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Women celebrated in Winneconne



Tess Domnie of R. Cole Hemp was the keynote speaker at Saturday's celebration.



Nearly 70 women, including 18 Winneconne Chamber members of women-owned businesses, celebrated International Women's Day Saturday.

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An inspirational day of networking and celebration took place Saturday at the Fin 'n' Feather as nearly 70 women attended the Winneconne Chamber of Commerce International Women's Day Celebration.

International Women's Day is about reinforcing key commitments for women and celebrating success. Locally this was a festive gathering to celebrate the local successes of the 40 women-owned businesses that belong to the Winneconne Chamber. The 18 women-owned businesses attending

the luncheon were recognized and celebrated with a luncheon, raffles and a day of shopping and supporting local businesses.

Keynote speaker Tess Domnie, owner of medical cannabis dispensary R. Cole Hemp, which manufactures legal CBD and THC products for humans and pets, shared her story on becoming an entrepreneur in growing and processing hemp locally and the road to success in believing in yourself and leaving a stable career.



Attendees listen to keynote Tess Domnie share her journey in establishing R. Cole Hemp.

County Board unanimously seeks reform in land and water conservation permitting

By Becky LaDue

At the regularly scheduled business meeting for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors on Feb. 25, a rock break wall project slated for Lake Winneconne, which has been mired in a protracted approval process with the DNR for the better part of 18 months, was discussed as it relates to the board's desire to see significant reform in the state legislature's permitting practices for county level conservation projects.

The board took up RESOLUTION 092-022025: Requesting the Wisconsin State Legislature Reform Land and

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Water Conservation Practice Permitting within the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The board drafted it to address a concerning pattern with the DNR and the land and water conservation department. County projects across the state, well drafted and funded, are experiencing unnecessary delays and ultimate-

ly added costs because of permitting hold ups.

Director of Winnebago County's Land and Water Conservation Department Chad Casper addressed the county board specifically discussing delays in permitting the Lake Winneconne break wall project, despite a fully approved Land Management Plan for the county from the DNR, and the securing of nearly \$1 million dollars to fund the work. The county received the permit to proceed 18 months after

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Three-car accident on Hwy 116 and Harbour View Estates

By Becky LaDue

During what can be described as the Winneconne area "commuter rush hour" just before five o'clock on March 5 and in challenging road conditions, a three-vehicle collision at the intersection of Harbour View Estates and Hwy 116 took place, resulting in multiple persons injured.

The road was closed in both directions as two ambulances responded to the scene. ThedaStar was called for a flight for life, but was not deployed

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Celebration Women’s

Ministry March event

Do you ever feel like you want to pray, but aren’t sure where to start? Or perhaps you’re longing to deepen your prayer life?

If so, consider attending the Celebration Women’s Ministry event on March 22, featuring speaker Stacy Anderson. Anderson will share the power of prayer in living out the Lord’s Prayer daily.

Anderson is a wife and a home-school mother of six. She has been a worship leader, speaker, and is the co-founder of Bended Knee Ministries. She and her family love mission trips and have a heart for orphaned and vulnerable children.

No registration is required. There will be a free will offering at the door. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 8:30 a.m., with the program commencing at 9 a.m. at Rushford Town Hall, 3413 N. County Road K between Omro and Eureka.

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Good fun for a great cause



This year’s annual women-only ‘Olive Party’ was held at the Talk of the Town on March 1.

In addition to the ever-present champagne and fun, the event raised an impressive\$1,765 which party organizer Kristen Woods donated to local business Go Fetch in honor of community

member Jason Franks. Franks passed away last month, and dearly loved four legged creatures and the service and support Go Fetch delivered his dogs.

Go Fetch is using the money to purchase a new doggie playground, with one of the sections being hot pink in honor of Jason.

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its original submission, too late to execute this winter when ice would have been ideal.

“We need ice to build these projects,” said Casper. “We’ve completed 27 other projects similar to this with success. There are significant issues with land conservation departments, water regs, and the issuing of permits for conservation work. Permit decisions are all over the board.”

Winneconne’s District 35 Supervisor Doug Nelson added, “This frustrates me so much. It took 18 months to get the permit passed on a break wall that I’ve watched deteriorate for 60 years. The permit came in two days ago with no significant changes from a year and a half ago. The only way [the work] can happen is if you have 2 feet of ice. This year we had it, and the \$900,000 to complete it, but we missed the opportunity to begin to reestablish 41 acres of marshland that could have been habitat for frogs, turtles, ducks and fish and instead we are left with a foot-and-a-half of mucky water with no use for anything. It’s almost an insult to even get the permit now.”

Representative Nate Gustafson

championed the resolution, stating, “If we pass this resolution, we will send a message to the state that there’s a lot of issues, even in our local DNR office. The DNR is not doing its job, but it’s also the legislature’s issue, who gave the authority to the department.”

District 30 Supervisor Chuck Farrey stated that “the current price, had it [the project] been done this year, would have been \$900,000. Next year the price could go up and we can never be sure about ice. Using a barge would cost \$2-3 million dollars. What this really means is that this delay could kill the project. That’s the quandary the DNR puts us in.”

The resolution ultimately passed 31-0.

An item report submitted with the resolution states that because counties are authorized to implement, administer and enforce state laws on behalf of the state, “it makes sense to allow counties to permit our own projects.”

“So, what we’re hoping is to reform this and streamline the work that’s being done for getting conservation on the land, and get it moving again,” Casper said. “There should be better ways to do it that are more efficient and more consistent.”

