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## Federal complaints filed over gender identity policies

WCSD among four Wisconsin school districts named in suit

By Becky LaDue

LGBTQ+ advocacy groups Fair Wisconsin and GSAFE filed a federal civil rights complaint against four Wisconsin schools, including the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD), claiming they violated federal law relating to gender identity and their anti-discrimination policies last month. The other schools named were Muskego-Norway, the School District of Abbotsford, and the Hartford Union High School. As for Abbotsford's complaint, that relates to non-action in acceptance of the new policy, while the other complaints are associated with the removal of language regarding gender identity.

Complaints were filed with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights. GSAFE and Fair Wisconsin filed a similar case against the Kettle Moraine School District in September, also alleging Title IX violations.

Signed into law in 1972, Title IX bans discrimination against students and staff in federally funded education programs on the basis of sex. The law was updated by the Biden administration this year to include gender identity and sexual orientation.

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The residence in question where two male bodies were found deceased on October 13 in the Town of Poygan.

## Two males found dead in Town of Poygan residence

At 11:18 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Craig Quick reported on the county's news hotline that deputies were dispatched to a home located at 7707 Quigley Road in the Town of Poygan at approximately 5:36 p.m. that same evening.

Deputies and first responders responded immediately to a 911 call from the residence, the caller stating that two deceased males had been discovered inside the home.

The bodies have been identified as

Richard M. Davis, age 61, and Alexander C. Davis, age 26. The two are father and son and lived together in the home.

This is an active and ongoing investigation. This is an isolated incident and there is no ongoing threat to the public.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Winneconne Police Department, the Winneconne-Poygan Fire District; the Oshkosh Fire Department; The Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response Team; the Winnebago County Highway Department, and the Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office.



7077 Quigley Road was the location the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to.

## Family Dollar to close doors at year end

By Becky LaDue

Nearly 1,000 Family Dollar stores are in the process of closing across the country and Winneconne's Family Dollar has not escaped—slated to shut its doors for good on December 31 when its lease expires—with the building up for sale by the Pfeifferle Group.

The building is currently owned by LSM Property Management—with previous owners being Oak Lawn Realty and Trilogy Development; Gordon Wentzel was the original owner of the parcel. Family Dollar has been operating in the village since roughly 2009. Back in 2014, there were rumors of its closure when Dollar Tree bought the retail chain and eliminated roughly 390 Family Dollar stores nationwide, but the Winneconne store survived—10 years later, there's been a reversal of fortune.

Dollar Tree (Family Dollar's owner) announced in a statement earlier this year:

"As previously disclosed, in the fourth quarter of 2023 we initiated a comprehensive review of our store portfolio to identify underperforming stores. Our review identified approximately 600 Family Dollar stores for closure in the first half of 2024 and an additional approximately 370 stores to be closed over the next several years during the normal course of lease



Winneconne's Family Dollar store will be one of nearly 1,000 such stores around the country closing its doors.

expiration..."

The News spoke with Pfeifferle Broker Elizabeth Ringgold, who is managing the sale of the property, along with several other Family Dollar locations across Wisconsin. She confirmed the lease with Family Dollar expires December 31, with

the store empty and available by as early as January 1, 2025. Ringgold also indicated there's been several calls from prospective occupants, but did not elaborate.

The store's loss will certainly be felt by its employees and the community, with so few retail options available locally.



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## Church Notes

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
210 Pleasant Drive  
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Priest Celebrants  
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& **Fr. Ben Pribbenow**  
Deacon Paul Vidmar, Pastoral Coordinator

Thurs.: 2 pm - Rosary.  
Sat.: 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm - Mass.  
Sunday, Oct. 20: 10:30 am - Mass & Reflection Weekend.  
Mon.: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion.  
8:30 am - Rosary. 4:45 pm - OCIA. 6 pm - Chosen/Kaudy Hall. 6 pm- Finance Council.  
Tues.: 1:30 pm- BS Catholicism. 6 pm - Rosary.  
Wed.: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion.  
3:10 pm - ES FF; 6:30 pm - HS FF.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
9077 North Road  
Zittau  
Pastor Tauna Roth  
Sundays: 9 am - Worship.

**Winneconne Public Library**  
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Tue 9am-6:00pm	always available.
Wed 9am-4:30pm	.....
Thu 9am-4:30pm	Special appt times
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Sat 9am-Noon	upon request by
Sunday Closed	calling 582-7091.

**Lord of the Lakes (ELCA) Church**  
6090 Harbour South  
Winneconne  
Pastor Kevin Heffernan  
Thurs: 8:30 am - Bible Study.  
Sat.: 11 am - TWIG visits Open Trails.  
Sunday, Oct. 20: 8 & 10 am - Worship.  
Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous. 6 pm - AcaBellas.  
Wed.: 5 pm - Guitar Band. 6 pm - Youth Group and Choir.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
8 South Fourth Street  
Winneconne  
Pastor Ben Berger  
920-582-7772  
Thurs.: 9:30 am - Bible Study.  
Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship/Lord's Supper. Pastor Warnecke's installation.  
Sunday, Oct. 20: 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. 5:30 pm - Child Ctr. Mtg. 6 pm - Elders Mtg. 6:30 pm - Evangelism Mtg.  
Wed.: 6:30 pm - Catechism Study.

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
8396 Steeple Hill Drive  
Winchester  
Pastor Mark Laatsch  
Sunday, Oct. 20: 9:30 am - Indoor Worship (streamed and in person).  
Mon.: 9 am & 4 pm - Ruth's Pantry.  
Wed.: 8:30 am - Sewing Circle.

**Winneconne Christian Fellowship**  
313 N. Ninth Avenue  
Winneconne  
Senior Pastor Jake Gibson

**Associate Pastor Brett Fox**  
**Associate Pastor Derek Vercimak**  
Sundays: 9:30 am - Praise & Worship Service. 11:00 - Intentional Fellowship.  
Tues.: 8:30 am - "Approved" Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church, WELS**  
8630 County Road MM  
Larsen  
Pastor Paul Ibisch  
920-878-3001  
Sundays: 10 am - Service with Bible Study/Fellowship to Follow.  
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**First Presbyterian Church**  
32 S. Third Avenue  
Winneconne  
920-706-0047  
Pastor Emily Lueder  
Sunday, Oct. 20: 8:30 am - Sunday Service.

**Zion Ev. Lutheran Church**  
E9016 Marsh Road  
Fremont  
[www.zionfremont.com](http://www.zionfremont.com)  
920-667-4301  
Sundays: 9 am - Worship service. 10:15 am - Bible study and Sunday School.

