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Winneconne's Whitford garners honor

Longtime AD selected as WADA District 4 Athletic Director of the Year

Retiring Winneconne Athletic Director Tim Whitford has been named the Wisconsin Athletic Director Association's (WADA) District 4, Athletic Director of the Year.



Whitford

Nominated by Rob Scherrer, Waupaca activities director, Whitford has served the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) an impressive 34 years in the field of education, including 22 years as a physical education and health teacher, followed by 12 years as its AD.

Whitford graduated from UW-Stevens Point in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education, minoring in coaching. Throughout his career, he has remained committed to WCSD where he's made significant contributions to both student-athletes and

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Beiser Realty marks 20 years of success

By Becky LaDue

The Winneconne News has had the pleasure of witnessing the steady success of Andy Beiser and Beiser Realty for two decades. What began as a tiny endeavor in Beiser's childhood home in 2004, when Andy obtained a real estate license to help sell off some family land, to a booming staff of 34 in 2024 including five locations across Northeast Wisconsin and two canine greeters to round out his real estate tribe, is truly impressive. In fact, Beiser's staff call it a "monumental milestone" and we have to agree.

Beiser's optimistic and hardworking nature took Beiser Realty from a home office to a bonafide Main Street agency in just a few years, purchasing an historic brick building in Winneconne's downtown in 2009. As he found success, he renovated the building, taking on more agents, and even converted the upstairs apartment into additional offices—and just kept expanding.

"I was learning on the job," Beiser told the News back in 2014 on his 10-year anniversary. "I don't have a business degree but



The team of Beiser Realty outside their Winneconne location with Andy, and his office greeters, Buddy and Benzy, center.

with each step I learned more and worked hard to put quality agents around me."

That eye on quality and opportunity has led Beiser Realty to experience remarkable expansion, opening satellite offices in Oshkosh, Berlin, Waupaca, and now Medford in 2024. He is also a proud member of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World—a highly regarded network of independent real estate agencies worldwide.

In the past decade, Beiser has increased his staff from 14 to 34, and there's no telling what the future holds. The company's financial reports for 2024 indicate that it's on track to sell over \$100 million in properties this year—a huge goal they are optimistic they will achieve.

"Twenty years is especially bittersweet as

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The 2024 Winneconne High School Homecoming Court.

Homecoming 2024 was big hit

Winneconne High School (WHS) Homecoming 2024 was enjoyed by MUCH of the Winneconne community — especially the students at WHS who participated in everything from hall decorating, to powder puff games, a rockin' pep rally and a festive Saturday night dance.

Congratulations to these students for their selection to 2024 Homecoming Court:

Seniors: King Aiden Tate & Queen Gabrielle Cernjar; Claire Schaffer & Chase Sternard; Cavin Becker & Mary Gallenberg; Elizabeth Sailors & Waylon Hernandez; Addison Verkuilen & Malik Jenss; Will Benedict & Serena Scott.

Juniors: Lauren Wiedemeier & Luca Duncan; Emma Cegielski & Ethan Albrecht.

Sophomores: Mackenzie Dunnihoo & Mason Mathe; Paityn Fritchen & Gabe Sailors.

Freshmen: Claudia Heideman & Will Nigl; Hallah Josephson & Cooper Anderson.



This year's Class of 2025 reigning King and Queen were seniors Aiden Tate and Gabrielle Cernjar. The two, voted in by their classmates, participated in the pep rally, parade and Homecoming dance this past weekend. Congratulations!



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St. Mary's Catholic Church
210 Pleasant Drive
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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. 27: 10:30 am - Mass & Reflection Weekend.
Mon.: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion.
8:30 am - Rosary. 6 pm - Chosen/Kaudy Hall.
Tues.: 9 am - OCIA RO. 1:30 pm - BS Catholicism. 6 pm - Rosary.
Wed.: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion.
No Classes.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
9077 North Road
Zittau
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. 6:30 pm - Worship Team.
Sunday, Oct. 27: 8 & 10 am - Worship.
Tues.: 9 am - Busy Hands.
Wed.: 5 pm - Guitar Band. 6 pm - Youth Group and Choir.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8 South Fourth Street
Winneconne
Pastor Ben Berger
Pastor Darin Warnecke
920-582-7772
Thurs.: 9:30 am - Bible Study.
Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship.
Sunday, Oct. 27: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship. 9:10 am - Congregational Quorum and Quarterly Voters Mtg.
Mon.: 6 pm - Contemporary Music Practice.
Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters.
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.
Tues.: 4:30 pm - Chili Competition and Supper.
Wed.: 5:30 pm - Full Service in Sanctuary w/Communion.

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.
Also online through Facebook.
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First Presbyterian Church
32 S. Third Avenue
Winneconne
920-706-0047
Pastor Emily Lueder
8:30 am - Sunday Service.

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

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

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church - Omro
Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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Omro
www.messiahomro.com
920-875-0755
Pastor Philip Geiger
Sundays: 9 am - Regular Sunday Worship, with Fellowship to Follow
Wednesday Prime Service
Wednesday Bible Study

AA and Al-Anon
St. Mary Church Basement
Thurs.: 7 pm - Al-Anon.
Please refer to the district website for available AA meetings in our area.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 24: 10:30 am - Strong Bodies/Senior Ctr. 3 pm - Bingo/Senior Ctr. 4 pm - Soccer Regional @ FVL. 7 pm - Volleyball Regional, Home/TBD. 7 pm - HS Play, 12 Angry Jurors/WCAC.
Friday, Oct. 25: 3:15 pm - MS Dance. 4 pm - XC Sectional @ Waupaca. 7 pm - HS Play, 12 Angry Jurors/WCAC.
Saturday, Oct. 26: 11:45 am - XC Sectional @ Standing Rock Park. 7 pm - HS Play, 12 Angry Jurors/WCAC.

Sunday, Oct. 27: Worship at the Church of Your Choice. 2 pm - HS Play, 12 Angry Jurors/WCAC.
Monday, Oct. 28: 7 pm - Town of Wolf River Board Mtg./Wolf River Town Hall.
Tuesday, Oct. 29: 2 pm - Rummikub/Senior Ctr. 3 pm - Bean Bags/Senior Ctr.
Wednesday, Oct. 30: The News is OUT - Subscribe today @ winneconne.com. 9:30 am - Craft/Senior Ctr.

