

The Eskimo Open, a long-standing LOFS tradition, took place on New Year's Day

By Sally Lugo,
Volunteer Reporter

Every January 1, LOFS residents might be found enjoying ringing in the New Year with family and friends, taking down Christmas decorations, or just relaxing in front of the TV. Then, there are those who throw on hunting gear to endure 2° weather and play golf!

The LOFS Eskimo Open is a long-standing tradition for the heartiest of golfers since 1970. Over the years faces of the men (and last year also ladies) playing have changed. Since 2007 Jay Robison sends a message to those who've played in the past and interested newcom-

ers. The rules are simple: 1) Show up at the 19th Hole on "Jay Time" (allegedly 11 a.m.); 2) Bring at least a couple golf clubs, golf balls and, if needed, a shovel and broom. Lastly, 3) form teams and play at least a few holes, which is essential to earn an invitation to enjoy delicious food prepared by Patty Robison back at the Robison household.

Jay reported, "Although it was only 2°, it was a gorgeous sunny day with no wind. The course was not crowded and we probably spent more time shoveling and sweeping greens of snow than actually playing golf. Three four-man scramble teams ended in



a draw. Putting conditions were not optimal, as you might imagine. This year we played three holes."

Jay added, "Patty cooked for everyone. Then we played

pool, ping pong, and watched football until about 9 p.m."

In attendance this year was a yearly scorekeeper, heckler, and course ranger Bill Churchman (pictured in



crazy loud camo). Golfers-hecklers included, from left to right: Dave Mastey Sr., Dave Mastey Jr., guest Chuck Watson, Taylor Noel, Jim DuPratt, (Chuck's brother-in-

law), Jeff Nicol, Jay Robison, Ken Hall, Tim Swallers, Dave Mochel, Jake Thompson, and Bruce Brankle. Another LOFS tradition is now in the history books.

A familiar landmark on 109th Avenue defies imagination

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A familiar landmark stands as a lone sentinel on 109th Avenue, as cars and trucks whiz by. No doubt, some people, including this writer, who often drive past this structure, mentally ask themselves the question as to how this thing came to be.

Of course, reference is being made to the large tree growing out of the top of the barn silo adjacent to the old white farmhouse on the south side of 109th Avenue, less than a half-mile west of Grand Boulevard. At first glance, it appears to be a phenomenon, a tree growing from inside a hollow silo.

We silently ask ourselves, "How did that tree get atop the silo? If the tree grows from ground level, how did it get sunlight inside the dark silo?" Of course, anyone who has been around a farm certainly knows how this tree came to be. A close look at other local silos, including the one on Randolph Street across from the Franciscan Winfield Health Center, will solve the mystery.

The old farmhouse on 109th Avenue, most likely a rental unit, is no longer inhabited, but the surrounding fields have yielded soybeans this past year. The mailbox displaying the number 5807 lies in tall grass and weeds behind the house.

The house and silo occupy



the 120-acre property currently owned by a Limited Liability Company whose principle owner lives in Crown Point. Over the years, the various owners, undoubtedly farmers, included the family names of Luebecke, Stiener, and Nelson, as well as the Citizen's Bank of Hebron, Trustee. A small utility shed and a steel-sided storage building have recently been dismantled, and some brush has been cleared, perhaps signaling the demise of the house and silo and the arrival of another subdivision.

The old yellow and brown brick silo is about 30 feet tall, without any roof, and some of the top courses of bricks have been displaced by the growth and expansion of the tree, which grows about 15 feet above the silo. The glazed specialty ceramic bricks, measuring 14" by 8", somewhat curved and identified as "BVT" silo block, were made by the Brazil Hollow Brick and Tile Co. of Brazil, Indiana, a town that once had many thriving brick works. There is no evidence of a barn foundation near the silo, and the back side of the

silo is where the secret of the growth of the tree is revealed.

The south side of the silo has an opening about two feet wide, from the ground to the top and supported by steel rods, exposing the trunk of the tree, about two feet in diameter. Perhaps, some itinerant bird dropped a seed into the opening, and the tree has received sunlight and rain for over 50 years.

The tree is most likely a hackberry, a member of the elm family, based on the appearance of the simple-alternate leaves, unique gray-colored bark, its berry-like fruit, and drooping branch ends. The opening, no doubt, was part of an assembly that transported hay or forage to the top of the silo. As seen in other similar silos, the opening had a dome-shaped cover, which permitted hay and forage to be lifted up by several methods, including a blowing motor, into the silo, and held in place by boards or slats until used in the winter as feed for cattle.

So, we've solved the mystery and learned a bit of history about the farm and the silo.

Board of Directors seeks property owners for Steering Committee

The POA Board of Directors is looking for property owners to form a steering committee to assist in the development of a community survey for the Lakes of the Four Seasons Master Plan. If you are interested, please contact community manager Rick Cleveland at the POA office at 219-988-2581 or by email at cmgr@lofs.org

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Rick Cleveland

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Reminder to property owners that currently rent POA owned dock spaces

You have the option of reserving the same dock space for the new budget year by meeting the following criteria:

- You must pay a \$150 non-refundable reservation fee (this will go towards the total dock rental fee) by Wednesday, February 28th prior to the March 1st assessment this year. *Any delinquent fees that may be on your lot must be paid in full.*
- The yearly dues assessment and the remainder of your dock fee must be paid by Saturday, March 31 or you

The annual assessment for the POA is set at \$1,340 per year. Residents may begin paying the annual assessment on Thursday, March 1st this year. **Assessments must be paid on or before Tuesday, 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. It is both easy and convenient to pay by mail and residents are encouraged to use this option.

