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## Exciting Milestones: Middle school unveils new kitchen & art room Community tour offered Jan. 20



A view of the new middle school art room open for business.

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**Contributed by Dr. Peggy Larson, WCSO District Administrator**

There's some exciting news to share from the Winneconne Community School District. The middle school has officially opened its brand-new kitchen and art room, and the district's team couldn't be more excited about the positive changes these spaces are bringing to students and staff.

On January 2, the new kitchen and serverly opened its doors, and the space is already making a huge differ-

ence. This upgraded kitchen features modern appliances, and an efficient layout designed to serve students faster and with ease. By next school year, there will also be new seating to complete the transformation into an inviting, comfortable space where students can enjoy their meals and connect with friends.

"It was such a smooth opening day!" commented Director of Food Service Diane Agrell. "Ms. Carly Horvath, our Dean of Students, did an amazing job

walking students through the new set-up. The large serving area allows us to bring more options for lunch to the students of the middle school, but our main goal is simple: giving students enough time to eat and enjoy their lunch!"

We're especially excited that this new space encourages a sense of community—no cell phones means more face-to-face conversations, laughter, and connections.

The new art room is another fantas-

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## What to know about National Day of Mourning for Jimmy Carter

**What's closed on January 9?**

President Joe Biden declared January 9 a National Day of Mourning for former President Jimmy Carter, prompting some closures.

Federal offices, including the U.S. Postal Service, will be closed in observance of the day.

The Supreme Court building will be closed, though no arguments were scheduled for that day.

Following Biden's declaration, various organizations like the New

York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq announced that they would be closed in honor of Carter. The date also coincides with Carter's official state funeral, which will be held at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Biden also ordered flags to be flown at half-staff for the next 30 days.

"James Earl Carter, Jr. was the 39th President of the United States, the 76th Governor of Georgia, Lieutenant of the United States Navy, a graduate of

the United States Naval Academy, and favorite son of Plains, Georgia, who gave his full life in service to God and country," President Biden wrote in a statement shared by the White House.

The last National Day of Mourning observed was when former President George H. W. Bush died in December 2018. There was also a National Day of Mourning observed for the September 11 attacks and after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.



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The middle school food service team was excited to serve students on Jan. 2. From left to right, Nancy Kading, Director of Food Service Diane Agrell and Deb Burghardt.

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### Meet Missy Vandermolen, new Sales Associate for the Winneconne News



Missy Vandermolen is excited to introduce herself as the new sales associate for the Winneconne News. Missy joins a team dedicated to delivering quality local news and supporting the Winneconne community. She brings many years of experience with her to this new position, including event, radio, and membership sales.

Born and raised in Oshkosh, a former resident of Winneconne and now a resident of Larsen, in her free time Missy supports her daughter's racing, spends time with her English Springer dog, and enjoys camping and off-roading in her side-by-side.

In her new role, Missy is here to assist you or your business with any advertising needs, answer questions about newspaper services, and ensure you get the best results from your partnership with the Winneconne News.

"I look forward to working with you and helping your business grow through your local newspaper," she added.

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# Joan Fleischer is still giving back at 90

By Becky LaDue

A true Winneconne marvel, Joan Fleischer turns 90 this week and still commutes to and from Appleton five days a week to serve meals at Winneconne's Advocap meal site within Riverside Apartments. She's been at it for nearly 30 years with no immediate plans to stop. Despite the bitter cold on Thursday after the New Year's holiday turned the calendar to 2025, Joan was there, patiently waiting for the food to be delivered and packaging to commence.

Before she moved to Appleton, Fleischer lived in the village and was a mainstay in the downtown area running The Rustic Hut and Der Schnappshaus with her husband for decades.

While running her local business, she also served many years on the Sovereign State Days planning committee, ran the local Ladies Ducks Unlimited banquet annually, and is still a dedicated member of the Winneconne Historical Society.

"For years Joan used to bake like crazy to help support our annual bake sales," said society member Mary Harper. "She still maintains her membership and now gives monetarily to support these fundraisers instead of baking. She's amazing!"

And if all this isn't enough to inspire you to seek Joan out and wish her a happy birthday, at Christmastime she adds a little present to every meal re-



Joan Fleischer poses with Paul Presley at the Winneconne meal site. The duo package and deliver meals 5 days a week locally to those in need.

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ipient's delivery, and when she's done with her Advocap duties, you may bump into her running errands and picking up medications to help those who are shut-in throughout the village.

Happy 90th, Joan! May your special

day be as extraordinary as the life you continue to live.

**Birthday wishes to Joan may be directed to:**

Riverside Apartments - Advocap Meal Site

Attn: Joan Fleischer  
101 N. 2nd St.  
Winneconne, WI 54986

## Toward Harmony with Nature conference set

Wild Ones Fox Valley Area is presenting its annual Toward Harmony with Nature conference Feb. 8 that will feature keynote speaker Heather Holms on creating and managing landscapes for native bees.

The pollinator conservationist and author will explore the nesting habitats, life cycles, pollen collection, brood rearing and general characteristics of native bees in eastern North America while highlighting the pollination of native plants.

Local expert Rob Zimmer will lead an exploration of native wild orchids of Wisconsin that will be illustrated with his photos.

The afternoon will be highlighted by 3 breakout sessions by experts on a variety of topics, including practical

tips for creating a native plant garden, sedges and grasses, shoreline restoration among others. Visit with vendors and exhibitors, pick up helpful resource materials and bid on silent auction items. Enjoy mingling with other native plant enthusiasts.

The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bridgewood Resort Hotel & Conference Center in Neenah. Details can be found at foxvalleyarea.wildones.org.

