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4th of July photo contest winners announced by Historical Society of Lakes of the Four Seasons

By Sally Lugo,
LOFS Historical Society

The Historical Society of Lakes of the Four Seasons announced a "4th of July Photo Contest" in the July 2017 edition of the Seasonal. The rules were simple. Photos were to be taken inside LOFS on the 4th of July, and one entry per resident with a July 31 deadline.

Jim Rettker, who is also member of LOFS Photography Club and who has served as a photography judge, led seven members of the Historical Society of LOFS in the judging process.

All pictures were viewed critiquing various aspects. Photos were judged on a point system unaware of entrants' names. Scores were tallied leaving one final round judging a narrowed field. We have to say, this was harder than expected due to both photography talent and/or simply the subject matter. Ultimately, the entire group of judges agreed on the top three winners.

And the winners of \$100, \$50, or \$25 in LOFS Bucks are...

• **FIRST PLACE** – Photo by Anna McLaughlin, "The Joy of Independence" features subjects Iga Sienkiewicz accepting candy from parade entrant and long-time resident Bruce Penrod in his cherished 1957 Chevy Bel



Anna McLaughlin's photo "The Joy of Independence" took the first-place prize.

Air named "Bobbi" after his late wife. Iga, who is from Poland, is enjoying the summer at LOFS with her Aunt Anna and Uncle Michael Dunlap. We hope you return again Iga to our little LOFS Paradise!

• **SECOND PLACE** – Photo by Megan Dusak. Megan's comment on her entry, "American Pride," was "I captured this special moment during the parade with my family when the song, 'I'm proud to be an American' was playing." She further shared how humbled she was watching the soldier waving our flag reminding her of the sacrifices of others for our independence.

• **THIRD PLACE** – Photo by Millie Ruzbasan, "Purple Haze." Taken from the Levander backyard, Millie

was able to capture our LOFS fireworks in beautiful purple hues. Millie shared she's enjoyed the 4th of July with Ken and Mitzi over the years. This year, armed with new camera and that perfect view, Millie also captured third place in the contest!

All judges felt the winning photos reflect the essence of the 4th of July and our American pride, provides recognition of being "inside LOFS", and have outstanding quality. With that said, it's pretty hard to ignore the kiddos and family photos.

So, here are our Honorable Mentions for your enjoyment. They are: Joe Faron with daughter Anna in her oh so cute patriotic dress, Linda Korzeniewski featuring grandson Paxton with cousin Leila, "Balloon Toss"



Megan Dusak's photo "American Pride" was awarded second place by the judging panel.

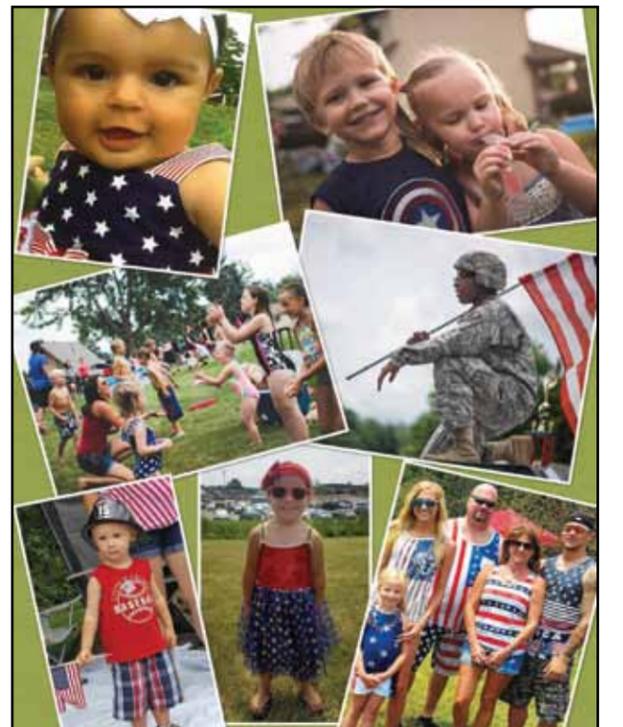


Millie Ruzbasan's photo "Purple Haze" won third place in the Historical Society's contest.

by Hailey Fast featuring the kids enjoying the festivities at the Korzeniewski's, Cindy Bean's soldier in the LOFS parade was nearly a duplicate of the second place winning photo, Tamey Yokas' picture of grandson Jackson watching the fire trucks and police cars in the parade, Leann Montes featuring her little Katalina with the huge smile all decked out in her red, white and blue sparkly dress, and the Ursitti family wearing as much American pride as possible! Congrats to all our photographers.

Our Historical Society will next determine how to best feature these pictures on our yet-to-be-developed "picture wall" inside the Seasons Lakehouse entrance.

P.S. We will do this again next year!



A collage of "Honorable Mention" photos taken on Independence Day (see article for a description of each).