We will continue to utilize the hologram sticker; DO NOT remove your existing vehicle barcodes. You will receive a new 2018 hologram that you will place along either side of your existing vehicle barcode. Do not place the hologram over the barcode.

The first two "new" holo-

gram decals per lot are free; the third and subsequent decals cost \$15 each.

Property owners will continue to have the option to make quarterly payments for their dues assessment with a \$25 fee for each of the first three on-time payments; the fourth and final payment will have no fee. You need to be current on your POA account to participate. The first quarterly payment should be made on or before **Tuesday, May 1.**

We continue to offer the half-payment option as well. This option requires a \$50 application fee and the first half of dues by **Tuesday, May 1.** The second installment is due on or before Monday, **October 15,** to avoid a \$50 penalty.

You also have the option to pay dues and amenity fees by credit card. We accept American Express, Master Card, Visa, and Discover.

The POA Office is open on Saturday, March 31 and

will lose your \$150 dock reservation fee and your dock space.

• Any remaining POA dock spaces will be rented on a first come first served basis, beginning Thursday, March 1 this year.

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

At this time we are in the process of updating our accounting and billing system including the website. This is a very large undertaking and can be overwhelming at times. We ask that everyone be patient during this process. We are planning to have the system up and running before March 1. The website should "go live" sometime in May.

LOFS POA Revenue & Expense

Revenue	2018/19
Assessments	\$3,568,770.00
Boats & Docks	\$205,050.00
Pool	\$47,125.00
Golf	\$414,057.84
Golf Merchandise	\$16,250.00
All other	\$494,809.05
Total revenue	\$4,746,061.89
Expense	2018/19
Wages	\$1,691,396.00
Employee taxes and benefits	\$464,915.59
Repairs and maintenance	\$520,025.00
Insurance	\$206,100.00
Engineering	\$60,000.00
Fert., Seed & Chemicals	\$98,000.00
Rentals	\$45,943.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$218,430.42
Taxes, legal, accounting & fees	\$214,194.00
Other	\$155,550.00
Reserve	\$65,000.00
Capital & Equipment	\$749,480.00
Debt service	\$215,927.88
Lease purchase	\$41,100.00
Total expense	\$4,746,061.89

Assessments	2018-2019
Lot Assessments	\$1,340.00
Assessments - Partial Privilege	\$260.00
Assessments- Big Bass Lake	\$365.00
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Pool Daily fee	\$5.00
Pool-Membership	\$75.00
Pool Replacement card	\$5.00
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Sundowner Membership	\$650.00
Associate Individual Adult Single Membership	\$1,420.00
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Operations Department

By Roy Green,
Director of Operations

Happy 2018 everyone. It has started out with a bang. We have plowed more in the first two weeks of 2018 than we did all of last year.

Please remember that if snow is expected, do not park your vehicle on any berm or the street. If it happens to fall on the day your garbage is picked up, please keep the totes off the road. Please be considerate of the plow drivers and give them the right of way. If by the slim chance that your mail box gets damaged by one of our plow trucks or any other issues due to plowing; please call me at 219-988-4461. The drivers are instructed to report any mishaps 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. We have already collected several trees that will be chipped up. If you would like any of the mulch for your home, you can come to the maintenance facility and pick it up in the spring.

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.

Also, if you have any leaves or branches that you would like to dispose of; you can bring them here. You can drop them off in the appropriate area at the south end of the facility. 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 9, and will continue until April 23. All leaves must be on the road berm no later than April 22. If they are put out later than that, there is no guarantee that they will be picked up. We will be keeping a record of when we have

made our final collection for each street.

If you want to know if your street has been completed call the Operations Department at 219-988-4461. We will begin our branch collections on April 30 for the Lake County portion of the community and will finish May 7. Branches must be out by May 6 to assure that they will be picked up. The Porter County portion of the community will begin May 14 and continue until May 21. Branches must be out no later than May 20 to

be collected. Again, you can bring your leaves or branches to the operations 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.

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Public Safety Department

By Craig Philp,
Public Safety Director
Beware of Scams

How many people reading this have been or know of someone who has been scammed? How did that scam come through, was it a phone call from a real person, a robocall, or did you get a text message or email?

Were you or that person you know given false promises, opportunities to get in on a great product deal, maybe it was the perfect investment for your money, or free product trials for name brand goods, or was it an offer of money through free grants and lotteries.

Maybe it was the one where a lawyer or company

that came across money owed to you, agreed to hold it for a set period of days, and just needs you to cover half of the lawyer costs before he/she can release it. They will tell you they will get it to you as soon as you send them a check to cover their lawyer fees, and promise to send it right to you or deposit it directly to your account to make it easier...yeah right.

Of course, there is also the scam of unclaimed monies which people get in their emails. The messages may read from the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, which is a real company. However, the NAUPA does not have anything to do with

returning money to someone; it is only there to make people aware of unclaimed property. My next question would be; how did this company or any other like it, locate your personal email, then verify that it is actually your personal email? If something sounds too good to be true... you know the rest!

Whichever scam it is, it usually ends the same way, the person on the other end of the phone, keyboard, or cell phone, needs some information from you first. It could be your Social Security number, your bank routing number, DOB, driver's license/passport info, or even your full name.

Don't be the one that falls for these, so you don't end up being the one who finds your bank accounts have been emptied or find new credit cards applied for and maxed out in your name. If someone

calls you stating they're having issues with your bank/checking account, and in order to fix the problem you'll need to give them your account information, STOP talking and HANGUP it's not real. Any legitimate bank already has this information, and would NEVER ask for it over the phone.

Moreover, remember, never give this type of information out or over the phone, or in an email to someone; unless you absolutely know who it is you are talking with. This information should be given if truly needed in a face-to-face meeting at the place of business.

