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Winneconne sending four wrestlers to compete at state meet



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The Winneconne girls captured the team title at the Dodgeland Sectional meet and advanced three wrestlers to state. Seated are managers (from left) Madison Morgan, Haileigh Dunnihoo and Yasmine Hoffman. Back (from left) assistant coach Aerial Hammerle, Denna Gehrke, Nora Last, Paityn Fritchen, Addison Brown, Marley Rewolinski, Jayden Mahlke and coach Mike Meunier.

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The Winneconne wrestling team advanced four competitors to the WIAA State Tournament at sectionals held this past weekend.

The Wolves had three girls advance from a sectional held at Dodgeland High School on Friday – where Winneconne won the team title – while Trey Zemke earned a return trip to the state meet from the boys sectional

held at Seymour on Saturday.

The girls team won the sectional title with all six wrestlers finishing in the top four led by sectional champions Paityn Fritchen and Addison Brown.

“To go in with six girls and win a sectional title is pretty amazing. I’m proud of all six girls,” Winneconne girls coach Mike Meunier said. “These girls keep growing and growing and keep getting better. We’re excited for the three, and

disappointed for the three that didn’t.”

Fritchen improved to 28-7 on the season by winning the title at 100 pounds, collecting pins in both of her victories. She stopped Savannah Britton of Laconia in 1:36 in the semifinals and then pinned Horicon’s Ruby Brandt in 3:31 in the finals.

Brown claimed the 107-pound title

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Hintz, Doemel advance for county executive

April election set for state, local officials

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Incumbent Jon Doemel and former state Assembly representative Gordon Hintz will face off in the April 1 election for Winnebago County executive after Sheriff John Matz was eliminated in last week’s primary voting.

Hintz led the three candidates with 7,127 votes, according to unofficial results, with Doemel getting 3,912 and Matz with 3,281. While the county executive position is nonpartisan, Doemel and Matz both had Winnebago County Republican Party support that is expected to coalesce around Doemel for the general election. Hintz



Gordon Hintz



Jon Doemel

is a former Democratic minority leader in the state Legislature.

“I would like to thank John Matz for having the courage to run for office,” Doemel said in an online statement. “We should always have a choice, and

I am glad to have you as our sheriff. I would like to congratulate Gordon Hintz on making it to the general election.

“I pledge to keep this a clean campaign and never make it personal. Let’s commit to a campaign that people deserve.”

Hintz also acknowledged his opponents in the primary after advancing to face the current county executive.

“I’m happy to see that our message of better communication and engagement resonated across the county with

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Winterfest Royalty



Seniors Serena Scott and Will Benedict were crowned King and Queen at this year’s Winterfest 2025. The two were all smiles at the high school pep rally on Feb. 21. Congratulations to both!

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Village recognizes Beez Electric



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Director of Public Works James Fluette presents Gary Biesinger of Beez Electric with a letter of appreciation.

At its monthly meeting on Feb. 18, the Winneconne Village Board and its Department of Public Works recog-

nized Beez Electric, expressing sincere gratitude for service the company provided during a village emergency on

Feb. 6.

On that evening, the village's Public Works Department was called in for a lift station alarm, and after troubleshooting the problem for several hours, believed the issue was related to one of the lift's contactors.

"At 1 a.m. I reached out to Gary Biesinger [of Beez Electric] and he answered on the second ring," said Director of Public Works James Fluette in his comments to the board. "After talking through what I thought I needed, he offered to check his inventory and call me back. In the meantime, we figured out the contactors were good. I called Gary back and he said he would come and help us troubleshoot. Gary arrived onsite in a matter of minutes and went right to work. We had the lift station up and running by 3 a.m."

In Fluette's letter of appreciation, he remarked that the dedication shown by Beez Electric exemplifies not only professionalism but also a strong commitment to the welfare of others.

"Not only did this help get the issue resolved, but also brought to light the maintenance that we need to complete to ensure the lift station stays in good working order," added Fluette.

Wildlife harboring in Butte des Morts spurs board to stiffen ordinance

By Becky LaDue

The Winneconne Town Board has been made aware of an ongoing wildlife harboring/feeding issue in the Town of Butte des Morts. Possum and raccoon shelters have been erected on a residential property with feeding and sheltering bringing a large number of wild animals into a densely populated area in the township. This harboring has caused many neighbors to see potentially dangerous animals in their garages and on their property in greater numbers.

There has also been an ongoing issue of feral cat feeding by another resident in the town, which the board previously tried to manage without establishing an ordinance to ban the activity, but wild animal feeding appears to be expanding.

"Wild animals being lured into high density residential areas is not a good thing," said Supervisor Dale Burghardt. "Luring critters is dangerous – especially when kids are living close by. We can't let it go without doing something for the people of the town."

The town already had a version of an ordinance prohibiting wildlife harboring activities – and now pushed by residents' complaints - the board moved to expand and stiffen the ordinance to

outlaw all aforementioned activities.

The ordinance now prohibits the feeding and harboring of wildlife and feral cats to include rodents, raccoons, skunks, possums, predatory wildlife, feral cats and feral cat colonies in densely populated areas, with significant fines involved.

"The language about densely populated areas is in there so to not prevent farmers who want cats for mousing etc.," said Supervisor Ryan Koch, "and we don't want to take away the right to feed birds, etc."

"This is our only option," Koch added, "I don't think we can ask them to 'please stop' because there is clearly more to this. The only way is to outlaw it."

The board then took up the topic of an emergency medical services district with nine other municipalities, creating an intergovernmental contract agreement (IGA). The timeline for its establishment is tight, with the potential IGA formation achieved by March, with services starting in October.

Supervisor Koch, who has been attending these EMS planning meetings, stated, "I understand the municipalities longing to find a solution, but there seems to be some real hostility for the City of Oshkosh. They didn't treat us very well, I'll acknowledge that, but there seems to be a desire to get out from under them at all costs, which is my main concern. There are a lot more questions that need to be answered. I am not ready to sign up, but I am willing to get involved."

The next meeting regarding the formation of the 9-municipality EMS district is set for this week in the Town of Omro.

Town Chairman Eric Lang added, "I'm not opposed to this, but looking

at the contract and considering our services with Oshkosh for 2026, our per capita cost will be \$37.71. The average in the state is well over \$40. That's still much cheaper than were proposed last fall and they offer great service. The complaint is not about the service, but the rate increase, and I don't want to rush into anything."

Koch then motioned "to approve working with neighboring communities to establish a new EMS district with no commitment going forward unless approved by the town board," which was unanimously approved. Further discussion will be on next month's agenda.

Hintz and Doemel

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so many voters," he said. "We will need to continue our hard work in the weeks ahead to be successful on April 1.

