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## Golf Services

*By Paul Boris, Director of Golf*

Mother's Day is upon us and the golf shop is helping you find the perfect gift for mom by running a weeklong sale on all women's apparel May 4 to May 12!

The Golf Shop will also be running a Memorial Weekend Sidewalk Sale on clothing, shoes, bags and more! Beginning 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 25 through Monday, May 27, so stop on by to take advantage of fantastic pricing on all types of LOFS merchandise.

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• TITLEIST DEMO DAY – Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• PING DEMO DAY – Sunday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Junior Golf Academy**

Registration will begin on Saturday, May 1 and continue through until the academy start date of Tuesday, June 18. 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 18 and continues through August 6. 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 juniors acclimate to ideas and mental preparation for competitive golf in the advanced groups.

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## MAY GOLF SHOP HOURS

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

## House & Garden Club

*By Mary Cavallini*

It has been a busy month for the House and Garden Club. Mary Grveles' breathtaking Mardi Gras decorations at the March meeting featured centerpieces from her granddaughter's quinceanera, or 15th birthday party, a combination of the Spanish words Quince (15) and Anos (years).

Members got out their favorite potluck recipes, and the buffet table could hardly contain all the goodies. A last-minute request from the Winfield food pantry was heard loud and clear, and members were very generous with their donations. Best news is we are growing!

A new member tea welcoming nine new members was held at Mary Grveles' home on April 16. A lovely afternoon in a beautiful home.

Excitement builds as we get closer to our May 19 Fiftieth Anniversary Garden Party. If you are a current or former member and would like to attend, please contact Mary Grveles at 219-661-8735.

*See Page 12 for additional photos*

Nenita Powers and Susan Fiedor

Donna Whitehead

Mardi Gras decorations

Vicki Zeller

## Upcoming May Events

- Every Wednesday –Senior Members League 10:00am
- Every Wednesday – Couples League 3:00pm
- Every Monday beginning May 7 – Women's Members League 5:15 p.m.
- Every Tuesday beginning May 8 – Men's Members League 5:15 p.m.
- Every Thursday – WGA Ladies League (8:30 a.m. 18 Holers & 9:30 a.m. 9 Holers)
- Saturday, May 4 – MGA Get Acquainted Scramble
- Saturday, May 4 – MGA Vegas Night Fundraiser 6 p.m. to Midnight
- Saturday, May 4 to Sunday, May 12 – Golf Shop Mother's Day Sale
- Sunday, May 11 – LOFS 2-Player Scramble
- Saturday, May 18 – Titleist DEMO Day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sunday, May 19 – PING DEMO Day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, May 25 – MGA 1 Best Ball of 2
- Saturday, May 25 – WGA Devil's OPEN
- Saturday, May 25 to Monday, May 27 – Memorial Weekend Sidewalk Sale!
- Saturday, May 26 – Divot Filling Party 4 p.m.

## POA Election Committee

**2019 POA Board Election Schedule**

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

Here are the key dates:

• Monday, June 3 – Friday, June 21 - Candidacy petitions will be available at the POA office for all residents wishing to be listed on the ballot.

Monday, June 24 – Monday, July 8 – Completed petitions may 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 documentation verified as complete and valid. If more validated signatures are required; the prospective candidates may have until July 12 to turn in the Candidacy Petitions.

• Monday, August 5 – Candidates Night issues forum at 7:30 p.m. in the LOFS Seasons Lakehouse ballroom.

• Friday, August 9 – Ballots will be mailed to all property owners of record.

• Wednesday, September 11 – Polls closed; ballots must be received by 9 a.m. at the Crown Point Post Office box. Property Owners may

*(See **POA** Pg. 5)*

## YOU'RE INVITED!

### LOFS Men's Golf Association

## VEGAS NIGHT!

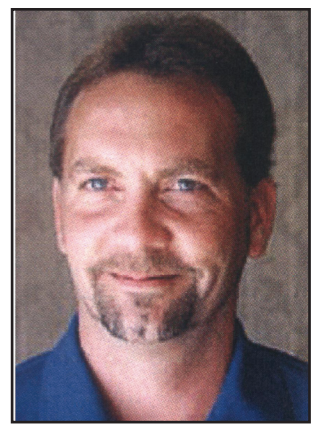
### Saturday, May 4, 2019!

**Please join us at the LOFS Seasons Lakehouse on Saturday, May 4, 2019, from 6 p.m. to Midnight for the MGA's Annual Vegas Night.**

**Residents and non-residents are welcome; must be over age 21. There will be games of chance and prizes throughout the event. Food will be provided as well as beer and fountain drinks.**

**The cost is $25 per ticket and proceeds will be used for community improvements, needs, and scholarships.**

# POA Community Manager



Rick Cleveland

Property Owners were able to begin paying POA dues for 2019 on March 1 with a due date of 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 the Vehicle Barcodes after May 1 in accord with LOFS By-Laws.*

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**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 29 and will be completed on May 6. Spring branch collections will begin on May 13 and continue until the final date of May 20 for the Porter County portion of the community.

**Signage**

I want to remind residents before they start popping up everywhere that street pole signs and balloons are prohibited. Signs in the community are not permitted with the exception of open house signs, which are only allowed on Saturdays and Sundays if the proper paperwork is filed. Political signs are also allowed if you abide per the resolution.

**Summer Concerts**

The summer Concerts at the Seasons Lakehouse will begin on Thursday June 6 with the Unstoppables; they play Classic American Rock. There will be 12 concerts this year. The first 11 will continue to take place on Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. The twelfth and final concert will take place on Friday, August 30 also beginning at 7 p.m. The Seasons Lakehouse will not be providing alcoholic beverages outside for the concerts. Just a reminder, please use the provided containers for your trash, cigarette butts, and recyclables as this helps with cleanup.

**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.

**Speed Bumps**

The POA has recently installed two speed bumps. One on Sunnyslope Drive between East Lake Shore Drive and Four Seasons Parkway. The other one is on Kingsway Drive just south of Rustic Lane. Please use caution when driving over the speed bumps. They will be placed in different areas of the community throughout the summer months. Please keep a lookout for the signs that read: SPEED BUMPS AHEAD.

## Seasons Fall soccer open for registration

Fall soccer registration opens May 28 online. In-person registration for in-house *only* will be June 12 and June 26 at the 19th Hole from 5 to 8 p.m. In-person registration will also be available at the soccer fields on June 1 and June 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All travel registration must be done online. There will be new uniforms for travel this Fall.

In-house registration closes July 14 and travel registration closes June 30.

The season starts August 24 and we will be having a big celebration to kick-off the season. Please make sure to join us for a fun-filled day.

Register online at www.seasonssoccerclub.org. Contact Frank at 219-614-5100 or Brei at 219-313-8123 with any questions.

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# *Golf Maintenance*

*By Doug Weiss,*
*Golf Course Superintendent*

The first of May marks the start of the golf season. Leagues, outings, and special events start to fill the golf calendar. We have wrapped up most of the Spring clean-up and are starting to get ready for the warm summer days. The hot summer days are stressful for the turf, but it will be nice to finally put away the winter coat and gloves for a little while.

