



THE WINFIELD GLIMPSES

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Winter 2023

Happy Holidays!
Turn the pages to explore the heart of Winfield

Thank You Mark for Over Two Decades of Service to Our Parks!

After nearly 28 years as the Executive Director for the Winfield Park District, Mark Pawlowski is leaving the District to become the Director of Parks and Recreation for the Village of Royal Palm Beach, FL. During his time at Winfield, he led continued growth in programs, parks sites and facilities. "When I started at the Park District I would say we were still a part-time, small District. Today we are a full-service District and provide every aspect of programming and facilities that exists in our neighboring park districts." stated Pawlowski. "As much as I am looking forward to the next chapter of my professional career, I will certainly miss all the great people that contributed to making Winfield a great place to live and work. I've been blessed to have the support of my family, Board Members and a very talented and dedicated staff." continued Pawlowski.

Over the years Executive Director Pawlowski has added several new park sites to the District's capacity including DuPage Highlands (2020), Timber Creek (2018), Silverwood Glen (2015), East Street (2003), and Glasshagel Fields(2002). He's also led the way with three additions to the Charles R. Beggs Activity Center, including the recent completion of the \$5.6 million renovation/addition. Under his leadership at the Winfield Park District, he has

secured more than \$4.1 million in grants to enhance the parks and facilities of the District. Pawlowski also noted that he is very pleased to see that the Board of Commissioners has offered his position to his long time Superintendent of Recreation,

offerings moving forward".

Just as Charles R. Beggs was instrumental in establishing the foundation of the Winfield Park District, Mark Pawlowski built an outstanding network of parks and programs in response to the requests and needs of the community. Mark is expert in optimizing the resources available to create, maintain and update Winfield's parks and programs in cooperation with a network of Neighboring Park Districts. As the Board of Commissioners, we are honored to have worked with Mark, and proud to be a part of the great Park District he developed.

When asked to comment, Winfield Park District Board Commissioner Tom Novak said "During Mark's nearly 28 years, Tom Bower held various positions in the Winfield Park District, most recent position as Supervisor of Recreation. This, along with Tom's previous park district experiences, made it an easy task for the Board of Commissioners to find a suitable replacement for Mark. We are confident Tom will continue the further development and refinement of our Parks for the residents of our community. The Board of Commissioners would like to wish Mark continued success in his new endeavors and continue to provide support for Tom as the new Executive Director".



Mark Pawlowski



Tom Bower

Tom Bower. Tom Bower stated "I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Winfield. After 27 years in the Winfield Park District and working under Mark Pawlowski's leadership and guidance, I am excited to continue to maintain and improve our parks, facilities and programming

Task Force Ranger (Black Hawk Down) 30 Year Reunion

By Kira Goodale

One of Winfield's own (and my husband), Mike Goodale, was part of Task Force Ranger who fought in Mogadishu, Somalia on October 3-4, 1993, captured in the book *Black Hawk Down* and the movie of the same name. On October 5-8, 2023, Mike and I attended the Task Force Ranger 30th reunion in Knoxville, Tennessee. Though every day during the reunion was amazing and gave us the opportunity to share stories of our yesterdays and todays, for me, the most significant day was Saturday, October 7.

The first event that day was the Mogadishu Mile. For those who don't know about the mission, after 15+ hours of sustained combat throughout the night, the embattled convoy finally made it through to the battle-weary men defending the first crash site. Once the wounded were loaded onto the vehicles, there wasn't room for all the remaining soldiers. Those not riding were meant to trot alongside the vehicles for cover, but the Malaysian drivers sped off, leaving the men

unprotected and forced to run out of the city under fire. This became known as the Mogadishu Mile, and it is annually commemorated throughout the country with a 5K run/1-mile walk in different cities.