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FFA Members attend Farm Bureau’s FFA Farm Forum



Kat Skadahl, Hailey Domke, Lindsey Mathison, and Addie Gilson attended this year’s FFA Farm Forum.

More than 300 FFA members, advisors and guests from across Wisconsin attended the Wisconsin Farm Bureau’s FFA Farm Forum in Rothschild Feb. 13.

Those participating from the Winneconne FFA Chapter were Kat Skadahl, Hailey Domke, Lindsey Mathison, and Addie Gilson.

During the one-day event, FFA members attended several career-based workshops including ‘Broadcast Bootcamp’ with Stephanie Hoff of Mid-West Farm Report Radio Network; ‘The Sky is the Limit: Exploring the New Technology of Ag

Drones’ with Grant Buwalda of Rock River Seed & Chemical LLC; and ‘Staying Connected to Agriculture as a Meat Scientist’ with Jeff Sindelar of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Winneconne FFA members mingled with other members from across the state and networked with agriculture professionals.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation sponsors FFA Farm Forum in cooperation with the Wisconsin Association of FFA. Locally, these four students were sponsored by the Winnebago County Farm Bureau.

Fairest of the Fair ambassador contest

Applications are actively being accepted for the 2025 Winnebago County Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador. The entry deadline is Saturday, March 15.

The Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador program is a marketing and public relations position for young adults in Winnebago County and is not a pageant, but rather focuses on poise, personality, community involvement, speaking ability and more. Contestants dress in business attire, submit a resume-like application and go through an interview process. The contest is open to both young women and men.

Once selected, the Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador winner attends community functions, does radio and TV interviews and participates in area parades throughout the summer promoting the Winnebago County Fair.

Interested candidates must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver’s license and be a Winnebago County resident. The contest will be held on April 12.

Applications and complete information on the position can be found at <https://winnebagoountyfaironline.com/fairest/>. For more information on the program, Fair Association treasurer Jody Bezio can be contacted at 920-267-2473 or by emailing winnebagoountyfairtreasurer@gmail.com.



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Conservation Awareness Poster Contest sees local winners

Hosted by the Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD)

Each year, Winnebago County participates in the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Poster Contest. The Conservation Awareness Poster Contest, hosted by Winnebago County's Land & Water Conservation Dept., is open to K5 through 12th-grade students.

Sixteen posters were submitted from

seven different countywide schools, with 29 judges selecting this year's winners.

Several Winnebago Community School District students received recognition for their artwork including:

K5 - 1st Grade

- 1st Place: Clara Rehberg, Grade 1, Winnebago Elementary School

2nd - 3rd Grade

- 1st Place: Will Stewart, Grade 2, Winnebago Elementary School

- 2nd Place: Laura Rehberg, Grade 3, Winnebago Elementary School

4th - 6th Grade

- 1st Place: Ella Stewart, Grade 6, Winnebago Middle School

7th - 9th Grade

- 1st Place: Maeli Habersetzer, Grade 9, Winnebago High School

Students competed at the county and regional levels, and the First Place posters will be advancing to the WI Land & Water State Contest this

month. Winners at the state level will move on to the NACD National Contest later this year.

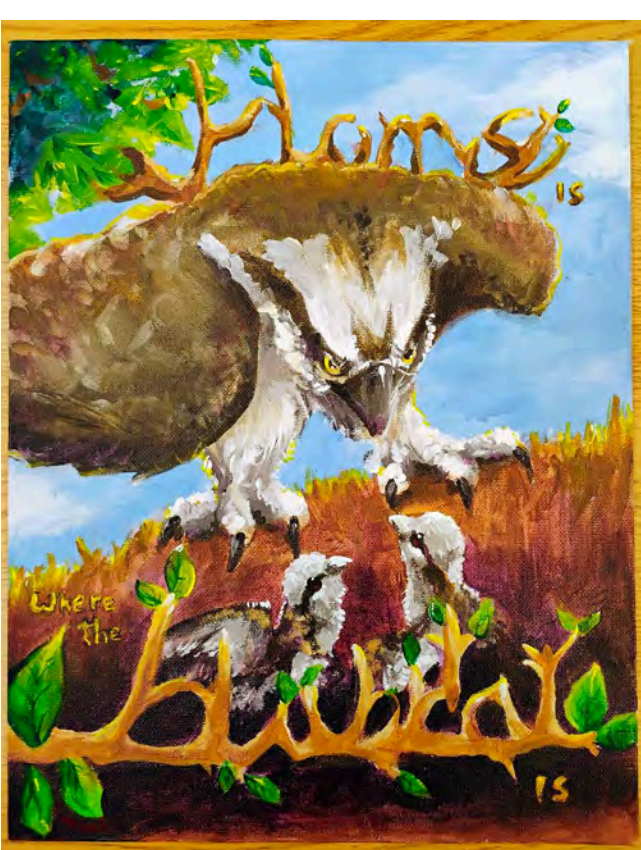
This annual competition encourages students to showcase their creativity and express their thoughts on conservation practices. This year's contest theme was "Home is Where the Habitat is" and hopes to pass on Wisconsin's rich conservation history to future generations.



1st grade Clara Rehberg's poster.



