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## Board approves ordinance code changes

By Anya Kelley  
Winneconne News

The Village of Winneconne Board voted at its Aug. 19 meeting to change sections of the Personnel and Finance Committee ordinance code.

The proposed changes are located in section 19-49 appointment of committee, section 19-50 organization of board and section 19-51 general powers and duties.

As the ordinance stood, the three longest standing trustees serve on the Personnel and Finance Committee. The change allows the village president to elect the three "most qualified trustees." The ratio-



Fuller

nale provided in the meeting packet said, "[this] ensures selection is based on skills, experience, and relevant expertise, rather than solely on tenure, allowing for a more capable and strategically aligned committee."

"The reason why that was suggested, and per conversa-

tion with personnel and finance, it really just comes back down to we want people with the highest financial acumen to be able to stand there and problem solve some of these things," Village Administrator Logan Fuller said.

The second change, also under section 19-49, alters the language around financial compensation to state that the committee members do not receive additional compensation rather than no compensation. Fuller and Village Clerk Ahlana Saray said they wanted to reduce ambiguity.

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Photo from Winneconne Public Library

## Colorful art

The first ever "Art with Ang" was held Aug. 19 at the Winneconne Public Library. Adults attending the watercolor painting class made cards with Ang Breunig's guidance. The class was designed to explore foundational painting techniques while discovering the creative flow of neurographic art. Students learned basic watercolor skills alongside unique methods to express mindfulness and thoughts through flowing, abstract lines.

## County sales tax resolution delayed until September

By Bethanie Gengler  
Winneconne News

A resolution proposed by Supervisor Chuck Farrey directing staff to draft an ordinance for a proposed 0.5% countywide sales tax was pulled from the Winnebago County Board agenda on Aug. 19 by Farrey, who said he plans to bring it back to the board in September.

The resolution introduced by Farrey was pulled to allow time for additional

comments from the public and municipalities, according to Board Chair Tom Egan.

County Executive Gordon Hintz gave an informational overview on a county sales tax at the meeting. The board also discussed the possibility of implementing a sales tax ordinance and is expected to vote next month on a resolution directing staff to draft the ordinance. That ordinance would then go to the board for a final vote in October to meet the April

1, 2026, effective date listed in the resolution. The sales tax would apply to the same items taxed under Wisconsin's 5% state sales tax, bringing the total rate to 5.5% in Winnebago County.

Public comments at the meeting were split, with speakers both supporting and opposing the tax. Supporters, including former Menasha Mayor Don Merkes, argued it would help reduce property taxes and capture revenue from non-residents

who use local services. Opponents argued it's a regressive tax that will impact the poorest residents the most.

With an additional 0.5% sales tax, a household spending an estimated \$20,000 per year on taxable purchases would pay about \$100 more annually, which is approximately \$8.33 per month or 27 cents per day.

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## Family inspired to help islanders on Roatan

By Anya Kelley  
Winneconne News

While watching HGTV, Kim and Cyndi Jansen saw the Island of Roatan showcased on the screen. They were looking for a place to escape the frigid Wisconsin winter, and it turned out to be inexpensive compared to other tropical places.

In 2014, the Jansen's took their first trip to Roatan. On their second day, they met a couple from Canada and another from Minnesota that invited them to play dice with a woman named Nidia Webster. Webster is known as the Mother Teresa of the island, and has devoted her life to helping the underprivileged, especially youth, on the island. Cyndi won \$100 during their game.

"I said to her, 'could you do something with this?' And she was like, 'of course,'" Cyndi said.

The Jansen's became enthralled with Webster and her charity work and have been going back to Roatan every winter to visit her. They've brought their entire family to Roatan, and the impact on them has been long-lasting.

The Jansen's began to rally the community around helping the islanders on Roatan. In 2015, the Larsen-Winchester Lions Club donated wheelchairs and walkers. Their youngest granddaughter Carly held a backpack drive at Woodland Elementary School in Kimberly and raised \$900 and collected 230 new backpacks for kids on the island. Winneconne Thrift and Gift collected duffle bags, excess soccer cleats, baseballs and fun seasonal items to send to the island.

In recent years, Roatan has developed more reliable electricity and cellular service allowing outsiders to send donations directly to the island. The Lions Club donates \$1,000 to Roatan Because We Care, Webster's foundation, and Winneconne Thrift and Gift donates a portion of Cyndi's volunteering grant to the foundation every year. St. Mary's Parish helps to collect donation dollars as well.

Children on the island are required to wear specific uniforms and teachers are fined if they are caught teaching kids that aren't dressed right. The average uniform costs about \$45 per child – a steep price to pay for families making pennies on the dollar. Last year, the Lions Club donations were able to fulfill the islands skirt drive, helping kids across Roatan get an education.

Earlier this summer, Webster sent the Jansen's a letter. In it she said, "Let's keep our faith and prayers strong. God has the last say. I did receive the money from your wonderful Lions Club 24 hours ago. Orders on the skirts have been made and yes, with this our school skirt drive will be 100% fulfilled. Thank them for securing and giving hope to all our kids and their parents who are less fortunate. We, as a team have stepped in to play a tiny role in brightening their future."

Kim and Cyndi said Roatan has become their second home.



Submitted photo

Kim and Cyndi Jansen have been helping people in Roatan since starting to take trips to the island in 2014.



Submitted photo

Kim and Cyndi Jansen have seen many ways in which people in Roatan can benefit from donations.



Submitted photo

The Winneconne community has been helpful in adding to Kim and Cyndi Jansen's charity work in Roatan.

"We have gotten to know many local people and they are wonderful, god loving people," Cyndi said. "They just need a change to break the cycle of no education and poverty. We both feel like we have received way more from them than what we

have given." Kim and Cyndi said the Winneconne community has been a cornerstone in their giving ability. They said they are "blessed by our generous and caring family and friends." Donations can be made to the Island of Roatan by contacting Webster at Roatan Because We Care on Facebook.

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### Correction

Aug. 20, p. 4: In the "School reunion brings former students back together" article, Winchester Area Historical Society bought the building and land from Peter Christianson, who had purchased it from the Winneconne Community School District. The time capsule that was opened during the event was put in in 1958.

# Summer reading program concludes with party

By Anya Kelley  
Winneconne News

The Winneconne Public Library wrapped up its summer reading program with an End of the Summer Party on Aug. 18.

The event included prize drawings, a hot dog lunch for families and an ice cream bar. The local Girl Scout leaders donated boxes of cookies for each family that attended.

Over 130 guests attended the drawing and lunch to wrap up the summer.

"A huge thank you to everyone that came to celebrate the end of summer," the staff posted on Facebook. "Not a drop of ice cream left here."

Amanda O'Neal, the library director, said this summer was "a remarkable success." The summer reading program had 530 kids, and 333 teens and adults participated. In 10 weeks, the younger group read 11,522 books and the older group logged over 8,415 hours of reading.