"I want to thank Sheriff John Matz for running and creating a competitive primary election, and congratulate County Executive Doemel for advancing to the spring general election."

County voters will also select local officials, a new Wisconsin Supreme Court justice and the state superintendent of schools, which was narrowed to incumbent Jill Underly and Brittany Kinser in the primary over third candidate Jeff Wright.

As for local voter turnout numbers, the Village of Winneconne had 225, the Town of Winneconne 278, Town of Vinland 219, and the Town of Wolf River 91.

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School Board hosts two public hearings Transfer of territory and Act 95 discussed

By Becky LaDue

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the board of education for the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) on Feb. 17, two public hearings were on the agenda, the first involving a petition to alter school district boundaries pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 117.11-13. A group of Oshkosh residents are petitioning to detach from the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) and transfer property to join WCSD.

Represented by Tim and Lynsey Scottberg, the area involves a small neighborhood community bordering County Road T and Gibs Road. Roughly 36 houses are in the area, with the majority already open enrolling to Winneconne.

Neighbors have signed a petition expressing overwhelming support, and District Administrator Peggy Larson stated in her discussion with Lamers bus services, it appears no additional bus routes would be required. The cost of adding a route is \$51,000.

The board unanimously approved the transfer of territory, which will now need to seek further approval by the OASD board of education.

In a second public hearing, the board went on to discuss ACT 95 and the need for an academic tie-breaking method for students who may equally qualify for automatic admissions placement at University of Wisconsin System (UWS) schools upon graduation from Winneconne High School.

Wisconsin Act 95, also known as the Wisconsin Guarantee Program, is a law that guarantees admission to UWS schools for certain high school students. The law went into effect in 2024 as a way to retain homegrown talent and boost the state's workforce.

High schools rank students based on their class rank at the end of their junior year. Students in the top 10% of their class are guaranteed admission to all UWS schools except UW-Madison, while students in the top 5% of their class are guaranteed admission to UW-Madison.

Winneconne High School Principal Leah Michaud addressed the board, explaining that the legislation defined no criteria for breaking an academic tie. Michaud proposed using ACT scores - first by composite score, then sub scores in 4 different subject areas, as needed. If a tie still existed, a coin flip would be employed. Michaud further stated that the DPI and the district's attorney found no issue with the proposed method.

Board Vice President Jill Verich expressed disagreement, however, wishing to see a students' strength of schedule considered over ACT scores.

"UW-Madison will not be requiring ACT scores this year, next year or the following year," shared Verich. "Why are we using it to determine who gets automatic admission? [A students'] GPA plus the type of classes they're taking should weigh more than the ACT. Reward those kids taking strength of schedule and advanced classes, which is similar criteria as what the university is looking at."

Michaud indicated that strength of schedule is not considered academic criteria based on the statute. It must be grades, weighted grades or something like the ACT.

There was some discussion of weighted grades being considered for WHS, but the board ultimately tabled any decision making until its April meeting. A decision is required by early summer.

Village schedules listening session with Senator Cabral-Guevera



Earlier this winter, senators Cabral-Guevera and Patrick Testin came to speak with constituents of the Village of Winneconne.

State Senator Rachel Cabral-Guevera will be holding a second listening session on March 4 at the Village of Winneconne Municipal Center board room starting at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and participate in a Q&A.

At a previous listening session earlier this winter, senators Cabral-Guevera and Patrick Testin engaged constituents in insightful discussions regarding

fiscal considerations in local governance and the legislators' objectives for 2025.

"Your voice matters, and this is a chance to make it heard directly to our representatives," said Village Administrator Logan Fuller.

Correction

In the SkillsUSA story within the Feb. 19 edition of the Winneconne News, the photo's caption identified the Winneconne High School student as Diesel Hammerle. That is incorrect; the student was Gabryel McDonald. The News regrets the error.



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District Administrator's Notes

By Dr. Margaret "Peggy" Larson, WCSD District Administrator



Larson

Can you believe it's already the end of February? So much exciting stuff is happening in the district! Our students wrapped up the first semester with impressive results, and academic honors were highlighted in the Winneconne News earlier this month. Our teaching staff is incredible, and the dedication they bring to each student is truly appreciated. A special shout-out to our elementary teachers who are laser-focused on reading. Thanks to the ACT 20 reading initiative, which our 4K-3 teachers have already fully embraced (ahead of the 2026 requirement), our youngest learners are set up for success.

Speaking of success, our girls' wrestling team is on fire! They're the SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS! A huge congratulations to Paityn Fritchen, Addison Brown, and Nora Last, who will be advancing to the state tournament.

Meanwhile, our boys' wrestlers are also making waves. After placing in the top 4 at the Denmark Regionals last Saturday, three of our athletes qualified for sectionals. Briar Vroman and Trey Zemke took 2nd place, and JJ Mavroff earned 3rd. Huge congratulations to Trey Zemke - he's Winneconne's state

bound wrestler!

The girls' basketball team wrapped up their regular season on Thursday, finishing with an impressive 21-3 record—one of the best, if not the best, in school history! This fantastic record earned them a second-place finish in the ECC and a top seed heading into the postseason. The team will host the winner of Ripon vs. Two Rivers in the regional semi-finals on Friday, February 28. If they win, they'll compete for a regional championship on March 1, right here on Ralph Larson Court.

As for the boys' basketball team, they've had a slow start to the season, but they've been steadily improving and fine-tuning the fundamentals of the game. Their hard work is paying off, as they're playing strong basketball in February (3-2), with just two regular-season games left. Currently, the Wolves are sitting in 6th place in the ECC. Their postseason fate will be determined by computer seeding and the team's regional group is quite expansive, stretching from Omro all the way to Bloomer. Stay tuned for the postseason matchups—anything can happen!

Our bowling team is going to State for the second year in a row! The state tournament is March 8 at Rolling Thunder in Neenah. Nate Ruedinger will also represent Winneconne in singles competition at the state tournament on March 7 at Rev's in Oshkosh. As the all-conference #2 bowler overall, Nate is also competing in the Wisconsin All Star Classic, represent-

ing District 8A.

In just their third season, our WHS fishing team earned an impressive nomination for the Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association (WIFA) Team of the Year Award, placing second by a single vote to Appleton North HS. This recognition speaks volumes about their dedication to conservation, community service, and their outstanding tournament performance. A huge congrats to Ben Tesch, who has been a driving force behind the program and is now heading to the University of Montevallo in Alabama on a fishing scholarship—how cool is that? What an incredible opportunity!