The greens, tees, fairways have been aerified. The holes on the greens have been filled with sand. The fairways and tees were top dressed with sand as well, we just can't add enough sand to fill the holes in those areas.

Gypsum was also applied to all the areas to help flush the bicarbonates through the soil profile. The sprinkler heads, drain boxes, and irrigation valves have been edged.

The bunkers also have a nice clean edge on them. Sand has been added to the areas that need topped off. The two bunkers on the right side of number one green will have the spray on liner system installed. The two bunkers we did last year drained incredibly well. This will take years to get all the bunkers lined but it will be worth it in the end. The waterfall has been cleaned out and is running well.

This Spring we were also awarded 32 trees from NIRPC (Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission) to help protect the Lake Michigan watershed. The trees have been planted in areas where they will thrive. Four Seasons had to make a two-year commitment to water the trees on a weekly basis during the growing season. I did attend a class on proper planting and care for the trees.

Last season, many of the greens struggled due to weather and the water we apply to the turf. Anyone who has been in this area for any length of time knows how hard the water is. I had the water tested last fall and found that the amount of bicarbonates in the water and soil are extremely high.

According to Golf Course Magazine 2010 "Bicarbonates are toxic to the roots and reduce the shoot growth of the turf. High bicarbonates can also affect the effectiveness of the fungicides and particularly insecticides you spray because the half-life of the product is often reduced by high PH levels. Bicarbonates also reduce the uptake of phosphorus and many other micronutrients that grasses need. Bicarbonates react with calcium to form calcium carbonate. Every time bicarbonate hits calcium and Magnesium it keeps it in a carbonate form. In a carbonate form, it's hard for calcium to work into the soil".

Simply put, bicarbonates make it difficult for the grass plant to take up the nutrients it needs while trying to recover during high stress times of the year. I talked to several superintendents in the area to see what they have had success with in dealing with the same issues. The most success is to apply liquid calcium, humic acid, and a wetting agent on a biweekly basis along with slicing the greens to flush the bicarbonates past the root zone. This will make the greens healthier, firmer, and therefore faster, which is what everyone wants.

Due to the women's league moving to Monday night, we will have to move to a day that will work for everybody. I will communicate that to the membership soon.

The golf season is now underway so get out and enjoy the course.


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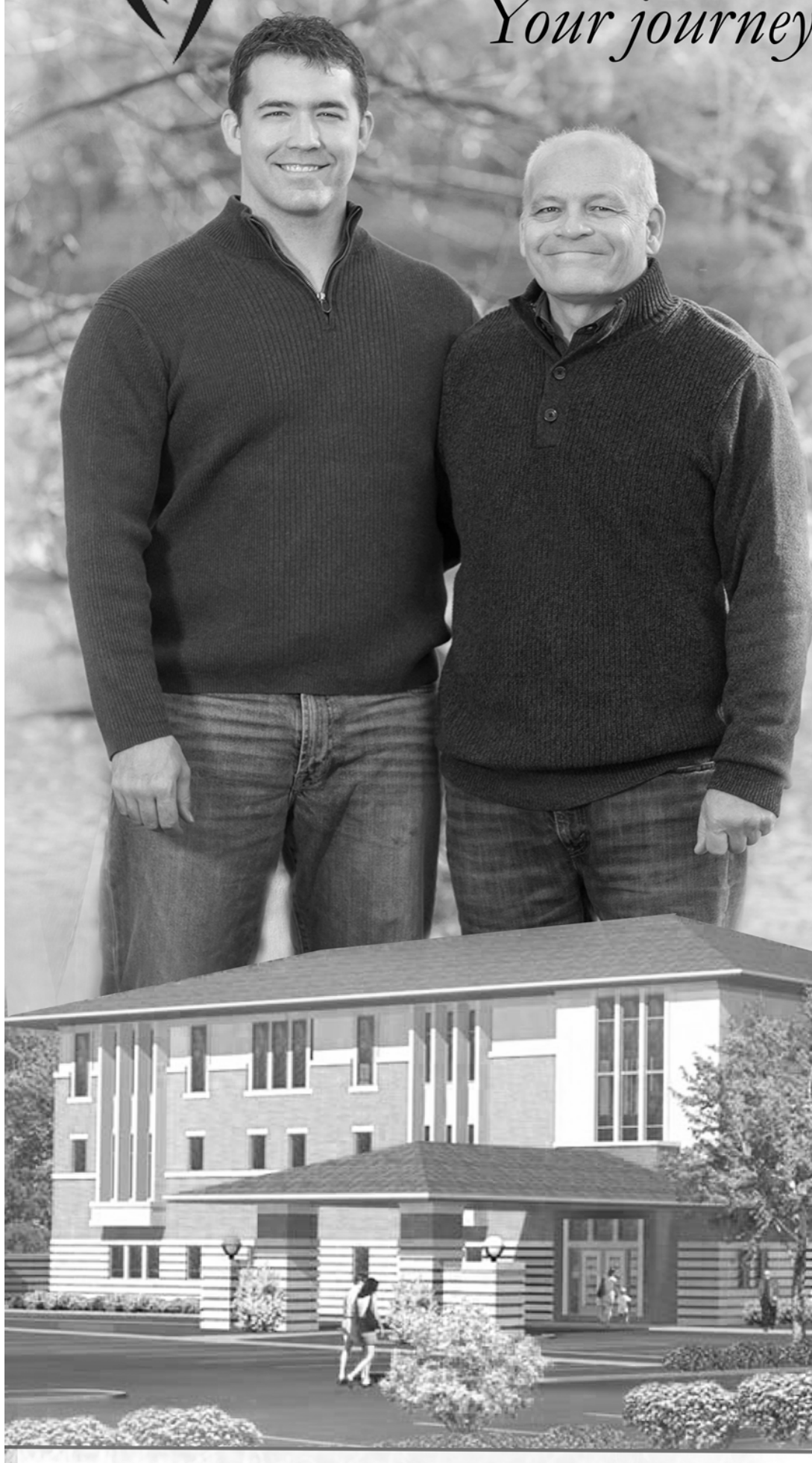

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# House & Garden Club

*By Ann Naulty*

**Fifty Year History of Service**

On May 19, former and current members of the Four Seasons House and Garden Club will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Club's founding at a Garden Party at the Seasons Lakehouse.

Without the support of the LOFS community and the volunteer hours of the House and Garden Club members, none of the accomplishments of the Club would have occurred. For this we thank all who contributed to its 50 successful years.

The first service club to organize in LOFS was a Garden Club. On May 22, 1969, twenty women gathered with the objective of furthering interest in home gardening, promoting horticultural practices, studying beautification, and conservation of natural resources. The aim of the Club was to plan projects through study and cooperation of the LOFS Parks Committee. Nancy Kennedy was elected President and Vivian Morelli was named Horticulturalist. A gardening library was housed in a member's home. Dues were $3.

In 1970, Club members donated ornamental crab trees to the parks, planted annuals at the gate (front) entrance and spring bulbs in October. This began the community involvement which continued to this 50th year of 2019 with the Club continuing beautification of LOFS through funding and special projects.

