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Lakes Department

By Mike Talley, MS4 / Covenant Enforcement Swale and Culvert Maintenance

A swale is an open grassy channel that conveys surface stormwater runoff from our yards and hard surfaces such as: streets, parking lots and driveways to our lakes.

A properly maintained and functioning grassy swale will be wide at the bottom, this allows the flow to slow and helps prevent erosion, collect pollutants which would otherwise enter our lakes, restore ground water, and help alleviate flooding.

A swale, whether manmade or natural, will require routine maintenance to ensure its proper function. The POA Covenant, section 4.3, has placed that responsibility on the homeowner to which the swale runs adjacent to his/her property to maintain the swale and culvert. The swale also needs to be neat in appearance to help maintain the aesthetics of the LOFS. The sides and bottom if grass will need to be cut on a regular basis. If rock or stone is preferred an underlayment of weed preventing mat should be applied before the stone. All weeds, trees and undesirable growth should be removed.

All driveway culverts must be a minimum of 12" diameter and be constructed of 16-gauge corrugated galvanized steel pipe or be a double-wall plastic culvert pipe, with a stone base.

They will also be available throughout your scheduled time to make sure that if anything comes up it can be taken care of without influencing the time that you have reserved. If you haven't experienced the simulator with some of these new changes, we would definitely recommend that you take advantage and test out this amenity for yourselves especially while it's cold.

Hours of Operation

• Mon - Tues – 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

• Wed - Sun -10 a.m. to 8 p.m. *Cost* Weekday -- \$24 per hour Weekend -- \$28 per hour The maximum length driveway culvert is 20 feet unless Building Control deems that a longer culvert is necessary. The end of said culvert may not extend closer than two (2) feet to either side lot line. Both ends of the culvert must be open and free of any obstructions which may restrict the flow of stormwater.

Both the swale and culvert must be at a pitch that will allow for a steady flow of stormwater and alleviate any setting or puddling of stormwater.

Culvert and Drainage Swale Requirements, Lakes of the Four

Operations Department

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 plenty of room to do their job. 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.

Seasons Property Owners Associations, Inc.

"Before any person or entity shall perform any work on or changes to the culverts, drainage swales, or street/ road right of way on property owned by the Property Owners Association, they shall be required to obtain a permit, therefore. A permit shall be required for any activities which in anyway effect or change the flow of storm water on the property in question whether the same be a change in the size, type, direction or pitch of a culvert or size and configuration of a drainage swale or any other

The drivers are instructed to

report any issues or accidents

that may come up right away.

ment 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

The Operations Depart-

ment would like to remind

residents that we have dump-

sters for electronics and white

goods, including tires, that

are easily accessible for drop

as soon as possible.

The Operations Depart-

work or improvement which may in any way alter the existing culvert and drainage swale, if any, ..." 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.

tion 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 bring them also. 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. We are located at 3861 Kingsway Drive at the southwest corner of the community.



Golf Services

By Matthew Meneghetti, Director of Golf

First and foremost, I would like to wish everyone in the Community a very happy and healthy New Year! My staff and I are definitely looking forward to the year to come.

Just wanted to remind everyone that the Golf Simulator is once again up and running this year with a few major changes made to attempt to make your experience better. If you haven't seen the room yet this year, we installed a bar area to sit at and it really opened the room to give you more space. The process after you

book the simulator has also changed a little bit this year. To book you will still need to call the 19th Hole at 219-988-2282 to schedule your reservation. Then, approximately 15 minutes before your scheduled time slot, either Joe or Finn (the Interns) will clean up the room and ensure that everything is set up so you can really hit the ground running.









The LOFS Fundraising Committee have these great sweatshirts available at the POA OFFICE for you to purchase!

Just look at these 5 awesome colors to choose from.

Sizes are available in Medium thru X-Large for \$35

XXL and XXXL for \$38

These are great to give as gifts....or to wear to keep warm through Indiana winter months or just chilly days!

All monies the LOFS Fundraising Committee raise go back into the community in the form of

beautification projects, so we appreciate/love your support!