House & Garden Club contributes to the new beauty of the 2nd Hole

Instead of telling you about the Garden Club's July meeting which featured a highly competitive game, take a look at these two pictures of the second hole of the golf course located on Leeward Road just off of Sunnyslope Drive. LOFS gardeners (or as we like to call them, "magicians"), transferred hole two from slightly overgrown to magnificent, and we helped! We raised money to provide financial support for the beautification of the Seasons, and when Kim White asks us to help, we always know our money will be well spent. Here's another example. We had an ice cream social at the 19th Hole on August 29. If you're interested in attending our September 26 meeting at the Seasons Lakehouse, please call Patricia German at 219-662-4162 or Mary Cavallini at 219-988-5879.

LOFS Security Department name changed to LOFS Public Safety Department

Over the years, our Security Department has grown in its responsibilities to the community. The expectation put on these officers who are responsible for responding to a mass variety of emergency and non-emergency type calls by this community has also grown over the years.

We can no longer consider these men and women to be just "security". A security officer, by definition, is a private person hired to protect the employing party's assets from a variety of hazards by using preventative measures, then

notifying their client, emergency services, such as police and ambulance, as appropriate.

Our officers, however, are responsible for so much more. Our officers patrol assigned areas and respond to emergency calls to protect persons or property from crimes, fires, or other hazards. They regulate traffic, control crowds, prevent crime, and arrest violators if needed.

They respond to fire/EMS alarms, administer first aid or artificial respiration to injured or unresponsive persons; while at the same time

responding to animal calls, loud music, checking on vacant properties, and enforcing the POA policies and regulations of the community.

Therefore, as you can see, by definition the current staff employed by the Lakes of the Four Seasons goes way beyond the definition or job description of "security" on a daily basis.

The decision was made by the POA Board of Directors at their executive meeting on August 14, 2017, that the Security Department name be changed to Public Safety Department.

POA Community Manager

Children are back in school so please use caution when driving through the community especially around school buses. It is illegal to pass stopped school buses.

My annual reminder to parents; please be vigilant in watching your children's activities during the first few weeks of school. Some children have been known to become destructive when school starts as our vandalism problems increase significantly when school lets out and when school begins.

Another year of concerts has ended and the POA hopes everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. I want to thank all of the groups that collected the parking fees this year.

I would also like to thank the Security Department, the Seasons Lakehouse staff, and the Maintenance Departments for all the extra work they had to do to make

each patron's time during the concerts a pleasurable one. Let's look forward to next summer's list of bands.

Be "Pet Smart" and considerate of our public spaces

Pet owners should be aware that their animals are not permitted to do their business, either #1 or #2, within any of the public spaces we share as a community. This includes the beaches, the grassy areas around the beaches, the sports fields, and parks that we enjoy as a community. We have a Dog Park that all residents are welcome to join. Please be mindful of this as it is a nuisance and needs to be addressed.

Thank You to all of the PO. employees for your efforts and hard work in keeping the community maintained and running smoothly this summer.

Branch Collections

As we enter the fall season



Rick Cleveland

the Operations Department will be collecting branches. This annual task is expensive and time-consuming. All residents can help by properly piling their branches along the road in a timely fashion. The fall branch collection schedule is in this issue of the Seasonal.

Election Reminder

A reminder to all residents, the Poll closes Wednesday September 13, 2017. Ballots must be received by 9 a.m. at the Crown Point Post Office, or you may drop them inside a locked ballot box that is located inside the LOFS Seasons Lakehouse by noon on the same day. I encourage all property owners to vote.

Winfield-LOFS Fall Ball Little League registrations

The LOFS-Winfield Little League is holding online registration for the 2017 fall baseball season. The season will consist of 8 to 10 games.

Games will be played on Mondays and Saturdays. Cost for the season is \$75 per player, which includes a jersey and hat.

Visit www.lofssl.org for additional details on how to register. Direct any questions to Anthony Eriks at anthony@americleaninc.com.

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Keenagers

The Keen-Agers will be having their September meeting on the 20th at the Seasons Lakehouse. The bar will open at noon with a delicious luncheon being served at 1 p.m. Entertainment at 2 p.m. will be Bernie, back by popular demand! After a short meeting adjournment will be around 3 p.m.

Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings the club gambles at Four Winds casino; September is booked. They just enjoyed a boat luncheon on the Spirit of Chicago in August. Their bus trip to Maine will be leaving in late September, returning in early October.

The August Auction brought money in for beautiful baskets with all new merchandise, gift cards galore, and our in-house photographer Stephen Martin, who also entertained us with singing and playing his guitar. The club's successful fundraisers help pay for all their fun activities.

The Club is open to anyone 50 and older, regardless of residency. The yearly Membership fee of \$25 will be due in October; if paid in September the fee will be \$24, the 2016 rate.

The monthly luncheon cost will be \$15, up from \$14, which now will include

a tip; starting in October. Please contact Renate at 219-689-3408 or at willrenate@yahoo.com for more information or to make a reservation.

Thanks to all the Keen-Agers and the Lakehouse staff for keeping this senior club sane!

