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## EMR recruitment finds success – celebrates National EMS Week

**By Becky LaDue**  
The rural nature of the greater Winneconne area is something most of us love. It provides rustic landscapes, a solid place to raise a family and so much more. But in a time of medical crisis, it can become a serious encumbrance as one waits anxiously for help. That's where the Winneconne-Poygan First Responder team comes in – they're a residents' first line of medical response—from the most life-threatening call to the least critical need.  
As we celebrate National EMR Week across the country from May 18-24, the Winneconne-Poygan Fire

## WINNECONNE'S MEMORIAL DAY PROCESSION

### A TIME FOR TRIBUTE May 26, 2025

**Lineup of Parade - Meadow Lane & South 5th Ave.**  
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- Massed Colors
- American Legion, Veterans of All Wars
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Flower Girls and Sailor Boys
- Winneconne Bands
- American Legion, Designated Vehicles

- American Legion Auxiliary, Designated Vehicles
- Village Board, Designated Vehicles
- Badger Girl and Boy State Representatives
- Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts
- All other units participating

Parade Route: Parade begins at Meadow Lane and S. Fifth Ave. and travels down Meadow Lane to 1st Ave., to Pleasant Drive and concludes at Winneconne Elementary for an indoor ceremony, with Village Administrator Logan Fuller the featured

speaker. Remembrance wreaths will be dropped on 1st Avenue utilizing an open lot that leads to the river.

**Ceremony at Winchester** – 9 a.m., Grace Lutheran Church Cemetery.

**Ceremony at Winneconne Elementary School** – 10:30 a.m.

**Final Tribute at Cemetery** – 11:30 a.m.

- Readings
- Rifle Salute & Sounding of Taps
- Folding of Flag
- Retirement of Colors

News

## Life is a (new) playground!

A large group of excited sixth grade boys enjoys the capacity of the oversized saucer swing on the newly completed Winneconne Middle School playground.

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District's EMR Department has something significant to celebrate as well – the addition of five new members to its squad – a huge boost in personnel they've long been waiting for.  
"We do roughly 85-percent of the calls that come in for the fire district, which are emergency medical in nature," said EMR team member Michelle Eigner, who has served as a re-

sponder for 21 years. "And for us, five new recruits is huge."  
Newly minted EMR members Nate Carroll, Bayley Weber, Amanda Larson, Allie Schiedermayer and Tom Schmude had to complete a 16-week, in-person class for certification, the cost of which was fully covered by the fire department.  
When asked about the risk versus

reward, the team is candid about it, stating that while their service to the community is demanding—24/7, 365—they are proud and honored to assist.  
Chief Kevin Allcox, who is always seeking additional recruits for the EMR team, said they really don't have

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any age limit for those who wish to serve. If you feel up to service, there is likely a spot on the roster for you.

“The most satisfying reason I think many of us volunteer in this capacity is to know you are helping people in sometimes their most difficult time of need,” said Eigner.

As we celebrate Emergency Medical Responders this week, let us all also celebrate these five selfless individuals who have signed on to help the community in such an essential, and oftentimes lifesaving way.

If you are interested in learning more about EMR volunteering, contact Eigner meigner@wpfiredistrict.org or Chief Allcox at kallcox@wpfiredistrict.org.

Playground

FROM PAGE 1

As the sun shone brightly and the temperature rose to a balmy 85 degrees on the afternoon of May 12, the staff at Winneconne Middle School officially cut the ribbon on the building’s new playground – part of the \$28 million-dollar comprehensive renovation of the school, which continues through the summer of 2025.

Principal Todd Schroeder, before releasing the entire sixth-grade class to experience its delights for the first time said, “You are a special class, because you get to live through all the construction, but you also get to experience all the good things of a completely new school during your seventh and eighth-grade years. Part of it is our wonderful new playground area, including volleyball, basketball, and tennis courts. We appreciate this from our community and from our Miron workers. It’s so awesome!”

Miron Senior Project Manager Ben Samolinski told the News that the playground is focused on creating an interactive and inclusive experience, both for the school and the community’s use.

“The concept was to create a playground that could be enjoyed not just by middle school students but by elementary and high school students as well. It was created with community use in mind,” he said. “Dr. Larson felt the taxpayers supported this and wanted everyone to feel welcomed to enjoy it.”

The spaces are available for public use when not in use by students, the district informed the News, typically from 8 to 11:30 a.m and then again after 1 p.m., as well as during evenings and weekends. There may be occasional times when physical education classes are using the courts, and community use must pause until classes end.

In addition to several pieces of multi-use playground components, including a “ninja warrior” type course and two large banks of swings on a rubberized surface to help prevent injuries, the expanded play area includes two new basketball, refurbished tennis/pickleball, and brand-new volleyball courts.



