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## Ace is the Place in Winneconne Braze Ace Hardware opens its doors

By Becky LaDue

After months of delays, five semi-trucks worth of display structures and inventory, and dozens of curious customers anxiously awaiting the opportunity to start shopping, Ace Hardware has officially opened in Winneconne.

Store owner Dallas Brazee, who also operates a longstanding, three-generation Ace location in Neenah, opened

the new store on Tuesday, June 17—several months later than originally planned.

“We were hoping to open in March,” Brazee said, “but it took until March to get approved by Ace and come to terms on the rental agreement. Then the floors took an extra week to strip and buff. But now we’re in gravy mode—it’s all coming together, and it

turned out really nice!”

The store is about 1,000 square feet larger than its Neenah counterpart and is designed utilizing Ace’s latest store layout—one of only two in the entire Fox Valley with the new format. It boasts an expansive paint department, a large grilling section featuring Weber, Traeger, Green Egg, and Ooni brands, and essentials like Craftsman and Milwaukee tools, lawn care equipment, and convenience lumber.

“It really has just about everything. I know people will still go to big box stores for larger home improvements, but when you’re three pipe fittings short on a project, it’ll save you an hour to not have to drive to Oshkosh and back,” Brazee said. “That’s what people are going to love.”

Winneconne residents seem to agree. Even before the store officially opened, Brazee said, “Lots of people were walking in. I’d say, ‘I’m sorry we’re not open,’ and they’d say, ‘Okay, I’m just going to look around!’” One of his Facebook posts announcing the opening reached 35,000 views.

As for staffing, the store has recently hired five people, with plans to hire up to 10 more—mostly part-time po-



Young entrepreneur Dallas Brazee inside the newly appointed Braze Ace Hardware of Winneconne.

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## New Business Spotlight: The Cottage Collective Opens in Winneconne

A fresh and inviting new space for gatherings, shopping, and celebrating small businesses has officially arrived in the heart of Winneconne. The Cottage Collective—located at 118 E. Main St. once housing Mama Bears Boutique—a beautifully appointed 1,500-square-foot venue, is now open and ready to welcome the community for everything from pop-up events to showers, networking nights, and more.

Owned by local entrepreneur MacKenna Johnson, The Cottage Collective expands her vision of community-centered, creative spaces - bright and charming - featuring large storefront windows and abundant natural light.

“I’ve had my eye on this building

for a while,” said Johnson. “When the opportunity came, I couldn’t turn it down. It’s such a blessing to see it finally come to life.”

To celebrate the new space, The Cottage Collective hosted a popup yoga evening last week and an open vendor event on Saturday, June 14, inviting the public to support local and shop small. The event featured some small businesses, including:

- Marigold’s Traveling Boutique
- Koch It Up Cakes Bakery
- 920 Threads Trucker Hat Bar

Inside the Main Street location, Johnson, a certified esthetician, also offers her Sun Winked Beauty Boutique services including lash (exten-

sions and brow) services and a sunless tanning area.

Located just across the bridge from downtown Winneconne’s supper clubs, shops, and restaurants, The Cottage Collective is ideal for those seeking a stylish venue for bridal or baby showers, photo shoots, girls’ nights, and more. With its central location, it’s also easily accessible for guests from Appleton, Neenah, and Oshkosh.

Stay up-to-date on future events and offerings by following @thecottagecollectivewi on Instagram.



MacKenna Johnson outside The Cottage Collective in Winneconne.

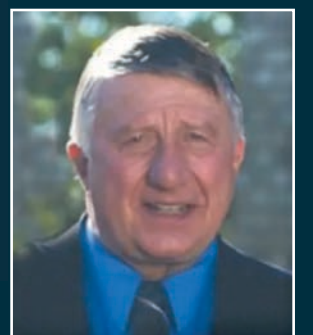
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# Changes need community support

Change is hard. I don't think I could find anyone that would disagree with me on that statement. That might be the only thing we can all agree on.



Karen Schneider

Our company is going through change. Winneconne News has been a part of our newspaper family for a short nine months after we acquired it from the Rogers family last fall. People ask me why? Why Winneconne? Because my personal belief is every community deserves a community newspaper, and we are working to keep Winneconne and the surrounding communities informed of local, relevant news.

According to a recent article in the Columbia Journal Review by Liam Scott, there is an epidemic of small town newspapers dying because no one wants to run them. When these papers close, publishers and press association leaders say, they hardly ever reopen. "Without a common touchstone that informs people about what their neighbors are doing, a town's sense of identity and history is often at stake."

"The town community really starts to disintegrate," says Mark Thomas, who leads the newspaper association in Oklahoma, where at least five local papers have closed in the past few years after the publishers couldn't continue."

Obviously, we don't want to see that happen in Winneconne, and we have made changes to streamline processes and elements with our other two community newspapers, Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News.

We changed the logo to align with the branding of our other titles, added a more vibrant website with access to News issues, added a designated advertising executive and updated the advertising to modular sizes with a frequency based rate system. We have added more Winnebago County coverage. We changed the delivery model to have the News reach your mailbox earlier, and we implemented editorial policies to align with the other markets.

One of the big changes coming up that I hadn't anticipated is the retirement of the heart and soul of the Winneconne News, editor Becky LaDue.

LaDue will be retiring at the end of this month after serving the community for over 20 years. An open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our office to honor LaDue and welcome Chris Lusvardi. Lusvardi will take over editorial duties of the Winneconne News. We have added a full-time community reporter, Anya Kelley, who joins our team today to continue to report the news of the community and its people.

Out in the community, we have received complimentary feedback and appreciation for our team in picking up the reins of John Rogers and keep-

ing his family legacy alive. The team includes the staff of the Winneconne News, but it is also you.

It is you and your investment in subscribing. It is local businesses and their investment in advertising. It is local municipalities and organizations that submit press releases to share. It is the community members that let us know of great story ideas and items we need to pay attention to, and so much more.

What have we heard? "We need our newspaper to continue to thrive." What else did we hear? "Why should I pay for it when I can read it online for free?"

That led me to realize we went down the same rabbit hole that began the decimation of local newspapers – feeding the presumption of why invest in something I can get for free on the internet?

Here's the cold hard fact – subscription and advertising revenue is required for a community newspaper to survive.

We field calls from many small communities that would love for a newspaper to come into their town, city or village in whatever form – and as the Columbia Journal Review article points out the loss of a newspaper leaves a void in the community it served - just Google "communities with closed newspapers" and read the articles or watch the videos of the impact the loss of local newspapers has had on their community. It will help you understand why I am so passionate about the importance of supporting local news organizations.

As we maneuver through the personnel changes, please be kind in offering feedback. We are not all natives of the community, but we are here with the mission to keep the Winneconne community informed and thriving. Please join our quest to remain a relevant part of the community as a sustainable small business and if you haven't subscribed or if your subscription has lapsed, we would appreciate your support.

