



**ILLINOIS STATE CHAPTER  
NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION**

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**1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter Minutes – March 17, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve McNeil, Greg Schaffer, Kent Bushman, Terri Lively, Heath Jordan, Gerald Lively, Gerald Bois, Wayne Prather, Eugene Stearns, Todd Batten, Mike Polhamus, Jim Garver, Matt Dixon, Robert Reich

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Howie,

**NWTF STAFF:** Jeff Ravenscraft, Cindy Spillman(remote), John Burk

**GUESTS:** Luke Garver

Pledge of Allegiance

A Moment of Silence for all of our service men and women serving domestic and abroad protecting our freedoms and for all those in harm's way.

Self-Introductions (Roll-Call): Board, Staff & Guests

Secretary's Report from January Meeting: Kent Bushman – Approved and sent 1/26/2024

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Steve McNeil - State Beginning Balance - \$51,975.55, Ending Balance \$20,696.93 - A complete summary was handed out. (Attachment A) Motion to approve Todd Batten, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Heath Jordan; Adopted

**SUPER FUND SUMMARY:** John Burk – Balance/Report (Attachment B) John went over the handout.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Regional Field Staff Report:** Cindy/Jeff – Convention Highlights; State Membership Numbers; Calendar Update; Preferred Vendors Update. Jeff, went over membership numbers. 3rd place behind TN (partly because of National Convention) and PA. The 2024 Convention had a record setting year with over 72,000 in attendance. Both Jeff and Cindy shared information on the Convention awards recognizing IL chapters and volunteers. Jeff shared information on his chapters that received National awards, two for amount raised and one for largest membership; Cindy shared that Michael Howie received the National Wheelin'

Sportsmen Volunteer of the Year Award and his chapter, the Three Forks Wild Turkey Chapter received an award for Best Partnership Event for the deer hunt at Touch Of Nature.

To purchase an NWTf Limited Edition Turkey Season T-Shirt, go to [shop.nwtf.org/nwtf-limited-edition-turkey-season-tee](http://shop.nwtf.org/nwtf-limited-edition-turkey-season-tee). National is offering a Spring Dream Sweepstakes to win an Ocellated turkey hunt in Mexico and other great prizes; to participate, go to [www.nwtf.org/content-hub/nwtf-spring-dream-sweepstakes](http://www.nwtf.org/content-hub/nwtf-spring-dream-sweepstakes).

Jeff, getting ready to have Calendars printed, been doing 3,000, thinking about going to 4,000. Did not do as many online this year due to not having them available. Still have several Chapters in the State not selling them but more coming on board each year and those that have been selling are selling more each year. Discussion on increasing: Consensus to do the 4,000 calendars for 2025.

- 2) **Regional Biologist Report:** John Burk; **District Forester:** Chase Seals; **Forester:** Stacy Lindemann (Attachment C) John Burk went over the handout. Steve McNeil spoke about the fact that Stacy and Chase are not allowed to attend State Board Meetings. Steve plans to reach out and see if he can get this resolved, the entire board agreed they liked it when they were in attendance.
- 3) **IDNR Report:** Luke Garver (End of Attachment C) Luke spoke on his report and the .410 for Turkey hunting bills, looks like it could be toward the end of Spring season before it gets signed. How turkey seasons are set by rule of thumb. Importance of brood surveys, have a QR code and will try to get that out to more people. Bob Reich, any talk about doing away with 5 seasons and going to 1 long season like other states or all-day hunting. Discussion, MO is going to all day on private land and 1:00pm on public land. Not many were in favor of splitting private and public land with different hours. Feeling could get more youth out after school for afternoon hunts if we had all day hunts.
- 4) **Social Media Report:** Heath Jordan – Report on recent activity; Web Page, visits going down since January; Facebook, visits are down and followers are down, now 5000 followers; Instagram, Chase is looking into this.
- 5) **Land of Lincoln Scholarship:** Dr. Reich, will get new applications out to Kent and Heath for distribution.
- 6) **2025 LOL Rendezvous:** Jeff/Steve – Where? Discussion/ideas? Incentives? Speakers? Guests?  
Jeff, 2024 State Chapter Banquet was basically a break even, year before lost \$3500. Think the winner take all raffle that went with the tickets made a difference and probably could have sold another 50 which would have given us a good profit. The weather has been a problem for the last several years in January. Wyndam has went downhill and nobody wants to go back, nothing else available in January. Steve had information from President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Northfield Center both in Springfield for July 2025. (Attachment D) Jeff went over information from the Par-A-Dice Casino in Peoria. Possibly a baseball game that Friday, Bass Pro is also looking at something for that weekend, not committed yet. (Attachment E) Looking at possibly July 18th & 19th at all three? Discussion on Casino, a draw like Bass Pro gift card



for the weekend, baseball game, entertainment, karaoke; need something to give people a reason to go besides just another banquet.

