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Hintz maps out path for the future

By Bethanie Gengler County Winnebago



Executive Gordon Hintz doesn't rush his words. In a recent interview after taking over as the county's leader, long pauses filled the

Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and WCSD launch new after-school program

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has officially announced a new partnership with the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) to offer a comprehensive after-school program for students in kindergarten through 5th grade, beginning in the 2025–26 school year.

Hosted at Winneconne Elementary School (WES), the program will provide a safe, supportive, and enriching environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive after the school day ends. Daily programming will run from school dismissal until 5:30 p.m.

"We're excited to partner with the Winneconne school district to bring high-quality after-school care to local families," said Katrina Gesell, Director of Omro Childcare for the Boys &



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Honored coaches

Doug Sasse photo

Legendary baseball coaches Mike Meyer (left) and Ham Last were honored in a ceremony before the Wolves hosted Manitowoc Lincoln on May 2. Both Winneconne and Manitowoc Lincoln are coached by alums Kevin Meyer and Bruce Steinbecker and former players were invited to the game to recognize the former coaches.

Hintz's demeanor and thoughtful communication style reflect a broader shift in county leadership. While former County Executive Jon Doemel was known for his fast-paced, outspoken approach, Hintz brings a more measured, reserved tone to the role. Hintz was sworn into office on April 15, joined by his wife Liz and their two children, Beatrix and Gethin, who were there to support him. The 51-year-old former state legislator represented the Oshkosh area in the Assembly from 2007 to 2023.

Most recently, he worked as the director of a nonprofit labor-management partnership, before returning to local government.

Hintz's campaign platform focused on collaboration, accountability and restoring public trust after what was seen by some as a rocky few years of county government, marked by an administration that faced criticism for a lack of transparency in the use of federal pandemic relief funds and difficulties in communicating with municipalities.

Now a few weeks in, Hintz is settling into a new role that focuses on evaluating county operations and taking a deliberate approach to issues.

He's leading the county with one less key staff member than his predecessor. Doemel ran as an Independent for the nonpartisan role, but just days into office, created a new chief of staff position and appointed former Republican communications aide Ethan Hollenberger to fill the newly created

space between questions and answers. For a

man who once

led state Dem-

Gordon Hintz

ocrats as minority leader, the quiet seems almost strategic.

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Hintz maps out plan

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role – without County Board approval. Hollenberger resigned after Doemel's election loss and chose not to stay on with the new administration. Hintz has yet to hire a replacement.

Hintz plans to deal with long-standing issues facing Winnebago County that require strong intergovernmental relationships and careful fiscal planning. He is prioritizing communicating with municipal leaders, noting the "north-south divide" between communities like Neenah, Menasha, Fox Crossing and Oshkosh.

"The county does need to do a better job of communicating what we are doing as a county with the public, but also with the municipalities," he said.

His approach involves bringing county services directly to communities.

"You can't expect people to come to you," he said. "We need to do a better job of bringing our services to where people are, especially when people are unfamiliar with what the county does."

Hintz steps into the role inheriting both the successes and challenges of his predecessor, key among them being the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh-Fox Cities campus in Menasha, which is shutting down in June after classes end.

Though jointly owned by both Outagamie and Winnebago counties, Outagamie supervisors were expected to vote Tuesday on approving a deal that would give ownership of the campus to Winnebago in exchange for the contents of the Weis Earth Science Museum, which will be donated to Appleton's History Museum at the Castle.

Hintz said he shares community members' disappointment over the loss of both UW Fox Cities and the Weis Museum. Hintz is optimistic about preserving key community assets at the campus like the planetarium and child care center. Once Winnebago is in sole possession of the property, he plans to hold a forum or community listening session to answer questions, gather input and share information.

The campus acquisition comes with complications. Hintz acknowledged the county will face immediate costs, including utility expenses, while seeking ways to generate revenue and maintain critical services.

The additional expenses come as the county faces the potential of increased debt due to federal funding cuts.

"We're looking at a loss of funding for programs we currently do have, and then we're looking at the potential of more loss of funding for programs that we've done for years," he said.

Hintz said Winnebago County remains in a good financial position, with a healthy fund balance for more than a decade.

Multiple grant-funded programs face potential elimination, including the STAR (Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery) program, which offers recovery resources to jail inmates, and the HELP (Homelessness, Evictions and Loss Prevention) program, which

provides homeless prevention services. Public health vending machines in Neenah and Oshkosh that dispense overdose-reversing Narcan could also be on the chopping block.

"Local government is sort of the last line of resort in terms of the services that we provide," Hintz said. "If we're faced with a lot of federal cuts, we need to do our best to try to protect the public from those impacts."

Hintz acknowledged that the county has unappropriated Spirit Funds received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). According to the county's Spirit Fund Dashboard, about \$8.9 million is still available. However, Hintz is uncertain whether the one-time ARPA funds can be used for expenses, or if the costs would need to come from the existing fund balance, noting those decisions will need to be made by the Board of Supervisors.

While major shifts like the closure of UW Fox Cities and potential funding cuts will challenge the county, Hintz remains focused on what lies ahead. For him, these issues are opportunities in areas like redevelopment, housing and regional collaboration, where the county can take an active role in shaping its future.

The county is also facing decisions about its facility infrastructure. Hintz said he is skeptical about a proposed plan under Doemel to centralize county services to one campus, citing potential negative impacts on downtown Oshkosh and service accessibility.

"It's hard to imagine human services providing their services in the middle of nowhere," he said. "It's hard to imagine three large abandoned former county buildings in downtown Oshkosh and the loss of workers without it having a negative impact on the city."

Despite the obstacles, Hintz remains optimistic.