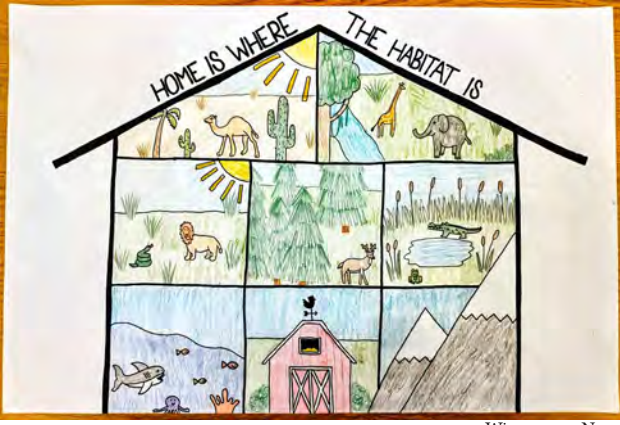
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Three Car Accident

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due to weather conditions.

"The road conditions became very slippery after the rain changed over to snow and the temperatures dropped," commented Winnebago Poygan Fire Chief Kevin Allcox. "Winnebago Fire District would like to thank the Winnebago Police Department, Omro Police Department, Oshkosh Fire Department and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department for assistance at the accident."

The issue of dangerous intersections at various points along Hwy. 116 has been taken up by the Winnebago Town Board, with multiple appeals to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for traffic flow studies and remediation at several intersections. Accidents and T-bone incidents are an ongoing occurrence at Courtney Plummer Road/MM and Hwy 116 as well as the 116 and Harbour South juncture.

"If they can put roundabouts in place all the way up Hwy. 76," said one constituent in a commentary to the News, "it should be the same with 116. We need a roundabout at Courtney Plummer/MM, at Harbour South, and at S. The whole thing should be 45 mph, tops, along with some biking and walking path."

At the time of publication there was no additional information on the condition of those involved in the accident.

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WACF Grant for Thrift & Gift provides key safety equipment

Safety planning and equipment are indispensable. On the same token, there's always the underlying hope that they'll never be needed. For Winneconne Thrift & Gift, maintaining their mission meant planning for the worst. Thanks in part to a grant from the Winneconne Area Community Foundation's (WACF) Community Impact Fund, Thrift & Gift has added a new AED to its facility. This key piece of emergency preparedness equipment will strengthen the organization's ability to be an ongoing source of community engagement for local, older adults. "While the best-case scenario would be one where we were never required to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), the worst-case is

one where we need it and don't have it," shared Cindy Hendren, board president. Thrift's group of volunteers is comprised mostly of older adults who generously give of their time. Research shows that community engagement and volunteering support healthy aging, and providing a positive, safe environment is a commitment the organization takes seriously. "We are deeply indebted to the volunteers for their work and dedication and take seriously our obligation to keep them safe. We never know where an emergency may come from," reflected Cindy. And while we, too, hope it will never be needed, better safe than sorry."



Winneconne Thrift & Gift has installed a new AED for the safety of customers and volunteers.

Students shine at SkillsUSA Regionals

Several Winneconne High School students recently competed at the regional level of competition for SkillsUSA held on Feb. 21 in Appleton, with many medaling in their events: Facilithon (High School): First Place, Ryan Juers Technical Drafting (High School): Second Place, Conner Jeffords Welding (High School): First Place: Diesel Haemmerle Those who place in the regional competition advance to participate in the 52nd annual SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference in Madison on April 1-2. The 2025 conference will feature

more than 1,750 middle, high school, and college/post-secondary students, over 200 teachers, and more than 300 industry volunteers working in over 75 competitions. Founded in 1973, SkillsUSA Wisconsin, with more than 2,500 members in over 150 chapters, is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to ensure America has the skilled workforce needed to stay competitive. The diverse talent pipeline covers 120 trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, mostly related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

District Solo-Ensemble results

Winneconne High School Winneconne High School (WHS) students performed a variety of vocal and instrumental pieces at the district Solo-Ensemble event held at Berlin High School on March 1. It was a stellar day for these fine musicians with all 29 events receiving either gold or silver medals. Seventeen events from the WHS music program were also selected to advance to the State level including four vocal solos, four musical theater solos, two vocal jazz improv solos, one vocal duet, a trombone solo, a flute solo, two marimba solos, a drum-set solo, and a parade drum solo. These students will share their music again at UW-Oshkosh on April 26 for State Solo-Ensemble. Congratulations to the following WHS students for representing Winneconne in such a wonderful way: Austin Baranczyk, Tyler Bostwick, Elizabeth Conners, Haileigh Dunnihoo, Hattie Engeldinger, Tyler Engelke, Hailey Erickson, Mary Gallenberg, Aeris Kellerman, Ethan Lubinski, Mi-

chael Lewis, Miranda Peach, Evynn Rosenow, Chase Schricker, Joseph Shepherd, Kaden Shreve, Hugh Sleeman, Adyson Vanier, and Chloe Wyssbrod. **Winneconne Middle School** Winneconne Middle School (WMS) also participated in Berlin's District Solo and Ensemble. It was a fantastic day for these fine young musicians with 10 events receiving gold medals and two events receiving a silver medal. Congratulations to the following students for representing WMS in fine fashion: Dylan Barter, Melodi Berger, Kendal Brooks, Farron Carter, Laila Dobberstein, Alexis Doughty, Willow Draves, Riley Dudek, Cal Fuller, Erinn Gabriliska, Evelyn Gende, Ilayna Haberstetzer, Leah Hale, Liam Heideman, Liesl Jerabek, Gretel Jerabek, Rylee Karn, Crosby Kastein, Charlotte Krueger, Ivy Ledioyt, Lily Ledioyt, Jerry Marks, Lucas May, Erik Meyer, Henry Newton, Emma Olson, Keegan Revoir, Braydon Schmoker, Blake Syring, Mason Towner, and Kylie Yingling.

