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50 years of a sweet exchange



Sue Ihrig, of Larsen, with her very special Christmas cards.

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By Becky LaDue
Cora Nelson and Sue Ihrig have found a sweet and special way to preserve a 50-plus year friendship. It comes in the form of two—now vintage—Christmas cards the women have passed lovingly between one an-

other for a remarkable 56 years.

Nelson and Ihrig initially met through their husbands, Albert and Glenn, who worked together in Menasha during the 1960s. They enjoyed playing cards and dinners out together, and in 1969, the two women

exchanged some traditional holiday greetings—each from their young, growing families.

It was then that Cora and Sue decided to preserve those cards instead of tossing them away when the Christmas finery came down.

Way back in 1969, they made a plan to carefully tuck the cards away for 11 months each year, then pull them out at Christmastime, re-sign and date them, and exchange them once again.

“I heard something about people sending cards back and forth and thought, should we try it?” said Sue. “We added kids names as our families grew, and then took them off as they moved away to start lives of their own.”

Cora, now 92 and still living independently in Menasha, has already gotten her card in the mail to Sue—signed “Cora, 2024” after the loss of her husband some years back. Sue, 78 and still on the family farm in Larsen with her husband Al, had a fresh envelope prepared, ready to tuck in the precious keepsake and mail it at the Larsen post office.

“They don’t travel across the sea or anything,” said Sue, “but these two cards have gone back and forth in the mail for five decades and have never been lost, and just look at the wonderful shape they are in.”

Much like these ladies’ friendship, one might say—perfectly preserved.

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Wolf Run subdivision will progress during winter months

By Becky LaDue

Developer Eric Hoffmann, owner of Prairie Stone Homes, reports that the new village subdivision Wolf Run Estates, will continue to steadily progress as winter settles over the Wisconsin landscape.

“The final grading is essentially complete on the gravel roadways,” said Hoffmann, “and the final infrastructure is in place. Aside from a little pond work, we are in good shape to move forward with home construction.”

Right now, there are two homes under construction, and Hoffmann in-

dicates a few more will be started this winter. Come springtime, he anticipates six more will quickly commence the building process.

“Our crews will continue to work right through the winter. Once the house is framed and the roof on, it’s pretty much business as usual,” he said.

The subdivision will offer 25 new, buildable lots in the village—growth and opportunity that hasn’t happened in Winneconne since the construction of Country View Estates on the village’s west side decades ago.

“There’s very, very good interest in

the lots,” said Hoffmann. “Lot numbers will be going up soon so people can drive through and get an idea of what they might like.”

Hoffmann anticipates a burst of sales in the New Year, and encourages those interested to call or email him for more information. He can provide lot specifications as well as the size of the house that would work on the desired piece of property.

Prairie Stone Homes is the exclusive builder on the subdivision, with lots/homes sold in a package arrangement.

To reach Hoffmann, email him at

eric@prairiestonehomes.com or call him at 920-858-7567.



A view of some of the construction underway right now within the Wolf Run Subdivision.

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Gingerbread makeover delivers holiday cheer



Sue and Jim Timm have created a festive gingerbread house on their property on Grimson Rd.

By Becky LaDue
Grimson Road residents Sue and Jim Timm have taken their outdoor holiday decorations to the next level this year.

What once was a playhouse purchased for their children back in 1992, then later converted to a chicken coop in 2008, has now been transformed into a magical little gingerbread house for onlookers to enjoy.

“The little building has been in our family for 32 years,” said Sue. “It sits right at the corner of Grimson and Hilltop roads, and we thought a little gingerbread house would be perfect there.”

So, the couple got to work.

The Timms said it took roughly a month working on and off to complete the sweet little masterpiece, adorned with rooftop gumdrops fashioned out of sand pails and lit with LED lights, peppermint candies created from Styrofoam circles and painted with a storage tote template, and other decorative add-ons found at various stores. They

even found flickering lights for the interior to give the impression of candle or firelight, and were sure to decorate the backside too, as it faces the Wiouwash Trail.

“We hand-painted everything,” said Sue. “The neighborhood seems to be loving it!”




A view of the gingerbread house pre-makeover.



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District Administrator's Notes

By Dr. Margaret "Peggy" Larson, WCSD District Administrator

It's Concert Season at WCSD!

I hope many of you have had the opportunity to attend one or more of the fantastic performances in our beautiful Winneconne Community Arts Center (WCAC). We have one last holiday concert to close out the season in January. Our high school band, directed by Mrs. Stephanie Rahn, will perform on January 6, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the WCAC. This concert promises to be an incredible showcase of talent! On a related note, we are thrilled to announce that our high school band has been selected to open the Wisconsin School Board Association's State Convention in Milwaukee! They will per-



Larson

form the National Anthem, followed by three additional pieces. We could not be prouder of these talented musicians and their hard work!

Middle School Renovation Updates

The middle school renovation is progressing wonderfully! After winter break, our new kitchen/servery will be up and running, and the art room will be completed as well. Mrs. Schoen, our art teacher, will need a few additional days post break to set up her new space and organize materials. Meanwhile, work continues on the north side of the building. Teachers previously in that area have temporarily relocated to the space that will eventually become the library. It's like a giant puzzle, but both staff and students have been incredibly flexible and supportive throughout the process.

A Season of Gratitude

As winter break approaches (Dec. 20 to Jan. 1), I want to take a moment to

express my gratitude to our incredible community. From events like the local Turkey Trot, raising funds for families in need to the Men's Club sponsoring a fancy coach bus for our football team to travel to playoffs in style. Your generosity and kindness continue to make a meaningful impact.

Thank you for all you do to support our schools, and happy holidays to you and your families!

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County sees decline in overdoses, increase in suicides

Winnebago County is seeing a sharp decline in overdose deaths from last year, while the number of suicides



Cheryl Bremer

is on the rise, according to medical examiner Cheryl Bremer.

