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Local Visitors in Madison for Inauguration

Last week, the Wisconsin State Legislature gavelled in for the 2025-26 legislative session. During the senate inauguration ceremonies, the New London High School Chamber Ensemble provided music and Pastor Emily Lueder, from the First Presbyterian Church of Winneconne/Weyauwega offered the opening prayer.

"I was thrilled to see our area represented during the inauguration ceremonies down in Madison," said State Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara. "Thank you to Pastor Lueder, band director Alex Rambo, and the New London High School Chamber Ensemble for playing an important role in the events today."

Every two years, one band from Wisconsin provides background music and performs the national anthem and one religious leader offers an opening prayer prior to the inauguration ceremony.

"It was an honor and a privilege to be able to represent my congregations in Winneconne and Weyauwega and offer the opening prayer at the 107th opening session of the Wisconsin State Senate," added Pastor Lueder. "It is no small thing to be able to pray over our elected officials and encourage a spirit of wisdom, unity,



Pastor Emily Lueder and State Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara at the state capitol for the beginning of the 2025-26 legislative session.

and understanding among them, especially at a time when these things are so deeply needed in our nation. I am incredibly grateful to Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara and her office for the invitation and

the opportunity to do just that."

The 19th Senate District includes parts of Adams, Outagamie, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago counties.

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By Becky LaDue

The State of Wisconsin's deadline to file candidacy papers for public office has passed and our local area has some activity to report, with a few challenged races on the ballot. This year's primary is Tuesday, Feb. 18 and the Spring Election is set for Tuesday, April 1.

Wisconsin Supreme Court:

Two candidates have emerged as the contenders for a seat on the Wisconsin

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Reminder: No ice is completely safe



A view of the sunk ATV on Lake Poygan last week.

An ATV went through the ice Jan. 7 about 100 yards from shore on Lake Poygan near Spruce Lane. Those stranded were standing atop the ATV when the Winneconne Poygan Fire District

(WPF) responded with the airboat, but it was not needed as the incident was close to shore. WPF instead performed a shore-based rescue using a rescue board.

The News has no information on the

condition of the persons involved, but Fire Chief Allcox added, "This is a reminder that no ice is completely safe, and people should check ice conditions before venturing out on the ice."

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What's on the Ballot

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Supreme Court after the Jan. 7 deadline.

Brad Schimel, a Waukesha County judge and former Republican attorney general, and Susan Crawford, a Dane County judge, are running to fill a seat that will be vacated after liberal Justice Ann Walsh Bradley retires. Crawford and Schimel's candidacies will set the stage for a high-profile election.

While Wisconsin's highest court is officially nonpartisan, the 2023 election of Justice Janet Protasiewicz gave the court a 4-3 liberal majority after nearly two decades. Crawford seeks to maintain that, while Schimel seeks to swing the court back to the conservatives.

State Superintendent of Schools:

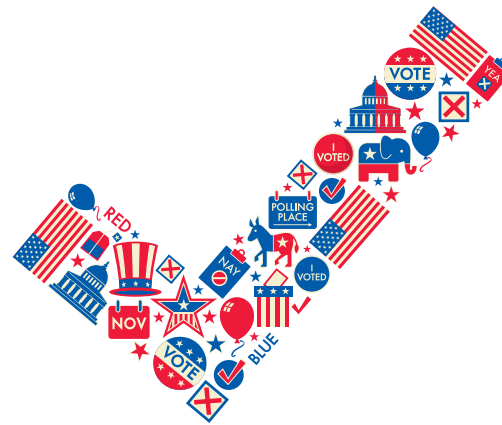
The race for Wisconsin state superintendent is shaping up with three candidates, including incumbent Superintendent Jill Underly and two challengers who filed paperwork, triggering a primary.

Along with Underly, Brittany Kinser, an educational consultant and former special education teacher and elementary school principal, has entered the race along with Democrat Jeff Wright, superintendent of Sauk Prairie School District, who announced his candidacy for the position in October.

Underly has the endorsement of the Wisconsin Democratic Party. Gov. Tony Evers so far has declined to endorse a candidate in the race.

Winnebago County Executive Race

In an upcoming race for a four-year term as Winnebago County Executive, incumbent Jon Doemel is facing challengers in current Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz and former Assembly Minority Leader and current Director for the Wisconsin Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Gordon Hintz. A Feb. 18 primary election will be held to narrow the number of candidates to two.



Village of Winneconne

Village of Winneconne President Chris Boucher is up for re-election in 2025, but is running uncontested.

For the Village Board of Trustees, there are three candidates who have filed papers for two open seats, which will not require a primary; all three candidates will be on the April 1 ballot. Current Trustee Steve Foster is seeking another term, while fellow Trust-

ee Brenda Kubasta is stepping down when her term expires. Candidates Mary K. Krings and Brian J. Miller have also thrown their hats in the ring in hopes of earning a two-year term.

Town of Winneconne

In 2025, Town Chairman Eric Lang and two supervisors – Russ VanGompel and Earl Peterson—are up for re-election. All have pulled papers with no challengers, ensuring another 2-year term for each.

Town of Clayton

For the three elected positions in the Town of Clayton, one seat has an active race. Town Chairman Russell Geise runs unopposed, as does Supervisor 2 Linda Grundman. Supervisor 2 Kay Lettau has a challenger in Terry Haase.

Town of Poygan

The Town of Poygan employs a caucus for its election process. The caucus is a method that may be used by towns and villages for nominating candidates to be placed on the Spring Election ballot. The caucus is open to the public, but only qualified electors of the municipality may nominate and vote for candidates to be placed on the ballot.