So make a plan to stop by the POA office to get one of these great, stylin







LOFS Seasonal

Community Manager

By Rick Cleveland, LOFS Community Manager

The 2022-23 annual assessment for the POA is set at \$1,475. Residents may begin paying the annual assessment on Tuesday, March 1 this year. Assessments must be paid on or before Monday, May 2. 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 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 Monday, May 2nd. 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 Monday, May 2nd. The second installment is due on or before Monday, October 31, to avoid a \$50 penalty.

If you want to utilize one of these payment plans you MUST complete and submit one of the payment



Rick Cleveland

plan applications by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. 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

LOFS POA Revenue & Expense

| Revenue | 2022/23 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Assessments | \$3,994,990.00 |
| Boats & Docks | \$255,140.00 |
| Pool | \$53,205.00 |
| Golf | \$498,700.02 |
| Golf Merchandise | \$40,000.00 |
| All other | \$586,625.00 |
| Food & Beverage | <u>\$5,732.25</u> |
| Total revenue | \$5,434,392.27 |
| <u>Expense</u> | 2022/23 |
| Wages | \$1,971,451.53 |
| Employee taxes and benefits | \$513,412.04 |
| Repairs and maintenance | \$813,775.00 |
| Insurance | \$289,617.00 |
| Engineering | \$36,000.00 |
| Fert.,Seed& Chemicals | \$110,000.00 |
| Rentals | \$52,894.00 |
| Utilities & Fuel | \$253,368.70 |
| Taxes,legal,accounting & fees | \$319,956.00 |
| Other | \$88,575.00 |
| Reserve | \$65,000.00 |
| Capital & Equipment | \$685,672.00 |
| Debt service | \$190,691.00 |
| Lease purchase | \$43,980.00 |
| Total expense | |

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The first two 'new' hologram decals per property are free; the third and subsequent decals cost \$20 each. **The POA Office Will Not Open to Public During**

'Dues Season' Effective Tuesday, March 1, 2022 the POA office will be closed to the public. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

The POA office staff can accept and process more payments for dues and amenities by phone, email and through the website instead of people congregating in the hallway

and talking over one another at the POA office.

Dues payments can be made over the phone by calling 219-988-2581 or by U.S. Mail by completing the Payby-Mail form and sending the necessary paperwork to receive your stickers.

You may also pay online through your member account through the LOFS website. Copies of your registrations and the Pay-by-Mail form can be emailed to statements@lofs.org We will mail your stickers to you.

If you absolutely need to see us in person let us know and we will work with you to set up an appointment. **Shelter Rental**

Pavilion rental will contin-

ue to be on a first-come, firstserved basis after you make your dues payment. A signup sheet will be made available in front of the Seasons Lakehouse at 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

POA Rental Docks

Property owners that currently rent POA-owned dock spaces:

• You must pay the yearly dues assessment and the dock fee must be paid before 4 p.m. on Friday, April 1 or you will lose your dock space.

• All POA-owned dock spaces will be rented per the new LOFS Rental Dock Distribution System. **Boat, Boat Trailer or Personal Utility Trailer Storage**

Call the POA office at 219-988-2581 to reserve a space to store your boat, boat trailer, or personal utility trailer at the maintenance facility off of

(See Manager Pg. 3)

