

Seasonal

Golf Course Landscape Tours: You asked for it, you got it

A number of residents have mentioned that they hear “The gardens on the Golf Course are better than the ones around the rest of the LOFS community and would love to be able to see them”.

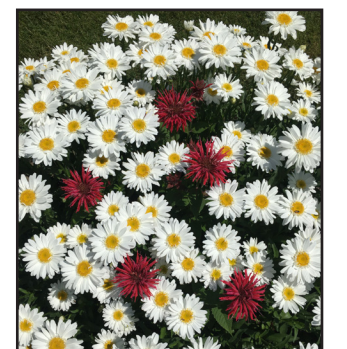
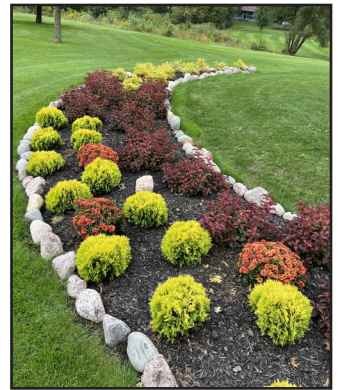
Here is your chance to see what’s growing on the Golf Course throughout the season. Starting Monday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., if you have a golf cart, you may tour the course to look at the gardens. Only carts will be allowed, no bikes no walkers. The course is closed to golfers during this time. The open dates and times to residents will continue the first

Monday of the month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.. The dates will be:

- May 6, 8-11 a.m.
- June 3, 8-11 a.m.
- July 1, 8-11 a.m.
- August 5, 8-11 a.m.
- September 3, (yes its a Tuesday due to Labor Day) 8-11 a.m.
- October 7, 8-11 a.m.

***Dates will be subject to change if an event is booked on the course.

Employees (Timburley, Helen or Kimberly) will try to be available in the upper-level parking lot by the Pro Shop and Pavilion to answer questions.



House and Garden Club

House & Garden Club Yard of Month for April 2024

Happy spring from the Lakes of the Four Seasons House and Garden Club. We welcome warmer days and beautiful gardens by honoring the enchanting entrance at the home of Toni and Mark Ziemniak on Loganberry Lane. Toni painted the floral entrance wall last year. The collection of flowers and colors scream welcome spring in the best way possible. Toni and Mark enjoy their beautiful home and the many benefits of living in Lakes of the Four Seasons. The number one love of this multi-generation family is fishing our lakes.

Did you know you can join the House and Garden Club

even if you cannot attend the monthly day time meeting? Many community members enjoyed the first evening meeting featuring bee keepers. There will be another evening meeting in October.

House and Garden Club members do not do the actual plantings around Four Seasons. They do provide funding for the gardens and other special projects.

Watch the Walt’s Pond area for a new landscaping addition soon. Members also take interesting trips and learn new things like self defense. Consider joining the club to assist in all efforts to make Lakes of the Four Seasons more beautiful and have fun!

Notice to Current POA Rental Dock Renters

You must pay the yearly dues assessment; either in Full, Half, or Quarterly along with the entire rental dock fee before 4 pm on Monday, April 1 or you will lose your dock space. All POA owned dock spaces will be rented per the LOFS Rental Dock Distribution System.



LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS STEAK SALE

Due To Supply Shortage There Are No New York Strip Steaks

The Lions Have Purchased 120 Cases of 14 oz. Porterhouse Steaks. There are 12 steaks to a case for \$120.00.

Deadline to order steaks will be May 3, 2024.

If you would like to order, contact any Lions Club member or you can also contact Lion Linda Kroner at her email lkroner1159@comcast.net or phone her at 219-765-3990.

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

Please make checks payable to LOFS Lions Club.

These Steaks Make for a Great Spring or Summer Cookout

We will set up pickup in the morning at the Seasons Lakehouse on May 11, 2024 from 9 am till 11 am!

Please Mark the Pickup Date on Your Calendar

We don't have any space to store your steaks.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

14 oz. Steaks Case (12 Steaks) \$120 Number of Cases _____

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



Community Manager's Message

By Rick Cleveland,
Community Manager

Spring has finally arrived. Residents of all ages will soon be out walking, jogging, biking, roller blading 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. If you pay with a credit or debit card there is a 3% service fee. If you pay with your bank account information, there is no fee. You can even get a decal 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 required to have your address numbers attached to the mailbox. 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."

Addresses and Lot Numbers

All property addresses within Lakes of the Four Seasons, Property Owners Association need to be affixed to the house and plainly visible for emergency vehicles and personnel.

All lakefront lots shall either have the lot number affixed to the docks or be otherwise clearly on display within ten (10) feet of the shoreline. Numbers and letters should be at least three inches in height, made of such material and on such background as to make them clearly visible to emergency personnel.

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

- Please store your garbage and recycling receptacles where they cannot be seen from any street, the lake, parks, neighboring properties 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 storm water to flow freely. Doing this will help prevent any possible drainage issues for you and property owners upstream. This will also prevent you from receiving a citation for not maintaining your property.

