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Event provides support to local families

By Anya Kelley
Winneconne News

The fourth annual Back to School Fair, dedicated exclusively to families in the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD), is Aug. 11 at the Winneconne Elementary School.

Previously, WCSD partnered with the Oshkosh Area Back to School Fair, but organizers noticed a steady decline in participation from Winneconne families, likely due to the use of general supplies that didn't match WCSD's specific needs.

In response, they launched their own local fair, and the impact was immediate —

participation tripled in the first year. What began with 63 students in the first year has increased to over 80, and they continue to see more families turning to the program for support each year.

"Our goal is simple: to ensure every child is prepared, confident and excited to start the new school year," said Becca Achterberg, one of the fairs lead organizers and a councilor in the district.

At the fair, families who registered beforehand receive backpacks, school supplies, headphones or earbuds, Rogan's shoe vouchers, socks and underwear, clothing, hygiene products, water bottles

and more. Community partners such as the Friends of the Library set up booths offering top-selling books for children to take home, while Children's Wisconsin provides resources to connect families with additional support.

"We're incredibly fortunate to have a community that generously funds this program," Achterberg said.

She noted St. Paul's Lutheran Church supplies backpacks, hygiene items, and shoe funding. Lord of the Lakes Church

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Photo by Tim McEnroe

Classic cars

The annual Winneconne Road Runners Car Show and Fundraiser brought a crowd Saturday to Marble Park to see classic cars as participants competed in 16 unique trophy classes. Proceeds from the event funded scholarships for three area students. For more photos from the event, see page 3.

Unsafe swimming conditions lead to increased beach closures

By Anya Kelley
Winneconne News

Lake Winneconne Park beach has been consistently deemed unsafe for swimming by the Winnebago County Health Department so far this summer after high levels of E. Coli bacteria have been found.

Compared to last year, Winnebago County Public Health has closed the beach 11 times compared to last year's five, and the culprit seems to be a large

population of geese that have moved in.

Public Health environmental specialist Holly Glassford said there are a few factors that can cause E. coli contamination, and the two largest are goose droppings and heavy rainfall.

"Rain is a big factor that can put more pollution in and then spike E. coli levels," Glassford said. "E. coli is basically a fecal indicator organism, so the goose poop is a big thing."

E. coli is the number one bacterium tested for in the Winnebago County lakes. Interns from UW-Oshkosh sample the water daily and the UWO Environmental Research Lab returns results within 18 to 24 hours to close beaches in a timely manner. The interns also count geese to keep track of an increase or decrease in the population size.

Another contamination concern for lakes in the area is blue-green algae. Blue-

green algae release a toxin that can cause skin irritation and upset stomach, and in worst cases, death. Winnebago County Public Health does not test for blooms, but they are easily identifiable by sight. Blue-green algae look like pea soup, Glassford said.

"That's a really difficult thing to monitor across the board, but we try to get

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Grand opening

Brazee Ace Hardware celebrated its grand opening Friday surrounded by friends and family. Store owner Dallas Brazee's four-year-old daughter had the honor of cutting the ribbon with a pair of Ace branded garden shears. The business at 926 E. Main St. has been open since June, providing area residents with a long-awaited hardware store option in Winneconne.

Back to School Fair

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donates socks, gift cards, supplies, and financial support from their Christmas in July program. First Presbyterian Church and the Giles-Luce American Legion Post 364 also contribute funds to help cover shoe costs. Local dental offices Marsh Family Dentistry and Winneconne Family Dentistry provide toothbrushes, tooth-

paste and other dental necessities.

"We also want to recognize and thank the many WCSD families who have generously donated funds and supplies to help sustain our program year after year," Achterberg said. "Their support plays a vital role in keeping the Back to School Fair going strong."

Achterberg and the team also thank Beiser Realty LLC and Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher for their donations to this year's fair. As prices continue to rise, so

does the cost of maintaining and growing the program. She said continued support is essential to ensure WCSD can keep meeting the needs of Winneconne students and families year after year.

For any questions or businesses interested in supporting the program, contact Achterberg at achterbr@w-csd.org. To donate, mail funds to: Winneconne Community School District Back to School Fair (Achterberg) 233 S. Third Ave Winneconne, WI 54986.

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Village decides to join Intergovernmental Agreement Ambulance Board

By Anya Kelley
Winneconne News

The Village of Winneconne voted to join the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Ambulance Board at a special meeting held on July 30 after the City of Oshkosh announced they would be pulling emergency medical services (EMS) from seven communities.

