

LOOGOOTE LAUNCHES FIRST GIRLS’
GOLF PROGRAM, GIVING ATHLETES A
NEW PATH TO COMPETE

By Braydyn Lents



LOOGOOTE — After more than a decade of interest that never quite materialized, Loogootee High School has finally launched a girls’ golf team—a new program Coach Walton hopes will create opportunities for local athletes and change how the community perceives girls’ sports in a town whose most known female sport is volleyball.

“We’ve actually coached middle school golf for about 14 or 15 years, and I’ve seen some girls come through, but it never really took off,” Coach Tyler Walton told The Loogootee Times.

The push to establish a high school girls’ team came after Mr. Thompson approached Coach Walton about starting one, knowing there were girls eager to play.

“Mr. Thompson asked me about possibly getting this started because we have some girls interested in golf,” Coach Walton explained. “I initially had 12 sign-ups, but now we have seven on the roster.”

For Coach Walton, the new team means more than just filling spots; it provides another opportunity for girls who might not see themselves in traditional school sports.

“Hopefully, this offers girls another sport to participate in. Not all the girls play volleyball,” Coach Walton said. “Plus, it gives girls with different skills a chance to play sports.”

Golf is growing across the country, and in Loogootee, it has an amazing opportunity to help open doors to the next level.

“While I don’t currently have any D1 or D2 golfers, getting a girls’ golf scholarship is probably one of the easiest athletic scholarships to obtain,” Coach Walton said.

Though the team is new, Coach

Walton said establishing it had its challenges but was also easy. “I played high school golf and have coached middle school golf, mainly with boys for the past 14 years. Last year, I also assisted with the boys’ varsity team,” Coach Walton said. “I play regularly—I wouldn’t call myself a pro, but I have solid knowledge of the game and what’s happening on the course.”

What’s new is coaching an entire high school girls’ team and, one day, bringing a Sectional to Loogootee while making history of their own.

The girls’ golf team played their first-ever golf match at Phil Harris Golf Course in Linton, Indiana., where the Lions faced off against Linton, Bloomfield, and Northview High School. The team was able to complete three holes due to weather.

The Lions will be back in action on Thursday at Lucas Oil Golf Course, where the Lions will take on Paoli, Borden, and Crawford High Schools.

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LOOGOOTEE CITY COUNCIL ADVANCES INFRASTRUCTURE AND FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS

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LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Loogootee officials on Monday advanced ongoing infrastructure work, prepared for a large regional festival, and welcomed additional police officers during a combined Board of Works and City Council session.

Attendees at Present at the Board of Works meeting included were Mayor Brian Ader, Dave Smith, and Brandon Carrico. Mark McAtee and Danny Clark were not present for the meeting.

Mayor Brian Ader reported that city street and sidewalk projects are in progress, including warranty repair work on Doyle Street.

“Had some places that were bad; they were fixed,” Ader said.. “Did not cost the city anything. That’s under the warranty. ,” Ader said. “Things are moving right along.” Board members also approved routine utility adjustments on a unanimous voice vote.

Utility officials detailed July operations, including 84 service calls, 108 line locates, 326 office calls and 18.1 million gallons of water sold. The water plant treated 16.6 million gallons, while the wastewater plant handled 11.7 million gallons.

The board then turned to emergency planning for the upcoming West Boggs Hot Air Balloon Festival, which is expected to draw crowds comparable to a small city. Loogootee will provide mutual aid alongside neighboring agencies and state partners.

“We’ve done our due diligence to make sure everything’s going to go as good as it can go. They’re estimating 15,000-ish people per day for two days, so we’re going to do what we can,” one responder told the board, noting coordination with Daviess and Martin County emergency management, sheriff’s’ offices and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

To address congestion and access concerns, emergency vehicles will be staged at the park entrance, with a designated landing zone and an off-road side-by-side unit to reach patients faster. The side-by-side will help crews “cut through grass, you know, stuff like that. Just get [to] places easier,” the responder said. On equipment, a department head urged approval of an \$8,000 preventative maintenance package for the city’s approximately \$750,000 vacuum truck, calling the work “much needed” and “just a drop in the bucket” to protect the city’s investment.

The police department reported 142 calls for service, 17 case numbers, and 12 arrests in July, split evenly between misdemeanors and felonies. Officers also announced that reserve officer Montana Carico and full-time officer Jay Wagner are joining the force, with Wagner scheduled to attend the police academy Aug. 30.

“Very excited to have both of those guys on board,” an officer said.

After the conclusion of the Board of Works meeting, the Loogootee City Council met on Monday, Aug. 10, and approved a 7% increase in its employee health insurance premiums, created a redevelopment fund for future projects, and adopted new restrictions on trailers, campers, and parking on city streets.

Attendees present at the Common Council Meeting included Mayor Brian Ader and Dave Smith, along with other council members. Mark McAtee, Attorney Teverbaugh, and Danny Clark were absent.

The city’s medical coverage with SIHO will renew Oct. 1 with no changes to deductibles or benefits, insurance representative Alyssa Carnes told the council.

“It’s actually not a bad increase, given most other insurances going up more like 15- 20%, but it did go up 7%,” Carnes said.

One official said they were worried the city might have to cut benefits entirely given sharp hikes elsewhere.

“I was very concerned that would happen, and I’m okay with seven. I mean, 7% is relief because some places are going up, as she said, mostly double digits,” the official said.

The council also adopted an ordinance establishing a redevelopment fund, directing proceeds from the sale of city property into a dedicated account for future development projects. The measure is intended, in part, to capture proceeds from recent apartment-related property sales.

“Because that money, the apartments are going in this fund to start this going,” a council member said during discussion.

Another ordinance bans trailers, campers and dumpsters 10 feet or longer from being left on city streets without a time-limited construction permit and a \$15 application fee.

“We have trailers left blocking views, trying to get into and out of the roads and that sort of thing. Dumpsters just left, you know, for a long period of time. So just trying to make [it] a little safer and clean up those situations,” a council member said.

Later, a resident questioned enforcement and fairness of the camper rule, saying,

“I pay taxes per city street. I mean, to live in a city, astronomical, and I can’t even park my camper in my own pole attachment.”

The council also raised water and sewer tap fees to \$1,600 to better match installation costs.

NEW HOPE

by Cori Lukomski



There are two framed issues of the Loogootee Tribune in the library of my house in Loogootee. One dated January 24, 2019, introduces me as the newspaper's new staff writer. This headline topped a story of beginning, plump with determination, excitement, and perhaps more hopeful confidence than was deserved. The second frame displays an emotional shift by announcing the end of a 155-year era with the words,

"Final Edition, Thank You & Goodbye.,"

It's been 7 years, 6 months, 18 days, 23 hours since I last tapped out a story for a dedicated Loogootee news publication. It is with no less hope and excitement, but a modified level of confidence that I'm tapping again.

On August 4th, I received a message from Braydyn Bear Lents that opened the door to a new opportunity. He invited me with great enthusiasm to join him and two other new recruits on the staff of The Loogootee Times, his passion project that started as a blog-based publication he is in the process of steering toward the future of Loogootee news media. Braydyn was an 18-year-old senior at Bloomington High School South when the Tribune closed. Now, he is a recent IU graduate with a degree in journalism and a deep affection for and background in Loogootee, born of his grandparents, Jim and Jane Lents.

He states, "I've always had a passion for Loogootee because of the people who came before me," when questioned about rooting the beginning of his journalistic career here.

In the short time I've been corresponding with and learning about Brayden, I've learned that The Loogootee Tribune was neither the first nor the last in a continuum of Loogootee news media, including the aforementioned Tribune that ran from the Civil War era to its demise in 2019. The late 1800s marked the foundation of our namesake, The Loogootee Times. Other champions of Loogootee news throughout the 19th century included the Loogootee Enterprise, the Loogootee Sun, and the Loogootee Herald. More recently, our stories were told by the Martin County Journal, which closed in 2024, and the revived Loogootee Times.

