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Participants can preregister at any location for \$20; registration opens April 1. The day begins at Woodeye's and ends at the Fin with a prize drawing in the upper Fin at 6 p.m.

The day will include cash and raffle prizes, raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle.

All proceeds will go directly to the Dan Breister family.

To make a donation to the benefit, please call Jessica Neuman at 920-312-1705. Registration will be open until 12:15 p.m. on the day of the event.

Dan Breister and his wife Jenny.

Dedicated community volunteer, father, husband and friend to many—Dan Breister suffered a devastating workplace accident last month while on the job for the Winnebago County Highway Department. Breister, who has worked for the county for more than 25 years, was tragically run over by a snowplow.

Dan's injuries are severe and he remains hospitalized, with a future prognosis that is life-altering.

While the community immediately rallied behind Dan, his wife Jenny and his family, more help is needed.

A Poker Run Benefit to help the family with ongoing medical expenses has been organized for Saturday, April 26.

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Frying up some community togetherness

For more than 50 years, St. Mary Parish in Winneconne has hosted an annual fish fry—initially known as its "Smelt Fry".

The tradition started in the 1960s when the parish needed to raise money for a new church building, so the men of the congregation made their way to Lake Superior and caught as many smelt as they could to bring back to St. Mary's Kaudy Hall. On the way home, they would send out a call to their families and other volunteers, and the group would clean fish through the night. An entire fish fry was held with tiny smelt as the only fish served up!



Today the menu offers a wide variety of Friday night favorites, but it's still bringing the members of the church

together to serve up some golden goodness with a smile.

What to Know Before You Hit the Polls for Wisconsin's Spring Election

Get out the vote on April 1

Wisconsin's Spring Election is Tuesday, April 1. This week's edition contains candidate statements for all active races in our area, along with sample ballots for municipalities.

Here are some last-minute reminders before you cast your ballot:

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Spring Election

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er registration status on the MyVote Wisconsin website at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

You can return absentee ballots via US Mail or directly to the clerks' offices. You can also return your ballot to polling places on election day by 8 p.m.

Bring a photo ID to the polls. Wisconsin requires an acceptable photo ID to vote, such as a Wisconsin driver license, state ID card, US passport, military and veteran's IDs, tribal IDs, a certificate of naturalization and some student IDs. Anyone with questions about photo ID can visit the state's Bring It to the Ballot website (<https://bringit.wi.gov>) or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS for information.

"Most people have the ID they need to vote, but if you don't have one you can get one for free with one visit to your local Division of Motor Vehicles office," said Meagan Wolfe, Wisconsin's chief election official. For more information, call 608-266-1069.

What's on the April 1 ballot:

Wisconsin Supreme Court:

Two candidates are contenders for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Brad Schimel, a Waukesha County judge and former Republican attorney general, and Susan Crawford, a Dane County judge, are running to fill a seat that will be vacated after liberal Justice Ann Walsh Bradley retires.

While Wisconsin's highest court is officially nonpartisan, the 2023 election of Justice Janet Protasiewicz gave the court a 4-3 liberal majority after nearly two decades. Crawford seeks to maintain that, while Schimel seeks to swing the court back to the conservatives.

State Superintendent of Schools:

Along with incumbent Superintendent Jill Underly, Brittany Kinser, an educational consultant and former special education teacher and elementary school principal are in the race for the state's highest educational seat.

Underly has the endorsement of the Wisconsin Democratic Party, the WI AFL-CIO and the American Federation of Teachers. Kinser has been endorsed by former Governor Tommy Thompson, Democrats for Education Reform, and Howard Fuller, a former Milwaukee Public Schools superintendent and prominent school-voucher advocate.

As of March 13, 2025, Underly raised \$81,773 and spent \$37,974, while Kinser raised \$301,316 and spent \$163,545.

Winnebago County Executive Race

In an upcoming race for a four-year term as Winnebago County Executive, incumbent Jon Doemel is facing a challenger in Assembly Minority Leader and current Director for the Wisconsin Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust, Gordon Hintz. Doemel recently received an endorsement from 24 current county board members – a supermajority. Hintz indicates his top three priorities should be elected include improving communication and engaging the public where they are at, restoring trust through proactive transparency, and working to address affordable housing issues.

Village of Winneconne

Village of Winneconne President Chris Boucher is up for re-election in 2025, but is running uncontested.



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As for the Village Board of Trustees, there are three candidates who have filed papers for two open seats. Current Trustee Steve Foster is seeking another term, while fellow Trustee Brenda Kubasta is stepping down next month. Candidates Mary K. Krings and Brian J. Miller have also thrown their hats in the ring in hopes of earning a two-year term. Statements can be found in this week's edition.

Town of Clayton

For the three elected positions in the Town of Clayton, one seat has an active race. Town Chairman Russell Geise runs unopposed, as does Supervisor 2 Linda Grundman. Supervisor 1 Kay Lettau has a challenger in Terry Haase. Statements can be found in this week's edition.

Town of Vinland

In the Town of Vinland, the Supervisor 2 position has a contested race. Incumbent Mike McNamee has a challenger in Bob Marquart. Statements can be found in this week's edition.

Winneconne Community School District School Board

The Winneconne Community School District Board of Education has an active race for April 1. Incumbents Mark Kunde and Meghan Keller have pulled papers for another three-year term along with newcomer Kati Calewatts. Keller's statement in this week's edition indicates that should she be elected; she will not accept the position due to undisclosed circumstances. However, if Keller one of the top two vote getters, it falls under the jurisdiction of the WCSD Board of Education to fill the vacancy by appointment or special election; the seat does not automatically transfer to the third most vote getter in this situation as confirmed by the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

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Girls Leadership Conference seeking sponsors

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The upcoming Girls Leadership Conference in Green Bay is designed to empower high school girls with confidence, leadership skills, and mentorship opportunities—and with just a \$50 sponsorship, you can help a Winneconne High School (WHS) student attend this transformative event.

The conference brings together dynamic speakers, hands-on workshops, and inspiring discussions to equip young women with the tools they need to succeed in school, careers, and life. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, six students have already secured sponsorships, but the goal is to provide at least 12 students with this opportunity.

As a strong supporter of leadership development for young women, lo-

cal photography business Images by J Lynne, sponsored three WHS young women last year. This year, owner Janet Elliott will sponsor four girls who are part of her Senior Ambassador program.

“I’ve seen firsthand how impactful this conference is,” said Elliott, “and I invite other local businesses to join me in investing in these young women.”

To make sponsorship easy, a dedicated account has been opened at Fortifi Bank in Winneconne. Businesses or individuals interested in supporting a student can contribute their \$50 sponsorship directly at the bank.

Investing in young women today creates a stronger, more confident generation of future leaders. If you’d like to sponsor a student or learn more about the conference, please reach out to Elliott at janet@imagesbyjlynne.com or 920-215-2669.

Town takes no action on joining an EMS District for ambulance services

At the regularly scheduled Town of Winneconne board meeting on March 13, Supervisor Dale Burghardt reported on the last meeting held in the Town of Omro to discuss the formation of an EMS District, breaking away from Oshkosh Fire and ambulance services.

Burghardt expressed concerns about the “no-out” clause in the agreement,

but did share that there is grant money available for legal and consultant fees should the effort move forward.

The board continues to seek additional information, with another meeting in Omro set for Thursday, March 27.

No action will be taken until the April meeting.

Veterans Pathway still taking orders

Do you have a proud veteran in your family you would like to see honored? Now is that time.

The American Legion Post 364 is gathering names and messages to engrave on pavers to be placed on the newly constructed Veterans Pathway in front of the American Legion Hall Post 364. This is a wonderful way to permanently honor your veteran with their name etched in stone, for genera-

tions to observe.

Bricks with names and messages reserved by April 1 will be completed and in place for the recognition of the Pathway set for June 14 (Flag Day).

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Hygiene Drive success

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Additional dental supplies to help support the effort were donated from

Dr. Wyn Steckbauer of Glacier Dental, Oshkosh and Drs. Jason and Amy Henderson of Florek-Henderson Dental, Neenah.

In all, First Presbyterian was able to donate two overflowing boxes of supplies to COTS.



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Melissa Harmon and Annie Leonard display the many supplies collected for the nonprofit COTS.

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Practical Green Thumber

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The general public is also invited to register for a free event set for April 8 from 5-7 p.m.

Green thumber Marilyn Schuler will assist attendees in planting some seeds

while sharing her passion for gardening.

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn, connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts, and grow together.

To register please call the library to reserve your spot. All participants will receive 5 organic peat pots with soil, a 3-flower set grow kit and lemonade. Only 25 spaces available!

Early Spring Lawn Care Agenda

While recent weather brought more snow to parts of Wisconsin, as we advance through March snows melt away to reveal lawns underneath. Once lawn areas are bare, the temptation is to get out and start working on them. There is a sequence to follow as spring advances for best results.

