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June 2020

Yard of the Month: Kathy and Eric Mlodecki from 2365 Four Seasons Court

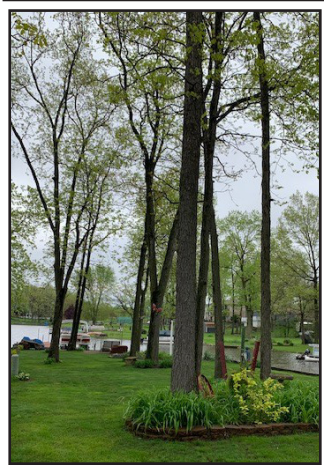
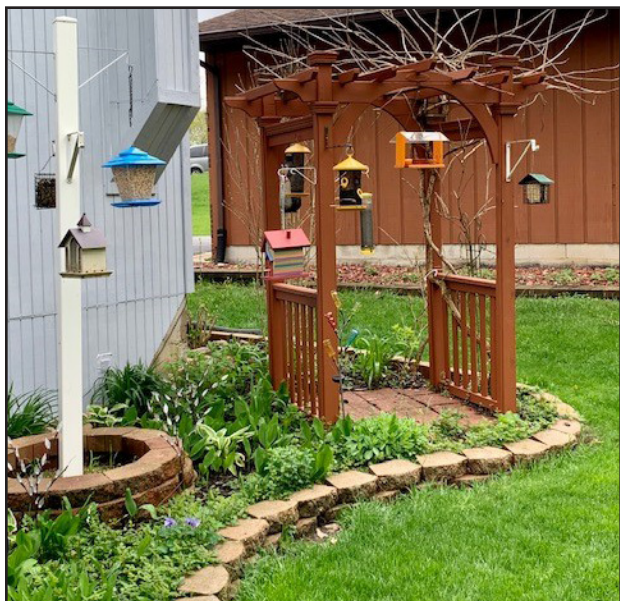
By Mary Cavallini

LOFS? Never heard of it. But Kathy and Eric Mlodecki were looking for a new home. Their Munster home had sold faster than they ever expected so she decided to take a drive for an advertised open house. Didn't like the house, but Kathy fell in love with the neighborhood and spent the next couple of hours exploring. The parks, the beaches, the lakes, the pool, the homes, the friendly people – she loved it all and was determined to make the Seasons home.

Ten years later the Mlodeckis are still happily enjoying their home at 2365 Four Seasons Court, a great location next to the Big Bass Lake boat launch.

Born and raised a Hoosier, Kathy grew up in Griffith, the second oldest of nine, four girls and five boys. Imagine! She and her older sister each had their own ironing boards! When she graduated from Griffith high school at 17 it took her one week to find a job in Chicago and a studio apartment in Old Town. She met Eric on the South Shore, and they were married three months later. Ten years later they welcomed son David and, five years after that, Michael. The boys were raised in Munster, where the family lived until moving to Crown Point.

Kathy's creativity has



been discovered by her fellow Garden Club members, and she's been recruited for every decorating project since. Crafting was her passion for many, many years and for Eric as well who worked with wood while Kathy made florals. They spent time on the craft show circuit and opened a craft/gift shop, Crafty Affair, in

downtown Munster.

Nowadays Kathy and Eric are enjoying their family which now includes a granddaughter and two grandsons, and their home. They have gardens everywhere and never get tired of digging in the dirt. Summer is their favorite time, and there's always something new to see in their large, ever-changing

landscape. Perennials, anything that blooms are good, but favorites include tulips, daffodils, bleeding hearts and any variety of hostas along with three cherry, two apple and two pear trees. Kathy's pride and joy are her pussy willow trees that bloom in early April. She has two white and one black. Be sure to look for a

few tokens of their appreciation of the time they spent in Chicago.

If you've been looking for an excuse to drive down Four Seasons Court or if you've been wondering who has the green thumb next to the boat launch, stop, don't be shy, come in and take a look. You might even catch a glimpse of pups Milo and

Moli. The little iron gate is for the pups' protection, not to keep anyone out, and Kathy and Eric would be happy to see you. Even in these times of social distancing, one can walk along the launch site and get a good view of this beautiful yard.

Thank you Kathy and Eric for sharing with us.

Golf Services

By Paul Boris,
Director of Golf

Golf Shop Now Open for Customers

During the last few months during the stay-at-home orders for the state of Indiana the golf shop was open for window service only. We are

happy to announce that as of Saturday, May 23 we are now open to indoor traffic. There is a limit to 3 customers in the golf shop at a time and we will try our best to keep check-ins fast to keep things moving for customers coming through the door,

please be patient as this will be an adjustment for all of us. Our practice facilities are also now open for business under restrictions.