The Fox Valley Area Chapter of Wild Ones began in 1994 and has held an annual conference since 1997 for members and non-members to learn about different aspects of native landscapes, whether small yards or larger properties.

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As one of the most widely recognized marketing communications professionals in Wisconsin agriculture, Alice in Dairyland travels extensively, promoting Wisconsin's agricultural industry and its impact on the state economy. In this highly visible and fast-paced position, Alice in Dairyland serves as a full-time spokesperson; cultivates relationships with television, radio, and print media outlets throughout the state; writes and delivers speeches at events; and uses social media to tell the stories of Wisconsin agriculture. Additional duties include developing and executing marketing plans, delivering classroom presenta-

tions, and networking with industry professionals. Alice must also learn and retain information about the diversity of Wisconsin agriculture and be able to tailor that information to educate both urban and rural audiences.

Alice in Dairyland applicants should have an interest in Wisconsin agriculture, public speaking experience, and at least three years of experience, education, or training in communications, marketing, education, or public relations. Applicants must also be female, Wisconsin residents, and at least 21

years old.

This one-year, full-time contractual position starts July 7, 2025. The chosen candidate will travel solo extensively throughout the state and be required to have weekly in-person office time at DATCP's Madison office. The annual salary for Alice in Dairyland is \$45,000 and includes holiday, vacation, and sick leave, and use of a vehicle while on official business. Reimbursement is provided for an individual health insurance premium up to \$450 a month and professional travel expenses.

To apply, provide a cover letter, completed application form, resume, and contact information for three professional references to DATCPAlice@wisconsin.gov by 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2025. Application materials are available on the Alice in Dairyland website.

Questions about the position or application process can be directed to DATCPAlice@wisconsin.gov. For more information about the Alice in Dairyland program, visit <https://www.aliceindairyland.com> and follow Alice online on Facebook and Instagram.

## Plan A Winter Free Fishing Weekend Clinic

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites clubs and organizations to host free fishing clinics on Winter Free Fishing Weekend, Jan. 18 to 19, 2025.

On Free Fishing Weekend, residents and nonresidents can fish most waters of the state without a fishing license or a stamp for trout or salmon.

Please submit the event registration to <https://dnrcomms.wufoo.com/forms/winter-free-fishing-weekend-event-registration/> by Jan. 8. The clinic will be promoted, and educational materials will be sent. Anglers ages 15 and under may fish without a license any day of the year. Therefore, organizers are encouraged to also welcome adults new to ice fishing.

No ice is safe ice. A strong ice safety message is recommended to be

stressed at every clinic. The DNR does not monitor ice conditions, but local



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Host a fishing clinic this upcoming Free Fishing Weekend and help share the joy of angling with others.

bait shops and fishing clubs may have current information.

Clinic plans should include anglers with limited mobility. Many state properties and community partners have accommodations or equipment to make the outdoors accessible for all. Learn about the available accommodations at state properties on the DNR's Accessible Recreation webpage and other options from partner organizations.



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# 2024 Winnebago County outstanding 4-H record book awards



The following area 4-H members captured countywide awards in 2024 - **“Best Of” Record Books:**

- Digital record book – Gabby Hostettler, White Cedars
- Cloverbud book – Johah Westphal, White Cedars

**Outstanding Record Books:**

- Kate Clover, White Cedars
- Leif Echola Smith, Winchester
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- Harper Rozek, White Cedars
- Gabby Hostettler, White Cedars
- Kat Skadah, White Cedars
- Dylan Barter, Winchester
- Marit Lettau, Winchester



## Upcoming 4-H Fun Day open to the public

Winnebago County’s upcoming 4-H Fun Day, set for Feb. 1, is open to the entire Winnebago County community—you do not need to be a current 4-H member to participate.

The day’s mission is to introduce youth to, and promote the opportunities 4-H has to offer. There will be several workshops offering opportunities to try interesting projects with hands-on learning on topics such as sunrise photography, heathy snack making, make & take terrarium building, rocketry projects and wave robotics.

The event takes place at Perry Tipler Middle School, 325 Eagle St., Oshkosh and runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon (photography session starts at 6:30 a.m.).

Registration forms are due Jan. 19 and can be found here: <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/12/Fun-Day-Registration-Form-2025.pdf>

Learn more about 4-H or direct questions about the day to [dana.berger@wisc.edu](mailto:dana.berger@wisc.edu) or call 920-232-1974.

## WSCD Middle School

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tic addition to the middle school reconstruction. Designed to spark creativity and collaboration, this space is full of natural light, upgraded work areas, and spots to showcase student art. Plus, it connects to the commons, so students have extra space to work on bigger projects when the lunchroom isn’t in use.

“This new art room provides an environment where students can truly explore and express their creativity,” said Mrs. Schoen, art educator. “The possibilities are endless, and I can’t wait to see the projects our students will create in this space.”

These renovations reflect the district’s commitment to providing an exemplary learning environment for students. None of this would have been possible without support from families, staff, and the entire WSCD community – you have made this vision a reality.

**More to Come**

Renovations continue on the north side of the school, and our teachers and stu-



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Another view of the new servery area at WMS.

dents have adapted amazingly during this time.

Want to see the updates for yourself? Join us for a tour on **January 20 at 5:45 p.m.** Meet the team just inside the building, and I’ll be there to welcome you.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out—email me at [larsenm@w-csd.org](mailto:larsenm@w-csd.org) or call me at (920) 582-5802 ext. 3141.

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## Grace Lutheran Church seeking donations for elevator repair

Winchester's Grace Lutheran Church is in need of repairs and renovations to its current, aging elevator system. Donations have been coming in slowly, while the cost of parts and renovations continue to increase.

