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April 2022

Flamingle 'n Fashions!

We're Back!!

2022 LOFS FRC Style Show & Luncheon

Sunday, May 15th, 2022!

Get ready for this year's annual LOFS Fundraising Committee style show

The Committee is excited to announce a crowd favorite event is back! This year's fashions for our 10th Annual Style Show will be provided by **Judee's, Valparaiso!** Not only will this year's event highlight fabulous fashions, but, as always, it will feature the Committee's fabulous basket extravaganza, silent auction, local vendors, games and prizes, delicious luncheon, entertainment, the ever-so-fabulous grand prize to one lucky winner, valued at over \$500!

Tickets are \$35 per person and due to the prior postponement of this event....only a few tickets remain! CONTACT WENDY VANDENBURGH at (219) 309-9530 before they are all gone!

Watch our Facebook page **Lofs Fundraisers** for any additional information.

Doors open at 12:45! Can't wait to see everyone for this afternoon of fun and fashion! It never disappoints!!!

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IURC Hearing Notice for April 12

Community Utilities of Indiana Inc. (formerly known as Twin Lakes Utilities) is requesting authority to increase its rates and charges for water and wastewater utility service; approval of new schedules of rates and charges applicable thereto; authority to recover certain costs incurred in connection with cause numbers 44724, 45342 & 45389; authority to recover

costs incurred & deferred in connection with the Covid 19 pandemic; approval of a new residential low-income rate for water & wastewater service; and other appropriate relief.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will hold a public field hearing in this matter on April 12, 2022 at 6 p.m. local time in the cafeteria of the Boone Grove High School, located at 260

South 500 West, Valparaiso, Indiana, 46385.

All customers of CUII are welcomed to attend to voice their concerns. If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317-232-2701 or TDD 317-232-8556 at least 48 hours in advance.

AT&T installing new fiber on Lake County side

AT&T will be installing fiber throughout the Lake County portion of Lakes of the Four Seasons. The work has already begun and will consist of excavation and underground boring within the utility easement. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 815-469-1400.



Special POA Board of Directors meeting on April 11 to discuss proposed development

The POA Board of Directors will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022 to discuss a proposed development of the farm property owned by the Property Owners Association which is located adjacent to the southwest corner of the community. There will be a presentation by the Master Plan committee. The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Seasons Lakehouse.

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Announcing the Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday April 16th at 9:30 a.m. outside the

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This year the hunt will be divided into two starting times:

10:00 a.m. for ages 5-7 and 8-10

10:10 a.m. for ages 0-2 and 3-4

Bring your camera for that special picture with the Easter Bunny

Children will get a small gift and all pictures are free!

And...open your eggs before you leave, some have winning tickets for

our wonderful bunny, peep and basket prizes!

The Easter Egg Hunt is a Free Children's Event Sponsored by

Your LOFS Lions Club

The Lions collect non-perishable items at all of their events for the local food banks

Bring food items to get a ticket for our Grand Prize Drawing

The Grand Prize Drawing will be held at the end of the Easter Egg Hunt



Questions? Contact the Easter Bunny's Assistant, Jackie,

at 219 776-3541 or email lofsions@aol.com

Community Manager

By Rick Cleveland,
Community Manager

Spring is here. We can put away our winter clothes, snow shovels and hopefully the Christmas lights are already boxed up 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, rollerblading, and skateboarding. For your safety and the safety of your children, please utilize 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.

The POA maintenance staff will be out cleaning up trash and debris, mowing 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 are taking 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. 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 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 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 end of your culverts and in your swales to allow stormwater to flow freely.
- When you're doing your spring cleaning of picking up the branches that fell over the winter and the 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 on the LOFS website at www.lofs.org.

LOFS Amenities and 2022 Dues Reminder

April 1, 2022 is the last day that 2021 amenities will be current. Any amenity fees pertaining to golf, boating, the dog park and golf carts MUST be purchased before April 1, 2022 to be current.

The 2022 Dues must be paid prior to purchasing any amenity.

If the 2022 dues have not been paid by May 2, vehicle barcodes will be deactivated. Residents will be required to sign in at the main entrance until your account is made current.

Inside the Gates from the Security Department

Spring has officially arrived, and with that comes a lot of outdoor activities. People are taking walks, some with their dogs and some pushing strollers. There will be a lot more children

playing outdoors. Drivers please be vigilant.

The nice weather also brings out numerous golf carts. All golf carts must have a current POA decal when operating within the Lakes of the Four Seasons. Per Lakes of the Four Seasons golf cart rules and regulations, golf carts that will be operated after dusk on any Lakes of

the Four Seasons property or roadways are required to have lights. At a minimum, they must have two headlights and at least one tail light. The lights must be on anytime the golf cart is operated after dusk.

