



## Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve, Inc.

*Dedicated to Service in Conservation*

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To our members and friends:

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### TURKEY RAFFLE AND AUCTION RESULTS

A great many of you continued to support us with the raffle and auction. The Board very much appreciates this support as the revenue plays a big part in addressing our standard budgetary expenses. You'll see that we've outlined financial results for the auction & raffle over the past three years and they are down somewhat. However, we're hopeful that word will spread about the greater number of attractive auction items, especially those offered by our local merchants in the form of merchandise and gift certificates. There were some great bargains purchased at this year's auction and we anticipate that trend to continue. Likewise, we're confident that even more raffle tickets will be sold next year. This year's winner of the raffle's Grand Prize of \$500 cash was John Brinkman ! (How did that happen?) Congratulations!

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Ticket Sales	15,841	18,314	18,950
Auction	1,421	2,249	--
Bake Sale	213	138	--
Pizza and Soda sales	179	242	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>17,654</b>	<b>20,943</b>	<b>18,950</b>
Ticket printing	1,055	921	854
Cash prizes	900	900	1,500
Walts—certificates	880	1,100	990
Postage	250	250	250
Pizza and snacks	345	334	--
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>3,505</b>	<b>3,594</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>14,224</b>	<b>17,438</b>	<b>15,358</b>
<b>Member participation:</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>23%</b>

Many thanks to the top sellers of our Turkey Raffle tickets who sold 6 or more books:

Regina Zohfeld--14   Gerry Tienstra---14   Dan Boss---10   John Sandala---8  
Dedert Corp---8   Homewood Disposal---8   Mitch Burks---7   Magda Hepokoski---6  
Barb & Dave Ferrari---6   Mike Harrison---6   Amy & Robert Nichols---6   Renada Burroughs--6

Our November 2023 Turkey Raffle included an auction. The local merchants listed below helped make the auction a big success through their generous donations of gift certificates or merchandise in support of the event. We are fortunate to have strong support from this vibrant local community ! **We thank them very much for their support and we hope that all of our 1,700 members will send business their way.**

5th Quarter & Press Room 18105 Dixie Hwy, Homewood	Healthy Hounds Canine Nutrition 2546 Central Dr, Flossmoor
Aurelio's Pizza 18162 Harwood Ave, Homewood	Lassen's Tap 2131 W 183rd St, Homewood
Bergstein's Deli 200 Dixie Hwy, Chicago Heights	Loulou Belle 2049 Ridge Rd, Homewood
Bistro on Sterling 1040 Sterling Ave, Flossmoor	Odyssey Golf 19110 S. Ridgeland Ave, Tinley Park
D & D Foods 1023 Halsted St, Chicago Heights	Pete's Auto Repair 18678 Dixie Hwy, Homewood
Eat Rice 18065 Dixie Hwy, Homewood	Ravisloe 18231 Park Ave, Homewood
Empanadus 1943 Ridge Rd, Homewood	Red Bird Café 2057 Ridge Rd, Homewood
Family Wine & Liquors 18707 Dixie Hwy, Homewood	Twisted Q BBQ 2053 Ridge Rd, Homewood
Flossmoor Station Brewing Co. 1035 Sterling Ave, Flossmoor	UpsaDaisy Boutique 18100 Martin Ave, Homewood
Gabes Place 9 E Main St, Glenwood	Van Sipma's Jewelry 2011 Ridge Rd, Homewood
Gaia's Market & Refillery 1948 Rdige Rd, Homewood	Walts Food Center 2345 183rd St, Homewood
Glenwoodie Golf 19301 State St, Glenwood	Xperts Shoe Repair & Luggage 1950 Ridge Rd, Homewood
Goodspeed Cycles 2125 183rd St, Homewood	

Thank you to the volunteers supporting this year's event:

Tony, Maria, and Tony Jr Talerico---ordered, served and sold pizza and pop;  
 Shawn Straney – Hall setup; Auctioneer; solicited gift cards  
 John Newgard and Sam Casella—assisted auctioneers  
 Dave Smith – all things “treasury”  
 Rose Olsar—recorded raffle ticket and Grand prize winners  
 Dan Galen---hall set up Clayton Wassilak---hall set up  
 Zoe Barnas—managed bake sale  
 Greg Busler—sold, accepted and recorded raffle tickets during the event; set up event sign;  
 John Brinkman-- Solicited gift cards, hall set up, auctioneer

## **HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER FALL INTERNSHIP**

We have teamed up with the Homewood Science Center to offer Conservation Ecology Program internships to local middle school students in both the spring and fall for several years. The students learn about nature through peer discussion, visits from scientific professionals and observing nature in person and engaging in conservation projects. This fall the focus was on native birds, how to help them thrive and building bird boxes assisted by IW volunteers Clayton Wassilak, Jay Eagle, and Charlie Rohrer and his father John. A dozen of the bird boxes for several different species were subsequently placed in the Preserve. Our thanks to Nicole Fuller who taught the program this fall. Participating students were: Hannah Bryant, Anaya Miller, Eleanor Dickover, Giles Hardison, Malani Brown, Kamurie Daley, Giovanni Gonzalez, Brandon Holmes, Fabiola Mendoza, Darby Van Vliet, Alice Stone, India Jones, Elliot Chan, Braylen and Brock Brewer, Josiah Sharp, Jason Powell, Corey Morris, Zion Taylor, Tristan West, Hunter Horcher, Alyssa and Arianna Latalladi, Isbella Davies and Emilian D'Hubert.

## **2023 RUN FOREST RUN TRAIL RACE WINNERS**

On a relatively warm and sunny morning in early November, 50 runners participated in our 16th annual 4-mile Run Forest Run trail race. We keep this event simple: fastest men and women are the winners--no age brackets, no corporate sponsors, no loud music or big banners to mar the beauty of our Preserve! Thanks again to all participants and volunteers, and especially race organizers Nick Quirke and John Brinkman for coordinating the event and making the 2023 Run Forest Run a great race and a resounding success.

Thanks to Emily Quirke and Brian Quirke for timing the race and race day set up. Thanks to Jay and Anne Eagle for help setting up the course. Thanks also to volunteer Clayton Wassilak for preparing the wood fire; to Greg Busler, John Sandala, John Newgard, Dave Zaber and Kevin Jennings for acting as trail marshals and manning the water stand. We look forward to hosting all runners again next year.

For updates throughout the year, photos from race day, group run schedules and chances to win entries into next year's race, like RUN FOREST RUN on FACEBOOK.

### **MALE WINNERS**

1: Henry Meier                    25:51  
2: Chris Dudik                    26:02  
3: Elliot Pearce                    26:20

### **FEMALE WINNERS**

1. Valerie Valente                31:00  
2. Jennifer Burke                34:24  
3. Josephine Baxa                34:55

Link to full results can be found at: <http://www.runtheforest.com/2023>

## **WINTER OFFICE HOURS**

Office hours continue on Saturdays from 9:00 AM until noon. We continue to have a supply of the 2024 photo calendars (\$12 each) as well as wildflower honey (\$8 for 12 oz jar). They both make good Christmas & Hanukkah gifts. If you would like to purchase these items at off-hours, please call at 708/ 798-1850. We will respond to the messages you leave.

Your President,    *John Brinkman*

**NO JANUARY PROGRAM THIS YEAR**

***! HAPPY HOLIDAYS !***