

Eighteen leapers took the Polar Plunge into Lake Holiday

By Lion Juan B Hernandez

While scores of spectators crowded the pool area and braved the cold Lake Holiday lakeshore, the LOFS Lions Club held its 6th Annual Polar Plunge on February 29.

Lion Tom Magurany, this year's Polar Plunge Chairperson, saw sponsorship and donations from individuals and Winfield Township contributors leap to the grand total of \$2,800.

Half of the proceeds from the Polar Plunge will go to support Lions Club activities and the other half will go to the LOFS Volunteer Fire Force.

The LOFS Lions would like to thank the following for their support: All our community jumpers and their sponsors; Walgreens; Winfield Community Foundation; Winfield Liquors; Moses Eye Care; Joe's Barber Shop; Two Bill's Tap; Winfield Police Department; Dunkin' Donut; Century 21; Taco Bank; Bell; Centier

McDonald's; Wiseway; Tim Clayton, Winfield Trustee; Trustee Paulette Skinner; LOFS POA with Rick Cleveland, Jackie Katz, and Roy Green; Splash the Duck a.k.a. Lion Jackie Katz; Coast Guard Auxiliary Officer George Mularski; Boy Scout Troop 88; Renee Clayton; the LOFS Fire and Rescue Team members; and our tireless LOFS members whose motto is: WE SERVE.











Public Safety Department

Gardens Around the Community

Spring is in the air! Literally, all the organisms that live in the soil come to life this time of year. If you're having trouble resisting the gardening bug, Kim wants you to know there are a couple cold hardy plants to get you started. Pansies, coral bells, and hellebores can resist the ever-changing weather that Spring brings. The great thing about planting them in a pot is you can enjoy them from your favorite window. If cold weather is approaching cover or move your pots to a protected area.

Pansies are so delicate and yet handle the cooler weather so well. In the morning they may look like they've just had it. Give them a little warmth and they bounce back up as if to greet the sun. Hellebores offer so many flower colors as well as leaf variegation it's hard to pick just one. Coral Bells (Heuchera) can be seen around the community. They offer color year-round, beautiful leaf structure, and it's the plant that brings the question, "What is the plant that looks like colorful leaves?"

Hellebores and Coral Bells (Heuchera) are perennials and can stay in the pots until fall. With the exclusion of pan-



Angelina, Sedum



Crocus, spring bulb

sies. They tend to fade once the weather becomes hotter. Look at the care tags to know sun, shade, and care requirements. Plant for success!

Now is the perfect time to begin your seeds indoors. Just follow the package instruc-



Autumn Joy, Sedum



Hellebores, spring bloomer perennial



Heuchera, coral bell

tions. I started black pansies and sweet peas this week. Their instructions said 8-10 weeks before the last frost date in your area. We are

A home garden is a won-(See Gardens Pg. 6) By Craig Philp, Director of Public Safety

In the midst of our current global concerns, I want to ensure residents that the Public Safety Department is still working and will continue to work in attempts to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can.

While we cannot predict the future, we can say for sure that the officers and dispatchers here will continue to provide what service we can to each resident at the same

Officers will continue to answer calls for service upon request; we will just be doing things a little different in some cases for everyone's safety. Some may have already noticed when calling the dispatch center that some new questions are being asked. These questions fall in line with questions being asked by the County Sheriff's Department and were designed to mitigate the chances of exposure to the responding help.

These questions will be asked on each call for service, so we know a little more of the household history. The questions are not meant as an intrusion of your

privacy, but a way to ensure our staff's safety.

Should a resident call needing to speak with an officer from this department you will be asked to speak with that officer outside your home. During this time officers have been directed to not enter anyone's home for any reason other than lifesaving emergencies.

As an example, you may be calling to have a vehicle unlocked, and the dispatcher may ask if anyone in the home or you in particular have been in contact with someone with a flu-like illness and if so when? That question will then be followed up with several other questions, and yes even something as simple as unlocking a vehicle.

Now if you think about those questions from our side, you will begin to understand how we see some things. For example, are we unlocking a car for someone who is feeling ill and on their way to see a doctor? Maybe this person was just visiting a family member who is sick. What if that person just came back from an out-of-country trip or was at a hospital visiting someone. Maybe some red flags pop up here for you,

maybe they don't, but should we take the chance?

