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## Rogers reign comes to end 71 years of ownership transfers to new proprietors

By Becky LaDue

It's been a remarkable run for the Rogers family and its ownership of The Winneconne News. Seventy-one years of a family operation is an incredible accomplishment, steeped in deep commitment to the local community.

As of October 1, 2024, the newspaper has transferred ownership to Karen and Jeff Schneider and their Oshkosh Herald/Neenah News conglomerate, and changes are already underway! As we stand on the precipice of an exciting new chapter, let's take a moment to look back at the history of the Rogers reign:

In 1953, Clarence O. Rogers learned of a small print shop in Winneconne, Wisconsin, selling off equipment. Anxious to obtain a press at a neat price, C.O. made his way north from Milwaukee. Upon arriving, he learned not only was equipment for sale, but the entire business, newspaper and all. Partnering with his Uncle Al Otto, C.O. and his wife Margaret took a leap of faith (swayed by the quaint river-hugging village) and purchased it, moving their then family of four.

That first newspaper shop was located on West Main Street next to the Lake Theater. The Rogers family lived in a connected apartment, allowing Margaret to be involved in the paper's production while raising a family. Back in the '50s, paper production was by letter press, and labor intensive. The print shop focused four to five days on producing the paper, and only a few on other jobs.

Operated almost exclusively by C.O. and Margaret, by 14, their son John was doing many hours of linotype work, and his sister Kris was busy typing copy.

In 1961, the company moved to South First Avenue as business increased. John formally purchased the company in 1974, though C.O. and Margaret were still very much engaged; Margaret was now the

managing editor.

In 1980, the company moved again to 140 W. Main, jumping to a 3,200-foot facility and doing quite a bit more general printing. It remained there until 1996 when John built the strip mall at 908 E. Main Street, where the company resides today.

C.O. passed away in 1992 and Margaret continued to work at the paper until the age of 88, passing away in 2011; John operated the company until his passing in 2023, leaving it in the care of his wife, Lynn, until its sale this month.

"We were here to keep our community vibrant," said John Rogers back in 2013. "People depend on the paper to give them vital information that maybe no one outside Winneconne might care about."

And so goes the Rogers reign...71 years of bringing you all things local for your edification and enjoyment.

Here's one final reflection as printed in The Winneconne News in May 1954. It's written by Winneconne's then librarian, Lillian Bockin, about your local newspaper:

### The Town's Best Friend

*The hometown newspaper is about the best friend any town ever had. Year in and year out, its columns report the achievements, the good times, the gains, and the tragedies of the home folks. Each issue does something to cement individuals into the community.*

*The paper drums up trade for the merchants, rejoices when the school team wins, and helps get the crowd out for each neighborhood event. When the advertising columns are well filled and the subscription list grows long, the editor can know his endeavors are appreciated.*

And so it will remain under the steadfast leadership of the Schneider family of newspapers.



News photo

Karen Schneider (left), owner and publisher of the Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News, stands next to Lynn Rogers after purchasing the Winneconne News last week.

## A special message from the Rogers family

Our time has come to reach out to thank this great community and our wonderful and loyal staff at The Winneconne News & Rogers Printing –

Becky LaDue, editor; Jennifer Sadlon, graphic designer; Doug Sasse, photographer; Matt Harp and Jeanne Lehr, columnists; Bobbie Rogers, recipe contributor; Sarah Ruiz, office manager; Mae Kosciuk, print production; and Kathy Sasse, business manager.

We also want to thank our advertisers, subscribers and the many dedicated and loyal customers for the wonderful support the Rogers family has been most fortunate to have had during our 71 years of service with The Winneconne News & Rogers Printing. There is no finer place to be to receive community support.

**We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.**

We give our best to Karen and Jeff Schneider in continuing the legacy of The Winneconne News and Rogers Printing.

Lynn, Jenna & Kevin, the late John Rogers, Margaret Rogers and C. O. Rogers



The WACF Board of Directors, left to right, staggered: Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher, Barb Biggar, Paul Olson, Cary Garofalo, Jillyayne Verich, Peggy Larson, Kelly Angell, Katie Sharratt, John Broderick, Scott Holland, Ryan Otto, Kate Pfaendtner. Missing: Candice Olson.

## \$25K Matching grant established for Marble Park improvements

### 'Let's get to work on play' is the new project's slogan

By Becky LaDue

The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Winneconne Area Community Foundation (WACF) on October 6 at the Winneconne Community Arts Center delivered a good deal of fun along with some exciting news to the community. WACF board members have announced a \$25,000 matching grant from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation (OACF) to kickstart the village's Marble Park improvement project, contributed to honor WACF's decade of accomplishments as a fledging foundation.

"This backing by the OACF, and its continued support throughout this past decade has been instrumental to the success of Winneconne's Foundation," said WACF President Scott Holland.

The WACF took root in 2013, and has grown from zero to \$3-million dollars in assets. It now has 80 funds and has gifted over \$850,000 back to the community for a myriad of projects and scholarships—with its next big goal being the reimagining of Marble Park.

"Parks are the cornerstone of the community," shared board member John Broderick, "and we want the park to be safe, more inviting and fun. It still has playground equipment from 1968."

With a master plan now in place and a matching grant established, the first phase of the improvements includes new playground equipment, additional pickleball courts, a new basketball court and batting cages for a \$1.2 million-dollar price tag.

"On this special anniversary," said Holland, "let's just imagine what we can accomplish in the next 10 years."

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# WHAT a Fall Festival!

Teamwork made the dream work for Fall Fest 2024—and mother nature decided to play along too producing a spectacular event for Winneconne residents and visitors alike this past weekend.

