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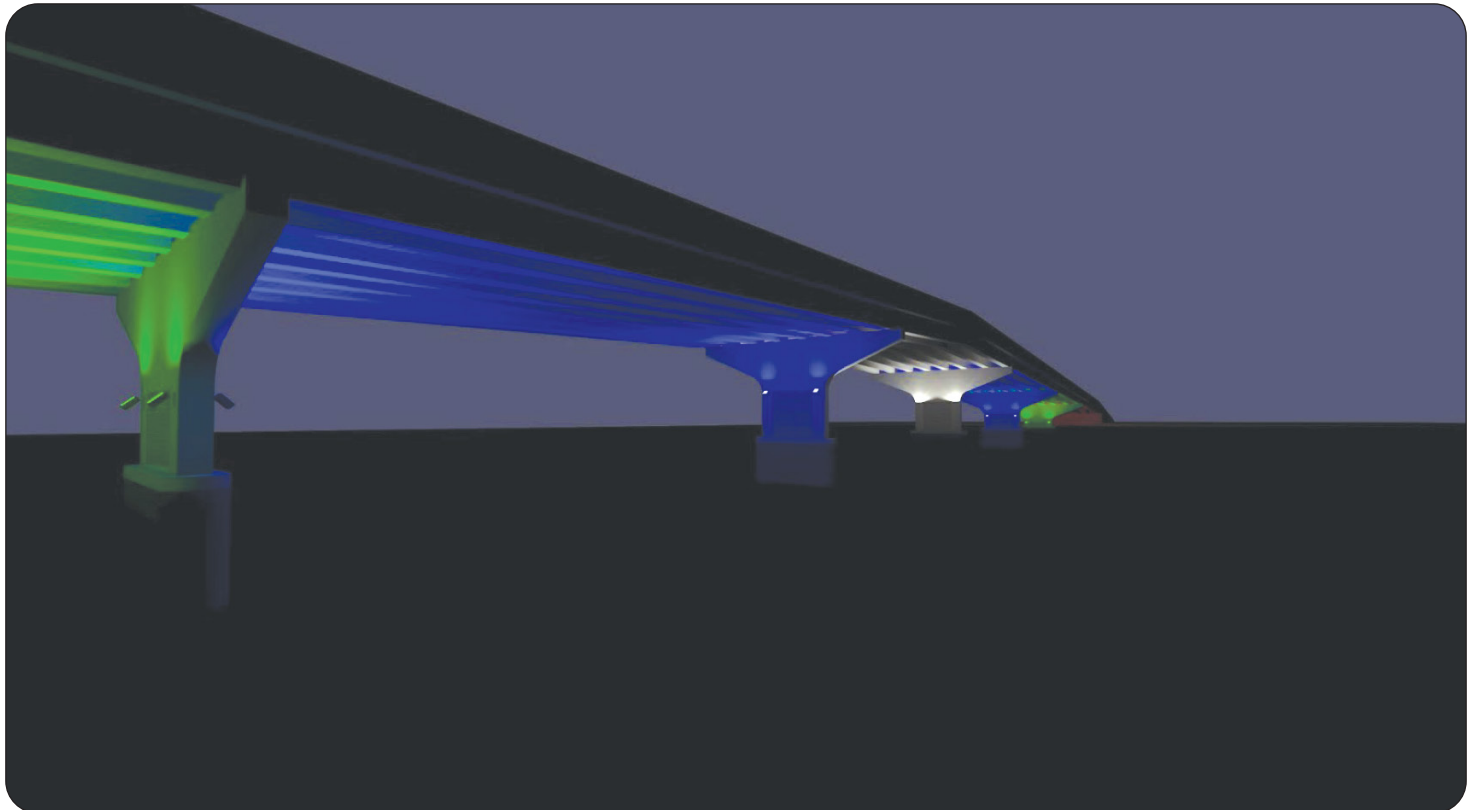
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Highway 116 bridge lighting approved



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Though not the Winneconne Bridge, this image shows some of the capabilities of its future lighting system.

Bob Albright Sr. family to complete project in summer 2025

By Becky LaDue

In a project that has taken nearly 8 months to successfully negotiate, the family of Robert Albright Sr. and the Village of Winneconne have confirmed plans to officially up-light the Highway 116 bridge in the summer of 2025. The goal is to unveil the LED

lighting system on the 4th of July as part of the celebratory weekend, with the Fourth falling on a Friday this year.

The project's process began several months ago, when Nancy Albright inquired as to the village's interest for a donation of this type—a bridge lighting system and the cost of its installation by the Albright Sr. family.

Conversations began with the Beautification Committee, progressed to the village board, and upon its approval, moved to the design/approval phases from state and national entities.

As the Winneconne bridge is part of the state highway system, the WisDOT first had to give its greenlight. The DOT then indicated the need to receive approval from the U.S. Coastguard due to the navigation lighting that exists on the river as required in Section 118 of Title 33 in the Code of Federal Regulations. Village Administrator Logan Fuller, with assistance from Dan Cook at Witzke Electric, acquired full approval from the U.S. Coastguard on Nov. 18.

The Wisconsin Lighting Lab out of Fond du Lac is currently in the process of designing the LED wireless lighting system, which will offer an array

of colors to coincide with holidays and events, complete with wireless scheduling and entertainment control modes (music is also a possibility!). The design will light the center navigation span with an up-pointing optic design to skim-light the piers, with a wide optic and greater spread quality illuminating the non-navigational areas.

Witzke Electric of Oshkosh will complete the installation with help from Radtke Contractors and its barge, at their availability, fully avoiding the spring walleye run. Once installation is complete, the Village of Winneconne will take full possession of the system, along with its schedule of operation and required maintenance.

"The idea [behind the donation] was to create something in memory of Bob," said Nancy Albright. "He loved the water and the village, and this is what we decided on. It's something for everyone who lives here to enjoy, and for people coming through the village either on the water or over the bridge too," she said.