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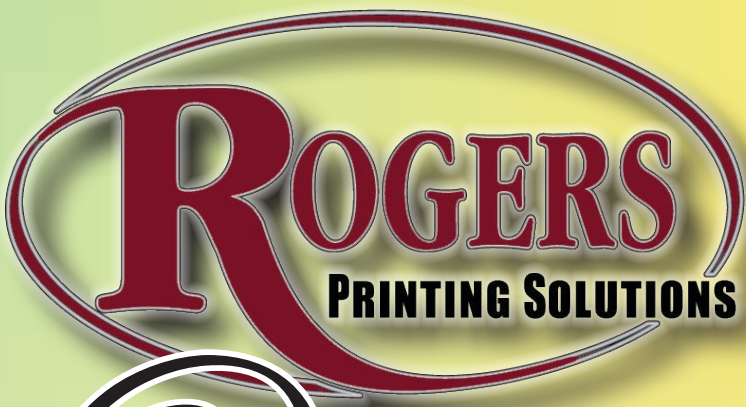
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## Braze Ace Hardware

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sitions. “I’ve hired three high school kids so far,” Braze said. “And I’m happy to be flexible for kids with sports.”

He emphasized the small-store teamwork approach. “Nobody is ever stuck at a register. Everyone floats and pays attention to the front—it’s that type of atmosphere. Everyone does a little bit of everything.”

In the coming year, Braze also plans to add a greenhouse in the springtime and is excited to build ties with the Winneconne community in the way his store has in Neenah. “Three generations of Neenah customers have watched me go through this whole process,” he said. “They’ve been out here to support me.”

The store’s current hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 to 5 on Saturdays, and 9 to 4 on Sundays. A grand opening celebration is scheduled for the first weekend in August.

For now, Braze is focused on getting the new store running smoothly, even as he prepares for the birth of his third child in just a few weeks. Eventually, he hopes to split his time equally between both locations and build a home equidistant from each.

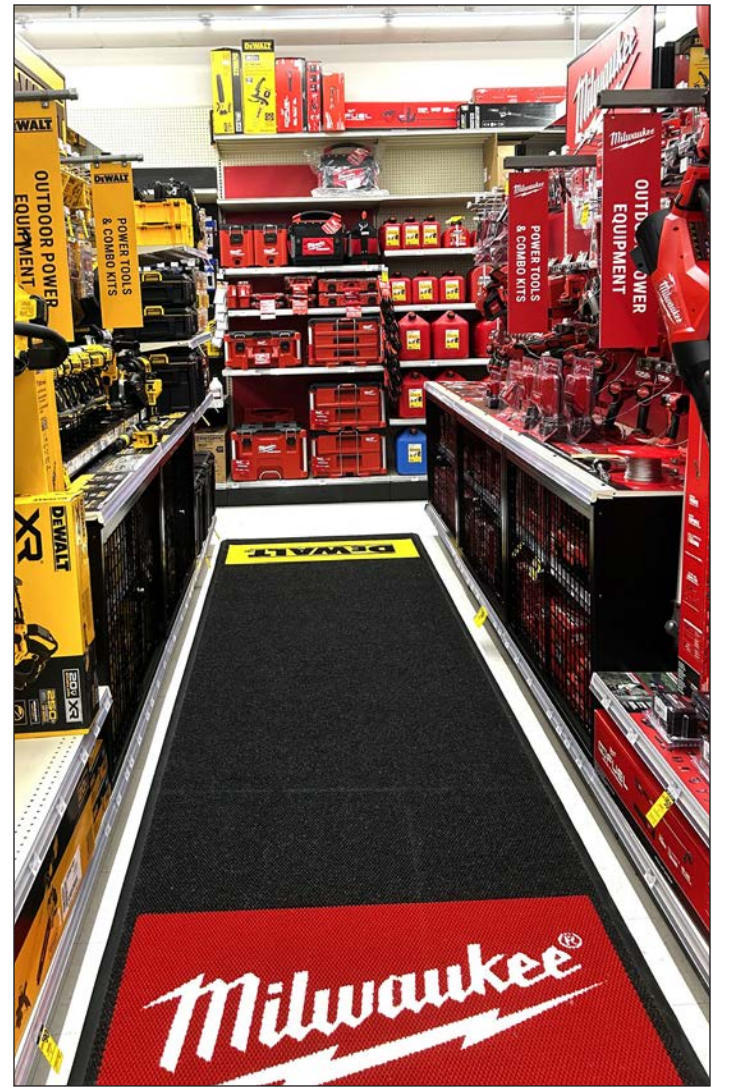
And if you ask his oldest daughter (four years of age) what she thinks? “She says, ‘It’s beautiful!’” Braze laughed. “She thinks it’s her store.”



Garden supplies are plentiful in the new store.



A view of the grilling and grill accessories section.



The store features Craftsman and Milwaukee Tool items.



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# Shallow Lakes Chronicles

## The Other Dells

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

I think we are all familiar with the Wisconsin Dells area. Some of us just know it as an area with heavily chlorinated water parks and gift shops. If that's you, I encourage you to look past Paul Bunyan's Cook Shack and take in the more natural side with a canoe, kayak, or boat ride up and down this famous stretch of the Wisconsin River.

A good introduction is to take one of the famous "Ducks", the amphibious watercrafts that meander through woods and water, pointing out important natural features. While a little touristy, it gets your foot in the door of areas and features you'll want to explore. Some of the most beautiful works by the hand of God that have been enjoyed by humans for thousands of years – probably since the last ice advance 10,000 years ago.

Our last Ice Age is famous for our varied landscapes – or lack thereof. Much of the state was scoured clean down to the bedrock leaving a flat and unimpressive topography. Even on these flat areas, though, you will find vast sand deposits, fertile soils, and till deposits – till being the debris that got scoured and dropped as the ice receded and melted.

We were also left with the dolomite cliffs of High Cliff State Park, much of the perimeter of Door County, and part of the Niagara Escarpment (getting its name from Niagara Falls) where the dolomite leads you back to. Then there's the area of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa that this glacial advance seemed to forget about – the driftless area. For some reason, the lobes of glaciers spilt around this area, giving us great insight as to what our state would look like had we not had the last bout with glaciation.

The Ice Age Trail, first envisioned by



Harp

Ray Zillmer back in 1958, gives testament to our glacial past. This 1,200-mile trail from the St. Croix River, down through Madison, and back up to Sturgeon Bay shows off various glacial features like kettles, kames, eskers, and drumlins.

Just east of Wausau near the little towns of Hatley, Aniwa, and Hogarty, the Ice Age trail intersected with us last weekend.

