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LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Local community organizations and environmental agencies are moving forward with health and sustainability initiatives following a new wave of grant distributions aimed at improving public safety and processing capacity in Martin County. The Martin County Community Foundation announced its latest funding selections, spotlighting a dual focus on community wellness and expanded infrastructure. Among the designated recipients, the Loogootee Knights of Columbus

council was awarded a \$1,000 challenge grant specifically earmarked for the purchase of an automated external defibrillator, or AED. The financial backing serves as a matching incentive to ensure the fraternal organization's facility has immediate, responsive access to lifesaving cardiac equipment during public gatherings and regional events. Simultaneously, the foundation directed a substantial portion of its funding allocation toward localized environmental management. The

Martin County Solid Waste Management District received a grant totaling \$3,482.05 to finance its newly introduced recycling project, titled "Conveying Plastic." The capital infusion will allow Martin County Recycling coordinators to optimize the sorting and moving mechanisms required to handle post-consumer plastic materials. Administrators noted that the updated conveyance infrastructure is expected to streamline local processing times and increase the total volume of recyclable

plastics diverted from area landfills, supporting long-term conservation targets for the rural county.

Both funding packages reflect a broader effort by regional philanthropic leaders to address critical civic vulnerabilities. Representatives from the participating organizations expressed appreciation for the direct financial assistance, noting that both the immediate cardiac response technology and the systemic recycling infrastructure improvements would bring tangible, everyday benefits to area families and rural neighborhoods.

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COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: CEMETERY HOPPERS



LOGOOTE, Ind. — In the rolling fields and wooded hills of southwestern Indiana, a unique family tradition is shedding new light on the region's lost cemeteries — and the stories buried with them. The self-styled "Cemetery Hoppers," a group of siblings and in-laws from the Perkins family, have made it their mission to explore, document, and honor forgotten graves across Indiana and beyond. What began as a simple Facebook page to keep track of their visits has grown into a vibrant online community with thousands of followers, presentations at libraries and historical societies, and even the occasional brush with the paranormal. "This is strictly something for fun, so we don't get into... well, we needed something to do when my sister comes up to visit and not just sit around the house," said Greg Perkins, one of the group's founders, during a recent presentation covered by the Lagodi Big L Times. "It gives us our exercise to get out. We see beautiful scenery." A Family Affair with Deep Roots The Perkins family's adventures began in Gibson County and soon spread to neighboring Indiana counties — and even into Illinois and Kentucky. Their "hops" often take them to remote fields and overgrown woodlots, searching for the telltale clump of trees that might hide a pioneer graveyard

. "We aren't really an official organization or anything, it's just a hobby for us," Greg Perkins explained. "We had to start our Facebook page just to keep track of what cemeteries we've been to, and whatever. My wife, Lori, helped me get all these maps." Tammy Perkins, Greg's sister, manages the Facebook page, posting photos and narratives about each cemetery. "She writes up our little narrative about each cemetery, and we think she does a really good job on that," Greg said. "We had no idea we would be going to so many other counties, but we just... she acquired our shirt when we hop," added another family member. "She comes home in the fall, in the spring. Well, in the fall it's hunting season, and I told him, I said I'm not going out without something orange on, because I don't want to get shot. So that started our orange shirts." Respect for the Past For the Perkinses, cemetery hopping isn't just about adventure — it's about honoring those who came before. "When we're at the cemeteries, we do pay our respects, because some of these are so out of the way, and we know these people haven't been seen, you know, hadn't had a visitor," said one member. "So we always think about who lived there in the past and what their lives would have been." Heartbreak isn't uncommon

. "When you get to a cemetery and you see like five babies in a row, all from the same family, like two years apart, it's just heartbreaking," one Hopper said. "So we always kind of pray for the... I thought, as a mother, I thought, I don't tell pioneer women did that got through all that. 100 years ago, the flu or something must have just wiped out about just like..." Uncovering Hidden History The group has uncovered graves of historical significance, from Civil War veterans to local legends — and even relatives of national figures. "We found a guy named George Foster in the middle of nowhere in Pike County," Greg said. "It turns out that there's a big memorial stone there. George Foster is the great-great-grandfather of John Foster Dulles, who was Secretary of State in the Eisenhower administration, and Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C., is named after this guy." Stories abound, from a carrier for George Rogers Clark during the Revolution to "somebody that taught Abraham Lincoln, even somebody that dated him too." Sometimes, the stories are tragic. "My sister Becky did a last presentation, some guy up in Du Bois or Perry County on a hilltop, and there was a noose on the headstone, and it's something about vengeance is mine. I will repay for the Lord... Becky researched it, and they should give a presentation. The one you did with the new

s, his brother had raped a girl, and they hung the wrong brother, yeah. Well, the brother said he did, yeah. And they finally caught the brother, so on his stone vengeance is mine, says the Lord." The Art and Science of Cemetery Hopping The Hoppers use a mix of digital tools and old-fashioned detective work to track down burial sites. "I use about seven or eight websites," Greg said. "Find a Grave doesn't always give you exact locations; sometimes it says no location information at all. So, I'll go to other websites, and more often than not, I can build another website to tell me something about the cemetery, but if we have coordinates, bingo, we can put a dot right on the map." Their adventures often require permission from landowners — and sometimes a bit of luck. "We meet nice people. We were looking for one in Dubois County. This gentleman just happened to be pulling in his drive when we were trying to pull in there. We told him what we were looking for. He said, 'Oh, you'll never find it unless I take you.' So I'm in the cab, and rest of the batch house went through electric fences. Never been right." Brushes with the Paranormal The Hoppers' tales aren't all about history and hardship — some veer into the supernatural. "Our sister experienced, I did too. You did too," one said, when asked about paranormal encounters. "At one time with the dog, we had one with the dog, and there was a dog that followed us, so friendly, kind of a bigger dog, but we got within a certain perimeter of the fenced-in cemetery, and the dog would not come near us, it wouldn't move, it stood frozen until we came out. And then we got away from just like an invisible fence, and that dog just stood there like that. He knew something." Another recalled, "She just had this uneasy feeling, her hair stood up, and so she suddenly was right on our heels. Why'd you get out of there? 'I felt something.'" Community Impact and a Growing Legacy The Cemetery Hoppers' efforts have inspired local interest in preservation and restoration. "We've been to several libraries now and talked, and people, there just seems to be more interest in these small cities," a member said. "We never started this to go to historical societies and stuff, but... over going, we gave our first presentation at Fort Branch Library." The Facebook page, started in 2014, has grown far beyond the family's expectations. "We thought, why would 100 people want to look now? Almost 8,000... 11,944 today, but we have followers that come, and then some of them that there's..." More than a Hobby As the Hoppers see it, their journey is much more than a pastime. "Usually at the end of my presentation, I will say, now I'm going to talk a little bit about what really happens when we go cemetery hoppings, a little bit

CEMETERY HOPPERS



about this hobby. If you don't like mosquitoes, tick searches, spiders, and webs, or big growling dogs... or if you don't like walking up or coming down steep slopes, falling and sliding on your backside, and tripping over tree roots... riding in a vehicle with your family members for hours. This might not be a hobby for you. But if you enjoy meeting wonderful, helpful people, laughing your head off over the crazy stuff we get into, this may be something you would enjoy.”

For the Perkins family and their thousands of followers, cemetery hopping is a celebration of history, curiosity, and community — one forgotten grave at a time.

