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# **VIBRATIONS**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Spring Fix-It**

*By: Chris Sanchez*

#### **Spring Fix-it is in the books as the most attended fix-it to date!**

Members began arriving on Tuesday. Two of our members, John Sanchez and Ken Graczyk, gave a week of service to the preservation of LC 6 (Doctors' Cabin) and a deep cleaning of LC 2 (Guest Lodge). Others began arriving on Thursday. A ½ day of service on Friday in addition to all day Saturday were given to the camp by the early arrivers. We had a few stay overs until Monday who again gave service to the camp for their extended stay. Projects that were on the docket for the weekend were:

- Cook Cabin 1 finishing touches
- Painting Staff Village 8
- Painting the floors in Staff Village 9 & 10
- Cleaning at the Food Prep building
- Painting the KYBO's and other buildings in Wolverine that the animals had feasted on
- Painting the green trim and doors on the Snack Bar
- Raising the Dining Tent at Blackhawk and the new tent at Reneker
- Cleaning the tennis courts and pool deck at Reneker
- Moving kayaks and canoes back to their respective camps and boat row
- Painting Flintlock Village in Wolverine
- Chopping, raking, chipping limbs and trees off the roads and campsites at Wolverine from the damage of the winter and heavy winds
- Cleaning the Museum basement and moving display cases to that location
- Hot Pack stand repair at Wolverine Site 23
- Beverage machines and Chemical Stations were inspected and made ready for the 2024 season
- Ditch dug to the Reneker underground pump room
- Speed limit signs added to the camp roads
- LC6 repair to water damage on the building
- LC6 totally painted, gutters removed

Everyone worked together and accomplished all of the above tasks. Like to thank the Chefs who fed us. That is a task in and of itself. Yes, of course, worms were drown and fish were caught after the jobs were completed. There was a campfire,too. I thank each and everyone who attended. I'd also like to thank all the wives and husbands at home who shared their member with us for the weekend. Your sacrifice is appreciated too.

**REMEMBER TO BLOCK OUT SEPTEMBER 20-22 FOR THE FALL FIX-IT.**

**BRING THOSE SPOUSES TOO.**

**LET'S HAVE A SHOWING OF 100 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.**

**LET'S BREAK OUR RECORD! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!**

# Spring Fix-It 2024



## President's Perspective

*By: Jen Kotwasinski*

Summer is officially here and camp is well underway. I would like to thank the many OSA members and guests who were able to attend the Spring Fix-It this past May. Many projects were able to be completed; however don't worry, there are still many more projects waiting to be done at our Fall Fix-It scheduled for September 20-22, 2024. For the third year in a row, OSA will be spending a night at the ballpark with the Windy City Thunder Bolts on Saturday August 17th. Members and guests are invited to join us for Elvis night before the game, followed by fireworks after. More information can be found in this newsletter. Hope to see you there.



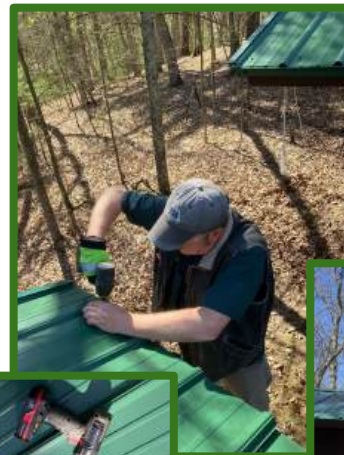
## New Life Members

Henry B. Winkler

## Staff Cabins Re-roofed

*By: Jen Kotwasinski*

This past April saw the completion of a two year project to replace twenty staff cabin roofs in Blackhawk and Tent City as well as one in Grey Staff Village. Materials were supplied in partnership by OSA and PTAC council. OSA member Brian Kempa (owner of D&K Sheet Metal) donated the man hours of his 7 person crew in order to complete the transition to metal roofing in time for staffers to inhabit for this year's summer season.



## **Galloping Grape Vine Call for Submission**



Hey there, loyal Vibrations reader! You may not be aware but, Galloping Grapevine is the place for any and all info on the comings and goings of all OSA members. As much as they would like to think so, the OSA board is not all-seeing nor all knowing - they need your help.

So please! Send us your anecdotes, tales, or half remembered rumors. It doesn't have to be long, it doesn't have to be about you, but it does have to be mostly accurate.

Send submissions to [osainfobooth@gmail.com](mailto:osainfobooth@gmail.com) putting "OSA Newsletter" in the subject.

## **Galloping Grape Vine**



Everett Louis Chmura was born on 2/28. Congrats to Laura (Levan), Husband Steve and big sisters Charlotte and Junie (Hailey).



Olivia Wolff-Klammer was born on 6/24. Congratulations to the proud parents Scott and Jackie

Jennifer & Kerry Kotwasinski are happy to be celebrating two graduations this year. Their eldest son, Conor, has recently graduated from Northwestern University with his Bachelors and Masters in Computer Science. Conor will start working this summer for STR in Arlington, Virginia. Their youngest son, Gabriel, graduated from Fenwick High School and will continue his education as well as his baseball career as an IIT Scarlet Hawk in Chicago this fall.





# End of the Trail



Peter Foote passed away on May 26, 2024. Peter was a proud graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep and Spring Hill College. He performed in over 50 plays, worked as a CTA Market Researcher, presented and wrote papers for the Transportation Research Board, and never met a person without greeting them, complimenting them, or telling/sending them a story, meme, or joke.