‘GOLDEN HANDS: SMALL CAPS, BIG IMPACT’ RSVP INVITES DAVIESS & MARTIN COUNTIES TO TURN PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS INTO ACCESSIBLE PARK SEATING

WASHINGTON, IN – The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Daviess & Martin Counties is inviting residents throughout both Daviess and Martin counties to save plastic bottle caps and lids and help create a permanent addition to the Loogootee Downtown Park Pavilion.

Through its Golden Hands: Small Caps, Big Impact project, RSVP hopes to collect 750 pounds of eligible plastic bottle caps and lids by early spring 2027. The recycled plastic will be transformed through Green Tree Plastics’ ABC (A Bench for Caps) program into a wheelchair-accessible picnic table and bench for the Loogootee Downtown Park Pavilion.

Funded by a \$2,000 grant from the Martin County Community Foundation, the project will engage RSVP volunteers age 55 and older, who will help collect, sort, and prepare the donated bottle caps for recycling. Their efforts will create two durable, accessible community assets that will benefit hundreds of residents and visitors who enjoy the downtown Loogootee park, including individuals with disabilities, families, and visitors.

“RSVP is all about connecting the talents of older adults with meaningful community needs,” said Andrea Preston, Executive Director of RSVP of Daviess & Martin Counties. “This project is a wonderful example of that. Our volunteers will help create something that people of every age and ability can enjoy together. That’s the kind of legacy our volunteers are proud to leave behind.”

The goal is to collect 750 pounds of eligible bottle caps and lids by early spring 2027, in time for so the new picnic table and bench to can be delivered and installed in time for the 2027 Loogootee Summerfest.

Because RSVP proudly serves both Daviess and Martin counties, residents, businesses, schools, churches, civic organizations, and community groups throughout both counties are encouraged to participate by collecting and donating eligible plastic bottle caps and lids.

Public Collection Locations

Martin County:

- Loogootee Senior Center
406 NW 1st St., Loogootee
- Loogootee Public Library
508 Park St., Loogootee
- Martin County Recycling Center
500 Industrial Park Drive, Loogootee

Advertisement

Daviess County:

- RSVP of Daviess & Martin Counties Office
Community Building, Eastside Park, Washington
- Cedar Creek of Washington
297 S. 100 E., Washington

Eligible donations include clean, dry plastic bottle caps and lids up to 8 inches in diameter, including beverage bottle caps, milk jug lids, laundry detergent caps, peanut butter lids, prescription pill bottles (empty with labels removed), and many other accepted plastic caps and lids.

Before donating, community members are encouraged to review the complete list of accepted and non-accepted items to help ensure only eligible materials are collected. The list is available on RSVP’s website: <https://www.rsvpvolunteercenter.org/bottlecapproject>.

“Every bottle cap saved is one step closer to creating a place where people of all abilities can gather, connect and make memories,” Preston said. “Together, our volunteers and our communities are turning something most people throw away into something that will serve others for years to come.”

RSVP also extends its sincere appreciation to BLT Properties of Loogootee for providing in-kind storage space for the thousands of bottle caps that will be collected throughout the project.

For additional information about the Golden Hands: Small Caps, Big Impact project, including collection locations, project updates, and ways to get involved, visit: <https://www.rsvpvolunteercenter.org/bottlecapproject>

If the community responds with strong support, RSVP hopes to continue collecting bottle caps beyond this project to create additional recycled benches and other outdoor furnishings that benefit local communities and organizations while providing meaningful volunteer opportunities for older adults.

For more information, contact RSVP of Daviess & Martin Counties at 812-254-1996.



MEDICARE BINGO SESSION COMING TO LOOGOOTEE SENIOR CENTER IN SEPTEMBER

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local seniors and area residents nearing retirement will have an opportunity to learn about healthcare coverage while playing for prizes during a special Medicare Bingo event next month.

The educational presentation is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m. inside the Loogootee Senior Center, located at 406 NW 1st Street.

Sponsored by the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) in conjunction with the Loogootee Senior Center, the interactive session is designed to deliver essential health coverage updates in an accessible, engaging format. Trained SHIP counselors will be on-site to answer individual questions and guide attendees through the complexities of Medicare benefits.

Topics covered during the program will include basic Medicare coverage, special assistance programs designed to help manage out-of-pocket healthcare expenses, structural changes for 2026, and preliminary updates regarding policy adjustments slated for 2027. Organizers noted that prizes will be awarded to game winners throughout the afternoon.

The session is open to current Medicare beneficiaries, individuals preparing to enroll in the near future, caregivers, and anyone looking to better understand healthcare options. Admission is open to the public, and no prior registration is required.

SHIP operates as a free, impartial Medicare counseling service funded by the Administration on Community Living and the Indiana Department of Insurance. The organization provides unbiased guidance to help older adults and individuals with disabilities navigate insurance options without commercial influence.

Area residents seeking additional details about the upcoming event can visit the Loogootee Senior Center during regular operational hours or connect with local SHIP representatives for confidential counseling services.

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION CRANE HIRING PARAMEDICS WITH COMPETITIVE STARTING SALARY

CRANE, Ind. — Fire & Emergency Services at Naval Weapons Station Crane has launched an active recruitment drive to hire paramedics, offering competitive starting salaries, clear pathways for advancement, and a comprehensive federal benefits package.

Positions are open to candidates possessing a valid National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Paramedic (NREMT-Paramedic) credential. While firefighter certifications are preferred for applicants, department officials noted they are not required for initial hiring.

New hires enter at the GS-8 pay grade, which features a starting base salary of \$85,964. The position offers a structured path for career growth: After completing one year of service and obtaining required internal certifications within that timeframe, employees are eligible for promotion to the GS-9 pay scale, raising the starting base salary to \$94,931.

In addition to competitive pay, successful applicants will receive full federal employment benefits. The package includes coverage under Federal Employees Health Benefits (health, dental, and vision insurance), Federal Employees Group Life Insurance, the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS), and participation in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). Employees also receive 12 weeks of paid parenting leave, along with ongoing in-house training programs designed to support career development and operational readiness.

Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services personnel stationed at Crane provide primary emergency response and critical protection services for military personnel, civilian employees, and facility infrastructure across the base grounds.

Qualified paramedics interested in serving with the civilian emergency services division can submit their application materials directly via email to directhired9@us.navy.mil.

RIDING 4 RESCUES 2 FUNDRAISER RETURNS TO LOOGOOTEE K OF C AUGUST 15

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local organizers and motorcycle enthusiasts are gearing up for the "Riding 4 Rescues 2" fundraiser, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #732 to benefit the Martin County Humane Society.

The benefit event is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the Loogootee Knights of Columbus hall, located at 102 Main Street in Loogootee.

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m., with riders officially hitting the road for "wheels up" at 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration fees are set at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, while day-of registration costs \$25 per adult. Every registration includes a free post-ride meal. Official event T-shirts will be available for purchase on-site for \$15, with additional shirt styles accessible online.

Participants will take part in a poker run offering cash prizes, alongside prize drawings for donated items and a 50/50 raffle.

Attendees arriving early can purchase hot breakfast sandwiches provided by Warship Cafe, which will also offer additional beverage and food options throughout the morning setup.

The Martin County Humane Society relies heavily on community fundraisers and local donations to fund operational costs, shelter care, and veterinary services for rescued animals across the county.

Riders and community members looking for additional event details or aiming to complete online registration ahead of Saturday's run can scan the official event QR code or visit the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #732 online.

THE VILLAGES AT OAK RIDGE HELPS LOCAL RESIDENT FULFILL FESTIVAL DREAM

JASPER, Ind. — Not all dreams are complicated. For local resident Barb, her wish was simple: to re-experience a night of community festival fun with family and friends, and her favorite dance music.

