Under the CLG Agreement with the State, local governments and their historic preservation commissions are responsible for submitting an annual report documenting the commission’s preservation work and that they have met the requirements of the CLG program.

This annual report is also an important tool for your commission to evaluate its own performance and to plan for the coming year.

For the 2019 year, you have two options for completing your report: 1) complete the report on SlideRoom (preferred); 2) complete the report on this form. The 2020 report will be done on SlideRoom.

IOWA CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT
2019 ANNUAL REPORT (January 2019-December 2019)

NAME OF THE CITY, COUNTY, OR LAND USE DISTRICT: Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors, John Logsdon, Chairman

Section I.
Locating Historic Properties
Identification, Evaluation, and Registration Activity

CLG Standards found in your CLG Agreement and National Historic Preservation Act
♦ The CLG shall maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic and prehistoric properties in a manner consistent with and approved by the STATE.
♦ The CLG will review National Register nominations on any property that lies in the jurisdiction of the local historic preservation commission.
1. Did your commission undertake any historic survey, evaluation and or registration/nomination projects in this calendar year? None

2. If yes, please provide a copy (electronic preferred) of reports and site inventory forms that your commission completed during the calendar year. Please do not include projects that were funded with a CLG or HRDP grant or mandated by the Section 106 review and compliance process as we already have these in our files.

3. Were any National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listed properties in your City, County, or LUD altered, moved, or demolished during the calendar year? None that we are aware of.

4. If yes, please identify the property (historic name and address) and the action

5. In the calendar year, did your city locally designate historic landmarks and/or historic districts? N/A

Most of Iowa's CLGs do not have a local designation program. If you have questions about whether you have a locally designation program or not, please contact Paula Mohr before you complete this section.

(As a reminder, before your elected officials approve or change local districts or ordinances, the commission must send a draft copy to the State Historic Preservation Office for review and comment. Please allow at least 45 days for our review).

If yes to question 5, please attach a copy of the final designation nomination(s) and ordinance(s).

6. During the calendar year, were there actions to revise, amend, change, or de-list a locally designated property? None

If yes, please attach documentation of the review and appeal process and decisions made by the historic preservation commission, planning and zone commission, city Council, District Court or other governmental agency or official involved with the process. (use additional pages if needed).

7. Has your city or county passed other ordinances that directly or indirectly affect historic preservation? If yes, please provide a copy of the ordinance with the date the ordinance(s) reviewed and commented by SHPO None

(As a reminder, before your elected officials approve local districts or ordinances, you must send a copy to the State Historic Preservation Office for comment. Please allow at least 45 days for our review.)
Section II
Managing, Protecting, and Preserving Historic Properties

- The CLG will enforce all appropriate state and local ordinances for designating and protecting historic properties
- The CLG shall provide for adequate public participation in the local historic preservation programs

8. Did your historic preservation commission undertake any of the following activities during the calendar year? Please think broadly about this question and describe any activity (small or large) that facilitated historic preservation in your community. This is your opportunity to boast about your accomplishments and get credit for the great work you do!

Historic preservation planning. Examples include the development or revision of a preservation plan, input into your community’s comprehensive plan, etc. See attachments.

Is historic preservation a component of your community’s comprehensive plan?
- NO

If yes, please provide a copy (electronic preferred) of the historic preservation section.

Provided technical assistance on historic preservation issues or projects. Examples include working with individual property owners, business owners, institutions to identify appropriate treatments and find appropriate materials, research advice, etc. Please be specific as to the property, identify the individuals involved and what assistance was provided
- N/A

Sponsored public educational programming in historic preservation. Examples include training sessions offered to the public, walking tours, open houses, lectures, Preservation Month activities, etc. See attachments

If new or revised design standards and/or guidelines were developed and adopted during the calendar year, please attach a copy.