Winneconne Poygan Fire Districts newest EMR recruits. From left to right: Nate Carroll, Bayley Weber, Amanda Larson, Allie Schiedermayer and Tom Schmude.



During the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Winneconne Middle School’s new playground, sixth-grade students were given the first opportunity to experience its delights while a series of streamers were shot off in celebration.

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# District honors years of service, retirees

**Winneconne News**  
The Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) celebrated its 2025 honorees during a dinner gathering at Off the Wolf Supper Club on May 12.

Special recognition went to this year's retirees: Jack Strege (high school human anatomy/biology) 34 years; Diane Collins (elementary literacy coach) 33 years; Brad Thomas (high school science & engineering) 26 years; and Julie Von-Holzen (district HR specialist) 26 years.

Also honored during the evening were several individual levels of service:

**30 years** - Dstrict Administrator Dr. Margaret Larson.

**25 years** - Ruth Russell, Kalen Kautz-Tesch, Kristy DeWitt, Jeffrey Dery, Kory Coonen, and Angie Clark.

**20 years** - Jenny Case, Tamela Kassas, Todd Schroeder, Cathy Sundquist, Kraig Western, and Donna Hanson.

"To our honorees, thank you for your contributions, your passion, and the example you've set," said District Administrator Larson. "Your work has made our schools stronger and our community better."

To our retirees, we thank you for your years of service, leadership, and dedication. Your legacy will live on in the lives you've touched."



District retirees, from left to right: Brad Thomas, Julie VonHolzen, Diane Collins and Jack Strege.



Honorees for 20 years of service, left to right: Cathy Sundquist, Jenny Case, Tamela Kallas and Kraig Western. Missing, Todd Schroeder.



Honorees for 25 years of service, left to right: Kalen Kautz-Tesch, Ruth Russell, Angie Clark, Kristy DeWitt and Jeffrey Dery. Missing, Kory Coonen.



School Board President Donna Hanson (20 years of service) and District Administrator Dr. Margaret Larson (30 years of service).

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# Safety rings installed on fishing piers



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Police Chief Sauriol and Cody Nelson of the Wolf River Resort in front of the newly installed safety throw ring purchased through the League of Municipalities safety grant.

In an effort to provide an extra layer of protection for those using the fishing piers adjacent to the Winneconne Bridge, Police Chief Ben Sauriol applied for a grant to add flotation throw rings on both piers and enlisted the expertise of the Wolf River Resorts for a top-of-the-line recommendation before purchasing.

“Last year, someone jumped in the

water to save a dog that fell off a boat,” said Chief Sauriol. “We decided that having throw rings on both piers was the best way to spend some safety grant money. Accidents can happen at any time and given the number of boats on our river and people who frequent the piers, having throw rings will enhance the safety for everyone.”

# WHS named National Yearbook Program of Excellence

Josten’s has announced that Winneconne High School’s (WHS) 2024/25 yearbook team has achieved the National Yearbook Program of Excellence Award at the GOLD level. The program recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st century skills

in communication, collaboration, and information/communication technologies (ICT) literacy.

The award was presented to the WHS Yearbook Program for creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement and successfully managing the yearbook creation process.



Submitted  
The Winneconne High School yearbook team with its award and 2025 yearbooks. Back row, left to right: Aubrey Thorpe (12), Adam Kurczek (12), Hudson Mueller (12), Riley Neace (12)  
Front Row: Claudia Heideman (09), Damien Reinders, Editor-in-Chief (11), Leah Hernandez, Design Editor (11).

# Winneconne Historical Society to meet

The next meeting for the Winneconne Historical Society will be at 6 p.m. on May 27 in the community room at the Winneconne Municipal Center, across from the library on the second floor.

Everyone is invited to attend and hear how the opening for the season of the six museum buildings went the previous Sunday.

Needed repairs will be discussed, and volunteer opportunities will be presented. If you are interested in local history and like meeting new people from not only Wisconsin but other states, volunteering to greet in one of the buildings on a Sunday afternoon now through Labor Day weekend would be a great opportunity.



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# Noffke earns Eagle Scout



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In front of the new firewood structure for Mosquito Hill Nature Center - the Eagle Scout Project of Taylor Noffke - is, left to right, Enzo Ashton, Cody Tipler, Donald Parker, Taylor Noffke (front - Eagle Scout), Andrew Sperling, Austin Baranczyk, Tyler LeBouton, and James Dunham.

Winneconne has a new Eagle Scout among its growing ranks as of April 2025.



Taylor Noffke

Winneconne High School senior Taylor Noffke has completed the requirements for the Eagle Scout designation by constructing a new firewood shelter for the Mosquito Hill Nature Center in New London - and completed the project just hours before his 18th birthday!

