

Winfield Celebrates Nation’s 250th Anniversary

Here’s a roundup of some activities and events coming your way to continue the celebration of our Nation’s 250th anniversary! Check out the Winfield Historical Society News Briefs on page 6 of this issue. Also, the Winfield Farmer’s Market will be handing out custom designed placemats for kids to color and return to the Market to receive Vendor Bucks to spend at the Market, see page 10 for details. The Dupage County Fair July 23-26 is promising to be extra spectacular with fairground makeovers and new activities, see page 11 for details. And the Winfield Good Old Days committee is planning fun and festive additions to the festival which takes place September 11-13. Be a part of supporting our 58th annual festival by being a sponsor. See page 12 for a list of sponsorship opportunities.

At the parade on Sunday, September 13th we will recognize and honor our local Winfield mil-



itary veterans as our Grand Marshals. If you are a veteran or know of a Winfield veteran, please reach out to us at winfieldgoodolddays@gmail.com so we can connect and provide details. Also, kids can get in on the fun of the celebration by decorating their bikes and riding in the parade. If anyone remembers back in 1976 during the Bicentennial, this was a big hit with us kids! Use quick, low-cost materials like crepe paper, streamers, balloons, and cardboard. Prioritize safety by ensuring decorations do not get tangled in moving parts like chains, tires, or brakes, and always keep the handlebars clear for steering. Watch more details about the kid’s decorating and more fun and festive additions to Good Old Days to celebrate our Nation’s 250th anniversary in the Fall issue of the Glimpses in mailboxes September 4th and our website www.winfieldgoodolddays.com and Facebook page.

IL Supreme Court Ends Winfield School Districts’ 4-Year TIF Fight

By Eron McCormick

After more than four years of legal battles and losses in three different courts, Winfield School District 34 and Community High School District 94 have reached the end of the road in their fight against the Village of Winfield’s downtown Tax Increment Financing district.

On May 27, 2026, in fewer than thirty words, the Illinois Supreme Court declined to hear the case, leaving in place a unanimous appellate court decision in favor of the Village’s Town Center TIF #2. The action marks the Village’s third straight courtroom victory and officially brings one of the most closely watched local government disputes in DuPage County to a close. The case was titled **The Board of Education of Winfield School District 34 et al. v. The Village of Winfield.**

“132943 – The Board of Education of Winfield School District 34 et al., petitioners, v. The Village of Winfield, respondent. Leave to appeal, Appellate Court, Third District. 3-25-0182. Petition for Leave to Appeal Denied.”

At the center of the lawsuit was Winfield’s downtown Tax Increment Financing district, commonly known as a TIF. A TIF allows a municipality to use future increases in property tax revenue generated within a designated area to pay for improvements and redevelopment projects within that same area. Winfield established its original downtown TIF district, known as TIF #1, in 2004. As that district approached its expiration date, Village officials created a new district known as Town Center TIF #2. Village leaders argued that the new TIF was necessary to continue redevelopment efforts in the downtown area. Planned projects included infrastructure improvements, public facilities, streetscape upgrades, residential development, and other investments intended to strengthen Winfield’s downtown core.

School District 34 and Community High School District 94 opposed the new district. School officials argued that extending TIF financing would divert

future property tax growth away from schools and other local taxing bodies. The districts also argued that the Village should not be allowed to remove property from one TIF district and place it into a newly created TIF district.

The school districts filed suit against the Village in 2021, claiming that Winfield failed to comply with Illinois law when it created Town Center TIF #2. Among other arguments, the districts asserted that the Village had not proven the downtown area required TIF assistance and that the new district improperly extended the life of the original TIF.

Village officials denied those claims and maintained that TIF #2 was an entirely new district created in full compliance with Illinois law. The first major ruling came in 2022 when DuPage County Circuit Court Judge Bonnie Wheaton ruled that Illinois law does not prohibit a municipality from removing property from one TIF district and including it in another. The decision represented a significant victory for the Village and narrowed the issues remaining in the lawsuit.

In March 2025, the DuPage County Circuit Court Judge ruled in favor of the Village, granting summary judgment and dismissing the school districts’ lawsuit. The court found that Winfield had met the legal requirements for creating the new TIF district and that the districts had failed to demonstrate otherwise. The school districts did not accept that decision and appealed.

