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## Roubidoux signs contract with American Football Association, Finland



Doug Sasse

Harry Roubidoux finished his career at UW-Eau Claire as the program record holder in attempts and completions, while throwing for 7,684 yards and 55 touchdowns in 39 games with the Blugolds.

By Steve Clark

Harry Roubidoux isn't ready to hang up his shoulder pads and helmet just yet.

The 2020 Winneconne High School graduate, who starred for UW-Eau Claire the past four seasons, has signed a contract to continue his football career with the Porvoo Butchers in Porvoo, Finland, in the American Football Association of Finland and joining the seven-time champions for the start of

the 2025 season.



interview from Dallas last week while participating in The Dream Bowl. "I

"It's been a goal of mine (to play professionally) for sure, and now I can say I am a professional football player, which is pretty cool and unique," Roubidoux said in a phone

think I'm lucky to have that kind of opportunity. It hasn't quite sunk in yet."

The American Football Association of Finland consists of seven teams, all located in Finland. Porvoo – also shown online as Porvooon – is a city of about 52,000, located 40 minutes northeast of Helsinki.

Roubidoux said that the team will provide much of what he needs – as

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## High school to establish electronic Wall of Honor

By Becky LaDue

During a December WCSD Board of Education meeting, district Athletic Director Tyler Lee presented his

proposal for establishing the school system's first-ever touchscreen recognition system to be installed at Winneconne High School (WHS).

Working with the company Rocket

Alumni Solutions, the 65" screen will be prominently displayed just outside the high school commons area, with the "Wolves' Wall of Honor" serving as a dynamic, interactive way to celebrate the achievements of students and the school community.

"Initially, the screen will highlight awards and historical milestones in athletics and extracurricular activities," said Lee, "however, the system is highly customizable, allowing us the flexibility to showcase a wide range of recognitions including scholarships, academic awards, art galleries, theatre productions/playbills, club honors, and even potentially a future Winneconne Hall of Fame."

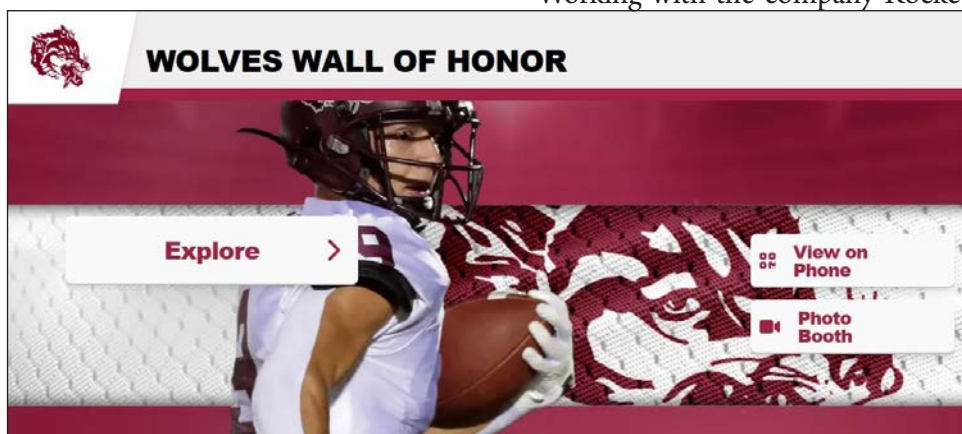
Within WHS's current arrangement

for trophies and plaques, the hardware is amassed within a display case and also mounted on ledges running along the school's interior walls, with many other items currently in storage.

"Our next steps will be designing the space behind the screen," said Lee. "I am working with a campus branding company that was part of our partnership with BSN Sports/Nike as well as taking lots and lots of pictures of trophies and plaques that will be uploaded into the system."

Lee said he may eventually need help from local sports enthusiasts, historians and alumni in the community if there are records missing that de-

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A view of what the home screen might look like for the Wolves Wall of Honor at WHS.

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## Town addresses issue with cats

Sets first year salary for the now appointed clerk and treasurer

By Becky LaDue

During a recent meeting of the Winneconne Town Board, constituent Joel Klussendorf, addressed supervisors regarding a cat problem in his Breeze St. neighborhood. Klussendorf indicated there is a resident feeding and sheltering feral cats, causing a disturbance to other neighbors. Klussendorf requested a stray cat ordinance and licensing of cats to help dissuade the behavior.

While this was discussed, Supervisor Koch offered to meet with the resident regarding the concerns of the neighbors, and further consult with the DNR.

It appears the board will not move forward with any ordinance regarding cats and their licensing, but will address concerns on a case-by-case basis and advise individuals to seek help from the DNR and local humane societies when issues arise relating to feral animals.

Board members also approved the renting of 500 square feet of the new town garage to Winneconne Sanitary District No. 3 at a fee of \$100/month.

Regarding a decision on the town's legal counsel after the passing of Attorney Tony Renning, Supervisor Van Gompel stated he reviewed prior minutes and found that the board actually hired the Renning, Lewis & Lacy S.C. law firm, and not Atty. Tony Renning individually. He suggested the board continue working with the new attorney assigned as legal counsel for the town, with no board action taken.

Lastly, as of April 15 the town sees its first year of the initiation of resolution 001-2025 with the appointment of its clerk and treasurer positions versus their election. Clerk Yvonne Zobel has served the town for 27 years and indicates her plans to continue as the board sees fit, as does Vickie Black in her role as treasurer. Both look to receive a 5-percent cost of living raise to their current salary.