Garden Club Queen, Betty Roberts, rode in a flower covered convertible in the 1970 Fourth of July parade. In the years that followed many Garden Club floats won recognition from the judges, scoring first, most original, etc. When there wasn't a float, Club members marched along the route.

In an effort to raise funds to support community involvement, the Garden Club first held 'A Tour of Homes' in 1971. This event continued through 2000. More than 165 homes were featured in 29 years.

Membership rose to 34 at the beginning of 1972 and the first Membership Tea was held to encourage new members. Today a welcoming tea or coffee is held to welcome new members.

Garden Club members continued to raise funds, weed gardens and plant new areas. By 1979 the membership was 70. The first constitution and bylaws were written. These are periodically reviewed and revised by an appointed committee and revisions are brought to the Officers and membership for approval.

Always looking for ways to raise funds for community projects, the first annual Craft Fair was held in 1981. Articles for sale were all handmade by members. As this event continued craft artisans from surrounding areas displayed their wares and in some years food was available for purchase. The final Craft Fair was held in 2002. In addition, a community tradition was begun when the Yard of the Month award was established and continues to date.

As membership grew, to better reflect the interests of all, the name was changed in 1982 to *Four Seasons House And Garden Club*.

In 1986 the Club purchased lights for the flagpole Christmas tree at the entrance to the Seasons and Milt Bonich (dec.), a retired electrician, donated his services to string the lights, a task he continued for many years. Garden Club members untangled the strings and replaced bulbs until the POA maintenance staff took over and continues to erect the community 'tree of lights'.

1989 the 20th anniversary honored past presidents at a wine and appetizer party and a spring luncheon attended by 131 members. For the 25th anniversary, the oak front doors to the clubhouse, outdoor lighting and a stone bench were donated to the community by the 151 club members.

Many flower sales took place, starting with geraniums, chrysanthemums, pansies, lilies, poinsettias, and the annual plant sale prior to Mother's Day. As businesses and nurseries began to sell plants as early as April, the Club realized this fund raiser was no longer competitive and ended the event with the 2017 sale. The annual mum sale continues.

To bring us into the 21st Century, members voted to adopt a new logo and marketing approach in 2018. This decision has proven itself in the recruitment of new members and presence on social media.

Most visible and significant beautification projects throughout the years include: the installation of the fountain at Walt's Pond; the garden surrounding the pond which is dedicated to the memory of deceased House and Garden Club members; the west wall and clock tower east wall landscape design which involved donations from the POA, the House and Garden Club, the Conservation Club and the Poe family; the armillary (globe) at the front entrance (donated by resident who appreciated the efforts of the many women who were known as the Weeders and Feeders); the five tiered fountain in front of the clubhouse; sculptures at Walt's Pond, and, of course the many beautiful garden spots throughout the community.

These areas have been replanted and redesigned many times in 50 years and there is always an annual budgeted amount for upkeep and beautification. Lighting has been installed and updated in recent years. There is a record of annual projects, both indoor and outdoor, that were funded by the Club published in its directory which is given to members.

Total funding for projects is near the $400,000 mark. Volunteer hours are immeasurable. But it's not all work. Lasting friendships are formed, various bus and mini-trips have taken us to gardens and shopping venues. Decorating the Seasons Lakehouse in late November puts us in the holiday mood, committee meetings help us to know each other in a smaller group setting and monthly meetings are themed, challenging us to 'dress the part' or participate in the entertainment. Programs at meetings increase our knowledge or challenge us to try a new craft or organize our lives.

Meetings are at Seasons Lakehouse on the last Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. Guests are welcome. If you wish to make friends, have fun, enjoy good food and have a community spirit, consider checking out the Four Seasons House and Garden Club.

## Adventure Day Camp returning to Connect Christian Camp in Winfield this summer

Adventure Day Camp is returning to Connect Christian Camp in Winfield this summer. Kids aged 5 to 12 can spend their days experiencing outdoor games, pool time, crafts, Bible lessons, lunch, and more. Dedicated teachers lead campers through weekly themes designed to teach kids about the love of Jesus with fun and relevant content.

Themes include; Books of the Bible, Fruits of the Spirit, Under the Sea, and more. Campers may come for the Core Day, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or stay for the Extended Day, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. option.

The program runs June 6 to August 16, and parents may purchase packages of 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, or 51 days and schedule them anytime during the summer, which is designed to give families flexibility in their summer scheduling.

Connect Christian Camp is located at 7007 East 117th Avenue in Winfield. More information about Adventure Day Camp and overnight youth summer camps, including pricing, can be found at www.ConnectChristianCamp.org ir by contacting the camp office at 219-663-2530.

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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 11 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 11. Ballots will be counted beginning at 7 p.m. in the LOFS West Lounge.

• Saturday, October 12 – LOFS POA Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Seasons Lakehouse Ballroom. Newly elected directors will be sworn in.

POA office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# This Month in History ~ May 2019

*By Sally Lugo*

The LOFS Historical Society recently hired photographer Nick Feliciano, owner of NWI Media & Marketing, to take new aerial photographs of our community. Nick was also asked if he could recreate the 1983 photo wide angle shot. April 2 proved to be the perfect glorious day for Nick and his helicopter pilot to ascend to 4,500 feet capturing forty to fifty images! Nick shared immediately that some of the photos will look amazing printed and he can't wait to share them once his editing is complete.

April 2 also was the day LOFS Historical Society lost one of their dear members, Eileen Ryan, who passed away unexpectedly. Eileen had been very excited about the photos being taken so the Historical Society is pretty sure Eileen had a hand in providing the glorious skies for Nick's photo shoot. We're hoping we will have them by our May 2 meeting to review. The Historical Society intends to make these photos available for sale at some point in the near future. Keep an eye out for updated information in the LOFS Seasonal.

If you would like to become a member of the LOFS Historical Society simply join us at our regular meetings usually held the first Thursday of each month (unless we are hosting a special event) at 4:30 p.m. at the Seasons Lakehouse ballroom. You may also email Sally Lugo at Sally2614@aol.com for more information. Rest in peace Eileen, you will be sadly missed by your fellow HS of LOFS members and so many others.

Before LOFS: The farmhouse facing 123rd Avenue near South Lake Shore Drive.


