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Partying on Poygan – Version 2025



This great group of youthful anglers had a blast at Party on Poygan and caught some nice looking fish too.

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

Call it the Poygan Pandemic. Symptoms included insomnia, chills, severe claustrophobia, and extreme thirst. The only cure is to plunk down some cash, and drive past open water onto a sheet of clear ice straight into a biting winter wind.

The cold of the past couple weeks finally broke just in time for this year's event. Mind you, the warmth of last winter also contributed to the cabin fever leading to the hysteria that is Party on Poygan.

This year's Party was officially the largest turn out yet, with 1,287 all-species tickets sold and 333 northern pike tickets.

"The most tickets sold by far," commented Chris "Critter" Boucher. "Last year was a new record at over 800 tickets; we crushed that this year.

The weather somewhat cooperated, breaking loose from the single digits above and below zero, but a menacing wind hounded the anglers.

Ice conditions made it a challenge also; the north half of the lake with 13-15 inches of excellent ice allowing truck travel. The south shore - not so

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Kat's Kafe Coming to 2nd & Main



By Becky LaDue

Sole proprietor and independent stylist, Karley Jacobchick, has officially opened the doors to her new hair salon-Salon Revival-on the village's east side. Situated next to Winneconne's 'The Nail Shop', Jacobchick hopes her convenient location can become a one-stop selfcare/beauty solution for many in the area.

Born and raised in Winchester and a 2002 graduate of Winneconne High School, Jacobchick has 21 years of behind-the-chair hair styling experience, with a passion for color transformation and diverse cutting techniques. "And I

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By Becky LaDue

In true business-to-business sup

pect," said Beiser, when discussing the permanent food truck with the News, "and am willing to do anything to get her here."

That "her" is Katie Dahl-Harter, a resident of the Town of Winneconne, who wishes to establish a self-contained trailer with a semi-permanent set-up to serve coffee, tea and espresso drinks, along with

grab-and-go breakfasts, lunches and

Winneconne News Proprietor and stylist Karley Jacobchick inside her new salon, Salon Revival, on the village's east side.

port, Beiser Realty is sharing space alongside its 2nd and Main St. brickand-mortar and inviting a permanent food trailer to be placed on an available concrete slab on the property, set to service the downtown area.

"I am really excited about the pros-

homemade soups.

Kat's Kafe got the greenlight at the Winneconne Village Board Meeting on Jan. 21, when Village Administrator Logan Fuller explained that after

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Winneconne shines at Wisconsin State Education Convention

Community The Winneconne School District (WCSD) found itself in the spotlight at the annual Wisconsin State Education Convention hosted in Milwaukee Jan. 22-24.

This conference brings together over 2,000 superintendents, school board members, and other educational leaders and is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials (WASBO) and the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA).

The Winneconne High School band was first to get an opportunity to shine



Winneconne School Board President Donna Hanson, far left, receiving her 20-year recognition plaque at the state education convention last week. after being selected to perform during

the opening session, under the conduction of Band Director Stephanie Rahn.

'They performed amazingly well and represented themselves, their school, and their community so well," said chaperone Danica Lewis.

"This was an amazing experience," added ing it, and my words are failing me."

OND LIMITS

onvention

Next to hit the spotlight was WCSD School Board President Donna Hanson. Hanson has served on the district's education board for an incredible 20 years, and was officially honored for her contributions to public education and school boards at the convention.

"We greatly appreciate Mrs. Hanson's service to our school district," said District Administrator Peggy Larson. "She has made a truly positive difference for our staff and students!"

The Winneconne high school band knocked their performance out of the Rahn. "I'm still processpark during the opening ceremonies of the state education convention.

Partying on Poygan

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much. The Captains Cove launch gave a ³/₄-mile range north but was limited due to a hole of open water. The same was true for the county landing and Noffke's. Tim Noffke even made the tough (wise) decision to pull the tree line. Unfortunately, a truck still found its way through the ice on Friday.

Our group ventured off the old Duck Inn landing. At 6 a.m. there was a line of at least 80 cars, trucks, ATVs, UTVs, snowmobiles, and even a few hearty souls on foot. We fished in 6 feet of water at about the 3.5-mile mark. (Fishing Tip: the fish are not there).

Cole Schanke from our gang caught our only fish, two "eater" walleyes; we had a few marks and had one break us off, but we didn't finish "in the money". There were plenty that did though.

Salon Revival

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am always accepting new clients," she said.

"Locally, I worked for Fresh Salon since 2009," said Jacobchick, "but once I went to full time, it felt like the time was right to invest in myself and my child; I decided I was ready to

As ticket sales increased, Critter and his staff added prize after prize. The biggest walleye, a 7.434 pounder caught by Todd Ewald, took home the



Winneconne News Paul Olson's northern pike was good for second place in the northern contest, weighing in at 14.954 and 29 inches long.

day, doing something a little bit different for each person and catching up with my clients. I actually just finished with a young man that started with me at age 2 and is still coming to me at 18."

Jacobchick indicates the enthusiasm for her job—and ultimately the name of her new salon—is partially inspired by her mother, whom she lost a few years ago.

"My mom, Linda, owned and operated Country Classics Hair Shop in the area. When I named Salon Revival, I wanted to honor her-and I was seeking synonyms to play off Country Classics. I came up with Rural Revival but switched it up a bit. There is also a painting of my mom and me done by my Aunt Wava hanging in the shop." Jacobchick says more of her aunt's works will be on display soon, and available for purchase. "Following so closely in my mother's footsteps has been an absolute privilege," she said. "Through consultation in a relaxing space, my true passion is putting both my client's ideas and my own together and creating a beautiful, new look they've envisioned." To schedule a consultation at Salon Revival, call 920-410-4185, email salonrevivalbykj@gmail.com or visit its Facebook page, Salon Revival and schedule via vagaro.com.



Jacob Wagner caught a beauty of a northern pike for the fourth largest in the tournament.

\$1,000 prize and the biggest northern pike was 15.417 pounds, nearly a 40inch brute, caught by AJ Simatic.

"We sold all 1,000 5-gun raffle tickets this year again," added Doug Nelson. "Maybe we'll add more tickets and guns next year."

With over 800 fish registered, prizes galore, a great crowd, and a fantastic show by the Star Six Nine band afterward, 2025's Party on Poygan was a memorable event indeed.