The Eau Claire River has a couple of branches that ultimately end up as tributaries to the Wisconsin River near Wausau – it isn't really near the city of Eau Claire at all, but the river doesn't seem to mind. At the Dells of the Eau Claire River County Park, operated by Marathon County, the river steals the show. While we know limestone in the Shallow Lakes area, the river impressively cuts its way through granite.

A quiet, unassuming park with just twenty or so camp sites, a small beach, and limited electricity or running water quietly stands off to the side allowing you to see what you need to see. A wild but improved trail system on either side of a proud river plowing through impossible odds.

And yes, the park also meets up with the Ice Age Trail and provides that exploration as well. Some have made the full thousand-plus mile hike; for us this turned out to be a nice intersection of our state's awesome history. We were surprised the ride was less than two hours away with fun stops to enjoy around these gems.

I'd put this park and the Ice Age Trail on your list of places to visit.

Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com

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# Tales From The Land of Retirement

## How do I look?

By Jeanne Lehr

It is amazing what a retiree might discover that adds a little something extra to their lives. I chatted with a woman who has been a hairstylist for over 25 years. She retired and thought that she could relax and work out some of the kinks in her neck from years of doing hair.

Instead, she received an offer from the Cancer Center in Oshkosh. "Now that you are not committed to a 40-hour week, we have an offer for you. Come do hair for us."

They needed someone to cut hair and fit wigs for cancer patients. The pay was good, and it was an on-call position. She could earn some money, enjoy retirement, and help where help was needed.

After years of dealing with customers who felt sitting in her chair was their time to complain or were hard to please, she enjoyed the luxury of patients who were thrilled with their new look. They came in in tears and left with smiles.

Losing their hair was the most physically notable part of their treatment. Their social lives were cut short. They did not want to go out in public with hair that was barely there, or a scarf wrapped around their head. To have a



Lehr

wig that fit well and looked good was a big boost.

This happy hairdresser also informed me that they are looking to fill a spot at the Cancer Center in Appleton. Many women there are now driving to Oshkosh for wigs. Additionally, I was informed that these Cancer Centers will accept donated wigs, allowing them to provide patients with wigs at no cost.

So, when you retire and think you are done working, think again. There are so many jobs that need an occasional or part-time worker. Having a purpose in life adds so much value to your days. She told me it's so nice to hear compliments and praise for her work - such grateful people she is helping.

Be careful not to shut the door on offers; you may find it's something you are truly meant to do. You are not done yet. You just may be the reason someone smiles tomorrow.

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# Gardner four generations



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From left to right, four generations of Gardner men—William, Mark, Ryan and Beau.

Baby Beau Gardner arrived on May 28, 2025, the son of Ryan Gardner who attended the Winneconne Community School District and graduated from Concordia with a Doctor of Pharmacy.

Proud grandfather Mark Gardner

is retired from WRC and Coldwell Banker the Real Estate Group. Great Grandpa William Gardner is a proud veteran and retired fireman and best known as “Bridgetender Bill”.

Baby Beau and great grandpa Bill are 90 years apart in age.

## Winnebago Audubon offers nature walk for kids

Winnebago Audubon is organizing a family friendly event called Nurturing Bird Brains: a Nature Walk for Kids from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Sheldon Nature Area. The group plans to meet at Oakwood School, 1225 N. Oakwood Road, in the parking lot on the west side of the school via a driveway west of the building.

According to the group, this birding and nature walk will focus on connecting kids with the wild world around them in ways that stimulate, strengthen and soothe their brain. The walk will feature activities geared specifi-

cally for younger minds, that connect nature to mindfulness practices, executive functioning skills and mental well-being.

Carmen Meuret, a licensed mental health therapist and Winnebago Audubon board member, will lead the program. All are welcome and children are to be accompanied by an adult. It is free and open to the public.

Visit the Winnebago Audubon website for updates and learn more about them at [winnebagoaudubon.org](http://winnebagoaudubon.org) or visit them on Facebook.

## Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review

### 49% Decrease in Overdose Deaths in 2024

The Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Team has released its 7th annual report, revealing a significant 49% decrease in overdose deaths in 2024 compared to the previous year. This decline underscores the ongoing dedication of community partners in addressing substance use and overdose fatalities.

### Key Findings from the 2024 OFR Report:

- **Overdose Deaths Decline:** Overdose fatalities dropped from 47 in 2023 to 24 in 2024—a 49% decrease.

- **Fentanyl Remains the Leading Cause:** Fentanyl continues to be the most common substance involved in overdose deaths, which is listed as a primary cause of death in 11 overdose deaths in Winnebago County.

- **Aging Trend in Victims:** The majority of those who died were between the ages of 35 and 64, indicating an aging trend in overdose fatalities.

- **Substance Use and Mental Health History:** 22 of the 24 individuals who died in 2024 had a known history of substance use (including illicit drugs, marijuana, alcoholism, and/or prescription drug misuse). Fifteen had a prior mental health diagnosis such as anxiety, PTSD, or bipolar disorder—reflecting patterns observed in previous years.

The Winnebago County OFR

team identified several major themes through case reviews, including critical systemic gaps between treatment, mental health care, and primary care that hinder long-term recovery. Many individuals who overdosed experienced social isolation, with marginalized populations—particularly LGBTQIA+ individuals and people of color—facing disproportionate challenges. Nonfatal overdoses treated in emergency departments often involve individuals using substances to cope with emotional distress, underscoring the need for integrated behavioral and physical health care. Additionally, children who lose caregivers to overdose face lasting trauma and limited access to support, highlighting the importance of expanding trauma-informed, adolescent-focused services and wrap-around care.

### Based on cases reviewed and data trends, the OFR team continues to focus on the following priorities for 2025-2026:

- Close gaps in communication between systems to strengthen the continuum of care.

- Identify children falling between gaps and connect them with care.

- Focus on preventative efforts.

The 7th annual OFR report highlights local trends in overdose deaths and contributing factors and emphasizes the broader ripple effects of the team’s work throughout the county and beyond. To date, the team has voted on 62 recommendations and successfully launched 12 pilot projects to prevent overdose and support recovery. These efforts inspire system-level change, foster cross-sector collaboration, and elevate the shared mission of saving lives and supporting families.

For more information on the Winnebago County OFR Team or the full Annual Report, visit [www.winnebago-publichealth.org](http://www.winnebago-publichealth.org) or call 920-232-3000.

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A large crowd gathered to participate in the unveiling and dedication of the new walkway honoring US veterans on Flag Day, June 14 at the Giles-Luce American Legion Post 364.

The Legion is a cornerstone of veteran support and community involvement in the Winneconne area and the brick walkway is another way to honor veterans with a lasting tribute of engraved bricks. The sidewalk will serve as a daily reminder of the bravery and commitment of those who have served in our armed forces.