Poygan's caucus meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15, and its results will be shared in the News on Jan. 22.

However, it is known that Supervisor Jim Hanneman has filed papers of noncandidacy, leaving his seat open. Supervisor John Meyerhofer and Town Chairman Marty Johnson are also up for re-election.

Town of Vinland

In the Town of Vinland, the Supervisor 2 position has a contested race. Incumbent Mike McNamee has a challenger in Bob Marquart. Others up for re-election running unopposed include Chairman Don O'Connell, Supervisor 1 Todd Devens, and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Brazee.

Town of Winchester

After a very active race during Winchester's last election cycle, in 2025 the township has no contested races to report. Filing papers with no individuals challenging include Matt Olson, town chairman; Andy Miller, supervisor 1; Dave Pavlik, supervisor 2; Connie Kreutzberg, treasurer; and Holly Stevens, clerk.

Town of Wolf River

The Town of Wolf River has no contested races to report. Returning to their governmental seats are Town Chairman Randy Rutten, supervisors Curt Sprenger and Dave Koepp, Clerk Sue Gilbert, Treasurer Judy Knaus, and Sanitary Dst. Commissioner Randall Riese.

Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) School Board

The Winneconne Community School District Board of Education has an active race for the spring 2025 election. Incumbents Mark Kunde and Meghan Keller have pulled papers for another three-year term along with newcomer Kati Calewatts. With three candidates for two seats, no primary is required.

Look for upcoming news on this along with candidate information as election day approaches.

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Beaming Announces Ranch Purchase

BEAMING Inc., a leader in equine-assisted services for over two decades, has announced the official purchase of the property it operates on in the Town of Vinland.



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Corrine Kosciuk thoroughly enjoying her equine therapy session at Beaming Inc.

to welcome a broader range of community organizations, businesses, and individuals to its grounds. Programs at the ranch are led by Clinical Director Janet Hagen, PhD, and Katie Samuelson, CEO, supported by dedicated board members and a team of certified PATH and Spirithorse staff. Together, they create transformative equine-assisted learning experiences that foster growth, healing, and empowerment.

In 2023, BEAMING facilitated 4,014 equine experiences, serving seniors with dementia and Alzheimer's, children and adults with diverse abilities, veterans, and at-risk youth, improving lives through the unique bond between humans and horses.

BEAMING's Vice President Walter Zerrenner and CEO Katie Samuelson actively serve on the National Community Academic Board, strengthening partnerships with UW-Madison, UWO, and other institutions to advance equine-assisted learning research and best practices.

In addition to many new initiatives being launched in 2025, BEAMING invites you to its Cabin Fever event set for Feb. 8. Starting at 10 a.m., families can tour the facility, meet the staff, and learn more about the transformative programs offered. RSVP at shelly.beaming@gmail.com

This milestone marks a new era for the nonprofit, securing its ability to serve the community through equine-assisted learning and innovative partnerships.

After 14 years of renting and three years of subletting to Rawhide Youth Services, BEAMING Ranch is now set



Girl Scouts Special Someone Sparkle Dance 2025

All area girls and their dads, moms, or a special someone are invited to the 'Special Someone Sparkle Dance', set for Saturday, Jan. 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Winneconne Middle School.

The dance is organized each year by area Girl Scout troops from Winneconne and Omro as a special day for girls to dress up and spend a night out on the town. This will be a fun evening of dancing, games, door prizes, and sweet treats.

Take part in an evening of everlasting memories including professional photos by Jenn Binder Photography, music by A+ DJs, and of course dancing!

All girls ages pre-K through grade 12 are invited to attend this community-wide event; you need not be a Girl Scout to attend.

All proceeds from the dance remain with area Girl Scouts to help with awards, community service projects, camporees, leader-daughter events, and lock-ins.

Updates on dance specials from businesses throughout the area will be posted regularly at GSNWGL - Rural

Winnebago Annual Dance on Facebook, where you may also RSVP to the event.

The cost to attend is \$10 per girl, and \$5 for each adult. Please bring along food donations for the Winneconne Area Assistance Center for a chance to win door prizes!

If you are interested in finding out more about the local Girl Scout troops or buy cookies from a local Winneconne troop, please email info@gsnwgl.org.

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4 Generations enjoy the holiday together



From left to right, Faith Mirenda, Jeffrey Weber, Laura Mirenda, Connor Mirenda and Robert Weber.

Over the holiday season, longtime Winneconne resident Robert Weber was visited by great-grandson, Connor Mirenda, home on leave from the United States Air Force. Also enjoying

the holiday gathering was Robert's son Jeffrey Weber, granddaughter Laura Mirenda (mother of Connor), and his great-granddaughter Faith, who came from Franklin, WI for the gathering.

Valentines for veterans encouraged statewide

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) is asking residents to show veterans how much they are appreciated for their service by sending Valentine's Day cards to those living in WDVA facilities in King, Chippewa Falls and Union Grove.

WDVA received 24,000 valentines in its first year and last year that grew to 28,000, and will be able to share valentines with more veterans in Veterans Housing and Recovery Program locations in Chippewa Falls, Green Bay and Union Grove.

The cards are hand delivered by staff to the veterans, loved ones and Gold Star families residing in the facilities.

Mail the cards by Jan. 31 – do not



include candy, food or snacks – to Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: **Veteran Valentines**, PO Box 7843, Madison, WI 53707-7843.

Celebration Women's Ministry January event scheduled



January's Celebration Women's Ministry speaker Jana Hanback and her husband.

Celebration Women's Ministry invites you to its January offering set for Saturday, Jan. 18 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Rushford Town Hall, Omro. This month's speaker is Jana Hanback, author of the book 'Discovered Tools to Triumph in Tragedy'.