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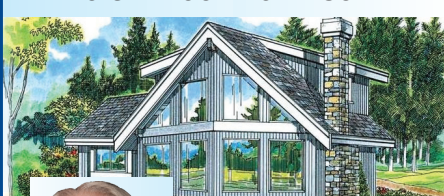
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Pastor Warnecke at his installation on October 20. From left to right, Pastor Nathaniel Buchner, Grace Neenah; Pastor Darin Warnecke; and Pastor Daniel Slaughter, Trinity, Belle Plaine, MN. Pastor Slaughter is a classmate of Pastor Warnecke.

Pastor Darin Warnecke installed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Pastor Darin Warnecke was formally installed and warmly welcomed to the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church this past weekend here in the village. Installation took place at all three services—Saturday, and Sunday morning—with a delicious luncheon provided by the church and its members on Sunday afternoon.

Pastor Warnecke, the son of Reverend Rodney and Mary Warnecke of Watertown, Wisconsin, attended Luther Preparatory School and Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. He spent a year teaching in China before graduating from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, in 2016. He then received the call to serve as pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church

in Sturgis, Michigan, a congregation of roughly 200, where he has served until his call to St. Paul's—with a congregation of over 760 parishioners.

Pastor Warnecke, his wife Jenna and their family (they just welcomed a new baby boy, James Rodney!) will reside at the church's parsonage on South 3rd Ave., which has been fully refreshed and given a new roof in anticipation of their arrival. The family enjoys biking, walking the dog, cards and games, reading and connecting with family and friends.

Pastor Warnecke received the pastoral call in September of 2023, and replaces Pastor Mark Albrecht, who retired at the end of June after 30 years of service to the church.

Village Board approves new fleet management program

By Becky LaDue

During the October 15 village board meeting, trustees approved a new fleet management program for its police and public works departments. The management program will purchase two new vehicles for the police department, replacing Chief Sauriol's 2017 squad and SRO Ben Honer's 2015 squad car. Public works also received approval for two new work trucks, replacing those 11 and 14 years old within its fleet. The rationale for purchasing new is to improve the resale value of village owned vehicles, with plans to turn them over in a timelier manner than has previously been done, securing greater financial advantage. "We look to end our fiscal year well in the black," said Administrator Fuller, "and we'd like to invest those dollars in our own equipment to our greatest advantage."

The board also approved final expenditures on its remaining \$18,826 in ARPA funds. The funds will be split between police and public works, with the police department adding a firing range and public works a UTV to its department. The firing range will be built be-

hind the compost site on village owned property, with gates and other safety features. The rationale for the UTV is to help navigate the cemetery more successfully, causing less damage to its greenspace and provide summer hires with transportation around the village.

In other business, Village Administrator Logan Fuller indicates that five building permits have been pulled for the new Wolf Run subdivision.

He also spoke on the ambulance contract with the Oshkosh Fire Department, as did Fire Chief Kevin Allcox, indicating that even with the impending increase in the cost of services, it would still be less than what contracting with a private entity would cost. They also indicated that a private contract would likely only provide a single ambulance to be deployed in an emergency, versus the larger fleet of four, which Oshkosh has. "I can't imagine [a private entity] having the ability to have four or five ambulances available at any given time to service the nine townships involved. A single ambulance costs roughly a million dollars to outfit," commented Chief Allcox.

Oshkosh Area Community Band fall concert set

The Oshkosh Area Community Band will present a Fall Concert on Saturday, Nov. 2 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium.

The band will present a concert of marches, music for the theatre, popular standards, music just for fun, and music written especially for wind bands. The band is led by Music Director David Berndt.

The Jazz Ensemble, under the direction

of Assistant Music Director Jon Basten, will present a set of jazz tunes including "Nice Work If You Can Get It" by the Gershwin brothers, and "Four Brothers" as recorded by Woody Herman and his band.

The concert will last about one hour and forty-five minutes including an intermission. There is never an admission charge, although donations are accepted at the door.



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There's so much fun fall stuff to do this month, including Glow in The Park Not So Spooky Halloween Edition

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(This event was not created to be scary, however it may not be suitable for young children. Parental discretion advised.)

Visit our website for a full listing of what's going on for this fun fall month.

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WHBA announces partnership with Toys for Tots program

Join the Winnegamie Home Builders Association (WHBA) now through December 13 as they work to make the holiday season special for less fortunate children in our community.

WHBA has announced its partnership with the Toys for Tots Program, alongside the United States Marine Corps, Oshkosh Salvation Army, and Oshkosh Corporation. It's mission is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them as gifts to those in need.

Through the Toys for Tots program, these organizations hope to spread joy and make a difference. If you are interested in

donating or becoming a drop-off location, contact Jodi Vandermolen, Winnebago County Toys for Tots Coordinator, at 920-235-2962 or the Oshkosh Salvation Army at 920-232-7660.

Upcoming Events:
Parade of Homes – November 1 to 3. Each home will have a collection box for unwrapped toys.

Fill the Salvation Army Truck – November 1. A Truck will be in the parking lot at The Oshkosh Salvation Army from 3 to 6 p.m.

Let's make this holiday season unforgettable for every child in need!



Public Works crew members Joe Devens, Michael Schoenberger, Corey Wasinger, and Jacob Hoelzel. Missing, Ben Mashak.

Grant provides beautiful, new trees to Marble Park

Last year, Village Field Supervisor Allen Mankiewicz successfully applied for a tree planting grant through Trees Forever, a nonprofit organization out of Marion Iowa, and Alliant Energy.

The village's ultimate goal is to replace each ash tree in Marble Park lost to emerald ash borer, one for one. In 2022, 38 beautiful ash trees graced Marble Park, all

of which have been lost.

The grant, in the amount of \$2,894.80, allowed the village's Public Works Department to plant 21 new trees—11 swamp white oaks, and 10 Japanese Lilacs—last week. The trees have been planted outside of the area that will be affected by the Marble Park Master Plan, so they will not be disturbed during future construction.



