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For those who preferred a quieter fireworks display during the daytime but still wanted to celebrate with a traditional part of the Fourth of July holiday, the Winneconne Area Chamber of Commerce hosted an afternoon show Friday on the Wolf River. Families gathered on the shore, including at the west fishing pier, along with boaters on the water to watch as the show featured colored smoke, fireballs and smaller fireworks. For more fireworks photos, see page 12.

Town, village consider EMS options

By Anya Kelley
Winneconne News

The town and village of Winneconne have been left to decide how they will provide their communities with emergency medical services (EMS) after the City of Oshkosh said last month they would be dropping service to seven surrounding communities at the end of 2025.

In 2023, Oshkosh proposed a price increase per capita from \$3.60 to \$11.40 for 2024 and an increase to \$31.20 for 2025.

"No one was happy about the way that they provided the information," Village Administrator Logan Fuller said. "But at the end of the day, I fully hope and expect any municipality to do what's in their constituents' (and) their residents' best inter-



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est."

When the issue first arose, Fuller said the City of Oshkosh wasn't giving a comprehensive breakdown as to why costs were increasing so drastically.

"Come to find out, the former fire chief [Mike] Stanley was baselining a lot of his costs off of another fourth ambulance,"

Fuller said.

When Fire Chief Tim Heiman took over for Stanley and Rebecca Grill was appointed as the city manager, Fuller said the village was given "an honest approach" to the EMS issue. Between the cost of service and issues with staffing, adding a fourth ambulance was off the table for Oshkosh.

Every municipality takes EMS funding from their general operating budget. That budget only increases with net new construction – something Winneconne doesn't have much of. The community hasn't grown with inflation, and Fuller

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Dobbe tames Scottish links on memorable golf trip

By Steve Clark
Winneconne News

Nearly every golfing legend has taken those handful of steps across the legendary Swilcan Bridge on the 18th hole at the historic Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland.

Winneconne's Austin Dobbe now knows exactly how it feels.

As a part of Team USA taking part in the Scotland Junior Golf Invitational in late June, Dobbe had the chance to see the Old Course and stand on the stone bridge that is a landmark for golfers everywhere.

"There is probably nothing like it when it comes to golf, being on that historic stage. It was awesome," Dobbe said. "The best thing about the trip was getting to go there with my dad (Jacob) and stand next to him on the Swilcan Bridge."

Dobbe also played some pretty good golf on the tour.

The three-time state qualifier who earned his way into the Division 1 field as an individual at this year's state meet, spent two days blistering the course at North Berwick Golf Club to top the standings among the U.S. players.

Using the Stapleford scoring system, Dobbe accumulated 69 points in his two rounds to finish five ahead of the rest of the golfers. He was one of only two golfers in the 11-player field to score at least 30 points in each round of the tournament, totaling 36 on the first day and 33 to close out the win.

"After (the state tournament), I wasn't feeling that great but I kind of got past that mental block and put some rounds together," Dobbe said. "I was three points ahead of everyone else and that's a big lead



Submitted photo

Austin Dobbe stands with his father, Jacob, on the legendary Swilcan Bridge at the Old Course at St. Andrews during recent a trip to Scotland. Dobbe participated as a member of Team USA in the Scotland Junior Golf Invitational.

going into the second day. Confidence was super high and the putter was super hot. It couldn't get any better."

Dobbe said he played well the rest of the week, too, although he felt the effects of taking on some professional level courses.

"On the second to last day, we played 27 holes and I was just beat," Dobbe said. "The courses over there are very firm. It's a lot different and a lot harder over there, too."

One of the biggest aspects of playing links golf in Scotland is the wind that players have to deal with. Both North Berwick and St. Andrews are along the eastern coast of Scotland and unprotected against the howling winds off the North Sea.

Dobbe said that starting the back nine on the first day of the tournament at North Berwick, the first two holes were 400-yard, par fours but dead into a still wind. After starting each hole by hitting driver, he was forced to hit long irons into the green instead of being able to simply knock a wedge or short iron onto the putting surface.

It's definitely an experience that will benefit him in the future.

"I got to learn a lot about playing golf with lots of wind and knowing how to play in the wind will make a difference," Dobbe said. "The way the courses were set

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