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## House and Garden Club

By Mary Cavallini

March's meeting was an exercise in teamwork. Club member Liz Garmon, who is famous for her beautiful holiday wreaths, gave each member a baggie containing a few pieces of gauze ribbon and a couple of pipe cleaners.

She and her most able assistant Rita Mistalski then demonstrated how to make bows out of these. Theirs, of course, were perfect, but some of the members' were not so hot. "Don't worry," Liz said, "when we put them all together, they'll be beautiful."

They then took a metal wreath form and went from table to table attaching even the "not so hot" bows to it. And she was right, the end result was beautiful and went home with lucky Glenda Romer. Thank you, Liz and Rita, for not only teaching us a new craft, but reminding us once again that anything is possible if we work together.

Our Daytripper Committee hosted a Game Day on March 23, at the 19th Hole. A lot of friendly competition, along with plentiful platters of pizza and salad, served by

the lovely Alexa, made this a very fun afternoon.

Happily, we will be holding our May 30 meeting at the 19th Hole. The program, Run for the Roses, means some will be wearing their best Kentucky Derby chapeaus, and we'll be offering a \$20 lunch of chicken salad croissants and pasta salad.

Also beginning in May expect to see articles highlighting the oh-so-very-anticipated Yards of the Month. Now if it would just warm up...

For information about how to join us (and we would love to see you) contact Mary Grveles 219-765-1004



(See Additoinal House and Garden photos on Pg. 12)



## House and Garden Club

### House & Garden Club's May Yard of the Month

The Four Seasons House and Garden Club is excited to name the home of Sheree and Ken Japchinski at 4129 Augusta Drive as the first Yard of the Month for 2023.

They have lived in this beautiful home for 26 years but like many residents who love Four Seasons, this is their second home in the community they first moved to in 1980. Ken and Sheree can often be seen walking their three adorable Pugs throughout the neighborhood. Zeke and Zoey welcomed their new fur sibling, Ziggy, last fall. Ken and Sheree are long-time Indiana residents who met while attending classes at Purdue Calumet. They also both worked for U.S. Steel at the same time putting in long days.

Sheree is a Master Gardener from the Class of 2004. She inherited her love of flowers from her grandmother. The beautiful flowers including honeysuckle bring back sweet memories. Sheree shared her skills by being an active member of the Purdue Cooperative Board and Lake County 4 H program.

Ken and Sheree spend a great amount of time on the

numerous gorgeous garden areas. Each season brings more color to a yard of many individual beds. Tulips and daffodils will move over to roses and coral bells. The fenced in backyard includes a water feature and several seating areas. A chandelier hangs over the perfect coffee spot. Lilies and other summer flowers will surround a white iron headboard. The backyard is gated with a white picket to protect the fur babies while they get to enjoy the sunshine. Golfers and visitors are reminded that gates are always closed to protect those precious pugs.

In a far corner of the garden area there is a potting bench that was made by Sheree's father, Larry Hoffman. The beautiful wood cart was created as a special gift shortly before he passed away. Larry and Gail Hoffman were some of the first residents of LOFS

(See Yard of the MonthPg. 11)



### SPEED LIMIT INSIDE LOFS IS 20 MPH

Please adhere to the speed limits throughout the community. The speed limit for all of the roads inside LOFS is 20 miles per hour unless otherwise posted, with the exception for the following roads: North, East and West Lake Shore Drives, Sunnyslope Drive, Kingsway Drive, and Four Seasons Parkway as they are major traffic arteries. These roads have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour.



### 2023 Summer Concert Schedule



June 8 - Head Honchos - Blues

June 15 - Crawlpuddies - Pop Rock

June 22 - NAWTY - Party Rock / Pop

June 29 - The Highway Band - Classic Rock/ Southern Rock

July 6 - Listen Betty - Rock

July 13 - Hessville Star - Classic Rock

July 20 - 28 Days - 70's 80's, 90's, Rock, Pop, Country, Top 40

July 27 - Island 49 - Trop Rock

August 3 - The Unstoppables - Classic American Rock

August 10 - Party Foul - Rock / Country / Pop

August 17 - Barefoot Charlie - Alternative/ Pop / Rock

Friday August 25 - The Steepwater Band - Rock



## Community Manager

### POA Dues

Property Owners were able to begin paying POA dues for 2023 on Wednesday, March 1 with a due date of Monday, May 1. If you have not paid this year's dues, please make arrangements as soon as possible. Dues not paid by May 1 are considered delinquent and there will be a \$50 late fee charged. The Board of Directors approved a motion to deactivate Vehicle Barcodes if the annual assessment was not paid by the May 1 due date.

### 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 and 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 24 and were completed on May 1. Spring branch collections will begin on May 8 and continue until

the final date of May 15 for the Porter County portion of the community.

### Speed Bumps

The POA has been installing the speed bumps throughout the community again. Please keep a lookout for the signs that say "SPEED BUMP AHEAD".

Please use caution when driving over them.

### Illegal Dumping

I am requesting that all residents refrain from dumping leaves, branches, and grass clippings in the POA green-space 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.

### Property Surveys

If you get your property surveyed to find out where your actual property boundaries are, the company performing the survey will install wooden stakes to mark the iron rods that were installed many years ago. Some of those iron rods have been buried or removed through the years and they will install new iron rods.

