Welcome to Loxley: Home to ‘strawberry festivals forever’

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Loxley was incorporated into Baldwin County in 1957, but it wasn’t officially named as a city until 2022. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

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Year after year, between April showers, Loxley has hosted Baldwin County's Strawberry Festival at the Loxley Municipal Park. Previously known as "the biggest little town in the county," it gained its official city status in 2022.

Approximately 4,623 people call Loxley home — but countless more pass through daily as they drive on Alabama Highway 59 on their way to the sandy shores of Orange Beach + Gulf Shores.

Read on to learn more about Loxley's history + what this city has to offer!

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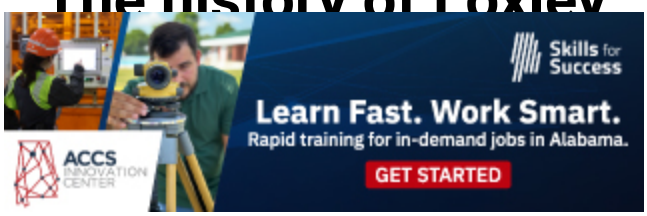
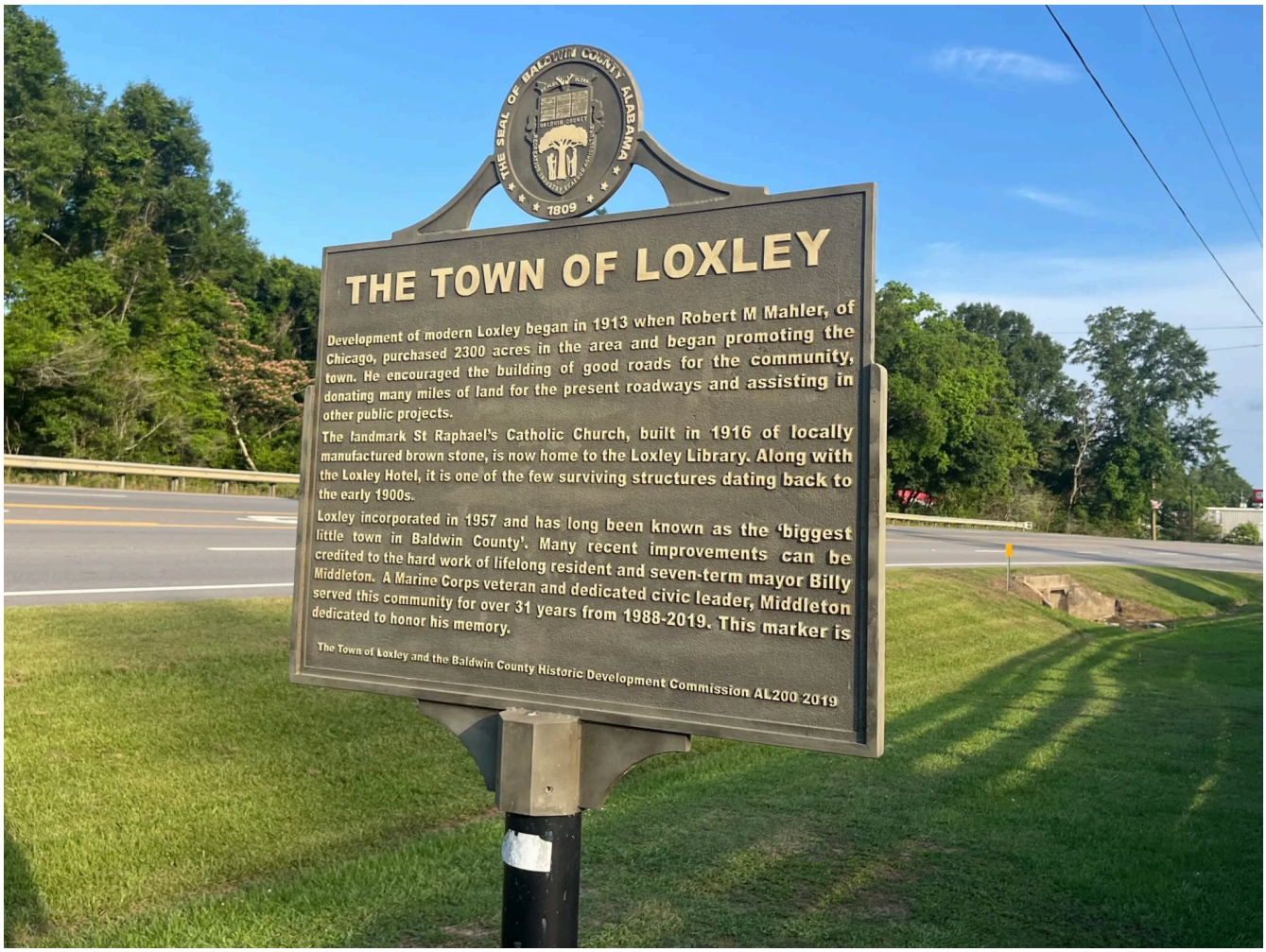
The history of Loxley





This historical marker, located on the outskirts of Loxley Municipal Park, was erected in 2019. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

Before Loxley was Loxley, it was a village named Bennett. It wasn't until about 1900 that Michigander John Loxley took to the virgin pine forests of south Alabama to create a lumber camp.

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Those who were drawn to the camp for work remained + settled with their families there.

The first schoolhouse was built in 1908, although high school age students had to travel via train to Bay Minette for an education.

