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## Ace Hardware store coming to the village

**BRAZEE**

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### Brazee Ace in Neenah to establish Winneconne store

By Becky LaDue

It's been quite a while since the Village of Winneconne has enjoyed the luxury of a hardware store within its geographic confines.

The last store to exist in the village was Ace Hardware of Winneconne, owned by Gail and Gary Gardner, closing in the latter part of the 80s. Before that, it was Markert's True Value Hardware store, selling to the Gardner family in 1984. Both stores occupied the same location at 911 E. Main St.

Now, after nearly 40 years of a dry spell, in the spring of 2025 the convenience of a local hardware store offering expert advice from knowledgeable staff along with a multitude of home

improvement products will be back and better than ever.

Brazee Ace Hardware in Neenah—owned and operated by Dallas Brazee—has taken over the lease on the once Family Dollar store in the village, and is moving forward with opening a second location for the family's Ace Hardware business.

"Brazee Ace Hardware is a third-generation family business," said Brazee. "We've been operating in Neenah since 1967. My dad, now retired, always wanted a store in Winneconne, so I'm finally doing it. I'd been looking for a second store location since around 2019, and when I drove through Winneconne a while back, I saw the sign in front of the building, reached out, and got the ball rolling from there."

Brazee, who grew up in the Town of Vinland, indicates the store will be roughly the same size as the Neenah location on Commercial St.—about 7,000 sq. ft.—and plans to employ 15 to 20 people when it's fully operational.

"The store's layout is almost identical to my Neenah location," said Brazee, "maybe a little bigger even. I'm buying all the infrastructure, and aside from the exterior needing a good cleaning and the setup of the store, it will be a great fit, and we will definitely be looking to hire locally."

As for the store's offerings, expect the typical wide array of hometown hardware store items, along with grills

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## Mueller's Ice Cream & Grill excited to serve

By Becky LaDue

Many have seen the sign go up at 115 W. Main St. for Mueller's Ice Cream & Grill, and it appears that this month the wait is over for the new eatery to officially open its doors.

Omro resident Jeff Mueller has purchased the former Jake's Pizza property, has executed a complete interior refurbishment featuring brand new commercial grade appliances, and plans to open his "keep it simple" charbroil-style burger and ice cream shop on Monday, March 17 after a soft opening for family and friends on the 15th.

"My grandparents owned an ice

cream place in Neenah for many years," said Mueller, "Mueller Ice Cream and Locker Plant. I designed my logo to match theirs as a special nod to them."

The new west side sandwich shop plans to serve all the traditional favorites including hamburgers, cheeseburgers, steak sandwiches, french fries and onion rings, and soft serve ice cream too.

"We will be serving premium soft serve," said Mueller. "Ours will be a 10% premium-quality; the 10% fat mix is so much creamier," he said.

Mueller indicated that he wanted a simple menu "done right". He will offer delivery service at a nominal fee, "a

couple dollars", he said, and plans to provide service to boaters and those docking seasonally in the village as well.

"I plan to get a bike and run food to boaters and those docking. I think it will be popular," he said.

Other features to Mueller's include four new gambling machines, a Touch Tunes and ATM in the restaurant, and a successful application for a Class B liquor license allowing for the sale of beer.

Fulltime Manager Bryce Clark indicates the restaurant is looking for help in all areas including kitchen/cooking, waitress and delivery staff with hours



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Jeff Mueller and Bryce Clark are set to open Mueller's Ice Cream & Grill this month.

of operation being 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day but Thursday.

"We are something more casual on the west side of town, bringing delivery back to the village," Clark said.

To inquire about employment, Clark and Mueller encourage individuals to stop in at 115 W. Main St. and pick up an application or call 269-491-2431.



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## 2nd Annual Chamber Women’s Event this weekend

“The Heart of Winneconne” luncheon to feature Tess Domnie

By Becky LaDue

The Winneconne Area Chamber is excited to bring back a very successful event to the greater Winneconne com-



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Tess Domnie guest speaker for Winneconne’s International Women’s Day celebration.

munity on March 8, just as spring feels sure to arrive.

The Winneconne Chamber of Commerce is coordinating its 2nd annual “The Heart of Winneconne” luncheon, celebrating International Women’s Day and featuring a unique business,

R. Cole Hemp Dispensary.

Tess Domnie, the owner of R. Cole, is this year’s speaker and will share how she started her business, which includes a retail store and farm where she harvests many natural ingredients used in her healing products.

International Women’s Day, celebrated annually on March 8, is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women—and highlighting Domnie, a highly successful local business owner – was the perfect fit.

The luncheon will be held at the Fin ‘n’ Feather, kicking off at 11 a.m. with the first 50 attendees receiving great swag bags filled with local merchan-

dise. There will be time for networking, then Domnie will share her inspiring story. Lunch will be served at noon and conclude with an exciting raffle basket drawing.

New this year will be a display area for all Chamber women-owned businesses to set up a display highlighting their ventures.

Another fun twist is the distribution of shopping cards at the event’s conclusion. The cards encourage attendees to visit local shops, restaurants and drinking establishments to collect at least 4 stamps, then turn in their card at the Chamber office located at 140 W. Main St. for a chance to win one of three Chamber gift certificates! The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. that same day (area shops and establish-

### Ace Hardware

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and grilling accessories and backyard items and more. Brazee indicates that in the future, a spring greenhouse will be established with plants and planting supplies too.

“There’s a lot of homes in Winneconne and its surrounding areas, and really nothing available unless you drive to Oshkosh for a home improvement project,” said Brazee. “I think it’s going to be a really good fit, and



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The Brazee Family, owners of Brazee Ace Hardware in Neenah, are excited to open a store in Winneconne this spring.

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## Auxiliary holds productive meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #364 convened for its monthly meeting on Feb. 10 led by President Jeanne Lehr.

Nineteen members attended, including seven officers. After the minutes and fiscal reports were approved, the business meeting commenced.

Reports from officers included updates from various committees. Americanism Chair Evie Dorn announced that six Badger Girls will attend the state convention this year. Sunshine Chair Kathy McBair reported that five birthday cards were sent out in January. McBair also shared membership standings, indicating the unit is currently performing well in rankings at the Department, District, and County levels. Other committee reports noted outreach efforts, including sending 12 cards to "Adopted Friends" by Judy Hanneman and Junior member Natalie Myer.

New business included a proposal by Phyllis Schultz for the Auxiliary to join the Winneconne Chamber of Commerce. The auxiliary scheduled volunteers for the Winneconne Thrift & Gift monthly shift. Members were encouraged to attend the County Council meeting on March 4 in Neenah.

The evening concluded with door prize winner Martha Palazzo and a reminder of the next meeting on March 10 at 6:15 PM, preceded by dinner at 5:30 PM. For more information on American Legion Auxiliary Unit 364, please visit: <https://winneconnepost364.org/auxiliary/>, email: [auxiliary@winneconnepost364.org](mailto:auxiliary@winneconnepost364.org), or call 920-376-5181.

## Request for detachment denied by OASD

**By Becky LaDue**

In a request for detachment from the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) to the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) put forth by a Town of Vinland neighborhood during the last WCSD Board of Education meeting, while WCSD approved a potential attachment; OASD at its meeting on Feb. 26, denied it in a 3-3 tie.

At large board member Barb Herzog explained to the board the statutes surrounding a decision of this nature, including several key benchmarks, along with the need to follow the law, indicating that her vote would be 'no' for the requested land transfer. OASD administration also recommended a no vote.

In the board's discussion, while there was sympathy toward the safety of the students involved and their desire to ride WCSD bussing services (several currently open enroll to Winneconne) that is not part of the criteria of the statute.

OASD would lose approximately \$13 million in the tax base to levy from and \$11,341 per pupil. WCSD receives approximately \$9,000 of those dollars for each open enrolled pupil.

"These students are already there, as is their right" said Vice President Chris Wright, "the issue seems to be transportation."

The petitioners can now move to the state level to ask for reconsideration of OASD's vote via the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's School District Boundary Appeal Board.

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# FFA attends Halftime Conference

Two outstanding Winneconne FFA officers attended the Wisconsin FFA Half-Time Conference in Stevens Point last month. These officers were Winneconne FFA president and vice president, Lindsey Mathison and Hailey Domke. They were joined by Winneconne FFA Advisor Mr. Melby.

Throughout their time at the conference, Mathison and Domke worked on leadership skills and how to build their FFA chapter up. The majority of the Half-Time Conference featured activities and events chapters have done/held in the first semester, and how to improve during the second semester of the school year.

Mathison stated that her most memorable activity was the reflection ses-

sion at night. They were able to hear life stories from some impactful individuals and reflect on how they make a difference. She expressed how she loved the conference, and she highly encourages other FFA members to attend.

Domke explained that while she was talking to the many other FFA members in attendance, those individuals helped inspire her in various ways. She also highly encourages other members to attend this conference as she enjoyed expanding her leadership skills and getting to know others from across Wisconsin.

**Submitted by Elyse Brehmer, Winneconne FFA Reporter**



FFA President Lindsey Mathison and Vice President Hailey Domke met with State FFA Officer Luke Schraufnagel at the FFA Halftime Conference.

# The Chili Feed fed...and fed

The Winneconne FFA Alumni's 18th annual Chili Feed & Polka Dance enjoyed a lovely afternoon of good weather and an impressive community turnout.

