



Seasonal

Publication of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association December 2018

House & Garden Club



By Mary Cavallini

It wasn't all business at the House and Garden Club's annual business meeting Tuesday, October 30. There were Halloween decorations and costumes, two new members, great food, and special

recognition for jobs well-done. Thank you, Rita Stearns, for five successful years of leadership. And thank you Jo Ellen Simoni for dreaming up and chairing the Club's happiest event of the year, the Spooktacular Trunk or Treat.

On November 7 the Ways and Means Committee wrapped up their fundraising activities by delivering pies that members and neighbors ordered. Partnering with Marilyn's Bakery was a sweet experience.

Tuesday, December 11, is the Club's Winter Wonderland Luncheon, the conclusion of a year of fun festivities with good friends.



Members paid their annual dues at the October meeting.



Rita Stearns



Shannon Anderson and Betty Fiedor



JoEllen Simoni

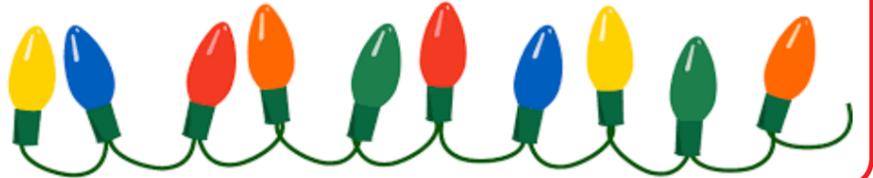
LOFS residents, get ready for the annual HOME HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

- All LOFS homes are eligible.
- Exterior decorations only will be judged.
- All holiday adornments (any religious persuasion) will be considered.
- Judging will be underway beginning Saturday, December 1st and conclude Saturday, December 15!
- The judges' decisions are final.

- **First Prize:** \$100 LOFS gift certificate
- **Second Prize:** \$75 LOFS gift certificate
- **Third Prize:** \$50 LOFS gift certificate
- **Fourth Prize:** \$25 LOFS gift certificate

Prizes will be awarded prior to Christmas Eve. Winners will also receive their own "15 Minutes of Fame". The prize-winning homes will be featured in the Seasonal.

* If you would like to nominate a home you think deserves consideration please call the POA Office at 988-2581 by noon on Friday, December 14



In May 2019 the Four Seasons House and Garden Club Celebrates its 50th anniversary!

If you have any pictures, memorabilia, or newspaper articles about the Club's early days, please call Ann Naulty 219-663-3580 or Rosemary Kachaturoff 219-663-8873.

Operations Department

By Roy Green,
Director of Operations

The Operations and Building Maintenance Departments have been busy again this month; unfortunately it was to get ready for winter. We stored all picnic tables that were not under shelters and all the plastic garbage and recycling totes. We cleaned and stored all mowing and trimming equipment, and winterized the restrooms on the golf course

and on the beaches. We were also busy collecting leaves.

We assisted Bruce Nix in getting the Christmas light display on the Seasons Lakehouse lawn ready for its kick-off held Thanksgiving Night. You will be able to enjoy it until News Years Night.

A few things to remember when watching the display. If you get out of your car to watch do not go on the lawn as there are several wires that you may trip over. If you stay

in your car, tune your radio to 106.1 FM, turn your car's head lights off and sit back and enjoy the show. It is about 20 minutes from start to finish. You may also enjoy the show from the Seasons Lakehouse restaurant while you have dinner or enjoy a beverage. We also installed a tree of lights at the front entrance, and also this year at the Porter and Lake County entrances. We also installed the decorations on the 19th Hole and Public Safety buildings.

Since snow came early this year, we had to mount the plows and salters on the trucks sooner than expected.

That meant we had to halt leaf collection for a while because we cannot operate the leaf vacs with the salters on the trucks. We kept switching the salters and vacs so we could plow and salt the roads. We have been trying to pick up leaves every chance we get and will keep doing so whenever the weather permits.

Reminder; we are collecting leaves at this time not branches. If you still have branches that you want to get rid of, you can bring them to the Maintenance Facility located at 3861 Kingsway Drive and put them in the pile at the south end of the lot.

For those of you that want to discard any electronics or white goods you can bring those items to the Maintenance facility. We have containers in front of our building that are clearly marked. We also take tires.

We are open Monday to Friday from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m. We are closed on weekends during the winter months unless we are plowing snow.

The Operations and Building Maintenance departments wish all of you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!



POA Community Manager



Rick Cleveland

The POA Board of Directors will hold a regular POA meeting on Monday, December 10, with the presentation of the 2019-20 preliminary budget to follow afterwards. The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Seasons Lakehouse ballroom. The second meeting with the proposed budget will be presented on January 14, 2019, with the approval of the budget on

January 28, 2019. The board encourages resident's input, so they can assure that the upcoming year is supported for the needs of the community.

As you may or may not be aware of, recently the Public Safety Department (Security) received a letter from INDOT revoking the use of our red and blue lights on our emergency vehicles. We have been working with our State Representatives and Lake County law enforcement to rectify this problem. As with anything tied to government it is a long process. The POA Board wanted all residents to be aware of this and they wanted to show their transparency in this situation, as rumors have been started on social media.

One of the greatest as-

sets of our Public Safety Department is their quick response to emergency situations. The Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association Public Safety Department will enforce Lakes of the Four Seasons Covenants, which includes traffic violations and will continue to be first responders within our community to emergency calls using amber and white lights instead of what we have been ac-

customed to (red and blue). Your POA Board and POA staff are working as hard as possible to remedy this unfortunate state of affairs.

Leaf collections will continue until December 17 or until the weather makes it too difficult to do so. This is a large task for the residents and the Operations Department to attend to every year and I want to commend everyone for the job you do. Every leaf collected is one more leaf that won't accumulate into the lakes, swales, and culverts.

Branch collections have been completed for the year so please refrain from placing branches out after the normal collection times.

The only other time the Operations Department will collect branches from property owners beyond the normal collection time is if a storm event has knocked branches off of your tree. If you do have branches need-

ing collection after a storm event, please contact the Operations Department at 219-988-4461.

You must contact a contractor to remove your branches or trees from your property for all other reasons. You also have the option to bring your branches to the Operations facility at 3861 Kingsway Drive during normal operating hours.

The Operations Department has been marking the roadway curves and critical areas with painted stakes before the ground freezes so they can efficiently plow the roads, cul-de-sacs and parking lots in case of snow. The trucks will be prepared and awaiting our first big snow. I would like to remind residents to please not push or blow snow onto the roads as this only creates a dangerous situation for those driving.

The POA office will be closed December 24, 25,

31, and January 1 for the holidays and will reopen on January 2, 2019.

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Holiday light show began Thanksgiving night. The light show is synchronized to Christmas music that you will be able to hear in the background from 5 to 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday. You can also tune your car's radio to 106.1FM to hear the music from 5 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Thank you, Bruce and Jill Nix, for working with the Operations Department on the lights again this season.

Load the family into your vehicle and bring them up to the Seasons Lakehouse lower parking lot to view the show. Make sure to make a trip inside the restaurant for a warm meal and something to drink as well.

Happy Holidays!