| Assessments | 2022-2023 |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Lot Assessments | \$1,475.00 |
| Assessments - Partial Privledge | \$320.00 |
| Assessments- Big Bass Lake | \$415.00 |
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| Boats & Docks | |
| Powered (200 and over) | \$460.00 |
| Powered (150 to199) | \$410.00 |
| Powered (100 to149) | \$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 |
| Wave Runner / Jet Ski | \$470.00 |
| Dock Spaces | \$500.00 |
| Boat Stalls (Unpowered boat up to 14' storage fee per season) | \$40.00 |
| Boat and/ or boat trailer storage | \$15 per foot |
| Pool | |
| Pool Daily fee | \$7.00 |
| Pool-Membership | \$7.00 |
| Pool-Membership Pool Replacement card | \$85.00 \$10.00 |
| Pool Replacement card Pool "10-Swim" Pass | \$10.00 |
| FUUL 10-3WIIII F888 | \$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 | \$2,050.00 |
| Associate Individual Junior Child Membership (under 23 & enrolled in college) | \$400.00 |
| Golf Cart Rental Trail Membership | \$415.00 |
| Summer Cart Storage | \$180.00 |
| Winter Cart Storage Two Seater | \$150.00 |
| Winter Cart Storage Four Seater | \$175.00 |
| Driving range Membership Individual | \$230.00 |
| Driving range Membership Family | \$360.00 |
| ** 1/2 price if paired with a secondary membership & consecutive purchases are 1/2 off prev | ious price for any purchase |
| Miscellaneous | |
| Miscellaneous Extra LOFS Decal (more than 2) | \$20.00 |
| Extra LOFS Decai (more than 2) Real Est. Proc. Fee New Constr. | \$20.00 \$250.00 |
| Real Est. Proc. Fee New Constr. Real Est. Proc. Fee New Members | \$250.00 \$475.00 |
| Real Est. Proc. Fee New Members Real Est. Proc. Fee Transfer/Sellers Fee | \$475.00 |
| Contractors License | \$475.00 \$140.00 |
| | \$140.00 \$450.00 |
| Building Permits (House) \$225 plus \$225 refundable compliance fee Building Permits (Additions, Sheds, Pools, etc.) \$100 plus \$100 refundable fee | \$450.00 \$200.00 |
| Building Permits (Additions, Sneds, Pools, etc.) \$100 plus \$100 refundable fee | \$200.00 \$5.00 |
| Maps Golf Carts | \$5.00 \$135.00 |
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| Large Shelter Rental | \$200.00 |
| Small Shelter Rental | \$125.00 |
| Dog Park Fee | \$70.00 |
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House and Garden Club

The House & Garden Club held its first meeting of 2022 on Tuesday January 25 at the Seasons Lakehouse ballroom.

(Manager from Pg. 2) Kingsway Drive. The cost is \$15 per foot. **Entering the Community**

at the Main Entrance When entering the commu-

nity at the Main Entrance off of 109th Avenue through the resident's side on the right, please make a complete stop at the stop sign, wait for the vehicle in front of you to proceed through, and the gate arm to come down completely.

Once the gate arm has come down completely you may proceed by the barcode reader and make sure the gate arm goes up before entering the community.

If you are entering through the left side at the Main Entrance, you must stop completely and check in with the dispatcher, even if you have a current barcode on vour vehicle. The dispatcher does not know that the only reason you entered that lane is because you did not want to wait in the resident's lane. The dispatcher might think that your barcode is deactivated for non-payment of dues or other fees and so on. Once you give them your the House & Garden Club's name and the address you are going to, they will open the

A free lunch of fried chick-

en, mac & cheese, coleslaw,

rolls, and brownies was pro-

vided to the membership by

gate arm for you. If there is a vehicle in front of you in the left lane do not proceed until after they have entered the community and the gate arm comes down completely. Once that happens the dispatcher will open the gate arm for you.

Also, please be respectful and patient with my dispatchers when entering the community. They are only doing their job.



board officers.

LOFS Seasonal

At the meeting, membership books were updated, and the bylaws and standing rules were reviewed. The proposed budget for 2022 was discussed and approved. Sign-ups for our numerous

committees was held, and

a discussion of several pro-

posed projects was presented. Future fundraisers were also introduced.

Our next meeting will be February 22 at the Seasons Lakehouse at 11:30 a.m.; it will feature a potluck luncheon and our guest speaker will be the Season's very own gardener extraordinaire Kim White! Kim will explain the care and maintenance of succulent houseplants. We look forward to this interesting and informative program.

As always, the House & Garden Club invites anyone interested to join us at a meeting. This is an opportunity to meet new friends, enjoy fun and interesting programs, go on day trips, and join in the fundraising for the enhancement of our wonderful Lakes of the Four Seasons community.