One of the primary purposes of the Eagle Scout service project is to develop leadership skills, as well as to learn

important lessons in project management and to take responsibility for a significant accomplishment.

Noffke worked closely with Adam Brandt, a park ranger at the center, to determine their needs, along with the size, location, and other necessary considerations to build the structure for the nonprofit organization.

In addition to the 60+ planning hours, the project took three days on-site to complete with the help of volunteers from his family and his troop.

To design the structure, Noffke used Autodesk Inventor, a 3D modeling software, to plan each step right down to the precise number of screws needed.

Congratulations to the newest Eagle Scout representing the Winneconne community!

# Engildinger delivers exemplary solo performance

During this spring's State Solo-Ensemble, Winneconne High School senior Hattie Engildinger was chosen by the judges to receive the Exemplary Award for her musical theater vocal solo.

Engildinger was selected as one of the top performers in this category from among hundreds of singers who performed on that day. Congratulations!



Submitted

WHS senior Hattie Engildinger holds her Exemplary Award from this year's State Solo-Ensemble competition.

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**SOCCER**  
**Wolves notch wins over Hortonville, Seymour**  
Winneconne went 2-0 at the Hortonville triangular on Saturday, beating the host Polar Bears, 3-0, and Seymour, 2-0.



Doug Sasse  
Kellyn Kresal collides with a Kettle Moraine Lutheran player during last Tuesday's East Central Conference game in Winneconne.

Suri Hottmann scored a pair of goals to lead the win over Hortonville, while Harper Neace also added a goal in a contest in which the Wolves dominated possession of the ball. Abbie Oleson assisted on two goals, while Brooklyn Messerschmidt picked up an assist. Emery Sommers finished with two saves to earn the shutout. Against Seymour, Olivia Godfroy scored in the first half, and Neace added a second-half tally as the Wolves

collected the victory. Suri Hottmann and Jada Kaiser picked up assists in the game, while Sommers notched her second clean sheet of the day in goal. Earlier in the week, the Wolves suffered their first conference loss of the season, falling to Kettle Moraine Lutheran, 3-2. Neace and Oleson were the goal scorers for the Wolves, while Neace and Kaiser picked up assists in the game. The Wolves are now 14-2 on the season and were ranked sixth in the state in Division 3 last week.

**GOLF**  
**Wolves win final two ECC mini-meets**

Winneconne posted a season-low score of 145 in a pair of East Central Conference mini-meets taking first in both events last week. On Wednesday, the Wolves finished 12 shots ahead of Kettle Moraine Lutheran and Kewaskum at Hon-E-Kor, with a pair of Winneconne golfers tying for medalist honors. Parker Groff and Brady Peppler bested the field, each shooting a 35, while teammate Sully Ramthun tied for third, one shot back with a 36. Austin Dobbe and Sawyer Krueger each carded rounds of 39 to complete the lineup.

Krueger earned medalist honors at the mini-meet on Friday, firing a 35 at Quit Qui Oc to pace the Wolves' victory. Dobbe and Groff were among a group of five golfers who finished one shot behind Krueger, while Peppler added a 38. Winneconne's score of 145 was six shots ahead of Plymouth and 10 ahead of Kewaskum. Winneconne finished the mini-meet season first in conference with 10 total points. Kettle Moraine Lutheran is in second place with 16 points followed by Plymouth with 24. Three Wolves finished on the all-ECC first-team, with Dobbe totaling the most points among conference



Doug Sasse  
Ainsley Tate controls the ball for Winneconne during the Wolves' 3-2 loss to Kettle Moraine Lutheran last week.

golfers, while Groff placed third and Krueger fifth. Peppler was the top point-getter on the second team, while Ramthun earned honorable mention all-ECC honors.

The conference tournament will be played Friday at Quit Qui Oc. Winneconne's junior varsity team also finished first in the mini-meet standings, totaling 10 points to finish six ahead of Kettle Moraine Lutheran. Earlier in the week, the Wolves finished tied for third among 24 teams at the Battle at the Rock held at Wild Rock Golf Club in Wisconsin Dells. Winneconne tied with DeForest and Waunakee with a team score of 309, with group trailing only Middleton (291) and Edgerton (300).

Groff led Winneconne with a round of 70, followed by Dobbe with a 74, Krueger with an 81 and Ramthun with an 84.

