

57th Annual Good Old Days Happenings–Sept. 5th-7th

By Patti Weber

“Honoring Winfield’s Legends” is the theme of this year’s Annual Good Old Days festival September 5th thru 7th. See the schedule of events on page 3. We honor Winfield legends such as Harold Schmidt, a WWII veteran who was also a principal at Winfield School. Harold as well as John Karwoski Sr, and Dick Murdock, will be our parade Grand Marshals on Sunday, September 7th at 1pm.

Started in 1968, 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 Protection District, Winfield Park District, and Winfield School. These groups spent months meeting and planning activities and events for our community. We come together to say goodbye to Summer and play outside while we can and enjoy the warm temperatures before the good old Midwest Winter comes along.

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 FREE live entertainment scheduled all weekend starting Friday with Jacksson Hamilton, a local singer and guitar player then our own Sammy & The Knights opening for one of Chicago’s most in-de-

mand show bands the Blooze Brothers at 8:30pm. On Saturday we’ll kick off 10 hours of live music with solo artist Gabriel Alderice, then another local and Lion’s Club member Ken Fuchs, followed by Mario C who will sing some of your favorite songs.

and enjoy the music, grab a cold drink and the best cheeseburger grilled over open wood-fired grill from the KOC concessions. See more music details on page 7.

We’ll have a good variety of food and drink choices. The Tony Reyes Family Foundation Beer Tents will be offering a variety of cold beverages for sale including 2 ice cold draft beers for \$8. 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. The Knights of Columbus 8002 will be firing up their wood burning grill to cook their 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, and favorite sweet carnival foods. A newcomer Yummy Food Time will be offering unique items that you’ll have to come see to check out. And back this year is Kool Kat ice cream and root beer floats, and Sugar Mama donuts, coffee, and other tempting treats to round out the sweet offerings.

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Next up is 50/50 with its diverse collection of classic rock songs. Returning favorite is Sealed with a Kiss who will get things really moving and warm up for Journey tribute band LP Vinyl who will close out the night of live music.

The music continues Sunday with everyone’s favorite local Rob Russo and The Loose Screws. Be sure to bring your comfy portable chair to sit

Chamber, Residents Celebrate Fire Station Grand Opening

By Lucas Allen

The Winfield Fire Protection District marked a major milestone in its history with the grand opening and dedication of Fire Station 31—a modern, purpose-built facility designed to meet the evolving needs of a growing community and professional firefighters.

The celebration, hosted by the Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce on August 5, welcomed local residents, elected officials, fire district personnel, and community partners. Attendees toured the new station, explored the apparatus bays, and met the firefighter-paramedics who will call Station 31 home.

“This isn’t just a building—it’s a commitment,” said Fire Chief Steve Evans. “A commitment to faster response times, a safer work environment for our crews, and the long-term safety and wellbeing of the people we serve.”

More Than Bricks and Mortar

Located at 0N525 County Farm Road, Station 31 replaces the downtown fire station with a facility designed for both current needs and future growth. It features:

- Expanded apparatus bays to house updated firefighting and EMS vehicles
- Healthier living quarters and workspaces for shift personnel

Improved safety systems, including vehicle exhaust ventilation and decontamination zones
Faster response access to the County Farm

Road viaduct
Though only 56 square feet larger than the previous building, the new design uses space much



37 residents attended a ribbon cutting celebration and tour on August 5, organized by the Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce. Residents can call to schedule a tour of the new station anytime or take the Good Old Days Trolley to attend an open house tour on September 6.

Large windows make the new meeting room feel very inviting, even though it is 80 square feet smaller than the meeting room at the downtown station. With a seating capacity of 32, the new meeting room furniture from the downtown station looks right at home.

more efficiently, allowing:

- An increase in apparatus storage from 5 to 9 vehicles
- Expanded work and storage areas for records, tools, and gear
- A rise in crew capacity from 6 beds to 8, with space to add two more if needed

Design and engineering were provided by Healy, Bender, Patton & Been Architects of Naperville, with construction by E. P. Doyle and Son, LLC of Wheaton. The project was guided by a construction oversight committee including Chief Evans, Administrative Assistant Robin Youngberg, Trustees Randall Simpson and Lucas Allen, Lt. David Formento, and Firefighter Seth Lamb.

