

Easter Brunch at the Seasons Lakehouse a big success

The 2018 Easter Brunch at the LOFS Seasons Lakehouse went well into the afternoon, and guests say it was a huge success. The simple things of adding fresh flowers in yellow creating a beautiful backdrop along with freshly made food that was displayed elegantly on the buffet tables all added up to a beautiful Easter atmosphere.

With over 200 guests, the POA Board of Directors gives credit to the new manager, Ramiro Jimenez of the Seasons Lakehouse for making his first Easter Brunch such a huge success. Many residents and guests will remember and look forward to



next year's event.

When asked about the Easter brunch, Ramiro replied, "people were surprised

on how much we had to offer; the number of selections and sides, and the beautifully decorated tables and food

displays. I think everyone wanted to eat in the banquet room."

According to Ramiro

they will be kicking it up for Mother's Day with an amazing food buffet and decorations! Please make your res-

ervations early. See inside on page 9 for the Season's Lakehouse Mother's Day Brunch advertisement.

House & Garden

Oh what a beautiful morning! The Four Seasons House and Garden Club gathered Tuesday, March 27, at the Seasons Lakehouse, where they feasted on a delicious Seasons Lakehouse lunch at tables decorated for Easter by JoEllen Simoni. Mary Grveles filled the room with spring flowers including lilies, hyacinths, daffodils and tulips.

Ray Bryan and floral designer Brenda Turner spoke to the group and offered tips on how to plant, grow, and care for Easter flowers. Mr. Bryan opened his first floral shop in Gary 50 years ago. The business grew to seven

locations and today they now have three shops; the original store, Merrillville, and Crown Point.

Tips included always wearing gloves when handling bulbs; fresh lily petals kept in a jar of red wine in the refrigerator are said to have both healing and astringent properties; when the blooms on daffodils, lilies, tulips and hyacinths die, don't cut back the foliage because that's what feeds the bulbs - just let the plants go dormant. Lilies are pretty hardy and, if planted outside after the first flowers die, may even bloom again in the same season. To keep your bouquets of tulips

fresh, drop a couple of copper pennies into the vase of water.

June Hardy won the 50-50 raffle and several lucky ladies went home with centerpieces as well as a beautiful Easter Lily donated by Bryan's. The club voted on a new logo, which we hope to debut on these pages very soon.

Meetings are at noon, on the last Tuesday of the month, at the Seasons Lakehouse. Annual dues are \$20. We would love to have you join us. For information call President Nancy Beck at 219-789-5974 or Treasurer Beverly Bashia at 219-988-2773.

See photos Pg. 9

Support our men and women 'in Blue' by buying, displaying blue light bulbs

Beginning about May 1, Nancy Mattel and others including the LOFS Girl Scout troop 35135, will be selling blue light bulbs donated by Kankakee Valley REMC for \$3 each.

The sales will raise money for the Lakes of the Four Seasons Public Safety Department (formerly the Security Department) to say "thank you for keeping us safe".

You will be able to find these bulbs at the Seasons Lakehouse after May 1 on Fridays and Saturdays from 5

p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Winfield Trustee's office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Monday to Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Farmers Market when it starts, and Nancy Mattel's own home. Just contact her at nmattel2@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Look for posters and flyers as the program gets started. Says Mattel, "My dream is to make LOFS a sea of blue lights in outside fixtures shining as a show of support for those who serve and protect.

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POA Community Manager

Property Owners were able to begin paying POA dues for 2018 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 barcodes after May 1 in accord with LOFS By-Laws.**

Maintenance Crews

It's that time of the year again for mowing, trimming and other maintenance throughout the community for the Golf Maintenance and Operations 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 30th and will be completed on May 7th. Spring branch collections will begin on May 14th and continue until the final date of May 21st 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 7 with Overdue; they play Today's Party Rock. There will be 13 concerts this year. The first 12 will continue to take place on Thursday evening's beginning at 7 p.m. The 13th and final concert will take place on Friday, August 31, 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 or on vacant lots.



Rick Cleveland

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.

Master Plan Questionnaire

In April all of you should have received a post card from the POA with information about the Master Plan survey and where to go online to answer the questionnaire. If you did not receive one, please go online to:

www.tinyurl.com/LOFS-CommunitySurvey

You may also pick up a hard copy of the questionnaire at the POA Office.

We would like to receive your input so please take the time to complete the questionnaire.

Primary Election

POA Office will be closed Tuesday, May 8 for the Primary Election. POA building will be used as a polling center.

Keenagers

The Keen-Agers will have their May meeting on the 17th 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., 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, Monthly luncheon cost is \$15, which

includes a tip.

Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings, except for January, the Club enjoys day trips, new ones are being planned, casino gambling and shopping at Four Winds, and a September Diamond Tour bus vacation; this year it is Nashville and a few seats are still available.

With the success of their 12 fundraisers, they help with financing all their fun. The Keenagers will be help-

ing with the concert parking on August 9, come see the Crawpuppies. Annual August Auction is in the works and promises to be the biggest and best ever!

Please call Renate for club information or to make a future reservation at 219-689-3408 or e-mail her at willrenate@yahoo.com. Read The Seasonal for all their latest info and updates; including details about the new website. Check out their ad in the LOFS phonebook.

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

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Public Safety Department

By Craig Philp, Public Safety Director

Mailbox Infractions

This past month, officers from this department have been out inspecting the Lake County side for missing, faded, damaged, or hidden address numbers on homes and mailboxes.

This inspection included the enforcement of the LOFS mailbox Resolution that was adopted in 2004. The Resolution states that mailboxes are to be in good repair having no dents, excessive rust, chipped paint, and that the box door appeared to be operable or in some we are finding still attached. Mailbox stands need to be in good condition, vertical and free of chipped paint, rust,

and dents.

This resolution also follows the guidelines of the Postal Operations manual 632.522 which states in short: *“When box numbers are used on curbside mailboxes, the numbers must be inscribed in contrasting color in neat letters and numerals not less than 1 inch high on the side of the box visible to the carrier’s regular approach, or on the door if boxes are grouped.”*

We have noticed while doing these inspections the coloring of the address numbers were not contrasting to the color of the home. This makes it in some cases almost impossible to see the numbers from the roadway. We all know how dark our

roads are inside the community and if a medical / fire crew, or local PD had to respond for one reason or another, the last thing we want is for them to have to search or pass up your home.

They also located homes that have trash cans visible from the roadways or parks. Please remember, all outdoor receptacles for ashes, trash, rubbish, or garbage shall be placed and kept as not to be visible from any street, lake, or golf course within the community except during times of collections. This follows the Resolution 0327-95, which was adopted in 1995.

In total, we found just fewer than 300 homes that are considered to be in violation of the above posted rules and that is just on the Lake County side of the community. By the time you read this, I am hoping that we will have completed the Porter County inspections and all letters will have been mailed out.

Golf Cart Safety Reminder

We are still finding kids who are unlicensed driving golf carts on the streets. Remember, any person operating a motor vehicle, including an automobile, motorcycle, boat, golf cart, or any other type of motorized conveyance must have a valid state driver’s license.

Officers have and will continue to stop any golf cart that has someone driving who appears to be underage or unlicensed. Please remember that this is not meant to be an inconvenience to you or your guests. Officers will also stop any golf cart that appears to not have an affixed “Private Cart Registration Decal” or “Non-Course Use Decal.”

While carts may be allowed to drive on the grass when being used on the golf course; they are not allowed to be driven in certain areas of the community; this would include Lion’s Park, the soccer fields, baseball fields,

beaches (other than to park on grass), or driving range.

If the golf cart is driven after dark they must have affixed a minimum of two (2) headlamps, and at minimum one taillight, and all lights must remain on at all times when the vehicle is in motion.

Please also understand that

should an officer see someone standing on the back of the golf cart, you will be stopped and that person will need to walk to your destination. Again, safety is the utmost importance when traveling the streets. Proper use of hand signals and driving etiquette should be used at all times.

Year-round camping reservations, spring discounts available at all Indiana state parks

Indiana State Parks is now offering advance campsite reservations.

Camping has always been available year-round at state parks. But in the past, campers could not reserve a site in advance between November and April. Sites were available only by registering on-site the day of camping, and they were administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

A handful of sites at every state park where camping

is offered will be available year-round for reservations on www.Camp.IN.gov or by calling 1-866-622-6746. For those who like to plan ahead, the ability to make year-round reservations is a convenient option.

The maximum booking window of six months prior to arrival still applies.

For more spontaneous campers, many sites will remain available from November through April on

a first-come, first-served basis for the day of arrival.

Also, an offer from Indiana State Parks will make week-night camping more affordable this spring. Those who book a new campsite reservation for one or more consecutive weeknights (Sundays through Wednesdays) with an arrival date through May 23, will receive 25% off of their reserved weeknights at the time of booking.

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Where 'Mother's Day' came from and what it means to me

By Junior Reporter of the LOFS Seasonal, Emma Veronica Vandenburg



On May 13, Mother's Day at our house will consist of waking up, giving Mom presents that I made and those Dad bought, and then going out to eat; oh and laundry, dinner, and getting ready for school week.

My mom is one of the best people I know and to her Mother's Day is not about having a "break" from me but spending the day with me

Porter Township announces half-day preschool program

Porter Lakes Elementary has announced a half-day preschool program for four-year-olds, beginning in August, for the 2018-19 school year. Students must be four years old by August 1, 2018 to be eligible.

This program will be taught by a fully licensed teacher. Instruction and curriculum will be based on the Indiana Early Learning Foundations. The sessions offered will be:

• 5 day (M, T, W, Th, F)

Morning 8:45 – 11:15

(I mean, just look at me, I'm adorable, fun-loving, and an up-and-coming journalist! And it's *my* article!)

