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March 2020

House & Garden Club



President JoEllen Simoni began the January meeting with a moment of silence for dear friends Joan Patlyk, Julie Callas and Rosemary Kachaturoff. They are missed.

Members approved the 2020 budget and heard about plans already made by the board and several committees.

Looking forward to: March - Square Foot Gardening and an Ice Cream Social in August. The Day Tripper Committee signed folks up for the Munster Theatre at the Center's 'Almost Heaven

John Denver' show.

But the highlight of the afternoon was the music of Little Daddy and Carla Denise Stinson. This Daddy/Daughter team had the group in the palms of their hands offering every genre of music. Requests were many including everything from Smoky Robinson to polkas!

A great start to a new year. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 31, at 11:30 a.m., at the Seasons Lakehouse. For information contact JoEllen at 708-670-1162.

Golf Services

By Paul Boris,
Director of Golf

It's that time of year again! As the snow begins to melt away and the ground thaws out please be aware of the cart rules on the golf course. Golf carts must always remain on the asphalt path. This means no passing of a fellow golfer's cart while playing to prevent major damage to the surfaces surrounding the path during these next few weeks to reduce maintenance repairs allowing them to focus on course conditions. Once the weather breaks and course conditions dry out, golf shop hours will be extended on occasion based on those weather factors.

I would like to take this time to remind residents of

the following rules and regulations to insure the safety of all residents as the golfing seasons begins to become active again, they are in place to protect not only the course, but are more importantly in place to protect you and other golfers.

- Please no walking, biking, jogging, dog walking, or any other recreational activity not permitted on the golf course, on any cart paths or area on the golf course, these paths and areas are strictly for the use of golf carts and golfers, they are not a means of transportation or recreation for anything besides golf. Every street crossing for the golf course has posted signs reading "Golfers Only" to remind residents that the

path at the street crossing is golf course property and not a public path. You will be ticketed for using the golf cart paths for non-golf use.

- Golfers always be sure to register at the golf shop, it is a must that staff knows who is out using the facilities and at what time because if an emergency situation arises, whether it be severe weather or an emergency call from family or friends where you need to be reached, we will need to be able to relay that message to you or warn you of the approaching weather as fast as possible which we

could not do if we have no record of you playing for the day.

Member League Sign-Ups Have Begun

Registration forms can be viewed and printed from our website www.lofs.org under the golf tab. Our Ladies Night League is on Monday evenings and Men's Night League is Tuesday evenings. We also host leagues other days and times of the week which are also listed on this page for information and contacts. Please feel free to call the Golf Shop (219-988-2201) Tuesday to Sunday for

any inquiries or questions.

New Introduction In 2020

This season we have partnered with the Operation 36 team to take our Junior and Women's golf development to a whole new level. This program takes junior and women's golf development and brings it into the modern age of tech and communication to make it easier to communicate, teach, and help golfers achieve goals in a progressive manner as

golfers develop and improve step-by-step and tracking the progress along the way. We are very excited for what this program brings to the clubs and the communities' golfers. Be on the lookout for much more on the horizon regarding Operation 36 in the very near future!

Thank you for reading and I hope to see you all very soon. Keep your eye on the ball!

March Golf Shop Hours
Tuesday-Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March Laughing Madness Comedy Night scheduled for Friday, March 20

The LOFS Fundraising Committee will be celebrating March with a shamrocking Comedy Night. Mark your calendars, Friday, March 20, and reserve your seats now by calling or texting Wendy at 219-309-9530. Seating is limited and tickets are going quickly. (Reminder - prepayment is required to guarantee your seat.) Tickets are \$20 per person with the show starting at 9 p.m. If you plan on dining at the LOFS Lakehouse before the show, reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 219-988-2582.

Bil Benden - 3x LOFS

Favorite Comedian Returns!

As soon as Bil hits the stage you know that you're in for one entertaining and fun show. He grabs the audience by the hand and takes them with him, as he tries to figure out just when he stopped being a fun guy and became a dad.

Bil realizes that a lot more has changed than just the hairline and the waistline. He lets us in on all the not ready for primetime moments of family life that we're not going to see on TV any time soon.