On February 4, 2026, a unanimous three-judge panel of the Illinois Appellate Court, Third District, affirmed the circuit court’s ruling. The appellate court found that Winfield had satisfied the legal requirements necessary to establish TIF #2. The court also rejected the districts’ argument that the Village had improperly extended the life of the original TIF district. Instead, the appellate court con-

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cluded that TIF #2 was a separate and legally distinct redevelopment district. The court further noted that Illinois law does not prohibit land previously located within one TIF district from being included in a future TIF district. Because many Illinois communities face similar redevelopment questions as older TIF districts expire, the appellate decision attracted attention from municipalities across the state.

Following their appellate loss, the school districts filed a Petition for Leave to Appeal with the Illinois Supreme Court. Such petitions ask the state’s highest court to review a lower court’s decision. The Supreme Court accepts only a small percentage of these requests each year.

In this case, the Court declined to hear the appeal. As a result, the appellate court’s decision remains the final word on the matter. With the lawsuit now over, the Village of Winfield is free to move forward with Town Center TIF #2 and focus on redevelopment projects.

The Glimpses contacted both Winfield School District 34 and the Village of Winfield for their reaction to the end of the lawsuit:

Statement from the Village of Winfield:

“After 4 & 1/2 years of a costly, unnecessary lawsuit, the end result was what we expected. TIF-2 had indeed satisfied all the legal requirements in its establishment of TIF-2. The Village’s responsibility now, is to expedite the private and public investment that is ready to go, and which, ironically, will greatly benefit the two school districts and the other taxing bodies, as we broaden the tax base of Winfield”, said Winfield Village President Carl Sorgatz. “And, we aim to realize our economic development plans along with substantial public amenities, including a new Village Hall and Police Station – facilities that have been sorely lacking for

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Interview with Firefighter Seth Lamb

By Luke Allen

1. Where are you from, and what brought you to Winfield?

I grew up in Wisconsin and life brought me to the Chicago suburbs. I changed careers when I turned 34 and began full-time work as a Firefighter/Paramedic in Broadview. 8 months after starting that job, I learned about the opening in Winfield. In 2014, it was still very competitive to get a job as a firefighter. What drew me to Winfield was that they operated like a small-town fire department; hard work is valued, and I knew that in a place like this I could make a difference.

2. Why did you become a Firefighter/Paramedic?

After running my own millwork and cabinet company for about 10 years, the 2008 housing crash had me looking for a new career that would provide more stability for my family. While working in construction, I took classes during nights and weekends to get my Firefighter and Paramedic certifications.

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

In a small department like Winfield, we can truly make a difference for people who are having some of the worst days of their lives. My favorite days at work are when we’re up against an obstacle on a call, and as a team, we can work hard together to overcome something that is tough. We spend a lot of time training, and that preparation helps us serve our residents at a high level because we take pride in being really good at what we do.

4. What have you been working on lately?

I’m very proud of the work Lt. Smith and I have done to improve the new hire training program. Each of our Firefighters and Paramedics have to conduct over 200 hours of continuing education every year. We have been upgrading the training software to help each member track their progress for the required training for each person’s certification. For each certification someone has, they have to document the yearly training needed to keep the certification. Also, we have a lot of new members, and I enjoy seeing them learn and be successful. We have some very talented members who make serving this community together very enjoyable.

And now some fun questions!

What’s your favorite food? Steak and Key Lime Pie

Favorite restaurant? Gianorio’s Deli

Favorite fire service movie/TV show? Only the Brave

Hidden talents? Mill-working (precision woodworking)

Favorite hobby? Backcountry Fishing

Favorite dinosaur? Velociraptor

First car? Ford Mustang

Dream car? Aston Martin



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A Clear Vision for Eye Care

By Eron McCormick

In a day and age where healthcare is often rushed and impersonal, one local practice is redefining what it means to truly care for patients. Dr. Carolyn Karwoski of Karwoski Family Vision has built more than just an optometry office – she has created a trusted, community-centered, comprehensive eye care clinic.