You will also notice on EMS calls, that officers are not entering the home upon arrival. Instead you will find us standing outside the home waiting the arrival of the responding ambulance crew. You will also see arriving members of the Fire Department doing the same thing in standing outside. These steps are being done to diminish the direct contact with all patients on almost all calls until we are either cleared to enter or told to leave.

So, I want to make sure that when you are asked questions from a dispatcher whether ours or the local PD, that you don't blow them off with silly answers, but with answers that are purely honest and forthcoming.

Sure, the what-ifs could keep going on and on, but the chance is still there. Recently this department went through a scare when we were told that we could have been in contact with a patient who was showing signs of the Covid-19 virus. Now thank the Lord it turned out fine and no one had to seek further medical attention; it's the fact that the chance was there and a Porter County Officer as well as the officers and dispatchers from this department and their families could have been affected.

During this time, we just want everyone to be safe and looking out for each other while doing so.

POA Community Manager

By Richard G. Cleveland, Community Manager

As I sit at my desk this March 20, I am uncertain of what the headlines will read on April 1 when this is published as the Coronavirus (COVID-19) threat continues to evolve, grow and interrupt our daily lives. The leaders of our country have asked us to STAY HOME and help slow the virus down. I'm asking you to STAY HOME and follow national guidelines of groups of 10 or less.

I want us to all remain hopeful and optimistic but at the same time we need to take all necessary precautions to keep our families

The POA is taking steps to provide safe operations for our Office, Public Safety, Operations, Golf Services and Maintenance, Lakes and Restaurant employees, based on recommendations and guidelines from our healthcare leadership.

All POA owned buildings will remain closed to the public until further no-

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Pursuant to Paragraph 7(c) of the Executive Order by Governor Holcomb due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) threat, the parks may remain open, but playgrounds may not be used.

I too have small children and understand how stir crazy they can and will get when forced to stay home for a long period of time, but their health and safety is the most important thing to me. As is the health and safety of all of our residents and employees.

We are now requiring our golfers and others to not congregate on the outdoor pavilion until further notice. We have new guidelines for use of the golf course and its equipment during this time. Please read more about this information under the Golf Services article.

Your POA staff will be available by phone and email. All contact information is on this page.

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Rick Cleveland

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Again, we need to remain hopeful—but be prepared that things might get worse before they get better and these restrictions could take us into the summer months. We will do our best to keep you updated with pertinent information by utilizing the Lakes of the Four Seasons Information Facebook page or the website at www.lofs.

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POA April 2020 Calendar

- Wednesday, April 1 Last Day 2019 LOFS Amenities are Current
- Monday, April 6 LOFS Spring Leaf Collection Begins for Entire Community
- Monday, April 20 Last Day of Leaf Collection
- Monday, April 27 Spring Branch Collection Begins for the Lake County Portion of LOFS

Attention LOFS Residents and Friends:

The Annual LOFS Easter Egg Hunt is postponed!

Check back in with the following:



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www.lofslions.org

Information signs at the LOFS gates



Don't worry, we will reschedule when we can, the Easter Bunny is looking forward to meeting everyone!

And...everyone will be ready to have some *fun* when this is over!



Questions? Contact Easter Bunny Assistant Jackie at 219 776-3541 or

at lofslions@aol.com

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LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS **STEAK SALE**

We will be selling our "Steak Fry" steaks. They are 12 oz. vein in New York Strip Steaks. They will be individually wrapped and frozen. There will be a minimum purchase of a half case which is 8 steaks. We also will have full cases which is 16 steaks. Half case of steaks is \$50 and a full case is \$100. Please make checks payable to LOFS Lions Club.

Deadline to order steaks will be April 24, 2020.

If you would like to order, contact any Lions Club member or you can also contact Lion Linda Kroner at 219-765-3990 or email lkroner1159@comcast.net . Remember, steaks do need to be prepaid.

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House & Garden Club



The February lunch meeting was held on Fat Tuesday. How appropriate was that for our famous and delicious homemade potluck lunch? And the Mardi Gras décor along with ladies also decorated for the day - added a festive touch to the occasion.