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Public Safety Department

By Craig Philp, Public Safety Director

Berm Parking

During the winter months of the year and due to snow on its way, I want to remind our residents that berm parking at any time will not be allowed. Staff from the Operations Department will

be out clearing off streets and it is your responsibility to make sure they can do this without interference from vehicles parked on the berms.

Officers from this department will be enforcing Covenant #7.5, which states: "No vehicle shall be parked

on any street or berm in the subdivision."

Although no berm parking is allowed within LOFS, we have allowed for temporary parking on the berm when a resident is having a large gathering. However, no parking shall be authorized on the berm if space is available for parking on the driveway, or if the parking creates a traffic hazard or delays ability of the Operations Department to clear the street of snow.

Lake Safety

Lakes characteristically need to be around four to six inches thick in order to hold up someone's body weight, and it take about a week of constant subfreezing temperatures to make that happen. Please remember, however, just because it is thick in one area does not mean its thick in another and that danger is ALWAYS present.

The best policy is just stay off the lakes because the risks and danger are just too high and should be avoided. Nevertheless, we know that there are people that are going to disregard our advice

so keep this information in mind should someone you know, or you, find yourself falling through the ice.

What to do if you fall through ice:

- Try not to panic.
 - Face the direction you came from and spread your arms out on the unbroken ice.
 - Kick your feet and try to pull yourself onto the ice.
 - Once out of the water, don't attempt to stand, instead lay down on the ice.
- This helps in keeping your weight distributed evenly, and can help prevent you from breaking through a second time.
- Finally, roll away from the hole, and then crawl across the ice back to solid land.

What should you do if another person you are with or perhaps someone you happen to see falls through ice?

- Immediately call or have someone you are with call 911.
- NEVER go out onto the ice to try to rescue the person or pet. Last thing anyone needs is to have a

second victim in the water.

- Remember the phrase, "Reach, Throw, Go."
- Try to extend a ladder, pole or stick in order to REACH the victim. If they're too far away, THROW out a rope bag or even a hose that will float. This next part should only be done when all other resources have been used, Fire Rescue has not arrived, and ONLY when a second person is with you. Using a tied off PFD (Portable Flotation Device) swim or on an ice-covered area make your way out to the victim and give them something to grab onto other than yourself. You do not want that person who is in extreme panic to pull you under making you the next victim. Once that person has a hold of a life ring, pole, stick, or whatever it is you brought to them, that second person will be able pull you both in to safety.

Again, my recommendation is *Stay Off The Ice!* Why chance an accident from happening when simply staying off it can prevent it.

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2019-20 LOFS directories in process

The LOFS Fundraising Committee is joining forces with the LOFS Fire Auxiliary to produce the new LOFS Directory for 2019-20.

This will result in all residents, current on their dues, to receive a free copy. We will publish landline numbers, cell phone numbers, and email addresses. If you have previously been listed or are listed in area phone books, we will carry over your numbers. If you have given up your landline or would like to replace it with your cell number(s) or email address(es), you will need to contact Cathy Waitkus at 219-746-6827 or cwaitk@aol.com.

Also, if you are new to our community, call and add your current information. Please notify us though if you prefer no listing or just your address listed. The directory has pertinent info with numbers on schools, hospitals, churches, newspapers, utilities, local government contacts, LOFS clubs, and of course, many merchants who will be providing these directories for you with their ads. Merchants who have previously advertised will be contacted during November to review their ads.

If you have a business, and would like to appear in the LOFS directory, please contact us for details. It's a great way to get your busi-

ness in front of over 2,600 homes! The new edition will be available March 1, 2019, and will provide two full years of service.

Public Notice for Hearing on:

Request of variance for installation of an inground Pool to exceed the rear setback.

Daniel & Lynn Harnois
3823 Kingsway Drive
Crown Point, IN 46307;
ot L-1176

Monday, December 10,
2018
7:30 P.M. LOFS Seasons
Lakehouse

Keenagers

The Keen-Agers will have their December Christmas meeting on the 20th at the Seasons Lakehouse. The bar will open at Noon and a delicious luncheon of prime rib will be served at 1 p.m. Entertainment is scheduled for 2 to 3 p.m. and will be one of our own member's Broadway star Daughter, Laura Stack! See the Seasonal for the star's photo and agenda. After a short meeting and a \$10 gift exchange adjournment will be before 4 p.m.

Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings, except for January, the club goes on daytrips; shows in Valpo/Munster will be added to their Spirit of Chicago boat luncheon in 2019, and they shop and gamble at a casino in Michigan, which includes transportation and a credit for food and gambling. Every September they take a Diamond Tour Bus vacation; this year it was Nashville, next year it will be Branson,

Missouri.

See the photo of their Nashville trip in the Seasonal.

The club has had 13 successful fundraisers, their Annual August Auction gets bigger and better each year, which helps finance all their fun activities and trips. BULLETIN: a 2019 TELETHON is in the works, stay tuned.

The Club is open to anyone 50 (LOL) and older, regardless of residency. The yearly membership fee is \$25 and the monthly luncheon cost is \$15, which includes a tip. Call Renate at 219-689-3408 or e-mail her at willrenate@yahoo.com to get more info or to make a future reservation to attend or join the club.

Please read The Seasonal and check out the new improved website at www.lofs.org; Look at their ad in the 2017-18 Phone Directory. They will also be in the new 2019-20 to be offered when completed, and a Facebook account will be available soon.

The Mystic Voices

Laura Stack & Gloria Rice

TITLE: A Christmas Cabaret

DESCRIPTION: Join us for an afternoon cabaret full of Broadway tunes, Christmas favorites, and a jolly good time! The Mystic Voices - Laura Stack and Gloria Rice - are a captivating duo from Clearwater, Florida with a knack for sweet & soulful vocal harmonies. Celebrate the season with great music and great company at Lake of the Four Season's Christmas Cabaret!

www.facebook.com/themysticvoices



Their Club Photographer Stephen Martin will take a picture at their request of all attending the Christmas meeting and they will receive a 5x7 photo, compliments of the

Keen-Agers.

Thanks to all the Keen-Agers and the Lakehouse staff under Rick Cleveland and Ramiro Jimenez for a great 2018 and looking forward to a fine 2019!



ward to a fine 2019!

- President, Renate Sahulcik
- Vice-President, Entertainment /Travel Director, Jeanette Stolarz
- Treasurer, Food Director,

Pete Maloy

- Secretary, Vileda Maloy
- Caller Director, Bernadette Bailey
- Casino Director, Sue Kalinowski

Turkey Run named Indiana's favorite state park; Indiana Dunes places fourth

Turkey Run State Park was named the best state park in Indiana by the Indiana Office of Tourism Development's 2018 Best of Indiana people's choice campaign.

Turkey Run topped the list, with Brown County State Park coming in second and McCormick's Creek State Park placing third.

Turkey Run is located in

Marshall and is known for its gorges and views of Sugar Creek. Brown County State Park is located in Nashville and has been nicknamed "The Little Smokies for its

hills and vistas. McCormick's Creek, Indiana's first state park, is located in Spencer. There, visitors can explore limestone caves and waterfalls.

Rounding out Hoosiers' top ten state parks, in order, were Indiana Dunes State Park, Spring Mill State Park, Pokagon State Park, Clifty Falls State Park, Shakamak

State Park, Patoka Lake, and Chain O'Lakes State Park.