Byron L. Etapa of Alsip, IL passed away on May 1, 2024. Beloved life partner to the late Esme Bell. Loving father to the late Chad (Andrea) Etapa, Kirk (Anna) Etapa, Randy (the late Brooke) Etapa and Eric (Ana) Etapa. Proud grandfather of Hope, Gianna, Faith, Chad M.V. and Amanda Etapa, Matthew and Michael Bielski. Cherished brother to Kathleen Voutsinas and stepbrother to Jerry (Joan) White. Byron was a retired employee of Illinois Bell/SBC/Ameritech/AT&T for over 40 years and a member of IBEW Local 21. He was a Boy Scout leader/mentor of Troop 465 and Pack 3465, currently Troop 1439 for 40 years. He also is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow.

Dorothy (Dotty) Humbert passed away Saturday, March 30, peacefully in Arvada, Colorado. Dotty was preceded in death by her beloved husband Ron Humbert and her cherished grandson Ben and is the loving mother of Dan (Duffy), Rena (Ty), Melissa (Don), and Gretchen (Don) Guerra; adored grandmother of Hallie, Max (Liz), Maddie Beatty, and Ty, Grace, and Breck Guerra; and precious great-grandmother of Ryan and Natalie.



# Save The Dates!

## Windy City Thunderbolts Baseball Game

Saturday August 17, 2024



**Where:** Ozinga Field, 14011 S Kenton, Crestwood IL  
(1/4 mile east of Cicero and a 1/2 mile from I-294)

**What:** The Windy City Thunderbolts will be playing the Gateway Grizzlies at 6:05 pm. Before the game there will be entertainment by John "Elvis" Lyons (4:15 to 5:30 pm) and after the game there will be Fireworks.

**Who:** Registered OSA Members accompanied by families and friends

**Cost:** \$10 per person ... gets you a lower-deck infield seat to watch the game and fireworks afterwards

### **RSVP & Tickets:**

Attendance is by RSVP only by August 4th accompanied by payment by:

- Mail a check to the OSA ... P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154
- Zelle ( use osainfooth@gmail.com )
- PayPal payment at via the **OSA Online Store Button Below**

Jennifer Kotwasinski will be in contact prior to game to make arrangements for ticket pick up.

All ticket purchases are final and non-refundable.



## FALL FIX IT WEEKEND SEPT. 20-22, 2024

This year's Fall Fix-It will be held on September 20-22. If it's been a few years since your last trip to camp, the work weekend is a great excuse! All skill levels are welcome and there will be a job for everyone. If working hard labor isn't your cup of tea, don't fret. We also have a variety of other jobs, like cooking, road cleanup, building close up, sign painting, etc. We will be meeting at Food Prep at 8 am EDT (Michigan Time) Saturday, September 21st. If you are interested in coming, please RSVP by Sept 8th with Chris Sanchez paradise9913@gmail.com

### PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Persons under 18 MUST be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- 2) Alcohol is strictly prohibited on Owasippe property.
- 3) Ground fires are not allowed by Reneker Cabins.

# Summer Camp 2024

By Pat Troy

Summer Camp at Owasippe Scout Reservation will be a busy place this summer. Blackhawk is expecting 172 troops over 7 weeks. Wolverine is expecting 118 troops over 6 weeks plus 1 week of Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. Reneker is expecting 150 families over 7 weeks.

This is an increase in campers over the previous year. And why shouldn't there be an increase? There are so many activities that the campers get to do. Scouts will have about 70 different merit badges to choose from while at camp this summer. This is in addition to all those great camp activities that we loved as a kid (and still do even though we are not quite so young).

Besides just getting away and spending some time in the woods. Campers will be swimming, canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, sailing, waterskiing, and fishing. They will be shooting arrow, BB's, 22's and shotguns. They will be hiking to Turtle Valley, The Bog, Owasippe's Grave, Paradise Valley and Deuce's Wild. They will be riding horses, mountain bikes and ATVs. They will be sliding down zip-lines, climbing towers and stacks of milk crates. They will be exploring the White River, Cleveland Creek, Lake Wolverine and Big Blue Lake. They will be learning to tie knots, cooking meals, building campfires, cooking fires, pioneering projects and survival shelters. They will be watching the stars, taking care of the environment, learning about plants, animals, rocks and the weather. They will be forging metal, making paper, dipping candles, weaving baskets, tie-dying t-shirts, stamping leather, and carving wood.

The summer camp leadership team of Nick Chavarria, Dalton DeVries, Sophia Finley, Jonah Klima, Kyle Peters, and Joe Vitti have been working hard to prepare for this summer with all their area directors to put forth an outstanding program for those attending. Summer camp is often considered the highlight of the year in Scouts and this summer should be no exception.

Period 2 created a new set of memories for both the campers and the staff as a storm on Tuesday morning took out power at the camp. Both Whitehall and Muskegon also had power losses as well. The power was not completely restored at camp until Friday afternoon. The essential powered items (water pumps, camp communication, refrigeration, Food Prep, etc) were kept running via generators. This certainly added a twist that no one was expecting on the morning of the BSA's national camp inspection.

## Upcoming OSA Dates

<i>July</i>	<i>October</i>
25.....Christmas in July	28.....Board Meeting 6:00 CT
<i>August</i>	<i>November</i>
05.....Board Meeting 6:00 CT	30.....Board Meeting
17.....Baseball Game	30.....Pizza night
<i>September</i>	
20-22.....Fall Fix-It	
21.....Board Meeting 6:00 CT	

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