

# Seasonal

Publication of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association September 2023



## House and Garden Club

By Mary Cavallini

### Benches to Boos!

Benches: Have you seen the benches with the Four Seasons and House and Garden Club logos at Big Bass Beach and Sandy Beach Parks? Thank you to Kathy Mlodecki and her committee for shepherding this project through. And thank you to Maintenance for taking on the job of installation.

Belatedly: We are including a photo of Evanston policewoman Heidi Bernhardt who shared valuable safety and security information at our July meeting.

Blessings: To all who are supporting our fundraiser with St. Vincent DePaul. If you haven't heard, Late Night Catechism will be presented Friday, September 8, 7 p.m., at Holy Spirit

Church. Tickets are \$35 and include refreshments during intermission. Call JoEllen Simoni 708-670-1162 or Judith Kaleta 219-659-4578 for tickets.

Beginnings: We have welcomed 11 new members this year, and we couldn't be more pleased. If you'd like to come to a meeting and see what we're all about, please call Mary Grveles 219-765-1004. We'd love to meet you!

Boo! Be sure you have October 21 on your calendars for our annual Trunk or Treat. This has become a tradition for the community, and our members are beginning to stock up on treats for that day. We hope other clubs and organizations will join the fun. Look for more information online and in next month's Seasonal.



Diane Warren & Christine Uskert



Helene Reichard & Her Niece  
Heidi Bernhardt



Sherry Gasparovic & Linda Kroner



One of the New Benches



Pat German & Her Sister Barb Mazur

## POA Election Committee

### 2023 POA Board Election Schedule Update

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

- Friday, August 11, 2023 – Ballots were mailed to all property owners of record and the electronic voting site opened.
- Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – Polls will close; paper and electronic ballots must be received by Survey and Ballot Systems by 5 p.m. Survey and Ballot Systems will tabulate paper and web ballots and provide results to LOFS election chairperson on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.
- Property Owners that do not want to mail their ballots or do not want or are unable to vote electronically may drop their election ballots inside

a locked ballot box that will be located inside the LOFS Seasons Lakehouse

- You are encouraged to vote electronically.
- 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 6, 2023 by noon. The election chairperson will be the only person that can unlock the box to retrieve ballots the day of verification and counting on September 6, 2023. Onsite ballots from the ballot box will be counted beginning at 7 p.m. in the LOFS West Lounge.
- Saturday, October 14 – LOFS POA Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Seasons Lakehouse Ballroom. Newly elected directors will be sworn in.

## LOFS Fundraising Committee

The LOFS Fundraising Committee is kicking off their "FIRST OF 3" Fall 2023 Comedy Nights with a great line-up. So, get ready, mark your calendar for Friday, September 22, 2023!

Reserve your seats by calling or texting Wendy at 219-309-9530. Seating is limited and not surprising, tickets are selling fast. (Reminder--Prepayment is required to guarantee your seat.) Tickets are \$25 per person with the show starting at 9 p.m.

If you plan on dining at the LOFS Lakehouse before the show, reservations are required and can be made by calling 219-988-2582.

Kicking off the evening will be our Feature, David Welfare. David is a regular at Comedy Venues throughout the Midwest and is a rapidly rising force to be reckoned with. He's high energy, fast pace and quick-witted makes him an audience favorite. You will surely enjoy this opener.

Headlining the evening is a LOFS Fundraising Committee and crowd favorite Jerry Donovan. JD has become an audience favorite for his quick wit and uncanny observations.

His one-of-a-kind style and rapid-fire delivery always leave audiences in stitches each and every time. Clean combined with an edge! His talents have taken J.D. nationwide to Comedy Clubs,

venues, and movie sets.

Jerry has worked with such notables as Kurt Russell, Jason Segal, Larry "The Soup Nazi" Thomas, and many more. He has been featured on Comcast "on demand" and has performed everywhere from the world famous "Caroline's" in New York City to the Moose Lodge in Zeeland, MI.