"I'd like to bring some structure back to county government," he said. "What I mean is getting our departments to collectively share the county's mission of service by really working together again and feeling supported by the administration."





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School Board swears in new members, tackles public comment policies

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At its May 5 meeting, the Winneconne Community School District Board of Education (BOE) swore in two of its newly elected members-returning BOE Clerk Mark Kunde and new member Katie Calewarts-before

ther discussion until the next meeting. Launch of a Continuous Improvement Plan

The district is rolling out a comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan focused on four key areas. Focal areas include: Learning & Academ-



ics; Engagement & Connection; Finance & Operation; Safe and & Healthy School. The will plan flow from district the level to administration and ultimately into individual buildings, with a uni-

fied under-

Mark Kunde and Katie Calewarts will be serving the Winneconne Community School District as board members for the next three years.

turning its attention to a range of issues, from the extracurricular code of conduct and academics, to revised public comment procedures and strategic planning for WCSD.

Policy on Athletic Suspensions and Academic Integrity

One focal point of the discussion on the presented extracurricular code of conduct shared by Athletic Director Tyler Lee pertained to the policy's section on Conduct Unbecoming: Academic Integrity. Violations in this section, as questioned by Board Vice President Jill Verich, offer too wide a range for punishment (10-25% of season for 1st violation; 25-50% for 2nd, etc.) and setting a fixed number of game suspensions for violations was suggested. A three-year rolling average would determine the maximum number of games a student may be suspended, as each season varies in length due to a variety of circumstances.

Lee may conduct a review to establish clearer, more enforceable guidelines. For now, the board tabled fur-

standing of the end goals and a renewed emphasis placed on academic achievement.

Updated Procedures for Public Comment

The board also reviewed new recommendations regarding public comment at board meetings, policy 0167.3. After consulting with other districts, Wisconsin Association of School Boards, legal counsel, and CESA, the board is proposing a more structured approach:

• Public comment will be allowed at meetings as it relates to that meeting's order of business before the board would take official action. Comments must pertain to current agenda items only.

• Speakers must register their intent to speak and declare which agenda item they wish to address, also stating their name, address, and group affiliation, if any.

• Public comment statements will be limited to three minutes

• And, any person or group who would like to have an item put on the

County Veterans Service Officer to

agenda shall submit their written (this includes email) request to the District Administrator and Board President not later than seven business days prior to the meeting and include name, address, group affiliation and topic.

Board member Dean Ackman then proposed a check-and-balance mechanism regarding the submission of agenda requests: if an agenda request is denied by the board president and district administrator, the request will be shared with all board members. If any member advocates for it, the entire board will vote on whether to add it to a future agenda.

The board is working to finalize the language and ensure a clear, consistent process for public engagement.

Policy on 3rd Grade Promotion

The board then approved a policy concerning the promotion of at-risk 3rd grade students. The policy requires adoption by July 2025, with full enforcement by 2027. The phased implementation is intended to allow sufficient time for planning and support for affected students.

In reaching the decision to promote or retain a student, the District will carefully consider all relevant factors, including reading instruction and supports; interventions; all relevant data regarding reading progress; alternatives to retention; and all other relevant factors, including the long-term, adverse effects of retention or promotion.



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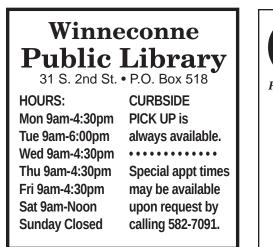


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Visit Winneconne

A County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) will be at the American Legion Giles Luce Post, located at 536 W. Main St., on Thursday, May 22 from 2 to 6 p.m.

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ister services and provide assistance to veterans and their dependents. All veterans, spouses and/or dependents are welcome to attend this event. Now is the time to get any questions about benefits answered.

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Celebration Women's Ministry May event

Celebration Women's Ministry will host its next event on Saturday, May 17, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Rushford Town Hall (County Rd K, Omro).

This month's speaker is Kimberly Hughes, a home-schooling mother of three, a farmer's wife and farmer, who loves coffee and worship music to refresh her mind and her soul.

Hughes invites all women—regardless of religious affiliation—to join her as she shares her roller-coaster ride with the Lord.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for refreshments and fellowship. The program begins at 9 a.m. There is no registration needed; a free will offering is appreciated.

The Eureka chapter of Celebration is a non-denominational Christ-centered Woman to Woman Ministry. To learn more, visit http://www.celebrationministries.org.

Poppy distribution weekend

The Winneconne American Legion Auxiliary will be distributing poppies in Winneconne at Stoneridge Piggly Wiggly on May 15, 16, and 17 in advance of Memorial Day Weekend.

Poppy distribution is a special effort of auxiliaries all across the nation each year, with poppies given in exchange for donations to support the future of veterans, active-duty military and their families with medical and financial needs.

National Poppy Day was designated by Congress as a powerful reminder of the cost of our freedom. Millions of people worldwide wear the poppy as a call to honor living veterans and those who lost their lives. It's a tradition dating back to 1918 when Moina Michael popularized the idea of wearing a poppy flower in memory of the lives lost in WWI.

Poppy seeds can lie dormant for years but will bloom brilliantly when the soil is disturbed. After the bat-

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tles were fought in WWI, the bloodred poppy flourished in France and Belgium when battlefields became burial grounds. The red flowers suddenly bloomed among the newly dug gravesites of fallen service members, turning the new graveyards into fields of red. Surviving soldiers came to view the poppy as more than just a flower; it became a symbol of military sacrifice.