9. Are there any particular issues, challenges, and/or successes your preservation commission has encountered or accomplished this year? Received four grants for conducting a survey of stone structures in the county, also received an allotment from the Supervisors for this project.
What partnerships did your commission form or continue with other entities? (examples include local main street office, historical society, library, museum, etc.)  
Winnebago County Historical Society

Did your historic preservation commission receive any grants (other than CLG or HRDP) this year?  \_YES\_

If yes, what was the source, purpose and amount?  \_All the following grants to conduct a reconnaissance survey of historic structures in Winnebago County. The Depot - $2,000; Walmart - $500; Hotel/Motel Committee (Chamber) - $1,000, and Winnebago County Development - $1,000.\_

9. Does your commission have a website and if so, what is the address?  \_YES – Under the Winnebago County Website as a commission\_(WinnebagoCounty.org)\_

10. Does your commission have a Facebook page and if so, what is the address?  \_NO\_

Section III
Historic Preservation Program Administration

- The CLG will organize and maintain a historic preservation commission, which must meet at least three (3) times per year.
- The commission will be composed of community members with a demonstrated positive interest in historic preservation, or closely related fields, to the extent available in the community.
- The commission will comply with Iowa Code Chapter 21 (open meetings) in its operations.
- Commission members will participate in state-sponsored or state-approved historic preservation training activities.

10. List dates of meetings held (please note these are meetings actually held with a quorum, not just those that were scheduled).  \_January 12, February 9, March 9, April 8, June 8, July 8, August 10, September 14 and November 14.\_

11. We recommend that each commission have a budget with a minimum of $750 to pay for training and other commission expenses. What was the dollar amount for the historic preservation commission’s annual budget for the calendar year?  \_$2,600\_

12. Official CLG files should be located in your city hall or county courthouse. Where are your official CLG files located?  \_Winnebago County Courthouse\_

CLG Annual Report
13. Each CLG was asked to provide a work plan last year. Please provide a self-assessment of your progress on the initiatives and programs you identified last year. Were you able to accomplish much of what you set out to do? If not, what would help you fulfill this next year’s work plan? The commission work plan included have the Supervisors sign a Historic Proclamation in May, holding a Preservation Workshop in May, and rise funds locally for a stone Structure Survey – see the attachment for a more complete listing.

14. Each commission should develop a work plan for the coming year. This work plan should include the project(s), initiatives and programs you plan to begin or complete. Please attach your work plan to your annual report.

14. Please update the attached CLG Personnel Information Table (this must be completed).

15. Please attach biographical sketches for commissioners who were newly appointed in the calendar year. Please be sure newly appointed commissioners sign and date their statement.

16. Please complete the Commission Training Table.

17. Attach meeting minutes (optional)

18. Attach newspaper clippings, work products, posters, brochures or other materials your commission has created during the past year.

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I certify that a representative of the historic preservation commission has attended a public meeting and presented the details of this report to the city council (city CLG) or the Board of Supervisors (county CLG).

Date of public meeting
Please retain a copy for your official CLG file and send a PDF of the signed document to paula.mohr@iowa.gov. OR you can mail a hard copy with original signatures to the address below. The deadline is March 6, 2020.

Paula A. Mohr  
State Historical Society of Iowa  
600 East Locust St.  
Des Moines IA 50319-0290  
Paula.mohr@iowa.gov  

If you have questions, please contact me at: (515) 281-6826.

Thank you for your timely response!
Historic Preservation Training Table

An important requirement of the Certified Local Government program is annual state-sponsored or state-approved training undertaken by at least one member of the historic preservation commission and/or staff liaison. In this table, provide information about the commissioners' involvement in historic preservation training, listing the name of the conference, workshop or meeting (including on-line training opportunities); the sponsoring organization; the location and date when the training occurred. Be sure to provide the names of commissioners, staff, and elected officials who attended.

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<td>Preservation 101 Conference</td>
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Biographical Sketch
Applicant for Historic Preservation Commission

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INTEREST IN LOCAL HISTORY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION (Describe education, employment, memberships, publications, and/or other activities which indicate your interest in and commitment to historic preservation; or provide a statement detailing your interest in local history and commitment to historic preservation)

EDUCATION: BFA – University of South Dakota

EMPLOYMENT: Retired

INTERESTS: Writing, Poetry and Art History

While serving on the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission, I will work to ensure that the commission enforces the Historic Preservation Ordinance/Resolution; upholds the CLG Agreement with the State of Iowa, and works in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Signature

Date

29 JAN 2020
CLG Personnel Table

A. Please list the names of the Historic Preservation Commissioners who served during calendar year (2019):

Steven Johnson, Elizabeth Lorentzen, LaVonne Sharp, Roger Bergan, Kim Glock, Ferneva Brimacomb, David Wadsworth, Kirsten Heine and Janelle Pavlovec

B. CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL
Name of Mayor, Chairman of Board of Supervisors, or President of LUD Trustees:
First Name: John
Last Name: Logsdon
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C. STAFF PERSON FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (This is a local government staff member and this is required)
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Last Name: Beard
Job Title: County Supervisor
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2020 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Please note that this is for 2020

Please complete the following and provide information about your new 2020 commission.

