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LAKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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The Lake County Historical Society and the Lake County Solid Waste Management District are pleased to announce our new partnership. Starting May 1, 2026, the Lake County Historical Society (LCHS) will be located at the Lake County Solid Waste Management District (LCSWMD) building at 8695 Broadway in Merrillville, Indiana. LCHS will lease the front suite of the building for its offices and museum space. LCSWMD will continue its work in the remaining building as they have been since they relocated to the Broadway location in 2021. The partnership will allow both organizations to broaden their education programs and other opportunities for the Lake County community, as well as visitors to the area.

The Lake County Solid Waste Management District was established on February 5, 1991 when the Indiana State Legislature enacted House Bill 1240 requiring counties to form solid waste management districts. Lake County as a single-county district has developed a comprehensive plan of education, recycling assistance and technical assistance for both industry and the public to reduce waste by 50% by 2001, a statewide goal.

The Lake County Historical Society was organized on September 25, 1875, as The Old Settlers' Association. It is the oldest continuous historical society in the state of Indiana. In 1982, a museum was established at the Old Lake Courthouse in the Crown Point Square. After 43 years, LCHS closed that location. Items have been in climate controlled storage while a new location was secured. Many items will be on display; however, some will remain in storage as LCHS rotates displays. LCHS will begin the process of moving and reorganizing the collection; and hopes to open the museum to culminate the 150th anniversary year this fall. Details will be made public as we navigate the relocation.

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