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## Lasts chosen as Honorary Parade Marshals

By Anya Kelley  
WINNECONNE NEWS

The Sovereign State Days (SS Days) Board of Directors announced their selection for the 2025 Honorary Parade Marshals as Nancy and Ham Last.

After college, the couple was drawn to

the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD), where they both went on to teach and coach for several decades. Though the Lasts aren't originally from Winneconne, they've dedicated much of their adult life to supporting and uplifting the community.

The Lasts moved to Winneconne the same year it was left off the official state map, 1967. They are thankful to have found their way to "the lost city" and making it their home for the

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## Summer painting

Library staff and students started working on a mural last week as part of the summer reading program. The mural will feature a photo-op under the balloons. It will be completed before the end of the summer.

## State budget reduces general aid to school districts

### Funding to rely more on taxpayers

By Anya Kelley  
WINNECONNE NEWS

Wisconsin's state budget is causing anxiety amongst educators as state general aid is set to decline and increased pressure is put on property taxes across the state.

The budget does not increase any general state aid to school districts in Wisconsin. Instead, the state approved a \$325 per pupil increase to the revenue limit. A revenue limit sets how much a district can

make through general state aid and property taxes for the general fund.

"State general aid is the largest part of the state budget and probably the most watched," District Administrator Peggy Larson said in an email. "Districts operate on a combination of general aid, categorical aid (for special programs), local property taxes and smaller amounts from other sources, including



Larson

from the federal government."

With no increase to the state general aid coming, districts are forced to make their taxpayers pay for the \$325 per pupil increase. According to an article published by the Wisconsin Education Association Council, 60% of schools are set to lose their state aid by next year, and the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) is one of them.

The loss in aid comes from the value of property in Winneconne increasing exponentially in the past few years. Monika Knapp, the director of business services for the WCSD, said the area is considered

wealthy, and when the formula for distributing aid was first introduced, lawmakers thought the taxpayers in wealthy areas would be able to bear the burden of higher property taxes.

"The percent of dollars contributed to the district budget by taxpayers of WCSD will increase and the state's percentage of support to the district will decrease," Larson said. "The total funds the district receives won't change; it is just a matter of who is paying what percentage."

Last year, WCSD transferred \$2 million

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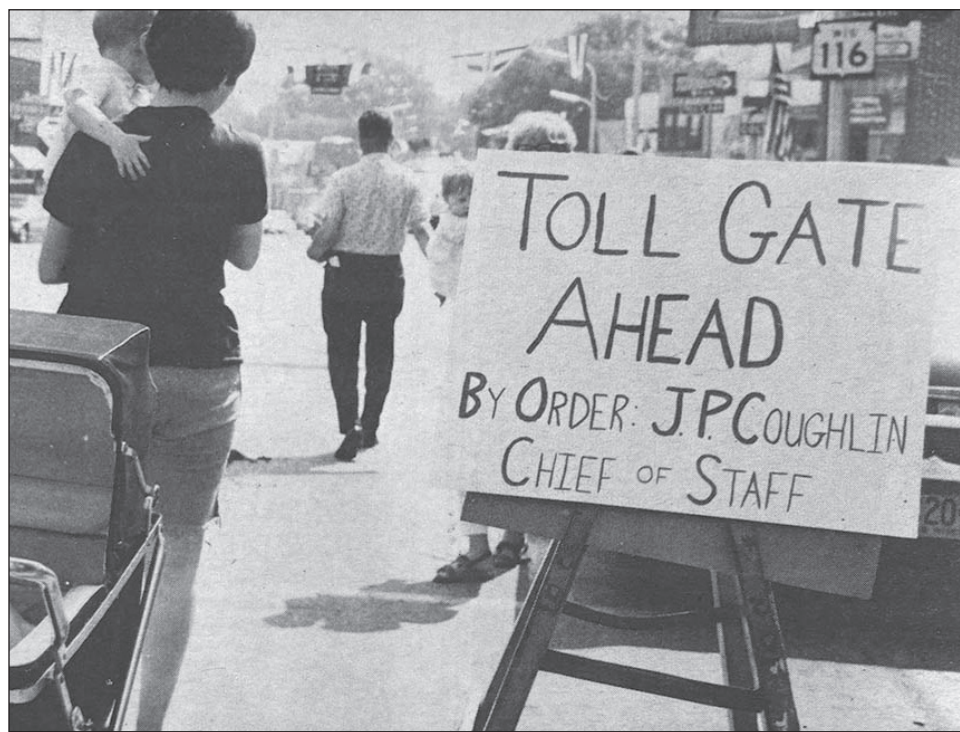
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## Back in the Day



### July 27, 1967

This warning sign was installed following the secession ceremonies, giving motorists ample time to prepare for the toll gate in operation two blocks down main street. The gates, one on

each side of the Winneconne bridge, were in action from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday. Toll-keepers, wearing special hats and skunk emblems, collect 25 cents from all drivers and in return, each donation was rewarded with either a button or a sticker.

## Historical Society to meet on July 22

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The July 22 meeting for Winneconne Historical Society members will begin at 6 p.m. in the second floor community room of the Winneconne Municipal Center. Those attending the meeting can use the South Second Street entrance of the building to enter.

A report on Sovereign State Days week-end will be given, and the Winneconne

Car Show, Craft Fair and Job Fair in Marble Park scheduled for Aug. 2 will be discussed.

A review of funds in the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation will also be given.

New members are welcome. Area residents are invited to attend meetings and become involved in preserving the area's history.

## Minimal noise complaints over holiday weekend

Winneconne News

The Winneconne Police Department received two complaints regarding fireworks over the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

The first complaint came in on July 3 at 10:11 p.m. The call was unfounded, and no action was taken. The second call came in on July 4 at 11:36 p.m. When the officer made contact, the people said they were done with fireworks for the night.

The Winneconne Fire Department didn't respond to any calls regarding fireworks over the weekend.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office responded to 14 fireworks-related calls over the holiday weekend, issuing two warnings and no citations.

Communications Capt. Lara Vendola-Messer said in most cases, deputies were unable to locate the source of the fireworks.

That's often the case in rural areas, she said, where callers can usually only provide a general location, unlike in cities where specific addresses are more common.

## Correction

**July 9, Page 3:** In the article about Jubricosa Academy's productions showcase cast talents, the performances of Fiddler on the Roof will be at St. Mary Catholic High School, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah. Shows will run July 31 through Aug. 2, with evening performances at 7 p.m. on July 31 and Aug. 1, and two final performances at 2 and 7 p.m. on Aug. 2.