## Correction

In the front-page story "What's on the Ballot" which ran Jan. 15, there was an error. For the Town of Clayton, Kay Lettau holds the office of Supervisor 1, not Supervisor 2, as the story indicated. The News regrets the error.

## County Veterans Service Officer in Winneconne

A County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) will be at the American Legion Giles Luce Post, located at 536 W. Main St., on Thursday, Jan. 23 from 2 to 6 p.m.

CVSOs are veterans who administer services and provide assistance to veterans and their dependents. All veterans, spouses and/or dependents are welcome to attend this event. Now is the time to get any questions about benefits answered.

## Wolves Wall of Honor

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serve displaying.

"My hope is to have the display ready before the winter seasons come to a conclusion," Lee added. "Once displayed and organized, I'm sure there will be lots of ideas on ways we can use it to highlight our past and present students. I'm excited to see how this technology can evolve to celebrate the many achievements across our school community."



A view of what a Rocket Alumni Solutions Wall of Honor looks like mounted and in place.

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# A lovely day for some mahjong



The Wednesday mahjong group that gathers at the Winneconne Public Library.

The Winneconne Public Library has a great group that comes together every Wednesday at 1 p.m. to play mahjong in the upstairs community room.

Current players are actively recruiting new participants for the weekly gathering. Whether you are a seasoned mahjong player or a complete beginner,

everyone is welcome to join the fun. And the best part? It's free!

Come to play or come to learn—everyone is invited.

## County Aging Mastery Program available to seniors

The Wisconsin Aging Mastery Program (AMP) is an engaging, comprehensive program that empowers older adults to take key steps toward positive behavior change, as created by the National Council on Aging.

Classes address topics such as patient/physician communication, memory, home safety, malnutrition

and bucket lists—with the goal to create health and longevity.

The curriculum combines informed knowledge sharing with goal setting and feedback routines along with peer support and small rewards.

**Other topics include:**

- Navigating longer lives
- Exercise

- Sleep
- Eating and hydration
- Financial fitness
- Medication management
- Community engagement
- Fall prevention

The AMP program is available in person in several counties and also virtually.

## Meeting offered ahead of annual bird count

An informational meeting ahead of the Great Backyard Bird Count organized by Winnebago Audubon is being presented at 6 a.m. Feb. 6 in the Oshkosh Food Co-op Community Room at 155 Jackson St., Oshkosh.

The in-person meeting and presentation will discuss the bird count and how to enter GBBC sightings online using eBird through the account set-up and protocols. More information about the GBBC is at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

Winnebago Audubon will hold its bird count Feb. 15 starting at 9 a.m. at Kimberly Point in south Neenah with a focus on ducks, mergansers and eagles, then moves to Wilderness Park to look for finches, woodpeckers and other winter birds with the count continuing until 11 p.m.

Viewing birds near the lighthouse at Kimberly Point can be accomplished from a vehicle or by taking a short walk to the nearest vantage point. At Wilderness Park there is a quarter-mile walk on a level trail.



For more information or to get started contact Sara Richie, MS at [sara.richie@wisc.edu](mailto:sara.richie@wisc.edu) or Angela Flickinger, MPH, RD at [angela.flickinger@wisc.edu](mailto:angela.flickinger@wisc.edu).

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# Weathering a bout with norovirus

The average year brings about 2,500 reported norovirus outbreaks across the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Outbreaks occur throughout the year but are most common from November to April.

Norovirus is commonly referred to as the stomach flu. It is a group of viruses that causes gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach and intestines.

The disease causes an estimated 109,000 hospitalizations, 21 million illnesses, and 900 deaths annually, according to the CDC.

The virus spreads quickly. People who have the virus can shed billions of microscopic particles, and it only takes a few particles to make others sick, according to the CDC.

Norovirus spreads in several ways, including direct contact with someone with norovirus, eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated with norovirus, or touching surfaces or objects contaminated with norovirus and then putting unwashed fingers in one's mouth.

The most common symptoms of the gastrointestinal infection are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach pain. People also may experience headache, fever and chills.

For most people, the illness will run its course within one to three days, Rossi said. She offered the following home care measures to help people recover from the illness:

- Get plenty of rest
- Isolate from others until symptoms resolve
- Rehydrate with ice chips and small sips of water; babies and younger kids can have an oral rehydration solution such as Pedialyte
- Reintroduce food slowly starting with bland, easily digestible options
- Wash hands frequently and disinfect surfaces when caring for someone who is sick

In some instances, gastroenteritis can lead to dehydration.

Watch for signs of dehydration. In adults, that includes decreased urine output, dark-colored urine, dry skin, thirst and dizziness. Signs of dehydration in children include dry diapers (from a lack of urination), lack of tears, dry mouth, drowsiness and sunken fontanel.

To help halt the spread of the virus, people are advised to wash hands well and often using soap and water, wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly, and regularly clean and sanitize kitchen utensils, counters and surfaces.

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# 4K Open House fast approaching

The Winneconne Community School District is inviting families to Winneconne Elementary School (WES) to come and explore the 4K classrooms, meet teachers and their assistants, and ask questions about the district's 4K programming. Principal

to ask questions informally is nice. We usually have great attendance and families get to complete paperwork if they want to."