The show is a no holds barred look at just how fatherhood took this first class, grade A slacker to the "I didn't work 65 hours this week for you to ask for twenty dollars" guy that he is now.

He is no less intense with his outlook on just what 15 years of marriage has taught him about both men and women, and the joys of co-habitation in modern day America. From childhood to parenthood and all the creamy, fluffy filling in between, the audience experiences all through the eyes, ears and throat of this gifted

storyteller.

Our feature comedian is Chris Harvey.

Chris Harvey is a standup comedian, actor and writer out of Akron, Ohio. At the young age of 25 Chris is a regular at many clubs such as Cleveland Improv, Toledo Liberty, Dayton Funnybones, and many more. He's opened for many national acts such as The late John Witherspoon, Tk Kirkland, Karlous Miller, Chico Bean, and many more. He has won 2014 Ohio's best Amateur and 2016 Toledo's best urban comic, he's been nominated for OEA 2018



Bil Benden

Best comic and Nominated for 2019 Cleveland's road Warrior. He's been seen on Amazon Prime as 'Snuffalouphogus' in the movie Hey Mr. Postman starring Omar Gooding and



Chris Harvey

Paula Jay Parker. And will be seen on Starz in 2020 as 'White Boy Bobby' in the new movie Rent Due starring Ray Jr., B Simone, MGK, Michael Coyler, and HaHa Davis.



POA Community Manager

Beginning Monday, March 2 the POA office will begin accepting and processing the 2020-21 annual assessments. We ask that all residents please have the proper documentation if you come to the POA office to pay your assessments.

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

The following are a few key points for this year's assessments:

- Annual lot assessment is \$1,365.00
- Credit cards **WILL** be accepted for dues, fees and or memberships.
- Payments may be made between Monday, March 2 and Friday, May 1. Payments received after May 1 will be considered delinquent and a \$50 late fee will be applied.
- The split payment plan may be made on or before May 1st when the application is properly submitted (processing fee is \$50.)
- The quarterly payment plan may be made on or before May 1st when the application is properly submitted (processing fee is \$75.) *If you want to utilize one of these payment plans you MUST complete and submit one of the pay-*

ment plan applications by 4 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Payment is not necessary on this date but the POA office needs to know ahead of time so the proper amount can be billed to your account. This will allow you to make these payments online through the LOFS website.

- *Please have your current automobile registrations and boat registrations available to receive your decals.*
- All past due charges, assessments and fines must be paid prior to making the 2020-21 payments.
- Avoid the hassle of standing in line by using the U.S. Mail or by paying online through the LOFS website. It is easy and convenient to pay by mail; please use the form provided in the assessment package that was mailed to you last month. Or pay your dues online and email copies of the necessary documentation to assessments@lofs.org. The entire Assessment Package is available on the lofs website under the POA tab and then click on Applications & Documents. We will mail your decals to you.
- *Reminder; DO NOT remove your existing vehicle bar codes. You will again receive a hologram decal that*



Rick Cleveland

you will place along either side of your existing vehicle barcode. The first two hologram decals per lot are free; the third and subsequent decals will cost \$20.00 each. You must remove your old hologram.

April 1, 2020 will be the last day that 2019 amenities will be current. Any amenity fees pertaining to golf, boating, the dog park and golf carts MUST be purchased before April 1, 2020 to be current.

Trash & Recycling Service

Waste Management has been updating their information for their Lakes of the Four Seasons accounts and they have found that several residents did not call them to set up service when they moved into the community. If you are one of these residents, please contact them by calling 1(800)-964-8988. Make sure you tell them you live inside Lakes of the Four Seasons so they charge you the proper fee.

Operations and Building Maintenance

By Roy Green,

Director of Operations

Leaf collection will begin starting April 6 and continue until the final date of April 20. No collections after April 20. All leaves must be at the road berm no later than April 19.

Please DO NOT place leaves on top of rocks or close to mailboxes. Leaves must be placed by the roadside and no deeper than 6 feet from the road. DO NOT mix branches or any other objects with the leaves. If you do the crew will leave your pile and

go on to the next.

Branch Collection will begin on the Lake County portion April 27 and will continue to the final date of May 4. Piles must be placed out on or before May 3, but no sooner than April 20. No branches will be collected in Lake County after May 4.

