



HOMEWOOD IZAAK WALTON PRESERVE

Dedicated to Service in Conservation

To our members and friends:

November/December 2021 Newsletter

OUR TURKEY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER RESULTS

Once again this year, we were unable to hold our usual Fall Auction and Raffle Party in early November due to covid pandemic restrictions. So we conducted our only fundraiser of the year as a raffle-only effort. Each member was mailed 2 raffle ticket booklets and asked to buy their raffle tickets and sell additional booklets if possible. Once again we were surprised and gratified with your response. As you can see from the results set out below, our membership bought nearly as many raffle tickets as last year which was a record year for raffle ticket sales. We are so grateful for your strong support. We thank you so much for your continuing support of the Preserve, especially evidenced by the continuing strong participation rate.

This year's results as compared to the prior 3 years:

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Turkey Ticket Sales	\$18,950	\$19,646	\$15,595	\$16,584
Auction			\$1,239	\$1,612
Bake Sale			\$279	\$173
Pizza/Pop Sales			\$185	
Expenses	(\$3,594)	(\$3,555)	(\$2,805)	(\$2,501)
Net Revenue	\$15,356	\$16,091	\$14,569	\$16,013
Member Participation Rate	22%	24%	22%	23%

Many thanks to the top sellers of our Turkey Raffle tickets who sold 5 or more booklets:

Juan Santana	26	Roosevelt Jones	7
John Sandala	19	Carl Wahlstrom	6
Gerry Tienstra	14	Robert Galloy	6
Magda Hepokowski	7	Matt Michalik	6

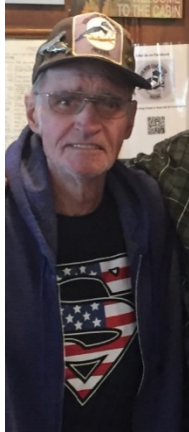
Thank you to Walt's Foods:

Our \$25 gift cards that were also drawn in the raffle are printed and provided by Walt's Foods. Thanks to and Sherry Dunlap for her assistance. Walt's Foods supports the Preserve in many ways throughout the year which we greatly appreciate.

Lastly, congrats to our Grand Prize winners: (1) Leonard Staniszewski \$500, (2) Magda Hepokowski \$400, (3) Cliff and Belinda Moore \$300, (4) Magda Hepokowski \$200, and (5) C Stefani \$100. (Special congrats to Magda Hepokowski who won 2 grand prizes and was one of the top sellers of raffle tickets !)



PETER SANTEFORD 1942--2021



We are saddened to report the recent passing of our long-term caretaker, Pete Santeford, on November 23rd at South Suburban Hospital. Pete succumbed to pneumonia after battling a urinary tract infection. Born and raised in Glenwood, Pete became a member of the Preserve in 1980 and began volunteer work at the Preserve thereafter. After retiring from Calumet Steel in 1988, Pete was recruited by Bob Ahlf to become the Preserve caretaker full time while living in the living quarters in the cabin. Pete served as our caretaker until December 2016 when he moved to Manor Care due to declining health.



We remember Pete fondly for many things, but mostly for his jovial, friendly personality from which he almost never wavered--even in sometimes difficult situations. Pete had quite a following among our members over the years, bringing a sense of community to our Preserve by hosting many visitors at the cabin and on the grounds, handling membership sign ups, and



patrolling the trails and lakes. After his departure in 2016, countless members would ask how he was doing and would visit him at Manor Care. Special mention and heartfelt thanks to Board member and lakes manager Tony Talarico who spent considerable time and effort managing Pete's challenges and affairs over the last several years. The Preserve was fortunate to have Pete's service for so long; we trust Pete is now in a better place.

RUN FOREST RUN

On Saturday November 6th we held our 15th annual 4-mile trail race through the forests and prairies of our beautiful Preserve. Participation was limited to under 60 runners and we had 49 runners complete the race. We were fortunate that flooded trails cleared up just in time for the race thanks to extra efforts made by the Public Works folks from the Village of Homewood to pump water out of the Prairie Lakes. Once again, many thanks to Nick Quirke and John Brinkman for organizing the race. Also, many thanks to all of the volunteers that helped make the event run smoothly: Amy and Jay Eagle, Brian, Emily and Penny Quirke, Greg Busler, John Newgard, Kevin Jennings and Shawn Straney.

MALE WINNERS:

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| 1) Bob Geiger | 26:45 |
| 2) Angus Atkins-Trimnell | 27:06 |
| 3) Chris Dudek | 27:09 |

FEMALE WINNERS:

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| 1) Mia Caporale | 28:49 |
| 2) Anika Izenbart | 33:47 |
| 3) Sarah Grundlach | 33:54 |

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

CABIN AS CLEAN AS EVER !

At Homewood Flossmoor High School, admittance to the National Honor Society requires not only excellent grades but also service hours to the community. On 11/11/21, Veterans' Day, five members of the NHS spent a collective 10 service hours washing the walls and connected surfaces of Senior Hall. The walls were in need of washing because construction of the new bathrooms kicked up a lot of dust. Our volunteers were Charlie Anderson, David Anderson, Jack Barry, Anthony Fanelli, and Korey Mulling. Mrs. Anne Barry accompanied the NHS members and worked along with them. Thanks to these young men for a job well done. We don't remember when the cabin has been this clean !

HIWP MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE FEATURING OUR NEW LOGO

Have you noticed our newsletter features a new logo? The new logo is based on our original Classic Logo created in about 1982 by Grant Sailor, a commercial artist and father of board member, John Sailor. Sailor's illustration of a belted kingfisher with a fish in its bill and perched on a branch beautifully represents the preserve's wildlife and its motto, "service in conservation." To develop the new logo, board members worked with Kate Purvis, the graphic designer who drew the preserve map.

The belted kingfisher is a somewhat common and unmistakable Illinois native bird often seen at the preserve. Its large head, white and slaty blue color and loud clattering call are hallmarks. Unlike most other birds, the female is more colorful with a rust colored breastband. To see them hunt is a thrill. Unlike raptors which catch prey in their talons, kingfishers hover above the water looking for small fish and then plunge in headfirst catching the fish with its bill-an unforgettable display.

So, why develop a new logo? The original logo's intricate detail sometimes made digitizing and reproduction difficult. The new logo is graphic and more amenable to electronic formats allowing for multiple applications from embroidery to banners.

In time for Holiday giving, the Izaak Walton Preserve now offers merchandise with both the classic and new logo. Clothing includes winter hats, caps, tees (short and long sleeved) and sweatshirts. Other items are cards, mugs and, of course, honey made by bees here in the preserve. Items, ranging in price from \$1 to \$20 are displayed in the cabin (Senior Hall at the end of the Ridge Road entrance).

Items may be purchased Saturdays mornings during office hours and by appointment which can be arranged through e-mail at info@homewoodizaakwalton.com. Also, the merchandise list can be viewed (but not ordered) on our website (www.HomewoodIzaakWalton.com) click on "Merchandise".

OFFICE HOURS PHOTO CALENDARS AND HONEY

Our regular Saturday office hours 9-noon will conclude on December 11, but thereafter, reduced to 10-noon on Saturdays through the winter until March. But call our number (708/798-1850) anytime and leave a message and we can make arrangements to meet with you whenever convenient. The 2022 photo calendars have been a great success with 150 sold so far and 58 or so still available for \$12 each and which can be ordered online. Lastly, plenty of honey from hives on The Preserve are available for sale: \$8 per 12 oz jar.

Your President, *John Brinkman*



***HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF OUR
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS !***