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## Former Lakeview Resident to Embark on a 104-Mile Adventure



By Conale Clark

John Dietrick is a 74-year-old who began running while in his 40's after a coworker told him he was "looking old". Currently, he refers to himself as "a trail hiker" and says walking by himself "is what I do".

Six years ago, John was struggling to cope with a traumatic life-changing event. His sister, Bocky Fish, came from Indiana to stay with him to help and walk alongside John as he made the climb out of the darkness he found himself in. John survived, but he never forget the love and sacrifice that his sister gave so generously.

Then about three years ago, John took a couple of falls while on a sailboat. The first accident caused broken ribs and the second fall fractured his back. During treatment, it was discovered that he had heart problems. Quite unexpectedly, John ended up having open heart surgery. He recovered and

rejoined a nonprofit organization called Papa's House, which is a home for women who have experienced life-changing situations and need help to recover, regroup, and heal. This is what Bocky does and it is so good at. John says it's payback time.

Earlier this year, John contacted Becky to let her know he wanted to use his hiking skills to raise awareness and financial support for Papa's House. He realized that this 501(c)(3) entity depends entirely on contributions from private individuals, businesses, churches, community foundations and sponsors.

On October 1, John's Journey for Papa's House will begin east of Fichard Rocks and Grand Marais, Michigan as he covers the first few miles to position himself at the point on the North Country Trail where he will start his 100 mile hike of gratitude. His goal is to raise \$10,000. For information



## JOHN'S JOURNEY: 104 MILES

FOR PAPA'S HOUSE



John Dietrick is attempting a 104 mile walk to gather contributions for Papa's House beginning October 2, 2023. Let's encourage him by giving or joining his adventure. Papa's House is a 501(c)3 Christian nonprofit women's transition home in Summitville, IN.



GIVE TO SUPPORT PAPA'S HOUSE



OR [Click here](#) to go to our website/giving page

OR BY CHECK TO: 412 S. West St.  
Summitville, IN 46070

Want to join the adventure?  
Contact us at  
papas.house.office@gmail.com  
or 616-755-2208.

For more details regarding the walk, please see our [website page](#) for John's Journey. [www.papashouseus.com](http://www.papashouseus.com)



**In This Issue**

Wilson Drive in Lakeview is repaired. We saw that road every week. Remember that the speed limit there is still 25 mph.

Rosemary Indhoff has passed away. See her obituary on page 4.

We had a pleasant trip to Wisconsin and back last weekend. We went through the UP even though it takes half again longer than going through Chicago. It was worth the extra time. The Mackinac Bridge still costs just \$4.00.

### Fall Forecast

The A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 8am. Partly sunny, high 68. East wind 10 to 13 mph.  
The Night Mostly cloudy, low around 53.  
Fri Partly sunny, with a high near 71.  
Fri Night Mostly clear, with a low around 52.  
Sat Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.  
Sat Night Mostly clear, with a low around 52.  
Sun Sunny, with a high near 71.