Porter County branch collection will begin on May 11 and will finish on May 18. Plies must be placed out on or before May 17 but no sooner than May 4. There will be no collections after May 18.

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

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

Practices and home

games will be held at Boone Grove Middle School. Registration is now open online at www.jr-wolves.com and closes on March 8. Contact George Vargas at 219-775-6556 or via e-mail at jrwolvespresident@gmail.com

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Whitegoods & Electronics Dumpsters

These dumpsters are used for the recycling of all electronics, household appliances such as refrigerators and stoves. Tires may also be dropped off at the Operations facility. Residents need to call the Operations Department at 219-988-4461 to schedule a drop off. **NO CHEMICALS!** Please call the Operations Department if you have any questions about the item you would like to discard in these dumpsters. **PLEASE RECYCLE.**

The maintenance facility is located at 3861 Kingsway Drive.

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Saturday March 14th

at St Elijah Serbian-American Hall in Merrillville.

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Doors will open at 6 PM for cocktails and dinner will be served at 7 PM with dancing to follow. Tickets are on sale now! This event is open to the public, and has a limited number of tickets.

They will sell out quickly, as the event has sold out in previous years.

Prices for 2020 Fireman's Ball are:

For a single ticket: \$60.00

For a table of 10: \$600.00

Tickets can be purchased at the link below or scan the QR Code:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-annual-lofs-firefighters-ball-tickets-868404872357aff=Facebook>



SCAN ME

Gardens Around the Community

It's that time of year when we start to see the sun a little more each day. I like to take advantage and work outside on some Spring chores. Leaf cleanup is first on my list.

A common question Kim gets is, "when do I cut back my Hydrangeas?" One of her favorite answers is, when in doubt leave it alone and wait until Spring when you can see the buds appear. Even after we see new growth, we may give the Hydrangea a little more time to grow before cutting. It's important to know what type of Hydrangea you have.

Hydrangeas can grow on old wood. Some grow on new wood. Others grow on old and new wood. Some reblooming

Hydrangeas need to reach a certain height to set new wood buds. So, you wouldn't want to cut anything back until your Hydrangea was well established. Now there are some Hydrangeas that require no cutting ever. Oak Leaf Hydrangeas are a good example as well as climbing varieties that need time to grow and become established in order to flower well.

When I first started working with Kim, I told her how my Hydrangeas had bloomed beautifully for years. Then one year after a winter that brought -20+ temperatures there were no blooms that Spring. She asked me a few more questions. What type of Hydrangeas did I have?

Enterprise feeding the hungry, including Food Bank of NWI

Feeding Indiana's Hungry received \$18,000 from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation to address food insecurity in Indiana. The donation is part of Enterprise's 'Fill Your Tank' program, which launched in October 2016 to mark Enterprise's 60th anniversary by providing \$60 million to fight hunger globally.

Now in its fourth year, the 'Fill Your Tank' program has distributed a total of \$40 million among larger food banks and charities throughout

North America and Europe, in addition to smaller local food banks and pantries in North American communities. The 'Fill Your Tank' program donations made locally are determined by regional Enterprise operations and this year \$5 million was distributed to food banks and pantries throughout communities served by Enterprise.

More information can be found at www.enterprise.com/FillYourTank and www.feedingamerica.org.

When did I cut them back in the Fall or Spring? What did their blooms look like? I really couldn't answer the questions. She recommended I leave them alone until the Spring. Boy was she right.

My Hydrangeas rewarded me with blooms of plenty the following Spring. Looking back after that hard winter I had cut them back in the Fall which removed their flowers for the following Spring.

Now if you keep your plant tags it will always al-

low you to know what type of shrub, plant, tree, etc. you have. Don't have a plant tag or maybe you've misplaced it don't worry. If you're tech savvy caring for a plant is as easy as clicking on Google or YouTube. Or downloading an app on your smart phone that can help you identify exactly what you have.

Before long we'll be seeing signs of Spring. Bulbs like snowdrops, daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths, migrant birds, bumblebees, our long-lost neighbors and tulips.