The Congregation Council is considering borrowing funds set aside for other purposes to get the job completed.

To discuss this need, or make a donation to the church, contact Council President David Bork at 920-428-3420 or Treasurer Dave Wisnefske at 920-470-1711.



## Ruth's Pantry collection challenge underway

Many of the shelves of Ruth's Pantry are empty. Grace Lutheran Church, which operates the Winchester pantry, has initiated a collection challenge to help stock the shelves. For the month of January, it's oatmeal and canned soup. For February it will be peanut butter and jelly.

**The following items are always needed and can be taken to the pantry during its hours of operation each Monday between 9 and 11 a.m. and 4 and 5 p.m.:**

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Sunday, Jan. 12: 10:30 am - Mass/Food Collection.

Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 6 pm - Fish Fry Mtg./Kaudy.

Tues.: 4:30 pm - Stewardship Mtg.

Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 3:10 pm - ES FF w/mass. 4:30 pm - Confession/Adoration. 6:30 pm - HS FF.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

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Sundays: 9 am - Worship.

**Lord of the Lakes**

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Thurs.: 8:30 am - Bible Study.

Sunday, Jan. 12: 8 & 10 am - Worship.

Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.  
Wed: 6 pm - SWAG Youth Group.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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Pastor Darin Warnecke

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Thurs.: 9:30 am - Bible Study. 6 pm - Bible Basics Class.

Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship.

Sunday, Jan. 12: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship (later service with contemporary music). 9:10 am - Bible Study/Family Impressions.

Mon.: 6 pm - Contemporary Music Practice.

Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters. 6 pm - Fellowship Mtg. 7 pm - Education Mtg.

Wed.: 6:30 pm - Catechism study.

**Grace Lutheran Church**

8396 Steeple Hill Drive  
Winchester

Pastor Mark Laatsch  
Thurs.: 1 pm - Leah Circle.

Sunday, Jan. 12: 9:30 am - Worship with Praise Band. 10:45 am - Adult Forum.

Mon.: 9 am & 4 pm - Ruth's Pantry.  
Wed.: 9 am - Women of Grace. 5:30 pm - Service of Word/Gathering Space. 6:15 pm - Confirmation in Zittau.

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Wednesday Prime Service  
Wednesday Bible Study

**AA and Al-Anon**

St. Mary Church Basement

Thurs.: 7 pm - Al-Anon.

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

## Lunch Menus

Jan. 13-17

**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.:** Pepper steak, brown rice, veggies, tropical fruit.

**Tues.:** Cheeseburger, baked beans, apple, orange juice.

**Wed.:** Roast pork, mashed potatoes, yams, applesauce.

**Thurs.:** Porcupine meatballs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, peaches, frosted brownie.

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# Winnebago County businesses will feel NFL Draft's impact

By MaryBeth Matzek

Winneconne News contributor

The NFL Draft set for April 24-26 will be the biggest show Green Bay has ever seen. But with 450,000 unique visitors attending the event, the Fox Cities and Oshkosh area also will play a vital role, providing hotel rooms and places to eat for thousands of attendees.

“Green Bay hotels will be filled with NFL staff and teams, and does not have enough room to host all the attendees so looking to the Fox Cities and beyond to provide accommodations was a key part of the plan we pitched to the NFL,” said Megan Roberson, planning specialist with the Green Bay Packers and a member of the draft planning team.

The draft is expected to have an economic impact of \$94 million across Wisconsin, including \$20 million in Green Bay. Roberson said the Packers looked at the economic impact of the Ryder Cup to come up with the projections.

Roberson said the Packers are being conservative on draft attendance with the prediction of 450,000 unique visitors although last year's draft in Detroit drew 700,000. “We don't want to get ahead of ourselves,” she said.

Oshkosh will have a new hotel in time for the draft. The 42,663-square-foot Tru by Hilton is opening by the end of January, making its 90 rooms available for those attending the draft.



“Being 40 minutes away, Oshkosh will be a perfect spot for draft goers to stay,” said Amy Albright, executive director of Discover Oshkosh. “A large drive market is expected — we do expect our businesses to benefit as well — from gas stations to restaurants, grocery stores and more should all feel the impact of the draft.”

Albright said hotels and other businesses can expect the draft to be like another event that draws hundreds of thousands of visitors to the area each

year — the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture, which happens each July in Oshkosh.

Airlines that operate out of Appleton International Airport (ATW) will be adding more routes and expanding their existing ones before and after the draft, according to airport officials who expect to see their flights and customers double during that time. Some of the new terminals being built at ATW as part of a major expansion project are expected to be in operation in time

for the NFL event.

American Airlines will add flights from Phoenix, Dallas-Ft. Worth and Charlotte, N.C.; Allegiant will add service to Pittsburgh, Providence, R.I., and Canton/Akron, Ohio; and Delta is adding a flight to Atlanta.

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## Sports

### Balanced offense paces Winneconne girls' strong start

By Steve Clark  
Winneconne News

This season was expected to be a good one for the Winneconne girls' basketball team.

So far, the Wolves have not disappointed.

Winneconne won its first eight games of the 2024-25 campaign and entered the week with a 10-1 overall mark, while also leading the East Central Conference (ECC) with a 5-0 record.

"Obviously, we have had some success to start the season," said head coach Troy Buelow, who is in his first season leading the Wolves' girls program. "What I like about this team is that there is a ton of potential. They work hard in practice every day. They want to get better every day. It's been working."

Winneconne has done much of its work this season away from the Wolf Den, playing six of its first seven games, and eight of their first 11 on the road.

Yet, one of those road trips turned into a hurdle, cleared for the young squad as Winneconne marched into Waupun in mid-December and claimed a 55-49 win over the Warriors, a perennial force in the ECC.

