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Proceeds benefit ILDC projects around Indian Lake.

Rep. Cross unveils more than \$5M in funding for Indian Lake projects

Supported initiatives include dredging and pickleball

BY MANDY LOEHR
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

The weed eradication efforts at Indian Lake received a \$5 million boost this week, and a volunteer-driven fundraising effort to install pickleball courts at Oldfield Beach also received sizable support, with both initiatives included among the \$350 million in one-time project state funding passed by the Ohio House of Representatives in Substitute House Bill 2.

State Rep. Jon Cross (R-Findlay) hosted a press conference Friday, Feb. 9, at Bud's Marine to unveil the totals for the two major Logan County projects, which are among the

record amount of \$9.7 million that he helped to secure for Hancock, Hardin and Logan counties.

The statewide, regional and local projects includes the \$5 million that has been committed to dredging at Indian Lake, ensuring longevity of critical water infrastructure; and \$150,000 has been dedicated to build new pickleball courts at Oldfield Beach on Indian Lake, promoting community recreation and well-being.

"I will always fight to ensure dollars make their way back to the 83rd House District," Cross said to an enthusiastic crowd gathered at the

business, 7169 County Road 38, Huntsville.

"These are your tax dollars at work."

"It's an economic shot in the arm for all of those who live here and love it here. I look forward to seeing the transformative effects of these projects for generations to come."

Rep. Cross shared that as a Hardin county native, he grew up coming to Indian Lake for recreational activities with his family. With the recent weed problems at Indian Lake, he and so many others were particularly distressed about the situation, since it was creating a widespread impact on business, tourism and local property owners and

families.

"It really shook this community. We were on the verge of losing the lake," he said.

As a result of those concerns, the state representative related that the community came together through the Indian Lake Advocacy Group and other collaborative efforts. Indian Lake also has previously received state funding for weed eradication efforts and for ecological studies performed here. The resulting efforts made the summer season of 2023 a much more successful one for businesses, residents and visitors alike.

"Indian Lake is open

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for business and enjoyment once again," Rep. Cross said. "You've saved our lake, but now we need to transition to supporting the lake."

Bud's Marine owner Bud Christman from the Indian Lake Advocacy Group accompanied Rep. Cross for the unveiling of the \$5 million in funding, which was the largest project funding amount received in the three-county area for Substitute House Bill 2.

"In the 60 years that I've been here, I've never seen anyone get involved the way that Jon (Cross) has," Christman said, nothing he and Rep. Cross recently met with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources director regard-

ing the weed issue at Indian Lake. "I want to thank him for his tremendous efforts."

"We're off to a good start. We need to learn to support the right people and welcome new opportunities."

Noting that dredging is a long-term effort, Rep. Cross said he is hopeful that the

Ohio Senate will match these funds. Then the dredging project will be "about 10 percent funded" over the long-term, he noted.

In recent years, Indian Lake has lost water capacity in a major way, and that's why the dredging is needed, Rep. Cross said.

"It makes our lake safer

for swimmers and boaters; safer for everyone."

Relating to the pickleball courts, Laura Kunkle joined the state representative to unveil the funding for six new tournament-worthy pickle ball courts to be installed at Oldfield Beach. She said the funding puts the volunteer organization "just steps away from actually being able to build" fol-




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lowing their recent local fundraising. Volunteers have been working alongside the ILDC and the Indian Lake State Park on this important recreational effort.


"Pickleball, it's a funny name, but an awesome sport," Kunke said. "We're

very excited to build the six new courts. It's an ever-growing and very popular sport. Last year in the U.S., 69 million people enjoyed playing pickleball.

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It was 1956 when the owners of the three primary marine dealers — including Schuler and Spend-A-Day marinas and Major Marine — banded together to attract thousands for a weekend-long display of the latest in water sports.

