

Williams Bay High School History Club Community Service Projects

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Hard work, research, planning, and creating. It's not only the elders of our village who take an active interest in the History of Williams Bay. The Williams Bay High School History Club has spent the last four years making a difference in our small community with Community Service projects that have a historical background that educate and beautify this village of 2,600 people in southeast Wisconsin.

Since 2010, the Williams Bay History Club has renovated Frost Park, beautified a burial site of Potawatomi royalty, and in 2013 District Administrator, Wayne Anderson proposed permanently honoring WBHS alumni veterans with a War Memorial. The students designed and purchased a black marble plaque with the insignias of the branches of the Armed Services on it dedicated to WBHS alumni veterans. Dedicated on Veterans Day in 2013, the plaque is permanently displayed near the flagpole in front of Williams Bay High School on West Geneva Street.



Attending the Dedication Ceremony of the WBHS History Club Alumni War Memorial were: L-R WBHS History Club President Kameron Brown, World War II Veteran and alumni Fred Sleeman, Navy Veteran and alumni David Hansen and Williams Bay School District Administrator Wayne Anderson

Official Bird of Williams Bay

Thanks to Frost Park Chairs Brandon Wulf and Naomi Frederick the Cardinal is the Official Bird of Williams Bay! The Cardinals presence in



Williams Bay is directly tied to the efforts of Dr. Edwin B. Frost (1866-1935) Professor of Astrophysics at the University of Chicago and Director of the University's Yerkes Observatory and a prominent resident of Williams Bay in the early 1900s.

Recognizing the role Dr. Frost played in bringing the Cardinal to the area, Naomi and Brandon presented a proposal to the Village Board requesting the Cardinal be named the Official Bird of Williams Bay.

The Proposal was approved by the Williams Bay Village Board on April 21, 2014.