This decision comes after the last village board meeting where they voted to join contingent on the IGA accepting their proposed changes to the written agreement. At the IGA board meeting on July 24, they voted to accept the village's request for a two-thirds vote and denied making any other edits. The IGA then voted to accept the village's membership request contingent on no other changes being made.

Though they voted to join, many board members are concerned about what will happen if the Town of Black Wolf and the Town of Nekimi decide to drop out of the agreement.

Logan Fuller, the Winneconne village administrator, said the two were still in conversation with Oshkosh as the city

said they would only continue to cover Black Wolf, Nekimi and the Town of Algoma after 2025.

The IGA has entered service negotiations with LifeStar EMS and will need facilities for two ambulances. The facilities' costs are estimated to be about \$40,000 for 2025 and \$75,000 in 2026. The location of each facility has not been decided yet, but one will likely be located in the City of Omro.

The village has been in contact with representatives from Waushara County to discuss a possible EMS partnership as well. Waushara County has plans to station another ambulance in the Town of Poy Sippi that could respond to calls in the village in between 19 and 20 minutes. If Black Wolf and Nekimi decide to leave, the village will reevaluate IGA membership and continue talks with Waushara County.

The village board voted to make Michael Bouras, the chair of public safety, the village's trustee on the IGA. He will take his position at the next ambulance board meeting on Thursday.



Photo by Tim McEnroe

Crafts on display

The Winneconne Historical Society Craft Fair was held Saturday at the Winneconne Historical Complex. The craft fair featured unique crafts, jewelry, hardwares and fine arts along with sweets and treats.



Photo by Doug Sasse

Front seat view

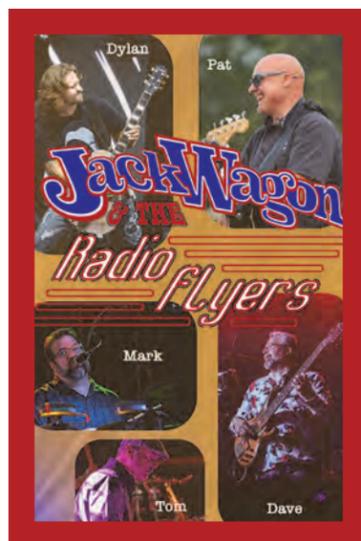
The annual Winneconne Road Runners Car Show and Fundraiser on Saturday at Marble Park provided an opportunity for attendees to get an up-close look at classic cars. In some cases, future drivers could experience what it's like to sit in the driver's seat of one of those cars.

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Family reunion

The Andrew Nelson Annual Family Reunion took place July 13 at Woodey's Bar & Grill. The event included conversations and food, including a Norwegian Coffee Cake called the Traditional Oslo Kringle, which was made by one of Andrew's great, great grandchildren, in celebrating the family's Norwegian heritage. Andrew's oldest grandchild, Betty Kromm, of Oshkosh, passed away in January 2025, just a couple months short of 102. Two of his living grandchildren were in attendance: Larry Eckstein, 101, of Omro, and June Thompson, 94, of Oshkosh. June's younger sister, Neita Holverson, 90, of Appleton, was unable to attend. Relatives from out-of-state came from Illinois and Texas.

Touch-a-Truck event coming to Larsen

Winneconne News
The Town of Clayton Fire Rescue will hold a Touch-a-Truck event at Trailhead Park, 8348 Hickory Ave. behind Station 43 in Larsen.
The event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 16.
Activities include spray water with a fire hose, operating the Jaws of Life, lunch

cooked by firefighters, bake sale, touring the station, exploring the trucks and a basket raffle. The fire department is planning to have fire trucks, an ambulance, construction vehicles, tractors and more to see.
Admission is free and open to all ages. No registration is necessary.

Local history in safe hands

Stories preserved for generations to come
Winneconne News

Housed in a former school building, the library helps make its archives accessible to those interested in the region or researching family history.
But with old buildings comes the cost of maintaining them. In their case, it was the roof.
"It needed a complete replacement," Nelessen said.
The roof dated back to the 1950s when the school was built. This project spurred the Historical Society to partner with the Winneconne Area Community Foundation to open the WAHS Roof Project Fund.
The historical society received support to purchase new professional-grade archival storage supplies.

Archives cared for by the Winchester Area Historical Society (WAHS) will continue to grow, thanks to a grant from the Winneconne Area Community Impact Fund.
The historical society received support to purchase new professional-grade archival storage supplies.
"This project has been on our 'wish list' for some time," said Marina Nelessen, who serves on the Board of WAHS. "This support allows us to safeguard our collections and make them accessible for researchers and the general public."
One way WAHS makes its collections accessible is through the John J. and Ethel Keller History Center and the Karen C. Christianson Memorial Library. The library, which is open to the public, is operated by volunteers who aim to preserve and share the unique local stories of this community.