Lawns need to thaw out and dry out; it is best to stay off them until this occurs. As weather conditions allow, clean up debris such as leaves and sticks. Lawns that had snow cover for considerable time this winter often experience vole (or field mice) damage. This is visible in spring as winding trails on the lawn surface and small piles of grass. Raking lawns will remove all these types of loose surface materials but does not remove thatch. Thatch management calls for practices such as core aerating.

When to apply preemergence crabgrass herbicides, or crabgrass preventers, in a timely manner is a common question each spring. Temperatures of soil, not air, need to warm to near 60 degrees and stay there for several consecutive days before crabgrass will germinate. This does not happen in March or April on Wisconsin lawns, so you have plenty of time before applying crabgrass preventers this spring. Early May is a good target for application for lawns where crabgrass has been problem in the past.

Fertilizer application timing is the other common lawn care decision of spring. As with crabgrass control,

hurry up and wait. Lawns do not need fertilizer as soon they thaw out. Ideally wait until grasses resume growing and mowing has resumed, then fertilize. Depending on where you are in Wisconsin, this usually is not until early May (or later) in an average year. While it may be tempting to fertilize early to get lawns greener, excess nitrogen fertilizer in spring sets lawns up for multiple problems as the season progresses. Moderation in lawn nitrogen fertilizer applications is important.

Reseeding lawns in spring is best scheduled for late April or even later further north. Once again, do so as conditions allow. Lawns like cool weather but hard freezes are unwelcome news for seedlings. Major lawn renovation is better to schedule in late summer, but you can still do it in spring. Rake away debris and roughen the soil surface before broadcasting seed. Slit-seeders are great for overseeding thin lawns.

While we welcome mild weather in early spring, patience is the key ingredient for spring lawn work. Good things come to lawns when homeowners wait. Watch for more details on lawn care practices, including fertilizing and managing crabgrass and thatch problems in this column very soon.

SOURCE: UW Extension

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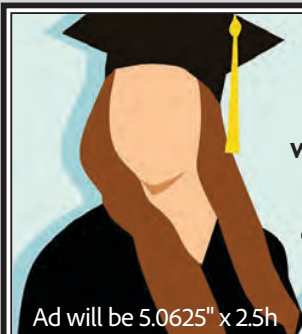
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Original photography, oils, watercolors, fiber, jewelry, glass, wood, and more will be on display. All entries are juried. Over 30 Midwest artists are vying for awards that the public will determine by voting. More than 20 of the artists will have additional pieces of their work available for purchase.

In addition, there will be a special display of outstanding art by area high school students also vying for awards.

Raffle prizes include a 14K yellow gold diamond pendant valued at \$1460 from Reimer Jewelers; a 6.5 Astra Green Badash Crystal Vase from Poland donated by Artful Gifts; and a cash prize from West Pointe Bank. A special raffle features a wide variety of items donated by the artists, Friends of Altrusa and local businesses.

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shoe sets.

The new snowshoes are kid-friendly and easy for beginners to use. This reduces frustration for students (and chaperones), while also maximizing time for actual snowshoeing.

Hundreds of elementary school students will use the new snowshoes annually, opening the (out)door for exploration, fun, and learning.

Seed Savers of Oshkosh planning Soil Block Party

Seed Savers of Oshkosh recently hosted a successful Spring Seed Swap, bringing local gardeners together to exchange seeds and ideas.

Next up is the Soil Block Party on March 30, 2-4 p.m., at 1025 Merritt Avenue, Oshkosh. This RSVP-only event will introduce an eco-friendly planting technique. Spots are limited, so email oshkoshseedsavers@gmail.com to reserve your place.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Seed Starting for Success on April 11, 5-6:30 PM, covering tips for starting seeds indoors and outdoors.

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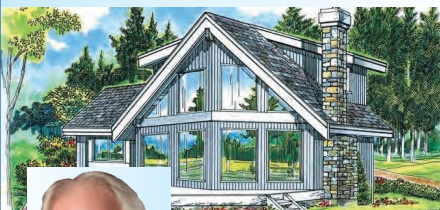
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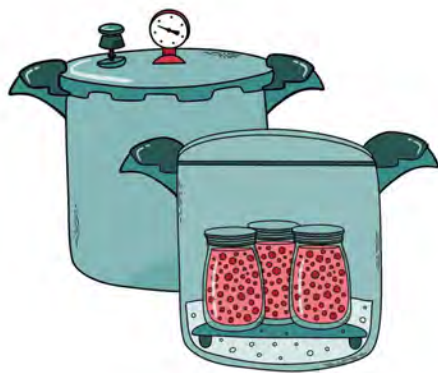
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Pressure canners should be tested at least once a year—contact 920-232-1979 to schedule your test today!

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Keller, Inc. to build for Switchgear Power Systems LLC

Keller, Inc. has been chosen as the architect and general contractor/builder on a 3,000 sq. ft. interior building renovation project for Switchgear Power Systems LLC located at 202 Enterprise Road, Winneconne.

The team at Switchgear Power Systems LLC successfully completed a

building project with the Keller team in 2024.

The 3,000 sq. ft. mezzanine buildout project is necessary to accommodate more engineers to help grow Switchgear Power Systems LLC. The project is set to begin in April and will be done in the summer of 2025.

Kunde Elected to Wisconsin FFA Alumni Council

Winneconne FFA Alumni member Mark Kunde was elected at the 2025 State Convention to serve a three-year term for the State Council of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters.

The Convention was held in Stevens Point at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. The State of Wisconsin is divided into 10 Sections with representatives elected for each.

Kunde will be the Section 8 Representative, which covers 21 school

districts with an FFA Alumni and Supporters Chapter.

The State of Wisconsin has 185 school districts that have an Alumni FFA Chapter with a total state membership of around 30,000. The main purpose of the FFA Alumni is to support the local school districts' agriculture education programs, FFA membership, and local ag instructors and advisors.



Mark and Cheryl Kunde at the FFA Alumni and Supporters State Convention.

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County executive candidates cite their priorities

Oshkosh Herald

The two candidates for Winnebago County executive answered questions posed by the Herald ahead of Tuesday's election to choose the top elected leader in charge of county departments, policies, programs and services. Some responses were edited for print space limitations.

Incumbent and former restaurant owner Jon Doemel is seeking a second term as he faces former state legislator Gordon Hintz for the administrative seat. Hintz most recently represented Oshkosh and parts of Winnebago County for 16 years in the Wisconsin Assembly.

Jon Doemel

Age: 46

City where you reside: Oshkosh

Occupation: Winnebago County executive

What motivated you to run for county executive and what qualifications do you bring to the position?

To continue the work we are doing to increase effectiveness and efficiency of our county government. As the sitting county executive of the last four years, we have done a lot to analyze the fiscal, situational and operational health of the county. We are in a good position to streamline government and maximize our programs by serving people and meeting the needs of our county.

What are your top three priorities for the first year of your term?

Solving the UWO Fox Cities campus closure issue while prioritizing how to keep the day care operational throughout the transition. We were very close to an agreement. I was disappointed that Outagamie County pulled back at the 11th hour.

Locking in our housing development program in the Industrial Development Board to speed up the much-needed development of all types of housing in our county. We are behind in inventory and the cost of housing and affordable options are paramount to our success.

Given that your campaign is receiving support from various political parties, how do you plan to remain nonpartisan in your role as county executive and ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of all residents, regardless of political affiliation?

I have a track record of being non-

partisan. Nothing will change. We need to put people above parties and make local government stay nonpartisan. With the way politics have gone, a candidate in a race with the area as big as a county stands no chance without the infrastructure of one of the two main parties. I believe your readers would have appreciated a policy question more than another attempt to question my independence and neutrality as a leader.

Gordon Hintz

Age: 51

City where you reside: Oshkosh

Occupation: director, Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust for the Wisconsin Laborers

What motivated you to run for county executive and what qualifications do you bring to the position?

I care deeply about our community and believe I have experience and a skillset that can bring leadership that can positively impact people's lives in Winnebago County. In addition, I was encouraged to run by several community leaders concerned about the current leadership in the county and the need for more stability.

I have spent the past two plus years working on workforce development and marketing issues that benefit the Wisconsin Laborers and their union construction contractor partners. Before that, I spent more than 20 years in public service, most recently serving 16 years in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Earlier, I was a management assistant and municipal budget analyst for the City of Long Beach, CA, and hold a master's degree in public administration from UW Madison.

What are your top three priorities for the first year of your term?

Improving communication: Communication is at the heart of my decades of public service and will be a core part of my time as county executive. We get more done when we work together, so I will prioritize direct and frequent communication with other elected officials (the county board), other government entities (towns, cities, villages and the state), and most importantly with the community. Effective public engagement by government officials is crucial for fostering a responsive and accountable administration.

