



Seasonal

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Gardens Around the Community

Winter is a wonderful time of year to plan for the Spring ahead. Break out those seed and plant catalogs, do your searching online, and get excited for the planting and growing season ahead.

If you didn't get the chance to prune your trees or other standards (something grown as a tree, example of this is a hydrangea) now is a good time. It's actually a great time. They are dormant, there are no insects or disease thriving that could affect the fresh cut.

Something amazing is happening in a few of the beds. Hellebore, also known

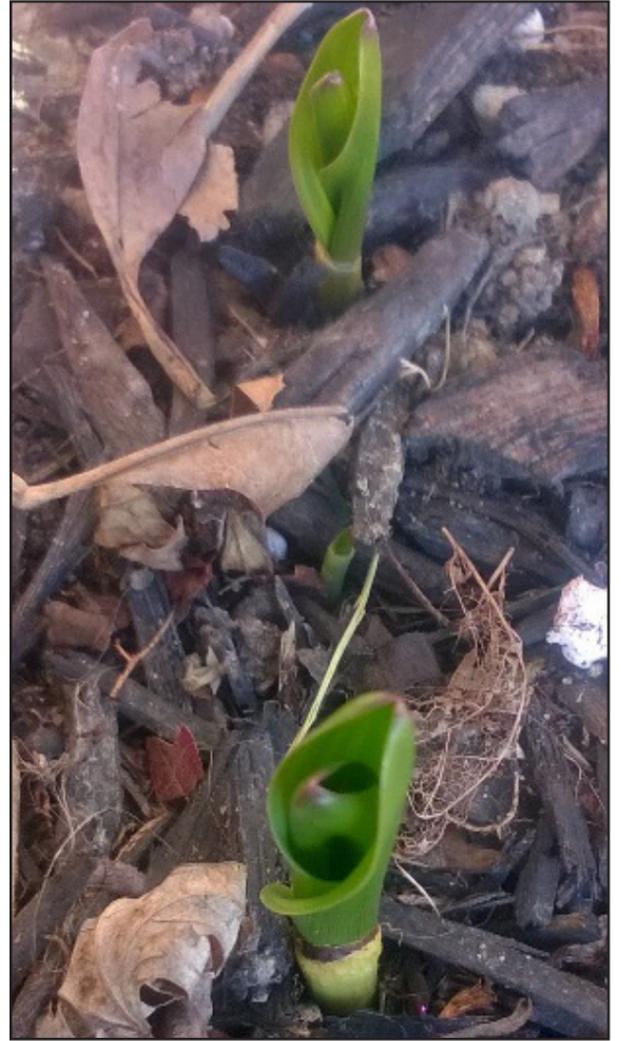
as Lenten Rose, has kept its beautiful green color. It will continue to do so all winter long. Flower buds could be seen in mid-December. Hellebore will bloom the end of February to early March in time for Easter.

Kim's tip for this Winter is, if you see tulip or other Spring bulbs coming up don't panic. Mother Nature knows what to do.

We finished the 2019 year with 103 beds cleaned up, 55 trailer loads of debris, and come Spring 2020 we will have a few beds to clean up that we could not safely get to. Happy Planning!



Hellebore flower bud awaiting February to bloom.



Spring bulbs emerging



Trailer of debris



Variegated leaf Hellebore



Variegated leaf Hellebore

'Laughter: It's Good for Your Heart' comedy night February 21

The LOFS Fundraising Committee will be celebrating Valentine's month with a Heart Topping Comedy Night. Mark your calendars for Friday, February 21, and reserve your seats now by calling or texting Wendy at 219-309-9530. Seating is limited and tickets are going quickly. (Reminder: prepayment is required to guarantee your seat.) Tickets are \$20 per person with the show starting at 9 p.m.

If you plan on dining at the Seasons Lakehouse before the show, reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 219-988-2582.

This month we welcome Billy Reno to start off the night and Sal Demilio, who will finish off the evening.

Billy Reno

All his life Billy Reno has been told he should be a stand-up comedian and one day he agreed. The first time he stepped onstage and got a laugh he was hooked.

Since starting on a journey in stand-up, Billy quickly became a club favorite at such notable clubs like Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Big Tommy's Comedy Club, and The Holly Hotel, and has traveled the country using his affable charm and quick wit to delight audiences young and old.

As well as being a talented voiceover he has performed at Laughfest and The Border City Comedy Festival, and at clubs and bars all over the country, which has allowed him to feel comfortable in

any setting.

He has produced his own shows and is currently co-producing The Lighten Up Comedy Show, as well as being heard on The Lighten Up Podcast. Priding himself on his professionalism Billy is easy to work with and always shows on time and clear-headed to give the audience a hilarious night they won't soon forget.

Sal Demilio

A true 'stand up' who has performed at some of the best comedy clubs in the country, such as Carolines in NYC, The Comedy Store and Laugh Factory in LA, Zanies Comedy Club in Chicago, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, and The Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase in his home town of Detroit.

Sal has also been featured on XM/Sirius Radio where his first CD 'Fettucini Salfredo' is a well-played on-air favorite. He will be releasing his second CD in this year and has also signed with On Tour Records, where you can hear him on all social media and radio for both of his CDs. You'll hear him on radio programs across the country promoting his tour, including the Bob & Tom radio show and podcasts in the country.

Comedy is not Sal's only talent! He is also an actor, and he will continue to work in the acting field for future projects. He has worked alongside Eric Roberts (Julia Roberts bother) for the movie 'Intent' and is a regular actor for Broken Tail Dog Productions where he



Billy Reno



Sal Demilio

is involved in many acting projects including 'Detour Detroit'. Working with the best of the best, Sal has also toured with some renown stand-up comedians of all time such as Jimmy Walker, Dave Coulier, Nick DiPaolo, Kathleen Madigan, and Louis Anderson, to name a few.

With a quick wit and an eye for 'funny', Sal addresses our daily lives in his act that any

age or demographic audience can easily relate to! Topics include growing up in an Italian family, relationships, sports junkie topics, technology, and simply everyday activities that Sal can spin off in his fun, hilarious, self-deprecating humor. Think "Ray Romano meets Tony Soprano" but very clean and clever. His comedic style fits into comedy clubs, golf and country clubs, or corporate.

POA Community Manager



Rick Cleveland

The annual assessment for the POA is set at \$1,365 per year. Residents may begin paying the annual assessment on Monday, March 2, this year. Assessments must be paid on or before Friday, May 1. Payments received after this date are considered delinquent and will accrue a \$50 late fee and interest charges.

A packet will be mailed to each homeowner of record the middle of February. Included in the packet is a pay by mail form that may be used.