INDIANA MILITARY MUSEUM TO HOST VIETNAM VETERANS EVENT IN AUGUST

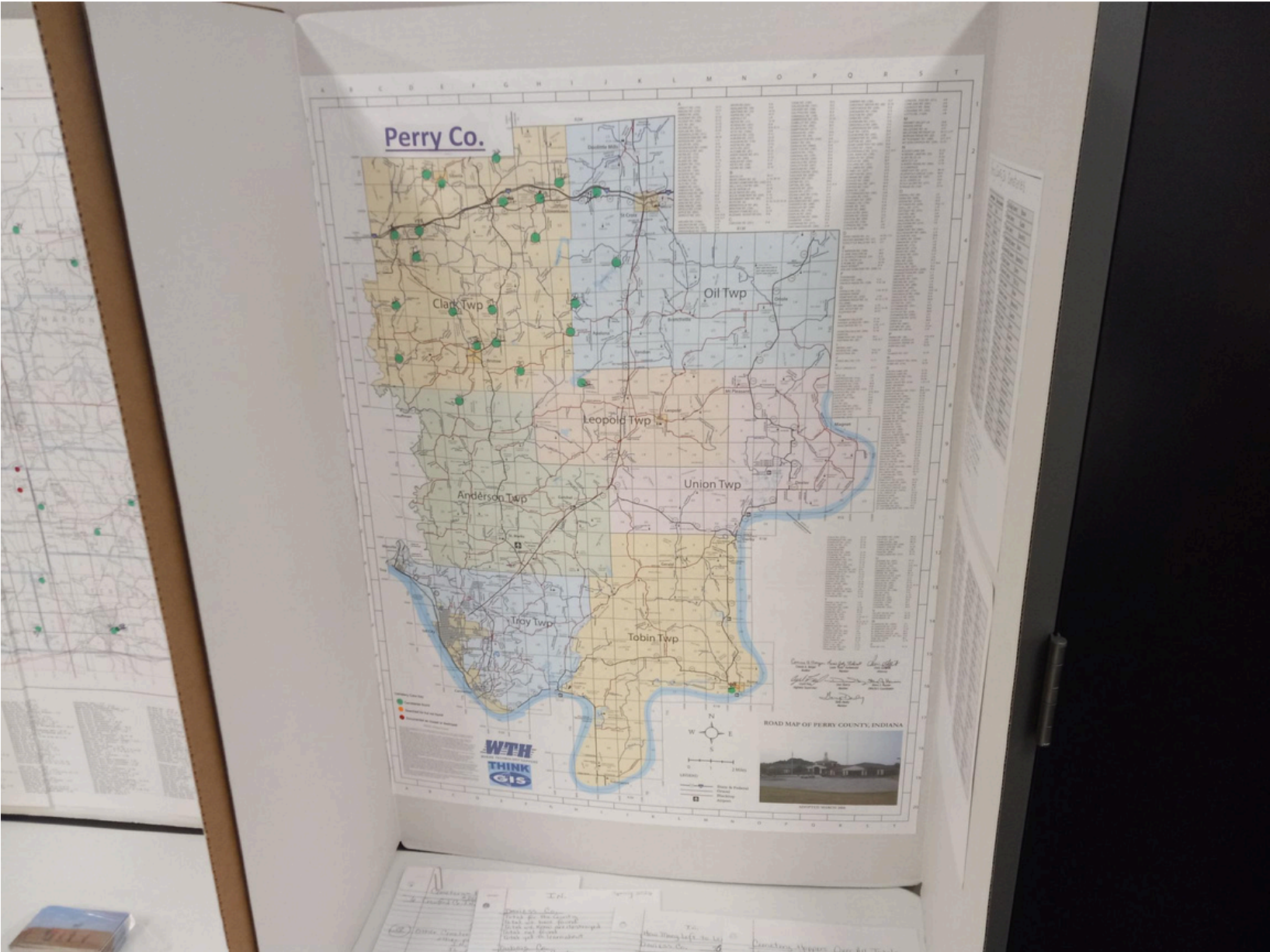
VINCENNES, Ind. — The Indiana Military Museum has finalized its schedule for the upcoming Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Days, a multi-day living history event dedicated to honoring military personnel who served during the conflict.

The annual commemorative event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19, 2026. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the museum's primary facility, located at 715 South 6th Street in Vincennes.

Organizers have assembled a robust itinerary designed to educate the public and provide a space for reflection. The weekend program features scheduled guest speakers, presentations highlighting the Rolling Thunder motorcycle organization, and a promotional showcase for the Honor Flight network, which transports veterans to national memorials. The grounds will also host a meticulously constructed mock Vietnam fire base, complemented by background period music from the 1960s to immerse visitors in the era.

A central highlight of the weekend will be a daily battle reenactment staged by historical educators. The tactical presentations aim to simulate combat scenarios from the theater, utilizing period-accurate equipment and gear.

Museum administrators noted that while standard indoor galleries follow normal pricing structures, all outside exhibits, reenactment fields, and military encampments are completely free to the public. The outdoor concourse will feature specialized food vendors, military sutlers offering period goods, and unique tactical vehicle displays. Individuals and families seeking additional details regarding the complete speaker schedule, parking guidelines, or museum admission rates can contact the facility directly at 812-882-1941. Updates and specific event announcements will also be shared regularly on the organization's official social media portal under Indiana Military Museum Inc.



FINAL PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR MARTIN COUNTY 4H FAIR TOMORROW



LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Final preparations are underway at the Martin County Fairgrounds as organizers gear up for the opening night of the 2026 Martin County 4-H Fair. The annual community staple is scheduled to run from July 9 through July 14, promising a full week of agricultural showcases, competitions, and family entertainment aligned with the traditional 4-H motto, "Make the best better."

Opening night festivities kick off tomorrow afternoon with a diverse schedule of events. Animal exhibitions begin at 4:00 p.m. with the 4-H Rabbit Show, giving local youth participants their first opportunity of the week to showcase their livestock projects to judges and the public. Shortly after, at 5:00 p.m., the main exhibition halls and the fair's silent auction will officially open to visitors. The evening's premier grandstand and pavilion entertainment centers around traditional pageantry and talent showcases starting at 6:30 p.m. The lineup features the annual Queen Contest, followed by the Fashion Revue and the Mini Sewing Modeling presentation, highlighting the creative and textile skills of the county's younger participants. Card game enthusiasts will also have a dedicated space on the opening night schedule. Registration for a community Euchre Tournament is set to begin at 7:30 p.m.,

paving the way for the Junior Leaders Euchre Tournament, which will round out the night's competitive activities from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Beyond the agricultural and domestic arts buildings, the fairgrounds will feature classic midway attractions, including a prominent Ferris wheel. Local organizers expect strong attendance throughout the six-day run, noting that the week's itinerary is built to celebrate regional agricultural heritage, foster youth leadership, and provide a gathering space for families across the county.

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR RODEO SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JULY 13



LOOGOOTE, Ind. — The Martin County 4-H Fair has finalized scheduling for one of its hallmark grandstand attractions, announcing the return of its annual professional rodeo showcase. Organizers confirmed the event is scheduled for Monday, July 13. The evening program will officially get underway at 7:30 p.m. at the county fairgrounds, anchoring the later portion of the fair's multi-day regional schedule.

The upcoming production is being billed as an action-packed night designed for family entertainment. The lineup of competitive arena events will feature regional cowboys and cowgirls participating in traditional western disciplines. Attendees can expect a series of high-intensity exhibitions, including bull riding, timed speed events, and fast-horse competitions such as barrel racing.

Fair board administrators noted that the annual rodeo consistently serves as one of the highest-attended track events of the week, drawing spectators from across southern Indiana. The event combines athletic competition with community entertainment, offering activities suitable for all age groups.

Gates to the grandstand area are expected to open ahead of the scheduled start time to accommodate the influx of visitors. Local officials are encouraging families, friends, and agriculture enthusiasts to arrive early to secure seating for the performance. Additional information regarding ticket pricing, gate admissions, and full fair schedules will be distributed through the extension office and official county fair channels as the event approaches.

LOOGOOTEE LAUNCHES COMMUNITY POLL ON FREE CHRISTMAS ICE SKATING RINK

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Municipal coordinators have launched a public opinion poll to gather resident feedback as planning officially begins for the city's annual lineup of free December holiday activities.

The primary focus of the initial planning phase centers on whether the city should bring back a popular winter attraction. Organizers are asking community members to decide if they would like to see the return of the free synthetic ice skating rink, which has been featured in previous holiday celebrations, or if municipal resources should be redirected elsewhere.

Project planners emphasized that direct civic feedback is a critical component of their annual structuring process. The data collected from the survey will directly influence budgetary allocations and help administrators determine which events, attractions, and family activities will generate the highest community engagement and enjoyment during the winter season.

The digital survey provides residents with three distinct voting options to clearly gauge public sentiment. Participants can vote in favor of bringing back the synthetic ice rink, indicate that they would prefer to see a completely different holiday attraction introduced this year, or select an option stating they have no preference either way. All proposed activities under review within this planning block will remain entirely free of charge to the public.

City officials are encouraging all families and local business owners to participate in the brief voting process to ensure a broad representation of community desires. Organizing committee members expressed appreciation for the ongoing public cooperation, noting that community input is vital to making the Christmas in Loogootee festival a successful and inclusive celebration for everyone. Further updates regarding scheduling, additional holiday events, and final poll results will be released as the winter planning cycle progresses.

SOUTHERN INDIANA SHARKS BASEBALL ANNOUNCES YOUTH TRYOUTS FOR 2026-2027 SEASONS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Southern Indiana Sharks travel baseball organization has officially opened registration for its upcoming youth tryouts, launching a multi-week evaluation process to form rosters for the fall 2026 through summer 2027 seasons. The organization is actively scouting talent across nine distinct age brackets, field teams from the 7U division up through the 15U level. Evaluations are structured across three primary windows in July. The first block of tryouts runs from July 7 through July 9, followed by a second session from July 14 through July 16. A final evaluation window is tentatively scheduled for July 21 through July 23 if necessary. To accommodate individual scheduling conflicts or specific player needs, the program is also offering private tryouts upon request.