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Travelers urged to update driver license for ID

Airline travelers will face new identification requirements to board their flights when enforcement of the REAL ID Act begins May 7.

A regular Wisconsin driver license or ID will no longer be accepted for domestic air travel or to enter a federal building or military base. Travelers will need a REAL ID-compliant driver license or state ID card or another acceptable form of identification such as a passport.

Wisconsin's driver licenses and ID cards have been REAL ID compliant since 2013. With renewals required every eight years, all residents have had the option to convert to a REAL ID.

To date, 62% of Wisconsin's driver license or ID cards currently display

the REAL ID star indicating they are federally compliant. In 2005, the federal REAL ID Act was passed by Congress to standardize state-issued driver licenses and ID cards to enhance security and prevent identity fraud.

Those with a driver license or ID may obtain a REAL ID-compliant card for \$14, or \$16 for an ID card. There is no additional fee if the upgrade takes place at the time of renewal.

For a complete list of acceptable documents needed to complete the process, visit wisconsindmv.gov/REALID. For a personalized checklist of the required documents needed to bring to the DMV, check out the interactive Driver Licensing Guide.

ThedaCare shares most popular baby names in 2024

New names are included in the list for the most popular baby names this year. Data was collected for babies born at ThedaCare hospitals through December 1, 2024.

Once again, Oliver was the most popular name for boys in 2024. For girls, there is a tie for the top spot with Charlotte and Evelyn/Evelynn coming in as the most popular. These names replaced Lainey which topped the list in 2023.

Other top names include:

- Boys**
 - Oliver, Theo/Theodore, Hudson, Henry and Liam (tie), Jack
- Girls**
 - Charlotte and Evelyn/Evelynn (tie), Amelia and Violet (tie), Lainey, Madeline/Madelyn/Madelyn, Hazel,



Harper and Olivia (tie)

New names in ThedaCare's most popular baby name list for 2024 include Theo/Theodore, Hudson and Jack. For girls, new names on the list this year include Charlotte, Violet, Hazel and Harper.

Across the country, according to BabyCenter, Olivia and Noah kept their titles as the top girl and boy names among parents. According to the tracking site, nearly every top name from 2023 is holding steady in 2024.

BBB Tip: Holiday returns and exchanges

Holiday returns aren't easy! And we don't mean the part where you explain to your mother why you returned the sweater she gave you.

Stores are not legally required to accept exchanges or give refunds unless the merchandise was defective or misrepresented. While most retailers do offer refund and exchange programs, policies vary greatly from one store to another. Be sure to double-check policies this holiday season, even if you are familiar with the brand, as stores can change their policies whenever they want.

The following tips should help to make your holiday returns run more smoothly.

Get to know store policies. Before you make a purchase, find out if the store has a return policy and, if so, how it works. Understand that many retailers change their policies for the holiday season. If the store allows returns or exchanges, find out if you need to pay a restocking fee. Ask the seller if they offer cash refunds, exchanges, or only store credit. Store policies are usually posted at the check-out counter or printed on the back of receipts.

Understand online store return policies. If you are shopping online, search for the seller's return policy and read it through before clicking "buy." Find out if they accept returns or exchanges and who pays for the shipping when an item is returned. In some cas-

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es, you can save on shipping fees by returning an online purchase to the local brick-and-mortar store.

Get the details on a product's warranty. Most electronics and home appliances come with warranties that are to be fulfilled by the manufacturer, not the retailer. Find out how the store handles returns and repairs if an item stops working or needs replacement parts. Will the retailer ship the item to the manufacturer for you? Or will you need to deal with the manufacturer directly? Knowing the answers will leave you well-prepared for any future issues.

Use credit cards for extra protection. Paying with a credit card may offer additional protections for returns or disputes, especially if there is an issue with the product or the retailer.

Keep your receipt and packaging. Most stores will only accept returns and exchanges if you can present the item with its receipt and original packaging. Always include a gift receipt with items you give, and hold on to any gift receipts you receive.

Know the rules for returning gifts without a receipt. Returning gifts without a receipt can be tricky. Without a receipt, most retailers offer store credit or an exchange rather than a full refund to your original method of payment, especially if the item is marked down or on clearance.

Bring your ID. Many stores ask to see your ID when you return an item to avoid holiday return scams. Some-

times retailers require you to bring your ID and the original form of payment. If this is the policy of the store where your gift is from, you may need the assistance of the gift-giver in order to be reimbursed.

Make returns in a timely fashion. Almost all return policies are valid during a specific time period. Some stores modify their return period during the holidays, so don't risk missing your chance to make your return. Take the item back to the store without delay.

High School Orientation for 8th graders

Winneconne High School will be hosting an Orientation Night for 8th graders and their parents at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27 in the high school auditorium.

High School Orientation Night is a tradition AND transition for 8th graders to attend an open house to prepare for high school and freshman year. Students will attend short elective class discussions to help make decisions for career pathways and future classes.

This is an evening not to be missed by all incoming 8th graders and their parents. High school clubs and activities will be available starting at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium lobby to showcase their groups and answer questions.

Any questions regarding High School Orientation can be addressed by contacting Student Services at 920-582-5810 or by emailing counselor Sarah Meyer at meyers@w-csd.org

WCSD partners with character education organization leader Youth Frontiers

Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) welcomed back Youth Frontiers this month. Youth Frontiers is an educational organization whose mission is to provide experiences that inspire character, civility and community through high impact school retreats.

To continue building a respectful school culture in Winneconne, Youth Frontiers led retreats on December 10, 11, and 12. Students in the 5th grade Kindness Retreat learned about the importance of kindness at a young age. Hearing how their own actions can make a difference, they become empowered to end bullying at school. In the 7th grade Courage Retreat, youth learned how to overcome fears and find the moral courage to stand up for someone who is being picked on. Youth Frontiers' focus for 9th grade was a Respect Retreat, teaching students how to respect self, others and to stand up to disrespectful actions.