Our elementary kids also did an amazing job raising almost \$40,000 for the American Heart Association during the Kids Heart Challenge. The top 10 fundraisers will get to pie a teacher in the face, and the winning classroom will get to duct tape Mr. Meunier to the wall. Can't wait to see that! Huge congrats to Mrs. Carow's class (\$2,004), Mrs. Boyce's class (\$2,036), and Mrs. Schulte's kindergarten class for being the top earners.

The MS STEAM opportunity on February 21 was a huge hit. In partnership with the Wisconsin Herd, artist and STEAM Ambassador Patrick "Paccasso" Hunter, and legendary sneaker designer Wilson Smith III, our eighth graders got hands-on experience with design, innovation, and creativity. Read more about it in this week's edition of the Winneconne News.

Finally, Winterfest activities were in full swing last week, and a great time was had by all. I even had the honor of chaperoning the dance!

It's been an exciting February, and there's more to come - stay tuned!

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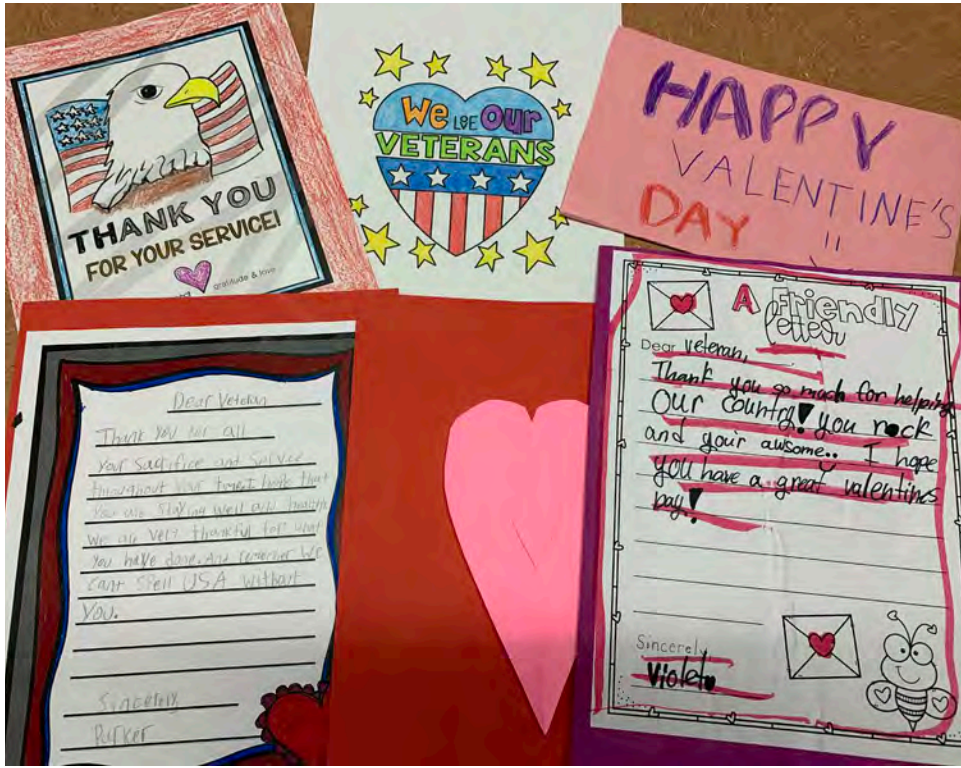
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More than 28,000 Valentines cards were made and sent in from across the state and nation. Deputy Secretary Chris McElgunn and other WDVA

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Winter Finderland drops a flurry of support to Old Glory Honor Flight

By Becky LaDue

The Fin 'n' Feather hosted its annual Winter Finderland this past weekend, with this year's charitable recipient being the Old Glory Honor Flight.

Crisp, sunny weather prevailed during the day, and massive crowds rolled in both days to enjoy an outdoor Snowball Smash kickball event, along with live music, raffles, major prizes, great food, and some much-needed late winter diversion.

This year's winning kickball team—Not the Lucers—took home the top cash prize on the day and Old Glory Honor Flight Executive Director Diane MacDonald reports the event raised an amazing \$15,494 for upcoming Honor Flight initiatives slated for 2025. This dollar amount equates to 30 veterans receiving a fully funded flight of honor.



From left to right, key organizers of the Old Glory Honor Flight raffle event at Finderland were Karen Foster, Amanda O'Neal, Diane MacDonald, and Ali & Jason Foster.



The winning kickball team at this year's Winter Finderland was 'Not the Lucers'

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Wolves Fishing Team takes 3rd in WIFA State Championship

The magnificent Mississippi River and surrounding bluffs of the La Crosse region created a beautiful backdrop for the 2025 Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association (WIFA) State Ice Fishing Championship. A highly competitive field of 87 high school teams, composed of 12 anglers each, took to the ice on a snowy Feb. 15 hoping to bring home the championship trophy.

Fishing in just their second-ever State Championship, the Winneconne Wolves Fishing Team had an incredible day on the ice, finishing with 510.25 inches of fish and a very solid third place, falling just behind second place Slinger and champion Osceola.

“We just had an amazing day on the ice,” said head coach Pat Kolbe. “Heading into the championship we set two main goals, one was to go 40/40 — filling the card with the required 10 bluegill, 10 crappie, 10 perch, five bass and five pike — and a second to reach a total of 500-inches. These were lofty goals, but I knew if we accomplished them, we’d be sitting in a position to potentially win the event.”

The Wolves ended up being one of only four teams in the tournament to fill their entire 40 fish card. But it wasn’t just quantity - the Wolves had quality too - landing some of the day’s biggest fish.

Sophomore Preston Marvin anchored a huge stringer of five bass the Wolves registered, with a monster 20.25-inch largemouth that was the largest caught in the entire event. In total, the Wolves five best bass added up to a staggering 95.75 inches. Two

“We had some pre-fish spots picked out, but only fished them quickly,” said Kolbe. “Our plan was to not beat up the fish we hoped to catch on Saturday. We didn’t even set a single tip-up on Friday. We held confidence in our spots and the strategic gamble paid

and an 18.5-inch bass, while Burdett pulled in a 30.25-inch pike.

Marvin got things started on the crappie stringer by catching a big 12-incher early in the morning, and later Donabar, senior Ben Tesch and junior Sawyer Bauer filled the 10-crap-pie stringer, with seven of those fish going between 10.5-12 inches.

Senior Mazey Steckbauer caught several measurable bluegills and a great bass at 18.25 inches.

Juniors Gus Reindl, Brennan Jaeger and Noah Jaeger, along with sophomore Wyatt Noffke played a big role in moving spots and filling the bluegill card.

“It was a total team effort,” said Coach Kolbe. “Every kid on this team mattered and played a part. [It takes] effort, focus, and perseverance [for a] physical, mental, and emotional day of this caliber. Give our kids all the credit. We set out a game plan for them. They locked in, they fished their tails off all day long and they had one heck of a day!”