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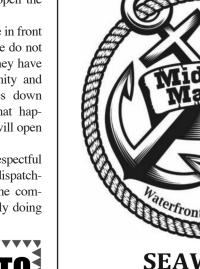
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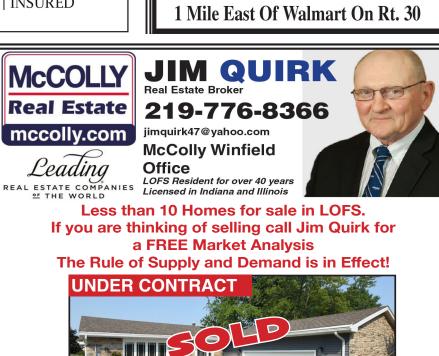
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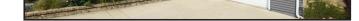








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Keenagers

The Keen-Agers will be back in 2022 for their first meeting on February 17 at the Seasons Lakehouse. The theme is Valentines, the love colors worn to get a prize are red and purple. Bar opens at noon with a delicious luncheon being served at 1 p.m. Entertainment at 2 p.m. will be a new singing sensation SH'BANG led by Donny Koehler, a LOFS resident. After a short meeting, adjournment will be around 3 p.m.

The Keen-Agers is a 50 (LOL) and over club, besides the monthly third Thursday meetings, except for January, they go on day trips such as Four Winds casino, they just went in January and their yearly Diamond Tour bus trip in September, heading to Niagara Falls this year. More trips will be planned for 2022.

The annual membership fee is \$30 due every October and the monthly luncheon cost is \$15, which includes



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entertainment and a tip. Read the Seasonal for all their latest info and updates, follow them on Facebook to view all their fabulous photos.

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

Thanks to all the Keen-Agers and Rick Cleveland for the use of the Lakehouse and Jay Detloff for the good food and great service from his staff that serve us all so well. As always keep "Keeping Up With the Keen-Agers".

• President, Renate Sahulcik • Vice-President,

• Casino Director, Sue Kalinowski

• FaceBook Director, Lynda Gustafson

Director, Jeanette Stolarz.

• Treasurer & Food Director,

• Secretary. Vileda Maloy

• Email Director, Alice

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February 2022

Obituary ~ James R. Cozmanoff

James R. Cozmanoff, "Coz", age 81, of Lakes of the Four Seasons, passed away peacefully on Saturday January 8, 2022. He was born on April 9, 1940 in Gary, Indiana. Jim leaves behind a legacy of love, friendship, and hard work. He proudly served our country as both an Army veteran and retired Navy Seabee. He was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 150 for more than 50 years. Coz was an avid golfer, a pilot, and member of several service organizations. The blessing of his love for his family and friends will live forever in our hearts. James is survived by his sister- Carol Sims; first wife- Pat Cozmanoff; children- Lenee DeYoung, Jason Cozmanoff, and Cheryl Step-children-Faulkner; Jessica (Adam) Wotherspoon, William (Mallory) Mitchell; grandchildren-Chase, Austin Devyn Cozmanoff, and Brittany Kyristina Larson,



Luke and Jake DeYoung, Max and Anistasia Faulkner, Gail Blanche Hoffman, age Kadvn, Jena and Madie 86, of Crown Point (LOFS) Wotherspoon, and William born on October 26, 1935 VI, Eden and Ella Mitchell; great-grandchild-Grayson. He is preceded in death by his parents- James and Stella Cozmanoff; his wife- Jennifer Cozmanoff. A visitation was held on Friday, January 14, 2022 at Burns Funeral Home, life to the fullest. Her fam-10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. www.burnsfuneral. com

Obituary ~ Alice Gugeler Burgess

School of Nursing. She was

a registered nurse at St. Mary

Medical Center in Hobart for

20 years. Alice was a char-

ter member of Holy Spirit

Catholic Church. For many

years she was quite active

in several committees with-

in the church including the

St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Alice was a lifetime member

of the VFW Auxiliary. Alice

was known as a skilled bak-

er (her pies were especially

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Alice Gugeler Burgess, age 93 of Lakes of the Four Seasons, passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on January 9th, 2022. She is survived by her children: Mary Ellen Burgess, Nancy Shaver, Tom Burgess, Susan Burgess and Glenn Burgess (Kelly), her 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, sister Ruth Larson, and many beloved nieces & nephews. Alice graduated from University Northwestern