Kat's Kafé

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the proposal moved through the Plan Commission, the village assessor affirmed that as long as the structure does not have wheels, it could then be assessed and allowed as an outbuilding type of structure. This in turn grants the village the right to tax it, and avoids the need for Dahl-Harter to obtain a food truck permit. "There's not a whole lot of commercial real estate available around here," said Dahl-Harter at the meeting on Jan. 21, "and I live in the town and this is where I want to be." Beiser Agent Ashlee Harlock has been working with Dahl-Harter and she indicates the trailer will be custom built, likely opening in late spring to begin serving food and drinks. "If the village is good, and she's good, I'm good," said Beiser. Fuller added in the meeting, "I hope she knocks out that dream."

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open my own salon. As a mother of a young child, it offers me great flexibility—I love how this job is conducive for raising a family."

Salon Revival is a comfortable, welcoming, fully appointed salon in a suite at 911 E. Main St., featuring Color Space for its hair color line and BOB (Back of Bottle) for its product line.

"My goal in selecting my lines was for them to offer complete gray coverage [for color], and be sustainable and green. Color Street at BOB meet all those requirements—with no animal testing, vegan compliant, dermatologically approved and ammonia free."

Salon Revival's services include everything from blow dry/formal styling to waxing, and specialized hair treatments, along with her array of cutting and color techniques.

"I have a passion for it," said Jacobchick. "I enjoy coming to work each



Scholarship applications open for local students bound for technical college

The Winneconne Thrift and Gift Scholarship program is working with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation for the fifth year, awarding scholarships to local students pursuing the trades at a Wisconsin technical college.

"The scholarship fund was established as another way for Thrift to give back to the community in addition to our robust, volunteer directed grant program," said Cindy Hendren, president of Winneconne Thrift and Gift. "Our grant dollars go to a wide range of local, national and global non-profit organizations each year, and the scholarships add in an opportunity to help the next generation of our community leaders."

Over the past four years seven students from Neenah, Valley Christian, Oshkosh, Omro, and Winneconne school districts have been scholarship beneficiaries. Unlike many scholarships, minimum grade point averages and test scores are not required. Students pursuing the trades have a variety of skills that cannot always be measured by a grade or exam. The goal is to provide support for a student who needs financial assistance to pursue a career they have passion for and will provide a sustainable living.

There are three scholarships available at \$1,000 for 2025 graduates. Application criteria includes financial need, a Winnebago County high school graduating senior, and pursuit of a trade at a Wisconsin technical college.

The deadline for application is February 12. Applications may be made through the Fox River Scholarship Center and found at www.foxriverscholarshipcenter.org.

School board rescinds Title IX – Policy 2264

Looks at open enrollment numbers, approves new coaching structure

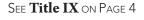
By Becky LaDue

After a federal judge from the Eastern Dist. of Kentucky struck down the Biden administration's 2024 Title IX overhaul on January 9, the action has vacated the expanded nondiscrimination protections nationwide and returned Title IX to its 2020 regulations for public school systems.

The ruling was the result of a lawsuit

brought by the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

As for the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD), its board, in turn, officially rescinded policy 2264 (adopted Aug. 5, 2024) at its regular meeting on Jan. 20. The district will return to the language and procedures of Policy 2266—its previous Title IX policy—if there is a district Title IX



Chief Sauriol recognizes Officer Withem



Officer Austin Withem, left, receiving his Award of Merit from Police Chief Ben Sauriol, right.

At the Village of Winneconne regular board meeting on Jan. 21, Police Chief Ben Sauriol presented Officer Austin Withem with an Award of Merit.

Sauriol shared, "Officer Withem, in his short time with the department, has shown passion for the job by keeping the roads safe with exceptional OWI enforcement and being highly present and visible within the community.

He has also shown a high level of

community policing activities and a real passion for the job, which build relationships with the citizenry and enhances community safety."

Chief Sauriol also stated he has received a great deal of positive feedback about Officer Withem, who has been with the village police force since February 2024, and stated it's important to acknowledge the good work of staff when it's due.

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Several members of the White Cedars 4-H Club dropping off the Bless Bags to the local Winneconne Pantry

Last week the White Cedars 4-H Club assembled and delivered 30 Bless Bags to the Winneconne Area Assistance Center.

The bags of cheer contain handwarmers, socks, a winter cap, soap and some snacks and drinks all tucked inside sturdy backpacks and string bags.

Title IX

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complaint received.

The WCSD board of education did allow public comment after the policy's rescission, to which one constituent spoke and said, "I won't say thank you for doing that. That should never have been passed in our district." Another requested the removal of all references to gender identity, stating that Wisconsin state and U.S. federal poli-





These bags will be distributed to anyone in need.

"I have also let the Winneconne Police Department know they are here," said Pantry President Mark Wesenberg. "If they run across someone who could use one, we'll be happy to share."

cy does not recognize it.

Board President Donna Hanson did indicate there may be additional revisions coming to Policy 2266, though currently the board has not received any from Neola, its policy services organization.

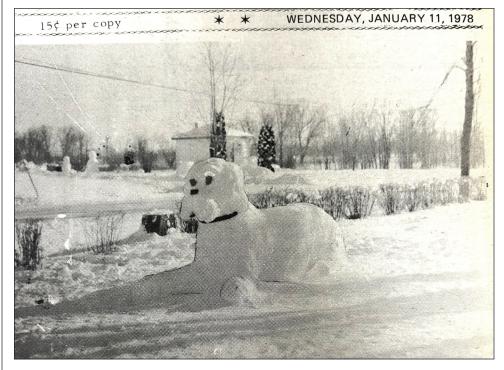
As for the district's open enrollment numbers for the 2025-26 school year, the following regular education grades have room for additional out-of-district students:

4K - 28; K - 4; 1st grade - 1; 4th grade – 7; 6th grade – 15; 9th grade - 14; and 10th grade - 12. All other grades are closed for regular education. For special education:

4K - 2, K - 4; 1st grade - 2; 2nd grade - 1; 3rd grade - 2; 4th grade -2. The remaining grades are closed to special education open enrollment.

Finally, after a closed session discussion, the board approved, based upon the recommendation of Athletic Director Tyler Lee, the adoption of a co-head coaching structure for the district's varsity football program. The co-head coaches will be Nate Ryf and Ryan Krings.