19th Hole BAR & GRILLE

May Entertainment

5/4-James Saqui 8-11pm
5/11-CB4T 8-11pm
5/18-Overdue 8-11pm
5/25-Mike Green 8-11pm

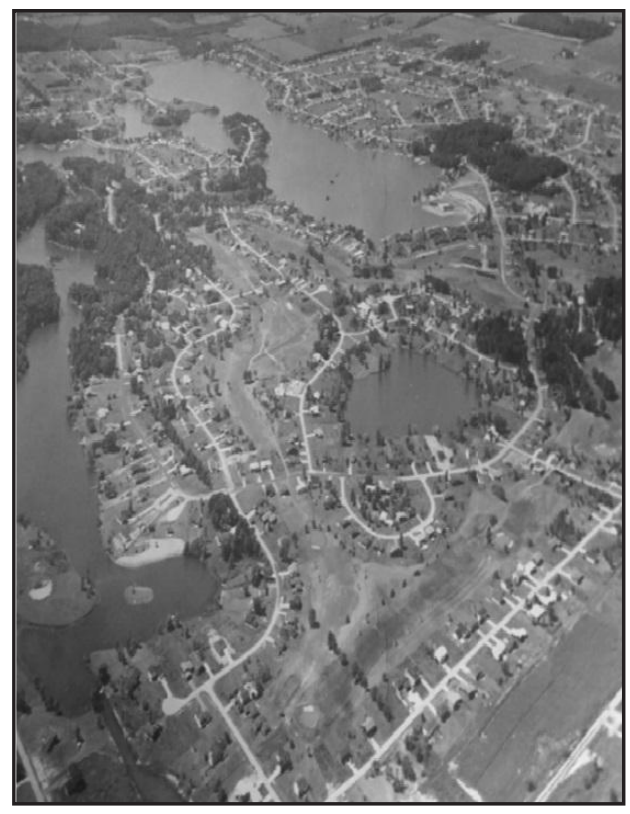
Starting May 5th, Free and Fun Bar Bingo moves to Sundays from 6 -8pm

CHEF'S SPECIALS...

**Monday-** 50 cent wings (dine-in), $6 domestic pitchers
**Tuesday-** $2 Tacos, $3 Import/Craft beer
**Wednesday-** $10 BBQ Chicken Dinner, $4 House Wines
**Thursday-** $10 One Topping Pizza, $6 Tall Calls
**Friday-** $12 AYCE Shrimp or Fish, $2 Domestic Bottles
**Saturday-** BBQ Ribs ½ Slab $14, Full Slab $20, $3 Smirnoff Flavored Hi-Balls
**Sunday-** $12 Crab Stuffed Shrimp, $13 Domestic Buckets

HOURS: Mon 3pm-9pm, Tues-Thurs: 11am-9pm, Friday-Saturday: 11am-10pm, Sunday: 11am-9pm

restmgr@lofs.org 988-2282 *Note: Bar may remain open later than posted*

In the spring of 1983, an aerial photograph was taken of the then 17-year old community, Lakes of the Four Seasons, by Lake County. Thomas and Karen Pavel shared a much older aerial view from the early 1950s with the LOFS' 50th Anniversary Committee.

## Trivia Night fundraiser to be held Friday, May 3

On Friday night, May 3, with doors opening at 6 p.m., St. Mary's Orthodox Center, located at 8600 Grand Blvd in Merrillville – about 5 minutes from Winfield-LOFS – will be holding a Trivia Night fundraiser benefitting Meals on Wheels of NWI.

The cost is $15 per person or $120 for a team of eight. There will be raffles, a cash bar, and cash prizes for the winners.

For more information call 219-682-6823.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**Wednesday:** Turkey Bruschetta Burger $10
Select Glass House Wine $5

**Thursday:** Shaved Bourbon BBQ Lamb Hoagie Sandwich $12
Flavored Smirnoff Highballs $4

**Friday:** 12 Ounce Ditka Pork Chop $18
St. Elmo Style Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail $12, Prime Rib $28
Giggle Juice $5

**Saturday:** 24 Ounce Bone-In Ribeye Steak $35
Oysters on 1/2 Shell with Cocktail Sauce $10
3 Floyds Beers $3

**Sunday:** Brunch- $16 for Adults, $8 for Kids
Bloody Mary $5, Mimosa $4

**Our summer hours will start on Sunday, May 26th from 3pm-8pm.**

*Call in or check us out on Facebook for our daily specials!*
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CALL 988-2582
Email Contact: Lakehouse@lofs.org
HOURS: Wed-Thurs 4pm-9pm; Fri-Sat 4pm-10pm; Sun. 10am-2pm (Closed Mon. & Tues.)
Bar may remain open longer than posted.


## Grant applications now being accepted for the Crown Point Community Foundation's next award cycle

The Crown Point Community Foundation is accepting grant applications. Grants from the CPCF's community grantmaking funds will be made to nonprofit organizations and community projects which serve the South Lake County communities of Winfield, Crown Point, Cedar Lake, and Lowell.

Eligible 501(c)(3) organizations may download an application on the CPCF website at www.thecpcf.org. Those without access to a computer can obtain an application by calling 219-662-7252 or visiting the CPCF office at 115 South Court Street in Crown Point.

Written requests for information should be sent to Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc., Post Office Box 522, Crown Point, IN 46308-0522.

Grant applications must be submitted or postmarked by June 1, 2019. The Crown Point Community Foundation awards grants from the unrestricted community funds held in the CPCF Endowment Fund three times a year. The three application cycles are February 1, June 1, and September 1.

Applications received after the deadline will be held for consideration during the following cycle. Only one grant application per organization or agency will be eligible within a 12-month period. The CPCF Grant Committee reviews all applications.

# Gardens Around the Community

*By Timburley Ecklund and Kim White*

We think the April fool's joke is on us. Mother Nature has canceled Spring. Officially, by the calendar, we are in the middle of Spring. We should not still be wearing layers of jackets and thermal underwear. Average temperature is around 60 degrees.

The tulips really are getting ready to bloom. Buds are set and just waiting to open. Be sure to look for tulips in front of the clock tower, the wall, and center island beds at the main entrance.

The House & Garden Memorial Bed and Walt's Pond are loaded with tulips also. Magnolias are just starting to bloom. The all white flowered ones are usually "Star" Magnolias and first to bloom. We have been watching the native wild flowers of Trillium (also known as "Wake Robin", as they come up when the Robins show up in the Spring), May Apples and others come up in the bed by the restroom on Happy Valley and the 7th hole. We are still waiting for the Red Buds, Crab Apples and Bradford Pears to put on their show of flowering buds.

Be sure to check out the "Crown Imperials" (fritillary) in front of the Seasons Lakehouse. They are red or yellow clusters of bell-like flowers at the top of a 2-3 foot stem. Notice the smell? They are known to keep away mice, voles, moles, and other small animals.

We are almost done cleaning up what didn't get done last Fall around the community. Along with clean-up, we have started mulching all areas. We are currently using wood chips produced by the Operations Department (it's FREE.) We really like the chips as they break down and add great compost and nutrients back into the soil. But just as we think we are ahead of the game something will come up. So, we just keep plugging along.

There are several new projects this season. We have plans to beautify (landscape) the automated entrance/exits. One unique feature to each area will be a pollinator garden in each of the triangular shaped areas. Featured plants will include Aster, Calamentha, Agastache, Allium, Bee Balm, Mountain Mint, Butterfly Weed, Purple Prairie Clover, Liatris, Solidago, Milkweed, and Coreopsis.

Why a pollinator garden, you may ask? There are 369,000 flowering plant species. Ninety percent of these plant species depend on insects for pollination.

Nuts, berries, seeds, and fruit all rely on insect pollination. So do two of my favorite things; chocolate and coffee.

According to National Geographic, insect species are in a decline by forty percent. Insects are responsible for 57 billion in the (US) economy each year.