If the commissioner represents a locally designated district, provide the name of the district (Representative, Name of Historic District). Specify the month, day, and year that the commissioner's term will end (Term Ends). If a commission member serves as contact with the State Historic Preservation Office for the Commission, please circle yes. Electronic and mailed communication will be sent to the staff person for the commission and the contact.

Do you have any vacancies on the commission? __NO__________________________

If yes, how many? __N/A__________________________
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<th>Name</th>
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Please indicate if this person serves as the Contact with the State Historic Preservation Office for the Commission. Circle Yes No

VICE CHAIRPERSON/COMMISSIONER
First Name: N/A
Last Name: 

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COMMISSIONER

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Term Ends: Month 01 Day 02 Year 2022

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List of Attachments
Winnebago County Historic Preservation Commission

1. 2020 Work Plan
2. 2019 Goals and Achievements
3. List of 2020 Commission Members
4. Dendrochronology Newspaper Article
5. Photo/Article of the signing of the Proclamation
6. Copy of the Signed Proclamation
7. Press Release “Historic Preservation Month”
8. Program on the May 4th Workshop
9. The Depot Award
10. Walmart Award
11. Winneshiek County Development, Inc. Award
12. Hotel/Motel Marketing Committee
13. Newspaper Article Regarding the Survey on Stone Structures in Winneshiek County
14. Newspaper Article on Mel’s Reminiscences of Canoe Store
The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Work Plan for 2020

Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission plans to author a Historic Preservation Proclamation for Winneshiek County that will be signed by the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors proclaiming May as National Historic Preservation Month.

Our Commission in May 2019 plans to co-host with the Ft. Atkinson Historic Preservation Commission a one-day Historic Preservation Workshop in the community of Ft. Atkinson. Topic areas will include the history on Fort Atkinson, the Turkey River Agency and School, and a tour of the area south of the Fort that once was occupied the Ho Chunk Nation (Winnebago) Native Americans.

The Commission will hire this summer Dr. Brita Lorentzen, scientist with Cornell University who has conducted a study of early buildings in Northeast Iowa through the use of Dendrochronology (tree ring dating and how tree rings used to date old buildings). A log house, believed to be last surviving structure from the agency and school (1840-1848) era, will be examined. It was thought have been built by the U.S. military around 1841-42 to house Winnebago.

Several commission members plan to attend either the Summit this summer in Dubuque or the Rural Schoolhouse Preservation Conference this coming fall. Other preservation conferences and workshops may be attended.

The Commission has begun the reconnaissance survey on stone structures in Winneshiek County. Our goal is the survey around 100 structures in the county. We intend to have a 48-page booklet published late in the fall for sale. All county libraries and school districts will receive a free copy. See the attachment of an article written about the survey, focusing on a unique stone bridge in Bloomfield Township.

The Commission has already begun the planning of a booklet on The Mills in Winneshiek County. Over 40 mills once existed in Winneshiek County with 10 mills around Decorah alone. The Yellow River, Turkey River, Upper Iowa River, Canoe Creek and Bear Creek river basins will be surveyed. This year will be spent on fundraising for the project with a goal of $10,000. The Winneshiek County Historical Society will be collaborating on this reconnaissance survey.

Finally the commission will publish in the area newspapers articles on a number of historic sites in Winneshiek County. As an example, see in the attachment of the article written regarding the History of the Canoe Store.
2019 Goals and Achievements
Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission

The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission authored a proclamation for Winneshiek County that was signed by the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors proclaiming May as National Historic Preservation Month.

The Commission on May 4, 2019, hosted a one-day Historic Preservation Workshop in Decorah. Areas included the use of historical wooden windows for restoration projects, and the preservation of historic log structures in Northeast Iowa.

The Commission on March 23, 2019, collaborated on a program and demonstration by Dr. Brita Lorentzen, scientist with Cornell University, on Dendrochronology (tree ring dating and how tree rings can be used to date old buildings).

Commission members attended the Preservation 101 Conference in Maquoketa on May 4, Cultural Heritages and Identities in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities in St Lucas, IA on June 19, the Dubuque Preservation Fair on September 6 & 7, and in October attended the Iowa Rural School Preservation Conference in Story City.

