



Seasonal

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Fundraising Committee rings in 2023 in LOFS-style, sends out thanks to all involved

The LOFS Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Party at the Lakehouse. A great time was had by all!

A special 'Thank You' to Michelle Fuscoe and her amazing Lakehouse staff for their outstanding service that evening, and to our very own awesome Chef Jack Richey for such a fabulous buffet! Everything was just simply top-notch and delicious!

Thank you to our co-chair,

Sandi Scalise, for heading this event up for the committee and for all the beautiful decorations and planning to make this evening a wonderful time for all who attended.

A huge 'thank you' to Wade VanDenburgh and McKayla Benko for all your help.

Happy New Year to All! May the New Year 2023 bring you more happiness, health, and blessings.

Enjoy the pics from this wonderful evening!

(See Pgs. 6 & 7 for additional photos)



Local organizations benefit from the LOFS community's Christmas generosity

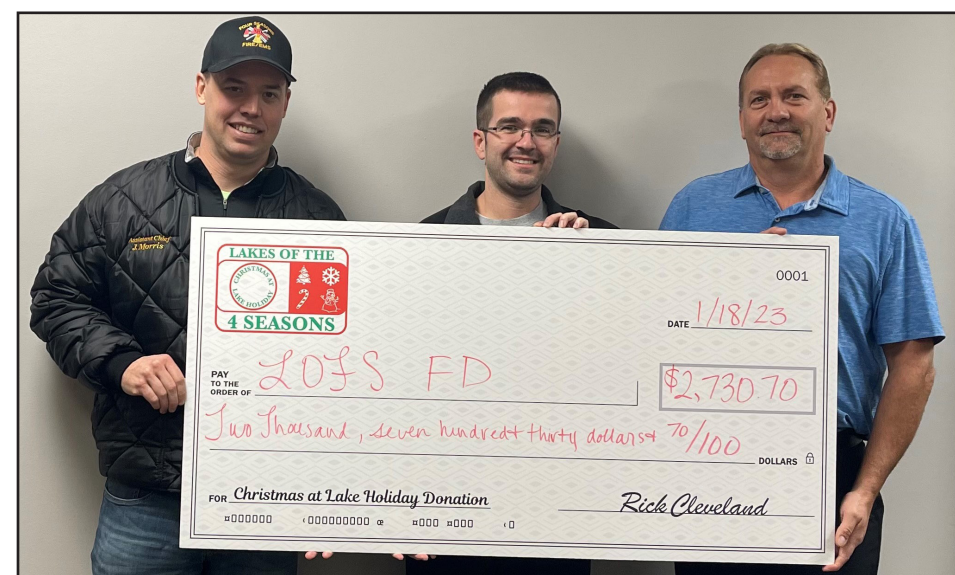
On Wednesday, January 18 checks were presented to the LOFS Fire Force, NWI No Child Hungry, and the LOFS Masterplan Committee from the proceeds that were raised at the LOFS Christmas at Lake Holiday Event.

A BIG THANK YOU TO

ALL of our wonderful sponsors, vendors at the market and food vendors that helped raise these funds. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 25, 2023, for our third annual event. With your help we can make it even more special this year!



Donation to Master Plan Committee



Donation to the LOFS Fire Force



Donation to NWI No Child Hungry

Community Manager

By Rick Cleveland, LOFS Community Manager

The 2023-24 annual assessment for the POA is set at \$1,575. Residents may begin paying the annual assessment on Wednesday, March 1 this year. Assessments must be paid on or before Monday, 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.

Convenience Fee for Paying Dues and Amenities with Credit Card

Due to increased credit card fees, a 3% convenience fee will be assessed when paying by credit card to help offset the cost to the POA.

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 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 Monday, May 1. The second installment is due on or before Tuesday, 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 plan applications by 4 p.m. Thursday, March 23. 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 2023 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 2022 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 by Appointment Only During “Dues Season”

Effective Wednesday, March 1, 2023, the POA office will be open by appointment only. The office will resume normal operations on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

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 Pay by Mail Form and sending the necessary paperwork to receive your stickers.

You may also pay online through your member’s account through the LOFS website.

Copies of your registrations and the Pay by Mail Form can be emailed to state-ments@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 continue to be on a first-come, first-served basis after you make your dues payment.

A sign- up sheet will be made available in front of the Seasons Lakehouse at 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

POA Rental Docks

Property owners that currently rent POA-owned dock spaces must pay the yearly dues assessment and the dock fee must be paid before 4 p.m. on Friday, March 31 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 Kingsway Drive. The cost is \$15 per foot.