Quarterly or Half-Payment Plans

Property owners will continue to have the option to make quarterly payments for their dues assessment with a \$75 upfront application and processing fee and the first quarterly payment. You need to be current on your POA account to participate. The first quarterly payment must be made on or before Friday, May 1. Failure to stay current on any of the quarterly payments will render the plan void and the remainder owed will be applied to your account.

We will continue to offer the half-payment option as well. This option requires a \$50 upfront application and processing fee and the first half of dues by Friday, May 1.

The second installment is due on or before Friday, October 30, to avoid a \$50 penalty.

If you want to utilize one of these payment plans you MUST complete and submit one of the payment plan applications by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 26; payment is not necessary on this date but the POA office needs to know ahead of time so the proper amount can be billed to your account. This will allow you to make these payments online through the LOFS website.

We will continue to utilize the hologram sticker; DO NOT remove your existing vehicle bar codes. You will receive a new 2020 hologram that you will place along either side of your existing vehicle barcode. Do not place the hologram over the barcode. Please remove the old 2019 hologram.

The first two "new" hologram decals per property are free; the third and subsequent

decals cost \$20 each.

The POA Office will be open on Saturday, March 28 and Saturday, April 25 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Property owners who currently rent POA-owned dock spaces

You will not be required to pay the \$150 non-refundable reservation fee. However, the yearly dues assessment and the dock fee must be paid before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1st, or you will lose your dock space. All POA-owned dock spaces will be rented per the new LOFS Rental Dock Distribution System.

Boat and/or Boat Trailer Storage

Remember to call the POA office at 219-988-2581 to reserve a space to store your boat and/or boat trailer at the maintenance facility. The cost is \$15 per foot.

Junior Wolves co-ed flag football seeking players aged 5 to 13

The co-ed flag football league is designed for boys and girls aged 5 to 13 years old. The cost is \$70 per player, which includes jersey and mouth guard. Practice is once

a week and before the game on Sundays.

Practices and home games will be held at Boone Grove Middle School. Registration is now open online at www.

jr-wolves.com and closes on March 8. Contact George Vargas at 219-775-6556 or via e-mail at jrwwolvespresident@gmail.com

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Assessments	2020-2021
Lot Assessments	\$1,365.00
Assessments - Partial Privilege	\$300.00
Assessments- Big Bass Lake	\$405.00
Boats & Docks	
Powered (200and over)	\$460.00
Powered (150 to 199)	\$410.00
Powered (100 to 149)	\$370.00
Powered (50 to 99)	\$225.00
Powered (20 to 49)	\$175.00
Powered (4 to 19)	\$130.00
3HP and under / includes trolling motor	\$105.00
Unpowered boat	\$35.00
Jet Ski	\$470.00
Dock Spaces	
Unpowered boat up to 14' storage fee	\$40.00
Boat and/ or boat trailer storage	\$15 per foot
Pool	
Pool Daily fee	\$7.00
Pool-Membership	\$85.00
Pool Replacement card	\$10.00
Pool "10-Swim" Pass	\$40.00
Golf	
Single Membership	\$1,195.00
Senior Citizen Single Membership (62 & older)	\$1,095.00
Secondary Adult Expansion Membership	\$380.00
Individual Junior Child Membership (under 23 & enrolled in college)	\$300.00
Individual Junior Child Expansion Membership (under 23 & enrolled in college)	** \$300.00
Individual Junior Adult Membership (under 30)	\$1,025.00
Individual Legacy Membership (80 plus)	\$785.00
Sundowner Membership	\$810.00
Associate Individual Adult Single Membership	\$1,950.00
Associate Individual Junior Child Membership (under 23 & enrolled in college)	\$400.00
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Real Est. Proc. Fee New Members	\$425.00
Real Est. Proc. Fee Transfer/Sellers Fee	\$425.00
Contractors License	\$140.00
Building Permits (House) \$225 plus \$225 refundable compliance fee	\$450.00
Building Permits (Additions, Sheds, Pools, etc.) \$100 plus \$100 refundable fee	\$200.00
Maps	\$5.00
Golf Carts	\$125.00
Large Shelter Rental	\$200.00
Small Shelter Rental	\$125.00
Dog Park Fee	\$70.00

LOFS POA Revenue & Expense

Revenue	2020/21
Assessments	\$3,660,120.00
Boats & Docks	\$217,020.00
Pool	\$55,432.00
Golf	\$435,651.00
Golf Merchandise	\$17,500.00
All other	\$535,280.00
Total revenue	\$4,921,003.00

Expense	2020/21
Wages	\$1,823,393.00
Employee taxes and benefits	\$482,614.06
Repairs and maintenance	\$682,014.00
Insurance	\$224,000.00
Engineering	\$50,000.00
Fert., Seed & Chemicals	\$138,000.00
Rentals	\$47,943.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$230,013.58
Taxes, legal, accounting & fees	\$224,456.00
Other	\$262,462.04
Reserve	\$65,000.00
Capital & Equipment	\$487,437.00
Debt service	\$160,390.32
Lease purchase	\$43,280.00
Total expense	\$4,921,003.00

Soccer Registration is Still Open!

Registration closes:
In-house - February 16th
Travel - February 2nd

Travel includes up to U19
Travel must be done online.

A Birth Certificate and Picture are required for registration.

Any questions, please contact Frank Oliva at 219-614-5100.

Visit us at www.seasonsoccerclub.org

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Operations and Building Maintenance

By Roy Green,
Director of Operations

Please remember that if snow is expected, do not park your vehicle on the berm or the street. If it happens to fall on the day your garbage is picked up, please keep the cans off the road. Please be considerate of the plow drivers and give them the right-of-way. If by the slim chance that your mailbox gets damaged by one of our plow trucks or any other issues with plowing; please call the Operations Department at

219-988-4461. The drivers are instructed to report any issues or accidents that may come up right away.

The Operations Department has been going around the community collecting Christmas trees. If you still have a live Christmas tree and would like us to pick it up, please call the Operations Department and we will get it as soon as possible.

The Operations Department would like to remind residents that we have dumpsters for electronics and white

goods, including tires, that are easily accessible for drop-offs and are clearly marked for each. Our hours of operation during the winter months are 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We do not open on weekends until Spring, unless we happen to be plowing snow.

If you have any leaves or branches that you would like to dispose of, you can also bring them. You can drop them off in the appropriate area at the south end of the yard. As a reminder, the maintenance area that is located on Shoreline Road is the home for the Golf Maintenance and Lakes Departments, so please DO NOT drop anything off there.

Spring leaf collection for the entire community will begin April 6 and will continue until April 20. All leaves must be at the street no later than April 19. If they are put out later than that, there is no guarantee they will be collected.