"Our family was paralyzed by fright at some tragic news – cancer. But God gave us eight tools to triumph in tragedy. God used my husband's cancer to teach us about Himself, ourselves, and each other," said Hanback. "God worked until we were ecstatic, and our spirits felt that they could soar!"

Married for 40 years, Hanback met the love of her life in Bible College and has four wonderful children and two

delightful grandchildren.

The Eureka chapter of Celebration is a non-denominational Christ-centered Woman to Woman Ministry. Learn more at www.celebrationministries.org. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for refreshments and fellowship, with the program starting at 9 a.m. There is no registration required, though a free-will offering is appreciated.

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 Priest Celebrants
 Fr. Tom Long
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 Deacon Paul Vidmar, Pastoral Coordinator
 Thurs.: 2 pm - Rosary.
 Sat.: 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm - Mass.
 Sunday, Jan. 19: 10:30 am - Mass/CLOW and Communion enroll.
 Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 10 am - Musician Mtg. 6 pm - Finance Council Mtg. 6 pm - Movie Night.
 Tues.: 6 pm - Parish Council Mtg.
 Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 3:10 pm - ES FF. 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
 Sunday, Jan. 19: 8 & 10 am - Worship.

Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.
 Wed: 6 pm - SWAG Youth Group.
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. 6 pm - Bible Basics Class.
 Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship/Lord's Supper.

Sunday, Jan. 19: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship/Lord's Supper. 9:10 am - Bible Study/Family Impressions.
 Mon.: 6 pm - Contemporary Music Practice.
 Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters. 6 pm - Stewardship Mtg. 6:45 pm - Church Council Mtg.
 Wed.: 6:30 pm - Catechism study.

Grace Lutheran Church
 8396 Steeple Hill Drive
 Winchester
 Pastor Mark Laatsch
 Sunday, Jan. 19: 9:30 am - Worship. 10:45 am - Adult Forum.

Mon.: 9 am & 4 pm - Ruth's Pantry.
 Tues.: 8:30 am - Property Team.
 Wed.: 8:30 am - Sewing Circle.
 5:30 pm - Service of Word/Gathering Space. 6:15 pm - Confirmation in Zittau.

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

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 Pastor Paul Ibisch
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First Presbyterian Church
 32 S. Third Avenue
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 920-706-0047
 Pastor Emily Lueder
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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.

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 www.messiahomro.com
 920-875-0755
 Pastor Philip Geiger
 Sundays: 9 am - Regular Sunday

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 Wednesday Prime Service
 Wednesday Bible Study
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 Thurs.: 7 pm - Al-Anon.
 Please refer to the district website for available AA meetings in our area.

Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 16: 4 pm - 8th Grade Girls' BB, Home/Berlin; 7th Grade @ Berlin. 4:30 pm - Bowling/Home, Oshkosh North. 5:30 pm - Beautification Mtg./Municipal Ctr. 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Girls' BB, Home/Kettle Moraine. 6:30 pm - Wrestling Dual @ Kettle Moraine.

Friday, Jan. 17: 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Boys' BB @ Kettle Moraine. 5:50 pm - Girls' JV2 BB @ Hortonville. 7 pm - Girls' Hockey @ Brookfield Central.

Saturday, Jan. 18: 9 am - Girls' Wrestling @ Wausau. 7:30 pm - Girls' Hockey @ West DePere.

Sunday, Jan. 19: Worship at the Church of Your Choice.

Monday, Jan. 20: 11 am - Public Works Mtg./Municipal Ctr. 4:40 pm - Public Safety Mtg./Municipal Ctr. 5:30 pm - Youth Apprenticeship Info Night/High School.

Tuesday, Jan. 21: 4 pm - 8th Grade Girls' BB @ Waupaca; 7th Grade, Home/Waupaca. 4 pm - MS Wrestling @ Ripon. 5:30 pm - Village Board Mtg./Municipal Ctr. 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Boys' BB, Home/Shiocton. 5:45 & 7 pm - JV/V Girls' BB @ Wautoma.

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Lunch Menus

Jan. 20-24
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.: MLK Day - no meal.
Tues.: Chili, crackers, carrots, pineapple tidbits, cornbread.
Wed.: Chili mango chicken, sour cream/chive potatoes, broccoli, mandarin oranges.
Thurs.: Beef stew, green beans, grape juice, pumpkin bar.
Fri.: Garlic honey pork chop, oven roasted potatoes, candied carrots, peaches.

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

Menus
Mon.: **ES:** BBQ rib sandwich, baked beans, sweet potato fries. **MS:** Cheese bites/sauce, pretzels, peas.
Tues.: **ES:** Pizza cruncher, broccoli, Sun Chips. **MS:** Soft shell taco, rice pilaf, winter blend veggies.

Wed.: **ES:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, sweet potato fries. **MS:** Mashed potato bowl, wheat roll, corn.
Thurs.: **ES:** Pepperoni pizza, cornbread muffin, green beans. **MS:** Ravioli, cheesy potatoes, baked beans.
Fri.: **ES:** Hamburger, tater tots, corn. **MS:** Pepperoni pizza, roasted veggies, garlic bread.

Honor List; Carter Danke, Dean's Honor List; Logan Fink, Dean's Honor List; William Fitzgerald, Dean's Honor List; Ben Gonzalez, Dean's Honor List; Ben Harmon, Fall Dean's List; Matthew Rilling, Fall Dean's List; Jedidiah Schloesser, Fall Dean's List; Alex Verich, Dean's Honor List; Francesca Verich, Dean's Honor List; Jack Verich, Dean's Honor List.