Winneconne winter – Jan. 11, 1978

This amazing "snow dog"-constructed during a winter that piled on the white stuff in the Winneconne area-stood sentinel in front of the

The Weekly Whisk

Wisconsin Cornucopia **Cheese and Beer Soup**

My aunt shared this recipe with my family. It is one of those recipes that won an award at the State Fair, so you know it's a keeper! She tells us that she uses whatever vegetables and meat she has on hand, it is very versatile. She also mentioned that it is rather thick, so if you prefer a thinner soup, reduce the flour. Warm up with this one!

For questions or comments email weeklywhisk01@gmail.com

- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 cup broccoli florets, chopped small
- 1 cup finely chopped carrots
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups chicken or vegetable broth

1 (12 ounce) bottle Wisconsin made beer



once Lakeland Motel, located on N. 7th St. here in the village. It was built by the Reynolds family, who was residing at the hotel while their new home was being constructed.

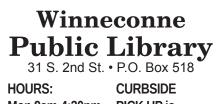
3 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

- 31/2 4 cups milk
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 2 teaspoons salt

4 cooked sausages, cut into small pieces

5 cups grated cheddar cheese

Heat butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add onions and garlic. Sauté' until onions are soft and translucent. Add broccoli and carrots, cooking about 5 minutes. Stir in flour, making sure vegetables are coated. Stir in broth and bring to a boil over high heat. Stir in beer, Worcestershire sauce, and milk. Reduce heat to low, and simmer for 10 minutes. Add maple syrup, mustard, salt, and sausage. Cook five minutes longer, then slowly add cheese by the handful. Stir until the cheese is melted and the soup begins to bubble. Add more milk if the soup is too thick.





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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

These are the Good Ol' Days

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

The Wisconsin DNR recently held its second of a nine-part series entitled "Learn About Fisheries Management in Northeast Wisconsin." This particular session was titled "The Winnebago System: History and Status of Lake Sturgeon and Walleye Management." The meeting was held in-person at Fox



Valley Tech in Oshkosh, but with the icy roads, I chose the virtual option which is available for each of the presentations. Let's hone-in on the walleye portion of the presentation. We're not talking

small potatoes here, the Winnebago System fishery, according to a study by the UW-Extension, is reported to have an economic impact of over \$234 million/year. The stakes are high, and don't think for a second that people don't know it. Anglers, guides, bait shops, fishing clubs, bars, restaurants, and other related businesses all crowd meetings and hearings when there is any talk of walleyes on the Shallow Lakes.

Rightly so, the DNR pumps a significant number of resources into the effort to keep an eye on the walleye population. There are spring shocking runs, tag studies, trawl surveys, netting, movement studies, habitat improvement, regulation changes, and public relations. If you're ever up for it, the DNR often looks for volunteers for some of these efforts. It can be an exhausting day, but a pretty cool experience to see how these

biologists operate.

Getting into some of the data, a female walleye starts to produce eggs at 5-6 years old; males at 3 years old. Almost all Winnebago walleyes head into the marshes of the Fox and Wolf Rivers each spring to lay their eggs in the flooded grasses upriver. Ideally, a.) the water levels are high enough that the marshes are flooded when the water temperatures draw the walleye upriver, and b.) the water level remains high enough and warm enough to allow the fertilized eggs to hatch and the fry to exit the marsh.

That's a huge part of the population dynamics of walleye right there. Take last spring, for instance. We had very low water all spring and just at the last second, the rains came, and the water rose in perfect timing for the female run April 1 to 10. In 2023, we seemed to have the water in the marshes, but a stretch of cold weather negatively impacted the eggs and the fry, and it turned out to be just an average hatch. So it goes, you can control some things, but usually Mother Nature has the biggest say in the matter.

According to their exhaustive data, we had great hatches of walleye in 2013, 2016, 2021, 2022, and 2024 and those fish move right up into the catchable sizes that we are seeing out there right now. "Male walleye sizes start to plateau at 15 inches and females plateau at around 20 inches," stated Angelo Cozzola, DNR Senior Fisheries Biologist out of the Oshkosh office.

Also, the data seems to support that the old, 15-inch size limit from 1993-97 caused anglers to target female fish and thus was repealed. The 3-fish bag limit enacted in 2020 seems to be helping with overfishing the system too, the data

None of these decisions can be made without the "boots on the ground" work the DNR and volunteers are doing. Great data makes for great decisions.

Cozzola added, "The Winnebago system walleye population is most definitely in above average abundance right now. We see that in the trawl survey data, spring stock assessment, and in (recreational) angler and tournament reports. There is good indication that

the future remains bright with the big year class of 2022 and newly documented class of 2024 entering the system."

Take a look at dnr.wi.gov and search their calendar for more of these informational presentations through the end of March. In short, if you aren't catching walleyes on the Winnebago System right now, you might want to check your gear!

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Tales From The Land of Retirement

LOOK AROUND

By Jeanne Lehr

"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." JFK's famous words - and what great words to pon-

What have you



Lehr

there are others living in our space that might have needs? Have you volunteered to help? Have you volunteered to serve? Have you volun-

teered PERIOD? If you look around your world, you will see there is a need for help in many forms. A meal to prepare for an elderly or

handicapped neighbor. A helping hand with a small chore. An unexpected gift to show appreciation. The list is endless, and it usually takes just a few minutes to perform small acts of kindness.

There are so many ways you can do for your country instead of waiting for it to do something for you. Life is not free.

We must pay a price for it. Through our time, money and effort we can repay our personal debts.

There's a world of activities out there to help fill the void and earn your keep. The Auxiliary is always busy with the task of sending out cards to members and veterans who need a little cheering up. It is surprising how many cards we get back from the recipients saying, "Thank you, your cards make my day." A little thing like a card made someone's day--remarkable. Maybe this is something you could do. Send a card to a friend or family just to let them know you are thinking of them.

We all are busy. We all have obligations, but just think how much it means to you when someone thinks of you and your welfare and reaches out with a small blessing. Their kindness enriches both your life and theirs. It is a win-win situation.

Let us make 2025 the year of kind gestures. It takes so little, and it means so much.

Today is a good day to start. Do SOMETHING. Then, write to me and tell me about it! I can't wait to hear from you.

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Middle school construction advances ahead of schedule

By Becky LaDue

Winneconne Middle School-with the help of Miron Construction and the WCSD facilities team—continues to reinvent itself as the 2024-25 school year progresses.

