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New school board member appointed

By Anya Kelley

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The Winneconne Community School District Board appointed Nathaniel Harter to the board and released their yearly data on bullying and the seclusion and restraint report at the school board meeting on June 16.

After two interview sessions, Monica Wicinsky dropped out, leaving Harter to fill the vacancy on the board. Harter's appointment was approved by Jillayne Verich and seconded by Dean Ackmann. Harter will begin his term on July 21, holding the position

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Town of Winneconne Plan Commission reviews two commercial developments



The vacant lot just south of the Truenorth gas station on Highway 116 may be the location of a large commercial development spearheaded by Tony Welnicke.

By Becky LaDue

At its June meeting, the Plan Commission reviewed two major development proposals: a condo-style storage complex on Cross Road and a multi-use commercial site on Harbour View Drive. Both projects sparked discussions, while one raised questions and requests for more information.

Cross Road "Man Cave" Development

The first agenda item focused on a planned 85-unit storage complex on Cross Road to be situated just south of The Storage Place, LLC located at 6293 Cross Road. Developers Steve Foster, Dennis Biggar, Steve Moore, Robert Treml and James Wyngard plan to construct and sell individual condo-style higher end storage units, often referred to as "man caves." Each unit will be 25 feet tall and identical in design.

Dan and Jessica Van Bommel are purchasing five acres of the developers' available property to continue building storage units associated with their 'The Storage Place' enterprise, with the remaining acreage allotted to the group's undertaking.

Biggar emphasized the development's upkeep, stating, "This is going to be a neat, clean operation and you have our word on that. Nothing will be allowed to be stored outside the units per our covenants. It's going to be kept up beautifully."

The project does face some challenges with wastewater management. Winnebago County has indicated it does not support holding tanks, pushing developers toward a mound septic system, which could reduce the number of buildings in order to place the mound. The common drain field raised concerns about potential unequal use

amongst condos, though once the group comes to terms with Winnebago County, they hope to break ground nearly immediately with the first units available as early as October.

The developers also mentioned the potential sale of three one-acre perimeter lots for light commercial use due to their visibility from Highway 45. These lots could be sold separately or as one or two larger parcels.

Bigger and his group indicate construction will occur in phases and those interested in learning more or securing a unit or the front facing lots can call him at 920-379-4531 or Foster at 920-420-2825.

Harbour View Drive Proposal

The second proposal involved a preliminary site plan for commercial development on Harbour View Drive,

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Kelley joins Winneconne News as reporter



Anya Kelley

Winneconne News

Anya Kelley has joined the Winneconne News team as a staff reporter.

In May, Kelley graduated from

UW-Oshkosh with a major in multimedia journalism and a minor in women and gender studies.

During her time at UWO, Kelley served as the editor-in-chief for the Advance-Titan, held an editorial internship with Milwaukee Magazine and interned for the Oshkosh Herald.

Outside of work, Kelley loves to read, be outside and hang out with her cats Daisy and Lily Pad.

Kelley can be reached at anya@winneconne.com. Meet Kelley at the Winneconne News' Open House on June 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. along with new Editor Chris Lusvardi.



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Plan Commission

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directly south of the Truenorth gas station and A&W. The project, presented by developer Tony Welnicke of Big Rig Chrome Shop (who was not present at the meeting), outlines three separate buildings totaling over 33,000 square feet in a strip mall-style layout.

Each building would be spaced approximately 20 feet apart in a C-shape configuration with a shared interior

courtyard containing 14 parking stalls. Proposed uses include high-end storage, personal workshops, small businesses, and potentially restaurants or retail.

Commission members raised numerous concerns, primarily about the ambiguity of the project's purpose.

Clerk Yvonne Zobel voiced one such worry: "So I buy one to open a restaurant and then you've got six storage units next to me?"

Chairman Tom Snider added, "We need a lot of answers before we can

intelligently discuss this proposal. The current proposal does not clearly fit any approved zoning use: It's either a strip mall or a storage facility – but it cannot be both."

No action was taken on the Harbour View Drive development, and the board will await additional information before further discussion.

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until the April 2026 election date.

During the meeting's open forum, Harter was the only person to speak. He addressed comments from the previous school board meeting and messages posted on Facebook regarding the vacant seat.

"We were all created to be loved,"

Harter said. "That includes the children, that includes the residents here, stuff like that. One of the things I was always taught growing up here was love thy neighbor."

Harter said there has been an onslaught of threats and name calling online, and that is not what the Winneconne community stands for.

"We want a community that's going to grow our children to be responsible adults," Harter said. "We should be setting a role model for them. That includes all of us here."

Harter asked everyone to work together as a team, regardless of disagreements, to make WCSD "the best school district in Wisconsin."

In the seclusion and restraint report, all three school buildings combined had 26 cases of seclusion and restraint, with the most restraint taking place in the high school.

The elementary school experienced 32 incidents of bullying across grades 4K through fifth grade ranging from

harassment, racism, sexual harassment, threats and others.

In the "trends and recommendations" section, the elementary school plans to continue focusing on positive reinforcement and school-wide announcements to remind children to treat others with respect.

At the middle school, there were 15 incidents citing race, disability and gender discrimination, with racial discrimination being the most frequently reported.

The high school experienced four documented cases of bullying, most of which were cited as one-time events. The report noted that social media and messaging apps continue to complicate in-school relationships at both the middle and high school.

The next WCSD board meeting will take place July 21 in the Winneconne High School large group lecture room. Meetings are also available live at <https://www.youtube.com/winneconne>.

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County to open most highways to ATVs and UTVs

Ordinance expands off-road vehicle routes

By Bethanie Gengler

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-terrain vehicles (UTVs) will soon be allowed on most county highways in Winnebago County, following the County Board's June 17 vote to amend its ordinance.

The county first passed an ATV/UTV ordinance in 2019, allowing limited use on select roads with low traffic volumes and accident histories, and only during daylight hours. The updated ordinance now expands access to most county highways and permits ATV and UTV operation at any time unless otherwise posted.

Under state law, local governments determine where these vehicles can operate. Some municipalities within the county have also designated local roads as approved routes.

The decision to open county highways to recreational vehicles comes after months of coordination with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, Highway Committee and ATV/UTV Alliance.

Supporters of the change say it provides safer, legal routes for ATV and UTV riders while promoting recreational tourism and local businesses, connecting existing trails and improving countywide connectivity.