Birds are also at a decline by forty-three percent. You read that right folks, forty-three percent. The insects that birds need to feed their young are disappearing. By planting a pollinator garden, we are creating a safe haven for butterflies, hummingbirds, moths, beetles, flies, honeybees, ants, and bees.

Last summer, behind the 'Garry Weiss Pavilion', we noticed frogs sitting under the Allium "Millenium". It took a second to realize they were feasting on all the different varieties of pollinators that came to eat from the Allium. The circle of life was happening right in front of us and it was amazing!

The area around each building will include Hydrangeas, Hibiscus, Spruces (for Roy to decorate at Christmas), grasses, Alliums, Daylilies, Sedums, and Rudbeckia.

The lower level of the 19th Hole/Pro shop will be enhanced by additional landscaping around the blacktop area. Wanda has plans to use this area for a Bags/Corn Hole Court. Hope this encourages some outdoor dining and fun.

We have planted annuals along the Seasons Lakehouse sidewalk in the past. Daily watering and added heat from the blacktop make this a challenging area. To adequately water we must pull a hose across the driveway and run a sprinkler. We might try again this year.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the pool house garden will need to be redone. There is always something to keep us busy. Thanks for your continued support and words of encouragement.

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The tulips really are coming

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## Department of Natural Resources reminds boaters to 'clean, drain, and dry' this boating season

As the weather warms and people get out on their boats, 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 recently celebrated Invasive Species Awareness week by highlighting 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.


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## Lakes Department

*By Mike Talley, MS4 Coordinator*

**Municipal Stormwater Separate Sewer System**

*What is Stormwater Runoff?*

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, roof tops and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. This stormwater runoff can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. The polluted stormwater then flows into a storm sewer system where it is discharged, untreated into our lakes.

**The Effects of Pollution**

Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

• Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.

• Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. Blue-green algae looks terrible, smells even worse and can be toxic to fish, animals and humans. When algae die, it sinks to the bottom of the lake, decompose and in the process it removes the dissolved oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.

• Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.

• Debris—plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.

• Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from ingesting polluted water.

**Residential Pollutions Solutions**

*Lawn Care*

When excess fertilizers and pesticides are applied to lawns and gardens they can run off and pollute our lakes. In addition, yard clippings and leaves carrying the same pollutants entering our lakes and storm drains contribute to nutrients and organic matter pollution to our lakes.

• Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.

• Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, do so only in the recommended amounts, and never use fertilizers containing phosphorus. Check out websites like https://organic-dailypost.com for safer pest control methods.

• Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or lakes. Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

*Auto Care*

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping these materials directly into our lakes.

• Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.

• Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

*Pet Waste*

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excessive nutrients flowing into our lakes.

• Become a member of the LOFS dog park. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into our lakes.

## Lakes Department

*By Ryan Grady, Lakes Director*

**Dead Fish on Lake Holiday**

If you've seen a lot of dead fish on Lake Holiday, don't be alarmed. They are all gizzard shad, and they are easily killed by cold water temperatures and rapidly changing weather. Gizzard shad are used as a source of food for game fish. They have become over-sized and over-populated in Lake Holiday and Big Bass Lake.

Although they can be pretty stinky when the wind has pushed piles of them on some shorelines the die-off is a good thing. Shad are very sensitive to temperature and do not feed or move around much when temperatures fall below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Die-offs typically occur when water temperatures drop to between 40-55 degrees, particularly when the change in temperature is quick and drastic.

Die-offs also can occur in the spring when warm winds cause water temperatures to climb too quickly for shad to become acclimated. Shad die-offs are beneficial in controlling the shad population.

This is not the first time this has happened. Back in 2015 we had a spring shad die-off on Big Bass Lake and we were cleaning them up for most of the Spring. We will not miss the dead ones and the Lakes Department has been around Lake Holiday numerous times disposing of them properly. If you live on the lake and need a hand getting rid of them feel free to contact the Lakes office at 219-988-4722.

**A Reminder to All LOFS Residents**

We post information on the LOFS website under the "Special Notifications" tab which will include the flag status or if chemical applications will be made for algae and weed control.

Reminder on flag status colors:

• GREEN FLAG - Lakes open for all activities;

• YELLOW FLAG - Caution, Swimming Advisory, Boating Advisory;

• RED FLAG - Boating activities reduced to No Wake;

• BLACK FLAG - Lake closed for all Swimming and Boating Activities. We will post this information as soon as it is available.

**Flag Pole Locations**

• Seasons Lakehouse Docks

• Seasons Lakehouse Beach

• Lake Holiday Boat Launch

• Sandy Beach

• Big Bass Beach

• South Boat Launch on Big Bass Lake (located off of Four Seasons Parkway, west of Lot P-1004)

• Patrol Dock at center of Lake Holiday, Westhaven Docks, Broadacre Docks, and East Lake Shore Drive across from the irrigation pump house.

## Operations and Building Maintenance Department

*By Roy Green, Director of Operations*

Winter is over! The plows are off the trucks, the snow stakes have been removed from the edge of the roads, and the salt is stored away.

Bring on Spring and Summer.

The tennis court nets and wind screens have been installed. The parks have picnic tables and trash cans. The soccer and baseball fields have been cut and are being played on. The leaf vacs have been out and completed the Spring leaf collection.

The chippers are out in Lake County and will continue to collect branches until May 6. We will start the Porter County side on May 13 and finish on May 20. After that, we will put the chippers away for the summer (unless we have a major windstorm). If you do any trimming after that, you can bring your branches to the maintenance facility.

The Operations Department assisted the Lakes Department in the removal of the docks at Westhaven.

We are working with Little League on the ballfields and they are constructing a new t-ball field at Cleveland Park.

We have begun preparing the pool for the opening on Memorial Day weekend. We have also been busy with grass cutting, weed trimming, and picking up trash from the parks and roadways. Trash cans have been placed in all of the parks and at both side entrances; please use them. It saves time and money if we don't have to pick up trash throughout the community. Please help us keep the community clean.

A reminder: the maintenance facility does take electronics, white goods, tires, leaves, and branches. We are located at 3861 Kingsway Drive. The hours are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and starting May 4, we will be open on Saturdays from 7 a.m. until noon.

We hope everyone has a fun and safe Spring and Summer and that you will enjoy all the amenities that the Seasons has to offer.

## LOFS Volunteer Fire Force will hold second annual 'Bucket Brigade 5k' on May 18

In 1969, members of the LOFS Community came together to form the LOFS Volunteer Fire Force. Initially armed with nothing more than burlap sack, shovels, and buckets, they offered fire protection for our growing subdivision and surrounding area. Nicknamed the 'Bucket Brigade', they selflessly volunteered their time to keep their community safe.

This year we celebrate our 50th Anniversary and in honor of our heritage we are presenting our Second Annual Bucket Brigade 5k.

The LOFS Volunteer Fire Dept is raising funds for much needed Fire/EMS equipment and gear.

