

Celebrating Our Community

Good Old Days

Growing Gowards the Future

Autumn 2024



57th Annual Good Old Days Are Here!

By Patti Weber

"Growing Towards the Future" is the theme of this year's 57th Annual Good Old Days festival September 6th through 8th. See the schedule of events

on page 3. Winfield has a long history of farming but is also gaining momentum in growing with new housing and businesses so we thought it appropriate to honor both with this year's theme. Good Old Days is a community collaboration organized by local not-for-profit Knights of Columbus Council 8002, Winfield Historical Society, Winfield Lions Club,

as well as the Village of Winfield, Winfield Police Department, Winfield Fire District, Winfield Park District, and Winfield School. These groups spent months meeting and planning activities and events for our community.

The weekend-long festival takes place at the intersection of Church Street and Beecher Avenue where you'll see big white tents, lots of tables and chairs, and a stage for bands. We have a terrific line up of live entertainment scheduled all weekend starting with our own Sammy & The Knights on Friday at 5:30pm opening for Southern rock band LynSkynard at 8:30pm. On Saturday we'll kick off 10 hours of live music with solo artist Mario C at 12:30pm, then the Mickey Hatfield band at 3pm. Sealed with a Kiss is next and warms up the crowd for Infinity with their classics to current - ultimate rock experience! The music continues Sunday with another local favorite Rob Russo and The Loose Screws. Bring your comfy portable chair to sit and enjoy the music if you don't feel like dancing.

We'll have a good variety of food and drink choices. The Tony Reyes Family Foundation Beer Tents will be offering cold beverages for sale. Proceeds from the sales go towards the Foundation's

> charities many of them local such as the Ronald McDonald House near CDH. They've also sponsored Riverwalk Music Nights, Winfield In Action, Disabled American Veterans, and CASA, just to name a few. See their website for more information: www.thetonyreyesfamilyfoundation.com. The Knights of Columbus will be firing up their wood burning grill to cook their

cakes, deep fried Oreos, curly fries, fried mozzarella sticks and cheese curds. And back this year is Kool Kat ice cream with their vanilla custard and root beer floats; and we'll have local favorite Manbot Coffee who will be pouring hot and iced coffee for when you feel the need to caffeinate! And rounding out the selection is Chris Our Savior Lutheran Church Winfield who will be selling bottles of water, ice pops, and candy.

We'll have a Farmer's Market style business expo tent down the center of Church Street all weekend long where you'll be able to shop and talk business with Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce, David Nelson of Farmer's Insurance, Lion's Panzek Martial Arts. Olympic Chiropractic. Bath Planet, LeafFilter Gutter Protection, St. Paul Street

> Evangelizers, Pet Wants Wheaton, Winfield Farmer's Market's Rich Bysina, Northwestern Medicine, Jump Start Novelties, Primrose School of Winfield, Rivera's Salsa, Kernel Dan's Kettle Corn, The Cookie Maker, and Dough Doodles Sweet Shop, and Boy Scout Pack 575.

The kids will enjoy the Kid's Zone with inflatables for jumping fun, a petting zoo, remote control NAS-CAR races! A wristband purchase gets them a full day of enjoyment plus a hot dog meal from the KOC

tent, what a deal! Kids will also enjoy Winfield Park District's Coin Carnival on Saturday from 1-3pm, a video gaming truck on Saturday along with the Teen Dance on Saturday night. The Winfield Historical Society brings the nostalgia back with its Ladies' Shoe Kicking Contest and will have their passport

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famous cheeseburgers, hot dogs, sausages, corn on the cob, and pizza slices. Proceeds from Knights food sales benefit local charities such as RMHC near CDH and college scholarships. On Church Street you'll find food vendors such as Mariano of Doggie Diner who will be selling fried chicken tenders, corn dogs, elotes, lemon shakeups, funnel

Get to Know Winfield Police Chief, Fire Chief

By Luke Allen Winfield is a wonderful place to call home, truly living up to its motto, "A Place to Discover." Recently, The Glimpses team posed a question: Who are the new firefighter/paramedics and police officers joining our community's ranks? In response, this edition marks the beginning of an ongoing series of interviews introducing these dedicated individuals to our readers. Through these stories, we hope you'll feel more connected to the first responders

who serve our town. The next time

you see them around, be sure to give a wave, introduce yourself, and let them know you read about them in The Glimpses!

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Police Chief David Schar



Fire Chief Steven Evans

Police Chief David Schar

Where are you from and what brought you to Winfield?

I grew up in West Chicago and began my career in law enforcement in Warrenville eventually being named Deputy Chief of Operations. When Chief Reever retired, I was fortunate enough to be offered the position.

Why did you become a police officer?

Growing up one of my good friend's dad was a Sheriff's Deputy and one of my little league baseball coaches. I admired him very much and wanted to make the same kind of difference I felt he made day

What's the best part of your job in Winfield? I actually have two, the first is when I get to interact with residents or community groups that I see at Village events or just day to day. The second is having the opportunity to work with the men and women of the Winfield Police Department and provide positive opportunities and tools for them to grow as professionals. What are your professional goals?

As I am getting closer to the end of my career my goal has transitioned from when I was a Patrol Officer. In my current role my goal is to mentor as many members of law enforcement as possible to ensure they have the tools and support necessary to become the best police officer they can and that I do my part to leave the

What's your favorite food? My wife's beef stroganoff

profession better than I found it.

Favorite restaurant? The White Chocolate Grill

Favorite law enforcement movie/ TV show?

Training Day / Blue Bloods

Favorite hobby?

Golf, but I am not very good at it!

Favorite dinosaur?

T-Rex

First Car?

Audi Fox

Dream Car? Chevrolet Corvette

Fire Chief Steven Evans

Where are you from and what brought you to Winfield?

I grew up in Palatine. After my service in the Army (stationed in Germany) I returned and worked in my family drywall business and quickly realized I wanted a career in public service. I saw an ad in the newspaper that the Winfield Fire

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Good Old Days Revives Tradition with Miss Illinois USA 2024

By Rich Bysina

It was 26 years ago when Miss Illinois USA 1998 Mandy Lane was the special guest at Good Old Days -- the first time a Miss Illinois USA participated in Winfield's annual festival.

She was such a charming, attractive and personable addition to Good Old Days, that for the next 15 years, it became a tradition. The tradition is being revived with the appearance of Grace Rodi on Sunday, September 8th.