David Schmidt of Oshkosh, chairman of Winnebago County ATV/UTV Alliance and president of Fox

River Wheelers, told the board that there are more than 512,000 registered recreational vehicles in Wisconsin.

"Winnebago County ranks fourteenth in registered machines and the way the routes are currently open, it's kind of limiting for what we're able to do," he said.

Sheriff John Matz, who in 2019 spoke out against the initial ordinance opening county roadways to ATVs and UTVs, said he is now in support of expanding it to allow highway usage because the surrounding counties have changed their ordinances, leaving Winnebago County ATV and UTV users "on an island."

"Also, we have not seen any type of uptick in crashes related to ATV/UTV use following the current ordinance that we have," he said.

To drive on county roads, ATV and UTV riders must be 16 years old, have a valid license and insurance. The vehicles are not required to have turn signals, but must have head, tail and brake lights, and operators are legally required to use hand signals.

Lt. Darin Rice said the Sheriff's Office worked with the ATV/UTV Alliance to identify county highways that would be closed to ATV and UTV traffic. The list still needs to be discussed at an upcoming Highway Committee meeting. Roads expected to be off-limits include County Highways BB, CB, P, AP, JJ, O, II east of State 76, M between State 116 and Lasley Point

Road, and most of Highway A, except the section between Highway G and Indian Point Road.

The ATV/UTV Alliance will be working with the Highway Department to post signage throughout the county that will indicate which highways are not open to ATV/UTV traf-

fic.

The County Board approved the ordinance amendments by a 26-5 vote. However, the current rules remain in place until the updated ordinance is officially published and new signage is installed.

Water rescue on Lake Poygan

At approximately 8 p.m. on June 22, the Winnebago County Communications Center received a 911 call notifying them of a boat that was fully submerged on Lake Poygan.

The individual who dialed 911, advised there was a total of five occupants on the boat and all were currently in the water.

Deputies from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, Omro Police Department, and Winneconne Police Department responded along with the Town of Omro/Rushford Fire, Winneconne/Poygan Fire, Poy Sippi Fire and first responders, Boom Bay Fire, and Fremont ambulance.

Rescue boats responded to several different boat landing locations and began searching. The boat operator, a 40-year-old Omro man, was traveling south on Lake Poygan when the boat experienced mechanical issues, and the engine shut down. The boat began to take on water and quickly submerged itself. The occupants in the boat were able to grab coolers and use them as floatation devices.

An adult male, adult female, and three juveniles were found safely some hours later and brought back to shore. The five occupants were evaluated by Emergency Medical Services on scene and released.

Intersection in Clayton expected to close until September

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Road construction is tentatively set to start June 30 on a project at the Wisconsin Highway 76 and Larsen Road intersection in the Town of Clayton.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation officials expect traffic and businesses to be impacted while a sin-

gle-lane roundabout is built. The intersection is expected to be closed until late September.

Highway 76 traffic will be detoured using Interstate 41 and U.S. Highway 10. Access to local residents, businesses and emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

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Car fire at A&W

By Anya Kelley

A car fire broke out at the A&W Winneconne on Sunday evening, engulfing the car in flames before the Vinland Fire Department successfully put it out.

The car had parked in drive-through spot three when Mathyas Betzhold-Cork, a restaurant supervisor, noticed the fire.

“Mathyas grabbed a fire extinguisher and tried to put it out,” general manager Nikki Thyes-Neuman said. “One of the Winnebago County deputies just happened to be driving by as that happened, and pulled in.”

The deputy had a fire extinguisher with him, and two more fire extinguishers were taken from the gas station to quell the flames before the Vinland Fire Department arrived.

“Everybody got out and they were actually able to get most of their possessions out before it went up,” Thyes-Neuman said.

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The reason for the fire is still unknown, but it’s speculated the car was overheating from Sunday’s extreme temperatures.

“It was pretty scary in the moment, but my supervisor handled it pretty well,” Thyes-Neuman said. “I’m really happy that the Vinland Fire Department is right there.”



Submitted
The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office and the Vinland Fire Department handled a car fire at the Winneconne A&W on Sunday.

Weekend updates for your landscape

Adding new life to your landscape can seem overwhelming. Tackling small achievable upgrades in a weekend can get the momentum started and make a big difference in the overall curb appeal.

Start with your door. Painting or staining the door can add new life to a tired entrance. Look at your home’s style, siding and trim to guide you in the process. Select a durable paint or stain. Then dress it up with a seasonal wreath and fresh new door mat.

Add a few container gardens to the steps. Include flowers that complement the door color and your home’s siding and trim. Use reds, oranges and yellows to draw attention, energize, and evoke feelings of warmth and comfort. Create a sense of calm with blues, purples, and greens.

Use containers that are scale appropriate for your home and select containers large enough to support the plants you want to grow. Choose tall and narrow pots to make a bold statement in a narrow space and bigger containers or groupings to make an impact at larger entries.

Freshen your garden beds with a bit of weeding and mulch. Weeds compete with your desirable plants for

water, nutrients and sunlight. Many weeds also serve as hosts for insect pests and diseases.