Jerry hit the Stage at the Lakehouse a few years back and certainly left the crowd wanting more. We are so ex-



Headliner Jerry Donovan

cited to have him back and can't wait for you to experience this awesome stand-up guy we call our friend.

We know this evening will not disappoint and are excited to be back to bring everyone a



Featured comedian  
David Welfare  
night of fun and laughs! See everyone on September 22.

Also, be sure to mark your calendar for the next two comedy nights on Friday, October 27 and Friday, November 17.

## Speeders Beware!

We deeply value the safety and well-being of all LOFS residents and guests!

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Community Manager

By Rick Cleveland, LOFS 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.

New Resolution

Per the recommendation of the Lakes Director the POA Board of Directors, at their August 14, 2023 Executive Board meeting approved a new resolution for all of the POA owned docks. This was done for safety purposes and to help minimize repairs to the docks.

- Running on POA Owned Docks is not allowed.
- Jumping or diving off of POA Owned Docks is not allowed.
- Swimming around POA Owned Docks is not allowed.

A fine of \$50 will be assessed for violation of this

policy. Fine amount shall be doubled on the third violation and tripled for every violation thereafter of the same offense within the preceding twelve months. All fine violations shall become the responsibility of the property owner when fine(s) are incurred by the member’s children, relatives, or guests of the property owner.

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“Street legal” shall be defined as having all of the operational and safety equipment required by the State of Indiana for the operation of motor vehicles on highways in the State of Indiana,

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Golf carts are allowed to be operated on LOFS roads. Golf carts are herein defined as gas or electric powered four wheel vehicles designed and maintained primarily for use on golf courses and capable of transporting golfers and their equipment. Existing guidelines regarding golf carts remain in place.

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. Please pick up after your pets when walking them along road berms as well. 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.

Fall Branch Collections

Fall branch collections will begin on September 5 and continue until the final date of September 13 for the Lake County portion of the community. Piles must be placed out on or before September 12 but no sooner than 7 days prior to September 5.

No collections after the September 13 date.

Fall branch collections will begin on September 18

and continue until the final date of September 27 for the Porter County portion of the community including Beachview Ct., Sandy Beach Dr. & all of Forest Ln. Piles must be placed out on or before September 26 but no sooner than 7 days prior to September 18.

No collections after the September 27 date.

There will be no more col-

lections once the crew has serviced your property.

Nothing larger than twelve (12”) inches in diameter will be collected. Do not mix rubbish, roots, dirt and yard waste with branches.

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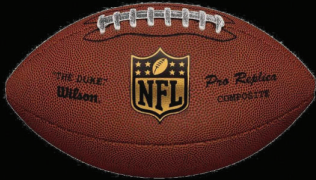
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Hello September. It's with our deepest sympathy that we let you know if you haven't already heard, our beloved dispatcher Dora Thomason passed away August 1, 2023. She worked with the Lake of the Four Seasons for 40+ years. She was loved by her co-workers and many that lived and worked within the community. She made a lasting impression on many of us and will forever be in our hearts. May she rest in peace.

Now that the kids are going back to school please do not go around the buses as they are picking the kids up and dropping them off. Be mindful that there are kids that may need to cross the street to get home. With that being said, speed limits are being ignored. We would hate for anything tragic to happen because you are in a rush to go somewhere. OBEY THE SPEED LIMITS PLEASE.

Golf cart rules for all: You all have the same rules as any other motor vehicles. You cannot drive out into the road thinking that you have the right of way. Please make sure you are stopping at the stop signs on the golf course paths and on the roads. Some of the residents with golf carts still don't have their updated decal stickers, you will be fined if a security officer sees you on the road without it. Make sure the decal is placed where the dispatcher can see it when you pull up to the front gate.

We are noticing too many vehicles in the resident's lane that are waving the decals out the window instead of them being plastered to the vehicle like they are supposed to be. If you don't have a variance for your vehicle, put the sticker decal on your window/vehicle where it belongs.