Legion members, community members, families, and friends came out to the dedication which specifically honored Pauline Harper, who spearheaded the effort with the assistance of the Legion Post.

Bricks remain available for purchase and engraving. Please email [brick@winneconnepost364.org](mailto:brick@winneconnepost364.org) with questions or for more information.



Doug Sasse

The dedication of the new Legion walkway was very well attended by the community.

# American Legion & Auxiliary distribute awards, scholarships

The Winneconne American Legion and its Auxiliary recently distributed several awards and scholarships to area youth.

The year's Outstanding Senior Girl scholarship was given to Mary Gallenberg.

The Outstanding Senior Boy, Ian Woods, was also awarded a scholarship and Outstanding Junior Auxiliary Member, Natalie Meyer, was also honored with a certificate.



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Outstanding Senior Boy Ian Woods with Auxiliary President Jeanne Lehr.



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Outstanding Junior Legion Auxiliary member Natalie Meyer with her grandmother Judy Han-naman and Auxiliary President Jeanne Lehr.

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# Medicaid reductions could disrupt local support

By Bethanie Gengler for the Winneconne News

A county nonprofit that supports individuals with disabilities, along with parents of a man who receives services there, are warning that proposed federal Medicaid cuts could severely limit community services and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Lakeside Packaging Plus is a 63-year-old organization with locations in Neenah and Oshkosh that supports associates with disabilities by providing employment, day services and supervised activities.

Chief executive Rob Servais said Lakeside could see significant disruptions if proposed congressional Medicaid reductions were implemented.

The U.S. House of Representatives voted 215-214 last month to narrowly pass what some have referred to as the “one big, beautiful bill.” In its current form, the bill would reduce federal funding for Medicaid by approximately \$723 billion over the next decade, according to a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) preliminary estimate.

Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that provides health coverage to low-income people, including children, those with disabilities and seniors. States administer the program, which is funded by both the federal and state governments. According to the CBO, the federal reduction is projected to result in about 10.3 million fewer people enrolled in Medicaid by 2034.

The bill is now under consideration in the Senate and Majority Leader John Thune has indicated he hopes to have it passed by July 4. If the Senate approves the bill without changes, it will go to President Trump for final approval.

Currently, 65% of Lakeside’s \$5 million annual budget comes from Medicaid funding channeled through managed care organizations. The proposed cuts would potentially reduce funding for day services, community employment programs and transportation assistance for individuals with disabilities.

Lakeside supports approximately 250 disabled associates, providing day services and helping them find employment internally or within the

community. Current job placements include positions at restaurants and other local businesses.

Servais said Lakeside is preparing for potential reductions while remaining hopeful that advocacy efforts

Jim Schierl, a 34-year-old with disabilities, relies on Medicaid-funded services at Lakeside, where he spends 35 hours a week participating in day programs and volunteering. Since 2012, he has visited daycares and assisted living facilities to perform one-handed piano renditions by ear. His sing-alongs have become local favorites – one preschool even celebrates his visits with special “Mr. Jim Days.”

His parents, Katie and Dan Schierl of Clayton, said Jim has been on Medicaid since birth and the proposed cuts could eliminate his job coaching, day services and volunteering.

The Schierls said they’re concerned not only for their son, but also for others who are low income, elderly or disabled.

“It can affect people mentally, as well,” Katie Schierl said. “You know, you take away things that enrich their life and shutter them away like the old days when you didn’t see people with



Jim Schierl is shown with a dog during an animal encounter, part of the day programming at Lakeside Packaging Plus. Animals often visit participants at Lakeside, where Medicaid funding supports Schierl’s day services and volunteer opportunities.

disabilities.”

The Schierls were among those protesting the proposed Medicaid cuts last week outside Senator Ron Johnson’s office in Oshkosh.

“It’s just so important – for Jim, for

others like him and for the elderly,” Dan Schierl said. “They’re not going to have a very full life if they don’t have some of these services. And everyone – and I mean everyone – should have health care, no matter what.”

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Behm, Cayden	MAGNA	Loignon, Amber	LAUDE
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# Patrolling the Beat

## May

### May 1 – ASSIST AGENCY

A rollover accident was reported on CTH D but the driver of the vehicle was not found on scene. The driver was found at a nearby home; after the accident, he walked away and entered the residence without permission from the homeowners. The driver was taken into custody for criminal trespassing and transported to jail without incident by the sheriff's department.

### May 2 – DAMAGE PROPERTY

An officer was dispatched after a resident reported having the tires on their vehicle slashed. The reporting party stated the vehicle was in their driveway when the incident occurred. No outdoor cameras were located; there were no suspects at the time. Investigation continues.

### May 2 – DOMESTIC NON-VIOLENT

Dispatch notified an officer of a man and woman arguing and sounds of a struggle. The couple in question stated they were arguing over the outcome of a television show they had been watching, which in turn woke the children in the house. Both parties stated there was no violence or fear for their safety.

### May 3 – MEDICAL

An officer responded to assist an elderly male who was unable to get up from his bed and appeared confused. The male was ultimately transported by ambulance to the hospital for further care.

### May 3 – ASSIST AGENCY

An officer assisted the county with a disturbance call involving a man and woman in what sounded like a physical altercation. The female initially refused contact with officers but ultimately spoke and stated that male had been drinking and needed help with alcoholism. Both parties stated they only argued and that nothing physically had taken place. They were advised to call 911 if things escalated.

### May 4 – DRUGS

A traffic stop was initiated when a vehicle with illegal window tint was observed. The driver stated they were not aware the tint was illegal; a verbal warning was issued. When speaking with the occupants of the vehicle, an odor of marijuana was noticed. The driver and passenger exited the vehicle and were searched. The passenger admitted to having a pipe and a grinder under the passenger seat. Citations were issued for possession of THC and paraphernalia. Evidence seized was later processed and tested positive for THC.

### May 4 – DOMESTIC

A physical altercation between an adult male and female sibling was reported. When speaking with a parent, the reporting party stated both adult children had cognitive challenges. No injuries were apparent, but the female stated that she feared for her safety and was hurt when she was kicked. They do not share a residence, and the male left

to return home. A referral was sent to the District Attorney's office for a disorderly conduct charge for the male.

### May 5 – ORDINANCE

Follow-up on a junk ordinance on Jefferson St. was done; the officer found no progress on cleaning the property and/or removal of junk vehicles. The homeowner did not contact an officer for an extension following a warning issued on April 4, then a citation issued on April 18. A second citation was issued on May 5 for violation of the junk ordinance.

### May 6 – NEIGHBOR PROBLEM

A disagreement occurred between neighbors over property in a garage storage area. An officer advised the owner of the garage they were responsible for removal of the property. A suggestion was made to contact local thrift stores for donation possibilities.