Brehmer gave an update at the county's December Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting on the preliminary overdose and suicide rates as of early this month.

Last year was the county's deadliest for overdose rates, with 47 deaths. As of this December, Brehmer said the county has seen a confirmed 20 fatal overdoses, with three cases pending. To have the number of overdoses drop by about half this year "is amazing," she added.

However, the county has seen 26 suicide deaths as of December, six more

than at this time in 2023. The county saw 27 such deaths last year and 23 in 2022.

Brehmer said the age of the suicide victims vary, though the recent deaths have been younger people. At a meeting in October, she noted an upward trend in suicides by hanging and a significant decrease in suicides by firearm.

The Medical Examiner's office has been extremely busy this year. Though typically the county averages about eight autopsies per month, Brehmer said there were 17 autopsies in November. Winnebago County transports decedents to Fond du Lac County for autopsies.

The county is in the process of constructing a morgue with cold storage which will include the medical examiner's office and an exam room. The new morgue is an addition to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office at 4311 Jackson St. in Oshkosh.

A mobile morgue unit donated by the Fox Valley Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition is being used until the permanent morgue is completed and then will be used in the event of a mass casualty or when the morgue is over capacity.

Brehmer said construction of the morgue is moving along, with HVAC recently installed. The Medical Examiner's office expects to begin operating out of the new morgue in mid-February.

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Each month during the school year, the Winnebago FFA profiles one of its members as the Star SAE Student.

An SAE is a Supervised Agricultural Experience Project. It is through an SAE that a student applies agriculture in their real life. Some students work on farms, others have some outstanding projects at home.

For the month of November, Landen White was selected as the Winnebago FFA Star SAE student. Landen has a phenomenal Poultry Entrepreneurship SAE. He raises his own flock of chickens, ducks, and pheasants all in his backyard. He breeds his chickens to sell along with collecting eggs from both his chickens and ducks. Landen takes pride in raising his birds, and hopes to create a business out of it in the future. Landen's parents are Tim and Katie White.



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Landen and his family have put a lot of work into building a great set up for birds in their backyard..

Submitted by Lindsey Mathison, Winnebago FFA

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Herb Berendsen will direct the Oshkosh Chamber Singers in Lessons and Carols.

than 30 years, will be presented Saturday, Dec. 21, by the Oshkosh Chamber Singers.

Two performances will be presented at 2 and 5 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Algoma Boulevard at Division Street.

Accompanied by pipe organ and brass ensemble, the Oshkosh Chamber Singers will join with members of the community in song and Scripture

readings celebrating the Advent and Christmas story. Musical selections will include traditional carols and works by classical and contemporary composers.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. They are available from singers; at Heid Music, 1750 W. South Park Ave.; Gardina's, 448 N. Main St.; or at the door.

Herb Berendsen is the music director and Jared Stellmacher is the organist.

A brass quintet will feature Marty Robinson, trumpet, Michael Henckel, trumpet, Bruce Atwell, horn, David Dunning trombone, and Devin Otto, tuba.

The spring concert, "Hope for Unity," will be presented Saturday, March 29, 2025, at First Congregational Church. More information is available at oshkoshchambersingers.org or by calling 920-312-8290.

Live Nativity Event in Eureka



WE Community Church welcomes you to a live nativity presentation on Sunday, Dec. 22. It will be held outdoors in the church parking lot located at 8832 Wisconsin Street, Eureka, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The presentation will be approximately one hour. Immediately following will be time to warm up and enjoy

an assortment of hot beverages.

This event is free to the public. Dress appropriately and come view Luke Chapter 2, the birth of Jesus, come to life.

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November

Nov. 1 – OWI

An officer was traveling eastbound on W. Main St. when he observed a driver fail to stop at a stop sign. The driver accelerated through the intersection and continued, exceeding the posted speed limit, continuing through several more stop signs without signaling. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle with lights, then a siren. The vehicle eventually came to a stop at an apartment complex on Elm St. The driver attempted to exit the vehicle but was ordered to stay put. He admitted to drinking and stated he ran from police because he knew he was intoxicated, displaying glassy and red eyes, and slurred speech. The driver admitted to having a 9MM pistol without ammunition in the vehicle; he did not have a concealed weapons permit. Dispatch confirmed three prior OWI convictions and a revoked driver's license. A search of the vehicle found an open alcoholic beverage, a semi-automatic pistol, and an empty magazine. A PBT was refused and SFSTs were not performed for officer safety. The driver was arrested for OWI-4th -Felony. Consent for a legal blood draw was given; the driver was transported to the hospital and then to jail.

Nov. 1 – ASSIST

An officer assisted an individual with removal of personal belongings from a vehicle impounded at the wastewater treatment facility. The vehicle was then

locked, and the keys were returned to the police department.

Nov. 1 – SUSPICIOUS SITUATION

A shed near the baseball diamonds at Marble Park was found damaged. The shed belongs to the Winneconne Youth Diamond Club. Club members were contacted, and the shed was secured.

Nov. 1 – FIREWORKS

An officer was notified of fireworks going off following each score at the home football game. The location of the fireworks was not able to be located.

Nov. 2 – DAMAGE

An individual residing on E. Main St reported their house was egged. Officers have conducted extra patrol in the area.

Nov. 4 – ASSIST MEDICAL

An officer responded to assist an elderly female who had fallen in her home. First Responders were already on scene offering medical care. The officer made sure family was contacted and the home was secured after EMS transported the female to the hospital.

Nov. 4 – ANIMAL

A kitten was found on Prospect St and the reporting party was concerned that it appeared unwell. The responding officer explained the police department's policy which doesn't allow officers to take cats to the shelter. The reporting party stated they would care for the kitten overnight.

Nov. 5 – ASSIST AGENCY

An officer was requested to assist the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department in the Town of Poygan for a court order violation. The reporting party stated he had a restraining order against his wife, and she was at his house, but had left in her vehicle. The officer watched for a vehicle matching the description and soon after, the vehicle was observed traveling eastbound on W. Main St. The vehicle in question was stopped and a deputy made contact with the driver, who ignored his order to exit the vehicle and drove away. The driver observed posted speed limits, and continued through the village. The officer ended assistance at that point.