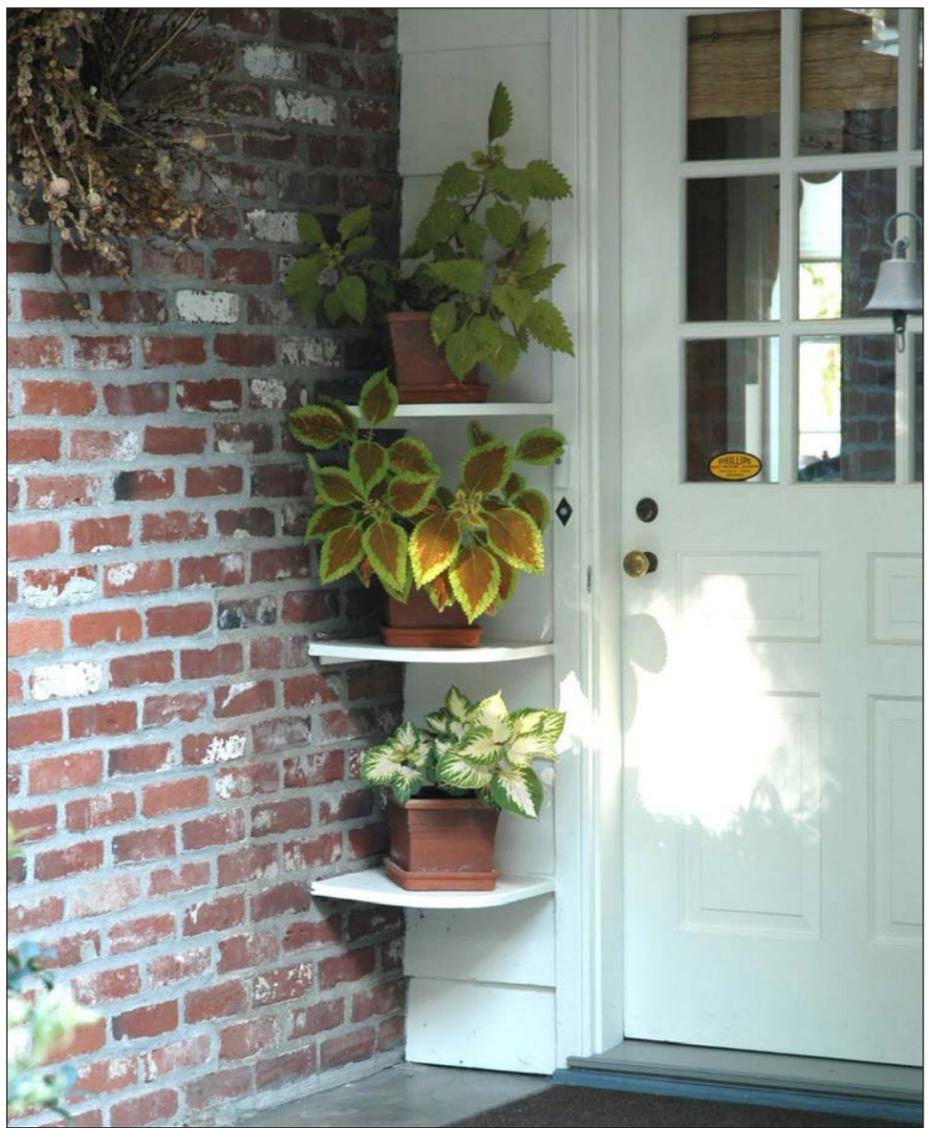
Once weeded, consider spreading a layer of organic mulch like leaves, evergreen needles, or shredded bark over the soil surface. Organic mulches help keep plant roots cool and moist, suppress weeds, conserve moisture and, as they break down, improve the soil. The finer the mulch, the thinner the layer needed, and generally, it should be no more than two to three inches deep.

Edge planting beds as time allows. You’ll define the space, make it easier to mow around, and slow the infiltration of grass and weeds into the garden. For larger projects, consider renting an edging machine. You and your neighbors may want to join forces and rent the equipment for the weekend for all to use.

Update your address numbers, making them larger if needed so delivery people, emergency services, and others can find your home.

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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Let's Share the Road

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors has approved new routes and requirements for ATV/UTV use on county roads. The changes were passed with 26-5 vote (this week's edition shares an in-depth look at these changes).

Without any formal trails for these vehicles in the county, I suppose this is a welcome development. As for me, I'm more of an off-road enthusiast, but I know many individuals and club members that love using area roadways. To each his own.

The amended ordinance includes several new rules and others that have changed. Operators must be 16 or older, have a valid driver's license, and carry insurance. Riders must be in a single

file and must wear seatbelts if their vehicles are equipped with them.

Speed limits have also changed, as operators were once limited to 35 miles per hour regardless of posted signage. Now, ATV/UTV operators are allowed to go the speed limit posted for the roads they are on.

The new rules also removed time restrictions; operators can now use the roadways 24/7.

As you would imagine, there was a lot of support from ATV/UTV enthusiasts. Dissenters argued for lower speed limits or not allowing them at all on county roads.

For a full map of allowed travel routes, consult the Winnebago County website. The county also agreed to review the new law in one year's time.

In the meantime, let's all keep an eye out for these vehicles, and the many bicyclists that are out there too.

Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com

Harp

Outdoor Shakespeare experience

An outdoor Shakespeare performance is coming on Saturday to Opera House Square.

The Starling Shakespeare Company will present The Comedy of Errors starting at 6 p.m. - "a fast-paced romp full of mistaken identities, witty word-play, laugh-out-loud confusion."

Five actors will perform the 90-min-

ute show. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket, lawn chair and food for a picnic.



Tales From The Land of Retirement

God Bless America

By Jeanne Lehr

I don't care who you are, how you vote, or who you pray to. I just want you to know how very proud I was to be an American and to celebrate with my local friends these past few weeks.



Lehr

On June 14, Flag Day, I was thrilled to be part of a celebration in Winneconne honoring those who served with the unveiling of the veteran's walkway at the Legion Hall.

We figured we might get 50 to 60 family members to join us on the day, but we had well over 200! I was so proud of those who worked on the event and those who showed up to honor their loved ones.

So many faces I have not seen in ages. So many names I recognized in stone. So many to be honored.

After the paver celebration, we watched a video honoring Michael Monsoor. He gave his life by falling on a grenade to save his fellow comrades.

Let us feel the pride in our affiliation as Americans. There is so much to be proud of. It remains the greatest country on earth, filled with remarkable human beings.

I enjoyed Memorial Day surrounded by veterans. I hang out with them regu-

larly during happy hour on Thursdays. What an honorable group to be associated with. There is no anger. There is no preaching or pushing of a political agenda. They know the price we pay for the blessings we have. They have not been indoctrinated, not bought, and cannot be sold. They know what government plans have helped them and others that have hurt them, so don't tell them what to stand for.

I am grateful to our military, police force, EMTs, Fire Department, and all the others who lay it on the line every day protecting us, sometimes even from ourselves.

So, if you missed celebrating Memorial Day and Flag Day, the Fourth of July is just around the corner. Dig out your patriotic apparel and join me in celebrating the greatest country on earth.

