossword Puzzle Solutions #55

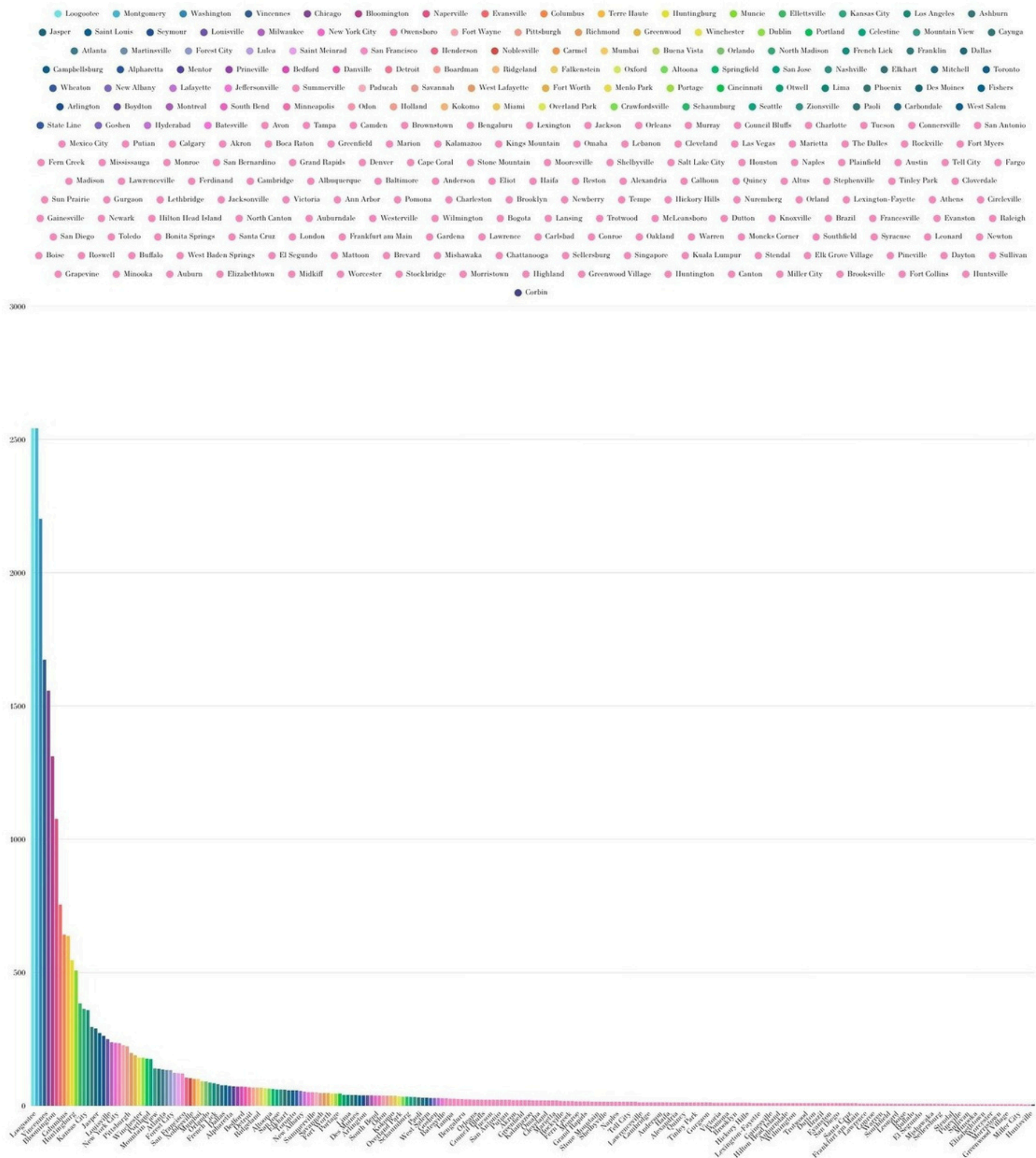
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YES YOU!**

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WITH US?**

**WE CAN HELP YOU TODAY! THE NEXT FEW PAGES
WILL OUTLINE OUR NEW ADVERTISING POLICY AND
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Tier List

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Banner/Strip Ad Placement

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10.5 x 3 inches

Small Size Ad Placement

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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

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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.

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

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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).

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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."

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ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

TV Guide 5pm Thursday
1 week prior to publishing

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Half Page (vertical) 2.5"x8"

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