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May 2020

LOFS Fire Force, Lions Club, and Winfield Police Department team up to bring Easter Bunny to the community

The Easter Bunny paraded throughout the Winfield community on a fire truck in order to bring much-needed joy to the community. The parade on Saturday, April 11, featured a fire and police escort, with the Easter Bunny waving to the community from a Tower 3521. The group went all out, announcing the arrival of the Easter Bunny with sirens blaring and lights flashing.

Bringing the bunny to the people helped maintain social distancing during this time of community quarantine. Fire Chief Jason Gikas added a tracking app, which

could be launched from the Fire Force Facebook page, so fans of the Easter Bunny could track his route through each community. This allowed spectators to line up on their driveways or on their local roadside closer to the time of the Bunny's arrival.

Stated one mom, "We had so much fun tracking the bunny Saturday morning and my daughter was so excited that he waved to her as they rode by!"

The LOFS Lions assisted by bringing the Easter Bunny, aka Lion Juan Hernandez, to the Fire House the morning of the event. The Fire Force

team worked out a route in each community that maximized the number of roads, further helping with social distancing. The Fire Force and Easter Bunny were on the road for 6-1/2 hours and enjoyed every minute.

Thank you to the community for your support and enthusiasm during this event. On behalf of the LOFS Fire Force, Lions Club, and Winfield Police Department it was our pleasure and privilege to bring the Easter Bunny to the Winfield community.



The Easter Bunny in his fire department safety gear, getting ready for the parade.

House & Garden Club



By Mary Cavallini

"Always believe something wonderful is about to happen."

It's time! Mother Nature is helping us out by bringing Spring and all its beauty when we need it most. From the time the first shoots stick their heads out of the dirt, anticipation for the blooms to follow makes our hearts happy.

Remember to watch our Facebook page as well as the LOFS pages for addresses of homes with breathtaking gardens, emphasis on tulips. Thank you again to Kim White whose idea it was to plant tulips to rival those in Holland.

March and April have come and gone, and as we write this, we still don't know if we'll be able to meet in May. What will be will be. (Didn't Doris Day sing that?) Rest as-

sured that your Board will be ready. They've been shifting schedules and making flexible alternative plans and hope that we won't have to eliminate any events we were so looking forward to this year. As soon as the Board is able to move forward, information will be posted on Facebook, and our army of callers will be back to work.

We must offer a word of thanks to our great community – the folks who live here and those who manage the day-to-day essential operations. Their bravery, efficiency, kindness, energy and imagination have kept us all going and punctuate how fortunate we are to live surrounded by beauty and great neighbors.

See you soon.

Reaching the POA office during the pandemic

The POA office staff is available from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The building is closed to the public due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

You can call the office at 219-988-2581 or e-mail cmgr@lofs.org

POA Election Committee

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

- Monday, June 1 – Friday, June 19 - Candidacy petitions will be available at the POA office for 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 peti-

tions on the same day to the POA office, and documentation verified as complete and valid.

- Monday, August 3 – Candidates Night issues forum at 7:30 p.m. in the LOFS Seasons Lakehouse ballroom.
- Friday, August 7 – Ballots will be mailed to all property owners of record.
- Wednesday, September 9 – Polls closed; ballots must be received by 9 a.m. at the Crown Point Post Office box.

Property Owners may also drop their election ballots inside a locked ballot box that will be located inside the LOFS Seasons Lakehouse. Ballots may be dropped inside the ballot box anytime the Seasons Lakehouse is open. The last day to drop them inside the box will be Wednesday, September 9th by noon. The election chairperson will be the only person that can unlock the box to retrieve ballots the day of verification and counting

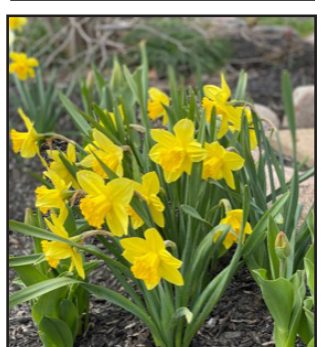
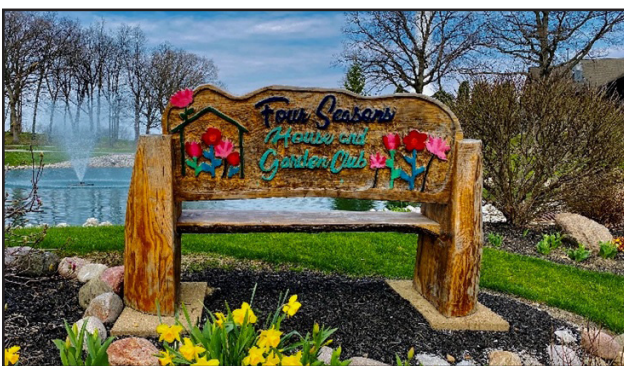
on September 9th. Ballots will be counted beginning at 7 p.m. in the LOFS West Lounge.

- Saturday, October 10 – LOFS POA Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Seasons Lakehouse Ballroom. Newly elected directors will be sworn in.