Once they have completed the survey and located

or reinstalled the iron rods I request that you remove the wooden stakes in a timely fashion. Also, if they give you an updated plat of survey, I would appreciate it if you would bring it to the POA Office so we can make a copy and place it in your lot file.

### POA Board Member Election Process

Voting electronically will be an option this year. The company, Survey and Ballot Systems, will be providing the service for this year's election.

Ballots will be mailed to all property owners of record with an explanation of how to vote electronically.

For those of you that are not able to vote electronically you will still be able to mail in your paper ballot to the company providing the service or you may drop your election ballot inside a locked ballot box that will be located inside the LOFS Seasons Lakehouse.

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## POA Election Committee

### 2023 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:

- Thursday, June 1 – Friday, June 16 - Candidacy petitions will be available at the POA office for residents wishing to be listed on the ballot.
- Monday, June 19 – Friday, July 7 by 4 p.m. – Completed petitions to be turned in at the POA office. The order the ballots are printed, listing the candidates' names, will be determined by a blind draw only if there are more than one person turning in their petitions on the same day to the POA office, and documentation verified as complete and valid.
- Monday, August 7 – Candidates Night issues forum at 7:30 p.m. in the LOFS Seasons Lakehouse ballroom.
- Friday, August 11 – Ballots will be mailed to all property owners of record and electronic voting site will open.
- Tuesday, September 5 – Polls closed; paper and electronic ballots must be received by Survey and Ballot Systems by 5 p.m.. Survey and Ballot Systems will tabulate paper and web ballots and provide results to LOFS election chairperson on Wednesday, September 6.

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- 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 6th 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 6.
- Onsite ballots from the ballot box will be counted beginning at 7 p.m. in the LOFS West Lounge.
- Saturday, October 7 – LOFS POA Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Seasons Lakehouse Ballroom. Newly elected directors will be sworn in.



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- Fats, Oils and Greases (FOG)
- Flushable wipes
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Community Utilities of Indiana Inc.

Anticipated Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Spring 2023

Anticipated Flushing Schedule

9AM - 5PM Daily

Zone 1: 5/8 - 5/10

Zone 2: 5/10 - 5/12

Zone 3: 5/12 - 5/14

Zone 4: 5/14 - 5/16

Zone 5: 5/16 - 5/18

Flushing Programs

During the dates shown to the bottom-left of the map, you will notice Community Utilities of Indiana Inc. personnel flushing water from the hydrants within the respective zones. This allows us to both, exercise the hydrants to ensure proper operation and to remove built up sediment from the distribution main to maintain water quality and clarity.

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Unfortunately, a common byproduct of flushing the distribution mains is rusty-colored water and lower water pressure at your water tap. Although the water is still safe for consumption we recommend that you refrain from using discolored water until it runs clear. If you notice discolored water, we recommend to let your cold tap run for a few minutes, if this does not clear the discoloration wait 10-20 minutes and try again. We recommend avoiding washing clothes until the water is clear.

Flushing Zones

To the bottom-left of the map are approximate locations of our Hydrant Flushing Zones along with their respective flushing dates. The greatest potential for discolored water and lower pressure will be within the zone we are actively flushing and the bordering zones. However, discolored water and lower pressure may also be experienced within other zones, even if the zone has already been flushed. Clearing should occur within a few hours after the flushing activities are complete. We will provide an updated map should the flushing schedule change.

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# Golf Maintenance

By Doug Weiss, Golf Course Maintenance Superintendent

The beginning of the golf season is finally here. I know there are a few days here and there where the weather is nice enough to play, but when May arrives even the cold days don't seem to be

as bad. The Leagues are getting started, the aerification is over for the season, all projects are wrapped up until Fall, and we get into a nice rhythm to the maintenance of the course. I really enjoy the routine of mowing greens

and raking bunkers, every day, cutting tees, approaches, and fairways Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Mowing rough Monday through Friday. Routine might seem boring to a lot of people but when everyone is trained and comfortable with their job the entire season goes smoothly. As far as projects go, the bunker liners are finally installed, and the bunkers are

open for play. This is the first time we have tried to complete the bunker renovation in the winter and of course it was a warm one. We were counting on the ground to be frozen so the heavy equipment could drive on the turf without damaging it. Unfortunately, we had to wait until the ground was dry enough in the Spring to finish spraying the bunker liner. Late Spring or early Summer, the plan is to wid-

en the cart path on hole five from the road to the women's tee. The current cart path is six feet wide; I want to widen it to eight feet. This will allow our equipment to stay on the path while transporting and not tearing up the edges. Also, if an emergency vehicle needs to get to someone on holes five and six, this is the only entrance. I am looking forward to another great golf season. I really am excited for

the more consistent warm weather. Lately, it has been either shorts or Carharts within the same week. There are a few new employees this season and they are going to make mistakes like anyone else starting something new, so please be understanding when you see a mistake, or they do not see you waiting to hit. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

# Keenagers

The Keen-Agers will be having their May meeting on the 18th at the Seasons Lakehouse. The bar opens at noon with lunch being served at 1 p.m.; entertainment is scheduled for 2 p.m.. The theme is INDY 500, so having something racy will get you a prize! The Club is open to anyone 50 and older, regardless of residency. The yearly membership dues are \$30 due every October; Monthly luncheon cost is \$20, which includes the tip. Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings, except for January and September this year, the club

goes to Four Winds Casino in Michigan on May 24, Spirit of Chicago boat buffet and Navy Pier shopping will be sometime in August, Their September Diamond Tour vacation is booked for September 18-22, they are going to Dollywood & Pigeon Forge; it is a Smoky Mountain Show Trip. Their Annual August Auction on the 17th is still being put together, expect lots of surprises this year. Please read the Seasonal for all their info and updates, follow them on Facebook to view all their photos and videos of them making having fun affordable.

