



# Monthly NEWSLETTER

January 2026

## Final Push for the Grant Match

We are in the final stretch of our Keep the Momentum Going Challenge! Our Board has pledged \$200,000 in leadership gifts to inspire the community to help raise an additional \$200,000 by January 31, 2026.

Every contribution—no matter the size—helps support our approximately \$300,000 annual operating budget, strengthens long-term stability, and

builds reserves to ensure two full years of financial security for OWLS Club.

Your generosity is what keeps OWLS Club free, welcoming, and thriving for all members. Gifts can be made by mail, dropped off at the Club, or donated online at [OwlsClub.org](http://OwlsClub.org).

Let's carry the momentum forward!

## OWLS Connect Is Launching January 12<sup>th</sup>!

OWLS Connect is ready to hit the ground running on January 12<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to the wonderful members who have already offered to volunteer. OWLS Connect is a caring network of members helping members—offering support with things like dropping off a meal, running an errand, making a friendly phone call, sending a card, or



stopping by for a visit. We know that life can bring challenges, and this program is designed to help ease those moments through connection and community. If you need support, or know someone who does, please call **(574) 397-0282** and leave a message with your name, contact information, and request.

## A Winter Reminder: NeighborLink Is Here for You

Winter can bring extra challenges like shoveling snow and hanging safety bars to tackling small indoor projects. As a reminder, our NeighborLink partnership is available to support OWLS Club members with these practical needs. We have caring volunteers ready to help when you

need an extra hand. If you could use assistance this winter, please call XXX and leave your name, contact information, and a brief description of what you need. Reaching out is part of staying safe, connected, and supported—we're here for you. Call **(574) 397-0282** to schedule help.

## Upcoming Events

- 📅 **Jan 8** - Memory Screening (Call for appointment)
- 📅 **Jan 16** - Beacon Health Lunch and Learn (Doors open at 11:00am)
- 📅 **Jan 22** - Second Annual Volunteer Lunch (Begins at 11:30am)
- 📅 **Jan 23** - Comedy Show (Starts at 4:00pm)
- 📅 **Jan 29** - Author Talk, Don Wycliff, *Before the Byline* (Begins at 3:00pm)
- 📅 **Feb 6** - Chili Cookoff (Starts at 4:30pm)
- 📅 **Mar 6** - Jeffrey Rosen (Tentative, 7:00pm)
- 📅 **Mar 20** - Annual Meeting (Begins at 11:00am)
- 📅 **Apr 24** - Ken Medema Concert (Starts at 5:00pm)

## Weather Closings

**As a reminder:** If Elkhart Schools are closed, then OWLS Club is closed. We do not follow the two-hour delays.

**Laugh with us!**  
January 23, at 4:30pm



## OWLS Club Comedy Night

We're excited to host our first-ever OWLS Club Comedy Show on January 23rd! This is a great opportunity to get out, relax, and enjoy some laughs in a fun, welcoming setting. The show will feature family-friendly comedians, including our very own Donna Anderson, and begins at 4:00 pm so you can be home before dark. The cost is \$15 at the door, which includes popcorn and a drink. Feel free to bring a friend or family member—even if they're not an Owl! Please let us know who's coming so we can plan seating and food. Register on My Active Center or call our hotline to save your spot. Pay at the door!

## OWLS Club Cookbook Update

We're thrilled to share that our OWLS Club Cookbooks have sold out—thank you for the incredible support! Don't worry, another order is on its way, so be sure to stop by the club and grab your copy if you haven't yet. Cookbooks will be available for \$25, and proceeds support the programs and activities you love.



**Save the date!**  
February 6, at 4:30pm

## Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off is coming up and you won't want to miss it! Mark your calendar and get ready for a fun, flavorful event filled with friendly competition and great company.

If you're interested in submitting a chili, please reach out to Maggie or Kristen. We can't wait to see (and taste!) what you bring!



## New & Returning Classes

- Jan 6** **Rope Making & Knots: A Hands-On Adventure**  
10:00 am - 11:00 am
- Jan 7** **Chess Warm Up**  
10:00 am - 12:00 am
- Jan 8** **HealthRHYTHMS® Drumming Begins**  
Thursdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Jan 9** **Veterans and Family Support Services Talk**  
10:00 am - 11:00 pm
- Jan 13** **Genealogy: Skills & Strategies Begins**  
2nd and 4th Tues. in January, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Jan 13** **Silent Book Club**  
Tuesdays, 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm
- Jan 14** **Chess Drop-in and Play Begins**  
1st, 2nd, and 4th Wed. in January, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Jan 14** **Photography 101 Begins**  
Every other Wednesday. 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- Jan 14** **Rabbit Trails in History Begins**  
Wednesdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Jan 14** **Poetry Share & Connect Begins**  
Every other Wednesday, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Jan 15** **Smart Goal Setting with Real Services**  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Jan 22** **Bingo Pop-Up with Berkshire Hathaway!**  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Jan 29** **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Made Simple**  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

There are many ways to support OWLS Club beyond making a financial donation.



### Amazon Wish List

Purchase items directly from our Amazon Wish List to help support daily programs and needs at the club.



### Yarn Donation

Donate extra yarn at the club to support a local program where rehabilitating inmates use looms to create handmade items.



### Chili Cook-Off Supplies

Help support our upcoming Chili Cook-Off by donating items such as shredded cheese, sour cream, cornbread, or desserts.

## Hootie Spotted! Congrats **Ruth Yeomans**



Find Hootie, snap a photo and send it to Maggie or Kristen every month to enter into drawings for fun OWLS Club prizes!

Thank you to our generous corporate sponsors who play a huge role in supporting Owls Club!