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News from the Winchester Area Historical Society

The calendar has turned to the New Year for the Winchester Area Historical Society (WAHS), with several bits of good news to report.

The society's Christmas gift giving to CESA 6—the agency that rents a portion of Winchester School—was a huge success. The board of directors provided generously and Beverly and George Tipler, Robin Eckstein, Mariana Nelessen and the library staff bought, wrapped and helped distribute the items to the faculty, who in turn shared them with the families.

WAHS received a donation of new backboards and hoops for the gym from Mickey Starchurski and Reggie Hinske—the two also spent a day installing them for the facility.

As for the society's roof project, there was a very positive response in terms of donations over the holiday season, and WAHS was able to suc-

cessfully match the \$10,000 anonymous donation that was put forward.

\$146, 668 remains on the roof balance with gifts coming in last month from Ann Christiansen Malmquist, Judy Posselet Green, Jerry & Julie Maxwell, Janet Eckstein Fritz, Judith Madison, Bob & Irene Linstedt, Ellen Gomoll, Steve & Ruth Wulgaert, Pam Mathison, LeRoy Zeinert, Bill & Mary Pucci, Chuck VandenHuevel, June Breaker, Jacalyn Johnson Fiet, Janis Mathison, Laurie Posselet Kroening, Jon & Cindy Scott, Jim & Nancy Jansen, Bette Lee, Gil & Karen Herman, Bonnie Boe, Daryl & Gwen Jensen, Glenn Winkler and other anonymous donors. Future donations may be directed to WAHS, P.O. Box 84, Larsen, WI 54947.

Lastly, annual dues are now officially past due, so mail yours in today if you care to join the society. Community members are encouraged to get involved to help the organization better serve the Towns of Clayton, Vinland, Winchester and Wolf River.

Expect increased utility costs in 2025

A new year is bringing new price hikes for many Northeast Wisconsin utility customers.

Utility companies say rate hikes that were approved in November are needed to help reduce power outages, improve infrastructure and align with new EPA rules.

For WPS electrical bills, a typical residential electric customer may see an increase of about \$7.20 per month this year. Next year, customers could

see an additional \$3.28 tacked on top of that increase.

WPS residential gas customers can expect a monthly increase of \$1.60 this year, with a \$4.06 increase added on in 2026.

WPS encourages anyone who needs to catch up on past due bills to get in touch with them to work on assistance options or a payment plan.

Sourced from Wisconsin Public Service

The Weekly Whisk

Egg Nog French Toast Bake

Now that the holidays are over, I noticed my fridge has a few leftovers that need attention, one of them being a container of egg nog. This year for Christmas I hosted brunch with my in laws instead of the usual afternoon meal. I prepared two breakfast casseroles; one was savory and the other was this recipe for Egg Nog French Toast Bake. If you find yourself with some leftover egg nog, I highly recommend making this, otherwise save the recipe for next year!

For questions or comments email weeklywhisk01@gmail.com

1 large loaf (15 oz - 18 oz) French bread, brioche, or Texas toast

5 large eggs

1 3/4 cups eggnog

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Crumb topping:

1/2 cup flour

2 tablespoons sugar

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/3 cup butter, melted

Grease a 9x13 inch/ 3-quart casserole dish. Preheat the oven to 350°. Cut the bread into bite-sized squares and place in the casserole dish. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, eggnog, nutmeg and vanilla extract. Pour the egg mixture over the bread, stirring it so that the bread is lightly covered.

Whisk together the flour, brown sugar, white sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon. Stir in the melted butter. It should be like wet sand in consistency and form crumbles when you squeeze it in your palm. Crumble the topping over the top of the French toast. Bake for 32-37 minutes until the top is golden brown.

Ascension alerts patients to May data breach

The cyberattack that debilitated one of Wisconsin's largest hospital systems last spring has now been determined to have affected millions of patients' personal information.

St. Louis-based Ascension began alerting affected people in late December.

On May 8, the health care system detected the data breach. At the time, it was unclear whether hackers gained access to sensitive patient information.

"Our investigation has determined that some of these files contain an individual's name and information in one or more of the following categories: medical information, payment information (such as credit card information or bank account number), insurance information, government identification (such as social security number, driver's license number or passport number)," according to a letter sent to patients Dec. 19.

Ascension is offering patients who have been affected a new credit monitoring package for two years.

The health care system operates 24 hospital campuses and more than 100 health care facilities in the state.

Ascension Wisconsin officials have not responded to media requests.

Nationwide, the data breach has affected an estimated 5.6 million patients, including those served by Ascension-Mercy Campus and Ascension Medical Group patients in Oshkosh, according to the health care

publication the HIPAA Journal.

That makes it the third largest health care data breach of the year, behind the Change Healthcare ransomware attack, affecting 100 million records, and the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan tracking technology data breach with 13.4 million records.

Last year, a cyberattack caused a systemwide outage for Hospital Sisters Health System and Prevea.

In early 2024, Group Health Cooperative of South-Central Wisconsin, a nonprofit managed health care organization, also suffered a cyberattack that resulted in patients' personal information being released.

Data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights shows there are currently 11 security breaches under investigations at health care organizations in Wisconsin.

According to the New York Times, hospital systems have increasingly been targets for hackers in recent years. The Times reports that health care is one of the economic sectors most susceptible to cyber-attacks because medical records can be sold for a lot of money.

Last year, there were a record 725 data breaches of 500 or more records, up from 720 such breaches the previous year, according to the HIPAA Journal.

