

Publication of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association

April 2021

# Lions Club

The Easter Bunny returns to the Lakehouse lawn on Saturday, April 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for a meetand-greet along with the new Scavenger Egg Hunt.

The regular Easter Egg hunt won't be done due to state regulations on public gatherings, but kids can still have a fun time looking for our large hidden Easter Eggs on the Lakehouse grounds. Children who finish the Scavenger Easter Egg Hunt can turn in their cards for a treat and, of course, bragging rights.

Every child will get a small gift from the Easter Bunny and all pictures are free. There will be free drawings for larger Easter prizes; anyone bringing a food bank donation will get an extra drawing ticket. Check

Facebook's LOFS Insider and the LOFS Lions page for updates.

Questions can be directed to lofslions@aol.com or you can call the Easter Bunny's assistant, Jackie, at 219-776-3541.

The Lions would like to thank the residents of LOFS for all of your support in the past year. We have had a successful golf event, had a carry-out Pork Chop Dinner for the first time, several steak sales, and an outdoor Santa meet-and-greet event. Our success in a difficult year has helped us donate to food banks, sight and hearing research, women's shelters, provide Christmas gifts to needy families and make donations to local organizations or individuals in need. Thank you again LOFS!

Big Bass Lake horsepower restrictions to be subject of POA Board special meeting The Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association Board of Directors will be holding a special meeting to discuss the modification of the horsepower restrictions on Big Bass Lake. The meeting will take place on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the Seasons Lakehouse.

# **Golf Services**

#### By Paul Boris, Director of Golf Welcome aboard our New **Teaching Professional** and PGA Assistant Golf Professional

Rumors have been spreading here and there about who the newest Assistant Professional at the club that I might be bringing onboard. It is my pleasure to introduce, our newest professional staff member who will be filling both the Assistant Professional and Teaching Professional role for Four Seasons Country Club, PGA Professional -Matthew Meneghetti.

As part of ongoing efforts

to improve your water sys-

tem, Community Utilities of

Indiana (CUII) has initiat-

ed two watermain replace-

ment projects on Tremont

Lane and Westover Drive -

Rex Construction (Rex)

Ravenwood Drive.

For those of you who have been around long enough, you know this name very well, and for those of you who are newer to the community, Matthew had served as the club's head professional for years in our club's past while I worked under him as Assistant Professional. In the most recent years, Matt has been the head professional at Centennial Park Golf Course in Munster since its opening and has spent a period as the PNW Head Golf Coach for the men and women's golf teams in Hammond in his recent tenure.

His love for teaching the game has been a driving force in his decision to start making instruction a key element of where he wants to direct the focus of his career heading into the future. With the direction and goals that I have established with the Assistant and Player Development role for a few years now, this is a perfect fit for both Matthew and I, and both of us are excited to get our plans up and running immediately to provide the next level of service to the Lakes of the Four Seasons residents.

We've both set our expectations high and are excited on working towards building something special for the fu-



Matthew Meneghetti

ture of the club and bringing the game of golf with yearlong programs to the masses of new golfers with the large volume of new residents that continue moving into the community.

(See Golf Pg. 3)

# **Community Utilities of Indiana watermain** replacement projects timeline announced

will complete construction of both projects on behalf of CUII.

All watermain and service lines (to the property line) for both areas will be replaced. Rex began construction on Tremont Lane the week of March 15, 2021. Construction on Westover Drive - Ravenwood Drive will follow the work on Tremont Lane. CUII will provide additional updates by voice reach as construction progresses.

We anticipate that construction will be complete by the end of June 2021. Restoration of any disturbed landscaping and asphalt will be completed shortly after the end of construction, weather pending.

If you have any questions about the project, please call 1-877-294-8890.



Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30am to 11:00am on the LOFS Lakehouse Grounds

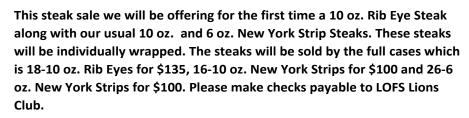
Meet the Easter Bunny and Splash the Racing Duck!

All Children will get a small gift and all pictures with the

Easter Bunny and Splash are free!



LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS **STEAK SALE** 



Deadline to order steaks is April 23, 2021.

No regular Easter Egg Hunt this year, but the Lions are featuring a new and exciting Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt:

All children will get a card with 6 colorful eggs to find on the Lakehouse Grounds. Finish the hunt and turn in your card to get an Easter treat!



This is a Free Children's Event Sponsored by

Your LOFS Lions Club

The Lions also collect non-perishable items at all of their events for the local food banks. Bring a food bank donation and get an extra ticket for our free prize drawings Questions? Contact Easter Bunny Assistant Jackie at 219 776-3541 or at lofslions@aol.com

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 must be prepaid.

#### Pickup at the Seasons Lakehouse on May 1, 2021

from 9 am till 11 am!

#### **REMEMBER THESE STEAKS ARE GREAT FOR COOKOUTS**

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|                    | Email:                                   |
| 10 oz. New York (  | Case (16 Steaks) \$100 – Number of Cases |
| 6 oz. New York (   | Case (26 Steaks) \$100 – Number of Cases |
| 10 oz. Rib Eye Cas | e (18 Steaks) \$135 – Number of Cases    |
|                    |  |
| Total Cash: \$     | Check #: Check Amount                    |

# **Community Manager**

#### By Rick Cleveland, Community Manager

Spring is here. We can put away our winter clothes and start enjoying warmer weather along with all the advantages of summer life in Lakes of the Four Seasons.

Residents of all ages will soon be out walking, jogging, biking, roller blading and skate boarding. For your safety and the safety of your children may we suggest utilizing the half-mile long walking path at Lion's park, just off Kingsway Drive near the 117th Avenue gate. Some residents will begin taking their dogs for walks along the streets as well. If you would rather take your dog to an enclosed area away from all the traffic, you can do so by enjoying the LOFS Dog Park. You may purchase an annual Dog Park pass by contacting the POA office and making an appointment.

Elsewhere in your com*munity* the POA maintenance staff will be out cleaning up trash and debris, mowing

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and trimming and providing all the other services for you throughout the spring and summer months. Please be careful when driving by the maintenance vehicles and our personnel who may be walking along the roadsides picking up debris and other litter. (You can help cut the time doing this by not being a litter bug. Thanks!)