The Sharks organization operates out of an indoor facility located in Loogootee, while utilizing outdoor practice fields situated throughout the surrounding local areas. Program administrators emphasized that all communications, inquiries, and questions submitted by families during the enrollment process are kept completely confidential. Beyond seasonal gameplay, the Sharks program highlights a comprehensive offseason training regimen as part of its player development curriculum. The curriculum focuses heavily on building arm strength, speed and agility training, position-specific development, and hitting and power programs.

In tandem with the player talent search, team coordinators are actively recruiting quality coaches. The organization is looking for dedicated staff members focused on pushing players to reach their full potential, emphasizing a mission that centers on building confident athletes, strong teammates, and young leaders on and off the diamond. Interested families are instructed to sign up online, after which program representatives will reach out directly with specific tryout dates and times designated for each specific age group.

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LOOGOOTEE PAVILION SEEKS FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS FOR SUMMER EVENT LINEUP

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Event coordinators are actively recruiting local food trucks and independent merchants as final preparations come together for a robust lineup of community summer events hosted at the Loogootee Pavilion.

The seasonal schedule splits public programming into two main attractions designed to draw families and visitors to the area: Food Truck Fridays and community Movie Nights. Organizers are looking for a diverse array of mobile culinary operations and product vendors to enhance the attendee experience across multiple dates in July and August.

The Food Truck Fridays initiative has locked in two specific summer dates. The first gathering is scheduled for Friday, July 17, operating during the evening hours from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. A second, mid-day event will take place the following week on Friday, July 24, running from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to capture the local lunchtime crowd.

Simultaneously, the pavilion's Movie Nights series features an expanded eight-date weekend calendar running consistently from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. July screenings are scheduled for Friday, July 10; Saturday, July 11; and Saturday, July 25. The outdoor cinema program will continue heavily into the next month with an August lineup that includes Friday, Aug. 7; Saturday, Aug. 8; Friday, Aug. 21; Saturday, Aug. 22; and Saturday, Aug. 29. The open vendor call is intended to build a lively, festival-like atmosphere at the pavilion to complement the entertainment schedules. Business operators, food truck owners, and local craft vendors interested in securing a dedicated operating space at any of these upcoming dates are instructed to contact event staff directly. Inquiries regarding registration forms, booth guidelines, and setup details can be made by calling Brittany at 812-709-8830 or Tracy at 812-709-0498.

LOOGOOTEE MIDSUMMER VENDOR MARKET CANCELLED

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Organizers have officially cancelled the upcoming Midsummer Vendor Market in Loogootee, which was originally scheduled to take place later this month on Saturday, July 18. The community event had been structured as a seasonal gathering to showcase regional businesses, independent merchants, and mobile culinary operations. Prior to the cancellation, a regional outreach campaign was underway to recruit external participants, featuring a tiered registration fee structure that set booth spaces at \$25 for standard market vendors and \$50 for mobile food trucks.

A prominent cancellation notice has been issued to alert local business owners, traveling merchants, and community residents who had planned to attend or set up operations at the open-air market. The thematic celebration, heavily decorated in a patriotic red, white, and blue aesthetic featuring fireworks iconography, was designed to anchor the city's mid-July weekend programming before coordinators ultimately decided to halt production.

Municipal event planners have not publicly cited the specific logistical factors, scheduling conflicts, or underlying circumstances that prompted the sudden decision to call off the event. Independent merchants, food truck proprietors, and residents seeking further information regarding potential event rescheduling, registration fee refunds, or future community vendor opportunities are being advised to get in touch with event management staff directly. Inquiries and official correspondence regarding the status of the market can be directed to event coordinator Tracy Stoll, who can be reached via phone at 812-709-0498. Additional announcements regarding future seasonal markets and alternative community events at the venue are expected to be released as the local summer event planning cycle continues.

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CRANE, Ind. — An open recruitment campaign is underway for a specialized administrative role at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division, according to a recent hiring announcement targeting qualified professionals in southern Indiana. The defense and engineering services firm BQMI has launched a search to fill an immediate opening for an executive administrative assistant. The selected candidate will provide dedicated logistical and operational assistance directly supporting Area 105 at the sprawling military facility located in Crane.

According to the published job specifications, the role demands a robust combination of management, operational, and administrative capabilities to ensure the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the designation's day-to-day business. The individual will serve as the primary central point of coordination for multiple core office functions. Daily responsibilities include managing general office workflows, rendering high-level executive support, streamlining communications, handling records management, and overseeing critical data administration.

Due to the sensitive nature of the defense operations at the base, the hiring criteria enforce strict security protocols. Applicants must hold active United States citizenship to be considered for employment. Furthermore, candidates must already possess or be capable of maintaining an active federal secret security clearance to access the secure facility and handle classified administrative portfolios.

The recruitment drive is part of a broader nationwide staffing push by the company, which manages various technology and administrative contracts across the country. Interested individuals who meet the rigorous citizenship and clearance prerequisites can submit formal applications directly through the company's employment portal at www.bqmi.com/careers. The portal also features information on additional engineering, technical, and corporate vacancies across the organization's regional operational hubs.

LOOGOOTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST 'SAVE SPIKE' INTERACTIVE YOUTH EVENT THURSDAY

LOOGOOTEE, 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.

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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LOOGOOTEE HOSTS INAUGURAL MIDSUMMER VENDOR MARKET TO BOOST LOCAL BUSINESS

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Applications have officially opened for the 2026-2027 cohort of Legacy – Martin County Leadership, a professional development initiative designed to cultivate civic engagement and strengthen local leadership networks. Refer to the accompanying graphic detailing this program below.

The dynamic training curriculum is structured to accommodate both emerging and established leaders, including business professionals, nonprofit organizers, educators, public servants, and community volunteers. Organizers emphasized that the initiative provides a comprehensive framework to enhance personal leadership abilities while connecting participants who share a passion for the long-term trajectory of Martin County.

The interactive program spans a multi-month schedule, running from October 2026 through April 2027. According to the published enrollment guidelines, participants will meet for one full seminar day per month, with instructional sessions scheduled on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuition for the upcoming civic leadership cycle is set at \$350 per person to cover material and operational expenses. Throughout the program, members of the cohort will explore a diverse range of class topics structured around local infrastructure and professional development. The syllabus includes a foundational overview of Martin County, local government fundamentals, and communicative strategies for leading locally. Additional modules will cover conflict resolution, community planning, economic growth, and workforce development, culminating in hands-on civic projects and a formal graduation ceremony.

Organizers noted that enrollment space in the upcoming leadership class remains strictly limited to maintain small-group dynamics and optimize peer networking. Interested individuals who wish to grow professionally while contributing a tangible impact to the county are encouraged to apply early. The formal submission portal can be accessed online via the Southern Indiana Development Commission formstack database.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR BABY SHOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 12

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Martin County 4-H Fair has finalized the event schedule for its annual Baby Show, which is set to return to the local fairgrounds this month.

The family-oriented competition will take place on Sunday, July 12, 2026. According to the event itinerary, the showcase is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds, serving as a prominent afternoon attraction during the fair's multi-day summer run.

The contest is organized into four distinct age divisions to accommodate infants and toddlers up to two years old. The entry groups are split into categories for infants aged 0 to 6 months, 7 to 12 months, 13 to 18 months, and 19 to 24 months. Judges will evaluate the young participants within their respective brackets, awarding special prizes across three distinct categories: Best Dressed, Cutest, and Happiest.

Fair officials have structured the entry process to maximize convenience for participating families. There is no requirement for advance mail-in applications or digital pre-registration; instead, parents and guardians can register their children entirely on-site on the day of the event.

The entry fee to participate in the competition is \$10 per child. The event features a patriotic theme, decorated with red, white, and blue imagery, balloons, and fireworks iconography, reflecting the mid-summer holiday season. Community members seeking additional details regarding the competition rules, judging criteria, or specific facility locations within the fairgrounds can reach out to event management directly. Inquiries can be directed to coordinator Jenny Hembree, who can be reached via phone at 812-631-0231. Additional scheduling information for concurrent 4-H exhibitions and grandstand events will be available at the main gate throughout the fair week.

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

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

The 5th Annual Fire Run, presented by the fire department's Ladies Auxiliary, is officially scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2026. According to a promotional flyer released for the event, identified as image_1a83da.jpg, the day's activities will be centered at the Southside Fire Station, located at 417 Heritage Hill Street in Loogootee.

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

While the run itself spotlights a variety of vehicles—with image_1a83da.jpg showcasing illustrated classic trucks, Jeeps, and motorcycles on the road—the overarching goal remains local community support. Organizers emphasize that all proceeds directly benefit the fire department's continuous efforts to protect and serve the region.

Community members planning to participate in the run are encouraged to secure their spots early. Pre-registration is currently open online at the department's official website, www.loogooteefire.org. 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.