Motion to change 2025 Rendezvous to July 18 & 19 by Todd Batten, 2nd Wayne Prather, Motion adopted. (On March 19 the board was notified those dates were no longer available at the Par-A-Dice and the Board was to vote yes or no on July 11 & 12 with no discussion of other dates that were available. The vote was 11 yes, 3 no and 1 no reply as of 3:46pm March 20<sup>th</sup>. Unless something else develops the 2025 Rendezvous will be on July 11 & 12 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino in East Peoria, IL)

Discussion on moving, Jim Garver, should keep in Springfield this time to see if time of year makes a difference.

Vote Peoria or Springfield, majority voted for Peoria. Need the draw, something more for the party after so it's not so boring. Jeff has talked to some one, Cindy also has agreed we need something for the party. Jeff will be in contact with Bass Pro and Jeff and Cindy will both be looking at different things for the party after.

#### 7) **Other:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **IFOR Report:** Dr. Reich - Update - Talk about IL gun bills going to Supreme Court, coon and coyote bounties are being discussed.
- 2) **Wheelin' Sportsmen Report:** Michael Howie – Update - Cindy - There is a turkey hunt in Pope Co. scheduled for April 20th-22<sup>nd</sup> and a disabled youth turkey hunt scheduled for April 26th-28th. Working on locking in dates for the Pope Co. and Touch of Nature deer hunts in the Fall. Michael attended the Peoria Deer Classic and made a contact with Safari Club of Chicago. They want Michael to contact them about the disabled youth deer hunt in the Fall at Touch of Nature to help Sponsor it along with the adult deer hunt. Michael also held a gun raffle and made just over \$5,000 to help cover expenses for the hunts. Making arrangements now to attend the Deer and Beer Classic in Bloomington.
- 3) **JAKES Report:** Heath Jordan/Gerald Lively – Update - 2024 JAKES Hunt; Heath, Spring hunts are full as of now. Talked about possibly paying mileage, should decide so we know about Super Fund request for next year. Lots of discussion on it being a free hunt, everything provided, shouldn't have to pay someone to get there. Kent, maybe in promotion we need to include some pictures of Log Home, Blinds, Fields, etc. to get more interest. Get application out sooner so it's at spring banquets for handout or in program. Gather up some pictures and send to the NWTF Graphic Dept for the application. Applications for 2025 are being prepared and will be distributed before long. 2026 applications will be ready by December 2025 to be distributed to all banquets to be included in banquet programs to help get more interest.

Trailers; Heath, could use new wraps, have old graphics, old sponsors etc. Possibly allow the wrap business to put their name on the wrap to do it for nothing or at a good discount. Jeff will contact NWTF Graphics to work something up and then Heath and Gerald could take to a local wrap place and also look for possible sponsors to be added to the back door to help pay for the wrap.

Supplies, both trailers in good shape at this time.

- 4) **STH2:** Heath - Update - covered above.
- 5) **Other Business:** Steve, welcomed new members and thanked Gerald for his time as President.
- 6) **Next Meeting:** June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30am, Scheels  
Future meeting: Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am, Scheels

Motion to adjourn Gerald Lively 2<sup>nd</sup> Todd Batten, Carried - Time - 12:42pm