Elected Incumbent Board Members who wish to run for Re-election

The POA Board of Directors at an Executive meeting on January 27,

2020, approved that: elected incumbent board members in good standing who wish to run for re-election may do so without the necessity of filing a petition. Those elected incumbents may secure a spot on the ballot by filing a notice of intent to the POA, along with other items called for in the Instructions for Circulating of Candidates Petition, during the period when candidate materials may be submitted.



POA Community Manager

By Rick Cleveland,
LOFS Community Manager
POA Dues

Property Owners were able to begin paying POA dues for 2020 on Monday, March 2 with a due date of Friday, May 1. If you have not paid this year's dues, please make arrangements as soon as possible. *Dues not paid by May 1 of each year are considered delinquent and there will be a \$50 late fee charged. The Board of Directors approved a motion to deactivate Vehicle Barcodes after May 1 in accord with LOFS By-Laws.*

Maintenance Crews

It's that time of the year again for mowing, trimming and other maintenance throughout the community for the Maintenance departments. Please be careful and slow down when encountering the maintenance staff on a mower or work cart.

Leaf & Branch Collections

Spring leaf collections for the entire community have been completed for the season. Spring branch collections for the Lake County portion of the community began on April 27 and will be completed on May 4. Spring branch collections will begin on May 11 and continue until

the final date of May 18 for the Porter County portion of the community.

Illegal Dumping

I am requesting that all residents refrain from dumping leaves, branches and grass clippings in the POA greenspace areas, on vacant lots or in any of the lakes or ponds. We provide branch and leaf collections in the spring and fall. You may also take your leaves or branches to the maintenance facility at 3861 Kingsway Drive.

Composting

At their executive meeting on April 13, 2020 the POA Board of Directors approved a new resolution banning composting inside the community. Due to the close proximity of homes within Lakes of the Four Seasons, composting piles, bins, or similar installations are not permitted.

Speed Bumps

The POA will be installing the speed bumps again very soon. They will be placed in different areas of the community throughout the summer months. Please keep a lookout for the signs that say "SPEED BUMP AHEAD" Please use caution when driving over them.



Rick Cleveland

Speeders Beware

We continue to hear complaints of vehicles speeding throughout the community. This will not be tolerated. If caught you will be heavily cited.

Summer Concerts & LOFS Pool

At this point we are uncertain when we will be able to enjoy the music from the bands and the enticing aromas coming off the grill at the Seasons Lakehouse during the Thursday Night Concerts.

We also don't know if we will be able to open the pool for the 2020 season. We will still need to clean the algae from the sides and floor and the leaves and debris that accumulated during the fall and winter months will need to be removed.

We will post updates on the LOFS Information Facebook page and the LOFS website as we are made aware from the state and the county health department.

Keenagers

Hope everyone is staying safe & healthy! I sure miss not having our meetings at the Lakehouse but am praying it won't be long until we are all back together again less than six feet apart throughout Lakes of The Four Seasons and the world!

Just a recap: March and April's meetings have been canceled and we will be checking with Rick Cleveland for a May update.

For the June 18 concert, our parking detail has not

been decided if it will happen. Also, the 4th of July celebration, for which we have reserved the big pavilion at Sandy Beach, has not been finalized as of yet.

Don't count on shopping in May at Shipshewana, but we're looking forward to our August Annual Auction and the September Niagara Falls trip, which Diamond Tours will keep us posted on.

FYI, Indiana's Primary Elections have been changed from May 5 to June 2. The

General Presidential is still scheduled for November 3; Precincts 2-6 at the Seasons Lakehouse.

Hang in there, hopefully this time in history will go down as the most unusual anyone in our generation has lived, we all have a chance to be known as the great survivors because we endured anything life threw at us!

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Indiana Donor Network has COVID-19 testing partnership with State Department of Health

Indiana Donor Network has taken a major step forward in organ donation and transplantation in the wake of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Indiana State Department of Health will partner with the donor network to provide timely COVID-19 testing on all po-

tential organ donors. Because of this testing, organ donation can continue to save lives during this pandemic.

"Indiana Donor Network remains steadfast in our mission to save and enhance lives through organ, tissue and eye donation and transplantation. To that end, we will continue

to work diligently and collaborate with all professional partners to ensure our lifesaving efforts continue despite the new challenges" noted the network.

For more information visit www.IndianaDonorNetwork.org.

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Public Safety Department

By Craig Philp,
Director of Public Safety

The enforcement of the “Stay at Home, Stay Safe” order has been the hardest issue officers have had to deal with over the last month. As we drive around the community, we see so many people – mostly teens – riding around in their cars together, walking side-by-side down the roads, or grouping together at their homes chatting. While we know in some cases, they are family or people living in the same home, there are more instances where this is not the fact.

I would ask parents to remind and, in some case, re-educate their children that no one is immune from the current virus plaguing the world. Also let them know that even when you’re not at home that they should follow the guidelines that have been put in place for their safety as well as yours.