Residents, if you have room in your driveway, please park in your driveway. Berm parking is not allowed.

The covenant code enforcer is checking all lots to make sure they are in orderly fashion and maintained per the covenants and property maintenance resolution. Grass/ yard maintenance is a must, no junk vehicles of any kind should be kept on the premises. No junk/debris should be around the outside of your home. If any part of your property looks unsightly and can be seen from any street, lakes or golf course, you will more than likely get a warning then a fine if you don't correct the issues in a timely manner.

We cannot express enough to you all that we are not an animal rescue service. Residents should have their dog/cat or domesticated pets in the confines of their

homes. No animals should run loose off of your property. Please, at all times keep your pets confined or restrained.

Those that are visiting and those that live here and come to sign in, please do not give the dispatchers a hard time. Whispering and giving the wrong address holds up the

lines. Signing in at the front gate is a two-step process: give the dispatcher the address you are visiting along with your last name. We are noticing more visitors are signing in at the front gate saying they don't know the address of the resident.

Also, please let your guest and delivery drivers know

that they have to come to the front gate off 109th Avenue to enter the community. They are creating long lines at the other gates, and some are following other cars in and hitting the gates and damaging them.

Have a wonderful and safe September.

## Keeneagers

The Keen-Agers had their Annual August Auction on the 16th and it was a big success that brought in over \$1,000! Follow them on Facebook to view all the fabulous photos of the baskets that were auctioned off. Many thanks to all the Keen-Agers that helped, especially Sue Kalinowski and Liz Gorman.

Keen-Agers will not be

having a September meeting, as many members will be on their Diamond Tour bus vacation in Dollywood and enjoying all the sights and sounds of Tennessee. Read the Seasonal for all their info and updates when they return October 19. Reminder: The yearly dues of \$30 need to be paid at this meeting!

Kudos to the staff at the Seasons Lakehouse for set-

ting up and serving our club so well every month. "Keep keeping up with the Keen-Agers!"

- President, Renate Sahulcik
- Vice-President, Travel & Entertainment Director, Jeanette Stolarz
- Assistant, Jeni Golembieski
- Treasurer & Email Director, Alice Barcomb
- Secretary, Etc. Trudy Perry
- Casino Director, Sue Kalinowski
- Caller Directors, Deb & Mike Vega
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## Fishing Club

By Jack Grveles,  
Fishing Club President

The Fishing Club will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. in the

lower level of the 19th Hole. The Fishing Club will hold a community fishing tournament on Lake Holiday on Saturday, September 9. Sign

in is at 5:30 a.m. at the Lake Holiday boat launch with a start time of 6 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m.

Anyone needing any information may contact me at [lofsfishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:lofsfishingclub@gmail.com).

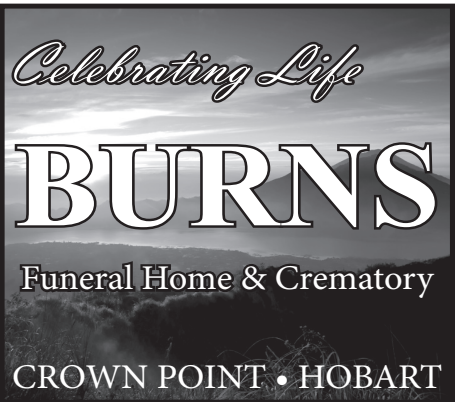
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DIRECTOR PROFILE: LARRY GEISEN



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Graduate of the Purdue University School of Management in 1988

Member of the Crown Point Rotary Club and Board Member of the Crown Point Community Foundation

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## Golf Maintenance

By Doug Weiss,  
Golf Course Superintendent

Fall has finally arrived! Most of the outings, leagues, and Club Championship are over for the 2023 golf season. Before long the leaves will be changing color and the temperatures will be much cooler, especially at night. The cool nights and warm days are a great time to get grass seed planted. We have already seeded the fairways to aid in the recovery in the areas of the

fairways that got damaged from the rain, heat, and cart traffic in early August. The tees and approaches will be seeded shortly after Labor Day. This will give the grass plant enough time to mature before winter. The process will only take a few days to complete.

