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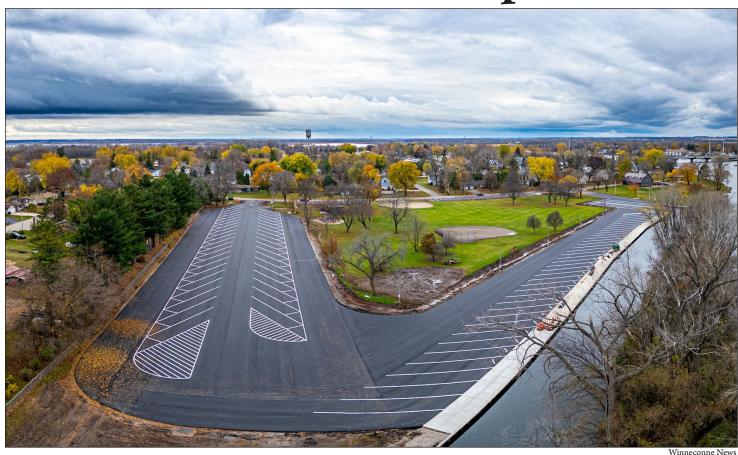
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The Village of Winneconne has completed a massive parking lot restructuring at Lake Winneconne Park, and the waterfront facility is now officially open for public use, on time and on budget.

Parkway Drive had several new stalls added, flowing in a one-way pattern

Lake Winneconne Park open for use!



An aerial view of the newly redone Lake Winneconne Park's parking structure.

around the perimeter of the park with over 40 new stalls in two rows placed at the facility's far side. This parking continues to flow toward more waterfront parking, the boat launch and a pressure washing station.

While most punch list items are complete, storm drains still need to

be installed on the park's northeast corner, along with grading, turf restoration and signage scheduled for the springtime.

Funds for these improvements came from a \$250,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources which was matched by the

village with ARPA and ARPA Spirit

Director of Public Works James Fluette indicates the village plans for a ribbon cutting ceremony next spring.

Sheriff Matz announces candidacy for County Executive

Sheriff John Matz, a 34-year member of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff for the last 14 years, announced his candidacy for Winnebago County Executive on November 11.

Matz is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and has a graduate certificate from the University of Virginia. He is also a graduate of National Sheriff's Academy, FBI National Academy, and United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

In addition to his tenure as sheriff, Matz served nearly 30 years in the military. Matz retired in 2017, serving as the Command Sergeant Major of 120th Field Artillery Battalion.

"I look forward to continuing my service to the citizens of Winnebago County. My record and commitment to the health and safety of our entire community will be the driving force of my term," Matz said in a statement to the community. "Working in county government for the last 34 years I have been transparent and responsive.

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The County runs Red in General Election 2024

By Becky LaDue

Last Tuesday's election was one for the record books! Wisconsin's unof-



Village poll workers Donna Wicinsky and Lynn Rogers greet voters during last week's General Election.

ficial voting results show the largest turnout in state history, with numbers for Wisconsin's presidential race at 72.6% and 3.4 million Wisconsinites casting a ballot. That's the highest number in the state's history. This is based on unofficial results pending certification by the Wisconsin Elections Commission. After each municipality has certified its results, they are sent to Winnebago County and due to the Wisconsin Election Commission by Nov. 19 to be canvassed additional times. The final official results will be announced by Dec. 1.

Local turnout numbers:

Village of Winneconne - 1,648 voters of 1,965 residents eligible (83% turnout). The village saw 181 new voter registrations.

Town of Winneconne - 1,927 voters of 2,154 residents eligible (89% turnout). The town had 194 new voter registrations.

Town of Vinland - 1,291 voters of 1,318 residents eligible (98% turnout). Vinland had 77 new voter registrations.

Town of Wolf River – 932 voters of 940 residents eligible (99% turnout). Wolf River had 75 new voter regis-

County Results:

President Elect: Winnebago County supported the Republican Trump/ Vance ticket (49,179) over Democrats Harris/Walz (44,657). Trump went on to officially win the presidential election with 295 electoral votes to Harris's 226.

U.S. Senator: Incumbent Tammy Baldwin (1,668,486) defeated challenger Eric Hovde (1,641,009) statewide in an extremely close race. However, Hovde (47,265) captured more votes in Winnebago County than Baldwin (44,720). For a candidate to request a recount, the margin between the top two vote receivers must be less than 1%. This request must be made within three days of all counties submitting their review to the Wisconsin Election Commission—this race



The polls were extremely busy in the Town of Winneconne, but workers handled the steady stream efficiently.

would qualify.

U.S. Congress District 6: Republican Glen Grothman (49,253) defeated Democrat John Zarbano (40,474).

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Strong Women book launch party fills Winchester Hall



A good crowd was in attendance at the launch party of the "It Takes Strong Women" book.

The Winchester Area Historical Society enjoyed a very special book launch party on Nov. 7 during its regular monthly meeting.

Key women in the society compiled the fascinating book 'IT TAKES STRONG WOMEN' sharing stories of 50 amazing females and their life's accomplishments from the greater Winchester area.

The beautiful book—printed by Envisionink Printing – enjoyed excellent advance sales, and will continue to be

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Winneconne High School girls represent at female leadership conference



From left to right, sponsor Janet Elliott, Millie Braman, Gabby Cernjar, and Serena Scott—attendees of the inaugural Girl's Leadership Conference in Green Bay.

Last month Janet Elliott, of photography business Images by J. Lynne, LLC, sponsored three young women from the Winneconne High School (WHS) Class of 2025 to attend the inaugural High School Girl's Leadership Conference at the Green Bay Resch Center, with the theme of 'Dream Big and Soar!'.