School office staff members Mrs. Lynn Breister and Mrs. Jennifer Schmoker will be available to help families with paperwork. Mrs. Jennifer Hostettler can help with questions regarding open enrollment and how the lottery system works for this process.

In addition to the 4K Open House, the district also hosts developmental screenings for children who will be 3, 4, or 5 years old before September 1, 2025. Those will take place on April 1, 2, and 3 at Lord of the Lakes Church. "Please look for communication in early March regarding information and to sign up for screenings," said Laurin Dodd, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services.



A Winneconne 4K student having a great time with his paper bag hand puppet.

Lisa Hughes will also open a 5K classroom and have staff present to meet kindergarten students who are new to Winneconne.

The open house nights, set for Feb. 4 or 5 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., are important because families get a preview of what is coming up during the next school year.

"Some students (and parents) have less anxiety after seeing the school, playground, teachers, principal, etc.," said Principal Hughes, "and being able

"Our goal is to get families new to our school here to see all the awesome learning that we facilitate," added Hughes. "Students coming to school for the first time usually leave very excited to come to school and many want to come the very next day! Unfortunately, they have to wait until September."

For more information or to scan the QR code to register for the 4K event, please see the district's ad in this week's edition of the News.

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## Choral students represent Winneconne well



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From left to right, Chloe Wyssbrod, Dr. Jennifer Sengin, Hattie Engeldinger and Mary Gallenberg.

Three Winneconne High School singers were recently selected to be a part of the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association's All-State Treble Choir, performing on January 10 and 11.

Chloe Wyssbrod, Hattie Engeldinger, and Mary Gallenberg joined with 150 singers from across the state to work with Dr. Jennifer Sengin from the

University of Missouri--Kansas City for two days, culminating in a special concert at Lawrence University, Appleton.

Congratulations to these students for representing Winneconne in such a powerful way!

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**WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY: Larsen**—Alexis Deese, Fall Chancellor's List.



## Scholarship Deadlines Approaching

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation offers dozens of academic scholarships for local students, but scholars need to act fast—application deadlines for 2025 are quickly approaching:

**February 12—Oshkosh Area Community Foundation Scholarships**

**March 17—Winneconne Area Community Foundation Scholarships**

Each year, the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and its affiliates award more than \$450,000 in new and renewed scholarships. Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$10,000 and are generally available to high school seniors in good academic standing.

For a complete list of scholarships and criteria, visit [www.oshkoshareacf.org](http://www.oshkoshareacf.org) and click on "Grants & Scholarships."

## The Weekly Whisk

### Marry Me Orzo Chicken

My sister shared this one pan easy weeknight meal with me. It is packed with flavor and very easy to make. The fact that it uses one pan makes clean up a breeze. This recipe calls for sun-dried tomatoes but I prefer to use petite diced tomatoes. It's up to you!

- 1½ pounds boneless skinless chicken cut into 1-inch pieces
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons dried Italian seasoning
- 1 cup sun-dried tomatoes, drained and chopped
- 1 cup dry orzo pasta
- 2½ cups chicken broth
- 1 cup half-and-half, more if needed
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- ½ cup fresh basil, chopped
- Season the chicken pieces

with salt and pepper. In a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook for 6-8 minutes until it's cooked through and no longer pink. Add the garlic, paprika, dried Italian seasoning, and sun-dried tomatoes. Stir and cook for 2 minutes to infuse the flavors.

Stir in the dry orzo and chicken broth; bring to a boil. Lower the heat to a simmer and cover the skillet with a lid. Cook for 10-12 minutes or until the orzo has softened. Pour in half-and-half and stir to combine. The orzo will absorb the liquid quickly, so add more if needed. Add grated parmesan cheese and fresh basil. Stir gently to melt the cheese and wilt the basil. Serve immediately.

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## DNR to host career fairs

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host five career fairs across the state this month. A fair will be held in Oshkosh on Friday, Jan. 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the DNR Oshkosh Services Center at 625 County Rd. Y.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, explore the natural resources field and learn how to apply online as new job postings become available. People of all ages and educational backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

The DNR employs a large, diverse workforce throughout our state, and it typically has job opportunities in natural resources, environmental sciences, engineering, law enforcement, business, customer service, information technology and administrative support, with a variety of full-time and limited-term employment positions.

To view current job openings at the DNR, visit the Wisc.Jobs website.

For more information about the Oshkosh Fair, please email [kayla.sasse@wisconsin.gov](mailto:kayla.sasse@wisconsin.gov).

## Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Celebrates 10 Years of Conservation Farming

For 10 years, farmers in the Fox-Wolf River Basin have come together to discuss conservation, water quality, and soil health solutions. “These roundtables provide real solutions farmers can take home and use right away,” said Tim Burns, Climate Smart Agriculture Coordinator at Fox-Wolf. “It’s about sharing what works and learning from each other to keep improving.”

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance invites farmers, agronomists, and conservation professionals to the 2025 Fox-Wolf Farmer Roundtables—events built around practical strategies to boost yields, profitability, and resilience through sustainable farming practices.