Entering the Community at Main Entrance

When entering the community at the Main Entrance off 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 your 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 gate attendant might think that your barcode is deactivated for non-payment of dues or other fees and so on. Once you give them your name and the address you are going to, they will open the 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 gate attendant will open the gate arm for you. Also, please be respectful and patient with gate attendants when entering the community. They are only doing their job.

Assessments	2023-2024
Lot Assessments	\$1,575.00
Assessments - Partial Privilege	\$400.00
Assessments- Big Bass Lake	\$500.00
Boats & Docks	
Powered (200 and over)	\$460.00
Powered (150 to199)	\$410.00
Powered (100 to149)	\$370.00
Powered (60 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-Membership (Up to 5 family members living in LOFS home)	\$100.00
Pool- Additional family member (Living in LOFS home)	\$30.00
Pool-Single Membership (4 to 61 years old) - No Add Ons	\$85.00
Pool- Senior Single (Individual Senior 62 years or older) - No Add Ons	\$50.00
Pool "10-Swim" Pass	\$55.00
Pool Daily fee	\$10.00
Pool Replacement card	\$10.00
Golf	
Single Membership	\$1,195.00
Senior Citizen Single Membership (62 & older)	\$1,095.00
Secondary Adult Expansion Membership (Significant other)	\$380.00
Individual Junior Child Membership (22 years old or younger & enrolled in college)	\$300.00
Individual Junior Child Expansion Membership (22 years old or younger & enrolled in college)	** \$300.00
Individual Legacy Membership (80 plus)	\$785.00
Sundowner Membership	\$810.00
Associate Individual Adult Single Membership - Includes cart	\$2,500.00
Associate Secondary Adult (Significant other)	\$600.00
Associate Individual Junior Child Membership (18 to 22 years old & enrolled in college)	\$600.00
Associate Individual Junior Child Membership (17 years old or younger)	\$400.00
Golf Cart Rental Trail Membership	\$415.00
Summer Cart Storage	\$180.00
Winter Cart Storage Two Seater	\$200.00
Winter Cart Storage Four Seater	\$225.00
Driving range Membership Individual	\$250.00
Driving range Membership Family	\$380.00
** 1/2 price if paired with a secondary membership & consecutive purchases are 1/2 off previous price for any purchase	
Miscellaneous	
Extra LOFS Decal (more than 2)	\$20.00
Real Est. Proc. Fee New Constr.	\$250.00
Real Est. Proc. Fee New Members	\$475.00
Real Est. Proc. Fee Transfer/Sellers Fee	\$475.00
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	\$150.00
Large Shelter Rental	\$225.00
Small Shelter Rental	\$150.00
Dog Park Fee	\$70.00

LOFS POA Revenue & Expense

Revenue	2023/24
Assessments	\$4,266,300.00
Boats & Docks	\$254,945.00
Pool	\$59,357.00
Golf	\$552,107.00
Golf Merchandise	\$35,000.00
All other	\$582,655.00
Food & Beverage	(\$43,600.25)
Total revenue	\$5,706,763.75
Expense	2023/24
Wages	\$2,004,509.11
Employee taxes and benefits	\$511,025.95
Repairs and maintenance	\$802,550.00
Insurance	\$327,880.00
Engineering	\$43,000.00
Fert.,Seed& Chemicals	\$132,500.00
Rentals	\$50,994.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$315,354.69
Taxes,legal,accounting & fees	\$328,356.00
Other	\$108,125.00
Reserve	\$124,100.00
Capital & Equipment	\$741,650.00
Debt service	\$173,739.00
Lease purchase	\$42,980.00
Total expense	\$5,706,763.75

Church of the Four Seasons UMC

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Ever feel like you’re missing something? Maybe you’ll find it here.

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Sat. Feb. 11th @ 4PM

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Public Notice for Hearing on:

Request of variance For an addition to the garage to exceed the front building line

Megan & Dustin Boyd 1836 Sandy Beach Dr.; P-1113 Crown Point, IN 46307

Monday, February 27, 2023 7:30 P.M. LOFS Seasons Lakehouse

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Inside the Gates with the Security Department

Thank you so much to everyone that made sure the security office had something to munch on during the Christmas and New Year holiday season. If you see us at the local gyms signing up for a membership, mind your business, just know it's your fault.

We have made it through January already. We've all made a smooth transition into the New Year thus far. In the January Seasonal we've asked you to remember to tell your guest to give your address and their last name when they approach the window. Some guests are giving the dispatchers a hard time stating they've never had to give such information. Just so you know this information is needed every time they visit. They can only enter at the front gate, (all visitors, family, and deliveries) there will be no exceptions.