Steven Johnson

Wrote five grant requests on behalf of the WCHPC for the Stone Structure Survey in Winneshiek County. Raised $9,000 towards the survey and, eventually for its publication.

Presented at the Vesterheim 4th grade immersion program on apple pressing.

Researched and edited a 20-page history on the Turkey River Indian Mission and School. It was located in Washington Township, Winneshiek County from 1840 to 1848.

Wrote an article on the rural school, Pleasant #10, Sattre Store and edited a history on Canoe, Iowa.

Attended the Rural School Preservation Conference in Story City.

Represented the WCHPC with the Winn. Co. Fair Board regarding the razing of the CCC barracks in their grounds. Conducted research and located historic photographs on the CCC buildings from the period 1933 to 1940.

LaVonne Sharp

Partnered with Winneshiek County Historical Society: Researched history and created photo exhibit of Tatro Brothers Airport on Pole Line Road and Radio Manufacturing business in Deborah, IA for Winneshiek County Fair Booth.
Attended the St. Lucas Historical Society workshop on preserving and celebrating Cultural Heritages and Identities in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities.

Kim Glock

Attended the conference at the German Museum in St. Lucas on June 19 and at the Preservation 101 conference at Maquoketa on August 4th.

Served on the courthouse restoration advisory committee to undertake repairs and restoration of the Winneshiek County Courthouse.

Roger Bergan

Collaborated with the cemetery marker restoration work with the Winneshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission.

Partnered with Winneshiek County Historical Society researching Tatro Brothers Airport and Radio Manufacturing and setting up Fair Booth.

Presented at the Vesterheim 4th grade immersion program on the use of hand tools.

David Wadsworth

Attended the Dubuque Preservation Fair – September 6 & 7.

On May 4th I presented on my firm’s historic window restoration business at the Commission’s workshop.

Janelle Pavlovec

Attended the Emma Big Bear Foundation Conference in Marquette, IA on July 6th.

Attended the Decorah Historic Preservation Commission’s 2019 Recognition Celebration.

Ferneva Brimacomb

Attended a 3-day conference of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Research and Legacy Association. At that time I received the “Legacy Award” for work done with the “Laura” Museum in Burr Oak, Iowa.

Elizabeth Lorentzen

Gave presentation to First Lutheran Church members on the Horace Weiser family and the historic Weiser carriage house.

Served on courthouse restoration advisory committee to undertake repairs and restoration of the Winneshiek County Courthouse.
Gave presentation to AAUW Decorah chapter on history of the pioneer Frederick Landers family and current restoration efforts at their Greek Revival home on W. Broadway.

Wrote successful grants to help restore and preserve the historic Landers-Adams-Bodensteiner 1860 Greek Revival home in Decorah's historic district.

Gave tour of historic Landers-Adams-Bodensteiner Greek Revival home to 4th and 5th generation Landers descendants on July 5th and highlighted current historic restoration efforts.

Gave presentation to area DAR chapter on history of the Landers-Adams-Bodensteiner family and Greek Revival home historic preservation efforts.

Volunteered as a researcher at the Winneshiek County Historical Society and as a board member.

Volunteered as a regular docent at the Porter House Museum during the summer months.

Gave a walking tour of the Broadway-Phelps Park Historic District for the Porter House Museum personnel and 50+ members of the public on August 3rd.
WINNEBEGE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEMBERSHIP LIST
January 2020

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The science of dendrochronology

Tree-ring dating presentation Saturday

Dr. Brita Lorentzen, a research scientist at the Cornell University Tree-Ring Laboratory in Ithaca, N.Y., will discuss the science of dendrochronology (tree-ring dating) during an upcoming presentation, "Tree-Ring Capsules: Uncovering Iowa History with Nature’s Ultimate Archives."

Her program is Saturday, March 30, at 1 p.m. in the public meeting room in the lower level of the Decorah Public Library. She'll talk about the ages of some of Decorah and Winneshiek County's oldest houses and how Winneshiek County's forests have changed since European settlers first arrived in the 1840s.

This presentation is intended for both non-scientists and scientists alike so everyone should feel free to attend. Information will include a non-technical introduction to dendrochronology and how it works, and how dendrochronology has been used to date old buildings in Decorah and surrounding areas of Winneshiek County, including the Painter-Berntz Mill, Landers-Adams-Bodensteiner house, Octagon house and early area log homes.