Hailing from Hinsdale, Grace is honored to be Miss Illinois USA 2024. She made it the top 20 at the 73rd annual Miss USA contest on August 4th. She is a 24-year-old graduate of the University of Texas-Austin, and currently works as an Account Manager for the Pepper Group marketing agency in Chicago. With a B.S. degree in Public Relations, Grace is passionate about all things marketing, brand strategy and communications.

Grace dedicates time to various non-profits and community programs that focus on equal access to education, youth mentorship and literacy. Currently a mentor for Chicago Scholars, she helps prepare

rising high school seniors who are the first in their family to pursue higher education. Additionally, she's a top volunteer for Bernie's Book Bank, as well as an after-school tutor for Tutoring Chicago.

Her passion for education and supporting the next generation of leaders comes from her many moves as a child, where school became her happy place due to her family moving 17 times across four states throughout her childhood!

As Miss Illinois USA, Grace is dedicated to

highlighting the importance of education, forming relationships with women across the state and teaching children and young adults how to set goals, believe in themselves and work towards their dreams. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Grace excels at making crucial game-day decisions to guide her Pepper Group clients, drawn from a passion for PR and advertising. Beyond the office, she dreams of watching her beloved University of Texas Longhorns win an NCAA football championship.

Grace will be Good Old Days' special guest on Sunday, September 8th, first appearing where everyone can see her – in the Good Old Days parade, which begins at 1pm, moving west on Sunnyside Avenue, then north on Winfield Road until it ends at Beecher Avenue.

Plans are still being worked on as to exactly where Grace will be until she leaves at 4pm, but she will certainly spend some time meeting and greeting people at the festival after the parade.

Winfield Wealth Advisors' and Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce President Jennie Fleming and her business partner, Caleb Svoboda, will be co-hosting an informal reception at their office later in the afternoon for Village officials and Chamber board members.

On behalf of everyone involved...

Welcome to Winfield, Grace – We are so happy you're adding such a beautiful touch to our biggest weekend of the year!



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FRIDAY - 9/6

4:00pm - 10:00pm **Food Sales Beverage Sales** 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Business Expo/ 4:00pm - 7:00pm Vendor Booths

Winfield Library 9:00am - 7:00pm Friends Book Sale

The River 4:30pm - 6:30pm Radio Station Live

Kid's Zone 5:00pm - Dusk

Live Music: Sammy & The Knights 5:30pm - 8:00pm

LynSkynyrd 8:30pm - 10:30pm





SUNDAY - 9/8

Food Sales 11:00am - 6:00pm Beverage Sales 11:00am - 6:00pm

Business Expo/ 8:00am - 4:00pm **Vendor Booths**

Car Show 9:00am - 12:00pm

Duck Races 10:00am

10:00am - 4:30pm Kid's Zone Closed 12:45 - 1:45pm

Oscar Mayer Weinermobile 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Parade 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Miss Illinois USA 12:00pm - 4:00pm **Grace Rodi**

Live Music: 1:30pm - 4:30pm Rob Russo + The Loose Screws

CLOSE: 6:00pm



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12:30pm - 2:30pm

3:00pm - 5:00pm

5:30pm - 7:30pm

SATURDAY - 9/7

Food Sales 11:00am - 11:00pm Beverage Sales

Business Expo/Vendor Booths

9:00am - 6:00pm Interactive NASCAR Racing

Winfield Lion's Bags Tournament

Winfield Library Friends Book Sale

Kid's Zone 10:00am - Dusk

12:00pm - 4:00pm Petting Zoo

Winfield Park District - Coin Carnival

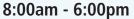
Winfield Historical Society -

Passport & Coloring Contest Awards

Winfield Historical Society -Ladies' Shoe Kicking Contest

Caliendo's Meatball Eating Contest

Winfield Park District Kid's Video Game Truck Teen Dance w/Dollar Booth 10:30am - 10:30pm





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Founders Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By Tom Bower

On Friday, August 2, 2024, the Winfield Park District celebrated the official opening of the Founders Park Project. Two hundred people attended the event. The updated park features two pickleball courts, an outdoor fitness area, teams course, walking path, shelter, and new playground areas. We were honored to have State Senator Seth Lewis, and Representative Amy Grant, in attendance. With Senator Lewis and Representative Grant's support we received an OSLAD grant of \$600,000 for the

Also, in attendance supporting the park district were Village President, Carl Sorgatz, village administration, Winfield Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, Hannah Billingsley, and Upland Design. Former Executive Director, Mark Pawlowski (Winfield Park District), was in attendance as well. On behalf of the Winfield Park District's Board of Commissioners, Founders Park was dedicated in Mark Pawlowski's name for all his past service, dedication, and foresight during the past 26 years at the Winfield Park District.

The Winfield Chamber of Commerce graciously participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony, and the Knights of Columbus served lunch for the attendees. Everyone enjoyed the new amenities at Founders Park.

Shop and Dine Winfield - support your friends and neighbors!

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Winfield Fire District Updates Water Rescue Capability—On A Budget

By Luke Allen

It's no secret that emergencies involving water can very quickly become lethal. Drowning deaths are on the rise in the United States, according to the CDC. Over 4,500 people died due to drowning in 2022. Drowning is the number 1 cause of death for children 1-4 years old in the United States and seniors aged 65 and older are also at high risk.

Calls to 9-1-1 in our area that describe a water hazard are routed to the highly specialized Winfield Fire Protection District (WFPD) Water Rescue

"All of our staff are trained in basic swift-water or shore-support operations, while 8 of our members are fully-certified underwater technical divers," said Chief Steve Evans. "Water rescues are lowfrequency but high-risk incidents where being well-trained and prepared makes the difference for patient outcomes. Our dive team is one of the best in the suburbs, and I'm incredibly proud of that," said Evans.

Water rescue team members are categorized into 3 groups:

those who go underwater (divers), those who stay above-water (swift-water technicians), and shore support/surface boat operators.

"Not everyone can be a diver," said Chief Evans. "Some people have inner-ear issues or other physical limitations which preclude them from being divers. But supporting our divers takes a large team of highly trained personnel. We need people to ensure continuous air supply is available, coordinate with local law enforcement and municipalities, operate our underwater drone, clear obstacles, and operate boats... water rescues are VERY highly coordinated and involved."