The organization uses interactive games, music, small discussion groups and gripping stories to break down walls between young people, helping them to see each other differently, confront negative behaviors and enable students to recognize the consequences of their actions.

In a study with the University of Minnesota's Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement, a month after a Youth Frontiers retreat, more than 8 of 10 students strongly or

somewhat agree that other students are more likely to help someone who is being picked on.

In addition, YF provides online resources for parents (www.YouthFrontiers.org) to help foster their children's positive peer interactions.



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Step into the Magic:

The Nutcracker comes to life at the Paine

Through January 6

Nutcracker in the Castle guests are invited to embark on a self-guided or candlelight journey through the enchanting settings of this classic story. Each room of the historic Paine mansion is elaborately decorated to bring the tale to life—from the festive opening party scene to the magical *Land of Sweets* and beyond. Follow Clara and the Nutcracker Prince as their adventure unfolds!

On the first floor, large storybooks with beautiful illustrations reveal key moments of the fairy tale. Upstairs, the rooms depict Clara's family home and the intriguing workshop of her mysterious godfather, Drosselmeyer, showcasing a stunning collection of his finely crafted wooden Nutcrackers.

Don't miss a stop at the Sugar Plum Fairy's Cupcake Café for a delicious holiday treat!



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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Outdoors New Year's resolutions

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

With every new year we instinctively think about the year that was and the year that is to come. We naturally wonder about what we could have or should have done, or how we could do things better the next time around. The new year is always a time to put our best foot forward. Let's take a few stabs at some improvement in the outdoor world as well.

One thing is obvious – let's get out more. Let's plan a few trips, but let's plan less. What I mean is, let's be intentional about getting out and book a few events if we need to. Set aside some weekends that revolve around out-of-town happenings, the fish run, the bird migration, the fall colors, or the summer sun.

But also, paint those weekends with a broad brush. Plan not to plan, if you will. Let some of the details fill themselves in, go with the proverbial wind. Let what is going to happen, happen. Some of our favorite memories are the things that just come up out of nowhere.

Next, take a friend and try something new. I certainly have a handful of guys on my hunting and fishing speed dial, but mix it up – try taking someone that has less experience but wants to get into a particular field. Likewise, maybe they have favorite experiences the you are less familiar with for them to reciprocate another time.

There are social media groups that

specialize in this too. Invite a guy from down south to do some walleye or white bass fishing, and later head down there for gator hunting, perhaps. That may be a bit extreme, but I see it out there. Maybe it's a distant buddy that lives near the Mississippi and wants to hunt ducks in Green Bay, and the next time you head off to fish some of their backwaters for some of those huge perch they have. You get the idea.

Let's also resolve to leave less of an impact out there. Certainly, pick up our own litter, but anything that might have been left by anyone else, also. If you are hunting a buddy's land, help to cut shooting lanes or maintain stands or logging roads—whatever help he might need out there.

Let's challenge ourselves to do more with less. It may be the same trip that you've done dozens of times, but challenge yourself to do it better, pack lighter, try a stretch of stream or plot of woods a little out of your comfort zone.

Let's also resolve to keep our sacred experiences to ourselves. We don't need to post, tweet, IM, snap, or text every cool thing that happened to us out-of-doors. Save some of these memories for you, and you alone. The memories will be more cherished and last longer.

There certainly are times when we can't get away. So, let's resolve to take a walk in the yard, identify your trees, or birds at the feeder or build a fire in the fire pit. Make a mini staycation an intentional one. Even a backyard fire with a couple close friends can make lasting memories.

Here's to a great 2024 that was, and a great 2025 that will be!

Happy New Year all!
 Reach Matt at
lakeandpond2@gmail.com



Harp

Tales From The Land of Retirement

New year, new you

By Jeanne Lehr

The rush, rush, rush of the holiday season is over and it's time to sit back and reflect on the past year. Was it what you'd hoped for, or was it a huge disappointment?

Now that you have time to think of what was and what will be, start making some plans.

It's time to change what can be changed and accept what cannot. What do you want? Where do you want to go?

Maybe all your wishes and dreams have not come true, but just maybe they were never meant to come true. Maybe what you want is not what you should have. Maybe you were put on this earth for something you have not even thought of. Time to explore what's out

there beyond the confines of all that's familiar to you.

Health, wealth, friends, family, a new job, travel – it's all available to you if you want it badly enough.

You do not have to travel the world to discover happiness, usually it's all right where you've been planted. You likely have ALL that you need for a full happy, and rich life. Embrace it.

I've learned that the first, most important step is to get right with yourself. If you are not happy, no one around you will be. Cast off your negative thoughts and start filling yourself with positives. In 2025 make plans to be kind, generous, polite, and loving. Let your light shine so those around you can see it and feel its warmth.

Be the best that you can be for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. I'll be right there with you.

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Lehr

XRoads41 completes lineup

The XRoads41 music lineup for Aug. 7-9 on the Oshkosh Festival grounds was finalized last week with additional performers joining headliners Cody Johnson, Kane Brown and Parker McCollum for the country music-focused concerts.

Parmalee, Pecos and The Rooftops, and Drew Green have been added to complete the main stage lineup. One previously announced group, Redferin, will not be at the event due to a scheduling conflict.

The 2025 lineup also includes Jessie Murph, Nelly, Koe Wetzell, Ian Munsick, Rodney Atkins, Josh Melo, and The Castellows.

Johnson's recent album "Leather" was nominated for 2024 Album of the Year by the Academy of Country Music Awards. Brown is currently touring Australia and his fourth album "The High Road" is scheduled to be released next month.

Tickets are on sale with three-day passes available for general admission VIP standing room only and VIP reserved. General admission passes start at \$119 with VIP reserved costing \$519.