Reach Jeanne at genie6364@yahoo.com



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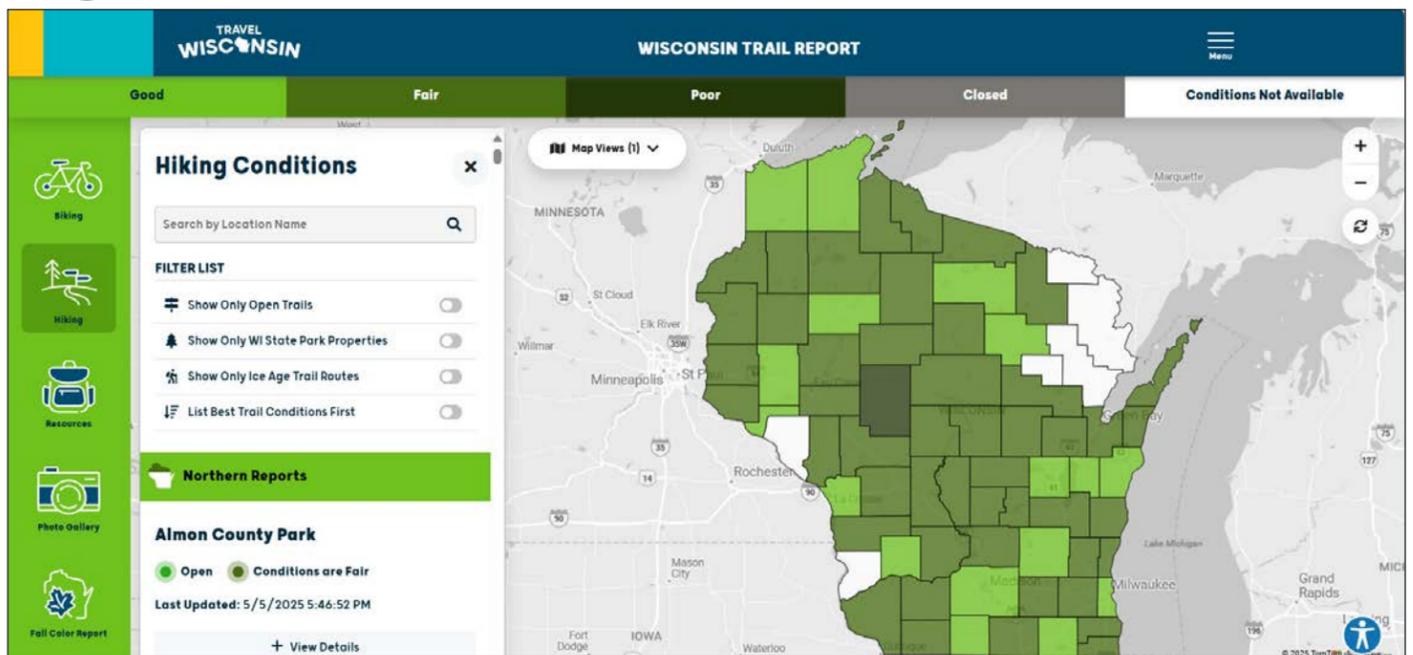
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With summer upon us, Travel Wisconsin encourages residents and visitors to explore the state's natural beauty and diverse landscape with the help of the Wisconsin Trail Report found at www.travelwisconsin.com/hiking-report.

Travel Wisconsin's Trail Report connects outdoor enthusiasts to Wisconsin's vast collection of hiking and biking trail networks. The Wisconsin Trail Report is an interactive map for locating trail networks, learning about general conditions and planning a trip around outdoor adventure. By selecting a trail network on the map, users find nearby recommendations for dining, lodging, activities and events to round out a trip.

Visitors discover more than 165 trail networks listed on the report and can find their next adventure through several filtering options.

"Our state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas are havens for hiking and biking, and the Trail Report makes discovering your next favorite



State Park System property a breeze," said Steve Schmelzer, Director of Parks and Recreation Management at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. "As we celebrate 125 years of stewarding these natural assets, you can explore them on an unforgettable

trip any time of the year."

The Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation launched the Trail Report in 2021, and the report has grown in popularity since then. In 2024, more than 600,000 TravelWisconsin.com users turned to the Trail Report for

travel inspiration. The report includes general trail conditions for hiking and biking, including recreational and mountain biking, and volunteer reporters maintain the Trail Report with regular condition updates into late fall.

Poygan Conservation Club Kids' Fisheree



The Poygan Conservation Club will sponsor its annual Kids' Fisheree on June 28 near Wolf River Resorts, Winneconne, off the east fishing pier. The contest will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Children 14 and younger are encouraged to participate.

The first 50 families will receive a tackle box and the first 100 children will receive a fishing pole. Worms will be provided.

The club will also have prizes for the kids, food, water, and soda for all those attending, with a special prize drawing at 11:15 a.m. on the pier.

Historical Society needs Sunday volunteers

The Winneconne Historical Society continues to seek volunteers to help open its museum complex and serve as docents on Sundays throughout the summer months.

The complex opens each Sunday—now through Labor Day—from 1 to 4 p.m. for visitors. It is also open for two Saturdays during Sovereign State Days

and the Winneconne Car Show.

Covering one of the buildings for a shift at the museum is very easy, and volunteers are given a cheat-sheet of facts about each of the buildings to assist.

If interested, please email historical-societyofwinneconne@gmail.com

Fight The Bite - Tick Season Is Here

Ticks are most active in our region of the state from May to November according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Ticks typically are found in wooded areas, tall grass, and brush.

There are three types of ticks in Wisconsin that can spread diseases:

- Deer tick or black legged tick
- Wood or American dog tick
- Lone star tick.

There are many ways to protect yourself from tick bites:

- Use bug repellent on skin and clothing. Highly rated repellents for ticks include 20% picaridin and DEET.
- Use permethrin on clothes, shoes and gear. Permethrin is a pesticide that kills ticks when they crawl on your clothes, and it can last through several washes. Note: Permethrin is not to be used on skin.
- Wear the right clothing: Long-sleeves, long pants, and tall socks that limit skin exposure are key. Tuck shirts into pants and pants into shoes or socks to further limit ticks access to your skin.
- Walk in the center of trails and avoid places where ticks are most likely to be such as wooded or brushy areas and tall grass.

If you find a tick: proper tick removal

- Use narrow-bladed tweezers as close as possible to the skin to remove the tick. Pull upward and out with firm



and steady tension.

- If tweezers are not available use your fingers to remove the tick. Shield your skin by using a tissue or gloves.

• Once you have removed the tick, use rubbing alcohol to clean the bite area and wash your hands with soap and water.

After removal of tick

After removal of tick and for the next 30 days, watch for the following symptoms: rash, fever, new muscle and joint pain, and new fatigue. If you experience any of these symptoms contact your primary care provider for an evaluation and/or blood test. In Wisconsin, where Lyme disease is common it's important to seek medical help as a single dose of antibiotics could help prevent illness.