WFPD dive team members train throughout the year, and even lead trainings for all the neighboring agencies at least twice per year.

Why does Winfield Fire Protection District have a dive team?

Winfield Fire Protection District encompasses more than 13 square miles and includes more than 30 bodies of water, a river, and many floodplains. They respond to an average of 10 working water incidents per year. Common calls that are received include:

- Ice fall-through
- Car drives into water
- Swimming/fishing rescues

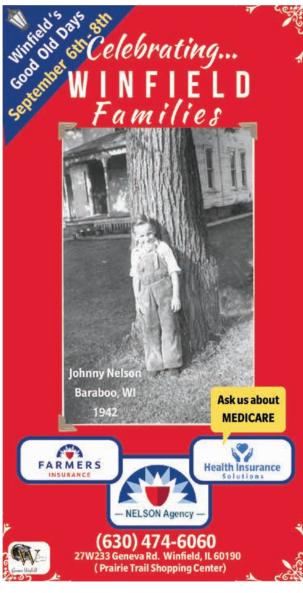


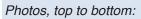


Pet & wildlife rescue

Because the WFPD dive team is so specialized and well-respected, it's not uncommon for their dive team to be dispatched for water rescue calls within a 30-mile radius. Dive teams are the least common technical rescue team among any fire service agency. According to Chief Evans, "Dive calls are

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Winfield Fire Protection District frequently gets the question, "Why do we have a water rescue truck?" Answer: because there's too much specialized equipment to fit on a fire engine.

Winfield Fire Protection District Trustee Luke Allen visited the Milwaukee U.S. Coast Guard station in July to receive an inflatable boat that was donated by the USCG. A second boat was received from the Buffalo, NY USCG station.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 11, 2024 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN CEMETERY HISTORY WALK

Co-sponsors:

Catholic Cemeteries of Joliet Diocese Winfield Historical Society Winfield Park District



Learn about the history of Winfield and St. John Cemetery. Learn about five people buried at the Cemetery: Barbara Higgins, John Manuel Grover, Rev. Weiderhold, Michael/Catherine Besch and William Daleiden.

INFORMATION or VOLUNTEER FOR EVENT

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Come visit us at Good Old Days! Sept. 6th & 7th

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Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce

By Jennie Fleming

Please welcome new GWCC members: Bobby's Liquors, owned by Raj Bagaria; Essential Infusions Plus, owned by Angie McGough; Winfield Station Apartments, managed by Patti Curry and Jeanette Storch. We are excited you're here! We look forward to supporting and promoting your business!

A shout out to the Chamber members who volunteered at the Summerfest and Criterium on July 21st! It was a beautiful, celebratory day in our downtown. The new artisan market was a success, the food trucks were busy, the kid zone was full, and the cycling races were very exciting!

The Park District held its ribbon cutting and dedication for the new playground and pickle ball courts at Founders Park on Friday, August 2nd. Park District board members, state representatives, Knights of Columbus, chamber members, and the community were in attendance to celebrate!

GWCC is co-sponsoring the Good Old Days Farmers Market and Business Expo, September 6th - 8th. We have a few spots available, very near all of the weekend's activities, if your business would like to participate in this fun marketing event for one day or all three days.

Applications to be a vendor at the Chamber's Fall Arts and Crafts festival on September 21st and 22nd are currently being accepted. Join us for a fun fall weekend to shop or to sell your handmade wares.

Thank you to Dave Nelson, Farmers Insurance, for creating our new Chamber Directory. Look for the directory of members to be handed out at the Winfield Farmers Market and at Good Old Days.

Save the date to attend the St. John's Cemetery History Walk on Friday, October 11, from 6:30-8:30pm. Learn about the history of Winfield and St. John cemetery, as well as the history of some citizens that are buried there. This event is sponsored by The Winfield Historical Society, the Winfield Park District, and the Catholic Cemeteries of Joliet

Networking meetings are on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am. The schedule for the remainder of the year is:

Sept 3rd Daniel and Associates Real Estate Healthcare Associates Credit Union

Nov 5th Berger Bros Pub Dec 3rd Winfield Park District



Photos:

Right: Angie McGough of Essential Infusions Plus

Far right, top to bottom:

The July Network meeting and August network meeting at The Barber Shoppe.





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Check out the Farmers Market and Business Expo on Church Street during Good Old Days! Sponsored by GWCC and the Knights of Columbus, you'll find a variety of local businesses showcasing their products, services, and expertise!

Visit the Expo

Friday, 9/6, 4-7pm Saturday, 9/7, 8am-6pm Sun., 9/8, 8am-4pm



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- Relationships
 - Growth
- Credibility
- Having a Voice
- Community Visibility

Chamber Opportunities to Market your Business throughout the Year

Summer Cruise Night sponsorships Fall Arts and Crafts Festival sponsorships Directory Advertising

Networking meetings Sponsored booth at Good Old Days festival

Chamber website, www.greaterwinfieldchamber.org Chamber-sponsored ad in the *Glimpses* newspaper Social media marketing

Sponsored table at the Winfield Farmer's Market Community volunteer opportunities Ribbon Cutting for new businesses

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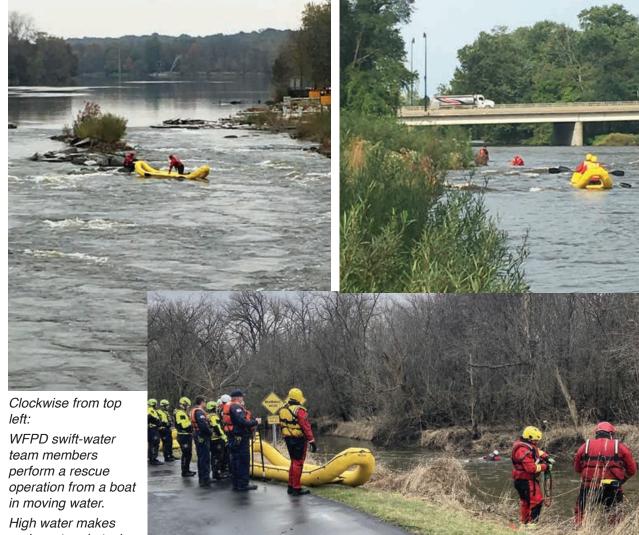
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low-frequency and high-risk operations. Operations are very complex and very time-sensitive. They are expensive to start and maintain. An underwater divers' ensemble can cost more than \$5,000 while swift-water gear can cost more than \$2,000 per person. It's tough to get crew to sign up for this specialty operation."