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The Advocates Corner
By Jill M. McNamara



Have you ever considered contacting your health insurance provider for pre-authorization for your post-surgical medications? I know I never did until after my Total Knee Replacement (TKR) surgery in 2015. The day after my TKR surgery it was time to begin my post-surgical pain-management regime. Immediately, after taking one of the medications, I had a severe allergic reaction. An emergency response

team quickly administered an antidote into my I.V. Another medication was prescribed, but declined for coverage by the insurance company.

When the insurance company denied coverage for the alternative medication, there was only one real choice to be made and that meant paying over \$350 out-of-pocket for just one of the many prescribed medications. My doctor refused to sign for my medical release until he was assured I would have all the pain medications necessary for my in-home rehabilitation therapy.

If the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and getting the same results, then

calling the pharmaceutical telephone number on my insurance card, to advocate for a reversal of the denied prescription coverage, was insane. However, the customer service agent on the medical telephone number listed on my insurance card was empathic, helpful, and resourceful. She even found a \$100 downloadable coupon on the drug manufacturer's website.

Rather than sending a Letter of Appeal to the insurance company, I sent a Letter of Complaint to the Department of Insurance. After the insurance company was contacted by the Department of Insurance concerning my complaint, it reversed its de-

cision. The reversed decision meant that, instead of paying over \$350, my cost would be \$30 for a 30-day supply of the same medicine. However, there would be no compensation for the over \$900 I had already paid out-of-pocket prior to the approval.

This experience has made me a bit savvier in overcoming the insurance coverage obstacles. Now, I have my pain specialist submit any prescription that might be denied coverage, prior to my surgical procedure. This causes the appeal process to begin prior to surgery and expedites my receipt of the Denial of Coverage letter that I include in my Letter of

Complaint to the Department of Insurance.

I am not suggesting that my situation is a common insurance company practice. I am not even recommending that everyone needs to contact their insurance company for pre-authorization of their post-surgical medications. The intent of this article was to explain options that are available when an insurance company denies you coverage for a pre-

scription medication. I hope it never happens to you.

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This Month in History

By Sally Lugo, Historical Society of LOFS

Forty-seven years ago LOFS held its first true election of three directors joining two directors appointed the year prior. A resolution changed the balloting process to have a five-person board each serving two years. It was further resolved Annual Meetings would be held on the second Saturday of each October. Forty-seven years later, we the people of LOFS, aka as: "The POA," are electing two directors.

My husband Lee and I recently vacationed in what we call "the modest little cottage with the \$5 million dollar view!" We bicycled around the small community called "VOL" (Vermillion on the Lake), an HOA developed in the early 1920s! As luck

would have it for this "history buff girl" our neighbor grew up in VOL and ended up buying property right down the road from his parents! Sound familiar? He told me how wonderful VOL "USED TO BE." The old Clubhouse Pavilion, its beautiful beach and board walk, and in its hey-day hosted up-coming bands and singers like Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly and well-known big bands of the 50s.

Sadly it's all gone! The once buzzing VOL Pavilion with kids sitting at a soda fountain and music echoing across the big lake are now just a memory to a few. The Pavilion was almost in receivership when a few loyal members refused to give up and formed a Trusteeship applying as a historical so-

ciety to gain tax exemption. Enough funds to re-build the VOL Pavilion were raised but the large beach with board walk became victim to the tides of Lake Erie. Now, a private club, it sustains itself by renting out the pavilion for weddings and parties.

Shockingly my neighbor admitted that although he always paid his dues (which had become optional I guess) he never voted in annual elections.

"I just trusted they would do the right thing," he said. It was only a matter of time this paradise with the "Big View" became known as the "wrong side of the tracks," a place to rent cheaply, buy drugs, and where motorcycle gangs partied. (At least that was my neighbor's description.)

"By the later 90s investors started to buy property as fixer-uppers to rent to vacationers, we still had this view!" John told me. "This place was really something back when I was a kid and it's coming back a little," he said. Then his wife chimed in, "But it'll never be what it could have been."

Please take the time to VOTE in your POA Election this year. Two of three candidates will be elected. *This is your POA! This is your home! This is our Workingman's Paradise* and you can keep it wonderful through your community interest, attending meetings, volunteering, helping to keep property values up, and simply voting! Can we get a record number of voters out this year and not just the usual 25% or so?