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\$51,975.55

1076	01/22/24	Reeds- BQ	\$1,226.41		\$50,749.14
1077	01/03/24	Mike Lowder - IFOR membership	\$750.00		\$49,999.14
	01/08/24	Deposit - Calendars		\$41,300.00	\$91,299.14
	01/08/24	Deposit - Calendars		\$38,850.00	\$130,149.14
	01/08/24	Deposit - BQ		\$1,100.00	\$131,249.14
1078	01/08/24	Doris Brothers Trophies - Marvin Henderson - BQ	\$89.28		\$131,159.86
1079	01/13/24	Wyatt Doty - Scholarship	\$1,000.00		\$130,159.86
1080	01/13/24	Jordan Morgan - Scholarship	\$2,000.00		\$128,159.86
1081	01/13/24	Krescene Holscher - Scholarship	\$2,000.00		\$126,159.86
1082	01/13/24	Start up cash - BQ	\$1,000.00		\$125,159.86
DC	01/16/24	USPS - postage	\$13.31		\$125,146.55
DC	01/16/24	Caseys - Board Lunch	\$107.38		\$125,039.17
	01/17/24	Deposit - BQ start up cash		\$1,000.00	\$126,039.17
	01/17/24	Deposit - BQ		\$8,424.00	\$134,463.17
	01/17/24	Deposit - Calendars		\$2,750.00	\$137,213.17
1083	01/17/24	Reeds- BQ	\$1,800.00		\$135,413.17
1084	01/17/24	Quigly Ford Optics - BQ	\$525.00		\$134,888.17
1085	01/17/24	Gerhart Outdoors - BQ	\$1,500.00		\$133,388.17
	01/22/24	National - Banquet Rev		\$14,000.00	\$147,388.17
DC	01/22/24	usPS - postage	\$2.16		\$147,386.01
DC	01/22/24	State Farm - Trailer Insurance	\$7.81		\$147,378.20
DC	01/22/24	State Farm - Trailer Insurance	\$8.00		\$147,370.20
1086	01/22/24	Powder Keg - guns BQ	\$1,995.00		\$145,375.20
1087	01/22/24	Emerson Press - State Banquet	\$195.50		\$145,179.70
	01/23/24	deposit - Banquet		\$500.00	\$145,679.70
	01/23/24	Deposit - calendars		\$17,800.00	\$163,479.70
1088	01/25/24	National - caledars	\$140,450.00		\$23,029.70
DC	01/25/24	EventGroove - Raffle Tickets - BQ	\$440.99		\$22,588.71
	01/26/24	Deposit - calendars		\$1,050.00	\$23,638.71
1089	01/26/24	Mike Lowder - BQ	\$9,829.54		\$13,809.17
1090		void	\$0.00		\$13,809.17
DC	01/29/24	Constant Contact Com	\$160.00		\$13,649.17
DC	02/05/24	Red Truck Pro - BQ	\$420.00		\$13,229.17
	02/02/24	National - Banquet Rev		\$11,270.00	\$24,499.17
DC	02/22/24	State Farm - Trailer Insurance	\$15.75		\$24,483.42
1091	02/21/24	TD's Rivers Edge Sports - JAKES Trailers	\$869.12		\$23,614.30
1092	02/26/24	Jeff Ravenscraft - RD Support	\$226.25		\$23,388.05
1093	02/27/24	Charma's Custom - BQ	\$538.00		\$22,850.05
1094	02/27/24	Heath Jordan - convention	\$1,093.16		\$21,756.89
1095	02/27/24	Steve McNeil - convention	\$852.60		\$20,904.29
DC	02/28/24	Constant Contact Com	\$160.00		\$20,744.29
DC	03/01/24	Mario's - RD support	\$158.63		\$20,585.66
1096	03/07/24	Kaleel's Clothing - JAKES Hunt T-Shirts	\$437.50		\$20,148.16
	03/11/24	Deposit - calendars/wine		\$801.96	\$20,950.12
1097	03/17/24	Bob Rich - IFOR	\$50.00		\$20,900.12
1098	03/17/24	Jeff Ravenscraft - RD Support	\$203.19		\$20,696.93

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# Illinois Super Fund Summary

## March 17, 2024

(as of Friday 3/15/24 there is \$11,780 in the states Super Fund Account)

### Proposals Received for 1 September 2022 Granting Period

Project 4: Jim Edgar Panther Creek project (\$10,000). Paid (\$4,165)

### Proposals Received for 1 September 2023 Granting Period

Project 1: State Jakes Hunt (\$2,500). Paid

Project 2: Envirothon (\$2,000). Paid

Project 3: State Wheel'n Hunt (\$1,500) Paid

Project 5: Western Illinois Triple Toes Mentored Deer Hunt (\$3,000). Paid

Project 6: Midwest Gobblers Trap Team Support (\$1,000). Paid

Project 7: South County Vipers Trap Team Support (\$500). Paid

Project 8: Southern Illinois Wheel'n Hunts (\$4,000). Paid

Project 9: Triopia Trap Team Support (\$500). Paid

Project 10: SIPBA and GRPBA Support (\$7,500) Pending

Project 11: Support of NWIL landowner workshop (\$300) Paid

Project 12: Mackinaw River SFWA honeysuckle control (\$10,000) Pending

Project 13: Argyle Lake State Park honeysuckle control (\$10,000) Pending

Project 14: Sericea control at Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA (\$7,500) Pending

Additional budgeted maximums for approved local projects that will be submitted throughout the year.

	Budgeted	Paid
• 4-H Shooting –	\$1,350	\$0
• CP Program Support -	\$20,000	\$0
• Hunter Education –	\$4,000	\$200
• NASP –	\$2,150	\$0
• JAKES –	\$6,000	\$1,250
• Wheelin' Sportsmen –	\$500	\$0
• WITO –	\$500	\$0
• Scholarships –	\$13,000	\$9,250
• Youth Shooting –	\$1,500	\$600
• Travel	\$5,000	\$5,395
• Seed Subsidy	\$10,000	\$10,000
• Mentored Hunts	\$500	\$0
• Chapter Recruitment	\$14,465	\$14,465
• HHF,NASC,USSA, IFOR	\$5,000	\$0
• Savings towards hard dollars	\$16,000	\$0
• Chapter rebate	\$14,000	\$14,000
<b>Approved 2024 line item budget</b>	<b>\$113,965</b>	<b>\$55,160</b>
Total amount needed for projects previously approved		\$40,835
Total amount in programmatic annual commitments 2023		\$58,805
Total required to cover above expenses		\$99,640

Banquet projections are \$160,000 - \$27,775 = \$132,225 – \$99,640 = \$32,585



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## Conservation Programs Report for March Board Meeting 03/17/2024