• 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 2024 Dues Reminder

April 1, 2024 is the last day that 2023 amenities will be current. Any amenity fees pertaining to golf, boating, the dog park and golf carts MUST be purchased on or by 4 p.m. Monday, April 1 to be current.

The 2024 Dues must be paid either by quarterly, half or in full prior to purchasing any amenity.

If the 2024 dues have not been paid by Monday, May 1 vehicle barcodes will be deactivated. Residents will be required to sign in at the main entrance until your account is made current.

Holiday Event checks presented to recipients

With the money raised from the LOFS Holiday Event, checks were given to the LOFS Volunteer Fire Force, NWI No Child Hungry, and the LOFS Masterplan Committee.



Master Plan Committee



LOFS Volunteer Fire Force



NWI No Child Hungry

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The Keen-Agers will be having their April meeting on the 18th at the Seasons Lakehouse. The bar opens at noon with a delicious lunch being served at 1:00. Entertainment scheduled is

the talented singer Joseph, back by popular demand!

The club is open to anyone 55 or older regardless of residency. The yearly membership fee due in October is \$35, the Monthly Luncheon

cost is \$25, which includes entertainment and a tip.

Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings, except for January and September, the club goes to the Four Winds Casino in Michigan at least four times a year, being planned is the boat buffet on the Spirit of Chicago this summer, and their September Diamond tour bus vacation this year

is Graceland and all that Memphis has to offer.

The club has fundraisers, their biggest and best is the Annual August Auction which brings in money to help pay for their trips and activities. They donate every holiday season to the Winfield pantry, still maintaining their non-profit status.

Please read the Seasonal

for all their latest info and updates. Follow them on Facebook to view their fabulous photos and videos.

Thanks to all the Keen-Agers and the Lakehouse staff for "Keeping Up With The Keen-Agers"!

- President, Renate Sahulcik
- Vice-President, Travel & Entertainment Director, Jeanette Stolarz
- Assistant, Jennifer

Golembieski

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Operations Department

By Roy Green,
Director of Operations

Reminder for everyone:

Leaf collection will begin starting April 1 and continue until the final date of April 15. No collections after April 15. All leaves must be at the road berm no later than April 14.

If they are put out later than that, there is no guaran-

tee 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 at 219-988-4461.

Please DO NOT place leaves on top of rocks or close to mailboxes. Leaves

must be placed by the roadside and no deeper than 6 feet from the road. 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.

Branch collection will begin on the Lake County portion of the community April 22 and will continue to the final date of April 29. Piles must be placed out on or before April 28, but no sooner than April 15. No branches will be collected in Lake

County after April 29.

Porter County branch collection will begin on May 6 and will finish on May 13. Piles must be placed out on or before May 12 but no sooner than April 29. There will be no collections after May 13.

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 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.



2024 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE
The LCSWMD HHW program is for residential, household hazardous waste for Lake County, IN residents and is NOT for businesses, schools, organizations or those who live outside Lake County. Businesses, schools, and organizations of Lake County can call (219) 853-2420 for resource information. Loads are limited to 100 lbs. Latex paint is not accepted. Visit www.lcswmd.com for more information. Proof of Lake County, IN residency is required.
All Collections are from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

APRIL

Saturday, April 20
Munster Public Works
508 Fisher St., Munster

MAY

Saturday, May 18
Hobart Public Works
340 S. Shelby St., Hobart

JUNE

Saturday, June 1
Hudson Campbell Center
455 Massachusetts St., Gary

JULY

Saturday, July 27
Highland Public Works
8001 Kennedy Ave., Highland

AUGUST

Saturday, August 17
Whiting Public Works
1915 Front St., Whiting

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 7**
Lowell Middle School-North Parking Lot**
19250 Cline Ave., Lowell
(Shredding will be available at this collection with a limit of 4 paper grocery bags per car.)**

Saturday, September 21**
Hammond Public Works**
601 Conkey St., Hammond
(Shredding will be available at this collection with a limit of 4 paper grocery bags per car.)**

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 19
Griffith Public Works
134 S. Colfax St., Griffith

Public Notice for Hearing on:

Request of variance for installation of a 15 foot Above Ground Pool to exceed the rear setback by 12 feet and a 4 foot wide deck along half of the pool on each side to exceed the rear setback by 6 feet.

David Fischer
2494 East Lake Shore Drive; lot P-212
Crown Point, IN 46307

Monday, April 22, 2024
7:30 P.M. LOFS Seasons Lakehouse

Public Notice for Hearing on:

Request of variance for installation of a 24 foot Above Ground Pool to exceed the rear setback by 18 feet and a 12 foot by 25 foot deck to exceed the rear Setback by 10 feet.