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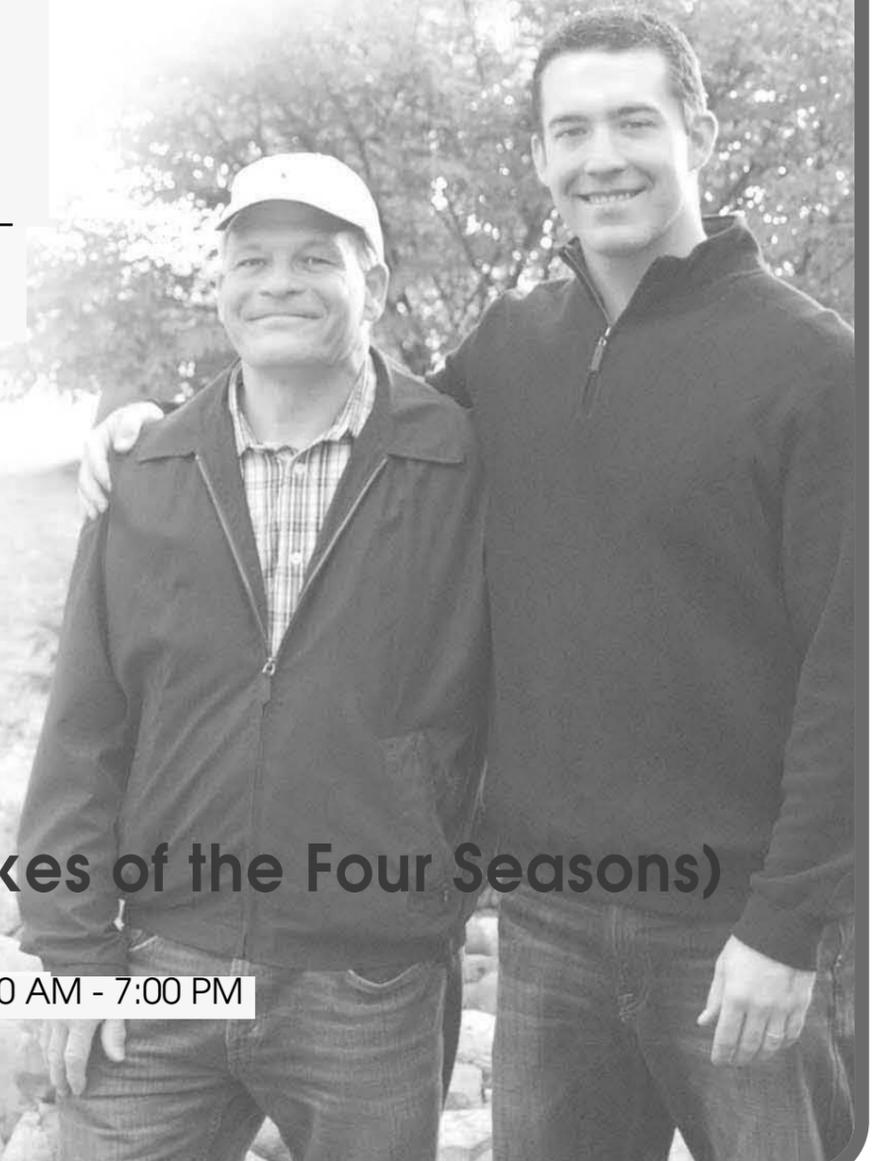
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Election Committee

2017 POA Board Election Schedule Update

By Jean Marthaler, Election Committee Chair

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

- Friday, August 11 – Ballots were mailed to all property owners of record. If you did not receive a ballot you may pick one up at the POA Office.
- Wednesday, September 13 – 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 is 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 13, by noon. The election chairperson will be the only person that can unlock the box to retrieve ballots the day of verification and counting on September 13.

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

LOFS Fire Auxiliary busy with event planning

The Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Auxiliary would like you to mark your calendars for October. We are in the planning stages for our Fall Crazy Bunco "Tailgate Party" on Friday, October 6, at 6 p.m. and our Annual Pancake Breakfast

on October 15, from 7 a.m. to noon. Both will be held at the LOFS Fire Station at 745W 275S, which is 123rd Avenue off Randolph Street.

For any further info, please contact Cathy at 219-746-6827 or via e-mail at cwaitk@aol.com.

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Operations Department

By Roy Green,
Operations Director

Well, Summer was here and is now gone, time flies by when you're having fun. The Operations and Building Maintenance Departments did a great job getting projects done and keeping the community clean all summer.

I hope you have noticed and are enjoying some of the projects we did over the summer. At the Seasons Lakehouse restaurant, we remodeled the patio with new lights, pillars and a firepit. The Westhaven boat docks have a new look. With the help of the Lakes Department, we were able to remove the drop off by extending the culvert. We installed an access road to get to the boat docks, and also made it easier for the porta john company to clean the porta john. A surround was constructed around the porta john and a couple of new bridges were installed.

We also finished the construction of Golf View Park. We installed new playground equipment; "Freddy the Frog" and

"Wally the Whale" are a couple of the items along with new "Monkey Bars" and new play mulch.

Now we are in our Fall mode.

Fall branch collections will begin on September 5 and continue until the final date of September 16 for the Lake County portion of the community. Piles must be placed out on or before the September 5th date but no sooner than 7 days prior. No collections after the September 16 date.

Fall branch collections will begin on September 26 and continue until the final date of October 7 for the Porter County portion of the community including Beachview Ct., Sandy Beach Dr., all of Brandywine Road, and all of Forest Ln. Piles must be placed out on or before the September 26 date, but no sooner than 7 days prior. No collections after the October 7 date.