Now this goes the same for adults, I have seen people out walking side-by-side to only find out they are neighboring friends who want to exercise together. I have also seen residents in driveways grouped together in conversation with friends or found them sitting side-by-side

fishing on a dock. When we see this we will stop and educate people on the precautionary steps they should take to protect those living in the community.

Some people, both adults and teens, don’t realize that even when outside the home walking around on our streets, that they need to maintain that social distancing space of at least six feet. Now we have had reports of people at the parks playing ball, some reported in large groups on boats, and the constant issue of people non-related found riding around on golf carts.

These are all irresponsible actions being taken by people, especially when it’s found they are not related or not living in the same home. In some ways we understand, it’s human nature to want to be social and for some a hard habit to break. Of course, in

some cases its blind knowledge of what some kids are doing when you the parent are at work trying to make ends meet.

There have been way too many instances of kids entering the community going to see a friend, or visually seeing kids running out of a house and jumping into a friend’s car with the music blaring as if there is nothing to worry about. In cases like this, it all comes back to educating, and knowing what your kids are doing when you’re not there to supervise.

Social distancing as we all know is a necessity right now, and while we see some not adhering to it there are a lot of residents doing right, and we want to applaud and thank them for that. It’s their actions that are helping to flatten the curve and allowing us to one day get back to a norm.



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Obituary ~ Dimitrius T. Funk

Dimitrius T. Funk (D.), of Crown Point, passed away April 1, 2020. D. was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend to so many. He spent his whole life self-employed in the trucking industry. His passion was mentoring so many different people to help their business grow. D’s family describes

him as being their best friend, strength and their everything. He loved spending time with family, friends and bike riding, golfing, watching baseball and hockey. Family meant the world to D. and he continues to live on throughout the memories of countless individuals. He was preceded in death by

his father- Willy Funk. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years- Julie; children- David (Katie) Funk, Jessica (Bobby) Jett; grandchildren- Sophie, David Jr., Vivienne; brother- Dennis (Lisa) Funk. Due to the Coronavirus, services will be handled privately. www.burnsfuneral.com

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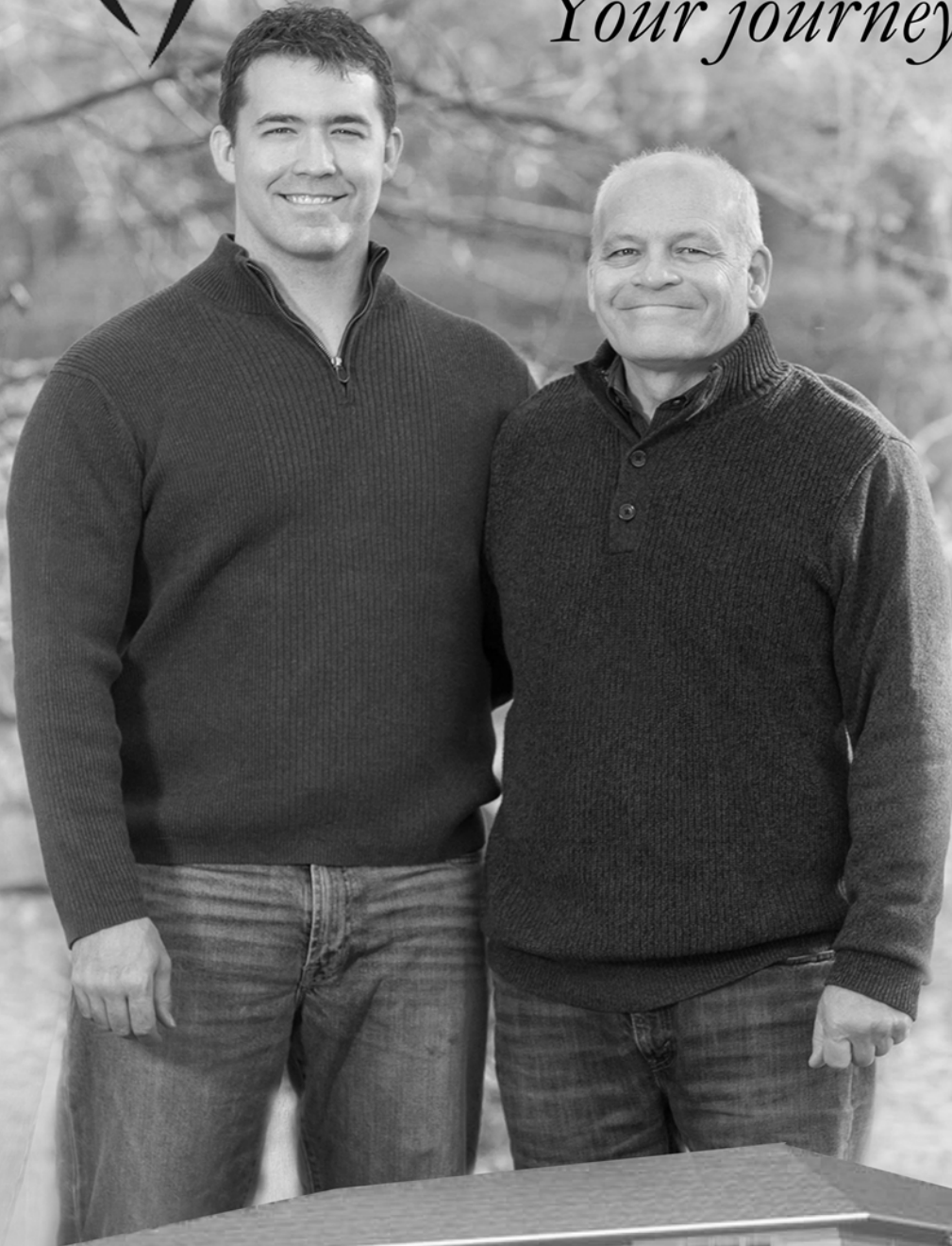
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Operations & Maintenance
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By Roy Green,
Director of Operations