The truck residents see parked at the station in downtown Winfield is WFPD's second dedicated dive truck. The first truck was a former tool sales truck, donated to the department in the mid-1990s. and it was quite worn out. "You couldn't drive it over 35 miles per hour because the front end shook so bad" remembered Evans, with a smile. In 2007 the current dive truck was received through grant funds. Both trucks were built and outfitted by the firemen while on-shift. As the dive team grew and they upgraded their equipment and tools, they have outgrown their current truck. "We have added leaf springs but we have so much specialized equipment, this truck struggles to hold it all, and it doesn't have heat in the back. It is my plan to upgrade this truck as soon as we can," said Evans.

In August the trustees of WFPD were excited to add additional equipment to the Dive truck: two inflatable swift-water boats that were donated by the United State Coast Guard. Because the USCG is upgrading its' fleet they offered the boats for free to local first responders.

A certified diver himself, Chief Evans shared "Rescue diving is an unpleasant task. The equipment is heavy and the waters are dirty, polluted, cold, and you can't see. It's not like SCUBA diving at a resort- but when someone needs a water rescue, they REALLY need a well-trained and well-equipped response... and that's what we are REALLY good at."



underwater obstacles especially dangerous,

as shown in this rescue on the Fox River.

WFPD performs a water rescue in a fast-moving river. The first team had to swim across the river to establish a rope line that the other rescue teams would use to secure the patient.

CHSD94 Welcomes Dr. Kurt Johansen as New Superintendent

By Kathe Doremus

As of July 1, Dr. Kurt Johansen joined D94 as Superintendent after being chosen by the Board of Education in January of 2024 in a unanimous vote. Dr. Johansen comes to the High School as a seasoned educator and brings the leadership qualities that the Board was seeking to continue providing a pathway for excellence in learning and opportunity for all students.

Dr. Johansen most recently served as Principal of South Elgin High School where he successfully led initiatives to enhance academic achievement and a learning environment that offered a positive experience to the full student body. Dr. Johansen brings over twenty years of experience as an educator to the district - serving in roles from Special Education Teacher to Dean of Students to Assistant Principal and most recently, Principal - and is well prepared educationally for the role of Superintendent with a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Northern Illinois University and a Doctorate of Educational Leadership from Western Illinois University - all the boxes are checked as far as qualifications.

Just as importantly as all the boxes being checked for qualifications and experience, Dr. Johansen brings tremendous energy, passion and a deep commitment to students just as he does to his life in general and these qualities were apparent throughout his interview with me - I walked away from the table feeling fully confident that this man at this time is the right person to take over the critical role of Superintendent for the D94 community. For someone who will have such a huge impact on many of our local students, I think it is helpful to know who the man behind the title is - after all, the students of today are our future and our schools are to a great extent, the foundation of our community - it is vital that all of us take in interest in who is guiding the ship when it involves our schools.

With that, I would like to introduce Kurt Johansen - why he is here, what makes him tick and what he has up his sleeve for the District going forward - we live in interesting times and he will be facing some exciting challenges and opportunities in the coming years of education.

Dr. Johansen grew up in a relatively small rural Continued on page 14





Dr. Kurt Johansen, **Superintendent of District 94**



Empowering Independence: How Technology Supports Aging in Place

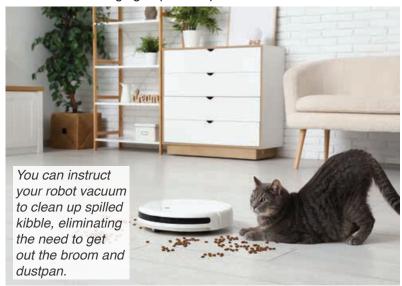
Recently, I tuned in to an NPR program that was discussing the concept of 'aging in place,' inspired by an insightful article in the Sun Times. As the host engaged in a conversation with her two guests, I was intrigued as they explored various aspects of traditional aging in place concepts, from the installation of safety equipment like shower grab bars to employing plug-in LED lights in hallways and on stairways to prevent falls. They emphasized the importance of having a communication plan for emergencies, ensuring that those choosing to age in their homes have a way to reach out to loved ones or first responders if the need arises.

The discussion also touched on how to determine the correct timing for seeking additional assistance from in-home care companies, which offer services ranging from personal care and bathing to meal preparation, laundry, grocery shopping, and light housekeeping. My sister owns one of these types of companies, Wisdom Eldercare, which serves clients throughout the greater Chicagoland area, so I have direct experience with the remarkable level of care and services she and her caregivers provide to their clients. Undoubtedly, these types of services play a crucial role in supporting individuals who wish to maintain their independence at home.

While the conversation covered these essential considerations, it surprised me that neither the host nor the guests mentioned the significance of embracing and understanding technology to assist in the aging-in-place journey even once. Although I attempted to bring this perspective into the conversation through a call-in, I unfortunately wasn't selected to participate in the conversation. Since I couldn't bring the technology component of aging in place to that conversation, I'd like to share some of my thoughts and insights on leveraging technology for successful aging in place here.

In recent years, the term 'Smart device' has become increasingly prevalent, reflecting a lucrative market where companies aim to capitalize on producing 'smart' products. Everywhere you turn,

be it on TV, radio, or the internet, you encounter references to Smart Speakers, Smart Assistants, Smart TVs, Smart Watches, Smart Lights, Smart Doorbells, Smartphones, and more. At its core, a 'Smart' device is simply one that can connect to the internet. The importance lies in their capacity to assist, and I want to highlight a few ways in which they can enhance the aging-in-place experience.



Smart Speakers are a category of smart devices that I find to be among the easiest to incorporate into your home, offering a wide range of features that prove immensely beneficial for aging in place. Companies like Apple, Amazon, and Google have introduced Smart Speakers such as Apple Home-Pod, Amazon Echo, and Google Nest devices, each equipped with their own Digital Assistants - Siri and Alexa for example. These devices can answer queries, from simple ones like checking the weather to assisting with more complex tasks like controlling lights, locking, or unlocking doors, accessing security cameras, and even instructing a robot vacuum to clean the kitchen.