The American Legion Auxiliary family has had a connection to the poppy flower since the early 1920s when it was adopted as its official memorial flower. Each year, it purchases crepe paper or fabric poppies and leverages the poppy in service to the veteran community through poppy distribution days. Auxiliary volunteers hand out poppies in exchange for donations which go directly to support active-duty military and veterans. In the Winneconne area, nearly \$2000 is raised annually.

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Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeships set a record

For the fourth year in a row, Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship program set a new record high of 11,344 youth apprentices enrolled during the 2024-2025 school year, a 14 percent increase from the prior year.

Youth Apprenticeship is a one-year or two-year earn-while-you-learn program for high school juniors and seniors pairing work and related classroom instruction in a chosen occupation. The program implements a dual training system that combines skills obtained on the job site with technical knowledge in the classroom. Wisconsin was the first state in the nation to offer a Youth Apprenticeship program in 1991.

In addition to record-high enrollment, the Youth Apprenticeship program partnered with a record 7,447 employers, and more than 99 percent of Wisconsin's 421 public school districts with a high school had students enrolled in Youth Apprenticeship for the 2024-25 school year.

Youth Apprenticeship pathways with the highest participation this school year are:

Health Science: 2,089 Manufacturing: 1,510 Marketing: 1,415 Architecture and Construction: 1,409

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources: 1,303

In addition to the Youth Apprenticeship program, the state's Registered Apprenticeship program serves adults and can be the next step for Youth Apprenticeship participants. In November, Gov. Evers announced that Wisconsin's Registered Apprenticeship Program has reached a record 17,089 enrolled apprentice. It was the third consecutive year that the Registered Apprenticeship Program reached an all-time record in the program's 112year history.

In 2024, there were 504 former youth apprentices bridging to Registered Apprenticeship programs, or 11.7 percent of new registered apprenticeship contracts; 458, or 10.3 percent, in 2023; and 337, or 9.4 percent, in 2022. Participation in Certified-Pre Apprenticeship programs, which prepares adult participants for registered apprenticeships and careers of the future is also gaining increasing interest, with 37 programs and 23 training providers in 2024.

To learn more about Wisconsin Apprenticeship, visit WisconsinApprenticeship.com.

Trout Unlimited community event planned

The four Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Chapters that make up TU CARES (Central Wisconsin Area Restoration Effort for Sustainability) are planning a fun-filled community event May 16 and 17 on the Mecan River between Wautoma and Coloma. The Trout Unlimited Chapters are the Central Wisconsin Chapter, the Fox Valley Chapter, the Hornberg Chapter and the Shaw-paca Chapter.

The outing is free to the public and all are invited. There will be free accommodations and food until filled and reservations are highly recommended. To reserve your spot contact Jamie at jvaughan@tu.org.

The festivities start on Friday, May 16, offering rotating activities from 3 to 6 pm such as casting practice, iden-

tification of stream insects, fishing and more. A dinner will follow at 6 pm hosted by TU CARES held at the Richford Community Center. The dinner event will include fly tying demonstrations, kids crafts and presentations.

On Saturday participants will travel to the Ice Age Trail Mecan River segment. The day will start at 7:45 am with breakfast followed by stream habitat improvement work on the Mecan under the supervision of the Wisconsin DNR and its stream habitat specialists. Other activities at the site will include casting practice, a stream electro-shocking demonstration, presentations by event sponsors and partners along with music and games. Lunch will be provided for all who attend.



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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Chico's adds even more excitement to the white bass season

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

As if the White Bass season isn't eventful enough, there's an added buzz



throughout the fishing, heck, the entire community. We all love this time of year, with leaves popping, Mother's Day, trees bloom-

Harp

ing, and fish biting by the cooler load. Drawn by this excitement, an unsuspecting group of fishermen rented a pontoon up in Fremont, and made their way downriver last week.

The story they tell via Facebook says they stopped off at Chico's Landing, a popular spot in Orihula, to buy some bait and use the restroom.

As they tell it, they were berated by the owner for parking a boat not rented from them, to use their restroom. Apparently, they tried to explain they bought minnows, but they were told to leave immediately.

Feeling wronged, they immediately took to social media and let their voice be heard. "No business can treat a customer that way," they must have thought, and threw their post out there for everyone to see. End of story, right? We all wish, but not at all.

Let me just step aside and say, we all have that crazy, great uncle or grandpa who's been around so long he knows exactly how the world works, and knows exactly when wrong is wrong. He isn't afraid to raise his voice and might be a little quick to anger. We all know a guy like this. You just don't mess with Uncle Butch (or insert your relative's name here).

Then, throw in maybe a language barrier, maybe some elitism, and maybe some different cultural norms, shake well, and you have the makings for a viral video.

Sure enough, the fishermen, moving further downstream shortly after making their comments, were approached by the owner, complaining about their posts, shouting obscenities, and threatening, "I'll fight you!" among other colorful language. These guys were already almost four miles downriver, so the owner (and his son at the helm) must have been pretty peeved to chase them down all the way to Windy Corners. Indeed, he was ticked off, and our social media-savvy fishermen documented it all on video, again for all to see.

What followed was the famous "un-apology" as some have labeled it, with Alex Simion, a co-owner and son, trying to smooth things over. That didn't seem to sit well either, judging from the subsequent comments on the story. Many called for a boycott not only of Chico's, but also their bait shop in town, The Angry Minnow. (It should be known that Chico's does not own The Wolf River Lodge, as many have claimed).

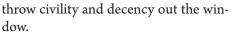
But then you have more recent accounts of great facilities, great fishing, and great hospitality by the Chico's staff. The Fox 11 story also claims that reservations are increasing at Chico's.

I think everyone has just about had it with the traction this story has had, but fishermen especially, have long memories and a flair for storytelling, so this one is gonna stick for a while in my opinion.