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Sports

Wolves come up short against Hawks in sectional semifinal

By Steve Clark
Winneconne News

It wasn't the ending the Winneconne girls basketball team wanted for its 2024-25 season but the lessons learned the experienced gained over the course of the campaign should be a benefit to the group moving forward.

The Wolves saw their tremendous season end last Thursday night in a 44-38 loss to Xavier in a WIAA Division 3 sectional semifinal at Brillion. It was the second loss of the season to the Hawks – who advanced to the state tournament for the second year in a row – and one of just four setbacks this season as Winneconne finished with a 23-4 overall mark.

“The girls are obviously heart-broken right now – especially to see the way Xavier rolled through (to state) – so they are hurting,” Winneconne head coach Troy Buelow said. “But they are all ready to run it back right now. They are excited for next year already. These girls are ready to rock and roll right away again.”

Winneconne trailed by as many as 23 points in its regular-season meeting with the Hawks, but that was not the case in the regional final.

Neither team held a double-digit lead at any point in the game and it was the Wolves who struck first jumping out to a 9-2 lead on five points from Jada Kaiser and baskets from Grace Mitchell and Harper Neace.

“As nervous as they were, I was actually quite surprised with how well we started,” Buelow said. “Our defense drives our team and they were flying around on the defensive end and making some good stuff happen. We were able to get around the rim right away and get some good looks. The girls did a great job of jumping on top and we came out with some pretty good momentum. It was a good start.”

Xavier settled down and answered with an 8-0 run to take the lead before baskets by Millie Braman and Mitchell and two free throws from Brooklyn Messerschmidt pushed Winneconne back out in front.

Xavier surged ahead in the second half before Winneconne was able to rally back using a high pick-and-roll offensive set for Mitchell and Neace. The duo combined for every point in a 12-5 run that sliced a nine-point

we had our opportunities. We probably missed at least 10 layups and we missed a ton of free throws,” said Buelow, whose team finished 10-of-24 from the charity stripe. “We just missed some opportunities that could

scoring more, she makes their job so easy,” Buelow said. “She is a calming presence out there and that’s going to be something for the younger girls, going to have to take on more of a leadership role and be the ones on the court that are keeping the girls under control when things get tough.

“She’s helped everyone grow a little bit and that’s what true leadership is.”

Winneconne will be returning three players who averaged scoring in double figures this season – Mitchell (13.8 ppg), Neace (13.4) and Kaiser (10.9) – with Messerschmidt finishing the season chipping in seven points per game.

Neace was also the team’s leading rebounder, while Mitchell led the team in assists and steals.

That group – along with key reserves Ari Reetz and Neela Gardner – will give the Wolves an experienced nucleus to build around, while the roster will also be bolstered by a junior varsity team that lost only two games this year.

“Now we have the basis of what we want to do offensively and defensively and now they can build on the next level stuff,”

Buelow said. “Skill-wise they will continue to grow. Basketball IQ will continue to grow. I wish (the start of next year) was already tomorrow.”



Grace Mitchell (left) and Harper Neace (right) look to get in position for a rebound against Xavier in a WIAA Division 3 sectional semifinal at Brillion last Thursday.

Doug Sasse

Hawks’ lead down to two and generated a chance to tie the game with about a minute to go but Neace’s contested layup rolled off the rim.

“We knew when we can get Harper and Grace in that two-player action. We have gotten some good things off of it,” Buelow said. “We got some really good stuff off of it and we kept going to it until they stopped it and it got us back into the game and gave us a chance to win it in the end, we just couldn’t convert that last chance.”

Neace led the Wolves with 13 points, while Mitchell and Braman each scored seven. Kaiser and Messerschmidt chipped in five points apiece.

As well as Winneconne played, though, Buelow knows the win was there for the taking.

“Xavier is a heck of a team but the hardest thing for us to swallow was that we did a lot of good things and

have really changed the outcome of the game. I was proud of our girls. They really showed resiliency. They kept their composure throughout the game and had a chance to tie it with a minute left and things didn’t go our way.”

Winneconne was likely one of the youngest teams to reach sectional play and the experience gained in its second straight trip to this level should benefit the team in the coming years.

But the Wolves will have to find a way to replace the lone senior on the roster in Braman, which will not be any easy task.

“Losing Millie, people don’t understand what a big loss she will be. She does all of the little things that make all the players around her who are



Brooklyn Messerschmidt tries to drive through a pair of Xavier defenders during last week’s against Xavier.

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Sports

Wolves' season ends with tourney loss to Berlin

Winneconne News
John Flanigan's first season as head coach for the Winneconne boys basketball team came to an end last week following an 81-61 loss to Berlin in a WIAA Division 3 regional tournament.

The Indians, who advanced to sectionals, hit 13 3-pointers in the game and led 49-33 at halftime en route to handing the Wolves the loss.

Brody Schaffer led Winneconne with 22 points, while Parker Ingles added 10 points in the game. Ryan Quigley, Gage Bartel and Aaron Zimmer each had seven points, while Quigley and Zimmer shared the team lead in rebounds with six apiece.

Winneconne finished the season with an 8-17 overall record and placed sixth in the East Central Conference. The Wolves finished with a 5-20 overall record a year ago.

One thing working in the favor of Winneconne moving forward is that the Wolves had only one senior on the roster in Cody McLeod. McLeod averaged about two points per game as a reserve this season.

Both Ingles and Schaffer averaged more than 21 points per game this season, while Bartel – all three of which were juniors this season – also posted a double-digit scoring average at nearly 12 points per game.

Only Ingles and Zimmer played in all 25 games this season for the Wolves as the start of the team's season was affected by the extended football campaign.