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Sports

Wolves top century mark in win over Orioles

By Steve Clark
Winneconne News

By the time North Fond du Lac was able to catch its breath against the Winneconne defense last Thursday night, the Wolves were already well on their way to a win.

The Wolves' relentless defensive pressure and up-tempo style led to a game-opening 25-1 run and Winneconne easily cruised to the nonconference victory as the team topped the century mark in a 101-46 win.

"At practice, coach always preaches that we have to start every game as quick

as we can," senior Gage Bartel said.

"It is important to bury a team as soon as we can."

Bartel scored six points as the Wolves built a 13-0 lead out of the gate, while Parker Ingles hit a pair of 3-pointers and Brody Schaffer added a pair of baskets during a 12-0 surge following a North Fond du Lac free throw.

The Orioles notched their first field



Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Parker Ingles drives past a North Fond du Lac defender in the first half of last Thursday's nonconference game at the Wolf Den.

goal of the game with 10:31 left in the first half before Winneconne scored the next nine points to take a 34-4 lead less than 10 minutes into the contest.

Ingles led the way with 13 points during that stretch. Despite having only nine players suited up for the

game, Winneconne was able to sustain the defensive pressure against the Orioles – which led to a whopping 29 turnovers for North Fond du Lac – the entire game and never saw its lead dip below 22 points.

"Our pace is something we are trying to continue to improve. Any time you start out fast like that, you put the other team on their heels," head coach Jim Flanigan said.

After taking a 49-20 lead at halftime, the Wolves opened the second half intent on making a run at the 100-point mark. Winneconne closed the game on a 21-2 run with Cody McLeod's basket with 10 seconds left sending the Wolves into triple digits.

Ingles paced the Winneconne offense with 29 points, while Bartel and Schaffer each finished with 19 points. Ryan Quigley also reached double

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Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Julian Aberle puts a shot up against North Fond du Lac last Thursday. Aberle was one of six players with at least eight points in the game as the Wolves scored 101 points in the victory. Wolf Den.

Winneconne girls gear up for showdown with KML

By Steve Clark
Winneconne News

This is one of the games the Winneconne girls basketball team has been waiting for.

On Thursday, the Wolves will welcome Kettle Moraine Lutheran (KML) in a showdown between two state-ranked teams with the winner taking sole possession of first place in the East Central Conference.

"Every game counts, and we prepare for every game but we have been looking forward to this one all year," Winneconne head coach Troy Buelow said. "Kettle Moraine Lutheran is the team that is standing in the way for us to possibly getting a conference title."

The Chargers are 12-1 overall this season and ranked second in Division 3, while the Wolves are 11-1 so far this season and are ranked ninth. Both teams are 5-0 and tied for the top spot in the ECC.

KML is the defending conference champion and qualified for the state tournament a year ago, and is dominating opponents this season. The Chargers are averaging nearly 66 points per game this season, while allowing only three opponents to score more than 50 points in a game.

Winneconne has been equally impressive this season as it enters the week averaging just more than 63 points per game. The Wolves have held every opponent to 50 points or less

except in its lone loss of the year to Xavier, when the defending Division 3 state runners-up handed Winneconne its only loss, 58-50, during the holiday break.

Buelow said that despite the loss to the Hawks, he believes the experience of playing a high-caliber opponent like Xavier will be a benefit heading into Thursday.

Grace Mitchell leads the team, averaging 14.3 points per contest, while Harper Neace – who is also the team's leading rebounder – is scoring an average of 11.8 points per contest.

That duo is backed by Jada Kaiser (10.9 ppg) – who has made a team-best 31 3-pointers so far this season – Brooklyn Messerschmidt (8.2) and Ari Reetz (7.1).

The offense will have to be clicking against the aggressive Chargers' defense if the Wolves are going to have success, and limiting turnovers will be a big key to put up points.

The Chargers boast two of the top five scorers in the conference in Makenzie Luehring (16.2 ppg) and Madeline Leffel (14.5 ppg).

Luehring, who missed three games earlier this season, has reached double figures in eight of the 10 games she has played and is shooting 43 percent from 3-point range and 88 percent from the free-throw line. Leffel is the team's top 3-point shooter with 27


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Sports

Tournament champs



The Winneconne girls wrestling team collected the team title at Shiocton on Jan. 4 and posed for a photo with the championship plaque following the tournament. Pictured above (from left) are head coach Mike Meunier, manager Yasmine Hottman, manager Haileigh Dunnihoo, Marley Rewolinski, Jayden Mahlke, Paityn Fritchen, Addison Brown, Nora Last, Denna Gehrke and assistant coach Ariel Haemmerle. - Submitted photo

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treys on the season.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran beat Winneconne in both meetings last season by an average of 38 points and has won 12 of the last 13 meetings between the two teams. The lone win in that span came in the 2022-23 season.

Buelow hopes to add another win for the Wolves in the series on Thursday.

“We will work on the two or three things that we can control in practice on Wednesday to hopefully to give us a chance to win this game. We know it’s a big one. Everybody is pretty excited.”



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figures with 12 points, while Aaron Zimmer had nine and Julian Aberle finished with eight.

One of the contributing factors to the Wolves’ point total was that Winneconne notched 27 assists in the game on 43 total field goals. Flanigan said that unselfishness is a product of the style of play from the team’s top two scorers – Ingles and Schaffer. Quigley led the team with seven assists in the game, while Schaffer and Noah Bouras each had six.

Ingles led the team with nine rebounds with Schaffer and Quigley adding eight and seven, respectively.

Prep Sports Roundup

GIRLS WRESTLING

Brown claims title to lead Wolves at invite

Addison Brown dominated a pair of opponents to win the 107-pound title and help Winneconne finish second among the 14 teams at the Peshtigo Invitational on Saturday.