LOOGOOTEE YOUNG DEMOCRATS GROUP TO MEET ON JULY 30 AT CITY HALL

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Municipal officials are inviting residents to take an active role in local government by attending the upcoming community public meeting scheduled for late July at City Hall.

The gathering is slated for Thursday, July 30, with proceedings officially calling to order at 5:30 p.m. The session will be hosted inside the main council chambers at Loogootee City Hall, located at 200 West Main Street.

Organizers emphasized that the meeting is open to all members of the general public, business owners, and regional stakeholders who are interested in getting involved in civic matters and making their voices heard on local issues. The forum is designed to provide an accessible platform for community members to review ongoing municipal projects, discuss neighborhood developments, and interact directly with elected city representatives and department heads.

An agenda detailing specific discussion topics, ordinance readings, and dedicated public comment windows will be made available at the administrative offices prior to the session. City administrators encourage robust attendance, noting that direct resident input is vital for shaping municipal policy and directing future community development initiatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KIWANIS INDIANA BALLOON FEST 2026 RETURNS TO WEST BOGGS PARK

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

According to a promotional flyer released for the event, identified as image_19881c.jpg, this year's festival will feature an array of traditional hot air balloons along with several unique special shapes. Visuals from the flyer highlight large, whimsical character balloons styled after a gray elephant, Tweety Bird, and Sylvester the Cat.

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

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

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

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SHOALS CATFISH FESTIVAL QUEENS OFFICIALLY CROWNED



SHOALS, Ind. (Shoals News)- The 41st annual Shoals Catfish Festival royalty was crowned Friday evening, July 3rd. The Festival kicked off Thursday, July 2nd, with a Benefit Auction, and concluded Sunday afternoon, July 5th, with the Gospel Sing.

Shown above are the 2026 Catfish Festival royalty, wwhowwerecrowned at the Stage at the Recycling Center. Pictured, from left to right, are Jr. Miss Queen Anniston Taylor, daughter of Tony and Allison Taylor; Queen Albany Crim, daughter of Adam Crim and Carlye Fisher; Pre-Teen Queen Kenna Bearden, daughter of Ashley Bearden; and Little Miss Queen Oaklyn Jones, daughter of Corey and Mackenzie Jones.

Thanks to event Chairperson Kindra Hovis, and her entire staff of assistants, for another great pageant. These beautiful young ladies will represent our community very well during the coming year.

— Shoals News Photo by Audra P. Deckard

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Catfish

Highlights

Festival 2026





Photos were taken via Facebook



MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA

4H Fair

2026 Preview



MARTIN COUNTY 4H SCHEDULE JULY 9-14, 2026

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



COMMUNITY-LED CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR ON JULY 12



LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local organizers have announced plans for a community-led church service scheduled to take place at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds during the upcoming fair week.

The special assembly, themed "Worship Together Right Here at Home," is set for Sunday, July 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Organizers are inviting members of the public to attend the outdoor service and have advised participants to bring their own lawn chairs for seating.

Lauren (Biggs) Alexander, a Loogootee native, will return to her hometown to deliver the sermon for the service. Musician Kyle Street is scheduled to provide the accompanying worship and special music programming for the event. While the gathering is scheduled to coincide with the broader festivities at the fairgrounds, coordinating committee members clarified that the service is completely independent of official fair operations. The worship event is not sponsored by Purdue Extension or the 4-H organization. Instead, it has been organized entirely by independent community members working in coordination with the fair's activities committee.

Organizers emphasized that all members of the public are welcome to attend regardless of affiliation, and attendance is completely optional for 4-H members, participants, and volunteers. Further information regarding the open-air service can be obtained at the fairgrounds information booths during the week's events.

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR 2026 OPENING NIGHT GRAND CHAMPION NAMES TEASED

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While the majority of the winner names remain hidden until the opening night revelation, two early Grand Champions from the pre-fair Cat Show have already been recognized. Youth participants William Hert and Audrey Clark secured top honors for their feline presentations, earning their celebratory name tents ahead of the main exhibition cycle.

The remaining name tents span a diverse array of 4-H categories, including Floriculture Floral, Consumer Clothing, Computer Science, ATV Safety, Animal Education, Gardening, Bicycle, Arts and Crafts, Construction, and Beekeeping. Organizers emphasized that the opening night event serves to celebrate the hard work, goal meeting, and life skills cultivated by local youth over the past year.

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR ADDS INFLATABLE COSTUME FOOTRACE EVENT

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — A new novelty athletic event is coming to the grandstand schedule at the Martin County 4-H Fair, promising a mix of competition and lighthearted entertainment for attendees this weekend.

Organizers announced that "The Great Inflatable Races" will debut on Saturday, July 11, 2026. The footraces are scheduled to take place immediately following the conclusion of the traditional Goat and Sheep Show, which is set for 5 p.m. The unique event challenges participants to don their best blow-up or inflatable costumes to test their speed on the track. Fair coordinators noted the race is designed both for competitive runners looking for a unique hurdle and community members simply looking to have a laugh.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three fastest finishers to cross the line. Additionally, a special prize will be given to the participant judged to have the overall best costume, encouraging creative and humorous attire. The race reflects an ongoing effort to incorporate interactive, family-friendly events alongside the fair's standard livestock exhibitions.

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES JULY 12 PIE BAKING CONTEST

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local bakers are preparing their finest crusts and fillings as registration opens for the upcoming Martin County 4-H Fair Pie Baking Contest, a major culinary attraction aimed at supporting youth agricultural programming. The baking competition will take place on Sunday, July 12, 2026, inside the small building of the Martin County Learning Center. Bakers must drop off their entries at 3 p.m., with official judging scheduled to begin promptly at 3:30 p.m. According to the official rules, all types of pies are welcome. Competitors must submit two identical pies per entry: one dedicated to the blind judging panel and a second designated to be sold to fairgoers. The entry fee is set at \$5 per pie, and individual entrants are permitted to submit up to three different sets of pies.

Cash awards will be presented to the top three bakers, featuring a \$50 first prize, a \$30 second prize, and a \$20 third prize. All proceeds generated from entry fees and pie sales will go directly to the Martin County 4-H Council to fund year-round operational expenses.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM MAKING CONTEST SCHEDULED FOR MARTIN COUNTY FAIR

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — The Martin County 4-H Fair has finalized the competitive guidelines for its upcoming Ice Cream Making Contest, inviting local dessert enthusiasts to showcase their culinary skills this weekend.

The homemade dessert showcase will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2026, at the Martin County Learning Center small building. The entry registration window opens at 6 p.m., and official tasting panels will begin their evaluations at 6:30 p.m.

The contest enforces strict formatting rules for all participants. Entrants are limited to a single submission and must provide a full copy of their custom recipe alongside the physical entry. Additionally, competitors must submit a minimum of one quart of ice cream to ensure adequate volume for tasting and judging.

The event aims to highlight traditional dessert-making techniques and flavor innovation within the community. Results and winning recipes will be archived by the fair's activity committee, with scheduling information for concurrent culinary events available at the main office.

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

THE 2026 LOOGOOTEE SCHOOLS ALUMNI CELEBRATION FOR LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL

&

ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND THEIR GUESTS

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, 2026

ST. JOHN CENTER LOWER LEVEL IN LOOGOOTEE

SOCIAL HOUR AT 6PM FOLLOWED BY A MEAL

CATERED BY WITTMER'S CATERING AT 7:00pm

There will be a cash bar provided by Red Bones!

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

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

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

\$30 per person to:

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

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

Alumnus name, School and Graduation Year

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

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

Feel free to e-mail Greg Bateman at gbateman8159@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

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

Names attending:

School and year of Graduation (only if alum)

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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE RESPOND BY SATURDAY, JULY 18TH, 2026!

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

MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

The Mid-States Corridor is wrong for southern Indiana and is wrong for Indiana. The fact that over 80% of the people of Dubois County and over 74% of the people of Indiana are opposed to the project is proof that the project is unwanted and unneeded. So why are our elected officials not doing what their constituents want them to do? Could there be shenanigans by the Cabal to thumb their noses at we the people?

It has been pointed out many times, in the recent past, that the ordinance passed by the Dubois County Council on 4/27/26 to withdraw from the Regional Development Authority (RDA) included a last-minute clause extending the withdrawal out 12 to 18 months. This timeframe is not part of the state's 2004 RDA law but is from a "memo" from the state Attorney General Todd Rokita. The same Attorney General who took 165 Dubois County residents to court and forced them to allow Lochmueller's surveyors onto private property. We still don't really know why the AG wrote the "memo" or who encouraged him to do so. Could this be shenanigans by the Cabal?

At the next Jasper City Council Meeting, July 22, 2026 at 5:30 pm, the ordinance to withdraw from the RDA will be on the agenda, finally. It is important that the Council chambers be full to, once again, show our elected officials what their

constituents are demanding. The Huntingburg City Council must also vote this month. It's past time for the delay tactics of the Cabal to end.