Security officers, as well as people calling in to Security, have noticed more and more underage drivers

operating golf carts. A person must be at least sixteen years of age to operate any motorized vehicle, including golf carts, within Lakes of the Four Seasons. The operator of a golf cart must possess and be able to produce a valid driver's license for age verification and identification purposes.

If any subjects are found

to be operating a golf cart underage or without a valid driver's license, a violation (no warnings) will be issued to the parent or guardian of the underage driver, or to the property owner to whom the golf cart is registered if you allow someone to use your golf cart.

Spring is also the time to start checking the exterior of your home for any repairs that need to be made. Also, check to be sure your ditches and swales are clear of debris to allow water to flow freely.

Security officers will be checking the community for covenant violations. Mailboxes must be in good condition. Be sure they have numbers on them or have no missing numbers. Also be

sure they are not rusted or damaged. All houses must also have addresses visible from the street. This aids officers and fire department personnel in locating your residence in an emergency.

Taking pride in your residence, your property and the entire community helps maintain your property value and keeps it a desirable community to live in. Even something as simple as not littering aids in keeping our community beautiful. Let's all have a safe and enjoyable Spring.

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Keenagers

The Keen-Agers will be having their April meeting on the 21st at the Seasons Lakehouse. The bar opens at noon with a delicious lunch being served at 1 p.m. Entertainment scheduled for 2 p.m. is the returning singing sensation LOFS resident Donny Koehler of Sh’Bang Chicago fame! After a short meeting; adjournment will be around 3 p.m.

The club is open to anyone 50 and older, regardless of residency. The yearly Membership fee is \$30 due every October, the monthly luncheon cost is \$15, which includes the entertainment and a tip.

Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings (except for January), they gam-

Fishing Club

By Jack Grveles,
Club President

The first meeting for the year will be held on April 12 in the lower level of the 19th Hole. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

This year we are happy to bring back the Kids Derby, so save the date. This year, the derby will be held on Saturday, June 18. More information will be in the May Seasonal.

The Fishing Club will be holding a Bass Tournament on Big Bass Lake on Sunday, April 3. Sign in is at 6:30 a.m. and start time is 7 a.m. We will be launching out of the new boat ramp off Sunnyslope Drive this year.

We will be holding a crappie tournament on Lake Holiday on Saturday, April 16. Sign in is at 6:30 a.m., start time is 7 a.m. Cost of the tournament is \$30 per 3-man team.

There will be a Bass Tournament on Big Bass Lake on Saturday, April 30. Sign in is at 5:30 a.m., start time at 6 a.m. We will be launching out of the new boat ramp off Sunnyslope Drive.

Anyone needing any information may contact me at lofsfishingclub@gmail.com.

Have a great time on the water this year and practice safe boating.

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ble at the Four Winds Casino in Michigan and go on a September Diamond Tour bus trip; this year Niagara Falls is booked solid. More trips, activities and fund raisers are being planned for the future.

Read The Seasonal for all their latest info and updates, and follow them on Facebook to view their fabulous photos and videos of all their fun.

Call Renate at 219-689-3408 or email her at willrenate@yahoo.com to make a reservation to preview or join the club.

Thanks to Rick Cleveland for the use of the Lakehouse and Jay Detloff for the al-

ways awesome food and the amazing staff that serve us so well all the time. Keep ‘Keeping up with the Keen-Agers’!