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# Minnow racing to be featured at SS Days

Winneconne News

Trained minnow racing will be featured as a new activity at this week's Sovereign State Days (SS Days) to go along with the "Under the Sea" theme.

Trained minnow racing is put on by Steven Goetler, the owner of Spectacular

Sports Promotion and the World Minnow Racing Association.

Goetler describes the event as "an audience participation sports entertainment event," where five players race live fish in an attempt to place in the top three for prizes. Audience members are encour-

aged to cheer for their favorite racers.

Goetler said he is looking forward to attending his first SS Days and adding to the fun and excitement of the festival.

The family-friendly event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at Marble Park.

## Parade marshals

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past 58 years. In addition to their time spent teaching and mentoring young people, the Lasts have given their time and resources toward the betterment of their community and its various charitable organizations.

They have also contributed to the SS Days event over the years, in more ways than one. For many years, Ham oversaw Marble Park operations for the village and would help prepare the park for the celebration each year.

Nancy was a member of the Civic League, which coordinated the very first flea market in the park now known as the Artisan Fair. She was also one of a small group of individuals who compiled material for and printed the Sovereign State cookbook.

"The Lasts might never have served on SS Days committee itself, but their assistance during those years is a classic example of how the annual celebration truly is a collective effort by not just the SS Days board, but several other community partners who host their own ac-

tivities, events and help set the stage for a successful weekend," the board said in a statement about the Lasts.

When asked about some of their favorite SS Days memories of the past, the couple recalled the fire department water fights in the park and loved seeing the mini car drive up and down the road with a megaphone to announce the pancake breakfast on Sunday mornings.

Ham also loved the inclusion of the softball tournament. The Lasts expressed appreciation for new people coming up and stepping into community involvement. They also said the parade is always one of the highlights of the weekend.

The board said they are "absolutely thrilled to have this amazing couple ride in a place of honor in it this year. What a fitting way to commemorate not only the 58th anniversary of Winneconne's original secession, but also the 58th anniversary of the Lasts arrival in Winneconne."

The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. Saturday on Main Street. SS Days begins Thursday with festivities continuing through Sunday. For a full schedule, see pages 8 and 9.



Submitted photo

Nancy and Ham Last were selected as the Honorary Parade Marshals for the Sovereign State Days parade to be held Saturday.

## School budget

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from the general fund to the special education fund to help cover the costs. The budget will increase the amount of state money given to special education funding by increasing the reimbursement rate to 45% by 2027. For children with needs exceeding \$30,000, the rate will go from 26% to 50% in 2026, and from 50% to 90% in 2027.

"Yep, it's going to help, but it still doesn't cover the cost of special ed," Larson said.

This will be the first year that WCSD could potentially claim high-cost aid according to the new budget. Only 3% of students in the state fall into that category, and in a small district like WCSD, there might not be any.

"A lot of them are just bumping up against \$30,000 or are below it," Knapp said.

Knapp said she thinks the \$30,000 looks good on paper, but in practice, it won't benefit many children, and there are other lower cost special ed kids who need aid, too.

For many districts, special education costs can determine whether they need an operational referendum to keep the doors open. The increased reimbursement rate

will help WCSD keep special ed out of the red while reducing the amount of money that is needed from the general fund.

Districts in Wisconsin are constantly relying on referendums to help fund their schools. Larson called the referendum cycle "the demise of Wisconsin."

"We dread the possibility looking forward of going to operation referendum," Larson said. "They're hard to sell. I'm not saying that a school is easy to sell, but when your school's falling apart, we know that we have to go to referendum for that. People say things like well 'save your money.' Well, we can't. We get dinged when we save our money."

Another budget factor is how many students are in the entire district, and like the rest of Wisconsin, Winneconne has seen declining enrollment in the past few years. Open enrollment has been the biggest reason WCSD has not had to move to an operational referendum.

Knapp said right now, WCSD is at a

healthy fund balance and could handle a deficit for a few years depending on how large the hits are, but this budget is making it harder to plan for the future.

This budget has largely been called a compromise between political parties and educators alike, and Larson and Knapp agree.

"I'm glad they got it done. Sometimes we don't have a budget when we're starting school," Larson said.

Larson said that everyone must compromise and being mindful and working together is a crucial part of keeping the education system in Wisconsin afloat.

"Did we get everything we want? We never do," Larson said. "Who does? No one."

Right now, Larson's biggest concern is about the state of responsibility and who will have to bear the burden of education.

"Eventually, people will get sick of referendums," Larson said. "Then what happens to education?"

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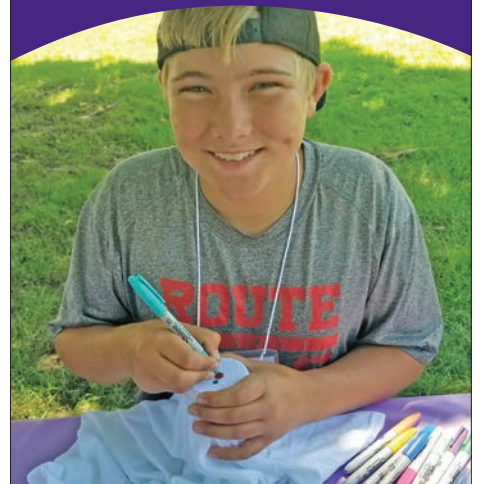
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# Retired couple volunteers across the US every winter

By Anya Kelley  
WINNECONNE NEWS

Karyn and Tom Schmitz sit on their small porch looking out over Lake Winneconne. The white paneled walls are decorated with a "Sovereign State of Winneconne" flag and a wooden plaque in the shape of Texas.

Karyn has owned this cabin for over 50 years, and Tom loves to list off the many hats she wore to keep the house while attending college at UW-Oshkosh.

"She's got a whole portion there of running marathons, being divorced and buying the property back," Tom said. "She was showing real estate, she was posting advertising, she was a rental agent."

Karyn laughed, "I was a nanny too," she said.

"And a limo driver," Tom said.

Both are now retired and have spent years traveling across America in an RV, finding volunteer opportunities all over the country along the way.

"We've been having such fun doing this, and it was never work," Tom said. "And I feel like we've given a lot back, but we got a lot in return, too."

When Karyn's daughter and her husband moved to California, they decided to go help them settle in. After a few days of work, they ventured into San Francisco to visit Alcatraz.

"The number one tourist destination," Karyn joked.