### Event Details:

**Oshkosh, WI**

**Date: February 19, 2025**

**Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Venue: Brighton Acres**

The first Fox-Wolf Farmer Roundtable launched in 2015, during a turning point for conservation farming in Wisconsin. Farmers were beginning to adopt practices like cover crops and no-till systems at a pace never seen before. This event has grown into a trusted space for peer-to-peer learning and sharing real-world experiences. The Roundtables continue to address the challenges farmers face today—offering insights that help producers stay profitable while protecting water and



soil health.

Keynote speaker Barry Fisher is a nationally recognized leader in soil health with nearly four decades of experience. He now works as a consultant and trainer through Fisher Soil Health LLC, helping farmers build sustainable systems. Barry and his wife Michael practice soil health on their Indiana farm.

### Why Should Farmers Attend?

- **Build Soil Health and Resilience:** Discover practical techniques to improve soil structure, reduce runoff, and increase drought resistance.

- **Learn from a Soil Health Expert:** Keynote speaker Barry Fisher will share insights and strategies for build-

ing profitable, sustainable systems.

- **Take Home Actionable Tips:** Engage in discussions on water quality, soil health systems, and solutions to common farming challenges.

- **Expand Your Network:** Swap ideas, share success stories, and enjoy a hot buffet lunch and drinks during the Networking Happy Hour.

Don't miss this opportunity to build on a decade of conservation leadership and practical solutions. Reserve your seat online at [bit.ly/Farmer-Roundtable](https://bit.ly/Farmer-Roundtable) or register at the door. For questions, contact Tim Burns at [tim@fwwa.org](mailto:tim@fwwa.org) or (920) 840-0104.

## Crop & Soil Meeting Coming Up

The Midwest Forage Association (MFA) and the Outagamie Forage Council (OFC) are committed to advancing the forage industry by providing leadership, supporting research, and offering educational resources that improve profitability for forage crop users and producers, with a focus on sustainable and environmentally sound practices.

The OFC/MFA 2025 Annual Meeting and Educational Program is open to the public and will take place on

Thursday, Feb. 13 at Buzz's Pub/Grill in Freedom, starting at 10 a.m. The event will feature several expert speakers.

For the full program and registration details can be found at <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/outagamie-forage-council-and-midwest-forage-association-annual-meeting/>. Be sure to register by Monday, Feb. 10 to ensure we have an accurate count for food.

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Adele B. (Christianson) Mathison

Adele B. (Christianson) Mathison, 84, of Winchester, died Sunday, January 19, 2025.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester, 8396 Steeple Hill Dr. Larsen. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church with Pastor Mark Laatsch officiating.

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# State, local tax burden hits another record low

State and local taxes as a share of income fell once again in Wisconsin in 2024, pushing this ratio—known as the state and local tax burden—to its lowest level since at least 1970, a Wisconsin Policy Forum report finds.

This ratio between what Wisconsin residents pay in all state and local taxes and what they receive in income from all sources fell from 9.92% in 2023 to 9.62% in 2024. The decrease reflects continued growth in incomes in the state, plus aggressive efforts by the state to hold down local property taxes.

Overall, state and local tax revenues grew by 1.9%, rising from \$36.2 billion in 2023 to \$36.9 billion in 2024. That lagged the rate of inflation and was the smallest increase since 2017. Meanwhile, income growth easily outstripped the growth in tax collections, as personal income in calendar year 2023 grew by 5.2%, double the increase seen the previous year. Still, as it has in every year since 2009, personal income growth in Wisconsin lagged the national average, which this year was 5.9%.

Local taxes Combined local government tax revenues, those collected by municipalities, counties, school districts, and technical college and special districts, grew at a rate of 2.7% in 2024, to \$12.28 billion. Revenue from gross local property taxes – the largest single tax in Wisconsin – grew by 4.6% in 2024, the most since 2008. The in-

crease reflected referenda approved by voters and the end to the state's freeze on school district revenue limits. An increase in state property tax credits helped to hold down the increase in the taxes actually paid by home and business owners, as net property taxes grew by 2.6% in 2024 to \$11.38 billion.



Counties are authorized to levy a sales tax of 0.5%, in addition to the state's 5.0% sales tax. County sales taxes grew in calendar year 2023 by 4.4%, more slowly than in previous years but still a solid clip.

State taxes Total state tax collections grew to \$24.65 billion in fiscal year 2024 from \$24.27 billion in the prior year. This 1.6% annual increase was the smallest since 2020. Most of these revenues come from individual income tax collections, which rose by 3.2%, from \$9.42 billion in 2023 to \$9.72 billion in 2024. Annual growth in collections was slightly above the 20-year average growth rate of 3.0%. Growth in income tax collections has been restrained by

tax cuts included in the 2021-23 and 2023-25 state budgets.

Corporate income tax collections fell, dropping 1.7% from \$2.75 billion in 2023 to \$2.70 billion in 2024. Collections from the state's tax on corporate profits peaked in 2022, and since have dipped for reasons that could include a cooling economy, rising interest rates, and slowing inflation. Still, corporate tax revenues remain more than double what they were in 2019.

Sales tax collections climbed 1.8% in 2024 to \$7.59 billion – the slowest year-over-year growth rate since 2010. The modest rise was largely due to the fact that inflation is now receding after several straight years in which it drove up sales tax revenues rapidly.

Federal taxes Since the data on federal taxes paid by Wisconsin filers have not been finalized, we estimate this amount each year and then revise our projection the following year based on federal reports. Federal taxes paid by individuals and businesses in Wisconsin are estimated to have risen in 2024 by a projected 5.4% to \$73.17 billion, up from \$69.40 billion in the prior year.