Director of Facilities Steve Cady offered a community tour last week in advance of the regularly scheduled school board meeting, and despite

the frigid temperatures, a collection of constituents attended including several school board members.

Cady walked through the entire building with the group, noting all the completed aspects of the project and those yet to tick off punch list items. He particularly highlighted the care and craftsmanship that the contractors are bringing to the project and was

happy to report that the job is slightly ahead of schedule - pleasant news for all!

During the \$28.3 million dollar construction project, the district and contractors have prioritized student learning and the necessary spaces to accomplish that, with administrative and middle school offices the last to be worked on over the summer months.



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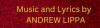




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Middle school construction cont...



WINDOWS

Steve Cady explains to Dave Norton how the windows to the board room open to the commons to expand its space.



SCIENCE ROOM One of the school's new science rooms.



BOARD ROOM A view of the new district boardroom, which has glass doors to open up to the commons for larger meetings.



HALLWAY

A view of one of the new middle school learning hallways with lockers centrally placed and beautiful ceiling accents.



LIBRARY

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Sports Prep Sports Roundup



Winneconne's Trey Zemke works for control against Cameron Kulow in the 157-pound match last Thursday in an East Central Conference dual meet. Zemke won the match by major decision, 13-5.

BOYS WRESTLING

Wolves take down Panthers in dual meet

Winneconne collected five pins and rolled to a 57-18 win over Plymouth in an East Central Conference dual meet last Thursday.

The Wolves dominated the lower weights, getting three pins and a technical fall in winning four of the five lightest weight classes.

Ryden Jezwinski (106), Briar Vro-

man (113) and Brady Marks (132) earned the pins for Winneconne, while JJ Mavroff (120) earned a technical fall with a 16-1 victory.

Tyler Engelke (144) and Jason Wiedmeyer (215) also earned pins for the Wolves, with Trey Zemke picking up the remaining contested win with a major decision victory at 157 pounds.

James Nozar (138), Gavyn Fitzwater (150) and Carson Piotraschke (175) all won by forfeit for the Wolves.



Wiedmeyer leads Wolves at Lumberjack Invitational

Jason Wiedmeyer went 4-0 and pinned all four of his opponents in claiming the 215-pound title to lead Winneconne at the Wausau East Lumberjack Invitational on Saturday.

Wiedmeyer stopped Menasha's Richard Waldburger in the title match in 4:25 after dispatching Miles Olson of West Salem in only 21 seconds in the semifinals. He won his first match in 3:19 and needed 2:43 to earn a win in the quarterfinals.

Trey Zemke added a second-place finish at 150 pounds, posting a 4-1 record on the day. He won his first two matches by pin in 29 seconds and 23 seconds and then earned a quarterfinal victory in 2:15. Zemke then edged Mineral Point's Jacob Dannenberg, 6-4, in the semifinals before falling in the Championship bout.

Briar Vroman went 3-1 with one pin to finish third at 113 pounds, while Brady Marks was fourth at 132 pounds. Ryden Jezwinski (106) and JJ Mavroff (120) each added sixth places.

Winneconne finished seventh among the 20 teams at the tournament.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wolves top Panthers to get back on winning track

Three players reached double figures and Winneconne rebounded from its loss to Kettle Moraine Lutheran to topple Plymouth, 47-21 in an East Central Conference game on Friday night in Plymouth.

The 21 points allowed was the second fewest in a game by the Wolves this season.

Harper Neace paced Winneconne

in the win, finishing with 13 points, while Grace Mitchell added 11 points. Brooklyn Messerschmidt also reached double figures with 10 points.

Mitchell and Millie Braman each had five rebounds to lead the team, while Mitchell and Ari Reetz led the Wolves' defense with six steals apiece. Winneconne finished with 27 steals in the game.

Winneconne will have a couple of tough tests coming up, starting with a home game against perennial conference powerhouse Waupun on Thursday night. The Wolves beat the Warriors, 55-49, in their first meeting this year.

Winneconne will then travel to face state-ranked St. Mary Catholic on Tuesday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rough start sinks Wolves in road loss

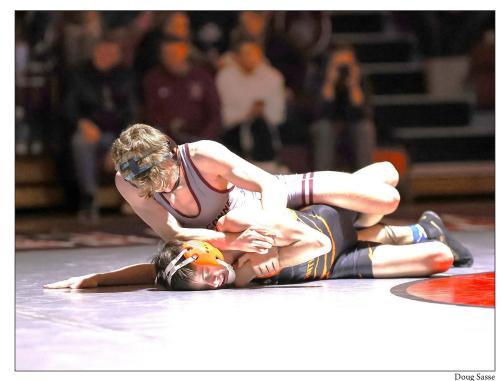
Winneconne fell behind 20-2 at the outset of last Thursday's game at Plymouth and couldn't recover, suffering a 97-54 loss to the Panthers in an East Central Conference showdown.

The Wolves trailed 60-23 at halftime and then were able to play nearly even with the Panthers in the second half.

Parker Ingles led the Wolves with a 20-point effort, with Brody Schaffer scoring 12 points and Gage Bartel chipping in eight points.

Schaffer and Ryan Quigley led the Wolves with four rebounds each.

The Wolves will be at home for their next two games, hosting Kewaskum on Friday night before welcoming Waupun to the Wolf Den on Tuesday.



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Our Reassurance, Randy Bunker Owner and Winneconne Resident Winneconne's 113-pounder Briar Vroman tries to turn Plymouth's Lexi Schuenemann during last Thursday's East Central Conference dual meet in Winneconne.

DEDICATION of VETERANS' PATHWAY AT THE WINNECONNE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion has installed a sidewalk made up of bricks honoring our veterans. Bricks purchased before April 1, 2025 will be included in the dedication ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 2025. The public will be invited to the dedication.

More information to follow.

To find more information go to: winneconnepost364.org/brick/

Lunch Menus

Feb. 3-7

Advocap Lunch Menu Mon: Brat potato salad

Mon: Brat, potato salad, baked beans, banana.

Tue: Tarragon chicken, red potatoes, green beans, applesauce, chocolate pudding.

Wed: Ham, baked beans, broccoli, tropical fruit.

Thurs: Salisbury steak, carrots, mashed potatoes, pears, cherry square.