This team worked to incorporate best practices in firefighter health and safety, while providing flexible spaces that promote both physical and mental wellness. The building also includes energy-efficient systems and infrastructure to support new technologies and equipment, all while maintaining a cost-conscious design.

Community-Powered Progress

Voters approved a tax rate increase in 2022. During the campaign, Chief Evans and Board President George Kallas outlined three core needs:

- Hiring additional crew

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Get to Know Winfield First Responders

Winfield First Responder Interview – Deputy Chief Tim Roman

Where are you from and what brought you to Winfield?

I grew up in Wheaton. A classmate at Wheaton North told me about the “Winfield Fire Explorer Post” (that was around for a few years in the early 2000s)—his dad was a firefighter here in Winfield—I signed up right away, and knew I had found the perfect career fit for myself. I’ve worked in Winfield since 2001.

Why did you become a Firefighter/Paramedic?

Ever since I visited a fire station around age five, I’ve looked up to firefighters. Even then, I knew I wanted to become one. My father worked in law enforcement, and I always had a strong respect for first responders and felt called to serve my community.

What’s the best part of your job in Winfield?

The best part of my job as a firefighter/paramedic—and now as Deputy Chief—is working alongside an incredible team at the Winfield Fire Protection District. We’re a smaller department than our neighbors, but that’s part of what makes it special. Everyone pitches in, and we all know each other well. It feels more like a family than just a workplace, and I’m really proud of that.

What are you most looking forward to now that you’re starting your new role as Deputy Chief?

I’m excited to help build on the strong, positive culture we already have at the Winfield Fire Pro-

tection District. We’re entering a new era—with a new station, new rigs, and a solid plan for the future—and we’re really starting to hit our stride. Chief Evans and I are especially proud to begin putting plans into action that, just six years ago, felt almost out of reach. Thanks to the support of our residents and the successful 2022 referendum, we’ve been able to modernize the department in ways that will truly improve public safety. We’re deeply grateful for that support.

What are your professional goals, or are there any skills/certifications you’d like to learn?

As the new Deputy Chief, I plan to take Chief Officer Certification and Fire Ground Command classes. I’m especially interested in organizational leadership and always look for opportunities to grow in that area.

And now some fun questions!

What’s your favorite food? Mexican food
Favorite restaurant? Morton’s Steakhouse
Favorite fire service movie/TV show? Backdraft
Favorite hobby? Triathlon training
Favorite dinosaur? Triceratops
First car? 1985 Volvo
Dream car? New Ford pickup



Deputy Chief Tim Roman



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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 a wide variety of shops & businesses including many of our own Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce members, some you will recognize from Wednesday Farmer’s Market.

The kids can enjoy the Kid’s Zone all weekend long with inflatables for jumping fun and a petting zoo. A wristband purchase gets them a full day of enjoyment plus a hot dog meal from the KOC, what a deal! Thank you to local volunteers especially Boy Scout Troop 575 for providing supervision of the Zone! Kids will also enjoy Winfield Park District’s Coin Carnival on Saturday from 1-3pm, and new this year is their Game On themed activities for teens such as video gaming truck on Saturday along with glow-in-the-dark axe throwing, giant inflatable twister, gift card giveaways and music.

Take a break and ride around town on the historic trolley tour which runs on Saturday from 10am to 6pm and makes stops to pick up and drop off passengers on Beecher/Winfield Roads, Church/Jewell, and at our new Winfield Fire Protection District Station on County Farm Road. You’ll be able to tour our new Fire Station so this is a don’t miss opportunity. There is extremely limited parking at the Fire Station so hopping on the trolley tour is the best way to see it. Speaking of history, the Winfield Historical Society brings the nostalgia back with its Ladies Shoe Kicking Contest and will have their passport and coloring contest awards at the Winfield Park District facility on County Farm Road. Also, they’re bringing back the Prince & Princess contest. The Prince & Princess will ride in the parade on Sunday.

Our Winfield Lion’s Club will have their Bag Boards set up for those that wish to participate, as well as showing the 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.

We’d like to thank all of our sponsors who with their financial support make this weekend possible! The Knights of Columbus Council 8002; Tony Reyes Family Foundation; Village of Winfield; Healthcare Associates Credit Union; Casey’s; Tully Electric; and Olson Windows, Doors, Siding and Roofing.

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SATURDAY - 9/6

Food Sales	11:00am - 11:00pm
Beverage Sales.....	10:30am - 10:30pm
Business Expo/Vendor Booths	10:00am - 6:00pm
Winfield Lion's Bags Tournament	9:00am - 3:00pm
Winfield Library Friends Book Sale	9:00am - 5:00pm
Kid's Zone.....	10:00am - Dusk
Petting Zoo	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Winfield Park District - Coin Carnival ..	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Trolley Ride w/Hedges Station/ New Fire House Tours	10:00am - 6:00pm
Caliendo's Meatball Eating Contest....	2:00pm - 2:30pm
Winfield Historical Society - Passport Coloring Contest Awards	
Prince/Princess Crowning	Noon
Ladies Shoe Kicking Contest	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Winfield Park District- GAME ON!	
Windy City Mobile Game Theater.....	4:00pm - 10:00pm
Glow in the Dark Ax Throw	7:30pm - 10:00pm
Giant Inflatable Twister	
Gift Card Giveaways	
Music	

Live Music:	
Gabrielle Alderice	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Ken Fuchs	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Mario Cervantes	2:30pm - 4:00pm
50/50	4:30pm - 6:00pm
SWAK	6:30pm - 8:00pm
LP Vinyl	8:00pm - 10:30pm

FRIDAY - 9/5

Food Sales.....	4:00pm - 10:00pm
Beverage Sales.....	4:00pm - 11:00pm
Business Expo/ Vendor Booths	4:00pm - 7:00pm
Winfield Library Friends Book Sale.....	9:00am - 7:00pm
The River Radio Station Live.....	4:30pm - 6:30pm
Kid's Zone.....	4:00pm - Dusk
Live Music:	
Jacksson Hamilton.....	4:00pm - 5:15pm
Sammy & The Knights.	5:30pm - 8:00pm
Blooze Brothers.....	8:30pm - 10:30pm



SUNDAY - 9/7

Food Sales.....	11:00am - 6:00pm
Beverage Sales....	11:00am - 6:00pm
Business Expo/ Vendor Booths ...	10:00am - 4 :00pm
Car Show.....	9:00am - 12:00pm
Duck Race	10:00am
Kid's Zone	10:00am - 4:00pm (Closed 12:45 - 1:45pm)
Parade.....	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Winfield Lion's Football Game & Raffle	12:00pm
Live Music:	
Rob Russo + The Loose Screws..	1:30pm - 4:30pm
CLOSE:	
6:00pm	



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www.winfieldgoodolddays.com

David Nelson – Serving the Community, One Policy at a Time

By Eron McCormick

If you’ve lived in Winfield for any length of time, chances are you’ve crossed paths with David Nelson. As the owner of the Farmers Insurance Agency at 27W233 Geneva Road, Winfield, IL 60190, David is more than just a local business owner – he’s a lifelong DuPage County resident, community leader, and proud president of the Winfield Chamber of Commerce.

David’s Farmers Insurance Agency is a one-stop shop for coverage needs—whether it’s health insurance, Medicare supplemental insurance, or just about anything you need to insure. But beyond policies and paperwork, David’s business is built on something deeper: a commitment to customer service and community.

Before launching his insurance career four years ago, David spent over 30 years in the building material services industry, helping businesses secure top-quality products and unmatched service. That career kept him on the road nearly 46 weeks a year, far from home and family. While it was rewarding, the constant travel limited his time with his family, and David wanted to do something that would allow him more time with his family. Insurance became his second career—a natural transition that let him leverage his customer-focused skills to help people right here in our community.

“There’s no better high than helping people and serving the community,” David says. And he truly means it. Whether he’s assisting a client in navigating complex insurance needs or greeting neighbors at a local event, David’s enthusiasm for service shines through.