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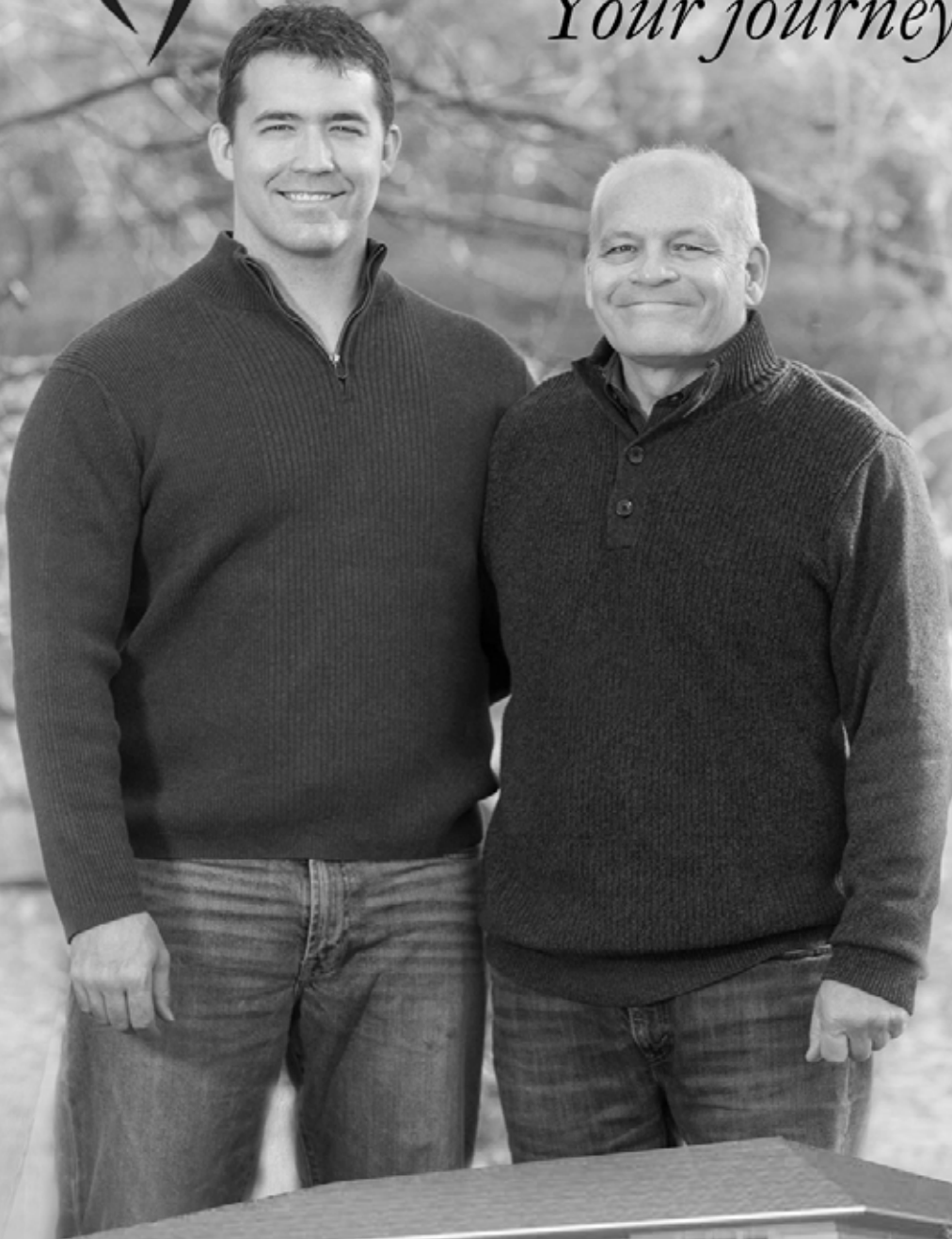
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2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

The LCSWMD Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program is for residents of Lake County and is NOT for businesses, schools, organizations or those who live outside Lake County, Indiana. Businesses, schools and organizations of Lake County, IN can call (219) 853-2420 for resource information.
***Beginning in 2020, we will no longer be accepting any latex paint.