At the time, Alcatraz was looking for volunteers with experience to join their team. Karyn wrote their names down but was told they needed more than three months of volunteer work under their belt. Instead, they went and volunteered at



Submitted photos

Karyn and Tom Schmitz, who live in Winneconne during the summer, spend their winters traveling to places such as Texas, where they volunteer at schools to teach birding. Among the places the pair has volunteered was at the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, Texas (right).

the Presidio Army base with the National Park Service.

"We just had a wonderful supervisor," Tom said. "A young lady who got us into everything from working in the nursery to doing walks and talks and also being involved in the Buffalo Soldiers program."



After three years at Presidio, they were accepted to the volunteer program at Alcatraz and spent three months greeting guests coming off of the dock and touring people through the restricted areas of the old prison.

Every summer, Karyn and Tom were making their way back to Winneconne in their RV and setting out for a new volunteering adventure during the winter. Eventually, that brought them to the Lyndon B Johnson Historical Park in Texas. But in the Texas hill country, the temperature was freezing their water line.

"It was mostly inconvenient, but we decided that's too cold," Tom said. "So, then we finally wound up down on the Rio Grande and also the Gulf. We did four or five years at the National Parks at Padre Island National Seashore."

There they led walking tours about the birds and the butterflies in the area.

"We knew nothing other than what we read in books and studied," Karyn said.

"We told our supervisor we're not ex-

perts and she said, 'you came from more than a hundred miles away, you're an expert,'" Tom said.

Birding became a recreational hobby for them after that, and they went on to teach it to children in Texas schools.

Based on their experiences, Karyn and Tom recommend volunteering to everyone in retirement.

"It's a really good experience," Karyn said. "And the people you meet and the people you volunteer with, it's a great way to spend retirement."

Tom said all the traveling gives somebody a different perspective when they immerse themselves in new communities. But, no matter how far they go away each winter, they always end up back in Winneconne during the summer.

"It's so beautiful, and I love it here," Karyn said. "[This is] the only house I've ever owned, so it's home to me."

"I come back because she's here, and I'm driving the bus," Tom said.

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# Shallow Lakes Chronicles

## Off the map

By Matt Harp  
OUTDOOR REPORTER

You'll find me preaching the benefits and even the necessity of getting ourselves out into the middle of nowhere. For this weekend, that's really easy, even while staying in town and enjoying the fun.



Harp

From the Milwaukee Journal Green Sheet, January 27, 1967:

"Winneconne, Wisconsin, is only a wide spot in the road on the official 1967 Wisconsin highway map, and residents of the Winnebago County village don't like it.

"Where in past years the name of the Wolf River community was printed in all its melliflence along the south shore of

Lake Poygan, on the 1967 map, there's just a big bare space, all the way from Butte des Morts to Borth."

On a million plus maps that were printed that year, you won't find Winneconne on a single one of them. Village President James P. Coughlin, Chamber of Commerce President Vera Kitchen and C.O. Rogers, publisher of this paper at the time, weren't having it. With a bit of tongue in cheek, they let the powers that be know that they felt slighted.

And for this weekend most every year, we celebrate Sovereign State Days. That omission led to the village's secession from, and the same-day rejoining to the State of Wisconsin on July 21, 1967.

For being forgotten, left out and on a blank spot on those maps, we have so much going for us. Smack dab in the middle of one of the state's greatest waterways, attached to something like 17% of the state's surface water, we have unlimited

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There will definitely be a buzz at all of these places this weekend and for details,

check out [sovereignstateofwinneconne.com](http://sovereignstateofwinneconne.com) for each days' events from Thursday through Sunday.

Not too bad at all for being a blank dot somewhere between Borth and Butte des Morts. At least for this weekend, let's celebrate "being in the middle of nowhere," right at home in our fun, bustling community.

Reach Matt at [lakeandpond2@gmail.com](mailto:lakeandpond2@gmail.com)

# Tales From The Land of Retirement

## Parting is such sweet sorrow

By Jeanne Lehr

It goes to prove that you can do things you never dreamed of doing. I have been



Lehr

submitting an article every week for almost 13 years. This is not something I dreamed of doing or had any idea that I could do it. It is all Becky LaDue's fault.

Becky recognized something in my Facebook posts that she thought would make a good column. I guess she was right because I have strangers coming up to me commenting on an article they enjoyed. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Your feedback meant the world to me.

Well, Becky is not there to hold my hand, and it is time for me to reinvent myself again. There are thousands of opportunities to expand my world, and it is time to see what is out there. I have decided that it will be out with the old and in with the new. What the new is, I don't have a clue. Maybe it is time to retire completely, time to read more, sleep more, eat more and do nothing more.

It has been an honor and privilege to share my stories with you, so remember when something is put in front of you, take a closer look to see if it is something you should be involved with.

Once again, I would like to thank my followers for giving me the will to continue; you meant the world to me. See you all around Winneconne. Have a great Sovereign State Days.

Reach Jeanne at [genie6364@yahoo.com](mailto:genie6364@yahoo.com)

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# The Cove nearly ready to welcome in customers

By Anya Kelley  
WINNECONNE NEWS

The Cove is bringing a new way to drink and dine on the shore of Lake Poygan.

The building that used to be known as Captain's Cove at 9598 Welsch Road was bought by Rob Buksyk in November 2024 after he had waited four or five years for the previous owners "Captain" and Sandy to be ready to sell.

"I used to come out there on my motorcycle when I'd go for a ride," Buksyk said. "Sandy would be behind the bar and I'd say 'you ready yet?' 'No no, not yet.'"

The Cove will have a mix of indoor and outdoor seating. There are picnic tables on the lawn, and a tiki bar that was fashioned out of an old dog kennel with bar seating, a few tables and a bench built into some of the wood fencing.

"We just had a vision for the place," Buksyk said. "I know how much people like outdoor seating, especially on the lake. So, with the help of one of my contractor buddies, we cut some holes into each side [of the old kennel], created some Dutch doors there, and this will be a really cool outdoor area for people to get off the boat and wave at friends and enjoy a cocktail."

Buksyk tried to source as much of the building materials locally as possible. The walls and ceiling feature reclaimed tin from Hortonville and Wausau, and the bar and planks on the walls are made from scrap wood from a sawmill down the road.

The main building has two floors. The main floor will feature the bar and a dining area along large windows that look out over the water. The previous owners lived upstairs in a small apartment. Their living



Picnic table seats at The Cove will offer views of Lake Poygan to customers after renovations to The Cove are completed.

space will become a rentable party room, or an area for people to hang out when the main bar gets crowded.