David has been married to his wife, Mary, for 37 years, and together they’ve raised four children. He’s a lifelong DuPage County resident and has called Winfield home for the past two decades—though his Winfield roots go back even further, having been born here.

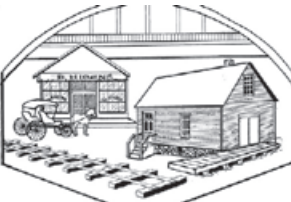
Choosing Farmers Insurance was intentional for David. The company’s strong reputation for customer service and high-quality products aligned perfectly with his own values. “Clientfocused” isn’t just a business strategy for David—it’s who he is.

Outside of work, David is a die-hard Chicago Bears fan. While he admits, with a smile, that be-

ing a Bears fan can be “a bleak existence,” he still loves the game and his Bears. One of his favorite memories is from before the Bears’ legendary 1985 Super Bowl victory. David and his brother camped

“There’s no better high than helping people and serving the community.”





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I was raised in the Chicago suburb of River Forest and was member of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish. I am the youngest of five, with four brothers and one sister. For high school, I attended Marmion Academy in Aurora and graduated in 1979. My first call or invitation from God came at my high school graduation, but it would be many years later before

I answer the call. After high school, I attended and graduated from the Goodman School of Drama at DePaul and worked in Chicago as an actor for a few years before heading out to California. I lived in LA for a few years pursuing my career, before returning to Illinois on account of my father's cancer. After my father's passing, my mother had a massive stroke six months later. For the next eight years of my life, I was my mother's caregiver and worked at Trattoria #10 in downtown Chicago.

This period of my life was when I started to really discern and pray over God's call, and his invitation to serve Him and my neighbors in a vocation to priesthood. During this time, I taught RCIA for five years, worked with the homeless in PADS, taught Religious Ed, attended prayer groups, and traveled on many pilgrimages to religious shrines. Yet, most centrally, it was in caring for my mother that the Lord used to help teach, strengthen, and guide me toward a priestly vocation. I learned many things about suffering and grace by becoming a caregiver.

In 1998, my brother and his wife and four children built a home in Plainfield and were able and desired to bring my mother to live with them. This opened the doors for me to pursue God's calling. I applied to the Joliet Diocese and was accepted on Oct 7", the feast of the Rosary. I began my seminary formation at Conception Seminary in Conception, Missouri in 1999, and graduated in 2001. After Conception, I entered formation at St. Mary of Lake

Seminary in Mundelein, and was ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ June 4, 2005, the year of the Eucharist. My first assignment as a parochial vicar was at St. Petronille in Glen Ellyn. My second assignment was to St. Mary Immaculate in Plainfield. In December of 2010, I was assigned to Resurrection in Wayne as a Pastor.

In 2013 I was installed as pastor at St. Raphael's in Naperville IL. I have served God and the people of St Raphael's for the last twelve years. It was a blessed assignment in many ways, as I, along with

the staff and community, built a strong and vibrant parish, updated communications, rehabbed the parish and school, strengthened our ministries, and doubled the size of our parish young families, all with a strong and loving devotional life. God is so good.

Welcome Fr. Dan



We also welcome new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Michal

I am very much looking forward to shepherding the parish of St. John the Baptist. This assignment means a lot to me as it will be my last parish. I look forward to getting to know the names and faces of the good people of St John the Baptist as we pilgrimage to our heavenly homeland.

It is my hope and prayer to serve you well, with a loving and open heart, as we continue to build up the body of Christ in Winfield. Let us rejoice always in the Lord!

Pax, Fr Dan
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Welcome Fr. Dan

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What Is Estate Planning and Why It's Not Just for the Rich.

By Eron McCormick

Have you ever thought about what happens to your family, home, and finances if something happened to you? It's not something we like to think about, but it's important. This is where estate planning comes in. Estate planning is the equivalent of giving your family a set of instructions, so your wishes will be carried out when you die or become too sick to make decisions for yourself. Through thoughtful estate planning, you and your attorney will draft a written plan with legal instructions for how you want everything handled so your heirs are not confused or stressed during an already difficult and emotional time.