All items for daily use during a customer's visit are being stringently sanitized by the golf course staff for customer safety and will continue to be done well after restrictions are lifted for reuse of publicly shared equipment at the course.

I'd personally like to thank all of the patrons of the Lakes

of the Four Seasons golf course for their patience and understanding while we try to maintain as close to normal operation as has been possible during this pandemic. We understand that there have been inconveniences in some of the ways we have been forced to operate in within the state guidelines and restrictions in place. We are nearly able to operate as normal and hope that in the upcoming months restrictions are lifted and can provide all of the services as

normal unrestricted in the near future.

We strongly recommend calling ahead for tee times with the golf season in full swing. Though, we try and accommodate all walk-ons, it is not always possible, so it is best to make a tee time which can be done online at www.lofs.org or by phone.

The LOFS Junior Golf Academy is still taking registrations for this summer's camp, interested parties can click the link below golf af-

ter logging into the website (www.lofs.org). This eight-week program starts on Tuesday June 16 and ends August 1. The program has been revamped into smaller class sizes over a longer period of the day to provide a safe distancing environment for children in the summer clinics. There are some exciting changes in store for the kids this year.

For any additional questions please call the golf shop at 219-988-2201

Janet Allen Legacy Foundation accepting applications for Junior Golf Scholarship

Beginning July 1, 2020 the Janet Allen Legacy Foundation will be taking applications for a Junior Golf scholarship. The \$1,000 award will be issued to the college or university of their choice.

Applicant must be a current or previous member of the LOFS Junior Golf program whose parent(s)-guardian are current golf members or LOFS residents in good standing at the time of entry.

Applicant must either graduate high school or be furthering their education in the same year they apply. They must submit a 500-word essay on 'How the Game of Golf and Its Lessons Have

Impacted My Life'.

Please e-mail Kim Brownlee at thecave1@comcast.net or call 219-741-3622 to get the application form. Applications must be received by July 31, 2020, and



the winner will be announced on August 14, 2020.

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday,
June 2, 2020

Voting for
Precincts 2 through 6
will be from
6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
at the Seasons
Lakehouse

POA Community Manager

Just a reminder: if the 2020-21 dues were not paid by May 1, they are considered delinquent and all use of LOFS amenities are suspended including the use of the Four Seasons Parkway and 117th Street Automated Entrances. If you are having an issue making your payment, please contact the POA office at 219-988-2581 to discuss options.

Spring Branch collections have been completed for the entire community. There will be no POA provided branch collections until this fall. We will collect branches due to storm damage. If you have branches or leaves to dispose of you may do so by taking them to the Operations facility located at 3861 Kingsway Drive. The facility is open Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. until noon. Please put items in the appropriate areas.

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Schedule Due to Coronavirus Pandemic

The Lakes of the Four Seasons POA Board of Directors made several decisions at their May 11 Executive Meeting. These decisions were made for the health and safety of the residents, their family and guests and the employees of LOFS and were based on the Roadmap to Safely Reopen Indiana that was put in place by Governor Holcomb.

- All concerts are cancelled until after July 4. We will try to reschedule those concerts throughout September.
- The fireworks show is still scheduled for July 4th but there will be no celebration event from the POA or the Lions that day. The Lions are hosting the parade that will consist of vehicles only (no walkers). The parade route will take place throughout most of the community. The information about the parade and the route is in this issue of the Seasonal. There will be no throwing of candy or giveaways. To limit the amount of people that come into the community to watch



Rick Cleveland

the fireworks show there will be a \$20 fee per vehicle that does not have a current LOFS decal after 6 pm. *Visitors must give a name and address of the resident they are visiting to enter the community.* The lower parking lot will only be open to vehicles with current LOFS decals only.

- The LOFS Pool will not open until after July 4. The Family Membership fee will be prorated for the remainder of the season. Those that have already paid for the family membership will receive a prorated credit on their account.
- The 19th Hole Restaurant opened Monday, May 18 for "To Go" food orders only with limited hours. It will open for inside dining after June 21 when we are allowed to be at 75% capacity.
- The Seasons Lakehouse will not open until after July 4.

Public Notice for Hearing on:

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

Joshua & Dawn Rowinski
3116 Devonshire Circle
Crown Point, IN 46307; lot L-745

Monday, June 22, 2020
7:30 P.M.

LOFS Seasons Lakehouse

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• The Golf Shop opened Saturday, May 16 with limited hours and restrictions.

Because of the uncertainties from the Coronavirus pandemic things could change. We will keep you updated. Please utilize the LOFS website at www.lofs.org to keep updated.