Winneconne’s fishing team roster: Ben Tesch, Mazey Steckbauer, Dominick Donabar, Gus Reindl, Brayden Christman, Brennan Jaeger, Noah Jaeger, Finn Sullivan, Wyatt Noffke, Jace Burdett, Preston Marvin, and Sawyer Bauer. Coaches: Pat Kolbe and Brian Perzentka.



other bass the team caught were inside the top 10 biggest of the tournament, with junior Brayden Christman’s 19.75 inches (fourth) and junior Jace Burdett’s 19 inches (10th).

According to Kolbe, one of the biggest keys to Winneconne’s success was their pre-fishing approach. Nearly the entire field of teams was down in La Crosse a day or two before the tournament, scouting and pre-fishing spots in preparation for championship day.

off.” It wasn’t just the big stringer of five bass that drove the Wolves’ finish. They were consistent and in the top tier of teams for nearly every species of fish. Several other nice fish helped push Winneconne’s total to 510 inches.

Senior Dominick Donabar started the day off with a beautiful 11.25-inch perch. Sophomore Finn Sullivan landed a hefty 34-inch northern pike



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Winterfest was Wonderful

THE 2025 WINTERFEST COURT



Winneconne High School enjoyed its annual Winterfest celebration on Feb. 21 and 22 and a great time was had by all at both the afternoon pep rally and Saturday evening dance!

Reigning over the festivities for 2025 were King Will Benedict and Queen Serena Scott.

Other court members included:

Seniors – Cavin Becker & Mary Gallenberg, Aiden Tate & Gabrielle Cernjar, Sophia Diersen & Hunter Kope, Tegan Meyer & Jace Nygaard, Claire Kollat & Cody McLeod.

Juniors – Emma Cegielski & Ethan Albrecht, Kendal Vette & Hudson Samolinski.

Sophomores – Koltyn Kachur & Dorothea Jerabek.

Freshman – Paige Swinford & Reid Carney.

Congratulations, all!



Sneaker design challenge comes to Winneconne Middle School

Winneconne News

In partnership with the Oshkosh-based Wisconsin Herd, STEAM Ambassador Patrick Hunter and legendary Nike sneaker designer Wilson Smith III have launched a dynamic STEAM centered sneaker design challenge for middle school students—and that challenge came to Winneconne Middle School (WMS) on Feb. 21.

The program, created to celebrate Black History Month, aims to inspire creativity, innovation and excellence and encourage students to approach challenges using design-focused thinking while creating sneakers of their own personal inspiration.

For the special event 40 WMS students nominated by their science, math, technology and art teachers, rose to the challenge and designed sneakers incorporating functionality while celebrating creativity and teamwork. The students were broken up into 8 teams of 5 and met during focus time to learn

about design prompts and to work on the development of their sneaker model—centering around either a superhero or planet earth theme.

On the day of the event, the teams took their 2-D vision and created 3-D prototypes using the materials that Hunter and the Herd provided.

“Patrick and Wilson talked to the kids about their own professional journeys in design, and DJ Steady Rock kept the energy high with music throughout the afternoon,” said Dean of Students Carly Horvath. “Patrick did a performance painting at the end, with the whole 8th grade present, and gifted the final product to Winneconne Middle School!”

While there was no overall winner in the inspiring sneaker design contest, almost every group was awarded either as runner up or winner of each category, along with an incredible day of artistic learning.



Wilson Smith III, left behind students and Patrick Hunter, far right, upon completion of the sneaker challenge and Hunter's performance painting.



Sports

Wrestlers to State

FROM PAGE 1

by beating Hartford's Destiny Loss 11-4 in the title match. She also scored a pin in the semifinals over Slinger's Tatiana Campos and enters the state tournament with an impressive 41-4 record.

"I think their mental toughness is key. They believe in themselves, and they do what they are good at," Meunier said. "I think it's going to build that confidence going into the state tournament because they are coming off quite a few victories in a row, which is awesome."

Fritchen and Brown will be joined at state by Nora Last, who placed second at 132 pounds to advance. Last needed just 29 seconds to pin Oconomowoc's Juley Belasco in the first round and then stopped Hustisford's Alexis Burbach in 1:14 in the semifinals.

Last lost the title match to Portage's Riley Paulsen but with Burbach winning the third-place match, did not have to wrestleback for second and earned the trip to Madison.

"The (win over Burbach) could have gone either way and she went out and won to set her up for the opportunity to get into the finals," Meunier said. "I know she's disappointed about losing in the finals, but I thought she wrestled well all day."

Marley Rewolinski (120) and Jayden Mahlke (145) each fell just short of advancing, finishing third at their respective weights. Rewolinski



Winneconne News

Trey Zemke advances to his second state wrestling tournament.

finished 2-2 with one pin, while Mahlke won her first two matches by pin to reach the title match, but lost the next two matches – to wrestlers who were a combined 50-9 – to finish third. Denna Gehrke finished with a fourth place at 152 pounds.

Meunier credits Winneconne head coach Boone Roycraft for the overall success of the girls program and believes the girls can have success on the mats in Madison this week.

"I told the girls to enjoy the experience, but the goal is to go down there and try to come home with some hardware," Meunier said. "Continue to set the bar high for the girls coming up."

For the boys, Zemke finished second at 150 pounds to earn his return trip to the state meet. Zemke lost his only match at the Kohl Center at last year's tournament.

The junior finished 2-1 on the day beating Amherst's Gideon Cole 11-1 in the quarterfinals and then stopping

Antigo's Jayson Arrowood, 8-0, in the semifinals. He lost to Freedom's Murphy Beyer in the finals but finished second without a wrestleback.

Briar Vroman finished 2-2 to take fourth at 113 pounds. Vroman notched a major-decision and a pin for his two victories.

JJ Mavroff lost his only match at 120 pounds for the Wolves.

The WIAA State Tournament will begin on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Kohl Center with the girls taking the mats in the opening session. Zemke will hit the mats when the Division 2 and

Division 3 preliminary matches begin at approximately 6 p.m.



Prep Sports Roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wolves split final two games of regular season

Winneconne's 10th-ranked girls basketball team wrapped up its regular season by splitting a pair of games last week.

The Wolves capped their regular season with an 80-49 loss to nemesis Kettle Moraine Lutheran. The Chargers, who are ranked second in Division 3, clinched the East Central Conference title with the win, with Winneconne finishing second.

Grace Mitchell was the lone player in double figures for the Wolves with 15 points. Millie Braman added seven points, while Jada Kaiser and Ari Reetz finished with six.