But, seriously have you ever wondered how we started honoring Mom on the second Sunday of May each year? Well, after wandering through the Internet I discovered on the History Channel and the American encyclopedia sites there was a mother who hoped and prayed that one day all mothers would be honored.

In the 1800s, Ann Reeves Jarvis was a social activist and founder of Mother's Day

the above sessions have been filled a waiting list will be started.

• 5 day (M, T, W, Th, F)

Afternoon 12:15 – 2:45

• 3 day (M, W, F) Morning

8:45 – 11:15

• 3 day (M, W, F) Afternoon

12:15 – 2:45

The cost of the program will be:

• 5 day per week - \$15 per day for 180 days

• 3 day per week - \$15 per day for 105 days

A \$60 registration and supply fee will be due with a completed application. There is limited space. Once

Work Clubs. She was very active within the Andrews Methodist Church community. During one of her Sunday school lessons in 1876, she closed her lesson with a prayer stating, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life. She is entitled to it."

This inspired her daughter, Anna Reeves Jarvis. According to the History Channel, three years after her mother's death, Anna

The non-refundable registration and supply fee will be due with a completed application. For an application, go to the Pre-School link at the district's homepage at <http://ple.ptsc.k12.in.us>.

Note that all times, fees, and general components of this program are subject to School Board approval at the April 12 school board meeting.

Jarvis held a memorial ceremony on May 10, 1908. She handed out 500 white carnations to honor her mother and all mothers at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church.

She explained her choice of the carnation: "It's whiteness is to symbolize the truth, purity, and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, (Choosing

this flower.) I was remembering my mother's bed of white pinks."

The celebration marked the first official observance of Mother's Day. In 1914 Mother's Day became an official U.S. Holiday honoring motherhood. Today the Grafton, West Virginia, church is the site of the International Mother's Day Shrine. The shrine has been a designated National Historic Landmark since October 5,

1992.

"Mom, thank you for your unconditional love, and support and for never giving up on me. Thank you for all the hours you put in for 'uber-ing' my friends and me around. Thank you for all the time you give to me and other people in need. I'll do my best and one day I'll make you and dad proud. I promise!"

Love, Your Daughter and Jr Reporter of the LOFS Seasonal,

Emma Veronica Vandenburg

LOFS Pool

Summer 2018 at the LOFS Pool

The Lakes of the Four Seasons pool will be open on Memorial Day weekend beginning on Saturday, May 26, through Monday, May 28, from 12 to 8 p.m. (lap swim from 8 a.m. to noon). The pool will begin its regular summer hours on Thursday May 31, 2018. The regular summer hours are as follows:

Monday--Tuesday--

Wednesday--Thursday

8:00am -12:00pm Lap Swim
12:00pm -8:00pm Open Swim

7:00pm-8:00pm Lap/Open Swim

Friday-Saturday-Sunday

8:00am -12:00pm Lap Swim
12:00pm -8:00pm Open Swim

Don't forget to purchase

your family pool pass for \$75 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-pass holders and guests will be \$5 per day. Property owners may also purchase a special guest coupon for \$30. These passes are good for 10 swims, a 40% savings off the regular guest fee! Last years unused guest coupon will be accepted throughout this summer.

The LOFS pool is once again offering 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. Adult, Private, or Special Need swim lessons may be scheduled separately upon request. The cost is \$45 for each child per session.

• The first session will be held from June 12 to June 28

• The second session will be held from July 10 to July 26

Lessons will be taught on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during the week between 10 a.m. and 11:30 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!

Permits required for building, installing structures

If you are planning on building or installing any above ground structure on your property, you must obtain a permit from the POA office. If you have any questions about having a structure built or installed on your property, please call the POA office at 219-988-2581.

As stated under 3.1.2. in

the Restrictive Covenants: *No dwelling house, storage shed, tennis court, dog pen or run, outbuilding, swimming pool, or other above ground structure shall be constructed, placed, or altered on any numbered lot in the Subdivision nor shall any boat lift, pier, float, or similar structure be placed entirely or partly with-*

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POA Election Committee

2018 POA Board Election Schedule

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

- Friday, June 1 – Friday, June 22 - Candidacy petitions will be available at the POA office for all residents

wishing to be listed on the ballot.

- Monday, June 25 – Friday, July 6 – 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 peti-

tions on the same day to the POA office, and documentation verified as complete and valid. If more validated signatures are required; the prospective candidates have until July 13 to turn in the Candidacy Petitions.

- Monday, August 6 – Candidates Night issues forum at 7:30 p.m. in the LOFS Seasons Lakehouse ballroom.
- Friday, August 10 – Ballots will be mailed to all property owners of record.
- Wednesday, September 12 – Polls closed; ballots must

be received by 9:00 a.m. at the Crown Point Post Office box. Ballots will be counted beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the LOFS West Lounge.

- Property Owners have the option to mail in their election ballots or drop them 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 12 by noon. The election chair-

person will be the only person that can unlock the box to retrieve ballots the day of verification and counting on September 12.

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



Porter Lakes Elementary School honors its Students of the Month

Porter Lakes Elementary School recently congratulated their March Students of the Month. Each classroom teacher selected a student who exhibits the qualities and characteristics that are a good example to others. Each student was invited to a cinnamon roll and milk breakfast sponsored by our PTO and received a PLE Student of the Month wrist band. Pictured are, first row: Grace Egolf, Jaxson Miller, Kairi Ho, Olivia Pejowski, Christina Tsahas, and Noah Valenzuela; second row: AJ Summers, Kenadie Borys, Ella Labas, Emmy Ramirez, and Case Epler; and back row: Audrey Wellestat, Bradley Aguayo, Emma Sharp, Brooklyn Gluth, and Lily Pagel. (Not pictured: Macy Reitz)

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The LOFS WGA is Looking for any unwanted items/donations for their upcoming Garage Sale! PLEASE CALL or TEXT: Lori DuPratt 330-714-2042 for details

Garage Sale Event to be held during the "Town of Winfield's Garage Sale" held on Friday, June 22 ONLY! From 8 AM – 6 PM At Big Bass Beach Come on out to support the LOFS Women's Golf Association!

Janet Allen Legacy Golf Outing to be held Saturday, June 2

Cosponsored by the LOFS WGA and the Janet Allen Legacy Foundation and benefiting our Junior Golf Scholarship Fund, we will again be having a charity golf outing honoring Janet Allen's legacy to the LOFS golfing community.

Her dedication to the successes of women's golf and our community over the years will never be forgotten. Being a lifelong educator, we felt it fitting to have the charitable proceeds benefit

our Junior Golf Scholarship Fund, as they continue their educational pursuits. Many of our children (including her two sons) have not only experienced the joy of learning a new sport but, gained valuable life lessons such as building character, playing by the rules and fair play.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be award by the LOFS WGA to one of our former Junior Golfers. It is our intent to conduct this charitable outing on an annual basis,

awarding a scholarship every year. Just one more reason to participate in our Junior Golf Program.

Sign-ups will be taken at the Pro Shop, with checks made payable to the Janet Allen Legacy Foundation at the time of registration. Golf questions may be referred to Paul Boris, Golf General Manager at 219-988-2201. Event questions may be referred to Dave Allen at 219-765-5425.

Origins of the names of local communities (Part 2)

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society



Last month's article described the origin of the names of several local cities and towns, and additional communities are now added.

There are conflicting reports as to the origin of Boone Grove's name. One source reveals that the town originated as the Ben Grove Post Office in 1843, named after Benjamin Barnard. Another source said the town, also once called Baltimore, was named for a Boone family. However, a search of early censuses did not reveal the names of Boone or Bernard. An 1876 plat-map shows a church and the Boone Grove Post Office located northeast of the present location, near at what is now the southwest corner of Roads 450S and 200W. The town and the post office were moved over a mile to the present location in 1881 to be near the Chicago & Erie Railroad being built. So, the origin remains unclear.

Lake Eliza, a small residential community in Porter

Township, was originally called Fish Lake, but changed to Lake Eliza in 1841. Just who Eliza was also remains a mystery.

Hobart was platted in 1849 by George Earle, an English immigrant who bought land for settlement from the Indians. He built a dam on Deep River, creating Lake George. He named the settlement that developed into Hobart after his brother Fredrick Hobart Earle, who remained in England and never did set foot in this country.

The town of Munster was named for Jacob Monster, (anglicized to Munster), a Dutch immigrant, who opened up a general store in 1870 near to what now is Ridge Road.

The city of Whiting was not named for some official of Standard Oil, but instead for an obscure railroad conductor, Herbert Whiting, who was involved in a train wreck at a place later called Whiting's Siding. At this site, a small town grew, had a station, and the place was called Whiting's Station, and ultimately Whiting, incorporated in 1889.

Hebron was originally called The Corners, where

two roads crossed, and was first laid out in 1844. The town took its name from the Hebron (formerly Bethlehem) Church of the Associate Reform Presbyterians that had been built there.

Gary, founded in 1906, was named for Wheaton, Illinois, lawyer and judge, Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of U. S. Steel, who along with financier J. P. Morgan, formed the largest steel company in the world in 1901.

Hammond, first settled in 1851, and formerly called Hohman for an early settler, was named for George Hammond, a Detroit butcher, who founded a packing house in the town, and perfected the use of refrigerated boxcars for shipping dressed beef.

The town of St. John was named for John Hack, the first German immigrant to settle in that area in 1837. The prefix "St." was added to Hack's name for euphony.