The group served roughly 300 guests, draining all eight Nesco roasters of chili in the process. The dessert table was filled with delectable treats all made/donated by FFA alumnus Mark Kunde, and the music provided by the high school polka band and the Tom Schneider 2/5th's Party Band was equally wonderful. When the last table was wiped and the lights turned off, the day's profit will benefit senior student scholarships and the Winneconne FFA chapter.

Yet what's perhaps most special about this event is not the money raised, but the sheer enjoyment created by bringing neighbors to lunch on delicious food, listen to great music

and share an afternoon of conversation and friendship.



Desserts, desserts and more desserts were donated by FFA alumnus Mark Kunde.



This year's Chili Feed committee poses with several FFA members.



Tom Schneider and the 2/5th's party band got the crowd on their feet!



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## Sports

# Winneconne wrestlers compete at WIAA State Tournament

**By Steve Clark**  
**Winneconne News**

Winneconne's four state qualifying wrestlers fell short of earning medals in Madison last weekend, but head coach Boone Roycraft says the individuals and the program can benefit from the experience inside the Kohl Center.

"It definitely builds confidence so when we come back, we know we can get wins in this building," Roycraft said. "At the same time, I hope the losses kind of linger in their minds and motivate them so in the offseason when they don't feel like doing that work, they still go and work out."

Two of the four qualifiers advanced to Saturday's action but fell one match

short of collecting hardware.

For the girls, Addison Brown lost to fourth-seeded Aaleeh Le of Wausau West in the 107-pound consolation semifinals to get knocked out before the medal rounds.

Brown finished 2-2 at the tournament, opening with an 8-5 decision over Tesa Marrero of New Berlin West/Eisenhower before falling in the quarterfinals to Kylie Klum of Westby.

Brown bounced back to pin Aaliyah Zamora of Osseo-Fairchild co-op in 2:12.

"It was super fun. I'm just happy I made it here. I expected a little bit of a better outcome, but you can't dwell on it too much," said Brown, who finishes the season with an impressive 43-6 record. "I just have to keep putting in the work. I'm coming back next year ready to win."

Trey Zemke also wrestled on Saturday after finishing 2-2 in the Division 2, 150-pound bracket.

The junior, who missed the early part of the season recovering from an extended football season, opened the tournament with a 5-1 decision over Camp-



Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Trey Zemke gets his hand raised after posting a victory in his first match in the Division 2 150-pound boys division at the WIAA State Tournament last weekend.



Doug Sasse

*Winneconne's Addison Brown finished 2-2 at the WIAA State Tournament but fell one win short of earning medal in the girls 107-pound division.*

bellspport's Eric Cappozzo but lost in the quarterfinals to eventual state runner-up Bryston Scoles of Kewaskum.

Zemke then beat Jayson Arrowood of Antigo, 6-3, in the consolation semifinals before falling to Braedon Donhorst of Lodi. Zemke finishes the season with 21-5 record.

“Both (Brown and Zemke) exited in the first-round last year so getting to the third day is definitely a big confidence boost,” Roycraft said. “Now, they have to make sure this doesn’t happen next year.”

Winneconne's other two qualifiers ran into tough draws in their first trips to the state tournament.

Paityn Fritchen won her first match

5-0 over New Berlin West/Eisenhower's Camila Garay but then drew eventual 100-pound state champion Brooke Corrigan of De Pere in the quarterfinals and was beaten. Fritchen ends the season 29-9, losing to Olivia Luther of River Falls in the consolation bracket.

Nora Last (27-16) was pitted against eventual state champion Lillie Banks of Menasha in the first round of the girls 132-pound bracket and suffered a loss. She then lost to Matilda Burns of Ashland in the consolation round. Last's two opponents combined for 89 wins this season.

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Sports

Ruedinger, Winneconne set to get rolling at state bowling meet

By Steve Clark  
Winneconne News

For the second straight year, the Winneconne High School (WHS) boys bowling team will be competing at the Wisconsin High School Bowling Club's State Championships, held this weekend.

But for the first time, the Wolves have a qualifier in the individual competition as well.

Senior Nate Ruedinger will be Winneconne's representative in the individual competition as the state tournament begins Friday at bowling centers in Oshkosh and Neenah.

Ruedinger finished second among District 8A individuals this past season after racking up 153 strikes in 246 frames during competition this season. He finished the season with just 35 open frames in 14 matches and his mark rate of 73.2 percent trailed only Oshkosh West's Logan Egnoski.

"Being my first year (qualifying as an individual), I am a little nervous," Ruedinger said before a practice last week. "Just being surrounded by bowlers like me is a little nerve wracking. They are your peers, and they judge you, compliment you, they do everything. But I am also excited to be bowling."

Ruedinger will take part in the qualifier on Friday at Rolling Thunder in Neenah with the top 25 percent of the



The Winneconne boys bowling team will compete at the state championship for the second straight year this weekend. The boys varsity team finished first among the Division 2 teams in District 8A, and consists of Nate Ruedinger, Brayden Christman, Carter Lund, Jacob Lytle, Sawyer Olson, Jaxon O'Neal and Kellen Young.

field, including ties, advancing to the semifinal round Saturday evening. The top five finishers in the semifinals advance to Sunday's stepladder finals.

The individual qualifier will have each bowler throw a series of three games, which is a change from the

Baker style of bowling – where five bowlers rotate bowling one frame at a time – that teams use during the regular season.

"I've been bowling for so long, it's not a big deal. It's all a mental game. You have to have the physical endurance but also the mental endurance, too," Ruedinger said.

He also knows it will feel a little different being out on the lanes without his teammates by his side.

"During the season you have your team supporting you, they are clapping after every shot," Ruedinger said. "Doing it yourself, you are just in your own world. It's a mental game for sure."

Ruedinger and his teammates will compete in the team qualifier at Rolling Thunder on Saturday morning with each team bowling 15 qualifying games. The top five teams in both Division 1 and Division 2 advance to Saturday night's stepladder finals.

The Saturday night team finals will bowl until a championship matchup is set, and two teams in each division of boys and girls will then compete on Sunday for the state title.

Last season, Winneconne finished sixth, missing out of the stepladder finals by one position. The Wolves finished the regular season 10-4 in district competition, which was the top record among D2 teams.

Although five bowlers bowl during

competition, Winneconne had seven members see action during matches this season.

The team consists of Ruedinger, Brayden Christman, Carter Lund, Jacob Lytle, Sawyer Olson, Jaxon O'Neal and Kellen Young. Christman finished



Nate Ruedinger.

second on the team in mark percentage, while Young finished third.

Three members of Winneconne's JV team – Ayden Bargender, Cash Heise and Tyler LeBouton – will be a part of the 10-bowler roster for the state tournament.

The team is coached by Mark Frierdich.

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## Sports

# Wolves top Chilton to return to sectionals

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The Winneconne girls basketball team will be returning to sectional competition for the second straight season after disposing of Ripon and Chilton over the weekend to claim a WIAA Division 3 regional title.

The Wolves dominated Ripon, 55-15, on Friday and then dispatched Chilton, 68-40, on Saturday to earn a spot in Thursday's sectional semifinal.

Jada Kaiser scored 15 points, while Harper Neace added 12 and Grace Mitchell 10 in the easy win over Ripon.

Mitchell scored 28 points and Neace finished with 24 points in the victory over Chilton.

Winneconne will face a familiar foe in the sectional semifinal as the Wolves – who are the top-seed in the sectional – will tussle with second-seeded Xavier in Brillion on Thursday night. Xavier beat Winneconne, 57-41, in a sectional semifinal last year.

Xavier enters the contest on a nine-game winning streak and knocked off Berlin and Omro in regional action.

The winner of the game will face either Wittenberg-Birnamwood or Freedom in a sectional final on Saturday afternoon in Seymour.

Winneconne and Xavier also tussled earlier this season with the Hawks handing the Wolves a 58-51 loss in December. It was one of just three losses for the Wolves, who are 23-3.

Mitchell finished with 18 points and seven rebounds in the game for Winneconne, but was the lone player in double figures.



*The Winneconne girls basketball team collected their second straight WIAA Division 3 regional title on Saturday and advance to face Xavier in a sectional semi-final on Thursday in Brillion.*



*The Winneconne girls celebrate following their 68-40 win over Chilton on Saturday in a WIAA Division 3 regional final in Winneconne.*



# Prep Sports Roundup

## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Winneconne can't hold off Plymouth in season finale

The Wolves nearly hit key shots for the third time this season but couldn't slow down Plymouth in a 96-92 loss in the regular-season finale last Thursday night.

Winneconne led 47-39 at halftime but the Panthers erupted for 59 points in the second half to rally for the win.

Parker Ingles topped the 30-point mark for the third time this season, finishing with 36 points to lead the Wolves. Ingles knocked down five 3-pointers in the game and finished 11-of-11 at the free-throw line.

Brody Schaffer finished with 28 points and Gage Bartel added 20 points for the Wolves.

Ingles, Schaffer and Ryan Quigley each finished with eight rebounds to lead Winneconne, while Schaffer also led the team with five assists.

Winneconne finished a perfect 16-of-16 from the free-throw line in the game.

The Wolves are slated to open WIAA Division 3 tournament play at conference rival Berlin on Tuesday night. The winner of the game will travel to Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau for a regional semifinal on Friday.