Trash Can Policy

Reminder to All Residents

Every outdoor receptacle for ashes, trash, rubbish, or garbage shall be so placed and kept as not to be visible from any street, lake, or golf course within the subdivision at any time except for the times when refuse collections are being made. 6 p.m., prevailing time, on the day before the scheduled day of refuse collection, shall be the earliest time that property owners may place trash receptacles out for collection.

All trash and recycle receptacles shall be stored no later than midnight on the day of collection.

Election

Three of the five seats on the LOFS POA Board of Directors are up for election this year.

• Monday, June 1 – Friday, June 19 - Candidacy petitions will be available at the POA office for all residents wishing to be listed on the ballot.

• Monday, June 22 – Friday, July 10 by 4 p.m. – Completed petitions to be turned in at the POA office. The order the ballots are printed, listing the candidates' names, will be determined by a blind draw only if there are more than one person turning in their petitions on the same day to the POA office, and documenta-

tion verified as complete and valid.

Composting

After listening to the comments from several property owners in regards to composting, the POA Board of Directors amended their resolution. Composting piles or similar installations are not permitted in Lakes of the Four Seasons however, manufactured compost bins are allowed. They must be commercially manufactured with a sealed lid. They do require a permit from the POA, one compost bin per lot, dimensions not to exceed 4x4x4, and shall be so placed and kept as not to be visible from any street, lake, or golf course within the subdivision.

You may read the resolution in its entirety on the LOFS website at www.lofs.org

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Gardens Around the Community

Our last frost date according to the Farmer's Almanac this year was May 6. We had a frost come in Mother's Day weekend and you may have lost some plants. Take this as a new opportunity to start fresh. How about considering some of these warm summer vegetables; sweet potatoes, beans, okra, zucchini, eggplant, corn, cucumbers, melons, and summer squash.

Feeling a little intimidated about the space your plants may need? Companies sell seeds already on a mat. You just place the mat on the ground, cover with amount of soil it specifies, tend to it and in a few weeks, your garden will be growing. Send them your garden measurements, vegetables of choice, and they will prepare you a garden. I did a quick Google search and found Seed Sheet. I am sure there are many more companies who offer this service. I just wanted to give you an example.

An inexpensive way for those of you who have been blessed with the crafty gene is to use paper towel, some flour or cornstarch to create a paste, a ruler for measuring, seeds of choice, and in a few short minutes you will have created your own cost-efficient seed mat. I sure hope I remember this so I can use it in my raised herb garden next Spring.

I am planning on starting



Top row, left to right: Chives, lavender, parsnips, mint; bottom row: Radishes and Collard Greens (different growing stages)

my vegetable garden in the next few days. It is a 4' x 12' raised bed. My crops the past two years have not been as bountiful as years before. So, it is time to amend the soil.

I will be adding three bags of garden soil specifically for raised beds (it has a mixture of all things good for vegetables), some mushroom compost (thanks Kim), and some perlite. I will also add a fresh layer of mulch to the vegetable bed. It will help retain moisture, control weeds,

and prevent soil from splashing on the plants which will help prevent disease.

If you missed sowing seeds for cool season vegetables it can be done in the fall. Some cool season vegetables are carrots, turnips, spinach, radish, leaf lettuce, parsnips, mustard greens, cabbage, kale, and collard greens.

We encourage you to plant a few vegetables. Give it a try. We think you will love the results. Be kind to yourself. Most importantly, have fun!