The POA office staff is in its busy season. They are currently in the midst of the annual dues collection. Some residents are making appointments to come in person to pay their dues while others take advantage of doing so by mail, paying by credit card over the phone or online at www.lofs.org. You can even get a decal for a new car by mail as it is not a requirement to visit the POA office in person. As in the past, the staff is always willing to make a special appointment for those in need.

Mailboxes must be in good repair, no dents, excessive rust, chipped paint and the box door shall be operable. Stands are to be in good condition, vertical and shall be free of rust chips and dents. It is recommended but not required to have the numbered reflective signs attached to the mailbox post. All mailboxes to comply with Postal Operation manual 632.522 as follows: "Box numbers on curbside mailboxes must be inscribed in contrasting color in neat letters and numerals no less than 1" high on the side of the box visible to the carrier's approach or on the door if boxes are grouped. If the box is on a



Rick Cleveland

different street from the customer's residence, the street name and house number must be inscribed on the box. Placement of the owner's name on the box is optional. Generally, mailboxes are installed at a height of 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry. Mailboxes are set back 6" to 8" from the front face of the curb or road edge to the mailbox door."

It's also a time for a few more reminders:

• Please store your garbage and recycling receptacles where they cannot be seen from the street, the lake, parks or the golf course.

• If you haven't already done so please take down your Christmas decorations and pack them away until next season

 Please adhere to the speed limits throughout the community. The speed limit for all of the roads inside LOFS is 20 miles per hour unless otherwise posted, with the exception for the following roads: North, East and West Lake Shore Drives, Sunnyslope Drive, Kingsway Drive, and Four Seasons Parkway as they are major traffic arteries. These roads have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour unless otherwise posted. · Clear all debris from each

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end of your culverts and in your swales to allow storm water to flow freely.

remaining leaves in your yard; do not burn them. We are not allowed to burn yard waste in Lake and Porter Counties. The POA provides branch and leaf collections and those dates are provided in this issue of the "Seasonal" and on the website www.lofs.org. Lake Holiday Dredging Project

Beginning the week of April 19 (weather permitting) the dredging project will begin on Lake Holiday. I ask that all boaters use caution when boating around the dredge operator and the dredge pipe.

LOFS Amenities and 2021 **Dues Reminder** 

April 1, 2021 will be the last day that 2020 amenities will be current. Any amenity fees pertaining to golf, boating, the dog park and golf carts MUST be purchased before April 1, 2021 to be current.

The 2021 Dues must be paid prior to purchasing any amenity.

If the 2021 dues have not been paid by May 1, vehicle barcodes will be deactivated during the week of May 3. Residents will be required to sign in at the main entrance until your account is made

 When you're doing your spring cleaning of picking up the branches that fell over the winter and the

from you! We are considering a change in our water treatment process and want your help. Community Utilities of Indiana, Inc. (CUII) has historically added fluoride into the drinking water supply during our water treatment process, but discontinued fluoride addition in May 2020.

We are seeking input from customers on whether to reinstate fluoride addition or not. Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral and is naturally present in the water we pump from the ground in low concentrations (approximately 0.4 mg/L). Historically, we have increased the concentration to approximately 0.7

mg/L, which is the concentration recommended by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. We would like you to complete a very brief survey so we can consider your feedback prior to making a change to our treatment process.

Please complete the brief survey by typing this address into your web browser https://cutt.ly/Twin-Lakessurvey. You will be prompted to enter your ten-digit account number and then asked your

Please note that survey participation will be closed April 15, 2021 and only one survey

greatly appreciated!

# opinion on the issue.

LOFS water service provider CUII

requests residents participate in

fluoridation survey

As your community wa-

ter service provider, we are

looking for feedback directly

per account will be accepted. Thanks for your help; it is

# **Public Notice for Hearing on:**

Request of variance for the construction of an attached garage to exceed the building line along East Lake Shore Drive.

Eric & Carrie McGinty 1686 Sunnyslope Drive Crown Point, IN 46307; Lot P-260

Monday, April 26, 2021 7:30 P.M. LOFS Seasons Lakehouse



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#### (Golf Services from Pg. 1) **Reminder to Golfers!**

Please remember to get in the habit of making tee-time reservations for your round as the weather begins to warm prior to coming out to the golf course. As play begins to ramp up, we want to be sure our staff can accommodate you and your guests by being prepared at the course prior to your arrival.

Do you have questions about golf memberships or golf outings? Please don't hesitate to call us at the golf shop, we'd be glad to help answer your questions 219-988-2201.

#### **Titleist "Loyalty Rewarded**" Golf Ball Special!

The greatest deal in the golf world is back once again don't miss your chance to get the golfer's in your life a gift they will always love at a price that's too good to pass up! This promotion window will end on April 18, 2021, have your orders submitted by April 17 to allow time to process before the deadline at the LOFS Golf Shop.

Back for a limited time and while supplies last Four Seasons Country Club is holding a golf ball personalization promotion on the #1 selling ball in golf, the NEW 2021 Pro V1, Pro V1X or AVX for \$49.99/doz.

All balls must be personalized with the same imprint. Orders must be placed in person at the golf shop; cut out the form below and submit with payment, online forms can be emailed by request to administration@ lofscc.org

Orders are for three (3) personalized dozens of balls. You will receive one free personalized dozen free in addition for your order and all balls must be of the same type. Don't miss your chance to stock up for this season, get a great gift for the golfing mother or father out there for Mother's and Father's days coming up or a terrific way to impress your business clients for a great product at a great

price to make a statement and promote the business or yourself!