For over a decade, Karwoski Family Vision has served the Winfield and surrounding communities with a philosophy of accessibility, thoroughness, and genuine patient care. Unlike other providers where patients can feel like just another appointment slot or file, Dr. Karwoski’s practice emphasizes individualized attention, ensuring that every patient is seen, heard, and properly evaluated. At its core, Karwoski Family Vision offers full-service eye care, from routine eye exams and contact lens fittings to more advanced services such as dry eye treatment and myopia management. Dr. Karwoski takes a far more comprehensive approach to patient care which may not be provided by larger medical practices, Dr. Karwoski does not just evaluate the eyes but provides complete patient care and treatment eye health.

That distinction matters more than many people realize. “Some places are really just focused on the prescription,” Dr. Karwoski explains. “They’re not looking at the health of the eye.” That deeper level of care is important in detecting underlying conditions early which may otherwise go unnoticed until they become serious. Eye exams can reveal signs of glaucoma, retinal issues, and other health concerns that extend far beyond vision alone. One of the most compelling reasons to visit Karwoski Family Vision is accessibility. Patients can often be seen within 24 hours, and in urgent cases, even the same day. In a healthcare system where long wait times are the norm, this responsiveness is not just convenient, it is critical.

The practice also accepts most medical insurance plans, which surprises many patients who assume eye care is limited to vision insurance. In reality, many eye-related concerns are covered under medical insurance, and Dr. Karwoski’s team helps guide patients through that process with ease.

Beyond accessibility, what truly sets this practice apart is its specialization in areas that are

increasingly important because the amount of time we spend in our digital universe. One area of Dr. Karwoski focus is myopia management, a growing concern among children. With increased screen



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time, children are developing nearsightedness at higher rates, and at more severe levels – than previous generations. Dr. Karwoski doesn’t just diagnose this condition; she actively works to slow its progression using modern, FDA-approved treatments, including specialized contact lenses and other interventions. This proactive approach can have lifelong benefits, reducing the risk of serious conditions later in life. Early detection is key when it comes to children’s vision, yet many families wait until school requirements force an exam. Dr. Karwoski recommends much earlier evaluations – sometimes as young as six months old.

Signs that a child may need an eye exam include squinting, frequent eye rubbing, headaches, difficulty reading, or even behavioral issues in school. In some cases, what appears to be a learning or attention problem may actually stem from an undiagnosed vision issue.

For adults, the message is just as important:

don’t wait until something feels wrong. Annual eye exams are essential not only for maintaining clear vision but also for monitoring overall eye health. Even those who believe they “see fine” may have underlying conditions that only a professional exam can detect. Dr. Karwoski also emphasizes habits that support long-term eye health, including limiting excessive screen time, maintaining a healthy diet rich in leafy greens and omega-3s, and wearing proper sun protection.

Scheduling an appointment is simple. Patients can call or text the office directly or book online, making it easy to fit eye care into even the busiest schedules. In a world where convenience often comes at the expense of quality, Karwoski Family Vision proves that you don’t have to choose. You can have expert personal attention, and timely access in one place. If you’ve been putting off an eye exam, or simply looking for a doctor who truly prioritizes your health, this is your sign: make the appointment – your eyes will thank you.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this article is for general informational purposes only and is not intended as medical advice. Readers should consult a qualified healthcare professional for personalized medical guidance regarding their specific situation.



Sammy & The Knights Summer Concerts

- June 11 • 6:30-9pm
Winfield Riverwalk Park
- June 21 • 2:30-5pm
West Chicago Railroad Days
- August 22 • 4:30pm
Cougar’s Stadium, Geneva
- August 23 • 5-8pm • Elburn Days
- September 4 • 5-7:15pm
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- September 11 • 6:30pm • Good Old Days
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Society Celebrates America’s 250th Birthday

The Society is partnering with the Winfield Public Library to host a series of programs in the Library Meeting Room. The program is funded by a grant from the Village of Winfield to the Historical Society. The following programs will be held this summer and fall:

- Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 p.m. Defining US: The 250th Anniversary of the United States.** Featuring a historian from the DuPage County History Museum.
- Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. Flappers, Floozies and Feminists – Chicago Women and the Roaring Twenties.** Featuring historian Laurie Russell.
- Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. Relics of the Chicago, Aurora, and Elgin Railway.** Featuring local historians Joyce and Brian Ostberg.