I hope all of our residents are well and doing fine and have adjusted to the coronavirus quarantine. It looks like a lot of the families have been staying home and cleaning up their yards by the number of leaves that we collected this Spring. If you are still doing some cleaning and want to dispose of the leaves you can bring them to the Maintenance facility and put them in the leaf pile located at the South end of our facility.

We are now out chipping branches. We will be in Lake County until May 4. To make

sure that your branches are collected, you must have them out to the edge of the street no later than May 3. After May 3 you can bring branches to the maintenance facility. On May 11 we will start Porter County and continue until May 18. Branches must be at the street no later than May 17 to be assured of a pickup.

If you are a Dog Park member you will notice a few new accessories that were added for your dog's enjoyment. We added a 'Top Dog A-Frame Ramp'. This lets them run up one side and down the other. There is also an adjustable bar jump

for them to jump over at different heights. We have installed each of these on both sides of the park. We hope they will enjoy them. When coming to the dog park remember we do have to do maintenance from time to time. We try to accommodate the members as much as we can, but if we are doing maintenance please use the side that we are not on.

Even though the playgrounds have been closed down, the parks are still open and have to be kept up. We are out every week cutting over 250 acres of grass, which includes parks, ballfields and miscellaneous green space areas. If you see one of our mowing crews please be careful when passing them.

I hope that by the time Summer gets here we will

have some sort of normalcy back in our lives and we can enjoy all of the Season's events. The Maintenance Department looks forward to serving you and wishes you and yours a very Happy Memorial Day!

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Golf Services

By Paul Boris,
Director of Golf

We are bringing the store to you this year! The Golf Shop will be running a Social Distancing Memorial Day Weekend Tent Sale on clothing, shoes, bags and more! Beginning 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23 through Monday, May 25, so stop on by to take advantage of fantastic pricing on all types of LOFS merchandise! Customers will be limited in numbers shopping at any one point in time and provided a safe outdoor environment that will be touch free to customers.

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Junior Golf Academy

Under this year's social distancing guidelines, we have a plan in place for our junior academy to still run for the summer period. Classes will be broken down into small group sessions over a longer period of the day to allow for safe distancing amongst juniors during coaching sessions.

Children will not be playing in groups, and instead will be given the ability to test their skills on the course weekly on their own with their parents during a window that will be prioritized to juniors in the program on Thursday afternoons between each Tuesday coach session.

We are introducing a completely new system for juniors this year with an app based instruction and progress tracking program that will allow us to keep tabs on Juniors and also communicate throughout the pro-

gram through the mobile app which is perfect timing for this year!

Registration will begin on Saturday, May 1 and continue through until the academy start date of Tuesday, June 16. Sign-up forms can be downloaded from www.lofs.org during this period or picked up at the golf shop. Requirements for the academy are as follows:

1. Ages 8 – 17 years old
2. \$50 registration fee (for Junior Golf Members and relation to Adult Golfer Members)
3. Have a set of clubs.

This is an 8-week program on Tuesday mornings beginning June 16th and continues through August 4th. Our Academy's design is based around skill progression and focuses not just on general technique and fundamentals but caters the training to the child, while also helping the

May Golf Shop Hours

Monday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tues. – Fri. 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sat. – Sun. 6 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming May Golf Schedule

- Every Wednesday –Senior Members League 9:30 a.m.
- Every Wednesday – Couples League 3 p.m.
- Every Thursday – WGA Ladies League 8:30 a.m.
- Every Monday beginning June 1 – Women's Night Members League 5:15 p.m.
- Every Tuesday beginning June 2 – Men's Night Members League 5:15 p.m.

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Golf Maintenance

By Doug Weiss, Golf Course Maintenance Superintendent

The golf season has finally arrived; there is no better way to get rid of cabin fever than getting out and enjoying a round of golf. It has been a long time since we have had weather consistent enough to

implement our regular maintenance of the golf course. We have been mowing the roughs Monday through Friday to keep up with the spring growth.