***Participants will be required to show a valid Lake County, Indiana driver’s license or state issued identification before drop-off.
**All collections are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 4: Crown Point Lake County Fairgrounds 889 Court Street Crown Point	October 24: Hammond Hammond Public Works 601 Conkey Street Hammond (***Shredding will be available at the Hammond collection ONLY with a limit of 4 paper grocery bags per car) (SHRED EVENT IS FROM 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM ONLY)
April 25: Gary Hudson Campbell Center 455 Massachusetts Gary	What Can I Dispose Of? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aerosols• Ammunition• Antifreeze• Automotive Fluids• Batteries (household only, no car batteries)• Compact Fluorescent Lights• Corrosives• Diesel Fuel• Flammable Liquids• Fluorescent Tubes• Fungicides• Gasoline• Herbicides• Insecticides• Kerosene• Medication (expired and unwanted)• Mercury-Containing Products• Oils and Other Fluids• Oil Based Paint• Pesticides• Poisons• Sharps (medical needles in a rigid container)• Solvents• Thermometers (in a sealed bag)• Thermostats (in a sealed bag)• Thinners• Waste Fuels
May 30: Hobart Hobart Public Works 340 South Shelby Hobart	
June 6: Whiting Whiting Public Works 1915 Front Street Whiting	
July 25: Munster Munster Public Works 508 Fisher Street Munster	
August 22: Highland Highland Public Works 8001 Kennedy Avenue Highland	
September 12: Lowell Lake County Highway Department 18211 Wicker Ave Lowell	
October 3: Griffith Griffith Public Works 134 South Colfax Griffith	

- What is NOT Accepted?**
- HHW from businesses, schools, or non-profit organizations.
 - Asbestos
 - Auto/Back-Up/Boat/Truck Batteries
 - Containers larger than five gallons
 - Explosives/Fireworks (Please contact your local Fire Department for disposal)
 - Large grill propane cylinders
 - Latex Paint
 - Medical Waste (other than medications and sharps) (NO CONTROLLED MEDICATIONS)
 - Radioactive materials (smoke detectors)



Porter County Recycling Schedule for 2020

The Porter County Recycling and Waste Reduction District Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program is for residents of Porter County and is NOT for businesses, schools, organizations or those who live outside Porter County, Indiana.
The dates and collection sites are as follows:
Porter County Expo Center
May 2nd
9am to 2pm
215 E Division Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46383
Portage High School
June 13th
9am to 2pm
6450 US-6, Portage, IN 46368
Westchester Intermediate School
June 27th
9am to 2pm
1050 S 5th St, Chesterton, IN 46304
Kouts Middle/High School
July 18th
9am to 2pm
302 E College Ave, Kouts, IN 46347
Portage High School
August 1st
9am to 2pm
6450 US-6, Portage, IN 46368
Porter County Expo Center
October 10th
9am to 2pm
215 E Division Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46383
Products accepted at our sponsored events include:

- Aerosol cans
- Alcohol-based lotions
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Ammunition
- Antifreeze
- Auto body filler

- Auto paint
- Ballasts with PCBs (from fluorescent lights)
- Bathroom cleaners
- Batteries (household and automotive)
- Car wax with solvent
- Cooking oil
- Corrosives
- Diesel
- Disinfectants
- Drain cleaners
- Driveway sealant
- Dry cleaning solvents
- Expired medications – in original containers (controlled substances not accepted)
- Lighter fluid
- Fire extinguishers
- Fireworks (consumer grade)
- Flammable liquids
- Flares
- Floor care products
- Fuel-oil based
- Fungicides
- Gasoline
- Gun cleaning solvents
- Helium tanks (small only)
- Kerosene
- Mercury containing products (fluorescent tubes lights – transport carefully by either taping together (one piece of tape will suffice) or place in the packaging of your replacement bulbs; CFLs, thermometers, thermostats, switches, etc. – seal in a bag)
- Metal polish
- Moth balls
- Nail polish
- Nail polish remover
- Oil