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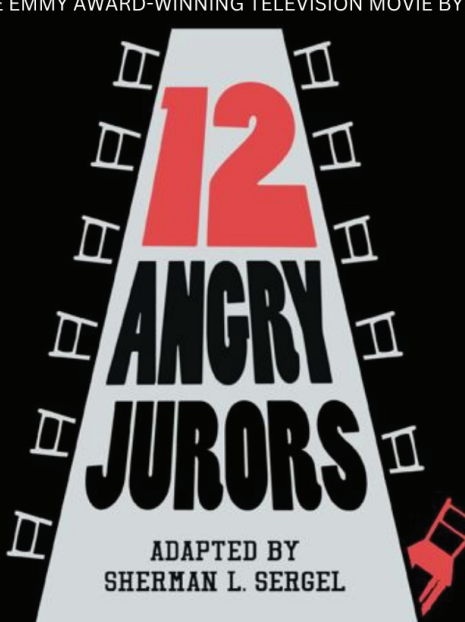


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County Supervisors tour local improvements made via ARPA Funds

Fifteen Winnebago County Board supervisors went on a tour last week to see firsthand the progress being made on projects supported by county ARPA Spirit Fund dollars.

After a drive by view of the Habitat for Humanity housing project in Omro, the group stopped at the new Omro Community Center and were impressed with the beautiful facility.

Then on to Waukau. Parks director Adam Breest explained the \$1.9 million dollar upgrades to the parking lot, bridges, bike trails, dams and fishing ponds at the Waukau Creek Nature Preserve.

The next stop was Winneconne. The group drove past Marble Park where the county funded master plan is moving forward. The group lunched at Woodey's, took a tour of Critter's Wolf River Sports and watched the Winneconne Youth Archery club (some as young as age 4) shooting on the range. It was noted that Critter's/Woodey's were built in 2008 thanks to a low interest IDB loan from Winnebago County.

After lunch the group headed to Lake Winneconne Park to tour the barn, drive



through the expanded parking lot and see the location of a planned rock wall that will restore 41 acres of marsh in Lake Winneconne.

Before leaving the village, Supervisor Nelson explained how well the industrial park is doing, pointed out the new fishing

piers on the bridge and explained the village's recently completed reverse osmosis water project.

The last stop was a drive-by of the three newly completed 980 sex predator buildings, the county morgue and the sheriff's evidence building, all located near the

county jail.

Supervisor Nelson mentioned that most county tours focus on Oshkosh, Neenah and Menasha facilities and was very pleased that Omro, Waukau and Winneconne were included this year.

VOTE NOV. 5TH

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- 2016 Acting Register of Deeds

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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. 28-31
- Mon.: Ring bologna, mac & cheese, broccoli, apple, grape juice.
- Tues.: Baked ham, cheesy potatoes, salad, mixed fruit.
- Wed.: Chili mango chicken, baked potato, corn w/peppers, mandarin oranges.
- Thurs.: Lasagna, salad, fruit cocktail, garlic bread, rhubarb cake.
- Fri.: Not available.
- Sat.: (Meals are frozen; delivered Friday) Please consider volunteering at the Winneconne meal site. Please phone 582-7656 if you can assist.

Winneconne Community School District

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.

Menus
Mon: ES: Turkey/gravy, mashed potatoes, corn. **MS:** Cheese bites/sauce, pretzels, peas.

Tues.: ES: Cheese dippers/sauce, Sun Chips, broccoli. **MS:** Soft shell taco, rice pilaf, winter blend veggies.

Wed.: ES: Chicken tenders, tater tots, California blend. **MS:** Mashed potato bowl, corn, wheat roll.

Thurs.: ES: Mummy dog, baked beans, sweet potato fries. **MS:** Ravioli, cheesy potatoes, baked beans.

Fri.: ES: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, cornbread muffin. **MS:** Pepperoni pizza, garlic bread, roasted veggies.

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Army Airmen 'Powell's Crew' has deep ties to Winneconne

WWII story memorialized by Kristof De Geyter

By Becky LaDue

A B17 bomber, the Betsy Ross, was returning from a successful bombing mission in Cologne, Germany on October 17, 1944, when it was attacked and damaged by Nazi fighter pilots.

The story of what unfolded for the Betsy Ross and the seven brave men onboard that fateful day—including Winneconne native Clarence H. Harper—has now been memorialized in a book entitled "Perry Powell's Crew – Besty Ross Crash Landing in Wiechelen (B)."

As the story goes, Powell, the pilot of the Betsy Ross, knew post-attack the plane was too badly damaged to make it back to base in Nuthampstead UK. In an act of quick thinking and despite his injuries, Powell asked his navigator to advise him when the plane was out of enemy territory. When he got the signal they had reached Belgian airspace, Powell instructed seven of his men to jump, leaving himself and his copilot to crash land the plane.

They alighted in a "meadow" only to find out it was a wetland, sinking the landing gear deep into the mud. The plane skidded about 150 meters, nose down and tail up, before coming to a stop with a resounding thud. Belgian citizens heard the noise and came running from all directions. The two men climbed out while one waved a white scarf at the overhead Allied Forces, signaling their safety.

While the pilot and copilot were picked up and returned to base, the other seven men were secured by Canadian forces and taken to a castle in Wieze, where they remained the better part of a week. One of those men was Winneconne's Clarence Harper.



Randy Harper, on the steps of the castle in Wieze, Belgium, striking the exact same pose as his Uncle Clarence Harper.

This is just the beginning of the story of those nine Army Airmen and their experiences as penned by Kristof De Geyter. As a boy, De Geyter often listened to his grandfather relate stories about these men and the war. Later, he realized the story needed to be properly recorded for history's sake.

The city of Wiechelen has further chosen to honor the 80th anniversary of the brave landing of the Betsy Ross by erecting two bronze, life-sized statues of Powell and his copilot, placing them on the bank of the river overlooking the site of the crash landing. The descendants of these nine men were invited to the unveiling, and to meet De Geyter. Randy Harper, Clarence's nephew, and his wife Pauline were in attendance last month for the historic event.

Sadly, Clarence Harper ultimately died in a plane crash just a few months later, on February 3, 1945.

"We took a picture of Randy standing on the very same steps at the castle 80 years later," said Pauline. "Notice the identical pose. That was one of many emotional experiences we had while we were in Europe. It was a truly incredible."



The bronze statues erected in remembrance of the Betsy Ross crash landing in Belgium and the brave pilots who navigated it.