Following lunch, attendees enjoyed a valuable presentation by Linda Curley from Purdue Extension. Entitled

'Nourish the Brain', it provided useful information to use in keeping healthy. Curley is the Health and Human Sciences Educator for Purdue University Extension and holds a Master's Degree in Human Development and Family Services. She has worked through the Family Nutrition Program delivering nutrition education to youth



Speaker Linda Curley from Purdue Extension.

Due to caution regarding the Corona Virus (COVID-19), the March 30 luncheon meeting was cancelled. However, we are hoping that things settle down so

cheon meeting and the April Day Trippers event can be held.

For information and updates, please call or text Jo Ellen Simoni at 708-670-1162.

going east to Toledo and

westward to Lafayette. These

points were reached in about

10 years; by 1843, boats ran

between these two cities. By

1849, the canal was complet-

ed to Terre Haute and finally

to Evansville in 1853. Many

The potluck lunch was served with a Mardi Gras theme Here is some spirit bright-Lakes of the Four Seasons ening news: Soon the tulips awash in floral beauty. We could become the Holland, that were planted last Fall will be emerging. The nearly Michigan of NW Indiana! 2,000+ bulbs planted late in

along the canal, among them being Huntington, Wabash, Peru, Delphi, Logansport, Petersburg, and Attica. The canal was in operation for over 40 years, but individual sections closed due to maintenance issues and financial woes. The final canal boat made its last docking in

2019 join the 1,300 bulbs

planted in 2018 to make

The Whitewater Canal was started in 1836 and built to provide an outlet of products of southeast Indiana to the Ohio River. It extended from Cambridge City on the National Road, through Connersville and Brookville

to Harrison, OH, where it di-

verged to Lawrenceburg IN



that both the April 28 lunand adults. Indiana once had a lengthy and elaborate canal system

By Walt Pluchinsky, **LOFS** Historical Society

As

country developed westward, the need for improved transportation for goods and people became evident, and canal systems were developed. The Erie Canal in upper New York State was started in 1817 and completed in 1832. This famous waterway of 362 miles across the state from Albany to Buffalo became the best known and most profitable canal in early America. Other states, including Indiana, felt they could create canals as prosperous as the Erie. We now describe Indiana's canal systems.

In the early 1820's, as the area around present Ft. Wayne was being settled, interest was for a canal system eastward to Lake Erie, and west into the Wabash River valley. Similarly, the farmers and merchants in the Whitewater River area in southeast Indiana were desirous of a canal to the Ohio River near Cincinnati. The citizens of Indianapolis, the new state capitol and still a primitive territory, sought a canal in their area to connect with the other systems. After considerable discussions and compromises in the state legislature and Congress, canal construction began, ultimately developing into three separate systems, which may be seen in the accompanying

In essence, canals were constructed as large wide open ditches. Briefly, canals were planned to follow river valleys or go overland, using rivers and man-made dams for water. Numerous locks were built to counter changes in elevation, and viaducts went over rivers. A typical canal section had a 60 ft. wide swath dug out of the earth, with the water channel being 40 ft. wide, with pitched sides and 26 ft. wide at the bottom, four feet deep, with banks two feet above the water line, and tow paths for horses. Canal boats were used for both freight and passenger service.

The Wabash and Erie Canal, 468 miles in length and the nation's longest, was started in 1832 in Ft. Wayne,







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Does Earth Day have any significance in Northwest Indiana?

An Editorial piece by Walt Pluchinsky

We are shifting

gears, so to speak, in that this article will not be about some historical aspect in our local area or in our state. Instead, the focus will be on something completely different, the history behind the formation of Earth Day, and its significance, if any, in our immediate area.

These days, we don't hear much about Earth Day, but it is an annual event celebrated worldwide on April 22. Various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

First celebrated in 1970 and organized by Gaylord Nelson, a senator from Wisconsin, Earth Day now includes events in more than 193 countries. The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970 mobilized many Americans for the protection of our planet. More than 20 million people—almost 10% of the population at that time—took to

the parks, college campuses, and the streets to protest and demand a new way forward for our planet. The first Earth Day is credited with forming the modern environmental movement. The year 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

Earth Day led to the passage of landmark laws in our country, including the Clean Air, the Clean Water, and the Endangered Species Acts. In 1990, Earth Day went global, as other countries soon adopted similar laws, and in 2016 the United Nations chose Earth Day for the signing of the Paris Climate Agreement.

