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With confetti in the air, students from Susan Meunier's seventh grade leadership class cut the red ribbon Sunday for the renovated Winneconne Middle School building.

## Middle school building renovation project completed

### Gym dedicated to former teacher Hamlin Last

By Anya Kelley  
Winneconne News

The \$28 million Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) middle school renovation project has been completed.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the building was held Sunday along with the dedication of the newly renovated middle school gym to Hamlin Last.

The referendum, passed on April 4, 2023, was the second step in WCSD's Journey to the Future facilities planning

project after a \$12.5 million referendum was passed in 2016 supporting investments in STEAM.

Renovations to Winneconne Middle School made the building "like new" and is intended to give it at least another 50 years of use. The panel wall system was replaced with permanent walls to create better building flow. The kitchen, commons and library received renovations, computer labs were made into large group collaboration rooms, and the aging infrastructure of the building was improved.

During the opening of the ceremony, the middle school's eighth grade band and



Hamlin Last acknowledges his family in the front row along with members of the Winneconne community in the crowd as the middle school gym was dedicated in his honor.

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## Solutions Recovery's peer response team at risk to lose funding

By Anya Kelley  
Winneconne News

The peer response team for Solutions Recovery is facing a \$322,050 deficit for 2026 and is at risk of losing its funding.

Solutions Recovery is the Winnebago County overdose fatality review (OFR) board's primary partner for peer response. The OFR is made up of 49 government and community partners working together to prevent overdose deaths in the county. The peer response team (PRT), started

in 2022, is a sister program to STAR, or Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery.

The STAR program works directly with the Winnebago County Jail to get people struggling with addiction into recovery pods, while PRT functions as post-release support and upstream intervention led by people with real life experience. STAR is fully funded for the next year.

A facet of the program is its two recovery pods. The recovery pods, separated by gender, are a living environment that is re-

covery oriented. Those in the pods are required to participate in daily groups focusing on recovery, emotion management, trauma resource navigation and more.

In the three years since STAR's launch, there were 1,742 participants, 3,811 community follow ups post-release, 936 support group provided by Solutions Recovery and 4,763 in person meetings with recovery coaches. For people who participated in STAR for 30 days or more, 28% are in recovery today. STAR is fully

funded by the federal government for next year.

The community-based PRT functions as post-release support and upstream intervention led by people with real life experience.

"We literally will meet them at the door when they get released to transport them to treatment, get them to Solutions, make sure that they don't have any substances in

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## Fox Valley Dragon Boat Club announces celebration

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The Fox Valley Dragon Boat Club will hold a ribbon cutting celebration at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at The Landing on the Wolf, 111 N. First St., Winneconne.

The event will feature a ceremonial dotting of the eye – a traditional blessing to awaken the dragon boat; inaugural paddle – the first official paddle on the Wolf River; honoring cancer survivors – recognizing the strength and spirit of those who

inspire resilience in the community and recruitment for new members.

The Fox Valley Dragon Boat Club welcomes paddlers of all ages and abilities, including recreational members looking for fun and fitness, competitive athletes seeking team-based racing opportunities, corporate and community groups interested in team-building, youth programs for leadership and development and cancer survivor teams, carrying forward the glob-

al tradition of healing through paddling.

As part of this milestone, the group is offering a special discounted membership to the first 25 founding members who join. Founding members will receive exclusive recognition, a certificate and the chance to be part of history from the very beginning.

The group invites the community to come celebrate the launch of a new tradition in the Fox Valley — one of teamwork, wellness and community on the water.

## Solutions funding

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their possession at their homes,” Solutions Recovery’s executive director Megan Edwards said.

Edwards said the PRT helps to bridge the gap between incarceration and life outside of jail.

“It’s hard to have one without the other you guys,” Edwards said during a recent presentation to the County Board of Supervisors. “We have this beautiful, amazing funding going into a wonderful program inside of the jail, but if it stops at release, we are going to see an increase in recidivism, we are going to see an increase in overdose deaths because that’s when it happens, right?”

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happens, right?”

The PRT is split into three sectors at Solutions Recovery: the recovery center, which is open 365 days a year and offers drop-in-style meetings with recovery coaches; Sober Living, a six-month live-in program that has 80 beds to offer in the City of Oshkosh, and the peer support team, a 24/7 rapid response team fielding phone calls to the hotline.

“[Release] is the most vulnerable time,” Edwards said during the county board’s Sept. 2 meeting. “We are doing a fabulous job, and the jail is doing a fabulous job educating people and getting people the resources that they need. But, like you’ve heard from some people tonight, they walk out of there with really good intentions because we always have good intentions, but if there’s not follow through and there’s not follow up support when somebody gets out, there’s a lot of people who are going to be at risk.”

On average, each graduate of the STAR program receives 10 follow-ups per year leading to 1,500 contacts a year being lost if the PRT cannot secure the necessary funds. For the last three years, the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program, or COSSUP, grant helped fund the PRT. In February of this year, the grant application was unexpectedly pulled with no explanation as to when it will be back.

Winnebago County Public Health applied for a \$200,000 state grant for the PRT that was recently denied as well.

“We have people working for us and

with us trying to secure funding,” Edwards said.

Currently, a grant is pending through the basic needs giving partnership. That grant would be used to bring all the department heads together to discuss how to make both STAR and the PRT more sustainable going forward.

“My intention is not to come back up here and ask the county board for help in the future,” Edwards said. “I want to be able to diversify the revenue streams to be sure that we can make this last long term.”

According to Edwards’ presentation, over 600 people in crisis will lose direct peer support, over 150 STAR participants will no longer receive post-release support, the recovery center will not be able to staff peer coaches for walk-ins, there will be no access to transportation assistance, housing assistance and employment assistance and the 24/7 hotline will end if Solutions Recovery can’t secure the funding for the PRT.

“There’s a 10 to 40 times higher likelihood of somebody experiencing a fatal overdose death leaving jail with no support within the first two weeks,” Edwards said. “People will die.”

Edwards asked the County Board to fund the program for 2026 to cover the gap year and was met with an overall positive response. Supervisor Conley Hanson said he would work with County Executive Gordon Hintz to see where funds from the Sheriff’s office, health department and human services department could be reallocated to close the deficit.



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# WomenOnWheels ride into the Winneconne area

## Winneconne News

A group of women rode into the area last month as part of an effort to show their enthusiasm for motorcycles.

Wisconsin members of WomenOnWheels host a regional event one weekend a year. The event held Aug. 21-24 was called Women Only Weekend for WomenOnWheels, known as WOW WOW.