With two-thirds of the fundraising ahead of them on this project, WAHS is hosting a Class Reunion event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 16 at the Winchester School, 5270 Ann St.
"We're featuring school tours, historic photos, food, games and more," Nelessen said. "It's an opportunity to support WAHS and celebrate the school's history together."

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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Getting our dose of smoke

By Matt Harp
Outdoor Reporter

While it was great to finally get to open the windows for a few nights, that cooler northern air also brought with it the haze of Canadian wildfire smoke.

“Can’t they just put them out?” you might ask. Well, sure, with a lot of effort and expense, but there are actually benefits of letting forest fire burn. When it comes to people, homes and businesses, all should be done to protect them, but in remote areas, not so fast.

Wildfires play a crucial role in shaping and maintaining many ecosystems, acting as a natural disturbance that promotes biodiversity and ecological health. While often perceived as destructive, wildfires can be essential for nutrient cycling, habitat renewal and species diversity.

Here’s a breakdown of some of the good and the bad results of wildfires.

Positive impacts of forest fires include:

Nutrient Cycling - Wildfires release nutrients locked in deadwood and leaf litter back into the soil, making them available for plant growth.

Habitat renewal - Fire can create openings in the forest canopy, allowing sunlight to reach the forest floor and promoting the growth of new plants, including those that provide food and shelter for wildlife.

Biodiversity - Wildfires can create a mosaic of different habitats, with varying degrees of burn intensity, leading to increased species diversity.

Seed germination - Many plant species have seeds that require fire to germinate, ensuring their survival and propagation.

Control of fuel buildup - By burning away accumulated deadwood and undergrowth, wildfires reduce the risk of future, more intense and destructive fires.

Water quality - While wildfires can initially increase runoff and sediment in waterways, the subsequent regrowth of vegetation helps stabilize soils and improve water quality over time.

Wildlife adaptations - Many animals are adapted to fire and can benefit from the new growth and habitat created by fire. For example, some birds nest in burned trees, and deer and elk graze on new shoots.

Certainly, when fires are too frequent, intense, or prolonged you can get negative impacts like loss of vegetation, habitat loss, soil erosion, and reduced air and water quality, but fire is not always a bad thing.

When the fires were burning Yellowstone National Park, people were calling for the firing of those in charge, but they knew the benefits of fire and its necessity. When you look at the park now, you see a better ecology.

Wildfires are a natural and necessary part of many ecosystems, contributing to biodiversity and ecological health. Understanding the role of fire and managing it appropriately is crucial for maintaining healthy and resilient landscapes.

Reach Matt at
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Brennand Airport to hold open house, fly-in

Winneconne News

An open house and fly-in event will feature family-friendly aviation-related activities at Brennand Airport, 3282 Breezewood Lane in the town of Neenah.

EAA Chapter 41 is organizing the event Aug. 9 to celebrate recreational aviation. Food will be available for purchase throughout the event, along with aircraft and vehicles on display, raffle prizes, airplane rides and more. Aircraft displays include the ThedaStar EMT helicopter, Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter and Civil Air Patrol Fox Valley Composite Squadron airplanes.

Other activities include a powered parachute demonstration, kids can fly drones in the Drone Net, flight simulator demonstrations and music by DJ Galaxy. Additional displays include antique and collector cars and town of Vinland fire trucks.

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Festival celebrates magic of glass

The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass in Neenah will hold its annual GLASS Arts Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Executive director Amy G. Moorefield said attendees can browse the grounds and galleries and enjoy an admission free, family-friendly lakeside day. Glass art will be on display and available for sale from more than 40 artists from around the

country and across the globe. The event will also feature the opening of a solo exhibition by the first-place winner of last year’s juried GLASS Arts Festival Award, Michael Mikula.

Festival attendees will witness glass blowing demonstrations with the mini-dragon, “Ray,” as molten glass temperatures climb to over 2,000° F.

Volunteer Needs

Advocap is looking for caring, dependable volunteer drivers to help meet a growing need in the community. The organization said more than 400 people in Winnebago County are waiting for rides to important appointments — rides that could mean better health, less isolation, and more independence.

Advocap’s Volunteer Transportation Program provides free rides to older adults and veterans who need help getting to medical appointments and other essential services. The program partners with Winnebago County ADRC and Veteran Services for referrals, to connect riders

with trained volunteers. Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles, choose which rides they want to give, are reimbursed for mileage and receive training and ongoing support.