Nov. 8 – ASSIST AGENCY

An officer assisted Winnebago County deputies at the request of the county to locate a male recently removed from a local tavern. The reporting party stated the male may have had a gun. Although he was stated to be traveling west on CTH D, the male was ultimately located and stopped on E. Main St. in the village. County Deputies took over the call. The driver was arrested for OWI.

Nov. 10 – ASSIST AGENCY

An officer assisted Winnebago County deputies and Omro PD with securing a perimeter during a domestic call. No law enforcement action was taken at the time.

Nov. 14 – DISTURBANCE

An officer responded to the report of a customer at Family Dollar who was yelling at employees and not paying for items. The customer was identified and was located at their residence. An employee paid for the person's items and wanted to get paid back but the customer refused at first and caused a scene at the store. They were warned about their behavior.

Nov. 14 – ASSIST MEDICAL

An officer assisted as needed with the report of an elderly male who appeared to have suffered from a stroke. First responders and paramedics arrived, and the male was transported to Theda in Neenah.

Nov. 15 – ASSIST MEDICAL

An officer assisted an elderly woman who had fallen following a medical alarm alert.

Nov. 17 – ASSIST MEDICAL

An officer assisted first responders by gathering information following the report of an elderly male found lying outside near a business on W. Main St. The male stated that his general complaint was weakness.

Nov. 18 – FIRECALL

A strong odor of natural gas was noticed at a business on E. Main St. Winneconne/Poygan Fire shut off the gas at the meter, which was where the leak was found. Alliant Energy was notified, and later arrived to fix the problem; the building was checked and secured.

Nov. 18 – SUSPICIOUS SITUATION

An individual who was attempting to sell their vehicle privately became concerned when someone other than the potential buyer showed up to test drive it. Although the seller assumed she was talking with a woman, two males who did not speak much English showed up and demanded she go on a test drive with them. The seller was able to provide a photo of the males to the officer, who then notified the officer taking over night shift. There was some concern about a tracker on the vehicle; the seller was advised to park somewhere else for the night and to have the vehicle checked the following day.

Nov. 20 – ACCIDENT

A vehicle was found abandoned in a water-filled ditch on Grant St. The

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registered owner was not with the vehicle; footprints were observed leading away from the vehicle towards a nearby neighborhood. An officer drove through the neighborhood but was unable to find anyone on foot. The vehicle was pulled from the ditch and towed to the police impound lot. Attempts to contact the registered owner were unsuccessful.

Nov. 20 – ASSIST AGENCY

An officer assisted Omro police with a disturbance, helping to take an adult male into custody. It was reported the male was a methamphetamine addict and was causing a disturbance inside a residence. No weapons were involved.

Nov. 21 – FRAUD

An officer spoke with a resident who was convinced to pay a large sum of money in bitcoin after claiming he had pending charges and would be arrested unless he did so. The officer called the scammer, who was pretending to be a representative of the male's bank and was hung up on. A message was left with the bitcoin company. The male was advised to obtain a copy of the police report and contact his insurance company for assistance.

Nov. 27 – WELFARE CHECK

A family member contacted the police office with concerns over problems contacting an elderly mother who was prone to falling. An officer responded to the female's apartment to make contact but was unable to get a response. A neighbor stated that EMS

was at her residence the previous day, which dispatch confirmed. The female was located at a hospital in Oshkosh and was indeed still there. The concerned family member was advised of the situation.

Nov. 27 – DRUGS

Officers were patrolling on East Main St when they observed a vehicle traveling approximately 12MPH in a 25MPH zone. The slow speed was suspicious, and traffic was heavy, so a traffic stop was initiated. Contact was made with the driver, and a noticeable odor of marijuana was apparent. The driver and passengers exited the vehicle, and a probable cause search was completed. A pill bottle with a substance was found; the driver confirmed that it was marijuana. SFSTs were performed. Due to the results of the tests, the driving behavior, and the existence of drugs, a citation was issued for possession of THC and operating after revocation. The vehicle was removed from the scene by a valid driver.

Nov. 28 – DISTURBANCE

An officer responded to a local bar following the report of a female stealing patron's IDs and property. There was a concern about the validity of the IDs, as some of the people present appeared younger than the age shown. The identification cards were validated and determined to be real.

Nov. 30 – ASSIST MEDICAL

An officer waited with an elderly male whose complaint was chest pain and discomfort until First Responders arrived. The male was transported by ambulance for further care.



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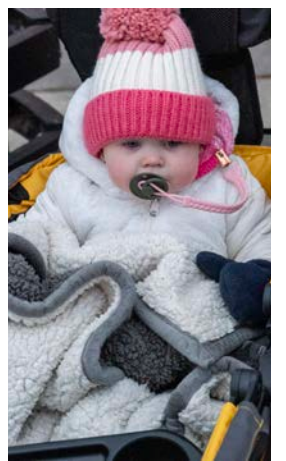
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High School soup competition stirred up some fun

After last week's Jingle Bark Bash at Winneconne High school, which brought 13 puppies from Our Pack Animal Rescue Inc. to the commons for cuddling and playing, along with a visit from Santa Claus, treats and games, the HS Student Council had another event to offer the community – a first ever soup competition!

Held at The Village Pub, the event fielded 21 entries—even including The White House Inn's famous bourbon chili and Greek lemon soup—but the ultimate victor was a delicious loaded baked potato concoction ladled up by Kimberley Zeller.

The day's proceeds benefitted both Our Pack Animal Rescue and student scholarship opportunities for international travel.



The 2024 Soup Competition winner was Kimberley Zeller with her loaded baked potato creation.

Winnebago County Cares: two departments honored with Community Award of Excellence



Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office employees Cheryl Brehmer, Medical Examiner (left) and McKenzie Repinski, Deputy Medical Examiner (right).

The Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Team presented its third annual "We Heart You Community Award of Excellence." This award is given to a person, or an organization serving the residents of Winnebago County and fits the following description:

- Dedicates time, commitment, and support to community initiatives that increase access to substance and mental health-related resources.
- Identifies gaps, assesses services, and programs that allow all community members to seek help equally.
- Advances the work of our local substance use or mental health services.
- Contributes experience, data, and meaningful input to help save lives.
- Goes above and beyond to use their position, organization, or relationships to accomplish exceptional work.

The 2024 award winners include Winnebago County Public Health and the Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office. Chosen by their OFR peers, these two organizations have gone be-

yond their professional roles and inspired work within the OFR team and throughout the community. It is especially fitting because without these two organizations, OFR would not exist. Winnebago County Public Health, as the current fiscal agent for OFR funding, serves as technical assistance and support to the project manager and team. The Medical Examiner's Office collaborates with the OFR team to select review cases, provides staff to support the review process, and has worked with various departments and organizations to implement recommendations since the team's inception.

Winnebago County Public Health and Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office are two of the 35 agencies that work together to prevent overdose deaths through the OFR team. The team accomplishes this purpose by examining individual, organizational, and systems-level factors related to overdose deaths that occur in Winnebago County. The reviews focus on systems-level change to prevent future deaths.



Winnebago County Public Health employees Maddie Breager, Community Health Strategist (left) and Ashlee Rahmlow, Community Health & Prevention Supervisor (right).

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wolves down Warriors to stay unbeaten

Winneconne improved to 6-0 on the season by knocking off defending conference co-champion Waupun, 55-49, last Thursday.

Winneconne lost both games to Waupun last year by 46 and 30 points, but outdueled the Warriors in this matchup to take over first place in the ECC with a 3-0 mark.

The Wolves finished with four players in double figures led by Ari Reetz, who hit four 3-pointers and totaled 14 points. Jada Kaiser and Grace Mitchell scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, while Harper Neace had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Winneconne was slated to play at Weyauwega-Fremont on Monday but will be at home on Thursday to host Ripon in the first game of a boys-girls doubleheader.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ingles has big night but Wolves suffer loss

Parker Ingles scored a career-high 43 points but Winneconne came up short against Waupun, 86-75, in an East Central Conference matchup on Friday night.

Ingles went 7-of-12 from 3-point range on the night and was 16-of-26 from the field overall in racking up the point total. Ingles also had a team-high

seven rebounds.

Brody Schaffer added 24 points as the duo of Ingles and Schaffer combined for 67 of the team's 75 points.

Earlier in the week it was Schaffer that led the way scoring 37 points in a 91-88 loss to Kewaskum. Schaffer finished 14-of-19 from the free-throw line as well as hitting three 3-pointers in the win. He also chipped in six rebounds and five assists.

Ingles hit five 3-pointers and finished with 21 points, while Gage Bartel chipped in 13 points.

Winneconne played at New London on Monday and at Mayville on Tuesday and will be home to host Ripon on Thursday.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Brown captures title at Brillion Invitational

Addi Brown remained undefeated on the season after capturing the 107-pound title at the Brillion Invitational on Friday.

Brown, one of two Winneconne wrestlers to place at the tournament, finished 3-0 on the day to claim the title and beat all three of her opponents by pin. She stopped Bonduel's Loretta Ness in 1:53 in her first match of the day and then stuck Horicon's Natalie Saier in 3:01 in the semifinals. In the title match, Brown earned the win over Marinette's Grace Holguin in 2:50.

Paityn Fritchen also placed at the

tournament finishing fourth in the 100-pound division. Fritchen finished 2-2 on the day with both of her wins coming by pin.

Marley Rewolinski also finished 2-2 on the day for Winneconne but did not place at 120 pounds, while Denna Gehrke picked up one win but didn't place at 152 pounds.

Winneconne finished in a tie for 10th place among the 40 teams.

BOYS WRESTLING

Forfeits hamper Wolves in dual meet loss

Winneconne won five of the seven contested matches against Waupun on Thursday night but couldn't overcome forfeits at the five heaviest weight classes in a 42-39 loss in the East Central Conference dual meet.

Three Wolves registered pins on the night. Brady Marks (138), Tyler Engelke (150) and Bryce Jones (157) stuck their opponents with Jones needing just 1:16 to score his victory.

Briar

Vroman (113) won by an 18-3 technical fall and James Barone (126) earned a 12-4 major decision win. Isaac Gustafson (106) and JJ Mavroff (120) won by forfeit for the Wolves.

On Saturday, Winneconne competed at the Battle of the Bay hosted by Bay Port High School, while the Wolves had a trio of top-10 finishers.

Mavroff took eighth place at 120 pounds and pinned his first two opponents, while CJ Behm was eighth at 144 pounds, registering a decision win and a major decision. Ryden Jezwinski took ninth at 106 pounds and had two pins and two decision wins but did not qualify to score team points for the Wolves.

Marks also had a strong tournament at 138 pounds winning four matches after an opening-round loss. He posted a pin and three technical falls.

James Nozar (138), Engelke (150) and Carson Piotraschke (175) also won contested matches during the tournament.



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Winneconne's Briar Vroman rolls Waupun's Wyatt Stowell onto his back during the 113-pound match during last Thursday's East Central Conference dual meet.

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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Last Ducks, First Ice

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

Ah, The Byrds, with their classic 1965 tune pretty much nailed it:

*To everything turn, turn, turn
There is a season turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under
Heaven*

So goes another waterfowl season; 2024 is in the books. Once again, well short of my self-imposed goal of 60 days



Harp

on the water, but I have an outboard motor breakdown to blame, at least for the last couple weeks of the season.

The season had its highs and lows, great days from a harvest perspective, but also great from

a sunrise, shooting star, and getting the dog out perspective. A few limits of birds, and a few hunts where the safety never clicked off.