**Race Date**

May 18, 2019

**Race Location**

Seasons Lakehouse
1048 N Lakeshore Dr
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

**Race Day Times**

• 8 a.m.: Race Day Registration and packet pickup begins

• 9 a.m.: Bucket Brigade 5k Race Start

**Entry Fees**

*Early Registration*

• $25 includes shirt* (13 and over)

• $20 without shirt (13 and over)

• $15 includes shirt* (12 and under)

• $10 without shirt (12 and under)

• 5 and under free (requires parental supervision)

*Race Day Registration*

• $30 includes shirt (while supplies last)

• $25 without shirt

**Early packet pickup**

Friday, May 17 - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
LOFS Fire Station #3500
745 W 275 S, Hebron

**Race Timing**

• Race will be chip timed and results posted at www.thtiming.com

**For Questions**

• Kailey Gernenz - 219-306-9717

• Christine Buczek - 219-789-6015

• Email - 5K@lofsfire.com

## Public Notice for Hearing on:

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

Mark & Gretchen Mercer
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## *Public Safety Department*

*By Craig Philp;*
*Director of Public Safety*

With warmer weather upon us, residents will undoubtedly have projects around the home they want to complete. Some of those projects might even be the addition of new structures around the home or near the lakes. As a reminder, when you change the footprint of a property you need to inform the POA and in some cases the county you live in by obtaining a permit through us and the county you live in. Here are some details for items/structures which need permits through the LOFS POA.

**Sheds**: All sheds are required to be no more than 150 sq. ft. and 9 ft. high. They must be placed 8 ft. in from the sides of the resident's property line. There also must be 25% of property free from the back of the resident's lot.

**Pools**: All pools must be placed 8 ft. from the sides of the resident's property and there must be 25% free property from the back of the resident's lot. Pool fences which are installed are required to be a minimum of 5 ft. high and are to be installed only around the pool itself (can be used as a privacy fence.)

**Fences**: All fences must be a maximum of 4 ft. high and cannot be built as a privacy fence (Exception: Pool Fence.) Fences can go all the way to the property line. Decorative fences may be constructed up to 3 ft. high. Fences built on golf course or lake properties cannot be more that 3 ft. high and must have 25% free property from the back of the resident's lot.

**Outbuildings**: Residents are allowed only one detached outbuilding for each numbered lot. The structure cannot be located forward of the front of the existing dwelling. The structure must also meet the setback requirements (see covenant 3.4 – 3.4.2), and all contiguous lots are considered to be one lot.

**Piers**: All piers are required to be 24 ft. in length and must be 8ft. from the sides of the resident's property line.

**Culverts and Swales**: Before any person or entity shall perform any work on or changes to the culverts, drainage swales, or street/road rights -of way on property owned by the Property Owners Association, they shall be required to obtain a permit. A permit shall be required for any activities which in anyway effect or change the flow of storm water on the property in question whether the same be a change in the size, type, direction or pitch of a culvert or size and configuration of a drainage swale or any other work or improvement which may in any way alter the existing culvert and drainage swale, if any, located on a street or road within Lakes of the Four Seasons.

Some people have questioned in the past if they need a permit to replace their decks attached to the home. In most cases the answer to this is no, but there are some cases where you must. As stated, if you plan on changing the footprint of the structure a permit is required. So, if your intention is to make the deck larger in anyway then a permit is required.

Permits are not required for general upkeep of the home such as replacement of roof shingles. However, if you plan to add/remove wood from the home, such as a sliding door or window, then a permit through your county is necessary. Inspectors from both areas have been known to enter our community and shut down projects when they are not notified.

As always, if you have questions about adding or changing something on the property feel free to contact me and I will do what I can to answer your questions.

## Fire Auxiliary wants to be sure the Fire Department can find you

Spring clean-up has started, so when checking to see that your mailbox is still in place, take a look and be sure your address is easily recognizable from the street.

If there was an emergency, can the fire department easily identify your property? The LOFS Fire Auxiliary is selling reflective address plates. The cost is $15 and orders can be place by calling Jeannie at 219-789-9996. The plates easily attach to your post and can be ordered vertically or horizontally. Support your local fire department and protect your family and home, as well.

## *LOFS Pool*

### Summer at LOFS Pool kicks off on Memorial Day weekend

The Lakes of the Four Seasons pool will be open on Memorial Day weekend beginning on Saturday, May 25, through Monday, May 27, from 12 to 8pm (lap swim from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.).

The pool will open again the following weekend (June 1 and June 2) with the same hours. The pool will begin its regular summer hours on Thursday, June 6. The regular summer hours are as follows:

**Monday--Tuesday--Wednesday--Thursday**
- 8 a.m. to12 p.m. Lap Swim
- 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Open Swim
- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lap/Open Swim

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday**
- 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lap Swim
- 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Open Swim

Don't forget to purchase your family pool pass for $85 at the POA office. Only full-time residents of each household may be placed on a family's season pass. The daily fee for non-season-passholders and guests will be $7 per day. Property owners may also purchase a special guest coupon for $40. These passes are good for 10 swims. Last year's unused guest coupons will not be accepted this summer.

The LOFS pool is once again offering group swim lessons this summer. All children will be taught to swim or helped with their swimming technique by certified lifeguards.

We will keep the instructor-to-child ratio to a minimum to ensure safety, skill learning, and fun. Come to the pool during regular pool hours to sign up your child. Children must be between the ages of 3 and 12. Private swim lessons may be scheduled separately upon request. The cost of group lessons is $50 per child per session (nine 30-minute lessons).
- The first session will be held from June 11 to June 27
- The second session will be held from July 9 to July 25

Lessons will be taught on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. The specific time depends upon the child's skill level. Fridays will be used as make up days in the event of inclement weather.

Be advised that season pass holders can also book the pool for private parties. Call the pool at 219-988-4185 for specific details. We're looking forward to another great summer at LOFS pool!

## Men's Golf Association Junior Golf Scholarships applications now available

The LOFS Men's Golf Association is pleased to announce the 9th annual Golf Scholarship awards for current and previous LOFS junior golf members.

A $1,000 award will be issued to the college or university of their choice for one (1) male and one (1) female who have graduated high school this spring and will be attending said college or university in the fall.

Among the requirements to be met, parents or legal guardians of the applicants must be a current MGA member or LOFS resident in good standing at the time of the application; a minimum of one year of LOFS junior golf participation; and a completed application to verify eligibility with a 500-word essay explaining how the game of golf and its lessons has impacted their life and what it holds for them in the future.

For further information, and to pick up and return the scholarship applications, please visit the LOFS Pro Shop. Entries must be received by June 14, 2019; winners will be notified by July 1, 2019.

## *Fishing Club*

*By Jack Grveles,*
*Fishing Club President*

The next meeting for the LOFS Fishing Club will be on May 14 at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the 19th Hole.

The LOFS Fishing Club will host one tournament this month. It will take place on Saturday, May 11, on Lake Holiday. Sign in at the Lake Holiday boat launch is at 8:30 a.m., start time is 9 a.m. The cost of the tournament is $70 per two-man team.

Anyone needing any information please contact me at lofsfishingclub@gmail.com. Have a great time on the water this year, practice safe boating, and good fishing.

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Businesses, schools and organizations of Lake County can call (219) 853-2420 for resource information.