The group held this year's WOW WOW at Wolf River House Resort and promoted it as camping in cabins in between two lakes with beautiful scenery, cool roads to ride, fishing, boat rides, campfires and more, said Connie Weihert, chapter director of WI – Dairyland Originals, one of two chapters of WomenOnWheels in the state.

Attendance normally averages about 30 motorcycles each year, she said.

“With 52 confirmed responses, we had our work cut out for us,” Weihert said. “During the promotion, we did not promote or invite the mosquitoes. However, we could have since they made a large presence during the event.”

Weihert said the staff at Wolf River House Resort helped with planning along with local restaurants being willing to help in any way they could.

The event featured the arrival of the first 40 women on Aug. 21 with beer can chicken for dinner prepared on the grills at Pinecrest cottages. Rides over the weekend took the group to other places in Northeast Wisconsin. The local activities included a Friday Fish Fry supper at Village Pub, a trip around Lake Poygan with a stop to pick sunflowers, Saturday dinner at Fin ‘n’ Feather followed by a sunset cruise on pontoons and many trips to Kwik Trip and Piggly Wiggly.



Submitted photo

A regional WomenOnWheels event was held in August with activities throughout the Winneconne area.

The group was appreciative that the streets around Pinecrest cottages had just finished being blacktopped along with receiving help from local law enforcement to navigate traffic safely, Weihert said.

“With four destination rides, 45 bikes and four cars, that was much needed and appreciated,” she said. “WomenOnWheels members travel across the country into many large cities and small towns, but the welcome that was given by the community of Winneconne, surrounding areas and the staff at Wolf River House Resort and

Pinecrest cottages has been some of the best. You have too much to offer for four days of beautiful sunny warm weather. We couldn't take it all in, but we did our best.”

The attendees at the event came from eight states: Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, Georgia, Florida, Wisconsin, Illinois and Arizona.

“The after-event comments brought out the good in the areas that we traveled,” Weihert said. “The people we ran into were kind, curious and always willing to help.”

The mission of WomenOnWheels is to unite all women motorcycle enthusiasts for recreation, education, mutual support, recognition and to promote a positive image of motorcycling. As a family organization, WOW members invite their significant others and family members to join them as support members.

The organization has two chapters in Wisconsin. N.E.W. Foxy Riders covers the Fox Valley area and Dairyland Originals covers the rest of Wisconsin. Find out more at WomenOnWheels.org.

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# Fundraising opens path forward for St. Mary construction project

By Anya Kelley  
Winneconne News

When Deacon Paul Vidmar was assigned to St. Mary Catholic Church in Winneconne four years ago, the congregation had been mulling over ideas for a new gathering space for over 20 years. After just one year of fundraising, the project broke ground on Sept. 7.

Vidmar put together a fundraising team in July 2024. From there, the parish ran a feasibility study this spring to bring to the Green Bay Diocese in order to receive permission to begin fundraising. At first, the Diocese denied the request.

The church owns a house directly across

the street that has been used as an office space for many years. At one point, it was home to a resident priest – something St. Mary has not had in 19 years.

The house was appraised for \$265,000 and the congregation planned to sell it. That money would then be invested into the project. However, the Bishop said they needed to hold on to it for a future resident priest. So, after agreeing to keep the house, the Diocese approved local fundraising to begin.

The project cost came in at \$3.3 million and in just over a year, the Winneconne community raised 95% of the goal.

“It has been just amazing at the gener-



Photo from St. Mary Catholic Church  
Members of the church gathered for the Sept. 7 groundbreaking ceremony at St. Mary Catholic Church.



Photo from St. Mary Catholic Church  
The St. Mary Catholic Church project received a blessing Sept. 7 during a groundbreaking ceremony.

osity of the people,” Vidmar said. “For a small town like this, I’ve had people tell me at the Diocese and other people that say ‘you’ll never raise \$3.3 million, and we have. So, it’s again, God opening those doors.’”

The gathering space will be 1,500 square feet with two long hallways. One hallway will connect the main church to Kaudy Hall, and the other will be filled with offices. In the gathering space, there will be a large screen for announcements and news, a coffee bar and spots to lounge. Once all of the offices are moved to the new space, Vidmar hopes the Diocese will place a resident priest at St. Mary next spring.

Vidmar said the heart of the project is about relationship building and creating memories for people. The space will allow for fellowship before and after mass, accommodate gathering space for funerals, host weddings and be used for the various ministries. It will also function as a communications center for new families.

Weather permitting, the project has an end date of mid-June, with hopes of moving the offices by April. Donations for the project are still being accepted. For questions on how to get involved, call 920-582-7712 or visit St. Mary at 210 Pleasant Drive.

## Calendar

### Thursday, Sept. 18

Norbert Rich School Forest Family Night Scavenger Hunt, 5 p.m. 5007 Ginnow Road

### Friday, Sept. 19

Community Blood Drive, 10 a.m., American Legion Giles-Luce Post 364  
Middle School Dance, 3 p.m., WMS Commons and Gym

### Saturday, Sept. 20

Jorgies Steak Fry, Theme Wisconsin Sports Night, 5 p.m.

### Monday, Sept. 22

Homecoming Week begins, WHS

### Tuesday, Sept. 23

Winneconne Area Homeschoolers Financial Literacy Speaker, 1:30 p.m., Winneconne Public Library  
WHS Cross Country Invitational vs.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran, Markesan, Neenah, New London, Omro, Oshkosh North, Ozaukee, Ripon, Shiocton, Valley Christian, Waupaca, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln and Xavier, 3:30 p.m., WHS  
WHS Boys Soccer vs. Green Bay West, 4:30 p.m., WHS

Winneconne Historical Society Meeting, 6 p.m., Winneconne Municipal Center Community Room

WHS Volleyball vs. Xavier, 7 p.m., WHS

### Wednesday, Sept. 24

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# Shallow Lakes Chronicles

## Take a kid hunting

By Matt Harp  
Outdoor Reporter

There really shouldn't be any controversy. I have duck buddies that complain about the "special hunts" like this weekend's youth duck hunt. "They can hunt any of the other weekends like the rest of us. They don't need their own, set aside weekend. We don't need a youth deer hunt, either," they will argue.

Try it once. Try the selfless act of putting a kid first in your boat. Take a minute to look at the early morning gleam in their eye, when they know it's all about them. Even Lu, The Wonder Dog, seems to respect that this is no ordinary day in the boat. We have space, a great sunrise and working ducks.