There is a way that you can send your guest passes

via text or email where they would be able to enter the Lake County gate off 117th and Randolph, as well as the Porter County gate in the back next to the Fire Station. If you contact the POA office, you can get access for your guest to use those gates. It will come in handy for a holiday rush or soccer and baseball games.

If you need help navigating through the app and sending passes out to your guest after setting up your account, you can call the POA office Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or the security office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. If we all work together it makes everything that much better.

The entire security team works around the clock to keep the Lakes of the Four Seasons a thriving and preserved community. We count

on you to do the same thing. Report any suspicious behavior that seems unusual. Report anything out of the ordinary. If you have an emergency, please call 911.

Old and new residents, please make sure you have all of your updated information in at the POA office. Barcodes, as you know, should be placed on your vehicles, not taken from vehicle to vehicle. If you have more than one vehicle you need to register each vehicle for its own barcode sticker.

Just so everyone knows we hear your concerns from Facebook about the gates, and we have reached out to the proper companies to correct the issues. Technology as we all should know has its ups and downs. Weather plays a big part in it too. Please clean your windows when it snows. Thanks to those that have been patient. We are trying our best to keep

things updated to continue to secure the Lakes of the Four Seasons community.

A big thank you to Nancy Mattel for your generous donation selling the blue lightbulbs to honor the local police and security forces.

February is love month:

Our dispatchers and security officers love when the residents and their families/guest are courteous and kind. The smiles and small talk warm our hearts. We also love when everyone has the correct information when we ask for it at the window.

Spread love and be kind, you never know what the next person is going through.

Hubbies don't forget your Valentine's Day gift for your sweethearts. We'd hate to see you in the doghouse...

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. The drivers are in-

structed 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 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.

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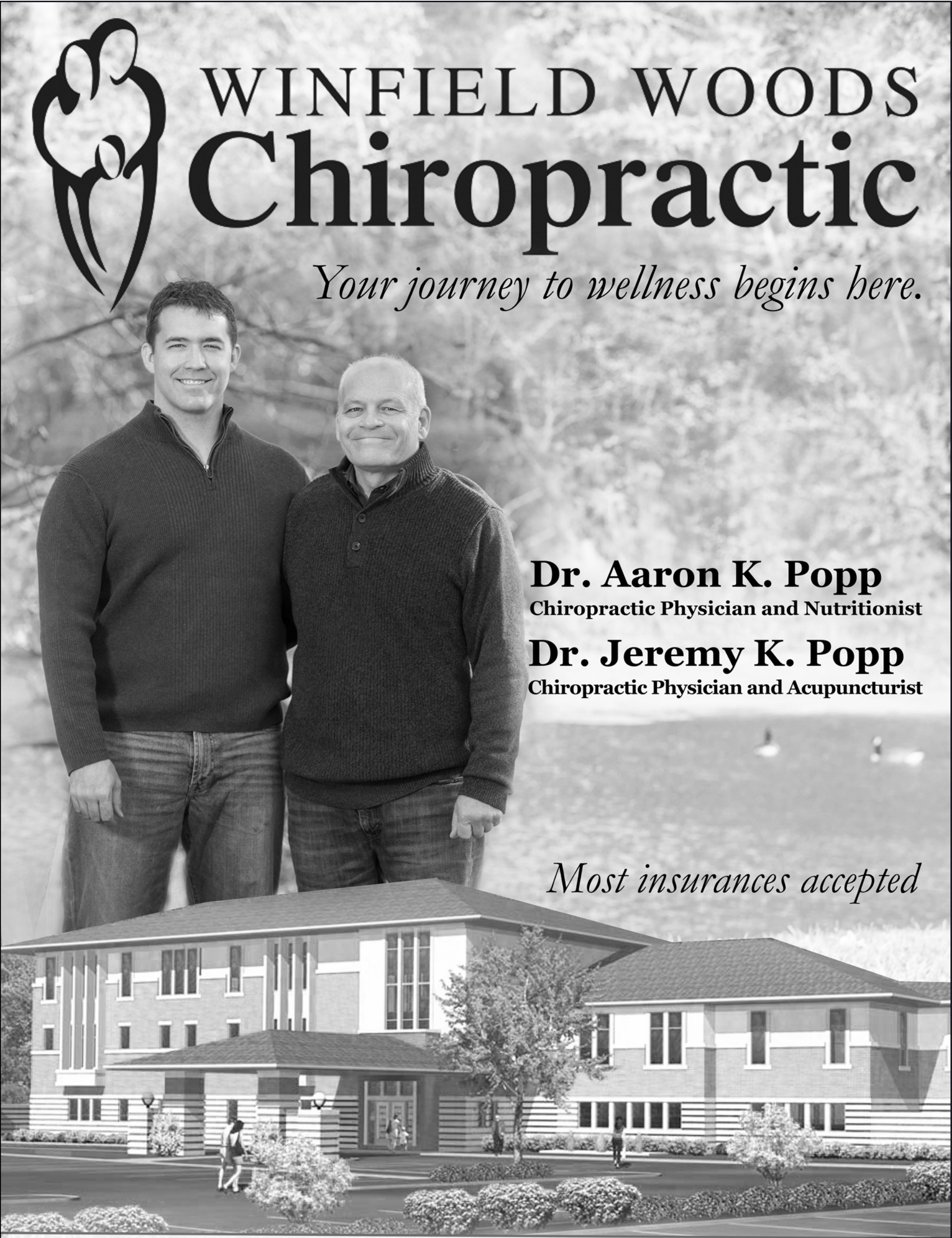
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LOFS resident had the joy of seeing eagles in his tree.
(Photo submitted by Robert Marasco)