Contact Renate at 219-689-3408 or willrenate@yahoo.com to make a reservation to preview or join the club. Thanks to all the Keen-Agers for great teamwork and Michelle Fuscoe and her group for great service and everybody for "Keeping up with the Keen-Agers".

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- Caller Director, Rita Jerome
- Casino/ Caller Helper, Sue Kalinowski
- Photo & Contest Director, Lynda Gustafson

# Lakes Department

By Ryan Grady, Lake Director

**Muskrats** I have received a few calls from residents on the lakes regarding muskrats. If you have a muskrat making holes on your shoreline, the first thing you need to do is make sure your shoreline is properly maintained and "hard armored". What I mean by "hard armored" is a seawall (that is in good shape) or some sort of rock (rip rap rock or good size cobble rock) to keep the muskrats from burrowing holes into your property. If your shoreline isn't in disrepair and you do have an issue with a muskrat, I do have a live trap we can set up to try to remove the muskrat from your property. If that doesn't work the homeowner is responsible for hiring a professional trapper and making the proper repairs to their shoreline, if necessary. Any questions call the Lakes Department at 219-988-4722.

**Big Bass Lake Irrigation Restriction** Last season the Lakes Department noticed an inva-

sive aquatic weed trying to take over Big Bass Lake. This spring, April 11, there was a whole lake treatment done that will eradicate the weed. Along with this treatment is a 45-day irrigation restriction FOR BIG BASS LAKE ONLY. The restriction will be lifted on Friday May 26. **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**

- Lakehouse Docks
- Lakehouse Beach
- Lake Holiday Boat Launch

- Sandy Beach
- Big Bass Beach
- Big Bass Lake Boat Launch off of Sunnyslope Drive
- Four Seasons Parkway Boat Launch on Big Bass Lake
- Public Dock at center of Lake Holiday
- Westhaven Rental Docks
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Local communities are set to receive over \$7.9 million to complete much-needed road projects, according to State Reps. Julie Olthoff (R-Crown Point) and Hal Slager (R-Schererville).

Funding is available through the state's Community Crossings Matching Grant Program, which can be used for road and bridge preservation, road reconstruction, intersection improvements and other items. In total, 224 towns, cities and counties will receive over \$133.4 million in state matching grants.

"These grants help cities, towns and counties fund lo-

cal infrastructure projects through preservation, road construction, intersection improvements, guardrail replacements and signage," Olthoff said. "Indiana is fortunate to be in a fiscal position to continue the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program."

Area grant recipients include:

- Cedar Lake, \$831,600;
- Dyer, \$136,831;
- Gary, \$1 million;
- Highland, \$659,794;
- Hobart, \$1 million;
- Lake Station, \$391,738;
- Lowell, \$445,400;
- Munster, \$597,125;
- Schererville, \$796,359;
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**Wednesday** - \$12 BBQ Chicken Grilled Cheese w/Homemade  
Chips, Drink Special: Truly \$4, \$7 Moscow Mule

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Drink Special- "Ask your Dad." \$9

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By Roy Green,  
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## Camp Lakeside’s inclusive camp registration is now open

Registration for Summer Day Camp at Camp Lakeside, a division of Opportunity Enterprises (OE), is now open. Camp Lakeside’s Summer Day Camp offers school-aged kids of all abilities an experience that’s as unique as every camper.

There are many benefits that come from attending an all-inclusive camp such as OE’s Camp Lakeside. It’s an opportunity for campers to not only further develop individual life skills but to experience team building as well. Overall, it’s a great opportunity for all children to be part of an experience where no barrier exists.

Campers can enjoy up to eight adventure-filled weeks of camp this summer. With our new themes, which include The Great Outdoors, Future Scientist, and Out of

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Join up for an epic summer adventure and register your camper today. Visit our website at [www.camlakeside.org/register](http://www.camlakeside.org/register) to give your child the opportunity to experience all the fun, laughter, and adventures that Camp Lakeside has to offer.

Camp Lakeside is a division of Opportunity Enterprises and is Northwest Indiana’s only camp that’s specifically designed for kids of all ages and abilities. Camp Lakeside is located on Lake Eliza with 158 acres for outdoor activities. Individuals of all ages and abilities come together to experience a uniquely integrated camp.