I'll tell you, too, it heaps a whole lot of pressure onto a 14 year old, knowing two dads and a hyper-enthusiastic dog are watching their every move; but I've only seen them excel. Excel in gun handling, in waiting for the shot, in dropping birds or learning from their misses.

What's cool as a mentor, or a dad, is it also allows you to pay more attention to the little things. The spider struggling through a dew-soaked web, a distant, Great Blue Heron silently hunting in the cattails and just how good the dog is at hearing the incoming birds before they are visible – every nuance of her actions. When you don't have to worry about shouldering your own firearm, it opens up



Photo from Matt Harp  
Lu, The Wonder Dog, enjoys days going on outings such as going on duck hunts.

a whole new world. Let's contrast this with a typical Wisconsin duck opener. Scores of boats that have been out since Friday at sundown. Each of them feeling that much more entitled with each hour that they've been out there. Long shots at high ducks without a chance of letting them work your decoys two, three or God forbid six passes. Often short fuses, over calling and just bad sportsmanship.

To me, let's save that for the more experienced men that have put in some time. I've sure been berated as a young duck hunter on the shores of Lake Winneconne. It's never a good experience, and I don't know why some hunters feel they own the marsh or know the only way to hunt it.

A sign on the edge of a promising spot with your name on it? Gimme a break, guys. I'm not making this up. We can do better. And the youth hunt is one way.

A special hunt for youth hunters? It sure is. Every year, and every time.

Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com.

## Poygan Conservation Club sets Youth Sight-In day

Winneconne News

The Poygan Conservation Club will hold a Youth Sight-In Day from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 27.

The range at 9195 Haase Road, Omro will be open for members and non-members to sight-in their guns. There is a \$5 fee for each non-member to use the range.

This date was set aside so that young shooters could get some practice with their guns before the opening of the Youth Hunt on Oct. 11.

Water and soda will be available to purchase inside. The club provides shooting

benches, lead bags, a spotting scope and ear protection for participants' use while they are using the range. The club provides target stands but asks participants to bring their own targets.

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## Whitetails Unlimited Banquet tickets on sale

Winneconne News

A Whitetails Unlimited Winnegamie WI Chapter Banquet is scheduled for Oct. 2 at Woodey's Bar and Grill, 700 W. Main St.

Raffles start at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by Winnegamie Home Builders Association.

The grassroots program provides the primary financial support for conservation projects funded by Whitetails Un-

limited, and to date over \$147 million has been expended on program services that enhance and foster the group's mission. Proceeds from this event will benefit scholarships.

All attendees will receive a WTU gift and entry into drawing for major door prizes.

Single tickets cost \$50. To buy tickets, go to whitetailsunlimited.com Winnegamie WI Chapter.

## Historical Society to hold monthly meeting

Winneconne News

The Winneconne Historical Society will hold its September meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in the community room on the second floor of the Winneconne Municipal Center. Use the South Second Street entrance

A summary of tour activity of the museum buildings over the summer will be

given. Many items will be on the agenda for members to discuss.

Election of officers will be held at the next meeting in October.

Those who are interested in preserving Winneconne's history are encouraged to attend. Yearly dues are \$10 and can be paid at the meeting.

## Giving Pump promotion benefits school district

Winneconne News

Woodey's Bar & Grill is partnering with True North gas station for its fuel up and give back campaign.

Through Oct. 31, every gallon pumped from the specially marked Giving Pump at the gas station, 6088 Harbour View Drive, raises money for the Winneconne Community School District. The Giving Pump is part of the Shell Corporation's Force for

Good initiative that helps local gas station owners and wholesalers give back to their communities.

This year, over 6,500 Shell stations across 47 states are participating to help local and national charities supporting children and their families. Fueling at the Giving Pump has no additional charge and discounts can still be applied.

## County Veterans Service Officer to visit Winneconne

Winneconne News

A County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) will be at the American Legion Giles Luce Post, located at 536 W. Main St. from 2 to 6 p.m. Sept. 25.

CVSOs are veterans who administer

services and provide assistance to veterans and their dependents. All veterans, spouses and/or dependents are welcome to attend this event. Now is the time to get any questions about benefits answered.

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Those attending the ceremonies toured the building afterward, seeing renovated areas such as the library and media center.

## Middle school

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the choir performed the National Anthem and the District Administrator Peggy Larson extended gratitude to the community for coming together to make this project happen.

"In 2023, our community once again came together," Larson said. "This time to invest in the future by supporting a comprehensive renovation of our building. And now in 2025, our classrooms, hallways and learning spaces are completely reimagined, bright, modern and built for the future."

David Voss III, vice president and CCOO of Miron Construction, spoke on behalf of the company. Voss said it was an honor to celebrate the successful referendum and updated learning facilities.

"Two of Miron's core values are especially meaningful today," Voss said. "Building legacies and rallying together. This project is a perfect embodiment of both."

Students from Susan Meunier's seventh grade leadership class cut the red ribbon, and confetti cannons kicked off self-guided tours of the renovated building. The new commons area showcased



District Administrator Peggy Larson welcomes the crowd gathered Sunday for the ribbon cutting of the renovated Winneconne Middle School building.

Winneconne High School graduates now employed by Miron Construction who helped bring this project to life.

"Let this school, along with the elementary school and the high school, be a place where minds are challenged, dreams are nurtured and where kindness and compassion prevail," said Donna Hansen, school board president.

The 1975 time capsule was displayed in the front entrance along with the new



Community members were able to see inside the renovated middle school building for the first time during the dedication celebration event.

items that will be added. New items include letters from Hanson, Todd Schroeder, the middle school principal, and Larson, as well as the ribbon from the cutting, a copy of the Winneconne News covering the groundbreaking and the program from the ceremony.

The celebration ended with the dedication of the gym to Hamlin Last. Last, who was in attendance with his wife Nancy and their children, has been a dedicated member of the WCSD since 1967. He was a math teacher, coached many sports, helped start the football program and went on to manage Marble Park for 30 years.

"During his tenure, he always placed the highest importance on his sportsmanship, teamwork and personal growth," Larson said. "He believed in athletics. He believed athletics were not just about winning, but about developing character, instilling a strong sense of commitment to the team, personal responsibility and integrity, both



A table with a time capsule showing items from 1975 and new ones that will be added was displayed near the front entrance of the school.

on and off the fields."

Last stood next to Larson as she gave her speech. When he finished, he was met with a standing ovation and cheers from community members gathered in the bleachers.

"It's all a little overwhelming," Last said. "Believe me, I appreciate it very much to see all of you here."