This special event endeavored to empower the next generation of girl leaders and bosses, and included educational sessions, workshops, and keynote presentations from leaders and educators.

The conference focused on girls aged 14 to 18, and Elliot said, "It was

a reminder that leadership starts early, and supporting young women in their journey is a cause close to my heart."

Attendee Serena Scott added, "Never before have I felt so much support and positivity in one room as I did during the Girl's Leadership Conference. I was able to walk away inspired, with new role models, and the ability to see the strength in myself."

If you are interested in sponsoring a WHS girl for 2025's event, please contact Elliott at janet@imagesbyjlynne. com or 612-900-6676.

News from the Winchester Area Historical Society

The society's annual pie and ice cream social was a success, with a good membership turnout and a lot of fun had by all.

The board of directors will once again be seeking the names of students attending the New Horizons program housed within Winchester School who might need help to enjoy a joyous Christmas. WAHS will provide the funds for this holiday undertaking, shopping and wrapping the gifts as

As for the society's roof project, an anonymous donor has come forward offering to match all donations up to \$10,000. Nearly \$164,000 remains to be collected, with \$1,332 received in donations this last month. Donations came from Cindy Sharp, Steve Huettl, Geneva Laabs, Bill and Diane Jacob, Bob Manteufel, Carol Rick and donations from WAHS fall functions.

The Karen C. Christianson Memorial Library has open hours from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. Services available include a color photocopier (small fee), and Ellison die cut machine (you provide your own paper), a laminator (pay by the foot), ancestry. com and a magnification reader.

General Election

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Assembly, District 55: Republican Nate Gustafson (20,922) easily defeated Democrat Kyle Kehoe (13,286).

Register of Deeds: Republican Susan M. Snyder (48,735) took down Democrat Christopher G. Larson (40,854).

State Referendum Question (prohibiting non-citizens from voting): This passed resoundingly statewide with 70.5% of the citizenry voting yes. In Winnebago County, 64,854 of 90,982 total voters approved the question.

Community Results:

While there were no local seats up for grabs in last week's election, there were a few referendum questions for voters

to answer.

Town of Vinland: "Shall the person holding the office of Town Clerk/ Treasurer be appointed by the Town Board?" This was voted down, 626 to 617.

Omro School District: Question 1 (to exceed revenue limits) - passed 2,772 to 2,339. Question 2 (facilities improvements) - passed 2,907 to

Village Clerk Ann Wasinger added, "As expected, it was a busy election. Electors started filling the hallway at 6:30 a.m. and everyone who came out to vote remained positive and civil despite differing party preferences, and as usual, my election workers were rock-

County Fair Board annual meeting set

The Winnebago County Fair Association (WCFA) will be holding its annual meeting and elections for the board of directors on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the James P. Coughlin Center. The December board of directors meeting will immediately follow the full association meeting, and will include all newly elected board members.

You are a member of the Fair Association if you purchased a 2024 weekly fair pass/membership. Being a member includes voting privileges at the annual meeting. Join the association on December 12 to hear the 2024 annual report, discuss 2025's plans and ideas, and elect the new board.

WCFA members 18 and older and who live in Winnebago County are eligible to run for the board, with 19 positions available.







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County Cloverbud Leaders Sought

The Winnebago County 4-H organization is seeking volunteers to lead 4-H Cloverbud groups.

Responsibilities include setting annual goals with 4-H extension educators, planning programs and activities, conducting group activities that are fun and cooperative, and working with other parents and activities leaders.

The time required is a monthly meeting of approximately 1 hour, with time for set up and clean up.

A good leader should have knowledge of 4-H programming, time and energy to devote to the task, and an interest in working with 5- to 7-year-

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Winnebago County 4-H program educator at 920-232-1984 or at dana.berger@wisc.edu





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In this new tree planting endeavor, stewards of the trail are hoping to green-up the acreage with memorial trees honoring all loved ones, including beloved family pets.

Donors can choose trees from a list especially cultivated for the WWT, and are invited to participate in the tree planting as well. The trees will be a balanced mix of flowering, fruit and decorative trees, with roughly 19 varieties to select from. Ashes from a cremated pet may be placed in the hole when the tree is being planted though no other remains are allowed.

A plaque displaying to whom the tree is dedicated will be placed at the base of each donated tree. Special requests involving the type, size and transplanting of trees will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Total cost for tree donation/planting/signage is \$350, with all labor and maintenance provided by volunteers. Trees will be guaranteed for one year, and will be planted in the spring and fall of each year.

To learn more, or move forward with a donation of a beautiful living memorial, please contact Gary Olson at fwwrt@yahoo.com

Disclaimer: Please be aware that the property where the tree is being planted is owned by the Wis-DOT. The Friends of the Wolf Wilderness Trail has permission to maintain and enhance the trail, but the DOT is not bound to any future agreement for land use.





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At 91, Owen Russell still prizes speed

Butte des Morts nonagenarian credited with building a NASCAR winning engine

By Becky LaDue

You spot the twinkle in his eye and hear excitement in his voice when Butte des Morts nonagenarian Owen Russell speaks of his storied engineering career, his many accomplishments, and most importantly, his long abiding love of...speed.

At 91, Russell still lives in the home he moved into back in 1973, where he and his wife Josephine raised their large family. The couple has been married for 71 years and Owen continues to drive a trusty Ford vehicle (you'll discover why that's important a bit later).

Russell will tell you he's had a passion for engines and transportation technology since he was a young boy growing up in Oklahoma.

"When I got my driver's license and my first car, I immediately started modifying it, which started the ball rolling," said Owen, who performed modifications to his 1941, and later, his 1950 Studebaker.