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Whitford

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the community at large.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Whitford coached extensively for the district, having served as head varsity softball coach for 25 years; varsity volleyball coach for seven years; JV girls basketball coach; freshman boys basketball coach; along with several seasons coaching middle school athletics. In all, Whitford has amassed 77 seasons of coaching for WCSD.

Yet his commitment to sports and education extends beyond the classroom. He was a district representative and executive board member for the Wisconsin Fast-

pitch Softball Coaches Association for 20 years and co-coordinated the Annual Senior All-Star Game for five. He has also been a WIAA softball umpire since 2018, officiating at various levels, including varsity and postseason games. His impact was recognized with an induction into the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2021.

Not to be overlooked, Whitford's contributions to WCSD's athletic facilities improvements have been nothing short of transformative. He has raised nearly \$2 million in non-district funds for use on these projects. Upgrades such as new press boxes, bleachers, scoreboards, and a state-of-the-art video board are just some of the higher profile improvements he has accomplished.

In one of his final efforts as WCSD's AD, Whitford played a key role in its conference realignment, securing the opportunity to align WCSD with the Bay Conference for all sports.

The entire Winneconne community congratulates AD Whitford on his numerous accomplishments and wishes him all the best in his bid for Wisconsin AD of the Year.

The 58th Annual WADA Conference will be held from November 10 to 12 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.



A view of just one of the many festive trunk-or-treat stations at the PTA's Halloween event.

Winneconne PTA hosts Trunk-or-Treating event

The Winneconne Elementary PTA hosted its 5th annual Trunk-or-Treating event on Oct. 17 at the elementary school.

Kids in adorable, brightly colored costumes enjoyed 24 different cars/stations with the PTA providing all the candy,

bracelets, stickers and glowsticks, with no participation charge.

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Sports

Winneconne caps perfect regular season, eyes playoff foe

Winneconne completed an undefeated regular season and will now take aim at the WIAA playoffs.

Brody Schaffer rushed for 202 yards and four touchdowns as the Wolves stomped Seymour, 35-21 to claim the Bay Conference championship outright and complete a perfect 9-0 season.

With the win, Winneconne earned a No. 1 seed in its eight-team bracket of the Division 4 playoff field. The Wolves will open their tournament run on Friday at home against Kohler/Sheboygan Lutheran/Sheboygan Christian.

The winner of Friday's game will face the winner of fourth-seeded Xavier and fifth-seeded Little Chute in the second round. The other top seeds in the bracket are second-seeded Mayville and third-seeded Berlin.

This is the eighth straight season the Wolves have qualified for the WIAA playoffs and their 24th appearance overall in the postseason. Winneconne has advanced past the second round of the playoffs three times in program history, including its state championship run of 2013.

Led by Schaffer, the Wolves offense is averaging more than 38 points per game this season and have been held below the 30-point plateau just once – a 27-11 win over Waupaca.

The Wolves also field a stingy defense which has allowed more than 21 points in a game just once all season and held three



Photo by Doug Sasse

Bryce Jones reaches the end zone after a 9-yard touchdown run in the second quarter against Seymour last Friday.

opponents to less than 10 points.

K/SL/SC enters the playoffs with a 3-6 overall record and tied for fourth place in the Eastern Wisconsin Conference with a 3-4 record.

The Blue Bombers have lost two of their

last three games and are coming off a 62-13 loss to Kiel, in which K/SL/SC surrendered 49 straight points after taking a 7-0 lead on the EWC champions.

K/SL/SC is led by quarterback Carmine Moctezuma, who has thrown for

2,120 yards this year and 19 touchdowns, but also has been intercepted 19 times.

Jake Thomas and Sam Sawacki are the team's leading receivers with 47 and 42 receptions this season.

As a team, K/SL/SC have gained only about 500 yards this season.

Schaffer has been a dual threat all season for the Wolves. The junior quarterback has rushed for 1,369 yards and 26 touchdowns, while also throwing for 1,211 yards and 10 touchdowns. He has completed nearly 70 percent of his passes this season.

Bryce Jones has chipped in 542 yards on the ground and is averaging 5.7 yards per carry, while Jack Quigley and Ryan Quigley are Schaffer's top targets with 26 and 24 receptions, respectively.

It was Jones that gave Winneconne the lead for good against Seymour, scoring on a 9-yard run in the second quarter to put the Wolves ahead 14-7.

Schaffer scored on a 10-yard run later in the quarter to send the Wolves into halftime with a 21-7 lead.

Schaffer, who also had touchdown runs of 28 and 3 yards, had his longest touchdown run of the game – a 35-yarder – to start the third quarter to extend the lead to 28-7 and Winneconne stayed easily in front the rest of the way.

The Winneconne defense was led by Jesse Michaud and Hudson Samolinski, who each finished with 10 tackles in the game.

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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

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By Matt Harp
OUTDOOR REPORTER

On his famous day off, Ferris Bueller quips, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." Faced with a day of no real



Harp

plans, we decided to look around. With fall colors in full force up north, we decided to head that way. With the UTV already on the trailer, why not take that along too – who knows?

A quick search on the Polaris app showed a decent cluster of trails in the Mountain, Lakewood, and Townsend area. Google maps showed it only about 75 miles due north – not much of a drive at all. There's something satisfying when you discover things that have been right under your

nose all along.

For kicks, we packed a "Justin Case" – you know, a few essentials that you might need for an impromptu overnight stay – just in case. The idea from conception to execution was only about an hour in the making; there certainly was an air of adventure.

Ellen, my navigator and trip planner, did as much research on the way up as patches of cell service would allow. I had the first stop up my sleeve and the rest was to be determined. One stop at a Kwik Trip, and there we were at the Mountain Fire Lookout Tower.

I had no idea these even existed anymore and was excited we had one so close to home. This one was erected in 1935 along with a network of others, that when manned, could help to determine a fire throughout the Nicolet and Chequamegon National Forests – the goal was to pinpoint it to a 40 square mile area,



and then dispatch crews to extinguish the blaze. Of course, these days this can be accomplished with airplanes, drones, GPS, and satellites; the lookout towers have become obsolete.