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**March 10-14**  
**Advocap Lunch Menu**  
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**Tues.:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes, beets, pears.  
**Wed.:** Sloppy joe w/red peppers, sweet potato, apple juice.  
**Thurs.:** Hungarian goulash over noodles, salad w/veggies, tropical fruit.  
**Fri.:** Au gratin potatoes/ham, baked beans, carrots, peaches.

**Winneconne Community School District**  
**ES:** Along with main entrée and

## The Weekly Whisk

### Bacon Wrapped Asparagus

On Valentine’s Day, I made my favorite beef tenderloin recipe in a cast iron pan. I made smashed baby red potatoes and was looking for a “classier” vegetable. I found this simple recipe and it knocked it out of the park! IF you have leftovers, I suggest reheating them for a few minutes in the air fryer to crisp up the bacon again.


1-pound fresh asparagus, ends trimmed  
5 - 6 slices bacon  
1/4 cup light brown sugar  
2 tablespoons of butter  
1 1/2 teaspoons soy sauce  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
freshly ground pepper

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Divide asparagus into five or six bundles, depending on the size of your asparagus, and carefully wrap a piece of bacon around each and secure with a toothpick. Place the bundles in a casserole dish, toothpick side down.


Combine the brown sugar, soy sauce, butter, and garlic powder in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Remove from the stove and season with freshly ground black pepper. Pour the glaze over the asparagus bundles, being sure to completely coat the bacon.

Bake for 20 minutes, then increase the heat to broil and bake for another 5 to 6 minutes, watching carefully and turning often, until the bacon is crisp. Remove the toothpicks and serve immediately.

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**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:** Mini corndogs, rice pilaf, winter blend. **MS:** Chicken tenders, buttered pasta, veggies.

**Tues.:** **ES:** Mini pancakes, sausage patty, potato chunks. **MS:** Soft pretzel/cheese, baby carrots, yogurt cup.

**Wed.:** **ES:** Soft shell taco, refried beans, garden bar. **MS:** Mac & cheese bowl, peas & carrots.

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

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

## Church Notes

### St. Mary’s Catholic Church

210 Pleasant Drive  
Winneconne  
Priest Celebrants  
Fr. Tom Long  
& Fr. Ben Pribbenow  
Deacon Paul Vidmar, Pastoral Coordinator

Thurs.: 2 pm - Stations of the Cross.  
9 am to 3 pm - Staff Retreat/Jesuit Retreat House.

Fri.: 4 to 7 pm - Smelt Fish Fry/Kaudy Hall.

Sat.: 1:30 pm - 1st Communion Retreat. 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm - Mass/Trustee Nominations.

Sunday, March 9: 10:30 am - Mass/Nonperishable Food Collection/1st Sunday of Lent/Trustee Nominations.

Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 5 pm - CAM Mtg. 6 pm - No Greater Love/Kaudy.

Tues.: 4:30 pm - Stewardship Mtg. 6 pm - Sorrowful Mysteries/Kaudy. 6 pm - OCIA Night of Reflection.

Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 3:10 pm - FF, ES/ES Reconciliation, Grades 3-5. 3:45 pm - ES Mass. 6:30 p m- FF, HS.

### Immanuel Lutheran Church

9077 North Road  
Zittau  
Pastor Tauna Roth  
Sundays: 9 am - Worship.  
Mondays: 10 am - Bible Study.  
Wednesday Lenten Services. Meal 6 pm, Worship 6:40 pm.

### Lord of the Lakes (ELCA) Church

6090 Harbour South  
Winneconne  
Pastor Kevin Heffernan  
Thurs.: 8:30 am - Bible Study. 6 pm - Bible Study.  
Sunday, March 9: 8 & 10 am - Worship/New Member Welcome.  
Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.  
Tues.: 9 am - Busy Hands.  
Wed: 5:30 pm - Soup Supper. 6 pm - SWAG. 6:30 pm - Lent Service. 7 pm - Music Practice. 7 pm - Confirmation Class.

### St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

8 South Fourth Street  
Winneconne  
Pastor Ben Berger  
Pastor Darin Warnecke

## Calendar

**Thursday, March 6:** Shope & Dine Locally & Enjoy Winneconne!  
**Friday, March 7:** National Honor Society Parent’s Night Out. 7 pm - Individual State Bowling at Rev’s Oshkosh.  
**Saturday, March 8:** 9:30 am - State Bowling at Rolling Thunder/Neenah.  
**Sunday, March 9:** Worship at the Church of Your Choice.  
**Monday, March 10:** 6:30 pm- First District Mtg./Winneconne Garage.  
**Tuesday, March 11:** Shope & Dine Locally & Enjoy Winneconne!  
**Wednesday, March 12:** The News is out! Subscribe today at winneconnenews.com. 1 pm - Mahjong group/ Public Library. 5 pm - Europe Trip Travel Mtg.

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Thurs.: 9:30 am - Bible Study. 1 pm - Ladies Aid. 6 pm - Bible Basics Class. Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship. Sunday, March 9: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship/Late Service w/Contemporary Music. 9:10 am - Bible Study/Family Impressions. Mon.: Contemporary Music Practice. Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters. 6 pm - Fellowship Mtg. 7 pm - Education Mtg. Wed.: 5 pm - Lenten Supper. 6 pm - Lenten Worship. 6:30 pm - Catechism study.

### St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, WELS

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

### First Presbyterian Church

32 S. Third Avenue  
Winneconne  
920-706-0047  
Pastor Emily Lueder  
8:30 am - Sunday Service.

### Bible Baptist Church

At First Presbyterian Church  
32 S. Third Avenue  
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Pastor Robert Hatch  
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Sundays: 10:45 am - Sunday School. 12 pm - Worship.

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Sundays: 9 am - Regular Sunday Worship, with Fellowship to Follow  
Wednesday Prime Service  
Wednesday Bible Study

### AA and Al-Anon

St. Mary Church Basement  
Thurs.: 7 pm - Al-Anon.  
Please refer to the district website for available AA meetings in our area.



# Shallow Lakes Chronicles

## Recruiting Young Ones

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

Some pretty neat things are going on in our Shallow Lakes. As we near spring and the return of migrant ducks, their mating, and their eventual brood of young, there will be lots of new accommodations for them.

A recent UTV ride though the north end of Boom Bay and Haulover Bay revealed to me a dozen or so wood duck houses. The Lake Poygan Sportsmen's Club builds, sells, and gives away 50 to 80 of them each year, but it's some selfless stewards of the resources that put them up and maintain them.

I'm not sure who did the work, but they had to take a day or two to assemble a mounting post, the hardware, and

dull their ice drill to get the posts into the marsh muck. It's been said, "He who plants a tree loves others besides himself" and that quote certainly fits here.

Last weekend I had the privilege to assist The Boy in placing 11 mallard hen nesting tubes, also in Lake Poygan. The previous weekend he and a few members of the Fox River Valley Chapter of Delta Waterfowl put out a bunch more; they left a few for us to do.

As I age, I find it's these seemingly little things that loom large in my shrinking world. It's not just erecting some assisted living for ducks going on here. It's 20-some-year-olds seeing beyond their years that makes a guy proud and our lakes a better place for wild things.

This chapter of Delta was started up and is run by "kids" that experienced their first duck hunt in our own Clarks Bay on Lake Winneconne. The chapter's first banquet raised the most money in a good chunk of the Midwest.



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One of the chapter's founders is now running the statewide organization. Pretty impressive stuff.

So, look here, it turns out we're not just raising young ducks; we're raising young men, great stewards, and fine citizens. Life's a funny thing; you just might learn a few lessons when you look beyond your own circumstances.

Great work Boy. Great work Delta.

Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com

# Tales From The Land of Retirement

## Take a lesson from an old broad

By Jeanne Lehr

Have you ever been waited on or served by a person that you think should be home and comfortably retired? If you take a good look around you, you will see a LOT of retired "old" people working.

Most of these workers are not doing it for the money, they are doing it for something to do. Their days are no longer filled with work and their families. Their jobs used to dictate what they were doing and how they were going to do it. Their family all had plans for their time and energy. So, what now? What can an older person do with all that extra time and energy?

I can honestly say that I have never said I am bored with nothing to do. Maybe that's from my upbringing. My mother would always help me out with my boredom. There is ALWAYS something to do.

If retirement is something new to you, you need to look outside your comfort zone. You may think volunteering or working a little job is way beyond your desires or capabilities. Surprise! You would not believe how much satisfaction you get from helping out where help is needed.

Take a lesson from a really old broad, ME. I am a member of the Historical Society, the American Legion Auxiliary, I work the polls on election day, I work part time at the Fin 'n' Feather and I write the weekly column you are currently reading. After all of this, I still host family dinners on Wednesdays, show up for happy hour at the Legion on Thursdays and sign-in at the Fin on Sundays hoping to win a little moola.

Aside from my social life, I maintain a house and yard and I always have lots of cupboards and closets to clean. When I finally find time to do nothing, I do nothing. I always have a book to finish or a nap to take. I work when there is work to do, but I take time for me too.

On many busy days, the notion of proper eating and exercise just isn't in the picture. I need to remember these actions are just as important to my well-being as anything else I've mentioned. Without health, you are severely handicapped as to what you can do.