Transparent budget that funds important priorities: Restore trust through proactive transparency, especially when it comes to the county budget. We need to do better than providing endless financial data that makes it impossible for the public to follow. Winnebago County has budgeted more in expenses than it receives in revenue for several years, only balancing their budget using existing fund balances and one-time money. Despite these budget deficits, the actual budget ends up with funds left over. The most recent budget had a structural deficit of almost \$6.8 million.

Finding a buyer for the UW Oshkosh Fox Cities' campus: This immediate challenge is being discussed now as Winnebago and Outagamie County look to find a buyer while working to preserve the existing child care services and cultural assets. The best use is one that maximizes the existing facility/property and resources to benefit the community and doesn't leave the county saddled with paying for an empty property.

Given that your campaign is receiving support from various political parties, how do you plan to remain nonpartisan in your role as county executive and ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of all residents, regardless of political affiliation?

I strongly believe in being nonpartisan in my role as county executive. Political affiliation or ideology often have to do with beliefs on the role of government. I am someone who believes that government has a positive role to play in creating opportunity in people's lives. I believe in values such as opportunity, fairness, equality, accountability and freedom, and these are values that I think are most important with me in my decision-making. While I was elected as a Democrat to the state Assembly, I have never considered myself an ideologue or partisan incapable of understanding opposing opinions or beliefs. I have witnessed the worst impacts of partisanship on governance firsthand and recognize the corrosive effects it has on decisions and public trust. I truly believe that most of the issues that county government manages are non-partisan in nature, which is another reason I was drawn to run for county executive.



Jon Doemel



Gordan Hintz



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As a parent with students who attend the Winneconne School District, I want to lend my full support to Mark Kunde as he seeks re-election to his position on the school board. He has a true commitment to the district and to the community. It's common to see Mark at school, manning the concession stand during many of the high school events. You can see his dedication in his support of the annual FFA Chili Feed, investing his own time and energy to provide chili and desserts.

I also want to thank the current board as a whole. They exhibit patience and professionalism at every board meeting I have attended or watched. The current board brings a non-partisan approach to their stewardship of the district. So much so, that they have leveraged a long-standing and respected law firm to ensure they abide by the law with decades of experience in laws that affect schools. The depth of knowledge of some of the experienced board members is clear; they know the importance of their positions and treat their roles accordingly. A vote for Mark is a vote for experience and a deep knowledge of how the district operates and ensures a consistent and balanced approach to making important decisions for the school. Our children deserve the best school experience, and Mark Kunde has shown time and time again he has the experience, the patience, and the right approach to make that happen.

Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Setting the Stage for Walleyes

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

In these parts, we all know most of our walleye “run” up the Fox and Wolf Riv-



Harp

ers to spawn in the marshes upstream. Most of this marsh habitat is on the Wolf River and is north of Fremont and even north of New London and Shiocton. The key

to walleye access to the marshes is water height, otherwise known as river stage.

“A general benchmark for most marshes to get flooded and functioning well is 7 feet at the New London (NL) gauge, though it is largely marsh specific,” commented Angello Cozzola, of the DNR fisheries office out of Oshkosh. “Some marshes can operate at lower water levels while some require higher levels to get flooded at all.”

He continued, “Last year we started the survey in the river when the gauge at NL was around 1.75 feet and marshes had very little, if any, access. As the gauge at NL approached 5 feet, several of the well-known marshes were functioning at a moderate to good level, though marshes that require higher water were not accessible.”

“The water we currently have provides good access though we hope for spring precipitation to increase flows. One of the worst things that can happen is a

decline in water level surrounding and following the spawn as the walleye will spawn in shallow areas and when the water recedes the eggs will be left dry.”

I’ll add that one of the common misconceptions is that the dams in Neenah and Menasha determine marsh water levels. Indeed, the influence of the dams only affects water levels to roughly Boom Island or Orihula, and no further upstream. From there, the river stage is totally a function of the amount of precipitation that falls upstream in those areas or further north in the Wolf River watershed. If you understand this concept, you are ahead of most of the fishermen out there.

The other component to the walleye run is temperature. The combination of stage and the right water temperatures, make or break each year’s reproductive effort. Cozzola adds, “We will see fish show up in the marshes around 37-39 degrees and some males may be found there right at ice off. We had our first electroshocking effort on the Wolf last Tuesday and captured 140 fish, which included only 14 females.”

The DNR fisheries personnel utilizes shocking apparatus to capture, tag, and recapture walleyes each year in order to assess not only the number of walleyes in the Shallow Lakes system, but the stability of each year’s classes. “Water temps were around 38; females are still days or weeks away from spawning, but things are likely about to get going here. There are always fish that will go early, but we typically start to see spawning pick up between 42-44 degrees.”

“The temperature at the NL gauge can be deceiving as the shallow water in the marshes can warm up faster than the main river channel,” he added. “The warmer marsh water entering the river is attractive to spawning adults to enter.”

As things sit right now, the DNR team has suspended their netting effort in the

lakes and will be starting the full shocking effort on the Wolf River this week.

As far as fishing goes, this week and next will likely be good for catching walleye on the “up run”.

Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com

Tales From The Land of Retirement

Heck of a word

By Jeanne Lehr

In the olden days, kids were taught

how to diagram a sentence. I personally hated that task. You had to sort out the verb, adverb, adjective, pronoun or noun. Why? I don’t really remember why. Well, today you don’t

have that problem because all the parts of speech are the same word. It can be used for everything by simply adding an “ed”, “ing”, “er” or, even the word “mother”. The numero uno cuss word has now found its way into every form of speech.

I remember seeing the movie Good Will Hunting. I remember thinking I could not wait until that young man finally got a good education so that his choice of words might be expanded. His speech was like nails on a chalkboard.

Today the F word is used to describe everything and everyone. To hear an elected person use it in the Halls of Congress. To hear it on national television interviews. To hear it used over and over in movies. To hear it from every man, woman and child. Overkill, people.



Lehr

Find another word to express yourself. Sometimes the word fits the situation, and you just have to say it. Save it for those special times, it will have a greater punch.

A word that would have guaranteed a mouthful of soap in my day is now used in front of parents, grandparents, children, teachers and whomever is in the room. There are even T-shirts to proudly display it.

The English language has thousands of beautiful, interesting, underused words so much richer in meaning than that nasty F bomb.

NO, that word is not a proper word to be used so widely. YES, sometimes you do need to say it. BUT, please be aware of your surroundings and who is there to hear it.

As in Good Will Hunting, get a better education of the English language and give the rest of us a break. Show your intelligence, not your ignorance.

So, what the heck people? Heck is an acceptable word, so try putting it in your sentences. Give the other word a break. How about we do a heck of a job teaching a heck of a lot of others a heck of a way to talk – sound good?

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Sports

Boys track wins title

Winneconne News

With an experienced and balanced lineup set to take the track, the Winneconne boys have the potential to defend its East Central Conference crown and be well represented at the state meet in La Crosse in June.

One of the keys to Winneconne's success last season was its relays as the Wolves sent all four relays to state and placed third in Division 2 in both the 800-meter relay and 3,200-meter relay. Winneconne was also seventh in the 1,600-meter relay and ninth in the 400-meter relay.

Seniors Cody McLeod and Jack Quigley ran on all three sprint relays that made it to state and will be back to anchor those groups again, while also competing in the individual sprint events.

Juniors Grant Wenzelow and Silas Sarbo ran on the medal-winning 3,200-meter relay team, while senior Oliver Aberle was an alternate for the group and that trio will give the Wolves a strong nucleus to build around in the middle distance and distance events.

Junior Hudson Samolinski returns in both throwing events to anchor the Wolves' field events. Samolinski finished sixth at state in both the shot put and discus last spring.

Aberle in the 1,600 meters and junior Trey Zemke in the pole vault finished

ished fifth at sectionals last year, while sophomore Koltyn Kachur returns in the sprints and jumps to help bolster Winneconne's lineup.

"I really don't think we give away any event this season," head coach Kraig Western said. "In every event there is talent that will make us competitive in any meet."

Junior Brody Schaffer will join the Wolves' roster this season and will compete in the sprints and jumps, while Western is also expecting freshmen Camden Plotz and Luke Fuller to provide depth in the sprints and relays.

It should be a formidable group for the boys, who finished third at the sectional meet and racked up a 10th-place finish as a team at the state meet.

"We are excited about our ceiling with this team," Western said. "We have a lot of experienced talent in so many areas. Anytime you have solid pieces in all 18 events, it makes for a tough team to beat. ... If we can stay healthy and get quality work of the road to regionals, I am hopeful we will be in the conversation come the end of May."

Western will also have some talented athletes on the girls side, although the Wolves will be a younger group and must deal with a lack of overall depth.

Juniors Carlee Hart and Abigail

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Winneconne alum earns DII All-American honors

By Steve Clark Winneconne News

It didn't take long for Caleb Meunier to feel at home at the NCAA Division II National Championships.

In his first trip to the national meet,

cord, with his two losses coming to the wrestlers who finished ahead of him in third and fourth place.