Overall, the state and local tax burden in Wisconsin has fallen to a record low. Since 2000, no other state has seen a comparable decline in state and local taxes as a share of income. This has come even as growth in personal incomes in Wisconsin has lagged the national average.

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## Sports

# Prep Sports Roundup



Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Gage Bartel gets surrounded by a trio of Kettle Moraine Lutheran defenders during Friday night's loss at home.

### BOYS BASKETBALL Wolves suffer pair of losses last week

Winneconne came up short in a pair of games last week.

The Wolves were held to a season-low point total on Friday, suffering an 80-41 loss to Kettle Moraine Lutheran in an East Central Conference game.

Brody Schaffer led Winneconne with 17 points, while Gage Bartel chipped in 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Wolves were held to just 11-of-56 shooting from the floor and committed 20 turnovers in the loss.

Earlier in the week, Winneconne

dropped an 83-68 decision at Laconia.

Brody Schaffer finished with 18 points to lead the Wolves, while Parker Ingles added 17 points.

Andon Lang also reached double figures with 11 points.

Winneconne will travel to Plymouth for an ECC contest on Thursday.



### BOYS WRESTLING

#### Wolves take down Chargers in dual meet

Winneconne posted wins in the first four weight classes and never trailed in collecting a 50-21 win over Kettle Moraine Lutheran in an East Central Conference dual meet on Thursday.

James Nozar opened the dual meet with a pin at 138 pounds followed by Tyler Engelke's win by a 21-1 technical fall at 144 pounds. Gavyn Fitzwater (150) and Trey Zemke (157) then scored back-to-back pins to give the Wolves a 23-0 lead and Winneconne stayed in front the rest of the way.

Briar Vroman (120) also collected a pin for Winneconne, while Brady



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Winneconne's Aldon Lang looks to dribble around a Kettle Moraine defender on Friday night.




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### GIRLS WRESTLING

#### Mahlke leads Wolves at Warrior Women's Challenge

Jayden Mahlke posted four wins, including three pins, to finish third in the Silver Division's 145-pound weight class at the Warrior Women's Challenge hosted by Wausau West on Saturday.

Mahlke won her first two matches by pin before falling in the semifinals. She bounced back with a 45-second victory over Hollis Barnhardt of Eau Claire North before winning a hard-fought 7-5 decision over Wausau West's Ali McCorison in the third-place match.

Denna Gehrke added a fourth place in the Silver Division 152-pound weight class after going 2-2, while Addison Brown also went 2-2 with one pin and finished sixth in the Gold Division 107-pound weight class.

Paityn Fritchen finished 3-1 with two pins in the Gold Division 100-pound weight class but did not place.

Marks (132) and Carson Piotraschke (175) each won by technical fall. Ryden Jezwinski (106), Isaac Gustafson (113) and Hayden Elwood (126) also posted wins for the Wolves.

Winneconne will host Plymouth in its final conference dual meet of the season on Thursday.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Wolves' scoring balance too much for Menasha

Harper Neace finished with 17 points and 13 rebounds to lead four players in double figures as Winneconne rolled past Menasha, 63-29, in a nonconference game last week.

Millie Braman added 14 points, while Jada Kaiser and Grace Mitchell each chipped in 10 points in the win.

Winneconne hit seven 3-pointers in the win, with Kaiser and Braman each sinking two, while Ari Reetz, Brooklyn Messerschmidt and Neela Gardner each had one.




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# Sports

## Loss to Chargers won't define the varsity girls basketball program

By Steve Clark

It wasn't the result Winneconne girls basketball head coach Troy Buelow expected.



Doug Sasse

Grace Mitchell (left) and Ari Reetz team up to trap a Kettle Moraine Lutheran player last Thursday.

But following last Thursday's 66-30 loss to second-ranked Kettle Moraine Lutheran (KML), Buelow and the Wolves are ready to move on and keep working, knowing that they will see the Chargers again down the road.

"This doesn't define us," Buelow said following the loss. "We didn't play well, and they did, and are a really good basketball team. We're going to come back and keep working. I know the girls are going to come back stronger from this."

The Wolves were never able to get the offense on track against the myriad of defenses and pressures the Chargers threw at them from the outset.

Grace Mitchell scored the opening basket of the game and two field goals from Jada Kaiser in the first eight minutes kept the Wolves close, but slowly KML began to pull away.

The Chargers took their first double-digit lead with just under seven minutes to go in the first half, scored five points in a 17-second span to push the lead to 13 points about three minutes later, and scored the final five points of the first half to take a 29-16 lead at intermission.