Stay ahead of the scam, and think about what you're doing before you end up regretting what you did.

Lake Ice Safety

I know I have already covered this once in a past article, but better to be safe;

after all, you can never read it too many times.

What to do if you fall through ice:

- This is the hard one - Try not to panic.

- Face the direction you came from and spread your arms out on the unbroken ice.

- Kick your feet and try to pull yourself onto the ice.

- Once out of the water, don't attempt to stand, instead lay down on the ice. This helps in keeping your weight distributed evenly, and can help prevent you from breaking through a second time.

- Finally, roll away from the hole, and then crawl across the ice back to solid land.

What to do if another person you're with or see falls through ice:

- Immediately call 911.

- Do NOT go out onto the ice to try to rescue the per-

son or pet.

- Remember the phrase, "Reach, Throw, Go."

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

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.

"Last year the CPCF awarded 99 scholarships totaling over \$265,000 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."

The 2018 scholarship application must be submitted online. The application can be found on the CPCF website, www.thecpcf.org or on the Crown Point Community Foundation's Facebook page. The deadline for applying is Friday, March 16, 2018 at 10:30 p.m. (CST).

The CPCF is also announcing the creation of a new scholarship this year. The Alec Matalin Memorial

"Dope" Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Alec Matalin, a Crown Point High School student who passed away from a sudden illness.

In addition to student scholarships, the CPCF also offers adult scholarships. Applications for adult scholarships will be available in May.

The Crown Point Community Foundation connects people who care to causes that matter. Since 1990, we have served the

citizens of Crown Point and South Lake County through a range of charitable and civic activities, while helping individual donors achieve their philanthropic goals. As a public charitable organization, the CPCF is dedicated to building permanently endowed funds. The Crown Point Community Foundation will help to positively shape the future of the community and act as a facilitator of community good.

Earth Day exhibitors, sponsors sought for PC Expo Center

Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction is seeking exhibitors to participate in the 2018 Northwest Indiana Earth Day Celebration. Organizations and businesses from around Chicagoland and beyond that can provide environmental awareness, services and products are invited to participate.

The largest free public environmental event in Northwest Indiana, the Earth Day Celebration, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Porter County Expo Center in Valparaiso.

More information and online registration are available on the district's website, www.PorterCountyRecycling.org.

The district is also seeking sponsors for the event. For more information, call 219-465-3819.

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Keenagers

The Keen-Agers will be returning for the 2018 year on Thursday, February 15, at the Seasons Lakehouse. The theme of the meeting will be Valentine's Day and wearing red or purple will be rewarded. The bar will open at noon and a delicious lunch will be served at 1 pm. Entertainment is scheduled for 2 p.m.; after a short meeting adjournment will be around 3 p.m.

The club is open to anyone 50 and older regardless of res-

idency. Yearly membership fee is \$25 and the monthly luncheon cost is \$15, which includes a tip.

Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings the club goes on day trips, more will be planned for the year; casino outings at least four times a year; and always an annual Diamond Tour bus trip -- this year it is Nashville! The success of their 12 fundraisers, the biggest and best being their Annual August Auction,

helps pay for all their fun activities.

Please contact Renate at willrenate@yahoo.com or 219-689-3408 to get more info or to make a future reservation. Thanks to all the Keen-Agers and the Lakehouse staff for keeping the club alive and well!

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Three college scholarships available through Northwest Indiana-based credit union

Members Advantage Credit Union is once again offering three college scholarships to qualifying high school seniors and to students in their first or second year in college.

MACU is heavily involved in the community, and its scholarships are a reflection of the organization's focus on positively impacting Northwest Indiana. "At Members Advantage, we work to better the lives of our friends in the community," said Frank Beachnau, president of Members Advantage. "We see the tremendous value that education brings to not only the student but then to the

whole community. That's why we feel like these scholarships are a great way to give back."

Available scholarships include the following:

Gail Walker Scholarship: In 2010, MACU established the Gail Walker Memorial Scholarship in memory of the former board member's years of service. It is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior, college freshman or sophomore in the amount of \$1,000 to students with academic achievement.

Leona Bruno Scholarship: The Leona Bruno Scholarship was established in 1994 in memory of the first manager

of MACU. Annually, it is awarded to a graduating high school senior with scholastic achievement in the amount of \$1,000.

Learn to Earn Scholarship: In 2012, MACU established the Learn to Earn Scholarship that is awarded to two college students working a minimum of 20 hours per week in the amount of \$500 each.

The deadline for scholarship application is Monday, February 12. Call 219-874-6943 or 877-874-6943 with questions. For scholarship qualification criteria and to apply, visit www.macuonline.org/college-scholarships.

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Fun community events in February and March held by the LOFS Lions Club

Ready to jump in the lake? The Polar Plunge is back on Saturday, February 24 at noon. Brave souls can jump solo or with a team at the lake next to the LOFS pool house. Spectators and jumpers alike can take that brrrrrfect picture with our Polar Penguin, official mascot of the event.

Registration forms can be picked up at the 19th Hole, the Seasons Lakehouse, or the POA office. Jumpers should plan on raising \$25 per person; proceeds are used in the Lakes of the Four Seasons Community.

The Princess Brunch returns on March 11 and this year, expect to see not only Belle and her prince, but Jasmine and the rascal

Aladdin, and Snow White and Prince Charming. A brunch fit for a queen will be served and there will be plenty of opportunities to get that perfect royal portrait.

The Princess Brunch is a fund raiser that supports sight and hearing projects including Leader Dog training. So, ready your tiara, stick out that pinky when you sip your drink, and join us for the brunch from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 11th. Be our guest!