One of its original organizers, the late William “Bill” Reed, who passed away in 2009, was a staple for more than five decades, greeting visitors and friends in the Spend-A-Day Marina showroom and serving up popcorn and conversation along with his late wife, Marjorie, said son Jim Reed just after his father passed away in 2009.

“He basically taught

(everyone here) how to put on a successful boat show and we plan to continue that tradition.”

The elder Mr. Reed, like countless others, was drawn to the lake as a young boater and frequent visitor of the Million Dollar Playground.

“He played at the lake and stayed at the lake,” said Mr. Reed of his father.

In 1950, the late Mr. Reed opened a small boat rental operation in Russells Point and envisioned Indian Lake becoming a water recreation destination.

Three years later, he expanded the operation to include sales and service and constructed a new facility on Orchard Island. The old location was then dismantled brick by brick and relocated to the new facility, 9481 N. State Route 708, where it continues today.

The Reed family has since acquired the former Major Marine, now known as Indian Lake Marine, at 457 E. Main St., Russells Point.

Both locations will take part in the boat show, along with Bud’s Marine, 7189 County Road 38, along State

Route 366 east of Russells Point.

The showrooms open daily at 10 a.m. and close Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. and Thursday and Sunday at 5 p.m.

The Indian Lake Boat show is the annual spring event for the entire Indian Lake area. Boaters, campers, visitors, tourists, and residents look forward to this annual event which marks the beginning of spring activities in the area.

The 2021 Indian Lake Boat show will feature excellent deals, good food, and meetings with old and new friends, according to Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce officials.

Annually, boaters come to the Indian Lake Boat show and enjoy the fun and excitement of seeing the new and used boats on display. Snacks and prizes are available throughout the weekend and the boating fans love seeing the many new boats available from boat dealers at Indian Lake.

The Indian Lake boat dealers and the Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce host the show.

Boaters will be able to explore the best brands in the industry at each of the

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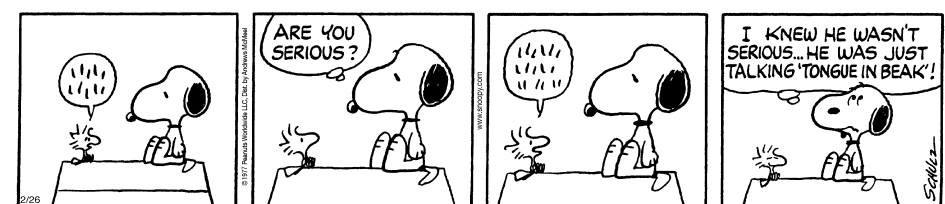
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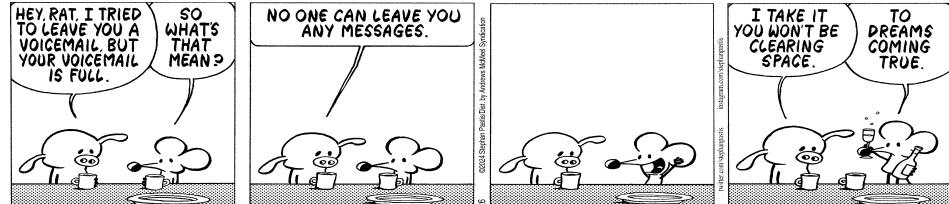
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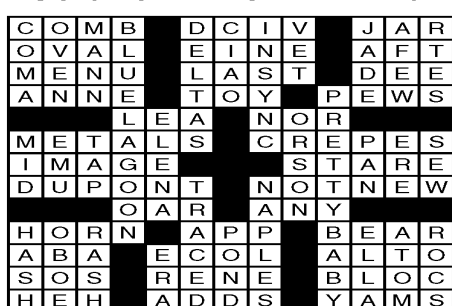
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 - 24 God of war
 - 25 Area of London
 - 28 Bubble
 - 29 Boorish person
 - 30 By means of
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- 35 "— fair in ..."
- 36 Dessert wines
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- 49 Art colony in New Mexico
- 50 —/her/hers
- 51 Head, to Henri