Attendees enjoyed great music, nearly 75 festive vendors—this time setting up in Waterfront Park—along with delicious food from local restaurants, bakers, and food trucks. Activities for the kids were non-stop—from a fishing contest to a Kids Zone of games, face painting, trunk-or-treating at the library, “touch a truck” and more!

The Winneconne Chamber of Commerce put in umpteen hours to pull off this great, seasonal event under the leadership of Alison Otto, but none of it would have been possible without donations from many local sponsors offering their support.



# Winneconne deserves local news

To quote Michael Connelly, “A newspaper is the center of a community, it’s one of the tent poles of the community, and that’s not going to be replaced by web-sites and blogs.”

I believe in the value local news provides for a community, so when Lynn Rogers contacted me at the beginning of this year I was intrigued and knew, even if it wasn’t us, that this newspaper with a 153-year history had to remain open, viable and publishing. Knowing the value The Winneconne News provides for the community; we are honored to take the reins from the Rogers family and bring them under the Oshkosh Herald LLC umbrella.

John Rogers and his family have been providing the community with local news and information for more than 70 years and our goal is to continue his legacy. We are fortunate that the Winneconne News team with their vast knowledge of the community will remain onboard for the newspaper and Rogers Printing.

Who or what is the Oshkosh Herald and where did we come from? The Herald was founded in January 2018 to fill a void of local news in the community when my husband, Jeff Schneider, asked me what my dream job would be and my answer was: Start a weekly newspaper for

Oshkosh.

Jeff and I invested in bringing a newspaper to the Oshkosh area to be a resource for prep sports, school, government, business and community news and provide an affordable marketplace for local businesses to advertise. And it is an investment of love, time, money and resources and one we really weren’t planning on expanding. But life happens.

In February 2022, after being contacted by community members and leaders of the Neenah area over several years yearning for a local news source for their community, we founded the Neenah News. This paper covers the Neenah Joint School District, which is mainly the ZIP code 54956 and includes Neenah and part of Fox Crossing.

Our newspapers’ content is centered around the geographical boundaries of the school district in each of the cities we serve, as well as county government as that impacts us all.

I know change is scary, but I ask that you support us and share your thoughts as we make some changes in The Winneconne News in the coming weeks to streamline its production with the other two newspapers with our small team. No fear, the coverage of your community will continue, and we look forward to continuing the work John has laid the foundation for and having The Winneconne News remain a legacy member of the community.



Schneider

## Church Notes

**St. Mary’s Catholic Church**  
 210 Pleasant Drive  
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**Priest Celebrants**  
**Fr. Tom Long**  
**& Fr. Ben Pribbenow**  
**Deacon Paul Vidmar, Pastoral Coordinator**  
 Thurs.: 2 pm - Rosary.  
 Sat.: 10 am - Rosary, service with potluck in KH. 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm - Mass.  
 Sunday, Oct. 13: 9:30 am - Recognition Parent Mtg. 10:30 am - Mass w/Recon enrollment. 11:30 pm - Confirmation practice.  
 Mon.: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion. 8:30 am - Rosary. 6 pm - Chosen/Kaudy Hall.  
 Tues.: 9:30 am - Staff Mtg. 1:30

pm- BS Catholicism. 5:30 pm - KC’s Mtg/Steak Night. 6 pm - Rosary. 6 pm - Parish Council Mtg.  
 Wed.: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion. 3:10 pm - ES FF; 6:30 pm - MS FF. 6:30 pm - Confirmation.

**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.  
 Meal for Day-by-Day Warming Shelter prep.  
 Sunday, Oct. 13: 8 & 10 am - Worship w/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Bible presentation.  
 Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous. 6 pm - AcaBellas.  
 Tues.: 9 am - Busy Hands. 6:30 pm - Council Mtg.  
 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.  
 Sunday, Oct. 13: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship (late mass w/contemporary music). 9:10 am - Family Bible Study.  
 Mon.: 6 pm - Contemporary Music Practice.  
 Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters. 6:45 pm - Church Council Mtg.  
 Wed.: 6:30 pm - Catechism Study.

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
 8396 Steeple Hill Drive  
 Winchester  
**Pastor Mark Laatsch**  
 Sunday, Oct. 13: 9:30 am - Indoor Worship (streamed and in person).  
 Mon.: 9 am & 4 pm - Ruth’s Pantry.  
 Tues.: 8:30 am - Property Team.  
 Wed.: 9 am - Women of Grace.  
 5:30 pm - Service of Word/Gathering Space. 6 pm - Confirmation.

**Winneconne Christian Fellowship**  
 313 N. Ninth Avenue  
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**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  
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**Pastor Paul Ibisch**  
 920-878-3001  
 Sundays: 10 am - Service with Bible Study/Fellowship to Follow. Also online through Facebook. Free Little Food Pantry 24/7 at North Entry of Church.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
 32 S. Third Avenue  
 Winneconne  
 920-706-0047  
**Pastor Emily Lueder**  
 Sunday, Oct. 13: 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**  
**At First Presbyterian Church**  
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 Pastor Philip Geiger  
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 Wednesday Bible Study

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# White Cedars 4-H Club Marks a Milestone During National 4-H Week

With National 4-H Week upon us, the local White Cedars 4-H Club has a special reason to celebrate.

The club is marking two decades of service and learning in 2024. Founded in 2004 by Michelle (LaMarche) Eigner, the club was named after its original meeting place at White Cedars Ranch near Winneconne. Twenty years later, White Cedars continues to thrive, welcoming new families while others graduate from the program. The club now convenes at the Butte Des Morts Lions Club on the second Monday of every month.