The bottom line here people, is respect. We tend to say different things when we're typing words on a screen instead of saying it to someone's face. That doesn't doesn't give anyone the right to



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Can we all agree to be a little more respectful of people's places and property? Can we try to see the sometimes obscure perspectives and opinions of other human beings? Can we ultimately re-learn to respect each other in this digital age?

I know we can. Let's go fishing! **Reach Matt at** lakeandpond2@gmail.com

Tales From The Land of Retirement

And your point is? **By Jeanne Lehr**

I am a great reader of books, and I listen to a lot of speeches. If I get my hands



on a good book, I can't put it down. I often discover within the first 20 pages if I am going to read it or not. If I find a book that's filled with unnecessary language, I usually toss it aside.

I read a book for its story, not the color of the sky or the rich green fields. I will scan a page until it goes back to the story. That's one reason I so enjoyed the Reader's Digest condensed books. They took a 500-page book down to 200 pages and cut out the fluff. Brilliant!

When I hear a teacher, preacher, politician, or speaker giving a talk, I'm hooked until I feel them losing me with their non-essential words. Less is best. If you have a story, tell it. Usually, the story is good enough without embellishing it. If I see an interesting ad on Facebook, I'll click it to see how to get the product. I click, and then get stuck in 20 minutes of dialogue before they actually tell me how to get what I came for. And...you lost me.

I go through a lot of typed information for the Auxiliary. Somewhere on those pages there is an item of importance, but it's so buried between the many, many useless words. Why can't it say what needs to be said and be done?

My sister used to tell stories in a way that went something like this: "There was this boat, well it was more of a yacht, and it was sailing across a vast, dark ocean. Well, it was more like a big lake, crossing to deliver its passengers." All this to simply impart that the people sailed to their destination safely.

I don't care about the size of the boat or the body of water. That's not the point of the story. Get to the point - did the folks have safe passage? If the answer is yes, enough said.

So, if you are writing a speech, a paper, a book, or whatever...remember that it's the point you want to make that's paramount. When you are talking to someone, don't waste their time with useless embellishments. If you left anything out, there will be follow-up questions. Don't look at your audience and see glazed over eyes. Keep on task, not everyone in this world has the patience of a saint.

Like I said – enough said. **Reach Jeanne at** genie6364@yahoo.com

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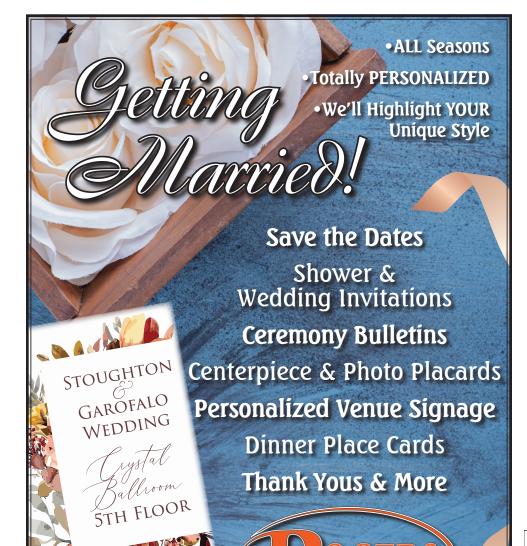
SOFTBALL

Wolves win three games to extend streak

Julia Youngbauer tossed a five-inning one-hitter as Winneconne extended its winning streak to 12 games with a 10-0 win over St. Mary Catholic on Friday. Youngbauer walked one and struck out 10 in earning the win in the circle and was backed by another offensive outburst. Neela Gardner and Audra Schaffer each belted home runs and finished with two hits apiece. Libby Jahnke and Jaidyn Halder each



Winneconne's Claire Schaffer takes a swing at a pitch against Ripon last week.



chipped in a pair of hits as well.

On Thursday, the Wolves put up a 12-2 win over Berlin, highlighted by a seven-run third inning.

Jahnke finished 3-for-4 with a home run and three RBIs, while Grace Mitchell also hit a home run and had a double. Audra Schaffer chipped in two hits, while Aubrey Thorpe walked three times in the game.

Youngbauer and Halder combined on a two-hitter in the circle.

Winneconne also knocked off Ripon, 6-2, last week as Halder finished 2-for-3 with an RBI. Gardner also had an RBI in the game.

Youngbauer struck out 14 while allowing just four hits and a walk. Only one of the runs she allowed in the game was earned.

BASEBALL

ence game last week.

Winneconne managed just two hits in the game, however, Kleinschmidt's solo blast in the top of the third inning gave the Wolves the lead. Noah Bouras also had a single in the game for Winneconne.

Duel made the run stand up, striking out three and walking three in the 95-pitch, complete game.

The Wolves then dropped a pair of East Central Conference games to Kettle Moraine Lutheran, losing a pair of 10-0 contests to the Chargers.

Broderick Stille had the lone hit for Winneconne in Tuesday's loss, who led just 1-0 after three innings before breaking the game open with a fiverun fourth inning.

Logan Binder finished 2-for-2 to lead the Wolves' offense in Thursday's loss, while Kleinschmidt and Stille each picked up hits.

GOLF

Dobbe leads Winneconne to win ECC mini-meet

Austin Dobbe fired a meet-leading 37 at Washington County Golf Course as Winneconne finished first at the ECC mini-meet last Thursday.

The Wolves carded a team score of 162 to finish five shots ahead of Plymouth and six shots ahead of Kettle Moraine Lutheran.

Dobbe earned medalist honors by one shot ahead of Brennan Helmer of Plymouth.

Parker Groff was the next Winneconne finisher with a 40, followed by Brody Peppler with 42 and Sully Ramthun with 43.