So, next time you see us senior citizens out doing a job, thank us for picking up the slack when help was needed. And hey, maybe join in yourself too.

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Obituaries

**Jason Dorn**  
Jason Dorn, age 51, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, due to cardiac arrest. He was born November 30, 1973, to Don and Evelyn Dorn.

Jason was a 1992 graduate of Winneconne High School. At the age of 13, Jason started working at Holtz's Supper Club in Winneconne. After Holtz's he became a manager at Callahan's Restaurant in Oshkosh and Fond du Lac. When The Other Place opened in Winneconne, Jason became the chef and worked there until they closed. Currently, he was the chef at the Butte des Morts Supper Club, working side by side with his brother Zach.

Jason enjoyed deer hunting and fishing. His hobbies were collecting sports cards, needlepoint, painting ceramics, video games, and scratch-off tickets.

Jason is survived by his mother, Evelyn; brother, Zach; aunt, Dorothy Yaroch; uncles, Gary (Lorna) Yaroch, Bob Dorn; niece, Nicole Yaroch (Jason); great-aunts, great-uncles, cousins, friends, his furry pals, Axel and Lucy; and a special friend and mentor, Mary Holtz.

Preceding Jason in death were his father, Don; grandparents, Mary and

Clarence Yaroch, Anna Dorn; and several other relatives and friends.

Cremation will take place and there will be no service held.

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

"Zach and I want to thank the Winnebago County Sheriff's deputies, Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Nick Keator, and Kelly Angell for their passionate, kind, and gentle care given to us during our time of need. Jason, we will always and forever love you, and hope you make some wonderful meals for everyone. When I meet you again, I want my ribeye steak medium well, baked potato, and one of your loaves of bread. Hugs and kisses, Love ya, Mom and Zach."

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**Lorraine F. Bartell Seeman**  
Lorraine F. Bartell Seeman, age 97, Marshfield, Wisconsin died on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at Three Oaks Health Services, Marshfield.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Marshfield where the visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Rev. Donn Radde was the officiate. The burial will take place at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 10 in Winneconne Cemetery. Rembs Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Lorraine was born on July 21, 1927, in Oshkosh to Earl and Olga (Schmoker) Buser. She was a 1944 graduate of Winneconne High School and then attended Oshkosh Business College.

She married Reuben L. Bartell on May 22, 1948, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Winneconne. After her marriage she was employed at Whitehouse Milk Company in Winneconne. The Bartells moved to Portage, Wisconsin in 1950 where they lived for 12 years. They then moved to Atlanta, Georgia for two years until 1965 when they moved to Marshfield. Lorraine was then employed as a medical assistant

at the Marshfield Clinic for 19 years. Reuben died on October 8, 1990.


Lorraine enjoyed embroidery, baking, playing cards, crossword puzzles, Scrabble, and visiting Winneconne and Fremont, Wisconsin. She loved her husband immensely as he did her.

She is survived by two daughters, Julianne Kay Bartell of Marshfield and Joni Peterson of Arpin. She is also survived by a granddaughter, Heidi Topping and three great grandchildren, AJ, Nyah, and Dakota Topping. She is further survived by three nephews, Jeff, Marty, and Johny Buser.

She was predeceased by her parents and her husband, and a brother, John Buser.

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

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

**VISITORS:** (See Visitor List on file)

**OPEN FORUM** – (Comments other than Title IX)  
Community resident brought forward concerns on the bullying of her son and the concern of timely response by Administration and Teaching Staff, Grading Standards and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Recalibrating of Report Cards, inflated numbers, being transparent about the understanding of the Report Card, and emphasizing the importance of the Constitution, voices heard, and being rightful for all children.

**OPEN SESSION**  
**5.consent items:**  
A. District Checks #10016034 to #10016130 in the Amount of \$2,095,843.56  
B. Student Activity Checks #915519 to # 915558 in the Amount of \$36,299.56  
C. District ACH Payments \$378,621.62  
D. SA ACH Payments \$2,565.20  
E. Credit Card Transaction Report \$39,478.33  
F. Approve Resignation of HS Custodian, Effective 12/18/24  
G. Approve Resignation of HS Custodian, Effective 1/2/2025  
H. Approve Hiring of HS Custodian, Effective 1/21/2025  
I. Approve Hiring of HS Custodian, Effective 1/21/2025  
J. Approve Retirement of HR Specialist, Effective 6/30/2025  
K. Approve FFA to WI FFA Farm Forum in Rothchild, WI. February 12-13, 2025

Motion by Keller, seconded by Hanson to pull out of Consent Item J to discuss in Closed Session  
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 6-0

Motion by Kunde, second by Verich to approve Consent Items A through I and K  
Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion Approved: 6-0

**6. Approve Minutes form December16, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting**  
Motion by Hanson, seconded by Kunde to approve the Regular School Board Minutes from December 16, 2024  
Roll Call: Keller-Abstain, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 5-0-1 (Keller Abstention)

**7. Approve Minutes from December 20,2024, Special Board Meeting**

Motion by Kunde, seconded by Stelzner to approve the Special School Board minutes from December 20, 2024  
Roll Call: Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Abstain, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 5-0-1 (Keller abstention)

**8. Policy 2264 Nondiscrimination on the basis of Sex Education Programs or Activities- Rescind**  
Motion by Hanson, second by Keller to Rescind Policy 2264, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex Education Programs of Activities.  
Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 6-0

**9. Open Forum for any comments regarding Title IX**  
Community residents commented that Title IX Never should be passed, and the whole Community has lost trust of the Board of Education, appreciated the Rescinding of Policy 2264, and to review of lawsuit and federal government ruling 7/31/ VS. 8-1 2024

**10. Boys Hockey Co-op**  
Boys Hockey Co-op needs to be renewed for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 seasons. The Deadline for Winter Sports is February 1st, 2025. WCSd has had one, maybe 2 participants in the last years, AD Tyler Lee feels as though we should continue to be a part of the CO-OP as it gives students another opportunity to participate in, the cost to the district if a student participates is about \$1000  
Motion by Verich, seconded by Kunde to continue to be a part of the Boys Hockey Co-op  
Roll call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-aye, Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 6-0

**11. Act 20-Student Testing Demonstration**  
Elementary Principal Lisa Hughes, Interventionist Tammy Yeager, Teacher, Diane Collins, and Instructional Coach, Meghan Paulick gave a presentation on Act 20- Student Testing for 4k- 3rd grade students reading Literacy. The Act 20- Student Testing is a Mandatory Program by DPI, Teachers have been working with CESA 6 on the training and implementation for our district.

**12. Anti-Virus and Cyber Security Protection Program**  
The IT Department would like to purchase a program called Crowdstike, this is a program for Anti-Virus and Cyber Security end-point device protection program. It is a pricy but being a public sector entity we can get it for basically 90% of initial cost of \$250,000. Our cost would be an annual cost of \$ 25, 000. The cost for the remainder of this year would be approximately \$13,460. Our neighboring school district had just had a cyber-attack a week prior.  
Moton by Verich, second by Ackmann to give the go ahead to the IT department to purchase Crowdstrike as a program for Anti-virus and Ciber Security.  
Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 6-0

**13. 2025-2026 Open Enrollment-Determination of Spaces in Regular and Special Education**  
Each year Open Enrollment Seats for Regular and Special Education numbers are reviewed.  
Motion by Kunde, seconded by Hanson to approve 81 Regular Education Open Enrollment Seats and 12 Seats in Cross Categorical Special Education Program for the 2025-2026 school year, based on criteria in the board's Open Enrollment Policy #5113  
Roll Call: Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye,

Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 6-0

**14. PCD Data Update/ Cell Phone Policy Data**  
Personal Device Policy Data from each campus was reviewed. The Policy Committee will be meeting for any potential revisions.

**15. Administration Reports-** (See updated reports on file)

**16. Board Reports**  
**A. Communications-** There were no communications to be read  
**B. Committee Reports:**  
1. HR/Financial Planning- Will be meeting, just need to set meeting date  
2. PR/marketing- Have not met since last meeting  
3. Policy- will be meeting prior to the next Regular Board meeting, February 3rd

**Executive Session**  
Motion made by Keller, second by Stelzner to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from December 16, 2024, 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 effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data regarding co-head coaches. 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, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 6-0

**Open Session**  
The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 8:05 pm

**16. Co-Head Coaches- High School Varsity Football**  
Motion made by Kunde, seconded by Verich to approve the proposal of having Co-Head Coaches for Varsity High School Football  
Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 6-0  
Motion made by Kunde, second by Verich to adjourn meeting of the WCSd Board of Education.  
Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde  
WCSd- Board Clerk  
8:15 pm  
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**MINUTES**  
**WINNECONNE VILLAGE BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025, 5:30 PM**  
**VILLAGE BOARD ROOM, 30 SOUTH FIRST STREET**

Call to Order  
Meeting called to order by President Boucher at 5:30 pm.  
Roll Call: Foster-present, Kubasta-present, Olson-present, Bouras-present, Stelzner-present, Janikowski-present, Boucher-present.  
Also present were Administrator Fuller and Attorney Chad Wade.  
Pledge of Allegiance said in unison.