After falling in the quarterfinals, Meunier came back to win a 13-5 major decision in his first consolation match and then won a 10-8 decision to reach the placement rounds. He lost in the consolation semifinals but rebounded to stifle John Ridle of Central Missouri, 8-0, in the fifth-place match to earn his finish.

"I knew I had wrestled a high quality of wrestlers this season so I knew I could compete," Meunier said. "I enjoyed the opportunity to go down there and wrestle."

Meunier, one of two all-Americans the Mavericks had at the meet, finished the season with a 32-9 record and tied for the most wins on the team this season. He was also the co-leader on the team in falls (10), technical falls (6) and major decisions (6).

Meunier said earning all-American status with a year of eligibility left only motivates him to return to the national tournament again next year and finish a few steps higher on the podium.

"It shows that I am up there with the best wrestlers in the country," said Meunier, a three-time WIAA state champion at Winneconne. "I'm just going to keep working and keep getting better."

Meunier credits his prep career at Winneconne for helping him succeed at the collegiate level.

"My coaches Tyler (Lee) and Boone (Roycraft) taught me so much and having great practice partners really prepared me," Meunier said. "The Winneconne community gave me so much support all around. It always felt like everybody was in my corner and it was a great experience."



Winneconne News

Former Winneconne High School standout Caleb Meunier earned all-American honors by placing fifth at the NCAA Division II wrestling tournament in Indianapolis recently.

Meunier – a junior on the Minnesota State University squad and Winneconne High School alum – pinned fourth-seeded Casey Barnett of Tiffin University in the first round and went on to claim all-American honors by placing fifth in the 157-pound weight class.

"I was confident going in and then I was up 10-2 and got the pin (in my first match), after that I knew I could wrestle at that level," Meunier said. "It feels good (to be an all-American). It's been a big goal of mine for a while."

Meunier finished the two-day tournament in Indianapolis with a 4-2 re-

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Sports

Boys track and field wins title at season-opening meet

Winneconne News

The Winneconne boys track and field team got the 2025 season off to a fast start dominating the competition at the Deerfield/ADE Timing Invite held Saturday at Ripon College's Willmore Center.

The Wolves grabbed the team title in the 12-team meet, totaling 152 points on the day. Second place Randolph/Cambria-Friesland was well behind Winneconne with 70 points.

Cody McLeod won a pair of events to lead the way for Winneconne, finishing first in both the 60 meters and 400 meters. Karter Hawthorne added an eighth-place finish in the 60 meters, while Jovan Zeller and Logan Wolf were sixth and ninth, respectively, in the 400 meters behind McLeod.

Grant Wenzelow added a win in the 800 meters with Silas Sarbo taking second place, while Trey Zemke and Sarbo went 1-2, respectively, in the pole vault.

Wenzelow and Sarbo were also second and fourth, respectively, in the 1,600 meters, with Hudson Samolinski in the shot put, Colton Tisler in the high jump and Hawthorne in the long jump also picked up second-place finishes for Winneconne.

Jonah Jacobson and Connor McDonald came in third and fourth, respectively, in the 3,200 meters. Koltyn Kachur in the 60-meter hurdles and Jake Fuller in the triple jump also

picked up third place at the meet/

Other finishers in the top 10 for the Wolves were: Kachur, fifth in the long jump; Tisler, fifth in the triple jump; Lucas Boyle, sixth in the high jump; Joey Shepherd, sixth in the pole vault; and Adam Kurczek, tied for 10th in the long jump.

Fuller, Cailin Yingling, Merrick Heise and Brecken Meyer teamed up to take second in the 1,600-meter relay, with the foursome of Kachur, Hawthorne, Fuller and Meyer were third in the 800-meter relay. Winneconne was also fifth in the 3,200-meter relay.

The girls also had a strong opening meet finishing third in the team standings, finishing behind Dodgeland and Two Rivers.

Carlee Hart posted a pair of wins to lead the way for the Wolves. Hart won the 400 meters and the pole vault, while also picking up a sixth place in the 60 meters.

The trio of Vivian Verich, Lydia Luce and Madeline Anderson placed fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 800 meters, while also placing seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively, in the 1,600 meters.

Hannah Yetter in the 3,200 meters and Baily Church in the pole vault each picked up a second place, while Abigail Rogers took fifth in the shot put and Kat Skadahl was eighth in the long jump.

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Rogers, along with sophomore Ruby Kuehn, will be some of the leaders on the girls side.

Hart competes in the sprint events as well as the pole vault, while Rogers will look to score points in both throwing events. Kuehn will be a stalwart in the middle distance and distance races.

"Our girls numbers are low, but we are excited to see what we have in a small group for our team," Western

said. "It will be fun to watch this young group grow throughout the season and see where we are at the end of May."

Junior Kendal Vette is a newcomer who will join Rogers in the throwing events for the Wolves, while Western also expects freshmen Bailey Brantley and Adalina Smith in the sprints and Lydia Luce in the middle distance to contribute to the squad.

Mitchell, Neace lead Winneconne all-ECC honorees

Winneconne News

Winneconne's talented sophomore duo of Grace Mitchell and Harper Neace garnered spots on the all-East Central Conference first team.

Mitchell and Neace were each unanimous selections on the six-member 1st Team announced by the league. Both players finished in the top 10 in scoring in the league with Mitchell averaging 13.8 points per game and Neace putting up 13.4 points per contest.

Mitchell, who was a second-team all-ECC selection as a freshman, ranked second in the ECC averaging 3.5 assists per game while also picking up nearly four rebounds a night. She reached double figures in 23 of 26 games this season and shot nearly 50

percent from the field.

Neace was among the leading rebounders in the conference at 7.5 caroms per game and shot 59 percent from the field. She led the Wolves in free-throw attempts this season with 142 – more than 80 more attempts than anyone else on the team – and led the team with five double-doubles.

Junior Jada Kaiser was one of seven players named to the second team. She averaged nearly 11 points per game, while shooting 39 percent from the 3-point line and leading the Wolves with 61 3-pointers made this season.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran's Mackenzie Luehring was named Player of the

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Sports

All-ECC honorees

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Year in the league and joined Mitchell and Neace as unanimous first-team selections. Madeline Leffel of Kettle Moraine Lutheran and Lydia Aalsma of Waupun were also unanimous first-team choices, while Kettle Moraine sophomore Hayden Lauer rounded out the all-ECC first team.

Joining Kaiser on the second team were seniors Callie Kurczek of Berlin, Rowan Harder of Waupun, Bryn Carlson of Ripon, Mollie Murphy of Kettle Moraine Lutheran, junior Ezra Strelbow of Plymouth and sophomore Cameron Boelle of Kewaskum.

Seniors Campbell Booth of Plymouth, Adalin Nodolf of Ripon and junior Eden Schultz of Waupun were on the honorable mention list.

Boys Basketball

A pair of Wolves players garnered recognition on the all-ECC lists as juniors Parker Ingles and Brody Schaffer each earned second-team honors.

Ingles earned second-team honors for the second straight year after fin-

ished fourth in the conference in scoring at 21.8 points per game. He led the Wolves with 80 3-pointers on the season and shot 36 percent from behind the arc.

Schaffer, an honorable mention all-league selection last season, was fifth in the ECC in scoring at 21.2 points per game, while also leading the Wolves in rebounding (6.4), assists (4.1) and steals (2.0). Schaffer was also one of seven players named to the conference's all-defensive team.

Plymouth junior Kayden Schultz was named Player of the Year in the conference and was joined on the first team by seniors Aiden Hawkinson and Jake Krueger of Waupun, Aaron Bartol of Berlin, Zach Behn of Kewaskum and Jordan Wagner of Kettle Moraine Lutheran. All six players were chosen unanimously.

Joining Ingles and Schaffer on the second team were senior Tyson Smith of Plymouth, juniors Hayden Redington of Berlin, Henry Bednar of Kettle

Moraine Lutheran and freshman Blake Bradley of Ripon.

Honorable mention selections were seniors Brett Shutter of Plymouth, Brayden Torres of Waupun and juniors Carter Hess of Berlin, Nate Kabelowsky of Kettle Moraine Lutheran and Chase Cook of Kewaskum.

Wrestling

Winneconne had nine wrestlers who were awarded all-ECC honors based on their finishes at the conference tournament.

For the boys, the champions were Ryden Jezwinski (106), Briar Vroman (113), JJ Mavroff (120), Brady Marks (132), Trey Zemke (157) and Jason Wiedmeyer (285).

With the girls conference tournament, some weight classes were combined to produce more matches but the girls who moved were still awarded conference championships, according to head coach Boone Roycraft. The Wolves who earned conference championships were Addi Brown (107), Marley Rewolinski (120) and Denna Gehrke (152).

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The Winchester Area Historical Society will have two book signings for its recently released 'It Takes Strong Women' publication in the month of April. Aply, these businesses are also run by strong women!