- Oven cleaners
 - Paint (oil-based only; NO LATEX PAINT ACCEPTED)
 - Paint brush cleaner with solvent or TSP
 - Paint stripper
 - Paint thinner
 - Pesticides
 - Photographic chemicals
 - Poisons
 - Primer
 - Rust remover
 - Sharps (needles) – place in hard plastic bottles, like detergent bottles
 - Septic tank degreasers
 - Smoke detectors
 - Solvents
 - Swimming pool chemicals
 - Thinners
 - Toilet bowl cleaners
- If your material isn’t listed? BRING IT OUT! We will let you know if we accept it.
- Items NOT accepted at our sponsored events:**
- Asbestos
 - Commercial hazardous waste
 - Compressed gas cylinders
 - Containers larger than five gallons
 - Controlled medications
 - Fireworks (commercial grade)
 - Grill propane cylinders
 - Latex paint
 - Medical waste other than medicine and sharps
 - Radioactive materials

This Month in History

March 1989 & 1999: Celebrating the Life of Lillian VanKempema

By Sally Lugo

Someone recently commented on social media: "When a Grandparent dies, it's like a library burning down." So is the case of our loss of long-time LOFS historian—Lillian D. (Frye) Van Kempema.

Lillian and her husband, Wally, moved to Lakes of the Four Seasons in 1978. The story goes they were on their way to a graduation party when Lil noticed a real estate 'Open House' sign. She left the party long enough to check it out and returned to announce they had an interest in property on East Lake Shore Drive. Lillian

and Wally resided in their home on Lake Holiday for over thirty-six years before they moved to an apartment at Crown Point Christian Village. In addition to her career as an English teacher and serving as a guidance counselor at Canterbury Junior High, Lillian loved to golf, interview people and write articles for Four Seasons 'Seasonal'. Wally passed in 2016 and at age 99 Lillian joined Wally January 20, 2020.

One might compare Lillian's 'Seasonings' articles to today's Facebook or Instagram. We learned who was lucky enough to take



Lillian and Wally on Wedding Day 1945

that cruise and of families and friends celebrating life achievements, milestones, and vacations. I thought Lil's faithful readers would enjoy a couple experts from

her past column. Lillian, so many of us will miss you. Thank you for teaching me that 'trick shot' on Hole #9 (when your stance is above the ball) so many years ago. I



Lillian and Wally celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary

think of you every time I execute that shot and I've certainly over-shared your golf tip with fellow golfers.

March 1999

It is February 10 and our outdoor thermometer reads 60 degrees. Is this possible for this time of year? Oh, how well we recall the month of March just one year ago when we were so unsuspectingly deceived by the falling of snow which seemed to have no end. "Uncle Miltie" was busy in the kitchen of the Church of Four Seasons with his helpers as they began the makings of the sauce for the Saturday night spaghetti dinner. These optimists continued in their endeavors and almost didn't make it home that night; their vehicles almost looked as if they were housed in an igloo-like dwelling.

It was a time when the community really pulled together to share the comforts (food, warmth, etc.) to those less fortunate as they opened their homes to those without the necessities upon which we have become so dependent. Many strong friendships developed through this unexpected change of weather as they shared food, laughter, and memories. May we not have a repeat of such an adventure, but if we do—one thing for certain is that we can share and survive!

Snippets from her March 1999 column included updates on Opal's cataract surgery. The Sandquists celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary February 27.

Sue and Ken Morris married February 13 and are taking up residency in Texas. Cross of Christ members rejoiced over Reverend Dorothy returning to the pulpit—the road to healing has been a long one for Rev. Dorothy, her family and church members. Special thoughts and prayers continue for June Wierbicky as she continues her therapy. And on the lighter side Don and Ethel Koester are taking a teasing about Don finally retiring.

March 1989

I hastily bring this column to an end, not only to help Mary Ann (Mrozowski) meet her deadline, but to ready myself for a trip to Batavia where we will celebrate two family birthdays—that of our older son (February 9) and that of our grandson who enters the 'teen world' on Valentine's Day.

Progression to the end of this column and the prospects of a better day has brightened my outlook. Thanks for 'listening', and may you too, have a good day, treat yourself and your loved ones to a special Valentine treat, enjoy the Presidents' birthdays, and ready for the coming of the St. Patrick's Day and that of Easter; and if you have nothing else to do, give me a call with newsworthy items for the next issue.

I'd say "Rest in Peace" dear friend Lillian. But somehow I can't imagine you sitting on your laurels even in Heaven. God certainly has a special assignment just in mind for you!