**Bible Baptist Church**  
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32 S. Third Avenue  
Winneconne  
Pastor Robert Hatch  
920-582-7100  
Sundays: 10:45 am - Sunday School. 12 pm - Worship.

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Wednesday Bible Study

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## Spooktacular Candlelight Story Hike set

The third annual Spooktacular Candlelight Story Hike at the Norbert Rich School Forest is back for another evening filled with books, spooks, laughter, treats and fun. The hike is set for Thursday, Oct. 17 and families are welcomed to attend anytime between the hours of 5:30 and 8 p.m. This is a free event, but there will be a donation box to support future School Forest events.

A 3/4 -mile hiking trail will be illuminated by battery powered candlelight as families stop at 18 different stations to read pages from the book *The Berenstain Bears: Ghost of the Forest* by Stan and Jan Berenstain. Several trick-or-treat stops will be featured along with the possibility of costumed volunteers looking to put a slight scare in the group. Flashlights are encouraged.

The Candlelight Trail opens early to accommodate younger participants, but the magic truly happens as darkness falls and the trail lights up. After completing the trail, families are invited to enjoy a bonfire and

s'mores provided by the Winneconne FFA.

It is suggested that children bring their own bag or bucket to collect treats. Dressing up in costumes is also encouraged as it adds to the fun of the night. Last year's event had well over 250 attendees, so drive slowly and plan to park along Ginnow Road and walk up the driveway. The Norbert Rich School Forest is located at 5007 Ginnow Road, Omro.

**Warlocks & Witches Night Out!**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 - 6 to 10 PM**  
**TINY'S**  
 111 W. MAIN ST. WINNECONNE  
 ?!Witch Way to TINY'S!  
**BROOM SHOTS!**  
**PRIZES & SNACKS!**  
**WITCHES BREW!**  
**DRINK SPECIALS!**  
**JUDGING @ 9 PM**  
**WITCHES & BEST WARLOCK!**  
**COSTUME CONTEST: GOOD/BAD/SEXY**

## Winneconne Historical Society upcoming elections

The Winneconne Historical Society will hold its final membership meeting of the year at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22 in the community room of the Winneconne Municipal Center. An election of officers and board members will be held.

Following the meeting, which will include reports and plans for the Holiday Fair, a special presentation will be given by Scott Jorgenson, president of the Omro Historical Society. He is an independent historian of material culture. He

researches antique and vintage clothing for museums, auction houses and private collectors around the world. His presentation "Remembering the Past" starts with a brief history of photography and examples from his own diverse collection. The second part of his presentation will review photographs the audience has brought for him to analyze and discuss.

The presentation is open to the public. Everyone is invited to bring old photos for the show and tell portion of the program.

## National Drug Take Back Day slated for October 26

**Drug drop box on lower level of Municipal Center**

Winnebago County residents are encouraged to dispose of unwanted medication during Drug Take Back Day on October 26. The Winneconne Police Department has a permanent drop box located on the lower level of the Municipal Center.

Please empty all unwanted medications in sandwich sized sealable bags. Keep creams, liquids and powders in their original containers. Recycle all pill bottles and paper bags. Dispose of pill caps in the gar-

bage.

**You can make a difference:**

- Improve water quality in Lake Winnebago
- Reduce drug-related crime
- Prevent prescription drug abuse
- Prevent accidental poisoning, especially in children and pets

**Drug Drop Boxes do not accept:**

- medical supplies (thermometers)
  - biological waste (eye drops)
  - sharps (needles, syringes, and lancets)
- Contact Winnebago County Public Health for more information.

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**OCT 18**

**Brews in the Zoo**  
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**Menominee Park Zoo**  
5-9 PM

**OCT 19**

**UWO Homecoming Football vs UW-Platteville**  
J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium  
Kickoff at 1:30 PM  
*Join us at Titan Tailgate before heading to the UW Oshkosh football game.*  
**Reeve Union**  
10:30 AM-12:30 PM

**OCT 20**

**Run with the Herd 5K & 1K**  
5K competitive run followed by a 1K family fun run  
**Oshkosh Arena • 8 AM**

**ALL OF OCT**

**Haunted Happenings @ The Grand**  
A variety of events capturing the spirit of Halloween: tours, performances & ghost stories, that delve into the eerie history of The Grand.



Classrooms are receiving finishing touches this month.

### Middle School Construction Project Progresses

The Winneconne Middle School rebuild project continues to make good progress as the school year is fully underway with students continuing to learn amidst the facility's reconstruction.

What's happening now?

- Windows and doors have been installed in classrooms, with the learning spaces receiving final touches.
- Restrooms are nearly complete with all accessories and fixtures in place.
- Progress continues on the school's maintenance area.
- Fencing installation is progressing around the playground.

Miron Construction and the district indicate the next areas of focus will be the kitchen/serving areas and the art room.



The new bathrooms are a wonderful improvement from the 1975 originals.



Progress continues on the building's maintenance area.



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# Patrolling The Beat

## August 3 – WELFARE CHECK

An officer was dispatched to a report of an intoxicated male who was inside a vehicle, yelling and causing issues. The officer arrived at the location and observed a male in the passenger seat of a truck with obvious signs of impairment from intoxication. A female in the driver's seat stated they were only talking about their relationship, which led to an argument. She stated they would be sleeping overnight in the vehicle. No further action was taken.

## August 5 – DRUGS

An officer on patrol observed a vehicle traveling eastbound on E. Main St. without its headlight lamps on. The officer initiated a traffic stop and upon contact, did not notice indicators of intoxication. The driver stated he was at the dog park and forgot to turn on his lights when leaving. Proof of insurance was provided. As the driver was searching, the officer observed an open intoxicant in the center console, as well as a strong odor of marijuana. When asked, the driver stated he had a pipe in the door pocket. A probable cause search was performed, locating several contraband items, and the open drink found in the center console was an alcoholic beverage. The driver agreed to perform SFSTs; no signs of impairment were found. The driver was then cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of open intoxicants.

## August 7 – THEFT

An officer was dispatched in response to a theft complaint. It was reported that an employee of a local business parked their scooter outside the building when reporting for work, and later that afternoon, the scooter was gone. Outdoor surveillance footage was viewed, and the suspect was identified and located. The suspect was an Amazon delivery driver, not usually in this area. The scooter was turned over to police, who returned it to the owner, and the offender was cited for theft and fired from Amazon.

## August 7 – DAMAGE

Vandalism was reported in the bathroom of one of the shelters at Marble Park. The toilet paper dispenser was broken, the walls were covered with wet toilet paper, and the sinks were filled with toilet paper. DPW was notified and the damage was cleaned up and repaired.