The first will be at Caramel Crisp Corner, Oshkosh, on April 12, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The second event will be at Red's

Boutique & Market on April 26, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Society members will be at each event to sign books, share behind-the-scenes details, and enjoy refreshments with those coming to purchase copies.

The sale of these books supports the ongoing causes of WAHS and would make an excellent Mother's Day gift.

Inspiring a love of reading: One School, One Book at a time

For the third year of the 'One Book One School' family reading program, Winneconne Elementary School (WES) chose to read the beloved tale, 'The Mouse and the Motorcycle' by Beverly Cleary. Each family received a copy of the book and read a chapter nightly during the month of February.

Students came prepared daily to answer trivia questions about the book, and the month of familial reading culminated in a special school event on March 4, with over 1000 people in attendance.

Families were able to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair, check out Kona Ice, interact with the high school fishing team, obtain a library card for the Winneconne Public Library, learn more about the VEX and PowerSkills USA programs, and participate in a wide variety of other hands-on activities.

"We had fun collaborating with the high school Sculpting 2 class to make second grade drawings of the Mouse and the Motorcycle come to life," said educator Megan Paulik. "High school students read the book along with elementary students and created beautiful clay sculptures."

Fifth-grade students engaged by showcasing their writing skills in Spanish, presenting a simple story based on everyday topics. They utilized a variety of memorized words, phrases, and simple sentences to create a short narrative. Their work, inspired by "El Ratón y la Motocicleta," was displayed in the elementary school cafeteria.

The Winneconne Area Community Foundation has supported One School, One Book since its inception.

Powered by WACF's support, this program helps families grow their

imaginations together by inspiring a love of reading, one school, and one book at a time.

Funding for this program is supported in part by a grant from the Mildred M. and Edward W. Baar Youth and Education Fund at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.



A rapt group of listeners during the One Book, One School event.



Iona Voss Anderson

Ella Boe Baugrud

"Belle" Johnson
Christianson

Irene Sorenson
Woizeski

TALES FROM THE PAST AND THE PRESENT

Want Friends With Benefits? Find us on Facebook for all the extras we can't fit in the paper. www.facebook.com/winneconne

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.
 Sat.: 10:30 am - Pysanky Egg Workshop/Kaudy Hall. 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm - Mass.
 Sunday, March 30: 10:30 am - Mass/4th Sunday of Lent
 Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 6 pm - No Greater Love/Kaudy.
 Tues.: 5:30 pm - Liturgical Summit/Kaudy Hall.
 Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 3:10 pm - ES, FF. 4:30 pm - Confession. 6:30 pm - MS, FF.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
 9077 North Road
 Zittau
 Pastor Tauna Roth
 Sundays: 9 am - Worship.
 Mondays: 10 am - Bible Study.
 Wednesdays: 6 pm - Lenten Meal.
 6:40 pm - Worship.

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 30: 8 & 10 am - Worship.
 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
 920-582-7772
 Thurs.: 9:30 am - Bible Study. 6 pm - Bible Basics Class.
 Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship.
 Sunday, March 30: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship. 9:10 am - Bible Study/Family Impressions.
 Mon.: Contemporary Music Practice.
 Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters.
 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 Ibsch
 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/Sunday Services are livestreamed on Facebook/recordings uploaded to YouTube.

Bible Baptist Church
 At First Presbyterian Church
 32 S. Third Avenue
 Winneconne
 Pastor Robert Hatch
 920-582-7100
 Sundays: 10:45 am - Sunday School. 12 pm - Worship.

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church - Omro
 Evangelical Lutheran Synod
 7394 Liberty School Rd.
 Omro
 www.messiahomro.com
 920-875-0755
 Pastor Philip Geiger
 Sundays: 9 am - Regular Sunday Worship, with Fellowship to Follow
 Wednesday Prime Service
 Wednesday Bible Study

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

Lunch Menus

March 31 - April 4
Advocap Lunch Menu
Mon.: Italian casserole, salad, tropical fruit, garlic bread.
Tues.: Country sausage/gravy biscuit, carrots, apple bake, banana.
Wed.: Chicken supreme, baked potato, beets, pears.
Thurs.: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas/corn, fruit cup, carrot cake.
Fri.: Taco casserole w/refried beans, lettuce, tomato & sour cream, peaches.

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ES: Along with main entrée and rotating vegetable, garden bar, assorted fruit, PB&J pocket, chef salad, and milk are offered daily.
MS: Along with main entrée, chef salad, rotating salad, fruit bowl, PB&J pocket, turkey (or ham) and cheese sandwich, snacks, garden bar, assorted fruit and milk are offered daily.
Mon.: **ES:** Mac & cheese, muffin, California blend. **MS:** Pizza cruncher, chili soup, French fries.
Tues.: **ES:** Cheeseburger, carrots, garden bar. **MS:** Cheese pizza, mixed veggies, grain.
Wed.: **ES:** Orange chicken, fried rice, broccoli. **MS:** Taco bowl, rice pilaf, veggies.
Thurs.: **ES:** French toast, baby cakes, sausage patty. **MS:** Popcorn chicken, buttered pasta, cauliflower.
Fri.: **ES:** Cheese pizza, garlic bread, green beans. **MS:** BBQ rib patty, onion rings.

Calendar

Thursday, March 27: Shop & Dine Locally & Enjoy Winneconne!
Friday, March 28: Shop & Dine Locally & Enjoy Winneconne!
Saturday, March 29: 10 am - Track Invite @ Ripon College.
Sunday, March 30: Worship at the Church of Your Choice.
Monday, March 31: Boys' Varsity Golf 1st Day of Practice. MS Track 1st Day of Practice. 5:30 pm - Historic Preservation Comm. Mtg./Municipal Ctr.

Tuesday, March April 1: SPRING ELECTION DAY - VOTE. 3:40 pm - Track in Red Hawk Challenge/Ripon College. 4:30 pm - Varsity BB, Home/Lourdes. 4:45 pm - JV/V Softball @ Plymouth.
Wednesday, April 2: The News is out! Subscribe today at winneconne-news.com. 1 pm - Mahjong group/Public Library. 4:30 pm - Trap @ Westcot S.C./Fond du Lac.

The Weekly Whisk

Plum Oatmeal Bars

I recently bought a large bag of plums from Costco and as usual, my son lost interest halfway through. I was left with all these beautiful plums that needed to be eaten quickly. I did a quick search and found this recipe for oatmeal bars and they are divine. They are best eaten with ice cream, but I've also been eating them for breakfast. I figure, if it's homemade and has oatmeal and fruit in it, it qualifies!
 For questions or comments email week-lywhisk01@gmail.com

- 2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup granulated white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup melted unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 6 plums
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Line a 9 x 9-inch baking pan with parchment paper allowing the ends to extend over two sides, spray with nonstick spray, and set aside. Heat oven to 375° and position an oven rack at the top of the oven.
 In a large bowl, stir together the oats, flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. Add the melted butter and vanilla extract. Stir until crumbly. Press half of the dough into the bottom of the baking pan and bake for 10-12 minutes or until lightly golden brown on the edges.
 While the crust is baking, chop the plums into 1-inch pieces. Layer the plums over the baked crust and sprinkle with the cornstarch. Top with the remaining crust mixture. Bake for 30-40 minutes until the crust is light golden brown. Cool completely then refrigerate for one hour. Use the parchment paper to lift the bars from the pan and cut them into squares.



Meet the Candidates

School Board Candidate Kati Calewarts



My name is Kati Calewarts and I'm running for Winneconne School Board. I grew up in Oshkosh, but moved to Winneconne 15 years ago upon meeting my husband. He grew up here, and we knew when we had children that we wanted them to grow up here too. We now have 3 beautiful children, who are ages 11, 9, and 3. Children have always been my biggest passion. I am currently blessed to be a stay-at-home mom of our 3-year-old, while also helping my husband run his small business. But prior to that, I worked as an early childhood teacher for 10 years. There is so much knowledge I gained during those years that I would love to put to good use as a school board member.

Some of my reasons for running include:

- My love for children, and helping people
- A hope to empower parents and give them control in their child's education
- I want to be a voice for parents, teachers and community members
- Our school board would benefit from having more board members who are parents of children who attend school here
- Only 3 out of every 10 students in Wisconsin graduate being able to read well enough to go to college or have a career. We are doing something wrong
- School board members should represent the needs and wants of the community they represent

What are my goals as a school board member?

- Restoring trust and transparency
- Accountability where it is needed
- Give teachers their autonomy back
- To work together with teachers to find solutions to close gaps in learning
- Bring awareness to the importance of play, and recess to support learning. Especially in grades K-5.
- Get back to the basics and focus on fundamentals like phonics, reading, and math.
- Reintroduce cursive into our curriculum
- I will be a safe place for parents and teachers to come to with concerns. I will be your voice
- I will represent the majority of the community in which

I serve

- I will advocate for all children
 - I will protect our daughters private spaces and sports
- I would like to thank those who have endorsed me, who include, but are not limited to, the Winnebago County GOP, Winnebago County For Freedom, and Moms For Liberty. I would also like to thank the community members for their outpouring of support. Get out and vote April 1.