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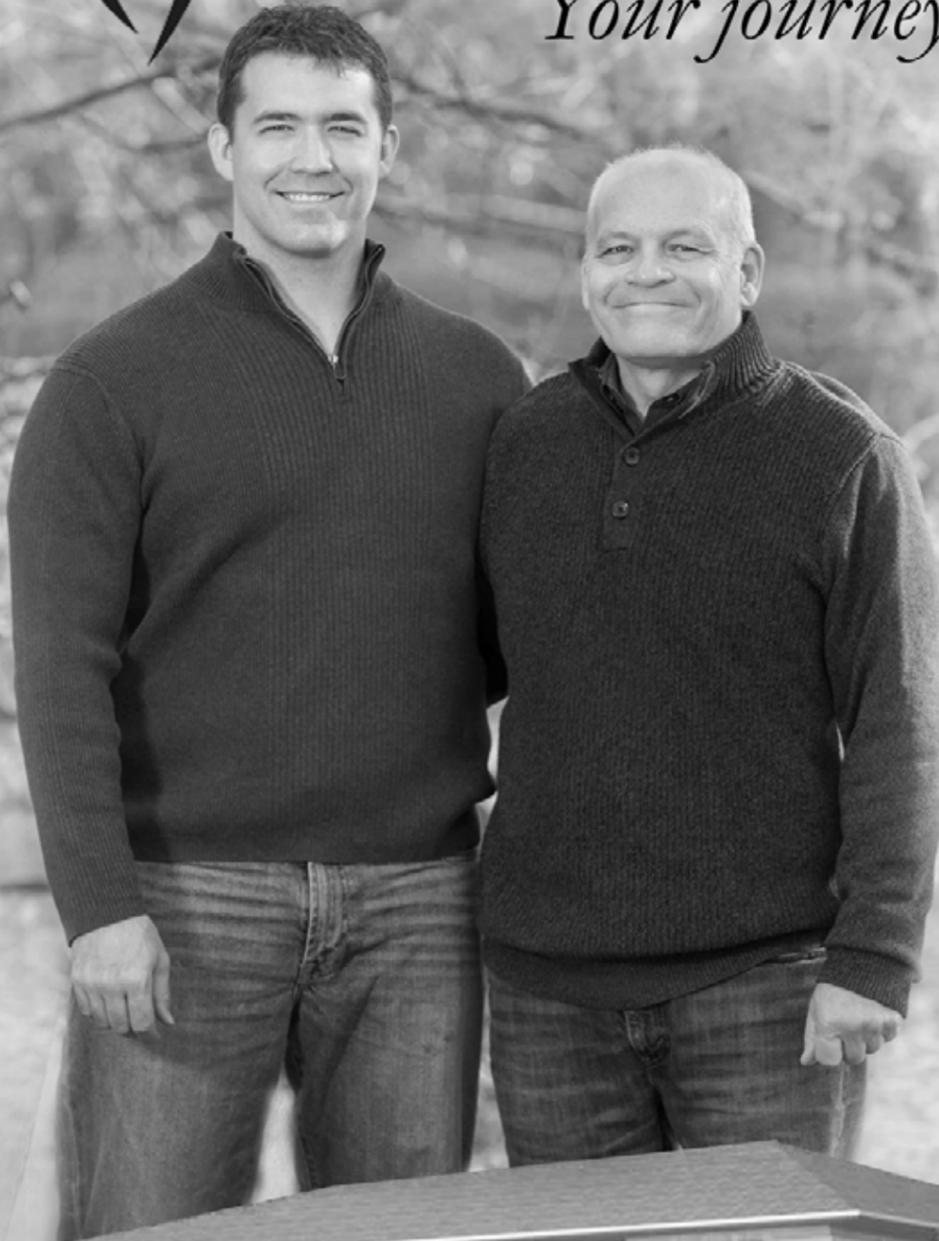
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Across the street from Lakes of the Four Seasons

Board sets public POA budget meetings for December and January

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Board of Directors will hold two Public Hearings on the proposed community budget for the year 2019-20.

The first budget meeting to present a preliminary budget to LOFS residents will be on Monday, December

10 in the Seasons Lakehouse Ballroom following a regular public meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. The Board will have a second meeting on Monday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Seasons Lakehouse Ballroom to present the proposed budget.

The 2019-20 budget is set

to be approved at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, January 28. The POA Board is interested in hearing residents' concerns for the coming year's budget and encourages residents to attend these informative meetings.

Crown Point High School teacher participated on Gulf of Mexico research cruise

Ashley Cosme, a biology teacher at Crown Point High School, assisted scientists on a 15-day Shark/Red Snapper Longline Survey in the Gulf of Mexico. Cosme participated in this cruise as part of NOAA's 'Teacher at Sea' program, which bridges science and education through real-world research experiences.

"Through my experience with NOAA, my students will have opportunities to make real-world connections, and gain the preparation needed to fill the many available careers in science

that are in current high demand," says Cosme. "I am lucky to live in a community where I can work with kids as beginner scientists, as well as students who are ready to present their research on a professional level."

Cosme boarded NOAA Ship Oregon II in Pascagoula, Mississippi, and worked with scientists daily as they conducted an ongoing population survey of sharks and red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico. Cosme wrote a blog detailing her experience, with the Internet link at the end of this article.

"NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program gives teachers the professional opportunity of a lifetime with a chance to participate in cutting edge science, on the ocean, working side-by-side with world-renowned scientists," says Jennifer Hammond, the program's director. "Teachers describe this authentic research experience as transformative and one that allows them to bring new knowledge and excitement back to their classrooms."

Now in its 28th year, the program has provided nearly (See *Teacher* Pg. 10)

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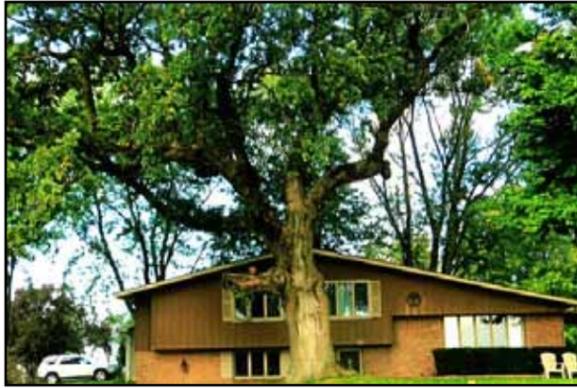
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Is Lake County's oldest tree inside Lakes of the Four Seasons?

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society



was believed to be over 300 years old. So, now where is Lake County's oldest tree? It just might be in The Four Seasons.



oak, sometimes spelled burr oak, refers to the fringe of sharp hairs around the cap of the acorn. The tree is relatively slow growing, is well dispersed in eastern and central United States, typically grows alone and in the open.