"Your estate" encompasses everything you own: your house, car, money, clothes, pets, and even special items like your fishing poles, family jewels, or grandma's China dishes. Planning in advance of an illness or death gives you the opportunity to give your estate to those you care about, appoint guardians for your children, and provide clear instructions for agents to make medical or financial decisions for you.

A foundational "basic" estate plan should, at minimum, provide a last will and testament, financial and health care power of attorney documents, and a living will. The last will and testament takes effect only after you die and is a set of instructions to a probate court judge outlining who gets your property, money, and who will become your children's guardians. This document must be recorded with the circuit clerk's office in the county where the deceased resided. The power of attorney documents allow you to appoint agents who can make financial and medical decisions while you are still alive, but are unable to do for yourself. Finally, a living will should be drafted to outline explicit instructions for end-of-life medical care.

A trust is another way to give your estate to family, friends, charities and avoid probate. It can also take effect while you're still alive. You move your things (i.e. your house or bank accounts) into the trust. When you die, the person you chose as successor trustee distributes your estate to the people you chosen – without going to court. This process is typically faster and more private. If you have children, you should also complete guardianship planning as part of your estate plan so your kids will be placed with someone they know and love. With a trust, you can also make sure your children's money is protected. Someone else can manage money in

the trust until your children reach an age set by you or certain benchmarks – such as graduating from trade school or a university. It's also important to realize that the person who physically takes care of your kids does not have to be the person who handles the money.

Without an estate plan, a court will decide what happens to your things and your family. Court proceedings a.k.a. "probate" is generally time consuming, costs a lot of money, and will undoubtedly cause additional stress for your loved ones. Going through these court proceedings may also mean that your wishes are not followed. The court will choose who gets your things based on strict rules—not based on your wishes. Your spouse or children might not get everything and may cause unnecessary family fights. If you have children under 18 and don't name

Estate planning is the equivalent of giving your family a set of instructions, so your wishes will be carried out

a guardian, the court will appoint one. It might not be the person you would have chosen, and your children might not feel safe and secure during an already scary and stressful time.

Estate planning may sound like something rich people do, but it's really for everyone. It's about protecting your family, your children, and your legacy. Without a plan, things can get very messy. But with the right plan and documents in place, you can make sure your family is taken care of when you cannot be there for them. If you haven't done so yet, please consider talking to a trusted attorney and starting your estate plan. It's one of the best gifts you can give your loved ones.

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A Need for Helping Hands

By Natalie Fopma

The Ronald McDonald House in Winfield, just across the street from Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital (CDH), has helped thousands of families over the years since its opening in 2015. For the last ten years, the small staff and rotation of volunteers have housed families of children receiving treatment at CDH.

Lisa Mitchell, the Chief Programs Officer at Ronald McDonald House Chicago, serves the Chicagoland area and Northwest Indiana locations. Mitchell noted how the Houses provide additional emotional and social support for local families as well as meeting physical needs when their child receives treatment.

As one of six Chicagoland area houses, the Ronald McDonald House located in Winfield provides beds, meals, services and care to families in need of a place to stay while their child is in long-term care at CDH. The Winfield location has 12 rooms, which can comfortably sleep four to five family members. Staff and volunteers make one meal a day, typically dinner. Families have full access to the kitchen, laundry units, games and play areas for kids, a fitness center and free Wi-Fi and computer systems. Located off of Winfield Road north of the train tracks, the House is also situated right by the Winfield Riverwalk and has an outdoor playground.

To stay at a local Ronald McDonald House, families must have a child receiving active treatment who is 21 years or younger. Families must live more than ten miles away. They are recommended by a CDH nurse or staff member and will meet with a social worker at the hospital to assess if community living is a good fit for the family's needs. Once approved by the social worker and a House staff member, depending on the availability at the House, families will either move in right away or be added to a waitlist. While there is not frequently a waitlist for families, because there is no limit to how long a family can stay the wait time for a room is often unknown.