The essence of 4-H can be found in its familiar 4-leaf clover emblem, which represents head, heart, hands, and health. The program aims to empower youth through hands-on learning that cultivates vital life skills, fosters problem-solving, encourages community service, and promotes healthy living. Since its inception in the early 1900s, the "learn by doing" philosophy has shaped the lives of countless young people.

White Cedars 4-H Club members engage in an array of project areas, supported by volunteer leaders. Young people explore interests ranging from animal care—such as horses, goats, rabbits, and poultry—to creative pursuits like sewing, woodworking, photography, foods and nutrition, computers and robotics. Members also enjoy various outings throughout the year.

In honor of National 4-H Week, the club hosted a special meeting on October 7 at the Winneconne Area Assistance Center to learn about the organization's role in the community, donating a non-perishable food item for each year they have been part of 4-H.



A view of the club's display at the Winneconne Public Library.

To further commemorate its 20th anniversary, the club has curated a display of scrapbooks and projects reflecting its journey, on view at the Winneconne Public Library.

Interested in joining the ranks of 4-H youth? The Winnebago County 4-H program boasts a vibrant community of over 1,200 youth and more than 125 adult volunteers.

With 17 youth clubs and five project clubs, there are numerous opportunities for involvement, including summer camps, workshops, and special events.

A new club, Farming Friends, is also launching this year in the Winneconne area, meeting the second Sunday of each month under the leadership of Brooke and Ryan Overton.

For a complete list of community and project clubs, visit <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/join/clubs/>. For more information or to get involved, contact Dana Berger, Winnebago County 4-H Program Educator, at 920-232-1984 or via email at [dana.berger@wisc.edu](mailto:dana.berger@wisc.edu).



The 2024 White Cedars 4-H Club.



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# Log-a-Load for Kids educates area youth on forestry & logging industry

Timber! Fourth grade students from Winneconne and Omro elementary schools, along with two area home-school groups, experienced something special on a beautiful fall trip to the Norbert Rich School Forest recently.

A 'Log-A-Load for Kids' Charitable Harvest' event took place at the School Forest, featuring different forestry and logging industry learning stations and activities that students explored throughout the day.

Nearly 250 students hiked the Norbert Rich property during morning and afternoon sessions, visiting 15 stations to see a live demonstration of a tree

harvest and loading truck operations conducted by Koerner Forest Products. The 2024 timber harvest included completing a clear cut of an ailing Red Pine section and thinning the remaining Red Pine area on the property.

Professionals and experts in their fields – loggers, foresters, biologists, industry professionals, and teachers – were stationed throughout the School Forest conducting 20-minute sessions to educate about different aspects of forest management, equipment, and wood products.

"It was a fantastic day for our area youth to learn about forestry and spend a day in the out-of-doors," said Winneconne School Forest Coordinator Pat Kolbe. "We had beautiful weather, and amazing professionals giving their time to educate our students. It was great to involve Omro and area home-school groups to reach and impact even more students."

Members of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA) help participate in Charitable Harvests as an educational program highlighting the environmental, social and economic benefits of a healthy forest through science-based management techniques.



Forester Tim James explains smart forest management to elementary students.



Students trying their hand at a virtual demo of logging equipment.

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# Salary scale for county's executive post approved

By Bethanie Gengler

The annual salary for the Winnebago County executive position has been set through the end of 2028 after the county board recently passed a resolution that fixes the compensation for the upcoming four-year term.

Under state statute, changes in compensation for elected officials must be established at least 90 days before an election. The county executive position will be on

the ballot in April.

County Executive Jon Doemel's current annual salary is \$122,896. He also receives health, dental, life insurance and long-term disability insurance benefits, and participates in the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Doemel was elected in 2021, replacing Mark Harris who held the position for 16 years. At the time he was elected, the county executive's annual salary was

\$107,188.

Doemel initially faced some criticism after hiring a chief of staff without county board approval, with an annual salary of \$52,000. He also created a department of administration and implemented a new director position, with an annual salary of \$135,890-\$150,989.

Of all Wisconsin counties that have county executives, Dane and Racine have the largest populations and pay their executives annual salaries of \$146,692 and \$131,950, respectively.

Bordering Brown and Outagamie counties, which both have larger populations than Winnebago County, pay their county executives annual salaries of \$107,330 and \$113,422, respectively.

Historically, Winnebago County has increased the salary of the county executive position by 2% each year since 2015. This year, director of human resources Mark Habeck recommended increasing the executive's salary in 2025 by 3% and by 2.5% each year from 2026-2028.

Under the approved schedule, the position will come with an annual salary of \$126,583 through March 2026. It will increase that April to \$129,747; increase in 2027 to \$132,991 and in 2028 to \$136,316.

Several supervisors spoke in favor of the pay increase at a September meeting before voting it in, noting that competitive salaries are necessary to attract well-qualified candidates to elected positions.

## Back In The Day

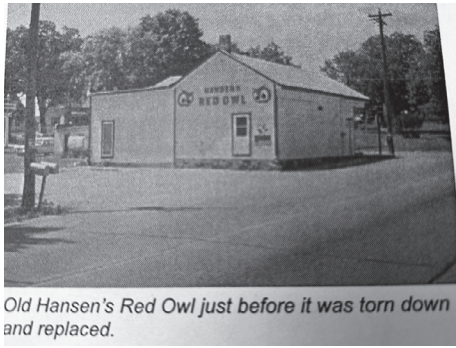
### Homestead Mutual Building was once Hansen's Red Owl – Winchester's corner store

There was a time in the not too distant past that every small town in the area had some kind of grocery store for local people to meet their needs.

As late as the 1950s, there were stores in Allenville, Mikesville, Larsen, Medina, Zittau, Butte des Morts and Winchester. One by one, unfortunately, they closed for a variety of reasons, but mostly because larger grocery stores moved into the area. The last to survive in Winchester was the "corner store"—Hansen's Red Owl, closing in 1990.