Brown, who improved to 23-1 on the season, earned a 19-2 technical fall win over Oshkosh West’s Sarah Mrazek in the semifinals and then pinned Marinette’s Grace Holguin in 5:01 to claim the title.

Brown was one of three Wolves’ wrestlers to make a title match. Paityn Fritchen (100) and Marley Rewolinski (120) each finished second at their respective weights.

Fritchen finished 1-1 on the day posting her win by technical fall, while Rewolinski earned a pair of pins to reach the finals before suffering a loss.

Jayden Mahlke (145) and Deanna Gehrke (165) each finished third, while Nora Last (132) placed fourth.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Winneconne breezes past Campbellsport

The Wolves held the Cougars to just 16 points in the first half while building a 37-point lead enroute to collecting an easy 70-19 win in a nonconference contest last week.

Winneconne allowed Campbellsport just three points in the second half after taking the 53-16 halftime lead.

Grace Mitchell led three players in double figures for the Wolves with 20 points, while also leading the team with six assists and six steals.

Harper Neace added 15 points and led the team with six rebounds, while Jada Kaiser knocked down three 3-pointers and finished with 13 points.

Winneconne finished an impressive 9-of-11 from the free-throw line in the game.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rough shooting night sinks Wolves in loss

Winneconne finished just 3-of-21 from 3-point range and dropped a non-conference game to St. Mary Catholic last week, 80-68.

The Wolves finished just 25-of-79 (32 percent) from the field overall in the game. They trailed 37-31 at the half.

Parker Ingles finished with 25 points to lead the Wolves, while Brody Schaffer added 23 points and 10 rebounds.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Erickson playing key role for Fox Cities

Sophomore Hailey Erickson has played in 12 of 13 games as a defenseman for the Fox Cities Stars.

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Obituaries

Rita Marie (Adee) Tyman
 Rita Marie (Adee) Tyman, 84, of Winneconne, died at Ascension Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh with her family by her side on January 7, 2025. Rita was born on May 15, 1940, to parents Edward and Mary (Telega) Adee in Duluth, Minnesota. She graduated from Stanbrook Hall High School.

Rita was hard-working and compassionate. She owned Tyman's Old Oak Bar and Supper Club and worked at other establishments in the Gordon, Wisconsin area. Rita continued her working career in Oshkosh and retired from Piggly Wiggly and Bethel Home.

Even though she was a hard worker, her family always came first. Rita supported her children through their academic careers and family lives, and was always cheering on and adoring her grandchildren. She served the church and lived her Catholic faith actively throughout her lifetime.

Rita loved to stay busy and had many talents, including cooking, baking, sewing, knitting, and rooting for the Brewers. She also enjoyed calls and visits with her family, especially from her grandchildren.

She is survived by: daughter, Linnea (Everett) Brock, Cave Creek, Arizona; daughter, Jill Tyman, Hudson, Wisconsin; daughter, MaryBeth (Jim) White, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; son, Robert (Tracey) Tyman, Elk Mound, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Jacqueline (Matt) Shore,

Garett (Megan) Brock, Jordan (Kendra Muldbakken) Brock, Anika (Nick) Hammer, Cole (Lauren Scharlau) Tyman, Qwynn (Logan Giere) Tyman, and Tessah Tyman; great-grandchildren, Ben and Sam Shore; Lila, Cade, and Thea Brock; Ellie Hammer. She is also survived by sisters, Virginia (Frank) Pickar and Cathy Dandrea; and many nieces and nephews.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Bernard Adee.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, Jan. 17, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Winneconne. A funeral Mass will be held on Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the church with Fr. Tom Long officiating. The Mass will be livestreamed; go to stmarychurches.org and click on the St. Mary's Winneconne Live Stream link. A prayer service and entombment will be on Saturday, January 18 at 1 p.m. at the Calvary Cemetery 4820 Howard Gnesen Road, Duluth, with a social gathering to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be distributed to St. Mary's Church and Rita's favorite charities.

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



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THANK YOU to all the walkers for your participation and generous donations. Additional thanks to The Landing on the Wolf and The Talk of The Town for opening and providing refreshments before, during, and after the event.

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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Coalition to Protect Lakes Now the Largest in Wisconsin's History

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

A coalition with a focus on protecting Wisconsin's lakes from the impact of wake-enhanced boating that formed less than 5 months ago, is now the largest of its kind in Wisconsin's history. The effort, which began with 5 groups, has expanded to 60 Wisconsin-based groups from all over the state. The group is comprised of conservatives, liberals, fishing groups, landowners, environmentalists and others.

For those that need a little refresher on wake boats, it refers to vessels designed to take advantage of the wake they generate to enhance specific activities, such as wakeboarding, wake surfing, and other water sports that require a large wake. These boats are specially engineered to create bigger and more manageable wakes for riders. That's all well and good for them, but these huge waves are a menace to our lakes.

"We all understand the damage wake-enhanced activity is having on our waterways, lakes, and property values. It's time to realize this activity, which causes lake bottom sediments to be disturbed and the loss of fish habitat, is not good for the economic engine that outdoor recreation brings to Wisconsin. It's time for our legislators to understand

the importance of putting into statute criteria that protect our lakes," said Dr. Fred Prehn, a well-known conservative activist.