"We know that families have complex needs now," Mitchell said, "and we are driving towards having additional social and emotional support for families through our own family centered care work, making sure that the Ronald McDonald House is, and always has been, more than just a place to sleep and grab a meal."

On average, families will stay 20 nights at the Winfield location. Across all Chicago locations, the

average stay is 24 nights. Families are invited to stay at the House for as long as their child is receiving active medical treatment at the hospital. Mitchell said that the need for the Winfield location began when the Northwestern Medicine Proton Center was built in 2010. In addition to children receiving cancer therapy at the Proton Center, the most frequent reason families stay at the House is because their child is in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at CDH.

"Over all these years, one thing that's always been consistent is that we're here for families to support them as they navigate the difficulties of childhood illness, and that is at our hearts," Mitchell said, reflecting on the past ten years at the Winfield Ronald McDonald House.

Mitchell said the biggest need for volunteers is making a meal for the families each day. At the Winfield House, there are just eight total part- or full-time staff. Two staff members are on-duty at all times. The House relies on its volunteer base to make the meal each day for families, who rely on that meal, and the leftovers, as one amenity of the House.

"The community of Winfield has been really just remarkable with participation in serving our mission," Mitchell said. "The meal program is really important for families, for them to not have to worry about paying for a meal in the cafeteria or in a restaurant or making it themselves. It really is just another burden removed from their shoulders, and

volunteers are really what makes that possible."

One major example of community support comes from the Winfield Knights of Columbus Council 8002, who have been strong supporters of the Winfield Ronald McDonald House since before they even opened their doors. Under the leadership of Tony Reyes, Grand Knight Council 8002, the KOC donated \$50,000 to the initial capital campaign fund in 2013 to help build the House. That donation was also then matched by Tony, a member of the Winfield Board of Trustees at the time. The Knights of Columbus & The Tony Reyes Family Foundation have also hosted an Annual Golf Outing each year at Klein Creek Golf Club (in addition to other RMH fundraisers) to help raise over \$100,000, to support the families staying at the House. Lastly, the Knights also volunteer to cook dinner for the RMH families several times throughout the course of each year.

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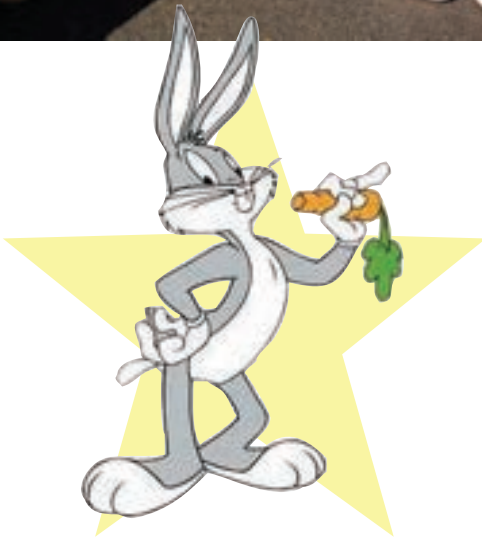
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and we’d love to feature the Winfield Farmers Market as part of this initiative.”

So the DCVB film crew visited the Winfield Farmers Market on Wednesday, August 13th.

“A good day for the DCVB to have been out here,” added Bysina, “since we were able to get in touch with one of our favorite fresh produce customers, Bugs Bunny, who’s not a bit camera shy.”

The finished DCVB video will eventually be seen on the Winfield Farmers Market’s Facebook page: www.facebook.com/winfieldfarmmarket.



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Fire Station

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Replacing aging fleet vehicles and adding an ambulance

Providing space to house those people and resources

Following the referendum, Trustees conducted a cost-benefit analysis and found that building a new station offered greater long-term value than renovating the existing one. Construction began in April 2023, and despite supply chain delays and price increases, the project stayed within budget—at a final cost of \$7.6 million. For comparison, the Village of Streamwood completed a similar headquarters station in 2021 for \$10.5 million.

A Foundation for the Future

While the fire trucks, equipment, and modern design may be the most visible changes, Station 31 represents something deeper: a renewed dedication to service.