The summer reading program also featured a plethora of craft days, movie events and a lunch program with 400 kids registered. In just six weeks, over 1,600 meals were served.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of the Friends of the Winneconne Library, Winneconne Area Assistance Center, Winneconne Men's Club, Winneconne Area Community Foundation and the Winneconne Thrift and Gift," O'Neal said. "None of our summer reading program would be possible without their continuous support."

"Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating another fantastic summer at the library," O'Neal said.



Photo from Winneconne Public Library

More than 130 people attended the End of Summer Party Aug. 18 at the Winneconne Public Library.

# Town board discusses flooding, ambulance situation

By Anya Kelley  
Winneconne News

The Town of Winneconne's board held its monthly meeting Thursday to discuss several events in the area.

Tensions were high throughout the meeting as the board discussed what action to take regarding flooding on Clark Point Road and Rivermoor Drive, as well as the proceedings of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Ambulance Board they voted to join last month.

Residents on the north side of Clark Point Road sent a letter to the town requesting help to find a watershed grant to improve the area's ability to withstand heavy rain. There was further discussion on what might have caused flooding to become a bigger issue in recent years, and residents in the audience pointed to a long driveway that was paved a few years ago.

The board voted not to act at this time due to money constraints, but President

Eric Lang said he would do research himself and bring the issue back to the board at a later date.

Like Clark Point Road, a property on Rivermoor Drive is experiencing flooding due to an underground culvert that was privately filled on the property before the current owners bought it. The property owner asked the board to discuss what types of aid they could provide, but the board decided against taking action, stating it was a private matter for the landowner.

The conversation turned fraught when Ryan Koch, town supervisor and elected commissioner for the IGA, brought back his report from this month's ambulance board meetings. The town board was slated to vote to decide whether they would allow Koch to sign the ambulance agreement at the next IGA meeting.

Town Supervisor Dale Burghardt, who

opposed joining the IGA to start, raised many concerns about the contract they were potentially entering, citing Black Wolf and Nekimi's potential deal with the City of Oshkosh and the ambiguity of infrastructure costs and ownership as red flags.

The board voted to allow Koch to sign the contract contingent on the per capita cost being \$39.97 to protect the town from any price hikes due to other municipalities exiting the IGA.

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# Area teachers invited to apply for grants

Winneconne News

Winneconne Community School District educators are encouraged to apply to the Winneconne Area Community Foundation's (WACF) competitive grant opportunity for local educators.

Applications are open through Oct. 15 with grant awards of up to \$2,500 available. Grant projects must have approval from school principals before submission.

The Winneconne Area Education Fund Grant Program supports specific projects with materials or new programs that enhance student experiences and support learning. The Foundation welcomes innovative approaches that build on existing services or programs, as well as new ideas that go outside the box of classroom learning.

Previous awards include support for Norbert Rich School Forest equipment used on field trips, classroom books for special events and robotics equipment to strengthen area workforce development.

The Foundation encourages interested teachers to apply or contact them to discuss a project. For full eligibility and to apply, visit the Foundation's website at WinneconneAreaCF.org.

Successful applicants will be recognized Nov. 12 at a community event, Celebrate Education in Winneconne.



The Norbert Rich School Forest has received grant support in previous years.

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## Winchester Craft Fair slated for Sept. 6

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The Annual Winchester Craft, Farm and Holiday Fair is set from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Town of Winchester Municipal Grounds, 8522 Parkway Lane in Larsen.

The event features more than 75 vendors. Food will be available.

The Town of Winchester Fire Department will be hosting an open house. Proceeds will benefit the fire department.

## Financial information program postponed

Winneconne News

A Wealth Wisdom: Smart Strategies For Financial Success with Brian Tisler program has been postponed until November. The event was to be held Tuesday at the Winneconne Public Library.

The library posted that the event was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances and to stay tuned for the new date.

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# Shallow Lakes Chronicles

## Hunting safe starts with good tree selection

By Matt Harp  
Outdoor Reporter

The DNR is reminding hunters to avoid placing deer stands in or near ash trees.



Harp

I would take that a bit further and note that any tree should be inspected and deemed appropriate for your stand.

Most ash trees in the southern two-thirds of Wisconsin are dead or dying due to the emerald ash borer, and infestations in the northern part of the state are rapidly expanding. Emerald ash borer has been confirmed in all 72 Wisconsin counties, and unreport-

ed infestations are also likely to be present.

It is important to place and maintain tree stands carefully, as trees infested with emerald ash borer may unexpectedly snap or drop large branches. Hunters should also be cautious around ash trees when on the ground, especially in windy conditions, as infested trees are susceptible to branch and stem breakage.

“Dead and dying ash trees are structurally weaker than healthy trees, so they are not safe places to put deer stands,” said Bill McNee, DNR Forest Health Specialist. “In many cases, it can be hard to tell if a tree has been infested by emerald ash borer, so hunters should place deer stands in other types of trees instead.”

Tree stand accidents are the leading cause of serious injury to deer hunters. Research shows that one in four bowhunters has experienced a fall or near-fall from an elevated stand. Hunters can help keep themselves safe by following some basic rules and best practices, regardless of the

type of tree selected.

Follow these basic rules of tree stand safety:

- No matter the type of tree stand, basic safety rules should always be observed.
- Always wear a full-body harness (also known as a fall-arrest system). Connect to your tether line and keep that line short. The tether is designed to keep the hunter in their seat, not to catch them after they fall.
- Always have three points of contact while climbing into and out of the tree stand, whether it’s two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand.
- Always use a haul line to raise and lower an unloaded firearm or bow into and out of the stand. The haul line can also be used to haul other things, such as a heavy backpack.
- Use a lifeline when climbing up and down, being sure to remain connected from the time you leave the ground to the time you put your feet on the ground.
- The DNR offers a webpage with additional tree stand safety information, including a brief tree stand safety course.

Ash trees can be identified by looking for two key features: 1) opposite branching patterns, with two branches coming off the main stem directly across from one another; 2) compound leaves with 5-11 leaflets.

When traveling for hunting season, obtain firewood close to where it will be burned to reduce the chance of spreading tree-killing insects and diseases such as emerald ash borer, spongy moth and oak wilt.

Dry firewood with loose bark has the lowest risk of spreading harmful insects or diseases. Purchasing certified firewood is another option, as it is widely available and is seasoned or treated to eliminate pests and diseases. Bundles of certified firewood have a printed label showing certification.

More information about emerald ash borer, signs and symptoms of infestation and where this pest has been found is available on the DNR’s Emerald Ash Borer webpage.

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

## Grant used to complete gazebo project

Winneconne News

A community-driven and grant-supported beautification project has brought new blooms to the heart of Winneconne.

Thanks to a grant last year from the Winneconne Area Community Impact Fund, the Village of Winneconne’s Beautification Committee has successfully completed a landscaping project around the Lake Winneconne Park gazebo.