## **Upcoming Golf Dates**

• Saturday, April 17 – Opening Day 3 Club Scramble (Member + Guest Allowed) • Sunday, April 25 - Ladies Monday Night League & Men's Tuesday Night League Sign-up Deadline Saturday, April 25 – MGA Matchplay Championship Sign-Up Deadline (Limited to first 64) • Saturday, May 1 – MGA Get Acquainted Scramble • Saturday, May 1 – WGA Get Acquainted Scramble • Saturday, May 8 – PING Demo Day (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

## TITLEIST LOYALTY REWARDED GOLF BALL ORDER FORM Name: Address: Phone: Ball Type: ProV1 OR ProV1x OR AVX Ball Color: White OR Yellow Standard #'s: (#1-4) OR (#5 - 8) PROV1 AND PROV1x WHITE GOLF BALLS ONLY Custom # (00-99) PROV1 AND PROV1x WHITE GOLF BALLS ONLY Custom # (1,2,3,4) PROV1 AND PROV1x YELLOW AND AVX WHITE AND YELLOW GOLF BALLS ONLY (Maximum 17 characters per line including spaces) Line 1: Line 2: Line 3: Imprint Color: Pink / Blue / Green / Red / Black\* \*BLACK COLOR IMPRINT RECOMMENDED FOR YELLOW COLOR GOLF BALL.

All orders must be placed during by the order deadline at the golf shop:

# **Golf Shop Hours**

(Tuesday to Sunday) April 1 – 15: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. April 16 – 30: 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Weekend Hours open earlier *depending on temperatures*)



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# **Operations and Building** Maintenance

By Roy Green, Director of Operations

Leaf collection will begin starting April 5 and continue until the final date of April 19. No collections after April 19.

All leaves must be at the road berm no later than April 18. If they are put out later

than that, there is no guarantee they will be collected. We will be keeping a record of when we have made our final collection for each street. If you want to know if your street has been completed call the Operations Department. Please DO NOT place leaves on top of rocks or

# **Public Safety**

#### By Craig Philp, Public Safety Director **Keep It Clean**

Now that the snow has cleared up, it's time for residents in the area to begin cleaning up what was left behind and buried during the winter months. We all know that in some cases the garbage located on our properties is from accidental dropouts by Waste Management during collections; but in some cases, it's from our fellow residents or guests just being inconsiderate.

There have been days when I have stopped to remove trash from the roadways in front of homes just as there are days when I have returned home to pick up trash that was either blown or thrown into my yard. We all need to do our parts as residents to ensure

that we keep our community clean and stop relying on just our Operations Department to do it for us.

Walking around completing property inspections, I have also noticed one consistency, and that is some people who have been walking their dogs are not cleaning up after them. I have not only noticed this on my berm but also those berms I have walked past or had to enter during my general duties within this department.

I along with most residents in the area would appreciate our dogwalkers cleaning up their dogs' little gifts instead of leaving them as a surprise to people out cleaning up their properties. There is nothing worse than having these little

# Lakes Department

#### By Ryan Grady, Lakes Director

We have noticed quite a few residents have docks in disrepair on Lake Holiday and Big Bass Lake. We will be sending specific letters to homeowners that have lakefront property that need to make repairs on their docks.

Please be aware and stay off any public access docks around the community with caution tape that are currently under repair. We will have them repaired as soon as possible.

I would also like to remind the people who fish off the docks around the Lakehouse and the pool that those docks are for fishing, but you must yield to boats pulling up to them to use the Lakehouse or pool. The 2020 boat decal is only good until April 1. After April 1, ANY boat on any of the lakes will be issued a fine that does not have a current 2021 decal. We will be enforcing this policy. If you see geese nesting on your property, please contact the Lakes Department so we can take care of them, or if you have any other issues with waterfowl. You can reach us at 219-988-4722 with any questions or concerns you may have. Notice to POA Dock Renters

rental docks. This gives us time to make any necessary repairs. POA rental dock spaces may only be used by the property owner who has rented a specific dock space no subleasing – and may not be used for temporary parking.

The current dock decal is to be displayed and it must be located on the stern of the boat next to the current boat decal. All speed and fishing boats must have a working automatic bilge pump at all times. This will keep boats from sinking during storm events and causing damage to docks and other watercraft. All watercraft must be properly tied to the dock. Please tie up boats to the cleats (not around the poles).

close to mailboxes. The suction on these vacs are very powerful and can suck up objects that can damage the machine. Leaves must be placed by the roadside and no deeper than 6 feet from the road. The hose is not long enough to go further out. DO NOT mix branches or any other objects with the leaves. If you do the crew will leave your pile and go on to the next.

Some of our roads are too narrow so please do not place

surprises end up stuck to a shoe and now finding yourself having to hook up a hose to the outside of a home.

For those of you who do not know, this is a violation of the Lakes of the Four Seasons 2018 Household Pet Policy under "Nuisance animals" and subject to a \$50 fine that can be doubled and tripled per the LOFS Fine Structure Policy.

#### **Building Permits**

We are getting into that time of year again when home projects will begin. Please remember if you plan to place a structure on your property, you need to make sure that it is properly permitted through the community and the local county in which you live. This means turning in specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and its requested location on said property. Once this is submit-

If your dock does not have two cleats to tie up to, please call the Lakes Department office and we will take care of it. Lake Patrol will be checking all of this throughout the year.

#### **Property Owners Who** Live on the Lakes

Make sure your docks and shorelines are in good condition. Please contact the Lakes Department to give us the status of any repairs that need to be made.

If you have any damage or

**Speeders Beware!** We deeply value the safety and well-being of all LOFS residents and guests

Speeding throughout the community will

leaves on the street as that can cause a hazardous situation.

Branch Collection will begin on the Lake County portion of the community April 26 and will continue to the final date of May 3. Piles must be placed out on or before May 2, but no sooner than April 19. No branches will be collected in Lake County after May 3.

Porter County branch collection will begin on May 10

ted in writing, members of the LOFS Building Control Committee can weigh in and make a judgement on whether it will be allowed or if specific changes need to be made in order to allow it.

Once granted, you will need to make sure that the permit is placed in a window visible to the main roadway. Inspections during the construction project can be made at any time, by officers from this department, the LOFS Covenant Inspector, and/ or members of the Building Control Committee/POA. Golf Cart Season - Must

#### Have Valid License Golf cart season is upon

us, which means we will once again be getting complaints of underage kids driving around the community. Parents, please remember that in order to drive on our roadways you must have a valid driver's license. To

overgrowth to your shoreline or seawalls and don't know what route to take for repairs, contact us so that we may point you in the right direction. Remember to make sure that your lot numbers are visible from the lake, either on your dock, or on your shoreline. The Lakes Department will be out checking residents' docks and shorelines for damage and informing anyone of necessary repairs throughout the month of April.

and will finish on May 17. Plies must be placed out on or before May 16 but no sooner than May 3. There will be no collections after May 17. Whitegoods & Electronics **Dumpsters** 

These dumpsters are used for the recycling of all electronics, household appliances such as refrigerators and stoves. Tires may also be dropped off at the Operations facility. Residents need to call the Operations Department at

those individuals who have been issued a State permit, please note that you must follow the same guidelines as if driving a car.