The store had many owners dating back as far as 1852, but owners George and Keith Lutsey branded it a Red Owl in 1944. In 1964, the first Red Owl store (now owned by Harry Hansen) was torn down and a new one was built; in 1974 it was added onto, doubling in size.

As business continued to dwindle for neighborhood grocers, Kwik Trip was



Old Hansen's Red Owl just before it was torn down and replaced.

solicited and eventually took over the building in 1991, operating there until a new store was placed at the intersection of highways 45 and II.

The last business to operate at the location was Homestead Mutual, vacating this summer. Good news! This historic building is currently for rent—still offering its key "corner" location in the heart of Winchester.

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# County Board of Supervisors to vote on federal funds plan

## Interest from ARPA set for general operations

By **Bethanie Gengler**

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors is set to consider a resolution that would allocate \$1.4 million in interest earnings from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to fund county government projects and funnel future interest earnings to the county's general fund.

According to a memo from the county executive, the final rule from the U.S. Treasury on ARPA spending expressly allows interest on the federal funds to be placed in the general fund.

The county received \$33.3 million in federal pandemic relief in 2021 and 2022, which it designated the "Spirit Fund" to be spent in the spirit of ARPA.

The funds were divided into the categories of "county government projects" proposed by the county executive and department heads; and "government identified projects" intended to be a partnership among county departments and the community.

To date, the county has approved 65 projects and disbursed \$23.5 million in ARPA dollars, according to the county's new online Spirit Fund dashboard.

With not all ARPA dollars having been disbursed, the county has continued to col-

lect interest earnings on the money, which now amounts to \$2.5 million. Of that, \$1.4 million in interest was earned from the funds in the government identified projects category and an additional \$152,000 in that category has not been allocated.

The ARPA Strategy and Outcome Commission held two meetings in September to discuss the interest and how to proceed with the remaining resources.

Under a proposal from the county executive's office, the interest and remaining unallocated government identified project funds with a combined total of \$1.5 million would be used for county government projects. Interest accrued beginning Nov. 1 would be moved to the general fund for use in county operations.

Examples of county government projects funded with ARPA dollars include a Facilities Condition Assessment and a Facilities Master Plan, which are planning documents that the executive's office wrote are overdue and their completion necessary for budgeting decisions moving forward.

"Based on those documents, the county would be in (a) better position to ensure effective investment of the remaining dollars," the county executive's office wrote.

Aside from decisions on the interest earnings and unallocated funds, the ARPA Commission also approved funding several county needs including \$400,000 for dem-

olition of an airport hangar; \$700,000 for a road paver; \$505,000 for a chip spreader; and \$125,405 for the purchase of two vehicles and installation of equipment for the morgue.

Several representatives from the Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District have attended the last few ARPA Commission meetings to voice concerns over state regulations on ammonia and phosphorus discharge limitations, which the existing treatment facility is unable to meet. To comply with the unfunded mandate, the total esti-

mated project costs are \$4.6 million. Larsen-Winchester representatives asked for ARPA assistance to offset the cost.

The commission members discussed the fairness of awarding ARPA dollars to Larsen-Winchester at this late stage in the distribution process and did not take any action on the request.

The County Board will review and vote on the recommendation to allocate the interest earnings to the county government and the latest approved ARPA expenditures at an upcoming meeting.

## Tales From The Land of Retirement

# When it rains, it pours

By **Jeanne Lehr**

October is here. We could tell without looking at the calendar—how fast the



Lehr

weather changes! Shorts one day, jeans the next. Windows are being closed and winterized and the air-conditioner is getting covered. Fall is in the air. We may complain about cooler temps, but let me tell you, WE ARE BLESS-

ED.

When I look at what's been happening across our great nation, I shudder. For months the west coast has been fighting huge forest fires while the southern states had blistering heat. All of this was a hardship, but then came Helene.

Our nation has never experienced such widespread disaster like this hurricane has delivered. Even Katrina was small compared to this. Can you imagine, as you read this surrounded by all your treasures, having everything you own instantly swept away?

Who are you going to call, if you are even able to? Everyone within hundreds of miles is in the same boat. No food, no water, and no way to travel. Yet, you survived, and help is on the way.

Some of my proudest moments were with the groups I went down to New Orleans with after Katrina. We came with helping hands and heartfelt prayers.

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# Here Comes Homecoming

Homecoming is fast approaching in small-town USA! This year, the Winneconne Wolves are once again doing it up right, with Homecoming Week running October 14-19. Get ready for a fun lineup of activities, a parade and football game against the Seymour Thunder, followed by a Saturday-evening dance with doors opening at 8:30 p.m.

**Dress-Up Days:**

Monday - Element (seniors fire/red; Juniors blue/water; sophomores land/green; freshman air/white; staff space/purple)

Tuesday - BBQ dad vs. soccer mom

Wednesday - Dressing the part (ranch wear, Greek toga, beach attire)

Thursday - School Spirit

**Monday Fun:**

**Hall decorating in advance of Powderpuff - 3 to 6 p.m.**

**Powderpuff Games (directly after hall decorating):**

Boys' Volleyball in the gym at 7 p.m.

Girls' Flicker Ball immediately following volleyball on the WHS football field

**Thursday: 2:15 p.m. - Pep Rally & Court Announced.**

**Friday Festivities:**

**Parade:**

Theme is "Battle of the Elements!" with grade-level floats judged by WCSD staff.

The parade is set for Friday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. The parade will begin at the corner of Riverview and N. 6th, heading east. It will move along Riverview Drive, turn on N. 9th Avenue, and continue to the high school. The line-up will begin around 5 p.m. until the parade begins. There are still openings for organizations to join in! If interested, please contact Trisha Buelow at [buelowt@w-csd.org](mailto:buelowt@w-csd.org).