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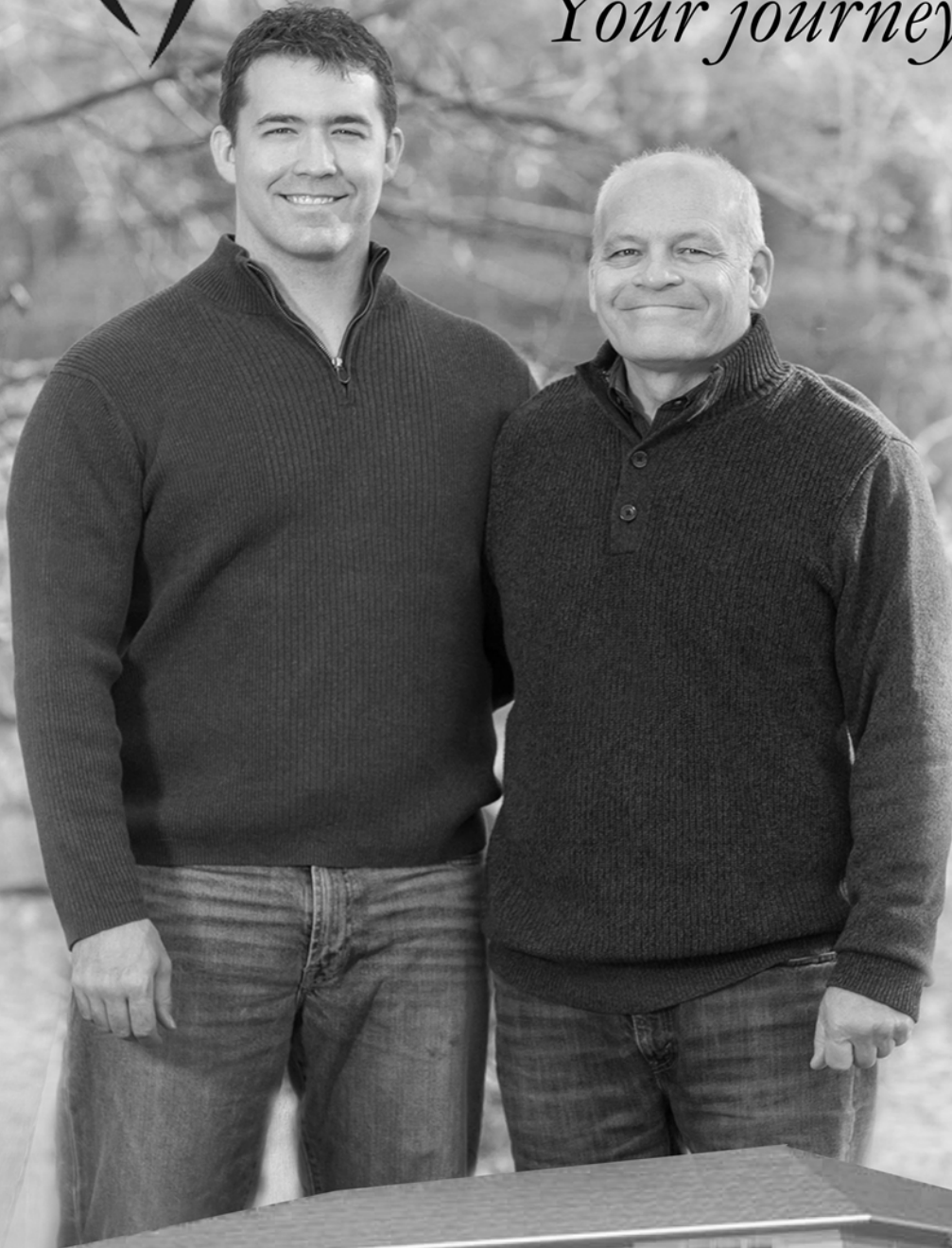
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House & Garden Club

By Mary Cavallini

Once again as we write this article, we are not sure if we will be able to have our June meeting. Plans are for a tour of the golf course and a soup and salad buffet at the Nineteenth Hole. As soon as we know, we will let everyone know.

Have we been idle as we quarantined? Absolutely not!



My yard, for example, which is no showplace, looks better than ever. And that's because I've had time to tend it or coerce others into assisting. Look around -- the Seasons is at its most beautiful in the Spring. During some very gloomy days, we knew we had spring ahead. Trees in full bloom, hyacinths, tulips and soon lilacs to smell, sun-



A few favorites from the Tulip Challenge. Thank you to everyone who planted bulbs and brightened up our unexpected quarantine.

risers and sunsets too stunning to capture on film, neighbors out for strolls and walking dogs, and family bike rides. Surely every golf cart has been pulled out of storage by now. We have met new neighbors -- sometimes not knowing the old ones had moved. All of this has hopefully been at a respectful distance.

During the quarantine, the

LOFS Fire Department provided much-needed and appreciated drive-by birthday celebrations in addition to their department duties. They along with medical personnel, first responders and essential workers did their best to keep us safe and healthy. And the kindness and generosity of local businesses has been awesome. Sundae Funday offered free lunches

to anyone; how about that? Smiling, friendly workers at WiseWay and Walgreens did their best to keep us supplied with every necessity. Local restaurants continued to offer curbside pick-up and often delivery service. And most of all, the POA team has outdone themselves. It is impossible to list all that they do every day to keep the Seasons in tiptop shape, but we sure

do want them to know how very grateful we are. So whether our House and Garden Club is able to meet in June, whether there will be concerts or a Fourth of July parade, or whether we will have to keep hollering "hello" and waving to one another, we know we are blessed, thankful for such good neighbors, and happy to live right here.

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Golf Maintenance

By Doug Weiss,
Golf Course Maintenance
Superintendent

The extremely long wait for summer is finally over.