**SOFTBALL**  
**Rough inning stings Wolves in ECC loss**

Waupun scored six runs in the first inning and held on to beat Winneconne, 10-3, in a matchup of two of the top teams in the East Central Conference. The Wolves scored all three of their runs in the top of the third to narrow

the deficit to 7-3, but Waupun answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning and stayed in front the rest of the way. Claire Kollat, Audra Schaffer, Claire Schaffer and Libby Jahnke each had hits in the game for the Wolves with Schaffer and Jahnke posting RBIs. Winneconne dropped a nonconference game, 2-1, to Shawano earlier in the week. Jahnke had the lone RBI in the game for Winneconne, while Julia Youngbauer struck out six in six innings and allowed just three hits but took the loss. The Wolves did pick up a 12-0 win over Plymouth last week, with Claire Schaffer finishing 2-for-2 with a home run, four runs scored and five RBIs. Kollat and Jahnke had two hits in the game, while Youngbauer struck out seven without walking a batter in the win. **BASEBALL**  
**Bouras, Walker fuel Wolves win over Panthers**  
Noah Bouras and Dallas Walker each drove in four runs as Winneconne pounded out 13 hits in a 15-8 win over Plymouth last week. Bouras finished with three hits, including a double, while Walker had a double among his two hits in the game. Lucky Pahl and Aaron Zimmer each chipped in a pair of hits, with Zimmer and Broderick Stille both driving in a pair of runs. The Wolves built an 8-2 lead after two innings and then scored four runs in the top of the fifth to extend the advantage. Colson Kleinschmidt struck out four over 4 2/3 innings of relief to earn the win on the mound. **TRACK AND FIELD**  
**Boys take first in ECC quadrangular**  
Hudson Samolinski won a pair of events to lead the boys squad to a top finish in an East Central Conference quadrangular held last week in Waupun. Samolinski dominated the throwing events at the meet, winning the discus by nearly 45 feet, while topping the field in the shot put by almost six feet. Samolinski's wins highlighted a strong showing in the field events for the Wolves as Silas Sarbo took first in the pole vault, Karter Hawthorne won the long jump and Jordan Nettekoven bested the field in the triple jump. In the high jump, Winneconne swept the top three places with Colton Tisler winning the event followed by Brecken Meyer in second and Nettekoven in third. Jack Quigley in the 200 meters, Cody McLeod in the 400 meters and Grant Wenzelow in the 3,200 meters also added wins for the Wolves, while Brody Cross in the 100 meters, Quigley in the 400 meters and Sarbo in the 800 meters were each second. Winneconne also captured a first place in the 1,600 meters with a team of Logan Wolf, Meyer, Nettekoven and Luke Fuller, while the Wolves took second in the 400-meter relay.



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The girls finished third among the four teams and were led by a strong finish in the 1,600 meters in which Lydia Luce won the event, followed by Lauren Wiedemeier in second and Madeline Anderson in third.

Ruby Kuehn added a win on the track in the 800 meters, while Carlee Hart in the pole vault and Kat Skadahll in the long jump picked up field event wins.

Winneconne also got second-place finishes from Adalina Smith in the 100 meters, Hart in the 200 meters, Mazey Steckbauer in the 400 meters and Bailey Church in both the high jump and pole vault.

TRAPSHOOTING

Winneconne wraps up season at conference meet

Winneconne ended the season in fourth place in the Kettle Moraine Conference North division and finished 18th overall at the conference championships held in rainy and

windy conditions on Saturday.

The Wolves finished with a score of 442 out of 500 with Jacob Lytle leading the way with a score of 92. Chase Schricker added a score of 91, followed by Landen White with an 89 and Donald Parker and Connor McDonald, who each shot 85s.

Lytle earned 1st Team All-Conference for Winneconne, while Troy Anderson finished as a 2nd Team All-Cnference honoree. Lizzy Parker garnered Academic All-Conference honors for the Wolves.

Heffernon wins second world powerlifting title

Winneconne High School senior Aleyna Heffernon collected her second straight world title at the 2025 USA Powerlifting Student/University World Championships held recently

in Boston.

Heffernon also won the title at last year's event, which was held in Green Bay. Her world title goes along with her second place finish at 2025 Wisconsin State

Powerlifting Championships and the third place she posted at the 2025 National Powerlifting Championships.

The Winneconne powerlifters are coached by Dave Loukidis, Jamie Jacobson and Ben Mathe.



Winneconne's Aleyna Heffernon stands with coach Ben Mathe after competing at the 2025 USA Powerlifting Student/University World Championships in Boston.



Winneconne's Aleyna Heffernon gets a hug from her mom, Jess, after winning her title at the 2025 USA Powerlifting Student/University World Championships in Boston recently.