Winneconne also finished 11th at a mostly Division 1 field at The Legend Invite at the Legend at Bristlecone last Tuesday. The Wolves finished with a score of 316, one shot behind Catholic Memorial. Marquette won the meet with a score of 291, one of three teams to finish under 300.

Ramthun led the Wolves with a 75 with Dobbe notching a 78. Groff shot an 81 and Peppler a 82 to round out the Winneconne scoring golfers.

TRACK AND FIELD

Boys third, girls sixth at Waupaca Invitational

Hudson Samolinski bettered his own school record in the discus and Winneconne rode a strong showing in the field events to take third among 10 teams at an invitational hosted by Waupaca last week. Samolinski uncorked a discus throw of 190-feet, 8-inches to reset his record and finished second in the event. He also took second in the shot put.

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Duel, Kleinschmidt lift Winneconne to win

Ethan Duel tossed a two-hit shutout and Colson Kleinschmidt provided the only offense with a solo home run as the Wolves downed Winnebago Lutheran Academy, 1-0, in a nonconfer-

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Sports



Winneconne's Audra Schaffer reaches to make a grab at third base.

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The Wolves had three finishers in the top five in the high jump, led by Colton Tisler who won the event. Brecken Meyer took fourth, and Grant Wenzelow finished fifth.

Trey Zemke in the pole vault and Karter Hawthorne in the long jump also posted wins for the Wolves.

Koltyn Kachur scored second places in the 100 meter and 300-meter hurdles, while Jack Quigley was third in both the 100 and 200 meters. Winneconne was also third in the 800-meter relay and fourth in the 400-meter relay.

The girls finished sixth in the team standings and boasted a pair of individual winners at the meet.

Ruby Kuehn finished first in the 400 meters, with teammate Adalina Smith taking fourth. Bailey Church won the pole vault with teammate Carlee Hart taking second. Church was also second in the high jump.

Madeline Anderson added a third place in the 1,600 meters.

Wolves have four individual winners at Freedom Invite

The Winneconne boys had a quartet of individual winners as they finished second among 13 teams at the Freedom Invitational last week.

Jack Quigley in the 400 meters and Grant Wenzelow in the 800 meters posted wins on the track, while Colton Tisler in the high jump and Trey Zemke in the pole vault finished first in field events.

Wenzelow added a second place in the 1,600 meters, Hudson Samolinski picked up second places in both the shot put and discus and Brecken Meyer tied for second in the high jump. Silas Sarbo finished third in the 800 meters and tied for third in the pole vault.

Winneconne also took second in both the 1,600-meter relay and 3,200-meter relay.

The girls placed eighth overall and were led by Carlee Hart who took second in the pole vault, while Bailey Church tied for fifth in the event.

On the track, Lauren Wiedmeier took third in the 3,200 meters and Ruby Kuehn was fourth in the 1,600 SOCCER Hottmann's four goals lead Winneconne to win

Suri Hottman scored four goals as the Wolves blitzed Waupaca, 7-0, on Saturday.

Hottman tallied three of her goals in the first half as Winneconne built a 4-0 lead into intermission. Abbie Oleson notched a pair of goals in the second half, while Harper Neace also scored in the game. Clara Allmers notched an as-

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Hottmann also tallied two goals in a 2-0 win over Xavier last week, scoring both goals off headers on crosses from Harper Neace.

Emery Sommers posted another shutout in goal for Winneconne as the Wolves' defense limited the Hawks to just three shots on goal in the game.

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National Honor Society inductees celebrated

Winneconne News

As is tradition, the month of May brings many high school celebrations. The National Honor Society (NHS) took its turn on May 7 and held its 2025 ceremony in the Winneconne Community Arts Center, celebrating this year's sophomore, junior, and specially honored senior inductees.

Students must accumulate double the requisite community service hours to qualify for NHS and hold at least a 3.5 GPA, along with orchestrating several community activities throughout the year.

Congratulations, one and all!

Seniors – listed alphabetically: Madeline Anderson, Brisa Barkovich, Cavin Becker, Cayden Behm, Will Benedict, Camille Braman, Gabrielle Cernjar, Aleyna Heffernon, Waylon Hernandez, Jason Jacobson, Cassandra Kohanski, Emily Makovec, Cody McLeod, Lila Newton, Molly Otto, Donald Parker, Jack Quigley, Brock Robinson, Charles Roubidoux, Claire Schaffer, Sara Scheider, Serena Scott, Mazey Steckbauer, Lacey Stephans, Chase Sternard, Aiden Tate, Becca Williams, Mason Wojtowski, Owyn Zanto.

Juniors – listed alphabetically: Alexavior Alswager, Gage Bartel, Camryn Becker, Carsten Donald Blakesley, Noah Bouras, Aurora Braley, Marcella Buser, Emma Cegielski, Brody Cross, Kendra Dobberstein, Hailey Domke, Haileigh Dunnihoo, Gavin Duron, Sophie Gonzalez, Elianna Hardy, Carlee Hart, Alivia Heller, Leah Hernandez, Gabrielle Hostettler, Suri Hottmann, Joseph Hutchinson, Noah Jaeger, Solomon P. Kabat, Jada Kaiser, Aeris Kellerman, Jackson Kollat, Alyssa Koval, Iyla Krostue, Kaden Krueger, Natalie Krueger, Rinn Lake, Andon Lang, Tracy Leichtfuss, Carter Lund, Lindsey Mathison, Gabryel McDonald, Jesse Michaud, Genevieve Quam, Abigail L. Rogers, Evynn Rosenow, Mateo Ruiz, Mia Rust, Hudson Samolinski, Annabella Seibert, Audra Schaffer, Brody Schaffer, Kat Skadahl, Hugh M. Slee-

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man, Kambelle Syth, Vivian Verich, Lauren Wiedemeier, Allison Wisnefske, Chloe Wyssbrod, Val Zemke III.