Buksyk plans to keep the other parts of the old apartment intact and renovate it to use as a rental home. He said he hasn't decided if it will be a place for someone to live full-time, or if he will make it a rentable vacation home.

This project has been "a major undertaking," Buksyk said. There were structural issues with the main building that needed addressing and delays in getting materials, but things are starting to shape up. Now, The Cove has brand new plumbing, new electrical, new appliances in the kitchen and freshly redone bathrooms. A jukebox, entertainment machines and some TVs are on the way.

He said the bar feels warm and lived in even though everything is new and updated. Buksyk didn't want things to feel too pristine and thought that would make the place feel cold and uninviting.

"It's a little bit rusty and it's a little bit beat up and everything's not perfect," Buksyk said. "[I want everyone to say] 'yeah, I can come in with my muddy boots, or I can come in my swimsuit,' or whatever. I want everybody to come as



Features of The Cove include a tiki bar that was fashioned out of an old dog kennel with bar seating, tables, and a bench.

they are. We're going to be a little of everything in here, and that's what we want. We want to attract all different types of people."

With lots of people comes a big need for parking, and parking at The Cove will welcome many different modes of trans-

portation. Buksyk wants people to come on motorcycle, ATV, in a car, on their boat or even on a horse.

"We had a couple people, because there's some local stables, ask if we'd put a place to tie horses," Buksyk said. "I haven't figured out where we're putting the pole yet, but it's still a cool idea."

Buksyk said they're in the home stretch, and The Cove will be opening soon. In an exciting step toward completion, he met with his bar staff and picked up the cash registers on July 8. While he doesn't have an exact date yet, his goal is for The Cove to be open in time to host the Poyganaires Snowmobile and ATV Club's annual water volleyball tournament fundraiser, which is scheduled for July 26.

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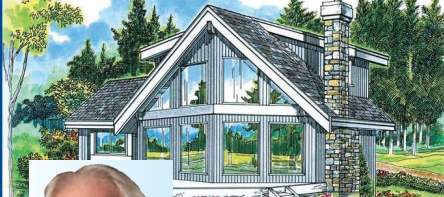
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# Manufacturer gears up with electrical engineering tech program

UW-Oshkosh Today

A University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh engineering program and a regional manufacturer of electric power protection units are collaborating to create a pipeline of highly skilled, locally-rooted talent and sustain mutual growth, innovation and long-term success.

Switchgear Power Systems (SPS), headquartered in Winneconne, creates electric power protection units known as switchgears — used across the globe in transmission and distribution systems, substations, industrial facilities, commercial buildings and some residential settings — as well as metering cabinets and large-scale outdoor (heated and cooled) equipment enclosures.

The company’s partnership with UWO provides engineering students with a real-life look at the industry. In turn, SPS is cultivating talent for its and the industry’s future.

“This partnership is more than a gesture; it’s a strategic investment in the future,” said Muhammad Asim Ali, electrical engineering manager at SPS. “By fostering strong ties between academia and industry, we’re building a vital bridge for talent management and business growth — right here in our local community.”

The idea of the collaboration sprung up a couple of years ago when Ali connected with Ahmed Nasif, UWO associate professor.

Ali, who has served on the advisory board of the UWO engineering program since 2023, was looking to share his passion for engineering with students and help foster the next generation of engineering talents in Wisconsin.

Nasif was looking to bridge the gap of theory and practice for Electric Power Systems and Distribution, a junior-level course in the Electrical Engineering Technology major. He said SPS supports UWO in enhancing student curriculum, providing students with real-world perspectives and competitive advantages that elevate their potential and helps students out-perform their peers. The partnership also boosts the visibility and appeal of UWO’s engineering program.

Sheldon Fletcher, an applications engineer at SPS, provided a series of five guest lectures at UW–Oshkosh during the spring semester and the class had the select opportunity to tour the SPS plant in Winneconne.

“We are very thankful to the leadership and the engineering team at Switchgear Power Systems for providing this exclusive opportunity to UW–Oshkosh students,” Nasif said. “Through the lectures and the plant visit, the students really got a great glimpse of what it takes to build a switchgear from scratch —through design, fabrication, assembly, testing and process optimization. We all learned a lot and were very impressed by the energy and enthusiasm we felt being at SPS, which is a gem of a company in the Fox

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Company leaders say SPS has experienced tremendous growth in recent years due to the high demand of data centers, alternative energy sources, along with traditional electrical grid expansion and upgrades.

Recent graduate Eddy Ayala, a native of Chicago, said the guest lectures were informative and tied directly to the course.

“What I liked most about these lectures was how they taught us about transformers using their specific industrial applications,” Ayala said. “In class we usually cover applications to the material we cover — but very briefly. I think they provided a lot of application to our course material that we otherwise would not have received.”

Ayala said the lectures were interactive — they were capped with quizzes at the end of each—and the plant visit to SPS was well-organized.

“We managed to cover a lot with just an hour to visit and they had no problem with us staying longer,” he added.

Paul Price of Oshkosh, who also graduated this spring, said he was able to better connect theory and practice by having an industry professional educate the class on the concepts and be able to point to specific techniques and parts used in the field.

“Then, going from the classroom to SPS’s facility, solidified these connections, allowing me to form mental models of how theory is applied to real-world customer solutions,” Price said.

SPS promotes itself as utilizing the “latest, state-of-the-art fabrication equipment” in a clean and quiet atmosphere.

Nasif said the company employs UWO student interns as well as offering full-time employment opportunities. Nasif reported that SPS recently hired UWO graduate, Logan Frosch, as a full-time engineer. Frosch completed an internship at SPS in summer 2024.

Ali thanked Nasif and Gregory Kleinheinz, chair of the department of engineering and engineering technology, for helping foster the partnership and trusting the SPS “vision” for the future.

SPS, a family-owned business, began in 2007 with six employees at a facility in Oshkosh. In 2010, the company relocated to Winneconne, where it continued rapid growth.

By 2012, SPS completed the first of many expansions and had grown to a team of 50 employees. The company earned its Women’s Business Enterprise National Council certification in 2017, reflecting its commitment to diversity and excellence. Today, SPS employs more than 300 and continues a “tradition of growth, innovation and strong family values,” according to the company.

“Having companies of SPS’s caliber right in UWO’s backyard is priceless for students, our programs and the regional economy’s talent-generation efforts,” Kleinheinz said.



Photo from UW-Oshkosh

Muhammad Asim Ali talks to UWO students about operations inside Switchgear Power Systems headquarters in Winneconne.