Originally called McGuinn Village, then Wiggins Point, and later Centerville, Merrillville in 1848 was named for early settler and hotel and store owner Dudley Merrill.

Lions Club informational meeting on diabetes to be held May 23

The International Lions Clubs have taken on a new project to help serve the world. The project is Diabetes Awareness.

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club will be hosting an informational meeting on Diabetes. The meeting will be on

Wednesday, May 23, at the Seasons Lakehouse at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The reason the Lions Club is holding this meeting is to make people aware about diabetes. There are 422 million people worldwide who have diabetes and 50% don't know

they have the disease.

Diabetes is a major cause for blindness. Diabetes can lead to other major health problems, including heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, leg amputation, and nerve damage.

The Lions Club hopes you will attend our meeting.



Janet Allen Legacy Golf Outing
Saturday, June 2, 2018

Cosponsored by LOFS WGA

Benefiting our Junior Golf Scholarship Fund

Four Person Scramble Format: Men, Women, and Couples. (Pick your foursome or we can pair you up).

Registration: 12:00 Noon Shotgun Start: 1:00 PM

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Cookout Only	\$25.00	\$ _____
Donation Only		\$ _____

Sign Up at the Pro Shop – **Deadline is Saturday, May 26**

Make checks payable to: **Janet Allen Legacy Foundation – 4274 Harbor Park, Crown Point, IN 46307**

Golf questions may be referred to Paul Boris, Golf General Manager at (219) 988-2201. Event questions may be referred to Dave Allen (219) 765-5425 (voice or text).

Fourth of July Participant Form

Tuesday, July 4th 2018



Type of Participant or Group (circle one or more): Sports Team Business LOFS Community Group
Police/Fire Department Car Marching Unit Pageant Group Float Church Group
Veteran Group Elected Official Other: _____

Name of Entry _____

Contact Person Name & Phone Number: _____

Email address _____

How many participants are you expecting? _____ Any Animals? _____

Tell us about your entry _____

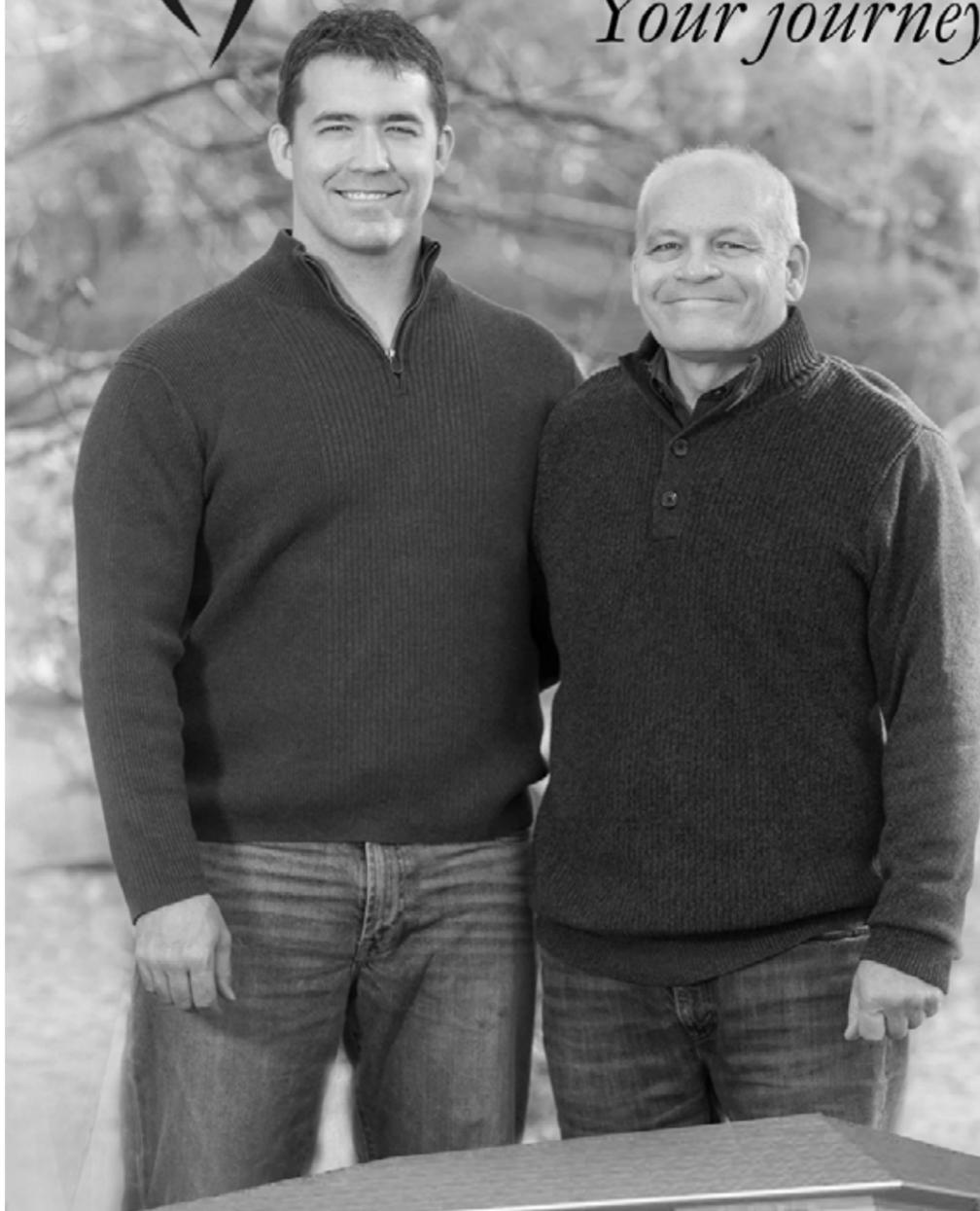
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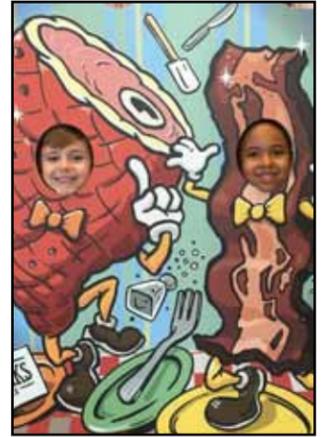
St. Mary School kindergartners get to spend a day 'down on the farm'

Kindergarten students from St. Mary School recently spent a day of fun and learning at Fair Oaks Farm. The day included a handful of hands-on activities, educational movies, and viewing a baby pig that was just a few minutes old.

During that time, the students were able to ask questions to the staff member who was very knowledgeable regarding the baby piglet they were able to see through a viewing window.

"We have gone to Fair Oaks many times learning all about cows and have always enjoyed it. The Pig Adventure was just as educational," said Dawn Krajci, kindergarten aide.

The students were so eager to learn all about the pigs and a staff member from Fair Oaks complimented teachers, Candace Wadas, Linda Mesich, and Jenny Potter on how very well-behaved the entire kindergarten class was.



St. Mary students Gabriel Meehan and Landon Lee

Winfield Elementary School recognizes its Students of the Month

Winfield Elementary School recently recognized its March Students of the Month. The month's theme was 'Effort: You work hard and do your personal best.' The students honored were Noah Nikitaras, Kevin Diaz, Mya Torreson, Lucas Braner, Cash Aardema, Rylee Brosius, Harleigh Bramer, Andrew Stamper, Leila Flores, Filip Aleksovski, Bailey Schaafsma, Ryah Rangel, Milo Brauer, Vida Vidova, Evan Luri, Nathan Lukas, Adalyn Johnsen, Kylie Killian, Greta O'Brein, John Henry Lubash, Andrew Nedohon, Mackenley Hughes, Makayla Griffin, Allison Hase, Max Franczak, Noah Woerpel, and Amelia Segneri.

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Thursday Roast Pork Loin with Whipped Potato with Gravy \$13
Friday King Crab Legs with Jumbo Baked Potato \$55 or Prime Rib \$28
Saturday Beer Batter Catfish Dinners \$15, New York Strip Steak with Marsala Buttered Mushrooms \$23, Prime Rib \$28
Sunday Brunch \$15 Children 12 and under \$8 • Loaded Bloody Mary \$8

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Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration to be held in Valparaiso

Join Gloria Dei Hispanic Mission on Sunday, May 6, for a family-friendly Cinco De Mayo celebration. The event will take place at the Immanuel Lutheran school gymnasium, 1700 Monticello Park Drive in Valparaiso, with lunch being served at noon.

The afternoon will begin with an authentic homemade lunch prepared by the women of Gloria Dei. New this year we will also be serving an assortment of tacos prepared by Pedro of Victoria's Tacos.

During lunch, enjoy entertainment by the Gloria Dei Folkloric dance group. The performers range in age from 5 to 25. They will be dressed in the traditional dresses from Mexico and will be performing dances from various regions.

Tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be



purchased before the event at the Immanuel Lutheran Church or school office, or on the day of the event at the door.

Founded in 1994 Gloria Dei Hispanic Mission offers the following free services: K-12 tutoring program, Spanish worship services, adult and preschool English learner classes, a Mexican Folkloric dance group, citizenship classes, Spanish classes, transportation and childcare. For more information contact Pastor Tomas Angon at 219-462-8207.