Amendment 11 was passed earlier this year that requires all INDOT projects over \$250 million, in any one county, to be reviewed by the State Budget Committee. The good news is that INDOT, the Lochmueller Group, Jason Dupont, Kyanna Wheeler, Mark Messmer nor Mike Braun can make a presentation before the State Budget Committee. We know how the people and their Representatives from all across Indiana feel about the Mid-States Corridor, they are opposed. Not only are they opposed, they want it canceled and they want the over 300 INDOT projects that were canceled or delayed to be reinstated. Why is this so hard to understand?

Let's all do our part this summer. Let's attend all of the City and County government meetings and keep demanding that they all vote to withdraw from the RDA. We must also demand that they file a suit against the AG's obvious attempt to delay their immediate withdrawal. As we just celebrated our nation's 250th birthday we must remember, and we must remind our elected officials, that we have a long history of government by the people, of the people and for the people. The Mid-States Corridor RDA and it's highway are not what the people want.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

Property Rights Alliance Update and more

6-25-26 Meeting -- 63 attendees with 3 new members

Every meeting is well attended and there are always more new members.
Come to the meetings and meet like minded people
Come and meet the candidates who are running for office this November

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- **Thursday 7/9/26 7pm - Property Rights Alliance meeting at Klubhaus61. Please make plans to attend, and bring friends! Great things are happening!**
- **Wednesday 7/22/26 5:30pm — Jasper City Council meeting at City Hall. The city's ordinance to withdraw from the RDA will be on the agenda. We would like to PACK the room! Please make plans to attend.**
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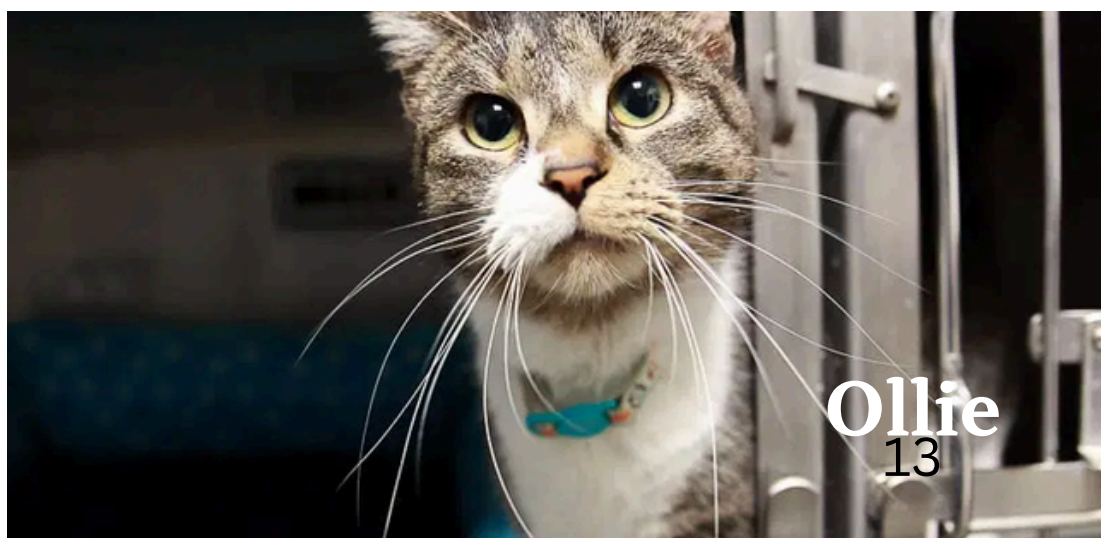
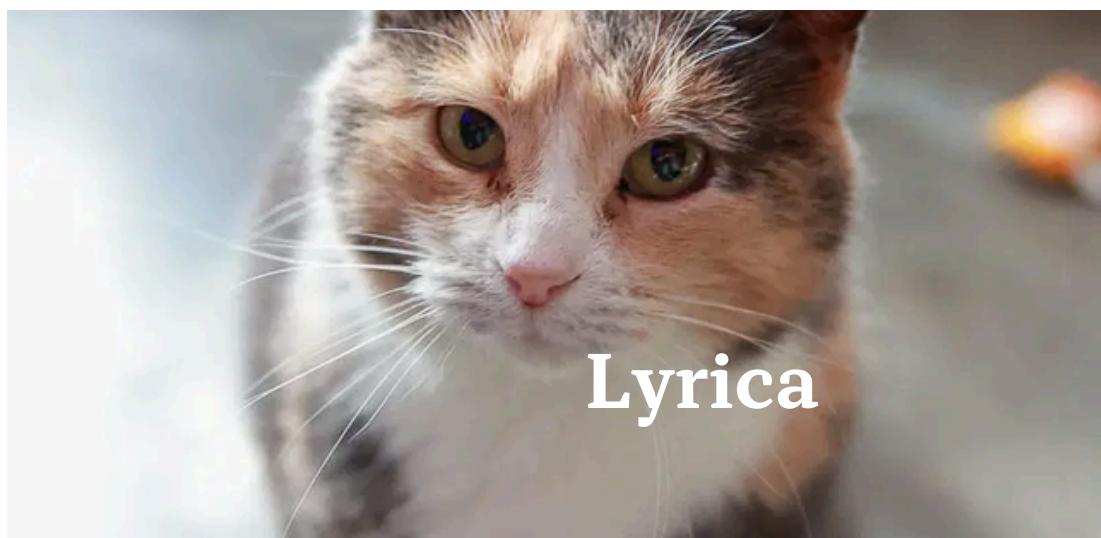
OTHER INTERESTING DATES

- **7/8/26 4:00-600pm — INDOT Open House at Huntingburg Library regarding paving and "Right-Sizing" State Rd 64 in Huntingburg. They plan to change the configuration of SR 64 in Huntingburg to slow the traffic down through town.**
- **7/14/26 4:30-6:30pm — INDOT Open House at St. Mary's Church, Ireland regarding the sidewalk/crosswalks project along State Rd 56.**
- **7/14/26 5:30pm — Huntingburg City Council Meeting, City Hall**
- **7/28/26 5:30pm — Huntingburg City Council Meeting, City Hall**

PETS

Section by The Martin County Humane Society

ADOPTABLE CATS



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ADOPTABLE DOGS



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Harley



Diesel



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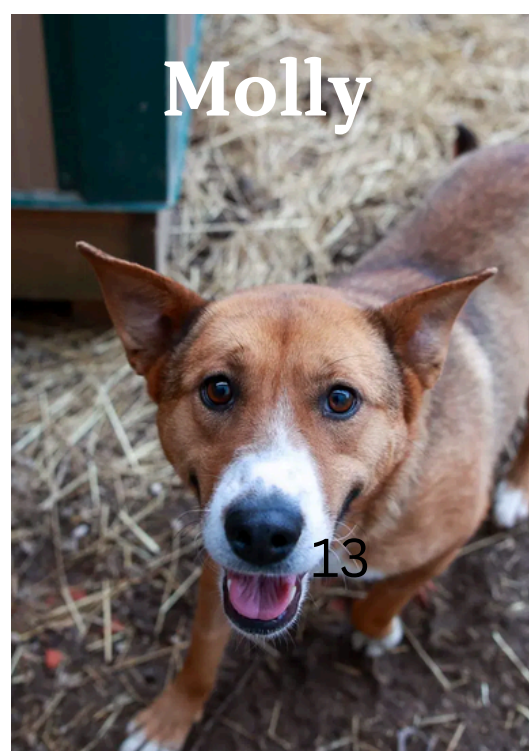
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Martin County & Courts 14

Monday, June 29, 2026

5:27 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down South of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

6:34 a.m.- Received multiple calls reporting a tree down South of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

7:39 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West towards Daviess County. Advised all on-duty units. Notified Daviess County.

9:45 a.m.- Received a report on a roadway issue East of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Sergeant Hawkins and INDOT responded.

10:00 a.m.- Marion County on station with James Sears, a 49-year-old male, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

10:49 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

11:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northwest of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

12:49 p.m.- Received a call from INDOT advising they will be shutting down US Highway 50 from the 50/150 junction to State Road 60 until further notice.

12:50 p.m.- Received a request for assistance in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

3:03 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible verbal dispute in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey, Chief Deputy Keller and Deputy Clark responded.

3:52 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible traffic hazard West of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

4:17 p.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard South of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

4:54 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

4:56 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

5:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a power line sparking in Loogootee. REMC responded.

6:00 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

8:50 p.m.- Received a call from INDOT advising US Highway 50 will have one lane open to traffic with a traffic light until further notice.