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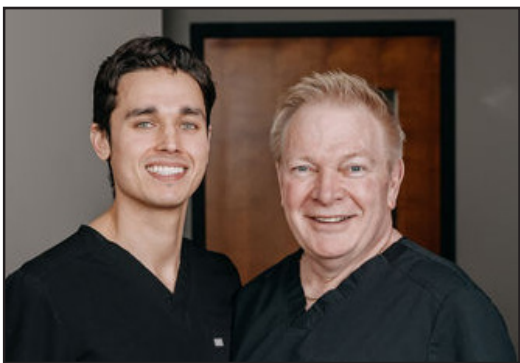


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## Lions Club

By Lion Juan B. Hernández  
**LOFS Lions Donate  
 Another \$10K**

Much like the ancient Roman god Janus, the Lions International logo depicts two faces. Janus was among other things the ancient god of beginnings and duality. While reflecting on past accomplishments, current members voted on a project to look forward to a new be-

ginning, a project to enhance our community.

Residents and visitors take pride in the role that LOFS Lions had in the past in creating Lions Park on Kingsway Drive. Looking forward, the LOFS Lion members voted to support the construction of the proposed LOFS Amphitheater which is part of the LOFS Master Plan. LOFS Lions donated \$10K



last year towards this initiative and the Lions approved another \$10K this year to reach its goal of helping fund the amphitheater. Wishing to leave another footprint that would serve to bring LOFS and greater Winfield Township residents together,

LOFS Lions voted to fund this Long-Term Project.

In the past LOFS Lions donated monies and volunteer work hours that resulted in the creation of Lions Park. Lions continually provide donations to local food banks, women and family shelters, the Indiana School for the Blind, Scholarships and support many local groups. The LOFS Lions feel it is time we supported another large project that would impact the health and wellness of our residents, neighboring Winfield community as well as any visitors who enjoy the

amenities offered in LOFS.

The Lions established the Long-Term Project Committee in 2021 and voted to accept a proposal from members to support the construction of the amphitheater included in the LOFS Master Plan. Thanks to support from an anonymous donor along with volunteer work hours, we Lions were able to make this year's \$10,000 donation. All funds are deposited in an account opened specifically for future construction of the amphitheater, which will become a centerpiece of pride in the hub of our community.

Our motto is "We Serve" and with generous support from our community, that is exactly what we will continue to do. Thanks to your participation in Lions activities, such as our annual Pork Chop Dinner, Steak Fry and Sales, End-of-Summer Bash, Lions Golf Outing we are able to give back to our community. Looking back and looking forward, "We Serve"! We cannot thank you enough for your support in the past and we look forward to your continued support.

### LOFS Lions roared into April

By Lion Yolanda Hernández

April was a busy and fun month for the LOFS Lions. First, we held our Easter Egg Hunt. It was Lion Jennifer Niemeyer's first year chairing the event. She, along with her committee members, Lion Sally Reagor, Lion Lisa Tul and Lion Becky Wright did a fantastic job.

Along with the successful hunt, we also had bubbles, music and a coffee/hot chocolate plus pastries stand. We had three groups of 'hunters' and over 5000 eggs! All eggs had treats and many had winning prizes too. Our very own friendly, cute Easter Bunny was a hit! The line of children and family members taking photos with our bunny was non-stop. The children were adorable and the adults were pretty cute too. While waiting in line for photographs, we played Easter music, such as 'The Easter Parade' and 'Peter Cottontail', which many commented how these songs brought back many happy memories.

Many visitors contributed to the food bank and some had an opportunity to win the grand prize. We Lions want to thank all those who donated items for the food bank.

In April the LOFS Lions started applications due May 1 for four \$1,000 Scholarships to graduating seniors from areas we serve. We also contributed another \$10,000+ check to help build an amphitheater per our LOFS POA Master Plan. This endeavor was selected by LOFS Lions because it impacts positively majority of LOFS residents and our neighboring communities.

The hope is to have concerts and many other events held there. In addition, we hosted our annual Pork Chop Dinner and Steak Sale. Photos will be in next month's Seasonal. Busy, busy, fun, fun month for LOFS LIONS.

Our next fundraiser is our annual Candy for Cancer Day, this year chaired by Lion Juan Hernández. Lions will be posted at all entrances Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.. *Please have your cash ready.* (We'll take checks made out to LOFS Lions with memo for LOFS Lions Cancer Day).

LOFS LIONS are a great group who enjoy helping while having fun too. WE SERVE THE COMMUNITY. Our general meetings are once a month on the second

Wednesday at the Lakehouse plus we try to plan at least one fun event monthly for members and company usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The events are at the Lakehouse or at different locations, depending on the fun activity. We are extremely fortunate that the POA and Lakehouse Restaurant generously allow us to hold our meetings and many of our events at the Lakehouse and/or other locations in LOFS.

Want to join us? All you have to do is ask one of us Lions. We don't bite; we just roar happily, grateful for our wonderful community and surrounding neighborhoods, LOFS LIONS serve LOFS, Winfield Township and West Porter Township!





Golf Services

By Matthew Meneghetti,  
Director of Golf & PGA  
Professional

With the nice weather upon us and everything with our course starting up, like events and leagues, I want to remind the community about USE OF THE GOLF CART PATHS FOR NON-GOLFING PURPOSES. I want to remind all residents that using the golf course cart paths for anything, but a registered and paid for round of golf is prohibited. Specifically, the paved cart path at the front gate that passes around the back of hole #17 is a public path, however carts must exit onto the road once reaching the front gate; continuing travel onto the golf course's

18th hole is not allowed and tickets will be issued for trespassing on the golf course property. Fishing on golf course property is prohibited!