30 years later, we gathered with local runners and supporters that chilly morning on the south side of the Gay Street Bridge in Knoxville. The wind was fierce, but the sun was at our backs, and we were smiling, eager to start. The crowd hushed as a prayer was said for our group followed by the National Anthem. The performance was beautiful and as the last note echoed, an Air Force tanker did a flyover. We raised our heads to watch it and a bald eagle chose that exact moment to fly overhead and circle above us. The crowd's voice, already oohing from the flyover, surged to a roar when the eagle was spotted. America!

After the race/walk in the morning, that afternoon we reassembled at St. John's Episcopal Church in

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A Christmas Memory

By Maureen Nolimal

My daily walks are usually filled with mental lists of what I must accomplish that day or that week or even a month into the future and this day was no different. As I trudged on through the crunchy leaves checking my progress on my walking app my mind began to wander back to a Christmas memory that I just couldn't stop thinking about! I figured I should go right home and write it all down before I forget the details and it fades away as memories often do.

Christmas Eve

We all arrived with presents and platters of food as we entered my brother's home for Christmas Eve just like we'd done for so many years. It was always the same scene of the kind of chaos that goes along with 20 people showing up at the same time hugging and kissing in a small foyer.

My mother and my aunt were already seated at the kitchen table ready for the evening, smiling and donned in Christmas sweaters. Seats of honor as we used to call them and they certainly earned theirs with the many Christmas Eve gatherings selflessly planned for us year after year without a complaint. They were showered with hellos and hugs, given snacks and dinner but as so often happens when the "old folks" are at a party, they were interacted with less and less as the night wore on and our conversations would overtake the evening. They became the quiet background. Both were in various stages of dementia and their ages were 103 and 99. My mother was not as advanced in her disease as my aunt. Social situations were much harder for her than my mother. It was hard to see them both this way and not as they used to be when we were young and we knew them as being full of vitality. Family gatherings then were filled with laughter and storytelling along with their con-

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Ranger Reunion

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downtown Knoxville to attend a memorial service for the fallen. At the front of the church stood enlarged canvas photographs of all the men who were killed in action. As we took seats in the pews, there were nervous smiles and low murmurs throughout the church as we waited for the service to begin. The moment the first reverent strains of a bagpipe began, the gathering fell silent, and you could almost hear a collective intake of breath as the colors marched in and we all braced for the emotional onslaught to come.

First to speak was gold star child, Tara Harris. Her father, First Sergeant Glenn Harris, had been in Somalia and survived, only to perish in a training accident a year later. He had spoken at the original memorial service for the fallen; 30 years later, it was his daughter, sharing both her own thoughts,

and excerpting her father's words. Tara spoke of war creating battles on two fronts, for those fighting abroad and for those waiting at home. She was able to relate to everyone present and illustrate that this memorial wasn't just for the fallen – it was for each of us, soldier, and family. The first cracks in my composure began.

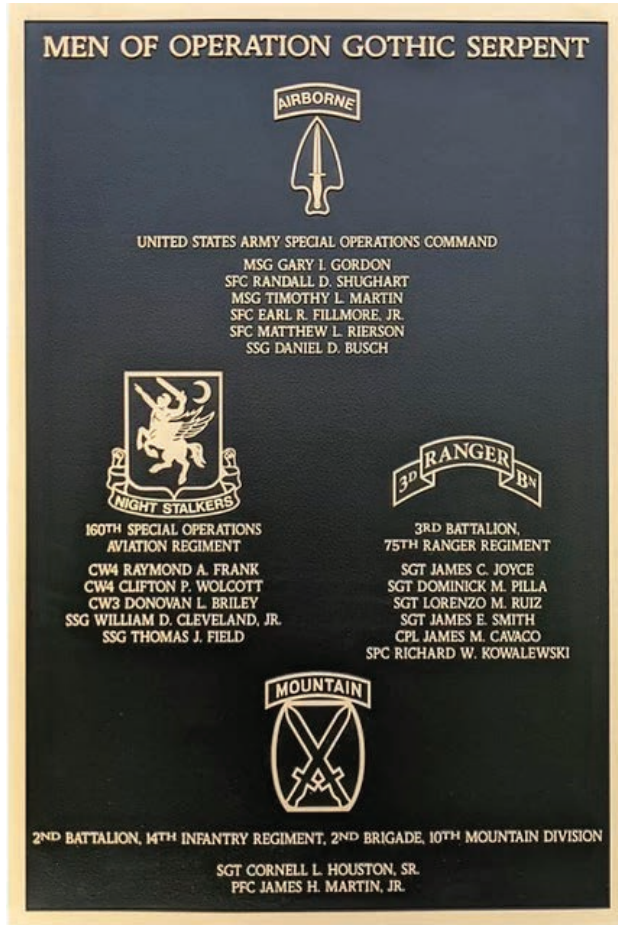
Next to speak was one of the Somalia veterans responsible for organizing the reunion. He shared his heartbreaking journey in the aftermath of war, after which the organist played a song. As the last chord faded, we heard from the back of the church, "Rangers, stand to recite the Ranger Creed!" As a unit, all the men stood. One by one, a single man called, "Repeat after me!", then recited a phrase after which the other Rangers repeated it in unison. There are six stanzas to the creed and by the third I was undone. I bent my head, veiled my tear-soaked face from the men with my hair, and covered my mouth with a wad of tissue, the pressure in my head intense as I fought to cry noiselessly.