To be eligible, volunteers must be 55 or older, have a valid driver’s license, insurance, vehicle registration, and a reliable car. All volunteers must be residents of Winnebago County and pass a background check. Contact Kari at Advocap to learn more about the program and how to apply: 920-426-0150 or kari.tschech@advocap.org



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Fishing team's summer competition heats up

By Camryn Becker
News Contributor

The Summer Slam tournament for the Winneconne High School fishing team is underway.

The current first-place angler, Skye Sarnowski, was fishing earlier this summer in the Butte des Morts Channels with two of her friends when she cast with a perch color spinnerbait. The response was instantaneous; the 34.25-inch Northern Pike struck.

She admits easily, "We had no net at the time, so I handed (my friend) Hailey the rod. She pulled it up, and I grabbed it with my bare hands and landed the fish."

Sarnowski is confident that she can catch bigger fish that would "put [her] higher on the leaderboard." She plans to catch many more fish but is only one crappie shy of the ten total 10 species she needs for the tournament. She currently has a bluegill, a 30-inch catfish, a northern pike, a walleye, a white bass, a smallmouth bass, a largemouth bass, a perch and a sheepshead in the tournament.

Sarnowski and her teammates started fishing for Summer Slam on May 3, the opening day of fishing season, and will continue through Labor Day. However, the fishing season continues until March 1.

As part of the summer competition, they send in two pictures of the fish they catch to the Fish Donkey mobile app. One image must be of them with the fish, and the other must be the same fish on a bump board, which is used to measure the fish. After submitting the photos, the anglers must fill out the length and species in the app so Coach Pat Kolbe can verify the



Photo from Winneconne High School Fishing Team
Skye Sarnowski, shown here with a 34.25-inch Northern Pike, has held the lead throughout most of the Winneconne High School Fishing Team's Summer Slam competition.

catch.

They can submit any fish they catch, with no limits as to where they can fish, but the team typically fishes in Wisconsin. The tournament is new to the students, and it features 20 current and recently graduated Winneconne High School students, making up about half of the fishing team.

Kolbe formed it this year, and it is "designed to encourage our team members to get out fishing all summer long and chase not only big fish, but different species of fish they may not always target," he said. "Seeing their teammates add fish to the leaderboard creates motivation to get out, and [a] positive fishing culture and community within our team."

Currently, Sarnowski holds first place, followed by Brayden Christman, Brennan Jaeger, Wyatt Del Marcelle, Troy Anderson and Noah Jaeger in the top six.

When asked how she was liking the tournament and the fishing team, Sarnowski said, "I like [the tournament] since it motivates me to push myself past my teammates to do better. I like the fishing team since it helps strengthen bonds, build new friendships, and is more motivation to keep fishing and do[ing] what I love."

Noah Jaeger added, "What I like about the tournament is that I already fish a lot anyways, so it adds an extra layer of fun to what I'm already doing. It's also cool because I can try to target species that will help me pass them up."

Kolbe also clarifies that he "encourage[s] catch-and-release, but anglers are allowed to keep the fish to eat if they wish."

Team members said the tournament is the perfect combination of fun and competition among teammates, making it an ideal path for growth among the anglers.

Herd renames golf outing to honor former assistant coach

Winneconne News

The Wisconsin Herd will dedicate its annual golf outing in memory of former assistant coach Joe Wolf.



Wolf

The Wisconsin Herd Joe Wolf Memorial Golf Outing will take place Aug. 27 at Lake Breeze Golf Course, 633 Ball Prairie Road in Winneconne. Registration for individuals and foursomes is open now at herdgolf.givesmart.com.

Each golfer will receive 18 holes, golf cart access, lunch, dinner, one drink ticket, one \$50 Herd Pro Shop gift card, and

one ticket to a Herd home game for the 2025-26 season.

Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. followed by a dinner reception and awards ceremony. The event will also include a raffle featuring NBA/NBA G League jerseys, as well as other prizes, to raise money for the Joe Wolf Foundation. The foundation supports various charities, including youth development programs, food distribution for those in need, cancer research and heart disease prevention.

Wolf passed away in September 2024 at age 59. He had been an assistant coach with the team since October 2023 and spent part of his career playing and coaching for the Milwaukee Bucks.

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Winnebago County Solid Waste celebrates milestone

By Jonathan Richie
Winneconne News

By the time the summer of 1975 started Saigon had already fallen under the Gerald Ford administration, Jaws premiered in movie theaters across the nation, the Superdome opened in New Orleans and Bruce Springsteen released Born to Run.

Also, during that summer, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors created the Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB) on July 15, 1975. The board has spent the last five decades as leaders in sustainable waste management, environmental stewardship and regional collaboration.