This initiative replaced aging plantings with fresh soil, weed barriers, landscape edging and a colorful array of new plants, all framed by new mulch and stone. The work — driven by committee volunteers

— has “rebloomed” the gazebo into a more welcoming and picturesque space for residents and visitors alike.

“The Beautification Committee does not receive public funds from the village,” said Joanne Mary Loy, a committee member involved in the effort. “Our projects rely on donations, so this grant made this project possible.”

Beautification projects like these foster community spirit, enhance local events and weddings that support the local economy and create more inviting and enjoyable spaces for park visitors.



Photo from Winneconne Area Community Foundation

The Lake Winneconne Park gazebo has been renovated using a grant from the Winneconne Area Community Foundation.

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## Village Board

FROM PAGE 1

Along with allowing the board president to select the three most qualified trustees to serve, the president will also choose who to appoint the chairman of the committee based on the same rules.

Other changes to the code pertain to the hiring and firing process of municipal employees. Before these changes, the committee was to oversee all hiring, employment policies and dismissal of employees. The change states the committee's oversight is to be limited to appointed positions held by full-time staff only. All other personnel matters will be the responsibility of the administrator and the department head.

Fuller said this will help reduce the

number of delays in the hiring process.

"The idea is to afford the department heads that you have appointed the trust to go out and hire those that they want as part of their team," Fuller said.

Trustee Brian Miller raised concerns about the terms of termination under the revised ordinance.

"If someone, not saying any of our department heads are that way, but if someone doesn't like an employee, they'd pay to dismiss them without oversight," Miller said.

Fuller said that each department has a grievance policy located within the employee handbook. Anyone who is terminated may appeal to Fuller, who will then report the case to Personnel and Finance. Miller said he was still concerned about the length of that process and what it meant for employees.

"We want to make sure the board is all

on the same page," Trustee Jaci Stelzner said. "It's easier to do things that way than kind of behind the fact if somebody already dismissed a person. Yeah, I understand there's a grievance policy, but that just makes it a little awkward."

Fuller said some of that goes back to having faith in the department heads the board elected. Each department head is expected to document the employee's missteps and put them on a performance improvement plan before termination is considered. Fuller assured that board oversight will continue to be there.

Stelzner and Miller were not alone in their concerns for the changes. During the public comment portion of the meeting, village resident Laura Hilbert spoke.

"These ordinances were created to ensure that the decision making power regarding the employees rests with the elected officials," Hilbert said. "I have concern

over shifting that authority in the changes in those ordinances to the president, the administrator and the department heads. That would essentially remove the oversight and concentrate power in the hands of a few."

The board ultimately voted 6-1 to approve all of the changes to the Personnel and Finance Committee ordinance in the hopes of reducing bureaucracy getting in the way of hiring in a reasonable time, continuing to "enhance strategic alignment" according to the meeting packet and "adjust the scope of oversight and hiring authority [to minimize] duplication between the committee, administrator and department heads."

The Village of Winneconne board holds its meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall Board Room.

## Sales tax update

FROM PAGE 1



Farrey

Under Farrey's proposal, 30% of revenue from the tax would be shared with municipalities, an unusually high percentage, as no other county in Wisconsin shares more than 10%.

The sales tax revenue could be used for property

tax relief, balancing the budget, debt service, capital projects and master planning, municipal revenue sharing and local project funding.

Following the meeting, Hintz told the Winneconne News this week that he wants the county board to understand the fiscal condition of the county when considering the sales tax now and in the future.

"We have healthy reserves and have budgeted deficits for years that are balanced with reserve funds," he said. "I'm committed to more accurate budgets, reducing the planned use of fund balance, and maintaining the quality of services. I believe we can accomplish these without a sales tax."

Winnebago and Waukesha are the only counties in the state without a county sales tax.

## Traffic stop leads to drug arrest, ongoing investigation

Winneconne News

A Winneconne police officer conducted a traffic stop at 1:50 p.m. Aug. 19 on a vehicle near West Main Street, in front of a local day care, leading to a drug, warrant and probation violation arrest.

Police Chief Ben Sauriol said the three occupants, a 66-year-old male, a 57-year-old female and a 49-year-old female — all from the Oshkosh area — raised concerns during the stop, including alleged admissions of recent drug use and one individual being on active probation and extended supervision.

Sauriol said that with the assistance of a Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputy and his K-9 partner, the vehicle was searched and crack cocaine along with drug paraphernalia were discovered.

Further investigation revealed that the 49-year-old female had provided false identification and had three active arrest warrants, Sauriol said. He added she was also reported to be a transient prostitute

and was found to be on active probation.

She was taken into custody and admitted the group had recently left a drug house in Oshkosh and were en route to obtain money from a resident at a local assisted living facility to purchase more drugs.

According to Sauriol, the 49-year-old female was taken to the Winnebago County Jail and was interviewed where she then divulged that all three individuals had just left a drug house in the City of Oshkosh where they were all smoking crack and had run out of their supply. She stated the three were traveling to the Village of Winneconne to obtain money from a resident/patient at an assisted living facility, to then in turn, buy more crack back in the City of Oshkosh.

Charges are being referred to the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office. Sauriol said the case remains under investigation.



## The Weekly Whisk

### Chicken Lettuce Wraps

I love this recipe for so many reasons. It works beautifully as a main dish, an appetizer or even prepped ahead for lunches during the week. The best part? It's completely customizable. Not a fan of ground chicken? Swap in beef, pork or turkey. Want a little extra heat? Sprinkle in more red pepper flakes. Craving something creamy? Stir a spoonful of peanut butter into the sauce. However you make it, this recipe is sure to become a favorite.

- 10 oz ground chicken
- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons Thai sweet red chili sauce
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup or honey
- 1/3 cup chopped cashews (raw or roasted)
- 1/4 cup chopped scallions
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1/4-1/2 cup shredded carrots
- Sesame seeds for garnish
- 1 head butter lettuce, leaves separated, rinsed and dried

- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1/4 cup diced yellow or white onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger or ginger paste

Heat sesame oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add diced onions and sauté for 2-3 minutes until softened and translucent. Add minced garlic and ginger, stirring continuously for another 2 minutes. Add ground chicken to the skillet,

breaking it up with a wooden spoon. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Cook for about 3-4 minutes until golden brown and fully cooked.

In a small bowl, whisk together soy sauce, Thai chili sauce, lime juice, and maple syrup (or honey). Pour the sauce over the cooked chicken and sprinkle with chopped cashews. Stir everything together, then reduce heat to low and cook for an additional 2 minutes. Remove from heat, allowing the mixture to cool slightly before adding shredded carrots, scallions, and cilantro.

Place a spoonful of the chicken mixture into each butter lettuce leaf. Top with additional pan sauce and a sprinkle of sesame seeds. Repeat with the remaining lettuce leaves and serve immediately.