After the creed was the Last Roll Call. The men remained standing as that same person in the back called out one of the men's names. "Specialist Richard Strous." "Present, sir!" "Sgt. Michael Goodale." "Present, sir!" Then the

name of one of the fallen, "Corporal James Smith." Silence. "Corporal James Smith." Silence. Then, "Corporal James Smith was killed in action in Somalia on October 3, 1993." This continued until all the men present, and the 19 KIA were called, immediately followed by a three-gun volley and Taps.

Sobbing silently during the roll call, I thought I might have to leave the church. I was terrified of making a single hitch of breath aloud; I didn't want to make it about me and my grief, having witnessed the boys who went to war becoming the scarred men who returned. Listening to Taps, I heard a quiet sniff from one of the men and at that point I stopped fighting my tears. I realized that my gift to these extraordinary men was to channel what they were all feeling but wouldn't show. To embrace these overwhelming emotions and be the manifestation of their love and loss.

October 7, 2023, will long stay with those of us who attended the events commemorating October 3-4, 1993. It also happened that Mike and I celebrated our 28th anniversary that day and I couldn't have asked for a greater gift than to know these incredible men, to love them as my own, and to be allowed to share their stories and their journey. RLTW



RANGER CREED

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high "esprit de corps" of my Ranger Regiment.

Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to move further, faster, and fight harder than any other soldier.

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Winfield nurse honored as National Magnet Nurse of the Year[®] by the American Nurses Credentialing Center

Winfield, IL – November 7, 2023 – For more than 40 years, Kathy Trimble, of Winfield, has been dedicated to the most vulnerable patients – children with complex care needs. In recognition of her contributions to the nursing profession, Trimble is being honored as the National Magnet Nurse of the Year[®] by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

A seasoned Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Trimble was honored in the category of Exemplary Professional Practice. She helped pioneer the Pediatric Hematology Oncology Program at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. Colleagues and patients alike laud Trimble for her compassion, integrity, and wisdom.

“We have been continuously inspired by Kathy’s dedication to maintaining close, trusting bonds with every child and family member like they were her own,” said Laura Petrandio, APRN, director, outpatient pediatrics, Lurie Children’s at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. “Her genuine passion for treating the most complex and vulnerable patients is evident in the work she does every day.”

Stacy Lazzara, of South Elgin, met Trimble on the worst day of her life. Trimble was in the room with Stacy’s family in 2018 when they learned their then two-year-old daughter Averie had cancer.

“The diagnosis was devastating, but Kathy’s eyes were warm, her experience was evident, and the tone in her voice gave us hope that maybe, somehow, we could do this,” said Stacy Lazzara. “In the five years since then, Kathy has been many things to our family: a fearless leader, a compassionate friend, a steady hand, a warm embrace, even a summer camp counselor!”