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The Oshkosh YMCA Tennis & Pickleball Center will begin Winter Session 1 group Tennis Lessons beginning Monday, Jan. 6. The Tennis & Pickleball Center is located at 640 E. County Road Y in Oshkosh. Lessons are available for ages 4 and up with a variety of days and times. The Y offers regular tennis lesson programs for youth and adults with a variety of levels, beginner through advanced. It also offers classes with age-appropriate balls so kids can get started building a foundation of tennis skills with success!

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Open times are available as well.

Registration is now open. Call the Tennis & Pickleball Center at (920) 236-3400 for more information and/or to register for classes.

For additional information contact Sheila Counts, Oshkosh YMCA Tennis & Pickleball Center Director, at sheilacounts@oshkoshymca.org or (920) 236-3400.

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Village committee meetings for January 2025

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by the Municipal Center Clerk Ann Wasinger.

January 2025

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	MTG DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Beautification	B. Kubasta	Thurs. Jan. 9	5:30 pm	Board Room
Cemetery	J. Janikowski	Mon. Jan. 13	3:00 pm	Board Room
Fire District	K. Allcox	Mon. Jan. 13	6:30 pm	Fire Station 28
Historic Preservation	J. Stelzner	TBD		
Library	J. Janikowski	Mon. Jan. 13	5:30 pm	Library
Parks	S. Foster	Tues. Jan. 14	4:00 pm	Board Room
Personnel & Finance	B. Kubasta	(Mon. Feb. 10)	1:00 pm	Board Room
Plan Commission	C. Boucher	Mon. Jan. 13	5:30 pm	Board Room
Public Safety	M. Bouras	TBD	4:30 pm	Board Room
Public Works	P. Olson	Mon. Jan. 20	11:00 am	Board Room
Village Board	C. Boucher	Tues. Jan. 21	5:30 pm	Board Room
ad hoc Fee Review				
Marble Park Committee	J. Broderick			

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Your year in review – and what a year it was!

Please enjoy this rundown of the top stories for the greater Winneconne area, 2024. May 2025 be a year of peace and plenty for our readership. We sincerely value your support.



Allcox Named New Winneconne/Poygan Fire Chief: Kevin Allcox was officially appointed as the new Fire Chief for the Winneconne-Poygan Fire District. After advancing from the district’s promotional committee, the collective Fire District Board from the Town of Winneconne, Village of Win-

neconne, and Town of Poygan further approved his selection. Each municipality’s boards then greenlighted Allcox for his ultimate, final approval on Thursday, Feb. 22. Allcox took over in May and has served the department for over 30 years, and has been involved in almost every aspect of its operations.



Jackie’s Parkside sells: Winneconne’s westside wonder, Jackie’s Parkside, officially changed hands as of Leap Day, Thursday, Feb. 29. Jackie’s Heath has sold her beloved Win-

neconne establishment to Wisconsinite Miguel Linares, who owns and operates two other restaurants in the state—Lina’s Café in Slinger and The Elk Restaurant in Elkhorn.



116 road improvement project: The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) conducted a resurfacing improvement project along WIS 116 from the east Village of Winneconne limits to US 45. The scope of the improvements included milling

and resurfacing of WIS 116, roughly 300’ section of full-depth repair along eastbound WIS 116 lane, just east of Harbour South Dr. and new pavement marking. The work took about 7 weeks to complete.



Cattails Supper Club opens in Larsen: Cattails Supper Club opened on Brecklin Loop in Larsen. Cathy Davey and Nick Kane—who have been together for 26 years and have

lived in Winchester since 2000—became the new proprietors of the once Viking Supper Club, and enjoyed early, and generous show of support for the restaurant.

Tyler Lee selected as new WCSD Athletic Director: Winneconne Community School District’s (WCS) Physical Education and Health Educator, Tyler Lee, was selected as the district’s next Athletic Director (AD), succeeding current AD Tim Whitford. Lee is a 2003 graduate of WCS, has coached Winneconne’s wrestling program with great success for the past seven years, and led the varsity softball team during its 2022-23 season.



Significant ARPA funds secured by the village: The year-long process for the Village of Winneconne to secure additional ARPA Spirit Funds to benefit some key projects in area parks officially crossed the finish line

as of February 27. Thanks to the concentrated efforts of many, the village captured \$324.5K in fresh funding to benefit primarily Lake Winneconne Park, and to begin a visioning process for Aruthur Marble Park.

The big reveal – WMS project: 2024 was the year for groundbreaking and dirt turning on the complete reconstruction of Winneconne Middle School. The exciting project was made possible via generous taxpayer support of a \$28-million-dollar referendum in 2023 to completely rejuvenate the school, bringing it to state-of-the art standard while still preserving its rich heritage.



Wolf Run Residential Development breaks ground: The Run Estates project, providing the Village of Winneconne with 24 brand-new, buildable residential parcels for the first time in over 20 years, broke ground. Developer Eric Hoffman, who owns and operates Omro Building Center and Prairie Stone Homes, LLC, will also be the homebuilder on each of the established parcels.

2024 Year in review

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Marble Park Masterplan Initiated: The Village of Winneconne, the Winneconne Area Community Foundation (WACF), subcommittees and citizens-at-large worked for months to develop a plan for Arthur Marble Park's redesign. A final blueprint was

approved by the village board, giving the green light to start working on a budget for Phase 1 and its included improvements. The final, approved design is a road map for Marble Park's long-term reimagining with a price tag of roughly \$10-million-dollars.

St. Paul's Pastor Mark Albrecht retires: St. Paul's Church bid farewell to Pastor Mark Albrecht after 30 years of dedicated service to the community, celebrating the event with a special mass and retirement dinner.



St. Mary parish begins fundraising for addition: Parishioners and staff members of St. Mary Parish in Winneconne began planning a significant addition to the church's facilities. The addition includes adding a large

gathering space to the property, which would connect the church building to Kaudy Hall, and also add offices, improved main level bathroom facilities, and other multipurpose spaces at a cost of \$3.1 million.