Through a program supported by The Villages at Oak Ridge, Barb recently spent an evening at the local Strassenfest. During the outing, she enjoyed classic festival treats, including a hot pretzel with cheese and a fresh lemon shake-up, while reconnecting with loved ones.

As the evening progressed, the John Cougar Mellencamp cover band, Small Town, took the stage to play a set of her favorite hits. Family members and old friends gathered throughout the night to reminisce and catch up.

Inspired by young girls dancing nearby, staff and family brought Barb out to join in the music. "I'm dancing!" Barb told her daughter, Angie, as she moved to the music.

Though she stayed out late into the evening, family members noted that she slept soundly and woke up early the following morning, refreshed and enjoying time outdoors in the garden. Representatives from The Villages at Oak Ridge highlighted the event as part of their ongoing mission to help residents achieve meaningful personal experiences, big or small. "All dreams are important," the organization stated, encouraging community members and families to reflect on what simple moments or long-held wishes would mean the most to their loved ones.

MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE TO HOST ‘DESTINATION IDENTITY WORKSHOP’ WITH HGTV FEATURED SPEAKER

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth will host a specialized "Destination Identity Workshop" this fall, aiming to help local leaders, business owners, and community stakeholders strengthen regional branding and economic development strategies.

The interactive workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The gathering will take place at Lark Ranch, located at 3125 Killion Mill Road in Loogootee.

The session will be presented by Shellie Phelps, a branding and community development expert featured on HGTV's series "Home Town Takeover." Phelps specializes in guiding municipalities and small towns through destination branding, business identity growth, and local placemaking strategies designed to attract visitors and economic opportunity.

The workshop is sponsored by the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Martin County, and the Martin County Redevelopment Commission as part of ongoing regional growth initiatives across the area.

Organizers encourage local entrepreneurs, civic leaders, municipal officials, and community members to reserve their spots early. Prospective attendees must secure their seats by submitting an RSVP no later than Tuesday, Oct. 6.

For additional details regarding registration or event logistics, prospective participants can contact the Martin County Alliance office directly or connect with regional economic development representatives.

LOOGOOTE CALL MARKET EVENT CANCELED AT CITY PAVILION

LOOGOOTE, Ind. — Organizers have announced the cancellation of the upcoming CALL Market session previously scheduled to take place at the Loogootee Pavilion.

The seasonal community market, organized by Community Action Leading Loogootee (CALL) in connection with Indiana Main Street, typically runs on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from June through September. Operating between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., the open-air event serves as a biweekly gathering space for residents to support local small businesses and entrepreneurs.

The market featured a diverse lineup of regional vendors, offering fresh farm produce, artisan crafts, handmade goods, and various local specialty items designed to foster community engagement and boost downtown commerce.

Event coordinators confirmed that the upcoming market date will not take place as originally planned. While specific reasons for the schedule change were not immediately disclosed, officials advised residents and registered vendors not to gather at the pavilion lot during the regular morning hours.

Community Action Leading Loogootee focuses on downtown revitalization, small business support, and civic events throughout Martin County. Organizers encourage community members to monitor local announcements for updates regarding future market dates and potential rescheduling.

Vendors, patrons, and community members seeking additional information or updates regarding upcoming CALL Market dates can reach out directly to organizers via email at loogooteecall@gmail.com.

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INFORMATION**

FOOD TRUCKS, CAR CRUISE-IN, AND OUTDOOR MOVIES COMING TO LOOGOOTEE PAVILION

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Pavilion will host a two-night weekend community gathering featuring local food trucks, a classic car cruise-in, outdoor movie screenings, and refreshment stands.

The festivities kick off Friday, Aug. 21, starting at 4:00 p.m. with Food Truck Friday and a Car Cruise-In. Featured food vendors lined up for the evening include Creations by Crystal, Big Boys Burgers, Sips and Snacks, and The Open Shelf, with organizers actively accepting additional food trucks and vendors.

At dusk—estimated between 8:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.—the pavilion will host an outdoor screening of the classic film "American Graffiti," sponsored by Double D Motor Cars.

The community event continues Saturday, Aug. 22, with a dusk screening of the action feature "Top Gun," sponsored by Truth Counseling LLC. Throughout the Saturday evening event, attendees can purchase adult beverages and specialty dirty sodas from Petty's Pour Decisions.

Across both nights, the Loogootee Beautification Board will operate the primary concession stand, serving traditional movie treats, snacks, and beverages to support local civic projects. Organizers invite area residents and visitors to bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the outdoor cinema experience under the stars.

For more information regarding vendor registration, event schedules, or pavilion guidelines, community members can check local announcements or connect with event organizers ahead of the Aug. 21–22 weekend.

KETCHEM MEMORIAL CENTER SEEKS COMMUNITY DONATIONS FOR ACTIVITY ROOM REFRESH

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Ketchem Memorial Center has launched a community donation drive to refresh its activity room, seeking new and gently used household items to transform the area into a cozy, home-like environment for residents.

Staff members are redeveloping the central room into distinct functional zones designed to encourage socialization, creativity, and relaxation. The proposed redesign will feature a café space, a sensory area, a craft corner, a life skills station, and a cozy living space.

To furnish the areas affordably, organizers are asking local residents to donate unused household goods, furniture, and decorative items before purchasing new supplies.

For the new café area, the facility is seeking small café tables, chairs, coffee makers, Keurigs, mugs, serving trays, storage baskets, and coffee bar decor. The planned quiet and sensory area requires soft lamps, small side tables, calming wall art, and sensory or fidget items that residents can safely hold, sort, or manipulate.

The craft corner and life skills stations require storage carts, shelving, organizers, toolboxes with safe tools, office supplies, kitchen utensils, cookbooks, and basic gardening supplies. Additionally, the living area needs home-like furnishings, including small tables, floor and table lamps, and wall decor to help create a warm atmosphere where residents can socialize, gather, work on puzzles, or just relax.

Organizers noted that while not every donated item may fit the final layout, all community contributions are deeply appreciated as they work to bring the vision to life.

Area residents with items to donate can text photos and details directly to 812-617-1340 to coordinate drop-offs or arrange pickup.

SEVERE STORMS AND FLASH FLOODS HIT INDIANA; LOOGOOTEE PREPARES FOR LATE-DAY IMPACT

INDIANAPOLIS — Severe thunderstorms, destructive wind gusts, and torrential rainfall swept through Indiana on Wednesday, leaving significant power outages and widespread flash flooding in their wake across the state.

The storm system, part of a powerful mesoscale convective system that produced straight-line winds exceeding 80 mph and isolated tornado activity across the Midwest, triggered multiple Flash Flood Emergency declarations across central and east-central Indiana.

Emergency responders performed water rescues in several counties as heavy downpours inundated roadways and low-lying neighborhoods. State officials warned that while the primary wind threats diminish as storm fronts pass, standing floodwaters remain a critical danger for motorists and homeowners. Hundreds of thousands of utility customers across the region lost electrical service due to fallen trees and downed transmission lines.

Meteorologists indicate that southern Indiana will remain vulnerable to additional scattered rounds of heavy rainfall and isolated severe weather as the storm line tracks south and east into the evening hours.

For residents in Loogootee and surrounding Martin County, the primary window for potential severe storms and localized heavy rainfall is expected late Wednesday afternoon through Wednesday evening. Forecasts point to muggy, unstable atmospheric conditions that could produce localized strong downpours and lightning threats between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. EDT, followed by scattered overnight showers.

Local public safety officials advise residents to secure outdoor furniture, clear residential drainage grates, and avoid driving through submerged roadways during heavy rain events.

Emergency management agencies recommend that Martin County residents stay tuned to local weather alerts and keep emergency devices charged in the event of localized power interruptions.