Trimble was there to celebrate alongside the Lazzara family when Averie rang the bell in 2020 to mark the end of chemotherapy treatment. Today, she plays a key role in helping Averie and her family navigate long-term survivorship.

“Kathy is not just a fantastic nurse, she’s a fantastic person. We’re endlessly grateful to know her,” said Stacy.

In addition to her compassion, Trimble has played a critical role in enhancing quality and safe patient care. She developed and continues to lead a multidisciplinary Pediatric Oncology Quality Committee. One of her efforts involved leading

Kathy Trimble pioneered the Pediatric Hematology Oncology Program at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital



the implementation of an electronic chemotherapy ordering system that allows for a personalized treatment plan using evidence-based protocols.

Thanks to Trimble’s collaboration with the Emergency Department through education and execution of an algorithmic approach, excellent outcomes have been maintained for patients presenting with presumed sepsis. Another crucial responsibility has been Trimble’s regular review of all adverse events, especially encompassing chemotherapy safety.

Additionally, Trimble committed herself to successfully educating every pediatric oncology nurse at Central DuPage Hospital in providing chemotherapy while championing equal access to treatment opportunities for patients. She sits on the Internal Review Board and was instrumental in the hospital’s journey to become a Children’s Oncology Group (COG) Affiliate Member institution.

“Kathy has always demonstrated our patient’s first mission and goes above and beyond to assure the patient receives holistic care throughout their journey,” said Suzanne T. McCoy, DNP, vice president and Flinn Family Chief Nursing Executive at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. “This strong commitment to quality, safety and our patients makes Kathy a Magnet nurse!”

The National Magnet Nurse of the Year[®] awards recognize the outstanding contributions of clinical nurses in each of the five Magnet[®] Model components: Transformational Leadership; Structural Empowerment; Exemplary Professional Practice; New Knowledge, Innovations, and Improvements; and Empirical Outcomes. The Exemplary Professional Practice award is sponsored by EBSCO.

The award was presented during the 2023 co-located ANCC National Magnet Conference[®] and ANCC Pathway to Excellence Conference[®] in Chicago.

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tinuous giggling and “special lingo” that only they understood. We would look at them with wonder and ask each other, “what are they laughing about so much?” Those parties were filled with song as well especially from my mother who had a beautiful voice and being Irish, she sang the usual lineup of favorites including “When Irish Eyes are Smiling.” A family favorite naturally.

Our stomachs were full and the gifts had all been exchanged as it began to snow. The tone of the evening shifted to talk of getting ready to leave to beat the weather as we sipped coffee and enjoyed desserts. But not just yet. There was one more gift to be given to us all that night. My aunt had become fussy and agitated. The excitement of the night had worn on her and she began to cry and asked for my mother to sing. My mother took her hand, smiled and assured her she would sing. Her face softened and a calmness overtook her demeanor. The years seemed to melt away in that instant she looked like a child looking up to her “big sister” and that all was well. My mother cleared her throat and looked at all of us as if she were on a stage and was greeting

her audience. The familiar tune of “When Irish Eyes are Smiling” filled the room with her still amazingly strong voice. She looked so happy to be singing for us. Her face was glowing. We stood around the table watching as this living gift of her singing from her heart was showered over us. If there were ever a few precious moments that we could relive together as a family I think it would be that song being sung around that table on that night. She had sung for us many times before but there was something special that time. She drew us all in as if to say, “I’m giving you all I have one last time and I love you.” We knew it too, which made it even more unbearable but beautifully sorrowful. No one escaped the love in that room that night. It was only fitting that the light we felt around that kitchen table as my mother sang for the last time was on the night that we celebrated the arrival of the light of the world.

Both my mother, and my aunt died within six weeks of each other that Spring. They were the last of their large family. There were no more anchors of the family. No more elders. We were now the elders. How blessed we were to be together that Christmas Eve basking in the light of familial love and the image of two sisters holding hands and leaving us with a song.