Regular Business  
Motion by Bouras second by Olson to approve consent agenda and payment of bills:  
December 31, 2024, Treasurer's Report/Budget Comparisons  
December 2024, Check Register  
Motion passes by roll call vote:  
Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Kubasta second by Bouras to approve December 17, 2024, Village Board Minutes with correct spelling of treasurer name on pg. 2.

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

**Communications**  
• Harry Allen (Ehlers) providing details on Resolution 12.17-2024A regarding sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes to pay off past debt and cover future capital projects.  
• Katie Harter – Kat's Café behind Bieser Realty, self-contained walk-up/drive-up mobile trailer on concrete slab in Bieser's parking lot, providing hot and cold drinks and grab-n-go food items. Administrator Fuller explained the trailer would be considered an out-building and the value gets assessed to Bieser.  
• Dan Van Bommel – interested in Village-owned property east of the bridge for possible condo or apartment development, working with DNR to remediate the soil.

Public Participation  
Chief Sauriol presented Officer Austin Withem a Merit Award for his positive interactions with and feedback from residents during his first year.

Administrator's Report  
• Wolf Run – working with Eric Hoffman, Public Works and Planning Commission to get plans developed for 25 Twin-dominium units that will be built behind Klein Ford. Intent is to have plans approved for a start date some time next May with a private road off Wentzel; give more options of purchasing both side and renting the other.  
• Alpha Fitness looking for sites in the Village to expand their business.  
• Mueller Ice Cream and Grill is going into the old Jakes pizza, opening in February.  
• Just Popcorn is selling popcorn and other items in the old Arrow Head building.  
• Attending GOEDC board meeting as well as County IDB meeting.  
• Met with Senator Ron Johnson's staff on Jan. 8 – Tom Petri, State Legislative Director and Jan. 20 with Amy Resop, Region Director. Discussed fiscal management of 2024 and process improvements for 2025.  
• Process improvements and refinements continue with each department's work for better efficiency and continuity for new staff coming in.  
• The 2025 budget has been uploaded to Work Horse prior to the end of the year,  
• Year-end close out of 2024 ended at 102.7% of budgeted expenses - within 5% margin goal; closed out the ARPA funds; audit and accountability in place.  
• Five-year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) updates, adding Marble Park.  
• 2024 Audit prep goal is to have inputs to CLA by mid-February.

President Boucher asked for explanation of processes for improvement. Staff using Teams and OneNote for communication tools instead of emails getting lost in the shuffle. Example: resident calls about stop sign down – information can be sent through OneNote to let everyone know and someone then takes care of it instead of making multiple trips to and from the Public Works garage. Striving for operational excellence, increased productivity and less waste with the technical tools available to staff.

Committee Reports  
Beautification – had a working meeting taking down Christmas decorations  
Cemetery - didn't meet  
Fire District – year-end report coming out, 2% fire dues report completed, station audit on the 29th, generator maintenance completed, new remotes for truck doors, Jan. 29th Chicken Night at the Fin from 5-9 pm. Historic Preservation – didn't meet however the cemetery marker was received, \$1027 yet to raise, would like unveiling ceremony on a Saturday in April or May.  
Library – didn't meet  
Parks – Broderick provided Phase 1

update for Marble Park, Mankiewicz shared Barn and Lake Winneconne Park remodel update, Foster spoke to financing for Marble Park updates and trying to figure out Village's portion to provide financial backers information.  
Personnel & Finance – didn't meet  
Plan Commission – met, see minutes  
Public Safety – new squads are in, one outfitted, mock core accreditation next quarter, looking for historical information on when PD was established, annual report out next month.  
Public Works – Well 1 & 2 punch list updates, Wolf Run – 5 houses in process; Pacer Report-rates road conditions, road information sent to DOT, dead ash tree letters mailed regarding removal of 58 trees in the Village right of way, letters sent regarding N. 6th Ave utility rebuild including mill and overlay, and Adams St. between S. 2nd and S. 3rd St. mill and overlay

Old Business  
None

New Business  
Motion by Foster second by Kubasta to approve Resolution 12.17-2024A, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,830,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A  
Motion passes by roll call vote:  
Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Foster second by Janikowski to approve CSM NO. 7308, parcel 19100351603 located on Tower Road and West Industrial Road. This parcel originally was 15 acres and is now being broken into one 1-acre parcel (lot2) and one 14-acre parcel (lot 2) in order to sell and develop for future business. Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Bouras second by Olson to approve offer by Shallbetter properties LLC to purchase 14 acres of parcel 19100351603 for \$256,666.00 contingent on a signed developer's agreement prior to closing as well as rezoning from R-1A (Single family residential) to I- (general industrial)  
Motion passes by roll call vote:  
Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Janikowski second by Bouras to review and approve offer by Precision Real Estate, LLC to purchase 1 acres of parcel 19100351603 for \$18,000.00 contingent on a signed developer's agreement prior to closing as well as rezoning from R-1A (Single family residential) to I- (general industrial)  
Motion passes by roll call vote:  
Stelzner-aye, Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubasta-aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Kubasta second by Foster to approve three Temporary Class B licenses to St. Mary Parish for the following dates: 3/7/25, 3/21/25 and 4/4/25  
Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Olson second by Bouras to approve an operator license for Dylan Halder  
Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Confirm next meeting:  
February 18, 2025, in the Winneconne Library Community Room upstairs

Adjourn  
Motion by Bouras second by Janikowski to adjourn at 6:27 pm  
Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Clerk Wasinger  
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Bids will be received on the following Contract:

Contract No. W0011-09-24-00744  
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**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.

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# Have a grand time at the Grand Opera House

By Cassidy Johnson

The oldest opera house in the state, The Grand Oshkosh is an esteemed and historic downtown theater that has been dedicated to the Fox Valley for almost 150 years.

The Grand serves the community by fostering an appreciation for the arts through creative and artistic expression. This is achieved through performing arts initiatives, including public and educational performances, youth events, free events and community theater. Continuing on that promise, The Grand has a variety of events and entertainment planned for spring.

The Rhythm of the Dance, which has been rated one of the most popular Irish dance productions in the world, is celebrating its 26th anniversary of worldwide touring with a two-hour celebration of Irish culture that takes the stage at 7 p.m. March 7.

Next up, The Grand will host Ladies of Country, a high-profile tribute to country music queens Dolly Parton, Shania Twain, Reba McEntire and Martina McBride. The show opens at 7:30 p.m. March 21.

Parton is played by Karen Hester, 2021 winner of Jimmy Fallon's TV Show "Clash of the Cover Bands" and Reba by Corrie Sachs, five-time winner of the Las Vegas Singer of the Year award. Starring on ABC's "The Next Best Thing," Stacey Whittion Summers will be performing as both Twain and McBride.

If you're having a ruff day, sometimes all you need is some animal therapy. However, "Mutts Gone Nuts! Unleashed" does things a little differently. Instead of cuddles, these pups perform stunts as impressive as they are hilarious.

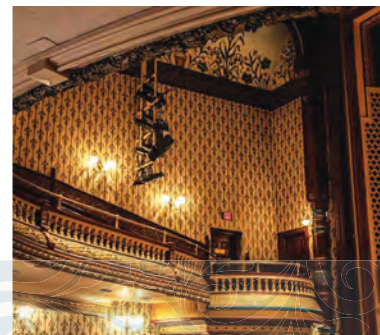
Regarded as a must-see by the Washington Post, the two April 5 shows are at 2 and 7 p.m.

Early in the summer, The Grand will host a theater production of "Alice in Wonderland" presented by Lexington Children's Theatre. Bring friends, family or just come yourself to support these young children in this enchanting production May 6 with one showing at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 12:30 p.m.

Last but not least, Midwest Dueling Pianos, considered one of the nation's top dueling piano production companies in America, comes to The Grand for a 7 p.m. May 10 performance. The interactive musical production will go through the musical ages via piano playing, singing, dancing, comedy and audience participation to create an unforgettable experience for any age.

The AfterGlow party following the performance will feature area singer and musician Franki Moscato, who was part of the 2019 season of "American Idol" and has sang the national anthem for Packers and Bucks games, NASCAR races and even for the president of the United States.

Tickets for all Grand events can be purchased at [thegrandoshkosh.org](http://thegrandoshkosh.org) or at its downtown box office.



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*Club owner fashions special creations downtown*

# Flights Wine & Cocktail Club goes for fun experiences

By Cassidy Johnson

Some of the best creations are made when somebody sees something missing in their world and, instead of complaining about it, decides to create it themselves.

Andrea Reichenberger, owner of Flights Wine & Cocktail Bar, created a special club that revolves around the recent trend of beverage flights, one of the first of its kind in Winnebago County.

Located at 607 S. Main St. in downtown Oshkosh where The Brooklyn Grill used to reside, this fun and unique wine and cocktail bar was designed to be the perfect place to hang out with friends, try out new wines and “unWINEd” after a long day.

“I just wanted (a place for) the businesswoman to have a space to talk and hang out with friends over a good glass of wine,” Reichenberger said. “That’s really how it all started.”

She loves a dive bar as much as the next, but wanted to create a place that put conversation on the forefront instead of the back burner.

“They (dive bars) can just be so loud, it’s hard to have conversations,” she said. “I think in the world we’re in today with all the technology and people very isolated on their phones, bringing back the art of having conversation is important.”

Reichenberger’s vision only grew from there. Something else that was missing from her life was a place to try really good wine.