Solid Waste director Kathy Hutter said that the industry is completely different today than when the SWMB started.

“Fifty years ago, the common practice was dumping garbage, industrial waste and construction (materials) into a pit in the ground with little to no regulation,” Hutter said. “Now we not only have laws that govern what can and cannot go into a landfill but also specific engineered design, groundwater monitoring, filling plans, methane gas collection systems, regular inspections, annual reporting and long-term care planning for end of life.”

Over the last 50 years the SWMB led the planning and oversight of multiple major facilities and initiatives including:

- Snell Road Landfill (1976-1990)
- Sunnyview Co-Disposal Landfill (1989-2013)
- Sunnyview Sludge Landfill (1989-2016)
- Winnebago County’s Material Recovery Facility (1993-2002)
- Landfill Gas to Energy Program (1995–present)
- Transfer station and residential drop-off area (2002–present)
- Ken Robl Conservation Park (opened in 2018)

The Winnebago County Solid Waste department was created to oversee the operation of the county’s solid waste management systems.

The SWMB also has regional partnerships as a part of the Tri-County BOW (Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago) with key agreements within the area including:

- BOW Intergovernmental Recycling Agreement (2001)
- BOW Intergovernmental Solid Waste Disposal Agreement (2003; amended in 2020)
- County/Municipal Recycling Agreement (1993)
- Winnebago County Local Government Support Agreement (2003)

These partnerships have allowed the



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Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz speaks to the Solid Waste Management Board last month during the 50th Anniversary celebration of the board.

region to consolidate landfill airspace through 2042, unify recycling infrastructure through 2039, and provide municipal support for SWMB programs through 2027. Collectively, the Tri-County Partnership has generated an estimated \$48 million in cost savings for residents and businesses from its inception through 2020.

Hutter added sharing the infrastructure with other counties has been a big money-saver for Winnebago County.

“This reduced the cost of financing multi-million-dollar infrastructure needed to provide adequate landfill airspace and effective recycling for our residents and local businesses alike. Winnebago County would have shouldered those expenses completely on our own and passed them onto our customers through higher

waste and recycling tipping fees,” Hutter said.

Looking ahead, the SWMB is committed to advancing waste diversion efforts, supporting the long-term care of closed landfills, and planning for resilient, sustainable facilities that serve future generations.

“When this department was founded, the world looked very different,” said Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz. “Waste management is not just about disposal — it’s about stewardship of our environment, protection of public health, and ensuring a livable future for generations to come.”

More information about the Winnebago County Solid Waste Management Board can be found at winnebago-county-solidwaste.com.

Middle school announces new start time

Winneconne News

Changes are being made for this school year’s schedule at Winneconne Middle School.

The middle school building will be open to students at 7:45 a.m. Students must stay in the commons area until 8:15 a.m. and are asked to leave the building immediately upon dismissal at 3:15 p.m. unless involved in a supervised activity.

Hour 1 class will start at 8:22 a.m. daily for all middle school classes.

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School group takes European summer trip



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The Winneconne group stands in front of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.



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The group traveled to see the Ganymede statue next to Lake Lucerne in Switzerland.

By Anya Kelley
Winneconne News

Students from the Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) traveled to France, Germany and Switzerland as their yearly school trip in June.

Trisha Buelow, a high school social studies teacher and student council advisor, started organizing the trips in 2018 through a company called EF Tours. For this trip, students and families raised money through concession stands, a soup competition, “egg my yard” and Kwik Trip card sales.

“One of the students traveled on the 2024 and 2025 trips because of his incred-

ible work ethic,” Buelow said. “I hope to let families know that if they are interested in travel, we will do all we can to make it happen and they won’t regret it.”

A few of the students that traveled shared their favorite moments from the trip. Some of them had left the country before, but for many, this was their first time.

Lizzie Landolt said this trip was nothing like anything she had experienced before.

“The no AC and ice water was definitely a harder change, so when I got home, I was grateful for those little things,” Landolt said. “My favorite trip memory was when we were on the bus and the boys at the very back started doing karaoke. It was a moment that I feel connected us.”

Joseph Hutchinson had also never been out of the country – he had never been on a plane, either. His favorite landmark on the trip was Lucerne, Switzerland.

“In Lucerne, we took a scenic boat ride to the bottom of Mount Rigi and then took a steep train ride to the top of this mountain to take in some incredible views,” Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson said he’s most grateful to have been able to experience all of this with his friends. Hutchinson’s mother, Lisa, also went on the trip and said she went to experience Paris because it was a



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The top of Mount Rigi provided a scenic view while the group was in Switzerland.

bucket list city for her. She said that her favorite memory was the laughs she shared with her travel partners.