Earlier in the week the Wolves faced another state-ranked team on the road in Lourdes Academy and handed the Knights a 67-37 loss. Lourdes entered the game averaging nearly 60 points per game and did not have a single player finish in double figures in the game.

Harper Neace led the way for the Wolves with 20 points, while Mitchell and Brooklyn Messerschmidt finished with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Messerschmidt, Braman and Neace each had eight rebounds for the Wolves, who finished 9-of-10 from the free-throw line in the win, while the Knights went just 1-of-8.

The Wolves will head into WIAA Tournament play where they are the top seed in their region and will face the winner of Ripon and Two Rivers in a regional semifinal on Friday night. If Winneconne wins, it will then host the regional final on Saturday night.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wolves drop ECC tussle with Chargers

Parker Ingles hit five 3-pointers and finished with 27 points, but Winneconne came up short on the road against Kettle Moraine last Friday, falling in the East Central Conference contest, 85-66.

Ingles was one of three players in double figures in the game as Brody Schaffer added 13 points and 11 rebounds, while Gage Bartels chipped in 11 points. Cal Volp added eight points for the Wolves.

The Chargers, who went 19-of-21 from the free-throw line in the game, led the Wolves 41-27 at halftime.

Earlier in the week, the Wolves overwhelmed Lourdes Academy, 89-49, in a nonconference contest.

Three players finished with at least 20 points as Bartel led the team with a season-high 28 points, followed by Ingles with 26 points. Schaffer added 21 points, seven assists and five steals in the win.

Noah Bouras also tallied seven assists in the game for the Wolves.

Winneconne will close out the regular season on Thursday by hosting Plymouth.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Fox Cities Stars win regional title

Winneconne's Hailey Erickson helped the Fox Cities Stars claim a regional title with a 4-3 victory over Brookfield Central last Friday.

Erickson is a defenseman for the Stars; the team is slated to play Fond du Lac in a sectional semifinal on Tuesday.

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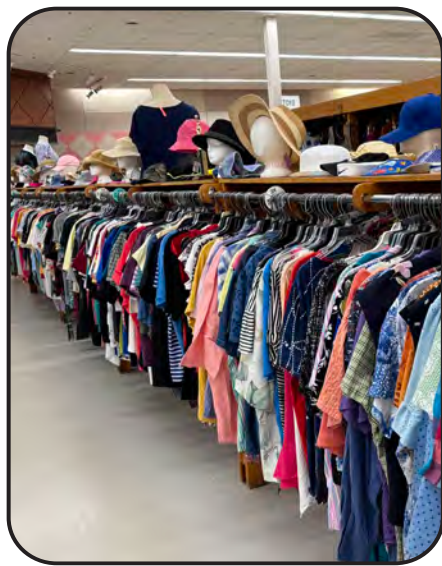
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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Wishing for Whitefish

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

I suppose I'm getting a little soft. I'd still tell you I'm a fan of Wisconsin winters, and I'd take zero degrees over a hundred, but a stiff wind coupled with a zero - you'll find me indoors. Add to that some tricky and daily changing ice conditions and the odds of me getting out on the Bay of Green Bay seem to be waning each year.

The thing is, I know some people who could be getting me out there more than once a year. Lauren and Randy Phillips, beyond being great human beings, are well-equipped and would give you the shirt off their back to help you catch some whitefish. Lauren is the Facebook page administrator for Whitefish Anonymous and 'is in the know' regarding ice fishing these "slime sharks".

Well, the stars aligned last Friday, and though it meant taking a day of vacation, Randy was happy to oblige; you really shouldn't have to work on your birthday anyway, right? The rendezvous spot was Oak Lane between Sturgeon Bay and Little Sturgeon Bay in Door County.

The two had arranged for Rachel, our friendly guide from Sturgeon Bay Charter Fishing, to pick us up there at 7:30 a.m. We wended our way out, past the heavens, drifts and cracks, about 3 miles to the Larsen Reef area. Along the way you could see the various clusters of guide shacks, each with their own color scheme or design.

"In a given year there are upwards of 300 shacks put out by guides," Randy noted. "With the late start and the shifty ice, there are probably more like 220 this year." Indeed, Rachel and her husband Kyle usually have double the shanties out than what they currently have.

The brisk ride quickly faded away as

we were led to our shack for the day, already heated and with holes drilled, skimmed and ready for action. It was just a matter of dropping in your fish finder, opening the bail on your rod, and waiting until your lure made it down 65+ feet.

The action was "slow as 'lasses in wintertime" for the first couple hours. Fish were being marked, but apparently, we didn't have the right combination of lure and jigging cadence to entice a hit. "We usually don't get much before 10 o'clock," Lauren assured us. Sure enough, about 9:38 a.m. she was able to pull a nice fish up from the depths.

What followed was no all-out frenzy of action, but a fish here and a fish there. "The bite this year on the reef has been tough, Rachel commented. The fish are there, they're just real tough to hook."

Here's the other thing, three of us were using the exact same lure, a slick jig with pumpkin spice colored plastic, but I was out fished 15 to 0. The secret sauce is the jigging cadence. Apparently, Randy and Lauren have that touch, and I don't. I'm sitting an arm's-length away from both of them, watching them fill the bucket, while I try to exactly imitate their jigging action.

Even 'The Boy' managed the biggest fish of the day, a decent 20+ inch slabber. I'm sure it was because I was penning this article in my head while I was fishing - multi-tasking if you will. The same way my mother always caught more fish than dad. He always said that he gave her the good half of the worm.



Harp

At any rate, we got about half of our limit of fish on a tough fishing day, with limited help from your reporter.

Don't let the slow bite keep you from

getting out there. Any day fishing is a great day.

Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com

Tales From The Land of Retirement

Surviving flu season

By Jeanne Lehr

It is cold and flu season. A season we all know will come around though we hope it does not. Flu shots are pushed



Lehr

by medical personnel, and it is up to us whether we get it or not.

We all know our bodies and how we react to illness, and how we react to vaccines. There are those that have a strong immune system that helps them fight off viruses. Then there are those that need all the help they can get. Which category fits you?

I felt scratching in the back of my throat, and I thought "Okay, something is coming on." I believe in the old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." As soon as I feel something coming on, I start doctoring. If it is medicine, sprays, heating pads, soups, rest, or homemade cures, I do it all. I want to nip it in the bud. I do not want it to take hold and truly make me sick.

I take a sick day or two, just to regain my strength. When your immune system is fighting off whatever is affecting you, it makes you weak. Slow down and

get your rest.

Of course, if you've read my columns before, you know I have a recipe to help with sore throats and hacky coughs. I make up a batch as soon as I feel a scratchy throat to avoid anything settling in my chest.