Registration is required to attend the programs via the Winfield Public Library website event calendar at the following link: winfield.librarycalendar.com/events/month.

TIF Fight Resolved

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many years.”

Statement from Winfield School:

“Winfield School District 34 is disappointed that the Illinois Supreme Court’s denied of the Petition to Appeal TIF 2. This ends the TIF 2 legal saga, with the Village of Winfield garnering full ability to redirect taxpayer funds from other municipal governments to build the Village Hall/Police Station. This will redirect potentially \$10 million dollars from Winfield 34 to build this facility during the time of the TIF. Overall Winfield 34 anticipates ap-

Society Seeking Volunteers and Additional Board Members

The Society is seeking additional Board Members and people of the greater Winfield Illinois area to be active volunteers to keep the Society viable in the future.

Volunteers of the Society have opportunities to represent the Society in the community during events (Good Old Days, Farmer Market, etc.) and to volunteer time to keep the Museum open for additional hours during the summer.

Interested in volunteering? please contact Kevin Davis, Winfield Historical Society President at the following email address: hedgesmuseum@winfieldparkdistrict.com

For general information on the Society visit their website at winfieldhistory.org. For further information on the Winfield Park District Hedges Station Museum at Oakwood Park (0N555 Winfield Road Winfield Illinois) contact the museum Curator Lee Schmitz at 630-510-9053 or email at hedgesmuseum@winfieldparkdistrict.org.

proximately \$20 million tax dollars redirected from the district to the development of Town Center. With the Northwestern Medicine-Central DuPage Hospital parking garage anticipated to come off the tax rolls after 20 years, most of these funds will never be recouped by the school district. Without the TIF funds, Winfield 34 will need to go to referendum potentially in 2028 to fund at least replacement roofs and other infrastructure items. There will be facilities and program committees meeting in the district beginning in September. Residents of Winfield 34 interested in participating in these committees can email superintendent Dr. Matt Rich at mrich@winfield34.org to express your interest in contributing to their work.”

Winfield Historical Society News Briefs

Winfield History Book Available this Summer



A second edition of *Winfield Good Old Days: A History* is anticipated to be published and for sale this summer. The book is a part of the Society’s 250th Semiquincentennial of America’s Founding project. A joint project between the Winfield Library and Historical Society.

The book will sell for \$25. The Hedges Station

and the Winfield Public Library will be selling the books to the public. Interested in purchasing a copy of the book? Email (bookorder20252026@gmail.com) the following personal contact information c/o Kevin Davis, President, Historical Society: Name, Mailing/Street Address, City, State, Zip, Contact phone number and an email address.

Hedges Station Museum Hours and Summer Open Houses

The Hedges Station Museum will be open via appointment or during the following hours: Tuesdays/Thursdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and during three (3) summer Sunday open houses: June 1, July 12 and August 2 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For an appointment to visit the museum call the Hedges Station Museum at 630-510-9053

The Museum will be participating in the KDRMA (Kane and DuPage Counties Regional Museum Association) museum passport program. Passports are available at the Park District office, The Winfield Public Library and the Hedges Museum. For further information on this program visit the KDRMA website at kdrma.org/passport-to-adventure.html.



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Patty Melt
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SANDWICHES

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Hand-sliced corned beef layered on rye, topped with American or Swiss cheese. Served with fries. \$11.99

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Chicken Sandwich	Chicken Philly Cheese Steak	Spicy Burger
Buffalo Chicken Sandwich	Reuben Sandwich	Bacon Cheeseburger

See menu for burger and sandwich descriptions
*Excludes Strip Steak Sandwich

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Men Cat 4		11:20 AM	11:50 AM	30
Men Cat 3	👑	12:00 PM	12:40 PM	40
The Meteor Masters 50/60+ (5-day mini-series for Cat 1-4 riders; scored separately)	🏆	12:50 PM	1:30 PM	40
Volunteer Shift Change		1:30 PM	1:40 PM	10
Women Cat 2/3	👑	1:45 PM	2:25 PM	40
Men Cat 2	👑	2:35 PM	3:35 PM	60
Masters 40+ Cat 1-4	👑 🏆	3:45 PM	4:35 PM	50
Volunteer Shift Change		4:35 PM	4:45 PM	10
FAMILY FUN RIDE		4:50 PM	5:20 PM	30
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Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce News