BLOOMFIELD LIBRARY ANNEX TO HOST ‘PAINT YOUR PET’ WORKSHOP NEXT MONTH

BLOOMFIELD, Ind. — Pet lovers and local art enthusiasts will have an opportunity to create custom, hand-painted portraits of their furry companions during a special workshop next month in Greene County.

The "Paint Your Pet" Paint Party is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 11, running from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. inside the Bloomfield Library Annex, located at 87 E. Spring St. in Bloomfield.

Hosted by Artist Within, the guided art session allows participants to paint a 16x20 canvas portrait of their own pet under professional instruction. Registration for the workshop costs \$55 per canvas, which covers all necessary painting supplies, materials, and step-by-step guidance throughout the evening.

To participate, attendees must submit a clear photo of their pet in advance by Monday, Aug. 24. Photos should be emailed directly to artistwithinllc@yahoo.com so instructors can prepare the custom canvas layouts ahead of the event.

Community art workshops continue to offer local residents engaging, hands-on creative experiences while supporting local venues and small art businesses across southern Indiana.

Organizers encourage interested participants to register and submit their photos early, as seating for the evening session is limited.

For additional details regarding registration, photo requirements, or event logistics, prospective participants can visit artistwithinparties.com, check the organization's social media page at facebook.com/artistwithinllc, or contact Artist Within directly by phone at 512-202-7122.

LOCAL VFW POST SCHEDULES MONTHLY MEETINGS FEATURING \$100 MEMBER DRAWING

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — Local military veterans and post members are invited to gather for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) monthly meeting, held on the second Wednesday of each month.

The recurring gathering serves as a primary platform for post members to discuss organizational business, plan upcoming community service initiatives, coordinate support for local veterans, and stay informed on veterans' advocacy efforts.

To encourage attendance and active participation among members, organizers have introduced an incentive program: everyone present at the monthly meeting will automatically be entered into a \$100 cash drawing.

Post leadership emphasizes the importance of member involvement in shaping the organization's direction, highlighting the core message: "Your voice matters. Your service counts."

VFW posts play a crucial role in local communities across the nation, providing financial relief, mental health resources, legislative advocacy, and camaraderie for service members who have deployed to foreign battlefields.

Local members, eligible veterans, and supporters are encouraged to attend the monthly sessions to connect with fellow service members, stay engaged with post operations, and participate in the ongoing mission to serve local veterans and their families. For meeting times, location specifics, or membership eligibility details, prospective members and area veterans can contact the local VFW post directly or visit during normal operating hours.

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

VINCENNES, Ind. — Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum today announced his candidacy for Indiana State Senate District 39, promising to bring decades of public service, practical experience and a commitment to southwest Indiana to the Statehouse. A Ballot Vacancy Nominating Caucus will be held at 7:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, July 23 at the Washington City Council Chambers, 200 Harned Avenue in Washington, Indiana, to confirm Yochum's nomination for the November 3 election. Yochum has served as mayor of Vincennes for the past 15 years, working with Republicans, Democrats and Independents to strengthen the city, support economic development and improve residents' quality of life.

"For too long, decisions made in Indianapolis and Washington, D.C. have taken resources away from our cities and towns without considering the consequences for the people who live here," Yochum said. "Southwest Indiana deserves a state senator who understands our communities, listens to local leaders and will stand up for the resources our families depend on." As mayor, Yochum has overseen major infrastructure and community improvement projects, including the Riverwalk, Main Street and Second Street improvements, the Kimmell Road extension, Rainbow Beach renovations and critical levee certification projects. His administration has also worked with economic development partners to attract businesses and encourage investment throughout the region. Yochum said his campaign will focus on protecting local communities, supporting public safety, strengthening infrastructure, expanding economic opportunities and ensuring southwest Indiana receives its fair share of state funding. Joe Yochum for State Senate | P.O. Box 901 | Vincennes, Indiana 47591 | joeyochum.com

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

"I have spent my life working alongside the people who call southwest Indiana home," Yochum said. "I will bring a common-sense, bipartisan approach to the Indiana Senate. This campaign is about service, not politics, and delivering results for the people of District 39."

A lifelong Knox County resident, Yochum graduated from Vincennes Lincoln High School and earned an associate degree in business management from Vincennes University. He and his wife, Susan, have five children and 15 grandchildren. To learn more about Joe Yochum and his campaign for Indiana State Senate District 39, visit joeyochum.com. About Joe Yochum Joe Yochum is a lifelong Knox County resident who has dedicated his career to serving his community. He served for 32 years as a firefighter, including four years as Chief of Vincennes Fire, before being elected mayor of Vincennes in 2011. Now serving his fourth term as mayor, Joe is running for Indiana State Senate District 39 to bring practical experience, a bipartisan approach and a strong voice for southwest Indiana to the Statehouse.

SPORTS

LOOGOOTEE SPORTS SCHEDULE

Golf (Girls V) - Paoli, Borden, Crawford
County (A)
8/13/2026 4:45 PM

Tennis (Boys V & JV) - North Daviess
scrimmage (A)
8/13/2026 5:00 PM

Volleyball (Girls V) - Sullivan High
School (H)
8/13/2026 6:00 PM

Tennis (Boys JH) - Southridge Middle
School (A)
8/14/2026 6:00 PM

Volleyball (Girls V) - Evansville
Christian (A)
8/15/2026 12:00 PM

LOOGOOTEE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS SWEEPS NORTH DAVIESS IN VARSITY AND JV ACTION

LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — The Loogootee Middle School boys tennis team delivered a dominant performance on the courts, securing a complete 5-0 sweep in varsity play alongside a 4-0 shutout in junior varsity competition against North Daviess.

In varsity singles competition, Loogootee earned victories across all three positions. Jack Divine led the top spot with an 8-3 victory. Anderson Toy battled to an 8-6 win in the second singles position, while Brodan Hawkins echoed the scoreline with an 8-6 decision at third singles to seal the singles sweep.

Loogootee's varsity doubles duos were equally decisive. The pair of Kendall Wilson and Mason Mathias secured an 8-3 victory at first doubles. Meanwhile, Eli Graber and Keaton Smith put on a commanding performance at second doubles, giving up just one game en route to an 8-1 win.

The Lions matched their varsity success in junior varsity action, cruising past North Daviess with a clean 4-0 team victory to cap off an undefeated outing across both rosters.

The decisive multi-level sweep highlights early-season depth and execution for the Loogootee middle school tennis program as both squads continue their fall campaign.

KENTUCKY LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM OUTLASTS JASPER, ADVANCES TO LITTLE LEAGUE REGION CHAMPIONSHIP

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Multiple weather delays and a late-inning deficit weren't enough to keep Kentucky from advancing past Indiana, getting one step closer to reaching the Little League World Series in the process.

Taking on Jasper National Little League (IN) in the Great Lakes Region Tournament of the LLWS, North Oldham Little League (KY) was able to claim an 8-5 victory on Tuesday to keep their season alive.

Facing a 4-1 deficit through four innings, North Oldham plated four runs in the fifth and three in the sixth. Jasper National could only muster one run in the fifth and went scoreless in the sixth to be eliminated.

The contest was hampered by two separate rain delays, one coming after the first inning and the other after the fourth. The matchup, from start to finish, lasted roughly seven-and-a-half hours due to the delays.

Next up, North Oldham will face West Side Ohio in the Great Lakes Region Tournament championship game. The winner officially clinches a spot in the 2026 Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA.

First pitch versus Ohio is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 12 at 7:00 p.m.



EVENT PLANNER AUGUST 12-18

The Loogootee Senior Center continues to serve as a vibrant community hub, offering weekly fitness programs, sponsored lunches, interactive games, and civic discussions for local seniors.