Obituary ~

David Russell Griffith

David Russell Griffith, age 66 of Crown Point, passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2020. David is preceded in death by his father William. He is survived by his wife Anita (nee Motkowicz) of 41 years; mother Barbara (nee Swingle); children Lauren (Quinn) Czosnowski, Drew, and Leah; brothers Michael (Kathy), William (Roberta); sisters Beth (Bob) Mayo, Gail Riester; his adorable grandchildren Quinn and Alec; and his many nieces and nephews. He loved

gardening, golfing, and his family. A memorial service celebrating David's life was held on Friday, February 28, 2020 at Burns Funeral Home (10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN 46307) from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, where his family and friends may share stories and memories together. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family or the charity of your choice. Please visit www.burnsfuneral.com to express online condolences and view the online obituary.

March Entertainment

3/7 - Hot Sauce - 8 pm -11 pm
3/14 - Karaoke - 8 pm -11 pm
3/21 - James Saqui - 8 pm -11 pm
3/28 - Sara & Nic - 8 pm -11 pm

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Crown Point High School’s Latin Club teams excel at downstate Certamen tournament

The Crown Point Latin Club Certamen (a Jeopardy-like competition) teams competed at the Hoosier Certamen Invitational at Seven Oaks Classical School in Ellettsville, Indiana last week. Nine schools from around the state brought twenty-two teams to compete in this event.

Crown Point entered seven teams in the competition: two at the novice level, two at the intermediate level, and three at the advanced level. All teams except for one advanced to their final rounds and Crown Point returned home with first place trophy for the intermediate and advanced levels. Overall our placings were Novice, third and fifth place; Intermediate, first and second place; and

Advanced, first, second, and third place.

In the Novice Division, the team of Lucas Johnson, Rachel Wallen, Tristan Grady, and Anna Suppes placed third and the team of Harris Proudman, Alex Hebda, and Timmy Ziants placed fifth.

In the Intermediate Division, the team of Isabella Olson and Luke Sherman finished first while the team of Abby Godsen and Ella Wrigley placed second.

In the Advanced Division, Joey Bell, Jake Thunberg, and Lukas Denney placed first, Ana Gramosli, Abhi Nimmagadda, and Gigi Sapienza finished second, and the team of Miles Vickers, Karina Snoddy, and Aidan Gregg placed third.



In the Advanced Division, the team of Jake Thunberg, Lukas Denney, and Joey Bell brought home the first-place trophy.



In the Intermediate Division, Luke Sherman and Isabella Olson brought home the first-place trophy.

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Porter Lakes Elementary School recently congratulated its January Students of the Month. Each classroom teacher selected a student who exhibits the qualities and characteristics that are a good example to others. Each student was invited to a cinnamon roll and milk breakfast sponsored by the PTO and received a PLE Student of the Month wrist band. Pictured are, first row: Savanna Fry, Liam Castellanos, Payton Lowe-Curtis, Kaia Flores, and Kaylie Gidley; second row: Caralyn Cortese, Adrian Montes, Adelyn DeBoer, Kendall Dillon, and Brooklyn Swiatkowski; and back row: Bethany Lach, Aubrey Gorman, Addison Medrano, Olivia Batson, Lucy Wingate, and Julianna Dragon. (Not pictured: Lillianna Lee)

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The club is open to anyone 50 or older, regardless of residency. The yearly Membership fee is \$25 and the monthly Luncheon cost is \$15, which includes the entertainment and tip.

Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings, except for January, the club

enjoys many activities, such as Spirit of Chicago Boat ride, Four Winds Casino in Michigan, Shipshewana shopping plus plays in Munster and Valparaiso are being planned for the near future. A trip to *Niagara Falls* is booked for September including the Canada side; this is their Diamond Tour Bus Adventure. With the success of their many fundraisers, the biggest and best being the Annual August Auction, they get help in financing these fun trips and activities.

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

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

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

Thanks to all the Keen-Agers and the LOFS POA staff under Rick Cleveland and Ramiro Jimenez for 'KEEPING UP WITH THE KEEN-AGERS'.