These rules are in place for both safety to residents and for preventing interruptions to golfers. Golf course Marshals and security will be cracking down on those that choose to ignore signs and continue to use the cart paths for running, jogging, biking, dog walking or non-golf traffic with the issuance of fines at any time of day. All in all, I want everyone to be safe.

MAY'S GOLF EVENTS

- May 6 – MGA Get Acquainted Scramble
- May 6 – WGA Get Acquainted Scramble
- May 20 – WGA Devil's Open
- May 27 – MGA Member/Member
- May 30 – Happy Faces Golf Outing (Private)

LEAGUES

- Monday Night Ladies – starts May 8
- Men's Tuesday Night League – starts May 9
- Senior Men's – starts May 10
- Couples – starts May 10
- WGA Ladies League – starts May 11

BOOST GOLF ACADEMY

- Ladies – starts week of May 15
- Juniors – starts week of May 15
- Bootcamp is Sunday May 21

For more information, please call the golf shop 219-988-2201.

Inside the Gates with the Security Department

HELLO MAY.... We have made it through a rough period of the 4 seasons with in the last couple of weeks! Your favorite Security Team just wants you to know that we value your thoughts and opinions. We are here to help secure the community and keep things as safe as possible. Continue to help us, help you.

By now everyone should have their dues taken care of. Just a reminder that the 2022 golf cart stickers expired as of April 1st; all old golf cart stickers should be removed from the cart. The blue and white stickers should be the only ones placed on the cart.

You must be 16 years of age or older with a current driver license to operate any

vehicle and golf cart. If you are caught operating any golf cart or vehicle without one you will receive a citation.

Residents, you, and your guests need to obey the speed limit and stop signs. Every day we witness vehicles speeding through the gates and throughout the community. We get many calls and complaints from residents about other residents and their guests recklessly driving and speeding. The one thing we don't want is a fatal accident because some people can't follow the speed limit that's posted. We want everyone to get home the same way they left.

As you enter in any of the automated gates, you are supposed to stop and let the

car in front of you enter first, let the gate come down, then you proceed. We are witnessing some residents being impatient and speeding past the barcode reader, sometimes the reader will scan and other times it won't. Patience is a virtue. Also, you are not allowed to let non-stickered vehicles in the gate with your barcode. If you are caught letting someone in, you will receive a ticket in the mail.

As beautiful as you all are trying to make the community look, you are not allowed to put flower planters on the berm. From the ditch to the road is POA property. You are responsible for the upkeep of that area, but you are not allowed to put planters or any décor in those areas.

Become an LOFS Dog Park Member

If you are a dog owner and haven't considered becoming a member of the LOFS Dog Park, please stop by or call the POA office at 219-988-2581 and inquire. LOFS Dog Park fees are \$70 per lot.

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MAY

Saturday, May 20  
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JUNE

Saturday, June 3  
Hudson Campbell Center  
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JULY

Saturday, July 29  
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AUGUST

Saturday, August 19  
Whiting Public Works  
1915 Front St., Whiting

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 9\*\*  
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Saturday, September 23\*\*

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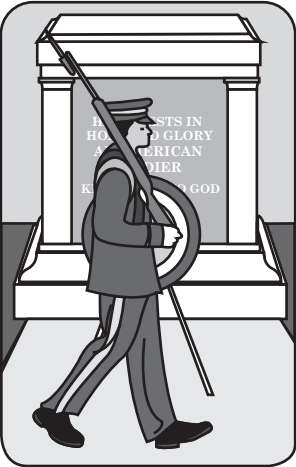
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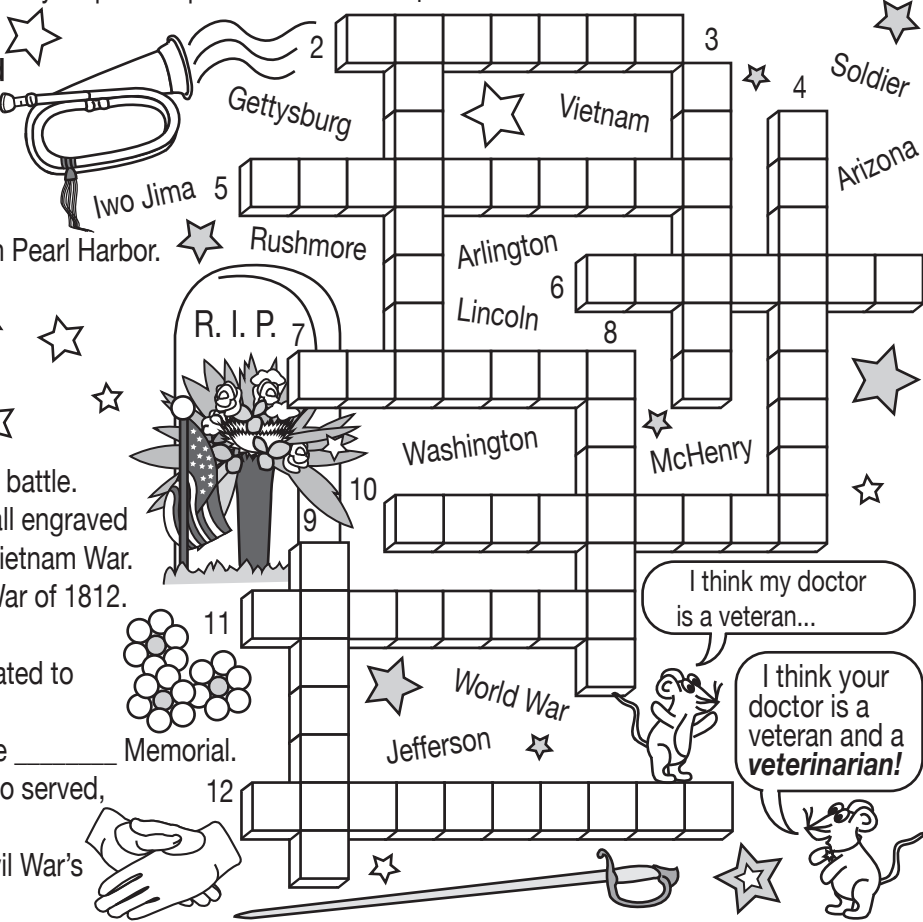
## Remember On Memorial Day