February Specials



ENTERTAINMENT:

 **Saturday, February 25th 80's Party with Entertainment by Party Foul 9pm-12am**

Sunday - Italian Beef Sandwich \$12, 16-inch Italian Beef Pizza \$24, Domestic Buckets \$13
Monday - \$20 One-Topping 16" Pizza w/6 traditional wings, \$6 Domestic Draft Pitchers
Tuesday - Shrimp Po Boy Served w/Homemade Chips \$13, Moscow Mule \$7
Wednesday - Meatloaf Dinner \$13, Glass of Wine \$4
Thursday - Chicken or Steak Fajita Pita \$13, Import Beer \$4
Friday - AYCE Fish or Shrimp \$14, Combo \$16, Flavored Vodka \$7
Saturday - Beef Tips served with Mashed Potato \$20, Tall Call \$7

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Friday - Saturday 11am - 9pm

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Text 19HOLE to 833-880-0411 to join the text club and receive special promotional deals & updates on coming events.

Winfield Branch Library closure alert; improvements are on the way

The Crown Point Community Library's Winfield Branch Library will close on February 1 for approximately six to seven weeks to undergo a renovation and refresh project. During this time, the branch library's outdoor book drop will remain open for returns, but no other services will be available until the renovation is complete.

Patrons are encouraged to visit the main library location at 122 North Main Street in Crown Point to pick up holds and check out materials.

The library is excited about the project eager to continue our investment in the Town of Winfield. In 2016, the library relocated from the current Town Hall location and invested significant funds to create the new Winfield Branch at 10771 Randolph Street located in the Winfield Plaza.

Our current refresh project at the Winfield Branch will be done to update the space to match the updates recently completed at the main Crown Point location. It will

also repair flooding damage that occurred at the building as a result of a faulty drinking fountain. Some of the exciting improvements at the Winfield Branch Library are the following:

- Expanded interactive children's play area
- Completely remodeled public bathrooms
- Addition of a private study room for public use
- Removal of wall to create a more open use of space
- Dramatic increase in shelving for library materials
- Reimaging of the space to better serve patrons
- Flooring replacement and upgrade
- Door relocation to provide a more welcoming full-service entry to the branch library

The library looks forward to sharing the upgraded branch library with the Winfield community in March. If you have additional questions, contact the Crown Point Community Library Director Julie Wendorf at 219-306-8071.

SEASONS Lakehouse

RESTAURANT & PUB

February Specials



Wednesday - Gourmet Burger Topped with Truffle Infused Cream Cheese, Swiss Cheese & Garlic Mushrooms on a Pretzel Bun \$15, Drink Special: Ridin' Solo \$9
Thursday - Carolina BBQ Platter with Bacon Mac & Cheese \$24
Drink Special: V is for Valentine Vodka \$9
Friday - Sauteed Flounder, Shrimp & Scallops in Champagne Butter Sauce \$25
Drink Special: Pucker Up \$9
Saturday - Sirloin Steak Diane \$23, Drink Special: Peanut Butter & Jealous \$9
Sunday - Brunch 10am-1pm. \$15 for Adults, \$7.50 for kids 5-12. Under 5 free.
Drink Specials: Anti-Valentines Mimosas \$6 -Broken Hearted, Mimotional Wreck or Bitter & Bubbly

Closed to the public for Private Events: February 10th, 18th, & 19th.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Acoustical by Chad Clifford Friday, February 17th • Acoustical by Jenni Saturday, February 25th
Crawpuppies play on Saturday, February 18th from 7 – 10 pm. Tickets are on sale at the POA Office for \$30 each, appetizer buffet included. Must be 21 or older to attend. Call (219) 988-2581 or email cmgr@lofs.org for more details or to purchase tickets.