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 - 2 "Whatever"
 - 3 Obama-care initialism
 - 4 Sips slowly
 - 5 CEO's aide
 - 6 Sleep phenom
 - 7 Battery rejuvenators
 - 8 Themes
 - 9 Soon, poetically
 - 10 Corn syrup brand
 - 11 Snake eyes, in Vegas

- 13 Fine spray
- 19 Mound
- 20 Wrestling surface
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- 22 Tide type
- 23 Fall sounds
- 25 Large goblets
- 26 Always
- 27 "If it — broke ..."
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- 31 Billboards
- 33 Skin problems
- 34 "Casa-blanca" star
- 36 Senate aide
- 37 Champagne brand
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Saturday's answer 2-26

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 2:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. EST today (12:01 a.m. to 7 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Virgo into Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 26, 2024: You have insight and wisdom, which can make you appear detached. However, it also makes you comfortable with yourself in an easygoing way. This is the final year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to let go of whatever might be holding you back.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which happens for two and a half days every month. When this occurs, you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Be gracious and accommodating, and take the high road. (The view is better.) Tonight: Socialize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ This can be an industrious day for you if whatever you do involves communication with others. You will be clear about what you want. In fact, you might introduce reforms or improvements to your job or even your health. Because you're so convincing today, people will listen to you. Tonight: Work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ This is a wonderful day to schmooze! Not only will you enjoy social outings with others, as well as playful activities with kids and sports events, you will particularly enjoy the arts and the entertainment world. It's a powerful day, especially for those who

work with children. Tonight: Play!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ This is an excellent day for family discussions or perhaps a one-on-one chat with a female relative. Grab any chance to relax at home among familiar surroundings and enjoy some quiet time by yourself. You also might speak to someone about tidying up loose details related to debt and shared property. Tonight: Cocoon. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** ★★★★★ Get out and socialize today! Take short trips. Talk to siblings, relatives and neighbors. You'll be informative and convincing, and in doing so, you might help others in some way. Don't hesitate to share your good ideas. Alternatively, someone might have good advice for you. Tonight: Discussions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ If you're unhappy about your earnings or you're disputing a financial matter, be aware that today is the day to speak up. You might improve your job or get more money. You might even buy something that improves your health. Put your needs first today. Tonight: Socialize.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which happens for two and a half days every month. And when this occurs, you feel more emotional and excitable about things. However, you will also have a slight edge of good fortune over all the other signs. It's time to play that ace! Tonight: You win!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ This is a playful, fun-loving time for you, which is why many of you are socializing or enjoying a vacation. Nevertheless, today you will seek some privacy. You need a little time out to pull your act together before you take it on the road. Catch your breath.

Tonight: Solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ A discussion with a female friend or a member of a group could be important today. Someone's feedback might be helpful. Or you might discuss future goals or the direction that you want to take in a particular project. Meanwhile, home repairs and family issues are prominent. Tonight: Friendships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Today you're more public. For example, some people might know details about your private life because of a situation related to real estate, where you live or a medical situation. Whatever the case, be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Tonight: You're noticed.