School Board Candidate Mark Kunde



As an experienced leader and incumbent school board member, I am committed to upholding your expectations for the future of the Winneconne Community School District. I will collaborate with parents, students, professional staff, the administrative team, and board of education and decide collectively how we prepare our students for their journey to the future.

I have proven I can lead with Integrity and deep knowledge of how school boards operate. The knowledge I bring provides a way to ensure that together we make the right financial and educational choices for our students and district.

In the time I have spent as a school board member, I have learned that supporting our students, staff, and the school board requires the willingness and desire to continue to learn and understand how public schools operate. I believe it is important to take time to study how the law and policies specifically affect our district and to work together to put a commonsense solution in place to make the best use of our resources.

In our community school district, we allow our students to cultivate their interests and explore new directions. With your support we have been able to offer music, theater, and athletic opportunities expanding into powerlifting, hockey, and equestrian teams. Recently we have amplified student success in increased literacy, STEAM, and ag education, as well as increased partnerships with Fox Valley Technical College to offer several student certifications in the trades.

We have exceptional student achievement! Our district consistently ranks amongst the top 5% of the highest achieving

public schools in the State of Wisconsin.

We have a lot of momentum moving forward but we need your continued support. I believe in being proactive, in solving the issues that impact student outcomes, reaching out to our representatives and tackling head-on the tough financial concerns we face in public education.

We have an obligation to our young people to have a safe environment for learning, academic standards that prepare them for college and career, and focus on student social and emotional wellbeing. This will ensure our children are prepared for a future beyond high school.

As a parent of six children, my wife Cheryl and I have always advocated for education. As a leader and board member, I serve with integrity and take pride in representing the voters of this district. I believe we have many choices. With choices comes responsibility, making sure we recognize every talent and ambition of each student. As your elected board member, I will have many critical decisions to make. We will have to be creative while exercising prudent fiscal management that surrounds the budget process for public education.

Over the years I have shown consistent support for our students and school. Not only by working diligently with other board members to build a leading school district, but also as a member of the community. I continue to enjoy serving and participating in our local and state FFA associations, FFA Alumni and Supporters Chapter, many service organizations, and working closely with CESA 6 and the Wisconsin School Board Association. Throughout the sports seasons, you will see me supporting our student programs as the concession stand manager. I believe that showing up to support our students is just another way to show my commitment to our community and school district.

It is this kind of commitment and care that I believe makes me a great school board member and I would appreciate your continued support on April 1.

School Board Candidate Meghan Keller



Thank you to everyone who voted for and has supported me over the past three years. Having the honor to serve on the Winneconne School Board has taught me so much about educational funding, policy, and the true inner functioning of a public school. I have greatly appreciated the opportunity but due to recent circumstances, I will not be accepting a seat for a second term if elected. I kindly ask that voters support the two other candidates for this position, as I know each of them will do their best to further the Winneconne Community School District.

Town of Clayton Supervisor 1 Candidate Terry Haase



I am a 5th generation resident of the Town of Clayton—my great-great-grandfather, great-grandfather, grandfather, father, and myself. My son is the 6th generation and my grandson the 7th generation—all reside or resided in the town.

I have had 45 years of manufacturing experience, and 30 years of owning and running my own business.

I am running for the supervisor position to try to inform citizens of what is being planned for the town, any new issues that would possibly come up, and what can be done about them.

Citizens do not know what is being done or what can be done in the community or how to approach an issue they might have.

I am running since we need more open and honest communication and someone who is concerned with other people's views and opinions.

I would like the community to understand what the members of the town do and some things that cannot be done.

Town of Clayton Supervisor 1 Candidate Kay Lettau



I am a life-long resident of the Town of Clayton, a longtime 4-H volunteer and retired high school science teacher.

As an incumbent supervisor, I have always done my best to represent the residents of the Town of Clayton and pledge to continue to enrich our community. I support long term planning to achieve a future for the Town of Clayton as a desirable place to live, work and play. It is vital to balance the residential, commercial and industrial development on the east side while retaining the rural elements to the west.

Some of the key issues for the Town of Clayton are providing sewer and water infrastructure to support the planned east side growth. In addition, we must continue our lower property tax rate, be fiscally responsible and maintain quality roads. We need to employ wise land use practices and preserve our unique quality of life here in our home, the Town of Clayton.

Village Trustee Candidate Brian Miller



My name is Brian Miller, and I am a candidate to be one of your village trustees. My wife and

I moved to Winneconne in 1997 from Oshkosh. We chose Winneconne because my wife would visit a relative's train car cottage when she was growing up, and had fond memories of the village. We also wanted our daughters to attend one of the best school systems in the state.

I am retired after working for over 30 years for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Seventeen of those years were in supervisory positions, retiring as a Unit Supervisor. Five years after being here I was asked if I would be interested in becoming a first responder. I joined our fire district as an emergency medical responder in the summer of 2002. I was a first responder for 22 years before I retired last year as the EMS Battalion Chief.

I care deeply about the Village of Winneconne. I've sporadically attended village board meetings throughout the time



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I've lived here. I started attending more regularly a couple of years ago when the residents' confidence in the village board was at a low point. One thing that you learn in corrections is how to watch people. I would watch the trustees as they voted on different matters. I could see some wrestling with their conscience, but would ultimately vote yes for whatever was in front of them. When the decision was made to leave vacant police officer positions open, I became more vocal at board meetings about the need to fill these positions. Thankfully those positions have now been filled.

My reasons for running for village trustee are to continue the positive changes that have happened after the last two elections, to continue to push for the safety and security of our village, and to be a responsive representative of the residents. I have heard from others and have experienced it myself trying to ask a question from village hall and not getting a response or a returned phone call. The village board and the office holders at the village hall need to be responsive to the residents.

Thank you for considering me and for your vote in April.

Village Trustee Candidate Steve Foster



Hello, my name is Steve Foster, and I'm asking for your vote on April 1 for village trustee.

I've been married to my wife, Karen, for over 44 years, and we have three adult children, two who serve in the United States Army. I'm very proud of our adult kids as they navigate careers as a full-time soldier, nurse, and a dentist. I completed my 8th season as an assistant varsity football coach for Winneconne and am very excited for the 2025 season! I have been serving on the Boys and Girls Brigade board for over 20 years, and my family and I are also proud volunteers of Old Glory Honor Flight and Missions of Honor.

Being a trustee requires an individual to understand their sphere of influence and the responsibilities and purpose of the trustee's role. This elected position is one of oversight and governance, requiring leadership that adds value to the village's future goals and initiatives. While trustees set the vision and direction, it is the role

of the village staff to execute those directives.

I'm running for village trustee to continue rebuilding our village's infrastructure, parks, and roads. We've tackled major challenges, including habitual broken water mains and neglected and underutilized parks, all of which were exacerbated by weak fiscal controls. As a trustee, we must effectively work with others to develop affordable and sustainable solutions to these challenges. I've helped implement new financial oversight and strategic planning to address these issues.

As Parks Committee Chair, we led recent efforts to revitalize our parks, securing over \$800,000 in grants to fund improvements. In 2024, we completed Phase 1 of the Lake Winneconne Park restoration, with the barn renovation and boat washing station starting this spring/summer.

Marble Park, a cherished symbol within our community, was another key focus for improvement. While this space has been maintained, it has not been updated for decades. The Parks Committee heard your voices and recognized the need to reimagine this valuable community asset. We held listening sessions to gain insights and preferences for Marble Park. We have developed a public-private partnership for submitting grants and fundraising in conjunction with the Winneconne Area Community Foundation and developed and approved the "Marble Park Master Plan".

These achievements were made possible by building strong relationships with local, county, and state leaders. As a member of the Personnel and Finance Committee, I've worked to ensure responsible fiscal management and budget integrity, laying the groundwork for continued progress.

The future brings with it some uncertainty. Challenges with escalating costs of EMS/ambulance service, as well as future staffing of our Winneconne-Poygan Fire District will require the ability to work across governmental boundaries and build consensus among divergent stakeholders. With the right leadership, we can be confident that the future of the Village of Winneconne looks very bright indeed!

I appreciate your support and look forward to continuing our work for the community. I respectfully ask for your vote on April 1st.

Village Trustee Candidate Mary Kay Krings



I am a lifelong resident of Winneconne with a long legacy of relatives who have been

proud to make this village their home. I am running for village trustee as an opportunity to give back to a community that has given both me and my family so much. I graduated from Marian University with a degree in business administration and have four decades of experience in business finance. I attend village meetings and offer guidance to board members as needed.