Philip & Cynthia Struebig
1109 Country Club Dr., Lot P-99
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Monday, April 22, 2024
7:30 P.M. LOFS Seasons Lakehouse

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Thursday-Kentucky Bourbon Boneless Pork Chops \$18
Drink Special-Hosta la Vista, Baby \$10

Friday-Mahi Mahi Topped with Bruschetta & a Pesto Cream Sauce \$23
Drink Special- Petal to the Metal \$9

Saturday-Rosemary-Garlic NY Strip Steak with Jerk Seasoned Coconut Shrimp \$25

Drink Special-I've Pollen, & I Can't Get Up \$10

Sunday-Brunch \$15 Adults, Kids 3-10 \$7.50
Drink Special-Mums the Word \$7

All Month-Last Bud Not Least \$3 Bud or Bud Light

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Tuesday- \$13 Chicken Gyro, \$4 Alpha King

Wednesday- \$13 Reuben Sandwich, \$7 Tall Call

Thursday- \$14 Italian Beef Sandwich, \$22 Large Italian Beef Pizza, \$6 Glass of Wine

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Golf Maintenance

By Doug Weiss,
Golf Course Superintendent

This past winter was one of the warmest winters on record. The ground didn't freeze long enough to get our heavy equipment on the course long enough to get a few projects done that we were planning to complete.

We did get several smaller projects completed. Several scrub trees were removed from the ditches and dead trees removed from the golf course. The sand was removed from the bunker on hole six. New drainage needs to be installed before the liner and new sand can be added to the bunker. The plan was to renovate the bunker on hole seven as well, unfortunately the ground was not firm enough to get the equipment to the area. The plan now is to renovate the bunker on eighteen because we can utilize the cart path when hauling

out the sand.

This summer, while we have the kids working and no events planned, we should be able to complete a couple of additional bunkers.

Spring is here and we have been getting the golf course ready for the season. The Greens, Tees, and Fairways have already been cut several times. The first cut of the greens was the last day of February. This is the first time in my career greens have been cut in the month of February.

A lot of time has been spent cleaning up the branches that have fallen this winter. Cleaning around the sprinkler heads is a long, labor-intensive task, but a necessary one. Aerification is April 4, and all the heads need to be cleaned and clearly marked. Like everything else, the cost of replacing them has risen significantly. The Greens will

be deep tined aerified like in years past. However, this year we will not be removing the soil, so the greens will heal faster.

The Tees and Fairways will also be aerified at the same time. This way we only make a mess of the course once a season. The bunkers will have a crisp, clean edge and sand added where needed. Before long the rough mowers will be out cutting, and the leaves will be on the trees. The golf course always looks great after everything is cut.

I am looking forward to another great golf season. We are lucky to have my entire staff returning from last season. Lastly, please use the cart path and share a ride as much as possible. Our golf course gets extremely busy. Reducing traffic on fairways can go a long way to prevent wear and tear, especially during times when the plant is under stress. And please fill your divots and repair your ball marks. It is everyone's responsibility.

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The Hit & Giggle Couples nine-hole golf league will begin play on Wednesday May 8th, 2024. Tee times begin at 3:00 pm on Wednesday afternoons throughout the season which will conclude on September 11, 2024.

The cost is \$15.00 per person. Sign-up as a couple or sign up as a single and we will find you a partner.

For additional information or to sign-up, call, text or email John or Diane Plachta
John Plachta Phone: 616-283-0785 email: plachta1791@gmail.com
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WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

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\$ _____ SUNSHINE FUND (optional)

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\$ _____ CLASH/STEEPLECHASE FUND (optional)

This fund allows extra funds for the beverage cart at these two events.

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

OPENING BREAKFAST & GET ACQUAINTED SCRAMBLE
SATURDAY MAY 4, 2023
19TH HOLE
Check-in 11:00 Breakfast 11:30

Please indicate _____ Yes, I will attend _____ No, I will not attend

Breakfast Reservation Deadline April 27, 2024
(if you RSVP to attend and are not present, you will be charged \$16.00)

Get acquainted scramble will be played immediately after breakfast meeting, weather permitting.
Foursomes will be made at the breakfast

Mail this Reservation Form and Check payable to LOFS Womens Golf Association
Carol Rogers 1584 Sunnyslope, Crown Point, IN 46307 or drop off in the pro shop.

Questions? Call or text Carol 847-276-5037



LAKES OF THE 4 SEASONS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

2024 EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, May 4 - Get Acquainted Breakfast

Sunday, May 5 - Pro Shop Meet & Greet

Thursday, May 9 - League Starts

Sunday, May 26 - Vegas Ball

Saturday, June 8 - Wolf Scramble

Thursday, June 13 - Guest Day

Sunday, June 23 - Clash of the Titans

Thursday, July 4 - NO LEAGUE

Saturday, July 13 - Devil's Open

Sunday, July 28 - 100 Yard Scramble

Saturday, Aug. 3 - 1-2-3

Sunday, Aug. 11 - Memorial Cup

Monday, Aug. 19 - Invitational

Saturday, Aug. 31 - Big Cup Scramble

Saturday, Sept. 14 - MGA-WGA - 1 Best Ball of 2

Thursday, Sept. 19 - Field Day

Saturday, Sept. 21 - Steeplechase

Sunday, Sept. 29 - End Of Year Pizza and Awards

Golf Services

By Matt Meneghetti,
Director of Golf and PGA
Professional

BOOST GOLF ACADEMY

The Boost Golf Academy continues to grow, and our first semester will be starting at the end of April, since last year was very chilly. Here is the 1st semester's schedule.