Officers will be stopping those who they believe to be underage and either escorting them to their home and contacting a parent / guardian or 219-988-4461 to schedule a drop off. NO CHEMICALS! Please call the Operations department if you have any questions about the item you would like to discard in these dumpsters. PLEASE RECYCLE.

Our hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. The maintenance facility is located at 3861 Kingsway Drive.

contacting a parent / guardian to collect the golf cart at its stopped location. Fines will be issued to habitual offenders from past years and a judgement call will be made on the golf carts amenity usage being removed for the remainder of the year.



April 15 is the date when boats can be placed at the

not be tolerated. The speed limit for all of the roads inside the Lakes of the Four Seasons is 20 miles



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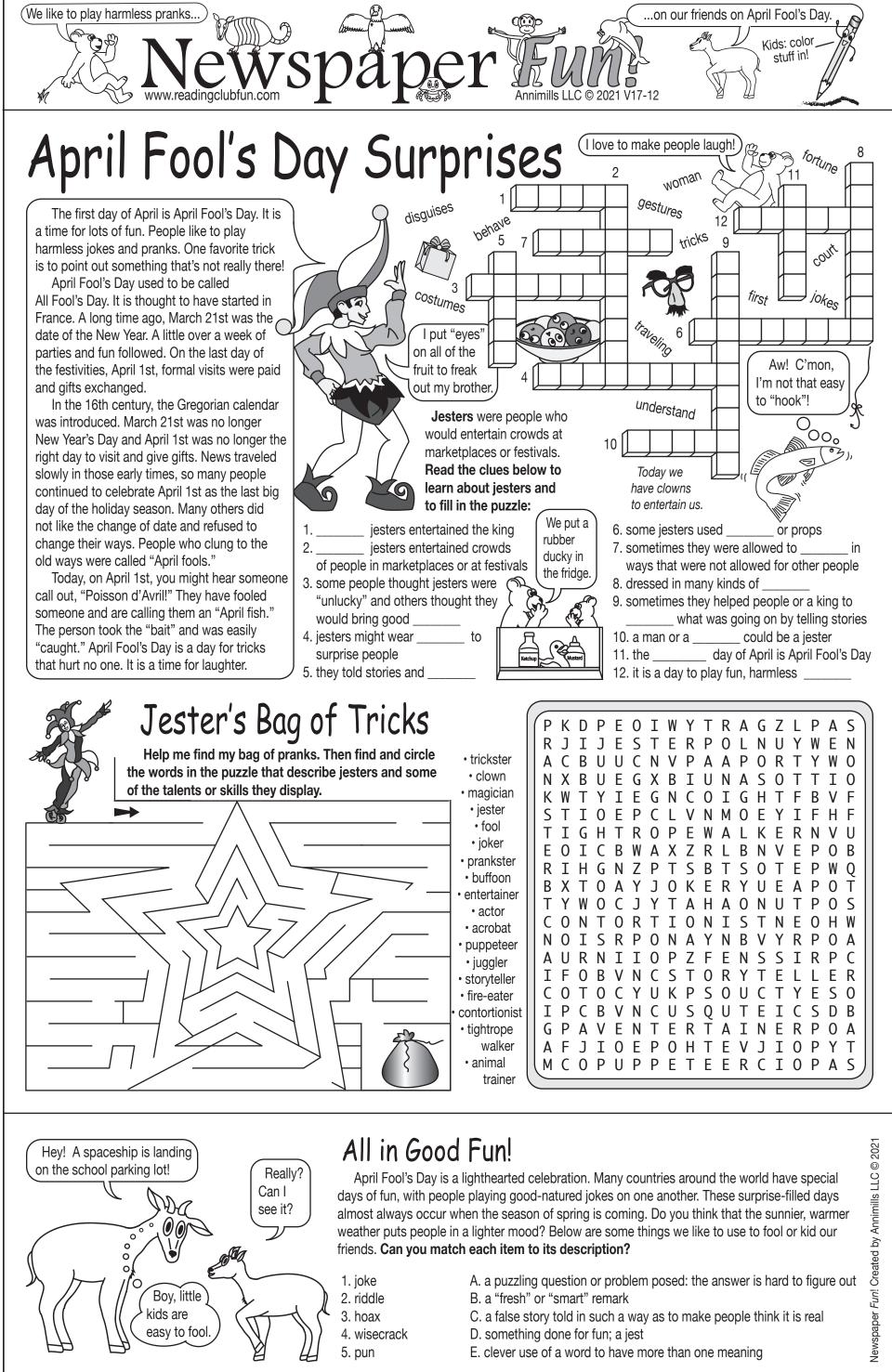
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Thursday: Smothered Mexican Skirt Steak with Mushroom, Tomato, Pepperjack Cheese and Chipotle Cream \$15 Classic Margarita \$5

Friday: Beer Battered Walleye in Garlic Caper Butter Topped with Lemon Basil Aioli \$21 Tootsie Roll Martini \$6

Saturday: Black & Blue Filet Mignon \$27 House Red Wine \$5 Glass/\$20 Bottle

Sunday: Sunday AYCE Brunch Buffet 10am-1pm \$12 for Adults, \$6 for Children Under 12 and Children Under 5 Eat Free Bloody Mary's \$5 and Carafe of Mimosa \$10

April 4th Easter Lunch 10am-1:30pm – Reservations Only (Last Reservation at 1pm) Adults \$15, Children 12 and Under \$7 & Children 5 and Under Free

May 9th Mother's Day Lunch 10am-1:30pm – Reservations Only (Last Reservation 1pm) Adults \$15, Children 12 and under \$7 & Children 5 and under Free

Saturday, April 10th No Dinner Service - Closed for Private Event Sunday, April 11th No Brunch Service - Closed for Private Event

Call in or check us out on Facebook for our daily specials! Text LAKEHOUSE to 219-259-3300 to receive special promotional deals and updates on coming events!