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TRACK AND FIELD

The Winneconne boys' impressive track and field team raked in the all-East Central Conference honors.

Six different athletes earned first-team honors in individual events and three Wolves garnered top honors in two events in honors based on the finishes at the conference meet.

Grant Wenzelow, Koltyn Kachur and Hudson Samolinski were each two-time first-team honorees for Winneconne. Wenzelow earned the honors in the 800-meter and 1,600-meter, while Kachur earned his awards in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdle events. Samolinski was first team in both the shot put and discus.

Also earning first-team honors for the boys were Trey Zemke in the pole vault, Colton Tisler in the high jump and Karter Hawthorne in the long jump.

Jack Quigley in the 200-meter was the lone individual second-team honoree for Winneconne although he was joined by the 400-meter relay team of Mason Mathe, Camden Plotz, Brody Cross and Brody Schaffer and the 1,600-meter relay foursome of Jovan Zeller, Kachur, Plotz and Wenzelow on the second team.

Third-team all-conference honorees for the Wolves were Schaffer in the 100-meter, Silas Sarbo in the 800-meter, Oliver Aberle in the 3,200-meter, Brecken Meyer in the high jump and the 3,200-meter relay team of Cailin Yinglin, Andrew Sperling, Jonah Jacobson and Sarbo.

The Winneconne girls squad also collected multiple awards led by first-team honorees Ruby Kuehn in the 800-meter and Bailey Church in the pole vault.

Abigail Rogers earned second-team honors in the discus, while picking up third-team spots were Rogers in the shot put, Church in the high jump, Kuehn in the 1,600-meter and the 3,200-meter relay team of Lauren Wie-

demeier, Lydia Luce, Vivian Verich and Madeline Anderson.

GOLF

In its final season in the East Central Conference, the Wolves not only captured the conference title but dominated the all-conference list.

The Wolves had four of the top six individual finishers in the all-conference point standings with three of them earning first-team all-ECC honors.

Parker Groff, Austin Dobe and Sawyer Krueger each landed on the first team finishing second, third and fifth, respectively, in the final individual point standings.

Brody Peppler finished sixth in the conference standings to grab the top spot on the second team.

SOCCER

A pair of Winneconne players earned first-team honors as a total of six Wolves were recognized by the East Central Conference.

Topping the list was midfielder Suri Hottman who was one of four players named to the first team at the position. The junior was also one of only two unanimous first-team selections joining Plymouth forward Kalli Knowles, who was named Player of the Year in the league.

Hottman led Winneconne in goals (24), assists (9) and points (57).

Joining Hottman as a first-team selection was attacker Harper Neace, who finished second on the team with 19 goals and eight assists.

Earning second-team honors for Winneconne were midfielder Abbie Oleson and defender Ainsley Tate, while defender Brooklyn Messerschmidt and goalkeeper Emery Sommers garnered honorable mention spots.

SOFTBALL

A handful of Winneconne players earned spots on the all-East Central Conference squads, highlighted by sophomore Libby Jahnke who was named to the first team.

Jahnke led the Wolves with a .560 batting average, which included eight doubles, seven triples and eight home runs – all team highs – also pacing the team with 44 RBIs and finishing second on the squad with 34 runs scored.

Jahnke was one of four infielders named to the first team and the only sophomore tabbed to the 12-player squad.

Winneconne landed three players on the second team in outfielder Claire Schaffer, catcher Grace Mitchell and pitcher Julia Youngbauer.

Infielder Claire Kollat was the lone Winneconne player to earn honorable mention honors.

BASEBALL

Four Wolves were honored by the East Central Conference following the season.

Infielders Colson Kleinschmidt and Broderick Stille along with utility player Lucky Pahl were each named to the second team.

Catcher Ethan Duel was tabbed on the honorable mention list.

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Obituaries

Michael F. Formiller

Michael F. Formiller 64, of Winneconne, passed away peacefully on June 13, 2025. He was born November 10, 1960, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to Florian and Reemona (Kohnke) Formiller. Michael married the love of his life, Teresa A. Domke on July 21, 1984. He worked for 7 years at Zimmerman's Mink Ranch and worked at Oshkosh Defense for 36 years. He was a Union Steward for 15 years with Oshkosh Defense before retiring from full-time work. He also worked seasonally at 4imprint part-time after retiring.

Michael loved traveling with his wife Teresa, their latest adventure was to Nashville, TN and South Dakota. Camping was his favorite thing to do with his kids and grandkids. Michael will be remembered as a loving father who never failed to make his kids laugh. Heather and Tyler will always cherish the memories of camping as kids. His kids are so proud of him. He loved talking about WWE and NFL with his oldest grandson, Orion, and watching cartoons and playing cars with his youngest grandson, Olin. His granddaughter, Oakley will always remember him for his cuddles and games of hide and seek. His grandkids will miss their adventures to the Dells and his presence at their school and sporting events. Mike also enjoyed going out to eat breakfast with the guys from work at Oshkosh Defense.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa For-

Miller; son, Tyler (Meredith Oakley) Formiller; daughter, Heather (Adrian) Willett; grandchildren, Orion, Olin and Oakley Willett; sister, Sanda (Steve) Gollnick; sisters-in-law, Marsha Formiller and Penny Besaw; nephews, Jeremy (Amanda) Formiller, Jeffrey (Linda) Ellman, Jake Domke, Steven Duke (Domke) and Scott Besaw; and nieces, Jacqueline Pluim, Jeanette (Casper) Oliviera and Melissa Gollmar.

Mike is preceded by his parents, Reemona and Florian Formiller; brother, Louis Formiller; nephew, Michael Formiller; parents-in-law, Doloris (David "Porky") Domke; and brother-in-law, David C. Domke.

Mike would like to say a very special goodbye to a lifelong friend, Lisa Bouras, thank you for the years and letting Teresa into your family. So many stories over the years, unbelievable. Will be looking for you on the other side.

A celebration of life will be held June 30, 2025, at Kwiatkowski Funeral Home, 425 Jefferson Ave. Omro, with visitation being held from 11 am to 1 pm and services to follow. Mike will be laid to rest following services at Omro Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Ascension for the care they gave Mike. Special thank you to Dr. Bhadriraju for his support and kindness to Mike's family during their difficult time.

"This is not goodbye, it is see ya later"
- All our love Honey, Daddy and Papa



Ronald R. Hale

Ronald R. Hale, 67, of Winneconne died Friday, June 13, 2025, at home.