June is a great month to get out and play golf. The warm days and cool nights limit the stress on the plant. When the nighttime temperatures stay

above 70 degrees is when the chances increase for disease and the Poa annual to start to decline.

This year we made the decision to only use liquid fertilizer in the spring and summer. The liquid fertilizer is easier for the plant to absorb and there is no runoff into any lakes. The liquid fertilizer must be applied more

often to give the plant what it needs to be healthy going into and through summer. Bluegrass needs a minimum of two pounds of nitrogen per thousand square feet per growing season to function properly. The annual soil test will tell us if the changes made have had a positive impact on the turf health.

This summer is really the

only time that we can get equipment on the golf course to clean out the ditches and swales. The spring rains make the soil to wet to drive on. The goal like in the last couple of years is to not disturb the playing conditions at the height of the golf season. There are no plans to build any bunkers, tees, or any other major projects. There will

be some small areas that need soil and seed, I consider them regular maintenance.

Try to get out and enjoy the golf course while you can, who knows what will happen next in this world so try to enjoy the day. Please continue to keep your distance and pay attention to where you are and what you are touching.

Obituary ~ Marie R. Znika

Marie R. Znika (nee Marchese), age 94, of Crown Point/ Lakes of the Four Seasons, passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2020 due to a non-COVID related illness. She was born on July 16, 1925 in Gary, Indiana to the late Sam and Vincenza Marchese. On February 20, 1954, she married her husband, Paul J. Znika, who preceded her in death. She dedicated her life to caring for her family as a homemaker. She was a devoted member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. For the last seven years, she was a resident at Crown Point

Christian Village where she enjoyed playing games with her friends. She also liked taking walks and spending time with her grandchildren. Marie is survived by her son, Paul David (Geline) Znika; daughter, Janet (Eric) Engleman; granddaughter, Lauren (Stephen) Felty, Leslie (Kris) Simonovski; great grandchildren, Ava and Luke Felty, Adalyn Simonovski; and sister, Vita White. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Ned, Tony and Carmel Marchese. Memorial contributions in Marie's name may be made

to the Holy Spirit St. Vincent de Paul Society, 7667 East 109th Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307. All services for Marie were private. She was laid to rest at Calumet Park Cemetery following a Mass of Christian Burial. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Rees Funeral Home, Winfield Chapel, 10909 Randolph St. Winfield/ Crown Point, IN 46307. For more information, please call (219) 662-2100. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.reesfuneralhomes.com.

your yard which could cause injury if stepped in. These issues could also cause dams to become compromised which pose a danger to our community and others downstream.

LOFS Residents are responsible for the upkeep of their shorelines. It is your decision on the type of shoreline you want to build. Riprap along the dam face or shoreline can deter muskrats from burrowing into your property. Riprap should be at least 3 feet below water level and extend to at least 1 foot above the water level. This technique can be used for dams that are already constructed as well as for ponds and shorelines under construction.

If you have a floating dock, make sure you cover the sides with treated lumber and covering the exposed foam on the bottom with 1"x2" welded wire can best protect the Styrofoam (chicken wire is not strong enough and will be chewed

Obituary ~ Marilyn Ann Kessler

Marilyn Ann Kessler passed away on April 20, 2020 at her home in Crown Point, Indiana due to pancreatic cancer. Her husband of 51 years, William, and their children, Kristine (Derrick) Sims, William (Michelle) and Karyn (Paul) Kessler were at her bedside. She is survived by her brother, Robert (Joanne) Geisel. She was born in 1946 and grew up in Queens, New York. She married Bill in 1968 and they moved to Chicago. Later they moved to Lombard, Illinois. While raising their children, she became a nurse at Hines VA Hospital and was a commissioner at the Butterfield Park District. For the last

twenty-six years she lived in Lake of the Four Seasons (Crown Point, Indiana). She enjoyed gardening and was a devoted Associate of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. She published some poetry and was a member of the Write-on Hoosiers group as well as the YMCA. She relished her fiftieth anniversary celebration with friends and relatives, especially her grandchildren – Cutter, Emma, Parker, Jack, Charlie, Kate, Isabela, Hudson, Aisla, Estella and Owen. She was an active member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and a memorial mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Poor Handmaids



of Jesus Christ (<https://poor-handmaids.org/index.php/donate-new>). For additional information, please contact Hillside Funeral Home & Cremation Center Konnie Kuiper-Kevin Nordyke by calling us at 219-838-0800 or visiting us at www.hillsidefhcares.com

Lakes Department

By Ryan Grady,
Lakes Director

The muskrat is not actually a rat, but is considered to be a rodent because of its teeth: four large, yellowish incisors in the front of its mouth. This animal also has flat molars for grinding vegetation. Muskrats average about 2 pounds in weight and up to 2 feet in length, including a vertically flattened 8- to 12-inch tail.