The tees, collars, and approaches are mowed three times per week, and, of

course, the greens are mowed every day. Bunkers are raked six days a week. Monday is reserved for string trimming the golf course to maintain its clean appearance.

Spring is also the time that we aerify the golf course. This spring we solid tined the greens and spiked the tees and fairways. With the shortened season last year due to the rain, early snow, and the uncertainty of this season, I wanted to have as little disruption as possible to the

playability of the golf course. The course has healed nicely and is playing well.

Early spring is also the time when crabgrass control needs to be applied on the entire golf course. This includes the rough and "no mow" areas. I will also be applying herbicide and insecticide at the same time. This is just a reminder about any chemical applied at the golf course or at home: **'The Label Is the Law'**. Please follow all label rates including reentry times.

Every product is different, and labels do change year to year, so be aware of what you are applying.

The bunker project for this year is finally complete. The sand has been removed, and the liner has been applied to the soil but not over the drains and sand installed. This has taken longer than I expected; however, I would rather take a little longer than do it again. There are still some small projects that need attention, but I do not plan on

doing any major renovations until fall, or at all, this year.

May can be a wonderful time of year to get out and play golf or just get out of the house. We have been taking the procedures mandated by the state seriously in order to keep open, so please think about what you are doing and where you are while playing. Try to enjoy the golf season and hopefully a drier May than last year.

This Month in LOFS History: April 2030

By Sally Lugo
~ May 2020 ~

I've been tapping my pencil on my notepad attempting to write this article since April 10. It's been eleven days of wadding up paper or more often using the backspace button multiple times on my keyboard to erase entire sentences impersonating Tom Hanks in the old movie 'You've Got Mail'. I guess the truth of the matter is I'm simply paralyzed by both the heroism of so many and the unfortunate selfishness of some—like those otherwise sane people wrestling the last package of yeast or paper towel out of another shopper's hands. Yet the small and large acts of kindness by people making face masks, donating to or working food banks, doing chores and errands for others and checking on the elderly compared to the contrast of absolute rudeness simply leaves me with no words to express this great chasm of thinking.

Like many, I too am overwhelmed by my own personal experiences at this time. And, unfortunately at times like these it's easy not to think about what someone else is experiencing when you're stressed and then lose patience. I know I have—and I'm truly sorry. I read a Facebook comment reminding me the beauty of our

country is everyone's right to share their opinion or peacefully protest government overreach. I was simply feeling overwhelmed with unsettling news which I will keep private. I wasn't thinking about the person who is feeling overwhelmed at the same time because they are staying home to help the cause at a cost of potentially losing the business they worked so hard to develop. I wasn't thinking about the young mom with four kids under the age of ten hanging on to any shred of sanity she might have left.

Since it's only April 21 and we're still uncertain what May 1 could bring—it's a little scary to write a hopefully relevant article to be read later at a time when the whole world could look different in just a few days. I was also reminded by a pretty smart young lady that sometimes it takes courage and bravery to see all sides of the coin. This Boomer says thank you to those much younger kindly reminding me they too have a valid perspective. I hope those taking the time to read this article (including the future history nerd like me ten years from now) realize we all need to be brave and courageous enough to think beyond what's happening in our personal lives.

I was raised in an era where we were told "suck it

up." But you know what? It's okay to be disappointed and sad about both the big and small stuff too. It's okay for high school seniors to feel disappointed and cheated over the loss or their rite of passage. And it's okay to get irritated with a celebrity telling you "We're all in this together" when you know darn well their 'together' looks a whole lot more comfortable than yours.

I had hoped this article would contain information on accessing the nearly 300 aerial photos the Historical Society has decided to simply share with residents at no cost giving those still stuck at home another thing to do. But alas, a technical glitch must be first resolved. I also hope that when history looks back at our behavior during this time that the goodness far outshines bad behavior.

Those of you who know me know I always like to leave people with a bit of humor. And I apologize if you've already heard or read this best Dad Joke in the world... but here it goes: What's the difference between the people in Dubai and Ahu Dhabi? Answer: The people in Dubai don't like the cartoon show "The Flintstones." But the people in Ahu Dhabi Do.

All good wishes to everyone. Sally

Drop-off location available for medical personal protective equipment; homemade masks accepted

inHealth Ambulance and United Way of Porter County have teamed up to provide a central drop-off location for any personal protective equipment donations. Donations can include things such as face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and eye protection wear. Donations of homemade masks are also accepted. United Way and inHealth Ambulance will distribute donations to medical

workers in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties.

"This crisis is impacting us personally, professionally and medically," said Kim Olesker, president & CEO at United Way of Porter County. "Together we can find creative solutions to keep our frontlines safe - medical, first responders and food distribution locations. Our community is better together. We need everyone to do their part."

"It's wonderful to see how our community pulls together to help one another," Ron Donahue, CEO of inHealth Ambulance. "These supplies will make a significant impact to our Region's healthcare team."