Lauren Wiedemeier also said Mount Rigi was her favorite.

“The view, the smell, the flowers and the company I was in really was the most wholesome and eye-opening experience for me,” Wiedemeier said.

“I’d like to just thank my school, Winneconne High School, for giving me these

opportunities and especially Mr. and Mrs. Buelow for allowing me to bug them constantly and allowing me to do all the fundraising they offered to actually make it possible for me to do this,” Oliver Thill said. “Because without them, I don’t think I could have afforded to do it myself, and I just know that I will be a different person because of them opening my eyes up to world travel. Thank you, [both] so much.”

The next trip will be to Ireland, England and Scotland in June 2026, and Japan in 2027. An informational meeting about those trips will be held on Sept. 17 in the high school LGL. Interested parties can email Buelow at buelowt@w-csd.org. Anyone who enrolls early gets a \$200 discount and early enrollment goes through October.

“Every time I have traveled, I have come back a better person,” Buelow said. “Winneconne is an amazing place - I love living and working here - but seeing how others live around the world, even for a short time, really is an eye opener.”

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

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 Pastor Kevin Heffernan
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 Monday: 5 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous.
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Jaron Warrick	38
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Evan Zemke	39

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Jerry Smith	31
Kent Rohm	32
Ron Reshel	32
Bob Reinke	33
Craig Mueller	33
Dave Pohlman	33
Evan Zemke	33

July 30

North

Fox Valley Metrology	249.0 Pts.
Swing Shack	249.0 Pts.
Lake Breeze	243.0 Pts.
The Big Show	241.0 Pts.
Westward Ho	228.5 Pts.
Woodeyes	221.0 Pts.

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Bankfirst	254.5 Pts.
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Low Gross Scores

Troy Evers	35
Mike Vaughan	38
Brian Ivanchanko	39
Jaron Warrick	39
Mark Shepherd	39

Low Net Scores

Dave Bogan	27
Brian Ivanchanko	33
Troy Evers	33
Drew Lichtnam	33
Scott Holland	33

Top performances earn all-state recognition

Winneconne News
 The Wisconsin Track and Field Coaches Association recognized a number of Winneconne boys track and field members with all-state recognition.

The association awards the top eight performances at the state meet across all three divisions with all-state recognition.

Winneconne, which finished second in the Division 2 boys standings this season, had one individual and one relay honored.

The state-title winning 1,600-meter relay team consisting of seniors Cody McLeod, Jack Quigley, junior Grant Wenzel and sophomore Koltyn Kachur garnered the accolades after posting a time

of 3:21.23 in the finals to win the title. It was the fourth fastest time overall at the state meet and Winneconne was the lone non-Division 1 team to make the list.

Junior Silas Sarbo and freshman Camden Plotz were alternates for the team and Sarbo ran with the team in the preliminaries to advance to the finals.

Also honored by the coaches association was junior Trey Zemke, who finished second in the Division 2 pole vault by clearing 14-feet, 6-inches. He was one of four vaulters across the three divisions to clear 14-6 at the state meet, which was tied for the third best mark.

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Saturday, Aug. 9
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Power Play Trio, 5 p.m., Fin 'n' Feather

Sunday, Aug. 10
 Lions of Butte des Morts Carp Festival, 11 a.m., Lions Park, Butte des Morts

Historical Society Museum open, noon-4 p.m., Marble Park

Rodellow the Kid Duo, 2 p.m., Fin 'n' Feather

Monday, Aug. 11
 Back to School Fair (registration required), 3 p.m., Winneconne Elementary School

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The Weekly Whisk

Hawaiian Roll Cinnamon Rolls

For anyone looking for an easy, crowd-pleasing breakfast or brunch treat, these Hawaiian Roll Cinnamon Rolls are just the thing. Soft, buttery Hawaiian rolls get a sweet cinnamon-sugar makeover, then are baked to golden perfection and drizzled with a creamy glaze. No dough mixing or rising time needed — just simple ingredients, quick prep and irresistible flavor. They're perfect for lazy weekends, holiday mornings or anytime somebody is craving something warm and gooey straight from the oven.

For Hawaiian Roll Cinnamon Rolls:

- 1 package Hawaiian Rolls
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- pinch of salt

- For the icing:
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
 - 1 tablespoon butter, softened
 - 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish. Slice rolls in half horizontally, keeping tops and bot-

toms connected.

Stir together brown sugar, cinnamon, butter and salt in a small bowl until well combined and set aside. Spread the bottom half of the buns with 3/4 cup of butter mixture and place top halves on top. Place rolls in the prepared baking dish; spread remaining butter mixture on top.

Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before icing.

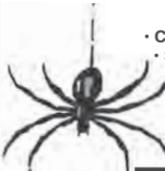
Meanwhile, beat 1 tablespoon butter with cream cheese, salt, vanilla and powdered sugar with an electric mixer until smooth. Spread icing over warm rolls.

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Obituaries

Mildred "Millie" Eileen Thorson Mathison

Mildred "Millie" Eileen Thorson Mathison of Winchester, WI, celebrated her 100th birthday on April 7, 2025, and passed away peacefully at her home at Henrietta on July 31, 2025.



Millie was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 64 years, Norris Wayne Mathison, and by nine siblings.

She is survived by her nine children: Janis "Matty" Mathison of Shawano, WI; Mary Harrington of Oxford, MS; Jean (Mike) Janssen of St. Paul, MN; Barbara Mathison of Madison, WI; Bonnie (Tim) Rennich of Minot, ND; Sandy Peterson of Appleton, WI; Debbie Mathison (Tim Pingel) of Neenah, WI; John (Cindy) Mathison of Draper, UT; and David (Sadie) Mathison of Duluth, MN. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church in Winchester, Millie demonstrated unwavering faith in God and a deep commitment to serving others.

Her family was Millie's greatest joy. She adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and took deep pride in their lives.

Well-known for her exquisite rosemaking, Millie created hundreds of intricately painted pieces that are cherished by family and friends. Millie baked with love, cooked with heart, sewed with

care, and painted with soul.

Millie had a passion for the Green Bay Packers and never passed up a good 30% off Kohl's coupon. Even in her later years, she loved a competitive game of Rook, Five Crowns, or Rummikub—often playing by her own rules and usually winning.

She was deeply rooted in her community of Henrietta, where she found connection, belonging, and friendship.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at Grace Lutheran Church 8396 Steeple Hill Drive in Winchester with a luncheon following. Visitation is Monday, August 4, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 5, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Winchester. A note of reference; the church elevator is not in working order, so the visitation on Monday will be on the first level of the church and accessible for all. The visitation and funeral on Tuesday will be in the church sanctuary on the second level of the church, accessible by stairs only.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Grace Lutheran Church Elevator Fund, 8396 Steeple Hill Drive, Larsen, WI 54947 or to the Winchester Area Historical Society, 5270 Ann Street, Larsen, WI 54947.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.



Walter "Wally" Robert Wucki

Walter "Wally" Robert Wucki, 77, of Omro, WI, passed away peacefully in his



home on Friday, August 1, 2025. He was born on August 12, 1947, in Neillsville, WI to Robert and Lillian (Habal) Wucki. He married Patricia Schultz on June 15, 1968 in Neillsville, WI. Wally and

Patty were high school sweethearts who recently celebrated their 57th anniversary.

Wally served in the Army during the Vietnam era stationed in Germany. Pat was able to join him there and they traveled to many countries in Europe. He then worked 38 years at Oshkosh Truck as a Sr. Lab Tech, especially proud of his contribution to the Striker, a huge airport snowblower. He made many work buddies, and took the phrase "Whistle while you work" to the extreme. Wally knew how to fix just about anything, and he built numerous projects over the years from trellises to playhouses to cabinetry. He even built a stage for his little granddaughters to tap dance on. The biggest project was when Wally and Pat built their home of 43 years in rural Omro. They have always thought of this as their paradise on earth, spending countless hours developing gardens and woodland trails and teaching their children the value of hard work. Wally enjoyed chain-sawing and splitting wood for the winter woodpile each year as much as he loved to bow and gun hunt during

deer season. His favorite things were his Ford Jubilee tractor, Yamaha snowmobile trips up North, riding his Gold Wing to work most months of the year, and camping around a bonfire with an Old Fashioned. In later years, they took many trips throughout the United States with Route 66 and the Great River Road being their favorites. They always dreamed of returning to Anna Maria Island, FL and the Finger Lakes region, NY.

He is survived by his wife, Patty Wucki; and their three children, Tim (Michelle) Wucki, Jessica (David) McMullin, and Jason (Jennifer) Wucki; sister, Irene (Bob) Linstedt; grandchildren, Lillian and Katherine McMullin, Colton and Taylor Wucki; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Joan Tesch, Dianne (Ray) Shreve, John (Diane) Schultz, and Tony (Mary) Schultz; nieces and nephews Paula Linstedt, Matt (Vicki) Falcone, Denice Falcone, Brian Falcone, Julie Tesch, Annette DeYoung, and Eric (Melissa) Schultz; and numerous cousins and good friends.