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Monday 3pm – 9pm: Kids eat Free with adult purchase (kids meal only) Steak Kabobs \$11 with side, Tall Yuengling \$2

Tuesday 11am – 9pm: Crazy Quesadillas Chefs Choice, Margaritas \$5

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Friday 11am – 10pm: AYCE Fish or Shrimp \$9.95, \$2 Domestic Bottle, \$3 Craft or Import

Saturday 11am – 10pm: Asian Teriyaki Chicken over Fried Rice, Domestic Pitchers \$6

Sunday 11am – 9pm: \$12 Specialty Pizza, \$6 Build your own Burger, Tito's High Balls \$4

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Join the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and Music Director-Conductor Kirk Muspratt for 'Show Boat & Show Tunes', with two shows on Friday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at The Auditorium at Bethel Church in Crown Point, and Saturday, May 12, at 7:30pm at Monbeck Auditorium in Highland High School.

The concert will feature guest vocalists Brooklyn Snow, soprano; Kate Tombaugh, mezzo; Aaron Short, tenor; David Goverton, bass; and the Symphony Chorus.

Before they were a team, Rodgers and Hammerstein had their own successful writing partnerships. Rodgers and Lorenz Hart collaborated on over 30 productions filled

with classic songs like My Funny Valentine, Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered, It's Easy to Remember, Mimi, This Can't Be Love, Little Boy Blue, and I Married an Angel performed by legendary singers such as Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Maurice Chevalier, Nat King Cole, Janice Joplin, and Johnny Mathis.

Tickets for the concert range from \$29 to \$69 each, students are \$10, concert season subscriptions are still available, and group sales are available at a discount beginning at 10 people.

Call the Symphony office at 219-836-0525 or visit the website at www.NISOchestra.org to order tickets.

Obituary ~ Sualeha Asif

Sualeha Asif, age 71 of Crown Point, IN, passed away on April 4, 2018. She was a beloved mother of Nadia Shabbir; mother-in-law of Ali Shabbir; grandmother of Ahmed, Aadil, and Alyan. To Allah we belong to Allah we will return. Sualeha was an epitome of patience, piety and humility. Please keep

her and her family in your prayers. Funeral prayers were held at the Northwest Indiana Islamic Center, 9803 Colorado St. Crown Point, Friday, April 6, 2018. Interment Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com



Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 13, 2018 10 AM—2

Entries:

- Dijon Crusted Roasted Sirloin with Porcini mushroom sauce
- Baked Orange Roughy with Seafood Imperial
- Lasagna Roll up covered with Italian Sausage
- Peel & Eat Cajun Shrimp with Zesty Lemon

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Breakfast:

- Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy,
- Cheese filled Blintzes,
- Hash browns,
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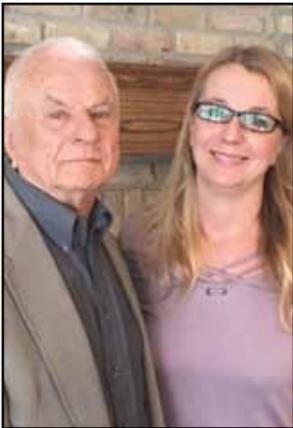
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- June 7 ★ Overdue (*Party Rock*)
- June 14 ★ Righteous Hillbillies (*Southern Rock, Blues, & Twang*)
- June 21 ★ Unstoppables (*Classic Rock*)
- June 28 ★ Night Shift (*Rock, Blues & Variety*)

JULY

- July 5 ★ Marrakesh Express ~ a Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young experience
- July 12 ★ Eaten Alive (*Top 40 & Classic Rock*)
- July 19 ★ Hessville Star (*70s Classic Rock*)
- July 26 ★ Mr. Funnyman (*Rock 'n Roll & Pop Rock*)

AUGUST

- August 2 ★ Oscar & the Majestics (*Classic Rock*)
- August 9 ★ Crawpuppies (*Pop Rock*)
- August 16 ★ Island 49 (*Rock 'n Roll, Trop-Rock*)
- August 23 ★ Breaking Dawn Band (*Classic Rock, 80s & Pop*)
- August 31 ★ Compass (*Classic Rock*)

Lakes Department

By Mike Talley, MS4
Coordinator

Stormwater Runoff

What is stormwater runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is stormwater runoff a problem?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly into our lake. Anything

that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

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. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process

that removes 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 eating diseased fish or ingesting

polluted water.

- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

Stormwater Pollution Solutions

Some Residential Lawn Care Solutions:

- Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute our lakes. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter 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, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.

- 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 drainage system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into a water body.

- 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 excess nutrients in local waters.

- 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 local waterbodies.

Why 'Boater Time Outs' are needed and enforced

Lake Holiday is 191 acres with an average depth of 8.8 feet. You can find a maximum depth of 20 feet in the southwest corner of the lake, but the majority of our depth measurements were in the 10-15 foot range. We use the phrase "Carrying Capacity" to indicate certain amounts of whatever it is we are researching to find out if we are damaging the lake long term.

Boating is also measured in carrying capacity. Some of the weekend boaters on Lake Holiday may have noticed our lake patrollers turning on their lights and block traffic in the narrows off of Beachview Ct.

This area is the danger zone and when we see too many boats on the lake we will close down high speed traffic for up to 30 minutes.

This is called a "Boater Time Out." The reason for this is based on the number of boats and the types of recreation being supervised. Safety is our goal for the residents but we also need to protect the shorelines, water quality, and docks.

The Indiana Clean Lakes Program has mentioned in their 2006 summer newsletter that an optimum boating

density is about 10 acres per boat. This means that Lake Holiday has an optimum boating density of 18 boats. The area that is used for high speed sports is only 95 acres bringing the optimum boating density in that area down to 9 or 10 boats.

When our patrol officers see too many boats surfing, skiing, fishing, or tubing in a concentrated area you may

see us call for a "Boater Time Out". Please understand that we are doing this for many reasons but primarily for safety.

Once our patrol officer is in the middle of the lake anchored with their lights on you may still boat but at a reduced speed. This also means to stop any skiing, surfing or tubing until the officer turns off their lights and begins patrolling again.

Anyone refusing to yield

to the officer will be ticketed and possibly lose lake rights for the rest of the year. Please also understand that Lake Holiday is considered one of the smaller lakes in Indiana. We want to avoid shutting the lake completely down by giving everyone an option to take a short "Time Out" during days of overcrowding.

Any questions or comments please call the lakes department at 219-988-4722.

Local gastroenterologist fights colon cancer with innovative technology, compassion

Dr. Navin Kumar, a gastroenterology specialist, has been part of the NWI medical community for the past nine years. What Kumar does is live by a motto: Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.

He chose gastroenterology in part because of the 'hands on' use of innovative technology in both the diagnosis and treatment of digestive diseases. He has been recognized for his procedural skill and overall patient care. The latter has made him a recipient of awards including the St Luke Award. The award honors excellence in service to patients and staff. He will also be a speaker and consultant for Allergan Pharmaceuticals and is involved with them on future pipeline drugs for fatty liver, gastroparesis, and IBS (irritable bowel syndrome).

Kumar's prime interest lies in gastrointestinal malignancies and cancer screening and

prevention.

"Colon cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable but more awareness is needed," he noted. "Polyps are growths of tissue that develop in the lining of the colon and rectum. Colonoscopy removes precancerous polyps (adenomas) and has directly been shown to prevent colon cancer and save lives."

Colorectal cancer can be prevented through proper screening and surveillance regimens. Presently, 60% of average risk Americans starting at age 50, which includes approximately 42 million people, have not utilized any screening method. The major factors leading to this is misinformation or lack thereof, fear and the belief it's painful. Common myths are that you need symptoms or a family history to require a colonoscopy.

"The risk of developing CRC increases with advanc-

ing age regardless of sex or race, with more than 90% of cases occurring after the age of 50," said Kumar. "Unfortunately, CRC is a silent killer and may not cause any symptoms until late stages. The 'red flags or alarm symptoms' that should be recognized and warrants patients coming in sooner are persistent rectal bleeding, change in bowel habits, unintentional weight loss, unexplained abdominal pain, and anemia."

If there is a family history of colon polyps or colon cancer, then the national guidelines are to start screenings at the age of 40 and even sooner if the family members were diagnosed under the age of 50. Given a family history of colon cancer, Kumar himself has undergone a colonoscopy at a young age, which has made him more empathetic to patients regarding the whole process.

For example, if a physician performs 10 screening colonoscopies and finds an adenoma in 3 patients, the ADR is 30%. The national average for ADR is ~15-20% for females and ~25-30% for male patients. Kumar has had consistently high ADR rates ~40-45% which ranks in the top percentile nationally. Physicians with higher ADRs prevent more colon cancers.

Dr. Kumar's future focus will also include obesity management.

"The obesity pandemic is the number one cause of mortality from its direct association to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, sleep apnea and increasing risk of cancers in general. Fatty liver is another sequela of obesity which can result in cirrhosis. Attacking the gut, literally, with a multidisciplinary approach through a combination of meds, exercise, dietary and possibly non-surgical GI weight loss

options could make the greatest impact on the majority of patient's overall wellbeing."

Now sole owner in his private practice (soon to be renamed Centers for Digestive Health), Kumar's goals are to continue to expand services throughout NWI and make a longstanding impact in the area.

"The group's mission is to provide the highest quality of digestive care for all patients while also educating and allowing them to gain insight into their individual problems while fostering the patient-physician relationship. The best compliment is when patients refer and entrust the care of their own family, friends, and co-workers to us," he says.

He and his staff will be welcoming a new partner, Dr. Mohsen Khan, later in the year.

"We are looking forward to having Dr. Khan. He will be a tremendous asset for the practice and NWI. He



Dr. Navin Kumar

is humble, knowledgeable, friendly, well trained and has a great personality. In fact, his program director has commented that he's one of the best trainees he's had over the past 25 years."