Juniors (age 7 and older)

4 weeks, twice per week, Monday and Wednesday 5:30pm – 6:30pm starting April 29th

Ladies

4 weeks, twice per week, Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm – 6:30pm, starting April 30th.

Future 36ers (age 3 – 6)
4 weeks Saturday morning from 9:00am – 9:30am, starting April 27th.

Bootcamp

April 27th Saturday Noon – 4pm

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.

PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE –

2nd YEAR

Join our Team! Play with friends and learn the game from your PGA Coach – Matthew Meneghetti, Joe Curtin and Kelley Thorsen. Represent Lakes of The Four Seasons against other clubs. Weekly practices, 4 home matches and 4 road matches.

To learn more please visit www.PGAJRLEAGUE.COM or call Matt 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. Also, please wear proper golf attire and practice proper golf etiquette when playing a round of golf. Thank you.

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.

On a final note, remember the cart paths are for golfers only. Please don't cut through, jog, bike, or walk as this is a very busy facility and golf balls can cause serious injuries.

Lets have a fun and fantastic golfing season – Matt, Joe, Kelley and the entire golf shop staff.

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

GOLF SHOP HOURS (TUESDAY – SUNDAY)

Monday – Closed, Dependent on Temperature.

Tuesday – Friday – 7:30am – 6:30pm

Saturday & Sunday – 7:00am – 6:30pm

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 6 -MGA Vegas Night
- April 13 – Titleist Demo Day 9am – 2pm (Appointment required) call 219-988-2201
- April 18 – Taylor Made Demo Day 3pm – 7pm (Appointment required) call 219-988-2201
- April 20 – Ping Demo Day 10am -2pm (Please call to reserve your spot)
- April 28 – Mizuno Demo Day 10am – 2pm (Please call to reserve your spot)
- April 28 – Deadline for Ladies and Men's league to sign up.
- May 4 – MGA Get Acquainted Scramble
- May 4 – WGA Get Acquainted Scramble
- May 5 – PRO SHOP MEET AND GREET 11AM – 1PM
- May 25 – MGA Member/Member
- May 26 – WGA Vegas Ball

LOFS Lions Club

LOFS Lions offering FIVE \$1,000 scholarships

LOFS Lions are offering five \$1,000 scholarships to Winfield Township, West Porter Township and LOFS 2024 high school graduates. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2024.

Applicants must meet three criteria: 1) Graduating seniors who live in Winfield Township, West Porter Township or Lakes of the Four Seasons. 2) H. S.

Transcript with Minimum 3.0 G.P.A. 3) Proof of College Acceptance.

Applicants must also submit 500 words minimum one page single-spaced 12 point font essay. The essay topic: Serve to Make This a Better World.

The Lions' mission is to serve others. Applicants must write about how they have already served to make this

a better world and/or how they will serve in the near future to make this a better world. They must elaborate on the significance of serving. Essay must include full name, home address, email address and phone number.

Email all requirements to chairs Lion Juan or Lion Yolanda Hernandez at yher2001@yahoo.com. Hard copies may also be sent postmarked by April 30, 2024 to 3401 W Lakeshore Drive Crown Point, IN 46307.

Thank you, LOFS Lions Juan & Yolanda, Chairs

An old local quaint farmhouse has an interesting past

By Walt Pluchinsky,
LOFS Historical Society



As one drives through our nearby countryside, some old farm houses are evident. A few are dilapidated, forlorn and abandoned, and many have been brought back to life. One such old farm house is at the southwest corner of CR 100S and CR 500W, in nearby Porter Township.

This writer had the privilege to be invited to view the house by the present owners Walt and Jean Starrick, who purchased the old house and property in 1987. They completely remodeled the house over the years, and it certainly can be a showcase for a magazine.

Plat maps from 1876 and 1895 show the property as being of 160 acres, owned by a Quinn family, with a schoolhouse near the corner. In the past, the area was called Quinn's Corner. Later maps of 1938, 1941, and 1948 indicate the owner as the Deery family, with reduced acreage, due to an easement for the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad built through the property. In 1979, the property was held by a bank trust. Over the years, the property was divided, and the acreage south of the abandoned railroad right-of-way was made into a subdivision. The land bought by the Starricks is triangular shaped, about 28 acres, and the house sits about 200 feet from Road 100S.

When the Starrick's moved in, the eight room two-story house has been a rental unit for many years, with various occupants. It was in poor shape. The floor sagged badly, and the old wooden main beam had to be replaced by one of steel. The house lacked closets, and in the renovation, done mostly by Walt, doors were removed, closets added, rooms rearranged, and a wrap-around porch built. It is now up to modern day stan-



dards. The white house sits on a stone foundation, about five thick at its base, and a faded date written on the wall in the cellar most likely indicates it was built in 1857. The area is considered part of the Valparaiso Moraine, which no doubt provided the many rounded rocks for the foundation.

When purchased, the property included a dilapidated barn and some out buildings. It was previously a dairy farm. It contained a wind mill, now since gone, no doubt to pump water from the well. Over the years, Walt has demolished the old barn, recycling some of the wood for various house and barn projects, including a fake "outhouse" in the back yard. He has added a large pond in the backyard and a pole barn for his various equipment.