Lake Breeze Wednesday Golf

<b>North</b>	
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<b>South</b>	
Bankfirst	84.5 Pts
Rohm	83.0 Pts
Tiny's	83.0 Pts
Reshel	81.5 Pts
Veterans Mechanical	72.5 Pts
Felix Auto & Towing	70.5 Pts

<b>Low Gross</b>	
Dave Hoenecke	35
Dave Schroeder	36
Jim Yuill	37
Tom Olson	38
Jaron Warrick	38
Troy Evers	39
<b>Low Net</b>	
Bill Reshel	30
Dave Schroeder	30
Jim Meyer	31
Dave Hoenecke	31
Bob Reinke	32
Dave Trochinski	32

Strength and conditioning clinics planned

The Winneconne Wolves Gridiron Club has set the schedule for its 2025 Summer Strength and Conditioning Clinics.

The clinics will be held Wednesday evenings from 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m., starting May 21 and will run through July 30 at the Winneconne Middle School football field and/or weight room.

The clinics are open to any football players entering grades 6-8 during the 2025-26 school year and are designed to enhance speed, strength, and quickness in preparation for the 2025 football season.

Participants will need to bring cleats or sneakers and water.

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# Winneconne Historical Society Museum Opening Memorial Day Weekend



Submitted  
When you visit the Winneconne Historical Society's museum complex, enjoy a respite on the newly placed Don & Marlene O'Connell Memorial Bench located between the Doll Cottage and the Steamboat house.

The Winneconne Historical Society members are looking forward to opening their museum buildings for tours at Marble Park starting on Sunday, May 25. All six buildings will be open from noon to 4 p.m., continuing every Sunday through Labor Day weekend. The buildings will also open for two Saturdays during Sovereign State Days weekend (July 17-20) and the Winneconne Car Show (Aug. 2). Visit the area's original train depot, once located along the Wolf River; the Little Country House that was the infirmary for the Children's Country

Home; the "visitors' favorite" one-room schoolhouse; the Kay Wilde Doll Cottage; the Steamboat House, which contains the cabins from the riverboat Leander Choate II; and the newest addition to the complex, a replica of the bridgetender's house that sat on the drawbridge over the Wolf River before the bridge was torn down. Each building contains extraordinary memorabilia. There is no charge to tour, but donations are appreciated as the society is a non-profit organization.

# Town of Winneconne Board addresses vacancies

**Winneconne News**  
At its recent board meeting on May 15, the Town of Winneconne addressed several vacancies affecting local operations, including the immediate need to fill the position of highway superintendent/road commissioner. Dave Black, who had served in the role since January 2023, has resigned due to personal reasons. In the interim, Clerk Yvonne Zobel has assumed the responsibilities, but town officials emphasized the urgency of appointing a replacement, with spring being a particularly busy time. The highway superintendent oversees essential infrastructure duties, including managing road construction projects, supervising maintenance and repairs, ensuring compliance with safety and environmental regulations, and coordinating with contractors and engineers. The role offers a stipend of \$25 per hour for services rendered in a part-time capacity. While the board may move to formally post the position, interested individuals are encouraged to inquire directly at the Winneconne Town Hall or contact Clerk Zobel at (920) 582-

3260. The board also addressed additional resignations affecting the Town's Plan Commission. Black, who also served on the seven-member advisory board, stepped down alongside two others who had vacated their seats earlier. This leaves three positions unfilled. The Plan Commission helps guide the town's short- and long-term growth strategies. Responsibilities include reviewing development proposals, drafting and amending zoning and subdivision ordinances, and consulting with residents on land use plans. Commissioners receive a \$50 per-meeting per diem. In other business, the board discussed the future of the town's squad car. With the recent transition to contracted law enforcement services from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, the town no longer actively uses the vehicle. However, a sale would require voter approval. Town officials indicated it may be prudent to wait until the first year of the sheriff's contract concludes before deciding whether to sell.

# Virtual Dementia Tour

The Virtual Dementia Tour provides caregivers and loved ones the opportunity to experience a simulated reality of what it feels like to have dementia. This event offers free 30-minute sessions the second Tuesday of each month at Parkview Health Care Center on 725 Butler Avenue, Oshkosh from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Virtual Dementia Tour is an evidence-based program that provides a greater understanding of dementia by building awareness and empathy for

individuals experiencing memory issues and for people providing care for them. The program aims to provide education and improve care through learning how to communicate and interact more effectively with people living with dementia. To register for a free session or if you have any questions, please call Alisa Richetti at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County at 920-236-1227 or email at arichetti@winnebagoountywi.gov.



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# Brighten Landscapes with annual flowers

Looking to add plants with abundant color to your landscape, deck, or balcony with minimal effort? Annual flowers are a fantastic way to do so and are readily available at garden center outlets throughout Wisconsin now.

Annuals, as the name implies, live just one growing season. The knock on them is they need to be replanted each year, as compared to perennials that return each season. Major benefits of annuals, however, include providing extended periods of color throughout the season, and allowing gardeners flexibility by changing color schemes each year. Furthermore, annuals are prime choices for containers and hanging baskets.