It must be pretty good stuff when my kids ask me for a batch to help them with their ailments. Like every other medicine, some work better for some than with others. This is something natural for you to try. No drugs, just things you have in your cupboards and can keep in your refrigerator. I am including the recipe with this article and hope it helps you avoid the worst of cold and flu season. Good Luck.

Tried & True Cold & Flu Remedy

- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup water

Blend the above ingredients well and store in a glass container in the fridge. Take a shot glass every time you need it.

It is up to you to take care of your health. If you are not getting better, seek out a doctor for stronger medication. Spring is coming and warmer weather is a good healer too!

Reach Jeanne at genie6364@yahoo.com

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Sat.: 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm - Mass.

Sunday, March 2: OCIA Rite of Election & Election Call. 9:30 am - Confirmation Class. 10:30 am - Mass/CLOW & PC Ministers.

Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 1 pm - Craft Activity Highlands.

Tues.: 1:30 pm - My Father's Father/Kaudy Hall. 6 pm - Sorrowful Mysteries/Kaudy.

Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 3:10 pm - FF, ES. 4:30 pm - Mass/Ash Wednesday.

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Sundays: 9 am - Worship.
Mondays: 10 am - Bible Study.

Lord of the Lakes

(ELCA) Church
6090 Harbour South
Winneconne
Pastor Kevin Heffernan

Thurs.: 8:30 am - Bible Study. 6 pm - Bible Study. Day by Day Meal Serving.
Sunday, March 2: 8 & 10 am - Worship.

Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.

Wed: 4 pm - Guitar Grp. 5 pm - Bells. 6 pm - Choir. 6 pm - SWAG Youth Group.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8 South Fourth Street
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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, March 1: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship/Lord's Supper. 9:10 am - Bible Study/Family Impressions.

Mon.: Contemporary Music Practice.

Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters. 5:30 pm - Elders Mtg. 6:30 pm - Men's Group.

Wed.: 10 am & 6 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship/Lord's Supper. 5 pm - Lenten Supper. 6:30 pm - Catechism study.

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Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 27: 5:45 & 7:15 pm - JV/V Boys' BB, Home/Plymouth.

Friday, Feb. 28: Shop & Dine Locally & Enjoy Winneconne!

Saturday, March 1: Shop & Dine Locally & Enjoy Winneconne!

Sunday, March 2: Worship at the Church of Your Choice. 11 am to 3 pm - FFA Chili Feed & Polka Dance/WHs Commons.

Monday, March 3: MS Bowling 1st Day of Practice. Trap Team 1st Day of Practice. 4:30 pm - MS Wrestling @ Shiocton.

Tuesday, March 4: 5 to 7 pm - Family Reading Night/WES.

Wednesday, March 5: The News is out! Subscribe today at winneconnenews.com. 1 pm - Mahjong group/Public Library.

Lunch Menus

March 3-7

Advocap Lunch Menu

Mon.: Ring bologna, mac & cheese, broccoli, apple, grape juice.

Tues.: Baked ham, cheesy potatoes, salad w/tomatoes, mixed fruit cup.

Wed.: Chili mango chicken, baked potato, corn & peppers, mandarin oranges.

Thurs.: Lasagna, salad, fruit cocktail, garlic bread.

Fri.: Pulled pork sandwich, squash, calico beans, applesauce.

Winneconne Community School District

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.

Mon: ES: Sausage pizza, breadstick, garden bar. **MS:** Cheese bites/sauce, fruit, peas.

Tues.: ES: Ravioli, goldfish crackers, green beans. **MS:** Soft shell taco, rice pilaf, winter blend veggies.

Wed.: ES: Hamburger, tri tater, fruit. **MS:** Mashed potato bowl, corn, grains.

Thurs.: ES: Chicken nuggets, buttered pasta, mixed veggies. **MS:** Ravioli, cheesy potatoes, baked beans.

Fri.: ES: Fish sticks, broccoli/cheese sauce, rice pilaf. **MS:** Pepperoni pizza, roasted vegetables.

The Weekly Whisk

Creamy Beef and Bowtie Pasta

The recent cold snap had me craving warm, comfort food. I made this and it hit the spot. It is a perfect weeknight meal that doesn't require a lot of time or ingredients and clean-up. Is anyone else ready for spring?

For questions or comments email weeklywhisk01@gmail.com

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 8 oz bowtie pasta (farfalle)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp paprika
- salt and pepper to taste

Boil bowtie pasta according to package instructions. Drain and set aside.

In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add diced onion and cook until softened for 3-4 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add ground beef and cook until browned. Drain excess fat. Stir in beef broth and bring to a simmer. Pour in heavy cream, cheddar cheese, Parmesan cheese, and paprika. Stir until the cheese melts and the sauce thickens. Add cooked pasta to the beef and sauce. Stir until the pasta is coated in the creamy mixture. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

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Board President, Donna Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Roll Call
Board Member Present- Stelzner, Verich, Keller, Peterson, Ackmann, Kunde, Hanson

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum
District Administrator, Peggy Larson, HS Principal, Leah Michaud, ES Principal, Lisa Hughes, ES Assistant Principal, Mike Meunier, MS Dean, Carly Horvath, Director of Technology, Dave Jerabek, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Director of Learning, Peg Mischler, Business Manager- Monika Knapp, Athletic Director, Tyler Lee

VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)

OPEN FORUM
Community resident brought forward concerns on the Grading Standards and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Recalibrating of Report Cards, inflated numbers, cursive writing, and being transparent about the understanding of the Report Card, The N.E.A.P., National average of State Test Scores. Resident asked Board Member Kunde about the resolution at the Wisconsin Association of School Board, Men in Women Sports, wanted to know how he voted and his thoughts on this motion. Kunde responded, the resolution needed to get a 2/3 vote to begin discussion, the delegates at the WASB Delegation Session voted it down to come up for discussion. The resident

asked Kunde how he voted, Kunde responded he voted for the resolution to come to the table for discussion.

OPEN SESSION
5. consent items:

- A. District Checks #10016131 to #10016168 in the Amount of \$1,062,359.68
- B. Student Activity Checks #915559 to # 915569 in the Amount of \$8,004.85
- C. District ACH Payments \$145,670.59
- D. SA ACH Payments \$1,405.65
- E. Credit Card Transaction Report \$25,090.68
- F. Approve Resignation of HS Biology Teacher, Effective 6/30/2025
- G. Approve FFA Trip to UW-River Falls Career Development Event April 4-5, 2025

Motion by Verich, seconded by Kunde to approve Consent Item A-G
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

6. Approve Minutes from January 20, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting

Motion by Kunde, seconded by Keller to approve the Regular School Board Minutes from January 20, 2024
Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Abstain, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 6-0-1 (Peterson-Abstention)

7. WASB Band Experience

The Winneconne High School Band played for the opening session at the 2025 Wisconsin Association of School Board Convention on January 22, 2025, band members spoke on their wonderful experience and thanked the Board of Education for allowing them to attend. Board members as well thanked each of the student participants, and the High School Band Director, Ms.