Fri: Baked haddock, sweet potato, peas/mushrooms, fruit cup, dinner roll.

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: Sausage pizza, breadstick, garden bar. **MS:** Mini pancakes, baby cakes, sausage patty.

Tues.: ES: Ravioli, goldfish crackers, green beans. **MS:** French bread pizza, winter blend veggies.

Wed.: ES: Hamburger, tri-tater, fruit. MS: Rice bowl, broccoli.

Thurs.: ES: Chicken nuggets, buttered pasta, mixed veggies. MS: Grilled chicken/bun, tri tater, roasted veggies.

Fri.: ES: Fish sticks, broccoli/cheese sauce, rice pilaf. MS: mini corndogs, mixed veggies, rice pilaf.

Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 30: 4 pm - 8th Grade Girls' BB, Home/Omro; 7th Grade @ Omro. 4:30 pm- Bowling, Home/Appleton East. 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Girls' BB, Home/Waupun. 6:30 pm -Wrestling @ Kewaskum.

Friday, Jan. 31: 5 pm - Girls' Wrestling @ Shawano. 5:45 & 7:15 pm -JV/V Boys' BB, Home/Kewaskum. 7:30 pm - Girls' Hockey @ Tri-County Ice.

Saturday, Feb. 1: 10 am - JV Wrestling @ Wega-Fremont. 12 noon - Girls' Hockey @ Tri-County Ice.

Sunday, Feb. 2: Worship at the Church of Your Choice.

Monday, Feb. 3: 4 pm - 8th Grade Girls' BB @ Berlin; 7th Grade, Home/ Berlin.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: 4:30 pm - Bowling @ New London. 4:30 pm - MS Wrestling/Home. 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Girls' BB @ St. Mary Catholic. 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Boys' BB, Home/Waupun. Wednesday, Feb. 5: The News is out! Subscribe today at winneconnenews.com. 1 pm - Mahjong group/ Public Library. 7 pm - Winneconne Youth Rugby Mtg/HS LGL.

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.: 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm -Mass. Sunday, Feb. 2:10:30 am - Mass. Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. **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, Feb. 2: 8 & 10 am - Worship. Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous. Wed: 6 pm - SWAG Youth Group.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

8 South Fourth Street Winneconne Pastor Ben Berger Pastor Darin Warnecke 920-582-7772 Thurs.: 9:30 am - Bible Study. 6 pm -

Bible Basics Class. Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship/Lord's

Supper.

Sunday, Feb. 2: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship. 9:10 am - Bible Study/Family Impressions.

Mon.: Contemporary Music Practice.

Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters. 6:30 pm -Men's Group.

Wed.: 6:30 pm- Catechism study. Grace Lutheran Church

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Pastor Mark Laatsch

Sunday, Feb. 2: 9:30 am - Worship.10:45 am - Adult Forum.

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

Winnecome 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

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**

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UW-STEVENS POINT: Larsen— Evelyn Good, Fall High Honors; Maggie Kane, Fall High Honors; Abbigail Marks, Fall Honors; Gloria Olson, Fall Highest Honors; McKenna Paulson, Fall Highest Honors; Sydney Waech, Fall Honors. Oshkosh—Marlayna Gonnering, Fall High Honors. Winneconne—Lauryn DeWitt, Fall Honors; Kaiya Ruedinger, Fall Highest Honors.

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

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WHO: Kids 9-14 yrs old WHEN: Saturday Feb 8th at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. WHERE: Winneconne Elementary School

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Obituaries

Tula Dovalis

October 19, 1934 - January 20, 2025 Panagiota "Tula" Dovalis (nee Athanasoulis), 90, of Neenah, WI, passed away



peacefully on Jan. 20, 2025, in her home in Hartland, WI. Her Lord Jesus welcomed her to heaven where she once again embraced the love of her life, George, who she

has missed desperately since he passed twenty-six years ago. Independent and fiery until the end, Tula is remembered by family and friends as a woman of deep faith, a loving and supportive wife, and wonderful mother and Yiayia.

She was born in Sparta, Greece in 1934. At 17, after witnessing the horrors of fascism firsthand during World War II, she crossed the Atlantic Ocean by herself with a single piece of luggage and less than \$20 in her pocket. Once in the land of opportunity and freedom, she made her way to Chicago where some extended family resided, and she found a job at a sewing factory. She worked tirelessly to sponsor and bring the rest of her family from Greece to America.

While attending the wedding of a friend, one of the groomsmen caught her eye. For George and Tula, it was love at first sight. A few short weeks later, they married in 1957. They ran a grocery store in Chicago with George's brother until 1971 when they bought Jimmie's White House Inn supper club from George's godparents. The supper club in Butte des Morts was an institution. With George behind the bar and Tula running the kitchen, customers were friends and friends were family. They retired in 1988 and moved to Neenah. She loved tending to her yard, while she and George enjoyed golf, bowling, playing cards, and cooking her special Greek recipes for family and friends.

Tula remained in Neenah until 2018 when she moved to Hartland, WI to be closer to her daughter, Georgia.

A member of Holy Trinity Greek Or-

Daniel Robert Pontow

Daniel Robert Pontow, 74, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and



friend, passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, while surrounded by his

thodox Church in Fond du Lac, WI, Tula she was deeply involved in the women's Philoptochos Society. She enjoyed helping with the Church's Greek Festival every year she was able. Tula's church and her faith were always front and center. She often returned to Fond du Lac to attend service at Holy Trinity.

She is survived by her beloved daughter Georgia Maxwell and her steadfast son-in-law Michael, and the grandchildren she adored, Aristotle, Thanos, and Evangelia. She is also survived by her son-in-law, Mark Faase, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grand and great grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George, her parents, Evangelos and Eleni Athanasoulis, and all her siblings, Aphrodite, Georgia, Yiannis, Demetrios, and Athena.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Melissa Plotz for the incredible care and love she offered to Tula daily. She started her time with Tula as a caregiver, but ended up as part of Tula's family.

Tula is also survived by her daughter, Demetra Faase and son, James Dovalis.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Tula Dovalis Memorial Fund which has been established to support her church, and the organizations close to her heart. Memorial contributions and/or cards can be sent to 3270 Sylvester Drive, Hartland, WI 53029.

Krause Funeral Home in Brookfield, 414-464-4640, is assisting with arrangements. Visit online at https://krausefuneralhome.com/.