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

6:34 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle South of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

8:30 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Sheriff Greene, Chief Deputy Keller, Major Reed and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

8:38 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident South of Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

9:10 a.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Sergeant Hawkins and Marshal Copeland responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

10:19 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling East toward Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

12:50 p.m.- Received a call requesting traffic control South of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

12:58 p.m.- Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

1:23 p.m.- Received a report of possible vandalism South of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

1:46 p.m.- Received an animal complaint North of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.

2:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

3:17 p.m.- Received a call from Honor Alert advising of a medical alert push in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Sergeant Hawkins responded.

3:54 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling South towards Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

4:08 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North towards Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

5:49 p.m.- Received an animal complaint North of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

7:54 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.

9:06 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an

ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:40 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

9:47 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

10:12 a.m.- Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

10:55 a.m.- LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey on station with Theresa Lewis, a 44-year-old female from Loogootee, arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

12:00 p.m.- Monthly weather siren test was completed.

1:28 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

1:53 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller and Sergeant Hawkins responded. No one was transported.

4:44 p.m.- Received a report of a tree limb down in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

5:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call from Crane Naval Base. Notified Crane Naval.

5:21 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:25 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious male in Shoals. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

9:06 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down Northeast of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

9:42 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.

9:48 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

Thursday, July 2, 2026

7:46 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an

ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:36 a.m.- Received a report requesting assistance from a deputy in North of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Corporal Erwin, Chief Deputy Keller responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:38 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

12:01 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Lawrence County. Transferred 911 call to Lawrence County Dispatch.

12:13 p.m.- Received multiple test 911 calls.

1:15 p.m.- Received a call reporting a residential burglar alarm East of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

1:47 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller and Corporal Erwin responded.

3:46 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

3:59 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance from a deputy North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham, ISP Trooper Lents, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

4:37 p.m.- Received a call reporting a lost phone North of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:02 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

6:43 p.m.- Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle East of Loogootee. Big Johns Towing and Deputy Branham responded.

8:15 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

9:44 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver North of Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

10:47 p.m.- Received a call reporting a noise complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Nash responded.

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

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4:47 a.m.- Received multiple accidental 911 calls

9:41 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:51 a.m.- Received a call reporting an animal complaint North of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Sheriff Greene responded.

12:36 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

1:47 p.m.- Received a report of a tree down North of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:17 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a structure fire in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Sheriff Greene, Martin County Civil Defense, and Reserve Marshal Linch responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

2:24 p.m.- Received a call reporting a verbal domestic dispute in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

3:12 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.

3:17 p.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down North of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

3:52 p.m.- Received a call reporting a tree down with power lines South of Loogootee. Daviess Martin REMC responded.

4:06 p.m.- Received a call reporting an accident no injuries North of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

4:36 p.m.- Received a report requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 did not transport.

6:05 p.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard West of Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

6:43 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

6:46 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.

7:15 p.m.- Received a report of a stranded motorist in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:32 p.m.- Received a call requesting assistance from an officer in Shoals.

Deputy Branham, Marshal Copeland, Deputy Nash, and ISP Trooper Collins responded.

7:37 p.m.- Deputy Nash is on station with Jacob Bowman, a 23-year-old male from Shoals. He was arrested for owwi and owwi endangerment. He is being held at \$10,000 10% bond.

7:52 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 did not transport.

8:15 p.m.- Deputy Nash is on station with Edward Koch III, a 29-year-old male from Springville. Marshal Copeland arrested him for owwi refusal, owwi endangerment, neglect of a dependent X3, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, and unlawful possession of syringe. He is being held at \$15,000 10% bond.

11:03 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic light malfunction in Loogootee. INDOT responded.

11:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a crash detection North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

Saturday, July 4, 2026

3:05 a.m.- Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Sheriff Greene responded.

3:21 a.m.- Received a call reporting a noise complaint North of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

9:41 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:28 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

3:24 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

4:30 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

4:53 p.m.- Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle South of Loogootee. Big Johns Towing and Deputy Clark responded.

4:56 p.m.- Received a call reporting a traffic complaint in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

5:00 p.m.- Received a call reporting a road collapse in Loogootee. Deputy Clark and Loogootee City Utilities responded.

5:37 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

7:57 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

10:27 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

10:36 p.m.- Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Shoals.

MARTIN COUNTY LOG

Deputy Branham responded.
11:23 p.m.- Received a call reporting an accident no injuries in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
11:33 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

Sunday, July 5, 2026

12:53 a.m.- Received a report of a power outage North of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Daviess Martin REMC responded.
1:12 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident South of Shoals. Deputy Branham, Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Big Johns Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
7:51 a.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.
12:07 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Hawkins, Conservation Officer Fuhrman, and Big Johns Towing responded. Medic 1 did not transport.
12:12 p.m.- Received multiple 911 calls South of Shoals. ISP Trooper Wilson responded.
2:04 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
4:47 p.m.- Received a call reporting a large limb down South of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.
5:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Crane Naval 911. Transferred 911 call to Crane Naval 911 Dispatch.
7:17 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 did not transport.
8:14 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
8:20 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a smoke alarm in Crane Village. Loogootee Fire Department responded.
9:17 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department, and Daviess County EMS responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.
10:19 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Sheriff Greene responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
10:24 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident North of Shoals. Daviess County EMS, Shoals Fire Department, Major Reed, and Marshal Copeland responded. Medic 1 did not transport.
10:31 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance South of Loogootee. Dubois County EMS and Haysville Fire Department responded. Dubois County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

LOOGOOTEE POLICE LOG

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026
8:55 am- A caller reported a possible parking hazard on North Line St.
9:45 am- A subject came on station and reported vandalism.
11:51 am- A caller reported a large hole in the road at the intersection of SE 3rd St. and Church St.
12:57 pm- A caller reported that his fire alarm was sounding at his residence on Southgate St. and the Loogootee Fire Department responded.
1:55 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a vehicle inspection on SW 3rd St.
3:05 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a domestic dispute on Truelove Dr.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026
8:38 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a deer accident on US 231S.
11:50 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a welfare check on Church St.
12:52 pm- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to assist with traffic control for a semi broke down on US 231S at Brooks Bridge Rd.
2:15 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a welfare check on Church St.
3:20 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a medical alert on Belair Dr.
3:55 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 231N., nearing Loogootee.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026
8:43 am- A caller advised of an erratic driver in a semi on US 231N, nearing Loogootee.
10:12 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey assisted a disabled vehicle at US 231N and US 50 intersection.
10:42 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey arrested Theresa Lewis, a 44-year-old female from Loogootee. Lewis is charged with Burglary, Breaking and Entering, and Theft.
2:37 pm- A caller reported an erratic driver making illegal passes on US 231S.

Thursday, July 2, 2026
8:04 am- A caller advised of a vehicle that had caused damage to a parking lot during the night.
12:20 pm- A local business called in regards to assistance in trespassing a subject off the property.
1:08 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey assisted the Indiana State Police with a traffic stop.
1:47 pm- A caller reported a dog with its chain wrapped around a pole and unable to get to water or shade.
3:46 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a welfare check on SE 1st St.
3:59 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a domestic dispute at West Boggs Park.
6:50 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of inappropriate calls received at a local business.
9:44 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a reckless driver on US 231S.

Friday, July 3, 2026
9:41 am- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical alarm on US 231N.
12:36 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a suspicious object located at a local business.
2:24 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a dispute on Queen St.
6:46 pm- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical all on SW 3rd St.
8:05 pm- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Dover Hill Rd.

Saturday, July 4, 2026
9:41 am- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Sheridan St.

Sunday, July 5, 2026
7:51 am- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Sycamore St.
12:07 pm- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of an accident on US 231N.
7:17 pm- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Miller Dr.
8:20 pm- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of fire alarms sounding on McVay Ct.
9:17 pm- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Vine St.

Property Records

Transfers July 1-8

Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, George Estrada and Diana Neff Estrada, a married couple, residing at 10316 Boyd Hollow Road, Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 10316 Boyd Hollow Road, Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: Part of the North half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West Second Principal Meridian, Halbert Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.00 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-06-31-600-046.001-003) from the current owner, E. Jane Archer, an individual.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Stanley R. Clifton, residing at 1410 Tieman St., Washington, IN 47501, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: The portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Eighteen (18), Township Three (3) North, Range Three (3) West, containing 0.70 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-06-18-400-010.000-003) from the current owner, Ralph E. Stiles, Jr.

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Christopher Ryan Stone, residing at 10444 Boyd Hollow Rd, Shoals, IN 47581, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the Town of Shoals, Indiana (Legal Description: Lots Numbered Thirty-One (31), Thirty-Two (32), Thirty-seven (37) and Thirty-eight (38) in Williams Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana; State ID: 51-06-30-300-269.000-004) from the current owner, Country Boys Transport LLC, an Indiana Limited Liability Company.