## August 7 – DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

Dispatch notified an officer of a verbal disturbance and threats of violence. Upon arrival, the male was waiting outside, with

the noticeable odor of intoxicants. The male stated the female attacked him with a closed fist, although there was no evidence of an altercation. The female provided videos depicting the male as the aggressor, threatening to call law enforcement and lie so she would be arrested. Due to the odor of alcohol, the male took a preliminary breath test, which returned a result of above the legal limit.

The male continued being loud and boisterous was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting/obstructing officers. He was transported to jail and the 72-hour no contact order was waived.

## August 8 – SUSPICIOUS PERSON

An officer responded to a report of a male walking on the bridge who appeared intoxicated and had urinated on a building. Officers made contact, and the man was then driven home without issue. The male was highly intoxicated and could barely walk at 3 in the afternoon.

## August 9 – ADVISE/MEDICAL

An officer responded to the report of an elderly female who had fallen. The officer waited with the female until the ambulance arrived and made sure her residence was locked and secured.

## August 9 – DISORDERLY CONDUCT

An officer was dispatched to remove an individual from another's residence. The reporting party was waiting outside and stated that she wanted her niece, who was also her caregiver, removed from her property. Her niece had been staying with her and an argument led her to push her aunt, who then grabbed a knife and threatened her. The aunt admitted to pulling a knife, but stated it was in self-defense. She was arrested for disorderly conduct, transported to the hospital for medical clearance and then to jail. Her niece enforced the 72 hour no contact order.

## August 12 – DRUGS

While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle deviate from its lane. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver provided a valid Wisconsin ID, but no license. The driver admitted he was revoked, and a noticeable odor of marijuana was present. The driver then admitted to having marijuana and turned it over to the officer. He was asked to exit the vehicle, and a probable cause search was completed, resulting in more drugs and paraphernalia. The driver stated he was on a deferred prosecution agreement. The DA's office confirmed this. The driver was issued citations for possession of THC and operating while revoked and

was released to a valid driver.

## August 13 – VIOLATION COURT ORDER

Dispatch notified an officer of a possible temporary restraining order violation at Waterfront Park. The two parties were on separate boats. The reporting party stated she had video of her boyfriend's ex-girlfriend driving too near their boat, trying to incite a response from her ex. The temporary restraining order is out of Waushara County.

## August 14 – DAMAGE PROPERTY

An officer was dispatched to the men's bathroom at Marble Park for a report of vandalism. Damage was found including broken soap dispensers, a broken toilet paper holder, the floor and walls covered in wet toilet paper, and a bicycle stuffed into one of the stalls.

## August 15 – OWI

While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle on W. Main St. deviate from their lane. The license plate was checked through DOT records and was expired. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver admitted knowledge of expired registration. The officer observed the driver's slurred speech. While waiting for the driver to provide proof of insurance, the driver's license was run, and it was discovered the driver had four prior OWI convictions and a .02 restriction. The driver admitted to drinking and agreed to perform SFSTs and provided a preliminary breath sample. The results led to the driver's arrest for felony OWI-5<sup>th</sup>, and transported to the police department for further testing. The result exceeded the legal limit, and the driver, who was cooperative, was transported to jail.

## August 16 – THEFT

An officer responded to the village owned docks at Waterfront Park to investigate a moored boat illegally hooked up to the village electric supply via a light pole. The light had been tampered with, without permission. The boat owner was identified, and the owner's signed boat slip rental agreement found them to be in violation of the terms of the agreement. Municipal ordinance citations were issued for building construction violations, theft of property, and damage to public property. The boat owner was also served with a termination notice of the slip rental.

## August 18 – OWI

While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle without its head or tail lamps on. A traffic stop was initiated. When asked

for identification, the driver was observed with glassy eyes and slurred speech. The driver was asked to exit the vehicle and agreed to perform standard field sobriety tests. Following the SFSTs, the driver agreed to a preliminary breath test. Due to the test results, the driver was arrested for OWI and transported to the police department and cited for OWI and PAC 1<sup>st</sup>.

## August 19 – SUSPICIOUS PERSON

An officer investigated a report of a male flying a drone on elementary school property. Contact was made with the male, who was making a promotional video for a nearby church. No further issues.

## August 20 – OWI

While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle without an illuminated license plate. A traffic stop was initiated and explained. The officer noticed an odor of intoxicants, and the female admitted to having alcoholic beverages before driving. An assisting officer was requested, and standardized field sobriety tests were performed by the driver. The driver was arrested for OWI and transported to the police department. Cited for OWI and PAC 1<sup>st</sup>.

## August 22 – THEFT

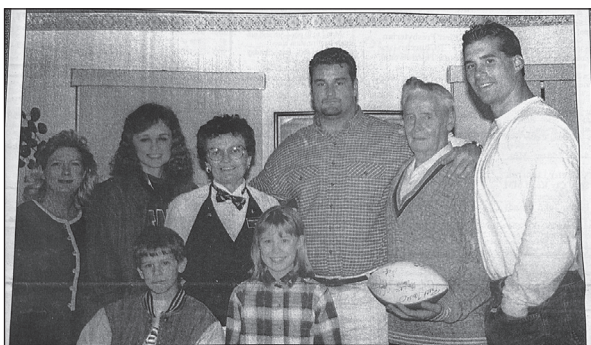
An officer contacted the victim of an after-the-fact theft occurring on August 17. A female reported that during a celebration of life service held for her late husband, several items of sentimental value were taken. Investigation continues.

## August 26 – DAMAGE PROPERTY

An officer was dispatched following a report of someone's belongings being tossed in the water near the Fin 'n' Feather. The reporting party stated he had been fishing under the bridge when a group of individuals approached him and made rude comments, then walked away. Shortly thereafter, he walked back along the shore where he had left his belongings and found them floating in the water. He was able to retrieve them, but no suspicious parties were located.

## August 29 – ASSIST AGENCY

Following the report of a runaway youth, an officer checked several locations in Winneconne. The Sheriff's deputies eventually located the youth in Appleton and transported him back to the Sheriff's office, where he was reunited with his mother.



The family of Travis Gross accepted an autographed football on his behalf from two Green Bay Packer players Tuesday evening at Haase's Supper Club near Berth. Packer center Frank Winters and tight end Mark Chumra also signed autographs for the family and friends. Winters and his wife are friends of the Naptops, owners of Haase's. Shown in the picture left to right are Laura Naptops, Travis' mom, Carol grandmother, Bernice Flanagan, sister, Danielle brother, Cody Packer owner, Frank Winters, holding the football, grandfather, Norm Flanagan and Packer tight end Mark Chumra. Travis came home from the hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 15, and will be receiving therapy at Theda Clark in Neenah. Travis was injured in a diving accident on Lake Poygan last summer.