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10:00am-4:00pm (Marble Park)

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# Final preparations underway as EAA AirVenture week arrives

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Attendees and those trying to navigate around EAA AirVenture next week in Oshkosh can expect some changes in an attempt by organizers to make the experience as smooth as possible. In addition, EAA has announced several highlights for those planning their visit to the show at Wittman Regional Airport or observing it from the surrounding area.

The show is scheduled to start on Monday and continue until July 27.

EAA is planning to convert a former camping area into the new Purple Auto Parking Lot. EAA said the 4,400-space lot will allow faster parking and access off Interstate 41 and Poberezny Road. Continual shuttles will carry attendees from the lot to the new South Knapp Gate ad-

missions area.

“As we look at the growth of the event and the grounds, we work to accommodate everyone,” said Jim Busha, EAA vice president. “Campers who spend an extended time here have priority for easy access to the flightline, while we want to maintain the most efficient in-and-out possible for those attendees who drive to the grounds each day.”

For motorists traveling into the area for the show between Oshkosh and Berlin, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has said a portion of Wisconsin Highway 91, which has been closed this summer due to construction, will reopen and work suspended for the week.

Traffic coming on and off Interstate 41 for the show will be routed to parking ar-



Images from EAA

Goodyear is planning to bring two of its airships that will be seen during EAA AirVenture. One of Goodyear's aircraft, Wingfoot One, will be wrapped in its 1925 markings in honor of 100 years of the company flying the blimps.



Image from EAA

Cherokees will be part of the planned mass arrivals coming this weekend to Oshkosh for EAA AirVenture.

ees, impacting some surrounding streets. Traffic from the north will be directed to take Exit 116 west onto Wisconsin Highway 44 (South Park Avenue), turn right onto Highway 44, turn right onto Washburn Street, turn right onto 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right on South Park Avenue, turn left onto Knapp Street and stay right on Poberezny Road to follow the traffic pattern to general parking.

Interstate 41 traffic from the south will be directed to take Exit 113 east (Wisconsin Highway 26/County Road N), then turn left onto Poberezny Road and proceed two miles to general parking. The alternate south route will take Exit 116 east (Highway 44/South Park Avenue), turn right onto Knapp Street and stay right on Poberezny Road to follow the traffic pattern to general parking.

Traffic patterns, which the Oshkosh Police Department determines, reverse in the afternoon and evening.

For anyone looking to catch a glimpse of group arrivals of aircraft, EAA said a tradition is continuing this weekend in consultation with the FAA that is considered a unique part of the “World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration.”

The announced mass arrival schedule, which is subject to change, includes at 10 a.m. Mooneys, 1 p.m. Bonanzas and 5 p.m. Cessnas on Saturday. At 10 a.m. Sunday, Cirrus is scheduled followed by at noon Cherokees. The mass arrivals are expected to take 10-20 minutes each, with other arrivals on hold during those periods. EAA said other aircraft should be aware of these dates and times and plan their Oshkosh arrivals accordingly.

Daily air shows are scheduled to take place from 2:15 to 6:30 p.m. July 21-26, and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. July 27. The night air shows on July 23 and 26 will begin at 8 p.m. EAA said the schedule for each show is subject to change without notice.

EAA said some of the afternoon air shows throughout the week will feature unique themes. July 22 will be Innovations Day. BETA Technologies will make an appearance, and American Drone will be performing spraying demonstrations using unmanned aircraft. July 23 will honor the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II with a parade and run-up featuring several aircraft from the era. July 25 will be EAA’s annual Salute to Veterans, headlined by the Wisconsin

National Guard, which will showcase various aircraft from its fleet.

This year some of the air show performers will take time to meet attendees and fans. Each day during the week of AirVenture, performers will be featured at the EAA Member Center, which is located on the EAA Four Corners, west of Boeing Plaza. The event is open to all attendees. The first meet-and-greet each day is scheduled at 8:30 a.m., with the second guest scheduled to appear at 10 a.m.

EAA said this year’s lineup is highlighted by Michelle “MACE” Curran, a former USAF Thunderbird pilot and combat veteran.

In addition, Goodyear is planning to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its famed airships by bringing two of them to Oshkosh. The appearance of two airships marks a unique occurrence in the more than 50 years that Goodyear has brought its blimps and airships to Oshkosh.

“There is no aviation event more ‘blimp-worthy’ than EAA AirVenture Oshkosh and to have two of Goodyear’s airships over the grounds will make this year unforgettable,” said Rick Larsen, EAA’s vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. “We have seen the excitement that Goodyear’s presence at Oshkosh has created throughout the years, whether it is flying during the air shows or even parked as a memorable photo opportunity on the grounds.”

Plans are for the airships to participate in flying activities during the week, in both the afternoon and night air shows on selected days. When not flying, at least one of them is scheduled to be parked near the EAA Aviation Museum and Pioneer Airport during the duration of its stay.

Goodyear said one of the aircraft, Wingfoot One, will be wrapped in its 1925 markings, in honor of 100 years of Goodyear flying the blimps. The markings honor Goodyear’s first blimp, Pilgrim, which began flying in 1925.

Goodyear’s airship participation at Oshkosh began in 1971 when America made an appearance at the EAA fly-in. Since then, it has been a regular visitor to the gathering, with its last appearance in 2021.



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# Tribute to local aviation legends almost complete

## Aircraft to be part of EAA Museum display

By Chris Lusvardi  
WINNECONNE NEWS

Efforts to honor two of the more well-known local air racing legends are about to be completed as a re-creation of one of their planes is about ready to go on display at the EAA Aviation Museum.

The process to restore a version of racer Buster has been at times a long and laborious process, but one those leading the restoration efforts hope will pay off by drawing ongoing attention to men that they say had a lasting impact on the Oshkosh area. The work of some local EAA chapter members is reviving the legacy of Steve Wittman, while honoring somebody who followed in his footsteps, Bill Brennand.

According to biographer Jim Cunningham, who became friends with Brennand and has been part of Buster's restoration process, Brennand quickly made a name for himself flying a rebuilt version of one of previously established air racer Wittman's planes, Chief Oshkosh. Brennand did so despite never having competed in or even practiced for an air race before, Cunningham said.

Chief Oshkosh had been so badly damaged in a fiery crash in 1938 it could not be flown again, Cunningham said.