We will be keeping a record of when we have made our final collection for each street. If you want to know if your street has been completed call the Operations Department. We will begin our branch collections on April 27 for the Lake County portion of the community and will finish May 4. Branches must be out by May 3 to assure that they will be collected. The Porter County por-

tion of the community will begin May 11 and continue until May 18. Branches must be out no later than May 17 to be collected. Again, you can bring your leaves or branches to the maintenance facility any time that we are

open, if you need to get rid of them sooner.

We are looking forward to spring and being able to do the many projects that are planned for us this year and to complete some of the ones from last year.

Crown Point Community Foundation now accepting scholarship applications

The Crown Point Community Foundation is accepting online scholarship applications for students who are looking to continue their education in Fall 2020.

"Last year the CPCF awarded 112 scholarships totaling over \$360,000 in student scholarship grants," said Mary Nielsen, Crown Point Community Foundation president. "This is one of our largest initiatives every year. We encourage students to apply for scholarships administered

by the Foundation. A complete listing of scholarships can be found on our website at www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html."

The 2020 scholarship application must be submitted online. The link to the application can be found on the CPCF website, www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html or on the Crown Point Community Foundation's Facebook page. The deadline for applying is Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11:30 p.m. (CST).

The following scholarship was added to the 2020 general scholarship application:

Crown Point Swim Club Alumni Scholarship:
Graduating senior from Lake County, IN with minimum 2.5 GPA. Member or alumni of Crown Point Swim Club. Proof of completion of 12 seasons (6 years) on Crown Point Swim Club required. Majoring in the fields of Business, Science, or Engineering at any accredited college or university. Must maintain a 2.0

GPA every year in college to receive additional scholarship payments. \$5,000 per yr. for 4 yrs.

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VFA-34 'Blue Blasters' welcomes Valparaiso native as Commanding Officer

Cmdr. William M. Mathis was relieved by Cmdr. Juston R. Kuch, a native of Valparaiso, Indiana, during a Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 34 'Blue Blasters' change of command ceremony at Naval Air Station Oceana.

With the traditional exchange of salutes, Kuch relieved Mathis and assumed all duties and responsibilities as the commanding officer of VFA-34 in a ceremony attended by distinguished visitors, family, and VFA-34 crew.

Kuch expressed his appreciation for Mathis for guiding the squadron to the highest levels of operational excellence and allowing the Blue Blasters to perform tremendously in every aspect.

"His exceptional dedication and commitment to the mission of Strike Fighter Squadron 34, CVW-2, CVW-8, and the United States Navy represents the absolute best of the armed services," said Kuch. "I look forward to carrying on his vision for VFA-34."

VFA-34 is a U.S. Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet strike



Cmdr. Juston Kuch (right), of Valparaiso, the new commanding officer of Strike Fighter Squadron 34 (VFA-34), reads his orders during VFA-34's change of command ceremony at Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) Ceremonial Hangar Bay onboard Naval Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, VA. Kuch has a history with VFA-34, including a tour as a department head, and his assignment to the squadron as the executive officer in June 2018. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Adam Ferrero.)

fighter squadron stationed at NAS Oceana located in Virginia Beach, Virginia. They are a part of Carrier Air Wing 8 and are attached to the aircraft carrier, USS George H. W. Bush.

Super Hornets are an all-

weather aircraft used as an attack aircraft as well as a fighter. In its fighter mode, the F/A-18 is used primarily as a fighter escort and for fleet air defense; in its attack mode, it is used for interdiction and air support.

Winfield Branch Library announces upcoming events for all ages

The following programs and activities are taking place at the Winfield Branch Library. Most programs are free and require registration.

Visit www.crownpointlibrary.org/events and click on 'Library Events' to register online, or call 219-662-4039.

All ages

- Winter Reading Event - Cozy up with a "sweet read" this winter and participate in the library's Winter Reading Event! This year's program theme is Sweet Reads! The program is for all ages and runs through February 23.
- Chess Club - If you like playing chess, want to learn how to play or improve your game, join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. A chess coach will be available to teach and answer questions. Chess sets will be provided and the club is open to all ages.

For Kids & Teens

- Lego Club - Every 1st Tuesday of the Month at 5 p.m. Children in grades 1 - 5 are encouraged to bring their imagination and build some amazing Lego creations at the library. Legos will be provided and creations will be displayed with the builder's name. Caregivers must remain at the library during Lego Club.
- Pokemon Club - Children in grades K-8 are welcome to join our club that meets monthly on the 4th Thursday at 5 p.m. Club members

will have the opportunity to watch the Pokemon series and movies while working on a Pokemon-related activity. Pokemon trainers can also share, battle, and trade their collected cards (with parent's permission).

For Adults

- Book Discussion Group - Join others at the library's monthly book discussion held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 1 p.m.
- Paper Craft Workshop - On the 2nd Thursday of the month from 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. join your fellow paper crafters to make three projects. Please bring adhesives such as tape runner, glue dots and liquid glue. There is a \$6 fee for materials payable at the time of class.
- Paper Crafting - Every 4th Friday of the month from 10:30 a.m. - noon, the library provides space for crafters to bring their craft projects to work on while sharing ideas and meeting other crafters.
- Movie Matinee - Enjoy a free movie and popcorn every 3rd Monday of the Month at 1:30 p.m. Please call the library for movie titles.

The Winfield Branch Library is located in the Doubletree Plaza at 10771 Randolph Street. Library hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed on Sunday.

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REGISTRATION

In-Person Registration:

Location:
LOFS Lakehouse
1048 E. Lakeshore Dr.
Crown Point, IN 46307

Online Registration Open Now:

<http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/lofsll>

DATE/TIME

In-Person Registration:

February 13, 2020 6 pm - 8 pm

Last Day to Register:

February 16, 2020

Tentative Evaluation Date:

February 22, 2020
Location TBD

REGISTRATION FEE

- \$100 - \$130 Division Fee/Player
- \$300 Family Maximum on Division Fee for Immediate Family ONLY
- \$50 Volunteer Deposit - returned after fulfilling volunteer obligation
- \$50 Raffle Fee/Family - you keep the money after selling the tickets

DIVISION/AGES

Tee Ball: 4-6 yrs | **Instructional:** 7-8 yrs
Minors: 9-10 yrs | **Majors:** 11-12 yrs
Intermediate Baseball (50/70) Division: 11-13 yrs
Following divisions based on need:
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WHAT TO BRING:

All parents/guardians must bring participant's birth certificate and three documents providing residency or one document supporting local school enrollment.