I stumbled upon an idea this year, though, that might stick with me. A group of us decided to book a layout hunt on the Bay of Green Bay on one of the last days of the season. The Open-Water Zone for duck hunting stays open the latest, so the Lake Poygan season already closed the weekend before.

Weather usually plays a big part in these late season forays, but not this day. We had temperatures in the 40s and light winds as we headed out from the Green Bay launch. Ice had already been forming on the edge of the Fox River and there was a bit of concern we could even make it out, but the ice was no match for the 28-foot beast of a boat that Mark from Layout Addictions, LLC runs.

We plowed through open water and sheets of ice with relative ease on our way a couple miles out, basically in front of the Bay Beach area. The seasoned crew made short work of placing the layout boat and a hundred-ish decoys. We tried out the two-man layout boat, and I was teamed up with 'The Boy' for our rounds of shooting.

The operation aims to get you into a super low-profile boat where you lay down with your head propped up on a rest and you scan the sky and water while the other guys head off in a chase boat and observe from a half mile or so away. That's the easy part. Where things get interesting is when you actually see ducks in range and target them.

Shooting from a laying position, or sitting up, raising your gun, getting a bead on the fast-paced birds is a lesson in futility. Add some wave action and the shooting from the guy next to you, and well, it's humbling. It's not uncommon to go through a box or two of shells to finally get six birds.

For us, it was all Goldeneyes and a single Bluebill by the time we wrapped up. A different and fantastic way to end the 2024 duck season on a high note. I highly recommend the guys at Layout Addictions and will probably book them again next year.

About as quickly as I could hang the waders and deep clean my shotgun, it was time to drag out the ice fishing gear, charge up the fish finder and change some jig pole lines. The Boy was onto some fish on a typical early ice spot, and it was time to join him.

We were surprised there wasn't anyone else out and we had free reign of the ice. Some hole-hopping led to a nice catch of walleye and a bonus perch, sim-

ilar to what he'd produced on other days I'd slept in.

Ice conditions are still pretty sketchy out there. Be sure to always follow someone that knows what they're doing and don't venture off alone. Use a spud bar to punch the ice ahead of you. There are

guys taking machines out, but I wouldn't recommend that – there are guys going through the ice with them too.

Let's turn the page from ducks and deer to a hopeful ice fishing season.

Reach Matt at Lakeandpond2@gmail.com

Tales From The Land of Retirement

Christmas is near

By Jeanne Lehr

December is as confused as everyone else. It doesn't know which way to turn or what's coming next. Winter one day, spring the next. But you know, I really don't have a problem with that.

To be at the end of December with only one or two snowy, windy days is fine with me. The schools have not called a snow day and there's no need for shovels or plows as the roads and sidewalks are passable. My kind of winter.

Yet, Christmas is not Christmas without SOME snow, and as of now we have a dusting to make things more pleasant. The grey dull days don't do much for the Christmas spirit. My solar lights don't even get enough juice to make them glow.

With Christmas comes the yearly duties of shopping, wrapping, baking, cooking and cleaning—or what I like to call my "labor of love". These are not chores I do because they need to be done, but I do them for the love of family.

I put my heart and soul into preparing a proper Christmas. I don't know how long I will be able to handle the load, but

I can still do it now. I shop all year long and I shop for everyone. I don't spend a lot of money on things, and if I'm at a loss, I never get complaints if I give a little cash.

I have had some complaints about my Christmas cookies though—I don't frost them. Apparently, some people like the icing, decorations, and the added calories. Me, I like mine naked. I keep a can of frosting for those that insist upon it—but it's too putzy for me.

I don't do putzy. My wrapping is bad and there are no bows or ribbons. I don't even have proper name tags; I use the colored rummage sale stickers and write names on them. I do what I can do to accomplish Christmas, avoiding headaches and leaving no one out—the hugs and kisses at the end of the festivities are my reward.

But on a more serious note...I have found last year to be a very hard year with the loss of so many friends and family. I guess this is something that goes with old age. Remember, we are never promised tomorrow, so make the best of today.

Now is the time to start fulfilling Christmas wishes—both for you and for others. Make the coming year the best yet, one day at a time.

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Solar field project okayed by Vinland

30-acre location set to power We customers

By **Bethanie Gengler**

Clean energy is coming to the town of Vinland with construction set to begin this spring on a 30-acre solar field.

The Town Board approved a conditional use permit last week for OneEnergy Renewables to construct the solar field after the project was initially delayed for more than a month due to runoff concerns.

The location is 850 feet back from County GG, with a junkyard to the west and neighbors to the south with a 40-acre field in-between.

The 6-megawatt, ground-mounted solar electric generating facility will be on a portion of a 47-acre parcel of which the property owner will lease 30 acres for solar and use the remaining 17 for farming. The size of the project is equivalent to about 23 football fields.

OneEnergy is a solar development company that's constructed 40 similar facilities throughout the state. The company either sells the project to a utility or sells the power generated to utilities through long term purchase agreements.

Eric Udelhofen with OneEnergy told Neenah News the company prefers solar fields rather than installing solar panels on rooftops of buildings because the cost of energy from a large-scale ground mounted system is about half the cost of energy from a

roof-mounted system.

"What we're trying to do with these larger fields is produce at wholesale rates where we can produce enough power at a cost that's competitive under wholesale generation," he said.

The facility in Vinland will tie into the existing distribution system and serve local customers of We Energies, producing 12,000,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year; enough to power 1,400 households annually.

At an October Plan Commission meeting, resident Jerry Kleinschmit raised concerns that runoff from the solar panels would drain onto his field and damage crops.

Additional concerns from neighbors were the visual appeal of the solar panels, with a resident recommending a tree line be added around the site to cover the "eyesore" for neighbors.

Among the conditions that the Plan Commission added to OneEnergy's application were that the company work with neighboring landowners to complete a water runoff plan and plant a row of trees around the property.