Last's name is printed on the court and a plaque with his story is hung on the wall. The next step in the Journey to the Future plan is to address the elementary school. For updates and announcements on WCSD projects, visit [winneconne.k12.wi.us](http://winneconne.k12.wi.us) and navigate to the district page.



Hamlin Last thanks the crowd as the middle school gym was dedicated in his honor.

# High school prepares for homecoming week

Winneconne News  
Preparations are underway as Winneconne High School gets ready to celebrate homecoming next week.

The theme for the week is Wolves Rule The Land. The dress up days include Cuddle Up: Wear Your Pajamas on Monday, Vacay Vibes: Tourist and Beach Attire on Tuesday, Undercover Spirit: Dress in Camo on Sept. 24 and Class Colors on Sept. 25. The class colors are gray for freshman, green for sophomores, blue for juniors and black for seniors.

The homecoming parade route starting at 6 p.m. Sept. 26 will go from Parkview

to Sixth to Twin Harbor to Wolf Run. The football game against Xavier starts at 7 p.m.

The theme for the homecoming dance from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Sept. 27 is Into the Woods.

The Student Council has organized a toy drive for the Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. Once the toys are donated, they are given to the Creative Arts Therapy team and the hospital's Child Life program.

The toys provide comfort during treatments, gifts for holidays and post-procedures, and enable therapeutic play.

Throughout the week, students and staff will take on a competitive "Toy Drive" competition.

"It is an exciting competition to go along with the homecoming festivities, while supporting a good cause," Student Council advisor Trisha Buelow said. "We would love to open the drive to the community as well to hopefully reach more support. We would love any donations possible in order to give back to the children and hospital."

A donation box will be set out at the football game.

# Winneconne student named National Merit Scholarship semifinalist

Winneconne News  
Rinn Lake from Winneconne High School was among the 16,000 semifinalists announced last week in the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,930 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million that will be offered next spring.

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# Wolves pummel Falcons remain undefeated



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Mason Mathe makes a move around a Sheboygan Falls defender on a first-half run on Friday night.

By Steve Clark  
Winneconne News

There is a danger in facing an opponent that is supposed to result in an easy win.

Taking a little too much for granted and coming into the game unfocused can open the door to momentum. And if a team – no matter what its record or recent history – is able to build some confidence with a few positive results, the plan for a comfortable victory can go out the window.

That did not happen to the Winneconne football team Friday night. Faced with a winless Sheboygan Falls team that had yet to score a touchdown three games into the season, the Wolves seized control from the outset and rolled to a 52-6 victory.

“We needed to jump on them right away and to do that was big,” co-head coach Ryan Krings said. “We came out of it healthy, and the guys performed the way they were supposed to tonight. I think we look at overall how our team played together tonight. Everybody came together tonight, and we will build on that for next week.”

It was dominance from the outset for the Wolves, who gained 29 yards on the first play from scrimmage – a pass from Brody Schaffer to Jordan Nettekovan. They needed just four plays and a little more than a minute to march 64 yards for the first touchdown.

Schaffer, who was 3-for-3 passing on the drive, scampered into the end zone for an 18-yard yard touchdown run to open the scoring.

“We marched down and scored right away. We wanted to make our mark,” Schaffer said. “This was a focus game for us. We wanted to be ready from the jump and that’s exactly what we did.”

Schaffer rushed for 86 yards on just five carries – a whopping 17.2 per carry average – and added a six-yard touchdown run later in the quarter.

He also connected on 8-of-10 passing for 155 yards and a pair of scores, throwing a 36-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Quigley late in the first quarter and had an

11-yard touchdown pass to Damon Davis early in the second quarter to boost the Wolves’ lead to 42-0.

Schaffer also had a pair of completions wiped out by penalties.

“As much as I love running the ball, I love throwing it, too. Getting the ball to my guys and getting guys in space, that’s how we do it,” Schaffer said. “Coach didn’t tell me anything (about starting off throwing the ball). He just called the plays, and we rolled with it.”

Trey Zemke and Andon Lang added 1-yard touchdown runs in the first quarter as Winneconne led 35-0 with still two minutes left in the period.

The Wolves gained 268 yards on their first five drives combined while the Falcons managed just 17 yards on five first-quarter possessions and completed just 1-of-10 passes for one yard in the opening period.

“We came out of it healthy, and the guys performed the way they were supposed to tonight,” Krings said. “It’s going to get harder and harder.”

Noah Bouras connected with Joseph Hutchinson for a 24-yard touchdown pass just before halftime, while Winneconne’s only points in the second half came on a 27-yard field goal by Andrew Dorn.

The majority of Winneconne’s starters didn’t play past the first quarter of the game as the Wolves looked to reserves and younger players to take the field.

“We thought this was an opportunity to maybe rest our starters a little bit,” Krings said. “We wanted to see how the game went and if we were able to get them out, get them on the sidelines.”

Schaffer said it was good to see the younger players get a chance to hit the varsity field, and it was important to him and the seniors to be supportive of them.

“The guys came in and played hard, the dudes that don’t play as much and that was amazing. They got the opportunity and I’m glad we set the stage for them,” Schaffer said. “They cheer us on all season

so when we get games like this, when guys get opportunities, we have to give it back to them. That’s the respect we have for each other and we’re going to keep doing that.”

With its second 52-point performance in the last three games, the Wolves have racked up 152 points in wins over Omro, New London and Sheboygan Falls to improve to 4-0 on the season.

It is the most points in a three-game stretch for Winneconne since the team opened last season by scoring 138 points in wins over Little Chute (34-21), Omro (60-7) and New London (44-30). Before that, the Wolves totaled 125 points in wins

over Waupun (55-0), Plymouth (21-10) and Kettle Moraine Lutheran (49-6) in 2018.

Winneconne, which is tied atop the Bay Conference standings with Fox Valley Lutheran and Seymour at 2-0, will travel to Shawano on Friday before returning home the following week for their homecoming game hosting Xavier.

“On any given night, we know we can light up the scoreboard and that’s our goal every week,” Schaffer said. “We have some great teams coming up and our preparation starts in practice. We don’t want to take any opponent lightly and just keep grinding.”



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Senior tight end Jordan Nettekovan had three catches for 50 yards in Friday’s win over Sheboygan Falls.