Call in or check us out on Facebook for our daily specials!
Text LAKEHOUSE to 219-259-3300 to receive special promotional deals and updates on coming events!

CALL 988-2582 HOURS: Wed-Thurs 4pm-9pm; Fri-Sat 4pm-10pm, Sun 10am-1pm (Closed Mon. & Tues.)
Email Contact: Lakehouse@lofs.org



Lions Club

LOFS Lions Club celebrates end of old year, beginning of new year

By President Lion
Yolanda Hernández

December 2022 was a busy and fun month for the LOFS Lions. We sponsored the Children's Christmas

with Santa event. We also sponsored Santa Shopping Christmas gifts for nine families who could use a little extra cheer during the holidays. The Lions also held their

well-earned Christmas Party at the Lakehouse. During this event, three new board members and two new members were installed plus two Lions received the prestigious Melvin Jones Award.

The Children's Christmas with Santa event once again had our very own Lion Tom Snowden as the perfect Santa. Children had an opportunity to write letters to Santa while listening to Christmas

music from a wonderful trio of ladies called 'Small Town Girls', thanks to Lions Dennis and Gail Armstrong. Santa's elf, Lion Genny Gasparovic gave each child a goodie bag. Two of our lions, Lions Patti and Mike Florez took Polaroid photos which included an ornament for the photo. The joy of Christmas filled the air!

The LOFS Lakehouse was already beautifully decorated for our Holiday Party so we just added a few personal touches. The meal was delicious as always. During the event, two Past Presidents, Lion Jim Furlong and Lion

Juan B. Hernández were honored with the Melvin Jones Awards. These are the highest awards that a Lion member can receive for his/her service.

The 2023 year is already being planned with our annual Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade and Food Trucks, Lions Golf Tournament, End of Summer Bash, Steak Fry, Presentation of Scholarships, Pork Chop Dinner, and more. Our fund raisers help us serve the community and many worthy causes. We are busy but we do take time monthly to just have fun together. Some of our past socials

have been Karaoke, Musical Bingo, Pot Luck, Lake Holiday Cruise, Picnic and Dinner/Dance.

All LOFS Lions Club members answer to the motto "We Serve" while creating enduring friendships. Join us if you are interested. Whether you can help a couple hours or a hundred hours, we can always use volunteers. For further information check us out on the LOFS website, Facebook, or ask any Lion member, our membership chair, Lion Linda Kroner, or Lion President Yolanda Hernández



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POA Office Hours Monday thru Friday 9 am— 4 pm			1 Lions Meeting 6:30 pm @ Lakehouse	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5 Brunch 10am-1pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	6 Blood Drive 12:30—6:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	7	8 Lions Meeting 6:30 pm @ Lakehouse	9	10 Seasons Lakehouse Closed for Private Event	11
12 Brunch 10am-1pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 Keen- Agers Luncheon Noon at Seasons Lakehouse	17 Chad Clifford Acoustic 7pm @ Lakehouse Open to Public	18 Seasons Lakehouse Closed for Private Event
19 Seasons Lakehouse Closed for Private Event	20 Presidents' Day	21	22 Lions Meeting 6:30 pm @ Lakehouse	23	24	25 80'S Party @ 19th Hole. Entertainment Party Foul 9pm-12am Acoustic with Jenni 7pm @ Lakehouse Open to Public
26 Brunch 10am-1pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	27 POA Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	28				

I hope the groundhog sees the...



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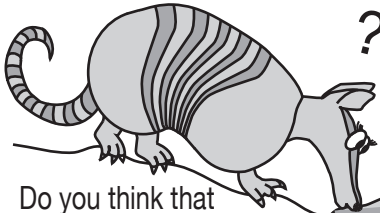


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...sun so we can keep having winter fun.

Kids: color stuff in!





Are you awake, Mr. Groundhog? I don't mean to hound you, but maybe you can predict the winner of the Super Bowl, too? Hello!

Do you think that a groundhog can predict the weather? On February 2, some people will get up very early to watch the groundhog come out of its home. They will stand around the groundhog's hole in the ground and study the sky. As soon as they see the groundhog poke out of its hole they will snap pictures. Who do you think will see the funnier sight...the people or the groundhog?

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:


- a long winter's nap
- a warm-blooded creature
- another name for the groundhog
- curls into this to sleep
- something people believe in or think will happen without facts or proof
- the groundhog's _____ pumps more slowly when it hibernates
- the groundhog is part of this family
- young are born in this month
- males are about two feet long and weigh about twelve pounds; females are _____
- to tell about an event before it happens

Time to Rhyme!