Princess Brunch Tickets can be purchased in a number of ways:

During Lions meetings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on February 7 and 28 at the Seasons Lakehouse.

The Lions will have their February 14 meeting downstairs at the 19th Hole. You can also select other pick up dates and times by contacting Chairperson Jackie at 219-776-3541 or via e-mail at lofslions@aol.com.

Tickets are \$25per attendee and include a gift bag, lunch, desserts and fun with our characters.

Rounding out March is the Easter Egg hunt, a free event on Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Meet the Easter Bunny and join in the egg hunt in this annual fun (and very fast!) event on the Seasons Lakehouse lawn.

The Lions appreciate the support shown by the LOFS Community. Your support

enables our group to support sight and hearing projects in the local community and in the state of Indiana. Our group also provides hats and gloves for local schools, collects for cancer research, helps fund local food banks and provides glasses to those in need within the community. The group also runs the annual Fourth of July Parade.

Interested in volunteering? Join the Lions, a group with a 100-year history of public service. Contact our membership chair, Linda Kroner at lkroner1159@comcast.net for more information. You can also contact the Lions about any of our events at lofslions@aol.com or Jackie at 219-776-3541.



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Announcing the 3rd Annual Princess Brunch

An elegant and fun event held by the LOFS Lions

Sunday, March 11, 2018 11:30 to 2pm at the Seasons Lakehouse

Featuring from Beauty and the Beast: **Belle!**
Special Guests: **Snow White and Jasmine**

And...for the first time, the Princesses will be joined by their Princes:
Prince Charming, Prince Adam (the Beast) and Aladdin!

Lunch and Desserts fit for Royalty will be served.

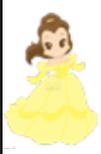
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To get tickets:

Tickets are on sale at Lions meetings Feb 7th and 28th from 5pm to 8pm at the Seasons Lakehouse
& from 5pm to 8pm on Feb. 14th downstairs at the 19th Hole

For mail or other pickup times in January and February:

Guests may call 219 776-3541 (Jackie, Chairperson) or Guests can speak with any Lions Member.
Tickets are \$25.00 per attendee, includes gift bag, lunch, and meet and greet with our characters.





Proceeds from the Princess Brunch serve our community through LOFS Lions Projects and Events.



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Hot cocoa warms the food pantry

The LOFS Girls Scouts collected six boxes of food and \$300 in donations for the Winfield Food Pantry during the holiday season. The girls recently served hot cocoa to the public during the LOFS holiday light show at the Seasons Lakehouse, and with the generous donations from the LOFS community, will warm the hearts of people in need. Thank you for supporting the LOFS Girl Scout Troop 35135. Pictured are Barb Graham, assistant at the Winfield Township Trustee's Office, and Emma Vandenburg.

Eagle watch at Salamonie Lake to be held February 10 and 11

See bald eagles on February 10 and 11 with staff from DNR's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services.

Participants will meet at Salamonie Interpretive Center at 3 p.m. EST on both days, listen to a brief overview of Indiana's bald eagles and then caravan to the roost. Participants should dress for the weather and bring binoculars, cameras and spotting scopes.

There will be some walking on paved road. Those who need handicapped park-

ing should request it upon registration. Port-a-pots will be available. Participants can leave the site at any time. For safety, Frances Slocum Road between State Road 124 and Miami County Road 550 East will be closed for the event.

For more information and to register, call 260-468-2127. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services is located at 3691 South New Holland Road in Andrews, Indiana.



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THURSDAY: Buffet nights continue with a Taste of Italy at 5pm. (pricing will fluctuate weekly)
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This Month in LOFS History - February 2018: What's in The Time Capsule?

By Sally Lugo

Last year our Historical Society Seasonal articles gave a nod to LOFS history. This year we take a fresh approach looking at our present and our history for the future! This month we feature volunteer and Historical Society member, Dawn Shepard.

Dawn is presently working with our Time Capsule Committee chaired by Larry Carson. Along with Dawn are other Historical Society members including Jim Rettker, Cindy Bean, Millie Rich, Colette Perez, Eileen Ryan, Kelly Ryan-Vandenburg, and Lori DuPratt.

Dawn is reaching out to our community for final donations and ideas from residents for the committee's consideration, such as your pictures at a LOFS 2017 event, TV guide, Chicago Car Show items, Christmas, Toys R Us or anything that features hot toys of the year, picture of your child playing with a hot toy of the year, articles on deconstruction of the Radisson Holiday Star, "People Magazine" featuring "Person of the Year" and items relevant to 2017 hot fashion or items of unique interest.

You may drop off your item(s) include name and contact info, at the POA office, or email Dawn Shepard at Dshepard3850@gmail.com. Provide your contact info and indicate how you wish to be contacted via phone, text or by email. Or, you may email me at Sally2614@aol.com. Deadline is March 3, 2018.

The committee will finalize: time capsule contents, plans for its safe-keeping, and determining just when it will be opened. Currently, there is a time capsule located near our Public Safety building. Organized by the Keenagers, the capsule was buried shortly after July 1976, and is to be opened in 2076, our nation's Tricentennial! A concrete vault, coated with sealant, contains a sealed copper box containing LOFS artifacts. Additional concrete was then poured over steel

reinforcement bars. A 500 lb Colorado Golden Quartz boulder sits over the time capsules site displaying a plaque (pictured). We won't have to wait 100 years to open this time capsule. Happily the committee will go with a bit less long of a wait.

The Historical Society meets every second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at Seasons Lakehouse. We have fun items being planned for this year. Currently being organized is a "Train Ride Trip" boarding in North Judson.

Our trip commentator is Ted Fitzgerald, Volunteer Certified Locomotive Engineer for Whitewater Valley Tourism Railroad. Ted also is LOFS' attorney serving since 1972. Ted plans to be our next guest speaker April 13.