Dr. Kumar is affiliated with the physician-owned Pinnacle Hospital in Crown Point. For more information and to reach Dr. Kumar's office, call 219-922-4900.

New local radio program for pet owners to debut May 1 in Northwest Indiana

A new show about pet behaviors, the relationship between pets and people, dog obedience and animal legislative issues is coming to Lakeshore Public Radio 89.1FM.

Local NPR affiliate Lakeshore Public Radio will begin airing the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana's 'Ask Ollie' show on Tuesday, May 1. Ollie is the most famous dog to have been rescued by Gary's Humane Society. He was transported to northwest

Indiana from Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina and adopted by board president emeritus, Viktoria Voller.

"I was surprised to discover one morning that Ollie was writing animal advice for neighborhood dogs and cats. It wasn't long after that he became a regular columnist for the Post Tribune."

Ollie, the snarky black and white Shih Tzu, will host his own show.

"We're excited to be working with Ollie and his two-legged friend Viktoria Voller.

As a pet owner myself, I'm interested in learning about pet care from this unique perspective of the animal. This is a fun and entertaining way to become more educated," said Wende Burbridge, vice president of development at Lakeshore Public Media.

The show will also stream online and be available for download at www.LakeshorePublicRadio.org. Humans or pets may write to Ollie at Ollie@lakeshorepublicmedia.org.

Indiana Birding Festival coming back to Region from May 17 to 20

The migration of bird life through the Indiana Dunes region will be celebrated this May 17-20 at the fourth annual Indiana Dunes Birding Festival. The four-day festival includes over 65 guided field trips and car pool tours to view migrating birds within the dunes area, over 50 bird related programs, from live bird of prey talks to species ID workshops, and special

workshops for both new bird watchers and educators.

Evening events include special excursions for night birds, and a family friendly 'birds and brew' social event on multiple nights. The Saturday night keynote speaker is Greg Miller, who's real life was portrayed in the Hollywood movie, 'The Big Year'.

Registration for priority

Indiana Audubon Society members is already underway and includes a special discount. General public early-bird registration begins this weekend.

Registration costs for the entire four-day festival run as low as \$42 for adults and \$29 for youth under 18. Registration and program information can be found online at www.indunesbirdingfestival.com.

Local business owner receives Shamrock Award from 'Friendly Sons of Erin' club

Local funeral home owner James Francis Burns, of Burns Funeral Home and Crematory, was recently honored by the Friendly Sons of Erin with the club's prestigious Shamrock Award.

In addition to a plaque (pictured) noting this accomplishment, Burns was also profiled in the book that commemorated the evening's events. Burns' biography, as stated in the book, reads:

Jim was born in Gary, IN, to Edward "E.J." and Genevieve Burns on January 11, 1951. He was the youngest of 5 children. He is proud of the fact that his father was a recipient of the Shamrock award in 1973 and his brother, Terry, the Joseph B. Radigan and Shillelagh Awards in 2006 and 2009 respectively. Jim attended Holy Angels grade school and graduated from Andean High School (class of 1969).

He continued his education at Colorado State University where he studied business. He earned a degree in mortuary science from Worsham Mortuary College; and, in 1976, he joined his father and brother as a funeral director in the family business, Burns Funeral Home & Crematory (est. 1908). Jim and his wife, Sally have been married for 41 years and are the proud parents of 3 children, Kelly, James E., and Christy (Blake) Thalheimer. He has also been blessed with 7 grandchildren - Addison, Bryce, Brecken, Caden, Kaia, Konnor and Hudson.

Jim moved to Hobart 38 years ago after purchasing the funeral home on the corner of 7th and Lincoln Streets. After purchasing land in Crown Point, Jim was instrumental in helping his father realize one of his lifelong dreams when Jim, Terry,

and E.J. purchased another funeral home in 1985. This was the first funeral home in northwest Indiana to have a crematory on site.

He is a member of St. Bridget Church and a fourth degree Knight of Columbus. He began giving back to the community by becoming involved in many civic organizations. He was a member of Merrillville and Hobart Rotary, the Hobart Chamber of Commerce, the Crossroads Chamber of Commerce, Hobart Phi Delt, Merrillville and Hobart Kiwanis, the Hobart Lions Club, AHEPA, and the Serra Club.

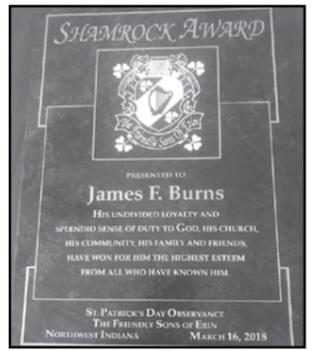
Jim doesn't know a stranger. He has the ability to light up a room with his contagious laughter. He loves telling jokes, and has an uncanny ability to brighten others' days. Always the "life of the party," he has been known to split his pants at the seams

(literally) with his renowned acrobatic dance moves! He enjoys skiing, both water and snow, and golfing. Believe it or not, he even has a hole-in-one! He looks forward to share his hobbies with his grandchildren and teach them how to waterski.

Jim has a natural ability to comfort others during the most difficult time in their lives. He does not view his occupation as a job, but rather as a lifestyle, and that passion shines through with every family he feels honored to serve. He makes a point to meet just about every family that walks through the door and conducts as many funerals as possible. Jim can be seen Sunday mornings before mass delivering flowers (which the families he served were not able to use) to different churches, skilled care facilities or friends. He is a true exemplification of excellence



James Francis Burns



The plaque presented to James Burns from the Friendly Sons of Erin club.

his Irish heritage, and even prouder that he has instilled this pride in his children and grandchildren, who continue to carry on the Burns family St. Patrick's Day traditions. Jim possesses all of the qualities the Shamrock Award symbolizes and is a very well-deserved recipient. He is a true Irish gentleman!

South Shore Line 'Bikes on Trains' program has returned for the season through October

It's that time of year again, when riding a bike to work is made possible with the South Shore Line's 'Bikes on Trains' program.

This program is offered on two morning and evening rush-hour weekday trains in addition to select weekend trains. Bike cars will be available on select weekend/holiday and select weekday trains through October.

Bike cars are bike rack-equipped in addition to regular seating so that passengers can ride in the car near their bicycle.

Bike-rack equipped train cars are clearly marked with a bike symbol prominently located on the windows of the car. Bikes are not permitted during special Chicago events such as Lollapalooza and the Chicago Air & Water Show.

For more information on bike-friendly train schedules, discounts and to plan your trip, visit www.mysouthshoreline.com or download the SSL app.

Passengers wishing to bring their bicycles on the train must comply with the requirements listed on the South Shore Line's website at: www.mysouthshoreline.com/plan-your-trip/bikes-on-trains.

Indiana outdoor recreation guide available online

The 2018 Indiana Recreation Guide is the source for information on state parks, lakes, state park inns, fish & wildlife areas, state forests and other DNR properties.

Local retail outlets, state

parks, lakes and other DNR properties will have free printed copies available this month. It is available online at www.in.gov/dnr/5280.htm.

Annual entrance passes can be purchased in person

at the gatehouse or offices of state park properties during business hours, at the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis during business hours, or at www.innsgifts.com.

Indiana's art and history are available through state's Arts in the Parks website

The Indiana Arts Commission recently announced that Hoosiers will have many opportunities to engage with the arts through the Arts in the Parks & Historic Sites program, with more than 170 arts activities taking place across the state.

"Considering several of these programs and exhibitions take place on multiple days there will be 480 opportunities for Hoosiers of all ages, especially those living in rural areas, to enjoy the arts, history, and the natural beauty of Indiana," said Anna Tragesser, IAC artist and community services manager.

To view a listing of 2018 opportunities including dates, locations, and program summaries visit www.in.gov/arts. For more information about a specific program, contact the individual state park or historic site.

The Arts in the Parks & Historic Sites program is designed to draw upon both traditional and non-traditional arts and artists in Indiana and weave arts programming into the natural beauty and rural settings of Indiana. The Arts Commission approved funding for program-related projects that encourage the creation of, and public engagement with art, and experience

Indiana's state park / forest system and historic sites.

"We are excited that more than 50 of our 68 project grantees are returning to continue relationships they have built with the State Parks and Historic Sites," Tragesser said. "Some of our projects began as early as late January, but the frequency will dramatically increase in April and continue through early December."

For more information about Arts in the Parks & Historic Sites program, contact Tragesser by email at atragesser@iac.in.gov or call 317-232-1281.

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Nominations now being accepted for 'Influential Women of NWI' awards

If you know a woman in your company or community that has made an impact, now's the time to get her some well-deserved recognition.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Influential Women of Northwest Indiana awards, an event celebrates and recognizes the region's female professionals for their influence in business, industries, and communities. Both established leaders and up-

and-coming women will be honored.

Two women in each of the following 10 industry categories will be selected as winners: Business, Construction, Economic Development/Government, Education, Finance, Healthcare, Law, Marketing/Media, Non-profit, and Service/Tourism.

Additional awards will be given to the Empowering Business of the Year, Community Leader of the

Year, and Supporter of the Year, based on their efforts in supporting and empowering females throughout the NWI business community.

Visit www.nwiwomen.com for additional eligibility information. The deadline for nominations is May 25, 2018. The application is available online at under the nominations tab. The awards banquet will be held on September 27 at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

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Golf Services

By Paul Boris,
Golf General Manager
New Indoor Golf Simulator
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In the lower level of the 19th Hole, we now feature an indoor golf simulator room that is open to the public. Hours of operation will follow those of the Golf Shop during day time and 19th Hole for after hours. During daylight hours call the Golf Shop at 219-988-2201 for reservations and after sunset please call the 19th Hole at 219-988-2282.