## Back in the Day

Back in the day, circa 1995, two prominent Packer players visited the popular area dining spot—Haase's Supper Club—to present an autographed football and other memorabilia to the family of young Travis Gross, who had been injured in a diving accident on Lake Poygan. The Winters were friends of the Naptops, owners of the supper club, and often frequented it with other Packers' players.

**Friday, November 8, 2024**  
from 2-5:00 p.m.  
City of Menasha Public Works

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**  
from 9-11:00 a.m.  
Winchester Town Hall

**Appointments are required!**  
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Winneconne News

## Donation to Volley Paws

The Winneconne American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary have recently made a nice donation to a local startup volleyball club called "Volley Paws". The club currently has 64 girls in third through sixth grade. The Legion and Auxiliary purchased 32 volleyballs and 2 carts for the club. Back Row, left to right: Auxiliary President Jeanne Lehr, auxiliary president; Coach Jason Behm, Coach Melissa Noffke and Legion Commander Gary Stanek. Front Row: Lily Noffke, Grace Noffke and Coach Alison Otto.

## Help protect Wisconsin's forests during Firewood Awareness Month

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges Wisconsinites and state visitors to think twice before giving invasive species or harmful hitchhikers a ride in their firewood this fall.

During October's National Firewood Awareness Month, help the DNR prevent the spread of invasive pests and harmful insects by making smart firewood choices. Tree-killing hitchhikers often lurk on or inside firewood. These include the spongy moth, emerald ash borer, the fungus that causes oak wilt and many other invasive insects and fungi.

Your firewood choices are important. When untreated firewood is transported away from the tree where it was harvested, those pests and fungi can later emerge to attack trees at the new location. This can happen whether that new location is in the next town or hundreds of miles away.

This fall, the risk of spreading spongy moth on firewood remains high. Although infestation rates in 2024 were not as high

as the record-setting summer of 2023, many areas in the state still saw high caterpillar numbers. That means increased numbers of egg masses and an elevated risk of spreading those egg masses to less-infested areas through firewood.

The Don't Move Firewood website urges people to buy local and burn local. That means purchasing firewood for your camping trip on-site instead of bringing it from home or picking it up along the way. It's also strongly recommended that campers leave any unused firewood behind. It's not worth bringing a pest home to infest your property.

The same guidelines stand for those who use wood to heat their cabin or home. Closer is better. You don't want to put the trees on your property at risk from hitchhiking insects or fungi.

All staffed state parks and forests with campgrounds offer local firewood for sale, and firewood is often available for purchase privately nearby.



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## Class of '63 Gathers

The Winneconne High School Class of 1963 held its 61<sup>st</sup> reunion on September 13, enjoying a luncheon at Winkler's Westward Ho. Twenty-eight guests were in attendance, 17 from the class of '63. Classmates meet annually on the second Friday of September and still enjoy each other's company!

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# Youth Apprenticeship Program thriving in Winneconne

## Ben Mashak finds success in the Public Works Department

By Becky LaDue

Director of Public Works, James Fluette, was once a youth apprentice (YA) himself. That experience, back in the late 90s was the catalyst to his professional career, and he has long seen the value of the program. "It's all about mentorship and growing our future workforce," said Fluette.

This year, Fluette and the village are lucky enough to have a YA on staff, Winneconne High School (WHS) senior Ben Mashak. Mashak is finding great success in his apprenticeship, planning for future employment with the village upon graduation in 2025.

"Two years ago, Ben applied for summer help," said Fluette. "I hired him, and he was fantastic. When he came back for summer number two, I asked him what his future plans were and he told me he didn't really want to leave."

That's when Fluette and Stacey Schoonover, CESA 6's career and technical education consultant, made contact. Fluette had a position open part-time with the village's public works, and with approval from the high school guidance program and Schoonover, the job was developed into a YA experience in the Industrial Maintenance pathway for Ben.

Mashak works Monday through Friday before school, 6:45 to 9:45 a.m., with overtime available. He then attends class for the remainder of the day, and even participates in extracurricular activities.

"I get to work, make money then go to school and learn while also learning here so I can be better on the job when I graduate," Mashak said.



From left to right, Stacey Schoonover, YA Ben Mashak and James Fluette.

The YA experience is open to juniors and seniors offering release time and credits for on-the-job training

Credits, dollars and life experience – what could be better?

CESA's YA program offers 75 different pathways, always growing and focused on industries looking to build their future talent.

"Ben jumped in with both feet," said Fluette "We want him to get his CDL as soon as possible as we rejuvenate our workforce. We have one public works person who is 80, another who is 68...Ben's 17. We're bringing youth back into public works and Ben is thriving."

WHS currently has 30 students participating in YA pathways, said Schoonover, and it's growing all the time. CESA 6, in its entirety, has 2,300 YAs.

"I've learned a lot through them," said Ben. "Construction, roadwork, in addition to other jobs. And I've learned a hard work ethic. I'll know what I'm doing and can be successful."

If you have a student who may be interested in a youth apprenticeship, visit YAWisconsin.org or contact Schoonover sSchoonover@cesa6.org.



Randy and Bob Harper displaying Uncle Clarence Harper's flag.

## Harper flag to be flown at American Legion

Members of the Giles Luce American Legion, Winneconne, will fly Clarence Harper's U.S. flag at the clubhouse on Thursday, October 17, honoring Harper and his crew who lost their lives in a plane crash on February 3, 1945, during WWII. This is the original flag presented to Harper's family in Winneconne by the United States military in 1945.

The date of October 17 has relevance as

it was on that day back in 1944, that the crew's B17 bomber, the Betsy Ross, was attacked and damaged by Nazis. The pilot, Perry Powell, navigated the crew to safe Belgian airspace where seven of the men jumped, leaving Powell and his copilot to crash land the plane—all surviving.

\*\*\*Look for an extended story on the Powell crew in next week's edition of the Winneconne News.

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Phil Grape delivers a generous truckload of food to the Winneconne Assistance Center.

## Thousands raised by Mason's Food & Fund Drive

As Winneconne Masonic Lodge members work to organize their annual Food & Fund Drive for the Winneconne Area Assistance Center (WAAC), they set realistic goals based on the growing need within the community. Unfortunately, the demand for a successful drive continues to rise.

Feeding America recently reported a staggering 60% increase in food insecurity compared to the previous year. Inflation has impacted everyone, with elderly individuals and single-parent households being among the hardest hit.