Interestingly, an old man once came to their door, saying that he was the great grandson of the man (Quinn) who built the house. He presented an old aerial photo of the property (see photo), perhaps taken in the 1930's, showing the house, barn and out buildings (possibly old box cars), and the main road

(100 S) as dirt.

Walt is a local boy, working for the city of Hobart, and having graduated from Boone Grove HS and Huntington College. Jean, raised in Hobart, graduated from Hobart HS and Manchester College. She works part time for a packaging firm. They raised their children in the old house. Over the years, they have converted the property into a small farm, growing corn, pumpkins, watermelon and sunflowers, and keeping a flock of about 40 chickens. They call their place the Sunset Prairie Farm. They also lease a small plot to a woman who grows flowers for sale; it's called the Dragonfly Flower Field.

So, if you're driving past Quinn's Corner, you might want to look for the large white house (see photo). It's fairly conspicuous, and you'll also see a small modern farm. You'll see an old wooden corn crib about 100 years old in the front yard. As the season permits, you'll also be able to stop and shop for vegetables and eggs. You'll see a house rebuilt and brought back to life from 1857.

Graduating High School SENIORS

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Serving L.O.F.S. (Lake & Porter County), Winfield Township, West Porter Township

Offering FIVE 2024 Scholarships

\$1000 each

Deadline: Postmarked by April 30, 2024



WE SERVE.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. The mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

FIVE \$1000 scholarships will be awarded by the L.O.F.S. Lions Club.

Applicants Must Meet All Three Criteria:

1. Graduating seniors who live in Winfield Township, West Porter Township or L.O.F.S..
2. Class of 2024 high school graduates with minimum 3.0 G.P.A.
3. College Acceptance.

Deadline: Postmarked by April 30, 2024

Amount: \$1000 each

Required Documents:

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

Send all three required documents in same envelope POSTMARKED by April 30, 2024 to Lion Juan or Yolanda Hernández, Chairs @ 3401 W Lakeshore Dr. Crown Point, IN 46307

or Email to 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/or 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.)

What goes on behind the scenes to keep Four Seasons beautiful

What happens behind the scenes to keep Lakes of the Four Seasons beautiful? Three women, Timburley Ecklund, Helen Espinosa and Kimberly White, beautify your Lakes of the Four Seasons community. Timburley is a Master Gardner through Porter County. Kimberly is an Indiana Accredited Horticulturalist and has a certificate in Perennials from the University of Georgia. The Indiana Accredited Horticulturalist requires seven additional continuing education credit hours every two years. We are employed by Lakes of the Four Seasons. Kim has been working as a paid employee since 2007 and volunteered from 1995 to then. Timburley has been working since 2018 and Helen has worked diligently for four years.

We design, install, maintain, divide as needed, update, replace, enhance, plant several thousand bulbs a season, trim and limb up trees and expand about 140 beds. This is on the golf course, and POA properties, such as the main entrance, side gate, back gate,

parcs, lakes, docks, Golf Maintenance, Operations entrance, Security, Pool, Lakehouse, two beds for the House and Garden Club, and Lions Park. Also, we maintain plants in the greenhouse over winter.

We spread mulch (about 120 yards a season), place rocks, edging, plant trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, bulbs, and tropicals in a season. Also, we plant and maintain numerous large containers, such as in front of the Lakehouse, 20 on the Lakehouse patio (currently watered by Bunny Nelson on a volunteer basis), on the golf course, and the islands by Security. We plant a large number of Geraniums, Canna, Dahlias, and Pineapple Lilies, that have been stored though winter, planted in the Spring, then dug up and stored again. Some get started in the greenhouse for Spring planting.

Numerous large tropicals, such as bananas, palms and hibiscus are planted in the spring, dug up in the fall and stored and maintained in the greenhouse over winter. We add seasonal interest (Spring, Summer, Fall, or Christmas

in front of the Clocktower, Security islands, atrium and containers. This includes stringing lights or using solar in four beds, two for Garden Club, one on the corner of Lakeshore and Sunnyslope and one on the golf course on Sunnyslope.

We trim the sucker trees as we come across them on the golf course, around the community and in the parks. We install, maintain and trim edging around beds as needed. Plants are fertilized all season long, spray weed killer as needed, where needed. Our season starts March 1 and runs into winter (last year January 4, 2024).

We try to cut down and clean up all areas before winter sets in. Last year this was over 80 trailer loads of debris. Our trailer is 4x8. Not all areas are irrigated, which results in setting a lot of hoses or hauling jugs of water to water as needed. Newly planted areas or new plants require additional watering throughout the season.

Ever wonder where the plant materials come from? The first plantings in the Spring usually come from Woldhuis Sunrise Farms in

Grant Park, Illinois. This is due to cost and variety, especially the annuals. The bulk of perennials, shrubs, and trees come from Niemeyer's Landscaping Supply in Crown Point due to the variety and quality of product. Bulbs are ordered from Colorblends in Connecticut, again due to cost and quality of product. We do get plants free from residents and of our own yards.