Lake Winneconne Park renovations completed: The Village of Winneconne completed a massive parking lot restructuring at Lake Winneconne Park, on time and on budget. Parkway Drive had several new stalls added, with over 40 new stalls in two rows

placed at the facility's far side along with a new pressure washing station. Funds for these improvements came from a \$250K grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources which was matched by the village with ARPA and ARPA Spirit Funds.



Town of Vinland celebrates 175 years: The Town of Vinland marked its 175th bicentennial in 2024 at the Vinland Town Hall. Supervisor Stacy Frakes, a key organizer for the event, gathered a large segment of the community to mark the town's history and

speak of its accomplishments, with hors d'oeuvres, cake and ice cream served to those in attendance—which included Senator Ron Johnson. Local historian Dave Tovar provided an engaging presentation to the crowd, sharing some fascinating information.



WACF celebrates a decade: The Winneconne Area Community Foundation (WACF) reached its 10-year milestone of serving the greater Winneconne community and invited the entire community to a free event at the Winneconne Community Arts Center

to help the foundation celebrate. In a decade of service and impact, it has given more than \$850K back to the community, has over 80 funds within it, and has awarded close to 900 grants and scholarships.

The Winneconne News sells to Oshkosh Herald LLC: After 71 years, the Rogers family transferred ownership to Karen and Jeff Schneider, owners of the Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News community papers, effective with the publication of the October 9th issue.



Two males dead in Town of Poygan: On Oct. 13, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Craig Quick reported that deputies were dispatched to a home located at 7707 Quigly Road in the Town of Poygan at approximately 5:36 p.m. that same evening. Deputies and first responders

responded immediately to a 911 call from the residence, the caller stating that two deceased males had been discovered inside the home. The bodies were identified as Richard M. Davis, age 61, and Alexander C. Davis, age 26. The two are father and son and lived together in the home.



Family Dollar announces closure: Nearly 1,000 Family Dollar stores began closing across the country and Winneconne's Family Dollar did not escape—shutting its doors well before the end of the year with the lease expiring on December 31. The building

is currently owned by LSM Property Management—with previous owners being Oak Lawn Realty and Trilogy Development; Gordon Wentzel was the original owner of the parcel. Family Dollar operated in the village since roughly 2007.



Beiser Realty celebrates 20 years: What began as a tiny endeavor in Andy Beiser's childhood home in 2004 when Beiser obtained his real estate license to help with family property sales, to a booming staff of 34 in 2024 including five locations across Northeast Wisconsin was reason for Beiser Realty to celebrate in high style.

2024 Year in review

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Winneconne unveils new RO System: In what can be deemed a huge step forward in quality of life for the Village of Winneconne, its new Reverse Osmosis water treatment system was fully unveiled to the public in the fall of 2024. Key players on the nearly 14-year project—from the discovery of the original water system failing to meet necessary standards, to today's state-of-the-art RO installation—joined with village officials for a ribbon cutting and tour of the Well #2 facility which houses the gleaming new water purification structure.



Mama Bears closes brick & mortar: Main Street boutique, Mama Bears, owned and operated by partners Jean Hornes and Tami Thoma, announced its plans to close its brick-and-mortar store by no later than the year's end. The shop operated for two years in the village.

General Election runs red: November's general election was one for the record books! Wisconsin's unofficial voting results show the largest turnout in state history, with numbers for Wisconsin's presidential race at 72.6% and 3.4 million Wisconsinites casting a ballot. That's the highest number in the state's history. The biggest race was that of U.S. President, in which Donald J. Trump prevailed, taking office this month.



Wolves varsity football makes it to the state semis: Winneconne's magical 2024 football season came to an end in November during the state semis. A potent Baldwin-Woodville squad took the lead early and then held off the Wolves to claim a 40-16 victory in a WIAA Division 4 state semifinal at Medford High School. Quarterback

Brody Schaffer ended his season with 1,774 yards rushing and 31 touchdowns, while averaging 9.6 yards per carry. Schaffer also completed nearly 71 percent of his passes on the season and finished with 1,800 yards and 17 touchdowns and will return for his senior season in 2025.



New Premier Community Bank opens doors: Premier Community Bank celebrated the grand opening of its brand-new office in Winneconne in November. The new branch, located at 915 E Main Street on the village's east side, officially opened its doors for banking then invited the entire community in for a celebration. Premier purchased the former Kwik Trip property in the village for the new site, and The Redmond Group served as the general contractor on the project.



Small Wonders Daycare Closes after 30 years: A beloved childcare service in the Town of Winchester closed its doors at the end of the year. Small Wonders Daycare—owned and operated by Ed and Nanette Drews (sister and brother-in law)—made the difficult decision to stop operating, due in large part to ongoing staffing chal-

lenges. Small Wonders first opened its doors to the greater Winchester/Larsen community in September 1993, owned initially by Curt and Vicki Sprenger. The Drews duo purchased it in May of 2000 (renaming it to Small Wonders Daycare), and operated it for another 24 years—creating countless memories with generations of families.

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Friday, Jan. 3: 3:30 pm - Powerlifting Meet/WMS. 4:30 pm - Varsity Wrestling/Home. 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Girls' BB, Home/Berlin.

Saturday, Jan. 4: All Day - Powerlifting Invite/WMS. 9 am - Girls Varsity Wrestling @ Shiocton. 5 pm - Girls' Ice Hockey @ Waunakee.

Sunday, Jan. 5: Worship at the Church of Your Choice.

Monday, Jan. 6: 7 pm - HS Band Concert/WCAC.

Tuesday, Jan. 7: 4:30 pm - Bowling, Home/Hilbert. 5:45 & 7 pm - JV/V

Boys' BB, Home/St. Mary's. 5:45 & 7 pm - JV/V Girls' BB @ Campbellsport. 7 pm - Girls' Hockey @ Waupaca.

Wednesday, Jan. 8: The News is out! Subscribe today at winneconne-news.com.