For questions or comments email weeklywhisk01@gmail.com

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# Passion for football fuels Schaffer's success

By Steve Clark  
Winneconne News

It was more than a decade ago, but Brody Schaffer still vividly remembers the moment his love for football was solidified.

Donning the jersey of his favorite NFL player of the time – Green Bay Packers receiver Jordy Nelson – Schaffer was on his couch when he witnessed Odell Beckham Jr. make his memorable one-handed snag for a touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys.

“I will never forget that. He extended his hand and made that catch we all know,” Schaffer said last week after a Winneconne football practice. “That was one of the things I remember about football and one of those things why I love the game, amazing things like that.

“Then, everybody was trying to recreate that catch for like the next five years.”

Schaffer could one day make a catch that inspires the next generation of future football stars.

Although the Winneconne High School senior stars as a quarterback and defensive back for the Wolves, receiver is where his future lies having already committed to attend the University of Iowa next fall to play the position.

“Deep down, since I was a kid, I’ve always wanted to be a receiver,” Schaffer said. “I love being a high school quarterback and I wouldn’t ask for anything different. It only helps me to understand the game more transferring from QB to receiver.”

Schaffer actually played receiver at Winneconne his freshman and sophomore seasons at the varsity level, but was always destined to step behind center when his time came.

He had played the quarterback position since he started playing organized football and certainly has shown a knack for it at the high school level.

As a junior, Schaffer threw for 1,800 yards and 17 touchdowns, while completing almost 71 percent of his passes. Just as impressive were his running skills as he amassed 1,774 yards on the ground and scored 31 touchdowns while averaging a whopping 9.6 yards per attempt.

Most importantly, he led the Wolves to a 10-1 overall record which included a Bay Conference championship and a trip to the WIAA Division 4 state semifinals.

“You see those things and they are pretty flattering but I was looking to make highlights for recruiting,” said Schaffer, who was also an all-conference defensive back at free safety. “I’ve always wanted to play Division I football and coming from a smaller school it’s a little bit harder. It was just do what I can to help the team and



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Brody Schaffer will be continuing his football career at the University of Iowa next fall but has his sights set on leading Winneconne's program to a memorable season in his senior year.

then be able to put a good tape out there and it reached the right audience.”

The gaudy numbers and litany of eye-catching plays certainly were a strong foundation for his recruitment to play college football, but he also benefitted from being the Green Bay Packers’ representative at the Nike “The Next Ones” program at the Super Bowl in February.

It was there, as a receiver, Schaffer competed with some of the top football talent in the nation and showed the type of player he could be.

“My recruiting took off after that,” said Schaffer, who credited Brian Stumpf for helping earn the spot at the event. “You are going against the best players in the country and if you show you can compete, you know you could be that caliber of a player. It was a big eye-opening experience for me and a confidence booster to know I can compete with those players.”

While generating interest of a number of top college football programs, Schaffer committed to Iowa and will join the Hawkeyes next fall.

“When I went up there the coaching staff was amazing. Everyone knew my name, my parent’s names,” Schaffer said. “Those are the small things that you look for. You want to feel important to them and that’s exactly how I felt. I want to be a part of something special and they are a great program.”

Of course, choosing one of the rivals of the only Division I football program in the state, Schaffer knew he would probably

take some friendly grief for his decisions. And he has.

“Yeah, there was a lot of that,” Schaffer said with a laugh. “Mainly from the people close to me who are (Wisconsin) Badger fans. It’s been fun joking with them.”

Before he relocates to Iowa City, though, Schaffer does have a senior year to complete and a football season he is excited for.

Despite knowing that he will be playing receiver in the future, he again spent the summer working with former Wisconsin quarterback Joel Stave to improve his skills at his current position.

“He’s really helped me understand the game and how to play the position at the high school level, knowing I would be playing receiver in college,” said Schaffer, who also worked with former Badger receiver Jared Abbrederis this summer. “That’s comes from wanting to be your best at what you’re doing in the moment and that’s why I trained with him. I take pride in how I play at the high school level.”

Schaffer is a three-sport athlete at Winneconne, also starring in basketball and track for the Wolves.

He was a state qualifier in the long jump and sprint relays in track last season and was coming off a basketball season where he was a second-team all-conference selection in the East Central Conference.

Schaffer averaged more than 21 points per game for the Wolves last season and formed an impressive 1-2 punch with

Parker Ingles. Schaffer is hoping to match the success on the basketball court this season that Winneconne has experienced on the football field.

“Being able to play alongside Parker my whole life has been fun. Obviously, we haven’t had the best years the past two seasons but hopefully we can turn it around this year,” Schaffer said. “Coach (John) Flanigan is the coach to do it. He’s so passionate as a coach and he brings out the best in all of us.”

For now, though, Schaffer is focused on football.

With the individual numbers he put up last season, Schaffer knows he’s going to be the focal point of every defense he faces and that’s fine with him.

He believes in the talent around him on Winneconne’s offense and knows that if opponents focus too much on him, they are going to get hurt in other ways.

“It’s helpful when you have a back like Bryce (Jones) and (Mason) Mathe, who’s a quick kid. And then we have Ryan (Quigley) and Karter (Hawthorne) on the outside and then Trey (Zemke) in the slot and Jordan (Nettekoven) at tight end. Plus, Hudson (Samolinski) and Jesse (Michaud) on the line. All of those dudes are high-level players,” Schaffer said. “My goal is to make everybody else better. I know teams gameplan for my skill set and I want to be able exploit what the other teams are doing. The one thing I want to do is win and I don’t care how we do it.”

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# Prep Roundup

## FOOTBALL

### Wolves open season with hard-fought win

Winneconne started its season on the right foot on Friday night collecting a hard-earned 14-6 win over Little Chute in a nonconference road matchup.

The Wolves trailed 6-0 after the first quarter but used a pair of Brody Schaffer touchdown runs in the second quarter to take the lead before the defense pitched a shutout in the second half – including a pair of goal-line stands – to secure the win.

Little Chute scored its touchdown on its first offensive play of the game but didn't muster any more points against a Wolves' defense that was led in tackles by Ethan Duel and Hudson Samolinski with seven each.

Winneconne did have to fend off a pair of scoring opportunities as Little Chute drove inside the Wolves' 10-yard line

twice in the second half. The first drive was thwarted when Dallas Walker pounced on a Little Chute fumble, while the defense also stopped the Mustangs on a fourth-and-goal from the 3-yard line in the final 30 seconds to preserve the win.

Schaffer scored on a 10-yard run and then powered in from 1-yard out to account for Winneconne's scores and finished with a team-high 90 yards on 17 carries. Bryce Jones, Andon Lang and Mason Mathe combined for 48 yards on the ground.

Ryan Quigley led the Winneconne receivers with 41 yards as Schaffer finished 8-of-15 for 77 yards.