The site will combine solar electric generation with a vegetation maintenance plan, with OneEnergy planning to plant the parcel with a pasture or pollinator mix. At the Dec. 2 meeting, Udelhofen noted that the plantings will reduce 49% of water runoff.

OneEnergy agreed to install a water

basin in the southwest side of the parcel to slow down water drainage and hold 74,000 gallons of water that won't drain onto Kleinschmit's field.

Kleinschmit continued arguing against the project at the meeting, stating he wants a berm rather than a basin and he has concerns of how rainfall will run off the panels.

Commissioner Corey Maertz noted that the existing area has water drainage issues already so the solar project is not the problem as it was existent prior. Separately, the commission voted to have an independent study done to investigate the current drainage issue in the westerly property.

OneEnergy also updated the site plan to add 8- to 10-foot-tall shrubs that will be planted around the site. Shrubs were chosen rather than trees because as trees grow they begin to shade the solar panels. The solar field will also have an 8-foot-tall deer fence around it.

At Monday's town board meeting, Kleinschmit was not in attendance.

Town Chairman Don O'Connell noted the solar field will generate additional tax revenue because it will be taxed at a higher rate due to the parcel's change of use from agriculture to commercial.

Work on the solar field is expected to begin by June and take four to six months.

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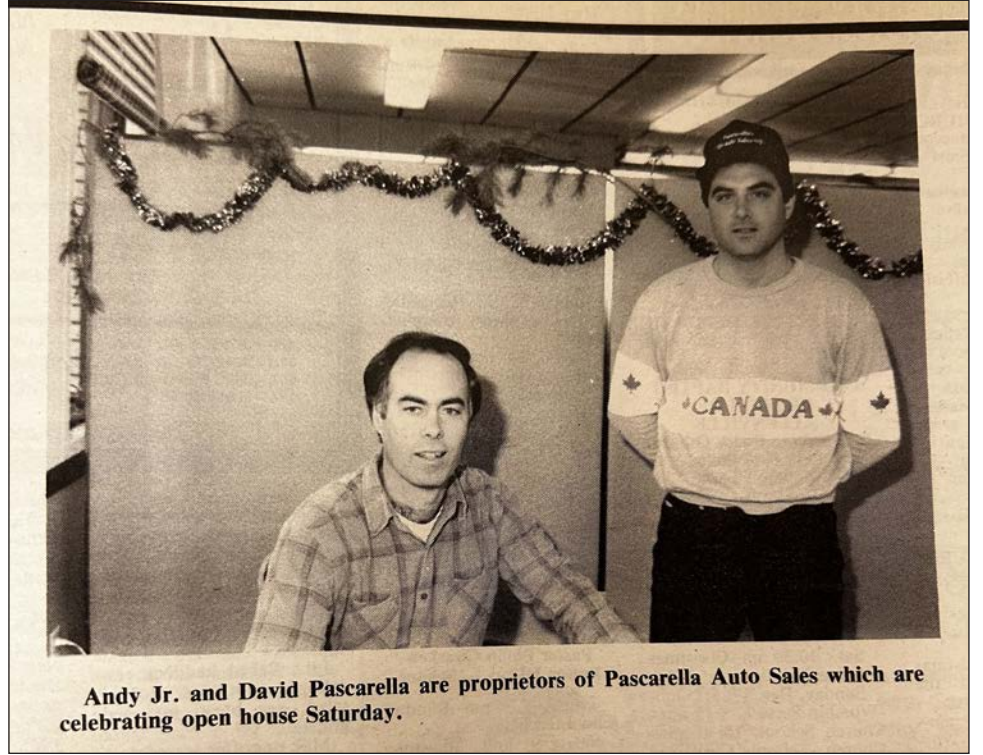


Back in the Day

December – 1989

Andy Jr. and Dave Pascarella celebrated the opening of their new used car facility, Pascarella Auto Sales—the once Western Mini-Mart on the corner of highways 110 and 116.

The brothers completely remodeled the facility and invited the community in for a Holiday Open House.



Andy Jr. and David Pascarella are proprietors of Pascarella Auto Sales which are celebrating open house Saturday.

Winneconne News

Andy Jr. and Dave Pascarella inside the once Pascarella Auto Sales situated on highways 110 & 116.

Public Notice

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LARGE GROUP LECTURE
 100 WOLF RUN WINNECONNE WI 54986
 NOVEMBER 18, 2024 – 6:30PM

Board Member Roll Call
Board Member Present: Stelzner, Verich, Keller, Peterson, Ackmann, Kunde, Hanson

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum

District Administrator, Peggy Larson, High School Principal, Leah Michaud, Elementary Assistant Principal, Mike Meunier, Middle School Assistant Principal, Carly Horvath, Director of Technology, Dave Jerabek, Director of Learning, Peg Mischler, Director of Pupil Services, Laurin Dodd, Business Manager, Monika Knapp, Buildings and Grounds Director, Steve Cady

VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)

OPEN FORUM – Community resident referenced Human Growth and Development being taught in Health Class. Recommendation of reviewing Opting In or Opting Out of certain studies within Health Class Requirement. Title IX already in place, possible rescinding, Parental Rights Policy, where is Board on finalization? Recommendation of throwing out all policies that have anything to do with Transgender Language. Resident question as to why Urinals are not in Middle School, when, why or who made that decision? (List of Community Members that spoke is on file)

OPEN SESSION

5. consent items:

- A. Minutes from October 28, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting
- B. Minutes from October 28, 2024, Annual Meeting and Budget Review
- C. Minutes from October 28, 2024, Special Board Meeting
- D. Minutes from November 04, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting
- E. District Checks #10015903 to #10015943 in the Amount of \$2,323,718.79
- F. Student Activity Checks #915486 to # 915499 in the Amount of \$11,815.14
- G. District ACH Payments