"The organic growth of the coalition is a testament to just how many Wisconsinites care deeply about protecting our lakes and rivers. Something must be done to preserve these treasures for generations to come. The coalition now represents thousands of Wisconsinites that have made this a top priority," stated Cody Kamrowski, Executive Director, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

"The coalition continues to grow at an incredibly rapid pace. In the last month alone, fourteen new members have joined. As the coalition grows, each member lends their expertise to the cause. One member may focus on damage to shoreline, while another has expertise in enacting local ordinances," said Jeff Meessmann, board member of Last Wilderness Alliance, an environmental advocacy group.

Local governments and lake associations have also begun to address the damage done by wake-enhanced boating. This past year nearly three dozen towns have passed prohibitions on the wake-enhanced activity. You can add the Lake Poygan Sportsmen's Club to the list, as they voted at their last meeting to throw any support to the cause that they can.

Another local club, Walleyes for Tomorrow, has also joined the cause. "We plan to continue this growth to show the Legislature there is an organic movement in support of managing these activities for the benefit of all Wisconsinites," stated Mike Arrowwood, Chairman, Walleyes for Tomorrow.



Harp

The continually expanding coalition represents Wisconsin fishing experts/enthusiasts, advocates for local control, lake property landowners, sailors, those concerned with spreading invasive species, and others. All are concerned about

the devastating impacts of wake-enhanced boating on Wisconsin's glacial lakes and other waterways.

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Tales From The Land of Retirement

AMERICANISM

By Jeanne Lehr

Patriotism, Americanism, love of country - where has it gone?

To see the lack of respect when the flag is presented, or the Pledge is recited or even when the National Anthem is sung is overwhelming.

Since little on, my generation was taught the meaning of why we stand and cross our hearts when the flag is presented. When we started our days at school with the Pledge of Allegiance and when we heard the beginning beats of the National Anthem, we jumped to our feet and sang every word.

We do this because we were proud to be Americans and to live in America. To show such disrespect to our flag and our National Anthem does not show very strong character. If you don't like it, leave it. Go somewhere that you're happier and see if all your dreams come true.

I struggle to understand where this anti-patriotic attitude comes from, but something needs to change. The American Legion and the Auxiliary, along with other local groups, have offered juniors in high school a chance to sign up for a free week of civics to teach our young

people what these positions we vote for during elections actually do. Maybe if people had a greater understanding, the culture would get better in our country.

Badger Boys and Badger Girls is a five day stay in the dorms at state colleges with other high school students from around the state. Meals are furnished and the participants play important roles in the election of local political positions. Students are divided into political parties and then develop party platforms around their issues. Positions range from a village trustee to governor of the state. You get to campaign and when elected, you get to make decisions ascribed to your position.

I ran into a young man that had taken part in Badger Boys a few years ago, and he was still excited to talk about it. It is open to boys and girls in their junior year of high school and is also open to those who homeschool. The criteria to apply is: above average grades, interest in government and citizenship, outstanding qualities of leadership, and good moral character.

If you know a junior or have one in your household, urge them to visit the school counselor for an application. Expand their horizons and increase their knowledge. All good things for a well-rounded education—and for young Americans too.

Reach Jeanne at genie6364@yahoo.com



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JOINT TOWNS OF POYGAN, POY SIPPI SANITARY DISTRICT #1

Commission Meeting
 Wednesday, January 29, 2025
 3:30 p.m. at Treatment Plant

To act on Budget

Lisa Kallas, Secretary

Proposed Budget Poygan-Poy Sippi Joint Sanitary District	Income	
	Tax Settlement Income	80,000.00
	Flat Rate-Resident	170,880.00
	Land/User Assessments	10,000.00
	Late Payment Charges	1,550.00
	Lateral Permits	375.00
	Miscellaneous Income	1,750.00
	Total Income	264,555.00
	Expense	
	Postage	800.00
	Freight	600.00
	Dues and Subscriptions	85.46
	Pest Control	720.00
	Snow Removal	3,000.00
	Gift Cards	600.00
	Bank Service Charges	60.00
	Certification and Licenses	477.78
	Insurance	10,100.00
	Lab Fees	4,750.00
	Maint. Treatment Plant Equip.	28,600.00
	Maint/Buildings/Grounds	48,147.01
	Mileage	5,000.00
	Office Supplies	2,282.45
	Operating Supplies	7,500.00
	Outside Services	5,000.00
	Phosphoros Testing	13,500.00
	Phosphoros Permits	1,650.00
	Electric Power	25,000.00
	Professional Fees - Legal	8,280.00
	Professional Fees - Other	8,995.00
	Phone/Internet	5,400.00
	Wages	55,500.00
	WDNR Wastewater fees	360.00
	Debit Card Misc	650.00
	Depreciation	59,740.00
	Total Expense	296,797.70
	Income Less Expenses	-32,242.70

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 PRIMARY

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:

- Will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
- Has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued*.

MAKING APPLICATION TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the election. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the Clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

- Your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote.
- The address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
- Your signature.
- A copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: THURSDAY, February 13, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M. FOR THE SPRING PRIMARY.

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

** Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Karen Brazee, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Vinland
6085 County Road T
Oshkosh, WI
Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm
Or by Special Appointment 920-235-6953

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: February 4, 2025 FOR THE SPRING PRIMARY

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. FOR THE SPRING PRIMARY

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. All voted absentee ballots must be returned to the polling place before the polls close on February 18, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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- Will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day
- Has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued*.

MAKING APPLICATION TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or spring election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the Clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

- Your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote.
- The address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above.
- Your signature.
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VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Yvonne Zobel, Clerk, Town of Winneconne
6494 County Road M
Winneconne, WI
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-4pm
Or by Special Appointment 920-582-3260 or 920-582-7711

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place before the polls close on: February 18, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT - VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE FOR THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 - SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION

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YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN WRITING

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the February 18, 2025, Spring Primary Election. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application for an absentee ballot by mail, email, or at MyVote.wi.gov. You may also register to vote at MyVote.wi.gov.