"I took my 1950 to a local machine shop, took off the cylinder head and had them plane off 50-thousands of an inch and put it back on," he said. "This increased the compression ratio which gave it more horsepower. I was working at a drive-in theater as a projectionist outside of town – and that straight away became my proving ground. I'd

let her fly and see how fast I could go. It added about 5 mph to my top speed—and from there the sky was the limit. I thought to myself, 'I might be able to build an engine that could win a 500-mile race.'"

st I could go. It spare time, and was racing all over the country.
was the limit. I "At first, Ford ignored my resume," said Russell, "and when they eventually hired me, they started me at the Ford



Butte des Morts masterful mechanical engineer Owen Russell.

And he certainly did.

By 1953, Russel earned his BS in mechanical engineering from Oklahoma State University and started working at Ethyl Corporation in Ferndale, Michigan. While there, working as a project engineer, he heard rumor that Ford was trying to buy Ferrari with the goal of building an engine that could win the Indianapolis 500. Russell immediately knew he wanted in on a piece of that action. He had already built three race cars from the ground up in his

missions and drivetrains. They promoted me pretty quickly and sent me back to college for my master's degree. Then out of the blue, no interviews, no nothing, all of a sudden, I got a new assignment to work on the NASCAR engine for Ford—the BOSS-429. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven!"

Russell said he never told anyone about his dream, just got to work developing all the key components of the BOSS-429—connecting rods, pistons, valve trains, etc. – "the engine is

all mine," he said proudly.

That BOSS-429 did indeed go on to win many races. In fact, Ford's Boss 429 engine won every race it entered, according to Engine Builder Magazine. The Boss 429 was designed to dominate NASCAR oval tracks and was driven by drivers David Pearson, Cale Yarborough, Richard Petty, Bobby Isaac, Bobby Allison, and Lee Roy Yarbrough.

Eventually Russell left Ford, advancing his career at Mooney Aircraft, Rupp Industries and finally landing at Mercury Marine where he worked from 1973 to '91 before retiring.

He'll tell you he's proud of all his technological tinkerings, but particularly proud of the last plane he built—of which there were two.

He's also proud of the many special friendships he collected along the way, especially two other engineers named Neal Newman and Peter Dawson, his "brothers" and true partners in crime.

"We spend a LOT of time in garages together," he laughed.

When Russell retired in 1991 his tinkering days were over. He says he loves doing "nothing!" as he and Josephine continue to enjoy rural life in Butte des Morts.

And as for today's engines? Russell said it's a totally different culture. While there are still high-performance engines being built, most are designed for efficiency.

"Boring!" he laughed.



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Spooktacular time at the Butte des Morts Lions Clubhouse



The Butte des Morts Lions Club hosted its annual Halloween party post trick-or-treating last month and invited more than 50 children and their families to the Clubhouse on Washington St.

The Lions crew served walking tacos, drinks and homemade cookies courtesy of Vicki Wilson and Cathy Meier. There was also a costume contest for 4 different age groups awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes in each. Everyone had a great time!

The Butte des Morts Lions next community event will be its annual hayride with Santa, held on Monday December 16 at the clubhouse starting at 5 p.m.







J.J. Keller honored with lifetime achievement award



Winneconne New

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin supporters, volunteers and donors gathered to raise funds and honor volunteers and community partners.

The J.J. Keller Foundation was the 2024 recipient of the Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award from Big Brothers Big Sisters.

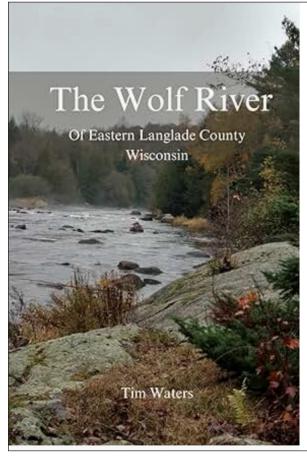
"The J. J. Keller Foundation and its board of directors have been a true partner to Big Brothers Big Sisters not only through their financial contributions but also their belief in our mission and moving us forward as an organization," said Jaime Kriewaldt, Chief Executive Officer of BBBS.

The Dream Big Gala is hosted every October and is the largest annual fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin. More than \$120,000 was raised during this year's event.



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Trout Unlimited to feature Tim Waters





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Tim Waters and his book "The Wolf River of Eastern Langlade County, Wisconsin".

Fishing on the Wolf River will be the topic of the next Central WI Chapter of Trout Unlimited, hosted at the Fin 'n' Feather on Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Tim Waters is known for his book, "The Wolf River of Eastern Langlade

County, Wisconsin," and has spent decades studying and fishing the river. With a scientific mind and a passion for the sport, he is the perfect person to learn about spring streamer tactics on the Wolf.

Don't miss out on this exciting program! For more information contact John Gremmer at jgremmer@charter.

BBB Scam Alert: 'Card declined' error may lead to multiple fraudulent charges

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You call your bank or credit card company to ask about the declines. The representative tells you your cards have not been declined; instead, you've been charged more than anticipated for the purchase. You've been scammed.