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Obituaries

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Marvin Edward Guthrie

August 22, 1942 — July 7, 2026



Marvin "Eddie" Edward Guthrie, 83, of Loogootee, Indiana passed away on Tuesday July 7, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper, Indiana. He was born on August 22, 1942, in Bedford, Indiana to Winferd and Esther (Dalton) Guthrie.

Eddie worked as a handyman, performing a wide variety of general labor throughout his life. Known for his strong work ethic, he was always willing to lend a helping hand and took pride in helping others whenever he could. His kindness, dependability, and willingness to serve those around him will be remembered by all who knew him. Eddie married Beverly "Diane" Crane, and she preceded him in death.

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Burial of ashes will take place at a later date in Anderson Cemetery in Shoals, Indiana.

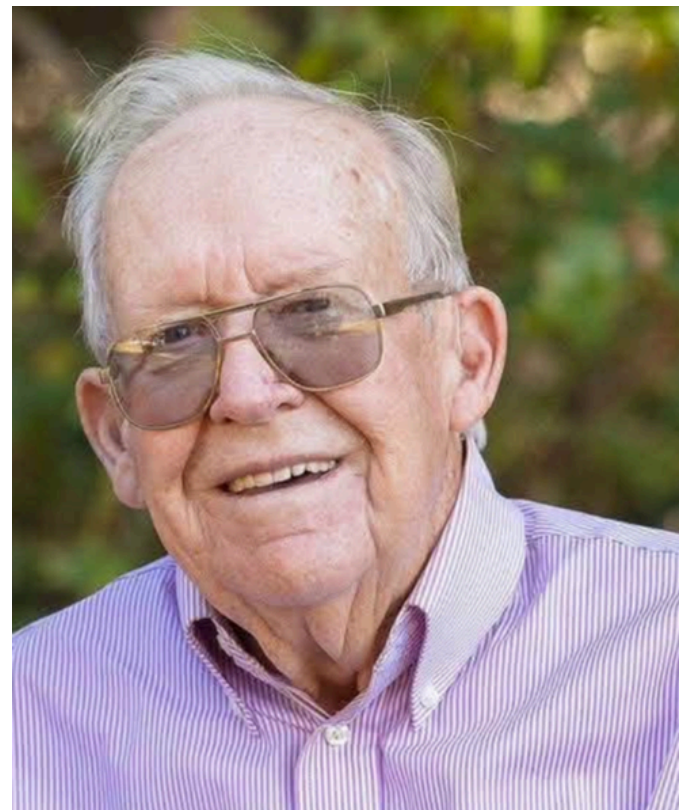
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Harold Gene Parsons Jr.

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Hard

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Expert

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Master

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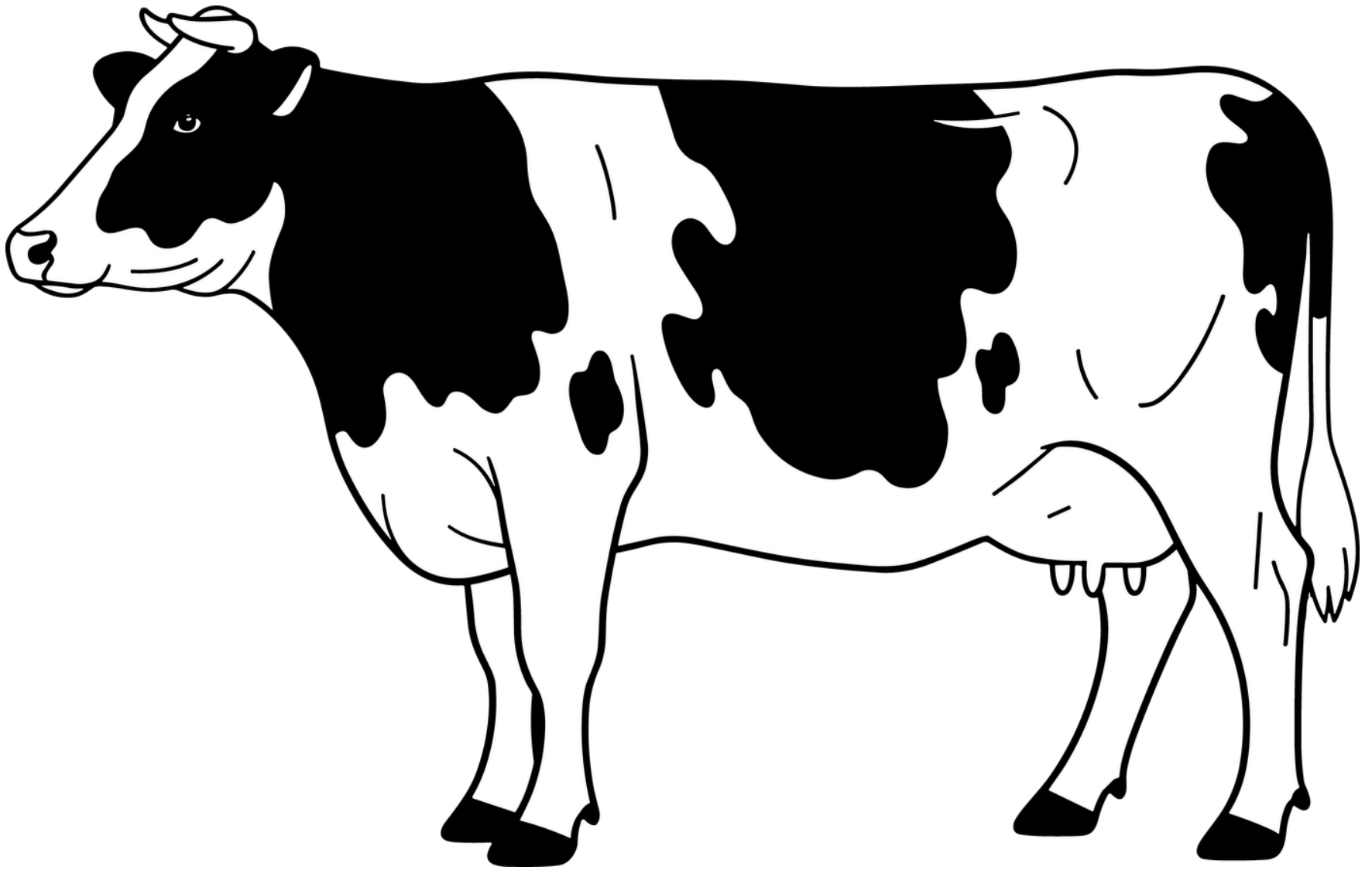
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SOLUTIONS

Coloring Sheet

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Across

1. Type of ray, wave or wing

6. Sell illegally

11. Healthful getaway

14. Be in store

15. Adorable tot

16. Make it?

17. Substitute

19. Praiseful composition

20. Dark suit bane

21. Prickly irritant

23. Prehistoric

27. Uniform adornment

29. Fowl perches

30. Subsist on next to nothing

31. Small egg

32. It comes right after the hour

33. Some add it to impress

36. Ceremonial staff

37. Dressing may make it better

38. What seems like forever

39. Industrial pollutant

40. Have it coming

41. Round contents, sometimes

42. Looked searchingly

44. Sun's halo

45. Pooh-poohed

47. "Nonsense!"