### May 7 – ORDINANCE

The registered owner of a boat was cited for an overnight mooring violation after being warned the previous day. No one was aboard at the time the citation was issued, the cover was buttoned down, and the warning tag left on the craft the prior day was missing. The citation was mailed to the registered owner.

### May 9 – NON-VIOLENT DOMESTIC

An officer was dispatched after an anonymous report stating a male and female were heard yelling at each other. Both parties were spoken to separately. Both admitted to having a verbal argument; there was no physical contact and neither feared for their safety. A non-violent domestic form was completed.

### MAY 10 – ANIMAL

An officer responded to a complaint on Twin Harbor Dr about barking dogs. The reporting party stated the barking had been going on for quite a while. The officer made contact at the front door. The owner let the dogs in, and the contact ended. Nothing further was needed.

### May 11 – DAMAGE PROPERTY

While on patrol an officer observed a crosswalk sign near the Winneconne Wash Center had graffiti writing on the back of it. Photos were taken and the Department of Public Works was notified. No suspects.

### May 11 – MEDICAL

An elderly male complaining of chest pain and difficulty breathing was transported to Theda Care hospital. The male had recently been hospitalized for alcohol detox.

### May 12 – NEIGHBOR PROBLEM

An officer responded by phone to a complaint involving negative interaction between neighbors. There were accusations of damage to property and failure to return property. The reporting party called to report on the situation and stated they would contact Chief Sauriol the following day. Nothing further was needed.

### May 13 – AUTO THEFT

Dispatch advised an officer to contact Los Angeles Police regarding a vehicle identified in their tow yard listed as stolen in 2020. The vehicle's identification number had been tampered with but was able to be verified as the

stolen vehicle. An officer provided Los Angeles police with contact information for the name and phone number of the insurance company involved. Follow up to continue.

### May 14 – ANIMAL

Police were notified of a container at the compost site that contained animal remains. The remains were identified as racoons. Department of Public Works buried the remains the following day. A Department of Natural Resources warden was notified, who stated he would investigate any trapper licenses in the area to identify a possible suspect.

### May 14 – OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED

An officer was dispatched to a hit and run accident on S. 2nd St. The reporting party stated he had been inside a village tavern and upon leaving noticed some minor damage to his vehicle. The vehicle had since left, but the identity of the other driver who may have been involved was known. Police made contact with the other driver at his residence, who was found asleep behind the wheel. The odor of intoxicants was noticeable, as well as a metal smoking pipe. The driver admitted being intoxicated and at the location of the accident. He then agreed to perform standardized field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test, all of which were failed. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated and was transported to the police office to obtain a breath sample. The sample exceeded the legal limit. The driver was ultimately released to a responsible party and issued citations for the violations.

### May 14 – WELFARE CHECK

An officer responded to a 911 call where the reporting party was yelling for help but unable to answer questions from the dispatcher. Force was used to gain entry, and the homeowner was found home alone on the floor and unable to get up. Paramedics and first responders arrived to provide care, and photos were taken to document the damage done to the entrance door.

### May 15 – WELFARE CHECK

Dispatch notified an officer of a male at Lake Winneconne Park who had a recent argument with family and was looking for a safe place to stay. Alcohol was a factor. Shelters in the area were checked but immediate housing was not available. The male agreed to return home to spend the night; shortly after that, the male was found in the park again. An ambulance was requested, and the male was transported to a hospital for help with alcohol detox.

### May 15 – DEATH

Dispatch notified an officer of an elderly female without a pulse and who was not breathing. The adult son explained that he found his mother unresponsive and lying on the living room floor. His last contact with her had been the previous evening. Paramedics and the medical examiner arrived. The death appeared to be of natural causes.

### May 15 – FIRE CALL

A trailer started on fire when a wheel

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bearing locked up and caused the tire to ignite. The trailer was not near any buildings, and no one was harmed. The officer used the fire extinguisher to put the fire out and the fire department arrived to spray water on the wheel bearing that caused the fire.

### May 16 – DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

An officer was dispatched to an after-the-fact disturbance. The reporting party stated that he had been arguing with his ex-girlfriend about an upcoming child visitation issue when he got upset and slammed a door, causing it to break. The female then left the house, and the male followed. He stated that he accidentally hit her and then threatened her several times. The female stated he had taken her phone away so she could not call the police and pulled her by the hair across the property. The male was arrested for domestic disorderly conduct and transported to jail without incident. The female enforced the 72 hour no contact order.

### May 17 – ORDINANCE

An individual was detained for public urination on Grant St./Calypso Dr. before noon during the village wide rummage sales. An officer stated he had been driving by when he observed two males outside the vehicle, one urinating in the grass along the roadway. The other stated later that he had only been outside the vehicle smoking. A citation for disorderly conduct was issued.

### May 18 – MOTORIST ASSIST

An officer responded to the report of a vehicle that lost a tire while driving. Marks on the road were observed, as well as the vehicle standing sideways in the roadway. There were no injuries. A nearby home sustained damage to an electrical box, which was reported to the Department of Public Works. A tow service was contacted.

### May 19 – ASSIST AGENCY

An officer responded to the report of a vehicle fire. The driver stated that he had parked the vehicle and exited it to work on something when he looked back and saw the fire. The driver was able to remove some personal belongings before it was fully engulfed in flames. The fire department arrived and put out the fire. No other damage occurred. The fire department advised that it was likely an electrical issue that caused the fire.

### May 19 – RETAIL THEFT

An after-the-fact theft occurring on May 17 was reported where an unknown male made two purchases packaged in a plastic bag. The male then returned to the alcohol section of the store and took an alcoholic beverage, concealing it in the bag and leaving the premises without making payment. The surveillance video was reviewed by store personnel, who provided police with vehicle identification and images from the footage. Investigation continues.

### May 20 – INFORMATION

AT&T lines were struck by a construction crew. A locate was done but the lines were not marked. The outage affected the 200 block of N. 6th Ave. area and north of that location. The

outage left many homes without internet.

### May 20 – WELFARE CHECK

Police were notified of a female who was exhibiting signs of alcohol impairment. The reporting party stated they were concerned about her driving following a medical appointment. A breath test was administered; a cab was called for the female to take her to Oshkosh. The female was cooperative.

### May 23 – NON-VIOLENT DOMESTIC

An officer was dispatched to an after-the-fact disturbance. The reporting party called from the emergency room to report that he had no injuries but was looking for assistance in removing himself from a situation at his home. Perceived verbal abuse was reported; he denied any physical abuse had taken place. A center in Oshkosh agreed to accept the male. Due to concerns of the male being under the influence of some sort of substance, the officer provided transportation to his home so he could gather his things after being released from the hospital. He was then taken to the center and was turned over to intake staff.