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Porter County has had many settlements and communities, both past and present

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society



A previous article described the many cities, towns and villages, past and present, that were settled in Lake County. We now describe those that developed in Porter County.

Joseph Gratien Bailly de Messein, best known to us as Joseph Bailly, a French fur trader and the first known settler of Porter County, certainly would not have foreseen the large number of communities that have developed in the county since his arrival in our area in 1822. Depending on the source of information,

at one time or another, there were at least 69 communities in Porter County.

Valparaiso and Portage are the only two incorporated cities in the county. Valparaiso, originally called Portersville, was founded in 1834 and incorporated in 1836. Similarly, Portage, the largest city in the county and third largest in Northwest Indiana, based on population, was incorporated in 1967.

There are eight communities incorporated as towns in the county. As to settlement, the oldest town most likely is Hebron, first settled in 1841 and incorporated as a town in 1890. The newest town is Burns Harbor, founded in 1966.

As the railroads were being built across the county in the 1800s, small settlements developed around stations, grain elevators, and crossings. Railroad towns with names such as Hurlburt, Crocker, Suman, Steamburg, McCool, Sedley, Woodville, Coburg, Crisman, Beatrice, Grassmere Crossing, and Burdick are now distant memories as dots on old maps. Boone Grove, a town that was moved about a half mile to be on the railroad, was once called Baltimore. Other towns settled along the railroads, such as Malden, Kouts, Porter, and Wheeler, still retain their identity.

A number of small towns were eventually absorbed by a larger entity. Garyton, McCool, and Fairview are now part of Portage. Emmetsburg became part of Valparaiso. Haglund is now part of Burns Harbor, and

Siglar's Corner is now part of Hebron. Lake Eliza was once known as Fish Lake.

Most likely, the first platted town in the county was Baillytown, near Chesterton, in 1833, but the new settlement in the wilderness never developed. Similarly, another early community, City West, was platted in 1836 at the present-day Indiana Dunes State Park, but it collapsed in the aftermath of the Panic of 1837.

Other communities were planned and started as residential communities, such as Ogden Dunes, Beverly Shores, South Haven, Dune Acres, Shorewood, and of course, our own community. Similarly, resort settlements include Burlington Beach and Edgewater.

So, if you hear any old timers talk about the good old days in Twenty Mile Grove, Blachly's Corner, Dillingham, Finns, Foster, Sagers Mill, or Zane, consider them to have a good memory. They just may be right.

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St. Mary's students learn from the professionals at WGN-TV

The WSMW news crew of St. Mary Catholic Community School recently took a field trip to WGN news studios in Chicago. WSMW is St. Mary's in-house student run TV news program that is viewed by the entire school every morning.

The trip exposed students to the many pieces that come together to make a television news programs work.

"I really liked the trip because it taught me the differences compared to our channel. It would be cool to be a professional after seeing all the different types of equipment they get to use," said WSMW lighting and camera tech Benjamin Martin.

Their tour guide for the event was Lourdes Duarte. Duarte is a television journalist for WGN-TV, where she is an investigative reporter and co-host of the WGN News Evening News at 4 p.m.

After spending time with Lourdes, Special Reporter Danny Shea said, "I loved the field trip. It was a great opportunity because it gave me better insight of one of my possible careers. Lourdes took the time to answer all my questions especially those of how to pursue a job in television."

The trip helped unveil many aspects of the behind the scenes and even allowed an opportunity to sit in during the live filming of the midday news.

"It was without a doubt my favorite part of the entire trip," said 5th grade camera operator Brandon Kalvaitis, "It was great to see the professional versions of the similar equipment that we use during our filming. From cameras and teleprompters, to the lighting and green screens."

The trip allowed time for the WSMW crew to meet WGN's Steve Sanders and Dina Bair while on set at the news desk. The crew also had the opportunity to meet weather reporter Demetrious Ivory to discuss the opportunities available for future news reporters.

"I enjoyed the trip, because I learned new things about the creation of the news. If you want to become a broadcaster, this trip will help you understand everything. Not only was it a fun trip, but it helped me understand the things I need to do in school if I want to become a news reporter," said WSMW reporter Logan Hamnik.

"This trip is a tremendous asset to our WSMW group. It helps energize our students' creativity. It pushes them to be better reporters. It inspires the crew to try and make our daily broadcast more professional. It's amazing to not only see the growth that it promotes, but the passion it creates," said Club Moderator Anthony Pagorek. "I know I am grateful for the WGN staff members, especially Lourdes Duarte. Their conversations with our students are priceless opportunities that are helping to inspire the next generation of reporters and creators."



Peyton Estrada, Maegan Milla, Gianna Zembillas, Daniel Shea, Abi Kubiak, Mia Vega, Sophia Gallego, Elle Czynszczon, Logan Hamnik, Jacob Jen, Ben Martino, and Brandon Kalvaitis.



Sophia Gallego and her classmates were treated to a viewing of a live broadcast of the midday news at WGN Studios in Chicago.



Channel 9 anchor, Lourdes Duarte gave St. Mary's students a personal tour of the WGN.



Demetrious Ivory was running between the weather room and the set when he paused to speak with the St. Mary's students.

Local fourth-grade student places fourth in statewide essay contest

All Hoosier students are taught Indiana History as part of their fourth-grade curriculum. Isabella Leurck, a fourth-grader at St. Mary Catholic Community School in Crown Point, took her learning one step further as she gathered ideas to answer the question, "What makes living in Indiana today so special?"

The inspiration for her extra effort was to write an essay to submit for the annual Statehood Day Essay Contest administered by the Indiana

Statehouse Tour Office and Indiana Center for the Book. This essay contest is open to all fourth-graders throughout the state of Indiana.

Leurck won fourth place in the contest. She was honored on Statehood Day, December 11, at the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis where she read her essay aloud as well as participated in educational activities. Isabella commented, "I am very excited that I won. It is an honor to go to Indianapolis to represent my school."



Of the thousands of submissions from around the entire state of Indiana, St. Mary's student Isabella Leurck's essay took fourth place.

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This Month in LOFS History

February 20, 1999 – The Corner of ‘Happy & Healthy’ Enjoys 21 Years!

By Sally Lugo

If you talk to an ‘LOFS Old-Timer’ they will most likely recall the corner of Randolph & 109th being simply farmland with a couple nearby farmhouses and one lone billboard owned by Whiteco. With the development of Lakes of the Four Seasons from the mid-60s and over the next thirty-plus years, businesses slowly began to spring up at and near the future corner of Happy & Healthy. In 1995 plans for a plaza on the northeast corner was announced to include a grocery store, pharmacy, a restaurant, and a video store.

