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## GREAT DAY FOR MARLIN'S HIKE!

**MARLIN'S HIKE:** We had a nice turnout and a beautiful day to honor Marlin. Cairn Stone vet Craig Clapper lead an outdoor 25 minute service that was very touching. Following the 10.2 mile trek Barb Walsh hosted a beautiful lunch at the Elks and also presented everyone with a *Forget-Me-Not* plant. In addition to Barb, special thanks go to our aid station master Gary Kachur and to Jay Crouch, Rob Riley and Larry Lies for their help in setting up the course. Also a big salute goes to Ray Klomes and Dawn Gearing of the Elks Club.



**INDIANA DUNES:** Our next training hike will be this **Saturday, May 21 at Indiana Dunes State Park** just north of Chesterton, Indiana. The hike distances, mostly on trails, are 8.75, 10.0, 11.7 and 18.75 miles. All hikes will start from the parking lot near the Pavillion at **9:00AM (CDT)/10:00AM (EDT)**. Entrance fee at the gate for Indiana residents is \$7.00 and \$9.00 for all others. Carry your receipt with you for when you enter the park again during your hike. Modern restrooms are available at the start and if your day pack is properly loaded you will have your trekking poles, sun block and bug spray.

I highly recommend *The Shoreline Brewery* for rehydration and it is located conveniently on the way home for many of you.

**DIRECTIONS:** West on I-94 or US20, north on IN49. Just north of US20 stay straight to cross over US12, follow road into the park. Pay fee at park entrance gate (per car \$7 IN or \$9 others).

**REHYDRATION:** I suggest *The Shoreline Brewery and Restaurant* in Michigan City. It has great food and beverage and is very easy to access after the hike. Just exit the park and turn east on US12 for about 10 miles. It will be on your left.

**JORDAN RIVER:** Need a room or a roommate for the Test Hike at Jordan River Valley or want to car pool? Contact Thom. to help you connect. We still have **one male hiker looking for a roommate** (he has a room for two nights).

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