For impressive results, match annuals to the specific conditions present on the site. Available light is a major factor; many require full sun, yet others are adapted to shade. Among the annuals for shade locations are begonia, browallia, coleus, torenia, and impatiens. Certainly, the list for sun areas is extensive. Numerous cultivars are available among the different species to make a wide variety of color combinations possible.

Consider the size of the plants to ensure they are good fits for both the specific spot and overall landscape plan. Potential uses of annuals include edging or borders, mass plantings, backgrounds, containers, window boxes, and hanging baskets. Some suggested annuals for edging include ageratum, alyssum, begonia, lobelia, French marigold, petunia, portulaca, and verben. Among annuals making good choices for background plantings include tall celosia, cleome, cosmos, American marigold, sunflower, and tall zinnias.

Having well-prepared soil is especially important, and good soil drainage is essential. Prepare soil to depths of 6 to 8 inches before planting, adding organic matter such as compost, peat moss, or composted manure. Work in balanced garden fertilizer (for example 5-10-5 or 10-10-10) at a rate of 1 to 2 pounds of fertilizer per one hundred square feet of planting area. For window boxes and patio containers, use quality potting mixes, typically containing perlite and organic matter, rather than field soil.

Regular care throughout the season is important to keep your display of annual flowers colorful. Water as needed to keep plants healthy, keeping in mind soil in hanging baskets and containers dries out faster than landscape beds



and gardens. Fertilize plantings once or twice during the season. Hanging baskets benefit from more frequent, lighter fertilizer amounts throughout the summer.

Pinching back and deadheading are two key maintenance practices for annuals. Pinching back developing plants

will lead to more compact growth; carefully cut (or pinch) tips back to side shoots. Deadheading involves removing faded flowers after blooming, so plants spend energy producing more flowers rather than seeds.

Make plans for a colorful season now!

## Obituaries

Cynthia “Cindy” Mae Luethy

Cynthia “Cindy” Mae Luethy, 74, of the Town of Vinland, died Friday, May 16, 2025, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. She was born November 15, 1950, in Oshkosh to the late Werner and Irene (Pugh) Otto. Cindy was a 1968 graduate of Oshkosh High School. On October 14, 1972, she married James Luethy. Cindy lived most of her life on Brooks Road. For many years, she worked as a secretary in the financial brokerage industry, most notably with A.G. Edwards and Edward Jones. Cindy loved cooking and enjoyed doing cross-stitch, sewing, playing cards, board games, and doing Sudoku and cross-word puzzles.

Cindy is survived by her husband of 52 years, James Luethy; two sons and their families, Brian James and Lois Luethy and their son, Liam; Jason and Alison Luethy. She is also survived by a brother and his family, Frank and Sue Otto and their children, Noelle (Will) Weis, Brindle (John) Koeper; nieces, Teri Ellis, Angie Newell, Brenda Luethy; cousins; and many friends.

Along with her parents, Cindy was also preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Leah Otto and Jim Ellis.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday, May 22, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St., Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Heffernan officiating. Burial will follow in the Brooks Cemetery, Town of Vinland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

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Sat, June 7	5:00-9:00	Atomic 78
Sun, June 8	2:00-6:00	Riley
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# Shallow Lakes Chronicles

**Green Bay Walleye**  
**By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter**  
I've bragged about our Shallow Lakes walleye fishery in this column plenty of times. Even in the gale that was Saturday, a quarter of the Fin 'n' Feather tournament participants boated their limit of walleye.

Right now, you can't beat a day out fishing white bass, too. We've also got great numbers of perch, crappie, and bluegill for those who want to give chase.

As I've heard about some of the guided success stories just to our north, I figured, "Why? We have such good fishing here." I guess that question was answered for me this past week.

A couple of displaced Lake Erie fishermen were looking for a third guy to join them. The best part of being retired is the ability to drop everything (nothing takes priority over fishing, right?) and hit the road. So off we went for a two-day outing on the Bay of Green Bay.

They were looking for that "big water" experience like Erie, trolling crank baits and crawler harnesses, targeting not just walleye, but some big, Bay walleye. There were various reasons

why the group couldn't make the Erie trip (a bucket list item for me) but I was happy to be their third – you really can't troll nine lines with less.

We were greeted by as flat of water as I've seen up there. We launched at Bayshore County Park in Brown County, near Dyckesville. We were all newbies to this body of water, so we gleaned information where we could. One guy at the ramp instructed, "I wouldn't fish deeper than twelve feet. We've been using minnows." Dan Domrzalski took that to mean flicker minnows.