In 1947, the 23-year-old, approximately 100-pound Brennand climbed into Buster's pilot's seat and won the first National Air Races held since the start of World War II with a crowd of about 100,000 people watching. Brennand beat some of the pilots he had previously looked up to in the 1930s. Cunningham said he continued his highly successful air racing career for five or six years after that first race while flying versions of Buster.

"That's what made Buster so famous," Cunningham said.

A later version of Buster is part of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum collection in Washington, D.C.

Others leading the reimagined Buster's restoration efforts, including Mike Butler and Jim Casper, later became to know Brennand and share in his appreciation for what Wittman meant to the local aviation industry. The airport in Oshkosh is named after Wittman, who passed away in 1984, but his impact resonates in the air show convention that has made the city known worldwide.

Before Brennand passed away in 2017, he told others about how he wanted a way to further honor Wittman's legacy. Butler and Casper made a promise to do so.



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EAA Chapter 252 members Jim Casper and Mike Butler have been among those leading efforts to rebuild a version of famed aircraft Buster in honor of local aviation legends Steve Wittman and Bill Brennand.

Restoring the aircraft has not only meant continuing to draw attention to Wittman, but Butler said he hopes it helps to share the story of the slightly lesser-known Brennand, who also leaves behind a lasting legacy. Brennand Airport near Neenah with a 2,450-foot paved runway 10 miles due north of Wittman Regional is named after him. Brennand also agreed to allow the air show to use a parcel of his lakefront property for what has become established as the EAA AirVenture Seaplane Base.

The restoration process has been time consuming but one Butler and Casper said has been worth their dedication. It started at Butler's house before moving to the EAA Chapter 252 at Wittman Airport. Butler and Casper paid attention to details while wanting to preserve its authentic look with scratches remaining intact. The plane has been painted to its original red color with markings such as its registration number in yellow.

Butler, who has been a pilot since 1978 and an EAA member since 1976, has restored four planes – two of them 1930 biplanes – and built another. Casper has worked flight line operations at AirVenture since 1975 and was in early management of Pioneer Airport.

Their chapter obtained about half of the original parts – wings, cowl and many smaller pieces – from EAA storage to rebuild the original model formed from Chief Oshkosh.

They didn't have any plans to go off of to build the plane, but instead relied on photos and careful measurements, sometimes using chalk marks on the floor measured with an old yard stick, to aid them in the design and look.

"It's not like building something with a kit," Butler said. "We did this with sketches and photos of the original structure. The pictures helped with basic dimensions. There have been a lot of little things. We want it to look exactly like the original Buster."

With a goal to have the plane ready this summer, the chapter members have been working almost every day so far this year to complete the recreated aircraft on target.

"We started working on it a couple of days a week until this year," Casper said. "Then we needed to really concentrate on this work."

They plan to have Buster on display in a hangar in the popular homebuilders area during EAA AirVenture, scheduled to take place July 21-27 in Oshkosh. After that, the aircraft will move into its permanent home as part of the air racing gallery at the EAA Aviation Museum.

Having the plane on display is a huge deal for the museum and those interested in aviation history, EAA museum manager Chris Henry said. It fills what was considered a hole in the museum's collection to help tell important stories, he said.

"We hope it will be a conversation starter and education piece," Henry said. "We try to continually change up what we have on display every year, so it gives people an excuse to come back to visit. We are discerning about what we take, but this is going to be a staple. They could not have donated such a significant and unique piece of local history, in my opinion."

The project is unique because of the way it incorporates original elements into the design, Henry said. It's even more special, Henry said, because the work was done by some of those who knew Brennand the best.

"Some of the younger guys won't have heard his name," Henry said. "Now Bill Brennand is a name they'll know for its place in aviation history along with Steve Wittman."

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Fly-In Quilt Show chair Lynn Mozingo stands in front of the Eagle Quilt, which will be one of the quilts on display July 24 during the event at the Oshkosh Seniors Center South.

## Fly-In Quilt Show to be held July 24

Winneconne News

More than 500 visitors are expected at this year's Fly-In Quilt Show sponsored by Lakeside Quilters Guild.

For 35 years, Oshkosh area quilters have been welcoming visitors from around the world to share their love of quilting. "Friendships Around the World" is the theme for this year's 35th annual event. Admission and parking are free and the building is barrier-free. The show will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 24 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center South, 200 N. Campbell Road in Oshkosh.

A quilters' marketplace is scheduled along with displays of bed-sized quilts, lap and baby quilts, wall hangings, and chal-

lenge quilts. Six local vendors will have items for sale and the Guild will sponsor a lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Organizers said a highlight of the show will be bed turning at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when Guild members and guests share stories of quilts not hung in the show. Tickets will also be available for a beautiful raffle quilt.

Lakeside Quilters is a non-profit quilt guild with about 100 members that serves the greater Oshkosh area. The Guild's mission is to provide educational opportunities that promote the art of quilting along with giving back to the community. More information can be found at [OshkoshQuilters.org](http://OshkoshQuilters.org).

## Lunch menus

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Photos from WACF

Previous grant awards have spanned a wide scope of projects that benefit the Winneconne area, including trail improvements by the Friends of the Wolf Wilderness Recreation Trail (below), support for Ruth's Pantry to combat hunger locally (above), and programming support at the Winneconne Public Library.

## Applications available for grant opportunities

Winneconne News

Charitable organizations or programs serving residents of the Winneconne Community School District can apply to the Winneconne Area Community Foundation's (WACF) two competitive grant opportunities.

Applications are open through Sept. 15, with grant awards of up to \$2,000 available. Grants must preserve and improve the quality of life for Winneconne area residents. Applying organizations need not be based in the Winneconne area but must serve the region.

The Winneconne Area Community Impact Fund Grant Program supports specific projects or new programs for which a moderate amount of grant money can make a significant impact on an area of need. Grants are made for a broad range of purposes to a wide variety of charitable organizations in the focus areas of arts and culture, community development, education, environment, and health and human services.

The Winneconne Basic Needs Fund Grant Program supports projects or programs that meet the basic needs, including food, clothing, and shelter of residents in the Winneconne area.

Organizations or programs that strive to meet these goals in this region are encouraged to apply or contact WACF to discuss projects. For full eligibility and to apply, visit the Foundation's website at [WinneconneAreaCF.org](http://WinneconneAreaCF.org).



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# New additions announced for XRoads41 music festival

Winneconne News

Organizers said those attending the upcoming XRoads41 Music Festival can expect more music and options in the event's second year.

The music festival is scheduled to bring some well-known country and pop music performers to Oshkosh Aug. 7-9 at Oshkosh Festivals Park. The festival is on the former Ford Festival Park site in Oshkosh, which was taken over by a new promoter in 2021. The grounds used to host Country USA and Rock USA.