Fees for use of the room will be \$24 per hour for weekdays and \$28 per hour on weekends, we accommodate up to 4 people at a time (that's only \$6 per person!). Play at any one of up to 15 premier or Chicago area golf courses, or fine tune your game at the simulated driving range to dial in your yardages anytime of the day while staying out of the elements!

Get Golf Ready in May!

During the Month of May Four Seasons Country Club

is holding a Get Golf Ready Course all month long on Thursday afternoons from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Get Golf Ready is designed to teach everything you'll need to play golf in just a few lessons. We will show you that there are lots of ways to play by combining fun, friends and fitness.

Each session will focus on the various golf skills you will use while playing. In addition to learning the basics, you will be guided onto the golf course to put your skills into action in a casual, friendly setting. No equipment is needed to participate!

Over the course of 5 lessons you'll discover:

- Warm up, stretching, and wellness tips
- The best ways to hold the club and get ready before you take a swing
- Getting the ball close to the hole — chipping, pitching and other shots from short distances
- Caring for the course
- Getting comfortable with

the full swing

- Using your irons to get the ball in the air and onto the green
- Learning the 'lingo', like fairway & rough, tee box & green, divot & bunker, and more

- Having more fun using 'It's Okay' as the way to play
- Swinging your driver and other 'big' clubs to hit the long shots

- Starting your play from the correct tee markers — use *TEE IT FORWARD* to have more fun

- Helpful shortcuts to save time while you play

- Linking all that you've learned to play a few holes

- Tips for playing in groups, on teams and other fun ways to play

- Getting you more comfortable on the course and where to drive the cart

- Review of the rules and keeping score

- More opportunities for you to come back and play golf

If you are new to the game of golf or interested in trying out the game before deciding to invest into equipment give us a call (219-988-2201) and join us for some education, fun and entertainment!

UPCOMING GOLF SALES!

The golf shop is now fully stocked with premium clothing lines from FootJoy, Cutter & Buck, Under Armour, Greg Norman and more!

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 5 to May 13!**

Memorial Weekend Sidewalk Sale on clothing, shoes, bags, clubs and more! Beginning 10:00am to 4:00pm Saturday, May 27 through Monday, May 30 stop on by to take advantage of great pricing on all types of LOFS merchandise!

LOFS Junior Golf Academy Registration will begin on Saturday, May 12, and will continue through until the academy start date of Tuesday, June 19. Sign-up forms can be downloaded from www.lofsc.org during this period or picked up at the golf shop. Requirements for the academy are as follows: 1) Junior Golf Member or relative of an Adult Golf Member; 2) Ages 8 – 17 years old; and 3) \$50 registration fee

This is an 8-week program on Tuesday mornings beginning June 19 and continues through August 7. Our

MAY GOLF SHOP HOURS

Monday 11:00am – 6:00pm

Tues. – Fri. 7:00am – 6:30pm

Sat. – Sun. 6:00am – 6:30pm

Upcoming May Member Events

- Every Wednesday – Senior Members League 10:00am
- Every Wednesday – Couples League 3:00pm
- Every Tuesday beginning May 8th – Members Night League 5:15pm
- Every Thursday – WGA Ladies League (8:30am 18 Holers & 9:30am 9 Holers)

- Saturday, May 5 – MGA Get Acquainted Scramble
- Saturday, May 5 to Sunday, May 13 – Golf Shop Mother's Day Sale
- Sunday, May 19 – LOFS 2-Player Scramble
- Saturday, May 26 to Monday, May 28 – Memorial Weekend Sidewalk Sale!
- Saturday, May 26 – WGA 2 Best Ball of 3
- Saturday, May 26 – MGA 1 Best Ball of 2
- Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day (treated as weekend)
- Tuesday, May 29 – Course Closed till 11am (treated as a Monday)

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.

Our instructors are proud to have been a critical step to developing dozens of top high school talent over the years that have then gone on to earn partial or full college scholarships to continue onto NCAA Division I-III competition both locally and nationally.

Golf Maintenance

By Doug Weiss, Golf Course Superintendent

The golf season has finally arrived. May through October is what I consider the true golf season. With leagues and outings getting started this month, along with warmer weather, I will try not to break any more ground for

projects unless absolutely necessary.

The cold spring weather has slowed us down from completing every goal that we set out to accomplish. New drainage and soil has been added to the back side of #13 green. The bunkers were filled in on the left side

of #6 green. These were the most important projects we completed this spring.

The stumps that were in various spots on the course were also ground out and filled with dirt and seed. Drainage pipe has been added to the greens on holes 13, 9, and the practice putting green. My thought is that while the greens are healing from the aerification it would be the perfect time for drain pipes to be added. These areas will take some time to

grow in and become playable, in the long run it will make all the areas better.

The month of May is a great time to control the broadleaf weeds. The most effective control method is to spray the weeds with a herbicide on a fairly calm and sunny day. The wind needs to be as close to 5 mph as possible. A calm day with no wind will let the herbicide linger in the air too long, and possibly move off the target area. Of course, too much wind will

definitely have the herbicide blow off site.

A sunny day is preferred because the weed plant will be open for photosynthesis and therefore absorb the herbicide. Notification will be sent out days before the applications will take place. The parks, boat launches, ball fields, etc. will also be sprayed the same week.

The month of May can be very difficult because the warmer weather and the usual amount of rain makes it

perfect for cool season grass to grow like crazy. The mowers are in great shape and will be running all week to keep up.

The first greens committee meeting will be on May 7 at 6 p.m. in my shop. I will discuss the soil tests and how they determine the products that we use on the golf course and the park areas. This is also a time to ask any questions that you have about the maintenance of the golf course. Everybody is welcome to attend.

MGA

Men's Golf Association Junior Golf Scholarships

The LOFS Men's Golf Association is pleased to announce the 8th 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 1 male and 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 stand-

ing at the time of the application, a minimum of 1 year of LOFS junior golf participation, 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 15, 2018; winners will be notified on July 7, 2018.

Purdue University Northwest joins 30 other universities in the Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) was recently selected as an inaugural member of the Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative, a collaboration of 30 colleges and universities across the U.S. sharing strategies for enhancing the economic and social well-being of communities they serve.

PNW's participation arrived at the perfect time said Mary Jane Eisenhauer, interim director of Strategic Partnerships.

"PNW enjoys a rich history of partnerships throughout the region, the state, and with national and international partners," said Eisenhauer. "Both the Hammond and Westville campuses are widely recognized for being a good neighbor, contributing to the industry, health, vibrancy and quality of life in our surrounding communities."

The collaboration strengthens PNW's capacity to cultivate deliberate partnerships to purposefully contribute

to the complex economic, social, educational and environmental landscape across northwest Indiana.

Institutions like PNW will be considered anchor institutions—local economic engines and mission-driven organizations inextricably linked to the long-term well-being of their local communities. Actively supporting the region's economy is a vital part of PNW's vision and values. The Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative provides PNW a national platform to accelerate this important work.

The Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative is a joint project of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU), a national organization dedicated to connecting urban universities and their partners, and The Democracy Collaborative (TDC), a national research institute developing strategies for a more democratic econo-

my, and is supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. According to Ted Howard, TDC President, "colleges and universities in the U.S. collectively employ over 4 million people, spend over \$43 billion each year, and hold over half a

trillion dollars in their endowments, which means their potential impact as community wealth building anchor institutions is enormous."

For more information on Purdue Northwest visit www.pnw.edu.

South Shore Lines launches ETA train tracker system

The South Shore Line (SSL) recently announced that it will be launching a new train tracker application. The train tracker, housed on the SSL website and app, will allow riders to track train locations in real time.

The location of each train will be detailed on a map of the SSL rail line, and passengers will be able to see arrival and departure times for each live train, as well as any delays. Each train's schedule will be color-coded, indicating whether the train is on time or whether there is a delay. SSL stations will be on the map and users will be able to click

on each station, opening a full listing of that station's train service for the day. Several other innovative features will also be available to help SSL riders plan effectively.

The new train tracker is scheduled to be launched at www.mysouthshoreline.com within the next few weeks and on the SSL app early summer.

The South Shore Line is a commuter rail line operated by the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) between Millennium Station in downtown Chicago and the South Bend International Airport in South Bend, Indiana.

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Advocate's Corner

By Jill McNamara



I would like to wish every woman who has ever conceived a child and those known as "someone like a mother" a Happy Mother's Day. As I reflect on my past forty years of motherhood, I realize how unprepared I was then and still am today. However, I have learned to take quicker advantage of teachable mo-

ments as soon as I recognize them. This happened last month after the death of our fourth dog, Daisy, who was fourteen years old.

Despite her failing health, on the morning Daisy could no longer walk, my son and daughter went with me to have our veterinarian euthanize her. On our way to the veterinarian's office we made the decision to have her cremated at the local pet crematory. As I was driving us to the crematory, I realized I had a very teachable moment regarding our loss of Daisy.

I explained to my son and daughter that as Daisy's "pet parent," I had to make more choices concerning her death and cremation than parents grieving the death of their miscarried baby. This reality was an eye-opener for them!

Yet, despite the passage of Indiana House Bill 1190-Treatment of Miscarried Remains in 2014, which was to end this medical practice, has not. Since this law did not include a provision to mandate an oversight policy for its compliance, miscarried babies

less than twenty gestational weeks are still being discarded as medical waste and their parents are not provided with the required authorization papers concerning their right to choose an individual burial for their baby's remains. To be in compliance with the law, mothers are not even allowed to be released from a hospital, medical facility, or birthing center without their written consent on how they want to dispose of their baby's fetal remains.