The kids are back at school. The two college kids that worked this summer did

a great job mowing, raking, and trimming the course. Now that they're gone those tasks still need to be completed, which gives us no time to do any projects. All our time will be spent maintaining the course. The only project planned is to continue the bunker renovation process late fall or early winter.

This year I have emphasized returning to golf et-

iquette. Fixing ball marks on the greens, filling divots after a shot, raking the bunker after the shot is hit, and keeping carts away from the greens and tees. Now we need to start to share the ride in carts if at all possible. Everyone riding in separate carts is very hard on the turf, especially during high stress times. Before Covid it was normal to ride together

while playing. During the Covid restrictions riding separate was understandable. If you are able to share a ride, please do so.

Fall and football are back. I am hoping to get a few more rounds in before the cold winter arrives. We will continue to do our best to maintain the golf course and give you the best playing conditions possible.

## Golf Services

By Matthew Meneghetti,  
PGA Professional &  
Director of Golf

As we are now in the heart of our season with events and leagues, I want to remind the community about the USE OF THE GOLF CART PATHS FOR NON-GOLFING PURPOSES.

Using the golf course path for anything, but a registered and paid for round of golf is prohibited. Specifically, the paved cart path at the front gate that passes around the back of hole #17 is a public path, however all carts must exit onto the road once reaching the front gate; continuing to travel onto the golf courses 18th hole is not allowed and tickets will be issued for trespassing on golf course property. Fishing on golf course property is also prohibited!

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

**MGA/WGA Event Results**  
WGA 1-2-3

1st place – Sherrie Matthews, Chris Patz, Linda Pasternak

2nd place – Lori Rogers, Marilu Rivich, Barb Smith  
Tie for 3rd – Lori Kay, June Wilkinson, Eva Simic  
Wendy Smith, Maureen Zalewski, June Eitel

**The WGA had there WGA/ MGA Clash of the Titans on July 30th and Titans are:**

Rachel Thompson and Bryan Hill  
**WGA Memorial Red Vs. Blue**

Red with the victory and the Red Team was: Kathy Furlong, Kathy Bogdan, Sandi Nicol, Ann Ross, Marilu Rivich, Beryl Bowers, Tami Churchman, Connie Simpson, Sharon Strbjak, Barb Smith, Lorie Joyce, Faline Blanchard, Eva Simic, and Linda Pasternak.

**MGA had there Summer Classic on August 5 and 6.**

1st Place Nick Cosme, Marc Hernandez, Dave Cook, Kyle Bonta, Jerry Sibinic – They won on the 3rd playoff hole.

2nd Place Jim Ford, Mike Davis, John Marthaler, David Fischer and Carl Anderson.

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**6 Holers Division**  
1st Place – Mason Pasternak

Tie 2nd Place – Caden Pasternak and Luka Konopasek

3rd Place – Evan Webb

**4 Holers Division**  
Tie 1st Place – Thomas Lichtenfeld and Maddi Lichtenfeld

3rd Place – Alex Ebersberger

Tie 4th Place – Gage Dempsey and Evan Webb

**2 Holers Division**  
1st Place – Connor Daniel  
2nd Place – Flynn Sienkiewski  
**MGA CLASH OF THE TITANS August 13 and the Victor was Craig Patz and Jeff Nicol**

### Upcoming September Events

- September 2 – MGA/WGA Big Cup Scramble Benefiting Junior Golf Academy
- September 9 – Four Seasons Senior Club Championship 1st Round
- September 10 – Four Seasons Senior Club Championship Final Round
- September 16 – WGA/MGA 1 best ball of 2 and 2 person scramble
- September 22 – NWI No Child Hungry Golf Outing
- September 23 – MGA Steeplechase
- September 24 - Four Season Couples Club Championship
- September 29 – Kevin Mangan Golf Outing
- September 30 – MGA Gorilla Scramble