Located at 406 NW 1st St. in Loogootee, the Senior Center provides a full schedule of activities designed to keep area residents active, connected, and informed. The following is a list of events happening over the coming week, from Sunday, August 9 through Saturday, August 15:

- Sunday, August 9th: Closed
- Monday, August 10th: Rhythm and Strength with Susan Ramsey from SRF: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Kick off the week with an energizing fitness class led by Susan Ramsey from SRF, designed to build strength and movement through rhythm.
- Tuesday, August 11th: Sponsored Lunch & Game Day: 11:30 a.m.
- Enjoy a delicious lunch provided by The Strategies at 11:30 a.m. Afterwards, stick around for Tuesday Game Day from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for cards, board games, and socializing!
- Wednesday, August 12th: Exercise with Functional Fitness: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Join in for a morning exercise session focused on functional fitness routines to improve balance, mobility, and overall wellness.
- Thursday, August 13th: Lunch and Bingo with the Martin County Council on Aging: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Stop by the Center for lunch followed by a fun afternoon of Bingo, hosted in partnership with the Martin County Council on Aging.
- Friday, August 14th: Morning Mingle with the Mayor: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Connect directly with city administration during a relaxed coffee hour! Area seniors are invited to drop in to discuss local issues, ask questions, and share ideas.
- Saturday, August 15th: Closed

For more information on upcoming programs or to sign up in advance for meal days, community members are encouraged to visit the Loogootee Senior Center during normal operational hours or call the facility directly.



EVENT PLANNER AUGUST 12-18

The Loogootee Public Library continues to offer a variety of programs and events to engage community members of all ages, from storytime sessions for young children to public leadership meetings.

Library supporters who wish to contribute to ongoing programming and facility needs can submit donations via Venmo (@loogooteelibrary) or purchase supplies directly from the organization's Amazon wish list.

Located at 504 Park Street in Loogootee, the Library serves as a central hub for educational resources and community activities. The following is a list of operational hours and scheduled events happening in the coming week, from August 9 through August 15:

- Sunday, August 9th: Closed
- Monday, August 10th: Board Meeting: 4:00 p.m.
The Library Board will meet for its regular monthly session to review operational updates and upcoming community initiatives.
- Tuesday, August 11th: Little Learners: 10:15 a.m.
Bring young readers out for a fun, interactive morning featuring storytime, music, and hands-on activities designed for early childhood development.
- Wednesday, August 12th: Closed
- Thursday, August 13th: Open for regular hours
- Friday, August 14th: Open for regular hours
- Saturday, August 15th: Open for regular hours

MID-STATES CORRIDOR SECTION

Published Weekly by Mr. Jim Arvin



To the Editor,

On December 23, 1776 the great patriot Thomas Paine penned "The Crisis". We have all read or heard at least the first line "These are the times that try men's souls.". The rest of the first paragraph adds, "The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but, he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet, we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and, it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. Britain, with an army to enforce her tyranny, has declared that she has a right (not only to TAX) but "to

BIND us in ALL CASES WHATSOEVER" and if being bound in that manner, is not slavery, then is there not such a thing as slavery upon earth. Even the expression is impious; for so unlimited a power can belong only to God."

Thomas Paine got it right and we should heed his warnings. 250 years later we are still embroiled in a battle to preserve and protect private property. Private property was at the center of the American Revolution, that and being taxed without representation. Are things today really any different than they were in December of 1776? The battle of freedom versus tyranny is still with us, or should I say it's back with us. The worst of today's tyranny is the misinformation foisted upon us by the Mid-States Corridor RDA and it's adherents.

Misinformation like the August 4, 2026 post on the Mid-States Corridor's Facebook page

citing a Transportation Economic Development Impact System (TREDIS) analysis. Keep in mind TREDIS is a computer modeling program that is only as reliable as the data being input. Plainly speaking, TREDIS is the prototypical GIGO system, Garbage-In-Garbage-Out; and, that is exactly what one gets when the Cabal gets to decide what data to input.

The Mid-States Corridor advocates are trying to convince us that the TREDIS findings highlight what they say has been the central focus of the Mid-States Corridor project since the start of the Tier 1 Study: improving accessibility. So now it's accessibility that is vitally important for southern Indiana's manufacturing and distribution sectors and here I thought it was all about connectivity. Notice they say "the manufacturing and distribution sectors" and not the people.

The Facebook page goes on to say that the

project is designed to: 1) Increase access to major business markets, to improve truck and freight efficiency across southern Indiana and to strengthen connections to intermodal transportation centers. They go on to say that the project also supports broader goals of economic development and regional growth. What they don't say is how and to whom, other than Hank Menke and Mike Braun, these nebulous benefits will flow.

This Facebook page, like Colton Pipenger of Dubois Strong, is trying to convince us that by 2050 the Corridor project will create 1,371 new jobs, 961 new households, bring in 2,043 new county residents and add \$427 million in additional annual business output to our community. Where do these meager results come from? Why the TREDIS analysis of course. Remember, whoever provides the input data controls the output. Whose to say that simple organic growth won't accomplish the

same results? Could we add 57 new jobs, 40 new households, 85 new residents and \$18 million in additional annual business output each year for the next 24 years? If we can, the results will be same and without the Mid-States Corridor and its over \$3.5 billion cost.

Don't be fooled by the Cabal behind the curtain. We don't need the Mid-States Corridor for our communities to grow and prosper. We have shown how resilient we are. When the button factories closed up in Loogootee and Shoals, new industries came to town. The same can be said when the furniture plants left Jasper, new industries filled the gaps. And, new industries keep coming and all without the Mid-States Corridor.

All of us "summer soldier and the sunshine patriot" must not shrink from the service of our community but must continue the good fight. Yes, "These are the times that try men's souls" and we must not forget "that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph".

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

WED 8/19 6:30pm at DUBOIS RURITAN PARK
— the next Big Tent Town Hall event

THU 8/20 7:00pm at KLUBHAUS61 — the next Property Rights Alliance meeting

TUE 8/25 5:30pm CT (6:30pm ET) at Chrisney — Daryl Schmitt's first Town Hall event

WED 8/26 6:30pm at Huntingburg VFW — Big Tent Town Hall event

PETS

Section by The Martin County Humane Society

ADOPTABLE CATS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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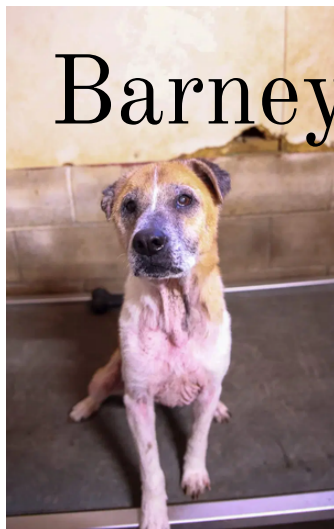
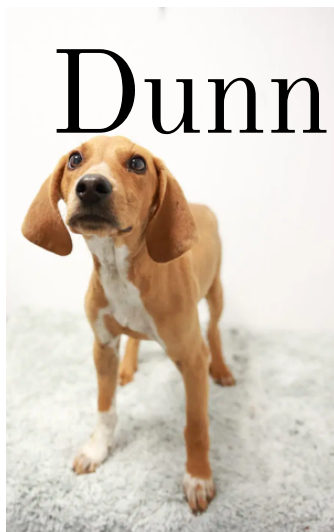
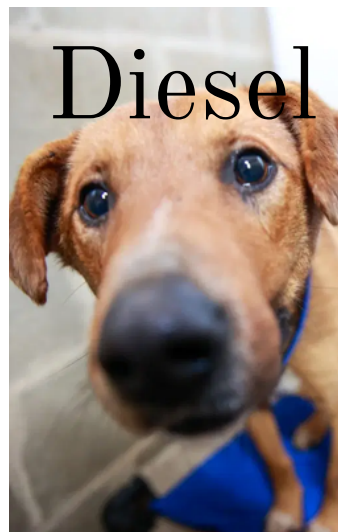
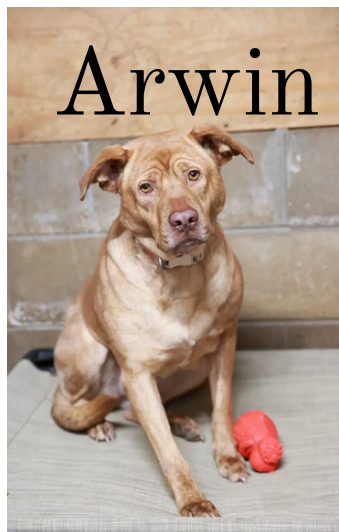
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Obituaries

Brought to You By Blake Funeral Home

Thomas Bernard Butcher

*December 15, 1960-
August 8, 2026*

Thomas B. Butcher, 65, of Loogootee, Indiana passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2026 at his residence. Born on December 15, 1960, he was the beloved son of Richard and Marguerite (Riley) Butcher.