Lorentzen also will explain different ways tree-rings can be used to reconstruct the environment of the past.

Lorentzen's presentation is co-sponsored by the Winneshiek County Historical Society and the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission. It is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Preparing to core timbers from the Pape cabin in Ossian's city park. (Submitted photos)
MAY IS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

(Left to right): Historic Preservation Commission members David Wadsworth and LaVonne Sharp, Supervisors Mark Kuhn, John Beard and Floyd Ashbacher, Commission member Janelle Pavolec, Supervisor Dean Thompson, Commission chair Steve Johnson, Supervisor Chair John Logsdon and County Auditor Ben Steines.

The Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors is proclaiming May as "Historic Preservation Month." Established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the event is co-sponsored by local preservation groups, state historical societies, businesses and civic organizations. This year's theme is "This Place Matters," a national campaign that encourages people to celebrate the places that are meaningful to them and to their communities.

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PROCLAMATION

The Board of Supervisors proclaim May "Historic Preservation Month" in Winneshiek County. The proclamation read as follows:

"WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors, do proclaim May 2019 as National Preservation Month, and call upon the people of Winneshiek County to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance."

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH IN WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA

John Logsdon, Chairman Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors
Floyd Ashbacher, Winneshiek County Supervisor
Dean Thompson, Winneshiek County Supervisor
Mark Kuhn Winneshiek County Supervisor
John Beard, Winneshiek County Supervisor
News Release

The Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors recently signed a proclamation designating May as Historic Preservation Month. Established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the event is co-sponsored by local preservation groups, state historical societies, business and civic organizations across the country.

This year's theme is This Place Matters. Everyone has places that are important to them. Places they care about. Places that matter. This Place Matters is a national campaign that encourages people to celebrate the places that are meaningful to them and to their communities.

CAPTION:

At last Monday's meeting the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors proclaim May "Historic Preservation Month" in Winneshiek County. From left to right in the photograph: Commission members David Wadsworth and LaVonne Sharp, Supervisors Mark Kuhn, John Beard and Floyd Ashbacher, Commission member Janelle Pavolec, Supervisor Dean Thompson, Commission chair Steve Johnson, Supervisor Chair John Logsdon and Auditor Ben Steines.
Historic Preservation Workshop
Saturday, May 4, 2019
8:00 am - 1:45 pm
Event begins at 302 South Mill Street, Decorah, IA
Sponsored by the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission
Questions? email eelorentzen@gmail.com or phone 563-382-5170

SCHEDULE:
8:00 - 8:30 am  Registration at 302 South Mill Street, Decorah

8:30 – 9:00 am – “Restoration & Preservation of an 1860s Greek Revival Home” --
Elizabeth Lorentzen, Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Comm.
302 South Mill Street, Decorah

9:00 – 9:30 am – “Sharing Session” - Audience participation on their projects and
programs 302 South Mill Street, Decorah

9:30 – 9:45 am – Break Time/Travel Time

9:45 – 12:00 – “Vintage Window Restoration & Home Tour of Window Restoration in
Process” – David Wadsworth 203 W. Pearl St. and 409 E. Main St.,
Decorah

12:00 to 1:00 pm Noon lunch on your own

1:00 -1:45 pm  "Restoration and Preventive Maintenance on Historic Log Cabins" –
Paul Cutting, Log Building Restoration Specialist 707 East Broadway,
Decorah (enter via alley)

2:00 – 3:00 pm Special Tour Session at Vesterheim’s Outdoor Division (behind the
museum) Participants will be led by Sharon Rossman and Elizabeth
Lorentzen on a log buildings’ tour 516 W. Water St., Decorah

Registration Fee: $10 (Make checks payable to Winneshiek Co. Historic Preservation
Commission)

Send to:  Elizabeth Lorentzen, Treasurer
Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission
610 Center Avenue
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Registration Deadline: May 1, 2019
Depot Outlet Store Director Amanda Gallagher presents a check to Steve Johnson, chair of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission. Other WCHPC members present included from left, David Wadsworth, LaVonne Sharp, Kim Glock and Ferneva Brimacomb. (Submitted photo)

Depot awards grant for stone structure survey

The Depot Outlet Board awarded a $2,000 grant to the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission for a reconnaissance survey of stone structures in Winneshiek County.