Obituary ~ Gail

and entered into eternal life with her Lord and Savior on January 17, 2022 surrounded by loving family. She was born to John and Loraine (Underwood) Colins. Gail and her late husband lived ily was her pride and joy and always her priority. She was a member of the Four

Blanche Hoffman Seasons United Methodist Church since 1984. She was an award-winning design knitter who was involved in several knitting clubs. She started the first girls' softball team in L.O.F.S in 1973. She was extremely involved with children's ministries at her church. Gail enjoyed physical fitness including belly dancing, running, walking, weightlifting and going to the gym. She was preceded



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for her children and grandchildren. Alice was an AVID lifetime Cubs fan and the Cubs World Series Victory in 2016 was one of her happiest moments. Preceded in death by her husband of 43 years Robert Burgess, her parents Edward and Edna Gugeler, and siblings James, Albert, and Mary Gugeler. The family is extremely grateful for the staff at Crown Point Christian Village who showed extraordinary care and compassion during

Alice's stay there. A visitation was held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A Mass of Christian burial took place at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Winfield with Rev. Thomas Mischler, officiating. Memorials may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society on behalf of Alice Burgess. www.burnsfuneral.com

in death by her parents, her husband Lawrence, brother John Colins; brother-in-law Robert "Bob" Smith. She is survived by her children Sheree (Ken) Japchinski, and Lori (Bret) Botkin; grandchildren Kendra Jessen, Colin Japchinski, Coral (John) Barney, and Luke (Alli) Botkin. Great grandchildren; Emerald, Little John, Ruby, and Leo; sister Carol Smith; sister-in-law Karen Colins;

and several nieces and nephews. A visitation was held on Monday, January 24, 2022, concluding with a prayer service at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana. Cremation followed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Hospital and/or an animal shelter or rescue of your choice. The family wishes to thank Hospice of the Calumet Area.

Signups underway for the **Crown Point Community** Foundation's annual Volunteer Fair

Registration is now open for non-profit organizations to exhibit at the Crown Point Community Foundation's annual Volunteer Fair. The Volunteer Fair is an opportunity to match charitable organizations with those who are interested in volunteering. It gathers non-profits from throughout the area in one convenient place, letting potential volunteers meet and talk to dozens of charities.

This one-day event will take place on Saturday, March 5 at Crown Point High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is the Crown Point Community Foundation's thirteenth year sponsoring the event, which also includes an on-site blood drive. Non-profit organizations can reserve a table top booth for only \$30 with an online payment made during the online registration process.

This registration fee includes the price of advertising in the Volunteer Fair pull-out program booklet that will be distributed in The Times newspaper on Thursday, March 3, and at the event. This special section will include information about your organization, its mission and your volunteer opportunities.

To exhibit, register online at: www.cpcfgrants.communityforce.com and select 2022 Volunteer Fair Application.

"Our Volunteer Fair is one of our largest and most anticipated events of the year," said Mary Nielsen, president of the Crown Point Community Foundation. "It's a great opportunity for area nonprofit organizations to meet potential volunteers face-to-face, share their mission as well as to build connections with other charities in our community."

Wednesday: Brandy Chicken Florentine with Quinoa-Rice Blend \$15 Cinnamon Maple Whiskey Sour \$5

Thursday: Cajun Shrimp & Chicken Jambalaya over White Rice \$23 Tall Craft Beers \$5

Friday: New Orleans Paella (Jumbo Shrimp, Salmon, Andouille Sausage & Chicken over Yellow Rice & Cilantro Lime Aioli) \$25, Rosemary Gin Mule \$5

Saturday: Blackened N.Y. Strip and Tempura Battered Shrimp with Cilantro Lime Aioli \$24, Chocolate Strawberry Martini \$6

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

Closed to the Public Sunday, February 6th and Saturday, February 19th for private events

The Mallrats will play at the Seasons Lakehouse from 7 – 10 pm on Saturday, February 19th. Must be 21 and older to attend. Tickets are \$20 each and go on sale Monday, February 7, 2022. Tickets will be available at the POA Office. Call (219) 988-2581 for more details or to purchase tickets.