For Smart Assistants, via Smart Speakers, to interact effectively, the other connected devices with which they are communicating and controlling must also be 'Smart.' Incorporating Smart LED lights, door locks, cameras, and even robot vacuums into your home offers a seamless integration of additional Smart Devices. Picture someone ringing your doorbell, and with a simple voice command through a Smart Speaker, you can engage in a conversation with them, see the visitor, and even unlock the

> door – all made possible through the wonders of Smart Devices. Or imagine a scenario where your dog has knocked over their bowl of kibble and hundreds of tiny pieces of dog food are scattered all over the kitchen floor. With one simple voice command to your Smart Speaker, you can instruct your robot vacuum to clean it up eliminating the need to get out the broom and dustpan.

> As we consider the various elements contributing to successful aging in place, let's not overlook the tremendous potential of technology. Integrating Smart Devices into your home can empower you, providing a level of convenience, safety, and independence

that complements the more traditional measures previously discussed. Embracing technology ensures that you not only adapt to the changing times but also thrive in them, creating a blend of modern innovation alongside the desire for a comfortable and secure home environment.

And, as we navigate the ever-evolving landscape of technology, let us not forget the profound impact it can have on our lives—ushering in a new era where the golden years are not just lived but lived exceptionally well, thanks to the synergy of thoughtful planning, caregiving, and cutting-edge innovation.

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Winfield Chiefs

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Protection District was testing for firemen. When I visited Winfield to drop off my application the people were very friendly and the crew at the station greeted me warmly, and I knew this was the place I wanted to work.

Why did you become a firefighter?

I knew I wanted a career serving the public. To be a firefighter back then the only requirements were that you had to be 21, a licensed driver, and not be a convicted felon. I signed up for the fire academy as soon as I got hired and I haven't looked back.

What's the best part of your job in Winfield?
Serving the people of Winfield. It makes me whole and it gives me purpose to help people who are having a bad day.

What are your professional goals?

We're doing them now! We're expanding the size of the crew to prepare to operate another ambulance, growing the diving team, and growing our leadership in the regional alliance to support our neighbors. We are expanding very quickly for such a small unit over specialized government. We are constantly working to improve our fire pre-planning process. However, I still want to accomplish starting a fire prevention bureau before I retire. We have crew members taking classes to prepare for that.

What's your favorite food?

Pizza

Favorite fire service movie/TV show? Towering Inferno

Favorite hobby?

Studying military history, and golf

Favorite dinosaur?

Stegosaurus

First Car? 1970 VW bug

Dream Car?

1965 Shelby GT Cobra (or M113 Armored Personnel Carrier!)

WINFIELD CLIMPSES Meet Your Police

A Glimpses front page story from 1966 encouraged readers to "Meet Your Police."

Local Baseball Player Keeping the Dream Alive

By Carlos Allen

Born and raised in Winfield, Illinois, Bobby Bartlett has had his eyes on playing in the MLB ever since he was in elementary school. Bartlett, who is going into his fifth collegiate season (due to his 2020 season being cut short because of COVID-19) but will be his first season at Northern Kentucky University, Bartlett announced on Instagram on 7/4/24 that he will be transferring for his last season of eligibility after being at North Park University for four years.

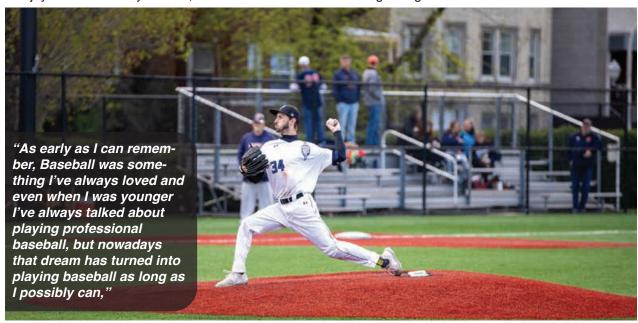
"As early as I can remember," Bartlett said when asked about his age when he wanted to chase his baseball dream. "Baseball was something I've always loved and even when I was younger I've always talked about playing professional baseball, but nowadays that dream has turned into playing baseball as long as I possibly can," Bartlett said.

West Chicago High School's baseball coach T.J. Nall knew Bartlett was different from his teammates, even as an underclassman. "When Bobby was a sophomore we needed pitching, Bobby was a kid that we knew was going through strikes and compete on the mound for us," Nall said "His junior year he was a two-way player for us, we asked him if you if he would fill a spot and play the outfield, he was never shy and never once back down from a challenge, he did what the team needed him to do. His senior year we got to sit back and watch all the hard work come together. Overall, his work ethic, team-first mindset, and all the love in the game set him apart from those around him. It was an absolute joy to coach Bobby Bartlett," said Nall.

Bartlett has been a two-way player ever since coach Nall asked him to. Bartlett was North Park's best batter during the 2024 campaign by posting a .388 batting average. Not only was Bartlett hot at the plate but he was untouchable on the mound where he was second in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) in ERA and led NPU in the same stat which solidified him as being named the CCIW Player of the Year. "I was shocked when I found out I had won CCIW Player of the Year. It's hard to put into words the feeling that it brought but it definitely motivated me to continue working and to achieve more. It was a signal that I was moving in the right direction and I needed to continue working," Bartlett stated.

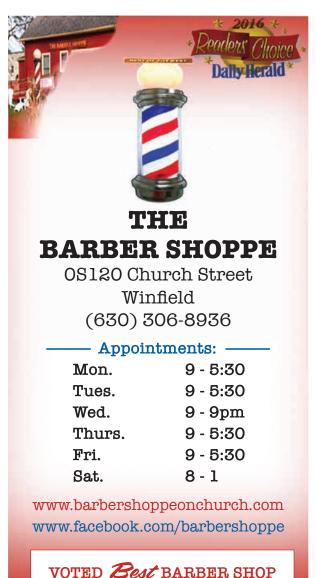
But even the best players go through rough patches at some time throughout their career. For Bartlett it would come in his junior season where the Vikings went 1-5 in games that Bartlett started and finished the season with a 7.45 ERA. "It was the year that I had the most amount of creeping in my head during the season and I had lost a lot of confidence on the mound. It almost felt like I had forgotten how to pitch," Bartlett said.

Bartlett wants to keep his dream alive and play professionally someday. "I definitely want to keep playing after college. That's a big reason I'm taking the opportunity to play at Northern Kentucky, to learn and grow as much as I can and hopefully put myself in a position to play professionally" Bartlett said. When his career does eventually come to an end he wants to go into coaching, specifically coaching college baseball.