Find and circle the ten words that rhyme with "ground."

count
mound
frowned
wound
pound
crowned
groaned
hound
browned
crouch
sound
pounce
found
round
crowd

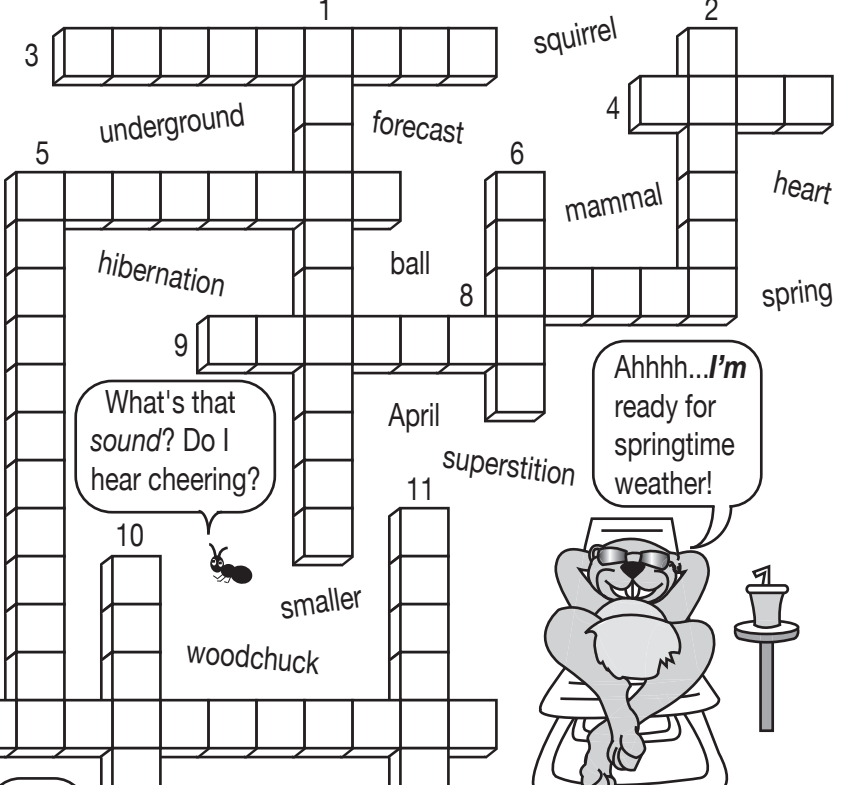
Our whole family doesn't weigh a pound!



Groundhog Weather Forecaster?



Hey, let me shine!



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. underground
6. forecast
7. squirrel
8. mammal
9. hibernation
10. ball
11. April
12. superstition
13. heart
14. spring
15. woodchuck
16. smaller
17. Look at the mound of dirt!

What's that sound? Do I hear cheering?

Ahhhh...I'm ready for springtime weather!

11. it is said that when the groundhog pokes out of his hole and sees the sun there will be six more weeks of winter, but when he sees clouds, _____ is near

12. where the groundhog lives


Football Fever

Find and circle these football terms:

touchdown tackle
offense referee
defense kickoff
teams field goal
huddle quarterback

Look at him bound off to watch the game!

Off to watch the Super Bowl...chicken wings, potato chips, veggies and dips...yay!



Is Winter Almost Over?

Why did the groundhogs cheer when they came out of their burrows and saw only clouds? Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks and find out:

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Yay! It's cloudy.

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Weather Superstitions and Forecasts?



Grrrr... Who woke me?

Don't look at me!

Fill in the blanks to spell weather words!

- __ ain __ ow
- cl __ ud __
- met __ oro __ ogis __
- __ liz __ ard
- o __ erca __ t
- cli __ at __
- tem __ era __ ure
- dr __ zzl __

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Match these weather superstitions and forecasts:
(More than 1 superstition can have the same forecast...you'll see!)

- If squirrels store large numbers of acorns
- When frogs croak louder and faster
- If March comes in like a lion
- When tree leaves flip over
- "Red sky at night, sailor's delight
Red sky in morning,...
- If animals grow heavy fur
- If a groundhog awakens from hibernation and sees sunshine and his shadow
- When your bones ache

A. it is going to rain.
B. it will go out like a lamb.
C. it is going to rain.
D. sailors take warning.
E. it will be a long, cold winter.
F. spring is far away!
G. it will be a long, hard winter.
H. rain is coming.



House and Garden Club

2023! Happy New Year!

We started off with a bang on the very last day of January. Our first meeting of the year featured lunch hosted by our board... and then, a little chair yoga.