On Saturday, May 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Miscarriage,

Mothers & Others, Inc., will be at the Crown Point Community Library, 122 North Main Street, to explain and to distribute copies of House Bill 1190 - Treatment of Miscarried Remains. For more information and/ or to RSVP for this event, call 219-730-9199.

Jill McNamara is the *Founder and Executive Director of Miscarriage, Mothers & Others; a Bereavement Specialist for Elizabeth Ministry International; and a Parent Support Volunteer for the Indiana Resource Center for Families with Special Needs. You may contact her at: jillmcnamara@comcast.net*

'Bead Town: Along the South Shore' will attempt to set a Guinness World Record with 3,311 square foot mural

Nearly 15 million recycled Mardi Gras beads and thousands of participants will create a mural depicting Northwest Indiana and Chicagoland at the Bead Town: Along the South Shore exhibit. The mural will highlight dozens of historic and iconic locations that make up the landscapes along the southern shores of Lake Michigan. The 3,311 square foot mural is the newest artwork by Bead Town and will attempt to set a Guinness World Records.

The interactive art exhibit brings people together as a community building program. Students and volunteers at Bead Town will use millions of beads and other found objects such as fossils, bottle caps, screws, nails and washers to create artworks. The project will take two years to complete and will be open to the public wishing to be a part of history.

Bead Town: Along the South Shore applies innovative teaching methodologies that foster intrinsic motiva-

tion, collaboration, tolerance, teamwork, Socratic learning and student empowerment. The mural will depict landscapes of the Midwest but also incorporate a person each of the 242 countries and territories around the world.

When complete the mural will feature a circle, standing 8 ft. tall and span 204 ft. (circumference). When a person stands in the center, they will see northwest Indiana by day and Chicago's skyline by night. Iconic landmarks will include the Indiana Dunes, the

Century of Progress Homes, the Grist Mill at Deep River County Park, Chicago's major skyscrapers, and Lake Michigan among others. More than 20 landmarks will be included on the beaded mural.

The exhibit Bead Town: Along the South Shore will be housed at the Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond from April to September 2018, and through 2019. A calendar of events is posted online at www.southshorebeadtown.com; new events will be added throughout the year.

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Lake County 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

**** All collections are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m**

- Saturday, May 5: Gary
Hudson Campbell Center
455 Massachusetts
Gary
- Saturday, June 2: Hobart
Hobart Public Works
340 South Shelby
Hobart
Gas Can Exchange
- Saturday, June 9: Munster
Munster Public Works
508 Fisher Street
Munster
- Saturday, July 21: Whiting
Whiting Public Works
1915 Front Street
Whiting
- Saturday, August 25: Highland
Highland Public Works
8001 Kennedy Avenue
Highland
- Saturday, September 8: Lowell
Lake County Highway
Department
18211 Wicker Ave
Lowell
Gas Can Exchange
- Saturday, October 13: Griffith
Griffith Public Works
134 South Colfax
Griffith
- Saturday, October 27: Hammond
Hammond Public Works
601 Conkey Street
Hammond

What Can I Dispose Of?

- Aerosols
- Ammunition
- Antifreeze
- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries (household only, no car batteries)
- Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs in a sealed bag)
- Corrosives
- Diesel
- Flammable Liquids
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Fungicides
- Gasoline
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Kerosene
- Latex paint (if gallons are usable and more than half full)
- Medication (expired and unwanted)
- Mercury-Containing Products
- Oils and Other Fluids
- Oil Based Paint
- Pesticides
- Poisons
- Sharps (medical needles in a rigid container)
- Solvents
- Thermometers (in a sealed bag)
- Thermostats (in a sealed bag)
- Thinners
- Waste Fuels

What is NOT Accepted?

- HHW from businesses, schools, or non-profit organizations.
- Asbestos
- Auto/Back-Up/Boat/Truck Batteries
- Containers larger than five gallons
- Explosives/Fireworks (Please contact your local Fire Department for disposal)
- Large grill propane cylinders
- Medical Waste (other than medications and sharps) (NO CONTROLLED MEDICATIONS)
- Radioactive materials (smoke detectors)
- Unusable latex paint



Porter County Household Hazardous Waste 2018 Collection Schedule

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Household hazardous waste" or "HHW" are unwanted products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients that require special care upon disposal. Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction sponsors a number of mobile household hazardous waste collection events each year. There is no permanent location in the county that accepts these products on a regular basis.

Porter County residents will be able to exchange their old gas cans for new environmentally friendly 2.5-gallon gas cans at each event. Supplies of these cans are very 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.

May 12 only: HHW & TIRES

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.**



Household Hazardous Waste Collections ONLY



June 16	Portage High School 6450 E. Route 6
July 7	Westchester Intermediate School 1050 S. 5th Ave., Chesterton
July 28	Kouts Middle/High School campus 503 E. College
Aug. 4	Portage High School 6450 E. Route 6
Oct. 6	Porter County Expo Center 215 E. Division Rd., Valparaiso



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Porter County 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Accepted materials include:

- Aerosol cans
- Alcohol-based lotions
- Antifreeze
- Auto body filler
- Bathroom cleaners
- Batteries (household and automotive)
- Cooking oil
- Corrosives
- Disinfectants
- Mercury containing products (fluorescent tubes -- transport carefully by either taping together (one piece of tape will suffice) or place in the packaging of your replacement bulbs; CFLs, thermometers, thermostats, switches, etc. -- seal in a bag)
- Paint (latex and oil-based)
- Thinners and solvents
- Pesticides
- Fungicides
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Poisons
- Diesel
- Gasoline
- Kerosene
- Flammable liquids
- Ammunition
- Oil
- Flares
- Expired medications -- in original containers
- Sharps (needles) -- place in hard plastic bottles, like detergent bottles
- Fire extinguishers
- Driveway sealant
- Small helium tanks
- Nail polish
- Nail polish remover
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Car wax with solvent
- Fuel-oil based
- Auto paint
- Paint brush cleaner with solvent

- Paint brush cleaner with TSP
- Paint thinner
- Paint stripper
- Primer
- Rust remover
- Moth balls
- Small propane cylinders (camp stoves)
- Photographic chemicals
- Septic tank degreasers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Rat, mouse, gopher poison
- Weed killer
- Dry cleaning solvents
- Fiberglass tubes
- Gun cleaning solvents
- Lighter fluid
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Drain cleaners
- Floor care products
- Metal polish
- Oven cleaners
- **IF IN DOUBT, BRING IT OUT!**

Items NOT accepted include:

- Controlled medications
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Medical waste other than medicine and sharps
- Asbestos
- Grill propane cylinders
- Commercial hazardous waste
- Containers larger than 5 gallons
- Radioactive Materials (smoke detectors! To recycle smoke detectors, send them back to the manufacturers.)



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Operations Department

By Roy Green,
Director of Operations

Hello all! Looks like we got lucky and missed a lot of the spring snow. Since spring just didn't want to get here, the Maintenance Department kept busy putting a fresh coat of paint on the inside of the Seasons Lakehouse, installed the "Golf Simulator" in the lower level of the 19th Hole, helped install the new heater for the pool, and painted the inside of the pool building.

We were also busy getting the leaf vacs ready for the season. We picked up leaves until the 23rd of April. If you missed the collection you can still bring your leaves to the Maintenance facility. We are now in the process of chipping up branches and will be

in the Lake County portion of the community until May 7, and then we will begin in the Porter County portion of the community on May 14 and continue until May 21. Again, if you missed the collection dates you can bring them to the Maintenance facility at 3861 Kingsway Drive.

Our hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and now on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon. As always, we still have the "White Goods" dumpster, for any kind of metal items and the "Electronics" dumpster for TV's, computers, stereos, microwaves and any other electronic items.

My tip for the season: Grass clippings do not con-

tribute to that buildup or increase the chances of disease. If you mow your lawn at the right height, without removing any more than 1/3 of its total height, clippings will quickly breakdown without a trace. These clippings contribute additional nitrogen and other nutrients to the soil and supply it with additional organic materials. Clippings from a 1000 sq. ft. lawn can add as much as 1-2 pounds of nitrogen back into the soil.

If you have a compost pile, then you may want to bag your clippings occasionally to add much needed green-matter to the compost pile. Make sure it is mixed thoroughly with brown matter to avoid a strong ammonia odor. **DO NOT COMPOST CLIPPINGS** after applying any weed control or weed-feed type product. Before adding clippings to the compost pile wait at least three mowings after these products have been applied.

NiSource boosts training technology development with \$100,000 grant to PNW

Purdue University Northwest and PNW's Center for Innovation through Visualization and Simulation (CIVS) are excited to announce a \$100,000 grant from NiSource Inc., the parent company of NIPSCO and Columbia Gas companies. The grant furthers innovative, student-engaged research and education in the area of first responder and workplace safety.

"NiSource's generosity amplifies educational and research opportunities for our students, while also helping communities and companies to be safer and more productive," said PNW Dean of Engineering and Sciences Kenneth Holford. The grant enhances the relationship between PNW and the electric

and natural gas utility.

As a leader in solving real-world issues through virtual simulation and visualization technologies, CIVS will use the grant to improve training to help employees and first responders safely visualize and simulate the kind of work they'll be doing in the field.

"Virtual reality training gets employees' hearts pumping and mimics what they'll see in real life; more than what classroom learning offers alone," said Dave Monte, NiSource Senior Vice President, Safety, Environmental, Engineering and Training. "I'm excited to work more closely with

Purdue University Northwest and its students, and that we have this expertise and technology access right here in Northwest Indiana."