Sophomores – listed alphabetically: Braleigh Angell, Lukas Bertram, Alivia Buelow, Ethan Duel, Mackenzie Dunnihoo, Aliyah J. Eckstein, Cash Heise, Libby Jahnke, Dorothea Jerabek, Koltyn Kachur, Sawyer Krueger, Jenna Kuhlman, Jackson Larson, Michael Lewis, Isaac May, Brooklyn Messerschmidt, Grace Mitchell, Madison Morgan, Harper Neace, Lizzy Parker, Miranda Peach, Ryan Quigley, Aubrey Racine, Andrew Sperling, Ainsley Tate, Stella Verich, Ella Woods, Julia A. Youngbauer.



National Honor Society officers for the 2024-25 school year. Front row, left to right: Lila Newton, Sophie Gonzalez . Back row: Serena Scott, Cody McLeod, Vivan Verich.



National Honor Society senior inductees.



National Honor Society junior inductees.



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- Men's Group Mtg. Sunday, May 18: 8:30 am - Mass w/ Global Outreach Speaker.

Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 5:30 pm - KC 4th Degree Mtg. 6 pm - Finance Council Mtg.

Tues.: 6 pm - Parish Council Mtg. 6 pm - 33 Days Eucharist Book Study. Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 4:30 pm - Confession.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

9077 North Road Zittau Pastor Tauna Roth Sundays: 9 am - Worship. Mondays: 10 am - Bible Study.

Lord of the Lakes

(ELCA) Church 6090 Harbour South Winneconne Pastor Kevin Heffernan Thurs.: 8:30 am - Bible Study. Sunday, May 18: 8 & 10 am - Worship. Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.

Wed: 6 pm - SWAG Youth Group.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

8 South Fourth Street Winneconne Pastor Ben Berger Pastor Darin Warnecke 920-582-7772 Thurs.: 9:30 am - Bible Study. Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship/Lord's Super.

Sunday, May 18: 8 am & 10:30 am - Worship/Lord's Supper. 9:10 am - Bible Study/Family Impressions.

Mon.: Contemporary Music Practice.

Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters. 5:45 pm - Stewardship Mtg. 6:45 pm - Church Council Mtg.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, WELS

8630 County Road MM Larsen Pastor Paul Ibisch 920-878-3001 Sundays: 10 am - Service w/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 Sundays: 8:30 am - Sunday Services. Services are livestreamed on Facebook/recordings uploaded to You-Tube.

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.

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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

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

Simple, inexpensive spring hobbies

Enjoy the simple things in life with a few of these suggestions for enriching, spring hobbies:

- Journaling in the park
- Geocaching
- Flower arranging with foraged flowers
 - Bird watching
 - Reading and book clubs
 - Walking clubs
 - Sketching and painting

Calendar

Thursday, May 15: 3:30 pm - Dance Team Tryouts/WHS. 4:45 pm- JV/V Softball, Home/KML. 4:45 pm - Varsity BB, Home/Plymouth. 5:30 pm - Beautification Comm. Mtg./Municipal Ctr. 6 pm - 6th Grade Choir Concert. 7 pm-7th & 8th Grade Choir Concert.

Friday, May 16: 2:30 & 3 pm - JV/V Golf @ Quit Qui OC GC. 3:30 pm -Dance Team Tryouts/WHS. 4:30 pm - Varsity BB @ Menasha. 4:45 & 5 pm-JV/V Softball @ Waupun.

Saturday, May 17: 9 am - Soccer @ Hortonville. 4:30 pm - Trap Conference Meet @ Nekoosa.

Sunday, May 18: Worship at the Church of Your Choice.

Monday, May 19: 4:30 pm - Varsity

Lunch Menus

May 19-23

Advocap Lunch Menu Mon.: Pepper steak, brown rice, mixed veggies, tropical fruit.

Tues.: FROZEN: Cheeseburger, baked beans, fresh apple, orange juice.

Wed.: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, yams, applesauce.

Thurs.: FROZEN: Porcupine meatballs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, peaches.

Fri.: Chicken salad w/grapes & celery, salad with cucumbers, tomatoes.

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ES: Along with main entrée and rotating vegetables, 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: Popcorn chicken, buttered pasta, corn. **MS:** Cheese quesadilla, veggies, fruit.

Tues.: ES: Nachos Grande, rice pilaf, fruit. **MS:** French toast, potato chunks, sausage patty.

Wed.: ES: Soft pretzel/cheese, yogurt, peas. MS: Pasta bowl, California blend veggies.

Thurs.: ES: Spaghetti/meat sauce, broccoli, garlic bread. **MS:** Grilled cheese, tomato soup, peas & carrots.

Fri.: ES: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, peas/carrots. **MS:** Tater tot casserole, green beans.