This particular one was last manned in 1970. Most were disassembled, but thankfully this one remains. As you can imagine, the view from the 7 by 7-foot cab atop the 100-foot tower is stunning this time of year – heck probably at any time of the year, though it closes for the winter on October 31.

After stop one, we soon realized we were in for the night and the next item became securing lodging. Being true adventurers, we knew we weren't going with some brand name hotel or motel (actually, there wasn't much of that in the area anyway). We wanted something a little rustic and off the beaten path. After hearing from most proprietors that there is a two-night minimum, it became a scramble to find anything, not just what we preferred. A bit of sweet-talking

helped us to secure a secluded cabin on the water, a place to park the truck, and off on the UTV we went.

Just two miles as the crow flies was the Cathedral Pines area, now owned by the USDA Forest Service. In the early 1900s, Lucy Rumsey Holt brought her children to this site and the sounds of breezes through these tall pines reminded her of a cathedral, and she persuaded her husband to preserve these trees that have never been logged, protected by the Trust for Public Land and The Nature Conservancy. I had heard of this place, but had never been.

The return trip brought us back to our near-sketchy accommodations, and a search for dinner out. The local bar had \$5 "burgers and a handful of fries" and they poured a good cocktail and even bought us our second. We got back in time to see the sun set and the near-full moon rise over the distant side of the lake. Teal, geese, and grebes settled in for the night as we did.

A hearty breakfast in Townsend the next day led off about four hours of aimless exploring the trails in the national forests. Grouse and deer aplenty, scarlet sumacs, orange oaks, amber aspens, and multi-colored maples all guided us along the way.

In less than half a tank of UTV and truck gas, we were quickly immersed in a great, unplanned Northwoods experience.

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- 1 - 52-ounce bottle of Simply Apple juice
- Whipped cream vodka (you could try

Apple Cider Cocktail

- caramel vodka too!)
- 5 cinnamon sticks
- 1 apple, sliced

Empty half of the bottle of apple juice into a separate container. To the bottle, add the 5 cinnamon sticks and the sliced apple. Fill the rest of the container with the whipped cream vodka. Place in the fridge overnight. Pour over ice, garnish with a cinnamon stick and enjoy!

For questions or comments email weeklywhisk01@gmail.com.



Tales From The Land of Retirement

Learning Life's Lessons

By Jeanne Lehr

While I was switching out my summer and winter closets, I came across a box of yarn and some unfinished items. What to do with a box of yarn? Crochet an Afghan, of course.



Lehr

I took up crocheting 40+ years ago as a way to stop smoking. Cigarettes had gone up to 50-cents a pack and I said NO WAY. If you've ever tried to stop an addictive habit, you know all you want to do is eat. To keep my mind

off eating and do something with my hands, I crocheted. I crocheted an Afghan a month. I did not buy a skein of yarn; I bought cases.

I crocheted ponchos, hats, sweaters—

anything to keep me busy. And then I finally realized I'd replaced one addiction with another. It was like when Forest Gump ran across the country and finally came to terms with the reason he was dashing so frantically, and just stopped.

That was not the only time I fell back on lessons I learned while I was young. I was taught to sew in Home Economics at school, but it wasn't until later that those lessons really kicked in. When my children were growing up, I sewed clothes for the entire family—hunting shirts for my husband, clothes for my kids, and work clothes for myself. I wasn't buying yards of material; I was buying bolts.

As a child, I was also taught how to cook. Now I cook all the time. I don't think twice about having a group over for dinner or a holiday. There is noth-

ing packaged served up—it's made the old-fashioned way—from scratch.

All these skills I learned as a child. Life lessons. Things you don't really care about at the time, but later on you're glad you paid attention.

You don't need math until you don't have a computer. You don't need spelling until you don't have spell check. You don't worry about grammar until you need to write a well-presented letter. You don't need to learn history until it bites you in the butt.

Life lessons. Learn them well and they will serve you well. Pay attention to what's going on around you and glean from it. Maybe the next closet you clean out will provide you, too, with a vivid memory from the past and the remembrance of a lesson well learned.

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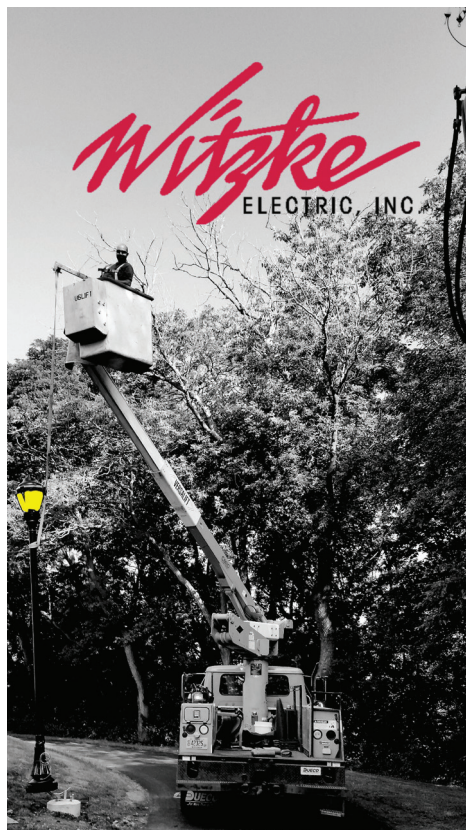
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Sports

Winneconne boys claim ECC cross country crown, girls fourth

Winneconne had three runners finish in the top eight of the boys race as the Wolves won a tight four-team battle for the title at the East Central Conference meet at Barlow Park in Ripon on Saturday.

Winneconne won the team title with 50 points, while Waupun was second with 67 points, one point ahead of Kettle Moraine Lutheran. Plymouth was fourth with 78 points.

Senior Oliver Aberle led the Wolves by placing third overall in a time of 16-minutes, 4.8 seconds, which was about seven seconds out of second place and 20 seconds behind individual winner Kyle Kieper of Kettle Moraine Lutheran.

Grant Wenzelow was the second Win-

neconne runner to finish by taking fourth with Silas Sarbo joining the duo in the top 10 by placing eighth.

Jonah Jacobson in 16th place and Tyler Bostwick in 19th place rounded out the scoring runners for the Wolves.

The Winneconne girls finished fourth on the day by totaling 92 points in the meet. Berlin won the team title with 53 points, followed by Kettle Moraine Lutheran (57) and Plymouth (76).