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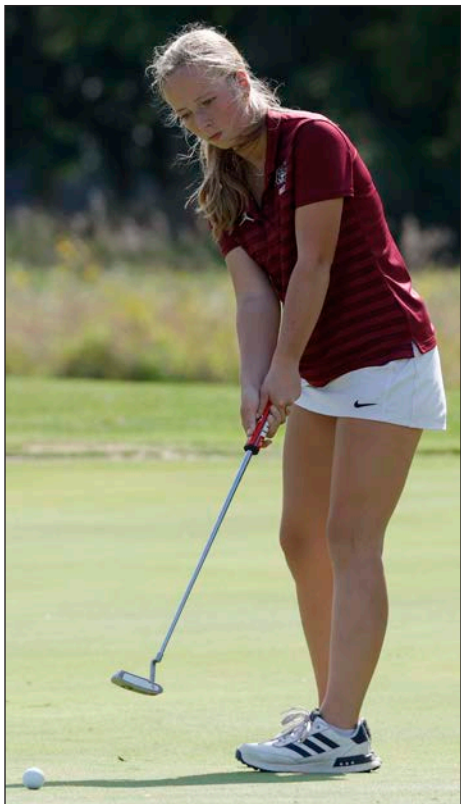


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Winneconne's Mia Rust rolls a putt toward the hole at Lake Breeze Golf Course on Sept. 9. The Wolves finished first in the Bay Conference South Division meet with Rust placing fourth overall.

### GOLF

#### Wolves finish first at Lake Breeze

Emma Cegielski earned medalist honors and Winneconne had three golfers finish in the top five as it finished first in a Bay Conference South Division Meet on its home course last week.

Cegielski led the way to the win with a round of 46, while Mia Rust finished fourth overall with 50 and Taryn Meyer was fifth with a score of 52. Jada Kaiser rounded out the scoring golfers for the

Wolves with a 55.

Winneconne finished with a team score of 203 to finish eight shots ahead of Fox Valley Lutheran to earn the win.

Winneconne also participated in the Sheboygan Invitational last week at Town & Country Golf Course, placing seventh among the 19 schools at the event.

The Wolves posted a score of 409, two shots behind Pulaski and seven behind Neenah in the final team standings. Kaukauna finished first with a team score of 383.

Cegielski was the top finisher for Winneconne, placing 15th in the field with a score of 96.

Kaiser and Allie Groff finished with rounds of 103 and 104, respectively, while Meyer added a round of 106.

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Winneconne racks up wins during busy week

The Wolves improved to 2-0 in the Bay Conference with a sweep of Shawano on Thursday as they endured a hectic week on the schedule.

The senior trio of Alyssa Koval, Malia Bodoh and Neela Gardner helped pace the 25-17, 25-16, 25-17 win over Shawano. Koval and Bodoh each had nine kills in the match, while Gardner had eight.

Gardner also led the team with three aces, while Bodoh had a team-high three blocks.

Bailey Church posted 24 assists in the match while Hallah Josephson finished with a team-best 18 digs.

Earlier in the week, the Wolves breezed to a 25-7, 25-11, 25-17 nonconference win over rival Omro.

Winneconne racked up 15 aces as a team in the win with Josephson leading the way

with five and Gardner adding four.

Koval led the team with 11 kills, while Josephson also picked up 10 digs. Church and Tess Immel finished with 18 and nine assists, respectively, in the win.

The Wolves then finished second at the Merrill Tournament on Saturday, finishing 3-2 on the day with both losses coming in three sets to Chippewa Falls. Winneconne notched wins over Newman Catholic and Wausau East in pool play and then beat Wausau West in three sets to advance to the title match.

Koval finished with 44 kills and 38 digs on the day, while Bodoh added 34 kills and Gardner had 32 kills on the day. Bodoh also led the team with 10 aces.

Josephson totaled 74 digs on the day, while Church led the way with 81 assists, with Tess Immel adding 33.

Laney Immel led the team with 10 blocks on the day, including seven in the match against Wausau West.

### CROSS COUNTRY

#### Girls second, boys fourth at Neenah Nightfall Classic

Quinn Leroy and Grant Wenzelow each posted top 10 finishes to lead their respective teams at the Neenah Nightfall Classic held Friday night at Winagamie Golf Course.

The Winneconne girls finished second overall in Division 2, placing behind only Shorewood in the 19-team field.

Leroy's seventh-place finish paced Winneconne, with Lydia Luce adding a 12th-place finish in the race. Ruby Kuehn was the next Winneconne finisher in 23rd place with Alana Schulke and Audra Schaffer placing 28th and 29th, respectively, to round out the scoring runners. Lauren Wiedemeier was only seconds be-

hind Schaffer in 32nd place.

The boys team was led by Wenzelow, who finished fifth in the Division 2 boys race.

Silas Sarbo was the second Wolves' finisher in 20th place, followed by Tyler Bostwick in 33rd place, Broc Berglund in 40th place and Merrick Heise in 50th place.

Winneconne finished in fourth place, one point behind Fox Valley Lutheran in the final team standings. Shorewood easily won the Division 2 title with Campbell-sport taking second.

### SOCCER

#### Wolves pick up win over Zephyrs

Winneconne scored a season-high three goals in a 3-2 win over St. Mary Catholic on Saturday afternoon.

The Wolves scored their first win of the season with a 1-0 victory over Seymour Sept. 9, while they fell to Shawano on Thursday, 2-0.



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## Harlem Globetrotters return to Oshkosh New Year's Eve

Winneconne News

The Harlem Globetrotters are making a stop in Oshkosh on the team's 100 Year Tour.

The team will be playing at Oshkosh Arena on Dec. 31. Tickets go on sale to the general public at 10 a.m. Monday.

The Globetrotters said this centennial season is a once-in-a-century celebration of 100 years of jawdropping "No Way!" moves, 100 Years of "Wow!" moments, and 100 years of basketball thrills. From gravity-defying dunks to game-changing tricks, fans will feel the history, the joy and the fun that the Globetrotters deliver.

## Herd announces upcoming season schedule

Winneconne News

The Wisconsin Herd announced the schedule for its 2025-26 season with its first home game on Nov. 11 against the Windy City Bulls with tip-off set for 6 p.m. at Oshkosh Arena. Prior to the home opener, the Herd will tip off the 2025-26 season on the road against the Windy City Bulls at 7 p.m. on Nov. 8.

Home games will tip off at 6 p.m. on weekdays (Monday-Thursday) and 7 p.m. on weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) except for noon Dec. 13 against Grand Rapids Gold, noon Dec. 14 against Iowa Wolves, the Herd's Annual School Day Matinee at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 22 vs. Noblesville Boom and 6:30 p.m. March 9 against the Valley Suns.