There will be no more collections once the crew has serviced your property.

We will continue collecting branches that have fallen due to storm dam-

age. Please contact the Operations department at 219-988-4461 to schedule a collection.

Nothing larger than twelve (12) inches in diameter will be collected.

Please do not mix rubbish, roots, dirt, yard waste or any other items with the branches and keep the branches off the roads.

We will keep track of what streets have been serviced. If you would like to know if your street has been serviced for the fall season contact the Operations Department at 219-988-4461 or check the LOFS information page on the internet.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and we're looking forward to a beautiful fall season.



Girl Scouts, Lions Club join forces to purchase bench for park

On July 14, the LOFS Girl Scout troop saved plastic caps with the community's help. After collecting 500 pounds and with a donation check from the LOFS Lions Club, the Girl Scouts purchased this bench made from 100% recycled caps. The Girl Scouts and Lions Club members dedicated the bench to Lions Park for all to enjoy.

Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's, taking registrations, forming teams now

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is a movement to reclaim the future for millions. The Lake County Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place Sunday, September 17, at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Crown Point, and the Michigan City Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place Saturday, September 23, at Washington Park in Michigan City. Nearly 1,500 people from Northwest Indiana counties are expected at this year's events to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's participants will complete a 1- or 3- mile walk and will learn about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical studies enrollment and support programs and services from the Alzheimer's

Association. Walk participants will also join in a meaningful tribute ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's. The organizing believes that by working together, Alzheimer's, the nation's sixth-leading cause of death, can be ended.

Start or join a team today by visiting www.alz.org/walk or calling 800-272-3900.

School looking for golfers for annual fundraising outing

St. Mary Catholic Community School's Home and School Association will hold its annual golf outing at South Shore Country Club in Cedar Lake on Friday, September 8, at noon. The \$100 registration fee includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, refreshments, prizes, and more. To register or become a hole sponsor contact Natalie at 219-313-

4510 or visit www.stmarycp.org/school and click on the Home and School page.

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Lakes of the Four Seasons



19th Hole Grille

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LOFS residents save 156 lives in six hours

By Emma Vandenburg,
Junior Reporter

With The combined efforts of the Girls Scouts, Lions Club, and blood drive chair Karly Wauro the LOFS community blew the Red Cross away.

“It is such a wonderful feeling to know that the members of our community are willing to come together and perform the selfless act of giving blood to help save lives,” said Ashley Holland from the American Red Cross.

The Girl Scouts helped at the snack table and greeted the donors. The Girl Scouts enjoy being able to get involved in such an important, lifesaving program. Maybe one day, we will be donors too.

The LOFS drive brought in 59 donors, 7 donors were deferred, and 52 units were collected. Fifty-two units of blood is enough to help save



156 lives! We will be having another blood drive in early spring.

Thank you, LOFS residents; you are what makes this community outstanding.



CVS to take over Fagen Pharmacy chain, including Winfield store

CVS, a national pharmacy chain, has bought out the local Northwest Indiana and Northeast Illinois chain Fagen Pharmacy, which includes a store in Winfield's Doubletree Plaza. CVS reportedly will be closing many of the Fagen stores they are buying, but will be keeping eight stores open under the CVS name, including the Winfield location. Changes reportedly include the closing of the U.S. Postal Station inside Fagen Pharmacy, and the ceasing of selling tobacco.

Fall Harvest Festival at local church on September 30

The Church of the Four Seasons is having a Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 30, from 3 to 7 p.m. Come enjoy an evening of fun with

pony rides, games, food, crafts, contests, a bon fire, hay rides, a cake walk, and a silent auction.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. The church is

located at 9100 E. 109th Ave. near the front gate of LOFS. If you have any questions, please call 219-663-7803.



- The Seasonal would like to feature pictures & news from more than just our clubs & organizations. Everyone who lives in LOFS is a potential “reporter” for our community.
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- Email Community Manager Rick Cleveland at cmgr@lofs.org

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Lakes Department

What's with Big Bass Lake?

By Mike Talley,
MS4 Coordinator

About the lake itself. Big Bass Lake is a small reservoir type lake. Its surface covers 78 acres. It has an average depth of 4.7 feet and a maximum depth of 11 feet. In the warm summer months temperatures climb to nearly 80 degrees.

Why does it look the way it does?

The shallowness and size of the lake contribute to the problem. Due to its shallow depth, the sun's rays easily penetrate to the bottom. In doing so the lake is warmed to those 80-degree temperatures. By itself the sun warming the water is not enough to promote heavy plant and algae growth. Plants also need nutrients to grow. Nutrients in the lake feed the plant life and encourage their growth. Sediments carrying those

nutrients into our lakes via stormwater would be the number one source of nutrient loading. Phosphorus in those nutrients would be the main culprit contributing to the heavy growth of both plants and algae.

So where do the nutrients come from?

Phosphorus is naturally all around us. All of nature needs it to survive. Nature by itself naturally controls the amount of phosphorus in the environment. When nature can't keep up and control the nutrient levels is when we have a problem, like Big Bass Lake.