How to avoid online purchase scams:

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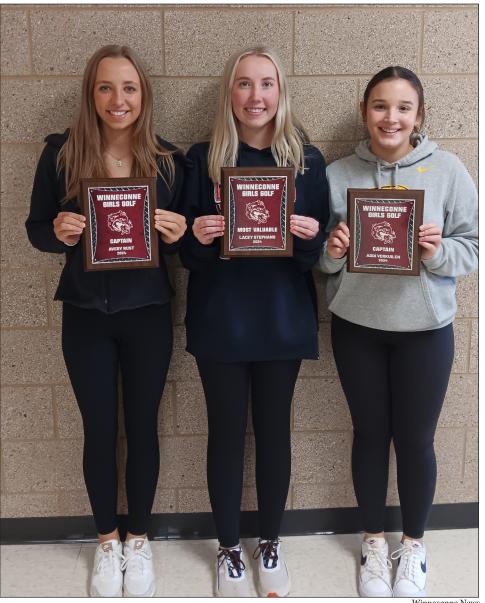
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Sports

Golf Distributes Awards Marble Park Bowling



The Winneconne girls golf team honored a trio of golfers with their end of season awards. The award

winners were (from left): Avery Rust, captain; Lacey Stephens, MVP; Addi Verkuilen, captain.

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Eli Seybold	265, 105
Jayden Eckstein	264, 101
Nevadah Biggar	245, 91
Layla Brickner	228, 79
Crosby Kasten	227,88
Jagger Krause	201,80
Kendall Brooks	177,67
Robbie Kruse	161,57
Kyle Kruse	91, 47

Monday Night Businessmen's **Highlights November 4**

Houge's Bar 106-65 Smelly B's 104-67 Marble Park Lanes 89-82 Woodeye's 85-86 Village Pub 83-88 Pro Basement Finishing 80-91 Tiny's Sports Bar 74.5-96.5 Talk of the Town 62.5-108.5

Team Results

Houge's Bar def Woodeye's 16-3 Smelly B's def Talk of the Town 13-6 Pro Basement Finishing def Tiny's Sports Bar 13-6

Marble Park Lanes def Village Pub

Individual Scoring

Brent Potratz 712, 267, 234, 211,

Kurt Wolosek 692, 268, 235, Chris Erdman 683, 254, 219, 210, Mike Elmer 676, 279, 237, Riley Petri-Rose 663, 246, 224, Ryan Lorenz 640, 247, 202, Thomas Seaman 640, 225, 214, 201, Brandon Nagler 637, 264, 219, Joe Friebel 624, 237, 205, Mark Larson 604, 252, Joe Lang 254, 205, Mason Stock 602, Keith Lujeck 234, Mark Burns 233, Chad Strehlow 231, Nate Rozek 230, Jysen Kapal 210, Dale Watson 202, Jake Biggar 200.

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High Ind. Scr Series: B. Faulks 590, K. Marx 565

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Roberts 669 High Team Scr Game: MPL 703,

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Sports

Schaffer leads Wolves past Cardinals, into state semifinal

By Steve Clark

Six times in Winneconne's first 11 games this football season, the Wolves found themselves behind on the scoreboard.

So, when Mayville put together a 63-yard drive late in the second quarter to take a 10-6 lead in last Friday's WIAA Division 4 Level 3 playoff game, there was little cause for concern. Winneconne just did what it has always done – come back and win.

Brody Schaffer led a four-play, 55-yard drive for a touchdown in the final 28 seconds of the first half to regain the lead and the Wolves turned in a dominant defensive performance after intermission to claim a 20-10 win over the Cardinals to earn the program's second-ever trip to the state semifinals.

Winneconne will now face a potent Baldwin-Woodville squad on Friday night in Medford with a berth in the Division 4 state championship game on the line. The Blackhawks knocked off fourth-ranked Freedom, 48-35, last Friday.

The Wolves earned their spot in that

state semifinal by turning the tide on the Cardinals late in the second quarter on just their second possession of the first half.



Doug Sasse

Karter Hawthorne looks for running room during a 57-yard kickoff return against Mayville on Friday

Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Ryan Quigley grabs a pass in the end zone for the Wolves' first touchdown in Friday's win over Mayville.

23 yards to the Mayville 27-yard line. After Schaffer connected with Jack Quigley for a 20-yard gain, the junior quarterback scrambled into the end zone from seven yards out on the final play of the first half as Winneconne surged back ahead, 13-10, going into halftime.

Taking over at their own 45-yard

line, Schaffer caught a pass from Noah

Bouras for 4 yards and then caught a

Winneconne nearly added to its lead on the opening possession of the third quarter but fumbled near the goal and Mayville recovered. The Cardinals would march to midfield on the drive but the Wolves defense forced a punt and a shanked kick gave the Wolves the ball at the Mayville 48-yard line.

Twelve plays later, Schaffer appeared to be ready to run a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line, but burst around the right end after taking the snap and darted untouched into the end zone for the touchdown and a 20-10 lead less than two minutes into the fourth quarter.

Mayville drove into Winneconne territory on the ensuing possession, but on fourth-and-3 from the 41-yard line, the Wolves' Oliver McAloon dragged down Mayville workhorse

running back Sawyer Hardesty for a loss handing the ball back to Winneconne on downs.

The Cardinals would never get the ball back.

Keyed by conversions on a pair of third-and-8s, the Wolves were able to run out the remaining 5:06, taking a knee at the Mayville 3-yard line for the final play of the game.

The Cardinals took nearly nine minutes off the clock on their opening possession but after reaching the Winneconne 1-yard line, Mayville was charged with a false start on third down before Andon Lang broke up a pass in the end zone. That forced the Cardinals to settle for a short field goal.

Winneconne answered with an eight-minute drive of its own to take the lead with Schaffer connecting with Ryan Quigley for a 5-yard touchdown pass and a 6-3 lead.

Schaffer finished with 128 yards on 21 carries and the two touchdown runs, while also completing 5-of-6 passes for 53 yards and a score. Bryce Jones added 54 yards on 13 carries.