In 1998 Walgreens brought a very welcomed and much-needed traffic light to the corner. And on February 20,

1999 Walgreens opened its doors to the public, becoming the second pharmacy to serve the community. Michael Polzin of corporate Walgreens in Deerfield stated at the time the 14,000 square foot building would include a pharmacy with a drive up window, over-the-counter medications, as well as a cosmetic department, a photo processing center with one-hour service, convenience foods, and greeting cards as well and other general merchandise.

Since that time, the Winfield Walgreens has taken seriously their role being part of both the LOFS and Winfield communities, as well as expanding services. Walgreens now offers public

immunizations and takes seriously its mission to champion the health and well-being of every community in America with initiatives such as Walgreens ‘Red Nose for Children in Poverty’ by providing vitamins and immunizations for those in need.

Store Manager Tom Magurany, a LOFS resident of twenty-four years, has a passion for making certain Winfield Walgreens continues to support our local Lions Club, LOFS Fire Department, and offer donations when available to events, such as Annual Easter Egg Hunts, Holy Spirits’ work for needy, and the nearby area schools. Tom shared that employee Joyce Rotroffe, a forty-year Walgreens veteran, helped

open the store with Vicki Hancock back in 1999. Jennifer Moreth, everybody’s favorite cashier, has enjoyed nineteen years with the company. And don’t forget to visit Sarah Reeves, full-time beauty consultant, for help with your beauty needs, questions, and gift suggestions. Additionally, for your convenience you can also drop off your prepackaged and pre-labeled FedEx packages.

Tom and his staff invite you to an upcoming Walgreens sponsored Lions event on Saturday, February 29th... The Lions Polar Plunge to be held at the LOFS Teen Center next to the pool. Check out the ad on this page for details.

“Last year this event raised



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about \$2,000 to benefit both the Lions Club and the LOFS Fire Department,” Tom shared.

It should be noted Tom is a member of the local LOFS Lions Club and he is on the board of directors of the Winfield Community Foundation that supports many community initiatives. Tom recently was awarded

the Melvin Jones Award, one of the highest service awards a Lion can receive.

You’re encouraged to visit the Corner of Healthy and Happy on February 20, 2020. Make sure you tell the staff, “Cheers to 21 Years Winfield Walgreens and thank you for being an integral member of the Winfield/LOFS communities!”

South Shore Wall of Legends at the Indiana Welcome Center gets three new inductees

Three new Legends became the 74th, 75th and 76th inductees to be honored on the South Shore Wall of Legends at the Indiana Welcome Center. The Wall of Legends Project is sponsored by BP Whiting Refinery.

The 2019 Legends are George Ade (1866-1944), the Father of the American Musical from Newton County; Thomas Katsahnias, who served in leadership positions in a “trilogy” of industries during times of turbulence; and Dr. Harold Scheub (1931-2019), who became one of the world’s leading scholars in African oral tradition and folklore.

Also recognized was the 16th recipient of a \$1,000 Legends Scholarship sponsored by First Midwest and managed by Legacy Foundation. Treniece Burrell of Gary, a student at Ivy Tech Community College, is this year’s recipient. The purpose of the scholarship is to honor students who exemplify the Legends values in striving for a college degree.

Hosted by the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority, the Wall of Legends is based upon the four values of Exploration, Courage, Creativity, and Innovation. This is an all-volunteer initiative led by a panel of judges representing the seven counties of Northwest Indiana, said John Davies, founder and coordinator of this annual project. Stephen McShane, archivist, Calumet Regional Archives, Indiana University Northwest, volunteers as Legends Consultant.

Typically, South Shore Legends are historical contributors, not modern-day innovators. Legends are individuals, living or dead, who have had a substantial impact and have lived or worked in the seven counties of Northwest Indiana, which are Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, and Starke. These individu-

als were trailblazers and exemplars whose records of personal conduct serve as examples to others.

The Legends judges are Marc Chase, Ben Clement, Tom Hargrove, Katie Holderby, Bill Keith, Amy McCormack, Joe Medellin, Dave Ryan, Michael Suggs, and Speros Batistatos. New this year are Mike McCall, Chief Strategy Officer, Fair Oaks Farms, and Bruce R. Johnson, president, LaPorte County Historical Society and Museum.

2019 Legend Inductees

• *George Ade* – He was a renowned American writer, playwright, journalist and philanthropist. Ade is the Father of the American Musical. His first musical, “The Sultan of Sulu,” changed Broadway. The work introduced the new format where a story line was accompanied by music. His home, Hazeldon Estate (currently a Newton County museum), was the location of Howard Taft’s successful launch for President. A new state marker commemorates the innovative 1908 Presidential Campaign and the visitor’s plaza on the toll road honors him.

• *Thomas Katsahnias* – The son of a Greek immigrant who impacted a trilogy of three industries during a turbulent time of change. The industries are steel, health care and education. He spent most of his career at Inland Steel, rising through 12 jobs to become general manager and chief operating officer when the East Chicago steel mill was one of the nation’s largest with 20,000 people. During his tenure, No. 7 blast furnace, the largest state-of-the-art world-class furnace, was dedicated.

After his retirement, Ancilla Systems sought his financial and leadership expertise. His ability to turn an entity around was proven again at Calumet College, where

he served as chairman for 25 years. His leadership transformed the culture of the college that continues to benefit students today.

• *Dr. Harold Scheub* – This son of a postal carrier and a housewife who was born

and raised in Gary, became one of the world’s leading scholars in African oral tradition and folklore. He spent 43 years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Over 4 years through various countries in Africa, he

walked more than 6,000 miles recording over 10,000 stories. He learned 17 dialects in African languages to effectively communicate. He fearlessly went from village to village during the height of apartheid gathering sto-

ries to share with students. In taking stories back to the classroom, he introduced students to the oral traditions of Africa, and illuminated an art as ancient as human existence.