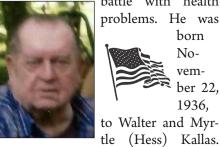
Funeral services will be Thursday January 30, 2025, at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 9400 West Congress Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, with Father Ciprian Sas officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a service starting at 12 p.m. Luncheon will follow. A graveside burial service will be held Friday January 31, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, Illinois.

Rest in peace, Yiayia. You will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

gan his career at the Beau Barber Studio in Neenah, then worked at Dick Bork's Barber Shop and Captain's Korner Barber Shop in Menasha, and later went on to own and manage his own barbershop businesses in both Neenah and Winchester. Dan's sharp wit and talents were enjoyed by his many loyal customers until his retirement in 2021.

Wayne Francis Kallas

Wayne Francis Kallas, 88, of the Town of Poygan, died Friday, January 24, 2025, at Ascension Mercy Hospital after a long



battle with health problems. He was born

November 22, 1936, to Walter and Myr-

Wayne was a 1954 graduate of Omro High School, where he was class president and Prom King. He took dance lessons at Arthur Murray's so he could dance with his Prom Queen. After graduation, Wayne served his country in the U.S. Army for three years. Until he was involved in a car accident, he worked construction. He also worked at a cheese factory, tended bar, and worked at his grandparent's farm. For 30 years Wayne was employed at the Winnebago State Hospital until his retirement. On June 26, 1965, he married Judy Achterberg. Wayne enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons, and he loved his grandchildren and family. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Omro.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 59

Kurt Brian Carpenter

Kurt Brian Carpenter, 70, of Columbia, Kentucky, formerly of Larsen, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, at



his residence. He was born in Oshkosh on July 23, 1954, to the late Merle and Florence (Sunquist) Carpenter. For 44 years, he worked as a water plant operator for SCA Tissue,

retiring in 2019. Kurt loved hunting, playing cribbage and sheepshead, was an avid Green Bay Packer fan, enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with his family and friends.

Kurt is survived by his wife, Maureen (Tellock) Carpenter, of Columbia,

family, and he taught them everything they know about golfing, hunting, driving, playing music, cribbage, pool, and how to fix or build almost anything. Ultimately, he taught them how to enjoy every minute of life. Dan's quick wit and wisdom, and his love of life, family, and friends, were inspirational, and he was loved and admired by all who knew him. He will be forever missed. Dan is survived by his wife, Karen; his two children, Molly (Danny) Thomas, and Danny (Amber) Pontow; his six grandchildren, William Aird, Talia (Justin) Duncan, Mason Aird, Dominic Pontow, Dawson Pontow, and Dalton Pontow; one great-grandson, Thomas Duncan; three brothers, Tom (Carol) Pontow, Garold (Debra) Pontow, and Robert (Barbara) Pontow; four sisters, Connie (Loren) Loewe, Deb (Ron) Hildebrand, Suzanne (Darren) Sattler, Sandy (Jeff) Therrian; aunts, Sally Trelka and Germaine Anderson; as well as many nieces and nephews; and the other loves of his life; his dog, Lovey; his 1968 GTO; and his Harley motorcycle. Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Geraldine Pontow; his maternal grandparents, Andrew and Ver-

years, Judy C. Kallas, of the Town of Poygan; three sons, Rick (Betty), Randy (friend, Linda), Robin (Lisa); grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Jason (Trisha), Robert (Ailiyah), Taylor, Austin, Bently, Braylen, James, Kole, Jay, Josh (Nicole), Angel, Bryer, Justin Sr., Justin Jr., Abel, Winter, Roy, Becky, Nicole, Aurora, Harley, Rachel (Alex), Cooper, Dakota (Laura); three sisters, Jeanne (Sherwyn) Danke, Shirley (Dick) Ceelen, Chris Hanke; many nieces, nephews, other relatives; special friends, Web, Ed, Bobby, and many more. He is also survived by his little red truck.

Preceding Wayne in death were his parents; his in-laws; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Ruth Ann Kallas; sister and brothers-in-law, Marilyn and Robert Gruetzmacher, Paul Hanke; as well as great friend for years, Ken H.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday, January 30, 2025, from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church 730 Madison Ave. Omro. A funeral Mass will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial with military honors will follow in the Rushford Cemetery.

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

KY; two children, Dustin Carpenter, of Columbia, KY; Crystal Carpenter, of Menasha, WI; three grandchildren, Taylor, Mikaela, and Keegan Carpenter; three brothers, Mark Carpenter, Steven (Christine) Carpenter, David Carpenter; and other relatives and friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Mueller Funeral Home, Winneconne. There will be no funeral held. Following the visitation a lunch will be held at the American Legion Hall, Winneconne. Burial will be at 3 p.m. on Friday at the Rushford Cemetery.

If you wish, please submit your condolences online to muellerfh.net.



na Konow; his paternal grandparents, Theodore and Lulu Pontow; his stepmother, Tess Pontow; his step-grandmother, Leone Pontow; his parentsin-law, Arthur "Bunny" and Elizabeth "Betty" Mueller; his aunt, Betty Baker; his uncles, Jay Baker, Bob Trelka, and Alerd Anderson; and a nephew, Joe Pontow.

family. He was born on August 4, 1950, in Columbus, Georgia to Robert and Geraldine (Konow)

Pontow. Dan was brought to Wisconsin at 12 days old because of his mother's illness, and was raised in Winchester by his maternal grandparents, Andrew and Verna (Carow) Konow, due to his mother's eventual passing three days before his first birthday and his father serving in the military.

Dan was a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester, where he was baptized and confirmed. He was a 1968 graduate of Winneconne High School. After high school, Dan earned his barber license from Lincoln Barber College in East Moline, Illinois. A skilled and sought-after barber, (or "hair surgeon", as he liked to mention), Dan be-

On May 26, 1973, Dan married Karen Sue Mueller at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Winneconne. Dan and Karen built their home together in Winchester in 1977, and there, continued to build a wonderful life for themselves, their children, and their grandchildren. Dan was a very talented man who loved and excelled at sports and music, and he was also an avid hunter and outdoor enthusiast. As a gifted trumpet player who could easily play by ear, Dan shared his love of music (especially Elvis) with his children and many others. Dan enjoyed playing duets on his trumpet with his daughter on the piano or flute and with his son on the trumpet at numerous church services and weddings, and marching with them in the Winneconne Sovereign State Days parade for many years. He was extremely devoted to his

A visitation will be on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester 8396 Steeple Hill Dr. Larsen. A funeral service will be held on Saturday at 12 noon at the church with Pastor Mark Laatsch officiating. Burial will be in the Bell Cemetery, Winneconne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be established for Grace Lutheran Church, and the Winneconne School District Band Program, ATTN: Julie Buss, P.O. Box 5000 Winneconne, WI 54986.