#### Leagues

- Monday Night Ladies – 5:15 Shotgun (9 Holes Only)
- Tuesday Night Men – 5:15 Shotgun (Course Closed)
- Wednesday Senior Men – 9am Tee
- Wednesday Couples 3p.m.
- Thursday WGA Ladies League 8:30 a.m. Shotgun



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you to bring your golf carts! LOFS Christmas at Lake Holiday will start with a parade at 4 p.m. Staging will be at Windyhill Park and will start from Windyhill Road. The route will be a shortened version of the 4th of July Parade route; starting by going down Windyhill Road and turning onto West Lake Shore Drive and will conclude at the Lakehouse grounds. Once at the Lakehouse the magic will happen. Anyone interested in participating in the parade stay tuned for more details to come. The tree lighting will hap-

pen immediately after the completion of the parade at approximately 4:45 p.m. The Christkindlmarket will be inside the tennis courts again. Here you will be able to shop from some of your finest local vendors. Vendor booth rental is \$50 per booth, and all vendors will need to supply all their own setup needs, including tables, extra lighting, etc. If you are interested in booth rental, please contact Michelle Zupan at 219-613-6020 for details – don't delay, because spots fill up quickly. We have many vendors returning from last year.

You don't want to miss this day – there will be so much to do and see. Aside from the tree lighting there will be food trucks, Santa, The Elf on the Shelf, DJ, photos and so much more. In the meantime, do you want to have an ornament displayed on the two trees near the pool? We can help you there! Watch for more details on when ornaments will be available to purchase at the POA Office for \$25. Stay tuned, because we will also be organizing an evening ornament decorating event where you can come

out to decorate with your friends & family. Of course, you are welcome to decorate your ornaments at home as well. More details to come on the date when ornaments will be available to purchase, decorating event, when to turn in, and how to pick up your masterpiece after the holiday season. We are looking for sponsors for the event. All proceeds from LOFS Christmas at Lake Holiday will be split between NWI No Child Hungry, The LOFS Fire Department and The LOFS Masterplan Committee to

help with enhancements to LOFS. We are asking for your support to help make the Christmas at Lake Holiday even better; promote your Business/Organization, or simply do a family donation as well. Sponsorship forms are available at the POA Office, The Lakehouse, The Seasonal or reach out to Michelle Zupan at 219-613-6020 to get started. Watch the Seasonal and Facebook for more details to come.

LOFS Lions Club

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club thanks the players, sponsors and donors that helped make the recent golf outing fundraiser on August 11, 2023 another huge success. The sponsors and donors include: LOFS POA, LOFS Seasons Lakehouse, LOFS Pro Shop LOFS 19th Hole Grille, LOFS Golf and Maintenance, LOFS Maintenance, Matthew Meneghetti -- Expert Remodeling, Golf Professional, LOFS

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House and Garden Club

The House and Garden Club would like to acknowledge those homes with amazing or unusual trees for the month of October. In LOFS we have some stunning flowering trees in the spring as well as beautiful autumn colors in the fall.

We also have some old, original, gnarly trees. Whatever tree has struck your fancy throughout the year, please submit a picture of the spring or fall colors of your favorite subject to the LOFS Garden Club, LOFS insider+, or the LOFS insider.



New Taft Middle School in Winfield celebrates with ribbon-cutting

Students, staff, and community members recently gathered at the new Robert A. Taft Middle School for a ribbon cutting ceremony. The building will officially open at the start of the school year for approximately 1,100 students in the 6th to 8th grades. Taft teacher Devin Lewis spoke at the event and recognized that in the coming weeks, students will make the building truly complete. "This space is begging to be filled with wonder, exploration, and discovery," she said. "The magic of Taft really began on August 16 when our students joined us with their unique interests, perspectives, and personalities. We cannot wait to enjoy their spirit and energy, and to allow it to fill the halls." Camille Ng, a Taft 8th