The advice turned out to be good, we just had to figure out the magic depth. It varied each day, and by time of day, but amazingly, the fish were there. I was surprised with all that acreage and up to 40-foot depths, that these tanks were in so shallow and tight to shore.

We had a nice stay at the Painted Pelican in Dyckesville and hit the water for a full second day, before heading home. Pat, Dan's buddy, had a four-hour journey back to Spooner, but ours was only an hour.

We barely scratched the surface of areas, depths, and techniques. Our biggest fish was a solid 28-incher, with many over 20, but we all believe there are only great things on the horizon for our next venture up to "The Bay".

**Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com**

# Tales From The Land of Retirement

**Dress for success**  
**By Jeanne Lehr**  
The new and fashionable styles were recently out on display at the annual awards shows. If you want to dress like a star, you better stick to that diet and start some serious exercise, I'd say.

Today, the fashion for men is to look like a million bucks. Today, the fashion for women is, well, barely nothing. I cannot believe a man who loves his wife would allow her to come out in her "nothing" dress. If that makes him look more like a man, in my eyes, it's a total failure.

Too often, New York and Hollywood strut out the newest fashions that seem both ridiculous and scandalous. Thank you very much, I will stick to my old and reliable wardrobe.

Too often, we take our cues from movies and TV. We see all the glitz and glitter and don't see what's going on behind it all. "All that glitters is not gold" as the expression goes. There may be no spotlight that shines on a normal person, but there is the security and pleasure in the comfortable, normalcy of things. Clothes do not, and never will, make the person.

As for the youth of America that

might want to replicate these styles, It is a parents' job to instill good taste and judgment. Kids will go along with what is cool and popular. If the only thing they know is what they see on screens, that is what they will copy. This goes for both boys and girls.

I am not saying you shouldn't let kids be kids. Let them go through the struggles of growing up at their own pace, but be there to be a role model. Say NO when NO is needed. Have the talk, find a compromise, keep your cool, and keep the faith.

Maybe even Hollywood will come to its senses at some point.

**Reach Jeanne at genie6364@yahoo.com**

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Deacon Paul Vidmar, Pastoral Coordinator  
Thurs.: 2 pm - Rosary.  
Sunday, May 25: 8:30 am - Mass.  
Mon: No LOW. Memorial Day - Offices Closed  
Tues.: 6 pm - 33 Days Eucharist Book Study.  
Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/Communion.

**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 25: 8 & 10 am - Worship.  
Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.  
Wed: 6 pm - SWAG Youth Group.

**St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**  
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Pastor Darin Warnecke  
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# Calendar

**Thursday, May 22:** 4 pm - Frosh/Soph Track Meet @ Plymouth. 4:30 pm - Socce r, Home/Wautoma. 4:45 pm - Varsity BB @ Kewaskum. 5 pm - JV/V Softball @ Laconia. Dusk - Winneconne Bridge Lighting.  
**Friday, May 23:** Shop Local & Enjoy Winneconne.  
**Saturday, May 24:** Shop Local & Enjoy Winneconne.  
**Sunday, May 25:** Worship at the Church of Your Choice.  
**Monday, May 26:** HAPPY MEMO-

RIAL DAY. 10 am - Memorial Day Procession/Village of Winneconne.  
**Tuesday, May 27:** 8:30 am - Regional Golf @ Lake Breeze. 4 pm - Regional Track @ Waupun. 4:30 pm - 4K Celebration of Learning. 4:30 pm - Varsity BB, Home/St. Mary’s Catholic. 6:45 pm - Soccer @ Kewaskum.  
**Wednesday, May 28:** The News is out! Subscribe today at winneconne-news.com. 1 pm - Mahjong group/Public Library.

# Lunch Menus

**May 26-30**  
**Advocap Lunch Menu**  
**Mon.:** Memorial Day Holiday.  
**Tues.:** FROZEN: Chili/pasta, saltine crackers, carrots, pineapple tidbits, corn bread.  
**Wed.:** Chili mango chicken, sour cream & chive potatoes, broccoli, mandarin oranges.  
**Thurs.:** FROZEN: Beef stew/peas/carrots/potatoes, green beans, grape juice.  
**Fri.:** Honey garlic pork chop, oven browned potatoes, candied carrots, peaches.

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**MS:** Along with main entrée, chef salad, rotating salad, fruit bowl, PB&J pocket, turkey (or ham) and cheese sandwich, snacks, garden bar, assorted fruit and milk are offered daily.  
**Mon.: ES:** NO SCHOOL TODAY.  
**Tues.: ES:** Pizza cruncher, Sun Chips, broccoli. **MS:** Softshell taco, rice pilaf, winter blend veggies.  
**Wed.: ES:** Chicken tenders, tater tots, California-blend veggies. **MS:** Mashed potato bowl, corn, grains.  
**Thurs.: ES:** Pretzel dog, garden bar, corn. **MS:** Ravioli, cheesy potatoes, baked beans.  
**Fri.: ES:** NO SCHOOL TODAY.