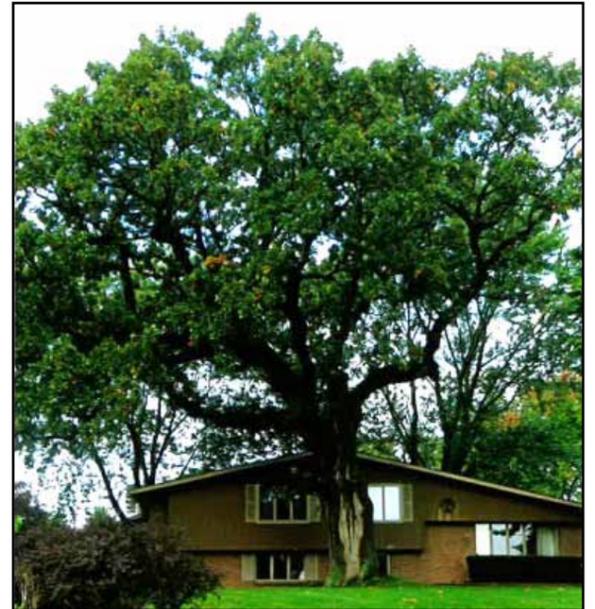
It sheds its leaves in the fall. It is a very long-lived species, and the largest known burr oak is in Posey County Indiana, with a 294-inch circumference and a 128 ft. crown spread.

According to information

Several months ago, The Family Flier, a local monthly publication that comes by mail, had an interesting advertisement from a local tree service company, implying that no job was too big for them. It seems that the company removed an old dead bur oak tree located on W. 57th Ave. in Merrillville, and it was considered to be Lake County's oldest tree and one of the three oldest in Indiana. The tree towered about 100 feet high, with a base diameter of 18 feet, and

If one meanders down to the extreme end of South Lake Shore Drive, a rather large oak tree is plainly visible on the NW corner with Bonnie Drive. Its looks are very impressive, and the tree fits nicely on the lot, complementing the brown house on the property rather well. Based on leaf appearance, acorn size, bark color and complexity, the tree most likely is also a bur oak, a member of the white oak family.

The common name, bur



in the Four Seasons 50th Anniversary book published in 2016, the house on the property was built by Frank and Mary Flassig in 1970. Apparently, the family was attracted to the site by the giant oak tree, which they were told was over 100 years old. The Anniversary book also contains an aerial photograph that shows that the tree may have been on a rather large farm with numerous out buildings.

A close look at the bur oak tree at 3929 South Lake Shore Drive reveals some interesting details. The house was obviously built with the tree in mind, as its large trunk that measures 15 ft. 3 inches around, is near the house. Several branches, over a foot in diameter and about 15 feet from the ground, were sawed off, leaving only large stubs. The main trunk has also been cut off, about 40 feet from the ground, leaving the real

height of the tree in doubt. The trunk has some evidence of internal rot on its east side, and the current owner plans to get an expert to access any potential problems.

So, how old is the tree? Using a formula obtained from the internet, which uses the circumference at a selective location, the type of tree, and a growth factor, it is estimated that the tree is about 290 years old. Speculating further, the tree started from an acorn in about the year 1728. Then, the Potawatomi Indians roamed the area, and the only white men here may have been the French missionaries and voyageurs.

Realistically, we don't know if the tree is the oldest in the area, as there's no accurate way to tell. In any event, the tree is very impressive, a sentinel on a hill overlooking the lake and surrounding landscape. Why don't you take a drive down and see it?

December Entertainment

12/1 Karaoke with Ron 8-11pm
12/7 Solo Artist James Saqui 8-11pm
12/15 CB4T-Live Band duo 8-11pm
12/22 Mike Green Solo Artist 8-11pm
New Year's Eve Party-DJ Kenny G 9pm - 1am

12/11 Cocktails & Ornaments Event at 6 pm

Call the 19th Hole for more details.
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Saturday- \$13 Pork Chop Dinner, \$3 flavored Vodkas
Sunday- \$5 appetizers-see menu selections, \$13 domestic buckets

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SEASONS Lakehouse

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December Specials...

WEDNESDAY
Wood Fired Pizza for Two People \$13 • 312 bottles of beer \$2.00

THURSDAY
Chef Creation Buffet \$16 • Bartender Call Well Drinks \$3

FRIDAY
Baked Tilapia Topped with Jumbo Shrimp \$17 • Cajun Beef Tenderloin Tips \$16
Kendall Jackson Chardonnay \$5

SATURDAY
All you can Eat Crab Legs \$28 • Craft Beer Bottles Specials \$3

SUNDAY
Brunch \$16 Kids 12 & under \$8 * Kids 5 & under eat for free • Mimosa \$4 • Bloody Mary \$5
Loaded Bloody Mary \$8

Closed on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
Open New Year's Eve 4pm-9pm
Special menu available to View in December at www.lofs.org under Dining- Seasons Lakehouse or visit us & check it out. Reservations Only
Dueling Piano Night January 31, 2019

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Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra announces two 'Holiday Pops' ads in different NWI locations

Celebrate the Holidays symphony-style as the Northwest Indiana Symphony and conductor Kirk Muspratt present their annual 'Holiday Pops', Thursday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Monbeck Auditorium at Highland High School, and Friday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Auditorium at Valparaiso

High School. The concert will feature guest vocalist Jesse Donner, the Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus, directed by Nancy Menk, Munster High School Chorale, and the Northwest Indiana Suzuki

School. The annual Holiday Pops has become a favorite way to start off the festive season. With a mix of classic and contemporary holiday music and the Chorus-led carol sing-along, attendees are sure to

hear their favorites. Tickets range from \$33 to \$73 and students are \$10. Bring a donation of any non-perishable food item to the concert to benefit the Northwest Indiana Food Bank. Food items can also be

dropped off at the Symphony offices in the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, at the Women's Association's Festival of Trees Luncheon in the Center on November 28, and at the Youth Orchestra Concert on

December 2 at Morton High School in Hammond. For tickets, call the Symphony box office at 219-836-0525 or visit www.NISOrchestra.org. Special rates are available for groups over ten.

Church prepares Thanksgiving baskets for local food pantries
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, located at 99 South County Line Road, spent time in fellowship last Sunday, November 11, assembling Thanksgiving food baskets for the Porter County and Winfield Food Pantries in cooperation with Wiseway Foods of Winfield.

Baskets included gift cards from Wiseway Foods for fresh meat for the Thanksgiving meal, along with many donations from Cross of Christ members of the items necessary to complete a family Thanksgiving meal.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church is located just east of the Lakes of the Four Seasons entrance at 109th and County Line Road., with worship every Sunday at 10 a.m. Adult education hour begins at 9 a.m. and the children's message is at 10:15 a.m. For more information call the church at 219-988-3650.




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WHAT IS ELDER LAW?

(Read on, even if you do not consider yourself an "elder".)

Dear Lakes of the Four Seasons residents:

My name is Brian E. Less and for almost 20 years I have been an attorney working with your Property Owners Association. However, today I am sending an open letter to Four Seasons residents regarding Elder Law. I'm doing this because people just don't understand and, quite frankly, I am tired of watching good people fail to talk to anyone who knows what they are talking about... until it's too late.