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Winfield Fire District Updates

By Luke Allen

2023 continues to be a year of big changes at the Winfield Fire Protection District, and things are still moving quickly as we enter into autumn.

November fire training with our neighboring fire departments will be a live structure fire training that prepares crews to rescue maydays (simulated injured firefighters). This is one of the most important training courses of the year. It combines all of the training they have received all summer together with real-world challenges.

Planning and design remain on schedule for the new County Farm Road fire station which will replace the downtown station. Construction bids were released in late October and will be reviewed in November before the next trustee meeting. The project is still expected to be completed in 2025.

Last summer our 30-year-old snowplow truck broke beyond repair. Trustees budgeted to buy a new truck this year, but while attending a fire trustee training last spring we learned that fire districts can purchase surplus federal property at less-than-retail prices. After several months of paperwork and patient waiting, we were able to purchase a very nice used pickup for \$15,000. It will have snowplow mounts and emergency lights installed to prepare for the snow season.

Our new fire engine was delivered to the dealer in Shorewood the first week of November! It is now being upfitted with the tools and equipment it will carry and our firefighters will spend two weeks training with it to become familiar with all its features and pumping controls. This engine replaces our 2008 model, which will move to the South station as a backup truck for the days our new engine goes out for service. We expect the new fire engine to be in service in late November, so be on the lookout!



Winfield Fire Protection District's new Engine 31 has completed the manufacturing and testing process at Sutphen Fire Apparatus in Ohio. It will be fitted with tools and equipment and crews will spend two weeks training on it before it will be put into service in late November. (photo courtesy Sutphen Fire Apparatus)

In Memoriam

PETE DALY

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Pete Daly of Winfield, Illinois. He graduated in 1977 from Marmion Military Academy in Aurora Illinois. He was a Lieutenant on the Winfield Fire Protection District for 43 years and a commanding officer of the DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force. He passed on July 19, 2023, at the age of sixty-four, while on vacation with those he loved the most and in the place he loved the most – St. Germain, Wisconsin.

He was loved and cherished by many people – his wife Patty; his children, Emily, Nick and Natalie; he was a proud "Buppa" to his grandchildren; Patrick, Ashlyn, Madison, Angela and Christopher. He was also cherished by his brother, and four sisters.

Services were held in July.



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Happy Holidays from the Winfield Historical Society

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Cute Holiday Pet Contest

Does your pooch pull off a set of antlers better than one of Santa's own? How about your kitty? If so, send in a photo! And don't stop there; submit cute pics of your furry friends in Santa hats, sweaters, jingle bell necklaces and more. Whichever pet photo displays the most holiday spirit and cuteness will be the winner!

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One lucky dog and one lucky cat will receive a gift basket. The baskets are donated by local business owner Jim Kohlman of TransPet Services.

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West Chicago Community HS Athletics Successful in Postseason Play

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The West Chicago Community High School's athletic program has been experiencing a phenomenal season, with multiple teams and individual athletes making it into postseason play. From girls swimming to boys' football and soccer, girls' volleyball, and a talented cross-country runner named Judah McLean, the school's athletes have demonstrated exceptional skills and dedication. This year, the football team will be competing in their first playoff game since 2002, thanks to the efforts of interim athletic director Nick Parry and second-year

head football coach Adam Chavez in addition to all the other coaches guiding our athletes. We can't remember a time when across the board so many achievements and positive changes happened. West Chicago's athletic programs are being propelled to new heights. The hashtag #WhatATimeToBeAWildcat has never been more appropriate.

The West Chicago Community High School's athletic program has witnessed spectacular achievements across various sports. The girls swimming team showcased their talent by securing a spot in the postseason play. Their hard work and determination have resulted in an impressive perfor-

a significant milestone by becoming playoff eligible for the first time since 2002. This accomplishment speaks volumes about the team's resilience and the exceptional coaching strategies implemented by head coach Adam Chavez. Boys Soccer captured a regional title and moved onto the semifinals until they were eliminated on Wednesday.