Thomas was a 1979 graduate of Loogootee High School, and was a U.S. veteran, having served in the Army National Guard. He loved to camp and fish. Later in life he found his talent at quilting and made several beautiful pieces.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Rick and Ron Butcher.

He is survived by his son, Cody (Angela) Butcher; one grandson, Isaiah Butcher; his siblings: Karla (Bill) Latham and Terry (Michelle) Butcher.

Cremation was chosen in accordance with his wishes. A memorial service is planned for a later date.

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Thomas Butcher.

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

Carol Rosalyn Crays

*March 8, 1937-
August 8, 2026*



Carol Rosalyn Crays, 89, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 8, 2026, surrounded by her family at Poplar Care Strategies in Loogootee. Born on March 8, 1937, she was the beloved daughter of Robert and Vivian (Etienne) Little. On June 22, 1957, she married Wesley Crays, and he preceded her in death in 2020.

Carol was a lifelong member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic parish. She enjoyed birdwatching and was a very outgoing person. It is said that she enjoyed speaking to many and never knew a stranger.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wesley; infant twins: Mary and Joseph Crays; one grandson, Eric Lee Crays; and several siblings. She is survived by and will be deeply missed by her children: Vivian (Marvin) Seitz, Debbie Crays, Russell Crays, and Nathaniel (Rayann) Crays; Siblings: Betty Gabbard, Paul (Leann) Little, Jimmy (Sandy) Little, Linda (Jim) Wenning, Monica (Dave) Steidinger and Dan (Christina) Little; grandchildren: Eric R. Crays and Cloe Crays; several nieces and nephews.

A private family visitation will be held at St. Martin Catholic Church in Loogootee, IN, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. The Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker to celebrate Mass. Burial will follow at St. Martin Catholic Cemetery, Loogootee.

Online condolences may be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Carol Crays.

Martin County & Courts

Monday, August 3, 2026

8:05 a.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. LPD was notified.

8:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling North near Loogootee. LPD Assistant Stuckey responded.

9:12 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance Northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:33 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

10:28 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

10:38 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

11:14 a.m.- Captain Gibson on station with James Garrison, a 54-year-old male from Shoals, arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

12:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:23 p.m.- Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:27 p.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

5:01 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a tree down in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

6:21 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

6:56 a.m.- Received a report of a possible theft in Shoals. Major Reed responded.

8:04 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:45 a.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

10:03 a.m.- Received a report of a possible theft South of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

2:04 p.m.- Received an animal complaint North of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:25 p.m.- Marshal Copeland on station with David Salomon, a 52-year-old male from Washington, arrested for Driving while suspended-prior. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

3:50 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

4:37 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Deputy Clark responded.

5:54 p.m.- Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Deputy Clark responded.

6:24 p.m.- Received a call from Summit Healthcare requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

6:42 p.m.- Received a call reporting a trespasser Southeast of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.

7:21 p.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling West into Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.

7:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Marshal Copeland responded.

8:52 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an

ambulance Northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

10:00 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident South of Loogootee. Deputy Clark and Big John's Towing responded.

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

12:33 a.m.- Major Reed on station with Michael Hert, a 51-year-old male from Ferdinand, arrested for Possession of methamphetamine, Possession of marijuana, and Possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$100,000 cash only bond.

8:52 a.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N going into Daviess County. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

12:57 p.m.- Received a report of an accident with no injuries Southeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson, Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

1:14 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check South of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

1:44 p.m.- Captain Gibson on station with Lisa Johnson, a 64-year-old female from Mitchell, arrested for Operating a vehicle while intoxicated and Operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

4:49 p.m.- Received a call requesting a welfare check South of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

5:24 p.m.- Received a report of possible vandalism Southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.

5:54 p.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:21 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Clark responded.

7:45 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231N. Advised all on-duty units.

Thursday, August 6, 2026

7:58 a.m.- Received a report of a controlled burn South of Shoals.

8:27 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Erwin and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 and Medic 2 each transported a patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

9:51 a.m.- Corporal Erwin transported three inmates to court.

10:36 a.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.

10:46 a.m.- Received a call from WH International advising of a commercial burglar alarm East of Loogootee. Notified the keyholder and they advised to disregard.

11:14 a.m.- Jail Commander Gregory transported two inmates to court.

11:48 a.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line South of Loogootee. Corporal Erwin responded.

12:30 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line Northeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

12:50 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported two inmates to court.

12:59 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

1:06 p.m.- Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check Northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

1:52 p.m.- Corporal Erwin transported one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard South of Loogootee. Advised all on-duty units.

3:56 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a domestic

dispute in Shoals. Marshal Copeland and Deputy Branham responded.

3:56 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:23 p.m.- Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred the call to Daviess County 911.

6:01 p.m.- Received a report of possible trespassers North of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:17 p.m.- Received a request for extra patrol North of Shoals. Advised all on-duty units.

9:48 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

Friday, August 7, 2026

12:57 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance and deputy in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Nash and Deputy Droke responded. No one was transported.

1:39 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

8:34 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance East of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

9:36 a.m.- Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department, ISP Troopers, Corporal Erwin, Fryer Towing and Salem Wrecker Service responded. No one was transported.

11:34 a.m.- Received an animal complaint in Crane Village. Corporal Erwin responded.

1:33 p.m.- Received a call from Superior Auto reporting a vehicle repossession in Loogootee.

2:21 p.m.- Received a report of a possible traffic hazard in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.

3:13 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

4:43 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.

6:10 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a reckless motorcycle driver on US 50 traveling into Shoals. Deputy Nash responded.

MARTIN COUNTY LOG

6:56 p.m.- Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Deputy Droke responded.
7:12 p.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.
7:22 p.m.- Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.
8:19 p.m.- Received a report of a fire hydrant leaking in Daviess County. Notified Daviess County.
10:39 p.m.- Received a report of a traffic hazard West of Shoals. Deputy Droke and Marshal Copeland responded.
Saturday, August 8, 2026

12:50 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance and deputies North of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, ISP Trooper Collins, Deputy Nash, Deputy Droke and Daviess County units responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bloomington.
1:30 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, ISP Trooper Collins, Deputy Nash, Deputy Droke and Martin County Coroner Abel responded.
3:02 a.m.- Received an accidental 911 call.

5:08 a.m.- Received a report of a tree down Southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and REMC responded.
7:13 a.m.- Received a call requesting a deputy in Crane Village. Corporal Erwin responded.
10:25 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.
11:23 a.m.- Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance and officers in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, ISP Master Trooper Lents, LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey and Corporal Erwin responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
12:46 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Erwin responded.
3:04 p.m.- Received a call requesting a vehicle unlocked in Daviess County. Big John's Towing responded.
3:17 p.m.- Deputy Branham on station with Synthia Osgatharp, a 27-year-old female from Loogootee, arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.
4:59 p.m.- Received a report of a possible theft in Crane Village. Deputy Branham and Deputy Nash responded.