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, Jan. 5: 9:30 am - Confirmation Class. 10:30 am - Mass/ CLOW Fellowship.

Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion.

Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 3:10 pm - ES FF w/mass. 6:30 pm - MS FF.

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, Jan. 5: 8 & 10 am - Worship.
Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8 South Fourth Street
Winneconne
Pastor Ben Berger
Pastor Darin Warnecke
920-582-7772

Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship/Lord's Supper.

Sunday, Jan. 5: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship/Lord's Supper. 9:10 am - Bible Study/Family Impressions.

Mon.: 6 pm - Contemporary Music Practice.

Tues.: 6:30 pm - Men's Group.
Wed.: 7:30 am - Elder's Mtg. 6:30 pm - Catechism Study.

Grace Lutheran Church
8396 Steeple Hill Drive
Winchester
Pastor Mark Laatsch
Sunday, Jan. 5: 9:30 am - Worship.

Mon.: 9 am & 4 pm - Ruth's Pantry.
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
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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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Pastor Emily Lueder

8:30 am - Sunday Service.
Zion Ev. Lutheran Church
E9016 Marsh Road
Fremont
www.zionfremont.com
920-667-4301

Sundays: 9 am - Worship service. 10:15 am - Bible study and Sunday School.

Bible Baptist Church
At First Presbyterian Church
32 S. Third Avenue
Winneconne
Pastor Robert Hatch
920-582-7100

Sundays: 10:45 am - Sunday School. 12 pm - Worship.

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church - Omro
Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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www.messiahomro.com
920-875-0755

Pastor Philip Geiger
Sundays: 9 am - Regular Sunday Worship, with Fellowship to Follow

Wednesday Prime Service
Wednesday Bible Study
AA and Al-Anon
St. Mary Church Basement
Thurs.: 7 pm - Al-Anon.

Please refer to the district website for available AA meetings in our area.

Lunch Menus

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

Menus

Mon: ES: Mac & cheese, muffin, California blend veggies. **MS:** French dip sandwich, fries, broccoli.

Tues.: ES: Cheeseburger, carrots, educational snack. **MS:** Cheese pizza, breadstick, mixed veggies.

Wed.: ES: Orange chicken, broccoli, fried rice. **MS:** Taco bowl, rice pilaf.

Thurs.: ES: French toast, baby cakes, sausage patty. **MS:** Popcorn chicken, buttered pasta, broccoli.

Fri.: ES: Cheese pizza, breadstick, green beans. **MS:** BBQ patty, onion rings, spiced apples.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mitchell's big night carries Wolves to win

Grace Mitchell tallied a career-high 31 points in leading unbeaten Winneconne to a 69-50 win over visiting Ripon in an East Central Conference contest on Dec. 20.

Mitchell, whose previous career high was 27 points set last season against Waupaca, knocked down five 3-pointers and finished 11-of-23 from the field in racking up her point total. She also added six rebounds, four steals and three assists in the win.

Mitchell was the only player to reach double figures for the Wolves. Harper Neace finished with nine points and Brooklyn Messerschmidt added eight. Millie Braman had seven points and finished with a team-high 14 rebounds.

The win improved the Wolves to 8-0 overall this season and 4-0 in the ECC. Winneconne, which is ranked ninth in Division 3, had a pair of games on the road to cap off 2024 and will return to action at Berlin on Jan. 3.

BOYS BASKETBALL

High-scoring duo sparks Wolves past Tigers

Parker Ingles and Brody Schaffer combined for 51 points and Winneconne snapped a four-game losing skid with an 84-70 win at home over Ripon on Dec. 20.

Ingles led the way with 29 points, finishing 12-of-15 from the free-throw line on the night. He also finished with six rebounds and tallied three of the Wolves five 3-pointers in the game.

Schaffer chipped in 22 points in the win, while adding seven rebounds and five assists.

Aaron Zimmer and Gage Bartel

scored eight and seven points, respectively, with Dallas Walker finishing with six points, seven rebounds and six assists.

Winneconne went 23-of-33 from the free-throw line in the game as the two teams combined for 42 fouls and 58 free-throw attempts.

The Wolves, who are 2-6 overall and 1-2 in the ECC, were slated to play Waupaca on Monday and will return to conference action on Thursday at Berlin.

WRESTLING

Vroman, Marks lead Wolves at Fondy

Freshmen Briar Vroman and Brady Marks each finished in sixth place to lead Winneconne at the Fond du Lac Invitational held on Dec. 21.

Vroman finished 2-2 at 113 pounds, recording both of his victories by first-period pins, including a 50-second stop over Reedsville's Abe Schmidt.

Marks also finished 2-2 wrestling at 132 pounds, with one of his victories coming by pin. Marks' two losses were by a combined three points, including an 11-9 loss to eventual champion Grady Gallagher of De Pere.

Bryce Jones was the only other Winneconne wrestler to finish in the top 10, placing eighth at 157 pounds.

Ryden Jezwinski (106), JJ Mavroff (120), CJ Behm (144) and Carson Piotraschke (175) all finished with two wins on the day for the Wolves.

Before the tournament, the Wolves picked up a 50-18 dual meet win over Ripon as Winneconne won three of the four contested matches.

Marks posted a pin at 132 pounds, while Jones scored a technical fall victory at 165 pounds. James Barone added the third win, taking a close 11-10 decision over Travis Cumber at 126 pounds.

Winneconne also got forfeit wins from Jezwinski (106), Vroman (113), Mavroff (120), Behm (144), Taylor Engelke (150) and Piotraschke (175).

Marble Park Bowling

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Highlights Dec. 11

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Tiny's	62	73
Marble Park Lanes	55	80

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Highlights Dec. 18

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Obituaries

Ruth Elizabeth Andersen

Ruth Elizabeth "Hot Mama Ruth" Andersen, born on April 2, 1938, in Joliet, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 20, 2024, surrounded by her loving children. She was the daughter of William "Buster" and Dorothy (McLain) Dudley and had one sister, Mary Hamrick.