Brody Schaffer puts up a shot against Berlin last week in a WIAA Division 3 regional contest. Schaffer led the Wolves with 22 points in the game.

Ruedinger reaches semis at state bowling tournament

Winneconne News
Nate Ruedinger reached the semifinals at the state bowling tournament to lead the Winneconne High School team over the weekend.

Ruedinger needed every pin of a 672 series in qualifying to advance to the semifinals. He rolled games of 259, 190 and 223 to grab the final spot in the semifinals, finishing one pin higher than Tanner Pahos of Superior and two pins ahead of Aiden Scott of Portage.

In the semifinals, Ruedinger overcame a rough start to finish with a 599 series. His games of 150, 223 and 226 and left him with a total score of 1,271 to finish 25th out of the 28 individual bowlers.

Ruedinger was the first Winneconne individual to compete at the state tournament.

Winneconne also competed in the Division 2 team competition where the squad finished 17th out of 22 teams in qualifying with a total score of 2,560 after 15 Baker-style games.

The team posted a high-game of 208 in its qualifying. Last year, Winneconne finished 19th in qualifying with a pin total of 2,491.

Brown Deer won the Division 2 team title, topping Antigo in the championship match. Muskego was the Division 1 champion.

Indian Trail/Shoreland Lutheran in Division 1 and Merrill/Tomahawk in Division 2 were the girls state champions.



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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

A True Watershed Moment

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter
I ran across this story of land stewardship I think is worth mentioning here.



Harp

It is written by Sharon Cook and was originally published in Watershed Moments, a quarterly publication for members of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. They are doing some great things in our Shallow Lakes area. Here it is:

They describe themselves as “three old guys who love to kayak,” but they’re on a mission to see the East River become a paddling destination that the entire community can be proud of. Tom Bayer, Paul Weiss, and Steve Warner have been friends for a long time, and they’ve been working to clean up the river since the early 1990s.

“This river was a garbage dump. Literally. It was the garbage dump,” said Tom. They could see the legacy of that use when they would go out to paddle.

One day they launched out onto the river, and found a group of Girl Scouts doing trash cleanup in the park. The kids asked the canoers to pick up the trash in the water they couldn’t reach.

“Within 100 yards, our canoe was full,” Tom remembered. “We had to

leave garbage in the river that day, because we couldn’t fit more in the canoe.” Thankfully, for a variety of reasons, that shoreline has since been cleaned up. “But what hasn’t changed,” said Tom, “is the quality of the water.”

The East River is never going to be a crystal-clear trout stream, but these friends see the potential. “The river looks so brown, so poor,” said Steve, “but up close it’s beautiful. We’ve seen otters, muskrats, and sandhill cranes by the thousands in the fall.”

With not much else to do during the shutdowns of Covid, Tom found two reports about the East River and proposed that the friends read the reports together like a book study.

After learning about the concerns and realizing that much of the response had been driven by volunteers, the guys were inspired. There were contact emails included in the report, and they reached out.

Brown County Land Conservationist Mike Muschinski answered within hours and turned out to be the connection these three friends needed. Suddenly they found themselves invited to county and community meetings about cleaning up the East River.

“The river goes through De Pere, Al-louez, and Ledgeview. It requires coordination,” said Steve. “Having people outside the loyalty of individual communities helped keep the focus in one place,” added Tom.

Before long, the list of collaborators

grew, and a vision emerged to create a water trail to parallel the land trail. “Lots of really big water advocates were involved,” said Steve.

Before he retired, Mike told the friends that Fox-Wolf was looking for someone to adopt the launch at Green Isle Park on the East River.

“We said yes!” said Tom. “We live right on the water and near here.” It became one more tangible thing they could do to help the river they loved.

“The issues of water quality are so big, so complex, people don’t know what to do,” Tom said. He loves telling his story to show people how they can help. “We could find hundreds of people who would be willing to do something to make this a better place,” he shared. “It’s not too late to fix this. I’m going to do all the little things I can.”

The work isn’t done yet, but these friends are noticing more people using the river, fishing and kayaking. “Just look at the data,” said Steve. “They are doing fish surveys and can tell you things are better.”

“We sit back after everything and say this is amazing!” Tom said. “What a uniting effort for lots of people.”

To learn more about Fox-Wolf visit www.fox-wolf.org.

Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com

Tales From The Land of Retirement

PARTY ON

By Jeanne Lehr
March. The month that turns green.



Lehr

The Month where everyone is Irish. The month all the Kelly-Green clothing is pulled out of storage and pressed up. The month that celebrates our Irish hero, St. Patrick.

It does not matter if you are Irish or not, the celebrations are there for you to enjoy. My husband was Irish, and you would have thought it was his birthday. People sent him Irish cards and festive

Irish merchandise. It was like the swallows firing off to Capistrano, if it was St. Patrick’s Day, he had to go out.

Growing up in Oshkosh, if you were not out and about by noon, you were the only sober person left. Wisconsin Ave. closed off because all the college students roamed from bar to bar. Heavy police coverage basically served to pick you up and dust you off. “Take it easy.” “Be careful.” “Time for you to go home.” Oshkosh even got a shoutout on Johnny Carson for being the place to be on St. Patrick’s Day.

It was later that the college got smart and set Spring Break for that week, so the kids were not in full force during the celebrations. It’s been said that New Year’s Eve is the night for amateur

drinkers, and St. Patrick’s was for the die-hard tipplers. Maybe those partiers from the 60s have grown up and forgot to pass on the tradition of celebrating the holiday; things are quieter now.

You still see people out and about “wearing of the green” and you may hear an Irish jig or two being played, but not the way it used to be. It took a strong person to hold up till bedtime.