So, how is Earth Day celebrated in our area? Most likely, not much will happen. Perhaps there will be a gathering at the Daley Plaza in Chicago, or rallies at the courthouses in Crown Point or Valparaiso. Someone may organize a local road litter pickup campaign later on.

This writer does not consider himself as a so-called "tree hugger" nor a die-hard environmentalist, nor one to protest to shut down an industry for borderline pollution.

Instead, I believe in a common sense approach to making our planet a little bit cleaner, with help from all. I am bothered, however, by the litter and garbage along our roads.

Last year, after being totally disgusted with the large amount of litter along the small stretch of 117th Avenue between the LOFS west gate and Randolph Street, I decided to celebrate my own Earth Day, although it was before April 22. Armed with several large garbage bags and one of those long-handled "grabbers", I decided to clean up the roadway. Little did I realize the amount of trash that had accumulated since I last picked up about 10 years previously. I thought of the quotation of Pogo, that cartoon character, who said. "We have met the enemy and he is us." I quickly filled the two bags and had to go home for two more. I gathered four large garbage bags of litter (paper, cups, cans, soda and liquor bottles, fast food wrappers and bags, etc.) in that little

stretch of road to take home to put in our garbage pickup. No one honked their horns in appreciation; no one stopped to encourage me. They probably thought I was just picking up aluminum cans for deposit money. However, one resident, stopped and helped me. Sadly, it took only one day before some inconsiderate souls tossed a few more cans along the roadway.

I keep a close eye on that small stretch of 117th Avenue west of the gate, and it is a shame to say that littering continues, as it has along the other roadways in LOFS. Surprisingly, someone is picking up the debris along 117th Avenue, and I suspect that our maintenance men have extended their efforts westward.

So, I don't know where you will be on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, but if you happen to see someone carrying a plastic bag and collecting garbage along our roadways, it just might be this 84 year old guy celebrating Earth Day in his own little way.

'To Go' orders available from the 19th Hole and Seasons Lakehouse restaurants

Due to the directive from Indiana Governor Holcomb both restaurants will be closed to the public until further notice.

Both restaurants will provide 'To Go' orders only, during normal business hours. You must phone in your orders. No walk ins allowed. We are only accepting credit card or member charge payments.

To pick up orders at the 19th Hole please pull into the water tower. Call when you arrive, and we will bring your order out to you. To pick up orders at the Seasons

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Golf Maintenance

By Doug Weiss, Golf Maintenance Superintendent

The 2020 golf season is off to a rough start. Can we start over this year? I want a "mulligan".

on around the world we still have a golf course to prepare and maintain, but we are doing so with bare minimum labor to keep costs down during this time. Sooner or later or a new normal.

We have had to make some changes to how often the bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized. The bunker rakes are taken off the course and the cup has been raised so golfers don't have to reach as far into the cup to get their ball. Hopefully these changes will not be permanent. We will continue to roll with the punches until life gets back to normal.

The weather has been very wet so far this spring, which has inhibited us from completing a few projects that I was trying to get done before the golf season really kicks into high gear.

The ditches on the course still need to be cleaned out to allow the water to flow properly. The trees still need to be trimmed in various locations around the course. My crew and I are busy cleaning up

the branches and leaves left from this winter. The greens, tees, and fairways have been cut, the cups are changed to just one cup per green, and the tee markers are placed in their traditional spots on the tees. The golf course is starting to "green up" and look like a golf course. I always look forward to the trees getting their leaves as a sign that summer is almost here. Unfortunately, we still have

a while to wait for that.

I am looking forward to nice weather and getting back to our normal lives on the golf course and at home. I don't think I will ever take normal for granted ever again. Please be careful and stay safe and I will see you soon on the fairways or the rough depending on your skill level.



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Golf Services

By Paul Boris, Director of Golf

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Please call either location for check-in needs when you arrive, food and beverage will still be available to golfers outdoors, please place your orders over the phone and a staff member will deliver at the door. (Golf Shop 988-2201 / 19th Hole 988-2282). This also means the restrooms in the building will be closed for access, however, both on course facilities will remain open for use.