CALL 988-2582 HOURS: Wed-Thurs 4pm-9pm; Fri-Sat 4pm-10pm, Sun 10am-1pm (Closed Mon. & Tues.)



# April Specials

# **Golf Maintenance**

swing of what we do.

Spring is also time for the

necessary evil of aerification.

Greens are scheduled for

March 29. Just like last year

the greens will be punched

with a solid tine that will pen-

etrate 11 inches down. The greens will be top-dressed

with sand immediately, and

the sand will be brushed into

The greens will be top-

dressed several times to get

as much sand in the holes as

possible. The more sand we

use the faster the greens will

heal and the better they will

perform all season long.

the holes.

By Doug Weiss,

Golf Course Superintendent Spring is finally here, so if you do not like the weather just wait a day or two and it will change.

The weather is not the only change that will be happening on the course. Many of my long-time employees have decided to move on; therefore, a lot of new employees will need to be trained. It does take some time to teach new employees how to run the equipment safely and make sure they understand proper golf etiquette, but I'm sure it won't take long for them to get in the

# **Keenagers**

WOW, we are back! The March 18 meeting was awe-

some; 69 members new and old attended to enjoy a delicious prime rib dinner and to be entertained by the renowned singer Peter Oprisko!

On April 15 the bar will open at noon with a corned beef and cabbage luncheon being served at 1 p.m. Entertainment at 2 p.m. will be J.J. Brooks. Adjournment will be around 3 p.m.

The club is open to anyone 50 and older regardless of residency. The yearly dues will be \$30 starting in October and the monthly luncheon cost will be \$15 which includes the tip and entertainment.

Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings, except for January, the club will be planning a Four Winds casino gambling outing in June; is scheduling a Spirit of Chicago boat luncheon sometime this summer; and on

The tees, fairways, and some of the rough will also be aerified. Unlike last year when we sliced those areas, this year we will be pulling a core. This is a messy process that we only do once a year.

The conversion to the upgraded electronics is progressing well. I will be posting the hole I am working on at the Pro Shop and on Facebook. Please keep an eye out for us so we don't get hit by a golf ball. I will work as quickly as I can while keeping in mind to make sure everything is installed properly.

I am looking forward to the warm weather that will be arriving soon. There is a lot of work that needs to be completed before the golf season gets into full swing.

the agenda and ready to roll is our September Diamond Tour bus vacation to Niagara Falls – is the Canada border opening in time for our trip? Our annual August Auction and our biggest fundraiser is in the planning mode now. I will update you on any LOFS concert date. July 3 and July 4 will be celebrated at Pavilion #1. This year, Keen-Ager members and Sandy Beach Condo residents will be invited.

Many thanks to all the Keen-Agers and also to Rick Cleveland and Jay plus his staff that were fantastic in welcoming us back and serving with a smile.

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|                   | Opening Breakfast<br>Thursday League<br>Match Play Partner's - 9 hole or 18 hole*<br>Match Play Single's - 9 hole or 18 hole*<br>Race for the Cup<br>Ringer's |  |
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# aty Smith named to Dean's List



Katy Smith was named to the Dean's List at Loyola University Chicago. Katy is majoring in Biochemistry and has goals of attending medical school upon completion of her undergraduate.

Katy graduated Magna Cum Laude from Crown Point High School in 2020. Katy was also named First Team Academic All State in Gymnastics her senior year.

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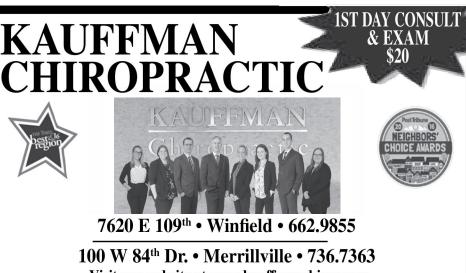
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By Mary Cavallini Lots of news for a group looking forward to meeting for the first time in six

months. On Tuesday, April 27, at 11:30 a.m., at the 19th Hole pavilion, House and Garden ing season.

but move quickly to ensure



Flowers and Friends Painting Fundraiser

Thursday, May 13, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Seasons Lakehouse

Mary Stang will be our instructor. All supplies provided.

Cocktails always available from Lakehouse Lounge.

Tickets: \$35 Each.