grader also spoke at the event. "A building is just a building," she said. "What makes it a school are the wonderful people who help provide a fulfilling education." Principal Tracy Seibert and Taft student ambassadors contributed to a time capsule before the ribbon was cut. Students added items such as yearbooks, spirit wear, and hand-written notes. A bicentennial patch and hall pass from the 1973 time capsule at the old Taft was also included. The new middle school, located on a 98-acre site at 121st Avenue in Winfield, is 230,000 square feet and includes 63 classrooms, two large-group instruction spaces, and nine small-group instruction labs. The performing arts wing includes an

auditorium with space to seat 700, and the athletics wing includes two gymnasiums. There are two technology labs with space for robotics, and the media center contains a space for student-produced news/media. Special education rooms have been purposefully designed with students' needs in mind, rather than retrofitting traditional classrooms. The roughly \$80 million of construction was funded through bonds and not a referendum, which means residents will not see an increase in the tax rate because of the project. "The planning and work that took place in order for us to be here today began years ago. In 2020, our school board put this project in motion so that we can



Students, staff, and community members recently gathered at the new Robert A. Taft Middle School for a ribbon cutting ceremony. (Photo provided by the Crown Point Community School Corporation.) better serve our students. To provide our students and our community a new school without increasing the tax rate is a testament to the hard work of many individuals," Terrill remarked. The district broke ground on the new middle school in the fall of 2021 to replace the aging Taft previously located on Main Street. The former Taft building was taken down in July, and a new administration center will open on the site in September. The northern section of Taft was kept and will become the CPCSC Education Center, where Birth to School, alternative learning, and the 18-22 year-old Transition to Adulthood programs will reside. Community members who would like to see the new Taft Middle School can attend a tour night on Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 4 to 6 p.m. Tours will take place approximately every 10-15 minutes. More information about Crown Point Community School Corporation's capital improvement projects can be found online at www.cps.k12.in.us/capital.



# House and Garden Club

## September's Yard of the Month can be found on East Lake Shore Drive

The beautiful home of Ben Lute and Christine Uskert at 2500 East Lake Shore Drive is a story of love of the house and the connection of two hearts.

The house was the longtime home of Carol and Bill Holm. For close to 40 years gardens were created that can only be viewed from the golf course. When Ben and Christine began to look for a home for the two of them five years ago, fate drew them to the house and its beautiful yard.

Ben is a creative gardener who lived in Valparaiso before calling Lakes of the Four Seasons his new home. His flower beds are a work in progress with lilies, hydrangeas, and decorative grasses. He enjoys lots of variety from the Korean lilac, cone flowers, and a special plant called decadence, to all the glorious peonies and hydrangeas. Items of whimsy are bird baths turned into solar fountains.

Ben and Christine met in high school at the old Wheeler High School. Both shared stories of life in a school with classes of less than 30 graduates. Life took them different directions but brought them back together. Ben was the general manager of the Orville Redenbacher popcorn factory in Valparaiso. Christine still teaches third grade at Union Township elementary school. She also is a very talented baker of specialty macarons.

The house on Lake Shore Drive is blessed to have a second owner who treasures its gardens and views as much as the Holm family did for over 40 years.



## St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart is looking for volunteers

St. Mary Medical Center is seeking volunteers 16 and older who have a passion for helping others. Volunteers are needed to greet, escort and/or transport patients and visitors at the Hobart hospital, 1500 S. Lake Park Ave. A commitment of one four-hour shift per week is required, as well as the ability to work well as a team. Training will be provided. Weekend shifts also are available and are great for students needing more than 20 service hours.

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Must be 21 or older to attend. Doors open at 6 p.m., with the concert from 7 to 10 p.m.

Hessville Star was formed in late November of 2006. The band showcases some the area’s most talented musicians.

Bass, acoustic guitar and vocals: Billy Ozzello comes to us from the band Survivor, as well as experience with other household-name bands. An incredible bassist and an

equally impressive vocalist.