### May 25 – ORDINANCE

An officer was checking overnight mooring when several boats still moored from the previous night were observed. Red warning placards had been placed on the boats as a warning to purchase an overnight mooring slip from the kiosk at that location. All but one of the boats had purchased a permission slip. The sole boat owner who hadn't purchased a pass was issued an overnight mooring ordinance violation.

### May 26 – RECKLESS DRIVER

A complaint about vehicles driving recklessly on Riverview Dr. was received. The reporting party stated they were concerned about the safety of children in the area after they witnessed several vehicles failure to stop at a stop sign on Riverview Dr. Extra patrols were done in the area, and the Department of Public Works was advised of trash left by construction workers in the reporting party's yard.

### May 26 – SUSPICIOUS SITUATION

A resident reported damage to their vehicle after returning from a vacation. Extra patrols will be carried out in the area. Photos of the damage were taken, and a police report was completed.

### May 28 – DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

An officer was contacted via social media regarding a threat complaint. The individual was advised to call 911 if necessary. The officer met with the reporting party the following day who stated her boyfriend refused to let her leave her apartment and screamed and shoved her. There were no injuries, but the female feared for her safety as he has injured her in the past. Contact was made with the male when he arrived at the apartment and tried to get inside. Due to his manic state, he was handcuffed. A pocketknife was found on his person. He denied keeping the female from leaving. He was determined to be the predominant aggressor and was arrested for disorderly conduct and false imprisonment. The 72-hour no-contact order was enforced and the male was transported to jail.



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JUNE 20

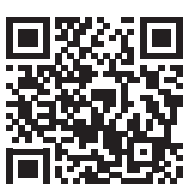
### Family Outdoor Movie Night

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Leach Amphitheater  
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Movie starts at dusk  
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to cozy up for a movie under the stars! Kids will enjoy a bounce house and family fun provided by various local groups.

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Sports

# Wolves' tournament run ends with loss to Raiders



Doug Sasse

Winneconne freshman Abigail Oleson heads a ball forward during the Wolves' WIAA Division 3 sectional semifinal against Kiel last Thursday.

**Winneconne News**

Winneconne's stellar season came to an end last week as the Wolves fell to Kiel, 4-2, in a WIAA Division 3 sectional semifinal on the Raiders' home field.

Kiel, which won its sectional final on Saturday to advance to the state tournament for the fourth straight season, scored less than two minutes into the game and led the entire way.

The Raiders had a chance to add to their lead in the 14th minute but a diving save on a close shot from Emery Sommers kept the deficit at one.

Kiel scored a little more than a minute later to take a 2-0 lead before Winneconne registered a good scoring chance when Abigail Oleson ran on to a loose ball in the penalty area but drilled a shot just off the mark.

The Wolves, who were making their second straight appearance at the sectional level, were able to narrow the gap late in the first half when Miraya Dodd kned in a cross in the 31st minute. That left Winneconne trailing just 2-1 at intermission.

Winneconne then opened the second half by controlling possession against the Raiders and applied steady pressure on Kiel's defense.

However, the Wolves were unable to find the tying goal during that stretch. The Raiders were able to offset Winneconne's pressure and earned a free kick

just across midfield less than 10 minutes into the second half and it turned into a goal off a scramble in the penalty area as the Raiders' regained a two-goal cushion.

Kiel added another goal later in the half but Winneconne continued to press the offensive attack and forced the Raiders' defense to make plays to keep their lead.

Suri Hottmann worked her way behind the Kiel goalkeeper on a push to the net but was unable to get off a clean shot against the Raider defense in the 66th minute, while four minutes later the Wolves had a free kick that the Kiel netminder mishandled but the Raiders' defense was able to clear the ball before Winneconne could generate a shot.

Winneconne finally struck for its second goal in the 72nd minute when Parker Rathert was able to draw the Raider defense toward her on a push into the penalty area before feeding a pass across the goal mouth to Harper Neace who easily finished off the goal.

The Wolves would continue to press forward in the closing minutes but were unable to get any closer.

Winneconne finishes the season with an impressive 18-4 record, with all four losses coming to teams which advanced to the sectional level of the WIAA tournament.

## Lake Breeze Wednesday Night Golf

<b>North</b>		Paul Sippl	34
Swing Shack	152.0 Pts	Dean Mohl	36
Lake Breeze	149.5 Pts	Jim Raddatz	38
Fox Valley Metrology	141.5 Pts	Mark Shepherd	38
The Big Show	138.0 Pts	Dave Pohlman	38
Westward Ho	128.0 Pts	Pete Elias	39
Woodeye's	125.0 Pts	Dave Schroeder	39
<b>South</b>		<b>Low Net Scores</b>	
Bankfirst	148.0 Pts	Ray De Roche	28
Rohm	145.0 Pts	Dean Mohl	29
Tiny's	144.5 Pts	Pete Elias	30
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Ray De Roche	34		

# Dobbe wraps up state tourney, departs for unique golf adventure

By Steve Clark  
**Winneconne News**

It wasn't the way Austin Dobbe was hoping his two-day visit to University Ridge would go.

The Winneconne junior finished in a tie for 37th place at the WIAA State Golf Championships last week, competing against 104 golfers in the Division 1 field.

"I'm a little disappointed in myself, but that's golf," Dobbe said. "I couldn't get a feel for anything chipping on those greens. My short game was definitely not the greatest."

Dobbe finished with a two-day total of 156, shooting a 77 on the first day and a 79 in his second round. He was one of five players to finish at 12-over par for the tournament.

Peyton Albers of Waunakee and Drake Card of Hudson tied at 140 for the low total in Division 1 with Albers winning in a playoff.

Dobbe, who finished tied for 14th in a rain-shortened Division 2 tournament last year, got off to a solid start in his opening round. Starting on the back nine, he carded bogeys on his first two holes, before notching a par on No. 12 – a 154-yard par 3.

Dobbe then scored back-to-back birdies on No. 13 and No. 14 to get back to even par.

"Both (birdie putts) were six or seven footers. I put the ball close on a couple of wedge shots and had some easy putts," Dobbs said. "Making those two birdies felt great."

Dobbs said he had a long birdie putt on No. 15 and then was chipping for eagle on the par-5 16th hole, but ended up taking pars on both. He finished his first nine with a bogey to drop to 1-over and then had six pars and two bogeys through the first eight holes of his second nine and was sitting at 3-over.

But on his final hole of the first round, he hooked his drive into the rough and ended up with a double bogey, leaving him in a tie for 29th place after the opening round.

Dobbe didn't card any birdies in his second round but played a solid first nine with seven pars and two bogeys. He played the back nine at 5-over par to finish with his 79.

Dobbe said that not having his teammates with him was definitely a different feeling on the course. Fellow junior Parker Groff accompanied Dobbe on his practice round but he felt a little out of place once the tournament began.