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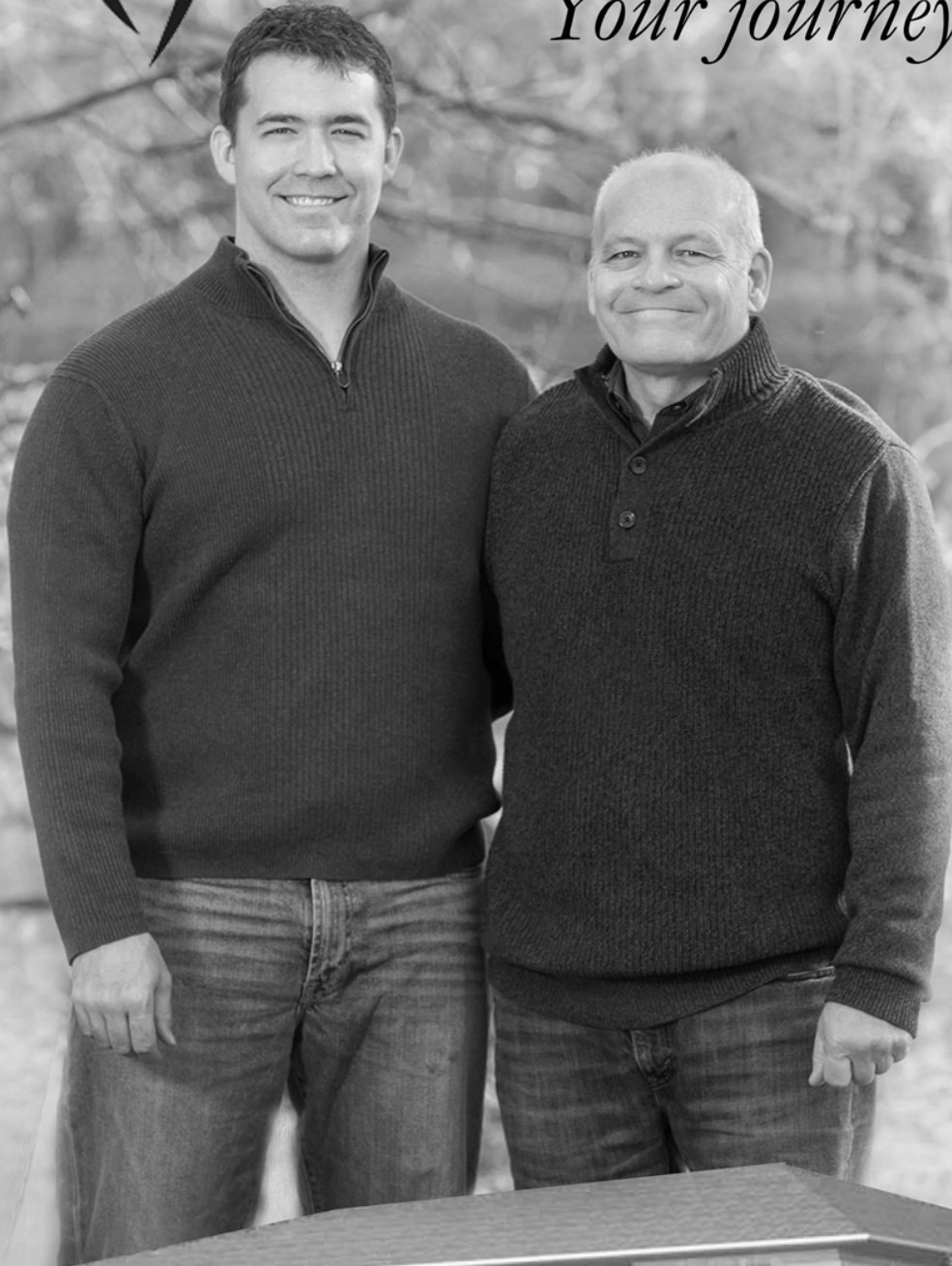
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Across the street from Lakes of the Four Seasons

Corn Dogs baseball franchise to host first annual Easter egg hunt

The Lake County Corn Dogs baseball franchise has announced and will welcome members of the community to its inaugural Easter egg hunt. The event is free and will be taking place on Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Legacy Field, located at 851 Center Ross Road in Crown Point.

The event will feature an Easter egg hunt and free family pictures with the Easter bunny. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to register online at www.corn-dogsbaseball.com. There are no costs to attend.

“With our very first season about to begin, our team wanted to return some of the incredible warmth that Crown Point has shown us by inviting everyone down to the field on April 9 for a free and fun family Easter egg hunt. We hope you’ll join us and look forward to seeing everyone there,” said Ralph Flores, the Corn Dogs’ majority owner.

The Lake County Corn Dogs compete as part of the

Northern League, which is an independent Minor League baseball organization. The inaugural season for the team will commence on May 23 against the Southland Vikings at their Dowling Park fields in Hammond. Three days later on May 26, the Corn Dogs will have their very first home game at Legacy Fields in Crown Point against the Northwest Indiana Oilmen from Whiting.

Indiana campers reminded about the ‘firewood rule’ by the Department of Natural Resources

During camping season, visitors to Indiana Department of Natural Resource properties can help prevent the spread of invasive species by brushing up on the DNR firewood rule.

The rule helps protect Indiana’s trees from the 140 known pests and pathogens that currently affect forests, as well as pests we don’t know about yet. Several pests and pathogens are transported through firewood movement.

Under the rule, visitors to state parks, reservoirs, state forests, and state fish & wildlife areas can bring firewood

from home as long as the bark has been removed. Removing the bark minimizes the risk of accidental infestation through firewood movement, because insect larvae live in sapwood under the bark.

Campers may also bring firewood into DNR properties, if it’s:

- Kiln-dried scrap lumber
- Purchased outside the property and bears either a USDA compliance stamp or a state compliance stamp
- Purchased from the property camp store or on-site firewood vendor and has a state compliance stamp

Regardless of where visitors get their firewood, they should burn it all at the campsite before they leave. In short, the firewood rule means: Buy it with a stamp, bring it debarked, burn it all.