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We are mandating that all golfers play their rounds with the flagsticks in the cups and to not touch any part of the flag or flagstick to prevent the spread of illness through flagstick surface contamination between golfers, cups have been inverted in the hole to make a very shallow area to retrieve balls with finger-

All Bunker Rakes Have Been Removed

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We are doing our best, given the circumstances, to keep the golf course operational and the staff and golfers as

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This Month in LOFS History: April 2030

By Sally Lugo How Will We Be Remembered?

Those regularly reading this by-line are familiar with reading about something which happened in LOFS years ago, and then linking it to a more current event. The April article was supposed to feature pictures of LOFS past and link it to the LOFS Historical Society's April 2020 event sharing over 200 fall drone photos of our beautiful neighborhood we had commissioned photographer Nick Feliciano to take. (Event postponed for a later date; stay tuned.)

Current events surrounding our country and world pretty much cancelled March and April. (Come on May; bring flowers and good news!) And, I was wondering how the residents of LOFS 2030 and elsewhere will view how we in 2020 handled this incredible crisis.

Long story short, we're going to be remembered for responding by creating a toilet paper shortage! (As well as many other needed goods critical for the medical, first responders, and other fields.) The President of the United States and other officials working with him simply

(Gardens from Pg. 1)

derful idea too. Lettuce,

spinach, collard greens are

a few Spring vegetables that

appreciate the cooler tem-

peratures. Many can be sown

straight into your garden bed.

Don't be intimidated to start

vegetable seeds indoors. I

will be placing pepper seeds

on top of the reptile cage for

a needed heat source. That

way I'll be using what I have instead of purchasing a heat mat intended for plants.

Have you noticed the Tulips are growing? They can be seen at the main entrance by the clock tower, the wall, center island, in front of the security building, the gate arm by security, Memorial Bed, Walt's Pond, 9th hole bed (across from the 19th

asked us to STAY HOME, slow down the spread of the invisible enemy, and have a two week or so of supplies including our prescription drugs. (So, we wouldn't have to unsafely go out of our homes or spread the virus during those 15 days.) But what did some choose to do? Simply put: Some chose to unnecessarily stockpile True acts of kindness and everything like never before, despite there being no food or sharing were performed. (I also appreciated the stupid goods shortages. (And, oh by comical memes humor which the way, creating long lines

other at stores.) The affect left nurses, doctors, EMT's, firefighters, police, security, and every sector of our medical field, their support personnel, and many others without what they needed to care for our needs should something occur. Some of those left without proper supplies to care for the critically ill and others included my daughter, my granddaughter, perhaps you and your family, and many, many other LOFS residents working in these fields.

of people coughing on each

I pray by the time you read this article we see some progress being made to fight this virus. I do want to give props and applause to all those who chose to use social media to "Help out their neighbor."

more of toilet paper, Lysol and Clorox wipes and spray, and perhaps N-95 and other types of face masks, please consider donating some of that to your local fire department, hospital, and food bank. It will make you feel

helped me and others stave

off cabin fever.) Many of

our local restaurants offered

free lunches for the kiddos as

well as others. Young people

ran errands for seniors. And,

moms and teachers posted

guidelines and suggestions

for home schooling. We re-

ally do live in an awesome

People get frightened and

often react abnormally, and I

get that. But for those of you

with now a year's supply or

neighborhood and country!

Hole Bar and Grille), Lion's Park flower bed, and the Lakehouse to name a few.

good about yourself.

We're especially excited to see who joined us along with the LOFS House & Garden Club to beautify the community with the Tulip Challenge. It won't be long before we'll be enjoying the Tulip Show!