Feel free to enjoy our meetings open to both residents and non-residents. Email Sally2614@aol.com with your ideas regarding future feature Seasonal articles, or questions you may have. Thank you!



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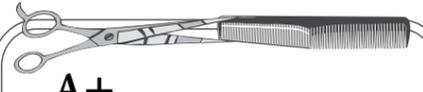




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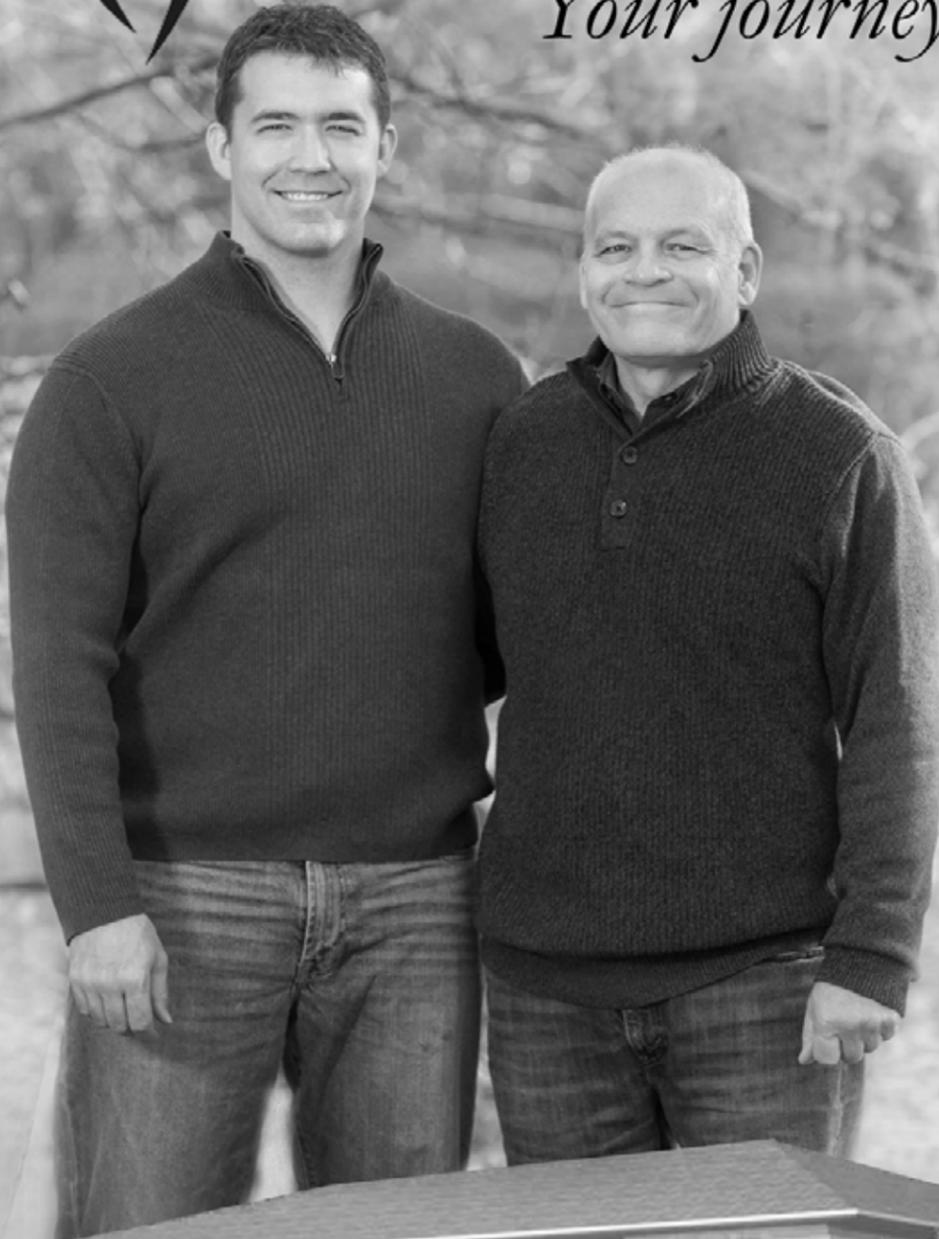
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Wild turkey causes havoc near Randolph and 117th Avenue

By Emma Vandenburg, Junior Reporter



Gertie the Turkey recently caused havoc at the 117th and Randolph intersection. For days it wasn't the turkey causing the problems; it was us, the residents that have taken home on the wildlife's territory. Gertie has recently been placed in the witness protection program living her life out in an undisclosed location with other hens.

My Father and I are members of the NWTf (National Wildlife Turkey Federation) and I thought it would be appropriate to raise the awareness of the wild turkeys in our area. Gertie was a domesticated bird lost from her home; she would have never made it through the winter living on the corner.

Benjamin Franklin wanted wild turkeys to be our national symbol instead of the bald eagle. He felt that the stately, majestic qualities of the wild turkey would make it a fine symbol for the new country.

According to Wikipedia, the wild turkey is one of the largest birds in North

America. An adult male can grow up to 4 feet long from his beak to his tail. Wild turkeys live in open fields and woods and nest on the ground. Wild turkeys prefer to eat insects, grasses, nuts, and berries.

The "beard" that grows from the center of a wild turkey's breast is actually a group of modified feathers that look like hair. Beards are most commonly found on adult male turkeys (called gobblers), although females (called hens) will grow them occasionally.

In spite of its large size and rather awkward appearance, the wild turkey is a powerful flier, reaching speeds of up to 55 mph over short distances. Turkeys will most often fly hard and fast up through the treetops, then set their wings and glide back to the ground.

