



Winnebago  
Area  
Chamber of  
Commerce

September  
2023

## Chamber Board Openings

If you would be interested in being a part of the Winnebago Area Chamber of Commerce board, we have multiple openings. If you are interested please reach out to us via email or phone for more information. Contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter.



TREATS,  
COSTUME CONTEST,  
GAMES, AND MORE!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
HAND OUT TREATS,

REGISTRATION WILL  
BE POSTED SOON!

*Mark your Calendar*

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**October 21, 2023**

**10am - 12pm**

# AUGUST BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## Prairie View Assisted Living Winnebago



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# SEPTEMBER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



## Winn-Bur-Sew Fire Protection District

# CRUISE INTO CULVER'S

join us for cars, music, prizes and great food!



September 9

**BOGO mini mixers**

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**BAX T's & Gifts**

**103 N. Benton Street - Suite B**

**Winnebago, IL 61088**

**Customized gifts & SO much more!**

**Join us for food, prizes & more!**

To be Reused or Recycled • Reduces 85% of unwanted clothing from going to landfills!

# Clothing Drive



**Saturday, September 9, 2023**  
**9:00 am — 1:00 pm**

We accept clean clothing (wearable or not)  
plus pillows, bedding, fabric, purses, shoes, belts,  
soft-sided luggage, stuffed toys.

*Locations:*

**Our Savior's Luthern Church**

3300 Rural St. Rockford

**Blain's Farm & Fleet**

4725 W. State St. • Rockford

4567 E. Rockton Rd. • Roscoe

7300 E. Riverside • Loves Park

**This program is in partnership with  
Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois**

[www.knib.org](http://www.knib.org)

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Northern Illinois  
Beautiful  
Education | Beautification | Recycling  
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

815-637-1343

Winnebago Community Historical Society

*presents*

# **A Walk Through History at Winnebago Cemetery**

Saturday, September 9, 2023

1 pm - 5 pm

Winnebago Cemetery, Westfield Road

*Guided visits to gravesites of six early settlers & the Civil War  
Soldier monument \* interpretive booklet*

*\* ice cream from The Scoop \* WCHS merchandise*

*\* shuttlebus from parking area*

*\* riding tour for the mobility-impaired*

**WCHS member Admission: Free**

Call 815-222-9994 to reserve a space

**Non-member Admission: \$5 per person**

**Children 12 & under free**

Tickets available at Winnebago Public Library or call  
815-222-9994 to purchase

Membership applications available at Winnebago Public Library  
& online at [www.wchs61088.org](http://www.wchs61088.org)

— *Learn about these early settlers* —

*Demus Grippen, David Holt, Duty Hudson,  
Josiah Merryfield, Alexander Stires, & Jonathan Weldon*

More information  
online at [www.wchs61088.org](http://www.wchs61088.org) or  
email [wchs61088@gmail.com](mailto:wchs61088@gmail.com)

# Winnebago Community Historical Society Cemetery Walk

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!

**Join us for a walk through history as we tell the stories of the early settlers in what would later become Winnebago Township. Some of the interesting things you'll hear about-- the Buck Horn tavern; the beginnings of the Westfield Methodist Episcopal Church, the Winnebago Congregational Church, and the cemetery itself; the hardships of the early settlers; the oldest house still standing in the township; a notorious religious sect; and a still-unsolved murder!**

**Town Historian John Rowley will be on hand to take questions. The Scoop is providing ice cream.**

**Guided tours start every 15 minutes beginning at 1 pm.  
The last tour starts at 4:30 pm.**

**Riding tours are available for those who need them.**



*Lunch & Learn*

# **BUILDING CAREGIVER CONFIDENCE**

Join us for an educational opportunity focused on providing local professional caregivers with tools and techniques needed to help clients navigate the final months of life.

## **Help for Home Caregivers**



Join us as we  
welcome speaker  
Jennifer Ramsby

**TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12TH  
11:30AM - 1:30PM**

This Lunch & Learn is hosted by  
Prairie View Assisted Living  
500 E. McNair Rd., Winnebago, IL 61088

Please call Prairie View at  
815-335-1800 on or before  
September 8th to reserve your seat!



**HOLIDAY  
PASSPORT**

***SMALL BUSINESS  
SATURDAY***

***11.25.2023***

*Chamber businesses run  
specials and deals!*

*You collect stamps to be entered  
into a drawing!*

**more details coming soon!**





# Chamber Communication

**The Winnebago Area Chamber of Commerce would like to inform you that we have switched our communication platform from Constant Contact to [winnebagochamber@gmail.com](mailto:winnebagochamber@gmail.com)!**

**All communications will be sent from this email address! In addition, you can reach out to us with any question you might have at that address.**

***OUR WEBSITE IS  
CURRENTLY UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION!  
WE WILL HAVE IT UP  
AND RUNNING AGAIN,  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!***



# CHAMBER CONTACT



**CHAMBER BUSINESSES GET TO ADVERTISE IN  
OUR NEWSLETTER AND WE SHARE YOUR EVENTS  
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FREE!**

**EMAIL YOUR BUSINESS EVENT INFORMATION TO  
WINNEBAGOCHAMBER@GMAIL.COM**



## **FACEBOOK**

**facebook.com/WinnebagoChamberOfCommerce**

**Chamber Businesses...Don't forget to tag us in your posts!  
(just type @winnebagochamberofcommerce in your post!)**



## **PHONE**

**815-496-0680**



## **NEXT MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

**6PM at BAX T's & Gifts**