The DNR asks members of the public to keep an eye on their local forests and natural resources for signs and symptoms of trees or vegetation dying off for seemingly no reason.

If you see signs of trees in decline with no explanation, call the DNR at 866-663-9684 with the date and location.

For more about the rule see www.firewood.dnr.IN.gov.



House and Garden Club

By Mary Cavallini

It was freezing outside, but inside the Lakehouse it was warm and cozy the last Tuesday of February. Club members enjoyed a potluck luncheon (these women can cook!) LOFS gardener extraordinaire Kim White gave a Master Class on the care and feeding of succulents. Her friend, Niemeyer’s Wayne Stelzer, was on hand to help Kim and to answer questions.

We welcomed old friends and new members Chris Metros, Liz Garmon, Susan Rado, and Sharon Snemis.

March’s meeting featured past President Timburley Ecklund, a Master Gardener, sharing her expertise on container gardening and topiaries.

We’re teaming up with Roxy the paint lady on April 28 to paint and decorate wooden ‘Welcome’ plaques. The party will start at 6 p.m. and is limited to 40 people. Those who have been seeing the exquisite work coming out of Roxy’s shop will not want to miss this opportunity.

There will be painting, stenciling, and decorating. Come early and have dinner at the Lakehouse, or just

buy a glass of wine to stimulate your creative juices. Admission is \$50 per person. For reservations call or text Char Bolka at 219-877-5728 or Mary Grveles at 219-765-1004 before April 15.

Watch for an order form here in The Seasonal next month for Lady’s Gourmet Popcorn. This Griffith small shop has cornered the market on deliciousness, and we’re about to share these yummy goodies with you.

Also in the works are a trip to Geneva, IL, an auction, and our annual golf course tour.

Many thanks to our Board and Char Bolka’s Fundraising Committee for their efforts to keep us all fat and happy.



Example of a ‘Welcome’ plaque.



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Northwest Indiana once had operating oil wells producing 400 barrels per day

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society



Did you know that oil was once discovered in Northwest Indiana, that there were drilling rigs, and that there was a railroad to haul oil from a nearby refinery? Although the enterprise was not in our immediate area, this story might be of interest to some.

It seems a certain Benjamin Gifford, a teacher, lawyer, and Civil War veteran came to northwest Indiana in 1891. He started to acquire land in southern Lake

County and northern Jasper County. Ultimately, his holdings totaled about 36,000 acres of marshes, swamps, and lowlands. After he located the divide between the Iroquois and the Kankakee Rivers, he started to drain the swamps by building many miles of dredge ditching. He also made public roads, dug smaller ditches, and divided his reclaimed land into farms of varying acreage. His intent was to transform the swamps into farms and gardens to supply Chicago with fresh vegetables.

After his success, Gifford began a survey for a railroad in August 1898 to carry the farm products to market. He

furnished the money for construction and he controlled the railroad, which came to be known as the Chicago and Wabash Valley.

That same year, 20 miles of track were laid, and the small village of Kersey, two miles south of DeMotte, became the center of operations. The railroad was first built south-east, through lands he controlled or owned, about 24 miles to McCoysburg, where it met the Monon Railroad. Stations in the villages of Laura, Gifford, Newland, and Moody were created.

While drilling for water on land north of his namesake town, oil was discovered. Gifford invested over a mil-

lion dollars in the oil boom venture that included a refinery. By 1900, over 100 wells were producing 400 barrels of oil daily at a town named Asphaltum. He built a four-mile spur line from Gifford to Asphaltum, the site of the oil refinery.

Asphaltum was platted in 1901 at the peak of the oil boom. The refinery was built by the American Lubricating and Refining Company and operated for a short time. The oil wells were fed by shallow deposits that soon failed to yield the intended results. The crude oil was sulfurous and of low quality. A post office opened in Asphaltum in 1901 and closed in 1904, no

doubt the time of the demise of the oil venture and refinery.

If one closely searches a Google map on the Internet, the hamlets of Gifford and Asphaltum in northern Jasper County are still evident today. However, a drive through these small villages, just south of Wheatfield, revealed only a few scattered houses, with no evidence of oil wells, refineries, or abandoned railroad roadbeds.

As a matter of interest, Gifford continued his railroad northwest, crossing the Kankakee River where it terminated at a point east of Lowell called Dinwiddie Station (today, the intersection of Interstate 65 and State

Route 2). Although the road was graded north towards Crown Point, the route towards Chicago never materialized.

However, the railroad served the farms in the area for years, with several trains a day, and Kersey as the base. After Gifford's death in 1913, the route was sold to the Monon Railroad, who considered it for a bypass route for southern Indiana coal to the steel mills in Gary, but nothing developed. In 1935, The Monon abandoned the Gifford (Kersey) branch, often called the 'Onion Line', causing a great inconvenience to the area farmers.