Dan's family wishes to thank Pastor Mark Laatsch, and the ThedaCare staff that took care of him during his stay at the hospital.

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

Village of Winneconne NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF REZONING

The Planning Commission of the Village of Winneconne will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the board room at Village Hall.

A public hearing will be held to hear the zoning amendment request of the Village of Winneconne on behalf of parcel 19100351603 located on Tower RD and West Industrial RD. The Village of Winneconne is selling the parcel to two businesses to facilitate the expansion of their operations. Amend the zoning district from R-1A Single-Family to I General industrial for the development of multiple business facilities.

If approved, the zoning amendment would change the zoning for parcel 19100351603 from R-1A Single Family Residential to I General Industrial. Surrounding property owners within 300' of the above parcel will be notified by mail as required

All interested persons objecting to or supporting these zoning amendments are requested to be present at the hearing.

Planning Commission Village of Winneconne

Submitted by: Logan Fuller, Village Administrator

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

To act on Budget

Lisa Kallas, Secretary

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

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Public Notice

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT WINNECONNE HIGH SCHOOL-LARGE GROUP LECTURE 100 WOLF RUN WINNECONNE WI 54986

DECEMBER 16, 2024 – 6:30PM

Meeting called to order by Board
president

Pledge of Allegiance

 Board Members Roll Call
 Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition, and Open Forum

Board Member Roll Call

Board Member Present- Stelzner, Verich, Ackmann, Kunde, Hanson, Absent: Keller, Peterson

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum District Administrator, Peggy Larson, High School Principal, Leah Michaud, Elementary Assistant Principal, Mike Meunier, Middle School Dean, Carly Horvath, Director of Technology, Dave Jerabek, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Director of Learning, Peg Mischler, Buildings and Grounds Director, Steve Cady

VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)

OPEN FORUM – Community resident referenced Women in Sports, a Resolution for Delegation that may come forward for approval at the WASB Convention, January 22, 2025

OPEN SESSION

5.consent items:

A. Minutes from December 2, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting B. District Checks #10015984 to #10016033 in the Amount of \$1,460,953.05 C. Student Activity Checks #915512 to # 915518 in the Amount of

\$5,682.13 D. District ACH Payments \$72,002.21

E. SA ACH Payments \$1,781.79 F. Acknowledgement of \$22,000.00 Grant from J. J. Keller Foundation to WCSD Baseball

Program. G. Acknowledgement of \$,1900.00 from Winneconne Businessmen's Club to WHS Football H. Acknowledgement of \$3,498.35

from Mark Anderson to WHS Baseball Field Renovations I. Acknowledgement of \$ 300.00

from Corey Zimmer to WHS Baseball Field Renovations

J. Acknowledgement of \$ 1000.00 from Kara McAdow to Girls Basketball

K. Acknowledgement of \$ 1000.00 from Kara McAdow to Boys Basketball

L. Acknowledgement of \$ 175.00 from Lordof Lakes Good Samaritan Fund to HS Polka Band

10-12

Motion by Verich, seconded by Stelzner to approve the Course offerings for High School, School Year 2025-2026 Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye Motion approved: 5-0

7. Review WASB: Submitted 2025 Resolutions by Member Boards and Proposed 2025

Resolutions by Policy and Resolutions Committee

WASB Delegate reviewed with Board of Education. The 2025 Resolutions were reviewed for directions for approval / non- approval and if there were any questions. The WASB Delegation votes on approval/ non-approval of the Resolutions Wednesday January 22, 2025, at the WASB Convention. Board Member Kunde serves on the State Resolutions Committee and is the WCSD Board Delegate Representative.

8. Policies & Policy Overview

Policies were reviewed by the Board Policy Committee. Policies brought forward are recommended for approval. A. Policy- 5330- Administration of Medication/Emergency Care B. Policy- 8500- Food Service C. Policy- 8510- Wellness D. Policy- 8531- Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Motion made by Verich, seconded by Ackmann to approve Policies 5330,8500,8510, and 8531 as presented with updates. Roll call: Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye Motion approved: 5-0

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

10. Board Reports

A. Communications- There were no communications to be read

B. Committee Reports:

 HR/Financial Planning- Have not met since last meeting
 PR/marketing- Have not met

since last meeting 3. Policy- Policy Review coming

after the New Year

Executive Session

Motion made by Kunde, second by Hanson to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from December 02, 2024, Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 118.25 for the purpose of discussing requests by students, including eligibility issues related to the same, for early graduation. The

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE BOARD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024, AT 5:30 PM VILLAGE BOARD ROOM, 30 SOUTH FIRST STREET

Call to Order Roll Call: Foster–present by phone, Kubasta-present, Olson-present, Bouras-present, Stelzner-present, Janikowski-present, Boucher-present Pledge of Allegiance said in unison.

Regular Business Motion by Bouras second by Kubasta to approve consent agenda and payment of bills:

- November 30, 2024, Treasurer's Report/Budget Comparisons - November 2024 Check Register Motion passes by roll call vote: Bouras-aye, Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-aye, Olson-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0 Motion by Olson second by Janikowski to approve November 19, 2024, Village Board Minutes Motion passes by voice vote 6-0-1,

Communications None

Kubasta-abstains

Public Participation None

Administrator's Report

The 15 acres of industrial park land has been spoken for
Wolf Run moves forward with additional building permits submitted.
The road that will link up with Wolf Run (school's portion) will be named N. 14th Ave. Addresses and naming has been sent to the county for GIS updates
Working with Eric Hoffman, Public

Working with Elic Horman, Public Works and Planning Commission to get plans in place for the apartment complex that will be going in.
 GOEDC end of year meeting went great. Met with candidates for Winnebago County Executive seat. Winnebago County IDB meeting discussed economic development grant gualifications.