Julie Michelin
**President of the
Greater Winfield
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It has been a busy but fulfilling beginning of my GWCC Presidency. Our new website is under construction and should be up and running shortly. I would like to Thank Jim King at Wheaton Website Services for his commitment, dedication, and work on this project for the Chamber. Until our New Website is completed, you can still use the existing website to keep up to date with Events and our New Business Membership application. Thank you to our Members for holding Networking meetings, Evening Socials, and Events. The Chamber was happy to participate in:

- 3/10 Marketing for Small Business presented by Scott Young at the Winfield Library
 - 4/16 Evening social at HQ Winfield office space hosted by Jaime Nevarez, Trust Insurance Options
 - 4/29 State of the Village Address at the Park District
 - 5/3 Winfield School 5k Tiger Run at Lions Park
 - 5/5 May networking meeting at Oakwood Park hosted by Winfield Park District
 - 5/15 Lions Panzek self-defense class FREE for chamber members
 - 5/24 Knights of Columbus Memorial Day party
- I am looking forward to our “Summer Months Events and Happenings” starting with:*
- 6/1 First GWCC Cruise Night/Car Show of the season at Prairie Trail Center 5pm, every Monday through August

- 6/2 June networking meeting hosted by Jaime Nevarez 7:30am at HQ Winfield
- 6/3 First Winfield Farmers Market of the season 7am-1pm
- 6/12 First Riverwalk Music Night of the summer 6:30pm
- 7/7 July Networking meeting hosted by The Glimpses at The Barn 7:30am
- 7/14 Evening social sponsored by Healthcare Assoc Credit Union at Neer Beer Wheaton
- 8/3 August networking meeting hosted by Kathy Agresti at The Barber Shoppe 7:30am

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Lutheran Church (630) 518-1517
Winfield Historical Society (630) 653-1489
The Winfield Foundation (630) 534-0856

Education

The Written Word (214) 683-8591
Primrose School of Winfield (630) 926-3488
Winfield School District 34 (630) 909-4900
Winfield Education Foundation (773) 344-6559

Government

Winfield Public Library (630) 653-7599
Village of Winfield (630) 933-7100
Winfield Park District (630) 653-3811
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Winfield Farmers Market Celebrates America’s Semiquincentennial

By Rich Bysina

The front-page headline of the Spring issue of The Winfield Glimpses reads: “Winfield Prepares for Nation’s 250th Anniversary” so one of our Winfield Farmers Market vendors, Art by Emilia, and I decided to create something for the Farmer’s Market to help celebrate!

That something is a 17x11-inch HAPPY 250 AMERICA! Coloring Placemat, a reduced version of which is what you see pictured here. (It was inspired by a similar paper placemat being offered for sale as a set of eight sheets by the America250 Foundation for \$22.99!)

These coloring placemats will be available at the Winfield Farmers Market (WFM) throughout the month of June, as well as at the Winfield Park District, for parents to take home for their kids to color,

then return them to receive five WFM Bugs Bucks to spend at any vendor.

Incidentally, the cartoon character we created specifically for America’s 250th birthday is a name taken from the middle of Semiquincentennial – Quin.

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185 Years Young! DuPage Fair Goes All-Out for America’s Big Birthday Bash

By Lucas Allen

Saddle Up, DuPage! Your Best County Fair Yet Is Almost Here!

Well, folks, hold onto your funnel cakes — because this year’s DuPage County Fair is shaping up to be something truly SPECTACULAR, and you do NOT want to miss it!

We’re celebrating not one, not two, but THREE milestones at this year’s fair: it’s the 250th birthday of these great United States of America, the 185th annual DuPage County Fair, AND the 72nd year of calling Wheaton home. If that doesn’t get your boots tapping, nothing will!

And to mark the occasion, the fairgrounds have gotten a gorgeous makeover — so even if you’ve

been coming for years (or decades!), you’re in for some delightful surprises.

All the Good Stuff You Know and Love The classics are back! Hop on the rides with a sweet \$35 mega-pass — unlimited rides for a whole day! Stroll the grounds with a lemon shake-up in hand, dig into your favorite carnival food and food trucks, and bring the little ones to Ag-Ventureland for some hands-on agricultural fun. Beat the summer heat with a cold beverage from the beer garden. It’s everything that makes a county fair feel like home.