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or past, bring in a picture so we can post it on the Honor Board.

Any questions, contact the Township office at 219-663-7027.

Speeders Beware!

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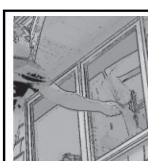
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Golf Maintenance

By Doug Weiss,
Golf Course Superintendent

The 2022 golf season is off to a good start. The greens, tees, and fairways have all been cut and are ready for play. The tees and fairways have been adjusted either by width or length to increase the playability of the hole.

With that in mind the overall size of the fairways must stay about the same due to the

chemical and fertilizer budget.

Spring is also time for the necessary evil of aerification. On Thursday, April 7, a contractor will be here to aerify the greens and collect the soil that is removed. The tees, fairways, and a lot of the rough around those areas will also be aerified with our equipment and staff. Sand, fertilizer, and gypsum will be applied Monday April 11 and

12, depending on weather. The more sand we apply to the greens the faster the healing process.

Bunkers also need to be addressed this spring. The edges need to be cleaned up, and in some areas extended to get a nice clean look. Sand will also be added to some of them so they will be as consistent as possible. The bunkers with the liners will play different compared to the ones that have not been renovated. This spring, if time allows, the two bunkers on

hole eight will be combined and the edge will be brought towards the golf course. The edge of the smaller bunker is getting close to the resident's property.

The bunker on the back right side of the green on hole one will have the edge brought down to keep the bunker from washing out every time we get a heavy rain. Like most springs, I hope to get more accomplished than we have time for. The most important thing is to maintain the course and the play-

ability; projects must come after that.

When you get out to play this spring you will notice that we were very busy this past winter. Several dead trees were removed, the area around eight green and nine tee was cleaned out and looks great. The area on the west side of seventeen is in the process of being cleaned out. There were several dead Ash trees that fell into the drainage ditch clogging it up not allowing the water to flow properly. The area will

be planted with Tall Fescue and some flowers to give it some color and roots to slow the soil from eroding away.

Another golf season is upon us, and I am looking forward to a great season. The weather will be unpredictable. We will do our best to handle every situation that comes our way to give you the best playing conditions all season.



Golf Services

By Matthew Meneghetti,
Director of Golf

With the temperatures starting to rise, so do the Golf Shop hours.

Golf Shop Hours (Tuesday – Sunday)

- April 1 to 15 -- 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- April 15 to 30 -- 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(All hours can change to earlier or later depending on temperatures and conditions (rain).)

Boost Golf Academy

I'm starting early this year so golfers can learn this great game and start playing. Here is the first semester's schedule.

Juniors (age 7 and older)

4 weeks, twice per week, Wednesday and Thursdays 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. starting April 13

Ladies

4 weeks, twice per week, Monday and Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., starting April 11

Future 36ers (age 3 – 6)
4 weeks Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., starting April 30

Bootcamp

May 1 Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This program is designed for adults who know nothing about golf (swing, range, practice area, what to do and not to do), tons of fun and no clubs needed, I provide them.

To sign up or get more information contact Matt Meneghetti, PGA Professional or my staff at 219-988-2201.

Reminder to Golfers

Please remember to get into the habit of making tee times for your round as the weather begins to warm up. 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 at 219-988-2201.

New mountain biking trail at Indiana-favorite Brown County State Park

Limekiln East is a newly completed 1.6-mile beginner-level mountain bike trail in Brown County State Park.

Funding for the project included a Next Level Trails grant to HMBA, which provided the required match. Limekiln East is the second of three mountain bike trails to be completed in the state park as part of a \$200,000 NLT grant to HMBA to develop 7.5 miles of new mountain bike trail. The first, Weed Patch Trail, a 2.4-mile intermediate-level trail, opened in November 2019. The three new NLT-funded trails will connect with existing trails as well as other park amenities, including the campground, park office, nature center, and Hesitation Point. Once completed, the three new trails will bring the

total mileage of mountain bike trails within the state park to 43.5.

Limekiln East becomes part of the park's Limekiln network. The park's existing Limekiln West Trail connects the campground to the Hoosier's Nest, fire tower, and park office. Before the Limekiln East Trail opened, beginner mountain bike riders (and hikers and runners) used Limekiln West as an out-and-back. The addition of Limekiln East transforms the former out-and-back into a 3.7-mile beginner directional loop for the park's daytime visitors. Limekiln East not only adds miles for both new and experienced riders, it also reduces congestion on the popular trail.

"Brown County State Park is premier destina-

tion for mountain biking in the Midwest and the new Limekiln East Trail only cements that reputation," said DNR Director Dan Bortner.