Sunday, August 9, 2026

1:10 a.m.- Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Deaconess Memorial Medical Center.
6:27 a.m.- Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231N traveling North. Advised all on-duty units.
8:33 a.m.- Received a call from the Care Center requesting assistance in Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Stuckey responded.
12:23 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Shoals. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
4:42 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle South of Loogootee. Sergeant Hawkins responded.
6:57 p.m.- Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Clark responded.
8:04 p.m.- Received a 911 call requesting a deputy East of Shoals. Deputy Clark responded.
11:27 p.m.- Received a report of a cow in the roadway in Loogootee. Deputy Clark responded.
11:35 p.m.- Received a 911 call reporting a possible prowler in Shoals. Major Reed responded.

LOOGOOTEE POLICE LOG

Monday, August 3, 2026

8:05 am- A caller requested to speak to an officer.
8:25 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of a reckless driver entering Loogootee from US 231S.
9:14 am- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Sorrells Lane.
9:55 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a residential panic alarm.
10:29 am Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to an accident on W. Broadway St.
12:43 pm- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Cedar St.
3:29 pm- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on W. Washington St.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

3:00 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey spoke to a complainant about a possible scam.

Thursday, August 6, 2026

8:29 am- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to an accident at US 231N and US 50.
2:03 pm- Chief Cummings and Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on 3rd Ave.
3:19 pm- Chief Cummings responded to a report of a suspicious male at a local business.

Friday, August 7, 2026

9:20 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a vehicle inspection on Walnut St.
9:38 am- The Loogootee Fire Department responded to an accident involving a semi on US 231N, just South of Bramble Rd.
10:00 am- A complainant reported a vandalism at the Loogootee City Park.
2:29 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a report of objects in the roadway on US 50.
3:17 pm- Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a property damage accident in the parking lot of a local business.

Saturday, August 8, 2026

11:23 am- Asst. Chief Stuckey completed a welfare check on Wood St.

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:33 am- The Loogootee Fire Department and Asst. Chief Stuckey responded to a medical call on N. JFK Ave.

Property Records

Transfers August 5-12

NOTICE 1 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Mary Ann Nissley, residing at 2039 US Hwy 231, Loogootee, IN 47553, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 2039 US Hwy 231, Loogootee, IN 47553 (Legal Description: A part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, all in Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, containing 35.25 Acres, more or less; ALSO a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, containing 3.27 Acres, more or less; State ID: 51-14-12-400-018.000-010 and 51-14-12-400-018.001-010) from the current owners, Carolyn Guelich and Jeffrey Guelich, Wife and Husband.

NOTICE 2 Notice is hereby given to the public that my client, Amy M. Cooper, residing at 431 Capital Ave, Shoals, IN 47581, is negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in the Town of Shoals, Indiana (Legal Description: Lot Number Twenty (20) and the West half of Lot Number Nineteen (19) in the Town of West Shoals, now Town of Shoals, Indiana; ALSO The East half of Lot 19 and 19 feet off of the West side of Lot No. 18 in the Town of West Shoals, Indiana, now Shoals, Indiana; State ID: 51-07-25-100-124.000-002) from the current owners, Garrick Cooper a/k/a Garrick W. Cooper and Amy Cooper a/k/a Amy M. Cooper, husband and wife.

NOTICE 3 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Larry Fellers and Nancy Dant, Husband and wife, residing at 189 Country Court, Loogootee, IN 47553, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated in Martin County, Indiana (Legal Description: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.551 acres, more or less; ALSO an ingress and egress access easement 50 feet wide, containing 0.745 of an acre, more or less; State ID: 51-08-12-200-034.000-007) from the current owners, Randall Lengacher and Katie Lengacher, husband and wife, and Jason Lengacher, all as joint tenants with rights of survivorship.

NOTICE 4 Notice is hereby given to the public that my clients, Charles W. Emmons and Shelly D. Emmons, husband and wife, residing at 6011 Windom Road, Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 6149 Windom Road, Shoals, IN 47581 and 6725 Brown Lane, Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: The southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, EXCEPT therefrom; ALSO All that part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying north of the centerline of Lost River, EXCEPT therefrom; AND A part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, and a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 3 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-11-19-300-021.000-005 and 51-10-25-400-018.000-005) from the current owner, Charles W. Emmons.

NOTICE 5 (is hereby given to the public that my clients, Jerad A. Emmons and Toni C. Emmons, husband and wife, residing at 6011 Windom Rd., Shoals, IN 47581, are negotiating to purchase/transfer the property situated at 6725 Brown Lane, Shoals, IN 47581 (Legal Description: A part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter; and a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, which lies north and east of a County Road built and established in 1945, containing 3 acres, more or less; State ID: 51-10-25-400-018.000-005) from the current owner, Charles W. Emmons.