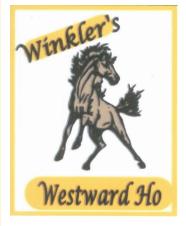
The Winneconne defense was led by Schaffer, Lang, Trey Zemke and Kaden Carter, who each finished with nine tackles in the game.

The Wolves now turn their attention to Baldwin-Woodville, who are the champions of the Middle Border Conference and were ranked seventh in the state entering the postseason.

The Blackhawks have rattled off 11 straight wins after falling to Mount Horeb/Barneveld in the season-opener and have been paced by a high-scor-

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Sat.: 7 am - Men's Group. 3:30 pm -Confession. 4 pm - Mass/Turkey collection for WAAC.

Sunday, Nov. 17: 10:30 am - Mass/ Turkey collection for WAAC.

Mon.: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion. 6 pm - Chosen/Kaudy Hall. 6 pm - Finance Mtg.

Wed.: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion. 3:10 pm - FF, ES. 4:30 pm - Confession. 6:30 pm - FF, MS.

Immanuel Lutheran Church 9077 North Road

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Pastor Tauna Roth

Sundays: 9 am - Worship.

Lord of the Lakes

(ELCA) Church 6090 Harbour South

Winneconne

Pastor Kevin Heffernan

Thurs: 8:30 am - Bible Study.

Sunday, Nov. 17: 8 & 10 am - Worship. Mon.: 4:30 pm - TWIG Taco Night at Village Pub. 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous. Newsletter items due.

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Pastor Darin Warnecke 920-582-7772

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Sunday, Nov. 17: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship/Lord's Supper. 9:10 am - Family Bible Study.

Mon.: 6 pm - Contemporary Music Practice.

Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters. 5:45 pm - Stewardship Mtg. 6:45 pm - Church Council Mtg.

Wed.: 6:30 pm - Catechism Study.

Grace Lutheran Church 8396 Steeple Hill Drive

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Sunday, Nov. 17: 9:30 am - Worship (streamed and in person). 10:45 am -Adult Forum.

Mon.: 9 am & 4 pm - Ruth's Pantry. Tues.: 8:30 am - Property Team.

Wed.: 9:30 am - Women of Grace. 5:30 pm - Full-service w/communion. 6:15 pm - Confirmation.

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Bible Baptist Church At First Presbyterian Church 32 S. Third Avenue

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Mon.: Kielbasa/sauerkraut, baked beans, fresh orange.

Tues.: Chili w/pasta, saltines, carrots, pineapple, cornbread.

Wed.: Chili mango chicken, sour cream/chive potatoes, broccoli, mandarin oranges.

Thurs.: Thanksgiving Dinner: Turkey, mashed potatoes, yams, dinner roll, pump-

Fri.: Garlic/honey pork chip, oven browned potatoes, candy carrots, peaches. Sat.: (Meals are frozen; delivered Fri-

day) Please consider volunteering at the Winneconne meal site. Please phone 582-7656

if you can assist. Winneconne Community School Dis-

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Lunch:

ES: Along with main entrée and rotating vegetable, garden bar, assorted fruit, PB&J pocket, chef salad, and milk are offered daily.

MS: Along with main entrée, chef salad, rotating salad, fruit bowl, PB&J pocket, turkey (or ham) and cheese sandwich, snacks, garden bar, assorted fruit and milk are offered daily.

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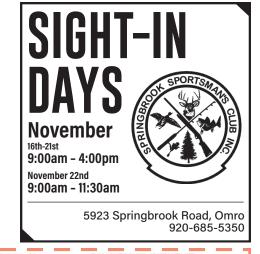
Mon: ES: Cheese bites/sauce, yogurt cup, baked beans. MS: Sloppy joe, Sun Chips, baked beans.

Tues.: ES: Sub sandwich, chips, fruit. MS: BBQ chicken Totchas, Teddy Grahams, baked beans.

Wed.: ES: Chicken wings, cheesy potatoes, peas. MS: Breakfast bowl, flavored

Thurs.: ES: Hot dog, potato wedges, roasted veggies. MS: Baked ziti, garlic bread, corn.

Fri.: ES: Baked ziti, cauliflower, dinner roll. MS: Chicken nuggets, smile potatoes, baby carrots.











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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

A Matter of Perspective

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter lakeandpond2@gmail.com

Funny how quickly things can change. One second, you're caught up in paying bills, running errands, and watching about the ten millionth political ad.

An hour later, you're fifteen feet in



the air surrounded by the silence of an oak forest. Not only physically a different perspective, but mentally and spiritually too.

You can see clearly up here. It's all so simple. I like to

think about the other guys over the last thousand years who may have shared the same view. Orion fading into the sky as the sun creeps up the ridge over my right shoulder. Most trees are now leafless, their magic color show put to rest for another winter. The deer, squirrels, jays, crows, owls, and ravens all communicating with each other as they have for

In this most basic of environments, your thoughts are so much sharper as well. Huh, I just remembered the name of that band I've been trying to recall all week. President who? It doesn't matter out here. My wild friends will not be ruled or run by anyone's politics. Nor will I out here. Nothing can touch me

Here also is where I like to offer my prayers and thanks to the powers that be. The ones truly in charge of our lives. A time and place to acknowledge how insignificant we are in this huge universe. But also to realize that we're all in this together and how big an impact we can have on those we meet and spend

I guess what I'm hoping is, if you are struggling, anxious, annoyed, regretful, or ailing in any way—step outside. Go for a walk. Breathe in the wild wind. Climb a tree if that's your thing.

Get away from the TV, the radio, and your cell phone, and find a new perspec-

A view from Matt's deer stand.