Many exciting plans are afoot, and many of our members will share their talents with us in the coming year. Lizzie Garmon will show us how to make the beautiful holiday wreaths she's so

famous for. Cindy Young's award-winning quilts will be on display another month. LOFS Historian, and Ann Pluchinsky's husband, Walt, has agreed to give us some insight as to how this community we call home came to be. And, of course, we will be able to look forward to some of our favorite annual events like the run for the roses.

If you don't already know about it, Google the 'Ark

Encounter' in Williamstown, Kentucky (www.arkencounter.com). A full-sized Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible, the ark is 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high. Dates of the Club's bus trip to this one-of-a-kind awe-inspiring attraction are May 1 to 5, 2023, and you can sign up now.

Yes, an exciting year ahead with dear friends, old and new. For information call Mary Grveles at 219-765-1004, or just come to one of our luncheon meetings at the Lakehouse. We would love to see you.



Keenagers

The Keen-Agers will be returning for the new year on Thursday, February 16 at the Seasons Lakehouse. The bar opens at noon, a delicious lunch is served at 1 p.m., and entertainment scheduled for 2 p.m. is the singing sensation J.J. Brooks! This is our Valentines Day meeting; wearing of red or purple gets you a prize?

The club is open to anyone 50 and older, regardless of residency. Yearly membership fee is \$30, due every October, the luncheon cost is \$20, which includes the tip and entertainment.

Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings, except for January, the club gambles at the Four Winds casino at least four times per year and goes on their

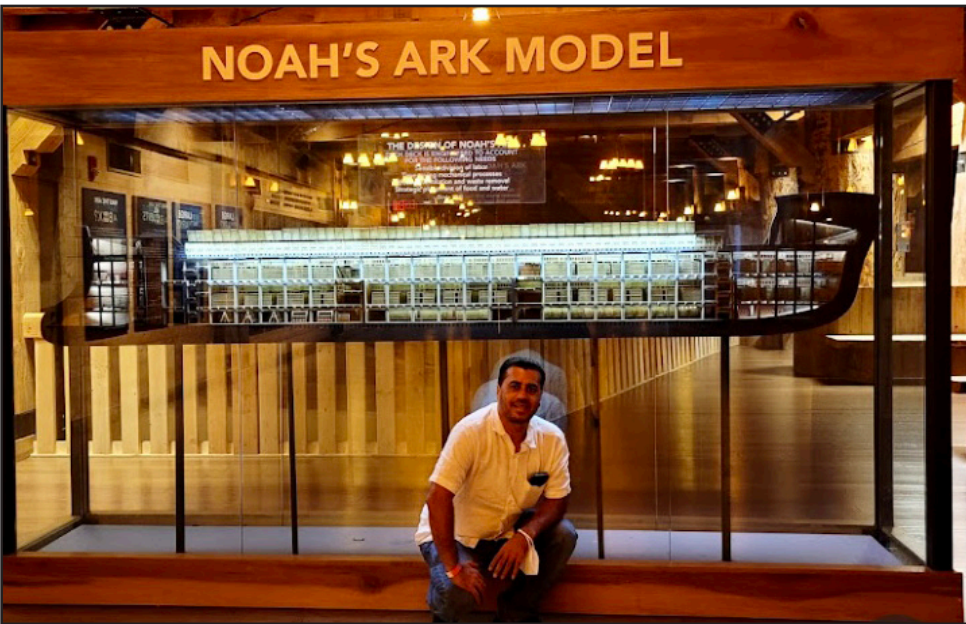
annual Diamond Tour bus vacation in September. This year it is to Dollywood, plus Gatlinburg shopping and shows galore. Sign up is starting at this meeting, and it's a \$99 deposit to reserve your seat. Spirit of Chicago boat cruise is being planned, maybe May.

Contact Renate at 219-689-3408 or willrenate@yahoo.com to get further information or to make a reservation to preview or join the club. Read the Seasonal for all their latest info and updates. Follow them on Facebook to see all their fabulous photos and videos of how they make having fun affordable.

Thanks to all the Keen-Agers for all their support and Michelle Fuscoe and her

staff for serving us so well with drinks and food. "Keep keeping up with the Keen-Agers".

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Crown Point Community Foundation now accepting scholarship applications

The Crown Point Community Foundation is accepting online scholarship applications for high school, college, and trade school students, and adult learners (non-traditional students, 21 & over) who are looking to continue their education in Fall 2023.

The 2023 scholarship applications must be submitted online. The link to the applications can be found on the CPCF website, www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html, the Crown Point Community Foundation's Facebook page, or visit <http://bit.ly/CPCFScholarships>.

The deadline for applying is Friday, February 17 at 11:59 p.m. (CST). Questions about the application process should be made to the Foundation office at 219-662-7252. The application for the non-traditional Adult Learners Scholarships is separate from the 2023 General Scholarship Application for traditional

high school, trade school, and college applicants.