Winneconne will host rival Omro in the annual China Bull game on Friday night and will be looking for its sixth straight win over the Foxes. The Wolves won last year's contest 60-7 and have outscored Omro by a combined 191-40 margin over



Photo by Doug Sasse  
Brody Schaffer powers into the end zone for a touchdown in the second quarter during Winneconne's 14-6 win over Little Chute on Friday.



Photo by Doug Sasse  
Jordan Nettekoven looks to make a move around a Little Chute defender after catching a pass on Friday night.



Photo by Doug Sasse  
The Winneconne defense, led by Jesse Michaud (57), Karter Hawthorne (1), Brody Schaffer (3) and Andon Lang (6) stop a Little Chute ball carrier on a fourth down to help seal Friday night's season-opening victory.

the last five meetings.

## GOLF

### Wolves take fourth in Bay Conference event

Jada Kaiser and Emma Cegielski each posted top-10 finishes to help Winneconne place fourth among the 10 teams at a full Bay Conference meet at Shamrock Heights last Wednesday.

Kaiser placed fifth in the event with a round of 46, while Cegielski placed 10th with a 53. Mia Rust and Allie Groff each carded 57s to round out the Wolves scor-

ing golfers.

The Wolves finished with a team score of 213, finishing one shot behind Shawano and two behind Fox Valley Lutheran. Seymour finished first with a 186.

The Wolves added a third-place finish in a Bay Conference South Division meet on Thursday, posting a score of 211 at Winagamie Golf Course.

Cegielski led Winneconne with a score of 50, followed by Kaiser with a 51 and Rust with a 53. Taryn Meyer completed Winneconne's scoring roster with a 57.

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- Monday:** Labor Day.
- Tuesday:** Frozen. Turkey ala King with vegetables. Biscuit. Glazed Carrots. Tropical Fruit.
- Wednesday:** Cheeseburger. Roasted Herb Potatoes. Diced Beets. Fresh Orange.
- Thursday:** Frozen. Cook's Choice.
- Friday:** Breaded Fish Sandwich. Tater Tots. Red/Green Coleslaw. Fruit Cup.

### Winneconne Community School District

- Monday:** No school.
- Tuesday:** ES – Cheeseburger/Bun, Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Chef Salad. Educational Snack. Garden Bar. Diced Carrots. MS – Cheese Pizza Slice. Mixed Vegetables. Quick Bites – Chicken Patty/Bun, Chef Salad, Buffalo Chicken Salad, Fruit Bowl and Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads –Baked Zitti. Smuckers PB&J. Mixed Vegetables. Fruit and Salads – Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Buffalo Chicken Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger – Pizza Cruncher. Rice Bowl/Lo Mein. Willies Pizza – Pepperoni Pizza.
- Wednesday:** ES – Orange Chicken, Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Chef Salad. Garden Bar. Broccoli. Fried Rice. MS – Taco Bowl. Garden Bar. Diced Carrots. Rice Pilaf. Quick Bites – Chicken Wings, Chef Salad, Buffalo Chicken Salad, Fruit Bowl and Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads – Chicken Tenders. Smuckers PB&J. Assorted Veggies. Fruit and Salads

- Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Buffalo Chicken Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger – Chicken Wings. Taco Bowl. Willies Pizza – Bosco Sticks/Sauce.

**Thursday:** ES – French Toast/Syrup, Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Chef Salad. Garden Bar. Babycakes. Sausage Patty. MS – Popcorn Chicken. Garden Bar. Cauliflower. Buttered Pasta. Quick Bites – Bosco Sticks/Sauce, Chef Salad, Buffalo Chicken Salad, Fruit Bowl and Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads –Cuban Sandwich. Smuckers PB&J. Cauliflower. Chicken and Wild Rice Soup. Fruit and Salads - Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Buffalo Chicken Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger – Hamburger/Bun. Mac and Cheese Bowl. Willies Pizza – Sausage Pizza.

**Friday:** ES – Cheese Pizza, Yogurt Fruit Parfait or Chef Salad. Garlic Breadstick. Garden Bar. Green Beans. MS – BBQ Rib Patty. Spiced Apples. Garden Bar. Onion Rings. Quick Bites – Lunch Box, Chef Salad, Buffalo Chicken Salad, Fruit Bowl and Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads – Chicken Fajita Wrap. Smuckers PB&J. Spiced Apples. Fruit and Salads - Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Buffalo Chicken Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger – Fish Patty/Bun. BBQ Chicken Totchas. Willies Pizza – BBQ Chicken Pizza.

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 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**  
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 Pastor Ben Berger  
 Pastor Darin Warnecke  
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 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.

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church, WELS**  
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 Pastor Paul Ibisch  
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 920-706-0047  
 Pastor Emily Lueder  
 Sundays: 8:30 a.m. - Sunday Services.  
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 Wednesday Bible Study

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 Thursday: 7 p.m. - Al-Anon.  
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## Strong nucleus returns to lead Wolves

Winneconne News  
 With a strong nucleus of returning players and a new head coach, the Winneconne volleyball team is aiming to build on the success of last season.  
 Ellie MacKenzie steps into a program that won 20 matches last season and finished third in the East Central Conference. Winneconne makes the move to the Bay Conference this season.  
 “I feel like they are coming back with more drive, energy and competition,” MacKenzie said. “Switching over to the Bay Conference will give us a competitive schedule.”  
 The Wolves return their top three hitters from a year ago in seniors Alyssa Koval, Malia Bodoh and Neela Gardner. All three finished with at least 200 kills last season, with Koval topping the team with 270.  
 Bodoh also topped the team in blocks with 66.  
 Koval, Gardner and Bodoh also had the top three aces totals last year for the Wolves with 69, 54 and 53, respectively.  
 All three hitters will also have a familiar

teammate setting the ball as junior Bailey Church returns after playing every set for Winneconne last year. Freshman Olivia DuPont is also expected to see some time at setter.  
 “It absolutely helps a lot,” MacKenzie commented about having an experienced setter. “She’s a great leader who is good at getting the ball to a hitter who will put it away.”  
 Sophomore libero Hannah Josephson will again anchor the defense after totaling 370 digs, while Koval also finished with more than 300 digs.  
 MacKenzie also will be looking to freshmen Laney and Tess Immel to bolster the hitting lineup for the Wolves this season.  
 Winneconne opened the season with a quadrangular meet on Tuesday.  
 “I know a lot of the girls weren’t satisfied with how they ended the season last year (losing at home to eventual state qualifier Shawano in the WIAA Tournament),” MacKenzie said. “So going into this year they are pushing to compete every second in the gym.”