The Herd will be hosting teams for the first time, including the Mexico City Capitanes March 6 and 7, Valley Suns March 9 and Noblesville Boom Jan. 22 and 24.

The NBA G League schedule will continue to be divided into two parts: a 14-game Tip-Off Tournament, followed by a 36-game regular season. All 31 NBA G League teams will compete in at least 50 games during the 2025-26 season.

The Tip-Off Tournament, which marks the start of the 2025-26 season, begins on Nov. 7 and culminates when a champion is crowned during the 2025 NBA G League Winter Showcase in December. For the Tip-Off Tournament, teams are placed into four regions to play 14 games exclusively against each other. The teams with the best winning percentage in each region, along with the next four teams with the best winning percentages regardless of region, will advance to compete for the Championship at the NBA G League

For the first time, the team will debut their new 100 year jerseys, honoring a century of global impact, as they face off against their longtime rivals, the Washington Generals. Fans can also expect all new surprises like the Golden Basketball by Spalding, pre-game Magic Pass experiences and a 5th Quarter Autograph session that is free for all fans.

The current team of men and women, holders of more than 60 Guinness World Records, including 18 set just last year, the most of any team in any sport, will bring a fresh look of gravity-defying dunks and game-changing tricks.

Winter Showcase. Every team will play at least two games at the Winter Showcase.

Following the Tip-Off Tournament, team records will reset before the 36-game regular season, which begins at the Winter Showcase. At the conclusion of the regular season, for the first time, the top eight teams in each conference will qualify for the NBA G League Playoffs, which conclude with the NBA G League Finals in April 2026.

The Herd will play 13 of its 24 home games on the weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), with 13 different opponents set to play at Oshkosh Arena this season. Overall, Wisconsin will play nine games in November, nine games in December, 13 games in January, nine games in February and 10 games in March this season. The Herd's full 2025-26 season schedule can be found at wisconsinherd.com.

Season ticket memberships for the 2025-26 Herd season are available now. To purchase season memberships, or for more information on the Herd, visit wisconsinherd.com or call 920-233-HERD (4373). Single-game tickets for the 2025-26 season will go on sale in October.

The Wisconsin Herd promotional schedule will be released at a later date detailing theme nights and giveaways for the 2025-26 season.



## UWO reports growing enrollment estimates

Winneconne News

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh last week reported preliminary fall 2025 enrollment estimates showing growth across several student populations.

The university said it is welcoming nearly 12,500 students on campus, throughout Wisconsin and beyond. The UWO data, captured as the Universities of Wisconsin prepares to report estimates for the upcoming official fall student census, shows year-over-year increases in several categories.

Honors College enrollment is up 2% after a record year of growth in 2024-25, transfer student enrollment is up 4%, new graduate student enrollment is up 17%, first-year student retention is up 4% and the first-year class on the Oshkosh campus is up 2%.

"These categories highlight UWO's ability to attract and support students seeking strong academic communities, pathways

to advanced degrees and accessible transfer opportunities," UWO Chancellor Manohar Singh said. "They are proof that students continue to see UW-Oshkosh as a place where they can launch, continue or elevate their higher education journeys."

Universities of Wisconsin estimates for UWO's new freshman class released last week project an overall first-year student decline from fall 2024 to fall 2025 due to the discontinuation of teaching and learning at UWO Fox Cities in June. New first-year student estimates specifically for the Oshkosh-campus, year-over-year, indicate a 2.2% increase.

The deeper dive into UWO enrollment reveals resilience and encouraging momentum in student populations that align with institutional strengths and growth strategies, Singh said.

UWO will provide final enrollment reports to the Universities of Wisconsin later this fall.

## Fans invited to run with the Herd

Winneconne News

The Wisconsin Herd will host the fourth annual Run with the Herd 5K and 1K Family Fun Run on Oct. 26.

The start and finish line will take place at Oshkosh Arena with a route that runs through downtown Oshkosh. The 5K competitive timed run will start at 8 a.m., with the 1K Family Fun Run to follow right after. All runners are invited to stay for a free Fan Fest at Oshkosh Arena with snacks, refreshments and activities.

All participants will receive one 2025 Wisconsin Herd home game ticket voucher, one exclusive race t-shirt, one commemorative medal and one race swag

bag. The ticket voucher is good for one ticket to a Herd home game in November or December, based on availability. Ticket vouchers can be redeemed online or by calling 920-233-HERD. Additional tickets and upgrades will be available for purchase.

Sign up for \$35 before the registration price increases to \$40 on Oct. 1. Participants can register online at [runsignup.com/Race/WI/Oshkosh/RunwiththeHerd5K1K](https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Oshkosh/RunwiththeHerd5K1K).

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# Obituaries

## Keith B. Coats

Keith B. Coats, age 76, of Winneconne, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday September 4, 2025 after suffering a stroke. He was born on October 14, 1948 the son of the late Rexford and Agnes Schonscheck Coats. Keith celebrated 54 years of marriage to the love of his life Kathryn M. (Moran) Coats this year.

He served 4 years active duty as a Marine in the Vietnam War. Keith's extensive career extended over four decades and is best remembered as Keith Coats Contracting putting in numerous septic tanks and systems. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. His favorite hobby was sturgeon spearing with his little brother Donny and numerous friends and family. He mastered the sport as he speared three sturgeon over 100 lbs



even breaking many records at the time. Keith is survived by his wife of 54 years Kathy Coats, his siblings Rose Ann (Ron) Doro, Phil (Marge) Coats, Diana (Dave) Sanders and Donald (Lynda) Coats. His sisters-in-law Karen (Pete) Heilsberg, Pauline Wienandt, brother-in-law Greg (Julie) Moran, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his in-laws Gordon and Elaine (Magnusen) Moran.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday September 18, 2025 at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne WI at 5 p.m. with Deacon Paul Vidmar officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3:30 p.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be at Rushford Cemetery in Omro.

He will be missed dearly. A memorial has been established.



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



## Raymond E. Schwandner

Raymond E. Schwandner, age 89, of Appleton, formerly of Winneconne, passed away on Thursday September 5, 2025 at Cherry Meadows. He was born on September 9, 1935 to Erwin and Florence Boaman Schwandner. Ray married the love of his life Merwin Gail Wentzel on September 7, 1957.

Ray worked as a Ready Mix Truck driver for 30 years at 4 X corporation. He enjoyed playing cards, hunting, fishing and Log Creek Camp for 63 years.