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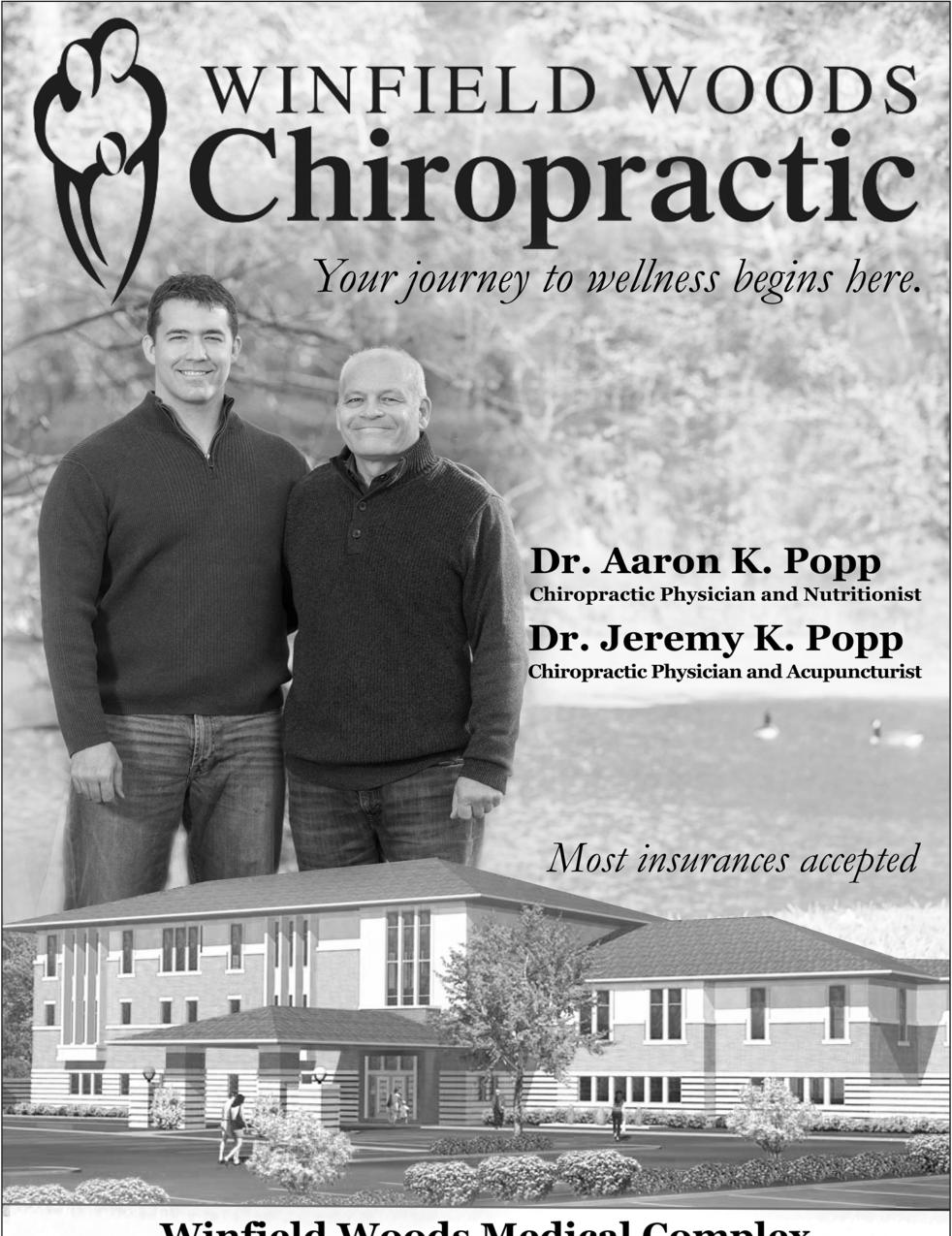
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Operations & Maintenance Department

By Roy Green, Director **Operations Department**

During these trying times, the Maintenance Department is still open and operating until further notice.

We will begin our 'Spring Clean Up' by collecting leaves. This will start on April 6 and run until April 20 for the entire community. We will have three vacs running to make sure we get all the leaves collected. Please have your leaves placed by the street not on it. Please do not place leaves near mailboxes or on top of any landscape rock. The suction on these vacs is very powerful and can suck up objects that can damage the machine. Some of our roads are too narrow so please do not place leaves on

the street as that can cause a hazardous situation.

The last day to have your leaves out will be April 19, so that they will be picked up on time. There will be no more collection of leaves after April 20. If for some reason you miss the date and still have leaves to dispose of, you can bring them to the maintenance facility at 3861 Kingsway Drive.

Once we have finished with leaf pick-up collection we will start picking up branches. We will start April 27 on the Lake County portion of the community and finish on May 4. Again, do not put branches on the roads. Please put them on the side and we will get them. Branches must be out no later than May 3 to be as-

sured that they get picked up. Once we have made our last run on May 20, we will not be picking anymore branches up on the Lake County portion until Fall. You can bring them to the maintenance facility and place them at the South end of our lot by the chipper. We will start Porter County branch collection on May 11 and continue until May 18. Branches must be out no later than May 17.