Stephanie Rahn, for the outstanding performance and representation of the Winneconne Community School District.

8. Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale Not to Exceed \$5,300,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes

This is for the approval of the second phase of bond issuing financing the remainder of the middle school renovation costs. The first issuance was \$20,845,000, and total issuance between the two is \$26,145,000. The difference between the approval referendum of \$28,300,000 is made up of existing funds, 39 funds as well as bond premium for sale of bonds. Motion by Verich, second by Stelzner, to Approve a Resolution Establishing Parameters for the sale of not to Exceed \$5,300,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes.
Roll Call: Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

9. Consideration of Tuition Waiver Request for a 4K Student Pending Residency

A 9-week tuition waiver is requested for a 4K student who is relocating to Winneconne from Iowa. The family is purchasing a new home, but the home is still under construction. Motion by Verich, second by Keller to approve the 9-week tuition waiver request for a 4K student moving to the WCSD.
Roll Call: Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

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

11. Board Reports

Board members gave a review of their attendance at the 2025 Wisconsin Association of School Board Convention. Delegate Kunde gave a report on the 2025 WASB Resolutions, as well Congratulated Board

Member Donna Hanson on her recognition of 20 years of service to the WCSD Board of Education.

A. Communications- Thank you for your appreciation read on behalf of Donald Kunde Family. This was for the loss of Board Member Mark Kunde's Father.

B. Committee Reports:

- 1. HR/Financial Planning- had met and will go over in closed session
- 2. PR/marketing- Have not met
- 3. Policy- Policies will be on Feb.17th meeting agenda, and will be meeting prior to the next regular Board Meeting February 17, 2025

Executive Session

Motion made by Hanson, second by Keller to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from January 20., 2025, Pursuant to Wis. 19.85 (1)(f)(b) considering financial, medical and personal history which if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data regarding Athletic Code Violation Appeals(2). 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility- Admin Contracts, compensation of an employee, and resignation of an employee. The board will move into open session and may take action on items discussed in closed session.

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

Open Session

The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 8:50 pm Board Member Verich is present Via Phone

12. Approve Admin Contracts

Motion made by Peterson, seconded by Ackmann to approve the Admin Contracts with the corrected dates in all contracts
Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

13. Director of Learning, Resignation, Update Job Description, and Potential plan for Director of Learning. Director of Learning Resignation

Motion by Kunde, seconded by Hanson to approve the resignation of Peg Mischler as Director of Learning.
Roll Call: Hanson-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye

Motion approved: 7-0

Updated Job Description- Director of Learning

Motion by Keller, second by Verich to approve the Updated Director of Learning Job Description, now including Summer School Coordinator.

Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich -Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye Hanson-Aye

Motion approved: 7-0

Potential Plan for Director of Learning

The District Administrator will bring back to the Board of Education a plan for the Director of Learning till school year end.

Motion made by Peterson, second by Keller to adjourn meeting of the WCSD Board of Education.

Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde
WCSB- Board Clerk
9:05 pm

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Details:
Date: March 8-9, 2025
Time: Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 10am-3pm
Location: Sunnyview Expo Center
Admission: FREE

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Obituaries

Peter "Pete" Christianson

Peter "Pete" Christianson passed away peacefully at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah, WI on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at the age of 81 years. Pete was born in Neenah, WI and attended Winneconne High School and the University of Wisconsin. He was a member of Winchester Area Historical Society and the Larsen-Winchester Lions.



A visitation for family and friends was held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Grace Lutheran Church-Winchester, 8396 Steeple Hill Dr. Larsen, WI. A funeral service will be held on Saturday at 12 noon at the church, with military honors to follow. Burial will be in the Royer Cemetery, Town of Clayton.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, got to muellerfh.net to view a full obituary or submit online condolences/memories.



Classifieds

Miscellaneous

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT – VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE FOR THE APRIL 1, 2025 – SPRING ELECTION

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YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN WRITING
Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the April 1, 2025, Spring Election. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application for an absentee ballot by mail, email, or at MyVote.wi.gov. You may also register to vote at MyVote.wi.gov.

MAKING APPLICATION TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL
The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5 pm, Friday, March 28, 2025. Keep in mind that it could take up to five days to get the application, and the absentee application needs to be returned by 8 pm, Tuesday, April 1, 2025, to count. Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

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

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 1:00 pm.
The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Friday, March 28, at 5 pm.

In-person absentee voting may take place at the Clerk's office only during posted hours below:
Tuesday/Thursday – March 18 / March 20 / March 25 / March 27 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday/Wednesday – March 19 / March 24 / March 26 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Friday, March 21 & 28, by appointment only

No in-person absentee voting in the clerk's office may occur on the day before the election.
For questions, contact:
Ann Wasinger at 920-582-4381
clerk@winneconnewi.gov
30 S. 1st Street
P.O. Box 488
Winneconne, WI 54986-0488

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, by 8:00 pm. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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SECTION 00 11 13.00 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE Winnebago County, Wisconsin

OWNER - The Village of Winneconne, acting through its Village Board, hereby gives notice that Bids will be received for the following project described.

PROJECT The work shall consist of construction of water main, water services, sanitary sewer, sanitary laterals, and street resurfacing on 6th Avenue from Main Street to Twin Harbor Drive and Adams Street from 2nd Street to 3rd Street. The project also includes a new street extension of Wolf Run. Work items on 6th Avenue include pipe bursting and lining of laterals, curb and gutter, and asphalt paving. Work items on Wolf Run include grading, graveling, asphalt paving and turf restoration.

Bids will be received on the following Contract:

Contract No. W0011-09-24-00744
6TH AVENUE UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION & STREET RESURFACING

TIME Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time, on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, via QuestCDN vBid™. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the Winneconne Municipal Building, 30 South 1st Street, Winneconne, Wisconsin 54986.

BIDS All Bidders shall Bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the vBid™.

EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS The Project Documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon Associates, Inc., 1445 McMahon Drive, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956.

PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall either download Bidding Documents from the McMahon Associates, Inc. website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDoc™ or by obtaining a hard copy as designated in this Advertisement For Bids.

Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$40.00 by inputting Quest Project No. 9559916 on the website's Project Search page. On-line bid submission is available for this project for a non-refundable \$55.00. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

An optional 'paper' set of Bidding Documents is also available for a non-refundable \$60.00 (approximate cost) plus applicable sales tax and shipping. Contact Blue Print Service Company for more information on paper Bidding Documents and payment options available. Full-size Drawings are available upon request at an additional cost. Neither the Owner nor McMahon Associates, Inc. shall be held responsible for the scale of downloaded Drawings. Printed Drawings obtained from Blue Print Service Company shall be considered to be scalable.