He is survived by his daughters Sal-



ly(Paul) Bellile, and Sharon(Jim) DeGroot, and one grandson Steven(Fiancée Eda) Degroot.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 2024.

Private family services will be held and burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in the Town of Poygan.

A memorial has been established. The family would like to thank Ruth, Angie, and Britany for their loving care they given to Raymond.

Mueller Funeral Home of Winneconne is assisting the family



# Common Ground withdraws from health insurance exchange

Winneconne News  
Non-profit health insurance provider Common Ground Health Care Cooperative recently sent out letters to consumers in 11 counties across Wisconsin, including Winnebago and Outagamie counties, announcing that they would not be offering coverage on the health insurance exchange in 2026.

Common Ground will not be on the health insurance exchange in 2026 in certain counties, and the 6,955 residents in Outagamie and Winnebago counties

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# Lunch Menus

**Sept. 22-26**

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**For information or meal reservations, please call by 12:30 p.m. a day in advance.**

**Monday:** Pepper Steak. Brown Rice. Mixed Vegetables. Tropical Fruit.

**Tuesday:** Frozen. Cheeseburger. Baked Beans. Fresh Apple. Orange Juice.

**Wednesday:** Roast Pork. Mashed Potatoes. Yams. Apple sauce.

**Thursday:** Frozen. Porcupine Meatballs. Au Gratin Potatoes. Green Beans. Peaches.

**Friday:** Chicken Salad with Grapes and Celery. Salad Greens with Tomato and Cucumbers. Pears.

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**Monday:** ES - Mini Corndogs, Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Buffalo Chicken Salad. Garden Bar. Winter Blend Vegetables. Rice Pilaf. MS - Chicken Tenders. Corn. Buttered Pasta. Quick Bites - Hamburger/Bun. Chef Salad. Strawberry Walnut Salad. Fruit Bowl. Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads - Popcorn Chicken. Smuckers PB&J. Peas. Buttered Pasta. Fruit and Salads - Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Strawberry Walnut Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger - Chicken Patty/Bun. Spicy Chicken Patty/Bun. Willies Pizza - Cheese Pizza.

**Tuesday:** ES - Soft Shell Taco, Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Buffalo Chicken Salad. Spiced Apples. Garden Bar. Refried

Beans. MS - Soft Pretzel/Cheese. Yogurt Cup. Baby Carrots. Quick Bites - Chicken Patty/Bun. Chef Salad. Strawberry Walnut Salad. Fruit Bowl. Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads - Southwest Combo Wrap. Smuckers PB&J. Spiced Apples. Fruit and Salads - Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Strawberry Walnut Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger - Pizza Calzone. Rice Bowl/Lo Mein. Willies Pizza - Pepperoni Pizza.

**Wednesday:** ES - Mini Pancakes, Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Buffalo Chicken Salad. Garden Bar. Potato Chunks. Sausage Patty. MS - Mac and Cheese Bowl. Peas and Carrots. Quick Bites - Taco Stick. Chef Salad. Strawberry Walnut Salad. Fruit Bowl. Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads - Chicken Tenders. Smuckers PB&J. Roasted Vegetables. Fruit and Salads - Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Strawberry Walnut Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger - Chicken Wings. Taco Bowl. Willies Pizza - Cheese Quesadilla.

**Thursday:** ES - Meatball Sub, Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Buffalo Chicken Salad. Garden Bar. French Fries. Corn. MS - Ramen Noodle Bowl. Broccoli. Quick Bites - Hot Dog/Bun. Chef Salad. Strawberry Walnut Salad. Fruit Bowl. Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads - Turkey and Gravy. Smuckers PB&J. Mashed Potato. Broccoli. Fruit and Salads - Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Strawberry Walnut Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger - Hamburger/Bun. Pasta Bowl. Willies Pizza - Sausage Pizza.

**Friday:** No school.

# The Weekly Whisk

## Go Pack Go

It's still warm outside, but football season is officially here. Nothing says Green Bay Packers game day quite like a spread of cheesy, crowd-pleasing snacks and this Jalapeno Popper Dip is a guaranteed touchdown. Whether you're tailgating, hosting friends at home or just soaking up the last of the summer weather while cheering on the Packers, this dip is a winning play every time.

### Jalapeno Popper Dip

- 16 ounces sour cream
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons pickled jalapeno juice
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 tablespoons sliced chives
- 1/2 cup sliced green onion
- 1/2 cup finely diced pickled jalapenos
- 2 jalapenos, ribs and seeds removed, finely diced
- 4 ounces shredded cheddar cheese
- 12 ounces bacon, cooked and crumbled
- Salt and pepper
- Tortilla chips, Fritos, or crackers for serving

Add sour cream, cream cheese, pickled jalapeno juice, garlic powder, onion powder and a couple of large pinches of salt and pepper to a food processor. Process until smooth and creamy. Transfer to a large bowl.

To the bowl, add chives, green onion,

pickled jalapenos, fresh jalapeno, most of the cheddar cheese (reserve some for garnish) and most of the bacon (reserve some for garnish). Gently fold the ingredients into the sour cream mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Refrigerate the dip for about 30-45 minutes. Transfer to your serving dish. Garnish with cheddar cheese, crispy bacon, sliced jalapeno, sliced green onion and chives. Serve cold.

For questions or comments email [weekly-whisk01@gmail.com](mailto:weekly-whisk01@gmail.com)



# Volunteer Ombudsman Program expands to include assisted living

Winneconne News

The State of Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care is expanding its Volunteer Ombudsman Program to include assisted living communities in addition to skilled nursing homes.

This expansion includes community based residential facilities, residential care apartment complexes and memory care settings. By encouraging volunteers to serve in a variety of long-term care settings, the Board on Aging can offer improved advocacy services for individuals, aged 60 and older, living in long-term care communities.

The Volunteer Ombudsman Program is a supplement to the agency's Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, which works with individuals and their families to promote and protect the rights of long-term care consumers, while also working with long term care service providers to define and achieve the highest standards possible. The Volunteer Ombudsman Program currently operates in 35 counties.

Through the guidance of the Volunteer

Ombudsman Program, volunteers conduct weekly visits with residents of long-term care facilities. During these visits, volunteers inform residents of their rights and help them address concerns related to their quality of life. By visiting consistently and building trusting relationships with residents, volunteers establish themselves as reliable resources who promote dignity, respect, and person-centered care.

As the number of assisted living communities in Wisconsin continues to increase, the need for volunteer advocates grows statewide. The Board on Aging and Long Term Care is looking for individuals with an interest in advocacy to join this program. No prior long-term care experience is necessary to become a Volunteer Ombudsman, as in-depth training and ongoing support is provided.