Girls' volleyball has also been making waves in the district with their excellent gameplay and teamwork. Their successful season showcased their skills and dedication and we think there will be many more striving victories in their future. Even more notable were the team bonding and building



mance, reflecting the school's commitment to excellence.

The boys' football and soccer teams have both triumphed in regular season play, demonstrating their competitive abilities. The football team, in particular, has reached

activities the girls participated in outside of gymnasium walls. We believe these intentional efforts by their coaching team helped them achieve even greater successes.

West Chicago Community High School's athletic success extends beyond team accomplishments, as cross-country runner Judah McLean has showcased exceptional talent and determination. Judah's diligence and dedication have propelled him to reach new heights in the sport. His achievements in cross country are a testament to his perseverance and the support he receives from the school's athletic program.

The remarkable success of the West Chicago Community High School's success deserves recognition. We commend all involved in fostering an environment of growth, support, and cooperation. The school's and coaches' combined efforts have created an atmosphere that nurtures the potential of athletes and encourages them to reach their fullest potential.

As the West Chicago community rallies behind their exceptional athletes, there is no doubt that their passion, talent, and perseverance will continue to shine in the postseason.



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Winter Wonder

By *Kathe Doremus*

On a glorious late autumn morning, in the peaceful moments of the day beginning, I find myself thinking of waning days from now until year end and reflecting back on the year behind us with sadness – it can be so hard to accept how quickly

time passes and each year seems to move faster and there is always, for me, a sense of loss as we enter the last two months of the year. Still, I find with every colorful leaf dropping, a sense of wonder and hope blended with the melancholy. As I sit pondering, I drift ahead to Thanksgiving – a time we all

have to count our many blessings and say thank you for the many riches in our lives. With Thanksgiving only days away, why not start now to appreciate the joy in living here in our little town of Winfield with all the simple things that make this place home. Just weeks ago, the neighborhoods were decorated for Halloween and gloomy as that day was, there were still children wandering the streets in search of candy, neighbors knocking on the door with their costumed little ones exchanging laughter, news, and joy for the delight of childhood. Once again, the time has changed, the evenings darkening so early, the last of the leaves have dropped and the trees stand bleak and bare, waiting to be blanketed with the first snow. So soon, the onset of the spirit of Christmas and holiday cheer will bring the change of the home décor to Christmas – we will be able to drive through the streets of our neighborhoods seeing the colorful lights on houses and the sparkling of lit trees through the center of our town and the joy that the holiday season brings to us all despite the cold and gray and maybe snow that our Midwest is known for – those twinkling lights and holiday music playing everywhere – will somehow, magically light us up and carry us through December and hopefully, into a brand new year full of new adventures, surprises and joy that succors us through whatever comes our way.

Today – as I prepare for the onset of winter, storing the last remaining remnants of Fall away until the return of Spring – I will fill the bird feeders again to keep them going through the cold and harvest the last remaining bits of the herb garden, and maybe cook a nice pot of soup off the “Winter Menu” – and ponder how long I can go until beginning the bustle

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America250 Commission Looking for Stories

By Rich Bysina

Anyone visiting www.america250.org will find this introduction:

"In 2026, just three years from now, we will commemorate the United States Semiquincentennial and the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The Library of Congress, along with other Federal agencies, will be taking part in this commemoration. We'll be sharing our great collections and insights from our incredible staff and inviting you to rediscover the Library of Congress for yourself.

In the lead-up to this milestone, the America250 Commission has launched America's Invitation, a nationwide campaign for all Americans to share stories and hopes and dreams for our future. ..."

In the Spring 2022 issue of The Winfield Glimpses, the center spread featured an article I wrote with the headline:

"Who in America Do We Honor for Our

Semiquincentennial in 2026?", and a unique "100 Significant Americans of the 20th Century" crossword puzzle.

The idea I had in mind was to make local residents aware of what was already in the works for this year-long celebration, and possibly start thinking of ways to be a part of it.