The Four Seasons House and Garden Club has been very generous to the gardens and our community. They provide funds for the upkeep of their two beds (Walt's Pond and their Memorial Bed), and Spring bulbs planted throughout the community. They have generously donated towards the replanting of the front entrance and the containers for the Lakehouse patio. We have had two other benefactors for beds, #5, by the road and #11, around the wood carving.

We have two dedicated pollinator gardens by the back gate and side gate. These have proven to be very beneficial, as we can count numerous types of pollinators. We try to be very re-

sponsible to the land in our plantings and maintenance practices.

Four Seasons is a member of the Northwest Indiana Nursery and Landscapers Association and the Perennial Plant Association. All areas around the Pro Shop and first tee were featured on the Indiana Nursery and Landscapers Association's 2021 annual tour and the Lake County Master Gardeners Garden Walk in 2022. The House and Garden Club does an annual tour of the golf course.

Each season we try to do several big projects to beautify the community. This

year's main project will be the re-landscaping of the main entrance, both the wall side, front and back, and the Clocktower, front and on the golf course side. Work has already started with the removal of the diseased and dying Blue Spruce pines and overgrown shrubs. New plants have been ordered. We hope to improve the sidewalk area around the Pro Shop/19th Hole.

The women's tee on #5 is being replanted.

Thank you Four Seasons Community for your continued support.



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WINFIELD SPRING CLEANUP
 Saturday, April 13th from 9am to 12pm
 Winfield Government Center back parking lot
 10645 Randolph Street

COMMERCIAL SHREDDER
 For Residential households only, NOT for businesses, schools or organizations
 Limit of 3 bags or boxes per person

DUMPSTERS
 No Hazardous waste such as motor oil or gasoline
 Paint is not accepted (dried out paint cans may be disposed of in your regular garbage)

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
 Limited items accepted. Visit www.winfield.in.gov for full list

DONATIONS
 Please bring a donation for the local food pantry and animal shelter

Sponsored by
The Town of Winfield, Winfield Township and LOFS Property Owners Association

WINFIELD COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY
 Saturday, April 13, 2024 – 9 am to 12pm
 Winfield Government Center – back parking lot

Please review the following information before heading to the event.

SHREDDING
 For personal papers with a limit of 3 bags OR boxes per person. Business shredding will not be allowed. Paper clips and staples are ok. No metal batteries, electronics, or other non-paper material can be in boxes or bags brought for shredding.

DUMPSTERS
 For residential debris only, NO construction materials.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
 We do not accept anything with Freon, beryllium, or mercury
 Other NOT Accepted Electronic Recycling Items include:

Adhesives, Paints, Chemicals of any kind	Lead-acid Batteries
Aerosol Cans	Live Ammunition
Air Conditioning Units	Mercury Thermometers
Audio and Video Cassettes	Microwaves, Toasters, and other Small Kitchen Appliances
Bathroom Devices (electric razors, toothbrushes, etc.)	Needles of any sort
Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Detectors	Pre-lit Christmas Trees
CDs and DVDs	Pressurized Canisters of any kind
Dehumidifiers	Refrigerators, Stoves, and other Large Kitchen Appliances
Gas Powered Tools	Software
General Rubbish	Thermostats
Glass, Christmas Light Bulbs, etc.	Toys
Humidifiers/Dehumidifiers	Vacuums and Floor Cleaners
Lamps/Light bulbs	
Lava Lamps	

DONATIONS
 Please make sure donation items are non-perishable and not expired. Accepting food donations for people and pets! Also accepting monetary donations.

We like to play baseball and softball!



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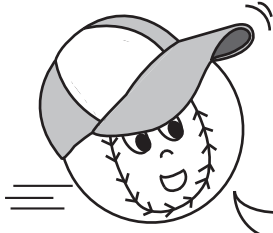
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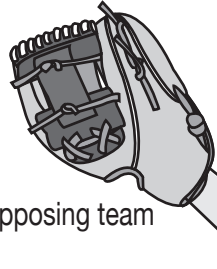
Kids: color stuff in!



Baseball Fun for Everyone!

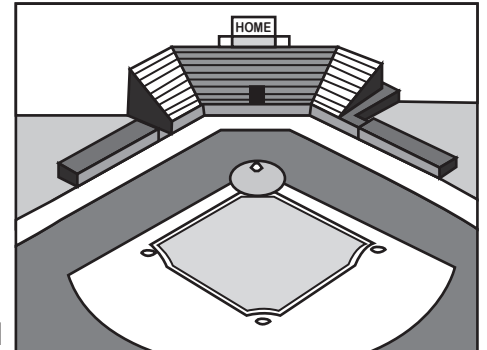


Yay! The baseball season has started. Grab your gloves, bats and baseballs and head for the yard, park or field. Let everyone join in playing this great game!