He was born February 20, 1958, in Oshkosh to Glenn and Doraine (Opperman) Hale. Ron was a 1976 graduate of Winneconne High School, where he participated in wrestling. Ron's work career included time at Square D and the Winnebago County Facilities Department, where he retired from. On December 28, 2015, he married Kelley Cahill Stieg. Ron was an outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, trapping, and driving his Argo XTV. He also enjoyed traveling and especially loved the time spent with his grandsons.

Ron is survived by his wife, Kelley Hale; a son, James Hale; two stepsons and their families, Jason Stieg and his son, Jackson; Justin and Natalie Stieg and their son, Zane; his mother, Doraine Hale; a sister and brother-in-law, Jackie and Bob Ehmke; sister-in-law,

Faye Hale; father-in-law, James Cahill; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Patti Cahill, Kevin Cahill, Brian and Apryl Cahill, Mike and Jackie Cahill; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many special friends.

Preceding Ron in death was his father, Glenn Hale; a brother, Steve Hale; a niece, Nikki Schonscheck; mother-in-law, Beverly Cahill; and a nephew, Chris Cahill.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. There will be no service held. Following the visitation a celebration of life will be held at The Hill Tavern 8069 Cty. Rd. D Omro.

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Marlene C. O'Connell

Our loving and caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and friend, Marlene C. O'Connell passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at the age of 89. She was born on



October 14, 1935, the daughter of the late Herbert and Emma (Luebke) Harrison. Marlene attended Winneconne High School where she enjoyed music, especially playing the saxophone, participating in forensics, and theater arts. Following high school, Marlene attended the Madison General School of Nursing where she pursued a degree in nursing. She then worked at Mercy Medical Center.

Marlene and Donald attended high school together and had their first date at the Eagles Club. They were later married on July 7, 1956. Together they owned and operated Surge Dairy Equipment Sales for many years before retiring. Donald and Marlene were married for 67 years before he preceded her in death on November 20, 2023. Marlene enjoyed gardening, reading, sewing, knitting, crocheting, canning and baking. She was involved in many activities in the community including card club and investment club and was one of the original members of the Young at Heart Homemakers Club since 1959. Marlene also liked to volunteer her time with the Red Cross and the Winneconne Historical Society. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Winneconne and she and Donald enjoyed attending

community functions, parades and festivals.

Marlene is survived by her children, Shaun (Cheryl) O'Connell, Tenee (Craig) Angelo, and Darby O'Connell (Bryon Kolitz); her grandchildren, Jason (Robin) O'Connell and their children, Tyler, Devon, Morghan and Peyton; Stacey (Tony) Farley and their children, Karl and David; Abby O'Connell-Tritt and her children, Sam and Ila Mae; two nephews, Ron (Kathy) Petronzio and Roger Petronzio; two great-nieces, Breanna (Chris) Medina and Resa (Jeff) Hersman; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald; and her sister, Wilhelmina (Nello) Petronzio.

A visitation will be on Sunday, July 6, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St., Winneconne. A graveside service and interment will immediately follow in the Grace Lutheran Cemetery, Winchester and will honor both Marlene and Donald O'Connell.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

Marlene's family would like to extend a very special thank you to the staffs of Ascension Mercy Hospital, Eden Meadows, Fresenius Dialysis Center and The daCare for all the wonderful care provided and thank you to the pastors at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for all their visits.

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Raymond N. Mudek Sr.

Raymond N. Mudek Sr., age 77, of Boom Bay, WI passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. He was born February 14, 1948.



Ray enjoyed living on Lake Poygan, spending time fishing, boating, watching the Brewers and Packers games, time spent with family, and his naps.

He is survived by his children, Sheryl (Donald) Gordon, Raymond Mudek Jr., Staci (Leon) Borchardt; as well as eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey (Sylvester) Mudek; his parents, Robert and Violet (O'Connell) Mudek; and siblings, Roberta Mudek, Rosemary (Mudek) Bresnahan, and Dennis Mudek.

In accordance with Ray's wishes, cremation will take place and a private gathering of family and close friends will be held at a later date.

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Tuesday, July 1: 8 am - Summer School Cheer/Dance, WES. 12 noon - Youth Girls' Basketball Camp/WHS Gym.

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The Weekly Whisk

Jennifer Aniston Salad

Have you seen this viral salad making the rounds? A friend of mine made it for her weekly meal prep and ended up with such a big batch, she shared half with me. I can confirm—it's absolutely delicious and healthy!

One tip: keep the chopped pistachios separate until you're ready to eat so they stay nice and crunchy.

- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 cup quinoa
- 16 ounces chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup cucumber, small diced
- ¾ red onion, small diced
- ¾ cup shelled & roasted pistachio nuts, chopped
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- ½ cup fresh-squeezed lemon juice
- ½ cup olive oil, extra virgin
- 1 tablespoon honey
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

In a medium-sized saucepan, bring the vegetable stock to a boil over medium-high heat. Add the quinoa and stir. Add the lid and reduce the heat to low. Cook for 15 minutes. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Allow the quinoa to sit undisturbed, with the lid still on, for 5 minutes. Fluff the quinoa with a fork. Transfer the quinoa to a large bowl and cool to room temperature. Once cooled, cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for a minimum of 2 hours, up to overnight, or until the quinoa is completely chilled.

Then add the chickpeas, diced cucumber, diced red onion, pistachio nuts, feta cheese crumbles, fresh parsley, and fresh mint to a large bowl. Set aside.

In a small, lidded jar, add the fresh lemon juice, extra virgin olive oil, honey, salt, and black pepper. Add the lid to the jar and shake well to fully combine. Pour the dressing over the salad ingredients and gently toss to combine all the ingredients of the Jennifer Aniston salad. Transfer to a serving bowl and serve.

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Public Notice

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WINNECONNE HIGH SCHOOL - LARGE GROUP LECTURE
100 WOLF RUN WINNECONNE WI 54986
JUNE 02, 2025 – 6:30PM**

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

Board Member Roll Call
Board Member Present: Jaci Stelzner, Jill Verich, Kati Calewarts, Dean Ackmann, Mark Kunde, Donna Hanson

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum
District Administrator, Peggy Larson, High School Principal, Leah Michaud, High School Assistant Principal, Dan Dobner, Middle School Principal, Todd Schroeder, Assistant Middle School Principal, Carley Horvath, Elementary Principal, Lisa Hughes, Assistant Elementary Principal Mike Meunier, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Buildings and Grounds Director, Steve Cady, Technology Director, David Jerabek

VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)
OPEN FORUM - Community Residents spoke in open forum on various points of interest, efamation and name calling at a public meeting, Minority group actions at board meetings, High performing school district service and dedication by Administration and Board of Education, ways of making district better by getting along , stop the malicious media and personal attacks, Student Harassment, Vacant Board Position, Special Education Student Safety, Board Policies, Agenda Item review, and Public Comment Guidelines.