Hannah Yetter was the top finisher for the Wolves by placing fifth overall, while the next four runners for Winneconne all crossed the finish line in a span of just more than 20 seconds.

Neela Gardner each had seven. Bailey Church racked up 30 assists in the match.

Bodoh also helped pace the defense with five kills in the match, while Hallah Josephson had 30 digs and Koval finished with 20. Gardner and Kendall Vette also had double digit digs with 13 and 11, respectively.

Koval and Vette each had four aces to pace the Wolves.

Winneconne then finished fourth at the ECC Tournament in Waupun on Saturday.

The Wolves beat Plymouth in the first match, 25-22, 25-17, but then lost to Kettle Moraine Lutheran and Waupun.

Koval and Bodoh led the team with 13 and 12 kills, respectively, while Church finished with 37 assists.

Josephson and Koval led the way with 25 digs apiece, while Bodoh had four blocks. Koval and Gardner each finished with six assists.

Madeline Anderson led the group in 19th place, while Lauren Wiedemeier and Ruby Kuehn finished back-to-back in 21st and 22nd place, respectively, and Lydia Luce came in 25th.

Emma Wagner of Kettle Moraine Lutheran was the individual winner in the girls race.

Winneconne will next compete in the WIAA sectional meets, although the boys and girls will be competing at different sites.

The boys have been bumped up to Division 1 due to WIAA's competitive balance point totals and will run at Stevens Point on Saturday. The girls will compete in the Division 2 sectional at Waupaca on Friday.

Wolves take fourth at ECC tournament

The Winneconne volleyball team wrapped up its regular season last Thursday in a four-set loss to conference champion Kewaskum, 25-22, 25-19, 23-25, 25-19.

Malia Bodoh finished with 11 kills to lead the Wolves, while Alyssa Koval and

Bowling

Marble Park Bowling Monday Businessmen Bowling Highlights October 14

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| Talk of the Town | 40.5-73.5 |

Team Results
Tiny's Sports Bar def Houge's Bar, 11-8
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Obituaries

Thomas Charles Breaker

Thomas Charles Breaker aka "Bumpa", age 77, went to the big truck stop in the sky on Friday, October 11, 2024, after a brief illness. Tom was born on March 25, 1947, to Ray and June (Bahrke) Breaker.



Tom graduated from Winneconne High School class of 1965. On May 27, 1967, he married Linda Wightman. Tom is survived by his wife of 57 years, Linda Breaker; his mother, June Breaker; sister, Nancy (Don) Prah; daughters, Mardy Breaker and Jenni Breaker; his grandchildren, Daniel Thomas Breaker (Tianna Howe); Sydney Breaker (Kenton Chapman); his great-grandchildren, Bentley Thomas Chapman, Alaia Marie Chapman; and many other nieces, nephews, cousins and all other relatives.

In addition to his father, Ray Breaker, Tom was preceded in death by his brother, John Breaker; grandparents, Reuben and Nora (Christianson) Breaker; His father-in-law and mother-in-law Grant "Noisy" Wightman and Barb Wightman; and his dogs, Duke and Skeet.

Tom and Linda built a house in the Village of Winneconne, but he never lost his love for the country. In October of 1979 they moved to the country, where they have remained for 44 years and has become what the family calls headquarters! Tom was easily distracted by tractors as he worked at his grandparent's farm from a young age with his Grandpa Reuben. After leaving the farm, Tom got his love of

trucking from his father Ray and father-in-law Grant Wightman. Tom drove truck for various companies in his career among them includes Zimmerman Mink Ranch, Menasha Corporation, Checker Logistics/Verhia for many years.

Tom's hobbies included taking care of his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all his dogs. He also took great pride in mowing the lawn; he had to have it a certain way just like his father Ray. He loved to hunt on the opening morning with his best friend and grandson Daniel. He also always enjoyed happy hour at George Kresal's house, there was always BS to be shared. He was always out in his shed tinkering and fixing things! He taught his kids a lot and for that we are forever thankful.

Honoring Tom's wishes there will be no funeral service.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Winkler's Westward Ho, 4905 County Hwy S, Oshkosh.

The family asks that you please consider any memorial contribution in Tom's name to: Winneconne-Poygan First Responders/Fire District P.O. Box 339 Winneconne 54986 or Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester 8396 Steeple Hill Dr. Larsen, WI 54947

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.

The man, the myth, the legend... RIP Bumpa. Daniel has the reign now - you taught him well, you would be so proud.

You will be remembered always in our hearts.

Marie Kress

Marie Kress, 82, of the Town of Poygan, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 19, 2024, with her loving family by her side.



She was born March 17, 1942, to the late Harold and Agnes (Brault) Wiesner. On October 24, 1964, Marie married Florian "Butch" Kress at St. Paul Catholic Church in Manitowoc.

Marie enjoyed watching the sunsets over Lake Poygan, UTV rides, bird watching, trips to the casino and watching the Badgers, especially their 5th quarter marching band. She also enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Marie is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, Butch Kress; daughters, Lisa Kress, Linda Kress, Karla (Craig

Schultz, Cheryl Holicky; grandchildren, Brittney (Brandon) Reinl, Mick Marske, Kelsey Schultz, Holden Holicky, Karina Schultz; great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Paisley and Grayson. Also surviving her are her brother Tom (Chris) Wiesner; and her dog, Duke; and many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Marie was also preceded in death by a sister, Sue Hawley; and an infant son, Michael.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, October 25, from 9 to 11:00 a.m. at Mueller Funeral Home, Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Deacon Paul Vidmar officiating.

If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.

"The sky takes on shades of orange during sunrise and sunset, the color that gives you hope that the sun will set only to rise again." - Ram Charan

Nicholas G. Hernady

Nicholas G. Hernady, 94, of Winneconne died Saturday, October 19, 2024, at his home. He was born January 27, 1930, in Hungary to the late Sandor and Ilona Hernady.

In 1951 Nicholas came to the United States and learned the trade of tool and die making. He lived in Chicago until retirement, at which time he moved to Winneconne. Nicholas traveled frequently, mostly to Europe, and loved to garden.

On February 15, 2013, he married Margit Ujhelyi.