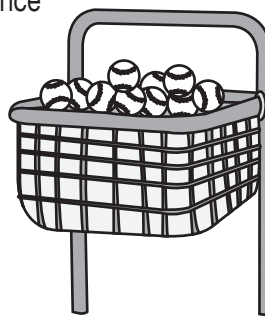
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Spring Training



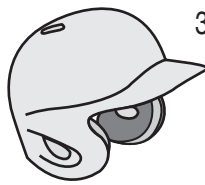
Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- playing the game with a good attitude toward your team and the opposing team
- large wall in the stadium that records the points of each team
- when a ball hit by the batter flies too far to the right or the left
- sphere covered in white leather
- to hit the ball lightly so that it rolls only a short distance
- sunken room the team gathers in during the game
- the runner steps on the base
- official in charge of enforcing the rules
- group that sets rules and guidelines to help young children play organized baseball
- the number of balls and strikes a batter has
- period when baseball players warm up, shape up
- the basemen, shortstop, and pitcher stand here
- each game has 9 of these, teams take turns batting and fielding
- a hit that goes so far that it leaves the bounds of the park
- place we visit to watch a game of baseball
- players here are on guard for big hits
- person who trains the team
- after 3 of these, a batter is out
- ball that travels high in the sky when hit
- nine players working together

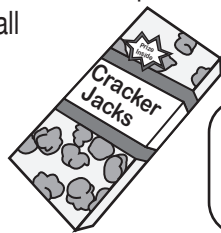


coach

pop fly



baseball



Hey! That player just stole something... third _____.

10

13

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19

20

count

bullpen

infield

tag

bunt

home run

scoreboard

Playing Baseball!

When you play or watch baseball, it's good to know the words people use. Find and circle these baseball words:

N I C O A C H K I
W S I T R E D G G K L
N M C M N K U P S T A E L C
L J H E O A S N S N W A T E B E W
O E R A R E T E I L S M N H A Y S D
H R D F E E H M V N H H A Z S K E O B
H E L M E T S A Z X G E M D E D V P L T

Who's Who?

- New York
- Chicago
- Houston
- Toronto
- Boston
- Los Angeles
- Detroit
- Atlanta
- Colorado
- Minnesota

- Braves
- Red Sox
- Yankees
- Blue Jays
- Rockies
- Astros
- Twins
- Tigers
- Angels
- Cubs

Match the names of the teams above.

T S M B R O F S K
E A D L R T O P
R L G G B Y A T
I L J H Y E T F
P S B A T S K A O
M T I U Y O P T R
U A H K O J I M N
T R S R M S T I F
U A H G O M C B
N I C J A W H A
I Y T L T O A I
F M A E T G P
O J C D V I A
R S O B J H
M G A S T
S B J K

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|-----------|------|-------|--------|---------|
| baseballs | bats | score | gloves | throw |
| cleats | runs | pitch | coach | innings |
| uniforms | team | catch | umpire | helmets |

Fill in the missing vowels to see snacks at the ballpark. Then, follow the dots to see a favorite one!

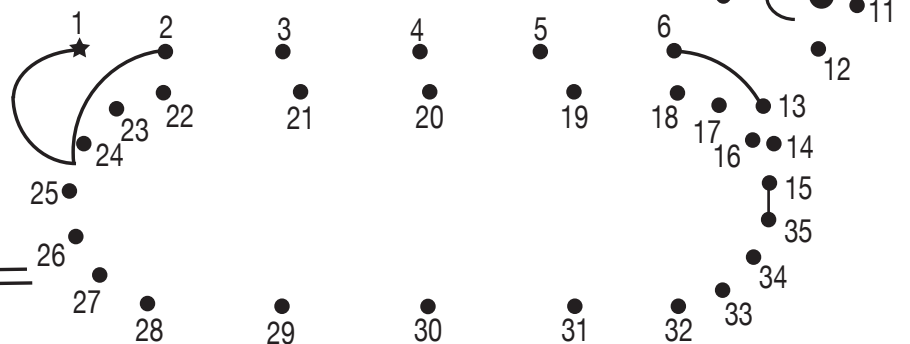
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B. Fr _ n c h fr _ _ s

D. n _ c h _ s

H _ t d _ g!



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:

- on the ball
- a ballpark figure
- out in left field
- bench warmer
- can't hit the broad side of a barn
- swing for the fences
- threw a curveball

I hope I get hit out of the ballpark. I like to see new places!



Me too!

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



- hit a home run
- struck out
- way off base
- play ball
- step up to the plate
- pinch hitter
- a whole new ball game

- failed
- brand new situation
- go along with others
- one who takes someone else's place
- not even close to being right
- did a great job
- get ready to do the job

Inside the Gates with the LOFS Security Department

Hello Lakes of The Four Seasons community. April has arrived and I know we all want the weather to get better for many reasons and to be able to enjoy all that this community has to offer. Spring cleaning time has arrived so please read all that's listed below to make sure that you are abiding by all of the covenants that were put into play many years ago. Make sure you are paying close attention.