CIVS Director Chenn Zhou, Ph.D., graciously welcomed the support.

"Our interactions and collaborations with NiSource and NIPSCO professionals have always been very perceptive and forward-looking," Zhou said. "Our past successes paved the way for our continuing collaboration. Moving forward, this grant greatly increases our capacity to make greater economic and educational impacts together, while at the same time making people safer."

Library to host Spring Tea Luncheon on May 12

The Friends of the Crown Point Community Library will host a Spring Tea Luncheon on Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Crown Point Library.

Their guest speaker is Jeanene Letcher, Indiana Room Specialist. She will be offering a presentation on Genealogy. Join Jeanene and the Friends for an afternoon of food, friends, and finding your family.

For those who want to research genealogy or just know what all the fuss is about, she will provide you with some hints and tips on genealogy research in a light, informative way.

The event will be catered by Sips Coffee House & Artisan Café. Tickets are \$40 per person, Friends of the Library receive a \$5 discount. Tickets can be purchased at the Crown Point Library.

For more information visit www.crownpointlibrary.org or call 219-663-0270.

Operations & Building Maintenance Departments completed projects so far this year

March

- Painted Lakehouse ballroom, west lounge and hallway.
- Painted inside of "Teen Center". (Pool House).
- Painted "Golf Simulator" room.
- Painted hallway of lower level 19th Hole.
- Made a new office at 19th Hole
- Plowed snow
- Removed sand from filter of pool.
- Patched pot holes.
- Repaired street signs.
- Took down Christmas light displays.
- Cleared culverts of debris.
- Picked up garbage throughout community.

April

- Installed "Golf Simulator" at 19th Hole.
- Installed electric at Lakehouse grounds for sign & future use.
- Installed electric at Sandy Beach pavilions.
- Opened golf course bathrooms.
- Opened beach bathrooms.
- Turned water on to all parks.
- Cut down tree at Tangelwood Park.
- Had port-a-jons delivered and placed at all parks and boat launches.
- Collected leaves.
- Put up tennis court nets and wind screen.
- Put out tables and chairs on patio at Seasons Lakehouse.
- Helped replace new heater for pool.
- Checked drainage.
- Picked up garbage throughout community.
- Started grass cutting and trimming.

Near Future List

- Clean pool.
- Install sand in pool filter.
- Collect branches
- Remove stumps and grade new park "Baran's Prairie" on Country Club Dr.
- Power wash Lakehouse.
- Install port-a-jon surrounds at Lake on the Green and Windy Hill park.
- Add mulch to all playgrounds
- Remove and replace playground equipment at Sandy Beach.
- Add sand to the beaches including under the steps.
- Repair or replace picnic tables.
- Paint backstop on "Green" field at Cleveland park.
- Work on several drainage projects.

POA May 2018

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

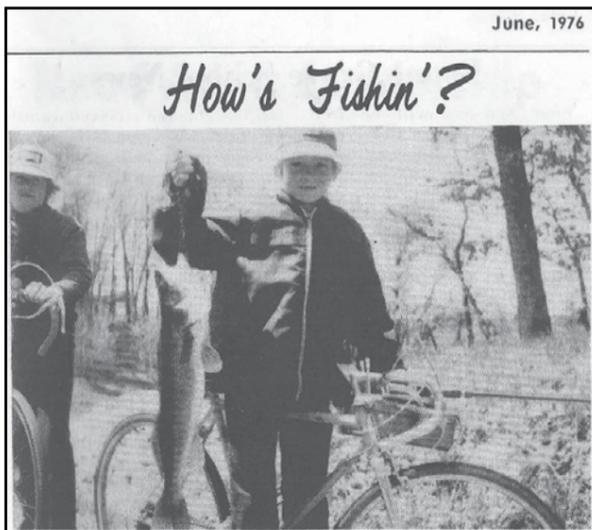
This Month in LOFS History

By Sally Lugo

Young Dave Zink was reported in the June 1976 "Seasonal" as the fisherman who caught the big one; a 26" long, 5-pound Walleye he snagged May 8.

The May 1991 "Seasonal" announced the Conservation Club would again host their annual Fishing Derby Saturday May 18. The Conservation Club was formed in 1970 to help preserve the lakes, parks, and other wild green areas. Over the years the Conservation Club morphed and grew into three separate clubs: The Fishing Club, Lake Enhancement Association, and Water Sports Association. On Sunday, May 6, 2018, the Fishing Club will once again host their Annual May Fishing Derby.

This month in history, in this May 2018 column, we introduce a new "Seasonal" writer, Zac Toth. Zac has volunteered to write a monthly "Fishing Report." LOFS fishermen may already be familiar with Zac as he too was once was that "young fisherman" winning a few LOFS fishing tournaments himself, and with his dad, Jim, his



Dave Zink is again this month a fisherman who caught the Big One. The 26", 5¹/₂ pound Walleye was snagged May 8. should contact the Editor at 988-4251. What kind of bait, where to fish, when and in what conditions are some questions children and

From the May, 1976 edition of The Seasonal fishing mentor.

Zac tells us after living in LOFS for seventeen years he now resides in his third home "Inside the Gates". His family moved to Florida a couple of years ago but he chose to remain as a second-generation Seasonite with his fiancée, Kara Ford. Kara, also grew up in LOFS and is the daughter of Jim and Kimberly Ford. Zac is looking forward to being one of the Fishing Club's newest members.

The Fishing Club holds their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month in the lower level of the 19th Hole at 7 p.m. Dues are \$20 per year. The Fishing Club helps to promote the sport of fishing and sportsmanship through tournaments and other events to enhance our community's lakes with fish stocking and habitat construction.

For more information on the Fishing Club contact President Jack Grveles at: lofsfishingclub@gmail.com

Fishing Club

By Jack Grveles, Fishing Club President

The next meeting for the LOFS Fishing Club will be on May 8 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 Sunday, May 6, on Lake Holiday. Sign in is at 6:30 a.m. Start time is 7 a.m. The cost of the tournament is \$70 per 2-man team.

With the normal fishing

season starting, the Lake of Four Seasons Fishing Club would like to remind everyone of the fish limits. Fishing limits have been established to preserve our fishing supply.

Each year, many carp are removed during spawning. They continue to come back in overwhelming numbers. Some fish can hurt our lake's ecosystems. We ask that these fish, such as carp, bullhead, and shad, not be returned to our lakes.

Each person fishing on any lake in LOFS is limited to a maximum use of three (3) lines.

- Largemouth Bass, and Muskie are "Catch and Release Only"
- Crappie have no limit
- Walleye have a daily limit of 3 fish and a size limit of 15"
- Bluegill/Sunfish have a daily limit of 25
- Perch have a daily limit of 15 and a minimum size of 6"
- Catfish have a daily limit of 10 and minimum size of 10"

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

Zac's Fishing Line

By Zac Toth

Zac's Fishing Line

Hello, my name is Zac Toth. Beginning this month I am going to provide you with a monthly fishing report.

After living in LOFS for 17 years, I find myself now as 'generation next'. My family moved to Florida and I chose to stay behind and make my home with my fiancée in this great community. I have always enjoyed our lakes and the fishing they have offered. I hope I can share some of the knowledge I have gained through the years of fishing our great lakes through these fishing reports.

With the unbalanced weather of April, fishing has been nothing short of a challenge, but hey, isn't that what it's all about? The panfish

have been an easy catch but the bigger game fish have been a tougher find. With crappie and blue gill hanging out by the boat docks, and close to shore, now is the perfect time to use live bait under a bobber.

I have also had luck with a 'Mr. Twister Tail' with a slow retrieve. The public access boat dock on Big Bass Beach has brought me great success with catching panfish on Big Bass.

As far as Lake Holiday goes, I have had luck catching fish around structure (boat docks, fallen trees). If you are looking for some great bass action, Lake of the Green is a great spot for just that. It's like fishing a fish tank! I have been successful throwing just about anything,



New fishing columnist Zac Toth with his 'catch of the day'.

but I can guarantee you a bass with throwing a shiner (bigger minnow).

I really hope you all can go out and enjoy our beautiful lakes and try out some of my tips and tricks. Make sure to take the kids fishing and post some of your catches on the LOFS Insider on Facebook and tag me. Or, better yet, send them to me at zac.toth@yahoo.com and you might just find your 'catch of the day' in The Seasonal.






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PENDING

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PENDING

SUPER GREAT RANCH WITH FULL FINISHED BASEMENT ON GOLF COURSE LOT - Fantastic views from this 3 bedroom 2 bath home with BRAND NEW FINISHED BASEMENT MAIN LEVEL FEATURES TOTALLY UPDATED KITCHEN. SUPER BIG SLIDER TO DECK overlooking GRAND GOLF COURSE VIEW. **\$219,900**



PENDING

TOTALLY UPDATED THROUGHOUT - This 1 1/2 story home has 3 possibly 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 rec rooms, Formal Living room, Formal Dining room, Master bath w/ ensuite, 2 more generous bedrooms upstairs and small loft area. STACKED STONE FP, UPDATED 1/2 BATH, Full finished basement WITH big rec room. **\$299,900**

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Active shooter drill teaches teamwork

University of St. Francis-Crown Point nursing students triage "victims" during an active shooter drill there recently. They and students from the Franciscan Health Crown Point Emergency Medical Services Training Academy participated in the third-annual exercise, which promotes collaboration and training for students, who also portrayed shooting victims and first-responders. Crown Point and Lake County Sheriff's police participated as well. Lake County officers confronted the "shooter," portrayed by academy director Rob Dowling, who was taken into custody after "wounding and killing" nursing students in hallways and classrooms before being apprehended and taken into custody.