Well, I am NOT Irish. Not a drop of Irish blood in me. I will be celebrating Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras. I am French. I have the Mardi Gras sweat-shirt and my ‘Laissez les bons temps rouler’ (Let the Good Times Roll) t-shirt. There are not big crowds out celebrating the French holiday, but I like to show off my heritage, nonetheless.

So, all you green people, enjoy yourself, be careful and go to bed early. You will appreciate my words more the next day. Erin go Bragh (Ireland forever)!

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Men’s Group.
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Nominations.
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nion. 6 pm - Finance Mtg. 6 pm - No
Greater Love/Kaudy.
Tues.: 6 pm - Parish Council Mtg.
Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/commu-
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fession. 6:30 pm - FF, MS.

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Sunday, March 16: 8 & 10 am - Wor-
ship.
Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.
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Tues.: 6:30 pm - Council Mtg.
Wed: 5:30 pm - Soup Supper. 6 pm
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Sunday, March 16: 8 & 10:30 am -
Worship/Lord’s Supper. 9:10 am - Bi-
ble Study/Family Impressions.
Mon.: Contemporary Music Prac-
tice.
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- Stewardship Mtg. 6:45 pm - Church
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cally & Enjoy Winneconne!
Saturday, March 15: Shop & Dine
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Sunday, March 16: Worship at the
Church of Your Choice. 3 pm - Power-
lifting Banquet/WHS.
Monday, March 17: 4:30 pm - Trap
@ Berlin Conservation Club. 5:30 pm
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pocket, turkey (or ham) and cheese
sandwich, snacks, garden bar, assorted
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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-taters,
garden bar. **MS:** Rice bowl, broccoli.
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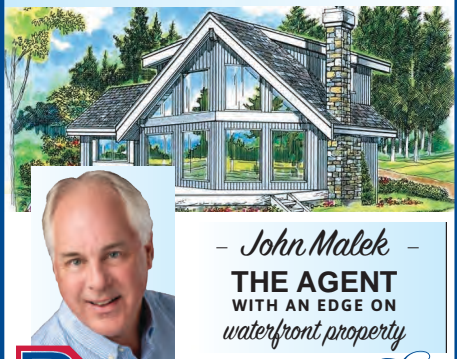
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The WBA 50-Year Club recognizes banking professionals who have devoted over half a century to the industry, showcasing exceptional commitment and impact. Kuehn's remarkable career spans various leadership roles, culminating in his current position as President of the Board at Fortifi Bank, where his vision and guidance

have been instrumental in the bank's growth and success.

Kuehn has played a pivotal role in driving Fortifi Bank's success, advocating for customer-focused innovation while preserving the values of community banking. His contributions extend beyond Fortifi Bank, as he has been an active participant in industry initiatives and a mentor to many professionals in the field.

Also last month, Fortifi Bank opened its newest branch in Oshkosh, located at 400 N Koeller St. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held, celebrating the expansion and reinforcing Fortifi Bank's commitment to serving the Oshkosh community.

The Oshkosh branch is a full-ser-

Obituaries

Jeffrey A. Konow

Jeffrey A. Konow, age 70, passed away peacefully at his home in Winneconne on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

He was born July 30, 1954, and was raised in Neenah. Jeff graduated in 1971 and went to work in manufacturing. He had a deep passion for music, learning and mastering multiple instruments, his favorite being his electric guitar. This passion turned into an exciting career, performing in many bands, and opening a recording studio in 1998.

In 1990 Jeff married his soulmate, Robin, and they recently celebrated 35 years together.

Jeff is survived by his beloved wife, Robin Konow; their five children, Angie (Ron) McCalvy, Jesse Gordon, Abby Konow (Dennis Seelow), Adam Joachim, Aaron (Amanda) Konow. He



was a proud grandfather to Taya (Nathan) Ricker, Madelyn Seelow, Donovan Gordon, Owen Seelow, as well as a great-grandfather to Evelyn Ricker and Myles Ricker. Jeff is also survived by brothers, Bill (Sharon) Konow and Mike Konow, as well as other relatives and friends.

Preceding Jeff in death were his parents, Henry and Patricia Konow; fathers-in-law, Arthur E. Joachim Sr. and Charles Drace; brothers-in-law, Steven J. Joachim, Steve Schilleman.

A visitation for family and friends was held on Monday, March 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. A funeral service was held on March 10 at 5 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Mike Konow officiating.

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Community Band Spring Concert

The Oshkosh Area Community Band will present Pairs, a Spring Concert, on Saturday, March 22 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium at Oshkosh West High School.

The band will present a concert of paired musical selections led by Music Director David Berndt.

Music for the theater will be represented by An Overture on Themes from Porgy and Bess, music by George Gershwin, arranged by James Barnes; and Selections from Wicked, music by Stephen Schwartz as arranged by Jay Bocook.

An abridged arrangement of Maurice Ravel’s hypnotic Bolero will fea-

ture several incidental solos while The Turtle Waddle by Gus Guentzel will feature the tuba section.

Folk songs from the United Kingdom will include My Bonnie Boy, the Intermezzo from Ralph Vaughan Williams English Folk Song Suite. It will be paired with Wisconsin composer Michael Story’s setting of the Irish Folk Melody Down By the Sally Gardens.

The band will pay tribute to the recently departed Quincy Jones by playing his Soul Bossa Nova. Pie in the Face Polka from the motion picture The Great Race will be played in honor of the 100th anniversary of the

birth of Henry Mancini.