Tales From The Land of Retirement

Our patriotic duty

By Jeanne Lehr

Genie6364@yahoo.com

The election is over and the results are in. There are some celebrating and some stunned. The only truly



good thing about the end of any election is the silencing of campaign ads. They were horrible and mostly untrue.

With the joining of the media and AI, ads and con-

tent were able to be manipulated to fit a presenters' criterion. What a shame. You should be able to turn on the news and get the news.

Well, not only have we made it through another election, but we also celebrated Veterans Day. If not for our veterans and their sacrifices, we may be in the same boat our allies are facing over in Europe. As John F. Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Our younger generation doesn't understand that concept. They have lived in peace all their lives and volunteering to sign up is the last thing on their to-do list. In days gone by, young men turned 18 and expected a draft notice. Pack your bag, you're heading to boot camp. I must admit that a lot of youngsters grew up fast.

Even in non-combat times, military training is hard but there are benefits and lessons that will carry throughout a lifetime. As a veteran you can go to school on the GI Bill. You can get medical help through the VA hospitals. You can also join organizations that will give you support and camaraderie. Our veterans deserve all of this and more.

Patriotism. Duty. Honor. Whatever the reason you signed up, America thanks you.

Calender

Thursday, Nov. 14:10:30 am - Strong Bodies/Senior Ctr. 3 pm - Bingo/Senior Ctr. 7 pm - HS Choir Concert/

Friday, Nov. 15: 7pm - Football Playoffs / Winneconne @ Medford vs. Baldwin-Woodville.

Saturday, Nov. 16: 11 am - Girls BB Scrimmage/FDL HS.

Sunday, Nov. 17: Worship at the

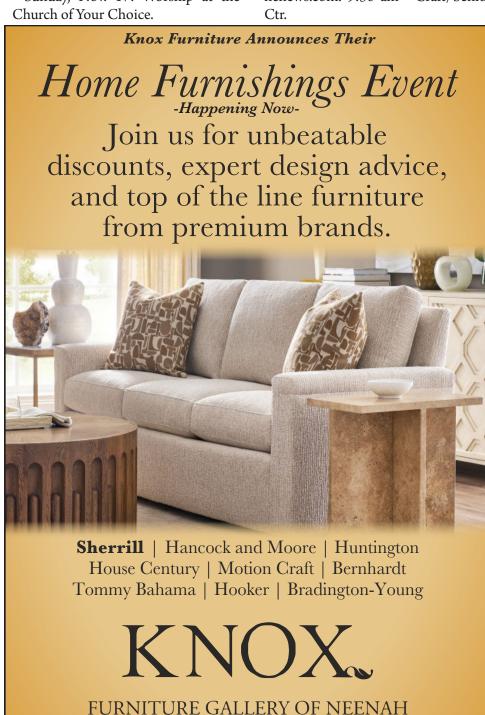
Monday, Nov. 18: 4 pm - 8th grade boys BB @ Ripon; 7th grade, Home/ Ripon.

Tuesday, Nov. 19: 2 pm - Rummikub/Senior Ctr. 3 pm - Bean Bags/Senior Ctr. 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Girls BB @ Markesan.

Wednesday, Nov. 20: The News is OUT - Subscribe today @ winneconnenews.com. 9:30 am - Craft/Senior







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Back in the Day



November 1978

A corn and grain show was annually hosted at Winneconne High School by the Agricultural Department for many years. From left to right, those participating in 1978 included Ag. In-

structor Merlin VanRooy, John Kunde, Ag. Agent Vernon Peroutky, Ken Romberg, Steve Dodd, Keith Eake, Clete Kiesow, and Ag. Agent Gary Bloomberg.









The Weekly Whisk

Teriyaki Ground Beef and Broccoli

Easy weeknight meal prepared in one pan? I'm in! You can serve this over rice or lo mein noodles. One thing I do know, it's delicious no matter how you serve it! I especially love the Yum Yum sauce, you will want to save the recipe just to have the sauce in your fridge for other meals, like chicken sandwiches.

For questions or comments email weeklywhisk01@gmail.com

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided 12 oz fresh broccoli florets 1 pound ground beef

1-inch piece ginger, minced (optional)

2 cloves garlic, minced (optional) 1 cup store-bought teriyaki sauce

for the Yum Yum sauce:

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 1/2 tablespoon sriracha or chili garlic sauce

1 tablespoon honey

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

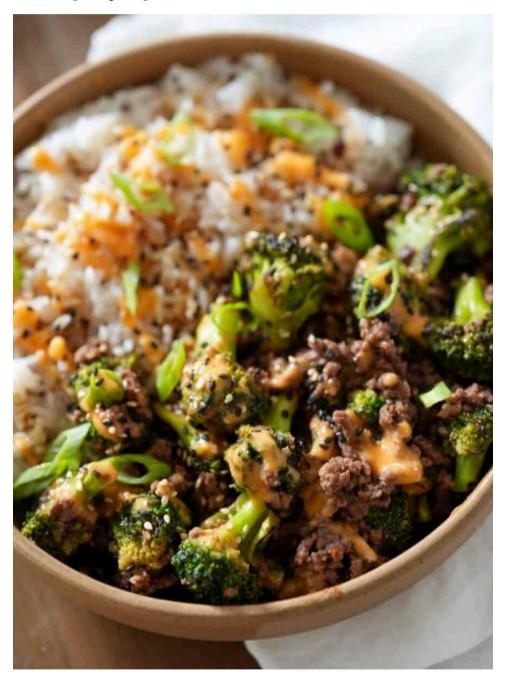
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Mix the Yum Yum sauce ingredients and set aside.