Most people are familiar with the term "flock of pigeons" and even "gaggle of geese," but did you know that a group of turkeys is called a "rafter"? And baby turkeys are called poults and young males are called jakes.

According to the National Wild Turkey Foundation's

website (www.nwtf.com), Eastern wild turkeys are the most widely distributed subspecies east of the Mississippi River. They are also the most abundant. In fact, you can find them in 38 states and numerous Canadian provinces.

Characteristics of the Eastern wild turkey include chestnut-brown tips on tail feathers, white and black

bars on the wings, adult males weigh 18 to 30 pounds, adult females weight 8 to 12 pounds, very strong gobbles (strongest gobbles of all subspecies), very long beards (longest beards of all subspecies), second to Osceola in difficulty of calling in.

The Florida wild turkey (also referred to as the Osceola) gets its name from its location. It's only found in Florida. There are about 100,000 of them in Florida today.

Rio Grande wild turkey
The Rio Grande wild turkeys are concentrated in western desert regions of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and other western states. Mexico also harbors a healthy population.

Merriam's wild turkey
These wild turkeys are most abundant in the mountainous regions of the West.

The Rocky Mountains are considered the central hub of the population.

Gould's wild turkey
The Gould's wild turkey can only be found in Arizona, New Mexico and northern Mexico. Its population is few in numbers.

Oscillated wild turkey
This species can only be found in a 50,000 square mile area: in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, northern Belize and the El Petén region of northern Guatemala.

Some homeowners can't resist feeding them. That's when trouble begins. A few stray visitors soon become a flock of permanent residents that have lost their natural fear of humans. Adult wild turkeys, which can weigh upwards of 20 pounds, can destroy flowers and vegetable gardens, leave their droppings on patios and decks, and roost on cars, scratching the paint.



Turkeys can become aggressive during the breeding season, occasionally even charging, threatening, and acting aggressively toward people.

Prevent problems by discouraging wild turkeys from becoming too comfortable on your property. If turkeys begin feeding under hanging bird feeders, remove the feeders until the turkeys leave the area. If turkeys are causing

problems in your yard, install motion-detecting sprinklers.

Wild turkeys typically will not enter yards with dogs. If confronted by a wild turkey that has lost its fear of humans, an open umbrella may help steer it out of your path. We need to remember that the wildlife was here first and messing with a protected bird will land you in big trouble with the DNR

House & Garden

Mark your calendars now. The February meeting of the LOFS House & Garden

Club will be held at noon on Tuesday, February 27, at the Seasons Lakehouse.

The meeting will begin with lunch promptly at noon. Enjoy the company of your neighbors who are dedicated to the beautification of our community while learning new things and having fun together.

Interested? Call Nancy Beck at 219-789-5974.

Lake County Master Gardeners offers scholarship program; deadline April 2

The Lake County Master Gardeners have announced that they are continuing their scholarship program for the academic year. Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate college and university students who are residents of Lake County, IN. Other majors that benefit consumer gardening may be considered

if the applicant provides a one paragraph description of how they will use their major to promote the objectives of the Master Gardeners.

The application deadline is April 2, 2018. Application forms are available by calling the Purdue Extension-Lake County Office at 219-755-3240.

The scholarships are funded by donations made to the Lake County Master Gardener Association in support of the annual Plant Sale, Garden Walk, Symposium, and from donations from generous donors such as the NW Indiana Beekeepers Association.



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Advocate's Corner
by Jill McNamara



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Since 1991 over 600 Hoosiers, including myself, have participated in Indiana's Partners in Policymaking

Academy. Partners in Policymaking is based on a program developed by the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. Partners are widely recognized throughout the United States and overseas.

The program is open to a limited number of people. Every other year, 35 Hoosiers with disabilities and family members are selected to participate in the Academy.

If selected, hotel travel, childcare and other related expenses are covered by the program. My experience was amazing and I shared rides to the monthly session with my classmates from Northwest Indiana.

This year, sessions will begin in October 2018 and conclude in May 2019. They are located in the Indianapolis area and start Friday noon until 8:30 p.m. and continue Saturday from 9 a.m. until

4 p.m. Selected candidates will be required to sign an agreement to attend all sessions and complete homework assignments, including a personal community project. During the time I attended, I traveled back and forth with other participants from Northwest Indiana. You can learn more about the program by visiting: www.in.gov/gpcpd/2465.htm or call 317-232-7770.

Applications are due by

May 7, 2018.

Jill McNamara is the Founder and Executive Director of *Miscarriage, Mothers & Others*; a Bereavement Specialist for *Elizabeth Ministry International*; and a Parent Support Volunteer for the *Indiana Resource Center for Families with Special Needs*. You may contact her at: jillmcnamara@comcast.net

Crown Point, Winfield Kindergarten registration will take place in February

Registration for Fall kindergarten classes will be held Thursday, February 15, and Tuesday, February 20.

Kindergarten students must be five (5) years of age on or before August 1, 2018 in order to enroll for the 2018-19

school year. It is not mandatory for students to come with their parents to registration, but they are welcome.

The following documents are required at the time of registration: 1. Child's certified birth certificate (not hospital

certificate) 2. Immunization record 3. Child's Social Security Card 4. Three documents from the following are required to prove residency: utility bills (Nipsco, Water) deed or mortgage statement, or Lake County Tax Bill.

In addition, a driver's license or state photo ID with the current address is required to prove residency.

School date registration times are Winfield Tuesday, 2-20-18 at 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Lake Street

Thursday, 2-15-18 at 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; MacArthur Thursday, 2-15-18 at 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Timothy Ball Thursday, 2-15-18 at 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Eisenhower Tuesday, 2-20-

18 at 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Solon Robinson Tuesday, 2-20-18 at 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Note that kindergarten classes will be held on the day of registration at the individual buildings.