Mountain bike trails in Brown County State Park are multi-use and are open to hiking and trail running as well as bicycling. Riders should obtain a \$5 daily or \$20 annual off-road cycling pass before using park mountain bike trails. Passes can be purchased at gates, the park office or at www.ShopINStateParks.com.

More information about NLT is at www.on.IN.gov/NextLevelTrails.

Brown County State Park can be visited online at www.on.IN.gov/browncountypark and is located at 1406 S.R. 46 W in Nashville, Indiana.

Upcoming Events

- April 24 – Deadline for Ladies and Men's league to sign up.
- May 7 – MGA Get Acquainted Scramble
- May 7 – WGA Get Acquainted Scramble
- May 13 – Deadline to sign up for:
 - 2 ladies match play
 - 2 man match play
 - Couples match play

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Spring in Winfield heralded in by Life Well Christian Church

The Township knows its Spring when Life Well Christian Church, under the direction of Pastor Danny Cox, arrives with cleanup buckets for the clients who use the food pantry.

“Cleaning products are a luxury to those folks in need,” said Paulette Skinner, Winfield Township Trustee. “They can’t be purchased with government issued SNAP and are rare item in the Food Pantry. Pastor Danny and his group have taken care of this need every Spring. Thank you, Life Well Christian Church.”

And, Skinner continued, “When the time changes, the Math family brings the ‘Little Library’ back to the John Curley Memorial Park. It is taken down and stored and repainted during the winter months. The library was built and donated to the Township as a memorial to their daughter, Michelle, who passed away suddenly in 2018.”

“The library is truly an asset to the park and it too, is another sign of Spring. Thank you to the Life Well Christian Church and the Math family, any questions regarding either project, please contact me at 219-663-7027,” said Skinner.



PUBLIC NOTICE FOR HEARING ON:

Request of variance for installation of a Deck to exceed the rear setback

Michael Guistolisi
3461 Highland Court; lot L-1044
Crown Point, IN 46307

Monday, April 25, 2022
7:30 P.M. LOFS Seasons Lakehouse

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR HEARING ON:

Request of variance for installation of a Shed to exceed the side setback & the outbuilding resolution

Richard & Kathleen Rosinski
1579 Sunnyslope Drive; lot P-550
Crown Point, IN 46307

Monday, April 25, 2022
7:30 P.M. LOFS Seasons Lakehouse

LIONS PORK CHOP DINNER



April 24, 2022
at the Lakehouse
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Meal Includes:

One Chop or Two Chop Dinners
(Chops are Hand Cut)
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\$10.00 One Chop Dinner
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Tom Snowden (219-776-6324)

Day of Event Tickets:

\$12.00 One Chop Dinner
\$15.00 Two Chop Dinner



The LOFS Lions serve our community through their work with Vision, Speech and Hearing Projects.
The Lions also support Local Food Banks, Women’s Shelters, Student Scholarships and Emergency Responders.



LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS STEAK SALE

The Lions have purchased 100 cases of 12oz. New York Strip Steaks. There are 16 steaks in a case for \$110.00.

They will be sold on a first come serve basis.

When these steaks are gone, we don’t know what size steaks we can get and at what cost.

Deadline to order steaks will be May 6, 2022.

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 . You can mail your form and check to:
Linda Kroner at 1159 Sunnyslope, Crown Point, IN. 46307.

Please make checks payable to LOFS Lions Club.

The pickup will be at the Seasons Lakehouse on May 14, 2022 from 9am til 11am!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

12 oz Case (16 Steaks) \$110 Number of Cases _____

Total Cash: \$ _____ Check #: _____ Check Amount _____

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Looking for work? Harbor Freight Tools to open nearby in Merrillville

Harbor Freight Tools has announced that it will be opening a new store in Merrillville at a location approximately 10 to 15 minutes from Winfield-LOFS. The new store will be located at 2300 E 80th Avenue and is expected to open this spring. An official opening date will be announced closer to opening.

Construction has already begun at the location, using local workers and companies from the surrounding Merrillville area.

“We’ve been looking to open a location in Merrillville for a number of years so that we can provide the tools and equipment at tremendous values to the community,” said Trey Feiler, senior vice president, Real Estate and Construction for Harbor Freight Tools. “In addition to

finding a great location, we were attracted by the availability of great associates in the Merrillville area, and we look forward to having them join the Harbor Freight team.”

The store is expected to bring between 25 and 30 new jobs to the community, including Sales and Logistic Supervisors, Senior Associates, Sales Associates, and seasonal opportunities as well. Harbor Freight Tools offers a competitive starting rate along with a best-in-class retail benefits package that includes health coverage, and Thanksgiving and Christmas off. Harbor Freight provides stability and the opportunity to advance in a company that continues to grow, with over 24,000 associates and more than 1,200 locations nationwide.