SO WHAT IS ELDER LAW? First, get over the word "Elder" because everyone can and does use these services. If you are too "young", consider your parents or grandparents. *Elder Law* includes any type of planning which takes into account the financial impact of life's pivotal moments. Estate Planning, Guardianships, Nursing home Asset Protection Planning, Medicaid Crisis and Pre-need planning, can all help you preserve and protect assets for your heirs at pivotal and crisis times. The following are just a few examples of what Elder Law includes and what to look for:

ESTATE PLANNING...WILLS and TRUSTS: The plan is to live forever, right? However, assuming you are NOT immortal, you need a real plan. *Everyone* needs a plan, even if you are not an *elder*. This can be as simple as a Will which provides for your spouse and children (and grandchildren), and anyone else including charities or churches. If you have small children your Will can state who you want to be Guardian if the worst should happen. Trusts can be used to make certain that if your spouse, children or grandchildren require special needs, inheritances do not adversely effect any government benefits they are receiving. There are many types of trusts (so many it can be confusing) and they can be used very effectively for estate preservation and to protect assets, even from creditors in certain situations. Along with a Will or a Trust, most lawyers will (or should) offer a General Power of Attorney, Health Care Representative Appointment, and Living Will. Every person should have each of these documents to be prepared and the documents should last for many, many years without needing to be updated.

ASSET PROTECTION: Think of this as what you do in a crisis when a loved one requires long term care. There are several situations that everyone can recognize. These should be viewed as "red flag" moments requiring an Elder Law attorney:

FIRST: a Husband and Wife, and after many months of one spouse doing the caretaking at home, the other spouse needs to move into a long term care facility. Normally, after a hospital visit Medicare will pay for 100 days of rehabilitation. Use this time wisely. Using the right combination of asset protection planning can preserve assets and may avoid having to private pay when Medicare runs out. FYI...a local Crown Point hospital now charges an average of over \$8,400 per month for private pay nursing care. That is typical for Northwest Indiana. If you didn't have to pay it yourself, would you pay it anyway? Most people would say no. That's where an Elder Law attorney can help.

SECOND: I call this the "Aunt Janet" scenario. A single person needs to transition to a long term care facility. The facility may tell the family to "spend down" her assets by private paying and sell her house. Once the money is gone the facility will fill out the paperwork to obtain Medicaid benefits. STOP! There are several legal strategies which can work to help protect assets, even in these circumstances. The facility will most likely not tell you about them and in many cases their staff doesn't know about them. Even if you are in the middle of a spenddown an Elder Law attorney can help. The best advice I can give is don't work these issues yourself unless you have consulted an attorney.

ELDER LAW Attorneys help people in these pivotal and crisis moments, and can also use legal planning techniques to protect assets in advance of the need for care . If you know anyone in these circumstances, have them call any competent Elder Law attorney. Of course, anyone who needs additional information or services is welcome to contact my office at 219-627-9000 or visit my website at www.BrianELessLaw.com. My consultations for Wills, Trusts, and Asset Protection cases are always free.

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Winfield Ace Hardware presents check to the American Cancer Society

Winfield Ace Hardware recently presented a check to the American Cancer Society, which were the proceeds from this past summer's annual car show. "This was our 9th annual car show," said Store Manager Bob Kleinaman. "We had around 200 cars registered plus about 500 people came out to walk the show. We would like to thank all our sponsors this year, without them we could not do this event. We raised \$3,500 this year, which was an all-time high for our event." Pictured are, from left, Sue, the representative from the American Cancer Society; Donna Bowers; and Bob Kleinaman, store manager.

Indiana Historical Society's Festival of Trees returns with dozens of new themes

From classic decor to the downright creative, 80 elaborately decorated trees will soon go on display at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. The Indiana Historical Society's annual Festival of Trees holiday exhibit runs through January 5 at the History Center, located at 450 West Ohio Street in downtown Indianapolis.

The exhibit features dozens of new themes, from holiday staples such as the Sugarplum Fairy and Santa's sleigh to unique concepts such as popping champagne and the fictional Indiana town in *Stranger Things*. While the mood is festive, there's a friendly competition for fan favorite, with past winners such as the Indianapolis Zoo and Plow Digital keeping this year's idea top secret.

As visitors tour the winter wonderland, they also can take part in scavenger hunts for The Elf on the Shelf or the Weihnachtsgurke, 10 pickle ornaments hidden in trees throughout the building. When legs get weary, guests are invited to take a break in the Cole Porter Room, where a singer leads guests through holiday-themed songs, as well as popular Porter standards.

Special programs include the return of Twilight Tuesdays, with live music performed by local talent. Families are invited to mingle with their favorite Nutcracker characters at the Sugarplum Breakfast on Sunday, December 2, and channel Ralphie at A Christmas Story Day on Saturday, December 22. In addition, IHS is offering free admission for the annual

Holiday Author Fair, featuring more than 70 authors, on Saturday, December 1.

The History Center will be open daily throughout the run of Festival of Trees. Regular operating hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. In addition, the History Center will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays and close late, at 8 p.m., on Twilight Tuesdays. Festival of Trees is free for IHS members or included with admission to the Indiana Experience. Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Festival of Trees is presented by The Salvation Army, with support from The Mothershead Foundation. For more information visit www.indianahistory.org/festivaloftrees or call 317-232-1882.

Lake County Master Gardeners announce the continuance of their scholarship program

The Lake County Master Gardeners have announced that they will be continuing their scholarship program for the 2019-20 academic year.

Although the LCMGA has been awarding scholarships for the past thirteen years, this will be the first year that scholarship applications

will be available through the Crown Point Community Foundation website, and the first year incoming freshmen attending a four-year institution are eligible to apply.

Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate college and university students, who are residents

of Lake County, Indiana. In addition to the majors of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, majors of Forestry, Botany (Horticulture Equivalent), Plant Pathology, Agricultural Education, and Entomology are eligible as well. Other

(See *Garden* Pg. 9)

Weekends with Santa, other activities at Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest in Valpo

Residents are invited to bring the whole family to Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest to celebrate the holidays. Santa Clause is heading down from the North Pole to visit children, young and old, in the vintage Railway Depot. Bring your camera and snap a photograph with jolly old St. Nick from noon to 4 p.m. on December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16. Advance tickets are not required. All winter long, admission pricing is \$5 per

carload.

While waiting for Santa, enjoy a warm cup of cocoa, create a holiday craft to take home and see the hand-crafted Christmas villages throughout the Railway Depot. At the center of it all is the Signature Train Tree. Visitors will delight in the three miniature tracks and trains running along the branches.

After visiting Santa, explore the arboretum's winter wonderland. Gabis

Arboretum at Purdue Northwest offers snowshoe rental in the Railway Depot. Limited availability, first-come, first-served. Sled to your heart's content on the mounds south of the parking lot or bring your cross-country skis and swoosh through the beautiful winter landscape.

Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest is a 300-acre, oak preserve of formal gardens, woodlands, wetlands, prairies and hiking

'A Christmas Story Comes Home' open now through December 31 at Indiana Welcome Center

This holiday season, the 'A Christmas Story Comes Home' exhibit, will be on display until December 31 at the Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond. Visitors are welcome to relive favorite childhood memories of in anticipation of Christmas as they gaze at animated window displays depicting scenes from the holiday movie classic.

The exhibit features six animated scenes from the holiday movie 'A Christmas Story'. The displays include Higbee's Department Store,

Flick's Tongue and the Triple Dog Dare, It's a Major Award, Santa's Mountain at Higbee's, The Bumpus Hounds, and A Hero's Dream.