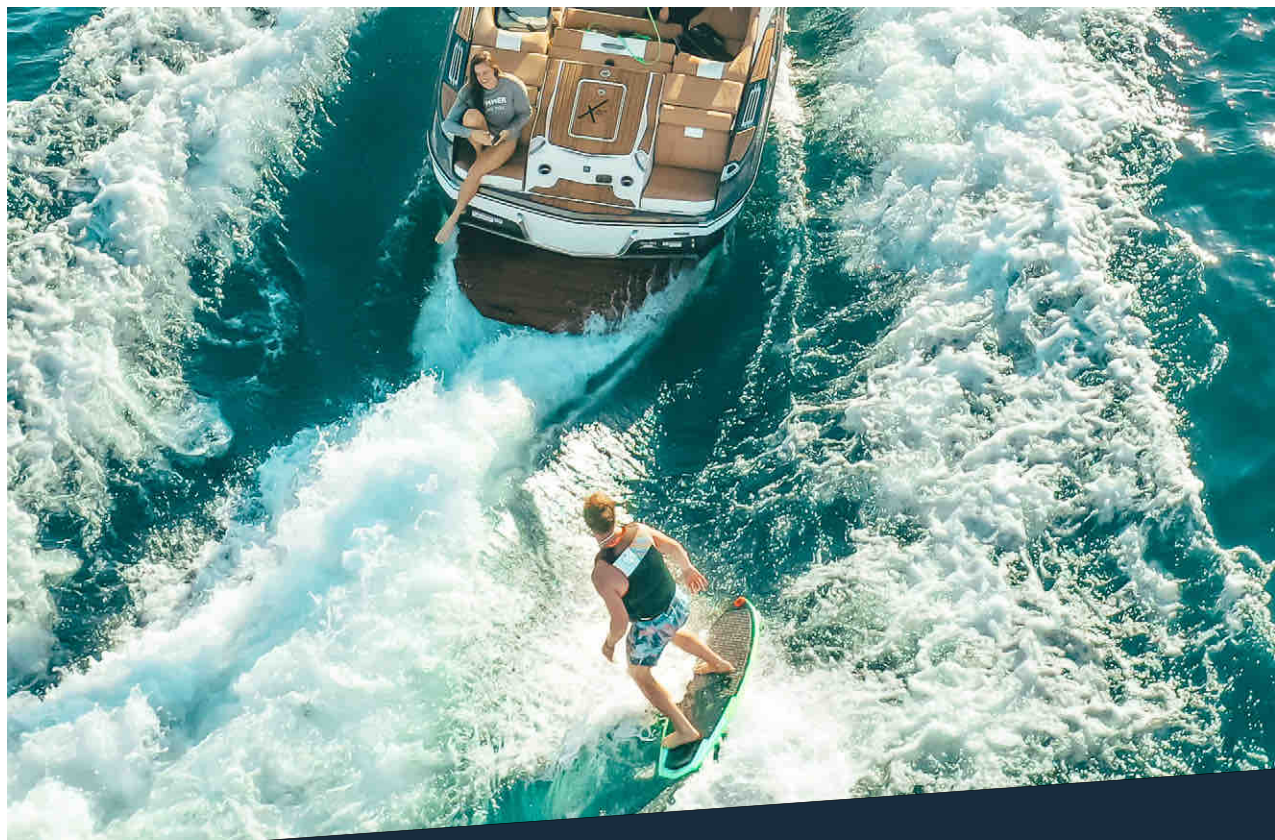
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Try to do something different today. You want a bit of adventure! Travel if possible. Go someplace you've never been before. Talk to people from other backgrounds or different countries so you feel that you are broadening your experience of the world. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Communications flow well today, which is why this is an excellent day to have important discussions about shared property, inheritances or anything that you share with someone else. (Including debt.) Establish guidelines and expectations. Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY
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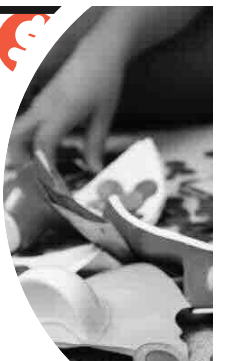
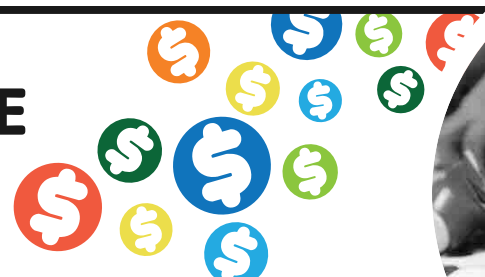
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