Turnovers definitely hurt the

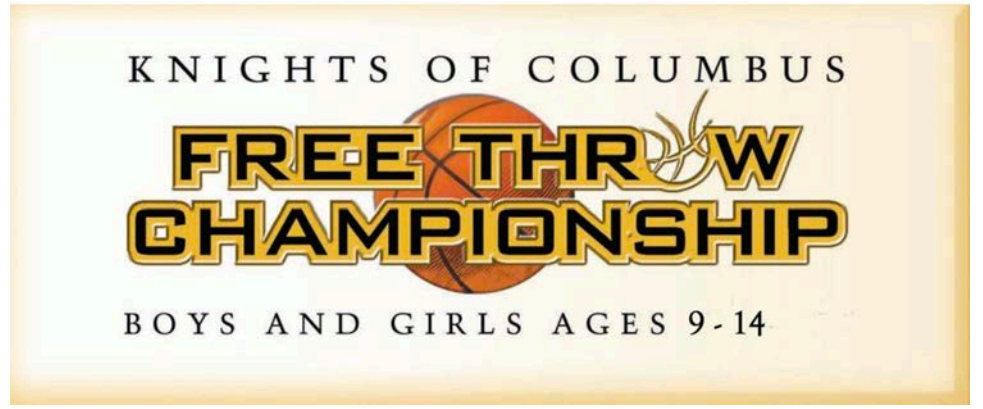


Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Harper Neace works around the screen set by Millie Braman on Thursday.

SEE **Girls basketball** ON PAGE 10

## Knights Free Throw Contest returns



The Omro-Winneconne Knights of Columbus Council 8810 is hosting its annual Free Throw Contest on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 8 a.m. within the Winneconne Elementary School gym.

The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Entry forms can be picked up in the offices of the elemen-

tary and middle schools in both Winneconne and Omro. These forms will need to be brought to the contest on the day of competition to participate. No equipment is needed and there is no cost to participate, just the entry form signed by a parent or guardian. See you on the court!

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# Roubidoux signs

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well as a salary – and he was glad to discover he didn't need to learn a new language to communicate.

"They speak Finnish, but they also all speak English really, really well. That's lucky for me," Roubidoux said. "Every



Winneconne News

Harry Roubidoux was an honorable mention all-state quarterback when he played for the Winneconne Wolves, graduating from Winneconne High School in 2020.

situation is different, but for me, they take care of everything."

Roubidoux, who graduated from Eau Claire in December with a degree in technical writing, chose playing in Finland over several other opportunities in different European leagues. He signed with an agency following the end of his collegiate career, which generated the opportunities to continue playing.

He will go to a team that won six straight titles in the early 2000s, also claiming the 2023 championship,

which runs from May through September. Roubidoux will join the team in Finland in April to begin full preparations for the season.

"Everyone I've met and talked to have been fantastic. They love football just as much as we do," Roubidoux said. "They know what they are doing, too. They are well-versed in schemes and concepts. That was a bit of surprise to me. I thought it would be a little more basic, but it hasn't been."

In Roubidoux, the Butchers are getting a record-setting collegiate quarterback, who played in 39 games for the Blugolds. He graduated as the program record holder in completions (683) and pass attempts (1,232), while throwing for 7,684 yards and 55 touchdowns.

He will be the starting quarterback for the Butchers as one of the five Americans allowed on the roster by league rules.

"I'll be the starter. Usually, every team uses one of those spots for a quarterback and then fills out other areas where they can with the other four," Roubidoux said. "My goal was to try to find somewhere to play and see if I can play well and see where it goes."

One of the aspects that attracted Roubidoux to Porvoo was the style of offense the Butchers run. He said the system has ties to the air raid style of offense developed at Texas Tech University and will challenge his decision-making and throwing abilities.

"That was part of the reason I chose there because I will really have an opportunity to make an impact," Roubidoux said. "The offense we ran the last couple of years (at UW-Eau Claire) was really a pro-style offense with everything I was responsible for, so that's

given me a lot of preparation moving forward."

Roubidoux hopes having success with the Butchers could translate into opportunities in the future.

"Obviously, I want to try to play well and show I can play at a professional level and continue to move up. There has been some interest from the (Canadian Football League) but it was more along the lines of we want to see if you can play elsewhere first," Roubidoux said. "At the end of the day, even if it doesn't work out, I still get to go experience a different part of the world

and play football so it's a win-win either way."

Regardless of where it may lead, Roubidoux is excited and thankful for the opportunity to continue to play football.

"It's been something that's been this far off thing, that has been a goal of mine," Roubidoux said. "Whatever ends up happening – I mean football is eventually going to end – being a quarterback and learning how to lead a group of people that is different from you will be a really cool experience."

# Girls basketball

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Wolves' efforts in the first half, but the Chargers also took advantage of offensive rebounds to build the lead.

"We weren't strong with the basketball, turned the ball over too much, and I can't even guess how many offensive rebounds we gave up in that first half," Buelow said. "They are such a good team that to hold them to 29 (points) in the first half was big, but I felt like three-fourths of those points were off offensive rebounds and turnovers."

Winneconne kept the game within striking distance in the opening minutes of the second half on baskets by Brooklyn Messerschmidt and Mitchell as well as a free throw from Harper Neace.

However, the Wolves managed only one field goal – a 3-pointer from Ari Reetz – over a five-minute span as the Chargers extended the lead to 53-24 with just under four minutes to play.

"We thought we had a decent game plan," Buelow said. "We were hoping to get off to a good start and put in an electric night. We just fell a little short."

The 30 points was a season-low output for the Wolves, who failed to have a player reach double figures for the first time this season.

Mitchell and Kaiser led the way with seven points each, followed by Neace with six and Reetz and Messerschmidt with five apiece.

Winneconne, which was ranked ninth in Division 3 last week, will return to East Central Conference action on Friday with a trip to Plymouth. The Wolves will then host Kewaskum on Tuesday.

The Wolves will face the Chargers again in the final game of the regular season on Feb. 20.