### Stacy Lindemann: Illinois and Kaskaskia River Basins Focal Landscape

- Stacy continues to work on the deliverables associated with the NRCS grant
- NRCS September through February Update for Stacy:
  - Completed 10 Tree Planting/Re-enrollment/Mid-Management/Forest Management Incentive plans influencing 136 acres of CRP
  - Completed 14 Forest Management Plans (EQIP) influencing over 583 acres for NRCS
  - Reviewed 17 properties totaling 257 conserved acres of EQIP/CRP projects for compliance.
  - Completed 52 site visits
  - Was in contact with 67 landowners
  - Presented at two outreach events and is planning an outreach day for March 23
  - Total of over 2600 acres influenced/conserved

### Chase Seals: Shawnee Hills Focal Landscape

#### NRCS:

- Conserved/Influenced 5089.8 acres since the January board meeting. 4678 acres are influenced via 2 outreach days.
- Completed 2 FMPs totaling 169 acres
- Completed 6 practice reviews/checkouts for 131.5 acres

#### USFS:

- Big highlight was the article recently sent out about the completion of the Arbor Day Grant for almost 30k that paid for over 53,000 tree seedlings (mainly oaks) that were planted on the Shawnee a couple of weeks prior. The seedlings were planted as part of the Buttermilk Hill stewardship project. About 79 acres of mastication need yet to be completed and the that agreement will be closed out.
- The Log Mark agreement is roughly 50% complete and will yield 1,400 conserved acres once complete.
- Chase is also very close to inking a new agreement for work around Kincaid Lake. The agreement will provide me with close to \$30k in salary support and conserve around 700 acres.

### Driftless Area Forester Position Update

Nothing really to report other than the Driftless Area Forester position is still posted. The issue is the same, here in Illinois, we have a tough time competing with DNR and the USFS for the handful that are available; their salary and benefits are much better than we can afford. Cost of living is another challenge exacerbating the situation. I did speak with the NRCS supervisor (Paul Searl) at the landowner workshop that we helped sponsor on 1/27/24 in Galena. The purpose of the meeting in a workshop setting was primarily to feel out the interest of local folks to develop a PBA and provide them with all of the details associated with creating and supporting one. One of the purposes of the forester position is to provide technical assistance to landowners with an emphasis on forest landowners and providing guidance and leadership to a PBA would fall under that umbrella of responsibility. Paul reiterated the growing need for the position in his district and NRCS's desire to support filling it. This said, with the ongoing lack of success in filling it in that area, we are in discussions with NRCS to move the position to another part of the state. The Cache River Basin is another area of Illinois where there is a high demand for technical assistance and it may not be quite as challenging to fill it there because the compensation package that we could offer would probably be a better fit in that area.

### Initiative Development

As most are aware, the path forward for the NWTF will be initiative driven. There is a tiny sliver of extreme southern Illinois that lies within the Habitat For The Hatch initiative landscape that includes all or portions of 17 other states. The turkey decline is occurring nearly throughout the eastern turkey range but it is the most severe in the southeast. The turkey decline is happening for a whole host of reasons but what the research has shown us is that having high quality nesting habitat in close proximity to high quality early brood range will be a major part of the solution across the board. Creating and maintaining a million acres of this type of habitat throughout the initiative landscape over the next 10 years will be the foundational goal. I am currently working with my counterparts and Jared to develop a similar initiative for the America's Crossroads landscape. This initiative will include essentially all of Illinois. Creating and maintaining high quality early brood rearing habitat should be the foundation of any initiative focused on managing healthy turkey populations. However, objectives that are floating to the top in our development discussions include: a private land focus, an



educational outreach component, and more emphasis on research. Part of the issue with the decline is a general ignorance, even amongst resource professionals, on how unique high quality brood rearing habitat is, what it is, and how to create and maintain it. If you don't know exactly what the problem is it is difficult to solve. This initiative is how we will effectively address the concerns of our members and potential members regarding the turkey decline and what we are effectively doing to reverse it. We had a development meeting on Tuesday. Myself, Clayton Lenk, Ryan Boyer, Derek Alkire, and Jared McJunkin put the finishing touches on a two pager outlining the Crossroads goals and objectives early the previous week. The meeting on Tuesday included, Susan Delk from communications, and Al Clark to discuss next steps.

### **Showdown on the Shawnee**

It seems as though the effort to redesignate the Shawnee National Forest as a national park have transformed into something else. Chase and I attended the LSSI monthly meeting in Marion on 3/1/24. At lunch, Dennis Wilson with the USFS gave us a heads up that Senator Durbin is pursuing wilderness designation of 3 different portions of the Shawnee and the way these units are positioned would effectively turn an even bigger portion of the Shawnee into, essentially wilderness, by landlocking it. Traditional language associated with wilderness designation usually completely eliminates any ability to manage the area. Tharran Hobson with TNC brought this topic up in the meeting and is close enough to the issue to have been pulled into the conversation in crafting the language. They (TNC) are opposed to the designation but were able to get compromises to the language that allowed some management. Ironically, Durbin was ok with cutting trees as long as it did not involve commercial harvest. In other words, if you can get the desired management done with a commercial harvest, that would not be allowed. However, if you paid a contractor to drop the trees and leave them lay, that would be ok. I have asked the USFS and TNC to keep us posted as this develops. So far as I know, it has not even been assigned a committee or bill number yet. I will inform the board if this goes anywhere that may require action.