According to organizers, performances will take place on two stages this year: the Bank First Main Stage and the Festival Foods Second Stage, inside the Cowboy Town Beer Bar.

The XRoads41 lineup includes country singers Cody Johnson, Kane Brown, Parker McCollum, Dustin Lynch, and Parmalee; pop newcomer Jessie Murph; hip hop performers Nelly and Flo Rida; and red dirt country artists Koe Wetzel, Pecos & The Rooftops, and Josh Meloy. Early 2000's hitmaker Rodney Atkins rounds out the Main Stage lineup, along with newcomers Ian Munsick, Drew Green, and The Castellows.

Frank Ray, The Powell Brothers, and Hank Ruff will perform on the second stage between main stage acts.

In the concert bowl, organizers said new enhancements will include a ferris wheel, a chair rental option, new premium ticket options including a Sky Deck and Garden Deck viewing area, and new food, shopping and activity vendors. Games and contests will be available.

Each day of the festival will have its own suggested dress up theme, with Military Appreciation Day (Stars, Stripes and Camo) on Aug. 7, Beach Boogie on Aug. 8, and Boots and Brims on Aug. 9.

Campers in the campgrounds are encouraged to decorate their sites like they are at a team tailgate to win a free campsite for 2026. The campgrounds will include a new "hub," with a general store, live music, food and coffee trucks, and the Sometimes at XRoads41 Campground Bar, organized by the Sometimes at Pioneer Island crew. The hub includes a stage with live musical performances each day, plus an Aug. 6 kick-off concert with national performing artist Frank Ray and special guests Makenna Mae and Jake Alan of local band Grand Union.

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## Football fun

Members of the Winneconne High School football team participated in the NFL's Nike 11-on-11 lineman challenge and 7-on-7 tournament at the Titledown Football Field in Green Bay. Winneconne was one of eight high schools in Wisconsin chosen to participate and finished second in the 7-on-7 tournament. All participants were also treated to a lunch program inside the Lambeau Field Atrium with former Packer John Kuhn addressing the group. The other schools competing in the event were Eau Claire North, Hortonville, Menomonie, Sun Prairie East, Two Rivers, Union Grove and West De Pere.

## Golf results

### Lake Breeze Wednesday Night Golf

June 25

#### North

Swing Shack 195.5 pts  
 Lake Breeze 186.5 pts  
 The Big Show 183.0 pts  
 Fox Valley Metrology 182.0 pts  
 Woodeyes 170.0 pts  
 Westward Ho 166.5 pts

#### South

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#### Low Gross

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 Mike Nigl 37  
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 Roger Hoytink 38  
 Phil Johnson 39  
 Dean Mohl 39

#### Low Net

Joe Sarnowski 30  
 Roger Hoytink 31  
 Bill Reshel 32  
 Mike Vaughan 32  
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 Phil Johnson 33  
 Jaron Warrick 33  
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### Lake Breeze Wednesday Night Golf

July 9

#### North

Swing Shack 215.0 pts  
 The Big Show 205.5 pts  
 Fox Valley Metrology 203.5 pts  
 Lake Breeze 200.0 pts  
 Westward Ho 186.5 pts  
 Woodeyes 181.5 pts

#### South

Bankfirst 217.0 pts  
 Reshel 206.0 pts  
 Rohm 201.5 pts  
 Tinys 201.0 pts  
 Felix Auto & Towing 193.0 pts  
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 Dave Hoenecke 38  
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# Community Calendar

## Thursday, July 17

Boys Youth Summer Camp, 2 p.m., WHS Gym  
 Strength and Conditioning, 4:45 p.m., WMS Team Weight Room  
 Volleyball Open Gym, 5 p.m., WHS  
 WYDC practice, 5 p.m. WHS Varsity Softball Diamond  
 Sovereign State Days Family Fun Night, 5:30 p.m., Waterfront Park  
 Jubricosa presents The Spongebob Musical, 7 p.m., WHS Auditorium

## Friday, July 18

Sovereign State Days Band O'Barley, 5:30 p.m., Waterfront Park  
 Softball Tournament, 6 p.m., Marble Park  
 Jubricosa presents The Spongebob Musical, 7 p.m., WHS Auditorium  
 Smart Mouth, 8:30 p.m., Waterfront Park  
 Fireworks Over The Wolf, dusk, Waterfront Park

## Saturday, July 19

Adult Basketball, 6:30 a.m., WHS Gym  
 Sovereign State Days 5K run/walk, 8 a.m., WHS  
 Sovereign State Days Parade, 10:30 a.m.  
 Jubricosa presents The Spongebob Musical, 2 and 7 p.m., WHS Auditorium  
 Steak Fry at Jorgie's, 5 p.m.

Fin 'n' Feather Public Cruise, 5 p.m.  
 See pages 8-9 for full Sovereign State Days schedule.

## Sunday, July 20

Sovereign State Days Toll Bridge, 8 a.m., Main Street  
 Volleyball Open Gym, 11 a.m., WHS  
 Historical Society Museum open, noon-4 p.m., Marble Park  
 See pages 8-9 for full Sovereign State Days schedule

## Monday, July 21

EAA begins in Oshkosh through July 27.  
 Palettes of Pages Storytime with Kelly Nelson, 10:30 a.m., Public Library  
 Boys Youth Summer Camp, 2 p.m., WHS Gym  
 Boys Basketball Open Gym, 5 p.m., WHS

## Tuesday, July 22

Colorful Creations - Yarn Art, 1 p.m., Public Library  
 Boys Youth Summer Camp, 2 p.m., WHS gym

## Wednesday, July 23

The News is out. Subscribe today at winneconnenews.com.  
 Movie Day - If, 1 p.m., Public Library  
 Boys Youth Summer Camp, 2 p.m., WHS gym  
 Girls Softball 14U, 5:30 p.m., WHS JV Softball Diamond

# The Weekly Whisk

## Roasted Cherry Tomato Pasta

Sweet, juicy cherry tomatoes get a rich, roasty upgrade in this simple, flavor-packed pasta. It's the perfect way to use up a bowlful of garden tomatoes — no measuring required. Just toss them with olive oil, roast until bursting and swirl into hot pasta for a dish that's as easy as it is delicious. Add cream for a more indulgent dinner. It's summer eating at its most satisfying.