The drop-off location is at inHealth Ambulance, located at 153 West U.S. Hwy 6 in Valparaiso, from Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Lakes Department

By Mike Talley,
MS4 Coordinator
**Public Participation...
Illicit Discharge**

The Lakes of the Four Seasons’ stormwater sewer system carries stormwater runoff from our: streets, ditches, buildings, parking lots, homes, driveways, and all other hard non-porous surfaces. This stormwater runoff also carries large amounts of pollutants directly into our lakes. Pollutants such as oil & grease from our roadways, pesticides & fertilizers from our lawns, sediment from construction sites and discarded trash and litter. There will be no stopping at a water treatment plant, this stormwater and all the pollution it can carry goes directly into our lakes and beyond into the waterways of the U.S.

If uncontrolled water pol-

lution will continue to grow, our lakes will not only look and smell bad, but will hinder our boating, fishing, and swimming. Eventually our groundwater will not even be fit to drink.

An example would be the Cuyahoga River just 50 years ago. Running just south of Cleveland, Ohio, the Cuyahoga River became so polluted with trash, scum, and petroleum products it became flammable. It caught fire and burned nine different times between 1868 and 1969. Of course, we do not expect to see flames on Lake Holiday any time soon. But we can see other changes the lake is going through. Algae is increasing in the lake, noticeable by the watercolor’s increasing green tint. Or by the scummy, smelly algae blooms caused by the Blue

Green Algae (cyanobacteria) that forms in the lakes. The algae are caused by the polluting of the lake water by yard fertilizers, leaves, lawn clippings, and animal waste.

Groundwater contamination from petroleum products, pesticides, household chemicals leaching into our groundwater, over time can cause serious health problems. If these toxins enter our well water supply, our drinking water may someday become too poisonous to drink. Causing certain types of cancer through long term exposure. It has happened elsewhere it could happen here.

To enjoy and maintain quality fresh water for fishing, swimming, boating, and drinking, clean stormwater (coming from rainwater, snow melt, sump pumps, landscape irrigation, and a few other areas) should be the only water to enter our water bodies. Anything, else entering the system is usually considered an *illicit discharge*.

Illicit Discharge Detection

during operation.

All guests fishing any of our lakes *must* be with a Property Owner in good standing. Lake Patrol will be out patrolling.

Anyone on a boat together during the pandemic must be with members of the same household only. This also applies to the beaches.

Property owners who live on the lakes

Make sure that your docks

and shorelines are in good condition. If you have received a warning about your dock or shoreline, please contact the Lakes Department to give us the status of any repairs that needed to be made.

If you have any damage or overgrowth to your shoreline or seawalls and don’t know what route to take for repairs, contact us so that we may point you in the right direction.

& Elimination (IDDE)

The primary duty of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Department is to help protect all waterways of the U.S., which includes the Lakes of the Four Seasons, from being polluted. Because stormwater runoff is generated from almost everywhere, efforts to prevent stormwater pollution must include all people of the U.S.

Through public education and outreach the MS4 involves the residents of the community to help prevent our stormwater from being polluted.

Residential pollution prevention includes household control measures that target the following areas.

- Yard and lawn care
- Vehicle care and maintenance
- Hazardous materials use and disposal of
- Outdoor cleaning
- Garbage and Recyclables
- Pet waste
- Home improvement and maintenance

Remember to make sure that your lot numbers are visible from the lake, either on your dock, or on your shoreline. The Lakes Department will be out checking docks and shorelines for damage and informing anyone of necessary repairs throughout the season.

Contact the Lakes Department by phone at 219-988-4722 or via e-mail to lofslakes1@gmail.com.

- Swimming pool maintenance
- In addition to these household controls, residents are urged to observe and report on their surroundings.
- Waste chemicals, oils, paints dumped in the LOFS ditches or waterways
- Waste chemicals and oils spills on LOFS roadways, parking lots other hard or soft surfaces and not cleaned up.
- Areas where mud and dirt are being washed into a

- LOFS waterway.
- Pet waste not being thoroughly cleaned up
- Water in ditches which have an unnatural smell of color.
- Person(s) dumping waste(s) anywhere that is not designated for that type of waste.
- If you observe any of the above, you are asked to contact the MS4 Department at 219-988-3654 or via email at lofslakes2@gmail.com.



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By Ryan Grady,
Lakes Department Director
A reminder to all LOFS residents about specific rules of the lakes:

Big Bass Lake shall be idle speed and no wake at all times. No motorboat powered by a motor having a horsepower rating in excess of ten (10) horsepower shall be operated on Big Bass Lake. If the boat is capable of carrying two motors, one of which is more than ten (10) horsepower, it will be permitted to use in Big Bass Lake providing the larger motor is completely out of the water and not in use.