• The meeting with State Senators Rachael Cabral-Guevara and Howard Marklein, along with local municipality leaders on Dec. 10. Key take aways: Identified EMS constraints to ongoing budget impacts affecting all communities. Notified of a bill being presented from senators which would allow these EMS services to be levied for without currently held restrictions. Concerns presented regarding how state shared revenue is assigned

 Next step to meeting with League of Municipalities and WCMA leadership to ensure follow up regarding take aways.

 Meeting with State Legislative Director for Senator Ron Johnson, Tom Fire District - didn't meet, meeting Jan. 13 at 6:30 pm, garage door openers not functioning well, within budget to get fixed along with a generator needing maintenance, participated at HexCo function, performing an onshore rescue demonstration, other rescue demonstrations from other units went well, the new N-M Boat to be delivered this week, Oshkosh Boat in process, hoping our boat will be here this summer. Historic Preservation - didn't meet, still raising funds, \$1,200-\$1,500 needed yet. Please make change to November minutes to reflect that a letter was sent out to business and \$850 was raised; minutes changed.

Library – meeting was rescheduled to 12-18-24. Parks – met, see minutes, next meeting Jan. 14 at 4 pm. Personnel & Finance – met, a power point presentation was presented by Treasurer Schoenberger, currently expected to finish year at 97.9% of budgeted expenses, revenue is up

7.8% from budget. Bridge lighting delaved until July. Plan Commission - did not meet Public Safety - Chief Sauriol raised over \$4,000 for children's toy drive by shaving his facial hair, delivery of gifts this week, accreditation process moving forward, following best practices, thank you to Officer Honer and DPW James Fluette for work on gun range, giving officers the opportunity to train, budget is on target. Public Works - met, two houses being built on Wolf Run, four lots currently sold, tree removal letter in Village right of way going out in the mail, banners changed for winter, tree set up in front of Village Hall and trees in Water Front Park are decorated, working on gun range, cold patching.

Old Business None

New Business

Motion by Kubasta second by Olson to approve the 2025 five-year MCO contract as proposed

Discussion from owner Paul Much regarding upcoming personnel changes and shifting to five-year contract instead of annual contract, Village asked for two fulltime staff, justified by amount of work with RO system and covers seven days a week. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Bouras-aye, Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-aye, Olson-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Foster second by Kubasta to approve new Kwik Trip agent,

Jeffrey Bork Agent change for remainder of term until June 30, 2025, due to staff departure

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote 7-0-0

other projects from 2023, 2024, and future 2025 projects. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Bouras-aye, Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-aye, Olson-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Bouras second by Olson to approve resolution 12.17-2024B designating officials authorized to declare official intent under reimbursement bond regulations Procedural efficiency to define Village staff permitted to sign for non-taxable debt. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Bouras-aye, Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-aye, Olson-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Adjourn

Motion by Kubasta second by Foster to adjourn meeting at 6:33 pm Motion passed unanimously by voice vote 7-0-0

Clerk Ann Wasinger Attest: Village Board Approved 01.21.2025 Published Jan. 29, 2025 WNAXLP

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DECEMBER 20, 2024, AT 10:00AM 233 S. 3RD AVENUE- BUSINESS OFFICE BEHIND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINNECONNE WI 54986

Call the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance

Board President, Donna Hanson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM (Via Phone) This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting School District's business and is not to be considered a public hearing.

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL:

Present: Jaci Stelzner, Jill Verich (Via Phone), Dean Ackmann, Mark Kunde, Donna Hanson (Via Phone). Absent: Meghan Keller, Earl Peterson

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum District Administrator, Peggy Larson, High School Principal Leah Michaud,

VISITORS: There were no visitors

OPEN SESSION 5. Consent Agenda:

A. Approve Winneconne High School Fishing Team to attend Overnight Fishing Tournament on Lake Minoc-

qua, January 17-19, 2025

Motion Made by Kunde, second by Stelzner to approve the Fishing Team to attend the Overnight Fishing Tournament January 17-19, 2025, on Lake Minocqua

M. Recommendation of Kindergarten Aide. Effective 12/17/2024 (Pending HR Protocol)

N. Approve FFA Sustainable Agriculture Trip to Italy and France. June 2027

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

Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye Motion Approved: 5-0

6. New High School Course Proposal for 2025-2026 School Year

New High School Course Proposals Sculpture 1,2,3, Soups, Sauces, and Sandwiches, Baking and Pastry Arts are the proposals for the 2025-2026 School year, providing that there are at least 10 students in each course. Each of these courses would earn .5 credits, and are prerequisites Grades Discussion of such requests is likely to make reference to the specific academic performance of the students making the requests for early graduation. The board will move into open session and may take action on items discussed in closed session.

Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Aye Motion approved: 5-0

Open Session

The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 7:20 pm Motion made by Kunde, second by Verich to adjourn meeting of the WCSD Board of Education. Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde WCSD- Board Clerk 7:25 pm Petri, to identify federal considerations or support available.

Grants – currently have one small business on CDI grant, and Precision Plumbing looking for additional grants related to industrial use.
The 5-year CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) will be posted soon. Letter will be going out for residents whose road will be affected.
Winneconne bridge lighting – the Albrights and Witzke Electric have received approval from DOT and USCG. Timelines to install and complete will be pushed back due to delay in approvals and unfavorable

Committee Reports

working conditions.

Beautification – didn't meet, decorated downtown and participated in parade, waiting for better weather to install bridge lighting with a projected 4th of July lighting. **Cemetery** – didn't meet, meeting Jan. 13 at 3 pm. Motion by Bouras second by Olson to approve 12.17-2024 Budget Amendment as proposed in order to transfer retained earnings of \$400,000 to the capital projects fund Prepare journal entry to transfer funds to cover end of year 2024 expenses, along with 2025 projects and loans, and remainder held in general fund reserve. Motion passed unanimously by roll call yote: Bouras-ave, Stelzner-ave

call vote: Bouras-aye, Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-aye, Olson-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Olson second by Janikowski to approve resolution 12.17-2024A providing for the sale of approximately \$2,935,000 general obligation promissory notes, series 2025A

Budget amendment allows reallocation of unspent funds from previous promissory notes to be used towards Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich- Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde- Aye Hanson-Aye Motion Approved- 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Kunde, second by Ackmann to adjourn the Special Meeting of the WCSD Board of Education. Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde WCSD- Board Clerk 10:15am