Brand-New Attractions to Explore! This year’s got some exciting new additions that’ll have the whole family buzzing:

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of cool local government and business vehicles!

A brand-new Government & Community Services building

A fresh Food and Environmental Education area, put together by talented local students

Beautiful Pollinator and Community Garden exhibits — a feast for the eyes AND the bees!

Show Off Your Talents! Here’s the really fun part — the fair isn’t just something you watch, it’s something you join! Every DuPage County resident is invited to show the community what you’ve got. Bring your baked goods, your photographs, your sewing, your woodworking, your floral arrangements, your prized collections... the more the merrier! Get all the details at www.dupagecountyfair.org.

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As for admission: kiddos 5 and under get in FREE, ages 6–12 and seniors pay just \$8, and adults are only \$12. An entire day of memories for the whole family — you really can’t beat that!

DuPage County Fair runs from July 23-26, and is located at 2015 Manchester Rd, Wheaton.

One heads-up: the gate is cashless, so grab your tickets online ahead of time at www.dupagecountyfair.org and waltz right in!

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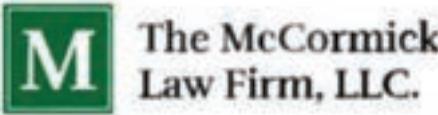
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Interview with A Community Treasure –

Lynn Kammes

By Patti Weber

This issue's Community Treasure is someone who's spent almost her whole life living and serving in various ways in Winfield, Lynn Kammes. We (Julie Michelin, Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce President) met with Lynn at Sweet Reserve Café over cups of coffee, tea, and pastries. Lynn is a long time Winfield resident and currently serves as Secretary on the Winfield School District 34 school board where she has served for over 30 years. Lynn's love of Winfield is very evident when you speak with her.

Lynn's family moved to Winfield when she was 4-years-old from Oak Park to a home on Roosevelt Road. Then the family moved to Washington Street in the 1950's. In 1973, she married Gary Kammes. They bought a classmate's grandmother's house on Park Street in 1974 where they stayed until 1989 when they built their current home.

Lynn attended Winfield School and had classes as a first grader in the old schoolhouse which is located at the northeast corner of Beecher Street and Winfield Road. She graduated from there in 1963. She graduated from West Chicago high school and attended Carthage College in Kenosha Wisconsin, where she majored in psychology and minored in elementary education, which helped influence her decision to run for school board later in life. She still enjoys getting together with friends from college and taking yearly trips with them. She served on the first Winfield Community Church preschool board for several years. Lynn started serving on the Winfield School board when she won the write-in vote with 15 votes in 1987. She "retired" in 2007, but returned in 2013 when her daughter, Amanda, and son-in-law, Dan Janowick, moved to Winfield

with their 2 sons. Her other daughter, Jennifer, and husband have 3 girls in Green Bay, so 5 grandkids keep her a busy grandma. Her favorite part about serving on the school board is watching the educational system changes over the years and the various subjects added over the years such as Algebra



and Spanish. Her main focus is making sure that students thrive. Students only have one chance in their lives for education. If they miss those basics, they can't make it up later in their lives.

Lynn also volunteered in school when her daughters attended such as helping with computer class in the library in the early 1980's. She's stayed

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Our family friendly weekend features a variety of activities including a Kid's Zone, Shoe Kicking Contest, trolley tour, coin carnival, Duck Race, Car Show and the Good Old Days Parade. Guests will also enjoy a full line up of food and beverage vendors along with non-stop live music.

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Any questions, please contact Patti Weber at 630-205-1405 or Jack Gilhooly at 312-961-3841.



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— A LEGAL MOMENT WITH ERON —

Why Your Estate Plan Must Evolve as You Do

By Eron McCormick

Before we dive in, I want to thank you for welcoming me into your home. Through A Legal Moment with Eron, my goal is to provide practical, easy-to-understand information to help you and your family make informed decisions about the legal issues that matter most.

Over the past few articles, we’ve talked about what estate planning is and why it matters. Estate planning is not a “one and done” process. As Benjamin Franklin once said, “By failing to plan, you are preparing to fail.” That doesn’t just apply to the day you first sign your documents—it applies to maintaining them. After all, the only constant in life is change.