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Local farm is on The National Registry of Historical Places Purdue University Northwest to offer Doctor of Technology degree

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society On oc



casion, as this writer does research for articles in this column, significant unusual items are uncovered. One such find is that the John Ross Farm in Winfield Township is on the very prominent National **Register of Historical Places** (NRHP). This information certainly prompted a more thorough investigation.

A number of large old farmhouses are easily spotted in our area, especially along 109th and 117th Avenues. These impressive structures, along with a few remaining barns and silos, were most likely built in the late 1800s. To have a prominent role, the John Ross Farm listed in the NRHP certainly must have been prestigious. It is listed at 3815 East Route 231, near the village of Leroy, was built in 1871, and placed on the registry in 1996. At some point in time, the property must have been impressive.

There are 80 other places in Lake County that are listed in the NRHP; some are quite well known, and others not so. The old courthouse in Crown Point is on the list, as is the Buckley Homestead near Lowell. Several old houses in Crown Point and the old PRR railroad station and the Carnegie Library in Hobart also share the list. Several historical districts in Gary, Hammond, and Crown

Point are also featured. The once-popular Lassen Hotel in Cedar Lake also makes the preservation list.

The National Register of Historical Places is the country's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historical resources. Properties listed include districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, and culture.

So, who was John Ross, and why was his old farm deemed so prominent a role for NRHP? Let's find out.

According to the 1860 census, John Ross, a farmer, age 34, and wife Jane, also 34, both born in Ireland, lived in Winfield Township along with children Isabella, 9; Robert, 3; and Ann, 1. The same family is also shown in the Winfield Township census of 1870; a son John, age 8, is also listed.

Similarly, the 1880 census shows the farm family still in the township, with three children -- Bell, Anna, and Johnnie. The 1890 census has scant information, and John Sr. no longer appears in later township censuses.

Per available plat-maps, the property has apparently remained in the Ross family, but subdivided. In 1926, three family members each shared a portion of a 152acre tract. By 2010, only a Charles Ross owned a small triangular strip.

A recent trip to the property revealed considerable overgrowth, with several buildings barely visible from the highway, even with leaves gone. The faded house

numbers remain on a pole, a chain blocks the driveway, and 'No Trespassing' signs, which were obeyed, are evident.

A peek into the property revealed a garage that has seen its better days and one other dilapidated outbuilding, perhaps an equipment shed. The most depressing sight was a foundation and the charred remnants of the house and contents, which has burned down. The foundation once housed a log cabin, and the fire was considered arson, occurring about a year ago.

Lake County has only two sites that have been delisted from the NRHP roster, and there is no doubt that there will soon be a third one. Paraphrasing Julius Caesar, "I came, I saw, and I was disappointed."



Purdue University Northwest gained approval from the Purdue University Board of Trustees to offer a Doctor of Technology degree.

PNW plans to welcome its first students in the program beginning in 2022-23, pending approval by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission.

The program will be the second doctoral degree offered by PNW, joining the Doctorate of Nursing Practice that has graduated nine students since 2015. All of the DNP graduates are employed as leaders in nursing, with some practicing in primary care or specialty care settings and others engaged in nursing education.

"As a premier metropolitan university. Purdue University Northwest is excited to offer a growing number of advanced degrees that contribute to economic and community development in Northwest Indiana and beyond," said Kenneth C. Holford, provost and vice chancellor for

Academic Affairs at Purdue Northwest. "There is a need for additional higher level degrees to meet workforce demand and increased interest in advanced technology positions in the areas served by PNW."