**A valid Lake County, IN driver's license is required**.

**All Collections are from 9:00 am—2:00 pm**

**JUNE**
Saturday, June 1
Hobart Public Works
340 S. Shelby St., Hobart

Saturday, June 8
Whiting Public Works
1915 Front St., Whiting

**JULY**
Saturday, July 20
Munster Public Works
508 Fisher St., Munster

**AUGUST**
Saturday, August 17
Highland Public Works
8001 Kennedy Ave., Highland

**SEPTEMBER**
Saturday, September 14
Lake County Highway Dept.
18211 Wicker Ave., Lowell

**OCTOBER**
Saturday, October 5
Griffith Public Works
134 S. Colfax St., Griffith

Saturday, October 26**
Hammond Public Works**
601 Conkey St., Hammond
(**Shredding will be available at Hammond collection only with a limit of 4 paper grocery bags per car
9:00 am – 1:00 pm ONLY)

## May 4 Dual Collection: HHW & TIRES (this day only)

**Porter County Expo Center**
**215 E. Division Rd., Valparaiso**

In addition to household hazardous waste, residents can bring tires ***THIS DAY ONLY***. *PLEASE NOTE: Fees may apply to tires dropped off: Up to 20 inches: first four free, $3/tire beyond four; 21 to 25 inches: none free, $5/tire; over 25 inches: none free, $15/tire. Absolutely no electronics or appliances will be collected.*

Porter County
## Household Hazardous Waste Collections

**All Events**
**9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

We sponsor a number of mobile household hazardous waste collection events each year to help Porter County residents responsibly dispose of these unwanted products. There is no permanent location in the county that accepts these products on a regular basis. Residents in Lake & LaPorte Counties have their own collections, sponsored by their solid waste districts.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the average household disposes of one pound of hazardous waste each year. "Household hazardous waste" or "HHW" are unwanted products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients that require special care upon disposal.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collections ONLY

**June 15** Portage High School, 6450 E. Route 6
**July 6** Westchester Intermediate School, 1050 S. 5th St., Chesterton
**July 27** Hebron Middle/High School campus, 509 S. Main St.
**Aug. 3** Portage High School, 6450 E. Route 6
**Oct. 12** Porter County Expo Center, 215 E. Division Rd., Valparaiso

### *Gas Can Exchange*

***The MAY 4 COLLECTION ONLY*** will offer a gas can exchange: old gas cans will be exchanged for new environmentally friendly 2.5-gallon gas cans. Supplies of these cans are limited, and they will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
***Limit one new gas can per vehicle/family.***
Gas cans are compliments of Northwest Indiana Clean Air.

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## Porter County 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collections

### Accepted materials include:

- Aerosol cans
- Alcohol-based lotions
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Ammunition
- Antifreeze
- Auto body filler
- 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
- Fire extinguishers
- Fireworks (consumer)
- Flares
- Flammable liquids
- Floor care products
- Fuel-oil based
- Gasoline
- Gun cleaning solvents
- Helium tanks (small only)
- Kerosene
- Lighter fluid
- Mercury containing products (fluorescent tubes - tape together lightly), CFLs, thermometers, thermostats, switches, etc. -- seal in a bag)
- Metal polish
- Moth balls
- Motor oil
- Nail polish & remover
- Oven cleaners
- Paint brush cleaner with solvent or TSP
- Paint (oil-based or auto only; absolutely no latex paint accepted)
- Paint stripper

- Paint thinner
- Pesticides
- Photographic chemicals
- Poisons
- Primer
- Propane cylinders (small camp stoves only)
- Rust remover
- Septic tank degreasers
- Sharps (syringes) -- place in hard plastic bottles, like detergent bottles
- Smoke detectors
- Solvents
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Thinners
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Weed killer

***IF IN DOUBT, BRING IT OUT!***

***Items NOT accepted include:***

- Asbestos
- Commercial hazardous waste
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Containers larger than 5 gallons
- Controlled medications
- Fireworks (commercial)
- Grill propane cylinders
- Latex paint
- Medical waste other than medicine and sharps
- Radioactive Materials (other than smoke detectors)

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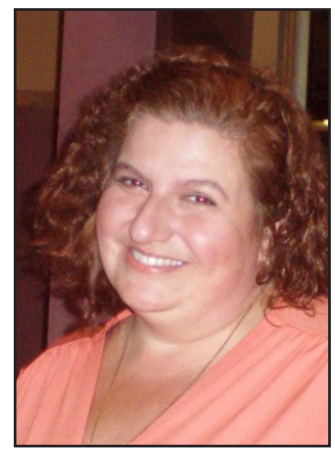
*Obituary ~*

# Eileen Veronica Ryan



Eileen Veronica Ryan of Crown Point, IN passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 2nd at the age of 53. She was preceeded in death by her grandparents George and Eleanor Tkacz and Francis and Florence Ryan. She is survived by her parents Eileen and Larry Ryan, Kelly (sister) and Jason Vandenburgh (brother in-law) and Emma Vandenburgh (niece); Godmother to Alexander Kobus; Fairy Godmother to Lauren and Tyler Mack; Special Aunt to Danica and Barid Jebo; Adventurer Sidekick Gary Pyke; and Rose Marosevic where she shared a friendship bond of Rose obtaining US Citizenship. She was a devoted employee of Methodist Hospital for 37 years where she was heavily involved in the Methodist Hospital Foundation, American Heart Association (20+ years), Methodist Hospital Employee Service Award Banquet MC, Original Member of the Order of Lucielle, Crowned Princess at the Mardi Gras Foundation and Mardi Gras Krew Captain. She was active in GCNWI Girl Scouts SU 321 Leader; Lakes of the Four Seasons Girl Scout Assistant Leader and Liaison; Member of St. Joan of Arc Parish were she was active in Parish Council, Assistant Sacristans, Ladies Tea, Church Picnic, Synod, Market Day, Faith Formation Teacher and Faithful Servant; Treasurer of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Town House Board, The Lakes Of The Four Seasons (LOFS) Historical Society and Banquet Committee Member. Eileen could never say no to any activity request. A Celebration of Life followed Visitation on Friday, April 5th from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point, IN and Saturday, April 6th from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM; Mass followed immediately at St. Joan of Arc Church – Merrillville, IN. Internment at Lowell Memorial Cemetery – Lowell, IN. In Lieu of Flowers please make donations for Emma Vandenburgh's college Fund in care of Michael Dexter, Edward Jones, 420 Merrillville Road Crown Point, IN 46307 (219-663-1234).

# Colonel John Wheeler Dance Team awarded third place in JH AA Pom competition

The Colonel John Wheeler Dance Team was recently awarded third place in JH AA Pom at the IHSDTA State competition in Lafayette, Indiana.

The team is comprised of 12 new dancers and only two returners. The team's scores improved every competition, sometimes by five or more points.

"They showed me by working hard and by training that they could accomplish anything," said Coach Tamara Betz.