CP, Boone Grove students receive \$5,000 scholarships; Beta Rho chapter seeks new candidates



Two local residents. Taylor Cain (left), a graduate of Boone Grove High School, and Natalie Groff, of Crown Point High School, both received \$5,000 scholarships from the Beta Rho chapter of Tri Kappa.

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

Interested candidates must have a 3.7 minimum GPA and demonstrate potential within their chosen career fields. Additional state scholarships are available in the areas of academics, fine arts and music.

The deadline for submitting completed application packets is February 10, 2018. Contact Peggy Waluk at waluk@netnitco.net or 219-988-3639 for further information.

Applications available for ICLEO program that assists future law students

Applications are now available for the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity (ICLEO) program. The ICLEO program is designed to assist traditionally under-represented groups in pursuing a legal career. The Supreme Court established ICLEO 20 years ago to help bring diversity to the legal profession. Applications are available online at www.courts.in.gov/cleo and are due by March 1, 2018.

ICLEO offers students a preparatory institute the summer before law school. This year, the institute is being hosted at Notre Dame Law School. The Summer Institute curriculum places a strong emphasis on academic rigor and provides professional development

programming, field visits, and social events. Students who successfully complete the Summer Institute may be eligible for a scholarship for up to three years.

The scholarship is currently \$4,500 per semester. To be eligible, applicants must be college graduates by the time the six-week ICLEO Summer Institute begins in June, 2018. All applicants go through a rigorous application process that is separate from the Indiana law school application process.

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Contact ICLEO Director Ashley Rozier at ICLEO@courts.in.gov with questions.

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POA Office Hours Monday thru Friday 9 am—4 pm				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Lions Meeting 5 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	8 Historical Society Meeting 4:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	9	10
11	12	13 Technology Club Meeting 6:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	14 Valentine's Day Lions Meeting 5 pm Downstairs @ 19th Hole	15 Keenagers Luncheon Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse	16 Comedy Night Hosted by LOFS Fundraisers 9 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	17 Baseball Registration 9 am—1 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Polar Plunge @ Noon Hosted by the Lions by LOFS Pool House
25	26 POA Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	27 House & Garden Club Luncheon 11:30 am @ Seasons Lakehouse	28 Lions Meeting 5 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse			

Obituary ~

Robert J. "Jim" Ross

Robert J. "Jim" Ross, age 84 of Crown Point, formerly of Hessville, passed away January 10, 2018. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a long time member of the Local American Legion Post 20, Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Moose Lodge, and the VFW. Jim retired from the Chicago Transit Authority after 25 plus years. He enjoyed retirement to the fullest by hunting and traveling all over the world. Jim was preceded in death by his wife- Irene; longtime companion Joanie Milsap; granddaughter- Mary Ross; parents- Charles James and Mabel Juanita Ross; and brother William Ross. He is survived by his son- Tim (Cindy) Ross;



grandchildren- Teresa (Will) Stroll, Robert "Bob" Ross, step-grandchildren Desiree Brummett, Tiffany O'Day, and Solomon Long. Friends met with Jim's family from 4-6 p.m. for the memorial visitation on Thursday, January 18, 2018, prior to A Time of Sharing at 6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com

Obituary ~

Michael S. Mullins

Michael S. Mullins, age 64 of Crown Point passed away Thursday January 11, 2018 at the Porter County VNA Hospice Center in Valparaiso. He was born March 12, 1953 in Peoria, Illinois to Carolyn (Cain) and Gordon Mullins. Michael was the Corporate Comptroller for The Beemsterboer Company in Hammond. He was a graduate of the University of New Haven. He married the love of his life (Barbara) in 1979. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; his mother, Carolyn; three sons, Michael (Whitney) Mullins of California, Patrick (Jennie) Mullins of Oklahoma and Phillip (Katie) Mullins of Hobart;

his daughter, Kristine (Jeremiah) Kozub of Kouts; Nine grandchildren, Natalie, McKenzie, Kegan, Liam, Matthew, Michael, Jillian, William and Anneliese; two brothers, Brian (Michele) Mullins and Scott (Jamie) Mullins; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father. A Memorial Visitation was held Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 1-5 pm at Rees Funeral Home, Winfield Chapel 10909 Randolph Street Winfield/Crown Point, IN 46307. In Lieu of flowers memorial gifts are preferred to the charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be submitted at www.reesfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary ~

Marcus Wigutow

Marcus Wigutow, age 84 of Merrillville, IN passed away on January, 16, 2018. Dr. Marcus Wigutow practiced medicine for 46 years in Northern Indiana. He was a member of the American Psychiatric Association. Marcus enjoyed painting in his retirement. He is survived by his wife-

Elizabeth Wigutow; son- Paul (Sabetha) Wigutow; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Friends visited with Marcus's family on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Burns Funeral Home 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN from 4 until the time of service at 5 p.m. www.burnsfuneral.com

Obituary ~

Rocco Stanzione, Sr.

Rocco Stanzione Sr. of Crown Point, age 93, surrounded by his family, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 12, 2018. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 11, 1924 to the late Frank and Rose Stanzione. During World War II, Rocco proudly served with the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific as a Technical Sergeant, qualifying as rifle sharpshooter. After the war, he returned to Gary, Indiana to become a general contractor. As owner of Gerrit Builders, he built many residential homes and municipal building throughout Northwest Indiana. He retired from construction after 60 years.