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St. Mary's Elicia Cruz takes GeoBee geography competition title at St. Mary's School

Nine students from St. Mary Catholic School recently participated in the school competition of the National Geographic GeoBee. Elicia Cruz, a 7th grade student, won first place, with Andy Parent, a 7th grade student, winning second place and Kailana Urbanek, a 4th grade student, finishing in third place.

The school competition is the first round in the annual National Geographic GeoBee, a geography competition designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Questions cover not only geography, but also ancient and world civilizations, cultures, and physical features.

The national Geographic Society developed the Geobee in 1989 in response to concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. Over more than three decades, more than 120 million students have learned about the world



Pictured from left are Social Studies teacher Brad Nieman, Andy Parent, Elicia Cruz, and Assistant Principal Lisa Hughes.

through participation in the GeoBee.

School champions, including Cruz, will take an online qualifying test; up to 100 of the top test scorers in each state then become eligible to compete in their State Geobee.

The winners of the State GeoBees receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the GeoBee national championship in Spring

2020. Students will be competing for cash prizes, scholarships, and an all-expenses-paid Lindblad expedition to the Galapagos islands aboard the National Geographic Endeavour II. Learn more at www.natgeobee.org

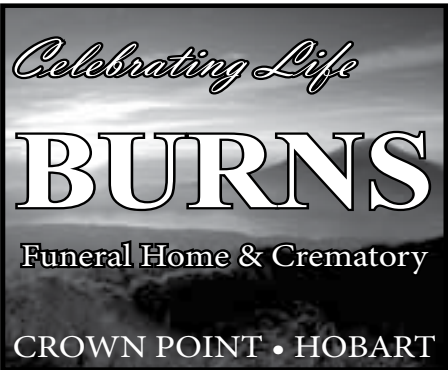
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Crown Point and Valpo had interesting early industries

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As our area was being developed in the mid- to late-1800s, farming and agriculture was the predominant occupation, with very little industries. The blacksmith shops in Boone Grove, Palmer, or Leroy would not be considered as manufacturing activities. However, there were industries and factories that developed in the early days of Crown Point and Valparaiso, and a review of these activities might be of interest.

Valparaiso's industrial history began well before the first railroad, the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, arrived in town in 1858. A wagon-making shop was established by the Buel brothers in 1839. In 1845, a small iron foundry, one of the first in the Calumet Region, made small iron castings. Another foundry was started in 1850. The Valparaiso Woolen Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1866, and its blankets won the first prize at the Chicago Fair in 1868. The Valparaiso Paper Mill, started in 1867, made straw wrapping paper.

For a brief time, the busi-

ness recession that followed the Civil War brought doom and gloom to the town, as numerous businesses, including the Valparaiso Male and Female College, closed their doors. However, the depression was of short duration, and a brighter era was underway. In 1872, a pin factory, the only one west of New York state, was started in the plant of the shuttered woolen mill. Although the pin factory ceased its operations, hosiery and yarn were made in the plant for several years.

Several other small factories were established in Valparaiso, and the town was never dependent on one large industry. In 1900, the town council donated money to induce the Chicago Mica Company to locate there, and this company manufactured electric insulators and various bakelite products. In 1904, James McGill, founder of the Valparaiso telephone system, established the McGill Manufacturing Company to produce electrical specialties for telephone companies. In 1908, the Urschel Laboratories began the manufacture of canning machinery. Two years later, Indiana Steel Products, makers of electrical magnets, battery rechargers and a variety of electric supplies, started its

plant in town.

In its early years, civic leaders in Crown Point made little effort to attract industry to the town, and they seemed more interested in it being a residential community, and as hoped by some, to be a rural suburb of Chicago. However, Crown Point did have some interesting industries. What probably was the first 'iron industry' in Lake County was the Crown Point Cast Iron Foundry, remelting pig iron and pouring into castings. The McAllister Foundry also was in the same business.

About 1880, Louis Letz built a machine shop on Jackson Street that became the Letz Manufacturing Co., the only important industry established in town. This plant that made farm equipment such as feed grinders, corn huskers and shredders, and roughage mills. Other industries in town include the Helix Company, who made various agricultural products, as well as the Oakdale Coat Company, a maker of women's coats and suits.

There are none of the original industries left in Crown Point, but Valparaiso still has several industries that can claim roots to the original companies, although having different names and ownership.

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