No watercraft without a current POA decal shall be allowed through the security gate(s) into the community unless it is being towed by an automobile with a current POA decal or the property owner has contacted the Security Department to inform them that their watercraft is being delivered by a third party. Only LOFS property owners are permitted to place any watercraft into any of the LOFS lakes and only after proper registration with the POA office. The placement of any watercraft that is registered to someone other than a POA property owner into any of the LOFS lakes is strictly prohibited. *Violation of this rule will result in immediate removal of the watercraft from LOFS and the owner of the watercraft will be prohibited from entering LOFS and trespassing charges will be filed against the watercraft owner.*

The amenities at LOFS are restricted and are for use by POA Property Owners and their invited guests only. Guests cannot operate a watercraft within LOFS without the POA Property Owner whom the watercraft is registered, on board and present

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Applicant must be from Winfield Township, Indiana (area represented by LOFS Lions Club).
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- College Acceptance Letter
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Send all three required documents in same envelope POSTMARKED by June 15, 2020 to Lion Yolanda Hernández, Chair @ 5040 Spinnaker Lane Unit D Crown Point, IN 46307. Inquiries may be made to 219-306-1864 or yher2001@yahoo.com **Subject:** LOFS LIONS Scholarship.

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Due to COVID-19: If you are having difficulty obtaining your transcript or college acceptance letter, you can just submit your essay by deadline. If you are one of our four recipients, we will need your transcript and college acceptance letter before receiving \$500 check.

Gardens Around the Community: Vegetable gardening is easy

Vegetable gardening is as easy as picking a spot in your existing landscape and planting. This is one of the easiest methods. It also allows you to see if growing your own food is something you like to do.

One of the best crops of bell peppers I had were planted on the east side of my house. I had actually planted them, tended to them ever so carefully, and then forgot about them (on accident

of course). I had peppers aplenty that year. Tomatoes planted on the south side of the house have done incredibly well too.

Don't have space in your landscape, how about growing your vegetables in pots? Just make sure the pot you choose will allow your plant to reach its maximum growth. It should also have drainage holes to allow excess water to escape. Use a soil that works

best for growing vegetables in pots. Your local gardening center will be happy to help you.

A quick google search recommends a pot 18-24" for a single tomato plant. 18" if the plant is determinate and 24" if it is indeterminate. Determinate is a bush growing tomato. The growth is compact and the fruits stop growing when set on top bud. Indeterminate will continue

to grow and produce fruit until killed by frost. Pepper plants need a pot 10-12" deep and wide. Usually three plants per pot is good.

A raised garden bed can be done using untreated wood, large rocks, or just about anything you could use to create a raised border around your garden. Avoid using treated wood because the chemicals can leach into the food you will be eating. Be sure to use

raised bed gardening soil.

Other soils will be too compact and not allow root growth. If you have the time and the resources, you can research how to make your own raised bed vegetable garden soil mix.

Your growing vegetables will need an inch of water per week. Water at ground level not from above to prevent disease from growing.

Remember to have fun

and enjoy the process. Even experienced gardeners have crops that fail. It's all part of the process. Marvel in the fact that you're about to grow your own food.

A helpful hint, flower and vegetable seeds last longer than the expiration date on the package if they've been stored in a cool, dry place.

Solon Robinson was an early settler of Lake County, founder of Crown Point

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society



Many residents of LOFS probably have never heard of Solon Robinson, except for some Lake County residents who recognize the name as a grade school in Crown Point. Who was this man and what is his historical significance? Let's find out.

Solon Robinson was one of the first men in 1834 to settle in what became Lake County, and he is considered to be the founder of Crown Point. His influence and efforts had a positive effect on the history of the county and of Crown Point.

Robinson was born in Tolland, Connecticut on October 21, 1803, the son of Jacob, a cooper by trade, whose grandfather James was a Puritan, who had come over with the Pilgrims. Jacob married Salinda Ladd and in their family Solon was the fourth son. When Jacob died early, Mrs. Robinson, incapable of caring for the large family, put her children in the care of others. Young Solon had a natural instinct for farming, then he apprenticed

himself out as a carpenter, but ultimately setting himself up as a peddler.

In 1830, Solon married Miss Mariah Evans of Philadelphia, a woman of gracious and good qualities. They shortly moved to Jennings County, Indiana, about 20 miles southeast of present day Columbus, and two children were born there. In October 1834, Solon and his family settled in Northwest Indiana, in a place that came to be first known as Robinson's Prairie, then Lake Courthouse, where additional children were born. His wanderlust and pioneering spirit may have prompted his move to this area.

Solon Robinson's early records of achievements are interesting and varied. Together with his brother Milo (the first of the settlers to die), he opened a store and traded with both Indians and white men. His cabin was a simple log affair, which stood just northwest of the present-day square, and a marker (see photo) denotes its location.

He built Lake County's first courthouse, using his own money, dedicated its use for court, school, church, elections, Sunday school, and temperance meetings. In

1836, when the territory came to be Lake County was separated from Porter County and divided into three townships, Solon became justice of the peace for Center Township. He was also the town's first postmaster, and he renamed the town Crown Point. He owned the first printing press in the county and started the region's first newspaper,

Robinson apparently felt a need to express himself, as he wrote a series of agricultural articles for several newspapers. His contributions to the New York Tribune so impressed its owner Horace Greeley that Solon became its agriculture editor. He also originated the National Agricultural Society in 1841 in Washington DC and established branches in many states.