The machines that we use for leaf and branch collections are very loud and the guys wear ear protection, so they cannot hear cars approaching them. Please be very careful when you are coming up to them and pass with caution.

The Operations Department hopes that all of our residents are doing well and we look forward to serving you. We hope that Spring brings good things and since all of the kids are out of school we should see a lot of leaves and branches.

never a financial success, and toll fees rarely exceeded expenses. Numerous maintecanal banks, and lack of water in summer, prevented

Also seen on the accompanying map were planned extensions into northwest Indiana from the Wabash and Erie. Locally, one segment

was to go from Huntington through Rochester and passing somewhere between Valparaiso and Crown Point. The only local canal ever built was the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, started in 1903, to service the industries near Lake Michigan. It was never completed, as planned, to go to the Grand Calumet River, to the Cal-Sag Canal and to the Illinois River and the Mississippi.

(Indiana from Pg. 3)

and to Cincinnati. The canal was never prosperous, and floods caused its demise by

Started in 1836, the Central Canal was to connect Indianapolis with the Wabash and Erie at Peru and at Evansville, and to the Whitewater Canal. Only nine miles from Broad Ripple to Indianapolis were ever completed due to continual financial problems.

The canals in Indiana were

nance issues, such as ice in winter, floods that breached timely operations. The coming of the railroads finally caused the demise and closure of the canals.

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ng large park. Beautiful New updated Kitchen with Dark grey tone cabinets, Quartz Counter tops, Extra deep SS Sink w/high rise p/o sprayer faucet, New SS appl, Quartz Waterfall Edge top on bfast bar island tile, large window with expansive views of yard/park.Main floor also Features a Big living room with bay window & plank flooring,dining room & Large rec room w/walk out to the two tiered deck. Many nice features thru-out including 6 panel doors,updated brushed nickel light fixtures,& door levers & plank flooring.Updated baths. \$269,885



Well maintained, light and bright home on the Golf Course! The attention to detail shows from the beautifully landscaped yard,paver brick covered front porch,bright foyer,to the elegant hardwood staircase and floors.Both living room & the dining room have large windows for tons of light and great views. The kitchen includes a pocket doors, pantry, plant ledge, look through to the large rec room and walk out to the huge deck overlooking the golf course \$224.894



Great 2 story,3-4 bed,3 bath home in Crown Point School system in gated LOFS communitv. This home has beautiful hardwood throughout much of the home, vaulted ceilings, ceramic tile. The large slate tiled foyer opens to impressive hardwood stairs with wrought iron spindles which leads up to the upper level. Master BR with custom ship lap walls, vaulted ceiling.walk-in closet.bamboo floors.& master hath REDUCED! \$271.898



Open concept large 4 bedroom split level home with 3 car garage on a quiet cul de sac backing up to park. Lower level Master bedroom with huge walk in closet and giant private bath that has separate shower. sauna, corner tub, & double sink vanity. Beautiful living area that opens dining room and kitchen. Also large rec room with gas fireplace, laundry, & more 3 bedrooms upstairs. Don't Delay! \$259,880 and pantry closet \$199,897



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Open concept with cathedral ceilings and continuous hardwood flooring. When you enter the home feels open & bright taking you from the large living room (with a fireplace and wood burner) to the formal dining room. The kitchen has walnut cabinets,tile floor newer SS appliances (2015), pantry & walkout to deck. Master bedroom w/Master bath w/ tile shower& floors,new vanity and fixtures .\$219,898



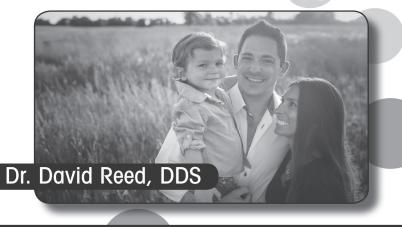
with FABULOUS VIEWS! This undated condo lets you step right out your back door and enjoy Lake Holiday. This unit has newer win dows, vinyl plank flooring, custom spindle and railings, stone tile fireplace surround, custom paint. This home features open concepts with 2 good sized bedrooms, the master has a master bath and HUGE walk in closet. Nice kitchen with breakfast bar open to living room with lake views and plenty of cabinet and counter space

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