"We know they are a better team than us right now," Buelow said. "We have six weeks to close the gap. We will see them again and hopefully take care of business next time."

# Tales From The Land of Retirement

## Winter fun on tap – don't miss out

By Jeanne Lehr

I hear cries from all over our country about the horrible winter people are having. Well, in Wisconsin our winter has been kind of mild. As long as there's ice on the lakes, people are happy.



Lehr

Us Wisconsinites are dressed and ready for winter. We expect it and we deal with it. We still have places to go, people to see and things to do.

Area businesses and groups are planning some fun activities this month. Events sure to draw big crowds with live music and lots and lots of prizes. Who doesn't like prizes?

First up is the annual Party on Poygan fisherie held at Woodey's on Jan. 25. This gives the local fishermen a time to show off their skills with all the proceeds benefiting community youth and veterans' programs.

The Winneconne Fire Department will host its annual Chicken Fun Nite on Jan. 29 at the Fin 'n' Feather. It's a great get-together for good eating and good times with paddle raffles galore. Proceeds will go towards the fire department's needs. Arrive early to get your spot at the bar!

On Feb. 14 the annual Battle on Bago will be held in the parking lot of Menominee Park in Oshkosh. There again the fishermen will be showing off their

skills while hundreds of participants will be eating, drinking and socializing in a huge, heated tent. Over \$475,000 in cash and prizes is set to be given out. Come and visit the food and beverage area that will be manned by our own Legion/Auxiliary personnel.

Rounding out the January/February social activities will be the annual Winter Funderland held in a big, heated tent at the Fin's parking lot. This event is held on Feb. 21-22. Music on Friday and kickball on Saturday. Lots of food, drink and prizes to go along with socializing with all your friends and neighbors. The proceeds for this event will go to the Old Glory Honor Flight and Missions of Honor. Once again, the Legion/Auxiliary will be lending a hand to help where needed.

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# Church Notes

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
 210 Pleasant Drive  
 Winneconne  
 Priest Celebrants  
 Fr. Tom Long  
 & Fr. Ben Pribbenow  
 Deacon Paul Vidmar, Pastoral Coordinator  
 Thurs.: 2 pm - Rosary.  
 Sat.: 7 am - Men's Group. 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm - Mass.  
 Sunday, Jan. 26: 10:30 am - Mass.  
 Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 9 am - Huddle.  
 Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. NO FF classes. 5:30 pm - Bingo Event/Kaudy Hall.

**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. 26: 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.  
 Sunday, Jan. 26: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship. 9:10 am - Congregational Forum and Quarterly Voters Mtg.  
 Mon.: 6 pm - Contemporary Music Practice.

Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters. 5:30 pm - Child Ctr. Mtg. 6:30 pm - Evangelism Mtg.  
 Wed.: 6:30 pm - Catechism study.

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
 8396 Steeple Hill Drive  
 Winchester  
 Pastor Mark Laatsch  
 Sunday, Jan. 26: 9:30 am - Worship. 10:45 am - Adult Forum.  
 Mon.: 9 am & 4 pm - Ruth's Pantry.  
 Tues.: 8:30 am - Property Team.  
 Wed.: 5:30 pm - Service of Word/Sanctuary w/communion. 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

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church, WELS**  
 8630 County Road MM  
 Larsen  
 Pastor Paul Ibisch  
 920-878-3001  
 Sundays: 10 am - Service with Bible Study/Fellowship to Follow.  
 Also online through Facebook.  
 Free Little Food Pantry 24/7 at North Entry of Church.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
 32 S. Third Avenue  
 Winneconne  
 920-706-0047  
 Pastor Emily Lueder  
 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  
 7394 Liberty School Rd.  
 Omro  
 www.messiahomro.com  
 920-875-0755  
 Pastor Philip Geiger  
 Sundays: 9 am - Regular Sunday Worship, with Fellowship to Follow  
 Wednesday Prime Service  
 Wednesday Bible Study

**AA and Al-Anon**  
 St. Mary Church Basement  
 Thurs.: 7 pm - Al-Anon.  
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# Lunch Menus

**Jan. 27-31**  
**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:** Italian beef casserole, salad with cucumber/tomato, tropical fruit, garlic bread.

**Tues.:** Country sausage/gravy, biscuit, cartos, apple bake, banana.

**Wed:** Chicken supreme, baked potato, beets, pears.

**Thurs.:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas/corn, fruit cup, carrot cake.

**Fri.:** Taco casserole w/fixings, 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:** Mini corndogs, rice pilaf, winter blend veggies. **MS:** Chicken tenders, buttered pasta.  
**Tues.:** **ES:** Mini pancakes, potato chunks, sausage patty. **MS:** Soft pretzel/cheese, baby carrots, yogurt cup.

**Wed.:** **ES:** Softshell taco, refried

beans, spiced apples. **MS:** Mac & cheese bowl, breadstick, peas/carrots.

**Thurs.:** **ES:** Meatball sub, French fries, corn. **MS:** Raman noodle bowl, broccoli, graham squares.

**Fri.:** **ES:** Chicken patty/bun, Cheez Itz, baby carrots. **MS:** Pizza burger, Cheez Itz, California blend veggies.

# Calendar

**Thursday, Jan. 23:** 4 pm - 8th Grade Girls' BB @ Ripon; 7th Grade, Home/Ripon. 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Boys' BB @ Plymouth. 6:30 pm - Wrestling Dual @ Plymouth.