“We’re not just opening a building,” said Chief Evans. “We’re stepping into the future—together—with stronger tools, safer spaces, and the same unwavering commitment to our community.”

The new building is the third fire station to serve as the district’s headquarters. The first, a converted barn and dance hall, stood at the current downtown station parking lot and was in use from 1942 until 1974, when a dedicated station was built to support a growing population and expanding volunteer force.

By the early 1990s, volunteerism had declined while call volume increased, leading to the remodeling of the upstairs to house full-time crews working 24-hour shifts.

Ultimately, factors such as traffic congestion, rising equipment sizes, renovation costs, and building code requirements led the Board of Trustees to pursue a conservative but practical new headquarters.

Now fully operational and staffed 24/7, Station 31 stands ready to serve. The Fire Protection District invites residents to stop by, meet the crew, and take pride in a facility built by—and for—the community.

Tour the New Station

Tours of the new station will be offered on Saturday September 6 during Good Old Days. Because of limited parking at the new station, visitors are encouraged to ride the free narrated Trolley that will run every 30 minutes. Board the trolley at three locations:

Beecher St. and Winfield Rd. (in front of the school)

Church St. and Jewel Rd. (in front of the Train Station)

Thank you to the Winfield Historical Society, Winfield Fire Protection District, and Tony Reyes Family Foundation for sponsoring the Winfield Good Old Days Trolley.

A Legal Moment

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and Wisconsin whose practice focuses on serving clients in business matters, real estate, and estate planning matters. When not in the office, Eron enjoys fishing, vacationing in Land O’ Lakes with family and friends, dining at various supper clubs (old fashioned sweet – please), and discovering all that the Northwoods has to offer.

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A fitness center is found between the apparatus garage and the living space. Modest, well-maintained equipment is provided to help the crew members meet their fitness requirements.
Each crew bunk room is shared by three people and features a window for fresh air, a storage cabinet to store their bedding, and a bedside table with a lamp and charging cords. The rooms do not have doors, but curtains, and the walls do not touch the ceiling. See more photos on page 14.



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Stories that will be featured include: Reverend Franz Puetz, 3rd pastor of St John Catholic Church; Sofia Swiatowski St. Johns Church Council of Catholic Women leader; Christopher Daleiden farmer and 19th century German settler of Winfield; Anita Wilke, woman entrepreneur and owner of Wintwin Beauty Salon; and Matthias Elsen, farmer and builder of the old Elsen Building/Karwoski Tavern.

The Winfield Park District van leaves for cemetery tours from the Hedges Station Museum (Oakwood Park, 0N557 Winfield Road, Winfield Illinois). Tours will step – off beginning at 6:00 p.m.

and every 10 minutes, with the last group stepping off by 8:00 p.m.

Volunteers are urgently needed to make this event a success!

The event is free and open to all (17 and under must be accompanied by an adult or guardian). Donations are accepted. Participants should bring their own flashlights.