By 1920, Loxley was teeming with businesses — from an egg shop to a cement block plant — and U.S. Highway 90 was the town's main road, albeit an unpaved one. The railroad era in Loxley went up in flames in 1965 when a fire erupted at the train depot + nearby storage sheds.

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Despite it being incorporated into Baldwin County in 1957, the Town of Loxley didn't officially become the City of Loxley until 2022, following a period of rapid growth.

Baldwin County Strawberry Festival

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The Civic Center is located at the Loxley Municipal Park. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

The Municipal Park in Loxley offers paved walking/biking trails + numerous athletic fields. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

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This past April, the Loxley Municipal Park saw its 36th Annual Baldwin County Strawberry Festival. The tradition brings out Loxley locals + visitors from all over the Southeast to join in the spring festivities.

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The festival each year features:

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- A car show
- Arts + crafts

- Live music
- Carnival rides
- Games
- A 5K run
- Strawberry shortcakes

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The festival serves as a fundraiser for both the ARC of Baldwin County + Loxley Elementary School. Admission + entertainment is free of charge + a free shuttle service is available at the Board of Education Building on B Avenue + Loxley Elementary School on Magnolia Street.

- **Location**: 4198 Municipal Park Dr, Loxley, AL 36551
- **Dates**: Second weekend of April
- **Website** | **Facebook**

Loxley Public Library

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The Loxley Public Library was originally a Catholic church building. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

Directly outside Loxley's library is a Little Free Library for locals to grab + donate their used books. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

The building that the Loxley Public Library now resides in was originally created in 1916 as St. Raphael's Catholic Church — its stunning windows serving as a testament to the small building's rich history. You'll want to check out the calendars posted monthly on their Facebook for special events to attend!

- **Location**: 1001 E, 1001 Loxley Ave, Loxley, AL 36551
- **Hours**: Mon. to Wed., Fri., 9AM – 5PM | Thurs., 9AM – 7PM | Sat., 9AM – 12 PM | Closed Sun.
- **Website** | **Facebook**

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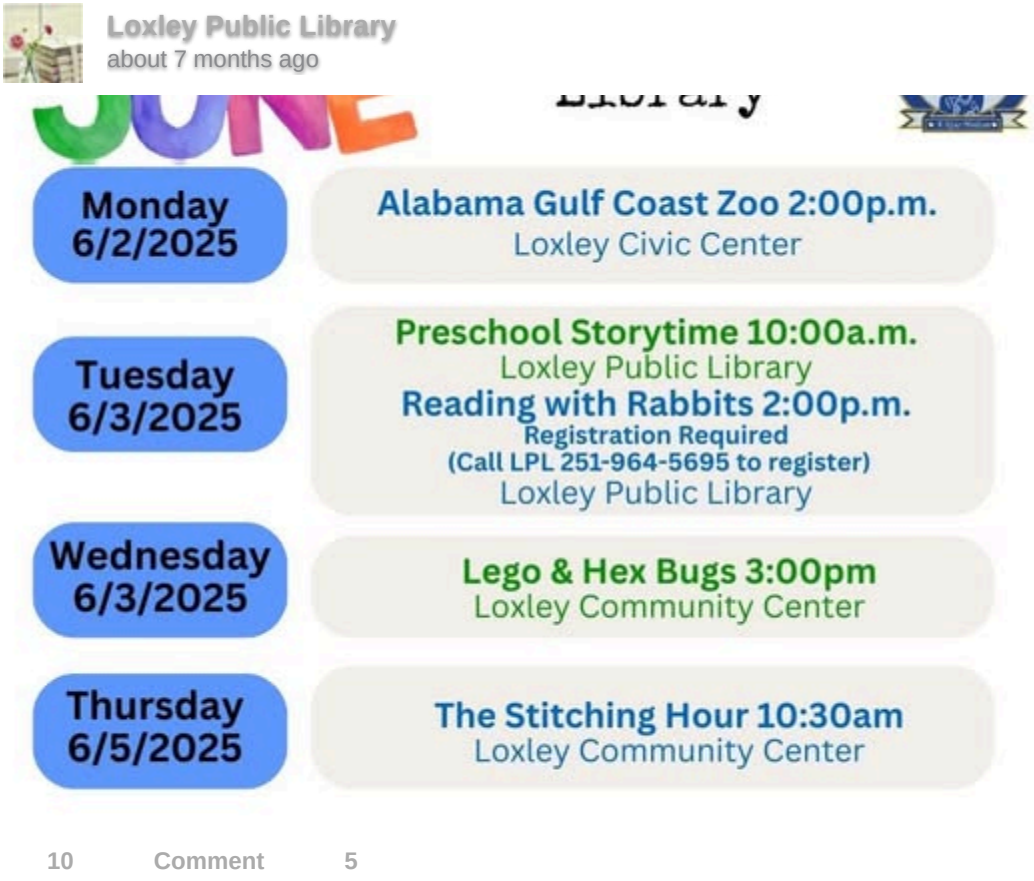
Their June Calendar can be seen below:



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🍓LOXLEY, ALABAMA: Have you visited Baldwin County's newest official city? Only 3 years ago, Loxley officially moved from town status to city status. Check out the details👇

⭐ Incorporated: 1957
⭐ Population: 4,623

🪵 The city came to be known as Loxley around 1900, after Michigan native John Loxley established a lumber camp here.

🍓 This past April, Loxley held its 36th Annual Baldwin County Strawberry Festival.

🏖️ Highway 59 runs right through the city's center — making it the perfect stop on the way to Gulf Shores + Orange Beach.

❓Have you visited Loxley before? Let us know your favorite thing about the city in the comments!

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