OPEN SESSION
5. Civil Engineering and Architecture Class/Student Presentation
Chris Arps, Civil Engineering and Architecture Teacher spoke on the 10-year project investment of building the program, Thanking the Community, Administration and Board of Education for their ongoing support. Class students spoke on the class projects which included developing their own design of their house or business, staying compliant with codes, design blueprints, zoning or conservation, and Local Ordinance. They spoke on Project Lead the Way, curriculum and how this eventually leads into Intern programs and the possibility of employment with a Company such as Miron Construction and Design.

6. Consent items:
A. Approve Minutes of May 19, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting
B. District Checks #10016519 to #10016565 in the Amount of \$1,026,364.74
C. Student Activity Checks #915663 to # 915669 in the Amount of \$3,256.05
D. District ACH Payments \$68,052.52
E. Credit Card Report \$29,723.37
F. Acknowledge \$500 to Softball on behalf of Kimberly-Clark, The Blackbaud Giving Fund
G. Acknowledge \$500 to Bowling on behalf of Kimberly-Clark, The Blackbaud Giving Fund

Motion made by Kunde seconded by Verich to approve Consent Agenda Item A-G
Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 6-0

7. Recognize Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS) Regional Awards and Parental Appreciation Letter
Mrs. Laurin Dodd presented awards of appreciation to 10 Staff Members

for their continuous support and dedication to Special Education. These staff members included Mercedes B. Kayla K. Michelle S. Nichole A. Jennifer K. Sarah B. Heather H. Lindsie N. Andie B and Lisa H. Also recognized by a Parental Letter of Appreciation for commitment, belief and dedication for Special Ed. Students was Remy B.

8. Interviews for Vacant Board of Education position
The two (2) applicants vying for the vacancy to sit on the Board of Education, which had ended in a tie from the previous regular meeting, were asked to come back for a second interview. This seat will be to fill the vacancy till election date in April 2026. The member appointed will have to run for re-election to retain the seat on the Board of Education. The applicants interviewed were Nathaniel Harter, and Monica Wicinsky. Each name was drawn out to determine the order of interviews seven of the same questions were asked of each candidate. When all candidates were done from the interview process then voting took place to determine the outcome for the candidate to be appointed to the board. The First round of voting by ballot ended in a 3-3 tie. The second round of voting ended up by ballot in a 3-3 tie. After the second round of voting by ballot a community member asked for a voice vote. Roll call was taken, Stelzner-Harter, Verich- Wicinsky, Calewarts-Harter, Ackmann-Harter, Kunde-Wicinsky, Hanson-Wicinsky, 3-3 Tie. Board member Calewarts made a motion seconded by Ackmann to use the Coin Toss method to determine the appointment to the Board of Education.

Roll Call: Stelzner-Nay, Verich-Nay, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Nay, Hanson-Nay
Motion Failed-4-2
The process determined based after checking with legal counsel will

be to have the Board of Education President appoint the candidate.

9. Designate WASB Delegate
Motion by Ackmann, seconded by Verich to nominate Mark Kunde to be the WASB Delegate representing the WCDS.
Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 6-0

10. Designate CESA 6 Delegate
Motion made by Verich, seconded by Ackmann to nominate Mark Kunde to be the CESA 6 Delegate representing the WCSD
Roll Call: Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Hanson-Aye

11. Open Enrollment Update 2025/2026
Presentation of Open Enrollment Regular and Special Education applications for Pre K- 12 were reviewed, and these families have until June 27, 2025 to accept their spots.

12. One Board of Education Meeting in July- July 21, 2025
Motion made by Kunde, seconded by Calewarts to have only one Regular meeting of the Board of Education in the month of July, that being July 21, 2025
Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved:6-0

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

14. Board Reports

A. Communications – Letter of Thanks and Appreciation was read from the 3rd team, and from Mrs. Ruth Russell on the recognition of her years of service at WCSD

B. Committee Reports:

- HR/Financial Planning- will be discussing items in closed session, and will be meeting again on June 06, 2025
- PR/ Marketing- Has not met
- Policy- will let the board know the policy number for Public Comment at Board meetings, and Agenda Items requests once we get back from Neola

Executive Session
Motion made by Ackmann, second by Calewarts to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from May 19, 2025, and Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(F) to consider financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial ad verse effect upon the reputation of the person involved. Topics for discussion include Review of student conduct matters involving allegations of bullying, review and discussion of administrative salaries and consideration of a tuition forgiveness request. The board will move into an open session and may take action on items discussed in a closed session.

Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 6-0

Open Session
The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 9:15 pm Motion made by Kunde, second by Stelzner to adjourn the meeting of the WCSD Board of Education Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde
WCSD- Board Clerk
9:20 pm
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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.
Sunday, June 29: 8:30 am - Mass/Baptism.
Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion.
Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 4:30 pm - Confession.

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

Lord of the Lakes (ELCA) Church
6090 Harbour South
Winneconne
Pastor Kevin Heffernan
Thurs.: 8:30 am - Bible Study.
Sunday, June 29: 8 & 10 am - Worship.
Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.

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 29: 8 am & 10:30 am - Worship. 9:10 am - Bible Study.
Mon.: Contemporary music practice.

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, WELS
8630 County Road MM
Larsen
Pastor Paul Ibisch
920-878-3001
Sundays: 10 am - Service w/Bible Study; Fellowship to Follow.
Also online through Facebook.
Free Little Food Pantry 24/7 at North Entry of Church.

First Presbyterian Church
32 S. Third Avenue
Winneconne
920-706-0047
Pastor Emily Lueder
Sundays: 8:30 am - Sunday Services.
Services are livestreamed on Facebook/recordings uploaded to YouTube.