In addition to the exhibit, visitors will have the opportunity to see a bronzed Flick with his tongue stuck to the flag pole. This homage to the classic scene is the perfect photo opportunity in front of the Indiana Welcome Center.

The Indiana Welcome Center is located at the intersection of I-80/94 and Kennedy Avenue South

in Hammond; only 30 minutes from downtown Chicago and two hours north of Indianapolis. All events are held at the Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond and registrations are available online at www.AChristmasStoryComesHome.com.

Visit that website for a complete list of special events, contests, hours of operation, and directions. The Welcome Center gift shop offers an array of movie memorabilia including the infamous leg lamp!

Indiana Department of Transportation offers scholarships, jobs to engineers in training

The Indiana Department of Transportation is offering civil engineering students scholarships and paid employment during summer breaks and upon graduation.

Students must be accepted or enrolled full time in one of Indiana's certified civil engineering schools and apply using the form at www.INDOTScholarship.IN.gov. Applications for the 2019-20 academic school year must be submitted by December 31, 2018.

INDOT's scholarship program uses federal funds to offer \$3,125 per semester or \$2,083 per trimester for up to

five years of post-secondary civil engineering education. Scholarship funds can be applied to educational expenses, fees and books. In return, recipients work for INDOT in full-time, paid positions during their summer breaks and upon graduation.

Students must be accepted or enrolled full time in one of Indiana's Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) certified civil engineering programs. Eligible programs include Purdue University Fort Wayne, Purdue University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology,

Trine University, University of Evansville, University of Notre Dame, University of Southern Indiana, and Valparaiso University.

Those interested can learn more about the INDOT Engineer Scholarship program application process at www.INDOTScholarship.IN.gov. Applications for the 2019-2020 school year must be submitted by Monday, December 31.

Students or parents with questions may contact Workforce Development Manager K.D. Thurman at talentmanagement@indot.in.gov or by phone at 317-234-8551.

Students can apply for FAFSA loans using new mobile app through April 15; applications underway

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education announces today that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open for the 2019-20 school year. With over \$300 million available in state financial aid—as well as billions of dollars in federal aid—it is more important than ever for Hoosiers to file the FAFSA on time by April 15, 2019.

This year, changes to the FAFSA will give students even more flexibility when filing for financial aid. The U.S. Department of Education recently revealed a new option for filing the FAFSA—a smartphone application. The myStudentAid app, available for iOS and Android devices, was designed to make it eas-

ier for the nearly 19 million students who file a FAFSA every year. Specifically, the app will benefit students who do not have a computer or high-speed internet at home.

It is important for all students to file the FAFSA regardless of family income. In addition to determining eligibility for state and federal financial aid, many colleges require a completed FAFSA to award merit and need-based scholarships. Filing the FAFSA is particularly important for Indiana's 21st Century Scholars who must file on time to earn the state scholarship that pays for up to four years of college tuition.

Students can file the FAFSA online at FAFSA.gov or using the myStudentAid app. The first step for students who have never filed the FAFSA is to create a Federal Student Aid (FSA)

ID. Then, each student will need:

- Social Security Number
- Alien Registration Number (for non-U.S. citizens)
- Federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)

The U.S. Department of Education provides email and live chat assistance for FAFSA filers as well as a helpline at 800-4FED-AID. Hoosier families can also find FAFSA help through INvestEd Indiana at www.investedindiana.org. For questions about state financial aid, students can contact the Indiana Commission for Higher Education by phone at 888-528-4719 or via e-mail at awards@che.in.gov.

'Sounds of the Season' concerts to take place at the Crown Point Library

The public is invited to ring in the holidays at the library. On Thursday, December 6, at 6 p.m. the Crown Point High School Choir, under the direction of Bill Woods, will present an a capella concert.

On Monday, December 10 at 6 p.m. the Harmony Handbells will perform an informal concert in the library lobby, and at 6:30 p.m. local

orchestra students, under the direction of Rovelli Grib, will perform holiday classics in the library meeting rooms.

These performances are sponsored by the Friends of the Crown point Library and are free to the public. Registration is not required; refreshment will be served. For more information visit www.crownpointlibrary.org

Golf Maintenance Annual Report

By Doug Weiss,
Golf Course Superintendent

The 2018 golf season got off to a cold start but it sure didn't stay that way. The month of May started off with high temperatures in the mid-forties and finished with seven days in a row where the highs were above eighty- eight degrees. This, along with the lake treatment that prevented us from using

the irrigation system, had a negative effect on the root development that typically occurs this time of year. The fairways and tees handled the stress much better than the greens. The greens have had a hard time recovering from the heat stress.

The difficult weather did not stop us from accomplishing many, much-needed projects throughout the golf

season. This spring the bunker on the left side of number six green was filled in creating rolling hills. The same time soil was added to the back side of number thirteen green stopping the water from sitting by the cart path killing the grass and making the area unplayable.

Shortly after that a new bunker was added to the left side of number eleven green. This bunker has helped catch a lot of balls that would be going out of bounds, stay in play. Both this bunker and the one on the right side of thirteen green had a new spray in liner added to them

for drainage and to keep the sand from being contaminated with soil.

Also new drain pipe was added to the bunkers. The system worked great! Drains were also added to the putting green, ten green, nine green and thirteen green. All the areas have been needing drains put in them for years. Also, several dead trees were cut down on the golf course. The stumps were ground out and the areas were seeded. This summer the bridge on number ten had the boards replaced with bamboo planks.

The MGA donated funds

to upgrade the decking. Several cart paths were patched this summer. The entire cart path on number twelve was resurfaced along with the path that leads to the lady's tee on number ten. A new cart path was added to allow the carts to go behind number eighteen tee. This was a long time coming because the carts were going there for years killing the grass. Both MGA and WGA helped monetarily.

The most visible project is the native plants that were planted in the fall of 2017 on the right side of number five fairway. For a long time it

looked like nothing was going to grow until the soil finally warmed up. Then the plants just took off, almost overnight. This is a great filter for the water going into Lake Holiday. I am excited to see how it looks in the next couple of years.

Lastly, I want to thank the loyal members of the greens committee for showing up monthly. My staff for their hard work all season. Kimberly and Timburley did an amazing job with the flower beds throughout the community; the POA Board and of course Rick Cleveland.

Community should be aware of LOFS snow removal procedures

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Operations Department wants residents to be cautious and prepared during the winter season. Here are the snow removal procedures you should follow:

- Yield the right of way to the plow and salt trucks for your safety and the operator's safety.
- Plow and salt trucks are

used when the conditions deem it necessary. The Public Safety Department is to contact the on-call maintenance personnel of bad road conditions during off hours between the hours of 4 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.

- Plowing will continue until midnight and begin again at

4 a.m. on weekdays.

Priorities

- Front Entrance, N.L.S.D., 117th Ave. Automated Entrance, Kingsway Dr., W.L.S.D., Porter County Automated Entrance, Four Seasons Parkway.
- Forest Lane, Sunnyslope Dr., E.L.S.D., Green Valley Dr., Hidden Valley Dr.
- All remaining roads.

- Cul-de-sacs, Seasons Lakehouse parking lots and 19th Hole parking lots.
- Seasons Lakehouse side-walks and 19th Hole side-walks.