“I’m always looking to try something new, and that’s kind of where the concept of flights started,” she said. “We wanted to be able to provide an opportunity to try different things and develop people’s palates.”

While this idea was born from Reichenberger’s passion for wine, she has expanded the concept of drink flights to beers and cocktails, including their popular old fashioned flight that features orange, cherry, peach and plum drinks based on the traditional Wisconsin cocktail.

Reichenberger offers preset drink flights perfect for those who don’t know where to start, as well as a build-your-own option perfect for those looking to experiment.

Her goal was to provide customers with the opportunity to try new drinks and wines without all the pressure of sometimes snobbish wine connoisseurs, the commitment to a whole bottle and the often steep pricetag attached.

Beyond beverage flights, the spot also offers other specialty cocktails such as Espresso Martinis and Lemon Drops, along with some twists on the classics such as the Oshkosh Manhattan and the Bloody Gin-a.

Flights also has a revolving door of specialty cocktails for each season. For winter, they’re offering a tangy Key Lime Pie Whiskey Martini, a sprinkle-rimmed Sugar Cookie Cocktail and a Lovely Ol’ Fashioned.

Made with cranberry and orange bitters, and burnt sugar whiskey, the Lovely has become a favorite among staff and guests alike, and was soon to be renamed Flight’s Ol’ Fashioned and moved to the main menu.

For the summer, they’re looking to add sipping rums and a Kentucky Derby-inspired Moonshine flight.

There’s also a variety of non-alcoholic options, including wines and beers, and cocktails such as an NA Mai Tai, Margarita and Limoncello.

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Besides special food and drink options, Flights works to maintain a fun, chic and intimate environment with rustic-chic decor and an outdoor patio complete with string lights, a fire pit and curtains to bring a sense of intimacy outside.

This atmosphere is also maintained by the variety of events offered – trivia nights, live music almost every month and pop-up shops featuring local businesses such as Periwinkle Poppy Boutique and Uptown Links, a permanent jewelry bar.

Flights will host its third Uptown Links pop-up May 15, an event Reichenberger says is "always a big hit."

Sooner than that, they will be hosting a Sex in the City Trivia night on Thursday, April 17, and a live performance two days later by Safe Sax, performed by Green Bay saxophonist and vocalist Michael Prusinski – A Sax in the City weekend, if you will.

They will be continuing with trivia nights in May with a "Friends" theme May 20 and a "Bridgerton" theme May 22.

All the events mentioned are free and open to the public, but Reichenberger also offers some more exclusive parties.

One she is particularly excited about is a Kentucky Derby theme night and watch party in which people can come dressed for the derby, "bet" on their favorite horses and win prizes.

Reichenberger is working on more events and collaborations for the upcoming year, including something she calls "Boujee Bingo" in which players pay for a card for the chance to win a luxury prize such as a facial or nice piece of jewelry.



No matter your level of wine expertise, price point, gender or goal for the night, this joint is the perfect spot for a night out with the guys or galpals, a date night, birthdays, book clubs, post-dinner drinks and all of life's moments in-between.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKDAYS	SATURDAYS
 <p>THURSDAYS   5-9PM Cribbage &amp; Catan Club + Lobby Bar Open</p>	<p><b>1 MAR</b> BAGS TOURNAMENT 1 PM</p> <p><b>15 MAR</b> MUSICAL SING-A-LONG &amp; DANCE PARTY 6 PM</p> <p><b>22 MAR</b> THE OFFICE TRIVIA 7 PM</p> <p><b>29 MAR</b> HARRY POTTER TRIVIA 7 PM</p> <p><b>12 APR</b> OSHKOSH ART COLLECTIVE ART SHOW 7 PM</p> <p><b>26 APR</b> STAR WARS TRIVIA 7 PM</p>
 <p>FRIDAYS   5-9PM Lobby Bar Open</p>	

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# The Revival revives area fashion options

By Cassidy Johnson

With at least 30 and counting, Winnebago County is home to many boutiques. With so much competition, it can be hard for these smaller shops to set themselves apart.

The Revival is a boutique on this exact mission.

Owned and founded by Brooke Bebout, The Revival has two locations. The first opened in 2012 at 111 W Fulton St. Waupaca and its second location opened in 2018 at 123 W Wisconsin Ave, Neenah.

The Revival fulfills its motto of "chic, unique, and affordable" through its clothes, community events and personable customer service.

"We're just really on this mission to set ourselves apart," Bebout said. "There's so many boutiques out there, and I want us to have stuff that no one else has. I want things to be unique to us."

One of the major ways Bebout sets herself apart is through her clothes and accessories for most ages, including jewelry, sunglasses, handbags and hair accessories.

As for clothes, they have elevated basics such as the Cosmic Cardigan, the Tweed Season Blazer and the Braid Cropped Cardigan, as well as statement pieces such as the Paisley Cowl Tank, Satin Bomber Vest and Luminous Maxi Dress.

Part of what Bebout is calling her "send-it season," The Revival released a new collection Feb 13 as a collaboration among Bebout, her right-hand-girl Emily Simon and Mike Kosakowski, owner of the "Wait, what?" print shop in Oshkosh.

The collection combines Simon's photography with Kosakowski's "incredibly unique printing process" to create pieces as special and as individualistic as the people wearing them.

Besides having a unique design, every shirt is as one-of-a-kind as its owner because of Kosakowski's specialized printing process – a sentiment you can't find at a department store.

A fashionista herself, Bebout views fashion as a form of art. Although the collaboration is unnamed, Bebout said the inspiration was the idea of having "wearable art."

Another way The Revival sets itself apart is through personable customer service. Although the boutique doesn't have the same number of customers as someplace like Zara or H&M, they have a loyal customer base.

"When I first opened over in Waupaca, there were girls that were in high school shopping there," Bebout said.

"Then, they'd come back on their college break, come back a couple years later because they're getting married, and then they'd come a couple of years later bringing a baby in with them." Bebout said this was something she never expected from owning a boutique.

"To watch women go through life since I opened has been really cool," she said. "That's just like this priceless, priceless moment to watch."

Another way Bebout offers outstanding service is through thoughtful gestures.

Reminiscing on how department stores used to wrap gifts for customers around Christmastime when she was a kid, Bebout said she had a desire to bring back some of that old charm by wrapping and donning each gift with a bow.

"That's why we wrap gifts here," Bebout said. "I just feel like it's a nice touch and it's not something that a lot of places offer anymore."

While her clothing, accessories and customer service make the boutique successful, it's what Bebout calls her "recklessness" and "impulsivity" that allowed her to quit her job and start this business in the first place.

"That's the thing about jumping in with both feet, you either do it or you don't," she said. "If you don't dip in far enough that you have to fight to survive, then how much effort are you really going to put into it? Just jump in and figure it out."



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A recovering alcoholic and smoker, Bebout said that she's always been a little impulsive. After getting sober, she decided to use this to her advantage and finally start her own shop.

"It's like a double-edged sword; the thing that tried to kill me is also the thing that made me who I am today," she said. "It's like my superpower now."

Bebout had been working at a finance company for six years but said she has wanted to do what she is now doing since she was a kid.

"Before I even went to kindergarten, I had this little shop that I set up in the breezeway of our old house and I was trying to sell, just like random things," she said. "(I remember saying) like, come buy my broken crayons and pictures that I colored!"



The next shop she had was a few decades later and a

little more space, although not by much. Only 400 square feet, she had room for a small inventory of clothes and jewelry. Within two days, she had sold out everything.

"The Revival has spiritual significance for me. I was spiritually transformed when I got sober, and I believe the way we view fashion needed a transformation too," Bebout said.

"Fashion is art and we are the canvas. It should be a form of expression, not an act of conformity."

It's this sentiment that Bebout hopes to convey through her clothes and collections to come.



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165 N Park Ave, Neenah

Now through April 18

**Teen Voices in Glass:**  
**2025 Area High School Glass Exhibition**  
Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass  
165 N Park Ave, Neenah

Now through June 7

**The Beauty of Marquetry and Parquetry**  
**Collection of highlights in the Sawyer Parlor**  
Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh

Now through July 27

**Primer by Leo Tecosky Exhibit**  
Blue Gallery, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass  
165 N Park Ave, Neenah

Now through October 26

**Victorian Art Glass Baskets Exhibit**  
Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass  
165 N Park Ave, Neenah

Now through January 18, 2026

**Nature as Muse**  
Tiffany treasures from Richard H. Driehaus Collection  
Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh

## MARCH

March 5

**Lent Fish Features**  
Batley's Grill & Bar  
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March 5

**Fox Cities Roller Derby • 5pm**  
Oshkosh Arena  
1212 S Main St, Oshkosh

March 6-May 6

**Cribbage And Catan**  
Thursdays 5pm-9pm  
The Gibson Social Club  
537 N Main St, Oshkosh

March 6

**Jazzmeia Horn • 6pm**  
The Howard  
405 Washington Ave, Oshkosh

March 7-April 25 **Cocktail's at The Lobby Bar**

Fridays beginning at 5pm  
The Gibson Social Club  
537 N Main St, Oshkosh

March 7

**Rhythm of the Dance • 7pm**  
The Grand Opera House  
100 High Ave, Oshkosh

March 11-16

**Some Like It Hot**  
Fox Cities Performing Arts Center  
400 W College Ave, Appleton

March 8

**International Women's Day Celebration Luncheon**  
11am  
Fin 'n Feather, 22 W Main St, Winneconne

March 8

**Roadtrip • 8pm**  
Woodeye's Bar & Grill  
700 W Main St, Winneconne

March 15-17

**O'Batley St. Paddy's Day Party**  
Batley's Grill & Bar  
1010 Cameron Way, Neenah

March 15

**Musical Night at The Gibson Social Hall • 6pm**  
The Gibson Social Hall  
537 N Main St, Oshkosh

March 15

**St. Patrick's Tent Party**  
Dublin's Irish Pub  
2070 W 9th Ave, Oshkosh

March 15

**Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra: Lavendar Chai • 7pm**  
UWO Music Hall  
1001 Elmwood Ave, Oshkosh