Your estate plan reflects your life at a specific moment in time. It’s built around your family, your assets, your relationships, and your goals at that exact point. In just a few years, your world can look completely different. You may have gotten married or gone through a divorce. You might have welcomed children or grandchildren. Perhaps you’ve bought a new home, started a business, changed careers, or seen your financial picture grow significantly.

Even subtle changes – like evolving priorities or who you trust – can have a major impact on whether your plan still works the way you intended. If your plan doesn’t keep up with your life, it can quickly become outdated. An outdated plan can often be as problematic as having no plan at all.

Not long ago, I met with a client who had created a will nearly ten years earlier. At the time, everything about his plan made sense. He had carefully chosen beneficiaries, named decision-makers, and felt confident his wishes were documented. But over the decade, life happened. He remarried, moved, and his financial situation improved. Most importantly, his relationships with certain individuals had changed. The problem was that his estate plan was

stuck in the past. His documents still named people who were no longer part of his life in the same way, and they didn’t properly account for his new spouse or his updated assets. Had something happened to him, his plan would not have reflected his current reality. Instead of providing clarity, it would have created confusion, delays, and unnecessary stress for his family during an already difficult time.

Many people assume that once they’ve checked “estate plan” off the to-do list, they’re finished. In reality, these are living instructions. Failing to update them can lead to unintended consequences, such as:

- Assets going to the wrong people.
 - Former spouses or outdated beneficiaries remaining on your accounts.
 - Trusted decision-makers who are no longer the right fit.
 - Minor children not being properly protected.
 - Increased risk of family disputes or court involvement.
- The ultimate purpose of estate planning is to make things easier for your loved ones. If the plan is out of sync with your life, it may do the exact opposite.
- A good rule of thumb is to review your plan every three to five years, even if nothing major has changed. Think of it like a regular health check-up. In addition, you should revisit your documents

- anytime you experience a significant life event:
- Marriage or Divorce:** These changes dramatically impact who you want to receive your assets and who should make decisions on your behalf.
 - Birth or Adoption:** You’ll want to ensure guardians are named and that your plan provides for your children’s future in a structured way.
 - Financial Changes:** Whether it’s buying a home, starting a business, or receiving an inheritance, your financial picture is the foundation of the plan.
 - Moving States:** Each state has its own laws governing these documents. Moving—even within the Midwest—can mean your plan needs a professional eyes-on review.
 - Changes in Relationships:** The person you chose as an executor years ago may no longer be the best choice today.

One of the biggest misconceptions is that updating a plan means starting over from scratch. That is rarely the case. Often, small and strategic adjustments—updating a beneficiary, changing a trustee, or modifying a specific provision—are all that’s needed to ensure your plan continues to protect your family.

Frank Sinatra famously sang about doing things “My Way,” and that sentiment captures the heart of estate planning. It’s about making sure your voice is heard, even when you’re no longer able to speak for yourself. But “your way” only works if everything is correct. An outdated plan is like using an old map; if the roads have changed, it won’t get you where you want to go.

An up-to-date estate plan provides something you can’t put a price on: peace of mind. It allows you to move forward knowing that your family will be taken care of and your wishes will be honored.

Don’t wait for a crisis to force these decisions onto your family or the court system. Start the conversation, schedule a review with a trusted at, and make sure your plan reflects your life today. Taking that step may be one of the most important things you ever do for the people you love.





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City Vehicle Theft and Crash Shocks Winfield Residents

It's something you don't see every day – a crashed fire engine- but in 1942, Winfield residents got to see one first hand. The following story is recounted from the book, Winfield's Good Old Days: A History” which has been updated and will be released this summer.

In the early morning hours of August 30, 1942, a stranger driving down Roosevelt Road ran out of gas. His walk into Winfield did not yield any assistance, as there were no businesses open early on a Sunday morning. But across the street from the old gas station (where Caliendo's restaurant is now) was the fire barn, containing a gleaming new 1941 Ford fire engine – in an unlocked fire station. The driver must have decided to embark on an early morning joy-ride, but in a town with many exceptional volunteer firemen, when the new fire truck drives past your house early on a Sunday morning, your first instinct is to run to the fire station and get the other fire truck to assist.