"Watching the girls find their way through that was nice," Buelow said. "Obviously, we are a very young team, but we are very talented. Our first big test was Waupun, and playing a seasoned team the girls stepped up."

The only loss for the Wolves so far came against last year's state runner-up in Division 3, Xavier, where Winneconne was held to a season-low point total in a 58-51 loss.

The Wolves were able to bounce back two days later and dispatch Waupaca in a nonconference game, 63-32.

"It was good to get out there and get a win like that to get our minds back in the right space," said sophomore Grace Mitchell, the team's leading scorer on the season. "We just keep progressing and are working to get better. We've had a good start to the season, but we have to keep looking ahead because we have some big matchups coming up."

One of the marquee contests on the Wolves schedule isn't far off.

Winneconne will host defending conference champion and a state tournament qualifier last year, Kettle Moraine Lutheran (KML), on Jan. 16. And although Buelow is adamant about making sure his team stays focused on each game as it comes, he knows the matchup against the Chargers will certainly be a measuring stick

for where the Wolves are at.

"I'm not going to say we weren't looking at Xavier to see where we are at and KML is the same," Buelow said. "They are the class of our conference.

They are a stud team. That's going to be a tough one and we are champing at the bit to get an opportunity to play them."

One of the things that has made Winneconne such a formidable force through the first 11 games is the team's

ability to put points on the scoreboard.

The Wolves are undefeated when they score at least 55 points in a game this season and are averaging just under 63 points per contest. In their conference games, the Wolves are putting up roughly 65 ppg, tallying a season-high 72 points against Kewaskum.

Mitchell leads the team averaging 13.8 points per game and is one of three players averaging double figures. Harper Neace is scoring 11.5 points per game and Jada Kaiser – who is the team's top 3-point shooter – is averaging 10.7 points per game.

Backing that trio is Brooklyn Messerschmidt (8.5 ppg) and Ari Reetz (7.1 ppg), giving Winneconne plenty of offensive options.

"It's great because if someone has a bad night, someone is behind us picking us up," Mitchell said. "It makes it tough for our opponents where they can't just shut one person down. You have all eight of us to worry about."

Buelow credits the offensive balance as being a key to the team's strong start.

"That's been our key. There is no selfishness on this team. They truly do not care who has two and who has 20. They just want to win the game," Buelow said. "(Teams) can't just say they are going to stop Grace, or they are going to stop Harper because there are five girls out there at all times that can score the basketball."

Now, the Wolves just have to keep things going and will have to weather the busiest stretch of their schedule.

Starting with the Jan. 7 game at Campbellsport, Winneconne will play six games over the span of 17 days, including the matchup at home against KML.

"The sky is the limit for this team," Buelow said. "We've seen so many things over the past few weeks that hopefully we are maturing with our basketball IQ and we will be prepared for what is coming up."



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Winneconne's Harper Neace (left) and Grace Mitchell (center) battle for a rebound in a game against Waupaca on Dec. 30.

### Wolves boys' buckets starting to take shape

By Steve Clark  
Winneconne News

John Flanigan's tenure as Winneconne boys basketball coach didn't get off to an ideal start.

After not being named to the position until July and therefore missing nearly half the summer, the Wolves extended run in the WIAA football playoffs affected his roster when practice for the 2024-25 season started.

There has been illnesses and injuries that have had to be overcome as well as he tried to install his offensive and defensive plans for the team.

Entering the week, the Wolves were sitting at 3-7 but had won two of their last three games as they start to take the shape Flanigan envisioned.

"We kind of limped into the start of this season with health and we haven't had a single game with our full group yet," Flanigan said following a 56-42 win over Waupaca on Dec. 30. "I just keep preaching building brick by brick."

In taking over the program, one of the things that Flanigan wanted to bring to the squad is an up-tempo, high-scoring style that the Wolves have adopted pretty well.

Winneconne is averaging more than 72 points per game and have topped the 80-point mark three times already. The Wolves scored more than 70 points only three times all of last season.

Yet, Flanigan believes the best is yet to come with the Wolves' point production.

"I still don't think we have shown the best version of ourselves even though

Flanigan and they are starting to feel more comfortable.

"Right away it wasn't so good. The first couple of games we couldn't facilitate as a team," Ingles said. "Especially with a new coach who brought in a new offense and defense, it wasn't working so well. But we're starting to figure it out. It just takes time and practice."

But now as the team is getting closer to full strength, the Wolves are starting to show what type of a team it can be.



Winneconne News  
Winneconne's Brody Schaffer looks to put up a shot between a pair of Waupaca defenders during a game played Dec. 30 at Winneconne.

"It's meant a lot to get everybody back," Ingles said. "You could see the first couple of games we didn't have a couple of our kids and we got the doors blown off. Now we are starting to do that to other teams, so it feels good."

Ingles is one of two players averaging more than 20 points per game for the Wolves.

Brody Schaffer is leading the team at 25.4 points per game, while Ingles is averaging 23.2 points per contest – up nearly 10 points from what he averaged last season. Gage Bartel is chipping in 12.4 points per game.

Ingles also is one of only three players to play in all 10 games for the Wolves this season along with Noah Bouras and Aaron Zimmer.

"We talk about effort, attitude, toughness and (Ingles) defines it," Flanigan said. "That kid is always looking to get better. He's a kid I would take to battle every game. He's really stepped up and he's had to play a ton of minutes."

The Wolves will face a pair of non-conference opponents coming with a game at home against North Fond du Lac on Thursday before a trip to play at Laconia next week. Then it's back to ECC play with a home against Kettle Moraine Lutheran on Jan. 17.