March 15-June 29

**Weaving a Legacy: Ho-Chunk Black Ash Basketry**  
The Paine  
1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh

March 16

**Shamrock Lunch & Luck of the Irish Bingo • 11am**  
LaSure's Banquet Hall  
3125 S Washburn St, Oshkosh

March 20

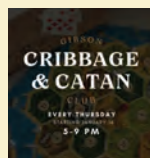
**Art After Dark- The Event of the Season • 5:30-8:30pm**  
Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass  
165 N Park Ave, Neenah

March 21

**Menasha Comedy Night • 7:30pm**  
226 Main St, Menasha  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



THURSDAYS | 5-9PM  
Cribbage & Catan Club  
+ Lobby Bar Open



FRIDAYS | 5-9PM  
Lobby Bar Open



SATURDAYS | 7PM  
Trivia Night: 3/22, 3/29, 4/26  
(Doors open at 6pm)

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- March 22 **The Office themed Trivia Night** • Doors open at 6pm  
The Gibson Social Hall  
537 N Main St, Oshkosh
- March 22 **Oshkosh Area Community Band Spring Concert** • 7pm  
Alberta Kimball Auditorium  
375 N Eagle St, Oshkosh
- March 23 **Neenah Community Band Spring Concert** • 3pm  
Neenah High School PAC  
500 Rocket Way, Neenah
- March 28 **Spring Break Camp** • 12:30-4:30pm  
Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass  
165 N Park Ave, Neenah
- March 29 **Harry Potter themed Trivia Night** • Doors open at 6pm  
The Gibson Social Club  
537 N Main St, Oshkosh

## APRIL

- April 3–13 **Oshkosh Craft Beer Week**  
Various citywide locations
- April 12 **Oshkosh Fine Arts Association WRAP Show** • 9am-12:30pm  
The Waters  
1393 Washington Ave, Oshkosh
- April 19 **Easter Market & Spring Bazaar** • 9am  
Oshkosh Convention Center  
1 N Main St, Oshkosh
- April 20 **Easter Sunday Brunch Buffet**  
Bridgewood Resort Hotel  
1000 Cameron Way, Neenah
- April 24–26 **2025 NFL Draft**  
Lambeau Field  
1265 Lombardi Ave, Green Bay
- April 24 **Star Wars themed Trivia Night** • Doors open at 6pm  
The Gibson Social Hall  
537 N Main St, Oshkosh
- April 24 **NFL Draft Watch Party**  
Batley's Grill & Bar  
1010 Cameron Way, Neenah
- April 25–Oct 5 **Through a Window Darkly by Jen Blazina Exhibit**  
Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass  
165 N Park Ave, Neenah

## MAY

- May 2 **2025 OASD Education Foundation Gala** • 6pm  
The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave, Oshkosh
- May 3 **NAMI Oshkosh 5K for Mental Health & Suicide Awareness**  
9am  
Oshkosh North High School  
1100 W Smith Ave, Oshkosh
- May 5 **Cinco de Mayo Event**  
Batley's Grill & Bar  
1010 Cameron Way, Neenah
- May 10 **Midwest Dueling Pianos** • 7pm  
The Grand Opera House  
100 High Ave, Oshkosh

- May 11 **Mother's Day Specials**  
Batley's Grill & Bar  
1010 Cameron Way, Neenah
- May 11 **Mother's Day** – Free Admission  
The Paine  
1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh
- May 17 **Festival of Spring Plant Sale, Arts & Crafts Sale** • 8am  
The Paine  
1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh
- May 21 **Glenn Miller Orchestra** • 7pm  
The Grand Opera House  
100 High Ave, Oshkosh
- May 23 **Green Bay Charity Softball Game**  
Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium  
2400 N Casaloma Dr, Oshkosh
- May 24 **Oshkosh Comic & Toy Show** • 10am–5pm  
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# The Gibson Social Club

By Cassidy Johnson

Located in the heart of downtown Oshkosh, the Gibson Social Club is located inside a historic building that has been renovated with a modern and rustic design to make it the perfect event venue.

While the Gibson is mostly an event venue, it is also committed to serving the community by hosting free public events this spring.

First up, the Gibson will be hosting a Musical Night from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15. Packed with music, fun and drinks, visitors can dance and sing along to popular Broadway hits including songs from "Wicked," "Rent," "Annie" and more at this age 21-plus event.

Whether or not you'd like to hit the dance floor with friends, use this as an opportunity to meet other musical nerds or get the chance to belt out a "Defying Gravity" solo at the top of your lungs. The night will have something for every type of musical fan.

Next up, the Gibson will be hosting trivia nights throughout March and April, starting with "The Office" Trivia Night on Saturday, March 22.

Allowing time for patrons to get a seat, a drink and socialize, doors for all trivia nights will open at 6 p.m. before trivia goes from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Reminisce on your favorite Jim Halpert pranks and Michael Scott fails, and prove your knowledge of the infamous Dunder Mifflin crew at this fun event.

Calling all muggles! The following Saturday, the Gibson will host a Harry Potter Trivia night, perfect for testing your knowledge on this iconic book series and for meeting fellow Gryffindors, Hufflepuffs, Ravenclaws and Slytherins.

Coming to a galaxy not so far away, the Gibson is hosting a Star Wars Trivia night Saturday, April 26. Travel through the galaxy of intense battles and iconic plot twists, and show off knowledge of this beloved franchise.

The Gibson is also hosting its fourth annual Oshkosh Art Collective show Saturday, April 12, from 6 to 10 p.m. Presenting more than 35 local artists, the show provides artists an opportunity to sell and show their art, and provide live art demonstrations.

Moreover, it allows people the opportunity to support local artists while getting handmade and unique pieces.

There are new vendors each year, but years past have had photography, painting, jewelry, pottery, coin purses, pot holders and clothing.

Whether looking for a night of singing and dancing, a night of victory or a way to support local artists and get unique pieces, the Gibson has an event for every possible mood.





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*Bridging past and present with indigenous cultural heritage*

# Oshkosh Public Museum

By Cassidy Johnson

Home to 11 federally recognized tribes, Wisconsin has been enriched by indigenous culture and people for eons.

In an effort to keep this rich culture alive, the Oshkosh Public Museum will host a series of workshops, book clubs and other events to celebrate and showcase indigenous traditions this spring.

First up, the museum will be hosting a book club on "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants," led by Sandra Toland, community engagement librarian for the Oshkosh Public Library.

This book club will have two sets of sessions. The first is at 6:15 p.m. March 19 and April 16 at the library, and the second at 2 p.m. April 2 and 17 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center.

The library has physical and electronic copies of the book available if needed.

Next up, the museum will present an Indian Story Stick workshop with Debra Morningstar, a storyteller, educator and member of the Oneida Nation. The workshop will be about the storyteller, the story stick being a traditional tool used in many indigenous cultures to aid in the storytelling process.

It will also allow participants to create their own story stick and help carry on the age-old tradition.

This event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. April 2 at the Lakeshore Park Four Seasons Building and will cost \$20 per person to cover the cost of materials.

Next in the series will be "Tightrope: Cultural Appropriation versus Appreciation" with Karen Ann Hoffman, a raised beadwork artist, native arts advocate and member of the Oneida Nation. The free discussion and educational opportunity will take place at 7 p.m. April 10 at The Lakeshore Park Four Seasons Building.

The museum will host a Hand Building Pottery workshop with Jennifer Ann Stevens, an Oneida/Lakota native citizen and creator of Haudensaunee-style pottery, set for April 19 at a location and time to be determined.

Another craft workshop with Morningstar from 1 to 3:30 p.m. April 24 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center will show participants how to create a pendant or pin with long-leaf pine needles, a prominent symbol in indigenous cultures. The workshop costs \$25 per person.

A Porcupine Quill and Glass Bead Earring Workshop with Melanie Tallmadge Sainz is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 26 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center. For \$25/person, participants will learn the indigenous history behind these crafts before making them.

More information can be found at [oshkoshmuseum.org](http://oshkoshmuseum.org).

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# Marcus brings The Met to Wisconsin

By Cassidy Johnson

Starting March 15, Marcus Theatres across Wisconsin will be bringing The Metropolitan Opera live from New York City to Oshkosh in high definition for a fraction of the cost of a live ticket.

Hosted by specialty cinema distributor Fathom Entertainment, the series is called "The Met: Live in HD" and will include noon showings of "Fidelio," "Le Nozze Di Figaro," "Salome" and "Il Barbiere Di Siviglia" across all Wisconsin locations.

As part of its Fathom features, each show will include interviews with the designated cast and crew and go behind the scenes with Met stars.