MAKING APPLICATION TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5 pm, Friday, February 14, 2025. Keep in mind that it could take up to five days to get the application, and the absentee application needs to be returned by 8 pm, Tuesday, February 18, 2025, to count. Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN-PERSON

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in-person.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 1:00 pm.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Friday, February 14, 2025, at 5 pm.

In-person absentee voting may take place at the Clerk's office only during posted hours below:

Tuesday/Thursday - Feb. 4 / Feb. 6 / Feb. 11 / Feb. 13 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday/Wednesday - Feb. 5 / Feb. 10 / Feb. 12 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Friday - Feb. 7 & 14, by appointment only

No in-person absentee voting in clerk's office may occur on the day before the election.

For questions, contact:

Ann Wasinger at 920-582-4381
clerk@winneconnewi.gov
30 S. 1st Street
P.O. Box 488
Winneconne, WI 54986-0488

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, by 8:00 pm. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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Silos: An interesting retrospective

Contributed by Pete Christianson, Winchester Area Historical Society

Silos have been around since about 1890. They are a Wisconsin invention that was intended to provide a larger base of year around food for dairy cattle. Though chopped corn has been the traditional crop fermented in a silo, other crops and bi-products, such as hay and pea vines have been anaerobically fermented for animal feed as well.

The earliest silos were square like the other farm buildings. But when they were filled, the silage in the corners spoiled because there was enough air for less friendly bacteria to flourish. Soon round silos prevailed but it was still a good idea, and often put into action, to have a boy walk around the periphery of the silo to be sure it was well packed.

Moist vegetation weighs a lot and packing it down puts tremendous pressure on the sides, particularly at the bottom of a silo. Steel rods around the outside of the silo allowed for tighter packed and better silage. Thicker concrete or stones did the same.

“Towers of Ferment,” Jerry Apps called them. The crop to be preserved

was packed tightly in the silo and given time develop the bacterial culture. The product produced was acidic and was relished by the dairy cows. But it changed the flavor of the milk and, unfortunately, consumers didn’t like it. Pasteurization ultimately covered the taste and solved the problem.

Silos grew larger with time as more cement staves and steel bands were added. But soon the dark blue A.O Smith “Harvester,” (which was really a large container for beer) came on the scene. They could be sealed to prevent any spoilage.

Silage is still good cow feed, but very few new silos are being built in the present day. Now silage is blown into a tube of thick plastic or just covered with the same plastic, with car tires piled on to keep the wind from blowing it away. Many round silos stand empty, often guarding the remains of an old barn stable. Some have been empty so long that trees are growing in them. A few find new life as the base holding observation rooms up for a unique viewing experience. When the Baptist Assembly in Green Lake converted its “great barn” into an auditorium it utilized the silos for bathrooms.



Twin silos located in Door County, WI.

Pete Christianson



An early square silo located in Allenton, WI.

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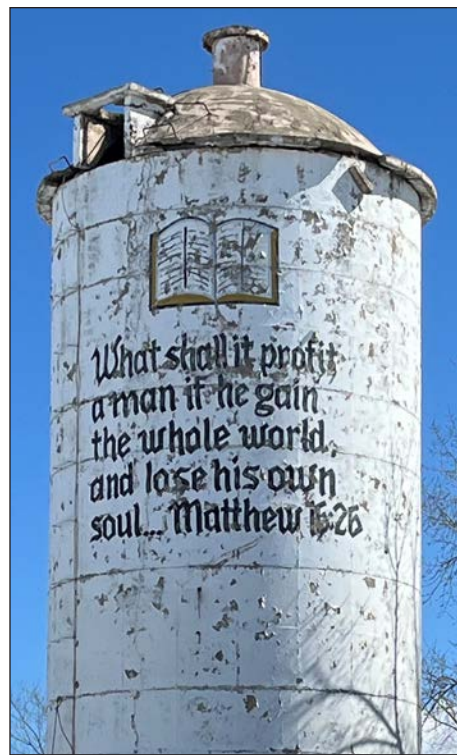
A silo with a unique and beautiful roof.

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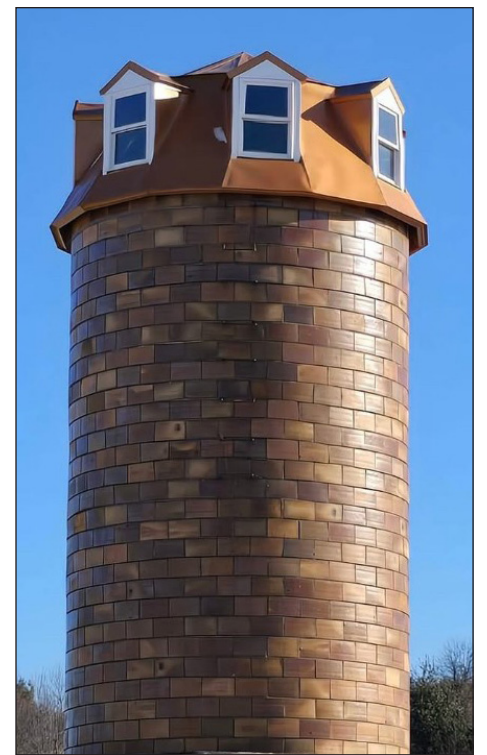
A very early design of a wooden silo.

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A silo with a biblical message in Appleton.

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A ceramic silo with its top converted into an observation room.

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A unique stone and brick silo with a single roof.

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