45 Person Limit.

Reservations or questions call JoEllen Simoni 708-670-1162



# POA April 2021

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| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                                    | Sat   |   |
| POA Office Closed to<br>in Person Contact<br>Until June I. Office<br>Staff Available by<br>Phone or Email<br>Monday—Friday 9 am<br>to 4 pm. |   |   |   | 1<br>Last Day 2020 LOFS<br>Amenities are Current<br>POA Rental Boat<br>Dock Fee Must be<br>Paid by 4pm Today | 2                                      | 3<br>Free N Fun Bar Bingo<br>@ 19th Hole 7-9 pm<br>Lions Easter Event<br>9:30—11 am on<br>Seasons Lakehouse | • Saturday, April 3 - Community Fishing Tournament on<br>Big Bass Lake. Sign in at 8 a.m., Start time at 8:30 a.m.  |
| 4<br>Easter Lunch<br>10am-1:30pm<br>@ Seasons Lakehouse<br>Reservations Only  | 5<br>Leaf Collection Begins<br>Blood Drive<br>12:30—6:30 pm<br>@ Seasons Lakehouse  | 6   | 7<br>Lions Meeting 6 pm<br>@ Seasons Lakehouse  | 8  | 9                                      | Grounds<br>10<br>Free N Fun Bar Bingo<br>@ 19th Hole 7-9 pm<br>Seasons Lakehouse<br>Closed for Private      | <ul> <li>Tuesday, April 13 – Fishing Club Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Lower Level of the 19th Hole.</li> <li>Sunday April 18 - Community Fishing Tournament on Lake Holiday. Sign in at 8 a.m., Start time at 8:30 a.m.</li> </ul>   |
| 11<br>Seasons Lakehouse<br>Closed for Private<br>Event  | 12<br>POA Public Meeting<br>7:30 pm<br>@ Seasons Lakehouse<br>Limited Seating   | 13  | 14<br>Lions Meeting 6 pm<br>@ Seasons Lakehouse | 15<br>Keen– Agers<br>Luncheon Noon<br>@ Seasons Lakehouse  | 16<br>DJ Kenny G<br>@ 19th Hole @ 8 pm | Event<br>17<br>Free N Fun Bar Bingo<br>@ 19th Hole 7-9 pm   | Late Fee Notice to All Property Owners<br>You must pay your dues in full or<br>utilize one of the payment plan options<br>by Saturday, May 1 or you will be<br>charged a late fee of \$50.  |
| 18<br>AYCE Brunch Buffet<br>10am-1pm<br>@ Seasons Lakehouse   | 19<br>Leaf Collection Ends  | 20  | 21  | 22   | 23                                     | 24<br>Free N Fun Bar Bingo<br>@ 19th Hole 7-9 pm  | Certified Combustion Analyst<br>Certified Carbon Monoxide Analyst<br>New Construction HVAC<br>Radiant Floor Heat<br>Snow Melt<br>Certified Duct Work Air Balancers<br>Certified Duct Work Air Balancers<br>Infrared Diagnostic Analyst<br>HVAC Replacement<br>High Efficiency Boilers<br>Infrared Diagnostics<br>Davis Heating & |
| 25<br>AYCE Brunch Buffet<br>10am-1pm<br>@ Seasons Lakehouse   | 26<br>Branch Collection<br>Begins in Lake County<br>POA Public Meeting<br>7:30 pm<br>@ Seasons Lakehouse<br>Limited Seating | 27<br>House & Garden Club<br>Meeting 11:30 am<br>@ 19th Hole Pavilion | 28<br>Lions Meeting 6 pm<br>@ Seasons Lakehouse | 29   | 30<br>Piano Bob<br>@19th Hole @ 8 pm   |   | <i>Absolute Quality Since 1959</i><br><i>Absolute Quality Since 1959</i><br><i>An Authorized Amana Heating/Cooling Dealer</i><br><i>An Authorized Amana Heating/Cooling Dealer</i><br><i>An Authorized Amana Heating/Cooling Dealer</i><br><i>An Authorized Amana Heating/Cooling Dealer</i><br><i>Crown Point, IN 46307</i><br><i>Crown Point, IN 46307</i>  |

Club luncheon meeting, \$12 your spot. Members who for lunch includes beverage have reserved spots can pay and cookie. Speaker will be at the April 27 meeting. Non-Joseph Skibbie who never members should mail their stops getting ready for plantchecks, payable to House and Garden Club, before the Painting party, May 13, April 30 deadline to JoEllen Simoni, 1182 Winterhaven looks like a do-not-miss event. Space is still available Lane, Crown Point 46307.

The House and Garden

board has confirmed that we will be able to tour the golf course with Kim White again this year. Details soon.

To shake things up a bit, the Fundraising Committee is planning to partner up with Gelsosomo's to sell individual-sized frozen pizzas. Owner Peter Anderson deserves many thanks for the support he gave to Crown Point first responders during the quarantine.

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To catch up with your friends and neighbors, learn what to save space for on your calendar, and to just have a good time, come to the meeting April 27.

# Crown Point High School's Girls basketball team wins State Championship



The Crown Point High School Girls basketball team capped off a stellar 27-1 season by winning the Indiana State Championship with a 44-34 win over Brownsburg High School. The school's 2020-21 squad became the first CPHS Girls basketball state championship team since 1985.

On their way to the State Championship, the team also picked up titles

Indiana state park properties and inns are hiring approximately 1,300 workers for the summer season. Positions available include gate attendants, laborers, naturalist aides, security, housekeeping, dishwashers, as the Duneland Athletic Conference Champs; Sectio-Champs; Regional nal Champs; and Semi-State Champs, according to Crown Point High School's Director of Athletics Bill Dorulla.

Pictured are, left-toright, front row: Alyvia Santiago, Mia Depta, Allie Govert, Alyna Santiago, and Emily Phillips; and back row: Jessica Crothers, Marianna Maldonado, Nikki

Gerodemos, Lilly Stoddard, Ava Ziolkowski, McKayla Henry, Brooke Lindesmith, and Zoey Wells.

Not pictured are Head Coach Chris Seibert; Assistant Coach Scott Reid; JV Coach Amanda Stillman; Assistant JV Coach: Ashley Parish; Freshman Coach Ernie Sandborn; and Assistant Freshman Coach Ken Wring.

## State parks, inns are hiring summer workers

cooks, guest services, and camp store attendants. Most positions will be seasonal, but some are full or part-time year-round positions.

To apply for a position at one of the properties, www.WorkforIndiana. see

IN.gov. To apply for a position at one of the seven Indiana state park inns, see www.indianainnsjobs.com. See www.stateparks.IN.gov to see which property or inn is closest to you.

# Fishing Club

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Four young LOFS volunteers help beautify community At the March 22, 2021 POA Board of Directors meeting these four of the Lakes of the Four Seasons finest were presented certificates of recognition and gift

cards to Dairy Queen. Pictured from left-to-right are Ava Lakes, Audri Hanley, Wyatt Gulley, and Sammy Lakes. They were being recognized for the service they provided to the community by picking up trash along the roadways. The POA Board wanted to make sure their good deed didn't go unrecognized and wanted to thank them for taking time out of their weekend to do this. THANK YOU!

# Energy assistance programs are available for Nipsco customers

Nipsco is reminding customers that bill payment assistance programs will continue to be available after the state's moratorium on disconnecting electric and natural gas service during the winter months that ended on March 15.

Between December 1 and March 15, electric and natural gas providers in Indiana do not disconnect service to customers enrolled in the state's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program who are delinquent on their home heating bills.