To learn more about the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program or to become involved with the Volunteer Ombudsman Program, visit [longtermcare.wi.gov](http://longtermcare.wi.gov) or call 1-800-815-0015.

## WIAA executive director to speak at luncheon

Winneconne News

The Christian Values for Business Excellence in Leadership is holding an event in October.

Stephanie Hauser, WIAA executive director, will be the speaker during a luncheon Oct. 14 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. The topic will be leading with grace in clumsy times.

The event includes fellowship, networking and an inspirational message along with a buffet lunch. Registration and lunch will be from 11 to 11:45 a.m., followed by the program from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per person, \$370 for a table of eight and \$460 for a table of 10. For more information, visit [eilgroup.org](http://eilgroup.org).



# Legion organizing Gold Star Luminary event

Winneconne News

The American Legion Family Post-Unit 33 is hosting its annual Gold Star Luminary event at 3 p.m. Sept. 28 at Shattuck Park Pavilion in Neenah.

The ceremony pays tribute to soldiers who were killed in action and their families. The program features the presentation of colors, guest speakers, music and the lighting of the luminaries. Refreshments will be served after a reading of honored names.

The Fallen Angel Tribute Truck will be present at the event. The truck features the names of Wisconsin soldiers killed in action during the Persian Gulf War and the Global War on Terrorism.

For questions about this event, contact

the WI Blue Star Mothers Chapter One at 920-740-3185, or the American Legion Family Post-Unit 33 at 920-379-8612.

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Town of Wolf River Board Meeting  
Will be held on  
Monday, September 22, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Wolf River Town Hall  
8800 County Road II, Fremont

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND CHAPTER 310 ZONING CODE OF THE TOWN OF WINNECONNE

The Town Board of the Town of Winneconne will hold a Public Hearing at the Winneconne Town Hall, 6494 County Rd. M, Winneconne on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to consider an amendment to Chapter 310, Zoning Code of the Town of Winneconne.

A copy of the proposed amendment to Chapter 310 is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, 6494 County Rd. M, Winneconne during the following hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Yvonne Zobel, Clerk

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# Oshkosh Community Players present psychological thriller Rope

Winneconne News

The Oshkosh Community Players (OCP) is bringing Patrick Hamilton's chilling psychological thriller *Rope* to The Grand Oshkosh.



Amsden

With three evening performances Sept. 25-27 at 7 p.m. and a Sept. 27 matinee at 2 p.m., this suspense-filled production promises to keep audiences on edge from the opening scene to the final revelation, providing the perfect kick-off to fall's official "spooky season."



Matthew

Set in a London apartment, *Rope* follows two young university students who commit what they believe to be the "perfect crime" and then host a dinner party with their victim's body hidden inside the chest they use as a dining table. The strange gathering includes the victim's unsuspecting mother, his aunt, his former girlfriend, and the student's old professor, whose sharp observations begin to



Schmidt

unravel their façade of superiority.

The production features Noah Matthew as Wyndham Brandon, Adam Baurain as Charles Granillo (the two murderous students) and Zach Caldwell as Professor Rupert Cadell, supported by a talented cast.

Director Dr. Robert Amsden, who enjoyed a 27-year career at Ripon College directing and designing more than 50 productions, shared his excitement about the show.

"It is a privilege to work with such a joyous cast," he said. "We make remarkable progress toward a well-rehearsed and acted play each week. I am excited to finally get to The Grand and see the play on the big stage."

Amsden shares directorial responsibilities with assistant director Madysen Schmidt, who has been acting since 2022 with 16 productions under her belt, becoming president of OCP in 2025.

"The production is incredible," Schmidt said. "Enthusiasm from both cast and crew alike makes this 100-year-old story just as relevant and gripping [today] as it was back then."

Audiences can expect a balance of tension and wit during the evening.

"Suspense and humor," Amsden explained. "Alfred Hitchcock, master of suspense, produced a film adaptation of the stage play, so it is no surprise that he selected this rather frightening story. Playwright Patrick Hamilton — also the playwright of the famous play *Gaslight* — has provided some lovely humor, so the tension is leavened with some laughs."

For Amsden and Schmidt, community theater itself is a vital part of the experience.

"In the best of all possible worlds, the-

atre goers get to see talented individuals in the community practicing their crafts out of love of the art," Amsden said. "They are rewarded by seeing new and promising actors and they can see favorites perform a variety of roles in different shows over the years."

Schmidt wholeheartedly agrees.

"Community theater showcases community stories and interests while providing an affordable means of interactive entertainment," Schmidt said. "The energy of live productions is unlike any other sort of entertainment and Oshkosh Community Players is honored to share that with the greater Fox Valley area."

Tickets for *Rope* can be reserved online using the QR code on promotional mate-



rials or by calling The Grand Box Office at 920-424-2350. The play is suitable for high school age students and above.

## Library holding bubble bangle bracelet keychain program

Winneconne News

A bubble bangle bracelet keychain program will be held Sept. 30 at the Winneconne Public Library. The hands-on crafting experience from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. is designed for sixth graders and up.

The program will include participants being able to create their own projects. They can dive into creativity by designing and making their own bubble bangle bracelet keychain.

All supplies will be provided from colorful beads, charms, elastic cords and more. Participants are encouraged to just bring their imagination.

The library said the event is about fun and friends as it is an opportunity to meet

new friends, share ideas and enjoy a fun afternoon of crafting.



# foxes, food, football, & more...

## fall fun for all.



Explore the full lineup. Scan here!

<b>SEPT 17</b>	<b>National Fox Day Free Community Event!</b> 3-5pm   Fox World Travel 2150 S. Washburn St. FREE ice cream (thanks to ATW), meet Pointer of the Wisconsin Herd, enjoy kid-friendly games and exciting giveaways!
<b>SEPT 18</b>	<b>Grand Opening Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel</b> 2-6pm   FREE! An afternoon of hospitality and community: ribbon cutting, open house, tours and refreshments. Complimentary boat rides by <i>Your Boat Club</i> and more!
<b>SEPT 19 &amp; 20</b>	<b>Oshtoberfest</b> Sometimes at Pioneer Island Get your Dirndls and Lederhosen ready! Join us for two days of live music, local food and craft beer.
<b>SEPT 20</b>	<b>UW Oshkosh Football</b> Titan Stadium   1pm Kickoff Titan Football is BACK! Get ready to cheer on UW Oshkosh at the first home game of the season, vs Roosevelt University (Ill.).

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