Harbor Freight recognizes that its people are key to its success and is committed to being the best place to work in any industry. Forbes Magazine has recently recognized Harbor Freight as one of the top 20 large employers in all of retail, one of the top employers in terms of diversity, a top employer for women, and one of the country’s Best Employers for Veterans for two years in a row. Diversityjobs.com has also recognized the company as a top employer for its commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Interested applicants can apply online at www.harbor-freightjobs.com/retail and search “Merrillville, IN”.

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RE-ELECT PAULETTE SKINNER FOR WINFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

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Election Day May 3, 2022
VOTE REPUBLICAN

Paulette Skinner
Winfield Township Trustee

Paulette has served as Township Trustee since January 1, 2015. This position is her full-time job. Paulette is a public servant not a politician.

Paulette works well with community organizations, local civic groups, area businesses, and the schools. Her relationships have helped improve Township services and programs.

Paulette was instrumental in bringing the Post Office back to Winfield. She and Barb Graham, the Winfield Township Office Assistant, worked tirelessly to bring the residents together and convince the post office of the need for a local postal branch.

Paulette owns her home and has lived in Winfield continuously since 1974. She worked for 17 years in a Family Law practice. She is an active member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and has a dog-in-training to become a service dog.

SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WINFIELD: Paulette has been elected to the Town Council and the President of the Town Council (2011), Board of Zoning, Plan Commission (1997-2010), served on the Northwest Indiana Planning Commission (NIRPC), and the Lake County Solid Waste Board.

SERVICE TO THE TOWNSHIP: The Trustee’s Office has a Township Pantry that has been able to safely serve clients throughout the pandemic. The Trustee’s Office also offers assistance, including but not limited to, utilities, burial assistance, and more to those who qualify.

Paulette believes in SAFETY. During her tenure, she has upgraded two tornado sirens and added two additional sirens to the community. She also installed generators at the Government Center and the Community Center to safeguard against power outages.

SERVICE TO THE LOFS FIRE DEPARTMENT: In 2020, Paulette provided the LOFS Fire Department \$90,000 for a down payment for a new fire truck. The Trustee’s Office is currently making an annual \$18,000 payment for an ambulance and a \$34,000 payment for the fire truck. Total annual contractual payments to the fire department are \$335,000. This is more than 60% of the Township’s annual budget.

Paulette believes in FUN. The Township, along with the Town of Winfield, have worked on many projects together including the Spring and Fall CleanUp, the Easter Egg Hunt, Movies in the Park, the Fall Fest, and more.

We, the following, endorse Paulette as trustee for Winfield Township

Alice Dahl <i>Cedar Creek Trustee</i>	Gerald Skinner <i>Winfield Town Council President</i>
Paul Bremer <i>Center Township Trustee</i>	David Anderson <i>Winfield Town Council</i>
Kevin Toth <i>Hanover Trustee</i>	Tim Clayton <i>Winfield Town Council</i>
Rosmarie Morrow <i>Eagle Township Trustee</i>	Jon Derwinski <i>Winfield Town Council</i>
Marshall Anderson <i>Crown Point Community Library; Winfield Trustee</i>	Scott Angel <i>Crown Point Community School Board Member</i>
George & Diane Smith <i>U. S. Post Office SubStation</i>	Kim Puskar <i>McColly Real Estate</i>
John & Pam Evorik <i>Evorik Electric</i>	Tony & Terry Clark <i>Children’s Therapy Plus</i>
Steven Nicholls, Attorney <i>Nicholls & Nicholls</i>	Eugene Rosario <i>Manager, Wiseway Market</i>

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Baseball Banter!

We use sayings and expressions that come from the game of baseball every day. **Match the baseball phrases below with what they mean when we use them:**

1. on the ball
2. a ballpark figure
3. out in left field
4. bench warmer
5. can't hit the broad side of a barn
6. swing for the fences
7. threw a curveball

Match the baseball phrases below with what they mean when we use them:

- A. presented something unexpected
- B. someone who really gets things done
- C. estimate of how much something will cost
- D. good, but not the very best
- E. can't get something done in the right way
- F. thinks or behaves strangely
- G. go as far as you can

Match the baseball phrases below with what they mean when we use them:

1. hit a home run
2. struck out
3. way off base
4. play ball
5. step up to the plate
6. pinch hitter
7. a whole new ball game

- A. failed
- B. brand new situation
- C. go along with others
- D. one who takes someone else's place
- E. not even close to being right
- F. did a great job
- G. get ready to do the job

Mobile Markets providing food in Crown Point April 14

Franciscan Health’s Mobile Markets in partnership with the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana will be offered at the Crown Point hospital. The Mobile Markets are provided by the Franciscan Health Foundation as a key component of its Franciscan Food Insecurity Program.