Ruth lived a vibrant and full life, residing in several states throughout her journey. In 1957, she married Marshall Prince, with whom she shared five children: Deborah (Paul) Calewarts, Carolyn (Peter) White, Charles (Kathleen) Prince, Laura Schoenauer, and Suzanne (John) Roob. Ruth was a devoted mother who cherished her role above all else. She was also blessed with seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, with another on the way. Her beloved dog, Elvis, was a constant companion in her later years.

Ruth's life was marked by her kindness, humor, and a touch of sassiness

that earned her the affectionate nickname "Hot Mama Ruth." She once demonstrated her dedication as a Brownie Troop leader by staying at a meeting until going into labor—a testament to her spirited nature. Over the years, she held many jobs but always prioritized her family.

In 1987, Ruth married Ivan Andersen and she shared many happy years with him until his passing in 2001. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Mary, her husband Ivan, a grandson, and a nephew.

A private celebration of Ruth's life was held on Friday, Dec. 27, 2024. In honor of her love for animals, she requested that donations be made to the Neenah Animal Shelter in lieu of flowers. Ruth's legacy of love and laughter will continue to inspire those who knew her. May her memory bring comfort to all whose lives she touched.

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

UW Oshkosh early retirement

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt announced a voluntary retirement incentive options program (VRIOP) being offered to 57 eligible faculty members who would have the option to serve in programs that can absorb the loss of positions.

Eligible employees will have into early 2025 to decide on the retirement program to help determine a participation number. Leavitt said the program helps the university avoid layoffs, furloughs and program closures.

The new VRIOP is funded with support from the Universities of Wisconsin, which met with UW regents last week to discuss progress in reducing structural deficits statewide.

"In a few fundamental ways, this program is different than other programs we have offered at UWO. It is smaller than past versions, it is more selective and it will be funded with the support of the Universities of Wisconsin," Leavitt said in a statement.

Leavitt, who previously announced

he will be retiring in June, said UWO Provost and Vice Chancellor Ed Martini will work with Human Resources and his leadership team in Academic Affairs to define the parameters of the program.

"This new program is a critical step in achieving a stable and sustainable UWO," Leavitt said. "As we receive the response from eligible faculty members in the next few months, the provost, the other vice chancellors and I will keep (the university community) informed about the VRIOP's progress along with our other initiatives containing costs, stabilizing enrollment, transforming our academy and continuing to move us forward."



Chester Franklin Luce

Chester Franklin Luce, 95, has moved to another venue, as of Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024.



He was born at home on January 17, 1929, in Alfred Station, NY; sharing this birthdate with "Popeye" who made his debut in Chester, IL.

He was the sixth of eight children born to Elliot and Ruth (Repe) Luce. Chet grew up in Winneconne where he graduated from high school in 1946. He served with the U.S. Army in Japan/Korea in the Army of Occupation. After graduating from the Wisconsin State College (now UW-Oshkosh) in 1952, on July 18, 1953, Chet married Rose Ann Sutter at First Presbyterian Church in Winneconne. They enjoyed 70 years together before Rose Ann preceded him in death in 2023.

Chet started his work career as a high school teacher, then changing careers, becoming a social worker for Outagamie County and then the State of Wisconsin. He retired in 1990 as the Regional Supervisor of Quality Control in northeastern WI. In retirement he did volunteer work, was an avid reader and traveled extensively; his favorite countries being Egypt, Iceland, Australia/New Zealand. Some of the travels included genealogical research, done by him and Rose Ann. Much of the research was done in WI, NY, KS,

Ireland and Switzerland. He was able to trace his maternal ancestors back to the Mayflower.

Chet is survived by his two sons, Daniel (Kimberly) of Bossier City, LA; and Gary of Appleton; one grandson, Anthony (Danielle) Suarez of Eliot, ME; two great-granddaughters, Lucy and Louisa Suarez; along with several nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents and wife, Rose Ann, Chester was also preceded in death by all of his siblings, Francis (Clarence) Hintz, Allen (Mary Bretney) Luce, William Luce (MIA in WWII), Ruth Ann Zahn, Charles (Dolores) Luce, Donald (Mary) Luce and Nona (Richard) Blank.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at St. James United Methodist Church 100 W. Capital Dr. Appleton. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 4:30 p.m. with Pastor Ben Morris officiating. Military honors will follow. Inurnment will be in Grace Lutheran Cemetery, Winchester.

A memorial fund is being established for American Cancer Society or St. James United Methodist Church where Chet was a member since 1965.

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WINNECONNE HIGH SCHOOL-
LARGE GROUP LECTURE
100 WOLF RUN WINNECONNE WI 54986
DECEMBER 2, 2024 – 6:30PM**

Call the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance
Board President, Donna Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Buildings and Grounds Director, Steve Cady

VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)

OPEN FORUM – Community resident referenced Parental Rights Policy on Student Name Changes and Pronoun Usage and not being in favor of the policy. (ex: Arrowhead School District), residents asked if Agenda could be put in Winneconne News, as to timing before each meeting, as well wondering if WCSD Board of Education minuet are put in Winneconne News. (The minutes are in local paper after approval) Resident made comments on Latest WCSD Report Card as to test scores, DPI misleading parents, and Administration needs to continue to work towards Continuous Improvement. Community Residents references Policy # 5330 Administering Medication and Emerging Care, questioning how many staff members are CPR Certified, and how many in each building are CPR Certified.