Blue Print Service Company 2350 West Pershing Street, Suite A Appleton, WI 54914 920-733-4539 - Telephone 920-733-1438 - Fax bps@blueprintservice.com - Email	Blue Print Service Company 2201 South Oneida Street, Suite 8 Green Bay, WI 54304 920-494-4539 - Telephone 920-494-4551 - Fax bps@blueprintservice.com - Email
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BID SECURITY No Bid shall be received unless accompanied by a Certified Check or satisfactory Bid Bond payable to the Village of Winneconne in an amount not less than 5% of the maximum Bid as a guarantee that, if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance/Payment Bonds and Insurance Certification, as required by the Contract Documents, within 15-days after the Notice of Award.

BID REJECTION The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, waive any informalities in Bidding or to accept the Bid or Bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Winneconne.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 90-days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

PROOF OF RESPONSIBILITY A Proof Of Responsibility (Pre-Qualification) Form for all Contracts in excess of \$10,000 must be filed in the office of McMahon Associates, Inc. Attn: Brad Werner, PO Box 1025, Neenah, Wisconsin 54957-1025 not later than five (5) calendar days prior to the date of receiving Bids, and shall show sufficient ability, equipment and experience to properly perform the Contract. The Village of Winneconne's decision as to qualifications shall be final.

GOVERNING LAWS & REGULATIONS The Contract letting shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 66.0901, 66.0903 and 779.16 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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Town of Winneconne VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE APRIL 1, 2025 SPRING ELECTION

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

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• The address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above.
• Your signature.
• A copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

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

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

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

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M.

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Companies invited to register for the Fox Cities Employment Fair

The annual Fox Cities Employment Fair will be held 10 am to 2 pm on March 18 at the Fox Cities Exposition Center, 355 W. Lawrence Ave., Appleton. The annual region-wide hiring event is sponsored by the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB), a local not-for-profit with a focus on upskilling and growing our local workforce.

The first step in putting on a top-notch job fair is having the right employers. If you represent an employer interested in being part of this job fair, please visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.fvwdb.com"](http://www.fvwdb.com) and click on the "JOB FAIRS" area for registration information.

Interested job seekers should visit the same web site for event details. To begin a resume update and connect with workforce development staff on mock interviews and other preparation assistance, contact the Fox Cities Job Center-Menasha, 920-997-3272, or visit at 1801 Appleton Road, Menasha. Contact with staff can also be made by visiting [HYPERLINK "http://www.foxvalleyjobcenters.com"](http://www.foxvalleyjobcenters.com)

In addition to this fair, other hiring events scheduled for Spring 2025 include the April 2 Fond du Lac Regional Job Fair and the May 7 Oshkosh Area Employment Fair. Links to registration for all jobs fairs are posted at [HYPERLINK "http://www.fvwdb.com"](http://www.fvwdb.com)

com" www.fvwdb.com.

Companies seeking additional information should contact Bobbi Miller at [HYPERLINK "mailto:bmiller@fvwdb.com"](mailto:bmiller@fvwdb.com) or call 920-470-0837.

Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) is a not-for-profit working to build a world-class workforce in northeast Wisconsin. Serving six counties — Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago — FVWDB collaborates with a number of state and local agencies to help job seekers gain the skills needed to find employment, and to help businesses find the highly skilled workers they need.

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need assistance with this information, please dial 7-1-1 for Wisconsin Relay Service or at 800-947-3529. At no cost, you may request information in an alternate format, including language assistance or translation information to your preferred language by contacting us at (920) 594-3655



An image of a previous, very busy Fox Cities Employment Fair.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
KIEU MYVUONG NGUYEN
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Amended
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing

By (Petitioner) _____
 First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

By (Co-Petitioner) _____
 First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Case No. 25CV174

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: [First] KIEU
 [Middle] MYVUONG
 [Last] NGUYEN

To: [First] LUCY
 [Middle] _____
 [Last] FENWICK

Birth Certificate: [First] KIEU
 [Middle] MYVUONG
 [Last] NGUYEN

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:
 Judge's Name Hon. Daniel J. Bissett
 Place Winnebago County Courthouse
415 Jackson St., Room 531, Oshkosh WI 54901
 Date March 28, 2025
 Time 8:30 a.m.
 Published Feb. 26, March 5, March 12
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Business Services

Cost : 3 months: \$130 • 6 months: \$208 • 1 Year: \$338

<p>THIS SPACE AVAILABLE CALL 582-4541</p>	<p>Emily Z. Dunham Attorney 920-215-4050 emily@dunhamlawllc.com</p> <p>Dunham LAW, LLC</p> <p>Estate Planning Real Estate General Practice</p> <p>1930A Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh WI 54901 dunhamlawllc.com</p>	<p>LAWN EQUIPMENT ALL SEASONS POWER EQUIPMENT — SINCE 1988 —</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pick-up & Delivery Available</p> <p>GRAVELY Husqvarna</p> <p>(920) 231-1699 5744 CTY RD A, OSHKOSH</p>	<p>MEYER TREE CARE 920-539-4429</p> <p>SPECIALIZING in TREE REMOVAL, from small to high risk. WE WILL GET IT DONE and have your property looking like that tree was never there - PROTECTING your property and landscaping.</p> <p>meyertreecare@gmail.com 920treeservice.com</p>	
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Chamber assembles new board for 2025

Winneconne News

The Winneconne Area Chamber of Commerce has assembled its new Board of Directors for 2025 with some fresh faces amidst many of its seasoned members.

Former Chamber secretary Becky

Atkinson resigned at the close of 2024 after several years of service, and the board has hired Bethany Jaeger to replace her. New board members include Kristen Woods and Anna Jawort, who have both been active chamber members for years.

The Winneconne Chamber currently orchestrates more than seven community events annually, including Business After Hours gatherings, Fall Fest, Pink Friday shopping day, International Women's Day, and the 4th of July Fireworks display, among other

offerings.

To learn more about the chamber, visit winneconne.org or email chamberoffice@winneconne.org.



Winneconne's 2025 Chamber of Commerce Board. Front row, left to right: Jessica Harrison - Vice President, Janet Elliott- board member, Anna Jawort- Board Member, Bethany Jaeger-Executive Secretary, Kayla Kallas - President. Back row: Board Member Casey Ahrens, Doug Nelson- Past President, Kristen Woods - Board Member, and Cindy Herbert- Treasurer. Missing: Alison Otto - Board Member.

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