48. Extreme

49. Drove

50. Kind of horse or cow

51. Presiding officer

58. Item for a bad hair day?

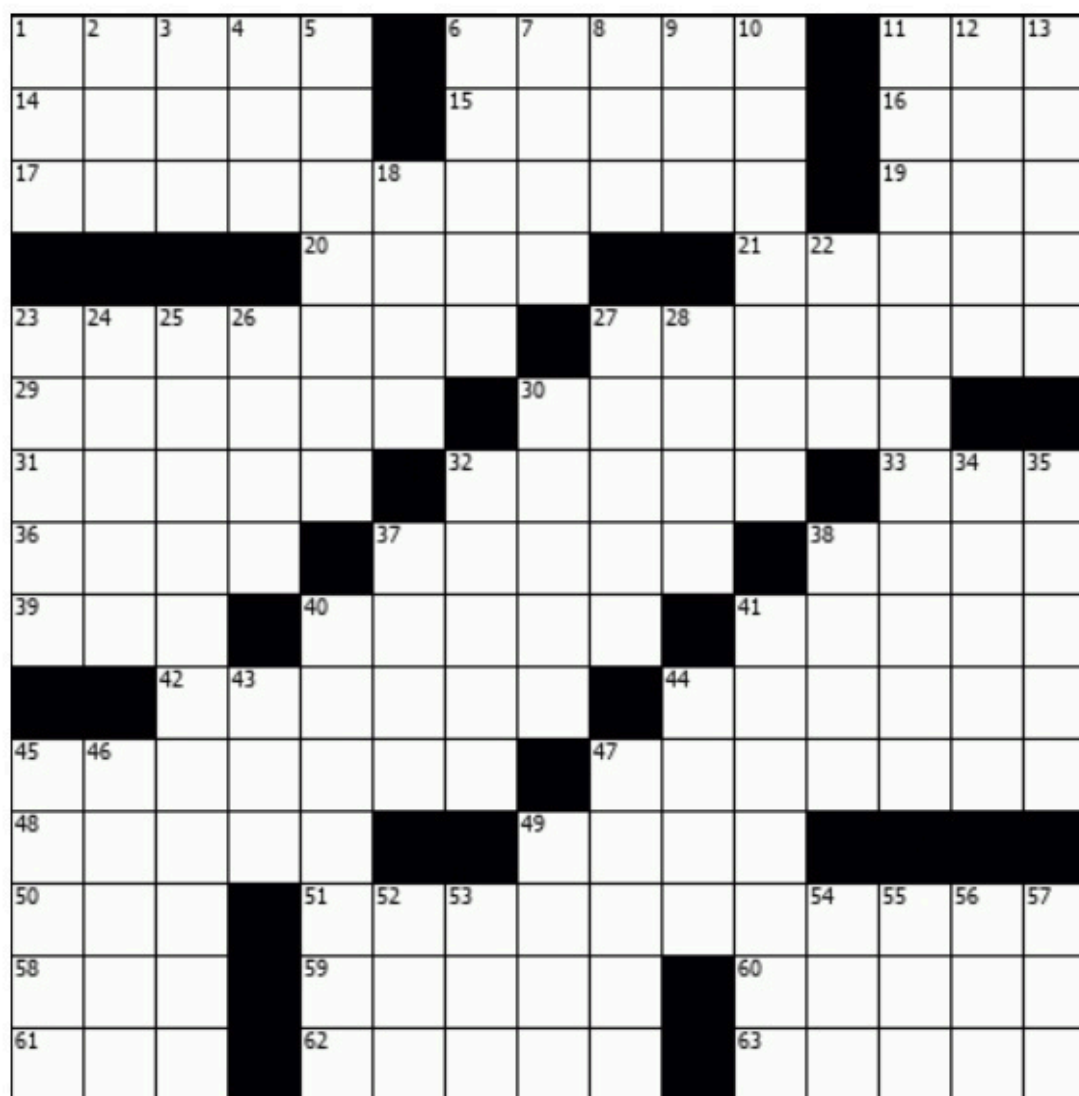
59. More than punctual

60. "Don't be a hog!"

61. "Who am ___ judge?"

62. Crestless wave

63. Schlepped

**Down**

1. Bit of hair gel

2. Flock member

3. Office computer link, for short

4. First X, maybe

5. Jock

6. Few and far between

7. A bit brusque

8. Bread machine?

9. You may get caught in it

10. Bear on

11. Snitch

12. Military chaplain

13. Celeb's hiree

18. Carries the day

22. Continuous sound

23. Bakery come-on

24. Bright stars

25. Remote expert?

26. Atlas dot

27. Brilliant success

28. Give a nudge

30. Unbroken, as a line

32. Didn't just shrug

34. Jules of sci-fi fame

35. Test segment, perhaps

37. Parched

38. Prefix with dynamics

40. Endangers

41. Most venturesome

43. Be off base

44. Cavil

45. Japanese delicacy

46. Rope fastener

47. Blue-green stone

49. Congress setting

52. Hem companion

53. Have being

54. Pi follower

55. Pictured

56. Seam treasure

57. First name in the "Deliverance" cast

Crossword Puzzle #52

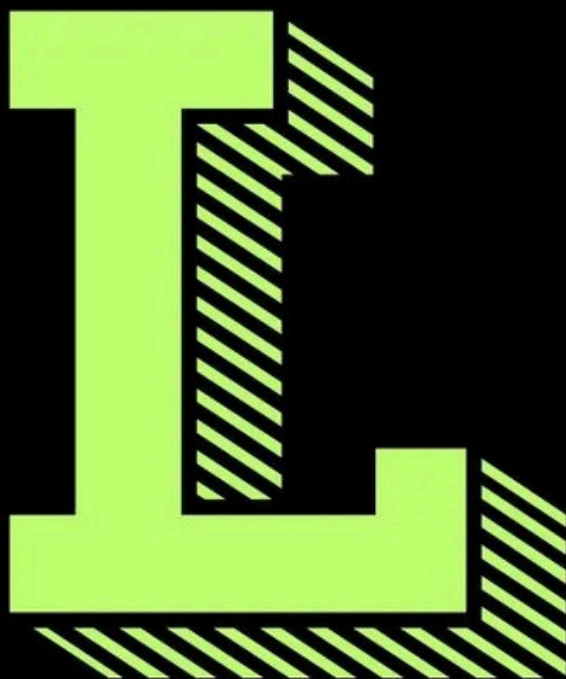
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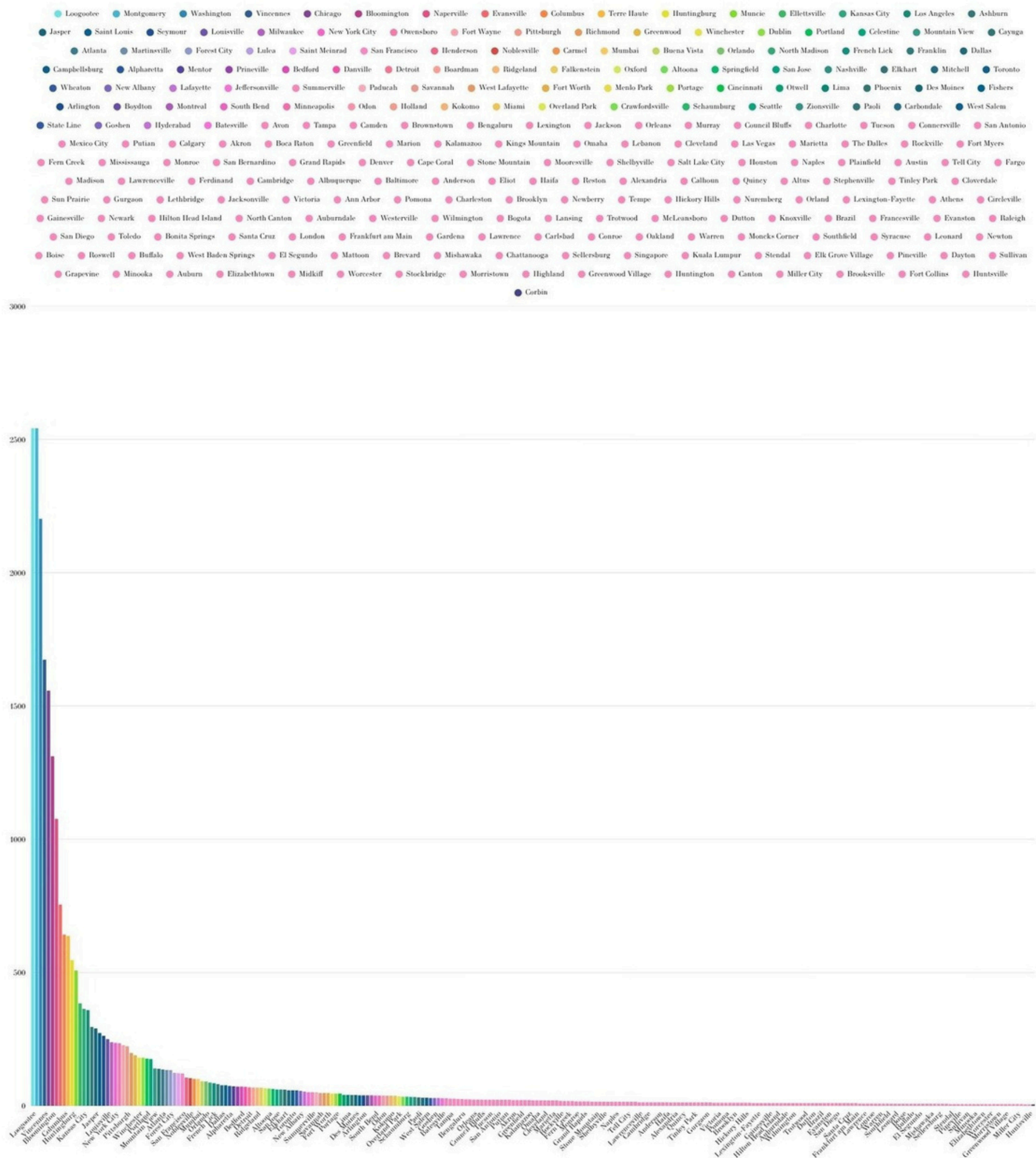
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Medium Size Ad Placement

\$20 per week *10 x 7 inches*

Printed on Tabloid Style Newspaper 11.4" × 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"

Quarter Page 2.5"x4"