Business Spotlight – Andy Herrero State Farm Insurance Agency

I have been in the insurance industry since the day I was born. My mother was a 35-year State Farm agent and my father was a 35-year Prudential agent, I joke that I was bred to be in insurance. Insurance was always talked about in our house, lessons on how to plan both good and bad. I was 5 years old when I bought my first insurance policy. To illustrate how insurance worked my mom let me insure my swing set for twenty-five cents a month out of my allowance. I always had a passion for helping others, from being in the scouts, volunteering, and mentoring. I am a people person who loves to talk with others and build strong relationships. I knew insurance was the perfect fit based on passion and personality. I went to Illinois State University, I chose ISU because they were one of only a few schools nationwide that offered a bachelor's degree in insurance, and the hometown of State Farm where I interned through college. I graduated in 2010, with honors, double majoring in Insurance and Finance. Immediately following college, I worked for several State Farm agents in the western suburbs, working with families and small businesses creating personalized risk plans. In 2014, I gained my securities license so I could utilize my finance degree and background to help families plan and invest in their future. After many years of hard work, I was selected by State Farm to open my own agency in Westmont Illinois in 2016, which

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we moved to Downers Grove in 2017. After 7 years of excellence with customer service, retention, and growth I was chosen again to open another agency, only of 1 of 25 agents in whole Chicagoland area to have a second agency. This time I picked Win-

field as the location, opening the agency May 1st, 2023, at 27w093 Geneva rd. It's a decision I am very grateful for.

Winfield and the surrounding towns are truly amazing I and am so happy to be a part of the community. I am also privileged to be the only State Farm agency within the city of Winfield. There is so much to love about Winfield. It has such a strong commitment to community, its local businesses, and family. I see it in the chamber meetings, the schools, and the many great community events that are frequently happening for the residents' enjoyment. The residents are very friendly, and very family oriented like me. The commitment to family is what stuck out to me the most when I made the decision to open in Winfield.

I am a father to two amazing children, married to my wife of 7 years who I first met 15 years ago at college, they are my world. I come from a very large family, I am the youngest of 5, 13 aunts and uncles, 41 cousins, 2 brothers and 2 sisters, and 8 wonderful nieces and nephews, and am a great uncle to 4 nephews. Family is the most

important thing in the world to me. So being in a town that puts such a high priority on family is really the perfect fit.

I have been blessed to have amazing staff since opening my own agency. Several of my team

members have been with me since the first day I opened my own agency. Upon my mother's early passing, I hired her whole staff to make sure they all had jobs after their decades of loyalty. Most had more than 25 years working for my mother and are still with me today. My team is truly what makes our agency different and above the rest. Our 100+ combined years of experience means that we have really seen it all, and we know how to help and coach our clients through difficult times and help them identify problems before they happen. Our 3 strongest qualities are our experience, our extreme dedication to fast and accurate customer service, and most of all we truly care about our clients and our relationship with them. My promise is that all calls are returned by the end of day. My

belief is that what saves people the most money over a long period of time with insurance is good advice. Good advice is our specialty. We are here and excited to help our clients and our community.

Thank you for the privilege of being a part of this wonderful community.



Winfield and the surrounding towns are truly amazing I and am so happy to be a part of the community, I am also privileged to be the only State Farm agency within the city of Winfield.

Happy Autumn! Enjoy all Winfield has to offer

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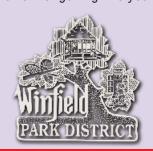
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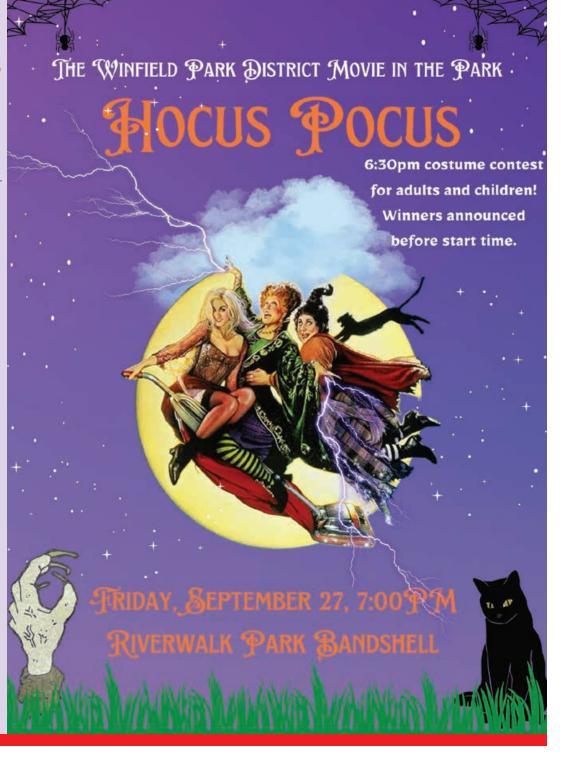
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VOLUNTEER COACHES are needed for all of our leagues – please make a note on your child's registration form or call Ruben at (630) 653-3811 if you are interested in coaching.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

Sign up at the Winfield Park District registration desk or call 630-653-3811 between 9:00-4:00 pm and do a phone registration. Please sign up on time (dates are above) or you run the risk of not getting into your specific league.





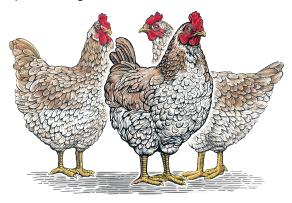
Update

By Patti Weber

I attended the August 7th planning commission meeting at village hall where a workshop was held to gather information about the feasibility of Winfield residents having backyard chickens. The commission first heard a presentation from community development director Peter Krumins to gain an understanding of what this could look like for Winfield. He listed the other towns in DuPage County that allow them, the impact this could have on the residents, and the rules that would have to be in place. Also. he shared with the commission the results of the Winfield Word poll which had 51 residents in favor of allowing backyard chickens, and 31 residents in favor of prohibiting them.

The commission members then stated their concerns and preference. Based on various reasons, none of the commission members are in favor of allowing backyard chickens. One of the main reasons is that the chickens will attract coyotes to the neighborhoods.