Heat a skillet over medium-high heat with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Add the broccoli and leave untouched for 2-3 minutes until slightly charred on one side. Flip the broccoli and cook for another 2-3 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

In the same skillet, heat a 1/2 table-spoon of oil before adding the ground beef. Brown one side before breaking apart and fully cooking. Once the beef is cooked, create a center well and add the remaining 1/2 tablespoon of oil, followed by the ginger and garlic. Cook for 30-60 seconds until fragrant before stirring together with the cooked beef. Add the teriyaki sauce and stir everything together. Cook for 1-2 minutes until the sauce thickens and begins to stick to the beef. Add the broccoli back to the skillet. Turn off the heat and stir everything together.

Serve over rice or noodles with the sauce and garnish with sesame seeds and scallions, if desired.





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County Executive

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I will listen to all who have concerns and consider their input as we move forward to improve our quality of life. Working closely with committees, the county board, and other stakeholders we will implement long term solutions that positively impact our community."

Get ready for another School Forest Family Night with a hunter's theme

The Norbert Rich School Forest is gearing up for another Family Night set for Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 5 p.m.

This month's theme is "Deer Hunter's Potluck & Family Fun!"

Attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite wild game snack or dish,

along with a headlamp or flashlight for book "Lucky Luke's Hunting Adven-

themed coloring pages, good luck card

writing to family hunters, the creation of a massive batch of trail mix, along with a campfire and s'mores!

Sign up is required at https://tinyurl.com/38vjxdsp or by emailing School Forester Pat Kolbe at kolbep-@w-csd.org.

Football

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ing offense.

Baldwin-Woodville has scored at least 32 points in every game this season and are averaging 44.7 points per contest. The Blackhawks have racked up 148 points in their three postsea-

Baldwin-Woodville's offense is led by a pair of 1,400-yard rushers in Taden Holldorf and Gavin Sell. Holldorf leads the team with 1,905 yards this season and is averaging 8.9 yards per carry, while Sell has racked up 1,423 yards and is averaging 9.2 yards per carry. The duo has combined for 48 rushing touchdowns.

Sell has also thrown for 1,154 yards and 15 touchdowns this season.

This is Baldwin-Woodville's eighth trip to a state semifinal game and second straight appearance. The Blackhawks lost to eventual state champion Lodi, 49-29 in last year's state semifinal. Baldwin-Woodville has won state titles in 1987 and 1992.

Winneconne's last appearance in a state semifinal came on its march to the 2013 state championship. That season they knocked off Somerset, 16-14, to earn the trip to Camp Randall Stadium.

Tickets for the state semifinal game are available online at https://tinyurl. com/y6skdt4u. Tickets can also be purchased with cash at the field on the day of the game.



the StoryHike, which will feature the ture: THE SWAMP, by Keving Long-

Other activities will include hunting

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WIAA Playoffs Division 4 semifinals

(Games Friday, 7 p.m.) Winneconne (12-0) vs. Baldwin-Woodville (11-1) at Med-

Aquinas (11-1) vs. Racine St. Catherine's (12-0) at Madison La Follette



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As children who are lead-poisoned typically do not look or act sick, a blood test is the best way to find out if a child has lead poisoning.

Winnebago County Public Health offers lead screenings at its Oshkosh and Neenah offices to those who are eligible. If you do not have insurance or need help getting a lead test for your child, contact Winnebago County Public Health to schedule a lead screening.

Winnebago County Public Health also works to eliminate lead hazards with its Lead-Safe Homes Program. This program helps pay for the safe removal of lead from rental and owner-occupied homes. The public health department works directly with homeowners and contractors to coordinate a risk assessment and remove lead hazards. If a home qualifies for the program, up to 100 percent of the lead abatement costs could be covered. Lead-safe repairs may include

new windows, siding, doors, painting, gutters or other lead hazard repairs.

Properties that meet the following criteria may be eligible:

- Children or pregnant women live in or regularly visit the home and are on Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus.
- The home or rental property was built before 1978.
- The property is insured and taxes are up to date.

If you do not qualify for the Lead-Safe Homes Program but would like a lead hazard risk assessment, you can find a certified inspector or risk assessor by visiting the United States Environmental Protection Agency's website or calling the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD.

For more information about lead poisoning or the Lead-Safe Homes Program, contact the Winnebago County Health Department at 920-232-3000 or visit www.winnebagocountywi.gov/health. You can also find more information on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ website: lead/index.htm



October Winneconne FFA student spotlight



Alana Eichinger is October's FFA student spotlight.

For the month of October, Alana Eichinger was selected as the Winneconne FFA Star SAE Student.

An SAE is a Supervised Agricultural Experience Project where a student applies agriculture to real life. Some students work on farms while others have projects at home.

Alana's SAE is calf management. She works at the Jackson Family Farm in the Omro/Poygan area. At the beef farm, she feeds roughly 40-50 calves at a time. She is responsible for making sure the calves drink and are healthy.

She looks for signs of sickness so treatment can be given if necessary. Other tasks include bedding the pens, giving grain and hay, filling water, and cleaning the milk room and all its various supplies.

Working at the farm has allowed Alana to grow and learn new skills and make her more passionate about animals. Alana is a sophomore FFA member, and her parents are Terry and Mindy Eichinger.

Submitted by Hailey Domke, Winneconne FFA Vice President

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Berholtz Honey Farm carries on delicate family tradition

By Randy Domer Herald contributor

Remember those Sunday afternoon drives when your parents loaded everyone into the car and went for a



A 5-pound honey can from the Berholtz Honey Farm.

drive in the country?