\$79,461.10

H. SAACH Payments \$4915.00

I. Acknowledge Resignation of ES Custodian. Effective 11/04/2024

J. Acknowledge Resignation of MS/HS Health Room Aide. Effective 11/29/2024

K. Approve Hiring ES Custodian (Pending HR Protocol). Effective 11/25/2024

L. Approve Hiring MS Custodian (Pending HR Protocol). Effective 11/25/2024

M. Approve Hiring HS Custodian (Pending HR Protocol). Effective 11/25/2024

N. Acknowledge \$422.09 donation from TruNorth to WCS D

Motion by Kunde, second by Peterson to approve Consent Items A through N

Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye

Motion Approved: 7-0

6. Summer School Dates and Updates

June 9-13, 2025	Camp Invention
June 16-19, 2025	Week 1
June 23-26, 2025	Week 2
June 30-July 3, 2025	Week 3
July 7-10, 2025	Week 4

The dates for summer school were announced with some potential changes. With that being, possible transportation and a week of Camp Invention. (Elementary STEM, science, technology, engineering, and math curriculum). Registration will start early March, and it may provide breakfast. All this depends on the numbers for registration. Summer School does provide 40% FTE towards revenue limits calculation.

Motion by Ackmann, seconded by Verich to approve the 2025 Summer School Dates and Updates as presented.

Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye., Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye

Motion approved: 7-0

7. Policy Overview

Policies were reviewed by the Board Policy Committee, and all Policies brought forward were recommended for approval.

- A. Policy- 6110- Grant Funds
- B. Policy- 6111- Internal Controls
- C. Policy- 6112- Cash Management of Grants

D. Policy- 6114- Cost Principles- Spending Federal Funds

E. Policy- 7310- Disposition of Personal Property

Motion made by Hanson, seconded by Peterson to approve Policies 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, and 7310 as presented.

Roll Call: Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye

Motion approved: 7-0

8. Facility Plan

Buildings and Grounds Director Steve Cady presented the 5-year Facility Plan for all three of the campuses for the WCS D.

9. Certified Survey Map

Certified Survey map was reviewed showing where 13th Avenue will connect to Wolff Run if approved by the WCS D Board of Education and upon the approval of the Village of Winneconne, this small portion of land is located in the village of Winneconne, the village would then be responsible for maintenance of the road.

Motion made by Kunde, seconded by Ackmann to approve the CSM as presented and to dedicate it to the Village of Winneconne, contingent upon the Village of Winneconne's approval at their meeting on November 19, 2024

Roll call: Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Ay, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Hanson-Aye

Motion approved: 6-0-1 (Stelzner-Abstention)

10. Creation of New WHS Club-Christian Fellowship Club (CFC)

Winneconne HS Student presented the information needed to the Board of Education for the approval of a new club, Christian Fellowship Club. The Club has an Advisor and follows current policy as to the forming of a District Sponsored Club or Activity.

Motion made by Verich, seconded by Stelzner to approve the establishment of the Christian Fellowship Club.

Roll call: Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Hanson-Aye

Motion approved: 7-0

11. Required Communication regarding Audited Financial Statement

Business Manager Monika Knapp

presented the Financial Audit

12. Demonstration: Signing up for Board Agenda Updates

Technology Director Dave Jerabek gave a presentation as to how to get to the WCS D website and see updates for Board of Education Meetings, as well as setting up notifications to them for their own personal devices. This was a request from WCS D residents.

13. January Board Meeting Dates (January 20, 2025)

With the Holiday schedule and the way, the first Monday of the month falls the suggestion is to only have one meeting the month of January and that would be on the third Monday January 20, 2025.

Motion made by Kunde, seconded by Peterson to have only one meeting in the month of January and that would be on the third Monday, January 20, 2025

Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Aye

14. Administration Reports- (See updated reports on file)

Motion approved: 7-0

15. Board Reports

The Board of Education Congratulated the Varsity Football Team, and Coaching Staff on the winning season and representation of the Winneconne Community School District at each of the games.

A. Communications- Letter of Appreciation from Amy Alvarez- 4th Grade Co-Teacher in

The loss of her mother.

B. Committee Reports:

1. HR/Financial Planning-

Have not met since last meeting

2. PR/marketing- Have not met since last meeting

3. Policy- Have been meeting to go over updates to district policies, will be meeting

Immediately after Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session

Motion made by Keller, second by Kunde to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minutes from November 04, 2024. The board will move into open session and may take action on items discussed in closed session.

Roll Call: Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Keller-Aye, Verich-Ay, Hanson-Aye

Motion approved: 7-0

Open Session

The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 7:45 pm

Motion made by Peterson, second by Keller to adjourn meeting of the WCS D Board of Education.

Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde

WCS D- Board Clerk

7:50 pm

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, SMALL CLAIMS BRANCH BROWN COUNTY

CREATIVE FINANCE INC.,
 SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO
 BROADWAY AUTO CREDIT
 815 Business Park Road
 Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
 AMENDED SUMMONS/PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF SMALL CLAIMS
 Case No.2024SC005078
 Plaintiff vs. BRIANNA LEIGH VAN HAASTER

Defendant(s).

You are being sued by CREATIVE FINANCE INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BROADWAY AUTO CREDIT, in the small claims court for Brown County, in Courtroom B, Brown County Courthouse, 100 S. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin. A hearing will be held on January 29, 2025, at 2:45 in the p.m. If you do not appear, a money judgment may be given to the person suing for \$2,192.97, plus costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney fees. A copy of the claim has been mailed to you at the address above. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained shall be used for that purpose.

Dated this 5th day of December 2024.

Electronically Signed by Ann L. Patteson, Plaintiff's Attorney
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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.: 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm - Mass.
 Sunday, Dec. 22: 10:30 am - Mass.
 Mon.: Offices Closed – Christmas Eve.
 4 pm - Mass w/Choir.
 Wed.: Offices Closed – Christmas Day.
 10:30 am - Mass.