A survey report will be prepared listing the historic names of these properties, locations, dates of construction, dates of occupation and other relevant historical information. The grant funds will assist the commission in hiring a historical consultant to assist with completing the estimated 15 to 20 Iowa Site Inventory Forms for properties that may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission is a county organization created in 1985 to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the recognition, enhancement and perpetuation of sites and districts of historical and cultural significance.
Walmart awards $500 grant to Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission

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LIFESTYLES

Winnebago County Development Inc. awards $1,000 grant to Winnebago County Historic Preservation Commission

Winnebago County Development, Inc. recently awarded a $1,000 grant to the commission for a reconnaissance survey of stone structures in Winnebago County.

The survey report will be prepared listing the historic names of these properties, locations, dates of construction, dates of occupation and other relevant historical information. The grant funds will assist the commission in hiring a historical consultant to assist with completing the estimated 15 - 20 Iowa Site Inventory Forms for properties that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

According to Stephanie Fromm, “Winnebago County Development is excited to have the opportunity to partner and support the stone structure surveying project. There is a lot of rich history in our communities and it is important to research, document and educate community members and visitors alike.”

The Winnebago County Historic Preservation Commission is a county organization created in 1985 to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the recognition, enhancement and perpetuation of sites and districts of historical and cultural significance.

Stephanie Fromm, executive director of Winnebago County Development Inc., presents a check to Steve Johnson, chair of the Winnebago County Historic Preservation Commission. Other WCHPC members present include LaVonne Sharp, David Wadsorth, Ferneva Brimacombe and Kim Glock. (Submitted photo)
From left: Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission (WCHPC) members Elizabeth Lorentzen and Roger Bergan; Steve Johnson, chair of WCHPC; Randy Schissel, chair of the Hotel/Motel Marketing Committee; Kristina Wittgen, DACC executive director and treasurer of the Hotel/Motel Marketing Committee; WCHPC member Kim Glock. (Submitted photo)

Hotel/Motel Marketing Committee awards $1,000 grant to Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission

The Hotel/Motel Marketing Committee recently awarded a $1,000 grant to the commission for a reconnaissance survey of stone structures in Winneshiek County.

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According to Schissel, "The Hotel/Motel Marketing Committee is excited to support the stone structure survey. Survey findings will create more opportunities for visitors interested in historical sites throughout the county. Providing more information on attractions and sites will help increase overnight stays which helps us fulfill our mission."

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Survey Underway on Stone Structures in Winneshiek County

The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission is conducting a reconnaissance survey of stone structures. It is estimated that approximately 100 sites will included in the survey. In addition, the commission intends to publish a guide booklet on the history and locations of these structures.

The Commission is currently seeking the public's assistance in locating these stone structures in the county. Any information will be appreciated, and can be sent to the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission at 201 Main Street, Decorah, Iowa 52101. Emails can be sent to johnsonfamily5852@gmail.com or by calling (563) 380-0606.

The guide booklet is intended to be available for sale late this year.

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Caption

Historic Photo:

The historic stone bridge, located in Bloomfield Township, was believed to have been built in the 1880's. The photo above was taken in the 1920's of eight of the eleven children of Henry and Anna Blumhagen. Children in the photo from left to right: Elsie, Minnie, Alvin, Lloyd, Mabel, Elda, Arno and Henry. The Blumhagen farm has been in the family since 1889 when it was purchased by Otto Caroline Blomhagen (the family name was later changed to Blumhagen).
Current Photo:

Dennis Blumhagen stands by the stone bridge near his farm. Originally the opening of the bridge was about five tall and between 3 to 4 feet wide. It was always a popular spot to play for several generations of the Blumhagen children including Dennis.
Mel’s Reminiscences of Canoe Store

Having grown up on a small farm in Pleasant Township, I always interested in the local history. My fascination on this subject began while I was in high school; a neighbor offered an 1850’s log house to me on the condition of moving off his property. His alternate solution was to raze the site. With the help of others, I moved the log house to my parent’s farm.

Later, for a number of years, I served as the Winneshiek County Historical Society President and helped organize the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission in the fall of 1985. This turned out to be one of the earliest commissions created in the state.

My first acquaintance with Mel Faldet was through the Sunday school at Canoe Ridge Lutheran Church. Mel was the Sunday school youth music director and his wife, Virginia, was the accompanist. I remember Mel was always involved in music and loved dancing to old-time music. He assisted with coordinating the Christmas song services and the Easter cantatas jointly with the Glenwood Church choirs. His whole family usually participated in these concerts. Mel was active and a lifelong member of Canoe Ridge.