**Football Game:**

Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Homecoming Court members will be announced at halftime, with a great halftime show by the marching band and band alumni!

**Homecoming Dance:**

Saturday, Oct. 19, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. (doors close at 10 p.m.) at Winneconne High School. Court will be introduced at 10 p.m.

Enjoy Homecoming, Winneconne!



## Town's new garage nearing completion

By Becky LaDue


The Town of Winneconne's new garage is on track to be completed by the third week of October, within budget, and will soon be utilized for a myriad of town equipment and storage needs.

The project was funded by \$145,000

of ARPA funds the town received. Horst Builders, Neshkoro, was selected as the contractor of the 42' x 63' facility, which included the building and slab, along with compression foam, drainage, insulation, a vapor barrier, steel ceiling, and a wall liner package for a price tag of \$118,000.

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## First West Nile virus case reported in county

The first human case of West Nile virus has been reported in Winnebago County, with local health officials advising residents to continue to protect themselves against mosquito bites. The case is among several others reported in Wisconsin this year.

West Nile virus is spread through the bite of a mosquito that has been infected by feeding on infected birds. The illness is most common in Wisconsin during August and September.

Most people infected with the virus do not get sick and usually experience mild symptoms such as fever, headache, muscle ache, rash and fatigue. Fewer than 1% who become infected get seriously ill and older adults and those with compromised immune systems are at greater risk of developing severe illness that can be fatal.

Winnebago County health officials ask that people contact a health care provider if they suspect they have a West Nile illness. For more information, contact 920-232-3000 or visit [co.winnebago.wi.us/health](http://co.winnebago.wi.us/health).

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# Advocap reaches out with meals, well-checks in Winneconne

By Becky LaDue

Winnebago County Food & Nutrition Outreach Specialist, Amanda Wiechman, was making the rounds in Winneconne last week educating seniors about resources they may benefit from and connecting them to important local services to ensure they feel safe and supported as older, independently living adults.

“I conduct home visits with anyone in our Advocap program,” explained Wiechman, “all over Winnebago County, and I’m always trying to brainstorm ways we can get communities more involved with our seniors.”

One cornerstone of the Advocap program is its driver delivered meals. While the meals are hot and nutritious, the home delivery has a dual purpose—allowing the friendly driver to conduct a wellness check nearly every day of the week.

“They are my eyes and ears for every program participant,” said Wiechman. “If something seems off that day or they aren’t themselves, they can report it. While I visit every participant at least once a year, a year is a long time, so I strongly rely on my drivers.”

If a driver cannot access the senior being delivered to, they will first call emergency contacts on record and then the police department for a welfare check.

“It was great to team up with Police Chief Ben Sauriol to deliver some meals and show him firsthand how the program works,” Wiechman added, “and Hazel and the others we delivered to sure got a kick out of it!”

For more information on the Advocap Food & Nutrition program, contact Amanda Wiechman at 920-725-2791 ext. 3714 or email her at [amanda.wiechman@advocap.org](mailto:amanda.wiechman@advocap.org).



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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. 14-18**  
**Mon.:** Spaghetti/meat sauce, corn/peppers/black beans, orange, garlic bread.  
**Tues.:** Chicken sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, tropical fruit, cookie.  
**Wed.:** Pork chop suey, broccoli/cauliflower, brown rice, pineapple, grape juice.  
**Thurs.:** Smothered steak, garlic mashed potatoes, peas/corn, fruited Jell-O, Rice Krispie bar.  
**Fri.:** Tuna salad sandwich, green salad, carrots/dip, mandarin oranges.  
**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 Menus

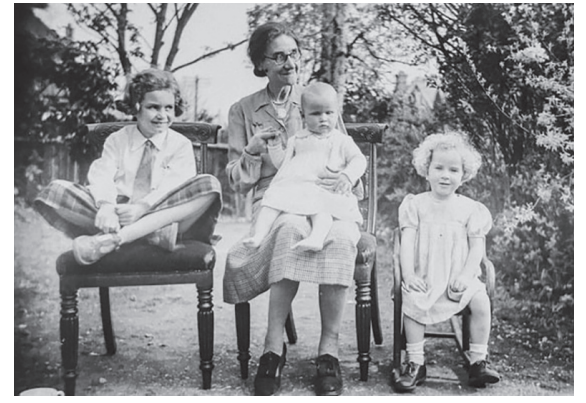
- Lunch:**  
**ES:** Along with main entrée and rotating vegetable, garden bar, assorted fruit, PB&J pocket, chef salad, and milk are offered daily.  
**MS:** Along with main entrée, chef salad, rotating salad, fruit bowl, PB&J pocket, turkey (or ham) and cheese sandwich, snacks, garden bar, assorted fruit and milk are offered daily.  
**Mon: ES:** Mac & cheese, California blend veggies, muffin. **MS:** Hot beef/bun, fries, broccoli.  
**Tues.:** **ES:** Cheeseburger, carrots, educational snack. **MS:** Cheese pizza, garlic breadstick, mixed veggies.  
**Wed.:** **ES:** Orange chicken, broccoli, Lo mein noodles. **MS:** Taco bowl, rice pilaf, salad.  
**Thurs.:** **ES:** French toast/syrup, baby cakes, sausage patty. **MS:** Popcorn chicken, buttered pasta, cauliflower.  
**Fri.:** NO SCHOOL TODAY.

# Dating old photos presentation slated

Be sure not to miss the membership meeting of the Winneconne Historical Society on Tuesday, Oct. 22. The meeting starts at 6 p.m., and after the annual elections, speaker Scott Jorgensen will present a presentation entitled 'Clues in Old Photographs and How to Date Them'.