Memorial Day is a day to remember. We especially want to remember and honor people who have served and died in service to our country. Across our country we build, name or do things to honor people we want to remember. These memorials can be anything from a prayer service to a bridge! They help to keep memories alive. 1 They let us cherish our freedom.

Fill in the puzzle with the names of things and places that honor our leaders and war heroes:

1. Mount \_\_\_\_\_ in South Dakota has the faces of four presidents carved on a granite cliff.
2. The USS \_\_\_\_\_ (Hawaii) is a floating memorial where the ship was sunk in Pearl Harbor.
3. A beautiful marble building in Washington, D.C. with a statue of our 16th president seated inside is called the \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial.
4. Many U.S. heroes are buried in the \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery in Virginia.
5. This four-sided pillar in Washington D.C. is 555 feet high. It honors our country's first president and is called the \_\_\_\_\_ Monument.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ Statue shows Marines raising the U.S. flag after a World War II battle.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ Veterans Memorial in our nation's capital is a black-granite wall engraved with the names of service men and women who died or are missing in the Vietnam War.
8. Fort \_\_\_\_\_ in Maryland defended our country against the British in the War of 1812. The battle moved Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."
9. The Tomb of the Unknown \_\_\_\_\_ in Arlington National Cemetery is dedicated to Americans killed in our wars, but whose bodies could not be identified.
10. This circular building in D.C. with a statue of our third president is called the \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial.
11. Dedicated in 2004, the \_\_\_\_\_ II Memorial in Washington honors those who served, the 400,000 who died, and those who supported our nation in that war.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ National Military Park marks a terrible battle that marked the Civil War's turning point. Abraham Lincoln made a famous famous speech here.



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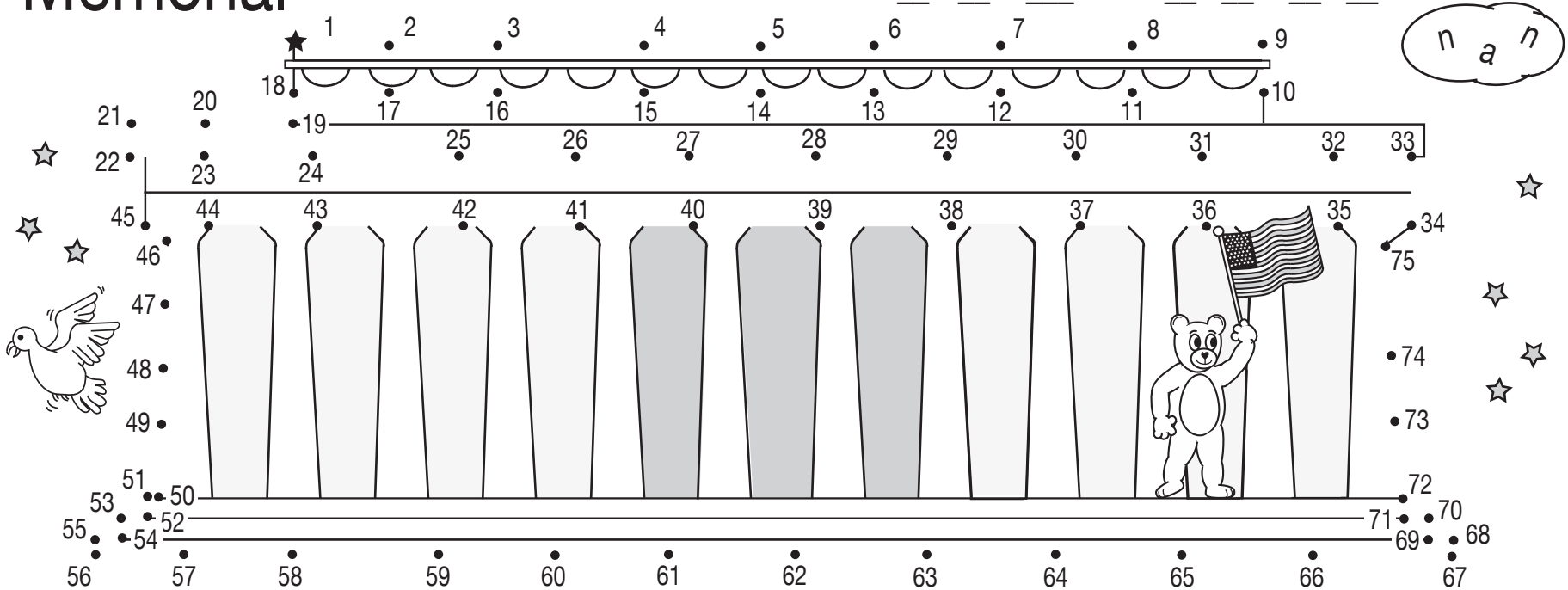
I think my doctor is a veteran...