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Operations Department and employees will not be held responsible for any damages to mailboxes or stands that are already

in disrepair.

Vehicles must not be parked on or along roadways and cul-de-sacs. The Operations Department needs as much open area as possible to place the snow and to maneuver through the narrow roadways.

Homeowners may want to mark their driveways with 3 to 4-foot posts. This will aid

the snow plow operator from pushing snow into the driveway when possible.

Please do not put snow from your driveway into the streets. Frozen snow piles when hit with the plow could force plow trucks into oncoming traffic. Place the snow on the left side (downstream of road traffic) of your driveway as you face it.

(Garden from Pg. 8)
Gardener Association in support of the annual Plant Sale, Garden Walk, Symposium, and from donations from donors such as the NW Indiana Beekeepers Association. The Lake County Master Gardener Association work in cooperation with Purdue Extension-Lake County.

The 2019 application will be available January 11 to February 22, through the Crown Point Community Foundation website at www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html

The scholarships are funded by donations made to the Lake County Master

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Lion's Club

Lions Club's service to community continues

LOFS Lions have been busy in service to the LOFS and Winfield Communities. Our community can now boast of a new Leos Club (teenaged Lions), which formed this fall.

In conjunction with area vendors and community service groups, the Lions and our Leos Club held a very successful Health Fair at Jerry Ross School on October 20. There were things for all ages to see and do, including learning how to maintain healthy habits.

The featured event at the Health Fair was the Children's Challenge course. Children were able to run the Warrior style course and receive Olympic style medals for winning or placing in the event. The Health Fair was the first public event for our Leos Club, who supervised the Warriors course, did face painting and acted as the Hosts for the Health Fair.

The Lions donated \$500.00 to Toys for Tots in order to support their work this holiday season. In addition, the Lions donated to all three local food banks and the Pangere Organization,

which supports research for inherited retinal diseases. In December, the Lions will provide food and gifts to local needy families for the holidays.

Our Lions officially added two new members who both have a history of public service to the community. Juan has been a Lion with another club in the region and Bob has worked with the Rotary club in another state. Both new members exemplify our motto, "We Serve."

Coming up, our (free) Children's Christmas Party on Dec 9th (more on the party in this Seasonal), the Polar Plunge in February, the Pork Chop dinner in mid-April and the Easter Egg Hunt (another free children's event!) on April 20th. The Lions can be contacted with questions at lofslions@aol.com and meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Seasons Lakehouse.

Interested in service to our local community? Have a teenager who is interested in working with and serving the public? Contact Linda Kroner at 219 765-3990 for the Lions Club or Pam Van Kirk for the Leos Club at 775-560-7267.



Our new Leos Club members working the face painting booth and football challenge.



Warrior challenge winners pose proudly with their award medals. The Leos ran this as their first event.



Lion Linda with Jim Atkinson from Toys for Tots and Lion Chuck with the Pangeres.

LOFS LIONS CLUB & FIRE FORCE

Present the 5th Annual Polar Bear Plunge 2019



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019 @ 12:00 (NOON) LOFS TEEN CENTER NEXT TO THE POOL!

- A Plunge team/Individual can be any size—yourself, a group of friends, you and your partner, co-workers, or any (18-years or older) high school/college students. Remember when you're plunging as a team, each member must raise a minimum of \$25!
- Registration forms can be picked up at LOFS 19th Hole, Lakehouse, or POA office

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Polar Lions Dash

Lions Club/Fire Force present - 50-yard dash run!!!

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More info. contact LOFS

Lions Member:

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New Lions Bob and Juan pose with their sponsors at their installation, Lion Linda and Lion Chuck, along with the regional governor for the Lions.

Lions Holding Free Children's Christmas Party December 9



The annual LOFS Lions Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Seasons Lakehouse on Sunday, December 9th from 1pm to 2:30pm. The event will feature gifts, snacks, cookie decorating, Christmas carols and music. This year the Lions have added a photo booth featuring an ugly sweater theme.

The event will conclude with a visit from Santa! Bring your camera for that perfect picture with the main Elf himself. The event is free, no registration is required. For questions, you can email the Lions at lofslions@aol.com or call event Elf Jackie at 219 776-3541. See you there!

(Teacher from Pg. 5)

750 teachers the opportunity to gain first-hand experience participating in science at sea. This year, NOAA received applications from nearly 300 teachers, and chose 35 to participate in research cruises. These educators are able to enrich their curricula with the depth of understanding they gain by living and working side-by-side with scientists studying the marine environment.

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For more information visit the following websites: NOAA 'Teacher at Sea' homepage: www.teacheratsea.noaa.gov and Ashley Cosme's blog: www.noaateacheratsea.blog/author/acosme2018. NOAA ship Oregon II.

Obituary ~ Thomas Joseph Hynes



Thomas Joseph Hynes, age 79, of Crown Point, passed away at home on Friday, November 9, 2018. He was born in Chicago, IL on December 28, 1938. Tom proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He worked for 23 years with Wisconsin Steel. He was a member of Holy

Spirit Catholic Church in Crown Point. Tom enjoyed visits from his great grandson, Nathan. He also enjoyed betting on horse races, golfing, listening to Frank Sinatra, Heineken and his Marlboro Reds. Tom is survived by his wife of 56 years, Faith (nee Curtin) Hynes; sons, Thomas Hynes, Michael Smith; daughters, Cheryl (Mark) Smith, Denise (Jim) Przybylski; grandchildren, Nicole (Jered), Jennifer, Erica (Steve), Scott, Jessica (Jose), Kailey (Joel), Stacey (Richard), Justin, Grant, Gwen; and many great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Teresa Hynes; daughter, Alison Ganz and brothers, Myles and Patrick. In lieu of flowers, memorial

contributions may be made to the VNA Foundation, 2401 Valley Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383. A Mass of Christian Burial for Tom was celebrated on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 11:00 am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with Rev. Thomas E. Mischler officiating. Friends gathered with the family just prior to mass from 10-11 am at the church. He was laid to rest Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood, IL 60421. Please call 219-661-2600 with questions. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.reesfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary ~ Francis G. Kolodziej

Francis G. Kolodziej, age 63 of Lakes of the Four Seasons, passed away November 13, 2018. He graduated from Bishop Noll High School and retired as a Hammond firefighter after 28 years of service. Frank was an avid fisherman and dog lover; but most of all, he cherished creating memories with his granddaughters.