BB, Home/Oshkosh West. 4:45 pm -

Tuesday, May 20: 4 pm - Cheer Try-

outs/WHS. 4 pm - Track Conference

Meet/Home. 4:45 pm - Varsity BB,

Home/Kewaskum. 4:45 pm - Soccer,

Home/Plymouth. 5 pm- JV/V Softball,

Home/Southern Door. 5:30 pm- Vil-

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Call the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance Board President, Donna Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Board Member Roll Call

Board Member Present: Jaci Stelzner, Jill Verich, Dean Ackmann, Mark Kunde, Donna Hanson Absent: Earl Peterson, Meghan Keller

Administrative Team and Visitor **Recognition and Open Forum**

District Administrator, Peggy Larson, High School Principal, Leah Michaud, High School Assistant Principal, Dan Dobner, Middle School Assistant Principal, Carly Horvath, Elementary Principal, Lisa Hughes, Assistant Elementary Principal Mike Meunier, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Business Manager, Monika Knapp, Technology Director, David Jerabek, Facilities Director, Steve Cady

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OPEN FORUM- Community Residents spoke in open forum on various points of interest. Freedom of Speech, Autism Awareness, Board Policy, 0167.3 Public Comment at Board Meetings (Open Forum), and DPI Compliance by April 24. 2025 as to DEI (Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion)

OPEN SESSION

5.consent items:

A. District Checks #10016374 to #10016426 in the Amount of \$962,187.05 B. Student Activity Checks #915627 to # 915638 in the Amount of \$8.563.39 C. District ACH Payments

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S.C.P., Inc. to HS Baseball G. Acknowledge \$500 donation from Financial Planning Group to HS Football

H. Approve Resignation of MS/HS Spanish Teacher. Effective June 06, 2025

Motion made by Kunde, seconded by Stelzner to approve Consent Agenda Item A-H Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye

Motion approved: 5-0

6. Approve Minutes from April 07, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting

Motion made by Hanson, second by Verich to approve minutes from April 07, 2025, Regular School Board Meetina Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson Motion approved: 5-0

7. Cost to Continue

This information was shared with the legislature. This is the language they use to discuss budget needs. To summarize: Through legislation, public schools are expected to receive \$325 additional dollars per student next year. In order for the WCSD to continue with no budget cuts we need an additional \$170.84 per student to continue. (total of \$495.84)

8. 2025/2026 Middle School Handbook

There were a few minor tweaks to each handbook. Board member. Ackmann would like to have all language dealing with gender identity removed from the Middle & High School Handbooks.

Motion made by Verich, seconded by Kunde to approve the 2025/2026 Middle School Handbook with all gender identity language removed.

Roll Call: Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Ave

Motion approved: 5-0

9. 2025/2026 High School Handbook

There were a few minor tweaks to the High School Handbook, all gender identity language to be removed.

Motion made by Verich, seconded by Hanson to approve the 2025/2026 High School Handbook with all gender identity language removed. Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Ave

Motion approved: 5-0

10. 2025/2026 Teacher Contracts The list of Teacher Contracts for 2025/2026 were presented for approval, new teachers are not on the list, and teachers who have resigned or are retiring are on the list.

Motion made by Kunde, seconded by Ackmann to approve the list of 2025/2026 Teacher Contracts Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye

Motion approved: 5-0

11. Library Staff update The library staff update was presented with review of staff since resignations, retirements, and overall need in specific areas. Since the resignation of the Middle School Library Aide, the recent addition of a member to the Technology Team, there will not be a need for an Elementary Librarian. There will be a need for a 1.5 Aide Position in the Middle School Library starting in

12. Policies The Policy Committee met and

reviewed all the policies and recommendation is for approval. There were some questions as to Policy

numbers 5330-

Administration of Medication/ Emergency Care, and Policy 0167.3 Public Comment at Board Meetings. The two policies will go back to committee for further review and then brought back for approval.

Policy # 5330- Administration of Medication/Emergency Care-sent back to committee Policy # 7510.04- Winneconne Community Arts Center (WCAC) Facility Use Policy # 7540.03- Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy # 7540.04- Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy # 7540.07- District-Issued Student E-Mail Account Policy # 0167.03- Public Comment at Board Meetings- sent back to committee

Motion made by Verich, seconded by Stelzner to approve the Policies 7510.04,7540.03,7540.04,7540.07 as presented, and sending Policies 5330, and 0167.03 back to committee Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye

Motion approved: 5-0

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

14. Board Reports

A. Communications – There was no communication received for Regular Board meeting

B. Committee Reports:

• HR/Financial Planning- Board Member Earl Peterson handed in resignation effectively April 21, 2025. Committee will be meeting May 02, 2025

2. PR/marketing- Nothing at this time

3. Policy Committee- will be meeting to go over tabled Policies 5330, 0167.03

Executive Session

Motion made by Kunde, second by Hanson to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from April 21, 2025, Pursuant to Wis, 19,85 (1) (c) to discuss employee retention, including confidential data related to employment matters, performance, and strategies for improving retention within the district. Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1) C to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdictions or exercises responsibility, specifically, to consider issuing preliminary notices of non-renewal per Wis. Stat. 118.22(3) The board will move into an open session and may take action on items discussed in a closed session.

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

Open Session

The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 7:45 pm Motion made by Kunde, second by Hanson to adjourn meeting of the WCSD Board of Education Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde WCSD- Board Clerk 7:50 pm

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Village of Winneconne NOTICE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

Notice is hereby given that the following applications have been filed with the Clerk of the Village of Winneconne for the licensing period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, the granting of which is now pending approval at the regular Village Board Meeting to be held May 20, 2025.

Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor: Fin-n-Feather LTD, DBA Fin-n-Feather, 22 West Main Street, PO Box 400, Winneconne, WI

Agent: Debra S. Ryf, 111 Lincoln Street, Winneconne, WI

J & J Schmitz LLC, DBA Off the Wolf Supper Club, 204 West Main Street, Winneconne, WI

Agent: Jennifer Schmitz, 4400 Harbor Village Dr, Omro, WI

T & G Lanes, LLC, DBA Marble Park Lanes, 675 Grant Street, Winneconne, WI Agent: Thomas Seaman, E4021 Bestul Rd, Ogdensburg, WI

Talk of the Town, LLC, DBA Talk of the Town, 135, 139, 141 and 143 West Main Street, Winneconne, WI

Agent: Douglas Nelson, 214 North 6th Avenue, Winneconne, WI

Kenneth W. Thrun, DBA Tiny's Sports Bar, 111 West Main Street, Winneconne, WI Village Pub Bar & Grill LLC, DBA Village Pub Bar & Grill, 235 West Main Street,

Winneconne, WI

Agent: Jacob Perry, 5926 Lakeview Road, Larsen, WI

Get your News in and call 920-582-4541

NOTICE TOWN OF WOLF RIVER **OPEN BOOK** WOLF RIVER TOWN HALL

8800 County Road II Fremont, WI 54940

2025/2026

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INFORMALLY REVIEW YOUR 2025 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT WITH THE TOWN ASSESSOR. WNAXLP



Critters Wolf River Sports LLC, Critters Wolf River Sports, 700 West Main Street, Winneconne, WI

Agent: Christopher Boucher, 825 Willow Street, Winneconne, WI

Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class C" Wine Only: American Legion Giles-Luce Post 364, 536 West Main Street, PO Box 131, Winneconne, WI

Agent: Gary Stanek, 18 S. 3rd Street, PO Box 456, Winneconne, WI

Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage Jackie's Parkside, 630 West Main Street, Winneconne, WI Agent: Miguel A. Linares 614 W Main St Apt 8, Winneconne WI

The Landing on the Wolf LLC, 111 North 1st Street, Winneconne, WI Agent: Michael F. Kurtz, 5915 Gibs Road, Oshkosh, WI

Mueller's Ice Cream & Grill, 115 W Main St. Winneconne, WI Agent: Jeff Mueller, 7839 Oakhill Road, Omro, WI

Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage Wolf River House Resort, 34 North 1st Avenue, Winneconne, WI Agent: Douglas A. Nelson, 214 North 6th Avenue, Winneconne, WI

Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor StoneRidge Winneconne LLC, 910 East Main Street, Winneconne, WI Agent: Scott Jones, 1317 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, WI

Kwik Trip Inc, 905 East Main Street, Winneconne Agent: Jeffrey Bork, 307 W. Cedar St., Hortonville, WI

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School board vacancy draws seven local applicants

Winneconne Community The School District Board of Education is moving swiftly to fill a recently vacated seat on its seven-member board. Following the resignation of Earl Peterson, the board has opened the floor to qualified community members to serve out the remainder of the term, which runs until a successor is elected at the April 2026 Spring Election.

Seven local residents have stepped forward with completed applications:

• Kari Flagg

- Bill Huettl
- Mark Fahley
- Monica Wicinsky
- Nathaniel Harter
- Thomas Schmude
- Cynthia Otten

To be considered, candidates must meet the following eligibility requirements:

• Be a qualified elector of the Winneconne Community School District

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Reside within district boundaries

• Be legally eligible to hold public office under Wisconsin law

Applicants will be invited to participate in a public interview during the board's next regular meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 19, in open session.

At the conclusion of those interviews, the board will vote and select one appointee to serve through April 2026.

In other district news, Dr. Margaret Larson reports that WCSD has hired a new Director of Learning - Mr. Joe Pitsch. Pitsch is currently serving as Principal at South Park Middle School, Oshkosh.



For full details about camp and avail-

able scholarships, visit: wisconsin-

landwater.org/camps.

WI Land+Water 2025 Youth Conservation Camp opportunities



Wisconsin Land+Water is offering two unique summer conservation camps for middle and high school students in 2025. Open to students from Wisconsin and neighboring states, these camps provide hands-on outdoor experiences designed to foster a love of nature while exploring careers in natural resources and conservation.

Natural resource professionals lead engaging programs covering wildlife, habitat restoration, water quality, soils, forestry, and outdoor skills. Campers make new friends, participate in outdoor adventures, and gain valuable

knowledge in a fun and supportive environment.

Thanks to support from the Brad Memorial Conservation Matson Camp Scholarship and local County Land and Water Conservation Departments, students have the chance to attend these immersive camps at a reduced cost—or even for free.

Middle School Conservation Camp

• June 15–18, 2025 | Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center, Wisconsin Dells (Juneau County)

• Open to students entering grades

6-8

Registration fee: \$300 (includes lodging, meals, snacks, a t-shirt, and all activities) Register by May 16, 2025

High School Conservation Camp • June 23–26, 2025 | North Lake-

land Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters (Vilas County)

• Open to students entering grades 9-12

• Registration fee: \$450 (includes lodging, meals, snacks, a t-shirt, and all activities) Register by May 16, 2025

• Both camps provide hands-on experiences in wildlife, water quality, forestry, and outdoor skills, while offering unforgettable summer adventures with new friends from across the state.





Carden International Glow Circus Oshkosh Arena 7pm

From amazing feats of athleticism with aerial acrobats to magnificent elephants, beautiful camels, majestic buffalo, exotic zebras and playful horses - and so much more entertainment for all. TICKETS: oshkosharena.com

Festival of Spring Paine Art Center 9am-4pm

FREE outdoor event featuring the Paine's annual spring plant sale and numerous arts, crafts, and garden vendors!

Water City Wrestling Con **Oshkosh Convention Center**



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Check it all out & make plans now.

An unforgettable day of pro wrestling action, legendary meet-and-greets, and electrifying entertainment. TICKETS: acwwisconsin.com

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Distinguished **Gentleman's Ride** Beckets 10am

Join hundreds of thousands of dapper gentlefolk in the world's most stylish on-road motorcycling charity event, as we ride to raise funds and awareness for men's health on behalf of Movember. REGISTER: gentlemansride.com

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