Among the programs available to help customers who may have fallen behind on payments or need financial support:

• LIHEAP Program: Support is available to households falling within 150 percent of federal poverty guidelines and is fully funded by a federal block grant offered through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Applications for heating assistance will be accepted through May 14, 2021. Summer cooling assistance will begin in June 2021 if remaining funds are available. Customers can learn more and find out if they qualify at www.eap.ihcda. in.gov or call 2-1-1. Nipsco Customer Assistance for Residential Energy (CARE) Discount Program: In addition to the assistance available through LIHEAP, the Nipsco CARE Discount Program is designed to provide further bill reductions to LIHEAPeligible customers. Once enrolled in LIHEAP, cus-

tomers are automatically enrolled in the program, and reductions range from 11% to 26%, depending on the same criteria used by the state in determining the level of assistance. CARE discounts are available through May 31, 2021, or until funds are exhausted. • Nipsco Hardship Program: For customers just outside the federal poverty guidelines for LIHEAP, the Nipsco Hardship Program offers up to \$400 in gas bill assistance to households between 151% and 250% of the federal poverty level. Hardship funds are available through many of the same local Community Action Agencies where LIHEAP funds are distributed, and are available through May 31, 2021, or until funds are exhausted. • Township Trustees: A limited amount of energy assistance funds are available through local Township Trustee offices. Nipsco customers are encouraged to contact their local Township

For more information on billing options and payment assistance, visit www.Nipsco.com/ PaymentAssistance or call 1-800-464-7726.



# LOFS Women's Golf Association

Looking for women golfers at all skill levels to join our membership. Members enjoy camaraderie with other golfers along with the opportunity to participate in fun weekend member events.

- Morning and Evening Weekly Leagues— 9 & 18 holes
- Various Events throughout the year for all skill levels

To learn more about the WGA and enjoy a **FREE Breakfast**, please join us on May 1@ 8:30am at the Seasons Lakehouse Dining Room.

New member breakfast fee will be waived.

To reserve your spot, please email or text: Tonia Skees @ tonia.skees@pureairtestinginc.com or 815-482-5010

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| 2021 Calendar REVISED 03-03-21   |   |                   |                         |         |   |  |  |
| EVENT  |   | DATE              |                         | TIME    | LOCATION  |  |  |
| Household Hazardous Waste<br>Earth Day Tree Giveaway<br>(Free to the first 500 participant   | Saturday, May   |                   | 1                       | 9am—2pm | Porter County Expo<br>215 E. Division, Valparaiso<br>Enter at Gate 3            |  |  |
| Household Hazardous Waste<br>Secure Shred Document Dispos                                    | ardous Waste* Saturday,   |                   | e 12                    | 9am—2pm | Portage High School<br>6450 US-6, Portage                                       |  |  |
| Household Hazardous Waste*   |   | Saturday, June 26 |                         | 9am—2pm | Westchester Intermediate School<br>1050 S. 5th St, Chesterton                   |  |  |
| Household Hazardous Waste*   |   | Saturday, July 17 |                         | 9am—2pm | Hebron Elementary/Middle School<br>307 S. Main St, Hebron                       |  |  |
| Household Hazardous Waste*   |   | Saturday, Aug 14  |                         | 9am—2pm | Portage High School<br>6450 US-6, Portage                                       |  |  |
| Household Hazardous Waste*<br>Tires will also be collected this event<br>only for residents. |   | Saturday, Oct 9   |                         | 9am—2pm | Porter County Expo<br>215 E. Division, Valparaiso<br>Enter at Gate 3            |  |  |
| *No electronics/latex paint at HHW Public Compost Sites                                      |   |                   |                         |         |   |  |  |
| SITE DATES HOURS   |   | HOLIDAY CLOSINGS  |                         |         |   |  |  |
| Valparaiso Compost Site  | Regular Season<br>Mar 22—Nov 6, 2021  |                   | Mon thru Sat<br>8am—5pm |         | Hours/dates subject to change — please consult<br>www.portercountyrecycling.org |  |  |
| 2150 W. Lincolnway   | Winter Season<br>(weather permitting)<br>Nov 8—Mar 19, 2022   |                   | Mon thru Sat<br>8am—4pm |         | <u>Valparaiso</u> :<br>Thanksgiving Day—Nov 25                                  |  |  |
| Boone Grove Compost Site<br>546 S. 400 West  | Regular Season<br>Mar 22—Dec 4  |                   | Mon thru Sat<br>9am—4pm |         | Christmas—Dec 25<br><u>Boone Grove &amp; Portage</u><br>Memorial Day—May 31     |  |  |
| Portage Compost Site<br>6451 U.S. Highway 12   | Regular Season<br>Mar 22—Dec 4  |                   | Mon thru Sat<br>8am—3pm |         | Labor Day—Sep 6<br>Thanksgiving—Nov 25, 26, & 27                                |  |  |

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Trustee to see what help may be available.

• Payment Agreement: Nipsco has expanded its flexible payment arrangements to allow customers to spread their past due balance over three or six months. Customers can learn more and enroll at www.Nipsco.com/paymentplans. LIHEAP customers may qualify for a 12-month payment plan and should call Nipsco's Customer Care Center at 1-800-464-7726 to learn more and determine their eligibility.

# Please Recycle!

Restrictions and/or fees may apply to events. Contact our office for all event details.

# DWD unveils Hoosier Talent Network job-search site; 135,000 jobs currently available

Hoosiers who are out of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic or simply looking for a job change now have a new online employment platform to help guide their career choices.

The Indiana Department of

Workforce Development has ered by artificial intelligence unveiled the Hoosier Talent Network from Eightfold AI to connect employers with workers disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak.

The new job-matching and career-planning site is pow-

to help jobseekers quickly find the right opportunities in the right locations. By better understanding their skills and capabilities, the Hoosier Talent Network is able to unlock those opportunities

unique potential.

There are currently more than 135,000 jobs open and waiting to be filled in Indiana, and DWD's commitment to bringing employers and jobseekers together is



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based on an individual's clearly reflected in this new revolutionary resource open to all Hoosiers.

> "This is a state-supported program committed to bringing our people back to work," DWD Commissioner Fred Payne said. "We are here to support those in need, and the Hoosier Talent Network is another resource the DWD offers to help Hoosiers improve their lives."

Jobseekers can upload their resume or quickly create a profile of work history, skills and hobbies. The Hoosier Talent Network technology will suggest skills that may be missing from the profile, then will match the jobseeker to available positions that reflect their current skills, as well as positions where new skills could easily be learned.