Nicholas is survived by his wife, Margit; nieces, Ildy Brockman, Ilona Rice; several

great-nieces and great-nephews; and extended family members.

Along with his parents, Nicholas was also preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Ilona and George Kostka.

Per his wishes, a private graveside service and burial will take place in the Winneconne Cemetery.

Though many Hungarian relatives on both sides of Nicholas' family are unable to attend, they will be there spiritually and send their love.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.

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Trunk or Treat Event in Winchester planned

Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester, Immanuel Lutheran, and Hope United in Christ Church are hosting a seasonal Trunk or Treat event at Grace Lutheran on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 6 to 7 p.m.

The event will take place in the church's parking lot and all area children are welcome to attend and enjoy some safe and fun trick-or-treating!

The church is located at 8396 Steeple Hill Dr., Larsen.

Beiser

FROM PAGE 1

I lost my grandfather only a couple months ago," said Beiser, "and it was his idea I start the company. Though truth be told, it's really my agents and staff that have made

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Vinland Town Board will hold a 2nd public hearing at the Vinland Town Hall; 6085 County Rd T, Oshkosh on Monday, November 11th at 6:45pm to consider the following Conditional Use Permit. Said meeting will follow the Plan Commission meeting of October 28th at 6:30pm.

A decision may be made by the Town Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting after this first public hearing and or the item(s) listed below may be posted on agenda notices for discussion by the Plan Commission and/or the Town Board until a final decision is made.

BE ADVISED: Notices are only sent to neighboring properties within the 300 feet prior to the 1st hearing.

Public comment on the issue will be accepted at all meetings until a final decision is made.

Description of Subject Site:

Applicant: GG2022, LLC

Tax Parcel: 026060602

Location: County Rd GG, Neenah

Explanation: 6 Megawatt ground-mounted solar facility on 30 acres of 47.35 acre parcel developed and constructed for sale to WE Energies

Mike McNamee, Zoning Administrator

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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 9th Avenue, Winneconne, Wisconsin, on the 28th 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 28th 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. 3rd 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 16th edition of The Winneconne News.

Official Notice of the Annual Meeting was sent for publication in the October 16th and October 23rd, 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 16th day of October, 2024

Mark Kunde, District Clerk, Board of Education

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Public Notices

VILLAGE BOARD – VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 5:30 pm

Village Board Room, 30 South First Street

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Boucher at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call: Foster, Kubasta, Olson, Bouras, Stelzner, Janikowski, Boucher, all present.

Also present Administrator Fuller and Attorney Chad Wade

Pledge of Allegiance said in unison

Regular Business

Motion by Kubasta second by Foster to approve consent agenda and payment of bills:

August 31, 2024, Treasurer's Report/ Balance Sheet

August 31, 2024, Budget Comparisons

August 2024 Check Register

Motion passes by roll call vote: Stelzner-aye Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Kubasta second by Janikowski to approve August 20, 2024, Village Board Minutes

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote 7-0-0

Open Public Hearing

Hear public comment on Resolution 0816 – N. 8th Avenue Resurfacing:

1st Call:

Resident at 217 N 8th Ave asking if reassessed on project. Brad Werner of McMahon explained first project is to update laterals. Waivers signed. Cost split between Village and residents on each side. Statements go out and residents have until Nov. 1st to pay in full or assessed to tax bill to receive 6.5% financing for 7 years. No prepay penalty. Second part is street reconstruction/ resurfacing. When project complete, statements will be sent out with same financing.

Resident at 225 N. 8th Ave. asked when bills are coming out, and if sump pump hoses are getting buried and hooked up? Jossart will come back in fall. One of their staff is doing it on the side. Cost covered by home owner.

Resident at 226 N. 8th Ave. explained the sump pump process and the lack of explanation given to residents. Also questioned 4" stub pipes in roadways.

2nd Call: None

3rd Call: None

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Bouras second by Foster to close public hearing
Motion passes by roll call vote: Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-

aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Communications

John Kneer, Rettler, presented the phases of development for Marble Park.

Compared current park uses and future needs – two public meetings held and well attended, also on-line survey of 800 participants. There were 6-8 conceptual plans the Parks Committee brought to Village Board to approve moving forward. Changes include reduced pool/beach area, add playground and splashpad, keep current bathhouse and phase to redevelop later. Quad shaped with baseball diamonds, new concession/restroom area as central hub, parking lot moves toward 6th St. Would have main park pedestrian paths to reduce car conflict. Multipurpose field sport area, ADA parking on west side including ADA walkway network. Keep bridge, parking lot near dog park. Preserve south building restrooms. Add small dog area. Full park redevelopment and projected budget shared. \$9 million with \$1 million contingent

fund for \$10 million remodel. Need to identify funding sources prior to phase development. Four to 4.5% on bids with 5 year multipliers.

John Broderick, WACF, seeking designated donations. A grant was identified in paper last week. Village needs to apply for private/public financing. Funds to be held at WACF.

Public Participation

Resident at 110 N 2nd St, inquired about sidewalk panel timeline, references to PWD safety outing and where money is being spent along with cost of uniforms.

Resident at 1120 Mistletoe Lane thanked PWD for placing a bench and older kid swings in Marble Park, appreciates the brick wall near bridge and walking path, asks for Grant St. sign at intersection with Hwy 116 and Grant St.

Resident 125 Washington St. commented on park updates.

Resident at 634 Riverview St. shared treatment received by Village staff regarding a CSM application, confusion of the process and non-responsiveness of return calls and emails.

Administrator's Report

Meeting with Switchgear related to progress and objectives relate to community. No updates on viable offers for land sales at this time.

Revised contract with Verizon regarding lease agreement for tower space.

GOEDC to provide list of Village businesses and offerings, and strategies moving forward.

Wolf Run Estates moving forward after a rainy summer.

Openings for part-time Customer Service Rep and full-time Public Works staff.

ETF insurance premiums expected to rise 11%.

Fiscal controls in place working with the budget to finish in a positive position. Historically expenses/revenues not being allocated accurately. For example:

Expenses/revenues were not being allocated accurately, or even at all.

For example, in 2021 money spent towards a cake and retirement party were allocated to IRS withholding penalties. We have found that invoices were not being spread across the different departments. We have found that deposits were being made but not recorded.