## Wolves look to crank up offense heading into new season

Winneconne News  
 The Winneconne High School boys soccer team is going to be a bit offensive this season according to second-year head coach Jimmy Amedeo.  
 That is to say, the Wolves plan to put plenty of goals on the scoreboard.  
 “This year, we’re going to score some goals,” Amedeo said, “We are going to have a high-paced attack and get up and down the field. It’s going to be fun. The guys have been working, and our team is ready.”  
 The Wolves scored more than two goals in a match just three times last season and were shut out nine times on the year while finishing 3-4-1 in its final year in the East Central Conference.  
 But with some key offensive players and a step up in tempo, the Wolves look to keep the goals coming.  
 Senior Ethan Albrecht is one of the returning forwards who will anchor Winneconne’s attack, while sophomores Jake Kemper and Thomas Lemke will help on the wings.  
 Winneconne’s lineup will also be bolstered by nine freshmen in the program as depth will be one of the strengths of the squad. Amedeo said the program has 21 players on the roster.  
 “It’s huge having those numbers in the younger class,” Amedeo said. “The seniors are willing to be leaders and build on the culture from last year.”  
 As strong as the offense will be for the Wolves, the defense should also be improved from last season as Winneconne welcomes back junior goalkeeper Andrew Sperling.

Amedeo, a former goalkeeper who also coached goalkeepers at Ripon College before coming to Winneconne, believes Sperling has the potential to be special in goal.  
 “He has a chance to be our Most Improved Player this year,” Amedeo said. “I am expecting him to have a good season.”  
 Winneconne will be entering the Bay Conference this season and Amedeo expects that to mean an uptick in the competitive level of its opponents. Although the Wolves will avoid perennial powerhouses like Plymouth and Kettle Moraine Lutheran, they could face a tougher schedule overall.  
 “The ECC had a large gap between the top teams and the bottom teams in the conference and the Bay Conference has a lot more high-quality teams,” Amedeo said. “There are a lot of opportunities for us.”  
 One goal that Amedeo stated for his team is to finally get back to having some postseason success.  
 The Winneconne boys have not won a WIAA playoff match since beating New Holstein/Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah in a Division 3 regional match in 2018. Amedeo said the team has its sights set on once again advancing in the tournament.  
 The Wolves were slated to open the season on Tuesday against Freedom and will also play in Omro on Thursday against the Foxes.

## Obituaries

**Charles “Chuck” Schmidt**  
 Charles “Chuck” Schmidt, 55, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, August 4, 2025, from a heart attack.  
 Born September 3, 1969, Chuck was the son of Margaret “JoAnn” Gehler and Robert Lee Sellers, and was raised by Otto Schmidt. He was a proud member of the Winneconne High School Class of 1987. Chuck will be remembered for his generous heart, quick wit, and deep love for family.  
 Chuck is survived by his mother, Margaret; siblings, Rick, Tim, Tom, Dan, Stephen Schmidt, and Shauna Kruse; uncle, Mike Barton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Schmidt; and an aunt, Kay Cooper.  
 Chuck had a passion for fishing, fast cars, and boating—he found joy on the water and behind the wheel.  
 The family will hold a private service to honor Chuck’s life.  
 In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to help with burial expenses.  
 Chuckie, may you find peace and happiness. You will be deeply missed.  
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**Friday, Aug. 29**  
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HS Football vs. Omro, 7 p.m., WHS

**Saturday, Aug. 30**  
Adult Basketball, 6:30 a.m., WHS Gym  
Boom Bay Heights Labor Day Picnic, 11 a.m., 7754 Boom Bay Heights, Larsen American Platinum, 5 p.m., Fin 'n' Feather

**Sunday, Aug. 31**  
Jim 'n' Nancy, 3 p.m., Bee Hive Barn and Grill

**Monday, Sept. 1**  
**Labor Day**  
Kenny James & Reverend Fish, 1 p.m., Fin 'n' Feather

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
First Day of School, K-9 students  
Ninth Grade Orientation, WHS  
Winneconne Area Homeschoolers Hike on the Wiouwash Trail, 1:30 p.m., Winneconne Public Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 3**  
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# Public Notice

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 15TH, 2025, 5:30 PM**  
**VILLAGE BOARD ROOM, 30 S. 1ST ST., WINNECONNE**

**Call to Order**  
Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance said in unison.  
Roll Call: Olson (present), Bouras (present), Stelzner (present), Janikowski (present), Krings(present), Miller (absent), Boucher (present)  
Also present were Administrator Fuller and Attorney Geoff Lacey.  
Regular Business  
Motion by Olson, Second by Krings

to approve consent agenda and payment of bills:  
June 30, 2025, Treasurer's Report/ Budget Comparisons  
June 2025, Check Register  
Motion passes by roll call vote: Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Olson (aye), Bouras (aye), Stelzner(aye), Boucher (aye) 6-0-0  
Motion by Olson, Second by Bouras to approve June 17th, 2025 Village Board meeting minutes  
Motion passes by roll call vote: Janikowski (abstain), Krings (aye), Olson (aye), Bouras (aye), Stelzner(aye), Boucher (aye) 5-0-1  
Communications  
President Boucher presented Becky LaDue (Winneconne News) with

a plaque on behalf of the Village, commending and appreciating the many years of support of Village publications and dedicated journalism.  
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Multiple individuals came forward to comment in favor of the Village's support of the Marble Park Master Plan and the Marble Park Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):  
Candice Olson - 8347 Pheasant Run Trail, Larsen  
Bette Hoytink - 169 S 1st Street, Winneconne  
Peggy Larsen - 221 N. 10th Ave, Winneconne  
Becky LaDue - 5192 South Wind

Drive, Winneconne  
Kate Pfandtner - 5710 Saint Ives Road, Oshkosh  
John Broderick - 200 Twin Harbor Drive, Winneconne  
The above individuals shared comments and stories that highlighted Marble Park's significance and impact on the community; a few participants noted the visual decline in the park, noting that the proposed improvements would draw residents from other municipalities and encourage growth with new residents. Mr. Broderick stated the Marble Park Master Plan has approximately \$2 million in pledges so far based on private/public partnership; if the MOU is

not approved, the pledges will be redacted.  
**Administrator's Report**  
**Business update:**  
Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation (GOEDC) - The organization is reviewing a refresh of current grants and initiatives.  
Future use plans are anticipated for the waterfront property by August's Planning Commission meeting.  
Operations:  
The full-time position for the Customer Service Representative position is posted online, receiving over 200 applications. Virtual and in-person interviews are being conducted. An on-going

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## Public Notice – continued

focus on process improvements and refinements throughout each department continues.

Meetings & Events:

Sovereign State Days 2025 (July 17th through July 20th, 2025)

GOEDC Board Meeting July 16th, 2025

Administrator Fuller will be meeting with EMS providers Lifestar and Gold Cross.

Administrator Fuller will be meeting with the City Manager of Oshkosh, Rebecca Grill, this week as well as County Executive, Gordon Hintz. Administrator Fuller will be meeting with healthcare providers and consultants this week to refresh assumptions related to benefits.

Finance:

The Village is currently operating at 42.2% of the budget, compared to last year this time being at 46.3%.