OPEN SESSION

5. consent items:
A. Minutes from November 18, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting
B. District Checks #10015944 to #10015983 in the Amount of

\$260,377.76
C. Student Activity Checks #915500 to # 915511 in the Amount of \$9,167.95
D. District ACH Payments \$150,215.89
E. SAACH Payments \$1,191.38
F. Credit Card Report \$25,773.75
G. Acknowledge Resignation of Head Volleyball Coach. Effective November 2024
H. Approve District Health Room Aide. Effective 12/03/2024
I. Approve FFA Trip. WI State FFA Halftime Conference, Stevens Point. January 17-18, 2025

Motion by Kunde, second by Hanson to approve Consent Items A through I
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion Approved: 7-0

6. Wall of Honor
Athletic Director Tyler Lee presented the idea of what and how the Wall of Honor will be displayed by a 65" Touch Screen. This system will give various ways that we can recognize students. This will also be an organizational solution to the many shelves of trophies/plaques we have around the school and in storage. There will be no cost to the districts as there are donations, and money taken out of the Concession monies earned from the " W " Club.

7. 2023/2024 Report Card
The Office of Educational Accountability at the Department of Public Instruction released the School Report Card for Wisconsin Public School Districts. WCSD Overall Score was 77.9. The Highest in the Fox River Valley.

8. 2025/2026 School Calendar
The Policy Committee reviewed the 2024/2025 school calendar that was presented by the District Leadership Team. Board members Hanson and Kunde had some questions surrounding length of Holiday break in December of the school calendar year. The questions were as to having two weeks off and potentially getting out of school earlier in the end of May, or for sure before June 1st (This question was for School Calendar years 2025/2026, and 2026/2027). The Calendar school year of 2025/2026 falls above the required hours needed for Instruction.

Motion made by Keller, seconded by Verich to approve the 2025/2026 School Calendar as presented.

Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye., Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

9. 2026/2027 School Calendar
The Policy Committee reviewed the Calendar as presented by the District Leadership Team.
Motion made by Verich, seconded by Peterson to approve the 2026/2027 School Calendar as presented

Roll Call: Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

10. Facilities: Long Range Plan
Grounds and Maintenance Director Steve Cady presented the Long-Range Plan for WCSD Campuses.

11. Approve HS Girls Wrestling Coach: 2024/2025 Season
Motion made by Verich, seconded by Hanson to approve the High School Girls Wrestling Coach as presented.
Roll Call: Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

12. H-4 Job Description Update: ES Health Room Aide/4k-12 Clerical Assistant
Job Description for ES Health Room Aide/4k-12 Clerical Assistant was presented with updates; Employment Terms: School Year Calendar plus Summer School.
Motion made by Hanson, seconded by Kunde to approve the H-4 Job Description for the ES Health Room Aide/4k-12 Clerical Assistant position

Roll Call: Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

13. H-4 Job Description Update: District Health Room Aide
Job Description for District Health Room Aide was presented with the updates. The District Health Room Aide Reports to School Nurse. Evaluated by the Pupil Services Director. Employment Terms; School Year Calendar

Motion made by Verich, seconded by Peterson to approve the H-4 Job Description Update: District Health Room Aide as presented with updates.

Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

14. Policies & Policy Overview
Policies were reviewed by the Board Policy Committee. Policies brought forward are recommended for approval.

- A. Policy- 5505- Grant Funds
- B. Policy- 5430- Internal Controls
- C. Policy- 5460- Cash Management of Grants
- D. Policy- 5771- Cost Principles- Spending Federal Funds
- E. Policy- 6325- Disposition of Personal Property
- F. Policy- 7450- Property Inventory
- G. Policy- 7544- Use of Social Media
- H. Policy- xxxx- Student Name Changes and Pronoun Usage (Policy Number will be assigned when we get updates from Neola)

Motion made by Peterson, seconded by Ackmann to approve Policies 5505,5430,5460. 5771, 6325,7450,7544, and XXXX as presented with updates.

Roll call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

15. PCD Data Update/ Cell Phone Policy Data
This data update is 60 days of the Personal Device Policy in place. A review of this Policy will be done in January. If there are any policy changes, they will take effect in February. The Data presented is a cumulative since policy was approved.

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

17. Board Reports
A. Communications- Letter of Appreciation for The Winneconne High School Band was sent from Mike Barry on behalf of the WI. Assn. of School Business Officials. The letter included a check for \$500 to help offset costs as the Band will be playing

Wednesday morning of the Annual Wisconsin Association of School Board, Convention in Milwaukee. January 22-24, 2025

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 Kunde, second by Keller to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from November 18, 2024. Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(g) with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Specifically, legal matters before and administrative agency. Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(f) Considering financial, medical or social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific personnel problems of the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies, which if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations regarding a student issue. The board will move into open session and may take action on items discussed in closed session.

Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

Open Session
The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 9:05 pm Motion made by Peterson, second by Kunde to adjourn meeting of the WCSD Board of Education. Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde
WCSD- Board Clerk
9:10 pm

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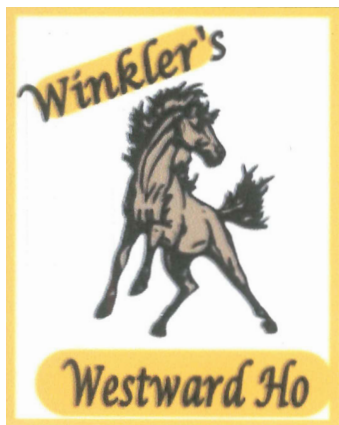
The Weekly Whisk Chopped Italian Salad

When I found this recipe, I knew I had to try it. I made this on a Sunday and kept it in my fridge all week for my meal-prepped lunches. I did not add the dressing until the day of so it didn't get soggy. It is hearty enough to fill you up, but still light enough to call a salad. This is a good way to start the New Year!

For questions or comments email weeklywhisk01@gmail.com

- For the dressing:**
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper
1/3 cup grated Romano cheese
- For the salad:**
1 head shredded iceberg lettuce
1 head shredded romaine lettuce

- 1 (15 ounce) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
1/4 pound thinly sliced salami
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- Add all the salad dressing ingredients to a small bowl or small jar. Whisk everything together or close the lid and shake to combine. To a large bowl, add the shredded lettuce, chickpeas, Italian salami, and mozzarella cheese. Pour the prepared dressing on top and toss to coat.



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