Frank was a loving husband, step-father, grandfather, and brother. He will be greatly missed. Frank is survived by his loving wife of 14 years-Kathy; 3 step-daughters-Meaghan (Todd) O'Connell, Catherine Zubricks, and Elizabeth Zubricks; 2 granddaughters-Scarlett and Dalilah O'Connell; sister- Wanda

(Nick) Elischer. Visitation took place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with a 2 p.m. funeral service on Saturday, November 17, 2018, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Indiana Burn Camp. www.burnsfuneral.com

Obituary ~ Doris F. Wirick

Doris F. Wirick, age 95, of Crown Point, passed away Saturday, November 3, 2018. She was born on January 13, 1923 in Porter County, IN to the late William and Eva Hamann. On April 9, 1944, she married Guy O. Wirick, Jr. in Santa Ana, California. Doris appreciated nature and enjoyed watching birds and gardening. She loved animals and dedicated her life to taking care of her family. She is survived by three sons, Larry (Jeanne) Wirick of Pittsburg, CA, Bob and Tony Wirick of Crown Point; one adopted daughter, Sharon Anderson of St. Charles, IL; grandson, Kelly Wirick of San Diego, CA; two great grandchildren,

Victoria and Kelvin; several nieces, nephews, and very special friends especially Donna and Dee Dee and lifelong friend, Connie. She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Wirick; her parents, William and Eva Hamann; two brothers, Evert and Royce; and four sisters, Ella Mae, Eileen, Alice and Jean. Memorial contributions in Doris' name may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 2301 Ohio St. Michigan City, IN 46360. A funeral service for Doris was held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 11:00 am at Rees Funeral Home, Winfield Chapel, 10909 Randolph Winfield/ Crown Point, IN



46307. She was laid to rest at Mosier Cemetery in Union Township. Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the funeral home. For more information, please call (219) 661-2600. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.reesfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary ~ Maria G. Norton

Maria G. Norton, age 77, of Hebron passed away Thursday October 18, 2018 at Porter Regional Hospital in Valparaiso. Maria was born November 12, 1940 in Tototlan, Jalisco, Mexico to the late Rumaldo and Florencia (Munoz) Zuniga. She retired from the Union Township School Corporation where she worked as a custodian. She married Rodney S. Norton on February 4, 1970 in Mexico. Maria loved spending time with her family and caring for them. Maria is survived by five children: Tammy (Don) Pardus of

Lilburn, GA, Shawn Norton of Hebron, Belinda (Willie) Norton- McLemore of Valparaiso, Monte Norton of Hebron and Kayla Norton of Hebron; three grandchildren: Caitlan Pardus, Gregory Vajner and Madison McLemore; four brothers and sisters: Teresa (Rosalia) Carrillo, Maria Elena (Pablo) Padilla, Francisco (Yolanda) Zuniga and Fidel (Gloria) Zuniga; and many nieces and nephews, many great nieces and great nephews. She will be missed by her two loving dogs Pinot and Grom She was preceded in death by her parents; loving husband,

Rodney S. Norton; and many brothers and sisters, Maria Zuniga, Chavelo Zuniga, Juanita Zuniga, Carmen Villarruel, Juan Zuniga, Jesus Zuniga and Luis Zuniga. Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Friday October 26, 2018 at the REES FUNERAL HOME, WINFIELD CHAPEL at 10909 Randolph Rd. Crown Point/Winfield, IN 46307 with Pastor Scott Jones officiating. Entombment followed in Graceland Mausoleum Valparaiso, Indiana. Online condolences may be submitted at www.reesfuneralhomes.com

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9 Lions Hosting Kid Christmas Party 1-2:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	10 POA Public Board Mtg. 7:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse Budget Mtg. to Follow	11 House & Garden Club Luncheon 11:30 am @ Seasons Lakehouse	12 Lions 7 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Keen - Agers Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve POA Office & 19th Hole Closed for the Holiday	25 Christmas POA Office & 19th Hole Closed for the Holiday	26 Lions 7 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	27	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve 19th Hole Open for New Year's Eve Party Seasons Lakehouse Open for Reservations Only POA Office Closed for the Holiday	January 1 New Years Day 19th Hole open 2-9 pm POA Office Closed for the Holiday				

This Month in LOFS History

“Community” and the LOFS Fire Department

By Sally Lugo

“Community,” as found in Webster’s Dictionary, is defined as ‘a social group of any sizes whose members reside in somewhat close association having common rules and a historical heritage’. To really be a “community” we need human interactions working toward a commonality face-to-face. LOFS is undoubtedly well-known for its community interactions! We work hard together, play hard together, and over the years together we’ve risen to common calls helping our neighbors in need.

In 1966, there was no 911 to call or social media on which to complain. LOFS residents on the Porter County side relied on Kouts as their closest

resemblance to an ambulance service. (It was actually the town’s funeral home’s hearse doubling as an ambulance!), and on the Lake County side, St. Anthony and Methodist in Merrillville had not yet been built. Our community was indeed a good distance from critical services located in Gary or Valparaiso.

Then in 1969 a small group of men with a strong sense of duty to help their community determined to establish a volunteer fire department with EMT services.

The ladies helped with a Tuesday Night Bingo to raise monies for equipment as well as host Sunday brunches to benefit the cause. On February 28, 1970, a sold-out crowd enjoyed the first “LOFS Fire Department Ball” raising enough profit to

pay off a \$500 personal loan for the fire truck and purchase more new equipment.

Mark your calendar for next year’s Fire Department Ball to be held March 30. Better yet, order a 2019 LOFS Fire Department calendar and all LOFS Fire Department events will be noted for you.

On Saturday, December 1, your LOFS Fire Department will once again walk throughout our community on the 1st Saturday of December from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. collecting food and/or monetary donations to give to those less fortunate this holiday season.

Please take this opportunity to be part of your community and helping to help others—by participating in “Stop, Drop, and Donate” on Saturday, December 1. Thank you!

Fire Auxiliary annual ‘Stop, Drop, & Donate’ to take place Saturday, December 1 in LOFS

The Fire Department and Auxiliary will run their fire trucks through the complex on Saturday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will make some noise to let you know that we are collecting donations in the form of food and money to help support our three local food pantries, namely: Winfield, Porter (Salem Methodist Church), and Holy Spirit Church.

If by chance we miss you, Station 3500 at the south end



of our complex will be open to receive your donations. Also, we may have a special ride along Santa and some of his elves helping out.

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generous in the past and we hope that you can continue this year to help those less fortunate. If you have any questions, please contact Christine at 219-789-6015.

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PENDING

Home is located on a BIG LOT with CROWN POINT SCHOOLS. Main level is total OPEN CONCEPT with VAULTED CEILINGS, SKYLIGHTS, DARK KITCHEN CABINETS, SS APPLIANCES, glass backsplash, under cabinet lighting and HARDWOOD Floors. ALL 3 bedrooms are GOOD SIZE and on main level, ceiling fans, full wall closets FULL UPDATED BATH on this level. FURNACE, AC, HWH 4 years old, LOTS OF SPACE AND WELL CARED FOR HOME **NEW LOWER PRICE! \$239,600**

PENDING

SUPER GOLF COURSE HOME You'll love the views and yard of this GREAT 2 STORY home. Originally a 4 bedroom home, the owners changed 2 of the main level bedrooms into a recroom which could easily be changed back to make bedrooms. Home now has recroom and living room on main level along with kitchen, dining room and laundry room. This home is located across the street from Lake Holiday backing up to the fairway of hole #8 of golf course. **JUST REDUCED! \$184,897**

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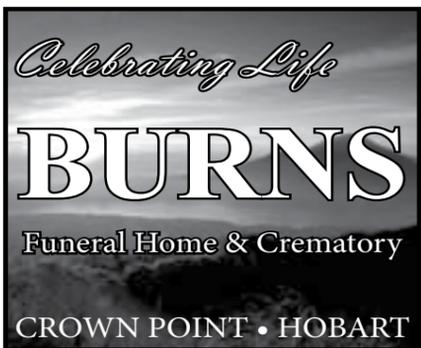
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