The character connected with this article is named Quin – the "middle name" of Semiquincentennial – unofficial mascot created by a graphic artist who was one of our Winfield Farmers Market vendors, and me, to help spread the word.

Quin can currently be seen in one of the take-one displays in the Winfield commuter station, helping to promote the Winfield Farmers Market (opening June 5th, 2024), while giving commuters another chance to find out who these 100 Significant Americans of the 20th Century are – in one person's humble opinion.

In the coming months, Quin will be used to help

promote my personal "hopes and dreams" that began 30 years ago, a story Glimpses has already published in a couple of its issues: The issuance of a commemorative stamp sheet honoring the 80th anniversary (2026) of "It's a Wonderful Life".

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Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce news

We thank our members for their involvement with the Andy Warhol Project, Good Old Days & the Art Fair which continues to grow. Our Library hosted a "Celebration of Accomplishments" meeting on Oct. 25th which some of our members attended. The majority of our members provide a substantial amount of energy & back bone for events that spotlight this quaint wonderful community. Where did 2023 go?

We face new challenges and opportunities in 2024. I ask for your continued support of ALL OUR

businesses by shopping in Winfield whenever possible. And throughout these holidays, make it a special family moment to reach out to those in your neighborhoods, especially those that may need a hug or even a call, and let them know they count. In these days of uncertainty – be the community that we all want and currently enjoy – "BE WINFIELD THROUGH & TRUE"!

Our Annual Christmas Party for members will be held at Cooper's Corner on December 8th. Please

contact Denise Cubel at 630-690-1200 to RSVP.

Our monthly, 7:30am networking meeting schedule for 2024 is as follows. For meeting locations, please check our Facebook page: *GreaterWinfieldChamber*.

Happy Holidays!

Winter Wonder

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of decorating for Christmas, pulling out the tree, addressing the cards – knowing darn well that come December 24th, I will still be scrambling to get it all done. Today, I will convince myself that I have plenty of time for preparation – and I will NOT let myself think of how long it will be until the return of the "Summer Menu" on some distant Spring Day when the sun shines and there is a gentle breeze and the grill will be opened up again. Today, I will find joy in these seasonal chores and force myself to have only positive thoughts for the winter looming ahead – for me, a very hard task – but I am determined.

On days like now, when I find myself sinking into dread of winter, I look for things that will remind me of how very blessed life is – I have started my day with making donations to charities that feed the hungry in our community and I know I am fortunate to have food at the table each day. I give to organizations that help the homeless, because I am here, in my warm home in a community I love deeply, surrounded by neighbors that are kind and thoughtful and give me roots. I think of family and friends that are struggling with or have lost battles with varying health issues – and in their honor, I make donations to help improve their life quality or find cures to save others from the same battle.

Today, I will change my "Early-Winter Melancholy" to a celebration of hope – giving to others because I am fortunate enough to have so much, honoring lost friends and family through charity, and counting blessings and reliving joy and laughter of the past year as I work through each task of preparing for the change of season. I will find a way to be better this year as I go into this winter – and for me that is always a struggle – by opening my eyes to the beauty and bounty heaped on us each and every day – right here, in our tiny little village of Winfield. I could not ask for more. May your coming days be full of blessings, your holidays full of joyous laughter, magic, sparkle, and warm memories to carry you through the winter.



Left: Lion's Panzek Martial Arts participated in the Good Old Days Farmer's Market.

Below: David Nelson of Farmer's Insurance coordinated a Halloween Trick or Treat event at Prairie Trail Center.



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at Admiral Builders, Suite F, in
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Local Business Spotlight – Kathy Agresti of The Barber Shoppe and Antique & Chic

By Jennie Fleming

To know Kathy Agresti is to know the heart of Winfield. Kathy has spent 46 years working as a barber, starting barber school at 17 years old in LaGrange Park. In 1990, Kathy came to work in Winfield at Sportsman Barbershop (formerly located



on Jewell Rd) and has been determined to support local small businesses ever since.