Their fur is waterproof and generally dark brown on the back and sides, becoming light grayish-brown on the belly. Muskrats have lips that act as valves that close behind the front incisors that allow it to gnaw underwater. The musky scent comes from two perineal glands located beneath the skin at the base

of the tail. This musk is used during the breeding season to mark an area.

Muskrats are polygamous and begin breeding in early March and continue throughout the summer. Populations can build up quickly, as a pair of muskrats can produce four to five litters with five to seven young per litter each year. Muskrats are mostly active at night but some residents have seen them out during the morning hours feeding on lawns. Primarily vegetarians, they eat plants such as cattails, water lilies, bulrushes and many more.

The habit of making tunnels in the banks of ponds and streams causes conflict between humans and muskrats. Muskrat dens dug into your shoreline can cause voids in

and destroyed by muskrats). Coating Styrofoam with a light layer of cement, followed by paint, may also be effective.

It may also be possible to encourage muskrats to leave a pond by removing its food sources. Since muskrats are primarily herbivorous, an aquatic plant control program that targets some of their preferred foods. Plants containing less starch such as rushes may have little to offer muskrats compared to cattails and lilies.

You may wish to use a professional to deal with these rodents. Trapping in neighborhoods or public lakes can be dangerous. Most traps could hurt or kill pets and other wild animals including humans if not properly installed.

Trapping muskrats alive is not easy to do. Relocating

them is not always the answer either. If you remove a muskrat from its home, there isn't much time to find and create a new den in time for winter while battling other muskrats for the new territory.


Over the winter months, Lakes of the Four Seasons will allow a few professional trappers to trap on our lakes. These trappers are stretched thin. If you require someone to trap muskrats on your property, try using a professional trapping service which can be located in the yellow pages or online.

If you are having a muskrat issue on your shoreline and need recommendations, or aquatic plant control from

the Lakes Department don't hesitate to call us at 219-988-4722.

Reminder to All LOFS Residents Who Use the Public Docks

The public docks behind the Seasons Lakehouse (Lions Club Docks) and the docks on the south side of Sandy Beach are for parking and fishing. Fisherman MUST yield the right of way to boats docking in these slips. Fisherman MUST move from the docking area if a boat is coming to temporarily park. If anyone is having issues with this please report them to security 219-988-2111.

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We will tentatively open the inside to diners at 75% capacity on June 21st. Bar seating will be at 50%. This could change so please go online to www.lofs.org for updates.

Department of Natural Resources reminds boaters to ‘clean, drain, and dry’ this boating season

As the boating season approaches, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources reminds boaters to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species by cleaning, draining, and drying their watercraft when they are finished on the water.

“We want to highlight how the public can do their part in protecting Indiana’s lakes and rivers from aquatic invasive species,” said Eric Fischer, aquatic invasive species coordinator for DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native aquatic animals, plants, microorganisms, and pathogens that can hurt native aquatic plants and wildlife, harming the environment, human health, and businesses. They arrive in a variety of ways, including on trailers, on boat hulls and motors, on fishing gear, and through the pet trade.

- **Clean:** When leaving the water, clean all equipment that touched the water. This includes watercraft hulls, trailers, shoes, waders, life vests, engines and other gear. Remove all visible plants, algae, animals and mud.
- **Drain:** Drain accumulated water from watercraft or gear, including live wells and transom wells, before leaving the ramp or public access point.
- **Dry:** Once home, let all gear dry for at least five days before using it in a different water body.

If you suspect you have found an aquatic invasive plant, fish, mollusk, or crustacean, report it to the Division of Fish & Wildlife at www.dnr.IN.gov/6385.htm, through the Report IN app at www.eddmaps.org/indiana, or by calling the Invasive Species Hotline at 866-663-9684.

Indiana Historical Society launches collecting initiative to document COVID-19 stories

The Indiana Historical Society is launching a collecting initiative to document the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Indiana in real time.

IHS requests the input and collaboration of Hoosiers throughout the state for ‘Telling Your Story: Documenting COVID-19 in Indiana’. Hoosiers are encouraged to send writings, photos, drawings and even short videos to IHS via an online form — helping capture this unique historical moment so future generations can understand what this experience was like for Hoosiers. To submit your stories, photos and other items, please visit: www.rb.gy/owyugb.