CPCF encourages all qualifying students to apply for scholarships administered by the Foundation. A complete listing of all scholarships can be found on their website at www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html.

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Day 3: Start the day with a Continental Breakfast before you head to The Ark Encounter's sister attraction: THE CREATION MUSEUM. Prepare to believe as you explore 75,000 square feet of state-of-the-art exhibits, full-size Allosaurus skeleton, stunning botanical gardens, petting zoo, and more. The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allows you to venture through biblical history. Tonight, enjoy a Dinner Party with Entertainment!

Day 4: After a Continental Breakfast, you'll head to the CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER, a one-of-a-kind, multi-museum complex housed in Union Terminal, a historic Art Deco train station and National Historic Landmark. Your visit includes an admission to the Cincinnati History Museum, Museum of Natural History & Science, and an OMNIMAX Show. The Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX® Theater takes you to places you can only imagine, as you immerse yourself in epic adventures in the five-story domed theater. Afterwards, you'll enjoy a BB RIVERBOAT'S SIGHTSEEING CRUISE on the Ohio River. BB Riverboat's large vessel has both indoor and climate controlled seating, helping to ensure an enjoyable experience. This evening, enjoy Dinner before heading back to your hotel.

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An old book reveals interesting finds about our region and its settlers

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society (Part 3 of 3)



Two previous articles about the early days in Winfield Township, as described in an old 1882 library book, revealed some interesting events and unusual facts. We now look at the biographies of several prominent early settlers of the township at that time.

Dennis Palmer Jr.

He was born in Lorain County, OH in 1830, the son of Dennis and Olive Palmer, natives of Massachusetts. He was raised a farmer, attended a pioneer school, and in 1850

became a teacher. In 1852, he was married to Mary Wilson; the union produced two sons, Richard, and John. In 1854, Dennis Jr. located to Mason County IL, but remained only six months before moving to Winfield Township. He purchased farmland in the area, and also raised hogs and cattle.

Dennis Palmer Jr. is considered the founder of the village of Palmer in 1881, which consisted of 20 lots (quarter acre each). In the fall of 1881, he built a large store building, selling general merchandise and managed by C. W. Wise. He sold land for the right-of-way for the Chicago and Atlantic Railroad and its

station. He was the Justice of the Peace for over 20 years and never had a judgement reversed.

Jacob Wise

He was born in Pennsylvania on January 20, 1817, one of eight children of George and Charlotte (More) Wise. Jacob moved with his family to Crawford County, OH where he worked at brick making; afterwards, he managed a brick yard prior to coming to Winfield Township in 1848. He bought considerable acreage in the township. He lived several years in a log cabin before he built a large brick house, the first in the township. His

farm was one of the best in the area. On July 4, 1838, he married Sarah Dittie, a native of Pennsylvania, who died in 1843, leaving three small children. His second marriage took place in December 1843, to Maria, sister of Sarah; this union had six children.

Thomas McLaren

He was born in Allegheny County, PA on May 3, 1813, one of nine children of Hugh and Jane (Harper) McLaren, natives of Ireland. In 1841, he moved to Logan County, OH, where he married Rebecca Wylie; the union produced nine children. Mrs McLaren

died in 1873, and in June 1875, he married the widow Hannah (Wylie) Quay, born in 1820 in Beaver County PA. In 1853, he moved to Hickory Point, an early local settlement, on rented land. He later bought and owned considerable acreage in Winfield Township. He was instrumental in clearing wooded land for farming. Mr. McLaren was a good citizen, a founder of the village of Leroy, and a strong prohibitionist.

G. A. Nichols

He was born in Rhode Island in 1825, the son of William and Pamela (Thompson) Nichols. When

he was five years old, his parents moved to Athens County OH, and then onto Porter County IN. The family moved to Winfield Township, one of the first white settlers. Mr. Nichols was a carpenter by trade, afterwards, he engaged in the grocery business with his brother. In 1864, he enlisted in Company E, 17th Mounted Infantry, and saw action in the Civil War in Alabama. Upon discharge in 1865, purchased a farm and ran the first reaper on the prairie. He was a Republican and served his township as Justice of the Peace. He married Sarah Thompson in 1852.

Tri Kappa seeking scholarship recipients

Beta Rho, the Gary-Merrillville-Winfield chapter of Tri Kappa is seeking candidates for local scholarship awards for the 2023-24 school year. 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 higher level student enrolled full-time in an accredited college pursuing a

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dergraduate degree.

The deadline for submitted completed application packets is February 10, 2023. Be advised that there is a later date listed on the website, which is our chapter deadline to submit candidates for state level scholarships.

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