1 pound pasta (linguini, spaghetti, bucatini)

3 1/2 pounds cherry tomatoes

1 head of garlic

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, optional

salt and pepper to taste

1/4 cup chopped basil

Preheat the oven to 300°F.

Slice the top third off a head of garlic, just enough to expose the cloves. Drizzle with olive oil and wrap tightly in foil.

Wash and pat dry the cherry tomatoes, then spread them out on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil, sprinkle generously with salt and pepper, and toss to coat evenly.

Place the garlic and tomatoes in the oven and roast for about 1 hour, until the tomatoes have burst and are lightly browned, and the garlic is soft and golden.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta to al dente according to package directions. Just before draining, reserve 1 cup of the pasta



Submitted photo

Roasted cherry tomato pasta.

water.

In a large sauté pan over medium heat, add the roasted tomatoes and squeeze the softened garlic cloves into the pan. Stir to combine. Add a pinch of crushed red pepper flakes, if desired. Heat gently until the mixture begins to bubble.

Add the cooked pasta directly to the pan, tossing to coat. Pour in some reserved pasta water, a little at a time, until the sauce reaches your desired consistency.

Remove from heat, and top with freshly grated Parmesan and chopped basil. Serve warm with a crusty baguette to mop up the remaining sauce.

For questions or comments email weeklywhisk01@gmail.com

# Church Notes

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Priest Celebrants

Fr. Tom Long

and Fr. Ben Pribbenow

Deacon Paul Vidmar, Pastoral Coordinator

Thursday: 2 p.m. - Rosary

Saturday: 6 p.m. - St. Thomas, Poygan.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Mass/Fellowship.

Monday: 7:30 a.m. - LOW w/communion.

Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - LOW w/communion.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

9077 North Road

Zittau

Pastor Tauna Roth

Sundays: 9 a.m. - Worship.

Mondays: 10 a.m. - Bible Study.

## Lord of the Lakes

(ELCA) Church

6090 Harbour South

Winneconne

Pastor Kevin Heffernan

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Bible Study.

Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m. - Worship.

Monday: 5 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous.

Wednesday: 6 p.m. - Swag Youth Group.

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

8 South Fourth Street

Winneconne

## Pastor Ben Berger

Pastor Darin Warnecke

920-582-7772

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - Worship Service.

Sunday: 8 and 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service.

9:10 a.m. - Bible Study.

Monday: Contemporary music practice.

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - Child Center Committee Meeting.

6:45 p.m. - Evangelism Meeting.

## St. Peter's Lutheran Church, WELS

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Please refer to the district website for available AA meetings in the area.

# Public Notice

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 WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
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 BY PETITIONER  
 ASHLEE BETH HOPPERDIETZEL

Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000550

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
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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.

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## PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WINNECONNE BOARD OF APPEALS WINNECONNE TOWN HALL

6494 CTY RD M, WINNECONNE, WI 54986

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

4:00 p.m.

THE BOARD OF APPEALS

WILL CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST

VARIANCE APPLICATION

TO CONSTRUCT A DETACHED GARAGE WITH A

HEIGHT OF 27 FEET RATHER THAN 18 FEET

Property Owner: Chris Rye  
 Address: 7288 Quigley Rd  
 Tax Parcel No.: 030-0259-01

All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to the Public Hearing. Members of the Board of Appeals are encouraged to visit the site prior to the hearing.

Katie Harter  
 Zoning Administrator

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# Classifieds

## Help Wanted

Jackie's Parkside is looking for a part time cook, waitress & dishwasher. Flexible schedule & competitive pay. Call 920-582-7755 or stop in for an application.

## Miscellaneous

Consumer Cellular - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term

contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-855-748-6332

## Garage Sale

RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY 6/19  
 6711 Olen Trail 8am-2pm  
 A/C units, air purifiers, table, Weber grill w/table, patio tables and misc.  
 Early sales call 920-379-5516

# Summer celebration

Winneconne Middle School students celebrated as summer school drew to an end last Thursday with ice cream and other treats at The Well. Elementary school students took different summer school classes, including Let's Dance, which explored the fundamentals of dancing, tumbling and cheering, learning a variety of routines and techniques along the way. Students in the Disney class watched movies and created crafts based off the movies, including what they called their favorites, Bluey and A Bug's Life.



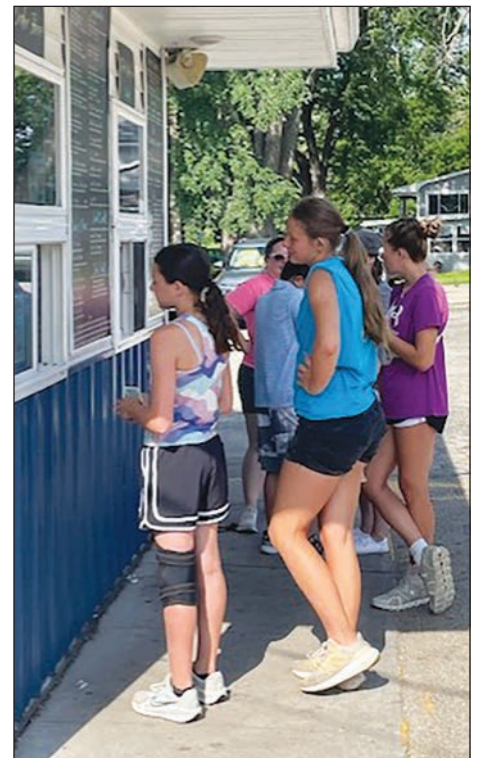
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# From morning markets to moonlit music...

## Discover what makes Oshkosh weekends so special!

### JULY 17

**Waterfest**  
Leach Amphitheater  
5:45pm gates open  
A thrilling night of rock by the river! **Headliner: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** with Cigar Store Indians and Fox Menagerie.

### JULY 18

See "Wish" for FREE!

**Family Outdoor Movie Night**  
Leach Amphitheater  
6:30pm gates open  
Movie starts at dusk  
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to cozy up for a movie under the stars! Kids can also enjoy a bounce house and family fun activities.

### JULY 18-19

**Outdoor Flea Markets**  
Friday 4-8pm:  
Bowenstreet Market  
Saturday 8am-2pm:  
Originals Mall of Antiques  
Whether you're a seasoned treasure hunter or just love the thrill of a good find, spend your weekend thrifting in Oshkosh!

### JULY 19

**Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market**  
8am-12:30pm  
Over 130 vendors with fresh produce, flowers, arts & crafts and live music. Rain or shine. Main and Church Streets.



Scan here to make the most of your summer weekends.