Spring cleaning:

The Covenant Code Enforcement team will be working diligently to make sure all residents are up to date with all covenants. All lots shall remain in a maintained condition. Lawns and bushes nicely cut and trimmed, siding on all homes should be intact and clean of any mold, driveways and porches should be free of junk and clutter, gutters should be clean and intact, roofs should not have any missing shingles and be free of tarps, decks should be in great condition, pools should be free of algae and in working order, driveways should be clear of any vehicles/boats/motorcycles that are in non-working

condition such as stripped down or partially wrecked and no flat tires, all vehicles should always be up to date with registrations, all windows on vehicles should be operable and not covered with plastic or cardboard.

Driveways should also be free of noticeably broken or heaved up concrete or asphalt and repaired if needed. Culverts should be free of leaves and debris, so they won't clog up and flood the area. Garbage cans should be concealed to where they can't be seen from the roadway, golf course, parks, lakes or by neighboring properties.

Please make sure that your house and mailbox has your address numbers posted where they can be seen from the street. Also make sure that your mailbox is properly maintained and is standing upright.

All barcodes should be placed on vehicles if you want it to be scanned to enter any of the automated entrances. If you do not want to place the barcode on your vehicle, please use the Dwelling Live app to scan in with your phone at the tan



Barcode Decal Scanner



QR Code Scanner

scanner box.

Golf carts will need decals placed on them so the gate attendants can see them when you enter the front entrance. The owner must provide proof of insurance and have a completed and signed indemnification document on file at the POA office before receiving a decal so it can be driven on the roads. Only licensed drivers should be op-

erating golf carts on the roads unless you are accompanying your child that has a permit. The number of occupants in a golf cart shall be limited to the number of people for whom seating is installed and provided on the golf cart. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter

of the golf cart while the golf cart is being operated. No Person(s) shall operate a golf cart in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage.

If you happen to leave the community with your golf cart, please don't hit the gate trying to trail someone else back into the community and

please don't try to lift the gate arm to gain entry. We've literally seen it all. Sign in with the gate attendant or use the Dwelling Live app.

With the warmer weather arriving, kids will be outside playing, please be mindful of your surroundings while driving throughout the community. Adhere to the speed limits and slow down.

Have a wonderful month.

POA April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POA Office Open by Appointment only Until May 2nd Monday - Friday 9 am to 4 pm.	1 POA Dock Rental Due Spring Leaf Collections Begin Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:30pm at Lakehouse	2	3 Lions Meeting 6:30pm at Lakehouse	4	5	6 MGA Vegas Night at Lakehouse 6-11pm Lakehouse Restaurant Closed for Event
7	8	9	10 Lions Meeting 6:30pm at Lakehouse	11	12	13 Spring Clean Up at Winfield Government Center 9am to 12pm
14 Please Have Leaves at Berm by Today Lakehouse Restaurant Closed to the Public	15 Last Day of Leaf Collections	16	17	18 Keen- Agers Luncheon Noon at Lakehouse	19	20 Entertainment at 19th Hole with The Broken Hipsters 8:30—11:30 pm
21 Lakehouse Restaurant Closed to the Public	22 Branch Collection Begins for Lake County Side of LOFS POA Public Meeting 7:30pm @ Lakehouse	23	24 Lions Meeting 6:30pm at Lakehouse	25	26	27 Entertainment at 19th Hole with Mallrats Acoustic 9—Midnight
28 Have Branches at Berm by Today for Lake County Side of LOFS Lakehouse Restaurant Closed for Style Show	29 Final Day of Branch Collections for Lake County Side of LOFS	30 House & Garden Club Luncheon 11:30am at Lakehouse				



House and Garden Club

By Mary Cavallini

If you celebrated Mardi Gras, with your friends, learned about bees, tucked a couple of self-defense moves into your bag of tricks, enjoyed a couple of delicious lunches and painted with Roxy, you must be a member of the Four Seasons House and Garden Club.

March was a busy, fun month, and the ladies shared their passions and had a good time doing it.

Our membership increased by three. Welcome new members Maria Benjamin, Holly Melles, and Karen Stiver.

Mardi Gras decorations were spectacular, and we thank Toni Ziemniak for the best king cakes, this side of NOLA.

Jackie Katz and Diane Warren organized our first

ever evening event, an opportunity for the community, especially those with daytime obligations, to learn about the club, and bees! Beekeeper Michelle Turpin and Nicole Witkowski, Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources at Purdue Extension Porter County, along with Valparaiso Honey Bees enlightened us on how bees help gardens, pollinators, and the environment.

Jackie and husband Jim Campagna entertained and informed with a mini self-defense course at the March meeting.

Roxy the paint lady helped even the least artistic among us create and take home a colorful, happy addition to our home decor.

April is National Tea Month. Celebrate the food



and culture surrounding this sometimes nostalgic pastime at our April meeting Tuesday, April 30, 11:30 a.m., at the Lakehouse. Member Toni Ziemniak will design centerpieces that won't block our

view, and simple enough for anyone to recreate at home.

We'd love to have you join us. For information, call Mary Grveles 219-765-1004.



Seasons gardener Timburley Ecklund, also former Garden Club President, spoke about the year round work and planning necessary for our public spaces to remain so beautiful



Speakers: Beekeeper Michelle Turpin; Purdue Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator Nikki Witkowski; and Beekeeper Scott Jurillo, Valparaiso Honey Bees



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