I think your doctor is a veteran and a veterinarian!

## A Famous Memorial

The memorial below is in Washington, D.C. It was built to honor a special president. Follow the numbered dots to see it. Look at clue # 3 above to see its name.

Which president has a statue that honors him inside this building?



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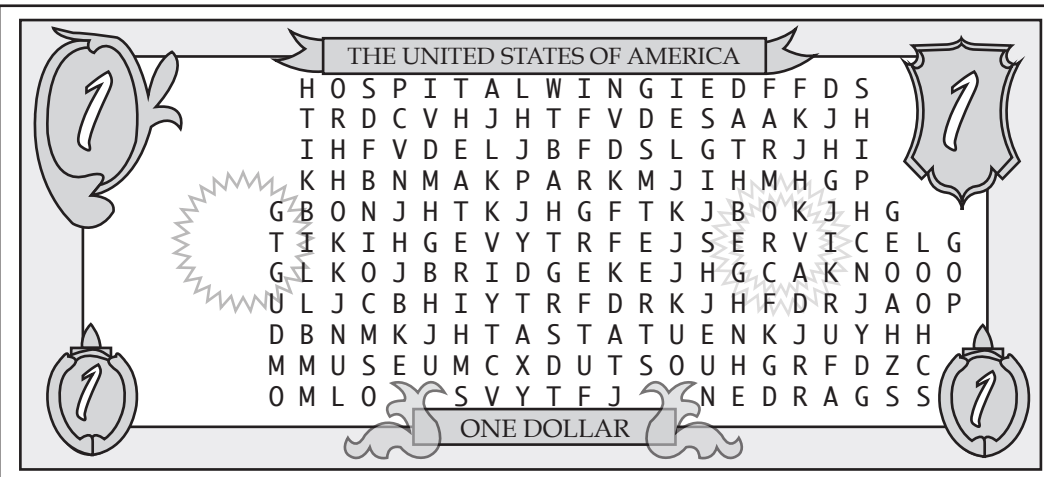
## A Folding Memorial

On Memorial Day weekend, I will be in a "flyover" at the town parade. The parade is ending at a War Memorial in the town center.

This puzzle about memorials shows a "folding memorial" that we carry with us! It has a picture of a great leader on it.

Find and circle these things we use or name to remember special people:

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| museum        | service | farm |



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Obituary ~ Donald E. Ellingsen

Donald E. Ellingsen, age 65, of Crown Point, IN, passed away on Thursday, March 30, 2023. Don is survived by his wife of 45 years, Theresa Ellingsen (nee Foresman); 5 children: Chris, Kathy (Josh), Wendy, Steve (Bree) and Courtney (Brandon); 4 grandchildren: Cole, Porter, Maggie and Junior; mother, Dolores; siblings: Bob, Nancy, Janet (Jerry), Cheryl (Bob) and Dave (Melissa). Don was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Robert Ellingsen. Don was raised in Highland, IN and was a graduate of Bishop Noll High School. He was a carpenter and could fix anything. Don built the house he

raised his kids in. He was an extremely generous and selfless person who put everyone before himself. Don's greatest joy in life was his family. He enjoyed playing basketball with his grandsons, fishing, watching sports and being close to the water. Don loved being a "Pa", Dad, brother, uncle, husband and son. He loved with his entire heart and will be missed more than words can express. His children and grandchildren will carry on his legacy. Friends were able to visit with the family on Sunday, April 2, 2023 at Geisen Funeral, Cremation & Reception Centre, 606 E. 113th Ave., Crown Point.



Funeral Services were on Monday, April 3, 2023 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 E. 109th Ave. Crown Point, IN 46307. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given in Don's name to Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Crown Point, IN. Visit Don's online guestbook at [www.GeisenFuneralHome.com](http://www.GeisenFuneralHome.com) or call 219-663-2500.