We received payment on a bond for \$3,717,151.92 on 7/8/21. These funds were never recorded and there was a material weakness noted in the 2021 audit stating that adjusting entries needed to be provided to record the long-term debt. These entries were not posted until after the audit came back on 9/22/22.

In 2022 we were fined \$3,004.20 for not filing tax withholding. In 2023 we were fined another \$21,225.30.

Capital Improvement Plans are being worked out and projects to be bonded or commercially loaned. Variance Committee meeting to be held for three needed property variances.

Fleet management opportunities for Public Safety and Public works being cultivated.

Several key meetings with state and local leaders regarding concerns and achievements within the Village.

RO Project open house and ribbon cutting happening later in October.

Committee Reports

Beautification - met, Brat Barn was success, Oct. 12 Hwy. Cleanup, Booth at Fall Fest

Cemetery - met, possibly raising fees, new garage door installed, updating dates on fee form

Fire District - met, Budget meeting no increase – will move money around, air boats moving forward, five and ten year plans to replace vehicles

Historic Preservation - didn't meet, Fall Fest Booth, seeking donations for marker for Pioneer Cemetery costing \$5000 including installation

Library - Broke all previous records for reading programs, Sept. 30 inventory, Trunk & Treat, new reading program for Adults/Seniors

Parks – met, see report

Personnel & Finance – reviewed

financials, personnel handbook and fleet management plan

Plan Commission – didn't meet

Public Safety – reposted burning ordinance to educate against illegal burning of leaves and garden waste, budget process going good, SRO busy at school

Public Works – CMAR Report – 'A' grade achieved, not enforcing weed control, grinding 8th Ave asphalt to use at Lake Winneconne Park, flushing water lines, checking water meters, Oct. 24 RO Open House will be featured in APWA Magazine, deduct meter program changes.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion by Foster second by Kubasta to approve the proposed Marble Park Master Plan as presented by John Kneer, President of Rettler.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Foster second by Bouras to approve Resolution 0816 - N. 8th Avenue Resurfacing: Resolution by the Village Board of the Village of Winneconne adopting the final resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessment powers under section 66.0703, Wisconsin statutes, for street resurfacing on North 8th Avenue, Winneconne Wisconsin

Motion passes by roll call vote: Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-

aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Kubasta second by Bouras to postpone approval of Personnel Policy Handbook until next month

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Bouras second by Janikowski to approve striking line number 2, under section C from Ordinance 518-46 Deduct Meters requiring plumbing permit and installation by duly licensed plumber

Motion passes by roll call vote: Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-

aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Bouras second by Foster to approve street addressing beginning at 300 with 13th Avenue continuing off Main St. and running to Lasley Point Rd. with approval of Town Board on name change from Wolf Run Road

Approve at Village then take to Town for approval

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Bouras second by Kubasta to approve E911 Joint Powers Agreement with Winnebago County Sheriff Department for the purpose of providing emergency services to Village of Winneconne residents and visitors, December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote 6-0-1, Janikowski abstains

Motion by Foster second by Kubasta to move into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation date of public employees.

Motion passes by roll call vote: Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-

aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Discussion of Village Administrator employment agreement

Motion by Foster second by Janikowski to move into open session.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote 7-0-0

Motion to TABLE approval of Administrator Fuller's employment agreement.

Adjourn
Motion by Janikowski second by Stelzner to adjourn meeting at 7:24 pm

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote 7-0-0

Clerk Wasinger
VB approved Oct. 15, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is hosting a public hearing on Monday November 4, 2024, at 10am at the Oshkosh Seniors Center located at: 200 N. Campbell Rd., Oshkosh, WI 54902, South Building in the Willows Room. The public hearing will be held to review the proposed goals for Winnebago County's Aging Plan 2025-2027. Each year Winnebago County receives Older Americans Act (OAA) funding for programming in older adult nutrition, preventative health promotion classes, caregiver support, and general supportive services. The proposed goals for the upcoming 3-Year Aging Plan have been drafted in an effort to support older adult programming in the above identified program areas. We would like interested residents to listen and share input about the proposed OAA goals. For those persons unable to attend the meeting in-person and wishing to submit comments in advance, may do so by mailing their comments to: Winnebago County Human Services, Attn: Jill Butler, Aging & Resources Program Supervisor, P.O. Box 2187 Oshkosh, WI 54903-2187 jbutler@winnebagoountywi.gov or call 877-886-2372. Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations wishing to attend the in-person hearing should contact the person listed above prior to Monday October 28, 2024. The location of this meeting is handicap accessible. Hearing notice has also been shared with OAA programs including nutrition, health promotions, caregiver support, and general supportive service providers. For those persons wishing to examine the proposed goals please contact the person listed above for copies.

Submitted: 10/18/2024

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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
Published Oct. 16, 23, 30

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ELECTION NOTICE

VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE

The public test of the ImageCast Evolution tabulating equipment to be used at the November 5, General Election will be held at the Winneconne Municipal Center located at 30 S. 1st St. on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024, in the Board Room at 10:00 am.

Ann Wasinger

Village Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Electronic Ballot Tabulation

The public test of the ImageCast Evolution tabulating equipment to be used at the November 5, 2024 General Election will be held at the Town of Vinland Town Hall located at 6085 County Road T, Oshkosh on October 29, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. All tests open to the public.

Karen Brazee, Clerk/Treasurer

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NOTICE

TOWN OF WINNECONNE

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the electronic tabulating equipment, to be used at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 in the Town of Winneconne, will be conducted at the Winneconne Town Hall, 6494 Cty Rd M, Winneconne at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

Yvonne Zobel, Town Clerk

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Día de los Muertos

con tu Museo Público de Oshkosh

Noviembre 2, 2024

www.oshkoshmuseum.org

¡Únase a nosotros para un día lleno de colores vibrantes, música alegre, elementos tradicionales y emocionantes actividades durante la celebración del Día de los Muertos en el Museo Público de Oshkosh! Todos los eventos son gratuitos y abiertos a la comunidad. La diversión comienza a las 10 AM

Celebrate Día de los Muertos at the Oshkosh Public Museum! Join us for a day filled with vibrant colors, lively music, traditional elements, a community altar, and fun for the entire family. All events are free + open to the community. The fun begins at 10 AM



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