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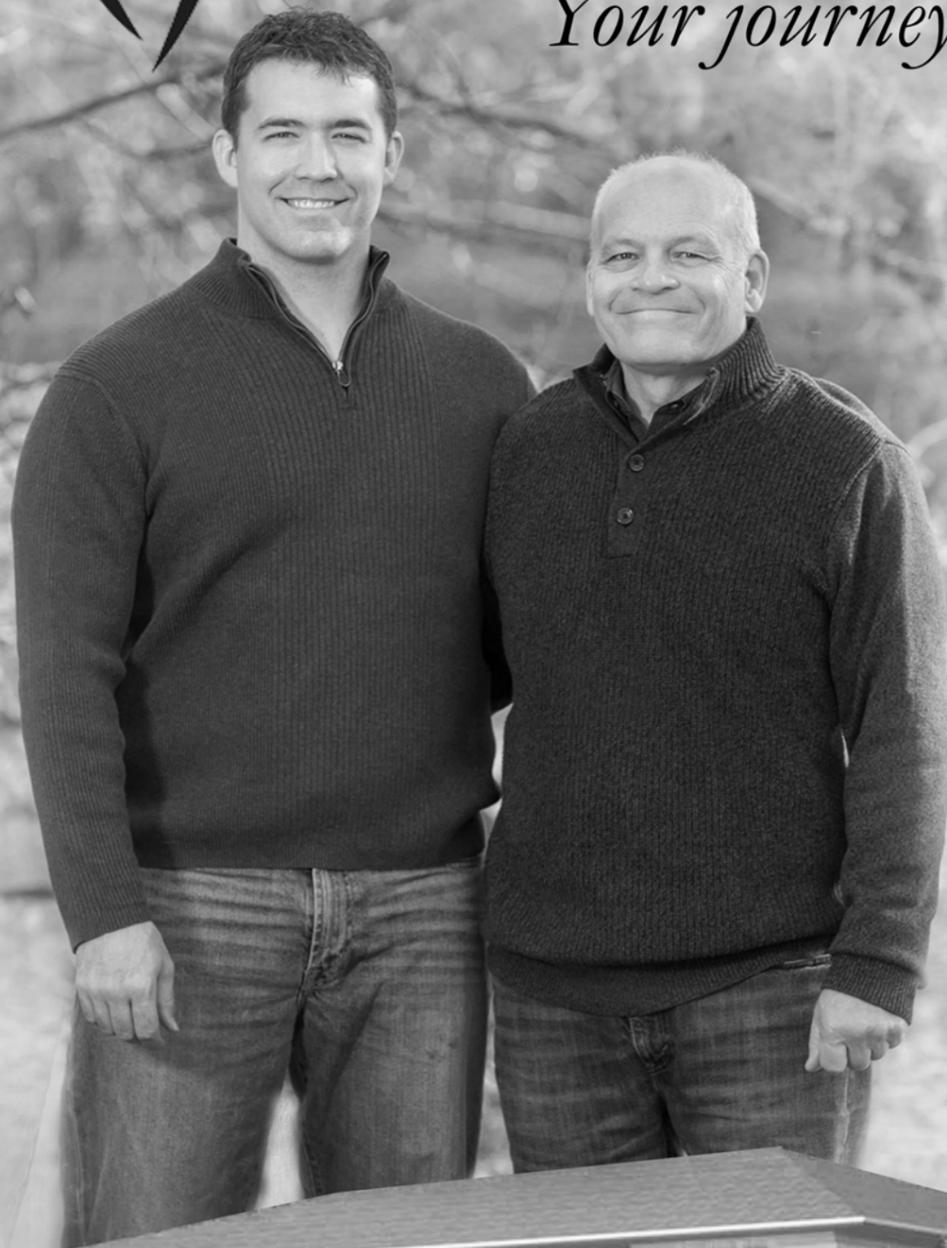
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Keenagers

The Keen-Agers will be back February 20 to start the 2020 year off with a Valentine's Day themed meeting; wear red or purple for a prize. At the Seasons Lakehouse the bar will open at noon with a delicious luncheon being served at 1 p.m. Entertainment scheduled for 2 p.m. will be the talented singer Bernie Glen. After a short meeting the club will adjourn around 3 p.m.

The club is open to anyone 50 or older, regardless of residency. Yearly membership dues are still \$25 and the monthly luncheon cost is still \$15, which includes the tip and entertainment.

The success of their many fundraisers helps finance activities that include day trips such as Spirit of Chicago boat ride and Four Winds casino in Michigan for gambling. Shipshewana shopping and dining is on the calendar in May and a Diamond Tour bus vacation is already booked for Niagara Falls, including the Canada side, in September. This is all in addition to their Third Thursday of the month meetings (except for January).

Read the Seasonal for all the club info and updates, 'like' them on Facebook to see all their photos displayed, follow them on the new im-

proved website www.lofs.org under clubs, and check out their ad page in the 2019-20 LOFS phone book directory.

Please contact Renate at 219-689-3408 or email her at willrenate@yahoo.com to get more details or to make a reservation to attend or join the club!

Thanks to all the Keen-Agers and the LOFS POA staff under Rick Cleveland and Ramiro Jimenez for "Keeping up with Keen-Agers".

- President, Renate Sahulcik
- Vice President, Jeanette Stolarz
- Treasurer & Food Director, Pete Maloy
- Secretary, Vileda Maloy
- Caller Director, Bernadette Bailey
- Casino Director, Sue Kalinowski

Obituary ~ Charles Whitted

Charles Kenneth Whitted, age 94, died on December 24, 2019. Born on May 29, 1925, he lived in Huntington, Indiana with parents, Walter and Katherine Whitted and sister Carol. He went on to serve his country as a pilot in the United States Navy. After his service, he graduated from Valparaiso University with a Juris Doctor Degree and began to practice law. As an influential partner with Whitted and Buoscio law firm of Merrillville, he successfully defended the interests of many people

and corporations throughout Northwest Indiana. He was a lifetime member of the Indiana State Bar Association and the Indiana Bar Foundation. He was active in the Rotary Club, Scottish Rite Freemasons, Hobart Elks Lodge, American Legion Post 54, and Shriners International. After his retirement, he and Jayne lived in Arizona before returning to Indiana to be with family. He is preceded in death by his wife of over 60 years, Atola Jayne and his daughter, Polly J. Rushmore. He is survived

by son, Charles K. "Chuck" Whitted Jr, son-in-law Kim Rushmore, 5 grandchildren Gwendolyn (Kevin), John (Erika), Hannah (Paul), Benjamin (Rachael), Elizabeth and many great-grandchildren. Visitation was Sunday, December 29, 2019 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Private interment at Decatur Cemetery in Decatur, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Chicago Shriners Hospital for Children. www.burnsfuneral.com

Obituary ~ Bradley F. Murray

Bradley "Brad" F. Murray, age 50 of Valparaiso, formerly of LOFS, passed away December 28, 2019. He was a 1987 graduate of Boone Grove High School and attended Ivy Tech Community College. He was last employed at ArcelorMittal for several years. Brad was also known for being an owner and Treasurer of Corporate Engineering Inc., in Crown Point. Brad was a diehard Cubs and Dallas Cowboys fan. He loved his family and adored his wife and grand-

children. He was looking forward to the birth of his 3rd grandchild in June. Brad is survived by his loving wife-Victoria "Vicki" Murray (nee Sharp); sons- Danny (Harley) McKeown, Ty (Victoria Cox) Murray, Jadon (Hope Hamner) Murray; step-son - Bradley Anders; grandchildren—Athena and Aryes McKeown; parent- Charles L. and Tamara P. Murray of LOFS; sister- Pam (Dave) Van Dorn of Veedersburg; brother- Dan (Bridgette) Murray of Miller Beach; many aunts

and uncles; numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Visitation was Thursday, January 2, 2019 from at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Funeral service was Friday, January 3, 2019 at Burns. Interment Graceland Cemetery, Valparaiso, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation. www.cholangiocarcinoma.org. www.burnsfuneral.com