You can get all of this for a little more than a typical movie ticket, and more than 90% off a normal Metropolitan Opera ticket. And don't worry, you don't have to learn Italian or German beforehand: English subtitles are included.

Kicking off the series will be "Fidelio," a drama to the tune of Beethoven with showings March 15 and 19.

This is a story starring soprano Lise Davidsen, a devoted wife who risks her life to rescue her husband, played by tenor David Butt Philip, from political imprisonment.

Composed and written by Mozart, the comedy "Le Nozze Di Figaro" will be featured next in the series on April 26 and 30.



Conductor Joana Mallwitz makes her Met debut alongside bass-baritone Michael Sumuel as servant Figaro and soprano Olga Kulchynska as his fiancée, Susanna.

The "Marriage of Figaro" follows the couple in a series of equally hilarious and dramatic events as they attempt to get married despite his master's efforts to seduce his wife-to-be.

Next in the series is the one-act drama "Salome," based on the biblical story of the daughter of King Herod II who falls in love with one of her father's captives Jochanaan, also known as John the Baptist in the Bible.

Composed by Strauss, this is an intense German opera with Soprano Elza van den Heever as the anti-hero Salome, and baritone Peter Mattei plays Jochanaan in this dramatic retelling of the familiar Bible story that will be shown May 17 and 21.

Lastly, Marcus and Fathom will be presenting "Il Barbiere di Siviglia," an esteemed comic opera written by Rossini and based on the 1816 play "Le Barbier de Seville" by Pierre-Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais.

With showings May 31 and June 4, the story revolves around a barber named Figaro as he tries to help young nobleman Count Almaviva win the love of Rosina, a beautiful and wealthy girl captured by an evil Dr. Bartolo in an attempt to marry her for her inheritance.

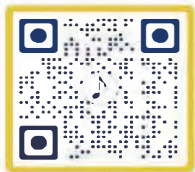


Visiting The Met is a bucket list item for many, but few can afford the \$800 ticket and plane ride to New York.

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# Woodeye's Bar & Grill: Much More than a Diner

By Cassidy Johnson

Woodeye's Bar and Grill on 700 W. Main St. has been serving the Winneconne community and surrounding area as a family-owned restaurant for more than a decade.

Serving classic American cuisine such as burgers, sandwiches and pizza, some of its specialties include the Bomber, a juicy tenderloin sandwich topped with sauteed mushrooms and onions, the Beep Beep Peterman, a bacon cheeseburger topped with peanut butter, and the Wacky Mac burger.

"The Wacky Mac is probably my favorite," said customer Jacob Kremer. "I'm pleasantly surprised by how the mac and cheese complemented the burger."

The S.O.B. burger is another classic, topped with pepper jack cheese, bacon and jalapenos. "I like how many jalapenos they add, and how fresh the buns taste," said another customer, Dylan Ruebl.

They also have daily food and beverage specials every day except Saturday. Check their website to learn more.

But Woodeye's is more than a restaurant. Patrons come for the food but stay for the vibes, events and activities.

Woodeye's will be hosting live music March 8 starting at 8 p.m. with cover band Roadtrip. Featuring award-winning vocalist Amy Jo Doty and co-singer Shawn Connelly, the band covers classic rock, country and pop songs from throughout the music millennia, including selections from KISS, Keith Urban and Maroon 5.

Woodeye's will host its annual Woodeye's Walleye Tournament on Sunday, May 11. Rules can be found at [woodeyesbarandgrill.com](http://woodeyesbarandgrill.com).

The bar's annual Serves for Suicide fundraiser is dedicated to raising money for veterans struggling with suicide. All proceeds go to the HOOAH (Helping Out Our American Heroes) of Wisconsin.

Woodeye's also has indoor & outdoor activities to help pass the time.

Home to the largest 3-D archery range in the state, this indoor space is more than 17,000 square feet and 30 yards, along with an outdoor range that's more than 40 yards. Woodeye's encourages all to try it out and consider joining the league, regardless of age or skill level.

Also part of the outdoor amenities are sand volleyball, horseshoe pits, bags and a food plot where patrons can see deer and other wildlife.

There are leagues for all of the above sports: horseshoes on Mondays, volleyball - Tuesdays, and bags & horseshoes - Wednesdays.



Critter's Wolf River Sports is the pro shop that is part of the Woodeye's complex offering fishing and hunting gear.

If you're looking to do something a little more relaxing, you can also hang out on their outdoor patio.

Whether looking for a fish hook, archery range, some live music, a night out with friends or family, or just looking for a quick bite to eat, Woodeye's has all of that covered.



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# Sweet Jules Bakes has sweets for all

By Cassidy Johnson

Baking is a labor of love, and Jules Kupsky is a baker who knows and embodies this sentiment well in her goods and in the bakery itself.

Two years ago on March 2, Kupsky opened the first Sweet Jules Bakes at 9 Church Ave. in Oshkosh, serving baked goods for those with and without allergies.

This is one of the first bakeries in Winnebago County where absolutely everything is gluten-free-friendly and where anyone with one of the "Big 9" food allergies can have something to enjoy. "I would like everyone to be able to enjoy fresh, delicious baked goods no matter their allergies," Kupsky said.

Sweet Jules also does custom orders in which they try to cater to customers' allergens as much as possible, as well as offering goods for those without any allergies or dietary restrictions.

"The girls who work at the shop say their favorite thing is when celiac customers' eyes light up when they find out they can have anything in the store," Kupsky said.

She originally started baking gluten-free goods for her sister, and that's where she got the inspiration for an allergen-dedicated bakery. "I use the same recipes, just a different flour. Same with our vegan and other allergen sensitive items — same recipes just with substitutes. And no one could tell the difference."

Sweet Jules sells everything from cheesecake flights to cookie sandwiches to chocolate chia brownies, and she's constantly changing and adding to the menu. She also sells bakery classics like custom cakes and cupcakes, adding a twist on some with flavors like chai, black velvet and lavender lemon with raspberry.

The bakery also has a variety of savory treats such as soups, savory scones, hot duck egg breakfast sandwiches and soon, waffles.

A true labor of love, everything she bakes is her own recipe and made from scratch down to the caramel and toffee she uses on her signature Chocolate Decadence cake.

As Kupsky puts it, "There is not one box mix or bucket of frosting in the building."

On top of that, almost every ingredient is locally sourced, including the eggs, butter and fresh whipped cream. Even the carrots for the carrot cake are fresh from Olden Organics in Ripon, and the cranberry orange scones have "fresh, hand-squeezed orange juice" in them.

Another way Kupsky sets herself apart is by baking her goods in small batches, "a dozen scones at a time," as she says.

"The amount of time, love, and attention to detail we put into everything...I don't think can be matched," Kupsky said. "We truly love what we do and I think you can taste the difference."

Kupsky also adds her personal touch throughout her store. As she puts it, "The entire bakery was a do-it-yourself."

"From the flooring to the paint, I did it all," she said. "My sister, Audifax, is an artist and helped me with overall vision, color choices, and even the wall stencil I used."



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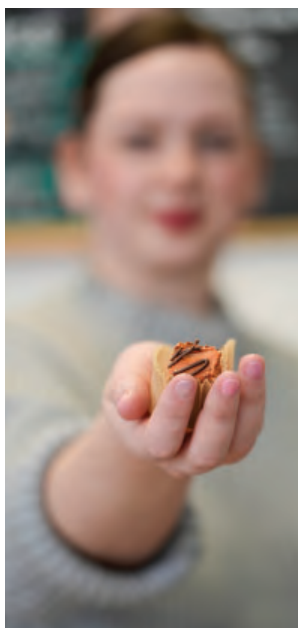
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Some of her favorite DIYs are the hand-painted blue and gold walls, the tables made out of cutting boards and the shelves made out of old door jams from her garage.

Perhaps the most meaningful, however, is a framed newspaper clipping depicting Kupsky's mother holding her as a 3-year-old next to a counter full of her mother's fresh baked bread.

The clipping was recovered and retouched by her sister from her parent's house fire and now sits in the center of the shop, exactly where her sister promised it would go before concepts of the bakery even existed.

With the amount of passion she has for baking and her bakery, some would guess this has been a lifelong dream for her. That wasn't exactly the case for Kupsky.

Kupsky has always loved baking but hasn't always been a baker. She started as a cook, graduating from culinary school and trying almost every position in the culinary industry.

She eventually got burnt out and tried her hand at a different job, but that got derailed by a foot fracture. During recovery, she started baking to pass the time and rediscovered her love for it.

"When I went back to my day job, (I realized) it wasn't everything. I was reborn," she said. "I went back to work but kept baking."

With her new passion alight, Kupsky would work her day job and then cook all night at a shared kitchen in Appleton, the first location of Sweet Jules.

"(I would) literally just have enough time to change my shirt between and give myself a "you can do this" in the mirror sometimes," she said.

Eventually, it got to the point where she didn't even have time to sleep amid her schedule. It was then that she made the jump and chose the thing that she loved.

"I don't think there is any risk in following your dreams," Kupsky said. "I have never heard of anyone being on their deathbed saying, 'Man, I am so glad I did not follow my passion. I am so glad I did not try something I loved.'"

Kupsky's passion and hard work continues to shine through her bakery and decadent baked goods.



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