Keyboards and vocals: Chris Grove, who played keys for Eddie Money, is arguably the most talented keyboardist you will find. He can also harmonize with anyone or anything. Often imitated, never duplicated.

Drums and vocals: Chris Karp is a local favorite among other musicians and fans who also know him from The Crawpuppies and Bravo Johnny.

Lead Guitar and vocals: Zeke Rongers. You may remember him from such bands as Nick Danger, Bonfire, It’s About Time, and

White Dove.

Chemistry, experienced and fun are good adjectives to describe this group. The primary objectives we set out for from the beginning was to have a musical outlet to express our interests and the songs and artists who inspire us. The element of fun and surprise are things that keep the people coming back. You can expect to hear a diverse array of tunes that you probably will not hear anywhere else. Fans and musicians alike will agree that our live shows will be memorable experiences.



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POA September 2023						
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3	4 Labor Day POA Office Closed Last Day LOFS Pool is Open for the Season	5 Ballots Due Today by 5pm @ Survey & Ballot Systems Branch & Limb Collection begins today for Lake County Portion of Community	6 Ballot Counting for POA Board Election 7pm @ Lakehouse Lions Meeting 6:30pm Downstairs @ 19th Hole	7	8	9 Fishing Tournament Lake Holiday 5:30am Sign In End of Summer Bash Hosted by Lions 5pm Lakehouse Grounds
10	11	12 Fishing Club Meeting 7pm Downstairs at 19th Hole	13 Branch & Limb Collection Ends for Lake County Portion of Community Lions Meeting 6:30pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	14	15	16
17	18 Branch & Limb Collection begins today for Porter County Portion of Community	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 POA Public Board Meeting 7:30pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	26 House & Garden Club Luncheon Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse	27 Branch & Limb Collection Ends for Porter County Portion of Community Lions Meeting 6:30pm @ Seasons Lakehouse	28	29	30



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# Some early Indiana colleges were started by religious institutions

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society



Arguably, the best well-known colleges in Indiana are Purdue University, Indiana University, and Notre Dame University, be it in academics or in sports. However, there are smaller colleges in the state, some of which were formed by various religious affiliations in the 1800s. Let's take a look at the beginnings of some schools started by religious organizations.

Locally, in 1859, the Valparaiso Male and Female College was founded under the sponsorship of the Northwest Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church. By 1860, it had

more than 300 students, but the Civil War brought a steep drop in enrollment. In 1871, the school was closed, but reopened in 1873 as a nonsectarian one called the Northern Indiana Normal School. In 1927, it then became associated with the Lutheran Church.

Notre Dame University represented the only significant effort of the Roman Catholics to establish an institution of higher learning in Indiana. Originally called Notre Dame du Lac, it was founded in 1842 by members of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The first president, Father Edward Soren, was French, as were most early members of the faculty. In 1855, nearby St. Mary's

Academy for girls was chartered under the sisters of the Holy Cross.

Surprisingly, Indiana University may have its beginnings tied to a religious affiliation. Under an act of the Indiana legislature, a county seminary located in Bloomington was chartered in 1820.

In 1827, the name of the seminary was changed to Indiana College; degrees were first conferred in 1831. The name was changed to Indiana University in 1838.

Several other smaller colleges in the state were also established by religious institutions. The oldest may be Hanover, a Presbyterian school located on the Ohio River, near Madison.

Incorporated as Hanover Academy in 1829, it became Hanover College in 1833, granting degrees in the liberal arts and sciences. Another group of Presbyterians founded Wabash College in Crawfordsville in 1833.

The Methodists founded several institutions of higher learning before 1880. The most enduring was Indiana Asbury University in Greencastle, chartered in 1837. Open to all young men, its first commencement was held in 1840. It was rescued from its financial difficulties through the generosity of Washington DePauw, a New Albany financial magnate. In 1884, the name of the school was changed to DePauw University in his honor.

The Moore's Hill College was established in 1854 in Dearborn County, also under the auspices of the Methodist Church. After closing, it was re-established as Evansville College in 1919.