New admission fee to the Gabis Railway Garden for non-members beginning May 5

The Railway Garden has and continues to be an important attraction at the Gabis Arboretum. Not only do the model trains delight all ages, but the garden design is one-of-a-kind. We have been fortunate enough to include admission to the Railway Garden with the gate fee or Annual Membership since opening the garden in 2010, but the fact is that we are not immune to the evolving economic climate. Beginning May 5, we will be charging a \$3 per-person admission fee for the Railway

Garden for non-members. Non-members will also be subject to the \$10 gate admission fee per carload. The Railway Garden admission fee will only be charged on days that the model trains are running including Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May through October. Admission fees will be collected at the Depot. If visiting the Railway Garden during these times, the admission fee for the Railway Garden is as follows:  
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Crown Point Athletics accepting registration for 16" summer softball league

The Crown Point Athletics Division is accepting registration for its 16-inch Summer Softball League. The new men's league begins Monday, May 15, and goes eight weeks. All games are doubleheaders and played on Monday nights on Fields 1, 2 and 3 at the Crown Point Sportsplex, located at 1313

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(House and Garden from Pg. 1)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POA Office Hours Monday - Friday 9 am to 4 pm.	1  POA Dues Must Be Paid by 4 PM Today or \$50 Late Fee	2  POA Office Reopens to Public	3  Lions Meeting 6:30pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	4	5	6  Fishing Tournament On Big Bass Lake 6am—1:30pm
7  Lakehouse Closed for Private event	8  Branch Collections Begin on Porter County Portion of Community	9  Fishing Club Meeting 7 PM Downstairs @ 19th Hole	10  Lions Meeting 6:30pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	11	12	13  Crappie Tournament On Lake Holiday 7am—Noon
14  Mother's Day Brunch @ Seasons Lakehouse	15  Branch Collections end on Porter County Portion of Community	16	17	18  Keen- Agers Luncheon Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse	19	20  Fishing Tournament On Big Bass Lake 6am—1:30pm Lakehouse Closed for Private event
21  Brunch 10am-1pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	22  POA Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	23	24  Lions Meeting 6:30pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	25	26	27
28  Brunch 10am-1pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	29  Memorial Day POA Office Closed	30  H&G Club Luncheon 11:30 am @ 19th Hole Blood Drive 12:30—6:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	31			



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# Some trivial items about local people and places are historic

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society (Part 1 of 2)



If we use our imaginations, trivial items may be considered a part of history, so to speak. With that in mind, a review of the book The Indiana Book Of Trivia, by Fred Cavinder, published in 2007, might be of local interest. The book has about 1250 entries, and it has such categories as Agriculture, People, Education, Industry, Events, Government and Politics, Sports, Places, and Nature. Included in this article are some of the more unusual items of local interest and are mostly presented verbatim from the book.

Did you know that Solon

Robinson, whose support of settlers in Lake County led to the founding of Crown Point, became a nationally known speaker, promoting improved agricultural conditions? In 1853, he became agricultural editor of the New York Times. Also, early Lake County settlers, fearing they would lose their land when it was officially sold by the government, formed a squatter's union in 1836 and successfully intimidated bidders at a land auction by brandishing knives and rifles.

In the 1920s, when Cedar Lake was a resort area luring Chicago gangsters, tourists, and the socially prominent, it was fringed by 42 hotels. None of them survived into the Twenty First century. In

1920, when East Chicago and Indiana Harbor had a population of mostly single men or married men without their families, the area had 110 saloons. When the G. H. Hammond Company, a Hammond packinghouse, burned in October, 1901, covered in the \$500,000 in damages were 4,500 freshly slaughtered pigs. The business did not reopen.

In the mid-1940s, the Valparaiso University basketball squad was billed as the World's Tallest Team; several players were six feet, nine inches tall, a rarity in those days. One of the early members of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team was Opal "Shag" Courtney, a graduate of Roosevelt High

School in East Chicago. Lowell High School in Lake County lost 62 basketball games in a row from 1951 to 1954. The first African American NFL player to start at quarterback was George Taliaferro of Roosevelt High school, East Chicago. He played six years as a professional.

Harriet Colfax, cousin of Vice President Schuyler Colfax, was the keeper of the lighthouse in Michigan City for 43 years, retiring in 1904 at the age of 80. Orville Redenbacher, the Indiana popcorn king, played sousaphone in the Purdue University marching band from 1924 to 1926. The Polish Cavalcade of Music on station WJOB-AM in

Hammond started in 1929, broadcasting on Sundays for 70 years. The show was started by Eddie Oskierko, who was joined in 1952 by Walter Skibinski (father of LOFS resident Darlene Marchina).

The Smith Brothers operated a cough drop company in Michigan City from 1919 to 1945, one of their sites in this country. By 1908, or 56 years after incorporation, the Haskell-Barker car company in Michigan City was building 15,000 railroad cars a year. It merged with the Pullman company in 1922. Kingsford Heights near LaPorte was created during World War II to house workers for the adjacent Kingsbury Ordnance Plant, which had 20,000 employees.

Alvah Roebuck answered a newspaper employment ad while working as a watchmaker in Hammond. The ad was placed by Richard Sears in Chicago, and a famous merchandising partnership was created when Roebuck got the job.

William Bercik, his wife Mary, and their son Robert all served as mayor of Whiting. Mary, elected in 1960, was the first female to be elected mayor in Indiana. In 1967, Richard Hatcher of Gary and Carl Stokes of Cleveland became the first African-American mayors of major northern cities.

Part 2 of this subject will contain more little tidbits of local trivia. Stay tuned!

(House and Garden photos from Pg. 1)



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