The team is comprised of Manager Emily Florence, Nikki Georgiefski, Abigail Wehle, Ashleigh Youngbloom, Ava Trpeski, Grace Tiernan, Hannah Walters, Isabella Torres, Libby Smith, Lydia Bir, Meghan Clark, Milly Olenik, Mya Ryan, Reese Rettig, and Taryn Hurysz.

For more information contact Coach Betz at 219-671-4921.

# Free community lunch served last Saturday of the month at local church

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, located at 99 South County Line Road just east of the Lakes of the Four Seasons entrance, will be holding a free community lunch called 'Feast and Fellowship', with friends, family, and neighbors, on the last Saturday of the months: May 26 and June 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The public is invited.

## *Keenagers*

The Keen-Agers next meeting will be Thursday, May 16, at the Seasons Lakehouse. The bar will open at noon with a delicious luncheon being served at 1 p.m. Entertainment is scheduled for 2 p.m. and will feature Harley Herr, one of their favorites! After a short meeting, adjournment will be around 3 p.m.

The Club is open to anyone 50 and older, regardless of residency. Yearly membership fee is $25 and the monthly luncheon cost is $15, which includes a tip.

With the success of their many fundraisers they get help in financing their fun: going on the Spirit of Chicago boat sailing, Four Winds Casino for a day of shopping and gambling, and every September they go on a Diamond Tour Bus vacation; this year it is Branson, Missouri.

Save the date for the concert on July 18 starring Eaten Alive; the Keen-Agers will be doing the parking detail. Their annual August Auction on the 15th is promising to be bigger and better than before, if that is possible.

Please read The Seasonal for all their latest info and updates, follow them on Facebook, log on the new improved website at www.lofs.org, and check out their ad in the 2019-20 LOFS Phonebook that is available with your paid dues.

Thanks to all the Keen-Agers and the Lakehouse staff for keeping up with the Keen-Agers!

- President, Renate Sahulcik
- Vice-President, Entertainment & Travel Director, Jeanette Stolarz
- Treasurer & Food Director, Pete Maloy
- Secretary, Vileda Maloy
- Caller Director, Bernadette Bailey
- Casino Director, Sue Kalinowski

**Late Fee Notice to All Property Owners**

**You must pay your dues in full or utilize one of the payment plan options by Wednesday, May 1st or you will be charged a late fee of $50.**

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## POA May 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| POA Office open Monday—Friday 9 am to 4 pm | | | 1 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse POA Dues must be paid today to avoid $50 Late Fee | 2 Historical Society Meeting 4:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 9 | 10 | 11 Lake Holiday Fishing Tournament Sign in 8:30 am Start time 9 am |
| 12 Mother's Day Brunch @ Seasons Lakehouse Purchase Your Tickets early | 13 | 14 Fishing Club Mtg. 7 pm downstairs @ 19th Hole Technology Club Meeting 6:30pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 15 | 16 Keen– Agers Luncheon Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse | 17 | 18 |
| 19 House & Garden Club 50th Anniversary Party @ Seasons Lakehouse 11 am—2 pm | 20 POA Public Meeting 7:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 21 | 22 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 23 | 24 | 25 LOFS Pool Open for the Holiday Weekend |
| 26 | 27 Memorial Day POA Office Closed | 28 House & Garden Club Luncheon 11:30 am @ Seasons Lakehouse | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

**ESTATE SALE**
**Tuesday, May 7 thru Saturday, May 11**
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# Geography played a big part in the area's development

*By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society*

Rather than delve into another historical dissertation of the area, we now turn our attention to the geography of the part of Northwest Indiana we reside in.

LOFS is traversed by a continental divide that sends water to both the Atlantic Ocean by way of Lake Michigan, and to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Kankakee and Mississippi Rivers. This feature will be described in a future article.

As LOFS was being developed, the east branch of Stony Run was dammed up to form what is now Lake Holiday, with a nominal elevation of 730 ft. above sea level.

About the same time, Big Bass Lake, elevation of 740 ft., was created, and it drains into Lake Holiday at the causeway on Sunnyslope Drive. (As a matter of reference, the approximate mean elevation of Lake Michigan is 580 ft.).

The Google Earth satellite shows that Stony Run's east branch emanates from a small pond near the golf course's No. 6 tee, east of Happy Valley Drive. However, a larger unnamed tributary to our lakes starts from several other lakes in the area of the Falling Water development, continues through the swampy lowlands on CR 100S near a REMC substation, then meanders south. It also is fed by drainage from several farm fields, and it enters Big Bass Lake on CR W275S, near the house numbered 175 South.

From Lake Holiday's dam, Stony Run's east branch continues southward, joined by treated water from the nearby reclamation plant, ultimately crossing Route 231 near the Lake County Korean Veteran's Memorial.

Near 165th Avenue and Grand Boulevard, a rural area, the east branch meets the middle branch coming from Leroy, and the main branch which starts near 133rd Avenue, south of Crown Point. In turn, Stony Run meets Eagle Creek near 173rd and Randolph Street, forming the Singleton Ditch, which flows southwest and enters the Kankakee River in Illinois, about a mile east of Momence.

The northwest portion of LOFS is drained in the Lake Michigan watershed. Water leaving Walt's Pond, near the 19th Hole, flows into Trouthaven Lake, which in turn feeds a small stream that ultimately helps fill the lake in the DoubleTree Estates complex. Outflow from this lake meanders through a series of man-made ditches, then flows north into Deep River, which meets Turkey Creek at Lake George in Hobart.

Several homeowners in the 1300 block of Brandywine Road may be surprised at the elevations of their properties. Lot L56 is the highest point in Lake County at about 795 ft. above sea level. Similarly, their neighbor's property (Lots P30 or P31), just over the line in Porter County, may have the highest point in LOFS, at a slightly higher elevation.

As another matter of interest, the outflow from Lake Eliza is called the Luddington Ditch (formerly called Wolf Creek), which traverses southeast. After joining several other drainage ditches, the waters move southwest and enter the Kankakee River near the extreme south end of CR S250W, a rural area southeast of Hebron.

We trust that the readers have learned their geography lesson of the day, and no tests or quizzes will be given.

*Additional House & Garden Club photos from Page 1*

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Nicely updated Quad on great golf course lot with many updates and improvements. This 4 bedroom home has plenty of space, with a large living room that opens to the dining room,and a lower level rec room with fireplace and a slider that opens to the patio.Walk outs off 2 levels to fantastic yard and views. The L shaped eat in kitchen with large pantry,features white cabinets w/tile back splash,newer appliances(2018) new plank style flooring & slider to entertainment deck and yard which opens to pond. **$244,892**

Beautifully renovated 5 bedroom split level home. This updated home is ready to move into today. Open concept with cath ceiling in large great room opens to Dining area and Kitchen. The kitchen features a SKYLITE, NEW CABINETS,GRANITE tops, stainless steel sink, w/high rise faucet,tiled back splash, breakfast bar,and more! Large slider opens to great ent. deck overlooking generous fenced yard for all your outdoor fun. Home has New brushed nickel light fixtures and handscraped plank laminate flooring, bathrooms remodeled with ceramic tile, new vanities,sinks,high rise toilets,mirrors and lighting. **$257,885**

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! **$284,900**

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