The Jazz Ensemble will play a pair of charts penned by two members of the band. Girl of My Dreams was arranged by David Koepp, a member of the baritone saxophone section. And our music director-emeritus Terry Hathaway wrote an original chart On the Slow Slide which the band will bring to life.

The concert will last about one hour and forty-five minutes including an intermission. There is no admission fee, with donations accepted at the door.

Poygan-Poy Sippi Sanitary District 2025 Budget (03/04/25)

Income	
Tax Lottery Credit Income	0
Tax Settlement Income	80,000
Flat Rate-Resident	170,880
Land/User Assessments	10,000
Late Payment Charges	1,550
Lateral Permits	375
Miscellaneous Income	1,750
Total	264,555
Expenses	
Insurance	11,000
Maint Treatment Plant	24,000
Maint/Bldg/Grd	21,000
Electric Power	25,000
Snow Removal	2,500
Pest Control	750
Lab Fees	4,750
Phosphorus Testing	14,500
Phosphorus Permits	1,650
Office Supplies	1,200
Operating Supplies	10,000
Outside Services	1,200
Dues & Subscriptions	600
Wisc DNR Fees	360
Professional Fees	17,500
Billing Expense	2,500
Phone/Internet	5,400
Mileage	5,500
Wages	60,000
Debit Card Misc	650
Other	300
PPSD Vehicle Expense	3,000
Depreciation	65,500
Total	278,860
Non-Budget Expenses (Capital Items)	
Generators (7 Lift Stations)	84,000
Tank Cleaning	50,000
Total	134,000

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Miscellaneous

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Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-888-425-2108 today!

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Class Action Lawsuit

IF YOU HAD KNEE OR HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY and suffered an infection between 2020 and the present time, you may be entitled to compensation. Call Attorney Charles H. Johnson 1-800-535-5727

For Rent

Highlands at River Crossing for seniors 55+-. Spacious one and two bedroom apartments. Rent includes: Heated underground parking, cable TV and internet access. Prepare to be impressed with amenities beyond compare! Call today for a private showing! 920-582-7200. *Some apartments reserved for moderate income. HighlandsCommunities.com

Employment

Looking for an experienced Auto Body Technician. Apply within. Don’s Auto Body 18 W 7th St.

Public Notice

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WINNECONNE HIGH SCHOOL-
LARGE GROUP LECTURE
100 WOLF RUN WINNECONNE WI 54986
FEBRUARY 17, 2025 – 6:30PM**

Call the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance
Board President, Donna Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
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, High School Principal, Leah Michaud, Buildings and Grounds- Director, Steve Cady
VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)

OPEN FORUM
A Parent of children attending WCSD complimented the district for their Academic Excellence, and above all the appreciation to the Board of Education, Administration, and Staff for their outstanding performance in looking out for the best interest of kids. The parent expressed for all those reasons are why we as a parent open- enroll our children into WCSD. Resident commented, like having the opt-out option for classroom curriculum, and district survey’s the resident would like to have the district look at an opt-in option

OPEN SESSION
5.consent items:

A. Approve Minutes from February 03, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting
B. District Checks #10016169

to #10016241 in the Amount of \$235,599.00
C. Student Activity Checks #915570 to # 915586 in the Amount of \$8,925.96
D. District ACH Payments \$94,572.23
E. SA ACH Payments \$13,401.64
F. Acknowledge \$12,705.00 from Primitive Gatherings to WES
G. Acknowledge \$225.00 donation to WCSD Band Program in memorial of Dan Pontow
H. Approve Hiring Request for HS Custodian, Effective 2-18-2025
I. Approve Hiring Request for ES Custodian, Effective 2-18-2025
J. Acknowledge Retirement of 4k-5 Literacy Coach. Effective 6-07-2025
K. Approve Skills USA to attend the State Leadership Competition, Madison April 1-2, 2025
L. Approve Summer School Staffing

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

6. Public Hearing- Transfer of Property
Public Hearing pursuant to Wis. S. 117.11-13 proposing a petition to alter school district boundaries. Oshkosh residents petitioned to detach from OASD and join WCSD (transfer of property). Oshkosh residents Timothy & Lindsie spoke on behalf of the petition in which would involve the transfer of boundaries from OASD to WCSD. Reasons that currently 9 students open enroll to the district and another year potentially there could be 12 students, are the strength of WCSD curriculum and academics, class size, and school savings. The gain for WCSD could potentially be around \$50,000, an unknown cost of transportation could change outcomes. The additional value of

property to the district impacts Equalization Aid minus state% contribution and local contribution, this increase in the base will likely slightly lower our mill rate.

Motion made by Verich, seconded by Ackmann to grant the transfer of the Territory described in the petition. That the reorganization requested in the petition filed on February 17, 2025, be granted and an order entered detaching the territory described in said petition from the Oshkosh Area School District and attaching said territory to the Winneconne Community School District
Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

7. Public Hearing/ ACT 95
Pursuant to Wis. Stat s. 118.38, for Winneconne High School for waiver of the following requirements under Wisconsin Guaranteed Admission Program, Wis. Sec. 118.58, prepare a class ranking of pupils enrolled in the high school as of the class's completion of grade 11. Pupils shall be ranked on the basis of academic achievement and the sole criterion for ranking pupils shall be the pupils grade point average. High School Principal Leah Michaud presented the proposal. There were many questions by board Member Verich and other board members as to Wisconsin Excellence, Forward Exam, ACT, (strength of Schedule) weighted GPA. Questions also were directed to the statute as to what actually is stated, and how strictly we have to follow. After much discussion, a motion was made to table the approval of ACT 95 till we get further information.