The good news is, "The 2024 Food &

Fund Drive has once again been a success," reports Lodge Master Nate Ihrig. "We raised over \$4,850 and collected more than three truckloads of food and personal care items for WAAC and its Backpack program."

The lodge is grateful for key support from Multi-Conveyor, Switchgear Power Systems, and the local A&W restaurant. These organizations, along with their employees and customers, understand the importance of giving back to the communities where they live and work. This year more than 30 local businesses and retailers participated in the drive.

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Sports

# Wolves clinch at least share of conference title

Winneconne News

Brody Schaffer rushed for a whopping 306 yards and Winneconne's defense pitched a shutout in the second half as the Wolves pulled away from a pesky Fox Valley Lutheran squad for a 35-19 win on the road in Bay Conference football action last Thursday.

The win keeps the seventh-ranked Wolves undefeated on the season at 8-0 and 6-0 in conference play. Winneconne can cap the perfect regular season on Friday at home when it will host second-place Seymour in the school's annual Homecoming game.

Seymour, which is 7-1 overall, is coming off a 42-8 win over New London last Friday and played the Wolves tough last year, losing just 28-14.

The Thunder are led by running back Xavier Salzman, who has rushed for 1,071 yards and 10 touchdowns this season, while averaging 7.5 yards per carry. Quarterback Cayden Staffeldt has thrown for more than 1,000 yards as well and had 13 touchdowns to just two interceptions.

Seymour has scored at least 33 points in each of its last seven games, except for a 25-24 loss to Fox Valley Lutheran in Week 6.

Against Fox Valley Lutheran, Winneconne trailed 19-14 at halftime but took the opening kickoff in for a touchdown to regain the lead at 22-19. Brody Schaffer scored on a 2-yard run and then added the two-point conversion run to put the Wolves ahead to stay.

Schaffer added touchdown runs of 44



Photo by Doug Sasse

Winneconne defenders Ben Mashak (34) and Oliver McAloon converge on a Fox Valley Lutheran ball carrier last Thursday night.

yards and 80 yards in the fourth quarter as Winneconne extended the lead, while the defense kept the Foxes out of the end zone. Andon Lang, Ryan Quigley and Kaden Carter each had interceptions in the second half for Winneconne to help thwart Fox Valley Lutheran's passing of-

fense.

Winneconne opened the scoring on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Bouras to Carder but the Wolves led just 6-0 after the two-point conversion pass failed.

Fox Valley Lutheran surged ahead 7-6 before the end of the first quarter before Winneconne grabbed the lead to start the second quarter on a 65-yard touchdown run by Schaffer. A Schaffer-to-Quigley conversion pass gave the Wolves a 14-7 lead.

But Fox Valley Lutheran didn't wilt, scoring a touchdown to cut the lead to 14-13 midway through the second quarter

before taking the lead with another score before halftime for the five-point advantage.

Schaffer's huge night on the ground – he averaged 17 yards per carry in his 306-yard effort – helped the Wolves rack up more than 450 yards of total offense. He also finished 8-of-14 passing for 86 yards.

Bryce Jones added 69 yards rushing on 17 carries, while Quigley finished with a team-high three receptions for 37 yards.

Defensively, the Wolves got 11 tackles from Karter Hawthorne and nine from Quigley to lead the way.

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# Sports

## Winneconne boys third at Brillion Invitational

Winneconne News

Grant Wenzelow and Oliver Aberle each finished in the top five to lead the Winneconne boys to a third-place finish at the 11-team Brillion Invitational last Thursday.

Wenzelow finished in second place among the 83 runners in the field, finishing only about 15 seconds out of the top spot. He was one place ahead of Aberle as the two runners finished about five seconds apart and – along with individual winner Matthew Wilterdink of Oostburg – were among the only three runners to break 17 minutes on the course.

Tyler Bostwick was the next Winneconne runner to finish in 24<sup>th</sup> position, followed by Jonah Jacobson in 26<sup>th</sup> and Merrick Heise in 28<sup>th</sup>. The trio of Winneconne runners were separated by about 19 seconds.

The Wolves, who totaled 77 points at the invite, finished behind only Division 1 teams Hortonville (51 points) and Kaukauna (58).

The Winneconne girls finished fifth overall and were led by Lydia Luce, who placed 18<sup>th</sup> overall, two spots ahead of



Photo by Doug Sasse

Grant Wenzelow, pictured above running at a meet earlier this season, finished second at the Brillion Invitational last week to lead the Winneconne boys to a third-place finish.

teammate Ruby Kuehn.

The rest of the scoring runners for the Wolves were Libby Jahnke in 27<sup>th</sup> place, Lauren Wiedmeyer in 28<sup>th</sup> place and Au-

dra Schaffer in 42<sup>nd</sup> place.

Both cross country teams will compete in the East Central Conference meet on Saturday, being held at Barlow Park in Ripon.

## Winneconne posts easy victory over Plymouth

Winneconne News

Alyssa Koval finished with 13 kills to lead the Winneconne Wolves volleyball team to a sweep of Plymouth last week.

Winneconne breezed to a 25-14, 25-18, 25-9 win over the Panthers to improve to 4-1 in East Central Conference play and remain tied with Kettle Moraine Lutheran

for second place in the league.

Malia Bodoh added six kills and Neela Gardner finished with four for the Wolves. Bailey Church chalked up 27 assists in the match.

Winneconne had a strong night serving against the Panthers as the team totaled 12 aces in the match to just five errors. Bodoh

led the team with five aces and 13 points, while Gardner finished with four aces.

Defensively, Bodoh paced the Wolves with five blocks, while Sophia Diersen had three. Hallah Josephson led the team with 12 digs, while Koval and Gardner each finished with seven.

Winneconne faces a tough test on Thursday when the Wolves host conference leading Kewaskum. The Indians are ranked ninth in Division 2.

## Golfers season ends at sectional meet

Winneconne News

The Winneconne girls golf team had its season come to an end at the WIAA Division 2 sectional meet held at Crystal Springs Golf Course in Seymour last week.

The Wolves finished seventh among the nine teams at the tournament, totaling a score of 432.

Lacey Stephans led Winneconne by finishing 15<sup>th</sup> overall with a round of 101. She finished just four shots out of making

the top 10.

Jada Kaiser also finished in the top 20 at sectionals by tying for 20<sup>th</sup> with a score of 105, while Avery Rust with a 107 and Addi Verkullen with a 119 rounded out the scoring golfers for Winneconne.

Freedom won the team title with a score of 400, while Seymour topped Marinette in a playoff to grab second place after both teams finished with a 403. Lake Country Lutheran freshman Aubrey Molaison was the meet medalist with an 86.