Humans, it seems, are the main contributors to heavy nutrients in our lakes. Phosphorus is found in the ingredient in many of the items found around the house yards and environment. A partial list includes agricultural by-products, yard fertilizers, pet and goose waste, detergents,

grass clippings and leaves. When exposed to rain water these household items and the phosphorus they contain can be carried into our lakes.

We also have reports of grass clippings, leaves and animal waste being intentionally thrown into the lakes, an easy way to dispose of them. What makes it worse is that once they are in there they don't just go away; they stick around in one form or another.

What can be done to clean the lakes up?

Lakes of the Four Seasons has been working on steps to limit the amount of nutrients from entering our lakes. Engineered wetland filters have been placed and maintained all over the community; such as the large filter running alongside the Seasons Lakehouse parking lot.

Cardino Engineering is working with us to re-design the 725 engineered wetland filter on the east side of Big Bass Lake. These wetland filters, that to some may look like overgrown patches of weeds, are designed to do a specific job. They slow the

rainwater runoff allowing the sediment to fall to the bottom where the plants use the nutrients to grow. The pond at the 6th hole of the golf course has recently been re-engineered to better filter the stormwater runoff.

The Golf Department recently installed a mower wash deck to catch all grass clippings, before they can enter the lake. Sites are being developed and maintained all over the Lakes of the Four Seasons. Construction sites are inspected regularly to make sure all runoff is being filtered before it leaves the site. The Lakes Department maintains the aerators in the lakes, which help to bind the phosphorus to the bottom of the lakes where it can't be used by the algae.

The Seasons and each of its maintenance departments keep lakes in mind with every project they take on.

Residents can help by using non-phosphorus fertilizers, not feeding the geese, cleaning up their pet's waste, taking care not to put leaves and grass clippings in the lakes.

We all need to pitch in and help. But keep in mind all that has been mentioned is to slow the amount of nutrients from entering the lakes. And none of these is a fix all, they help. Before we can do something about the nutrients in the lakes, such as dredging or treatments to bind them to the bottom, we need to slow them from re-entering the lakes or the problem will be back again.

Lion's Club

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions held two events in August, our annual golf event on August 11 and our steak fry on August 20. Both events were well-attended and the Lions wish to thank all of the attendees and sponsors for their support.

If you enjoyed the steaks at the steak fry, we will be selling them by the case or 1/2 case starting in mid-October. Get ready for those holiday gatherings or gifts!

Events coming up for the Lions:

- Health Fair and Blood Drive on September 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jerry Ross School. It features 30 vendors and volunteer organizations. Come join us for an informative and fun event!
- White Cane Event on Saturday, October 7. Lions members will be at all the LOFS gates collecting for sight projects from 8 a.m. to noon.
- Sunday December 10 — Children's Christmas Party from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Seasons Lakehouse, featuring entertainment, snacks, and of course, Santa Claus and his helpers. This is a free event sponsored annually by the Lions.
- The Annual Polar Plunge

in February 2018, date to be announced. Are you or your group brave enough to take on the cold water of Lake Holiday? We're looking for adults who are willing to take the plunge!

• And returning on March 11, 2018: The Princess Brunch! Practice your best princess wave, show off your tiara, lift that pinky when you sip your drink. Tickets for the Princess Brunch will go on sale in December.

The Lions are an organization with a 100-year history of service to the public. We support Leader Dogs, sight and hearing projects, local food banks and cancer research, just to name a few. Our group is always looking for event help, high school students who need volunteer hours, and of course, new members. Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Seasons Lakehouse at 7 p.m. Come join us and talk with our members about our work in the community.

For more information, you can e-mail lofslions@aol.com, check us out on Facebook as Lakes of the Four Seasons (IN) Lions Club, or on the web at www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/lakesfourseasonsin.

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Old cemeteries in Winfield Township have interesting backgrounds

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society

Most of us are not concerned with cemeteries, except when there is a need for one, or when visiting the graves of loved ones around Memorial Day, or when a historian, genealogist, or curiosity seeker meanders through one. With that in mind, unknown to many people, Winfield Township, Lake County, has two cemeteries, both rather remote and rarely used, and one is very unique, to say the least.

Deer Creek Cemetery sits on a small hill on the west side of Grand Boulevard, just a few hundred yards north of 109th Avenue. It is rather inconspicuous and can be easily missed. The cemetery is quite old and contains the remains of some of the early settlers of the area. This cemetery was developed as a township cemetery, not associated with the old Deer Creek Methodist Church, which was just west of it; and demolished only a few years ago.

This cemetery is currently in fairly good shape, being maintained by the Winfield Township Trustee. According to documents at the Crown Point library, there are about 164 graves in the cemetery, with the earliest for an infant, Alice Abdill, in 1859. The latest observed was of Evelyn (Doepping) Lakin, who died in 2009. Typical names in the ceme-

tery include Bacon, Riecker, Huppke, Burge, Dye, and Fischer. A number of markers are damaged or illegible.