Al Schmidt, John Rawlings, and Herb Zeier started the 1931 Dodge fire engine and began to follow the new fire engine, expecting to be led to a fire – but their poor old truck struggled to keep up in the race. They made it as far as Plainfield before they lost track of the thief and turned back.

The whole wild ride finally wrapped up a few hours later when LaSalle County cops tracked

down the truck – flipped on its side and left in the dust – and wouldn't you know it, they nabbed the driver not long after, still wearing a helmet he'd swiped along the way.

This truck served Winfield for another 26 years before being donated to the Lac Du Flambeau (WI) American Indian Reservation in 1968.



Right: Winfield's new 1941 Ford Pumper is inspected for damage following the August 30, 1942 theft and subsequent crash. Sheriff's deputies found the truck, and later the thief, in LaSalle County.

Below: The truck and crew pre-theft. Photos courtesy Winfield Fire Protection District.

Lynn Kammes

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very involved with the school not only as a school board member but also as a parent and grandparent. Lynn has attended many of the activities her grandsons have been involved with such as graduations, soccer games, band concerts, basketball, track, and student presentations.

She worked for a carpentry contractor as an estimating secretary and retired in 2008. Her husband Gary retired a year ago. They get to enjoy Lynn's favorites like Lou Malnati's pizza, and watching movies (Academy Award winning Sinners is Lynn's new favorite). She also enjoys researching ancestry, cooking, gardening, and watching HGTV. When asked what she loves about Winfield, Lynn said Winfield School because of her personal and family ties, the hospital (Northwestern Medicine CDH) because of its close proximity and good reputation, the train line being so close to town, and our village's walkability.

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“I am so excited to sign up for this program! My three-year-old loves books. We can’t wait to get his first book in the mail,” said Kathleen S., long-time Winfield resident.

The program is free to families regardless of income. Funding for the first two years of the Winfield program has been generously shared by the Dollywood Foundation and local program partners Adrienne K. Rose and the Winfield Library Friends.

Winfield joins several other libraries in DuPage County, including Warrenville Public Library and

West Chicago Public Library, who have initiated this program recently. Winfield Township is now fully covered by the program.

People interested in learning more about the Imagination Library should contact Marsha Spurlock at mspurlock@winfieldlibrary.org or visit www.imaginationlibrary.com. Register today at

free books to children across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and the Republic of Ireland.

The program is made possible through a unique partnership model in which funding is shared between The Dollywood Foundation and hundreds of Local Community Partners. Today, the Imagination Library mails over 3 million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month directly to children’s homes. Every enrolled child receives one book per month from birth to age five – at no cost to their families.

Inspired by her own father’s struggles with literacy, Dolly created the Imagination Library to spark a lifelong love of reading and to inspire all children to Dream More, Learn More, Care More, and Be More.

The program’s effectiveness has been extensively studied, with research consistently demonstrating positive impacts on early childhood development, kindergarten readiness, and family reading habits. For more information, please visit imaginationlibrary.com.



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Exciting News for Berger Bros Pub!

On May 29, Berger Bros Pub served up their delicious dinner fare and drinks in the restaurant before switching to take-out service the next day. For the next few months, they’ll be providing take-out service while the pub is under construction to improve and expand to serve its customers event better!

According to the Village’s Winfield Word, at its January 15 meeting, the Village Board approved a request from Berger Bros. Pub to use Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) 1 assistance for updates and an expansion of its restaurant space. TIF 1 was established in 2004 and expires in 2028. The 1,996 sq. foot restaurant is a favorite of Winfield residents and many patrons traveling from surrounding communities - so much so that its current space is often at capacity. The 1,122 square foot space adjacent to Berger Bros. became vacant, providing a long-sought opportunity to expand. The expansion and updates will provide additional seating, storage space and kitchen capacity to prepare meals faster. Berger Bros. expects to hire 3 to 4 additional staff. The Village will benefit from increased sales tax revenue and the secondary benefits of attracting more consumers to Winfield’s Town Center, while ensuring that prime retail space in the Town Center 1 building remains occupied and active.

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The Patio will be open during take-out service. The umbrellas will be up, and garbage/recycling receptacles will be in place for customers to dis-

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