### **Seed Subsidy**

Supply and demand were about equal in 2023 and we budgeted \$8,000 to cover the cost of a notification mailer of the program to sponsors and a 50% cost share subsidy on the seed blends offered. We budgeted the same for this fiscal year at our September board and super fund meeting. This year it appears that demand is greater than supply in that the national seed coordinator contacted me over a week ago informing me that IL had reached the 8k cap. I reached out to the board and got approval to add another 2k and reopen the program. This year we were limited to making 5 options available for ordering so I chose the top 5 sellers based upon 2023 orders. Subsidized bags will be made available in the same fashion as in the past. Each regular member has access to 1 subsidized bag and each sponsor has access to 3. However, the limitations of the platform are based upon seed options available. Therefore, since there will be 5 seed options available in Illinois, each regular member will actually have access to 5 bags and each sponsor will have access to 15. This means that if you only want the Hooks and Horns blend (the top seller) you could get 5 bags of it as a regular member at the subsidized rate and 15 as a sponsor. The following seed blends in order of popularity will be available, will each plant an acre, and the prices listed are the subsidized price including shipping and it can only be ordered online at:

[https://your.nwtf.org/members/seed\\_subsidy/](https://your.nwtf.org/members/seed_subsidy/)

**Hooks and Horns** is a large leaved cold and drought tolerant white clover (**\$39/bag**)

**Wildlife Buffet** includes pearl and proso millet, WGM sorghum, forage soybeans, buckwheat, red pepper cowpea, and sunflowers. (**\$33.50/bag**)

**Fab Five** includes crimson, arrowleaf, Berseem, Balansa, and Dynamite red clovers (**\$36.50/bag**)

**Longbeards Lunchbox** contains brassicas, chicory, and clover (**\$40.50/bag**)

**Pro Plus** includes alfalfa, white Dutch, medium red, and Berseem clovers (**\$39/bag**)

**DNR Report:** Things are proceeding well for the “.410 Bill”. There are actually two bills with the exact same language right now: HB4237 and SB2767. The only difference is one is a house bill and one is a senate bill. It's my understanding this is sometimes done to give something a better shot of passing into law. Last week SB2767 was heard by the Senate Ag Committee and passed unanimously. This week HB4237 was heard by the House Ag Committee and also passed unanimously. My understanding is the next step is for them to each be heard on the Senate and House floors. Coming off unanimous committee votes, things are looking very good. I'll keep everyone posted with updates as I hear them.



Spring Season 2024 is right around the corner. All of the permit lotteries have now run and permits are available over-the-counter at all vendors now. Opening day in the South Zone is April 8 and North Zone is April 15. Remember we set dates based on rule of thumb: South Zone is first Monday after April 2. This year is the latest turkey season can be based on that rule of thumb.

Please continue to spread the word on the Wild Turkey Brood Survey. We need all the help we can get to have quality data and make inferences on multiple spatial scales.

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President Abraham Lincoln

Northfield Center

rooms		\$115-41	\$119-50
	Thursday	2 rooms	none
	Friday		19 \$400 in food/bev and 25 rooms
	Saturday		33 \$5000 in food/bev for event room to be complimentary- 25 rooms to get complimentary calls rooms OR \$125 each- board meeting room is complimentary with luncheon
		\$7500 total food and beverage	
Food			
	Keg	\$350	\$375
	domestic bottle	\$7	\$4.25
	Wine	\$9	\$5.00
	Soda		\$2.00
	Liquors	\$9	\$5.75-6.25
	Banquet meal	\$40/Market	\$35/Market



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# A la Carte

Catering for unforgettable moments...

**PAR·A·DICE**  
HOTEL·CASINO



# Banquets - A la Carte

## Refreshments:

- Freshly Brewed Coffee** - \$30/Gallon
- Assorted Herbal Teas** - \$3/Each
- Freshly Brewed Iced Tea** - \$25/Gallon
- Lemonade** - \$25/Gallon
- Assorted Individual Juices** - \$4/Each
- Orange Juice** - \$25/Gallon
- Assorted Soft Drinks** - \$3/Each
- Fruit Punch** - \$25/Gallon
- Hot Cinnamon Apple Cider** - \$25/Gallon
- Propel Flavored Water** - \$4/Each
- Chilled Chocolate or White Milk** - \$3/Each
- Hot Chocolate with Marshmallows** - \$25/Gallon
- Chilled Bottled Water** - \$2/Each

## From the Bakery:

- Assorted Fresh Danish** - \$30/Dozen
- Whole Fresh Fruit** - \$4/Each
- Fresh Bagels with Assorted Flavored Whipped Cream Cheeses** - \$40/Dozen
- Mini Cheesecakes** - \$40/Dozen
- Fresh Assorted Doughnuts** - \$25/Dozen
- Homestyle Cinnamon Rolls** - \$30/Dozen
- Assorted Muffins** - blueberry, oat bran or banana \$30/Dozen
- Cookies** - chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter \$35/Dozen
- Chocolate Brownies** - \$26/Dozen
- Chocolate Éclairs** - \$33/Dozen
- Mini Cream Puffs** - \$27/Dozen

\*\*Prices subject to 22% service charge and appropriate sales tax. Menu pricing is non-negotiable. Pricing subject to change without prior notification.