North Western Christian University in Indianapolis was founded by the Disciples of Christ. Among the church leaders was Ovid Butler, a prominent attorney and leader of the antislavery movement. In 1875, the school moved to a suburban section of the city, and in 1877 the name was changed to Butler University in honor of its chief benefactor.

The sole Baptist institution of collegiate rank was founded as a manual training institute but rechartered in 1845

as Franklin College, which was the first in the state to admit women. The Society of Friends (Quakers) established a number of academies (high schools), but the only one of their schools to become degree-granting was Earlham College in Richmond.

As a matter of interest, organized sports in the state began to develop after the Civil War. The first game in which there were intercollegiate contests was baseball. One of the earliest collegiate games was between Wabash and Asbury in 1867. By the 1870's, a variety of football had been introduced, but there were not yet any intercollegiate games.

## 'Late Nite Catechism' comes to Holy Spirit Church for one performance only on Friday, September 8 at 7 p.m.

Call it Loretta Young meets Carol Burnett. 'Late Nite Catechism' is part catechism class, and part stand-up comedy. It's an interactive comedy and one of the longest running shows in Chicago and U.S. theater history, celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

You, the audience, are part of Sister's class. She'll take you back to the days of the Latin Mass, meatless Fridays

and remind you about that good old ruler across the knuckles! Uproariously funny, Sister will reward audience members for correct answers with glow-in-the-dark rosaries and other nifty prizes. Naughty students may well find themselves on stage sitting in a corner reflecting upon their actions.

The play is a sharp satire but never mean. It's simply an

evening of fun and laughter.

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul and the Four Seasons House and Garden Club, proceeds will be used to support the activities of both organizations. Tickets are \$35, and the price includes a charcuterie snack during intermission. For tickets or more information call JoEllen Simoni 708-670-1162 or Judith Kaleta 219-659-4578.

## LOFS Lions Club looking for more volunteers to help serve Winfield and surrounding areas

Our chapter is LOFS LIONS and our motto is 'WE SERVE'. We serve the communities of LOFS (Lake and Porter County), Winfield Township, and West Porter Township.

Consider joining our chapter. We welcome you to visit us at our general meetings, which are usually held 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the LOFS Lakehouse Restaurant.

Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday and a so-

cial gathering is usually held the fourth Wednesday of the month.


Contact any Lion member or one of the present officers: Yolanda Hernandez, President. Tom Snowden 1st Vice. Danny Moynihan, 2nd Vice. Jeanette Titoff, Secretary. Chuck DeLasCasas, treasurer.

We hold several fundraisers throughout the year and donate to community food banks, women's shelters, scholarships, Cancer, Leader Dogs for the

Blind, Camps for the Blind, Fire Stations and more.

Consider entering 4th of July parade (Becky Wright, Lions parade chairperson 219-779-7215. This year we received enough funds to offer six \$1000 scholarships to students from Crown Point and Boone Grove High Schools! We also presented Winfield Cub Scouts Pack 406 a \$500 check so they could purchase a popcorn machine.

Our aim is To Serve!



**Holy Spirit Catholic Church St. Vincent de Paul Society & Four Seasons House & Garden Club**

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**"Late Nite Catechism" ~ 30th Anniversary show**

**Friday, September 8, 2023**

**\$35 donation**

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Joseph V. Murphy Parish Life Center**  
**7687 East 109th Avenue - Crown Point**

**Doors open at 6:30 p.m.**

**Performance at 7:00 p.m.**

**Charcuterie boxes will be served at intermission.**

**Cash bar**

**Cash raffle - \$750 first prize!**

**Tickets on sale now! Winner need not be present.**

**Proceeds will be used to help the needy through St. Vincent de Paul & for the beautification & enhancement of the Four Seasons House & Garden Club community.**

**For tickets or more information, call:**  
**JoEllen Simoni at (708) 670-1162 -or- Judith Kaleta at (219) 659-4578**

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