If your Sunday afternoon drive took you south of town on Oregon Street Road, you will remember seeing the farms that dotted the landscape between Oshkosh and Fond du Lac. Some of those were dairy farms; others raised crops or livestock.

But one farm was different than all the others. Visitors traveling by will find themselves welcomed by a hand-crafted sign that reads "Berholtz Honey Farm." The Berholtz family farm has no cattle, swine, chickens or sheep; they raise bees ... for honey.

During the 1890s, Henry (Herman W.) Berholtz was a student at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf in Delavan. He was born deaf and unable to speak. Henry's father, Fred, who firmly believed in the value of a good education, sent him there to attend school. There, Henry met his wife-to-be, Bertha Kress.

Bertha, originally from the Town of Black Wolf, became deaf at age 15 due to an illness. When Henry and Bertha married, Fred Berholtz wanted to make sure his son and new wife could provide for themselves and a family. They purchased a farm from Bertha's father, staying true to a family farming tradition started in the 1890s.

But the Berholtzs took a different approach to farming. They grew fruit and started raising bees for honey. The bees helped with pollination on the farm and the honey was sold locally through want ads in the newspaper.

Henry's children would help transport honey into Oshkosh to sell. Over time, Henry became known as "The Honey Man"

An article published in The Silent Worker in January 1916 featured Henry and his success with honey. It is like reading a most interesting book to get Henry to talk about the bees, the all-important queen bee, the useless drones, beehives, honeycombs and the honey-making process.

He extracts his own honey and puts it in clean sanitary cans of 5- and 10-pound quantities. He receives so many orders that his profits are large. He receives most of his orders by phone and delivers them all personally. Phone orders were placed through a business associate who would relay the orders to Berholt.

Henry worked the farm until his death in 1947.

The next generation to carry on the honey business was handed down to Henry's son Melvin and wife Ruth. In 1991, Melvin spoke with a newspaper reporter about his operation. Melvin pointed out that a good hive can easily bring in 15 pounds in one day of honey flow during early June and October, adding "Dutch clover, dandelion, alfalfa and sweet clover make the best honey"

When asked if he ever gets stung, Melvin said, "I may get stung 100 times a day." Then he just shrugged his shoulders, saying he takes it all in stride. Ruth Berholtz then added, "When a bee stings you, it loses its organs and will die."

Melvin went on to explain, "Drones aren't good for much except fertilizing the queen, then they stick around and do nothing." Once winter is on the way, the worker bees kick the drones out from the hive so they don't eat the food that the queen and workers need to survive the winter.

Today Melvin and Ruth's son Keith is at the helm of the honey business. Keith is the fourth generation to operate the apiary. Along with his son Brian and brother Steve, Keith oversees a business that is substantially smaller than the one his grandfather started in the early 1900s.

The Berholtz Honey Farm, at its peak, once managed 750 to 800 hives. Today only 20 are in operation – some

on the old Berholtz farm with others in Omro and Van Dyne.

"It basically meets our needs," Keith explained. He and brother Steve are retired and son Brian has another business he operates. When needed, everybody pitches in.

All the honey production is sold commercially to companies that use it for further processing.

"Our largest customer is Hughes Chocolates right here in Oshkosh," Keith pointed out. "They buy a majority of the honey we produce."

This year's honey production equaled about 1,600 pounds, of which 1,200 was purchased by the local candy maker. According to Keith, "We've been selling honey to Hughes now for about 75 years."

Raising bees and hive management is complicated business. Learning to become an apiarist – a person who raises bees – has been a hands-on training experience for all Berholtz family members, with each learning from their previous ancestors.

"Everything I learned came mostly from my father," Keith shared.

Keith went on to explain how changes in recent years have affected honey production.

"I remember in the early years, the average production of honey was about 120 pounds per hive. Today, production is less due to a number of inhibitors. There are fewer flowering plants today due to herbicides used to control things like dandelions, clover and other wild flowering plants," he

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"Genetics have altered the way plants grow and produce. For example, alfalfa plants are hybrid today, which means it flowers, but the flowers do not produce the nectar that the bees are looking for.

Sprays used on corn also have a detrimental effect. Bees land on the corn stalks and carry the pollen back to the hive where it is often stored in the reserve honey that bees put away for consumption into the fall and winter months.

"When the bees start to eat the reserves, they consume the contaminants that came from the pollen and slowly begin to die," Keith said. "I've seen hives virtually collapse late in the year due to this."

He went on to explain that mites are also a huge problem. Brought here from Europe many years ago, mites attach themselves to the host and eventually kill them.

When asked, Keith describes the future of this family-owned tradition: "My brother and I will keep it going until we can no longer do it." He has hopes that his son Brian will continue to carry on the family tradition, Keith said that will be his decision.

So, for now, the only way to enjoy the sweet taste of Berholtz's locally produced honey is to grab a box of Hughe's chocolates. And maybe next time think twice before swatting a honeybee.

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The burpee challenge final tally at Alpha Fitness

From left to right, burpee challenge participants Carina Mickelson - yoga instructor, Kelly Blakesley - lead trainer/class instructor, Brent Buehler - gym manager, Nick Hawley - owner/operator, Adam Mootz – owner, Amy Odekirk - Aurora director of development, and Emily Mootz - marketing/front desk.

In the ultimate burpee challenge conducted at Alpha Fitness 24/7 during the month of October, participants successfully raised a sizable

\$1,220 for breast cancer research after completing a daunting 2,440 burpees. Kelly Blakesley was the winner after

slaying an amazing 750 burpees!

Money raised was directed to the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic located at Aurora Health Care, Oshkosh. Currently there are 58 active clinical trials aimed at advancing cancer treatment in the State of Wisconsin, with these dollars going to assist them.



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