He was the last surviving sibling of eight. He is survived by his children: Mary Rose (William) Williams, Rocco (Sheri) Stanzione, Jr. and Frank (Lorraine) Stanzione, 7 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren. Preceded in death by his first wife Gertrude (Mattern) Stanzione and second wife Dorothy (Colbert) Stanzione and son Dean Stanzione Sr. Visitation and Memorial Service were held at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN Saturday, January 20, 2018. Visitation began at 12:00 noon, Memorial followed at 2:00 pm. www.burnsfuneral.com

Indiana's one-stop website surpasses 250,000 active users

Less than 18 months after its launch, INBiz has reached a new milestone – it now has over a quarter-million users. Since INBiz made its debut in April 2016, more than 250,000 users have registered and conducted business with the site. INBiz has allowed business owners to easily register, start, and expand their businesses as well as offer easy access to government agencies. Since launching, INBiz has conducted more than 413,000 transactions, and nearly 78,000 online

business formations. Last September, INBiz received national attention for its outstanding website and online user experience. The Center for Digital Government, a national research institute on information technology policies and best practices in government, named INBiz the winner of the 2017 Government-to-Business Experience award. "INBiz has come a long way in a short time, and I could not be more pleased with the success it has experienced to this point," said Secretary Lawson. "INBiz represents a better way of doing business with government, and is the product of an unprecedented partnership among state agencies that is serving as a model for other state and local governments across the nation." The first phase of INBiz was launched in April 2016. This phase included services from the Secretary of State's office which allowed Hoosier entrepreneurs to register their business, file

key reports, and request key reports. Since that time, the site has expanded to grant business owners access to services from the Department of Revenue, Department of Workforce Development and Professional Licensing Agency. This spring, the portal will expand once again to offer services from the Office of the Attorney General. For more information and to view the site visit www.inbiz.in.gov.

United Way of PC 'FAFSA Friday' program continues through April

United Way of Porter County has partnered with three community partners to provide free FAFSA filing services. Known as FAFSA Fridays, the program offers services at two Porter County locations through April on the second Friday of each month.

"As I conversed with parents sending their children off to college, we saw a need to assist them in getting the financial support they needed to do so," said Kim Olesker, president & CEO of United Way of Porter County.

This opportunity is open to all seeking assistance to file their college financial aid paperwork. Participation is by appointment only. Participants should bring a hard copy of their 2015 income tax information, including W2, and the student's social security number with them to the appointment.

Appointments are approximately 30 minutes long and available from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Program locations are United Way of Porter County in Valparaiso and Neighbors' Educational Opportunities in Portage.

For more information about FAFSA Fridays and to make an appointment, visit www.UnitedWayPC.org/FAFSA.

Franciscan Health physicians will shed light on heart issues

Are you, or a loved one, affected by angina?

Matthew Kamin, DO, and Joseph Samyn, MD, both of whom are board-certified cardiovascular disease specialists with the Franciscan Physician Network; will show how to recognize the symptoms of angina, which is chest pain or discomfort caused when the heart muscle doesn't get

enough oxygen-rich blood.

The free program will take place beginning at 9 a.m. February 10 (doors will open at 8:30) at Teibel's restaurant, 1775 U.S. 41.

Attendees will enjoy a continental breakfast and hear about the latest available treatments.

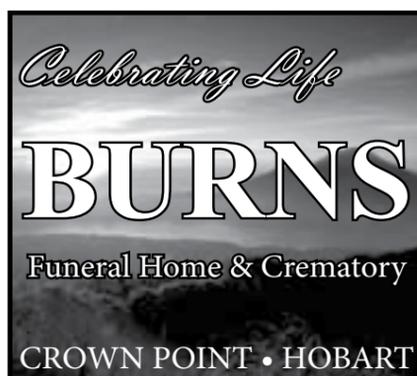
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NEW PATIENTS SEEN SAME DAY!

LOFS Fundraising Committee to host Comedy Night on Friday, February 16

The evening of Friday, February 16, will bring a night of fun and laughs for everyone to enjoy. Reserve your seats for this event with Wendy at 219-309-9530, or online at Face book LOFS Fundraisers. Seating is limited and tickets are already selling, so pre-payment is being required to guarantee your place.

Tickets are \$15 per person with the show starting at 9 p.m.

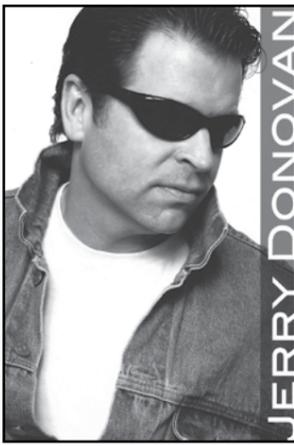
If you are planning on dining at the **Seasons Lakehouse** before the show, reservations are recommended by calling 219-988-2582.

To kick off the evening, our Feature will be Cam Rowe. Cam has parlayed his starring role on the Tru TV "Storage Hunters" into a stand-up comedy career that has seen him perform at Comedy Clubs and venues across the United States. He recently completed a three-week tour in England. A big man with a bigger heart, audiences love Cam for his insights into life, family, dreams, and desires both realized and not. He has a stage presence and ability that will have you rolling from start to finish.

Headlining the evening will be none other than an audience favorite, Jerry Donovan. JD is known for his quick wit and uncanny observations. His one-of-



Cam Rowe



Jerry Donovan

a-kind style and rapid-fire delivery always leaves audiences in stitches each and every time. Clean combined with an edge, JD's talents have taken him nationwide to comedy clubs, venues and movie sets. Jerry has worked with such notables as Kurt Russell, Jason Segal, Larry "The Soup Nazi" Thomas, and many more.

These two will surely make for a fun evening with

two unforgettable acts; an event forever remembered and NOT to be missed!



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