Flanigan wants to see his squad keep improving over that span so the Wolves are ready when the games count the most.

"The big thing I like with the team right now is that we are starting to take steps in the right direction," Flanigan said. "Our goal is that, come March, we want to be a team that nobody wants to see."



Winneconne News  
Winneconne's Gage Bartel puts up a shot in heavy traffic against Waupaca on Dec. 30.

we have had some pretty high performances on offense," Flanigan said. "I'm not a coach who's big on telling kids not to shoot the ball. I want them to play with confidence, play with a green light and so I still think the best is yet to come with these guys."

Junior Parker Ingles said the team has started to pick things up under



# Sports

## Prep Sports Roundup

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Neace's double-double fuels convincing win**

Harper Neace notched her second double-double of the season as Winneconne scored a convincing 64-33 win over Berlin in an East Central Conference (ECC) contest last Friday.

Neace hit 10-of-13 shots from the field and led the team with 23 points, while also collecting a team-high with 11 rebounds in the win.

Neace was one of three players to finish in double figures for the Wolves as Grace Mitchell added 13 points and Jada Kaiser made four 3-pointers to score 12 points. Mitchell also finished with eight assists and seven steals.

Millie Braman chipped in with 10 rebounds and five steals, with Brooklyn Messerschmidt also finishing with five steals.

Winneconne, which improved to 10-1 overall and 5-0 in conference play, will have a pair of non-conference games early next week – at North Fond du Lac on Monday and then at home against Menasha on Tuesday – before welcoming Kettle Moraine Lutheran on Thursday in a matchup of the top two teams in the ECC.

The Wolves also picked up an easy 63-32 win over Waupaca during the holiday break.



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Jada Kaiser eyes up a mid-range jumper in the first half against Waupaca on Dec. 30.

Neace finished with 19 points to lead the Wolves, while Kaiser and Mitchell each finished with 13 points.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Wolves drop shootout against Berlin**

Winneconne topped the 80-point mark for the third time this season but couldn't outscore Berlin, dropping an 89-85 contest on the road last Thursday.

Brody Schaffer and Gage Bartel led the way for Winneconne. Schaffer scored 28 points, while also picking up eight rebounds and five assists, while Bartel added a season-high 27 points, including three 3-pointers.

Parker Ingles chipped in 16 points in the game for the Wolves.

Over the holiday break, Winneconne

hit nine 3-pointers in a 56-42 win over Waupaca. The Wolves led by just four



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Winneconne boys head coach John Flanigan shouts instructions to his team during the first half against Waupaca on Dec. 30. Flanigan is in his first year as the Wolves' head coach.

points at halftime but held the Comets to just 16 points in the second half to pull away for the win.

Three players reached double figures in the win with Ingles scoring 17 points, followed by Schaffer with 15 and Bartel with 10.

### GIRLS WRESTLING

**Wolves win team title at Shiocton**

Winneconne crowned a pair of champions and edged Horicon by two points for the team title at the Shiocton Clausen Classic held on Saturday.

Paityn Fritchen and Addison Brown led the way for the Wolves, earning titles at 100 pounds and 107 pounds, respectively.

Fritchen pinned all three of her opponents on the day, scoring a 59-second win over Emersyn Sapp of Stevens Point in the opening round and later topped Evelyn Hurley of Peshtigo in 4:24 to claim the title.

Brown also earned all three of her wins by pin to improve to 20-1 on the season. All three of Brown's opponents had at least 11 wins on the season, while she claimed the title by pinning Shawano's Gwyn Hermann in 1:57 in the title match.

All six Winneconne wrestlers who competed at the tournament finished in the top five of their respective weight classes.

Nora Last notched a pair of pins on the day and took third at 132 pounds, while Marley Rewolinski (120) and Denna Gehrke (152) were each fourth and Jayden Mahlke (145) finished fifth.

Over the holiday break, the Wolves finished third out of 19 teams at the Sheboygan South Holiday Invite held at Lakeland University.

Brown finished 5-0 with four pins and a technical fall to claim the 107-pound title, while Last racked up four pins in taking second at 132 pounds. Gehrke finished third at 152 pounds and Rewolinski placed fourth at 120 pounds.

### BOYS WRESTLING

**Wolves top Berlin, fall to Omro at triangular**

Winneconne went 1-1 at a home triangular last Thursday, beating Berlin 66-18 in an ECC dual, while falling to Omro, 44-30.

The Wolves won all five contested matches against Berlin, with all five victories coming by first-period pins.

JJ Mavroff (120) needed just 30 seconds to earn his win at 120 pounds, while Brady Marks scored a 43-second victory at 132 pounds. Also earning pins for the Wolves were Briar Vroman (113), James Barone (126) and Carson Piotraschke (175).

Ryden Jezwinski (106), James Nozar (138), Tyler Engelke (144), Gavyn Fitzwater (150), Bryce Jones (157) and Trey Zemke (165) won by forfeit in the match.

Jones and Zemke earned pins in the dual meet against Omro, with Marks and Nozar collected decision wins. Jezwinski and Isaac Gustafson (113) won by forfeit against the Foxes.

Last Friday, Winneconne traveled to Shiocton for the Clausen Duals, where the Wolves dropped dual meets to Auburndale (65-0), Kiel (45-31), Stevens Point (60-22) and Medford (44-30).

Vroman and Nozar each finished 3-1 on the day, while Zemke won both matches he wrestled.

Over the holiday break, Winneconne participated in the prestigious On The Water Classic and saw three wrestlers finish in the top 12 in their weight classes.

Jones led the way by going 6-4 to finish 10th at 157 pounds, while Vroman was 5-3 and finished 11th at 113 pounds and Jezwinski posted a 4-4 mark at 106 pounds to take 12th.