In 2014, Kathy decided to buy the house at the northwest corner of Church Street and Beecher Ave and flip it into what we now know as The Barber Shoppe. When Kathy purchased the house, it had all white walls with blue carpeting, divided into six offices, with no deck. Kathy has added her own flair and love of antiques to the house, along with a wrap-around deck, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for social gatherings and for clients getting haircuts.

While working at Sportsman's, Kathy also worked her booth at The Antique Store. Customers were always asking for more antique stores to be added in Winfield. Kathy took a chance and bought the historical home at the northeast corner of Church and Beecher, which was also

divided into several offices at the time. Kathy added her personal touch and opened this space as Antique and Chic in 2018, a successful antique store that currently houses 35+ antique dealers.

When Kathy isn't working, she is avidly promoting other local businesses through her work in the

Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce, which she founded in 2019. As a board member, Kathy coordinates the Monday night summer car shows in Prairie Trail Center, as well as the annual Arts and Crafts Festival, the third weekend each September. Kathy is also known for her generosity to local schools, Winfield Foundation events, and Knights of Columbus events. Kathy believes in giving back and creating a supportive community.

Kathy primarily cuts men's hair, however she does basic women's cuts, as well. The Barber Shoppe is by appointment only and is open Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm and Saturday 9am-1:00pm. Please call 630-306-8936 to schedule.

Antique and Chic is open 7 days a week, 10:00am-5:00pm (only closed on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas). Follow them on Facebook to learn about their monthly sales and special events throughout the year. In January, the store will celebrate its "6th birthday" with an event the week of January 27-28, 2024.

Winfield & West Chicago Churches Merge

By Pastor Avani Christian

New Hope United Methodist Church has been formed by combining the resources of both Winfield Community UMC and First UMC of West Chicago to better service our missions. All services will be held at 643 E Washington St, West Chicago, IL 60185, on Sundays at 10 AM. The Winfield Community UMC facility has been sold, and the proceeds are being used to strengthen New Hope in the performance of the goals set by the congregation. Our mission is to be a welcoming community that is one with Christ, one with each other, one in service to all. The First United Methodist Church of West Chicago, founded in 1835, blended with the First Congregational Church, organized in 1856, and began worshipping together in 2004. In 2023, Winfield Community UMC, founded in 1937, joined First United UMC, and "New Hope" was created. Our goal is to honor and respect both denominations' traditions and welcome all who wish to worship with us. We serve the communities of West Chicago, Winfield, and Warrenville.

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Wrapping Up the 1st Garden Season with Ronald McDonald House

By Eileen Tibble

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Photos, top to bottom:

Left: Healthy snack creations prepared by kids staying at Ronald McDonald House near CDH and registered dietitian Mary Zupke, using produce they harvested in the gardens.

Below: The GardenWorks Project board member, Bill Waters, tending to the gardens.

Registered dietitian and owner of The Garden Plate, Mary Zupke, with NIU dietetic intern Jersey Lefaver, working with the garden produce in the Ronald McDonald House near CDH kitchen.



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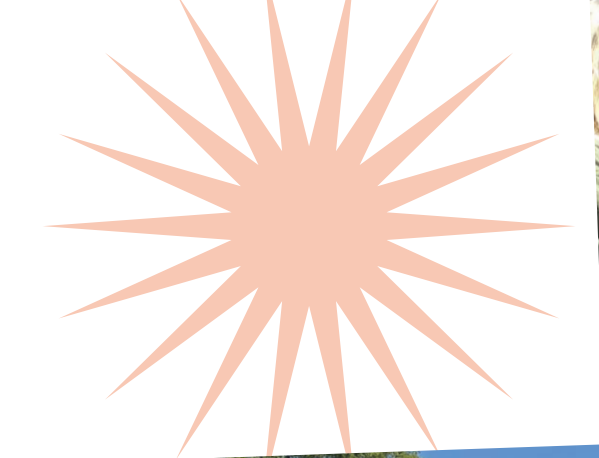
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