A visitation for family and friends will take place on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home, 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 Madison Ave. Omro, followed by the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in the Winneconne Cemetery.

If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.



Endless Adventures pairs youth with animals at County Fair

By Michael J. Cooney
News Contributor

The Endless Adventures show at the Winnebago County Fair gives youth ages 8 to 18 with special needs a chance to show a goat, calf, sheep or pig alongside an experienced 4-H or FFA exhibitor. Each participant is paired with a mentor who provides the animal and teaches them how to show it in the ring.

The program is held in honor of Josh Perry, a former 4-H member with Asperger's syndrome. Perry was remembered as having "a heart of gold" and finding happi-

ness showing dairy cattle. Organizers say the event continues his legacy by giving others the same opportunity to work with animals.

Event organizer Hailey Domke, 17, of Winneconne, created Endless Adventures and has organized it for the past two years. Domke is a senior at Winneconne High School, president of its FFA chapter and a member of the Friends 4-H Club.

"It's allowing kids with special needs to be able to show an animal," Domke said. "It's not their animal. It's youth from Winnebago County's animals."



Photo by Michael Cooney

Participants in the Endless Adventures show last week at the Winnebago County Fair were provided a chance to show animals, including a calf. The fair was held Wednesday through Sunday at the Sunnyview Expo Center.

Domke explained that the mentors are paired with participants at random.

"They're paired up just randomly, and they're able to pick what animal they want to show," she said.

This year, 13 participants took part in the show, supported by more than 20 helpers. Domke said she feels good about what the program offers.

"I feel pretty good about this because I'm giving a lot of kids an opportunity to do something that they don't think they'd be able to," she said.

Winnebago County is one of the few

counties in Wisconsin offering this type of program.

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Village of Winneconne Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Planned Unit Development Ordinance

The Village of Winneconne Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Board Room at Village Hall (30 South 1st Street, Winneconne, 54986).

The Village Board will hear comments from interested persons objecting to or supporting the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance. The Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning process is intended to provide a flexible land use and design regulation tool that allows for creativity in development and efficient use of land while preserving community character, protecting natural features, and promoting public benefits not achievable through conventional zoning. The process includes detailed planning, review by the Planning Commission, and final approval by the Village Board. The full proposed ordinance is available at Village Hall (920-582-4381).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of the Town of Wolf River will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, located at 8800 County Road II, Fremont, Wisconsin, on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. to consider the following:

Amend the Town of Wolf River All-Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance to more closely align with the new Winnebago County ATV ordinance.

A copy of all proposed changes will be available for review at the town's website, the town hall, and the Fremont Post office.

All interested persons wishing to be heard at the Public Hearings are invited to be present.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk

Dated this 1st day of August, 2025

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Goose droppings and heavy rainfall are two of the largest factors that have contributed to higher than normal levels of E. coli bacteria at the Lake Winneconne Park beach so far this summer.

Lake Winneconne

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the messaging out to look for those conditions,” Glassford said. “When in doubt, stay out. That’s what we tell people.”

Blue-green algae have not been seen when water samples have been taken at Lake Winneconne, but anyone in or around the water should report new blooms to the Department of Natural Resources, Glassford said. E. coli contamination can’t be seen by the naked eye, but

Glassford said if there is a large population of geese or goose droppings in or near the shore, it’s best to avoid swimming in the water.

Conditions of the water can change rapidly. Depending on wind, rain and temperature, E. coli can migrate to another area or die off. Sometimes, all it takes is the geese to leave.

“They like grassy areas like [the beach] where they can easily just fly in from the water and they have a nice open area where they can see that there’s not any predators,” Glassford said. “They may

even feel safe enough to nest there, and unfortunately, if they do nest there that means they’re probably going to stay there for the rest of the summer, and they’ll probably try to return again next year.”

Some counties have employed goose deterrents to keep them away from the shores. These deterrents are non-lethal and include things like predator decoys and lights and sounds.

Generally, boating and fishing are still safe when the E. coli levels are high. Glassford recommends handwashing before eating while out on the water and show-

ering if someone has come in contact with large amounts of contaminated water. Cooked fish are safe to consume.

The DNR has a beach closings and advisories map available online at apps.dnr.wi.gov/beachhealth/healthmap.aspx. The state of Wisconsin does not require water testing, so many counties don’t participate. Glassford said to check the map for closures, but if a lake isn’t listed, use discretion before swimming. Blue-green algae blooms can be reported to DNRHABS@wisconsin.gov. A list of reporting guidelines is available on the DNR website.



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