We've faced a great deal of challenges lately - from issues with our water, to rumors of a budget deficit to constant scrutiny of our police force. While our challenges are diverse, they all stem from common themes: a lack of continuity, processes, knowledge and accountability. It's time to pass the torch to residents like me who have a fresh perspective on how to fix these issues.

If elected, these are my top priorities:

- Open communication and transparency: We need processes documented and properly communicated to enable accountability. The needs of residents and businesses are crucial to the well-being of our village. When residents and business owners bring forth concerns, those concerns need to be listened to, researched and addressed. The information provided also needs to be factual. Our village office needs to be open for eight hours a day, and meetings need to be held when residents and business owners can attend.

- Exploration of grant opportunities: There are federal and state grants available that our village should be taking advantage of to help offset costs for improvement projects and services. We need the resources and people to help us source the appropriate grants and to assist with grant writing.

Winneconne is a wonderful community full of great people. We all should be proud to live here. Let's not only continue to make this a great place to live, but let's also make it easier for our businesses and future generations to thrive. I'd be grateful to earn your vote on April 1.

Vinland Supervisor 2 Candidate Bob Marquart



Hello, my name is Bob Marquart. My wife Gabe and I purchased a lot and built our 'then' new house

and moved to the Town of Vinland in 2001. We were looking for more room for our dogs and some peace and quiet, and found both. Since living here I've tried to be aware of what has been happening in our township. I've found a good way to do this is by attending as many of the monthly Town Board meetings as possible.

While living in Oshkosh I was a longtime member of the Traffic Review Advisory Board. After moving, I wondered if there were any similar opportunities here. I became a member of the Board of Appeals some years ago. My only activity was a single training session a couple of years ago, which seems to be a testament to the job the Town Board has and is doing.

With the opening of a seat on the Board, I have decided to run for the Supervisor #2 seat. Being retired from the wholesale millwork distribution-warehousing-trucking industry, as well as being blessed with good health, I hope to devote time and energy to the town we've grown very fond of. The Town of Vinland is very large physically and becoming more diverse. The board has to be aware of, and address the agricultural, growing residential, and industrial needs of the town.

One person joining a three-person board can't make big promises. But joining Don and Todd, who I've worked with and respect, I think we can continue representing our town efficiently and effectively. I will promise two things: first that I'll do my best to keep taxes as low as possible, and second to address each issue analytically not emotionally. My ears will always be open. I would appreciate and ask for your vote on April 1.

One last thing, regardless of who you vote for, PLEASE be sure to vote April 1 and encourage your friends, neighbors and relatives to vote as well. In addition to our township, the county and state have important issues on the ballot. The spring elections historically have very low turnout, let's change that this year.

Vinland Supervisor 2 Candidate Mike McNamee



I would like to share a little about myself. My name is Mike McNamee. My wife and I have two

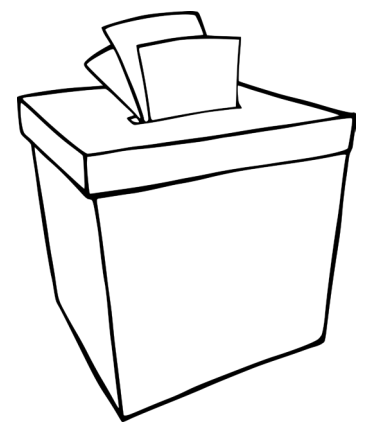
daughters and have lived in the Town of Vinland for 28 years. I am running for Town Supervisor.

I have been on the Vinland Fire Department for 20 years and have also been a first responder. I served on my church council for three years. I was the Winneconne Middle School head football coach for 14 years and am currently the JV Head football coach at Winneconne High School.

I have been the Town of Vinland Zoning Administrator for the past two years.

Being involved with the town for the last 20 years, I feel I am aware of what the town's needs are. I have been involved in many plan commission and budget meetings and feel I am the best candidate for the position.

I would appreciate your vote on April 1.



NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice of Spring Election and Sample Ballots April 1, 2025

Offices of the Village of Winneconne, Town of Winneconne and Town of Vinland Clerks

To the voters of the Village of Winneconne, Town of Winneconne and Town of Vinland.

Notice is hereby given of the spring election to be held in Village of Winneconne, Town of Winneconne and Town of Vinland on April 1, 2025, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot. Ann Wassinger, Village of Winneconne Clerk; Yvonne Zobel, Town of Winneconne Clerk; Karen Brazee, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Vinland.

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The image displays four sample ballot forms for the April 1, 2025 election. Each ballot is titled 'Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum' and includes the following sections:

- General Instructions:** Provides instructions on how to mark the ballot, including writing in names and marking questions.
- Municipal:** Lists candidates for various offices such as Town Board Chairperson, Town Board Supervisor 1 and 2, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the Supreme Court, and County Executive.
- Referendum:** Contains a question regarding the construction of a new middle school building in the Village of Winneconne, with 'Yes' and 'No' options.

The ballots are for different jurisdictions: Village of Winneconne, Town of Winneconne, and Town of Vinland. Each ballot includes a header with the jurisdiction name and a footer with the date and publication information.

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POLLING INFORMATION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE

APRIL 1, 2025, SPRING ELECTION
POLLING PLACE: WINNECONNE MUNICIPAL CENTER BOARD ROOM – LOWER LEVEL
30 S. 1st Street WINNECONNE, WI 54986
POLLING HOURS: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Handicapped Accessible
Ann Wasinger, Winneconne Village Clerk
clerk@winneconnewi.gov or 920-582-4381

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PUBLIC NOTICE Electronic Ballot Tabulation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, of a public test of the electronic ballot tabulation system will be held on Friday, March 28, 2025 at 11:00 p.m. to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the April 1, 2025 Spring Election votes cast for all offices and on all measures. All tests open to the public.

Town of Wolf River
8800 County Road II, Fremont
Susan Gilbert, Clerk

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VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

The Planning Commission of the Village of Winneconne will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the board room at Village Hall 30 S. 1st St., Winneconne, WI, 54986.

A public hearing will be held to present the conditional use permit request of John Simon, 125 S. 7th Ave., Winneconne, WI, Parcel No. 191-004027, to operate a small business in a residential area. The taxidermy is focused on a variety of fish species. Mr. Simon will be the only owner and employee. Surrounding property owners abutting or opposite the property will be notified by mail as required. All interested persons objecting to or supporting this conditional use permit are requested to be present at the hearing.

Planning Commission
Village of Winneconne

Submitted by: Logan Fuller, Village Administrator

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Town of Vinland

Notice of Location and Hours of Polling Place

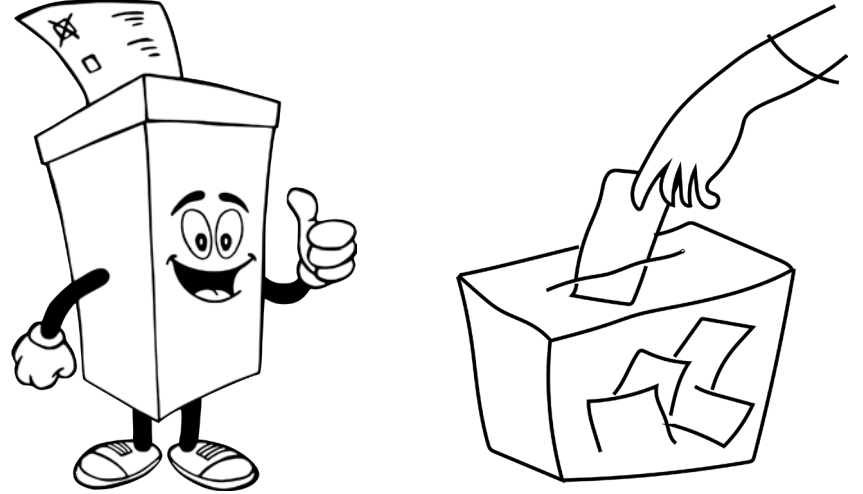
At the Spring Election to be held on April 1, 2025, in the Town of Vinland, the following polling place location will be used for the wards indicated:

Location
Town of Vinland, Town Hall
6085 County Rd T, Oshkosh
Wards 1-2

All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and voters with disabilities*. If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Karen Brazee, Clerk/Treasurer
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WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Winneconne Community School District that on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, a school board election will be held for two (2) seats on the Board of Education.

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO (2)
Meghan M. Keller, Incumbent
Kati Calewarts
Mark D. Kunde, Incumbent

The term of office for school board members is three years beginning on Monday, April 21, 2025. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district website.