Jorgensen will help the audience look for clues in old photos to identify when the photos were taken, which may lead to discovering who the individuals are in your keepsakes.

For more information, contact the society at [historicalsocietyofwinneconne@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyofwinneconne@gmail.com).



# Community Calendar

- Thursday, Oct. 10: 10:30 am** - Strong Bodies/Senior Ctr. 3 pm - Bingo/Senior Ctr. 4 pm - XC @ Deer Run Golf Course.  
**4 pm** - 8<sup>th</sup> grade VB @ Ripon; 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Home/Ripon. 5:30 & 6:45 pm - JV/V Volleyball @ Plymouth. 7 pm - Varsity Football at Fox Valley Lutheran.  
**Friday, Oct. 11:** Shop & Dine Locally & Enjoy Winneconne!  
**Saturday, Oct. 12:** Shop & Dine Locally & Enjoy Winneconne!  
**Sunday, Oct. 13:** Worship at the Church of Your Choice.  
**Monday, Oct. 14:** 4 pm - 8<sup>th</sup> grade VB @ Omro; 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Home/Omro. 7 pm - Homecoming Powder Puff Games.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 15:** 2 pm - Rummikub/Senior Ctr. 3 pm - Bean Bags/Senior Ctr. 4:30 pm - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football, Home/Waupaca. 5 pm - JV2 Football, Home/FVL. 5:45 pm - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football, Home/Waupaca. 6:45 pm - Varsity Soccer @ Kewaskum.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 16:** The News is OUT - Subscribe today @ [winneconne.com](http://winneconne.com). 9:30 am - Craft/Senior Ctr.

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Sports

# Wolves stymie Comets to remain undefeated

Another week, another win for the state-ranked Winneconne football team.

The Wolves rattled off 27 straight points after falling behind 3-0 and cruised to a 27-11 victory over Waupaca in a Bay Conference matchup last Friday night.

Winneconne, which was ranked eighth in Division 4, improved to 7-0 overall this season and 5-0 in conference play. The Wolves will travel to play at Fox Valley Lutheran next Thursday night before wrapping up the regular season at home on Oct. 18 against Seymour, which is currently in second place in the conference.

The Winneconne offense took a little bit to get going against the Comets, trailing 3-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Brody Schaffer scored on a 3-yard run in the second quarter to get the Wolves on the board and Winneconne halted a Waupaca scoring drive just before half-time to take a 7-3 lead at intermission.

The third quarter was all Winneconne as Charlie Roubidoux scored on a 9-yard

run to cap the Wolves' opening drive of the second half and then Schaffer took an option pitch from Camden Plotz and sprinted 80 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the next possession to extend Winneconne's lead to 20-3.

Schaffer, who finished with 136 yards on 11 carries and also completed 7-of-10 passes for 59 yards, added his second 3-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter for Winneconne's final points.

Waupaca added a late touchdown for the final margin.

Plotz added 61 yards rushing on 16 carries for the Wolves while Ryan Quigley was Winneconne's leading receiver with five catches for 39 yards.

Defensively, the Wolves were led by Hudson Samolinski who finished with eight tackles, while Kaden Carder, Oliver McAloon and Jesse Michaud each had five tackles. Samolinski, Karter Hawthorne and Jace Nygaard each registered sacks in the win for Winneconne.



Caden Plotz leaps over the Waupaca defenders on Friday night.

Photo by Doug Sasse



Winneconne defenders Brody Schaffer (3) and Jack Quigley (11) break up a pass intended for Waupaca's Xzaver Pittman on Friday night.

Photo by Doug Sasse

## Rust, Stephans lead golfers to Division 2 sectional tourney

Avery Rust and Lacey Stephans each finished in the top five as the Winneconne girls golf team edged Little Chute at last week's WIAA Division 2 regional tournament to earn a spot in this week's sectional.

The Wolves finished with a team score of 413 to grab the third qualifying spot at the regional, which was held at Mid-Vallee Golf Course in De Pere. Winneconne's total landed them six shots ahead of the Mustangs. Denmark won the team title with a score of 406, two shots better than Freedom.

Rust led the way for Winneconne with a

round of 96, one shot behind a pair of golfers who tied for second place. Stephans, the only player with postseason experience for the Wolves, carded a score of 98 to finish in a three-way tie for fifth place.

Jada Kaiser was the next lowest Winneconne golfer with a 109, while the scoring foursome was rounded by Mia Rust with a 110. Addi Verkuilen finished with a 115.

The Wolves were set to compete in sectionals at Crystal Springs Golf Course in Seymour on Tuesday where the team will be seeking its third straight trip to the state meet.

## Bowling scores

### Monday Businessmen Bowling

#### September 30

Smelly B's	49-27
Houge's Bar	47-29
Village Pub	43-33
Pro Basement Finishing	40-36
Marble Park Lanes	37-39
Woodeye's	33-43
Tiny's Sports Bar	31.5-44.5
Talk of the Town	23.5-52.5

#### Team Results

Village Pub def Woodeye's	19-0
Smelly B's def Pro Basement Finishing	12-7
Houge's Bar def Talk of the Town	12-7
Marble Park Lanes def Tiny's Spots Bar	17-2


#### Individual Scoring

Mike Elmer 711, 260, 236, 215, Jysen Kapal 698, 256, 234, 208, Bradley Potratz 678, 233, 225, 220, Riley Petri-Rose 647, 255, 222, Mark Frierdich 644, 234, 206, 204, Brent Potratz 626, 225, 213, Jake Biggar 626, 226, 221, Ryan Lorenz 617, 214, 204 Mark Burns 604, 216, 200, Chad Strehlow 604, 233, Dan Hale 232, Doug Ubick 219, Kurt Wolosek 203.