The 2026 annual budget process is underway; the roadmap has been published internally as well to the Village Board, with milestones established through this budgeting cycle.

**Committee Reports**

**Beautification – Beautification**

Committee met on July 10th and is continuing their efforts to be ready for the Sovereign State Day parade. Member Eric is checking all planter lights to ensure they are working and will give list to the Public Works Department.

**Cemetery – Cemetery Board** did not meet in July.

**Fire District – Fire Commission** met on July 14th; at the meeting, a presentation from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Safety and Professional Services on the requirements of 2% Fire Dues program was given. There are two firefighters currently in class, as well as potentially one new firefighter interested, one new EMR, and three applications out that have not been returned. Chief Allcox also shared the plans to have the parking lot resurfaced. The next meeting is September 8th at 7pm. **Historic Preservation – Trustee Miller** was not in attendance for the update; if interested in an update on the Historic Preservation meeting, contact Chair Brian Miller or refer to committee meeting minutes.

**Library – The Library Board** discussed the 2026 budget season, SOPs and the strategic plan. Multiple library staff members were trained in CPR and AED and are now certified.

The summer reading program is recognizing a great turnout, with the library helping approximately 150-220 individuals a day. Out of five Winnebago County libraries, the Village of Winneconne has the largest amount of residents holding a library card (47.61%); additionally, the library is recognizing a significant return to pre-pandemic circulations (90%).

**Parks – The Parks Committee** did not meet in July; however, Assistant Public Works Director Mankiewicz provided the following updates: hardwood floor installation completed at the barn, siding in process, and the Marble Park Beach house will be having a Point of Sale (POS) system installed on July 16th. The next meeting will be August 14th.

**Personnel & Finance – PFC** met to review EMS courses of action, including cost impacts, assumed risks, etc. as well as reviewing the IGA (SWEMS) as it currently reads.

**Plan Commission – The Commission** reviewed the Planned Unit Development (PUD) proposed ordinance, which affords opportunity to review development projects on a case-by-case basis; the Commission has put forth the ordinance for Village Board approval.

**Public Safety – The Public Safety Committee** discussed preparation for National Night Out, with DPW and the library to assist. The firing range creation continues to progress, which will be announced when completed. Chief Sauriol stated that his officers are ready for Sovereign State Days support.

**Public Works – Public Works**

Committee did not meet in July; however, Assistant Public Works Director Mankiewicz provided the following updates: construction on 6th Ave continues, security cameras were installed at the compost site, and the Public Works department will continue preparation during the week for Sovereign State Days.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Motion by Janikowski, Second by Krings to approve the Operator license as presented for the licensing year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027

**Scott Randal Jones**

Mr. Jones has completed all necessary requirements, as well as passed a background check.

Motion passes by voice vote 6-0-0

Motion by Bouras, Second by Krings

to approve a Temporary Class “B” picnic license for the Winneconne Athletic Association for July 18th, 2025 through July 20th, 2025

The Winneconne Athletic Association has completed all necessary requirements and will have a licensed bartender on staff for the event.

Motion passes by voice vote 6-0-0

Motion by Olson, Second by

Janikowski to approve the Planned

Unit Development (PUD) ordinance

No. ORD-2025-002

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.

Motion passes by roll call vote:

Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Olson

(aye), Bouras (aye), Stelzner (aye),

Boucher (aye) 6-0-0

Motion by Olson, Second by

Janikowski to approve the Marble Park Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as written

The Marble Park Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) describes the commitment from Village for financial obligation, and outlines the contingencies/stipulations of the donation, including the right to withdraw funds if the project does not begin within the calendar year of 2026. The Village will allocate a onetime investment of \$100,000.00 to support the Marble Park Master Plan. Any future investments will be assessed annually after fiscal considerations and reviews are completed.

Motion passes by roll call vote: Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Olson (aye), Bouras (aye), Stelzner (aye), Boucher (aye) 6-0-0

Motion by Janikowski, Second by

Krings to sign the proposed EMS

IGA contingent of acceptance of the

submitted revisions

Administrator Fuller discussed the

timeline considerations, including

waiting on Oshkosh’s decision to

continue EMS support. The Personnel

and Finance Committee reviewed

various options for EMS support.

Costing from the SWEMS Board is

not available for review. The Village

has considered various scenarios,

including different community

inclusions and ambulance setups, and

has coordinated with the county for

provider requirements and firehouse/

facility updates. Many aspects of the

IGA are not clearly defined and may

remain unclear until after signing

if contingencies are not accepted.

The contract does not specify the

provider the IGA will use. The PFC

recommends the Village Board sign

the proposed EMS IGA contingent of

acceptance of the submitted revisions,

including, but not limited to, amending

the voting structure from a simple

majority to a 2/3 vote. As the IGA

currently reads, the Village must write

an acceptance of joining the IGA by

July 22nd or pay a fee to join.

**Motion passes by roll call vote:**

Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Olson

(aye), Bouras (aye), Stelzner (aye),

Boucher (aye) 6-0-0

Motion by Olson, Second by Bouras

to move into closed session pursuant

to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c)

to consider employment, promotion, or

performance evaluation data of public

employees

Discuss personnel retention &

succession strategies

Motion passes by roll call vote:

Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Olson

(aye), Bouras (aye), Stelzner (aye),

Boucher (aye) 6-0-0

Motion by Olson, Second by Bouras

to move into open session

Motion passes by roll call vote:

Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Olson

(aye), Bouras (aye), Stelzner (aye),

Boucher (aye) 6-0-0

No action or vote was taken during the

closed session.

**Confirm next meeting**

Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, 5:30 pm

– Village Hall Board Room

**Adjourn**

Motion by Olson, Second by Bouras

to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passes by voice vote 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH, 2025,  
12:00PM  
VILLAGE BOARD ROOM, 30 S. 1ST  
ST., WINNECONNE**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 12:05pm.

Pledge of Allegiance said in unison.

Roll Call: Olson (present), Bouras

(present), Stelzner (absent),

Janikowski (absent), Krings (present

via phone), Miller (present), Boucher

(present)

**Communications**

None.

**New Business**

Motion by Olson, Second by Miller

to join the Southern Winnebago

Emergency Medical Services

Intergovernmental Agreement

Motion passes by roll call vote: Olson

(aye), Bouras (aye), Krings (aye),

Miller (aye), Boucher (aye) 5-0-0

The Village Board was presented

with the updated Intergovernmental

Agreement (IGA) with the

contingencies accepted by the

Southern Winnebago Emergency

Medical Services (SWEMS) board; of

note, not all requested contingencies

were accepted. The Town of

Winneconne has officially joined

the IGA. Following the review of

alternative providers, the IGA group

selected Lifestar as the EMS provider

and will move forward with a service

contract. The Village evaluated a

potential partnership with Waushara

County for emergency services. This

option would not require a capital

investment in a new facility, although

some operational considerations

(e.g., mutual aid agreements) remain

unresolved. Joining the IGA would

necessitate facility costs; the City of

Omro was suggested as a possible

site for the EMS facility. While no final

location has been confirmed, projected

costs for an Omro location and how

those costs would be distributed

among communities were reviewed by

the Board.