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Obituary ~ Lillian D. (Frye) Van Kempema

Lillian D. (Frye) Van Kempema, age 99 of Crown Point (LOFS), passed away on January 20, 2020. She was an English teacher and guidance counselor at Canterbury Jr High. She moved to the Lakes of the Four Seasons in 1978 with her husband Wally. She loved golf, interviewing

people, and writing articles for the Seasonal. Lillian was instrumental in founding the Church of the Four Seasons. Lillian was preceded in death by her husband Wally. She is survived by her sons-Gary and Bruce; grandchildren-Dirk and Gretchen Van Kempema. Visitation was held on

Friday, January 24, 2020 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Cremation will follow with inurnment in the Peace Garden of the Church of the Four Seasons. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Church of the Four Seasons. www.burnsfuneral.com

Grant applications now available online for the February 1, 2020 CPCF grant cycle

The Crown Point Community Foundation is accepting grant applications online. Grants from the CPCF's endowment funds will be made to non-profit organizations and community projects which serve the South

Lake County area. Fields of interest which will be considered for funding include Animal Related, Arts and Culture, Community Improvement, Economic Development, Education, Environmental, Food/Nutrition/Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Housing and Shelter, Public Safety, Recreation, Religion Related, and Youth Development.

To apply for a grant visit www.cpcfgrants.communityforce.com.

Eligible organizations may apply for grants on the new CPCF online grant platform. Grant applications will be accepted through February

The Crown Point Community Foundation awards grants from the unrestricted community funds held in the CPCF Endowment Fund three times a year. The grant cycle deadlines are February 1, June 1, and September 1. The CPCF Grant Committee reviews all applications.

For more information about the CPCF and to apply online for a grant, visit the Crown Point Community Foundation website at www.thecpcf.org.

POA February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POA Office Hours Monday thru Friday 9 am - 4 pm						1 Entertainment @ 19th Hole PJ Party 9 pm - Midnight with Kenny G
2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Free N' Fun Bar Bingo 6-8 pm @ 19th Hole	5 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	6 LOFS Historical Society 4:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	7	8 Entertainment @ 19th Hole 8 pm - 11 pm with Mike Green
9	10	11 Free N' Fun Bar Bingo 6-8 pm @ 19th Hole	12 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	13 LOFS Baseball & Softball Registration @ Seasons Lakehouse 6-8 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Entertainment @ 19th Hole 9 pm - Midnight with Sticky Scissors
16	17 President's Day	18 Free N' Fun Bar Bingo 6-8 pm @ 19th Hole	19	20 Keenagers Luncheon Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse	21 Comedy Night Hosted by LOFS Fundraisers 9 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	22 Entertainment @ 19th Hole 9 pm - Midnight with Hurricane
23	24 POA Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	25 House & Garden Club Luncheon 11:30 am @ Seasons Lakehouse Free N' Fun Bar Bingo 6-8 pm @ 19th Hole	26 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	27	28	29 Polar Plunge @ Noon next to the LOFS Pool Entertainment @ 19th Hole 8 pm - 11 pm with Piano Bob

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By Craig Philp,
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Storage of Items

This department has noticed there are some people storing all sorts of items in the rear areas of their properties, and some of these items are visible from the lakes, parks, golf course, and beaches. Please know that while some general items are acceptable mass quantities of debris and equipment are not.

For example, storing numerous lawn mowers, scaffolding, rototillers, numerous ladders, spare tires, or junk vehicles or golf carts is not allowed and subject to fines under the covenants of the Lakes of the Four Seasons. Officers will continue to

check these areas throughout the year and will enforce the rule with citations as necessary.

Berm Parking

We are still finding residents, as well as their guests, parking on the berm sections of grass in front of their homes. The covenants of the Lakes of the Four Seasons state that no vehicle is allowed to park on the berm overnight. While we have made exceptions when there is a family gathering or other function, it is only allowed when the driveway area of the home is utilized to its fullest capacity.

It is the responsibility of each resident to make sure that should a person leave

the driveway area during the night that the next available vehicle is moved to its location. Please remember that the berm areas are properties owned by the POA but the property owner is responsible for maintaining it.

This means that should a vehicle that is continually parking on the berm area of a home causes damage to that area, the property owner can be cited under the POA Fine Structure for "Damage to POA Property", as you are responsible for your guests and their actions.

Officers finding cars parked on these sections of grass will place a sticker on the car advising of the violation. This will be considered a written warning, and any violation after that will be subject to a fine.

Branches / Leaves

Officers have been generating a list of homes that were found to have placed

out leaves and or branches in front of their homes even though collections are no longer being done. Each resident found to have done so will be issued a notice through the mail that the piles will need to be removed immediately.

The Operations Department at this time will NOT be picking up these piles placed out. Residents can make arrangements with the Operations Director Roy Green to bring the piles to

the Operations yard through the use of resident owned or a borrowed vehicle.

Culverts

Since winter has given us more rain than snow, we have noticed as I am sure each property owner has noticed the flow of water in front of some homes is slower than normal. This is due to some of our residents not clearing out their culverts/swales of the miscellaneous debris that collects throughout the year.

Keeping the culverts, ditches, and swales continually unobstructed is the sole responsibility of each property owner, and is done so to ensure that proper drainage can occur throughout the community. Should a resident fail to keep these areas clear of debris (leaf, branch, or other), the POA does have the authority to enter the property to repair, maintain, and restore the area at the cost of the property owner.

Indiana woman's photo wins in national state park contest

Emily Monticue's picture of her son at Turkey Run State Park took first place in the Activities category in the America's State Parks 2019 Photo Contest. The competition was put on by the National Association of State Park Directors and Aspira.

In a release about the contest from NASPD, Monticue said she and her son love spending time outdoors, and she found the perfect time to snap the shot in Rocky Hollow.

"It was probably around 8 a.m. and there was no one else hiking on this particular stretch of the canyon," Monticue said. "My son was walking ahead of me and I looked up and remember thinking this would make a great picture. The haziness



of the morning, the water, almost perfect lighting and the green on the rock walls made for a perfect shot."