NOTICE  
TOWN OF WOLF RIVER  
OPEN BOOK  
Wednesday, May 28, 2025  
3:30 TO 5:30 p.m. AT THE TOWN HALL  
Please contact Zach Zacharias at 920-766-7323 to arrange a time to speak

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

BOARD OF REVIEW  
WOLF RIVER TOWN HALL  
8800 County Road II  
Fremont, WI 54940  
Wednesday, June 11, 2025  
Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS** to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to view such property.

After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the Board.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed because the person has been granted a waiver of the 48-hour notice of an intent to file a written objection by appearing before the Board during the first two hours of the meeting and showing good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and files a written objection, that the person provides to the Clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of any Board members and, if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

When appearing before the Board, the person shall specify, in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or object to a valuation, if that valuation was made by the Assessor or the Objector using the income method, unless the person supplies the Assessor all of the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under Section 73.03(2a), that the Assessor requests. The Town of Wolf River maintains the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the Assessor under this paragraph which provides exemptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Section 19.35(l) of Wis. Statutes.

The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.

**PLEASE OBTAIN AN OBJECTION FORM, PRIOR TO 48 HOURS BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW, FROM THE CLERK AT THE ABOVE NUMBER.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk

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The Weekly Whisk



Birthday Cake Pudding Shots

Birthday Cake Pudding Shots are a fun, delicious alternative to Jello shots, perfect for celebrations! Made with creamy vanilla pudding, cake-flavored vodka, and topped with whipped cream and sprinkles, they taste just like a slice of birthday cake in a mini cup. I found the perfect size disposable cups right at my grocery store! Sweet and colorful, they're a crowd-pleaser at any adult party.

- 1 (3.4 ounce) box instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 cup cold milk

- 1/2 cup cake-flavored vodka
- 1/2 cup dry white cake mix
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- whipped cream, optional
- rainbow sprinkles, optional

Whisk all the ingredients together and chill for two hours. Pipe the mixture into shot glasses using a piping bag or a Ziplock bag with one corner removed. Place in fridge until set. Serve with whipped cream and sprinkles. If making ahead, do not put the whipped cream and sprinkles on until serving.

For questions or comments email [weeklywhisk01@gmail.com](mailto:weeklywhisk01@gmail.com)

Conservation Congress meets - harvesting of white deer discussed



Submitted  
Alison Otto and daughter Bailey Church sang the National Anthem at the 91st convening of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress's 91st annual convention was held in Oshkosh May 8 to 10 with up to five delegates attending from all 72 Wisconsin counties. Winneconne was well represented as the Giles-Luce Post 364 had the honor of presenting the colors during the opening ceremony. Additionally, Winneconne Chamber Vice President Alison Otto and her daughter Bailey Church (a Winneconne High School student) had the honor of singing the day's national anthem.

The newly appointed DNR Secretary, Dr. Karen Hynn, addressed the

delegates, followed by several DNR staff members who provided updates on wildlife, fisheries, and environmental issues.

Of the 74 resolutions facing the delegation, the five that would allow the harvest of white deer in five Wisconsin counties, one of which is Winnebago, entertained the most lively discussion.

Ultimately, the motion passed and will be sent to the DNR board for final approval. To provide input or voice concerns, your Winnebago County delegates are Butch Cook, Wright Allen, Justin Loehrke, Jeremy Thull and Doug Nelson.



A weekend for all...  
playful, powerful & packed  
with tradition.

**Menominee Park Zoo  
Opening Day**  
Summer hours kick off May 24 at the zoo: open daily from 9am-6pm! **FREE** admission, exciting animals, fun summer programs, and meet the newest resident, Mr. Reeves the black bear!

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**Oshkosh Comic and Toy Show  
Oshkosh Arena 10am-5pm**  
Over 90 exhibitors featuring artists, authors, and vendors selling comics, video games, and more! No advance tickets needed, \$5 at the door.

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**Hmong National  
Memorial Day Festival  
Winnebago County Park**  
Hosted by the Hmong Service Center. Bring your friends and family out to enjoy this 2-day event with sports, food, music, and vendors!

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**Memorial Day Events**  
For the whole family  
• 8am Waterfront Service at the Riverside Park  
• 9am Procession From Jackson St & Algoma Blvd to Riverside Cemetery  
• 10am-5pm Military Veterans Museum Free Admission  
• 11am-3pm Brat Fry at the Cook-Fuller American Legion Post 70

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