After completing the profile, individuals can view open roles and receive email notifications with suggestions for jobs that align with their specific skills and experiences. These matches will be a result of the information they self-reported in their

profile and the inferences that the platform has made using its expansive analysis of different career paths.

The job openings posted on the website cover a wide variety of occupations and skill levels. But the Hoosier Talent Network is not just for jobseekers. Companies that are hiring can also use the advanced technology available to get matched with all types of potential workers.

"The Hoosier Talent Network will open up new doors for employers and connect them with the jobseekers who are the best matches for their current workforce needs," said Chad Carter, DWD's Hoosier Talent Network project leader. "This platform has the capability to be a gamechanger in getting the state's employers back on track for future success after the employment challenges of 2020."

Visit www.in.gov/dwd/ job-seekers/hoosier-talent-network to explore new job opportunities and unlock the potential of the Hoosier Talent Network.

### 'Next Level Trails' grant awards: Crown Point, Valpo among recipients

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Director Dan Bortner and Gov. Eric J. Holcomb recently announced 18 communities and non-profit organizations will receive a combined \$29.6 million for 70 miles of new trail development as a part of the second round of the Next Level Trails program.

Crown Point will receive nearly \$3 million toward the Veterans Memorial Trail -Pennsy Greenway Trail, and Valparaiso is due to receive nearly \$365,000 for the Vale Park Road West Link Trail.

Combined with the 17 projects announced as part of the first round in May 2019, the Next Level Trails program has awarded \$54.3 million in funding for more than 112 miles of trail throughout Indiana.

"Trails have been an important resource for Hoosiers' physical and mental well-being throughout the pandemic," Gov. Holcomb said. "These projects are a transformational investment in quality of life for communities across our state and a valuable tool for economic and tourism development. We are creating important connections that take us one step closer to becoming the most trail-friendly state in the country." Next Level Trails is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. The \$90 million grant program is divided into two components: a \$70 million fund for regional projects and a \$20 million fund for local projects. A total of \$30 million was available for the second round, \$25 million for regional projects and \$5 million for local projects. The increased interest in outdoor recreation Indiana residents displayed during the pandemic further demonstrates the need for such projects.

"Hoosiers visited trails and parks this past year in unprecedented numbers," Bortner said. "Demand for trails has never been higher, and we are excited to partner with local governments and non-profits to build these important community assets."

The grants awarded in the second round include 10 regional projects and eight local projects. The list of awards, project descriptions, and a map can be found here.

DNR received second-round applications for 62 projects in 36 counties, requesting a total of more than \$93 million for more than 158 proposed miles of hiking, biking and riding trails. This total included 20 new applications and 42 returning applications from the first round. The DNR reviewed the applications for eligibility, and a multi-agency committee evaluated the proposals based on the Next Level Trails program objectives. In addition to the \$29.6 million awarded through Next Level Trails, the 18 second-round grant recipients contributed \$21.9 million in matching value, resulting in a \$51.5 million total investment in trails. The program requires a minimum 20% project match, which can include monetary contributions, land value, and in-kind donations of materials and labor. Next Level Trails is part of the \$1 billion Next Level Connections infrastructure program. More information can be found at www.on.IN.gov/nextleveltrails



local fire departments.

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#### **Outreach and Education**



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#### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** à Dà

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# Hickory Point was an early, nearby local pioneer village

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society Most



us are some-

what familiar with the local villages of Palmer and Leroy, as well as the location of the original village of Winfield. Some of us may know the locations of the old railroad towns of Beatrice and Hurlburt in nearby Porter Township. But did you know that there was a settlement called Hickory Point in the early days of our area?

This writer has researched various old books in local libraries for information about items of historical significance, and Hickory Point is sometimes mentioned. So, where was this town that once had a church, a school, stores, a post office, and a cemetery,

of which none of these exist today? Let's find out! If you travel south on

County Line Road, about two miles from LOFS, and turn right onto 142nd Avenue towards the Stony Run County Park, you will be in the general vicinity of Hickory Point.

The area is now dotted with a few homes of rather recent vintage and mostly surrounded by farmland. The town apparently straddled the county line; an early plat-map shows it to be in Porter Township. Other sources indicate its location in Winfield Township. There are no known artifacts of the town, and the lone remnant of the past may be a patch of woods at the northeast corner of Union St. and East 145th Avenue, just south of the park, where a small cemetery once was.

Named in reference to a grove of hickory trees in the area dominated by prairie, Henry Nichols, brother of Hickory Point, which predated the founding of Porter County, served as a trading point and social center of importance. It was originally known as Horseshoe Prairie, because of the shape of the wooded area.

Starting in 1845, the first individuals to receive deeded land in the area through federal land patents included Hail Bates, Benjamin Soal, Silas Gregg and Ezekiel Morrison, among others, although habitation was much earlier.

Alfred Nichols opened a general store on the Porter County side in 1844, and

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Alfred, was appointed the first postmaster in September 1850. It is believed the post office operated out of the store. After closing for a time, the post office was revived in 1861, but was permanently closed in August 1868.

The wooden Hickory Point school, also referred to as the Skinner School, was erected in 1867 and located about 3/4 miles east of town. It is thought that early schools were held at the Methodist Episcopal Church, constructed in 1844. The Reverend Jeremiah Early, a circuit-riding minister from Crown Point was the first to

preach at the church.

Like most early frontier communities, agriculture was the predominant occupation of Hickory Point's settlers. The nearby Wilson Mill used wind power to grind the grain. A farmer's Grange was formed in Hickory Point, and the community was a flourishing little place with a shoemaker's shop, one blacksmith shop, and a tailor shop.

Also, a number of men from the village, including David McKnight, George Porter, Prosper Read, and Harvey Gibbs volunteered for the Civil War and served in Company E, Ninth Infantry,

and the unit saw battle at Shiloh, Chickamauga, and Lookout Mountain.

The building of the Chicago & Atlantic Railroad through Boone Grove led to the demise of Hickory Point, making it a ghost town, as businesses and residents moved east to the town on the railroad. The last significant event that occurred in Hickory Point was a large political rally to support Republican presidential candidate William McKinley on October 3, 1896.

(Author's Note: A comprehensive review of the history of the town may be found on the internet by searching on Lost Porter County-Hickory Point.)

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