Tucked away among the trees and bushes, on the east side of Randolph Street in the small village of Palmer, just south of East 126th Avenue, is a rather unusual cemetery.

A signpost minus a sign greets the visitor. All of the tombstones, estimated to be about 180, are rather small, with some upright and some in or on the ground,

and some are sunken or tilted askew. Several resting benches are evident. The names on the stones are different: Skipper, Puff, Kitty, Teena, Duke, Pepper, Muffy, Ted-E-Bear, Trixie. Yes, it is a pet cemetery. A few stones carry the family name of the pet owner. Most burials were between 1987 and 1993; the earliest seen was in 1975 and the latest was in 2013.

The pet cemetery is on the site of the former Palmer grade school, later an apart-

ment building; that burned down about 1976. The cemetery, started in 1978, is still active, per the owner, who lives in Schererville. A local person maintains the grounds. Surprisingly, the pet cemetery is in rather good condition. Grass is cut often, although a large branch has fallen over several grave markers, and some graves are sunken.

In the extreme southeast corner of Winfield Township, just south of Stoney Run

County Park, a small village called Hickory Point existed for a short time in the mid-1800's. The town met its demise as early settlers migrated northeast to the larger town of Boone Grove in Porter Township. A small Hickory Point cemetery was in the area, but no traces of it are now evident, as some

remains were transferred to the Salem Methodist Church cemetery in the 1950s in part due to vandalism, and the site plowed over. Interestingly, Porter Township in Porter County has, or once had, a rather large number of cemeteries, which will be detailed in a future article. Stay tuned!

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Women's Golf Association

WGA announces July league results

By Marge Wilke,
WGA Secretary

The 18-hole league posted some great scores and for the July 6 game of "Most of the Same Number", the winners were 1st Place Debbie Gulley, 2nd Place Nadean Hartman, and 3rd place, Sally Lugo.

The July 13 game was "Gross Minus Putts, Less 1/2

Handicap" and the winners included first Place Nikki Streit, second Phyllis Wayco, and third place Rita Winter. There was no 18 Hole league play due to rain on July 20.

The game on July 27 was "Guess Your Score". First Place winner was Nikki Streit, second place Sally Lugo, and third place Rita Winter. Birdies were recorded by Jeana Karas on Hole #3 and Nikki Streit on

Hole #10. In addition Kim Brownlee had a chip-in on Hole #9 and Sharon Strbjak had a chip-in on Hole #14.

The July Putter of the Month for the 18 Hole League was Nikki Streit.

Our 9 Hole League on July 6 played "Best Poker Hand" and the A Flight recorded a tie with Lori DuPratt and Barb Wood who each had 4 - 7s while the B Flight winner was Marge Wilke with 3 - 9s - the lowest 3 of a kind in the flight. Barb Wood recorded a chip in on Hole #2.

Our July 13 game was "Crier's Tourney" (Throw out 3 worst holes of 9 and deduct 1/2 handicap). The A Flight

winner was Gigi Leith with an adjusted score of 27.75 and the B Flight Winner was Mary Parra with an adjusted score of 22.5. There was no 9 Hole League play on July 20 due to rain, and on July 27 the game was "Tee to Green" (Subtract Putts from Score). No A Flight players participated and the winners from the B Flight were first place, Linda Pasternak with an adjusted score of 46 and second place, Marge Wilke with an adjusted score of 49.

July Putter of the Month for the 9 Hole League was Marge Wilke.

Congratulations to our winners for the month of July!

Obituary ~Elsie Marie Wierzba

Elsie Marie Wierzba, age 80 of Crown Point IN, passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday July 18, 2017. She was born to John and Elsie Felinski (nee Michl) on May 31, 1937. Elsie is survived by her husband- Richard of 61 1/2 years; sister and best friend- Barbara (Frank) Jasin of Crown Point; children- Sherrie (Barry) Van Deursen of Lowell, Nancy (Tom) Reed of Zionsville, Ronnie (Rose) Wierzba of Demotte; grandchildren- Casey (Todd) Pflughoeft, Jillian (Nathan) Bilhorn, Matthew (Katie) Van Deursen, Cody (McKinley) Van Deursen, Tyler (Tiffany) Reed, Luke Reed, Joshua (Dana) Wierzba, Mallory (Brien) Jarvis, Lauren Wierzba; great grandchildren- Alexandra, Emma, Ashton, Abigail, Beckett, Hudson, Brecken, Max, Grayson, Oliver, Mary, Vivienne, Julia, Maggie, Henry, Wyatt, Jude, and Lincoln; nieces- Suzie (Doug) Roe, Janet Foster, and great nephew- Kyle. She was preceded in death by her par-

ents- John and Elsie Felinski, great grandson- Alexander Thomas Reed. Elsie was a "die hard" Cubs fan her entire life! She also enjoyed, and was a very talented seamstress along with being a professional QVC shopper. She loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Elsie (Gma) loved to banter with them on social media. She was a member of Hebron Chapter # 119, Worthy Matron of Olive Chapter # 396 from 1982 - 1983, 19th District Deputy 1984 - 1985, Grand Ruth 1985 - 1986. Friends were invited to visit with Elsie's family on Friday July 21, 2017 from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Funeral services were on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Burns. Pastor Tim Hestor officiating, OES Service was Friday at 7 p.m. Please note: Attire for the visitation and funeral will be Chicago Cubs Apparel. Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Calumet Area. www.burnsfuneral.com