Electors will vote in their regular polling place. Polls will open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote in this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

- Town of Clayton: Clayton Municipal Building, 8348 Hickory Avenue, Larsen, 54947
Town of Omro: Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Rd, Omro, WI 54963
Town of Oshkosh: Town Hall, 230 E. County Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Town of Poygan: Town Hall, 8693 Town Hall Rd, Winneconne, WI 54986
Town of Poy Sippi: Town Hall/Fire Station, N4398 Spring St, Poy Sippi, WI 54967
Town of Vinland: Town Hall, 6085 County Rd T, Oshkosh, WI 54904
Town of Winchester: Town Hall, 8522 Park Way Lane, Larsen, WI 54947
Town of Winneconne: Town Hall, 6494 County Rd M, Winneconne, WI 54986
Town of Wolf River: Town Hall, 8800 County Rd II, Fremont, WI 54940
Village of Winneconne: Village Hall, 30 S 1st St, Winneconne, WI 54986

Mark Kunde
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Obituaries

Dennis "Rat" Johnson

Dennis "Rat" Johnson passed away unexpectedly Friday, March 7, 2025.

He was born October 5, 1958, in Oshkosh to Richard and Helen (Davis) Johnson.



Dennis attended Winneconne schools. On September 9, 1988, he married Darcy Schwertfeger.

Dennis held many jobs throughout his life which included trapping, turtling, and harvesting vegetation. He worked at E. R. Wagners, Johnson Bros Siding, and Lil Dave's (he was always busy). He semi-retired in 2024.

Dennis had many hobbies: set lining,

ice fishing, sturgeon spearing, fishing on the Wolf with his brother, deer, grouse, woodcock, duck, and deer hunting. He always looked forward to the annual deer hunt and time spent with Digger Berndt and "Grub" in Tomahawk. He enjoyed his trips to the Dakotas and Canada. Dennis had a green thumb when it came to gardening and was already planning this year's "crop". Lawn care was another one of his specialties.

He was a Brewer, Badger, Bucks, and Packer fan and enjoyed watching the games.

Dennis' favorite place was the deer shack in Tomahawk. He was looking forward to going North to finish the bridge and getting ready for his new hunting companion (expected in May). Dennis loved dogs and had Chesapeake, a German shorthair, and an English pointer. He certainly excelled at training them.

Family meant everything to Dennis.

He leaves behind: his wife, Darcy; his sisters, Susan Zehner and her children Lisa (Pete), Adam (Amanda), and Ben (Emily); Carole (Randy) Carow and their son Ryan; brother, Robert (June) and children, Robbi (Chris), Jackie (John), Jody (Mike), and Joe; mother-in-law, Janice; sister-in-law, Sue (Bob) Bushman and their son Kyle; brother-in-law, Bruce Schwertfeger. He is also survived by great-nieces and great-nephews. Dennis loved spending time with his nieces and nephews and enjoyed hunting and fishing with them.

Along with his parents Richard and Helen, Dennis was also preceded in death by his father-in-law, James Schwertfeger; his hunting companions (his girls) Missy, Tobi, Tanner, and Drifter; and his friends, Steve W., Dave W., Bill L., Norm, Bob M., John G., and Marty.

Dennis was a sensitive and kind per-

son. He was always willing to help people when they needed it. Dennis was a "people person"; he would strike up conversations with people he didn't know, usually about hunting or hunting dogs (but not limited to). He enjoyed cooking and was a great chef.

Per Dennis' wishes there will be no service.

Please consider donating to the American Heart Association or Oshkosh Animal Shelter in memory of Dennis.

Special thanks to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept, the Medical Examiner's Office, and Mueller Funeral Home for their kind assistance during this difficult time. Another thanks to Nick for helping as well, he would have appreciated knowing you were there.

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

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 1, 2025

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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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Obituaries

Gene Lee Kuhns

Gene Lee Kuhns of Winneconne entered eternal joy March 6, 2025, in Tucson, AZ. Gene was born in Milwaukee, WI on May 5, 1931, to George and Bertha (Geerds) Kuhns. During his school years in Glendale, he was a caddy and Lake Michigan lifeguard. He graduated from Shorewood High School in 1949.

Summers were spent at the family boathouse/cabin on Lake Winneconne where he caught frogs and turtles; fished and hunted. Being surrounded by wildlife and nature instilled a love for the outdoors and nature. This love translated to a Forestry degree from the University of Montana, Missoula.

Gene joined the US Forest Service, becoming a Forest Ranger on the Ashley National Forest in Roosevelt, UT. He was promoted to the Eastern Region of the Forest Service in Milwaukee, in charge of winter sports and special areas. He retired in 1979 as regional environmental coordinator.

He and his dad went to the Ice Bowl. #PackersOwner

In Utah, Gene married Anna Labrum of Roosevelt, helping raise her

three children: Ervin & Don Clark of Tucson; Vickie (Phil Murray, Ephraim, UT); his two children: David (Marnie, Ringgold, GA) and Nance Hovik (Jeff, Phoenix, AZ) from a previous marriage. Gene and Anna have one son, Gene Jr. (Jan, Vashon Island, WA).

Blessed to retire to their new home on Lake Winneconne, they spent thousands of hours watching sunsets, geese flying, nesting purple martins; creating a bird, butterfly and native plant sanctuary; entertaining and traveling; walleye and salmon fishing, and more.

After nearly three decades of marriage, Gene and Anna were sealed for Time & All Eternity in the Chicago Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were active in, and well loved by members of the Oshkosh Ward.

Gene was preceded into eternity by his sweetheart, Anna "Anny Baby"; parents (George & Bertha Kuhns), two sons Ervin and Don Clark; son-in-law Phil Murray; his sister Kate (Wendell); and numerous other relatives and friends. Gene and Anna have four living children, 30 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren. Gene is also survived by brother Timothy (Mary, deceased) and sister Lynn Kuhns.

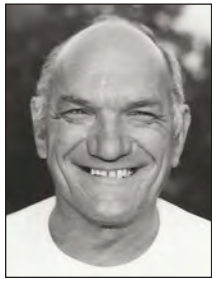
Gene was cremated and will be buried in the Roosevelt UT Memorial

Park next to Anna. A celebration of life will happen there at 1 p.m. May 27 and at their Winneconne home on July 4.

Thanks to family members and friends in Wisconsin, Arizona, Utah, and elsewhere, who were so kind and

helpful during the last years of Gene's life.

In lieu of flowers or money, please rip up some of your lawn and plant the space to native plants in Gene's memory.



Bernice "Bernie" M. Clark
Bernice "Bernie" M. Clark, age 96, of Oshkosh, passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Bethel Nursing Home.

Bernice was born on July 8, 1928, to the late Aldor and Ena (Henke) Hinz in Oshkosh. She graduated from high school and worked as a waitress for over 40 years at Oshkosh Power Boat Club. She married Jim Clark on July 10, 1948.

She loved traveling to establishments every Sunday to play cribbage and sheepshead. Bernice and Jim were always going on drives to nowhere in particular. They enjoyed seeing the countryside together. She often spent time in the kitchen cooking and baking. Bernice was known for her pies, french toast and chocolate chips pancakes that her grandkids looked forward to. She was always there to support her family.

Bernice is survived by her son, John (Kim) Clark; grandkids, Craig (Mol-

ly) Clark, Jason Clark, Cessy (Brittany) Clark, Amanda (Sam) Wiechman, Jamie and Brian Francart; great-grandkids, Brady, Hunter, Gwennie, Arizona, Malikai, Jaelyn, Keyana, Harper, Bentley, Maverick, and Memphis; sisters-in-law, Anita and Marlene Hinz; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; children, James "Jimmy" Clark, Sandy Francart, Dennis Clark, and Gary Clark; beloved great-grandchild, Madison Sandra Clark; brothers, Ed (Marie) Hinz, Dave and Arden Hinz; sisters, Marge (Pudge) Hyde, Alice (Harv) Western and Betty (Melvin) Matulle.

A memorial service for Bernice will be held on Monday, March 31 at 1:30 p.m. at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh. Visitation will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until the start of the service. A private burial at Lake View Memorial Park will take place.

Bernice's family would like to extend a special thank you to Bethel Homes and Aseracare Hospice for their loving care.



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American Legion Auxiliary Unit #364 news

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #364 held its monthly meeting on March 10 with 16 members attending, including six officers.

After the traditional potluck meal, several committee chairs provided updates on ongoing initiatives. The Americanism Chair reported that six young women have been selected to attend the Badger Girls State Program.

The Membership Chair reported the unit remains strong, currently ranking 2nd in the Department, 5th in the District, and 2nd in the County.

The unit is preparing for several community events in the coming months.

In addition to the blood drive held earlier this month, the Legion Post 364 will celebrate its 100-Year anniversary on August 3. The event

will be open to the community and planning is underway, with more details soon to be released.

The next Auxiliary meeting will take place on April 14 at 6:15 p.m., preceded by dinner at 5:30 p.m.

For more information on upcoming events or to get involved, members are encouraged to contact President Jeanne Lehr.



Winneconne News

On February 15, Auxiliary members assisted with concessions at the 2025 Battle on Bago in Menominee Park, Oshkosh. Pictured, from left to right: Karin Markert, Linda Messer, Kristy Armstrong, Mary Lehr, Jeanne Hall.

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APRIL 3-13



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