Because Mrs. Robinson did not share his desire to go to New York, Solon made frequent trips there, ultimately leaving Crown Point permanently in 1852, leaving his property in his wife's care. During his association with the Tribune, he maintained a farm in Yonkers where his experiments in grafting, fertilizing, and propagating drew material for his writings, which were from 1852

to 1870.

After Mariah's death in 1872, Solon married his longtime personal secretary, and the last years of his life were spent in Jacksonville, Florida, where he went for health reasons. He died there

in 1880, and he laid in peace until a group of Crown Point citizens became interested in the man whose name was given to the school.

After considerable research, it was determined Solon was buried in Florida,

and a search of his relatives led to an agreement to have his body disinterred and moved to the Crown Point Maplewood Historical Cemetery. In 1993, he was reburied within sight of the school named after him.

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Open concept large 4 bedroom split level home with 3 car garage on a quiet cul de sac backing up to park. Lower level Master bedroom with huge walk in closet and giant private bath that has separate shower, sauna, corner tub, & double sink vanity. Beautiful living area that opens dining room and kitchen. Also large rec room with gas fireplace, laundry, & more 3 bedrooms upstairs. Don't Delay! **\$259,880**

Great Lake Holiday home on fabulous lot in Crown Point School system! OPEN concept 4 BR Ranch home with walk out lower level & cathedral ceilings, loads of sliders & windows to enjoy the beautiful lake views! Main floor master bedroom with walkout to deck & lake views. **\$449,899**

Spacious 2-story home with big wooded lot adjoining large park. Beautiful New updated Kitchen with Dark grey tone cabinets, Quartz Counter tops, Extra deep SS Sink w/high rise p/o sprayer faucet, New SS appl, Quartz Waterfall Edge top on blast bar island, tile, large window with expansive views of yard/park. Main floor also Features a Big living room with bay window & plank flooring, dining room & Large rec room w/walk out to the two tiered deck. Many nice features thru-out including 6 panel doors, updated brushed nickel light fixtures, & door levers & plank flooring. Updated baths. **\$269,885**

Is a great price for this well maintained 2600 sq ft 4 bed 3 bath home with Crown Point Schools! Home features beautiful Pergo laminate floors, Kraftmaid cabinets, full master bath, giant rec room with vinyl life proof plank flooring. Many updates, multi levels decks overlooking large yard with 2 ponds! **\$237,900**

Beautiful LAKE FRONT Ground floor condo with FABULOUS VIEWS! This updated condo lets you step right out your back door and enjoy Lake Holiday. This unit has newer windows, vinyl plank flooring, custom spindle and railings, stone tile fireplace surround, custom paint. This home features open concepts with 2 good sized bedrooms, the master has a master bath and HUGE walk in closet. Nice kitchen with breakfast bar open to living room with lake views and plenty of cabinet and counter space and pantry closet **\$194,889**

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~ Obituary ~

Ernest Robert "Bob" Ellingsen

Ernest Robert Ellingsen "Bob" age 96 A 25-year resident of Lakes of the Four Seasons Crown Point & prior Highland resident passed away April 4th 2020. Born 03/31/1924 in Hammond IN, Bob attended St. Mary's grade school, & Roosevelt High school in East Chicago IN where he graduated in 1941. He attended Purdue University and was a big Boilermaker fan. He enlisted in the army air corps on 12/09/1942 for pilot training, radio school, & became an airplane mechanic, while playing in various bands before being honorably discharged in 1946. Bob had his own Real Estate & Insurance business for years & was involved with many community programs such as Scout Master for the Boy Scouts, President of East Chicago Insurance board, East Chicago J.C.s, Lake county asso-

ciation of Insurance Agents, Calumet board of Realtors, Highland Rotary Club, Our Lady of Grace Home & School Organization, National Council for The Encouragement of Patriotism (Highway of flags memorial on routes 41 & 6 in Highland IN). He was Vice President of the Highland Chamber of Commerce and Realtor of the year in 1980 before he retired. A member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Bob loved music and spent much his free time singing in a quartet and with the Chorus of The Dunes, playing the trombone with the Rusty Pipes and German Band. You never knew when he would pull out his harmonica and play a tune or sing while playing his player piano. He brought many a smile to doctors, nurses and people in waiting rooms playing the harmonica. He also loved spending time

with his family, supporting his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids sporting events, concerts, plays and going camping, boating, fishing, skiing, vacationing in Twig, MN and always time for a family hootenanny. Bob is Preceded in death by his parents, Leanore & Ernest Ellingsen. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years Dolores F. Ellingsen (Mirth), 6 children Robert (Sue) Ellingsen, Nancy Ellingsen, Don (Theresa) Ellingsen, Janet (Jerry) Key, Cheryl (Bob) Golec, Dave (Melissa) Ellingsen, 22 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and sister Betty Murray. Memorial service and mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St Vincent de Paul. Burns Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com