## Winneconne Powerlifters Earn Medals

Four Winneconne lifters earned medals at the WHSPA David Adamovich Memorial Powerlifting meet held on Saturday at Winneconne Middle School.



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Winneconne's Gage Bartel puts up a shot in heavy traffic against Waupaca on Dec. 30.

Aleya Heffernon led the way for Winneconne by finishing in first place in the Girls Raw 220-pound division with a total lift of 845 pounds.

Three other powerlifters finished third in their respective divisions on the day. Camryn Becker was third in the Girls Raw 181-pound division with a total lift of 660 pounds, Mason Mathe finished third in the Boys Raw 148-pound division with a total lift of 940 pounds and Hudson Samolinski was third in the Boys Raw 275-pound division with a total lift of 1,240 pounds.

In addition to earning medals, that quartet qualified for the Wisconsin State Powerlifting competition in March.

Kendal Vette also qualified for the state meet after lifting 650 pounds in the Girls Raw 165-pound division.

The team is coached by David Loukidis, Jamie Jacobson and Ben Mathe.

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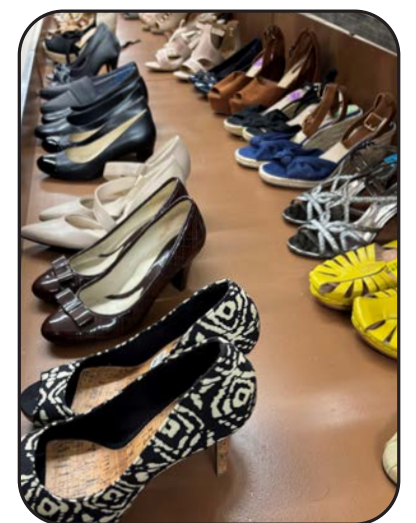
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# Shallow Lakes Chronicles

## Lambeau's reputation precedes us

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

With the less than desirable ice conditions, this week's adventures took us to north central Iowa to chase some pheasants. I had hunted this area for a stretch of 5 years back in the 80s, but their population really took a nosedive.

The combination of harsh winters, poor spring hatches, and tilling under of CRP lands all contributed to the low numbers. Of course, you can't control Mother Nature, but to me, a lot of the plains states underestimated these CRP lands.

CRP stands for the Conservation Reserve Program, a program set up through the US Department of Agricul-



Harp

ture to pay farmers to NOT farm. This may seem backwards, but the idea is to reserve some of the more sensitive lands for habitat, ecology, and critters.

Pheasants are a particularly needy bird when it comes to habitat. They need land that is completely undisturbed, pretty much all year long. That's a tall order these days, but lately, Iowa birds have been making a comeback despite land overuse.

With the rise of mandatory ethanol added to gasoline, suddenly farmers could make more money farming these fragile lands than they received in USDA payments. Of course, pheasants and other wild things rarely show up on an accountant's ledger. Also hidden is the value of a few Wisconsin (and other states, obviously) guys showing up for a few days to spend some money in their small towns.

Way further down that list is those same idiots belying up to the only local tavern the night before the hunt.



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Matt's dog Lu and another pup ready to hunt the Iowa landscape.

We were immediately embraced by the half-a-dozen patrons there, and in the course of the next hour or two, they pretty much knew everything about us, and us them.

We threw back a couple Grain Belts (when in Rome, right?), and were offered lands to hunt and essentially the shirts off of their back. Laddy, our Viking-fan proprietor, was

deep in a few other conversations, but tore himself away to come talk to us.

He proceeded to regale us with his Lambeau gameday experience one long weekend a decade ago. What a gem of a guy, the 'heart on your sleeve' type. "You guys (meaning us Wisconsinites), took us in, I didn't even know the people in the garages we hung out in. Everyone wished us a good game." With his eyes half tear-filled, he added, "We liked it so

much we stayed another couple days." Even the crabby Bear fan at the bar seemed to tolerate our presence.

I'm certainly rambling here, but the point I'm struggling to make is that the hunt is always about more than birds and a full freezer. The land is only borrowed by us for a short time, and it is so much more than bushels per acre.

Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com

## Tales From The Land of Retirement

### Search and you will find

By Jeanne Lehr

I was trying to catch up on chores I had left undone this last year. One of the greatest ways to clean something out is to try and find where you last put something. I did not get to my 30-day unclutter challenge this year, so things were getting pretty overwhelming. Time to end the year on a positive note and start going through all the messy areas in my life, I decided.

As I mentioned, one way to tackle clutter is to try and find something. I put an extension cord somewhere to keep it out of the way but easily accessible. Yeah, right.

I started looking in the logical spots and went looking through all my cupboards and drawers, taking everything out. I eliminated a few things then re-

placed the needed items in a neat, orderly fashion.

While I was going through, I took note of items and the times I actually used them. One of the areas held several boxes of games and puzzles. I can only remember one occasion in the past ten years when I sat down and played one of those games. It was the day my super smart grandson came over and we played Rummikub. We were only going to play until one of us reached 100. Several hours later he finally hit the 100 mark, beating me by 5 points. It was fun and I remembered the day holding onto that box.

Sometimes it takes cleaning out a cupboard/drawer to bring back memories and remind us what is what.

So, my cupboards and drawers have been cleaned out and tidied up. I won't keep all those games another decade, but I will keep the special memories. My cord has not been found, but a trip down memory lane was worth the effort.

I still have a lot of places to search and a lot of memories to remember. It is a win-win situation.

