

School House Now Apartments



After the North West Hendricks consolidation in 1975, the Lizton school building, completed in 1922, was sold and converted into apartments.

Lizton Women Acheive Success



MARJORIE MAIN



ADELLE DAVIS

Marjorie, the daughter of The Rev. Samuel L. Tomlinson, made Lizton her home in the 1890's when her father was pastor of the Christian Church. Young Marjorie assisted with church music.

She later joined a Shakespeare repertory company that toured with a Chautauqua group. She changed her name to Marjorie Main because her father disapproved of her career choice.

Marjorie made her film debut in 1931 and later signed a contract with MGM Studios. She appeared in nine "Ma & Pa Kettle" films between 1949 and 1957.

Adelle Davis was born on a farm near Lizton in 1904. She graduated from Lizton High School in 1913. She was a 4-H Club member and leader, winning many ribbons for her baked goods.

After studying Home Economics at Purdue, she transferred to University of California-Berkley and received a degree in dietetics. She published a nutrition text book in 1942, followed by best selling-books for consumers including "Let's Get Well," and Let's Cook It Right to Keep Fit." She was considered the most famous nutritionist of the early to mid-20th century.

Town of Lizton



History

In 1851, Jessie Vieley filed a plat for a new town. With spousal pride, he named it New Elizabeth, after his wife. The original 29 lots were sold at auction. The town was located on the new Indianapolis-Crawfordsville road.

The post office was established in 1853.

In 1873, the name was shortened to Lizton. According to one source, the name may have been changed by the railroad, others say it was changed by U.S. Post Office officials.

The construction of the Indiana, Bloomington & Western railroad in 1869 promised to bring business to the town. Additions to the town were platted on the west and north and lots sold. Not only was Lizton blessed with the railroad coming straight through town, they also were at the center of the Indianapolis-Crawfordsville & Western interurban line.

In 1885 the town boasted three physicians, three grocers, a tile factory, saw mill, hotel, two druggists, blacksmith, wagon shop, and hardware store and was described as "quite an enterprising business point."

The oldest business in Lizton is the State Bank, organized in 1910 as the State Bank of Lizton. The main office is still in Lizton with additional 10 branches across central Indiana.

Lizton Quick Notes

The Town of Lizton is in Union Township, Hendricks County, Indiana. The township was formed 14 years after New Elizabeth was founded. It was originally part of Middle Township.

The Town of Lizton was established in 1837 and incorporated in 1909.

The population is approximately 511

When Knighthood was in Lizton



On the evening of February 4, 1892, 32 prominent men of Lizton became charter members of Lizton Knights of Pythias Lodge NO. 342. The K. of P. was one of several fraternal organizations that grew out of the years following the Civil War. Its founder, Justus H. Rathbone, felt a need to restore the brotherly sentiment that the war had put asunder. He named the new organization after the story of Damon and Pythias. The round window on the third floor features the round, red, yellow and blue symbol with the initials "F.L.B" standing for Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

The State Bank of Lizton was organized on the first floor of the building in 1910. Today, the Lizton post office is located there.

In 1906, the K. of P. acquired land for a cemetery south of Lizton. Dr. Oscar .B. Johnson, one of the charter members, was the first to be buried there, the same year the cemetery was established.

Did You Know?

A stop on the Underground Railroad, a secret route for enslaved people on the way to Canada, was said to be in the cellar of Job Hadley's barn northeast of Lizton.

In 1873, cholera caused the death of approximately 24 residents, bringing fear to the town and slowing its development.

What They Say:

"I've lived in Lizton for 35 years. I bought a home and I liked that it was located by the Interstate, a State Highway and a US Highway. I like the fact that the people on my street look out for each other and look out for the kids that are playing outside. I think our community needs growth; maybe a mom and pop restaurant and retail."— Paul Minor, Lizton resident

Lizton Comprehensive Plan Looks to the Future



The town of New Elizabeth was shortened to Lizton in 1873. The name change gave Lizton a unique notability as advertised on a sign erected promoting the site of "The Only Lizton in the World!"

In July of 2021, the Town of Lizton made a citizen survey to "more fully determine the thoughts and desires of the community" and to "determine major needs and issues important for growth and development."

Those answering the questions said the main reason for living in Lizton was the reasonable cost of living and the open space/rural feel.

The survey was part of the development of a five-year comprehensive plan (2022 - 2026).

The plan cites the importance of infrastructure to a community, and its importance for growth and function.

The Town presently operates water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities. The Town has submitted requests for grants and loans

for approximately 3 million for water improvement projects and for \$1 million in stormwater improvements.

Future plans also include expanding the town hall and police and fire departments.

Community Gathering Places



Places like Lizton's Dairy Bar are important as gathering places for a community. The Lizton Comprehensive Plan notes socialization at such places, as well as community events as a necessity for the Town's growth and improvement.

An upgrade is presently underway to improve the Town website as an information portal to strengthen community involvement and governmental transparency.

Future land use inside corporation limits are to expand residential, commercial, instructional and open space. Outside the corporate limits, future use includes more residential areas and expand institutional, open space and light industrial usage.

The plan reported that Lizton scored in the negative for opportunities to socialize except for church events. The lack of socialization also results in a lack of volunteerism.

The plan noted: "For many small towns, socialization is the heart of the community...Although not as important in today's world of technology, the act of communication through socializing still plays a unique role in how a small community works."

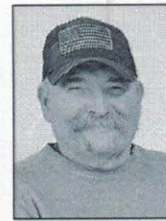
Lizton Town Employees



BOB FISHER
TOWN COUNCIL



NICOLE KISH
CLERK-TREASURER



JON JOSEPH
FIRE CHIEF

Lizton Town Council At Large
Robert "Bob" Fisher
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Lisè Crouch

Clerk-Treasurer
Nicole Kish

Fire Chief
Jon Joseph



Town Hall

The Lizton Town Hall is located at 105 Lebanon Street, P.O. Box 136, Lizton IN 46149. The Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Website: <http://www.townoflizton.com>.

Facebook: Town of Lizton.

Fire Department Service For Over 70 Years



The Lizton-Union Township Fire Department was established in 1946 with one truck. According to the website (liztonfire.org) "The first fire alarm came in at 12:25 p.m. for a small working fire at the home of Carl Henry who was using oil soaked rags to aid in thawing frozen pipes. The fire was contained in under an hour and damage was estimated at \$150.00!"

That same day, at 1:30 p.m. another house fire was

sounded at the farm of Hattie Dowden. This house would burn to the ground due to the head start the fire had before the LUTVFD was alerted. Many contents were saved during the operation due to dedicated volunteers who worked diligently to hold the spreading flames at bay while they salvaged what they could reach. However, tragedy struck at this incident. Fireman Bud Hardesty was attempting to cut off the electricity to the

house by scaling the power pole via a ground ladder. Fireman Hardesty was killed in the line of duty by electrocution on only the second fire in the history of the LUTVFD. As a result of the investigation into the loss of Fireman Hardesty, ruled an accident by the State Fire Marshall, many recommendations and safety practices were established when operating at a fire in which power lines or live electrical service was a concern. Some of these guidelines, after many revisions, are still in place today."

The department now has pumper/tanker, rescue pumper, Basic Life Support Ambulance, a grass rig, support unit and command vehicle, and is staffed by nearly 20 dedicated volunteers. The station is located at 101 E. Main Street, Lizton. For news and more information, follow Lizton Union Township Fire Department on Facebook.