The next step in the backyard chicken vetting process is a public hearing set for September 4th at 7pm at Village Hall.



Good Old Days

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and coloring contest awards at Hedges Station. Our Winfield Lion's Club will be holding its Flick A Pickle booth and have their Bag Boards set up for those that wish to participate, as well as showing the Bear's football game on Sunday in the family tent at game time. The TV will then be raffled off to a lucky winner. Donations are appreciated to help those in need, especially for their Vision and Hearing programs which are designed to provide services to those who are at risk of losing their sight.

Two new and exciting additions to Sunday are the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile and Miss Illinois USA Grace Rodi! They'll be in the parade on Sunday at 1pm as well as at the festival after the parade. The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile will then be in the Kid's Zone for photo opportunities and more fun!

Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and a spot on Winfield Road for the parade on Sunday at 1pm. Find more details about the festival at www.winfield goodolddays.com





Backyard Chickens Local High School Varsity Football Game Schedules

West Chicago Wildcats

Aug 30	7:00	Н	Round Lake
Sep 6	6:30	Α	Joliet (Central)
Sep 13	7:00	Α	Glen Ellyn (Glenbard South)
Sep 20	7:00	Α	Norridge (Ridgewood)
Sep 27	7:00	Н	South Elgin
Oct 4	7:00	Α	Elmwood Park
Oct 11	7:00	Α	Lombard (Glenbard East)
Oct 18	7:00	Н	Riverside (RBrookfield)
Oct 25	7:00	Н	Bensenville (Fenton)

St. Francis Spartans

Oct 11 7:30 A

7:30	Н	Chicago (Kenwood)
TBA	Α	St. Louis (Lift for Life Academy)
6:30	Α	Wilmette (Loyola Academy)
7:30	Н	Chicago (St. Rita)
7:30	Н	New Lenox (Providence Catholic
7:30	Α	Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
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Oct 18 7:30 H Chicago (DePaul) Oct 25 7:30 H LaGrange Park (Nazareth Academy)

Chicago Heights (Marian)

Wheaton Academy Warriors

Aug 30	7:00	Н	Houston (Second Baptist), TX
Sep 6	7:00	Н	St. Charles (East)
Sep 13	7:00	Н	Palos Heights (Chicago Christian
Sep 20	7:30	Α	Chicago (C. Hope Academy)
Sep 27	7:00	Η	Elgin (St. Edward)
Oct 4	7:00	Α	Kankakee (McNamara)
Oct 11	7:00	Α	Chicago (Christ the King)
Oct 18	7:30	Н	Aurora (Christian)
Oct 25	7:00	Α	Woodstock (Marian)

Wheaton North Falcons

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Aug 30	7:00	Н	New Lenox (Providence Catholic)
Sep 6	6:00	Α	Lockport (Twp.)
Sep 13	7:00	Α	St. Charles (North)
Sep 20	7:00	Н	St. Charles (East)
Sep 27	7:00	Н	Batavia
Oct 4	7:00	Н	Wheaton (Warrenville South)
Oct 11	7:00	Α	Geneva
Oct 18	7:00	Н	Carol Stream (Glenbard North)
Oct 25	7:00	Α	Roselle (Lake Park)

Wheaton Warrenville South Tigers

Aug 30	7:00	Н	Glen Ellyn (Glenbard South)
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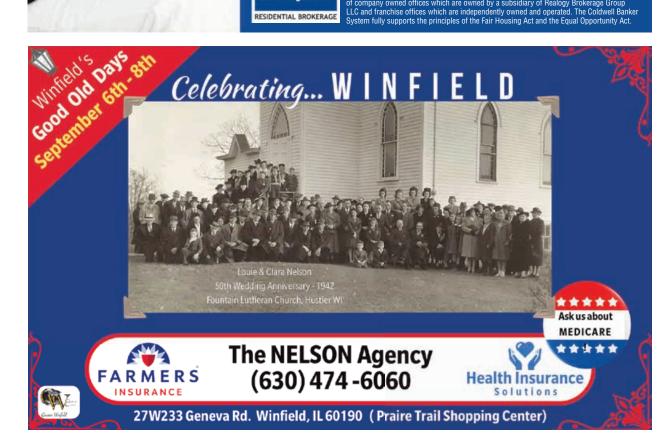




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Scenes from Good Old Days 2023

Clockwise from top right:

The parade, smiling food concession staffers, the petting zoo, a great crowd for live music, interactive NASCAR racing.





About Me

I am a Winfield native, graduate of WeGo High School in 2006, and now a loving father to Amelia and Miles and husband to Ashlee. My parent's, Dean and Linda, are still in my childhood home! I love to coach my kids' sports teams, listen to live music, and meet new people!

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Left to right: food concessions, bags, beer tent staff smiling for the camera.



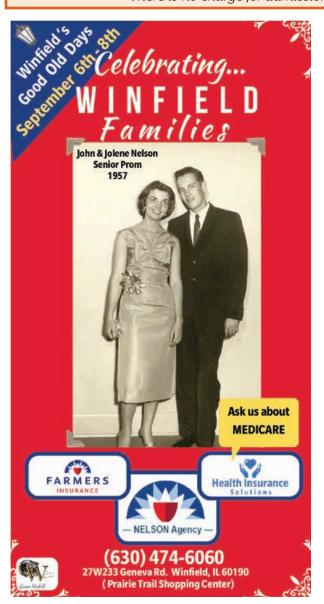
Winfield Historical Society Board and Hedges Museum Staff held an appreciation luncheon at Ivy Restaurant (Wheaton) for Adrienne Rose, Past President of the Winfield Historical Society. The Luncheon recognized Rose's 46 years of volunteer service to the Winfield Community and the Winfield Historical Society. Rose was a founding member of the Society in 1978. She recently stepped down as President and is currently continuing to serve the community in her new role as Past President. Pictured in above photo: Back row (left to right): Lee Schmitz, Winfield Park District Hedges Station/Besch Home Curator; Jim McGuire, former Museum Curator and currently coordinating the republication and revision of the 1978 History of Winfield book; Kevin Davis, new Society President; and Marty Shockey, Board Vice-President. Pictured in the front row (left to right): Marsha McAdams, Board Secretary; Judy Valentine, Board Member at Large; Roxane Rose [Daughter of Adrienne Rose]; Adrienne Rose, Board Past President and Sheila Otto, Board Treasurer.