Monticue won a \$500 REI gift card, a Luxe camping pillow from Klymit and a one-year subscription to

Backpacker Magazine.

More than 9,000 images were submitted for the contest in five categories. The contest is designed to showcase the diversity and beauty inherent in America's state parks.

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Women's Golf Association 2020 REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTH DATE _____ LEAGUE: 18 HOLE _____ 9 HOLE _____

(Month/Day)

For Inclusion in the WGA Directory Book, payment MUST BE received by April 11, 2020

\$ _____ WGA \$30.00

\$ _____ Thursday League \$30.00

\$ _____ Ringers (Thursday League Only) \$3.00

\$ _____ Match Play (18 Hole): Partner's Name _____ \$3.00

\$ _____ Match Play (9 Hole): Partner's Name _____ \$3.00

\$ _____ Match Play Single (18 Hole) \$3.00

\$ _____ Match Play Single (9 Hole) \$3.00

\$ _____ Sunshine Fund (Optional)

TOTAL: \$ _____ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LOFS-WGA

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CHECK-IN: 8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST: 9:00 A.M.

PLEASE INDICATE WITH "X" Yes, I will attend _____ No, I will not be attending _____

**Breakfast Reservation Deadline - April 17th

(If you RSVP to attend the breakfast and are not present, you will be charged \$15.00)

GET ACQUAINTED SCRAMBLE WILL BE PLAYED IMMEDIATELY

AFTER THE BREAKFAST MEETING (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Foursomes will be made at the Breakfast.

MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

Kim Brownlee, 3263 Trailside Place, Crown Point, IN 46307

Questions: Call or Text Kim at (219) 741-3622



Students of the Month recognized by Porter Lakes Elementary school

Porter Lakes Elementary School congratulates a recent 'Students of the Month' group. Each classroom teacher selected a student who exhibits the qualities and characteristics that are a good example to others. Each student was invited to a cinnamon roll and milk breakfast sponsored by our PTO and received a PLE Student of the Month Wrist Band. Pictured are, first row: Lia Plesha, Skylar Davis, Jillian Kollasch, Madelyn Kahn, and Noah Mendoza; second row: James Fairbairn, Lilly Sopko, Walker Schillmiller, Jacob Binkley, and Ryan Kenning; and back row: Calleigh Pierce, Esai Acevedo, Jason Kern, Harper Hurst, Mikilah Worley, and Kaleb Invergo. (Not pictured: Lilian Treba.)

Become an LOFS Dog Park Member

If you are a dog owner and haven't considered becoming a member of the LOFS Dog Park, please stop by or call the POA office at 219-988-2581 and inquire. LOFS Dog Park fees are \$70 per property.

Tri Kappa scholarships again available for Winfield, Crown Point, and other local students

Beta Rho, the Winfield-Gary-Merrillville chapter of Tri Kappa is seeking candidates for local scholarship awards. To be eligible, an applicant must have graduated from Andean, Boone Grove, Crown Point, Merrillville, or one of the Gary high schools and be a sophomore or high-level student enrolled full-time in an accredited college

pursuing a bachelor or higher degree.

Interested candidates must have a 3.6 minimum GPA and demonstrate potential within their chosen career field. Additional state scholarships are available in the areas of academics, fine arts, and music.

A key scholarship is available to individuals with at

least a five-year gap in their education and no other undergraduate degree.

The deadline for submitted completed application packets is February 15, 2020. Contact Marcie Wheeler at marcie@marciewheeler.com or 219-670-2269 for more details.

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Well maintained, light and bright home on the Golf Course! The attention to detail shows from the beautifully landscaped yard, paver brick covered front porch, bright foyer, to the elegant hardwood staircase and floors. Both living room & the dining room have large windows for tons of light and great views. The kitchen includes a pocket doors, pantry, plant ledge, look through to the large rec room and walk out to the huge deck overlooking the golf course. **\$224,897**

LAKE HOLIDAY HOME! This is a rare find- New Construction-6 bedroom, 3.5 bath home. It is an Open concept with 1.5-story Main Floor Master. Cathedral ceiling living room sliders opening to the deck & a fabulous lake view. Master walks out to deck & Lake, the en-suite has HUGE walk-in closet, separate Tile shower & double sinks! Main floor finished laundry. Eat in kitchen opens to deck/lake & to living room. **\$649,874**

Great 2 story, 3-4 bed, 3 bath home in Crown Point School system in gated LOFS community. This home has beautiful hardwood throughout much of the home, vaulted ceilings, ceramic tile. The large slate tiled foyer opens to impressive hardwood stairs with wrought iron spindles which leads up to the upper level. Master BR with custom ship lap walls, vaulted ceiling, walk-in closet, bamboo floors, & master bath. **\$274,889**

Open concept with cathedral ceilings and continuous hardwood flooring. When you enter the home feels open & bright taking you from the large living room (with a fireplace and wood burner) to the formal dining room. The kitchen has walnut cabinets, tile floor, newer SS appliances (2015), pantry & walkout to deck. Master bedroom w/ Master bath w/ tile shower & floors, new vanity and fixtures. **\$224,898**

Spacious 2-story home with big wooded lot adjoining large park. Beautiful New updated Kitchen with Dark grey tone cabinets, Quartz Counter tops, Extra deep SS Sink w/ high rise p/o sprayer faucet, New SS appl, Quartz Waterfall Edge top on blast bar island, tile, large window with expansive views of yard/park. Main floor also Features a Big living room with bay window & plank flooring, dining room & Large rec room w/ walk out to the two tiered deck. Many nice features thru-out including 6 panel doors, updated brushed nickel light fixtures & door levers & plank flooring. Updated baths. **\$269,892**

Open concept large 4 bedroom split level home with 3 car garage on a quiet cul de sac backing up to park. Lower level Master bedroom with huge walk in closet and giant private bath that has separate shower, sauna, corner tub, & double sink vanity. Beautiful living area that opens dining room and kitchen. Also large rec room with gas fireplace, laundry, & more 3 bedrooms upstairs. Don't Delay! **\$259,887**

Custom Built 5 bedroom 5 bath home on a Awesome wooded private lot. Premium Features through out 2 sty foyer & living room w/ wall of windows, upgraded kitchen w/ Wood Mode cabinets, large island w prep sink, granite counter tops, hardwood heated floors, attached Coach room with 2 sided fireplace, & open Sun room area with loads of windows and walk out to deck and beautiful views. Main floor Master suite w/ tray ceiling, attached office, huge walk in closet, ensuite w/ sep shower, whirlpool tub, heated tile floor. Features 9' ft ceilings on 1st level and basement.

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