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### Correction

**October 9, Page 11:** The volleyball player making the dig in the photo was misidentified. The player for the Wolves volleyball team was Hallah Josephson.

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**Friday, Oct. 18:** 6 pm - Homecoming Parade/Downtown Winneconne. 7 pm - Varsity Football, Home/Seymour.  
**Saturday, Oct. 19:** 9 am - Volleyball Conference @ Waupun. 10 am - XC Conference at Barlow Park. 8:30 pm - Home-

coming Dance/WHS.  
**Sunday, Oct. 20:** Worship at the Church of Your Choice. Bowling 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Practice.  
**Monday, Oct. 21:** Cheer Team 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Practice.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 22:** 2 pm - Rummikub/Senior Ctr. 3 pm - Bean Bags/Senior Ctr.  
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# Buck Shots



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Evelyn Herman, a sixth grader at Winneconne Middle School, harvested this nice, 8-point buck in Clark County during the DNR's Youth Deer Hunt.



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Josh Toll shot this nice 12-point buck on his father's property in Tigerton on September 14 during the opening day of the bow hunting season. It was the largest buck ever harvested by Toll, and it certainly provided an adventure, requiring the tracking assistance of Muckdog's Deer Recovery, Northeast Wisconsin, to successfully recover the deer. Muckdog's arrived 14 hours post-shot, and put its dogs to work. In short order they came upon the buck still alive and bedded down. Spooked, the buck ran at them, then past them, eventually expiring about 50-yards away. It goes without saying that this is a hunt Josh will never forget.

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# Shallow Lakes Chronicles

## Hunting for the happily ever after forms memories

By Matt Harp  
OUTDOOR REPORTER

The morning had just that kind of feel to it – you knew something special was going to happen. The trick was to wait it out to see just what that something was.

Some hunts you find yourself in the middle of nowhere, the air so quiet, you can hear a leaf break off, fall through the air, and drop to the forest floor. This was



Harp

not one of those mornings. The drone of cars, semis, and motorcycles from highways 96, and further south, highway 10, muffled out any subtleties of the daybreak.

A decent wind from the southwest ripped noisily at the grasses, cottonwoods, and willows at the pond's edge where we each sat in our own little fort of cover, hoping to remain undetected. The target today was geese, and with some seen in the area, our hopes were high. Perhaps a mallard or two would take advantage of the plethora of corn kernels and cobs remaining on the soil after the recent harvest.

Perfect timing here cannot be overstated. We had been waiting two years for corn to be planted. Corn is the stuff that migrating geese need to fill and fatten themselves for the long journey south. This year, finally, the switch from soybeans to corn was made and we'd known



Left to right, the groom, bride, and one of the groomsmen.

since spring we'd have a chance to hunt our next-door neighbor's field.

Then, there is the way this farmer operates; the corn field is usually cut by one crew and tilled under by another within a 24-hour period. Seems a little crazy to wait two or three years for a 12-hour chance at harvesting a goose or two, doesn't it? Yep. But that's a hunter's

mindset – going up against seemingly impossible odds for just a single shot at success.

With me on this day was my daughter, Margaret, and her husband-to-be, Sean. We've been calling him our "Sean-in-law" for months now as they neared their wedding - now less than 36 hours away. The past weeks have been filled with all

the last-minute pitfalls of what that big day brings, yet, here they were, quiet in this time and place. "How brilliant. How inciteful. How mature," I thought to myself, a stone's throw from each of them down the tree line.

And just like that, the trophy of the day showed itself. Sure, we were able to lure some geese to the field with the decoy spread we carefully arranged an hour before sunrise, but the real prize was the few hours of quiet, of thought, of reflection; not the perfect shot at a goose, but time to contemplate how to take their best shot at the rest of their lives.

In life, there will always be distractions. Always chaos. Always things trying to steal you away from the good and important stuff. The key is to take time out, drown out the highway noise, the caterers, the RSVPs, and the snafus. Shut it all down and take in a sunrise, a few cranes, and a few geese.

Really, in a lifetime, a guy can only hope to accomplish a few good and meaningful successes. I'd like to think that steering Margaret to a level where she simply recognizes the importance of this day, and recognizes the great man in Sean, is one thing that this dad can hang his hat on.

I am ever so proud of the two of you and the fantastic, chaotic life ahead. When I look back on what you chose for this day, I see only good things for your future.

Reach Matt at [matt@winneconnenews.com](mailto:matt@winneconnenews.com).

## Tales From The Land of Retirement

### Raise your hand

By Jeanne Lehr

In the past few months, many organizations have provided us with a wide variety of entertainment. We all cheered them on, hoping they were rewarded for



Lehr

their efforts and that participants had a great time.

So much is offered up for our enjoyment, but do we stop to appreciate all the many hours and peoplepower that goes into such things?

Big or small, old or young, every volunteer brings their own skills and talents to the table. All they had to do was raise their hand and say YES. Unfortunately, it's usually the same people, time and again, raising the same set of hands.

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If it's a fundraiser, it's a local fundraiser. Money earned here and spent here. To witness groups in action that have received help through our local fundraisers is always a source of pride. And the socialization these events offer is another layer of icing on the cake.

We live in a very generous community. Remember the old saying, "It is better to give than to receive." Winneconne surely knows how to give. To give with talent, time, and donations. I hope you consider raising your hand and joining in the fun of giving back.

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The cast of 12 Angry Jurors, front row, left to right: Calleigh Rasmussen, Mary Gallenberg, Will Benedict, Chloe Fischer, and Chloe Wyssbrod. Back row: Fiona Heilmann, Evy Rosenow, Hattie Engeldinger, Cavin Becker, Lila Newton, Serena Scott, and Emily Makovec.

# 12 Angry Jurors to grace the stage of WCAC

Winneconne High School (WHS) opens its 2024-25 theatrical season with a riveting production of '12 Angry Jurors' by Reginald Rose.

Nineteen WHS students will take the stage for four performances, with opening night set for Thursday, Oct. 24. The technical aspects of the show will be carried out by students from the fall semester Auditorium and Theater Production class offered at the high school. The play is being co-directed by Mr. Dillon Moore, the new WCAC Production Director and Mr. Tim Phillips, WCAC Director.

The story revolves around the aftermath of a long trial, when a jury must decide whether a 19-year-old man is guilty of murdering his father. The jury votes 11-1 for a guilty verdict, but laws in the United States require a unanimous decision to pass judgment. Tempers flare as the eleven jurors try

their best to convince the single dissenter to come around. As the evidence is re-examined, however, new uncertainties come to light, forcing everyone to truly question if there is in fact some measure of reasonable doubt. Twelve Angry Jurors is a heightened courtroom thriller that puts you on the edge of your seat while powerfully exploring what it means to live in a democracy.