The Illinois Department of Public Health advises that eating raw or under-cooked meat, poultry, eggs or seafood poses a health risk to everyone, but especially the elderly, young children under the age of four, pregnant women and other highly susceptible individuals with compromised immune systems. Thorough cooking of such animal foods reduces the risk of illness. Pricing subject to change without prior notification.



# Banquets - A la Carte

## Hot à la Carte Temptations:

50 piece minimum, priced for 50 pieces.

- Stuffed Mushroom Caps\*** - \$130
- Crab Rangoon** - plum sauce \$110
- Assorted Mini Quiche\*** - \$125
- Vegetable Spring Rolls\*** - sweet sour sauce \$100
- Coconut Shrimp\*** - sweet dipping sauce \$140
- Fried Chicken Drumettes** - \$110
- Hot & Spicy Chicken Wings** - \$110
- Cocktail Franks in Pastry** - \$90
- Meatballs** - swedish, barbeque, marinara, or hawaiian \$100
- Garlic Shrimp** - \$175
- Chicken Quesadilla Cornucopia\*** - \$120
- Italian Sausage and Peppers** - \$90
- Toasted Ravioli** - marinara \$85
- Andouille Sausage** - cajun style \$80
- Water Chestnuts Wrapped in Bacon** - \$130
- Mini Beef Wellington\*** - \$180
- Spinach Artichoke Dip** - served with pita \$125
- Crispy Chicken Tenders** - served with dipping sauces \$120

\*Great for butler service.

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# Banquets - A la Carte

## Cold à la Carte Temptations:

50 piece minimum, priced for 50 pieces.

**Assorted Petite Sandwiches** - tuna, chicken or ham salad \$120

**Assorted Petite Sandwiches** - ham and cheddar or turkey and swiss \$140

**Salami Coronets** - \$100

**Cucumbers and Crabmeat** - \$140

**Smoked Salmon** - served with red onion, capers, diced eggs, cream cheese on toast points \$170

**Oysters on the Half Shell** - served with cocktail sauce and lemon wedges \$150

**Chilled Jumbo Shrimp** - served with cocktail sauce and lemon wedges \$175

**Caprese** - buffalo mozzarella, tomato and basil with balsamic drizzle \$150

**Italian Bruschetta** - served with mozzarella, tomatoes and basil pesto \$100

## Display Trays:

All pricing is based on 50 servings.

**Domestic Cheese Display** - served with crackers \$150

**Vegetable and Relish Crudites** - served with dip \$140

**Fresh Fruit Display** - \$175

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# Accompaniments & Snacks

## Dips:

All pricing based on 25 servings

**Guacamole** - \$35

**Southwest Dip** - \$30

**French Onion** - \$35

**Salsa** - \$30

**Hummus** - \$30

## Assorted Snacks:

All pricing based on 25 servings

**Pita Chips** - \$15

**Tortilla Chips** - \$12

**Homemade Potato Chips** - \$15

**Spicy Snack Mix** - \$15

**Mini Pretzels** - \$12

**Fresh Popped Popcorn** - \$12

**Gardetto's** - \$20

**Bag of Peanuts** - \$4/Each

**Assorted Granola Bars** - \$4/Each

**Energy Bars** - \$6/Each

**Assorted Candy Bars** - \$4/Each

**Assorted Bags of Chips** - \$3/Each

**Variety of Packaged Snacks** - \$4/Each

## Pizza:

16" pizzas served piping hot cut party style.

**Supreme** - \$23

**Sausage** - \$21

**Pepperoni** - \$21

**Cheese** - \$18

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## Carved Temptations:

All carved items are served with mini rolls and appropriate condiments.