Mel and I had in common that we both attended what was then called the Paulson School, Pleasant Number 7. Although years apart, Mel in the early 1930s and myself in the 1960s, I doubt if the Christmas programs or year-end family picnics changed a great deal. There were some changes had occurred with the school building over these years such as a central furnace and the advent of electricity in the later 1940s. We still had to get the drinking water from the neighbor’s well. This school was built in the 1870’s, and after it’s closing was re-adapted into a residence.

I did not realize at that time that Mel served as a member of the Decorah Public Library Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1995. Mel was recognized and named as the Iowa Library Trustee of the Year Award winner for 1995 at a ceremony in Des Moines for his ongoing fundraising efforts for the library’s expansion. Always humbled, Mel commented, “I’m so appreciative for the terrific community response that will keep the library growing. What a fine gift we’re giving our grandchildren.”

Having grown up in Pleasant Township, I appreciated that our farm was located near the Canoe Store. It was a treat to walk to the store get a pop or buy a few groceries. I remember visiting with the store owners about the latest news from the area. I was always curious about the history of the store, and was pleased some years ago to receive a copy from Mel of his reminiscences of its early history. Mel with help from his son, David, wrote his Reminiscences of Canoe Store. The following is an excerpt from his writing - told in Mel’s own words:
I am too young to remember the earliest years at the Canoe Store since it was "born" about the year of 1900, when Ole Faldet took a corner of his little farm to form a place of Business for his sons, Martin and Bert. The store was a two-story structure with a high, square false front and canvas awning, which originally faced east, towards the bridge, on the north side of the road. Later on, I believe, it progressed to Martin and Oscar Finholt as Bert, who was now married and had three children, had decided to go farming. In the year of 1913, the store went into the sole possession of Nels Faldet, as Oscar Finholt sold him his portion to begin farming.

In the early years the store being across the road on the bottomland was subject to flooding. Because of this problem, in the year of 1915 the store was moved south across the road to its present location on the hillside. The following year, in 1916, the space across the road where the store had been became the site of the Pleasant Cooperative Creamery. South and slightly west of the creamery they built the house for the creamery or "butter-maker," as he was called then.
For the people of the area around Canoe, the store was an important center of activity. They bought groceries, bulk supplies, canned goods, fresh produce, pop (local brands like Spring Grove and Hehi as well as national brands), bakery goods, lutefisk at Christmas, pickled herring year-round, barrels of salt pork, cheeses, dried meats, tobacco (cigars, chewing tobacco by the plug, snooze, loose tobacco, and in later years Decorah's own Sugar Bowl ice cream (a treat to children whose parents had no freezer at home) and fresh meats. They could also buy dry goods, gasoline, kerosene (kept in a tank in the back room), hardware (kept in the warehouse), paint, and livestock feed (kept in a loft over the garage).

The store was also a gathering place for the community. People would often spend the whole evening at the store, buying groceries just after dinner and staying until near midnight. Others came early in the morning. They played checkers, chatted, smoked, and snacked on ice cream, candy, and peanuts.
The Canoe Store was not the only business in the area. The Canoe Creamery was established in 1916. The cream was delivered to be made into butter, which as packed in wooden tubs and shipped to New York, and buttermilk was sold to feed pigs. The creamery was powered by a steam engine, which burned cordwood from huge piles at the west end of the creamery. During the winter ice was cut from the creek or the river and packed unto the icehouse just north and east of the creamery, to be used through the year to cool cream after pasteurization.

Across the road from the store and just east and slightly north of the creamery was the "Ice House." This building covered with drop siding and probably about 20' to 25' high was used to store large blocks of ice, which were cut from the Canoe Creek or the Lower Dam Lake. Every winter this job had to be done at the proper time to fill the icehouse and pack it in sawdust so it could be used through the summer into next winter. It was used to keep the cooler cool where the butter tubs were stored until they could be hauled to the depot for shipment to New York.

After the Creamery was established a blacksmith shop was also built. The blacksmith shop was probably 25' wide by 30' long and was rough built of homesawed lumber. It had a high square false front with a double door large enough to drive a team and wagon in since the main purpose of the building was to shoe horses and make repairs on wagons and machinery. Not much work was done in the way of cars since this was in the "early" automobile years.