"It was 100 percent different," Dobbe said. "I got to take Parker along with me so I had someone there, but without five other people on the team, it was super weird. You don't have that chemistry if you are having a bad round, you don't have your teammates there to pick you up if you are alone."

According to Dobbs, Winneconne will be back competing in Division 2 next spring and already have their

sights set on having the whole team back at the state level.

"It was confirmed we are going back to D2 next year and we are definitely hungry as a team," Dobbe said.

Following his performance at the state tournament, Dobbe had the opportunity to participate in a unique golfing experience.

On Saturday Dobbe left to take part in the Scotland Junior Golf Invitational where he will compete against top junior golfers from the United States and Scotland. Dobbe was one of 12 males selected for the U.S. team and he will play at seven different courses in Scotland.

Dobbe said he found out about the opportunity last summer from athletic director Tyler Lee and head coach Chris Peters and wasn't about to pass up the chance to participate.



**Austin Dobbe**

"At first I was like, 'Is this real?'" Dobbe said. "It's definitely an honor. It's a weird feeling knowing I'm going overseas to play golf."

The tour starts in North Berwick, Scotland at three different courses – The Glen Golf Club, Dunbar Golf Club and North Berwick West Links.

The event then switches to St. Andrews, Scotland, where the golfers will get to tour the legendary Old Course – an historic course that has witnessed some of the game's best players competing in The Open – while playing at four different courses in the area.

Events will be played at St. Andrews-Jubilee, St. Andrews-Balgove, St. Andrews-Eden and the Drumoig Golf Club.

"It's going to be really cool walking on the same stage as Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and all the great players. Seeing that bridge at St. Andrews where they have all been," Dobbe said. "That's what I have been thinking about mostly. It's going to be a very surreal feeling playing those courses."

## CORRECTION

**June 4, Page 9:** The Winneconne boys school record holder in the 200 meters was referred to incorrectly. The record holder is Ryan Gardner.

# Church Notes

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
 210 Pleasant Drive  
 Winneconne  
 Priest Celebrants  
 Fr. Tom Long  
 & Fr. Ben Pribbenow  
 Deacon Paul Vidmar, Pastoral Coordinator  
 Thurs.: 2 pm - Rosary. 6:30 pm - CWOM Golden Years Oasis.  
 Sat.: 6 pm - St. Thomas Poygan Mass.  
 Sunday, June 22: 8:30 am - Mass/Consecration Blessing.  
 Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion.  
 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 & Meal Prep for Day by Day Shelter.  
 Sunday, June 22: 8 & 10 am - Worship.  
 Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.  
 Tues.: 9 am - Busy Hands.

**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.  
 Sunday, June 22: 8 am & 10:30 am - Worship. 9:10 am - Bible Study.  
 Mon.: Contemporary music practice.  
 Tues.: 5:30 pm - Child Ctr. Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm - Evangelism Mtg.

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church, WELS**  
 8630 County Road MM  
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 Pastor Paul Ibisch  
 920-878-3001  
 Sundays: 10 am - Service w/Bible Study; Fellowship to Follow.  
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**First Presbyterian Church**  
 32 S. Third Avenue  
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920-706-0047  
 Pastor Emily Lueder  
 Sundays: 8:30 am - Sunday Services.  
 Services are livestreamed on Facebook/recordings uploaded to YouTube.

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

**Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church - Omro**  
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 920-875-0755  
 Pastor Philip Geiger  
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 Wednesday Prime Service  
 Wednesday Bible Study

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

# Lunch Menus

**June 23-27**  
**Advocap Lunch Menu**  
**Winneconne Meal Site**  
**920-517-0950**  
 For information or meal reservations, please call by 12:30 p.m. a day in advance  
**Mon.:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn w/red peppers & black beans, orange, garlic bread.  
**Tues.:** FROZEN. Chicken breast sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, tropical fruit.  
**Wed.:** Pork chop suey, broccoli & cauliflower, brown rice, pineapple tidbits, grape juice.  
**Thurs.:** FROZEN. Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, peas & corn, fruited Jell-O.  
**Fri.:** Tuna salad sandwich, romaine & spinach salad, fresh carrots/dip, mandarin oranges.



# Calendar

**Thursday, June 19:** 12 noon -Youth Girls' Basketball Camp/WHS Gym. 1 pm - Popup Progaming/Dog Man Escape Room/Public Library. 2 pm - Youth Boys' Basketball Camp/WHS Gym.  
**Friday, June 20:** Shop & Dine Locally and Enjoy Winneconne!  
**Saturday, June 21:** Shop & Dine Locally and Enjoy Winneconne!  
**Sunday, June 22:** Worship at the Church of Your Choice. 12 noon to 4pm - Historical Society Museum Open/Marble Park.  
**Monday, June 23:** 8 am - Summer School Cheer/Dance, WES. 10:30 am - Storytime w/Ms. Jackie/Public Library. 12 noon -Youth Girls' Basketball Camp/WHS Gym. 2 pm - Youth

Boys' Basketball Camp/WHS Gym. 5 pm - Boys' Basketball Open Gym/WHS Gym. 7 pm - Town of Wolf River Board Mtg./Wolf River Town Hall.  
**Tuesday, June 24:** 8 am - Summer School Cheer/Dance, WES. 12 noon -Youth Girls' Basketball Camp/WHS Gym. 1 pm - Canvas Painting/Public Library. 2 pm - Youth Boys' Basketball Camp/WHS Gym. 4 pm - WYDC 8U Scrimmage/WHS.  
**Wednesday, June 25:** The News is out! Subscribe today at winneconne.com. 12 noon -Youth Girls' Basketball Camp/WHS Gym. 1 pm - Movie Day/Harold & the Purple Crayon/Public Library. 2 pm - Youth Boys' Basketball Camp/WHS Gym. 1 pm - Mahjong group/Public Library.

# Oshkosh Area Community Band summer concerts

The Oshkosh Area Community Band will present a series of four concerts this summer. They will be held every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Alberta Kimball Auditorium at Oshkosh West High School.  
**June 25** - "American Songs and Composers"  
**July 9** - "From the Stage and Screen"  
**July 23** - "For Children of All Ages" featuring the Children's Conducting Event  
 There is never an admission charge, although donations are accepted at the door.

All concerts will be sprinkled with marches and popular songs in addition to the highlighted theme and last for roughly one hour.  
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# Marble Park Pool now open for summer fun



A photo of the opening day at the Marble Park Pool on June 11.

Marble Park Pool is officially open for the 2025 season, welcoming swim-

mers now through August 24. The pool is closed on Mondays, open Tuesday

through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The pool features multiple depth zones, including a 3-4 foot kid's area, a 4-6 foot middle swim section, and a 6-12 foot deep zone (with a swim test required). Amenities include inflat-

ables, slides, an artesian well, sand and water volleyball, a zero-depth wading area, high and low dives, water basketball, concessions, arcade games, and more. There's also a designated toddler play area and birthday party packages available with treats and reduced price swimming passes.