- Roasted Tenderloin of Beef** - \$300/25 servings
- New York Strip Loin** - Market Price
- Glazed Virginia Ham** - \$175/50 servings
- Boneless Roasted Turkey Breast** - \$180/50 servings
- Roasted Pork Loin** - \$165/50 servings
- Marinated Flank Steak** - \$180/50 servings

## Themed Stations:

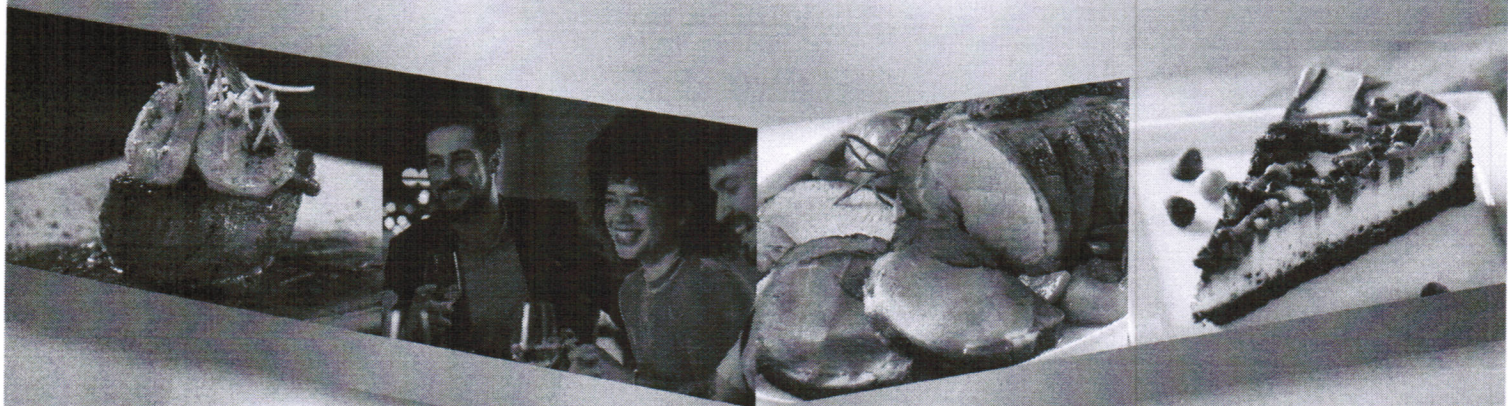
50 person minimum, priced per person.

- Taco/ Fajita Bar** - includes taco meat and your choice of beef or chicken with peppers and onions. Served with flour tortillas, tortilla chips, sour cream, guacamole, tomatoes, shredded cheese and salsa - \$15 Per person
- Pasta Station** - penne pasta and cheese tortellini with marinara and parmesan cream sauce served with garlic bread - \$10<sup>95</sup> Per person  
Add Chicken - \$3 Per person | Add Meatballs - \$2 Per person
- Mashed Potato Bar** - whipped yukon gold potatoes, served with assorted toppings to satisfy all! Toppings include: cheeses, bacon, spring onion, sour cream, salsa, and butter - \$8<sup>95</sup> Per person  
Add Sweet Potato Bar - sweet potatoes, served with brown sugar, marshmallows, pecans and maple syrup - \$12<sup>95</sup> Per person
- Brat/Hot Dog Bar** - buns, ketchup, mustard, relish, sauerkraut, pickle spear, onions and celery salt - \$10<sup>95</sup> Per person

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# Dinner Menu

Dinner menu includes choice of soup or salad, an entrée, starch and vegetable. Warm rolls and butter, freshly brewed coffee and iced tea are included. Soup may be added for an additional \$2 per person.

## Soup Selections:

- Chicken Corn Chowder
- Wild Rice & Mushroom
- Tomato Basil

## Salad Selections:

**House Salad** – seasonal greens accented with fresh tomato, shredded cheese, cranberry raisins and cucumber

**Lite Fare Caesar** – romaine lettuce, croutons and shredded parmesan served with traditional caesar dressing

-OR-

**Upgrade to our Par-A-Dice Salad** – seasonal greens, chopped kale dried cranberries, blueberries, strawberries and feta \$4

**Dressings:** Balsamic, Blue Cheese, French, Italian, Ranch, Raspberry Vinaigrette & Thousand Island

## Vegetable: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Green Bean Medley
- Asparagus Medley
- Glazed Carrots
- Broccoli Spears

## Starch: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Twice-Baked Potato
- Garlic Whipped Potatoes
- Wild Rice
- Baked Potato

## Dessert Selections: (CHOOSE TWO)

- Strawberry or Turtle Cheesecake
- Triple Chocolate Fudge Cake
- Spiced Carrot Cake
- Snickers Big Blitz
- Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie

**A DESSERT CAN BE ADDED TO ANY DINNER MENU FOR \$4 PER PERSON.**

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# Dinner Entrées

All dinner entrées include your choice of soup or salad, starch and vegetable. Warm rolls and butter, freshly brewed coffee and iced tea are included.