Motion made by Peterson, seconded by Ackmann to table the approval of Act 95 till the first regular April Board

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

8. Policies
The Policy Committee met and reviewed all the policies and recommendation is for approval.
Policy # 1100- District Organization
Policy # 1130- Ethics and Conflict of Interest
Policy # 3230- Ethics and Conflict of Interest
Policy # 4230- Ethics and Conflict of Interest
Policy # 1241- Non-Renewal or Termination of the District Administrator's Contract
Policy # 3214- Staff Gifts
Policy # 4214- Staff Gifts
Policy # 3281- Personal Property of Staff Members
Policy # 4124- Notice of Reasonable Assurance of Employment
Policy # 5136- Personal Communication Devices
Policy # 4120- Employment of Support Staff

Motion made by Hanson, seconded by Kunde to approve Policies, 1100, 1130, 3230, 4230, 4230, 4230,1241, 1241,3214,3281,4124,5136, and 4120 as presented
Roll Call: Peterson-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

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

11. Board Reports
Board Member Kunde complimented the Excellence of The High School Play, The Adam’s Family, outstanding presentation with such awesome talent from our student participants. Also, a shout out for the Pit Crew, for their outstanding Job!

A. Communications- There was no communications

B. Committee Reports:
1. HR/Financial Planning- Had not met
2. PR/marketing- Have not met
3. Policy- Policies will be on March 3rd meeting agenda. The Committee will be meeting at 5:30 pm in the High School Library prior to the regular meeting.

Executive Session
Motion made by Keller, second by Verich to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from February 03, 2025, Pursuant to Wis. 19.85 (1) (c) Considering performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility- Admin Contracts and Admin Reports. 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 8:20 pm
Motion made by Kunde, second by Peterson to adjourn meeting of the WCSD Board of Education.
Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde
WCSD- Board Clerk
8:25 pm

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National Groundwater Awareness Week: March 9th - 15th

Are you a water well owner? If so, you are responsible for safeguarding your water quality. How do you do that?

- **Test** your well water annually.
- **Tend** to your well system by having a water well professional inspect and maintain your well system, and keep contamination sources far from the well.
- **Treat** your water if necessary.

How do you get your well tested?
The National Ground Water Association recommends contacting a local water well contractor to conduct routine annual maintenance checks to ensure the proper operation of the well and prolong its years of service, as well as to monitor the water quality.

Your checkup should include:
• A flow test, a check of the water level before and during pumping (if possible), pump motor performance, and pressure tank and pressure switch contact.

• An inspection of well equipment to assure that it is sanitary and meets local code requirements.

• A test of your water for coliform bacteria and nitrates, and anything else of local concern. (Such as arsenic in Winnebago County, WI) Other typical additional tests may include iron, manganese, water hardness, sulfides, and other water constituents that cause problems with plumbing, staining, water appearance, and odor. Changes in these constituents also may indicate changes in your well or local groundwater. Additional tests

may be recommended if water appears cloudy or oily, if bacterial growth is visible on fixtures, or water treatment devices are not working as they should.

• A concise, clear, written report should be delivered to you following the checkup that explains results and recommendations and includes all laboratory and other test results.

Resources:
The Wisconsin Well Testing Access Program (Well-TAP) provides no cost testing to private well users that meet the following qualifications:

• The well serves a pregnant person, child under 12, or a person with a weakened immune system.

• The well is at a primary residence, and a burden prevents the well user from testing on their own.

• Call 920-232-3000 to find out if you qualify.

Got News?
Call
920-582-4541

Arsenic in Private Well Water

Arsenic is a naturally occurring element found in Wisconsin's groundwater.

Exposure to high levels of arsenic can increase the risk of certain types of cancer, affect the skin and nails, damage the nervous system, and may impact learning and development in children.

Test your well for arsenic regularly.

- Test at least once every five years.*
- Test once a year if arsenic was present in previous tests or you live in Outagamie, Winnebago, or Brown counties.*
- Test right away if your water level changes or you notice a difference in your water's color, taste, or smell.
- Test using a [Wisconsin certified lab](#).*

Take action if the arsenic level is equal to or greater than 10 micrograms per liter (µg/L).

- Collect a second sample to verify the results.

Take additional actions if arsenic is still high.

- Use a different source of water for drinking, making baby formula, and making foods that take up a lot of water (like oatmeal, rice and jello).


Options for different water include:


- Bottled water
- Water from a well without issues
- Water from a public system

The water can still be used for bathing, brushing teeth, and washing dishes.

Find a long-term solution. This may be installing a certified treatment device or drilling a new well.*

* = Additional information is available in the *Resource Guide* (next page).



 Wisconsin Department of Health Services
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Make your weekend sparkle and shine!
These fun events are pure gold.



Wisconsin HER Day
A day dedicated to celebrating and empowering women, with professional development opportunities, networking, and inspiring discussions. The event is **free** and open to all women.
Oshkosh Arena • 11 AM - 4 PM

Wisconsin Herd
The Herd faces off against the Cleveland Charge. Get ready for an electrifying game!
Oshkosh Arena • 7 PM

Dublin's Irish Pub
St. Patrick's Tent Party
Featuring dancers from Richard's School of the Dance Irish Troop and live music from Ask Your Mother and Star Six Nine.
Dublin's Irish Pub • 2 PM

Seussical the Musical
Presented by Lourdes Academy
Follow *The Cat in the Hat* through a whimsical adventure, highlighting the themes of imagination, friendship, and the power of storytelling.
The Grand Oshkosh
Fri-Sat @ 7 PM
Sun @ 2 PM

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