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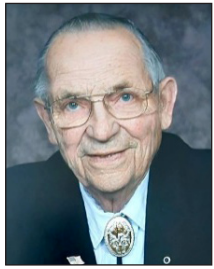
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# Obituaries

## Donald Kunde

Donald Kunde, age 89, of Oshkosh, passed away surrounded by his family at



ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024. He was born on the Herman Kunde family farm June 3, 1935, in the Town of Vinland, the first of four children of the late Earl and Gladys (Schuelke) Kunde. Don started his schooling at age 6 at Clemensville for four years because Vosberg County School was closed. Grades 5 and 6 were done at Allenville, with a fire at the Winneconne Community School, 7th grade was moved to the church basement at St. Paul's, and 8th grade resumed at the new school being built.

Don later served in the U.S. Army before being honorably discharged in April 1956. On February 23, 1957, Don married Patricia Rymer and together they had four children, John, Mark, Carol and Karen. Patricia preceded him in death on September 24, 2001. On November 12, 2016, Don married Lois Verch. Don worked for Bergstrom Paper, Wisconsin Implement, Reichenberger Home Improvement. After serving in the U.S. Army, Don was enrolled in Vocational Farm Short Course where he went on to be a lifelong farmer, with a strong emphasis of preserving the land for future generations. Don served his community on the Vinland Town Board for 30 plus years, Cemetery Sexton, St Paul's Lutheran Church as president and deacon, and the area Historical Society and the American Legion Post 364. Don had many accomplishments, specifically being a Cargill Seed Dealer where he received the Circle of Excellence Award many times. His hobbies included playing in the Winnebago Lutheran Dartball League, bowling, fishing, hunting, and playing cards. Most of all he especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Don is survived by: his wife, Lois; his

children, John (Janet) and their family, Jenni (Nate) Kaegi, and their daughter, Hadlee Kaegi, Justin (Sami) Kunde and their children Kason and Anilynn Kunde and Jaclynn (friend, Alex) Kunde; Mark (Cheryl) Kunde and their family, Sarah (Jon) Walsh and their children, Kristopher and Chloe Walsh; Amanda (Branden) Schleif and their children, Emerson and Hayden Schleif; Stacey (Alex) Schoonover and their son, Zachary Schoonover; Mitchell (Katie) Kunde and their children, Lacey, Wade, Lindsie and Whitney Kunde; Rhonda Kunde; and Wanda (Corey) Drexler and their son, Weston Drexler; Carol (John) Luedtke and their family, Nicole (Mitch) Anklem and their son, Baker Anklem; Tricia Luedtke and Eric Luedtke; a sister and brother-in-law, Judy (Dale) Wilde; Lois' family, LuAnn Reber, Laurie Hoffman (partner, Jeff Martynski), David Hoffman and Lisa (David) Rainey and their children, Dustin and Abri; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; a daughter, Karen Kunde; a grandson, Joshua Kunde; a great-granddaughter, Natalee Rose Kaegi; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elaine and Leslie Romberg and Betty and Ronald Achterberg.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, 8 South 4th St., Winneconne. Rev. Darin Warnecke will officiate. The burial with military honors will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Neenah. A visitation will be held AT THE CHURCH on Friday, Jan. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. and again at the church on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.

A memorial fund has been established. The family would like to extend a thank you for the care that their dad received from the ThedaCare nursing staff and Park View Health Center.

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

## Kristine Ann Roen

Kristine Ann Roen lost her battle with cancer on Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024. She



passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, in her Ruskin, Florida home. She was born on April 11, 1952, to Malden and Elaine (Borst) Shelton in Oshkosh. Her family moved to Carson, California when she was just five years old, and lived there throughout her childhood. After she graduated high school, she lived in Hawaii, Oklahoma, and again in California before moving back to Wisconsin in 1980.

She met the love of her life, LeRoy, at the Oshkosh Lanes on March 21, 1985. After that night, they became inseparable and were married on September 12, 1986, in Auburndale, Florida. They spent every day and night together until LeRoy passed away from cancer on May 2, 2024. They enjoyed camping and traveling the country in their 40 ft 5th wheel camper, and taking cruises to the Caribbean together. They became snowbirds in 2016 and moved to Florida permanently in 2019.

Together they raised Kris's daughters Dawn, Paula, and LeeAnn. While Kris enjoyed the warmer weather, she enjoyed

being a grandma even more. She always looked forward to having her grandchildren over and being able to spoil them. Her other favorite to spoil was her Shih Tzu, Izzy, who traveled everywhere with her.

She is survived by her daughters Dawn (Carl) Brothers of Ruskin, FL; Paula Bartlett of Oshkosh; LeeAnn (Curtis) Ackley of Winneconne. Her sisters, Sherry (Steve) Garren of Chesnee, SC; and Janine (Tim) Ruedinger of Redgranite, as well as 15 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, including a niece that was like a fourth daughter, Heather Quinn of Grand Saline, Texas.

She is preceded in passing by her husband, LeRoy, her parents, aunts and uncles, and her sister Barbara (Scott) Gavel of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

A special thank you and appreciation goes to her daughter Dawn and son-in-law Carl for taking care of her in her final months. Kris was loved and cared for up until her final day.

As heartbroken as we are to have lost both LeRoy and Kris in such a short period of time, we are at peace knowing they are together again.

A private memorial gathering of immediate family members will be held in the future for both LeRoy and Kris together.

## Christine R. Grimm-Kirk

Christine R. Grimm-Kirk passed away on Dec. 25, 2024, after battling cancer for



more than a decade. She was born on Jan. 10, 1947, in Oshkosh. She attended the historic Allenville School, and Ball Prairie School which were one room schoolhouses, then the Winneconne School District; she was in the graduating class of 1965.