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.
 Sunday, Dec.22: 8 & 10 am - Worship.
 Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.
 Tues.: Christmas Eve – Offices Closed.
 4 & 6 pm - Christmas Services.
 Wed.: Christmas Day – Offices Closed.
 9 am - Christmas Service.

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, Dec. 22: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship.
 9:10 am - Family Bible Study.
 Mon.: 6 pm - Contemporary Music Practice.

Tues.: Christmas Eve. 10 am, 2:30 & 4:30 pm - Christmas Eve Worship.
 Wed.: Christmas Day. 9 am - Worship w/Lord's Supper.

Grace Lutheran Church
 8396 Steeple Hill Drive
 Winchester
 Pastor Mark Laatsch
 Thurs.: 5:30 pm - Congregation Council.

Sunday, Dec.22: 9:30 am – Worship.
 10:45 am - Adult Forum.
 Mon.: 9 am & 4 pm - Ruth's Pantry.
 Tues.: Christmas Eve. 4 & 6 pm - Service w/Holy Communion.
 Wed.: 9:30 am - Christmas Day Services w/Holdy 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.
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First Presbyterian Church
 32 S. Third Avenue
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 920-706-0047
 Pastor Emily Lueder
 8:30 am - Sunday Service.

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

E9016 Marsh Road
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 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
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 Pastor Robert Hatch
 920-582-7100
 Sundays: 10:45 am - Sunday School. 12 pm - Worship.

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 Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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 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.

Lunch Menus

December 23-26 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.

Mon.: BBQ rib sandwich, sweet potato, baked beans, pears.
Tues.: No Meal – Merry Christmas.
Wed.: No Meal – Merry Christmas.
Thurs.: Turkey ala King, brown rice, glazed carrots, tropical fruit, apple cake.
Fri.: Breaded fish sandwich, tater tots, coleslaw, fruit cup.
Sat.: (Meals are frozen; delivered Friday)
 Please consider volunteering at the Winneconne meal site. Please phone 582-7656 if you can assist.

Winneconne Community School District
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Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 19: 5 & 6:30 pm - JV/V Girls' BB, Home/Ripon. 5, 6:30 & 8 pm- JV/V Boys' BB, Home/Ripon. 6 pm- Girls' Hockey @ Rhinelander. 6:30 pm – Wrestling @ Ripon.
Friday, Dec. 20: 5:15 pm - Girls' Wrestling @ Wrightstown. 7:30 pm- Girls' Hockey @ Fond du Lac.
Saturday, Dec. 21: 7 am - Girls' & Boys' Wrestling @ Fond du Lac. 12 noon - Girls' Hockey @ Tri County Ice Arena.
Sunday, Dec. 22: Worship at the Church of Your Choice.
Monday, Dec. 23: Shop Locally for Last Minute Christmas Gifts!
Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve – Village Offices Closed.
Wednesday, Dec. 25: Merry Christmas! Village Offices Closed.

Campus Corner

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 Winneconne— Courtney Granados, School of Education, Bachelor of Science.

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Water samples collected to determine compliance with the Gross Alpha, Excl. R & U Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 15 pCi/L indicate our drinking water exceeds the MCL, which is a violation of State and Federal Safe Drinking Water standards. Samples collected on the following dates with the following results were used in making this determination:

December 17, 2020 – 15.8 pCi/L	October 12, 2022 – 13 pCi/L	January 24, 2024- 20 pCi/L
February 4, 2021 – 8.97 pCi/L	February 6, 2023 – 29.2 pCi/L	September 25, 2024- 4.32 pCi/L
June 2, 2021 – 16.87 pCi/L	May 23, 2023 – 32 pCi/L	October 3, 2024- 8.34 pCi/L
July 12, 2021 – 21.93 pCi/L	July 14, 2023 – 16.3 pCi/L	
September 6, 2022 – 0 pCi/L	October 5, 2023 – 20.9 pCi/L	

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 We are required to provide this notice once every three months until the issue has been resolved.

What is being done to correct the problem?
 A Preliminary Engineering Report evaluating alternatives for Gross Alpha removal was submitted to the DNR. Following this, a pilot study of reverse osmosis (RO) treatment was conducted, and the corresponding report was approved by the DNR. McMahon Associates, Inc. is currently under agreement with the Village to design improvements for the Well #2 Facility, which will include new RO treatment for both Well #1 and Well #2 supplies. The RO construction project at Well #2 began in August 2023, with startup completed in February 2024. On April 9, 2024, we received approval to pump treated water into the distribution system. In late March, work commenced at Well #1 to enable its water to be pumped and treated at the Well #2 site. Well #1 was back online on September 23, 2024. This notice will remain in effect until four consecutive quarters of testing show levels below 15 pCi/L.

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The Weekly Whisk

Sweet and Savory Cranberry Dip

Sweet and savory are my favorite flavor combinations. I am always looking for new appetizers, especially during the holidays. I like this one not only for the taste, but it is so pretty with the red dried cranberries and chopped green pistachios. Don't let the goat cheese scare you if you aren't a fan. You can adjust this recipe by increasing the cream cheese to 8 ounces instead of 4 ounces. This recipe calls for the dried cranberries to be sprinkled on top of the dip, but I added a chopped handful

to the dip itself and enjoyed the extra cranberry flavor. Serve with pita chips or spread on a toasted, sliced baguette.

For questions or comments email weeklywhisk01@gmail.com

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
 - 4 ounces chèvre (goat) cheese
 - 2 tablespoons honey
 - 2 teaspoons fresh thyme or 1/2 tsp. dried thyme, chopped
 - 2 teaspoons milk
 - 1/2 cup dried cranberries
 - 2 tablespoons chopped pistachios, pine nuts or pecans, toasted
 - Pita chips or baguette, toasted
- In a medium bowl, stir together

cream cheese, goat cheese, honey, thyme, and milk. You could add the extra chopped dried cranberries at this time if you would like. Spread evenly in the bottom of a shallow dish. Top with 1/2 cup dried cranberries and toasted chopped nuts. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate.



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