Bible Baptist Church
At First Presbyterian Church

32 S. Third Avenue
Winneconne
Pastor Robert Hatch
920-582-7100
Sundays: 10:45 am - Sunday School.
12 pm - Worship.

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church – Omro
Evangelical Lutheran Synod
7394 Liberty School Rd.
Omro
www.messiahomro.com
920-875-0755
Pastor Philip Geiger

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

AA and Al-Anon
St. Mary Church Basement
Thurs.: 7 pm - Al-Anon.
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County medical examiner's office looks to purchase therapy dog

By Jennifer Parmley

Winnebago News contributor

The Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office is seeking funds to purchase a facility K9 specially trained to support the mental health and well-being of employees, families and visitors.

Deputy Medical Examiner McKenzie Repinski said in the past year or so she has noticed a need for additional support, not only for staff but also the families they work with daily.

"The need is apparent and prevalent in our line of work due to the burnout rate in our profession along with the mental health effects that follow," Repinski said in a funding request letter.

"We regularly deal with grieving families who experience a range of emotions from sadness to frustration to disbelief to absolute anger. The presence of a therapy dog will greatly reduce some of those outbursts due to the calming effect that they have on others. Furthermore, the facility dog will help myself and my coworkers cope with the difficult situations we deal with on a daily basis."

The medical examiner's office employs four staff members who work closely with all law enforcement agencies in Winnebago County along with hospital staff, funeral and nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospice companies.

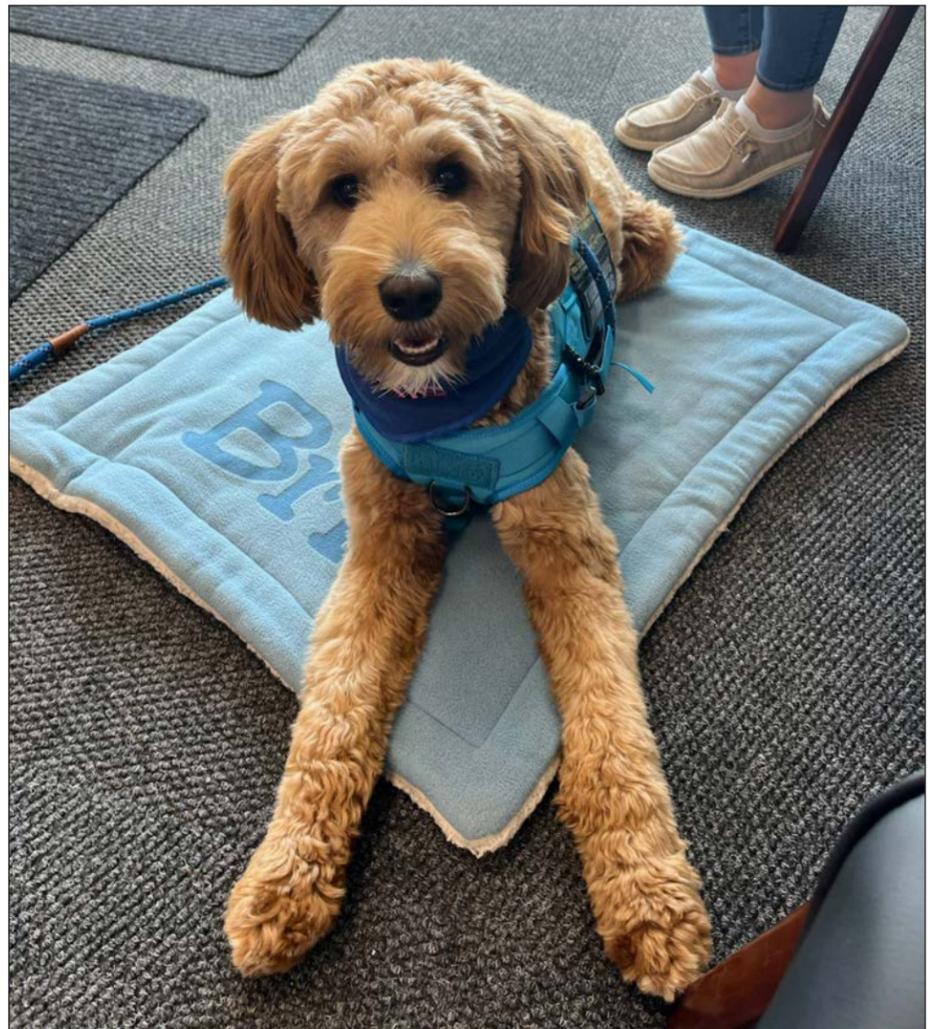
The nature of work there, and in law enforcement organizations in general, involves frequent exposure to death, trauma and grieving families. As such, several law enforcement agencies and court systems in the state including Dane, Racine and Waukesha counties, the Oshkosh Police Department and the Winnebago County Jail STAR Program have adopted similar programs.

The cost of the specialized training through the organization's Steppin' Out Program is \$25,000, Repinski said.

The program includes more than 1,000 hours of hands-on, real-world training. Each dog learns and reliably performs more than 50 verbal and visual cues, Repinski said.

Following the completion of her training, Brie will be certified in all 4 levels of the AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC), which includes Advanced Community Canine (CGCA) and Urban Canine Good Citizen (CGCU) along with the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy certification. In addition, Brie will be required to pass a custom-designed Public Access Test.

Repinski said Brie will be at the medical examiner's office Monday through Friday during business hours and available after hours if needed.



submitted

The Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office is raising funds to purchase Brie to begin her working career.

Brie will also accompany her when on calls to be an additional asset for the families during the grieving process.

The office is actively working to raise enough funds to purchase Brie so she can start her working career.

If interested in contributing to the

fund, visit the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation's website oacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list and search for Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office K9 Fund.



JUNE 25	Brews by the Waterside Rainbow Park 5-9pm Kitty Corona will be rocking! Plus enjoy food trucks, craft beers, and yard games!
JUNE 25	Music on Main Opera House Square 5:30-7pm Featuring Kate Voss & the Hot Sauce! Bring a chair and enjoy live music every Wednesday through Sept!
JUNE 26	Waterfest Leach Amphitheater Gates open at 5:45pm The Cat Empire • Plus Copper Box and Kate Voss & The Hot Sauce
JUNE 28	Fox Cities Roller Derby Oshkosh Arena 5pm & 7pm Roll in for the action of this fast-paced sport featuring the Fox Cities' very own women's team!
JUNE 29	Oshkosh Pride 2025 Leach Amphitheater 2-7pm Featuring alt-pop rock trio Kat and the Hurricane. FREE & open to all ages! Rain location: Oshkosh Arena



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