Christine graduated from UW-O in 1976 with a degree in social work. She began her career with Fond du Lac County Protective Services. She served the community for 25 years with the Winnebago County Association of Retarded Citizens ARC/ RCDD. Before her retirement she worked at Valley Packaging/Outagamie County Family Support where she wrote grants and supported the Birth to 3 Program. Throughout her career she had guardianship of several wards to whom she was saddened to resign as she continued to fight cancer.

In 1979 Christine built her own home in Winneconne through the Self-Help Housing Program. She loved music and took an annual summer vacation to the Great Northern Bluegrass Festival in Mole Lake.

She was married to her second husband, Arnold C. Kirk on Valentine's Day 1992, at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, NV. She had a passion for riding Harleys and owned 3 different ones during her time riding. She had wonderful memories of

all the rides, benefits, great scenery (especially Big Falls), and friendships made along the road.

Christine also enjoyed local history and genealogy research. She had many adventures with Mary Alice and Christa Lee visiting archives, libraries, cemeteries, and historical societies around the state and US. On Nov. 5, 2023, she was admitted as member of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, National Number 1047253 under Revolutionary War patriot, Robert Allen of Vermont. She also made recordings with Mary Alice for the history of Vinland Township.

Christine was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold C. Kirk; parents, Roland S. Grimm and Ruth M. (Albright); sister, Catherine H. Bolton; brother-in-law, George Bolton. She is survived by daughter, Christa Lee R. Brynwood (Thomas II); and son, Jay D. Fleck; grandchildren, Brittan A. Henderson; Thomas L. Brynwood III, Forrest H. Brynwood; and great-granddaughter, Scarlett R. Henderson all of Oshkosh. She is further survived by Gary L. Fleck (Fran), the father of her children; cousins, Mary Alice Klemp (Dave) of Butte des Morts, Dale Swenson (Marlys) of Winneconne, Tim Teld (Albright), Michael Frederick Fox Lake, Keith Frederick (Joan) of Markesan, David Albright of Chicago, Steven Albright of Pickett, and Karen Albright of Berlin.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 18 from 3 to 7 p.m., at the Fin' n' Feather, Winneconne. Interment will be privately held later at Bell Cemetery, Winneconne.

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## Winneconne grad finds success in work and the community

Winneconne High School graduate Seth Schnell – owner of Golden Services of Wisconsin, LLC – said he can easily point to a few individuals in his life who have directly impacted who he is today.

They would include grandparents and athletic coaches.

“I relied on sports for a lot of things, and I had great coaches when I was young,” he said. “I would say my grandparents are all givers, and I fed off of them, too.”

Schnell said his maternal grandfather attended every one of his sporting events.

“He was one to put everyone else first,” he said. “My grandpa always told me, ‘What goes around, comes around.’ Those words have stuck with me.”

Schnell said his participation in team sports taught him more than he could ever learn elsewhere.

“My biggest inspiration was my baseball coach, Brian Keller, in 12U through 14U travel baseball,” he said. “He treated me like I was his own son. He taught me many valuable lessons and helped shape me into who I am now. He was kind of the first person that believed in me.”

Work ethic, Schnell said, is probably the most important thing someone can bring to a business – of which he credits to his passion for sports growing up and the people who supported him on that journey.

“Participation in sports throughout my life taught me what a solid work

ethic looks like,” he said.

That, Schnell said, coupled with the giver attitude he learned from his grandparents, supported him in starting Golden Services of Wisconsin in 2023, when he was not quite 20 years old.

Golden Services specializes in window washing, gutter cleaning and motor vehicle detailing.

This winter, Schnell said he will be expanding to detailing

warehouses.

With a broad customer base, he said he works with homes and businesses of all sizes.

As a young entrepreneur who has been fortunate enough to have people in his life who helped shape the man he is today, Schnell said he does what he can to help support others around him – especially regarding youth sports.

Since playing organized sports had such an impact on him, Schnell said he wanted to share that passion with his nine-year-old sister, Abbey.

“She was on a softball team but was hesitant about playing,” he said. “I asked her, ‘what if I sponsor your team? Would you play?’ She told me, ‘I’ll do it for sure.’”

Already serving as a team sponsor, Schnell said when he learned from his mom they were short on coaches, he stepped in.

“It’s great when you get to teach little kids how to hit a softball,” he said. “Nothing compares to it. It’s amazing seeing smiles when they run down the

first baseline – nothing beats that.”

In addition to sponsoring a team and coaching, Schnell said Golden Services of Wisconsin also sponsored a youth baseball team trip to see the Savannah Bananas, a fun-loving professional baseball team.

Last Christmas, Schnell said Golden Services of Wisconsin sponsored a Golden Give Back program to help a local family in need that originated through a Facebook post.

school football coach repeated every day are still with him today – “Grateful for everything, entitled to nothing.”

“I love that quote,” he said. “It stuck with me. I put (the quote) on the sleeves of our company work shirts.”

It’s these words and the influences of those around him, Schnell said, that have allowed him to find success in life – at work and in the community.

Schnell said he doesn’t plan to stop at just washing windows, cleaning



Seth Schnell said he strives to share the passion he had for organized sports growing up with his little sister, Abbey.

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“I was able to purchase food, gift cards, toys, clothes, cleaning supplies and other essentials,” he said. “It chokes me up a little bit even talking about it.”

Schnell said he is also active with the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, a shelter for individuals and families needing safety in Oshkosh.

Schnell said the words his high

gutters and detailing motor vehicles – noting he has big plans for Golden Services of Wisconsin.

Currently attending Fox Valley Technical College pursuing his electrician certification, Schnell said his ultimate goal is to become a master journeyman.

For more information on Golden Services of Wisconsin, LLC, visit [goldenserviceswi.com](http://goldenserviceswi.com).

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