Discussions emphasized prioritizing

public safety, followed by economic

feasibility.

Concerns were raised about the lack

of pricing transparency in the IGA and

the challenge of committing without

a clear understanding of potential

costs under various scenarios. The

Board discussed using the Innovation

Grants to help offset facility expenses,

however Village Administrator Fuller

noted recent changes to the grant as

well as the lack of certainty around

obtaining the grant. Deputy Fire Chief

Ed Quigley expressed a preference

for maintaining a single EMS provider

across the fire district to ensure

continuity and effective mutual aid.

He cautioned against fragmentation,

which could compromise service,

however, affirming the final decision

rests with the Board and should

prioritize the best outcome for

residents. Timeline considerations

were also discussed: Lifestar requires

a minimum of 2 months to become

operational, with a preferred timeline

of 4 months, while Waushara County

indicated a 2-month ramp-up period to

be ready for service.

While joining the IGA presents minimal

immediate risk, there is financial

uncertainty over the next three years,

including: Innovation Grant availability

and terms, facility location and

associated capital costs, and potential

changes in municipality participation

within the IGA.

The towns of Black Wolf and Nekimi

are still considering maintaining

service with Oshkosh and have

not committed to the IGA. If Black

Wolf and Nekimi ultimately decide

not to join, the Village may need

to reevaluate its position, as

cost structures would likely shift.

According to the IGA language, the

agreement will go into effect on the

day the agreement is signed by all

municipal board members’ respective

representatives.

Motion by Olson, Second by Miller

to nominate Trustee Bouras to the

Southern Winnebago Emergency

Medical Services Board

Motion passes by roll call vote: Olson

(aye), Bouras (abstain), Krings (aye),

Miller (aye), Boucher (aye) 4-0-1

Trustee Bouras is the chair of the

Village Public Safety Committee and

as such was recommended by Trustee

Olson to be nominated to the SWEMS

Board.

**Confirm next meeting**

Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, 5:30 pm

– Village Hall Board Room

**Adjourn**

Motion by Bouras, Second by Olson

to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passes by voice vote: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 12:47pm.

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**NOTICE OF PENDING AFTER-  
THE-FACT APPLICATION FOR  
PROPOSED DREDGING**

Russell Volp, 2169 S. Webster Ave.,  
Omro, WI 54963 has applied to the  
Department of Natural Resources for  
an after-the-fact permit to dredge Alder

Creek. The project is located on Alder  
Creek in the SW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section  
29 Township 19 North, Range 15 East  
located in the Town of Winneconne,  
Winnebago County.

The project has resulted in the  
unauthorized dredging of roughly  
2,550 linear feet of waterway with  
stream history at an average width  
of 14 feet (8.4’-18.1’). Approximately  
2,645 yd3 of bed material was  
removed, with some dredged material  
being placed into wetlands. This  
wetland fill material has subsequently  
been removed and placed into an  
upland location. The adjacent banks  
have naturally revegetated and  
are considered stable at this time.

A certified survey of the elevations  
and dimensions of the project were  
captured and will be attached to the  
deed for future maintenance dredging  
projects.

The Department will review the  
proposal provided by the applicant and  
any information from public comments  
and the public informational hearing.

The Department will determine  
whether the proposal complies with ss.  
1.11, 30.20, 30.208 and 281.36, Wis.  
Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm.  
Code.

The Department has made a tentative  
determination that it will issue the  
after-the-fact permit for the proposed  
activity.

If you would like to know more about  
this project or would like to see the  
application and plans, please visit  
the Department’s website at [https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%2](https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx)

# Talent, achievement on display at county fair

By Caleb Westphal  
White Cedars' Club Historian

White Cedars 4-H members recently participated in the Winnebago County Fair.

During the event held July 30 to Aug. 3 at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh, many earned high honors for their achievements and talents.

What is 4-H? According to the Winnebago County 4-H website, "4-H program strives to providing opportunities for youth to "learn by doing" hands on education that teach life skills, problem solving, community service, generosity, making healthy choices and more."

For anyone interested in joining 4-H, White Cedars has its first meeting of the next 4-H year at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Butte des Morts Lions Club Clubhouse in Butte des Morts.



White Cedars 4-H members.



Tayden Hopp earned a Cloverbud ribbon for his Funny Face Pot.



Paige Woelfel earned Best of Show for her musical performance.



Caleb Westphal earned a Merit Award in photography and Honorable Mention on his Campfire Cooking Scrapbook and recipes.



Anna Westphal earned Judge's Favorite on her outfit she sewed.



Kat Skadahl took home a trophy in the horse project.



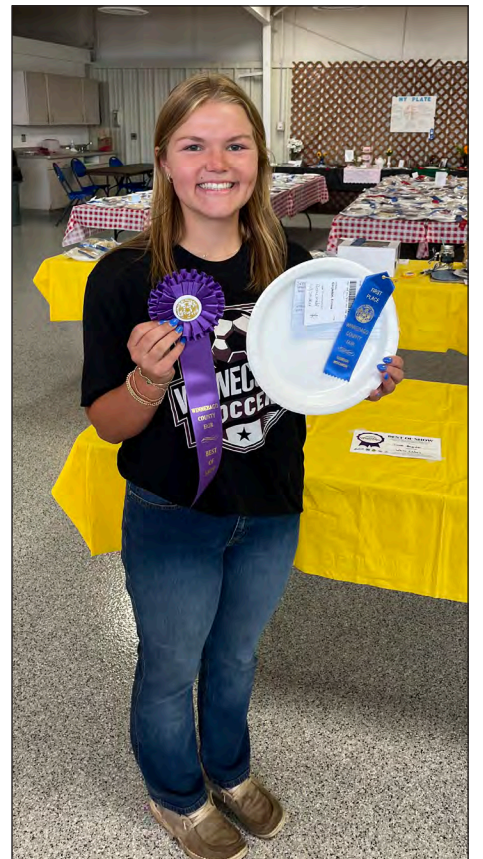
Jonah Westphal earned a first-place ribbon on his garden vegetables he cared for and grew.



Lucas Westphal earned a Cloverbud ribbon on his train shaped cut out cookies.



Lexi and Lanie Palecek took home first places in the dog project.



Emma Cegielski won Best of Show for her smoked pork sandwiches cooked on a smoker.



Gabby Hostettler's wool coat, inspired by Taylor Swift, was on display at the Wisconsin State Fair, where she won "State Youth Sewing Grand Champion."



Lanie and Lexi Palecek and Leah Hale's goats took "Reserve Grand Champion" and first and second places.



Gabby Hostettler won Best of Show for her place setting in the Foods Project.