The professional practice degree program will provide vital transformative science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

The program will benefit individuals who are interested in expanding and applying knowledge and research to solve practice-based problems in technology and society.

Mohammad Zahraee, associate dean of Graduate Studies for the PNW College of Technology, noted that the Purdue Northwest program will be distinct among doctoral programs in this academic discipline.

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Crown Point Community Foundation awards grants from most recent cycle

The Crown Point Community Foundation awarded \$146,922.43 in grants to the community as part of its September 1 grant cycle. These 21 grants will enrich the lives of residents throughout South Lake County (Winfield, Crown Point, Cedar Lake, and Lowell), from helping Humane Indiana with creating a separate area for the unique needs of infant foster animals in care to helping Girls on the Run of NWI with financial assistance to girls in South Lake County so they can be inspired to be joyful, healthy and confident through social-emotional learning and physical activity.

The recipients of the September 1 grant cycle are Best Buddies - \$2,000, Support the existing five Best Buddies school chapters in Crown Point; Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater NWI - match up to \$7,500, Playground structure for Cedar Lake club; Campagna Academy - \$1,945.93, Train 300 people annually in CPR/AED/First Aid; Christ Presbyterian Church - match up to \$4,000, Painting and protecting the infrastructure of the church building; Crown Point Community Library - match up to \$4,000, Capital funds needed to purchase a mobile kitchen cart for programming for all ages; and Dunes Dog Training Club, Inc. - \$4,500, Help support the Pets N Vets Program for U.S. Military Veterans

returning with PTSD and/or Traumatic Brain Injury.

First Presbyterian Church of Crown Point - match up to \$2,500, Help provide funding for the revamping and upgrading of the electrical control board for projection of worship information and hearing enhancement headphones for our elderly congregants; Girls on the Run of NWI - \$5,000, Provide financial assistance to girls in South Lake County so they can be inspired to be joyful, healthy and confident through social-emotional learning and physical activity; Humane Indiana -\$4,892.50, Create a separate area for the unique needs of infant foster animals in Humane Indiana care; and Knights of Columbus/St Elizabeth Ann Seton 7473 -\$4,000, Purchase bike repair parts to refurbish bikes for families in need.

Lake County Sheriff Dept - \$11,104, Fund a Project Lifesaver program to locate at-risk people who may wander; Lake Region Christian Assembly - match up to \$8,000, Improve operations in and around animal experiences; Mommy's Haven -\$7,000, Assist pregnant women seeking parenting options by providing physical, emotional and spiritual support during and after pregnancy; Opportunity Enterprises -\$2,500, Purchase indoor and outdoor recreation equipment for individuals with disabilities utilizing respite care services;

SAFE Coalition for Human Rights - \$43,680, To provide Women Veterans security and essential services for Ashley's House Women's Residence, The Indiana Chapter of ALS Assoc. - \$2,000, Access to Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and related resources for persons with ALS; Wabash Center - match up to \$5,000, Social skills training and experience for adults with disabilities; and Wheelchair Ramp Ministry/St. Michael Church -\$2,000, Funds to purchase used aluminum wheelchair ramps, which will be installed for South Lake County residents.

Winfield Community Foundation - \$1,500, Purchase Christmas Tree lights for decorating the town for the holidays; Winfield Township - match up to \$5,000, Supply and replace picnic tables in two parks in Winfield; and Youth for Christ of NWI/ South Pointe chapter -\$18,800, Help preteens and teens who attend Hanover Central High School and Hanover Central Middle School make good choices, establish a solid foundation, and positively impact their school and community by combining healthy relationships with creative programs.

The Crown Point Community Foundation awards grants from the unrestricted community funds held in the CPCF Unrestricted Fund three times a year. The three application cycles are February 1, June 1, and September 1. Only one grant application per organization or agency will be eligible within a 12-month period. The CPCF Grant Committee reviews all applications.

The Crown Point Community Foundation is accepting grant applications online. To apply for a grant visit www.cpcfgrants.communityforce.com. For more information about the CPCF visit the Crown Point Community Foundation's website, www. thecpcf.org.



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