Obituary ~ William J. Ross

William J. Ross, 65, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, formerly of Crown Point, passed away Saturday, July 15, 2017. He was a former trade checker for the Chicago Board of Trade. William is survived by his brother George (Sharon) Ross of Lakes of the Four Seasons; a niece, great-nieces, cousins and close friends. He was preceded in death by

his parents, George and Betty Ross. A Celebration of Life reception was at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017 at The Gary Sportsmen Club, 10101 Madison St., Crown Point. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the family would be appreciated. Burns Funeral Home in Crown Point, entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

POA - September 2017

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3	4 Labor Day POA Office Closed Last day the LOFS Pool is open	5	6 Lions 7 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	7 Collect Mums from House & Garden Club @ Seasons Lakehouse Parking Lot 4-7pm	8	9 Seasons Lakehouse Closed for a Private Event
10	11	12 Fishing Club 7 pm Downstairs @ 19th Hole	13 Lions 7 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse POA Election Ballots Will be Counted 7 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	14	15	16
17 Fishing Tournament On Lake Holiday 5:30 am Sign In @ Boat Launch	18	19	20 LEA 7 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	21 Keen- Agers Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse	22	23 Fishing Tournament On Big Bass Lake 5:30 am Sign In @ Boat Launch
24	25 POA Public Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	26 House & Garden Club Luncheon Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse	27 Lions 7 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	28	29	30

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Public Safety Department

By Craig Philp,
Public Safety Director

The clues are pouring in that the summer season is ending. This year's concerts are over, the pool is getting ready to shut down, and sunset is coming earlier and earlier.

I am happy to say that once again no major incidents occurred. We had a few injuries between children, some lost property (returned), but overall everyone was there to enjoy them, and after seeing some of the photos, it is very apparent everyone did.

I personally want to thank my staff and the Lakes Department staff who helped

by working each of these concerts. Every one of you did a fantastic job and it is appreciated not just by me but I am sure each community member out here.

It is time, however and unfortunately, to start preparing for the colder months ahead. We all need to take advantage of these warm days by tackling these important tasks in and around your home.

Whether it is checking and cleaning your HVAC system, having your fireplace cleaned or inspected, or just simply inspecting your roof for damaged shingles, now is the time.

If you do own a fireplace,

make sure to inspect your chimney for loose or damaged flashing. Make sure any small cracks where the flashing meets the chimney are properly sealed. Think about the trees if you have any surrounding the home; are they too close to your chimney or roof and in need of trimming?

How many of you out there own a fire extinguisher especially those reading this who have a fireplace? If you do own one, when was the last time you checked to see if they are expired? Look at the pressure gauge on dry chemical fire extinguishers to make sure it's in the green or operable zone, and give the canister a shake to loosen the chemical before placing it back in its spot.

While you're at it, check the attached hose if there is one; make sure it's not

clogged with spider webs or dirt. Make sure the hose isn't cracked nor has a hole, and the canister is not dented or rusting. If it is rusting, think strongly about replacing it since this type of corrosion can be a sign of a leak starting or present.

Examine your roof for shingles that may be missing, bent, loose, or broken then make plans to repair/replace them if needed. Check your gutters to make sure they are not clogged or pulling away from the home.

Check the caulk around windows and doors, the last thing you want is to be paying to heat the area outside of your home.



Officer Cook, Sgt. Green, Cpl. Latta, and Officer Hunt attended the last concert of 2017 with honorary Officer Seth Adams.

Again, use this month and its warm weather to make the repairs because no one wants to stand outside in the cold fixing things that should or could have been done earlier in the year.

Open call for vendors for the Saturday, October 14 Winfield Harvest Festival

The Town of Winfield is now accepting food, craft, and business vendors for the Winfield Harvest Festival taking place on Saturday, October 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Last year saw record attendance and featured many great vendors plus entertainment for the whole family. If any resident, or an acquaintance of any residence, would like to showcase their craft or business at this year's fes-

tival, contact the Town Hall. Sponsorship opportunities are also available and a way to advertise a business and increase exposure to the local community.

Space is limited, vendors will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be submitted along with the vendor application to the Town Hall, located at 10645 Randolph Street, Suite A. Applications

may be mailed in, or they can be dropped off in the utility drop box located to the left of the Town Hall door.

The deadline for applications is September 22. Applications can be found at www.winfield.in.gov under the 'Upcoming Events' section. Contact Kim at the Town Hall for any questions at 219-662-2665, or contact via e-mail to: kwachowski@winfield.in.gov.

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