Winfield Library Community Book Sale

The Winfield Library Friends will be sponsoring their annual book sale on the following dates:

Thursday, September 5th – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, September 6th – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 7th – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The sale will be held in the lower level conference rooms at the library. There is no charge for admission. Cash and checks only please.







New Superintendent

town in Illinois with both parents being educators - their commitment to education instilled the same passion in his blood.

When asked who influenced him in choosing a career in education, he spoke of his parents dedication in their roles but also recalls a Junior High School teacher that impacted his life and inspired him in his choice - he saw firsthand how much influence a teacher can have in the path of a student and other than wanting to learn to scuba dive, he has never looked back. As children, he and his brother explored not only every bit of their own world but, he was driven to explore other places and took up scuba diving - not a hobby easily accessible in the small Midwestern town in Illinois where he grew up. After a few very serious tactical errors and many adventures he became an avid scuba diver. While opportunities for scuba diving are not readily available in the heart of West Chicago, Dr. Johansen brings that enthusiasm for exploring the unknown and challenging himself with new experiences to his role in the District.

When asked specifically as to why he sought the position of Superintendent at D94, he expressed a few reasons - first and foremost, he loves what he does and truly enjoys the energy that high school age students have - he sees this time as a catalyst for their future and he wants to make certain that each student leaves high school with a plan and a dream. When the opportunity at District 94 became available, he felt strongly that he was ready to take this next step in his career and he already was familiar with the district as his wife Jacquie began her teaching career at WeGo and they are raising their family of three children in nearby Batavia - two in high school and one in Jr. High. With his background in varying schools, including South Elgin, he relishes the diversity and the unique challenges that D94 offers - all the pieces seemed to fit together and he felt he was a good fit for the needs of the District and the District was a good fit for him - kismet.

A question posed to Dr. Johansen was what he wanted to be able to say about his life "when he grew up" - this is a question I am rather fond of asking everyone, including myself – and without hesitation, he responded that he wanted to be able to say that he "had an impact on something, somewhere". He describes himself as honest, open, and loyal and a man who follows through by not making empty promises. He is determined to make a difference at D94 by doing just that, bringing his knowledge and his dedication to the students and staff and community - and doing these things with the integrity and openness that he considers most valuable in a leader. When asked what he thinks the most important attribute is needed for someone to be successful in the educational field - unequivocally, he responded that one "has to love kids" - and it is clearly an attribute that Dr. Johansen brings to the table. – an absolute love for kids and education. As our conversation ended, I walked away feeling very secure in the knowledge that our future, our children, are in good hands. Welcome Dr. Johansen - we wish you all that is good at Community High School in West Chicago and District 94 – and as a community, we will look forward to seeing great things from this high school continue to come under your leadership.

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Winfield Library Hosts Community Events

The Winfield Library is excited to host several community events in September.

The Winfield Library Friends holds its annual book sale at the Library during Good Old Days. This popular event takes place Thursday, September 5, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm; Friday, September 6, from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm; and Saturday, September 7,



from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Cash and check payments are accepted. The Friends are collecting donations of books, music and movies (no magazines, encyclopedias or textbooks) through September 7. Items should be in good condition and can be placed on the cart inside the lower-level entryway. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please ask for a receipt at either service desk. All proceeds benefit the Winfield Library.

Our beloved children's librarian Nuccia Choate has retired after 27 years of service to the Winfield Library. During that time she has instilled a love of reading and libraries in hundreds of Winfield children and families through storytime, crafts, and special programs. The Library

holds a Community Celebration for Miss Nuccia on Saturday, September 21, from 10:00 am. -12:00 pm. Please join us in the meeting room for fun and refreshments as we wish her well. There will be opportunities to take pho-

tos with Miss Nuccia and share your favorite stories.

The Library celebrates National Voter Registration Day with two special events on Tuesday, September 24. The League of Women Voters of Wheaton staffs a Voter Information Table in the Library's lower-level entryway from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Voters can find out their polling places, and League volunteers can print sample ballots and show voters if they are signed up for the "Vote By Mail" option. Voters wishing to register should bring two forms of ID (one with their current name AND address and one with their current name OR current address.) ID must be paper, not digital.

The Library and Winfield Historical Society welcome Laurie Russell for her program "First for the



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Vote" immediately following the League of Women Voters event on September 24 at 7:00 pm. Chicago women made Illinois the first state east of the Mississippi to grant limited voting rights to women in 1913. Their success greatly influenced the tactics and achievements of suffragists in other states and helped make Illinois the first state in the nation to ratify the 19th Amendment. Russell highlights the pivotal role of Chicago women with vintage photographs and quotes. Registration is required at www. winfield.lib.il.us.

The Winfield Library is proud to host a Community Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Systems. Each unit of blood given saves three lives! Anyone who

> weighs at least 110 pounds and has not given blood in the past 56 days is eligible. Donors must be 17 years old or 16 with parental consent. Please eat a nourishing meal and drink plenty of water before donating. Appointments are recommended, but walk-in

donors are welcome. Please schedule an appointment at www.versiti.org/IL

Visit www.winfield.lib.il.us or contact us at wfdstaff@winfield.lib.il.us for more information about these events.

Travel Back Into the History of Winfield at October 11th St. John **Cemetery Walk**

On Friday, October 11, join the Winfield Historical Society and volunteer cemetery walk interpreters who will tell the story of people who lived during the historic early years of the Village of Winfield.

Come join them for this evening stroll, with lanterns and luminaries lighting the path through Winfield's only and one of the oldest cemeteries in DuPage County.

Stories that will be featured include: Reverend John Weiderhold, pastor of St John Catholic Church; Michael Besch and Katharina Schramer, original owners of the cemetery land; William Daleiden, a farmer and son of an early German settler of Winfield; John Manuel Grover, a World War 2 veteran and aide to General Doulgas MacArthur; and Barbara Higgins, store owner and manager.

The Winfield Park District van leaves for cemetery tours from the Hedges Station Museum (Oakwood Park, 0N557 Winfield Road, Winfield). Tours will step off beginning at 6:30 p.m. and every 10 minutes after, with the last group stepping off at 8:00 p.m.

The event is free and open to all (under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult or guardian), donations are appreciated. Participants should bring their own flashlights.

For more information, call the Park District Hedges Station Museum at (630) 510-9053 or e-mail hedgesstationmuseum@.org.





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