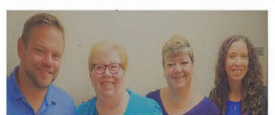
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# Sports

## Wolves battle Chargers in four-set loss on Dig Pink night

Winneconne pulled out a third-set win to extend the match against Kettle Moraine Lutheran but couldn't complete the comeback in a 25-18, 25-20, 20-25, 25-22 loss to the Chargers in an East Central Conference matchup last Thursday.

The loss drops the Wolves into a second-place tie with the Chargers with 3-1 conference records. Kewaskum sits atop the conference with a 4-0 mark.

The match was the program's annual Dig Pink event, raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness. According to head coach Alison Otto, half of the funds raised at the match will be donated to The Side-out Foundation, which fights against metastatic breast cancer, while the other half will benefit Winneconne alum Jeanne Schlosser, who is currently undergoing treatment.

Neela Gardner led a balanced Winne-

conne attack with nine kills, while Megan Anderson finished with eight and Alyssa Koval and Malia Bodoh each added seven. Bailey Church totaled 31 assists in the match.

Defensively, the Wolves had four players with double-digit digs in the match led by 28 from Hannah Josephson, while Koval finished with 15, Gardner had 13 and Church finished with 10.

The Wolves also had a strong night at the service line totaling 11 aces with Koval leading the way with three.

Winneconne also posted four wins at the Wrightstown Invitational on Saturday, posting two-set sweeps of Lourdes Academy, Mishicot and Wrightstown, while beating Freedom in three sets.

Winneconne will travel to Plymouth on Thursday for a ECC matchup against the Panthers.



Photo by Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Alyssa Koval digs up a serve during last week's match against Kettle Moraine Lutheran.

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# Sports

## Cross country teams sweep titles

Both the girls and boys cross country teams ran to titles at the Waupaca Invitational last week.

Hannah Yetter and Ruby Kuehn finished back-to-back in the top five to lead the Winneconne girls team to the crown. The Wolves finished a comfortable nine points ahead of Marshfield to finish atop the nine-team field.

Yetter placed fourth to lead the Wolves, one spot ahead of Kuehn as the duo were the only set of teammates among the top six finishers in the race.

Winneconne's other three scoring runners were tightly packed close behind as Lydia Luce and Madeline Anderson placed 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, respectively, while Libby Jahnke was 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Winneconne boys had three runners in the top 10 as the Wolves edged Marshfield by five points for the team crown.

Grant Wenzelow finished second to lead the way for the Wolves, followed by Oliver Aberle in fourth and Silas Sarbo in ninth place.

Winneconne's scoring group was rounded out by Tyler Bostwick in 19<sup>th</sup> place and Jonah Jackson in 28<sup>th</sup> place – one spot ahead of teammate Jackson Kollat.

Winneconne will run at the Brillion Invitational at Deer Run Golf Course on Thursday.



Submitted photo

Equestrian Team riders, left to right: Kat Skadah, Elyssa Heenan, Molly Otto, Aliyah Eckstein, Hayden Murray, Graycen Murray, Cassandra Kohanski, and Coach Tianna Howe.

## Equestrian team earns district title, advances to state competition

The Winneconne High School Equestrian team won their district competition.

They were District 4, Division B Grand Champions at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Horsemanship Association competition held at Sunnyview Expo in Oshkosh on September 28 and 29. The top

two teams from each division earn a spot at the State competition held at Alliant Energy Center in Madison on October 25 to 27.

The riders competed in various showmanship, horsemanship, and speed classes to earn points for their team to advance.

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# The Weekly Whisk

## White Chicken Lasagna Soup

It's here! Soup season! I am so excited to add this recipe to my soup rotation. Don't let the long list of ingredients sway you. It's worth it! The recipe calls for uncooked lasagna noodles, broken into bits, but I prefer to use Mafalda pasta in this soup. If you have a favorite soup recipe, I would love to give it a try – please send it my way!

- 1-pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 4-6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup flour
- 9-11 cups low sodium chicken broth, divided
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 15 oz can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 tablespoon chicken bouillon
- 1 tsp EACH dried parsley, dried basil
- 1/2 tsp EACH dried oregano, dried thyme, salt, pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- dash red pepper flakes (optional)
- 10 uncooked lasagna noodles broken into approx. 1–2-inch pieces
- 2-3 cups half and half
- 1/2 cup heavy cream (optional)
- 10 oz chopped frozen baby spinach, thawed
- 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- shredded mozzarella cheese
- ricotta cheese

cook, stirring, for 3 minutes. Add bell pepper and garlic and cook for 1 minute. Sprinkle in flour then cook, stirring constantly for 3 minutes (it will be thick).

Turn heat to low and gradually stir in 8 cups of chicken broth. Whisk 3 tablespoons cornstarch with 1 cup additional chicken broth and add to soup. Stir in chicken, beans, chicken bouillon and all remaining herbs and spices. Stir in lasagna noodles. Bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer until noodles are tender, stirring occasionally (approximately 20-30 minutes).

Turn heat to low, discard bay leaf, and stir in half and half, optional heavy cream, and spinach and warm through. Stir in 1 cup Parmesan cheese until melted. Stir in additional half and half or broth if desired for a less “chunky” soup. Season with additional salt and pepper to taste. Garnish individual servings with desired cheeses.