## Poultry Selections:

**Orange Ginger Glazed Chicken** - \$24

**Chicken Florentine** – bacon, red onion and spinach in a delicate cream sauce \$24

**Stuffed Breast of Chicken** – spinach, artichoke and mozzarella cheese stuffed chicken served with a light parmesan cream sauce \$26

**Parmesan Crusted Chicken** – served with a light parmesan and garlic cream sauce \$25

## Beef Selections:

**Beef Filet Mignon** – béarnaise or mushroom demi glaze (MKT Price)

**Classic Beef Wellington** – beef tenderloin roasted 'en croûte' with boursin cheese and mushroom duxelles (MKT Price)

## Pork Selections:

**Blackened Bone-In Porkchop** – served with amaretto mushroom sauce \$30

**Sliced Roasted Pork Loin** – served with wild mushroom or applejack sauce \$25

## Seafood Selections:

**Award-Winning Filet of Salmon** – with lemon butter sauce or pineapple relish \$32

**Sea Bass** – oven baked with a butter crumb topping (MKT Price)

### DUET SELECTIONS:

**Filet & Chicken** – (MKT Price)

**Filet & Salmon** – (MKT Price)

**Filet & Shrimp** – (MKT Price)

## Vegetarian / Vegan Selections:

**Chef's Selection** – with an array of fresh vegetables \$24

**Eggplant Parmesan** – \$24

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# Mini Grand Dinner Buffet

\$30 PER PERSON | 50 MINIMUM

Served with warm rolls and butter, freshly brewed coffee and iced tea.

## Salad:

**House Salad** – seasonal greens, tomato, cucumber and shredded cheese  
Served with Ranch, Italian and French dressings.

## Additional Salad: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Pasta Salad
- Potato Salad
- Coleslaw
- Tomato Cucumber Salad

## Entrées:

**Filet of Salmon** – served with lemon butter or pineapple relish  
**Grilled Chicken Breast** – served with florentine or mushroom sauce  
**Sliced Pork Loin** – served with applejack sauce

## Vegetables: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Green Bean Medley
- Glazed Carrots
- Asparagus Medley

## Starch: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Garlic Whipped Potatoes
- Twice-Baked Potatoes
- Red Bud Potatoes
- Wild Rice

## Dessert Selections: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Strawberry or Turtle Cheesecake
- Snickers Big Blitz
- Triple Chocolate Fudge Cake
- Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie
- Spiced Carrot Cake

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# Platinum Dinner Buffet

\$32 PER PERSON | 50 MINIMUM

Served with warm rolls and butter, freshly brewed coffee and iced tea.

## Salad:

**House Salad** – seasonal greens, tomato, cucumber and shredded cheese

**Dressings:** (CHOOSE THREE) French, Italian, Ranch, or Raspberry Vinaigrette

## Entrées: (CHOOSE TWO)

**Grilled Chicken Breast** – with choice of florentine or orange ginger glaze

**Filet of Salmon** – served with lemon butter or pineapple relish

**Fried Shrimp** – served with cocktail sauce

**Roasted Pork Medallions** – served with applejack or wild mushroom sauce

## Carved Entrée: (CHOOSE ONE)

**Whole Roasted Sirloin** – served with horseradish sauce  
**Baked Virginia Ham** – served with stone ground mustard

**Breast of Turkey** – served with stone ground mustard  
**Roast Pork Loin** – served with stone ground mustard

## Vegetables: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Green Beans with Bacon and Onion
- Glazed Carrots
- Broccoli

## Starch: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Wild Rice Pilaf
- Twice-Baked Idaho Potato
- Garlic Whipped Potatoes
- Baked Potato

## Dessert Selections: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Strawberry or Turtle Cheesecake
- Triple Chocolate Fudge Cake
- Spiced Carrot Cake
- Snickers Big Blitz
- Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie

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# Grand Dinner Buffet

\$35<sup>95</sup> PER PERSON | 100 MINIMUM

Served with warm rolls and butter, freshly brewed coffee and iced tea.

## Salad:

**House Salad** – seasonal greens, tomato, cucumber and shredded cheese

**Dressings:** (CHOOSE THREE) French, Italian, Ranch, or Raspberry Vinaigrette

## Additional Selection:

**Chilled Peeled Shrimp** – served with cocktail sauce and lemon wedges (2 shrimp per person)

## ENTRÉE STATION: (CHOOSE TWO)

### Poultry Entrées:

**Hawaiian Chicken** – marinated in an orange ginger sauce topped with pineapple relish

**Chicken Florentine** – bacon, red onion, and spinach in a delicate cream sauce

**Chicken Marsala** – mushroom, onion, marsala wine and demi glaze

### Seafood Entrées:

**Filet of Salmon** – served in a garlic cream sauce

**Lobster Penne** – in a garlic cream sauce tossed with penne pasta

### Pork Entrée:

**Roasted Pork Loin** – served with an applejack sauce

**Old Fashioned Pot Roast** – slowly braised

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# Grand Dinner Buffet Cont.

## Carved Meat Entrée: (CHOOSE ONE)

**Bourbon Glazed Ham** – served with stone ground mustard

**Coriander Rubbed Pork Loin** – served with stone ground mustard

**Roast Beef Tenderloin** – served with horseradish sauce \$8

**Roast Prime Rib** – served with horseradish sauce \$6

## Vegetables: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Green Bean Medley
- Glazed Carrots
- Broccoli Spears
- Asparagus Medley

## Starch: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Baked Potato
- Wild Rice Blend
- Garlic Whipped Potatoes
- Twice-Baked Potato

## Dessert Selections: (CHOOSE ONE)

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