**Friday, Jan. 24:** 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Girls' BB @ Plymouth. 7 pm - Girls' Ice Hockey at Eau Claire.

**Saturday, Jan. 25:** 9:30 am - Wrestling @ Wausau East. 1 pm - Girls' Hockey @ Chippewa Falls. 4 pm - Youth Wrestling Tournament/WHS. Girl Scout Dance/WMS.

**Sunday, Jan. 26:** Worship at the Church of Your Choice. All Day - Winneconne Youth Wrestling Tournament/WHS.

**Monday, Jan. 27:** High School Orientation Night.

**Tuesday, Jan. 28:** 4:30 pm - Bowling @ Menasha. 4:30 pm - MS Wrestling @ Waupaca. 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Girls' BB, Home/Kewaskum. 7:15 pm - Girls' Hockey @ UW-GB.

**Wednesday, Jan. 29:** The News is out! Subscribe today at winneconne-news.com. 1 pm - Mahjong group/Public Library. 5:30 pm - FFA Europe Mtg./WHS. Chicken Fun Night-Fin 'n' Feather.

## 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
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>264,555.00</b>
	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
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>296,797.70</b>
	<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>-32,242.70</b>

# Inspiring creations from Winneconne High School artists

Five Winneconne High School (WHS) students—seniors Serena Scott, Lila Newton and Rylee Redling, and freshmen Sophia Coates and Maeli Habersetzer—had their artwork selected to be part of the Wisconsin Art Education Association Youth Art Month Regional Exhibit.

The exhibit will be hosted from Jan. 25 through Feb. 22 at the Neville Museum in Green Bay, with an artist's reception held on Jan. 25 at 1 p.m.

The regional show will be judged locally by working artists and art teachers, with three works of art from each high school moving on to the State Youth Art Month Exhibit in Madison. The state exhibit runs from March 1 to 28 and is hosted at East Town Mall.

For more information on Youth Art Month, please visit [www.wiarted.org/youth-art-month.html](http://www.wiarted.org/youth-art-month.html).



Serena Scott--senior--June Bug--color pencil and gel pen.



Maeli Habersetzer--freshman--Larry the Frog--ebony pencil.

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## Shallow Lakes Chronicles

### If the wind is right

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

*Well, it's not far down to paradise  
At least it's not for me  
And if the wind is right, you can sail away  
And find tranquility  
Oh, the canvas can do miracles  
Just you wait and see, believe me  
-Christopher Cross*



Harp

If you ever have, plying the waters aboard a sailboat is a truly out-of-body experience. Boats, in general, known as “vessels of freedom”, can give you that feeling, but there is something special about moving

along solely by the power of the wind in the sails. Well, unless you are flying a few hours south, that isn't happening soon, right? Think again.

Under the file of “Crazy Things People do in the Wisconsin Winter” is ice boating. Who'd have thunk to put ice skates on their sailboat? That's essentially what you've got. Ice boating dates back to the early 1600s in the Netherlands, where people used large, sail-equipped boats on frozen lakes and rivers for trade and travel.

In the 1800s, ice boating began to evolve into a recreational activity. As the design of the boats improved, with the introduction of sails and more sophisticated steering mechanisms, ice boats became faster and more maneuverable. This period also saw the establishment of competitive ice boating events. The Netherlands and Scandinavia remained central hubs for ice boating, but it gradually spread to other parts of Europe and North America.

Fast forward to today, there are dozens of ice yacht clubs peppering the U.S. including groups in Neenah, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Menominee, Green Lake,

Lake Geneva, and Madison. Like so many outdoor pursuits, timing is everything with ice boating. “Right now, we have probably the best ice on Lake Winnebago that we've had in 10-15 years,” commented Matt Thenell, ice boat enthusiast, not to mention a hunting buddy of mine.

I remember tripping over some ice boat debris in his shed a few years back, looking for layout blinds or some other goose hunting equipment. “What the heck is this?” I asked. “My dad bought a blue DN ice boat in 1975, and I learned to iceboat with him,” he added. Thenell has two boats as it turns out, a single passenger Renegade, and a two passenger Nite ice boat. He and a couple dozen other guys make up the Neenah Ice Yacht Club.

In just under an hour, I was introduced to a bunch of other ice boat groupies, some with boats coming and going, some bumming a ride on another's boat, and some, like me, just wanting to learn a bit about them and see them in action. Depending on wind, weather, and ice conditions, these boats will top 60 or more miles an hour.

Events are held as they can be. This past weekend's regatta was called off because of extreme cold. They are hoping to have another event this weekend on Lake Winnebago. Smaller club events also are held when good ice, low snow, good winds and weather allows.

“On a big piece of ice (like this year on Winnebago) you can pull in on the main sheet and fully power up the sail and boat. It's very relaxing and peaceful; you feel in tune with the boat,” Thenell added.

For a huge amount of information, see the Facebook pages of the Neenah Ice Yacht Club, and the Four Lakes Ice Yacht Club (Madison) and [iceboats.org](http://iceboats.org).

Smooth sailing!  
**Reach Matt at**  
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Sophia Coates--freshman--Bloom Where You are Planted---acrylic paint on canvas.



Rylee Redling--senior---Best Friends---acrylic paint on acetate.



Lila Newton--senior--A Warm Yesterday--acrylic paint on acetate.