For questions or comments email [weeklywhisk01@gmail.com](mailto:weeklywhisk01@gmail.com)



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*The Winneconne News*

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## Shallow Lakes Chronicles

# Nothing New – It’s All About the Boaters

By Matt Harp,  
Outdoor Reporter

I am starting to understand my friend Rudy a little more with each passing day. If you recall, Dan Rudebek was as passionate about water levels on the Shallow Lakes as

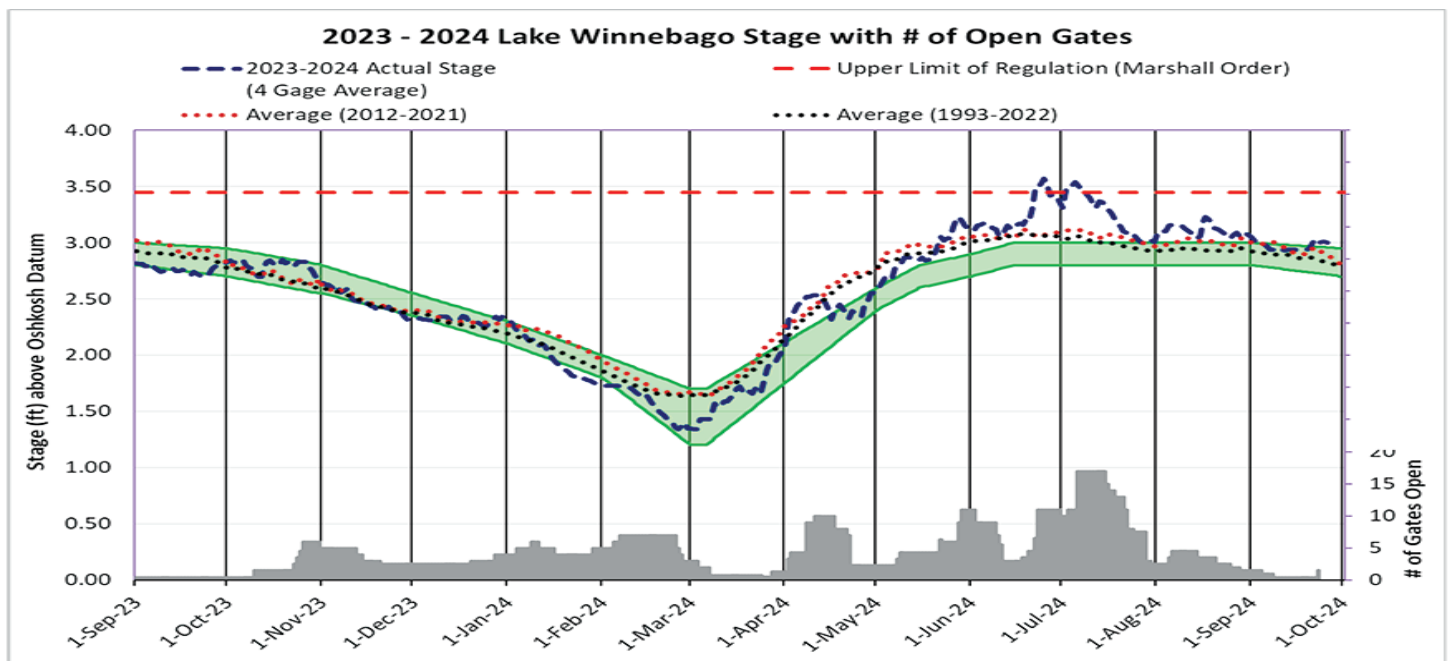


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anyone I know. I always thought he acted a little surly when dealing with the DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE). I thought you could get more action with honey than by waving a big stick.

Since my friend’s passing, I’ve taken up his torch as the advocate for the things in nature that cannot speak at these meetings regarding water level management. Before the large, well-attended, and politics heavy ACE water level meeting, a smaller group of us like to look back on the year that was and offer our assessment, and perhaps, a better path forward. That’s the idea anyway.

The intentions are good and well thought out. Even in our smaller group, an ACE member is in attendance, along with the National Weather Service, the DNR (fisheries, aquatic plants, and others), the Lake Poygan Sportsmen’s Club, and general lake users from various waterways. We each add input as we see fit, and what comes out is a document to help guide the ACE in water level management for 2025 and beyond.



Joke. And this is the part of the story where I see my normally reserved self morph into the more passionate and knee-jerk reactive Rudy. We’ve been doing this since 2018 – this meeting of the Winnebago Waterways Water Level Assessment Team. For the most part, there has been the same recommendation every year – perform the spring refill gradually so that the aquatic plants can grow as the water levels rise.

The basis behind the recommendation has been well documented in science and observed directly on our waters. If the water comes up too fast, the plants never grow. Plants, fish and wildlife suffer losses, and blue-green algae runs rampant and

adds to the cost of drawing drinking water for a quarter million nearby residents. No problem, we have a well thought out plan; let’s give it to the powers that be with the ACE, and all is well in the world, right?

Look at the adjacent graph and see how many days the ACE has missed the target. What an absolute abomination. There was a point where levels were off the recommendation for 80 days! Joke. ACE always missed the target high, never, ever low.

Oh, I suppose there may have been some miscommunication when the duties for managing our water levels were handed from the ACE Detroit office to the Chicago office, but seriously? When challenged for the reasoning behind missed levels this

year, the answer was, “some people wanted to get their boat docks in with the early warm weather.”

Forget about all our repeated recommendations over six years, forget about all the science. The 2024 management was a joke that lasted all summer.

One of my suggestions was to match each “missed high” day with a “missed low” day. I nearly got laughed out of the room. Our Shallow Lakes need careful management, not only for flood control, but flourishing wildlife, and so much more.

I am starting to lose it, just like my buddy Rudy. So, rest easy, cabin cruiser and giant boat owners, the ACE has your back.

Reach Matt at matt@winneconnenews.com

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Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk

WNAXLP October 9, 2024

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