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Special thanks to the Winnebago Public Library for its support of WCHS—serving as “contact central” for us and being a home for the Winnebago Area History Collection.

Winnebago Community Historical Society is a member of the Winnebago Area Chamber of Commerce.

Winnebago Community Historical Society



Artwork by: Dave Booker

*Preserving the past
Informing the present
Inspiring the future*

Our Mission

To collect, preserve, and interpret the history of the Winnebago area in Winnebago County, Illinois.

Our 2020 Accomplishments

Many planned programs and events were curtailed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ Continued renovation & redecorating of the entrance area of the Town Hall.
- ✓ Connected the Town Hall downspouts and sump pump to the Village storm sewer system.
- ✓ Replaced the roof and the north side gutters and downspouts following hail storm damage.
- ✓ Sponsored a program on Rockford's Forgotten Driving Park, presented by local historian Amanda Becker.
- ✓ Raised \$1,400 through a Town Hall Garage Sale during the Village-wide garage sales in August.
- ✓ Received a grant in the amount of \$1,200 for renovation of the community garden from HomeStart & the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. Funds were used to purchase new shrubs and reseed the lawn area dug up during the storm sewer hook up project.
- ✓ Received a grant in the amount of \$4,748 for programming, conservation, and interpretation equipment and supplies from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. Funds were used to purchase a high resolution scanner, printer, and laptop for use with the Local History Collection, a video camera, projector, screen, media stand, and archival supplies to conserve the Local History Collection.
- ✓ Set up a new website, <https://wchs61088.org>, linked to the WCHS Facebook page and e-newsletter.
- ✓ Began inventory, re-organization, and conservation of the vertical files in the Local History Collection.
- ✓ Scanned, inventoried, and labelled more than 150 photos from the Local History Collection.
- ✓ Offered complimentary lifetime memberships to Class of 2020 Winnebago High School graduates.

Our 2020 Donors (monetary & in kind)

Information is from 11/1/2019 - 10/31/20. If we've missed anyone, please let us know.

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Our 2020 Budget

2019 Carryover:	\$20,553
Income (as of 10/31/20):	\$18,851
Expenses (as of 10/31/20):	\$16,255

Our Town Hall Fund-Raising Campaign

Goal	\$195,000
Raised 2017-19	\$35,655
Raised 2020 (to 10/31)	\$ 1,095
TOTAL TO DATE	\$36,750