“While this situation feels new to many of us, history shows what we’re experiencing is hardly unique — just a couple of examples are the Spanish Flu in 1918 and the Asian Flu in 1957,” said IHS President and CEO Jody Blankenship. “In addition to looking to the past for lessons, it’s also important we take time to document what’s happening right now. Capturing the stories of individuals, families, businesses and communities is essential to providing future generations valuable lessons and perspectives that can help shape actions in their time.”

The IHS has collected items that document Indiana’s past since 1830. There are thousands of letters, diaries, scrapbooks, photographs, slides, albums and graphics in the IHS archives documenting the Hoosier experience. And now, IHS wants to add the story of how Hoosiers and their families are understanding and experiencing the current ‘new normal’ of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Items in our collection let us hear the voices and see the people from our past who are living all the ranges of human experience and emotion,” Blankenship said. “It’s a rare occurrence that we get to collect history in real time, but that’s what we’re experiencing right now. Future researchers and visitors to the Indiana Historical Society will have Hoosiers today to thank for sharing a part of their lives for others to understand our current lived experience.”

To learn more about the ‘Telling Your Story: Documenting COVID-19 in Indiana’ collecting initiative, visit www.rb.gy/owyugb.

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2020 4TH OF JULY PARADE ROUTE

Announcing the Lions Annual Fourth of July Parade
Theme: The American Spirit!

Parade Entrants may line up at 11am on Saturday July 4th along Windy Hill Road just off of Kingsway Drive.

Entrants must report to the Parade Booth to get their entry number; this is so we have a count of entries for traffic control.

The Parade route has changed for 2020, it is 5.3 miles long to help with the still required social distancing.

The Fire Force will be running the “Glimpse” tracking app so the parade can be tracked in real time! No app download needed, access the link the morning of the parade from the Fire Force Facebook page and look for it to be shared among your friends.

Check our parade route map and app information in the Seasonal and on LOFS and Fire Force social media.

Everyone needs to be in some type of vehicle or on a float due to the length of the parade.

Parade entrant judging is at 11:30am; 3 trophies to be awarded based on their creative use of the “American Spirit” theme

The Parade steps off at noon, led by First Responders and the Military.

Questions, Concerns?
Contact Parade Chair Jackie at lofsilions@aol.com or 219 776-3541.

The Lions Announce the Annual Fourth of July Parade

The Annual Fourth of July Parade is being held this year!
Theme: The American Spirit!

There are big changes for the 2020 parade due to COVID-19. All of this is for the safety of our parade entrants, community members and guests. Social distancing will still apply after July 3rd based on the order of the Indiana Governor.

There is a new route for just this year, see the map in The Seasonal and on social media. The Fire Force will be using a tracking app so everyone can see where the front of the parade is located in real time. The app, “Glimpse” does not have to be downloaded. The link will be shared on July 4th at 11:30 AM on the Fire Force Facebook page and the LOFS Insiders Facebook page. The route is being lengthened to assist with social distancing and so more of our community can see the parade without being in a large crowd.

The parade route will start on the Lake County side, at Kingsway and Windy Hill Drive going west, this is the opposite way the parade normally runs. The parade will finish near the soccer fields and the Fire Department on the Porter County side. The route is just over 5 miles long, so everyone should plan on being in a vehicle, whether it is a truck, golf cart, car, or float.

Parade Entrant Rules for 2020:
All parade entries must report to the parade booth to get a number for your lead vehicle, no exceptions. The check in point is at W. Lakeshore and Rustic Lane.
With the longer route, we need to know how many entrants we have in order to have our roads under control during the parade. Skipping the check in with the Lions’ parade directors will have you banished from the parade. We care for your safety and the safety of those viewing the parade.

First responders and military will line up on Brookside Drive. Security will come into the front to lead the parade, then the first responders and military will follow.
Everyone else in the parade will line up on Windy Hill Road off of Kingsway Drive. No entrants can line up directly behind the first responders, military or flag bearers while they are on Brookside Drive.

Keeping social distancing in mind, no cutting into the route to get a better spot. And sadly (sorry everyone) no throwing of candy or other giveaways.
So, with the rules, maybe it doesn’t sound like much fun, but it still will be!
There will still be the American and Four Seasons Spirit on display. Trophies will be given out to the top 3 entries along with bragging rights. With the longer route, everyone can show off their teams, businesses, vehicles and volunteer organizations. Practice that wave, ready those flags, and show off your American Spirit!

Questions?
Email lofsilions@aol.com or call Jackie at 219 776-3541
(Leave a message if no answer).

The Lions look forward to seeing everyone!