Upcoming Mobile Markets locations and dates are Franciscan Health Crown Point, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Thursday, April 14.

Provided in partnership with Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, each mobile market truck offers participants a selection of free grains, fruits, vegetables, and protein. Food will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until supplies are gone. Recipients must show valid proof of Indiana residency. The Mobile Market is drive-through only.

It is requested that you do not arrive prior to 2:30 p.m.

A matching gift challenge recently raised \$100,000 for the Franciscan Health Foundation to expand its food insecurity effort. Later this year, Franciscan Health plans to create a ‘Healthy Food Bodega’ at Franciscan Health Hammond. Certified through

the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, this healthy food pantry will provide both food and education, emphasizing the importance of a healthy diet.

Seventeen percent of local households with children and 13% without children are food insecure. Approximately 43,000 children in Lake County are recipients of the free or reduced cost lunch program. Food insecurity leads to developmental delays in children and a higher rate of chronic illness in adults.

To join the effort to combat food insecurity, call the Franciscan Health Foundation at 219-661-3401 or make a gift online at www.FranciscanHealthFoundation.org. For more information about the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, visit www.food-banknwi.org.



Department of Natural Resources hiring for Indiana Conservation Officers positions; deadline June 3

The Indiana DNR Division of Law Enforcement is looking for highly motivated, outdoor-centered individuals to fill Indiana Conservation Officer (ICO) positions across the state.

Anyone interested should first read ‘Become a Conservation Officer’ at www.on.IN.gov/dnrlaw and complete the pre-screening test under the ‘Apply’ link.

Successful completion of the pre-screening test by midnight June 3 is required to receive an application for the hiring process.

To be qualified to pass the pre-screening test, you must be a United States citizen and be 21 years old by October 28. You also must be able to pass minimum Indiana Law Enforcement Academy physical fitness requirements as listed at www.IN.gov/ilea/physical-fitness-standards.

Conservation officers comprise Indiana’s oldest state law enforcement agency. ICOs are fully recognized Indiana police officers who enforce and uphold all DNR rules and regulations as well as all other Indiana state laws. ICOs spend most of their time on the job enforcing fishing and hunting regulations, conducting marine boat patrol on Indiana’s waterways, and patrolling DNR properties to keep them safe and family friendly.

In addition to traditional law enforcement work, ICOs also engage in specialty areas, including scuba, K-9, search and rescue, swift water rescue, and many more.

POA April 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POA Office Closed to in Person Contact Until May 3. Office Staff Available by Phone or Email Monday—Friday 9 am to 4 pm.					1 Last Day 2021 LOFS Amenities are Current POA Rental Boat Dock Fee Must be Paid by 4pm Chad Clifford @ 19th Hole @ 8 pm	2
3 Bass Tournament on Big Bass Lake 6:30 am	4 Leaf Collection Begins Blood Drive 12:30—6:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	5	6	7	8	9 Blood Drive @ Lakehouse Lower Parking Lot 7 am – 1 pm
10	11 POA Special Meeting 7:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	12	13 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	14	15 Paul Fleming @ 19th Hole @ 8 pm	16 Crappie Tournament on Lake Holiday 6:30 am Lions Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am on Seasons Lakehouse Grounds
17	18 Leaf Collection Ends	19	20	21 Keen– Agers Luncheon Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse	22	23
24 Lions Pork Chop Dinner 4—7 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	25 Branch Collection Begins in Lake County POA Public Meeting 7:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	26 House & Garden Club Meeting 11:30 am @ Seasons Lakehouse	27 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	28 Painting Party 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	29	30 MGA Casino Night 6pm—Midnight @ Seasons Lakehouse Bass Tournament on Big Bass Lake 5:30 am



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- Class of 2022 high school graduates with minimum 3.0 G.P.A.
- Incoming college freshmen.

Deadline: Postmarked by **April 30, 2022**
Amount: \$1000 each

Required Documents:

- 500 Words Minimum One Page Essay (instructions below)
- College Acceptance Letter
- High School Transcript (verifies G.P.A. & address)

Email all **3** required documents by **April 30, 2022** to Lion Yolanda or Lion Juan Hernández yher2001@yahoo.com Subject: LOFS LIONS Scholarship.

Essay Topic: *Serve to Make This a Better World*

Requirements: 500 Words Minimum One Page Essay Single-Spaced 12 Pt Font

The Lions’ mission is to serve others. Write about how you have already served to make this a better world **AND** how you will serve in the near future to make this a better world. Elaborate on its significance. **(On essay include full name, address, and phone number.)**

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