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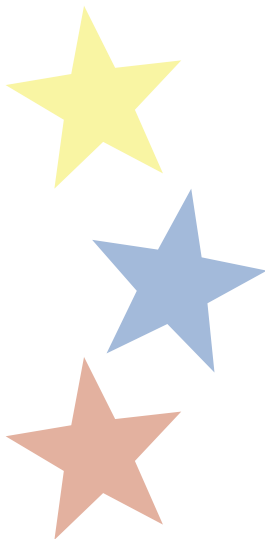
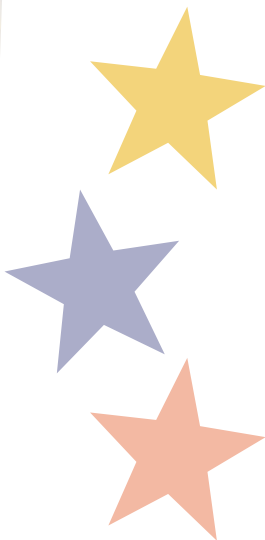
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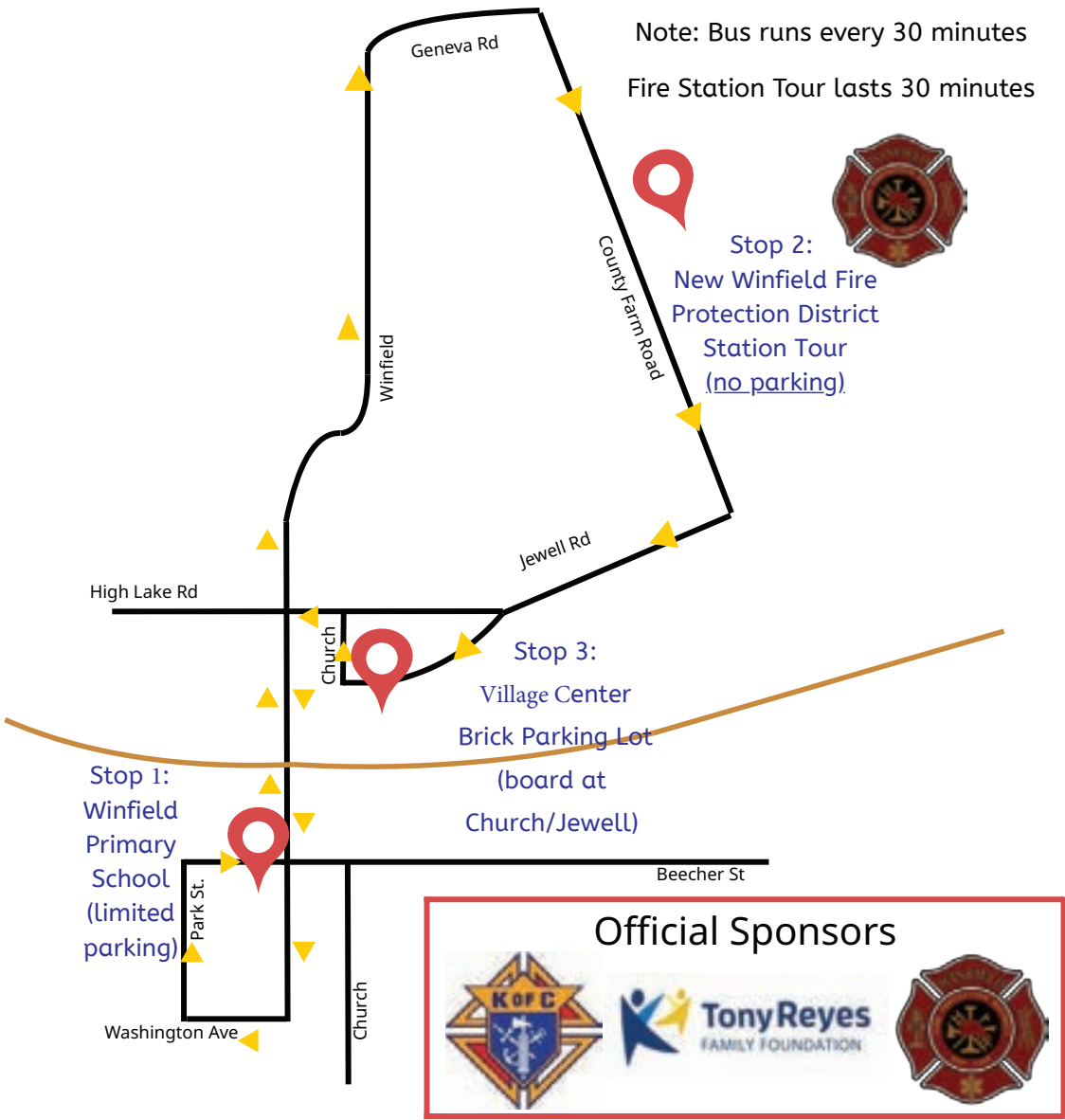
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The new apparatus bay was designed to store 9 vehicles compared to the 5 held downtown. A special ventilation system to remove vehicle exhaust directly outside was installed to reduce employee exposure to harmful carcinogens. It also has a special floor coating to reduce slips and falls on wet floors,



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Public Works Director Tye Loomis was presented with the 0 Accident Award for Public Works from the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA). He has received it several times.

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