Easy

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Hard

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Master

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Easy

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Medium

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Hard

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Expert

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Master

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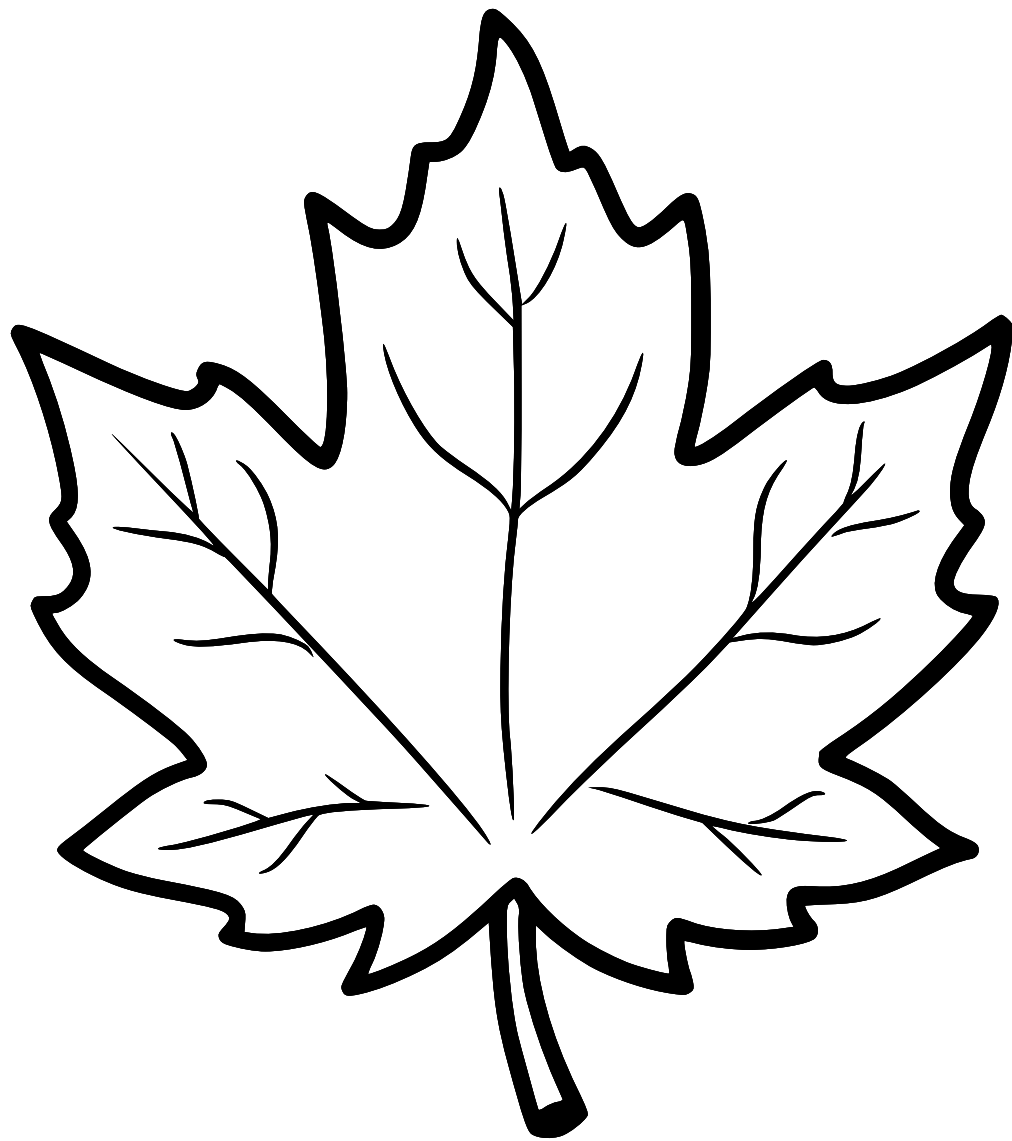
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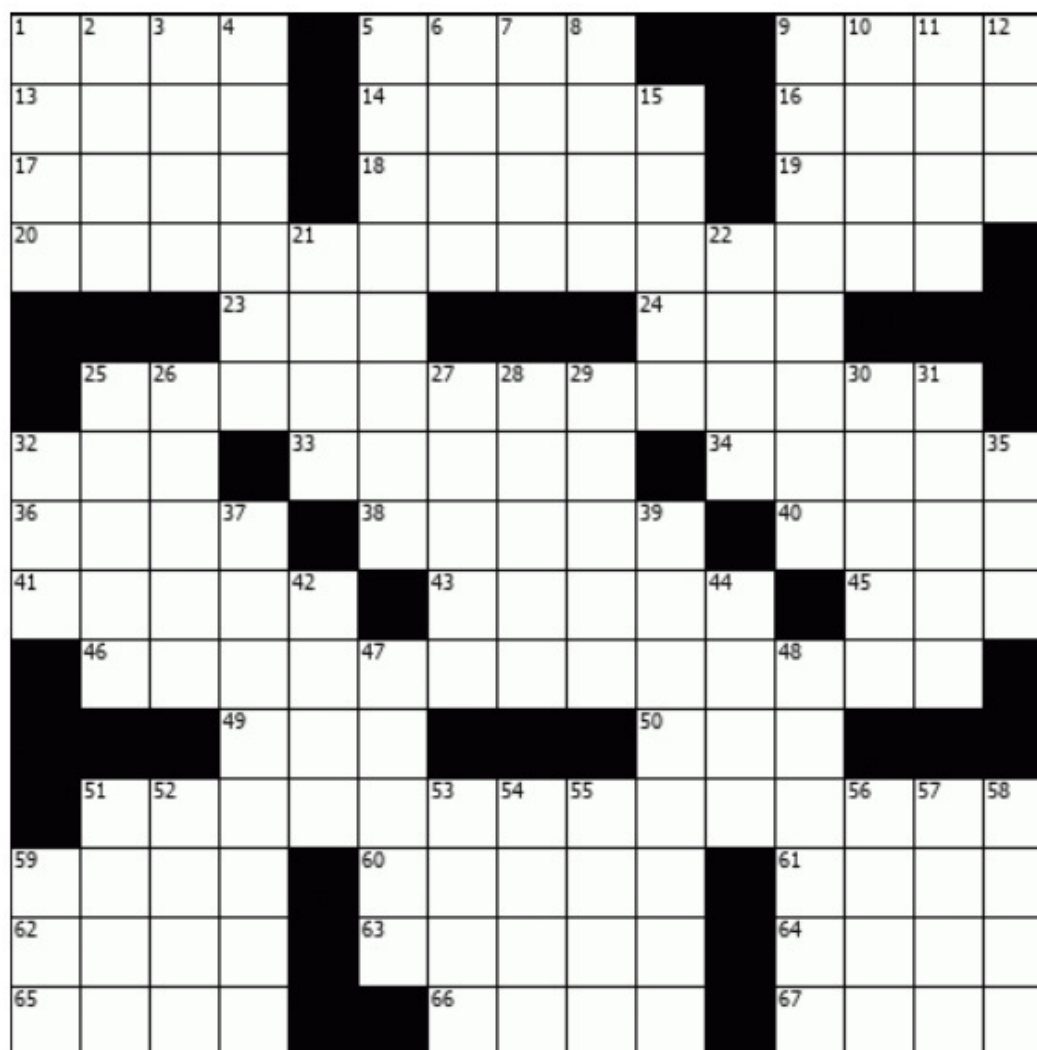
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Across

1. "Planet of the ---"
 5. Ice cream partner
 9. Like a no-hitter
 13. Spring training site
 14. Popeye's girlfriend
 16. Flamboyant style
 17. Humorous Bombeck
 18. Olympic judges, collectively
 19. "--- Like it Hot"
 20. Pregame presentation
 23. --- Aviv
 24. "--- Master" (nickname for Phil Jackson)
 25. First hitter
 32. Christmas tree choice
 33. Hall-of-Fame QB Bart
 34. Tournament round
 36. Shortstop Vizquel
 38. Clean thoroughly
 40. Home plate, in slang
 41. Tyson, notoriously
 43. Lauder of cosmetics
 45. Spike at Knicks games
 46. 1, 2 and 3 swingers
 49. Three --- match
 50. AFL-____
 51. A league leader
 59. Bed support
 60. Peace Prize winner Root
 61. Thompson of the WNBA
 62. Batting practice setting
 63. Ship salvager's aid
 64. Tackle's teammates
 65. Dr. Frankenstein's assistant
 66. Fly catchers
 67. Item in a coach's office

**Down**

1. Best starters
 2. Not all
 3. Actress Thompson
 4. Ancient rival of Athens
 5. They fly the team plane
 6. Former Tiger Trammell
 7. Boxing impresario Don
 8. First named among daredevils
 9. Was offended by
 10. Baseball family name
 11. Motorcycle daredevil's apparatus
 12. Yachting dir.
 15. "My Fair Lady" lady
 21. Williams and Kluszewski
 22. Jason Kidd's team
 25. Casino maximum
 26. Poetic muse
 27. Jeweler's surface
 28. Freshmen
 29. "Et tu ---?"
 30. Griffith of the ring
 31. Part of a stair
 32. Watch pocket
 35. "That's all --- wrote"
 37. Clubhouse visitor
 39. Happens again
 42. Guidry and Darling
 44. The Indians' lake
 47. Clotho and Lachesis
 48. Like a contract's line
 51. Olympic ceremony sight
 52. Shakespearean villain
 53. Soil mover
 54. --- drive (sharp hit)
 55. Jezebel's husband
 56. "--- Kleine Nachtmusik"
 57. "No ifs, --- or buts!"
 58. Catcher's protector
 59. ____-fi

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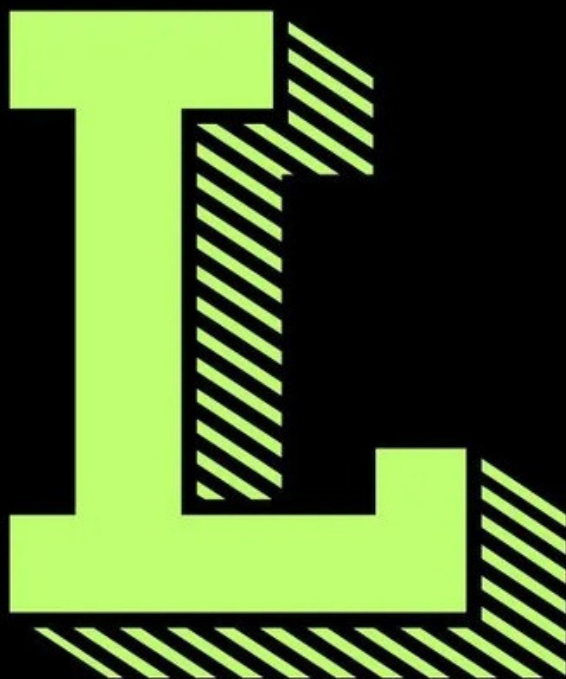
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