All four performances are open to the public and tickets can be reserved either online at [winneconne-community-arts-center.ticketleap.com](http://winneconne-community-arts-center.ticketleap.com), via phone by calling the box office at 920-582-5810 ext. 1120 or at the door beginning one hour before each show.

Tickets are free, with donations accepted at the door. Show times are next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 to 26 at 7 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m.

## The Weekly Whisk

### Squash Dippers

Yes! You can eat the skin of delicata squash—it's delicate! This is a delicious twist on an onion ring and so tasty this time of year. Head out to the Allenville wagon—they are overloaded with squash right now.

- 2 delicata squash
- ½ cup flour
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- ¼ tsp. smoked paprika
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1 cup parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp. fresh thyme

Preheat oven to 400-degrees. Cover a sheet pan with parchment paper and set aside.

Cut the squash into ½-inch thick rounds (no need to peel) and remove seeds.

Create a dredging station by filling one bowl with flour/seasoning, a second with beaten eggs, and a third with bread-



crumbs, parmesan and salt and thyme.

Dip rings in flour, then eggs, then panko mixture. Place on parchment and drizzle with olive oil. Bake for 15 minutes, flip, then bake for 10 minutes more until golden and crispy. Serve with marinara for dipping.

## Winchester Area Historical Society News

With the society's craft sale and pie & ice cream social behind it, the Winchester Area Historical Society (WAHS) has turned its attention to fall activities.

The WAHS board has welcomed Sue Mokler to fill the vacancy on the board left by Carol Ricks' resignation several months ago.

The building's parking lot is undergoing maintenance, addressing potholes and other issues with the plan for full repaving in the next two to three years.

As for the completed roof project, donations for August/September were \$910, with over \$165,000 yet to be raised. Donors included Lois Whitcomb, Janine Brantley & Barry Christianson, Bette Lee,

Tom Kolasinski, Pat Thompson, Jim & Gloria Larsen, Dave & Kate Christianson, Kate Pfaendtner, Dr. Donald McDonald and Mary Laedtke.

Details for the upcoming release of the "It Takes Strong Women" book are in the final stages. A "Raise the Roof" party and fundraiser will be held in the coming months—advertising to follow.

WAHS welcomed new member Janet Strebe and received donations at large from Jim Nelson, Anita Neubauer, Meghan Moeller, John & Mary Agria and Sherman Brazee.

To support the society, please send checks to WAHS, P.O. Box 84, Larsen, WI 54947.

## Title XI

FROM PAGE 1

Moms for Liberty sued over the updated Title IX regulations earlier this year, claiming that including gender identity would unconstitutionally alter the definition of sex.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which covers Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, has upheld in past rulings that Title IX also applies to gender identity, even before the Biden administration's updated rules and Wisconsin school districts are required to include transgender students in Title IX protections.

At WCSD's Board of Education meeting on October 7, Board President Donna Hanson spoke to constituents regarding the rancor Title IX has caused in the community, stating:

"We fully appreciate the concern sur-

rounding the recent Title IX revisions, and understand it is a highly charged issue. However, it is important to acknowledge not everyone will be in full agreement with every decision made. Our foremost commitment is to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for every single one of our students and staff."

She went on to say, "Our policies are designed, with careful thought and collaboration, to reflect both legal requirements and core values of inclusivity and respect that define this district. We always have and will continue to prioritize the well-being of our school community, allowing our students to thrive academically, socially and personally."

Upon contacting District Administrator Dr. Peggy Larson, she commented, "While I'm not entirely surprised by the Office of Civil Rights complaint, I do have some questions and concerns. Will our insurance cover any potential legal costs associated with this matter? I'm not aware of any hostile environment existing within our schools—can we clarify this? Several other districts, besides those mentioned in the complaint, have adopted Title IX policies without reference to gender identity. Why are they not included in this filing?"

Director of Business Services Monika Knapp reports that the district has incurred at least \$15,000 in legal fees thus far related to Title IX.

It should be noted that WCSD has not received its formal complaint from the Office of Civil Rights by the time of publication.

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The Winneconne Boy Scouts at summer camp.



Scouts Donald Parker, Taylor Noffke and Andrew Sperling white water rafting.

## A summer of adventure for Winneconne Scouts

It was a busy summer of Scouting adventures for the Winneconne Scout Troops 629 and 6629.

It began with a senior Scout trip to Isle Royale National Park Island in Lake Superior. Five experienced Scouts and three dads backpacked over 20 miles in 4 days on wilderness terrain and trails. They carried all their gear and food in backpacks and applied skills and knowledge to be self-sufficient in the wilderness. They endured plenty of rain and mud, but got to see moose and beavers in the wild, and beautiful scenery. A donation from

The Poygan Conservation Club aided with a portion of the trip's cost.

Later in the summer, 14 Scouts went to a weeklong summer camp in Mountain. They completed over 25 merit badges in the areas of Archery, Fishing, Camping, Wilderness Survival, Chess, Environmental Science, Fingerprinting, Game Design, Kayaking, Canoeing, Climbing, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting and more. Several Scouts earned their next rank towards Eagle during the week as well.

In addition to the typical camp activ-

ities, the Scouts competed in the camp-wide summer Olympic events, and the troop from Winneconne "owned" the troop from the suburbs of Chicago! Additionally, both Taylor Noffke and Cody Tipler were elected to the Order of the Arrow.

If you have someone who's interested in having outdoor adventures and is curious about joining Scouting BSA, contact Linda Tipler, Troop Chairperson, at Ltipler629@yahoo.com, for youth age 12-17 or April Wilson, at Fithappywithapril@gmail.com, for youth ages 6-12.