Free swim nights are scheduled for June 25, July 23, and August 3 from 5-7 p.m. Daily admission is \$5-7, with season passes available.

For more details, contact Park Director Rachael Ryf at 920-582-7472.

Happy swimming!

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IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF  
ASHLEE BETH HOPPERDIETZEL  
BY PETITIONER  
ASHLEE BETH HOPPERDIETZEL

Case No. 2025CV000550  
NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

FROM:  
First – Ashlee  
Middle – Beth  
Last – Hopperdietzel

TO:  
First – Ashlee  
Middle – Beth  
Last – Beiser

BIRTH CERTIFICATE:  
First – Ashlee  
Middle – Beth  
Last – Hopperdietzel

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name: Michael S. Gibbs  
Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson St., Room 211, Oshkosh, WI 54901  
Date: 7-17-25  
Time: 2 p.m.  
If you require reasonable

accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4868 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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Notice of Name Change Hearing

## The Weekly Whisk

### No-Bake Oatmeal Protein Bites

Hello! My name is Estella Rogers, and if the Rogers name rings a bell, it's probably because you've seen it in this very column. For years my mother, aunt, and great-grandmother shared their favorite recipes with readers of the Winneconne News, and now I'm honored to be carrying on that delicious tradition. Growing up, our kitchen was always full of activity—flour-dusted counters, handwritten recipe cards, and the comforting sounds of laughter and clinking pans. I learned early on that food isn't just about nourishment—it's about con-

nection, comfort, and community.

This fall, I'm starting my sophomore year at the UW-Madison majoring in Nutrition and Dietetics. I'm passionate about how food fuels our bodies and brings us together, so participating with my mother in this column is not only a way to honor my family's legacy, but also a step toward my future career. I'm excited to share some of my favorite recipes and I'm starting off simple with my favorite, protein-packed snack.

- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ⅓ cup honey
- ½ cup chocolate chips (mini work

best)  
¼ cup protein powder (vanilla or chocolate)

In a large bowl, mix all ingredients until well combined. Chill the mixture in the fridge for 20–30 minutes to

make rolling easier. Roll into bite-sized balls (about 1 inch each). Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 1 week.

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



## Obituaries

### Maxine C. Reese

Maxine C. Reese, age 88, of Larsen died on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at her home. She was born on August 10, 1936, the daughter of the late Vernon and Virginia (Eckstein) Mathison. Maxine graduated from Winneconne High School. On November 12, 1955, Maxine married John "Jack" Reese at Grace Lutheran Church in Winchester. Together they loved attending the Kentucky Derby for over 35 years. He preceded her in death on January 7, 2009. Maxine worked for First National Bank of Neenah (now Associated Bank) and then was employed as a secretary for the Neenah Foundry for many



years. Maxine was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Neenah where she was part of the prayer chain. She enjoyed putting puzzles together as well as doing crossword puzzles.

Maxine is survived by three children, Randy Reese, Neenah; Cindy (Rick) Kemp, Neenah; and Lynn (Terry) Haase, Neenah; grandchildren, Jessica Kemp, Joseph (Nichole) Kemp, Ryan (Trisha) Haase, Rebecca Mueller, Jennifer (Jeremy) Case and Christina Reese; great-grandchildren, Kyle (Rachel) Kemp, Kyra Vande Burgt, Alexis and Parker Haase, Gibson, Frehley and Marshall Mueller, John Case, Evangeline and Eliot Kemp; four brothers, Roydon Mathison, Melvin Mathison, Richard "Dick" (Sandy) Mathison and Doug (Kathy) Mathison; a brother-in-

law, Charles "Buzz" (Kay) Reese; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John Jack; two sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Adele Mathison, Georgianne "Babe" and Tom Jensen, Bob Reese.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1140 Tullar Rd., Neenah, with Pastor Tabitha Gallatin officiating. Burial will be in St. Margaret Cemetery, Neenah. Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne

is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to [muellerfh.net](http://muellerfh.net).



### Cleo M. Smoot

Cleo M. Smoot, 95, of Neenah, WI passed away on Friday June 13. For a complete obituary and service information please visit [www.westgorfuneralhomes.com](http://www.westgorfuneralhomes.com).



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### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORATE

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6494 COUNTY ROAD M  
WINNECONNE, WI 54986

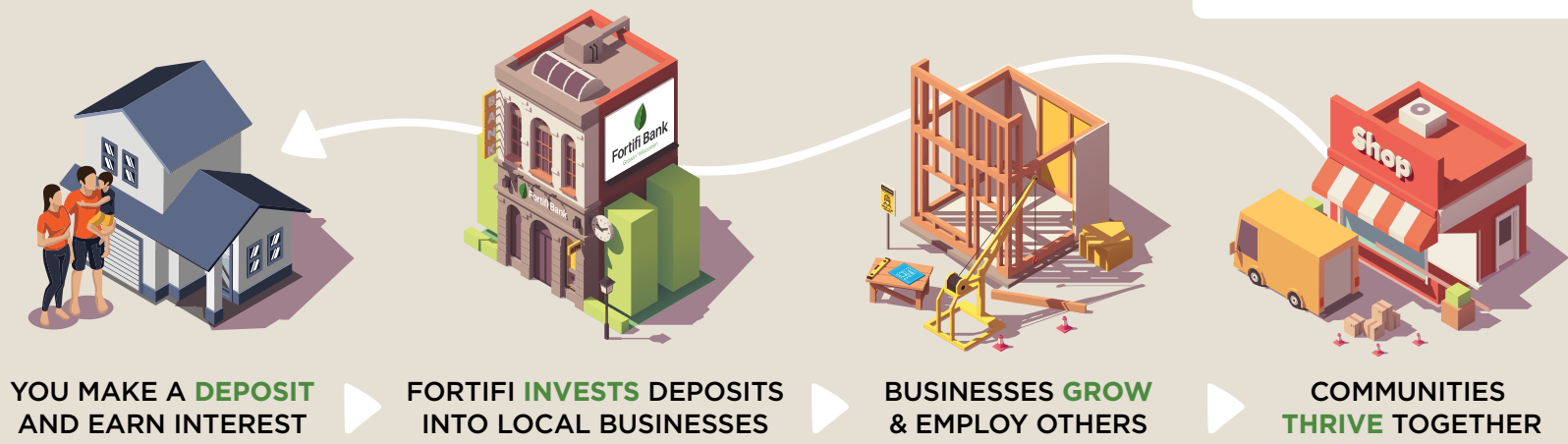
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025 -6:30 p.m.

CONVENING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS UNDER STATE STATUTE 60.12 (1) (c) TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE ELECTORATE TO SELL THE TOWN SQUAD CAR.

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