Barn silos have an interesting story; remind us of our area's past

By Walt Pluchinsky,
LOFS
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That old baseball philosopher Yogi Berra once said, "You'd be surprised what you see when you observe." With that in mind, in our area we have many silent sentinels of yesteryear, which are mostly oblivious to us as we drive past, yet which played a big part in our area's history. Yes, we're referring to the old barn silo.

Those faithful readers of this column about local history may recall an article several years ago about the old barn silo on 109th Avenue, just west of Grand Boulevard, where a tree has mysteriously grown inside it and towers above the top opening. The article described how the tree grew inside, a bit about the silo construction, and the past ownership of the old farmhouse and property.

Since then, this writer has gotten interested in old silos and was mildly surprised to find out that there are many in our area, and elsewhere, if the time is taken to closely look for them. Thank you, Yogi!

Did you know that there are at least 30 silos still standing in Winfield Township and at least 17 remaining in Porter Township? There are also many silos in adjacent townships. These were verified by several 'drives in the country', traversing the area when leaves were off the trees, and just observing. Some silos are still attached to a barn; others stand alone. No doubt, few of them are used any more, having outlived their usefulness, as farmers went out of the cattle or dairy business, or technology changed. It's obvious that our area was settled by farmers, many of whom raised cattle.

Did you know that there are five old silos within a quarter mile of the Walgreen's in

Winfield? There is one on Randolph St., across from the Franciscan Health Center, and three on 109th Ave., behind the yellow house, just west of Holy Spirit Church. Lastly, there is one on the north side of 109th Ave., beyond the trees, across from that yellow house. Did you also know you can see a silo looking west from the Harold Cleveland baseball complex within the Four Seasons, when trees are bare?

Perhaps a short history of the barn silo might be in order. Briefly, farm silos are storage structures for silage, hay, and high moisture grains used for livestock feed, mostly in the winter. In ancient times, the first silos were simply bunker pits in the ground for storage. In the 1880's, the tower silo began to appear in America on the family farm. Early tower silos were constructed of wood and lined with various material to prevent spoilage.

Later, the silo of special

designed terra cotta brick made its appearance. Many silos were also made from concrete, either from concrete staves stacked into a cylindrical wall and held with steel hoops, or by pouring into a form on site. The famous deep blue Harvestore silo, made of fiberglass and airtight, first appeared in the 1950s. Most of our area silos are made of concrete, with the occasional other types seen.

Silos have often outlived their counterpart, the barn, with many seen standing alone. We can only speculate as to the reason why unused silos have not been dismantled.

Photos of typical silos in our area are attached. The lone brick silo is on CR400W, near Boone Grove, and the large concrete silo near a dilapidated barn is on 129th Ave., just west of the village of Palmer.

As a matter of information, the largest farm silo



in the country is in Berks County, PA., measuring 30 ft. in diameter and 148 ft. tall, much larger than our local silos. It is made of poured

concrete, having a capacity of 90,000 cubic feet, larger than the Goodyear Blimp, and holding up to 4,200 tons of corn silage.

LOFS This Month in History – June 1996

By Sally Lugo

A Gift for You from the LOFS Historical Society

June 1996 celebrations were being planned to celebrate the community's upcoming 30th birthday! The 'Summer in the Parks' program headed by DePauw University's sophomore and LOFS resident Emily Jedlicka announced the children's program will have

activities in the morning and afternoon. Each two-week session a different theme was enjoyed, such as Around the World, Mad Scientist, and Art week for LOFS kiddos.

Another 'Taste of Four Seasons' was also in the final planning stages as well as festivities for the Lion's 4th of July Parade, fun activities for the kids and of course the food and beverage tent com-

plete with DJ. Men's Golf announced a 'Two Man Best Ball Event' for June 1 and the Lake vs. Porter County Shootout to be held June 15.

'Women's Golf in Full Swing' headlined page 19 announcing results of a recent scramble: 1st Place Barb Wagner, June Wilkinson, Rosemary Kachaturoff and Eleanor Lewis; 2nd Place Sally Brown, Pam Wampler,

Lori Rogers and Marian Owen; and 3rd Place to Janet Allen, Maryanne Zink, Annette Warmelink, and Sandy Statler. In the words of Edith Bunker: "Those were the days!"

Now 30 years later June of

2020 doesn't look so carefree. But let's not dwell on the obvious but rather report what the LOFS Historical Society is up to hopefully make your June 2020 days a little brighter. We're ditching the marketing ideas we had for

now utilizing the LOFS aerial photos photographer Nick Feliciano took for us late last year. Instead we're giving access to all these pictures to you! Go to: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JaFw0AaYwz45wXi2S6zk_sxJzoHBBLC6

LOFS Seasons Soccer Club

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