## Public Notices

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Winneconne Community Arts Center  
100 Wolf Run Winneconne WI 54986  
September 16, 2024 – 6:30pm

Meeting called to order by Board president  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Board Members Roll Call  
Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition, and Open Forum

Board Member Roll Call  
Board Member Present- Stelzner, Verich,  
Keller-(6:44pm), Peterson, Ackmann,  
Kunde, Hanson

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition  
and Open Forum

District Administrator, Dr. Peggy Larson,  
Elementary Principal, Dr. Lisa Hughes, Elementary Assistant Principal, Mike Meunier,  
Middle School Principal, Todd Schroeder,  
MS Assistant Principal, Carly Horvath, High School Principal, Dr. Leah Michaud, High School Assistant Principal Dan Dobner  
Director of Technology, Dave Jerabek,  
Director of Learning, Peggy Mischler, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Business Manager, Monika Knapp, Buildings and Grounds Director, Steve Cady

VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)

OPEN FORUM – Several Community residents spoke on their view of the Title IX Policy- Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities. (List of Community Members that spoke is on file)

### OPEN SESSION

5. CONSENT ITEMS:
- A. Board Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting
  - B. District Checks #10015613 to #10015677 in the Amount of \$3,810,712.59
  - C. Student Activity Checks #915436 to #915448 in the Amount of \$10,821.64
  - D. District ACH Payments \$31,371.07
  - E. SAACH Payments \$293.07
  - F. Credit Card Report \$35,999.74
  - G. Acknowledge \$1000 donation from Nancy Sharratt to High School Fishing Club
  - H. Acknowledge Resignation of Powerlifting Coach. Effective 8/26/2024
  - I. Acknowledge Retirement of MS Custodian. Effective 8/28/2024
  - J. Acknowledge Resignation of ES Custodian. Effective 9/13/2024
  - K. Approve 2 International Trips for HS Students (Ireland, Scotland, England (June

2026) and (Japan July 2027)

Motion by Kunde, second by Peterson to approve Consent Items A thru K  
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye Hanson-Aye  
Motion Approved: 7-0  
6. 2024/2025 6<sup>th</sup> Class Contract  
These contracts are for staff who are teaching an additional class vs. having a supervision (Study Hall Lunch Duty, or recess Duty). With the late resignation in English and Science. Current staff will assume an additional class vs. hiring. The cost of these 2024/2025 Class Contracts is \$57,500.00  
Motion by Verich, second by Stelzner to approve the 2024/2025 6<sup>th</sup> Class Contracts  
Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 7-0  
7. 2024/2025 Transportation costs to Private Schools

According to Wisconsin Law, a pupil attending a private elementary school, or High School in Wisconsin, including four-and five-year-old kindergarten, is entitled to transportation provided by the public school district. The amount or cost of private school transportation for 2024/2025 requests total \$17,200.48

Motion by Keller, seconded by Hanson to approve the 2024/2025 Private School Transportation request totaling \$17,200.48  
Roll call: Keller- Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 7-0  
8. Administration Reports- (See updated reports on file)

9. Board Reports  
There will be Board of Education Members attending Region 7 WASB Fall Conference

September 26, 2024, in Neenah WI.

- A. Communications- There was nothing brought forward for Communication
  - B. Committee Reports:
    - 1. HR/Financial Planning- Discussion in Closed Session
    - 2. PR/marketing- Have not met since last meeting
    - 3. Policy- Will be meeting to start to go over updates to district policies
- Executive Session  
Motion made by Keller, second by Stelzner to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minutes from August 19, 2024.  
19.85 (1)(c) considering performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for continuing with the District Administrator Evaluation Process. 19.85(1) (c) and 19.85 (1) (f) to discuss embargoed student test scores and related performance data. The board will move into open session and may take action on items discussed in closed session.  
Roll Call: Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 7-0  
Open Session  
The Board of Education moved back into open session at 8:30 pm  
Motion made by Peterson, second by Keller to adjourn meeting of the WCSD Board of Education.  
Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde  
WCSD- Board Clerk  
8:35 pm

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### State of Wisconsin County Of Winnebago Legal Number 11893 October 16, 2024 NOTICE OF PROPOSED TRANS- ACTION

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made by Premier Community Bank to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for their consent to relocate the branch currently located at 927 E Main Street, Winneconne, WI 54986 to 915 E Main Street, Winneconne, WI 54986.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office (500 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60661) before processing of the application has to be completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 15<sup>th</sup> day following either the day of publication or the date of receipt of the application by the FDIC, whichever is later. The period may be extended by the Regional Director for good cause. The non-confidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's Regional Office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the non-confidential portion of the application file will be available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the Regional Office.

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### WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Winneconne, Wisconsin NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Section 65.90(40)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Winneconne Community School District that the budget hearing will be at the Winneconne Middle School, 400 North 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Winneconne, Wisconsin, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Section 120.08(1)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Winneconne Community School District, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business, will be held at the Winneconne High School, 100 Wolf Run, Winneconne, Wisconsin, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024, in aggregation with the Budget Hearing.

The purpose of the ANNUAL MEETING is to hold a hearing on the proposed 2024/2025 school district budget, to adopt a tax levy to operate the schools for the 2024/2025 school year, and to conduct such other business appropriate to the Annual Meeting.

Budget reports are available at the Business Office located at 233 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Winneconne, Wisconsin, between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday. The office is closed weekends and holidays. The summary of the budget was published in the October 16<sup>th</sup> edition of The Winneconne News.

Official Notice of the Annual Meeting was sent for publication in the October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 edition of The Winneconne News. Notices were also posted by the front doors or vestibules of the Elementary School, Middle School, and High School buildings.

It is anticipated that a quorum of the School Board will be present, but that no School Board business will be conducted.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024  
Mark Kunde, District Clerk, Board of Education

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### JOINT TOWNS OF POYGAN, POY SIPPI SANITARY DISTRICT #1

Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, October 30, 2024  
3:30 p.m. at Treatment Plant

To act on tax levy.

Lisa Kallas, Secretary  
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# Lunch menus

### Advocap Lunch Menu

The people receiving meals are asked to contribute as much as they can toward the cost of the meal. Please call 920-517-0950 the day before for reservations.

Oct. 21-25

Mon.: BBQ rib sandwich, sweet potatoes, baked beans, pears.

Tues.: Chicken Cordon Bleu casserole, salad, green beans, hot apple bake.

Wed.: Cheeseburger, potatoes, beets orange.

Thurs.: Turkey ala king, brown rice, carrots, tropical fruit, apple cake.

Fri.: Fish sandwich, tater tots, coleslaw, fruit cup.

Sat.: (Meals are frozen; delivered Friday)

Please consider volunteering at the Winneconne meal site. Please phone 582-7656 if you can assist.

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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.

Mon: ES: Popcorn chicken, buttered pasta, corn. MS: Cheese quesadilla, cornbread muffin.

Tues.: ES: Nachos Grande, rice pilaf. MS: French toast, potato chunks, sausage patty.

Wed.: ES: Soft pretzel, cheese, yogurt, peas. MS: Pasta bowl, garlic bread, California blend veggies.

Thurs.: ES: Spaghetti/meatballs, garlic bread, broccoli. MS: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, peas/carrots.

Fri.: ES: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, peas/carrots. MS: Tater tot casserole, Cheez ITZ and green beans.

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