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PANCAKE BREAKFAST FLY-IN ON SEPTEMBER 13TH

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Ambulance board accepts service contract

By Anya Kelley
Winneconne News

The Intergovernmental (IGA) Ambulance Board unanimously voted to accept LifeStar EMS's service contract and will begin the facilities construction process.

In a special meeting on Aug. 26, the Town of Nekimi voted to drop negotiations with the City of Oshkosh and continue to pursue the IGA. As a result, the Town of Black Wolf also ended negotiations with Oshkosh.

"I can't believe we're finally to this point," board vice chairman Leonard (Len) Schmick said after Chairman Frank

Frassetto made the announcement and the board moved to vote on the contract.

The next challenge for the board is deciding where two ambulances will be housed and who will own what. Right now, the board is considering two feasible land opportunities for new construction, which the board favored over renovating a standing facility.

The two areas are about 200 yards apart and the major difference is one is already the City of Omro's property, and the other is privately owned. There are some benefits to the private land, including avoiding the bidding process if no public dollars are

spent on the project. However, the IGA's Attorney Brian Sajdak said he would need to look further into the legality of the public dollars issue.

Omro City Administrator Brandon Hennes said the Omro city council agreed on two options for the land they already own: parcel it off and sell it to the IGA for \$1 so all nine municipalities can split the facilities cost nine ways, or the city could own the land and the building, take on the debt and work on a lease contract with LifeStar.

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Winning bet

Winneconne Kwik Trip employees took a bet with the company's area team during July's chicken drive. The team had to sell 300 chicken units in one day, which is about double the typical number in a day for one of the stores. Since they accomplished that goal, the employees dressed in chicken costumes for one shift last week.

Therapy dog Brie reports for duty

By Chris Lusvardi
Winneconne News

The Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office last week welcomed a special new member to its team.

K9 Brie, a one-year-old Goldendoodle, will be working with Deputy Medical Examiner McKenzie Repinski to respond to calls throughout the county.

Repinski spent a week with Brie ear-

lier this summer, and Brie has already responded well to different situations. They've visited events such as the Winnebago County Fair as part of introductions to the community.

Brie's primary job will be to help bring comfort to people in some of the most tragic and difficult situations as they begin to grieve the loss of a loved one, Repinski said.

"She will be an incredible asset," Repinski said. "Sometimes people don't want to talk to us, but they will sit with a dog. This gives them the time and space they need when they don't want to talk. We can give them comfort when they need it."

Brie will support the Medical Examiner's Office as well as police officers

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K9 Brie lays in place on a blanket with her name on it as she started work as a therapy dog for the Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office.



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Salon cuts hair for hair for wig donations

By Anya Kelley
Winneconne News

Salon Revival, a locally owned salon in Winneconne, is helping children with hair loss receive wigs through hair donation.

Karley Jacobchick has been sending bundles of hair to the nonprofit Children with Hair Loss (CWHL) for many years. CWHL started in 2000 and helps 600 kids each year who experience hair loss from a whole host of reasons.

"I have the same families who do it over and over and over," Jacobchick said. "I have a husband and wife, they're probably in their mid-seventies now, and I've been doing their hair since I started ... I think the husband has donated three or four times now and his wife has donated maybe five or six. So, they continually just grow it out."

On Aug. 4, Jacobchick helped a family donate 44 inches of hair.

"I know the mom had [donated] a couple of times," Jacobchick said. Her two young daughters were donating for the first time.

"I asked both girls, 'are you going to do it again?' and they're like, yeah," Jacobchick said. "So they're going to grow their hair right back out, and once it's long enough to take eight inches off, we'll cut it off."

Jacobchick's mom was a hair stylist and ran a salon in their house while she was growing up. She never thought she was going to follow in her mom's footsteps.



Photo from Salon Revival
Sarah Lundt, Abby Lundt and Nikki Lundt donated 44 inches of hair last month to help children with hair loss receive wigs.

Jacobchick went to cosmetology school. When she was in her early 30's, she decided to go back to college and pursue a degree in health and wellness. During school, Jacobchick continued to do hair and right before graduation, had her son Charley.

"I realized I had this whole new passion for [doing hair]," Jacobchick said. "This is going to be my end career. I never really thought it was going to be, but I knew I had needed to invest in myself and my son a little bit more if this was going to be my end career."



Photo from Salon Revival
Lindsey Brody and Tara Vandenberg are among the donors who have had their hair cut at Salon Revival to help the nonprofit Children with Hair Loss.

Jacobchick opened Salon Revival, a play on the name of her mother's salon, Dec. 16, 2024. Her goal was to make a private space where her clients could come in and fully relax while getting their hair done.

When Jacobchick's mom passed away three years ago, she never imagined she would be walking this closely in her footsteps.

"When I was 18, I'm pretty certain that becoming my mother was not what I wanted," Jacobchick said. "But now, I'm very proud of it."

Gripp joins village as customer service representative

By Anya Kelley
Winneconne News

After receiving over 300 applications and conducting interviews over a month and half period, the Village of Winneconne last month announced the hiring of Jessie Gripp as its full-time customer service representative.

"Jessie's strong background in customer service, experience in small business



Gripp

operations and proactive approach to process improvement set her apart," village administrator Logan Fuller said in a press release.

A resident of Omro, Gripp said she has deep ties to Winneconne. Her family is from Winneconne and many years ago her great-grandfather owned Fin 'n' Feather.

"I've always loved the small-town feel and the way people care about each other here,"

Gripp said. "Being able to work in a place with so much family history and community connection really means a lot to me."

Gripp opened a landscaping and construction business with her husband five years ago and recently patented a new

type of concrete called ConoXXy that she helped invent.

"I've always loved building things, solving problems and finding creative ways to improve how things are done," Gripp said.

Gripp is a mother of four children, ages three, four, six and seven. She loves to write and work on new ideas, and her favorite thing to do is spend time with her kids.

Gripp said throughout her career journey, her number one goal has always been to make people feel better after interacting with her.

"I care deeply about this community, and I'm excited to be a small part of what makes Winneconne such a special place," she said.

Titans to add women's flag football as varsity sport

Winneconne News

UW-Oshkosh will be adding a new sport to its varsity roster next fall.

Chancellor Manohar Singh announced last week that Titan Athletics will be starting a women's flag football program as the school's 21st varsity sport. Singh said the new program reflects the university's commitment to expanding athletic opportunities for women and being part of the national growth of the sport.

Women's flag football is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation. The sport

has already been added at five four-year Wisconsin colleges, including UW-Stout, which played its inaugural season this spring.

According to the NCAA, 16 colleges and universities nationwide offered the program in the spring of 2025 and over 20 schools have announced to start a program in 2026.

Women's flag football also has a global spotlight on the horizon, with the sport set to debut as an Olympic event in the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Games.

Flag football teams compete 7-on-7, with average rosters of about 25 players. Games are played in four 12-minute quarters on a field 80 yards long by 40 yards wide.

Correction

Aug. 27, Page 9: In the "Strong nucleus returns to lead Wolves" article, Hallah Josephson was misidentified.

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Community invited to middle school open house

By Peggy Larson

I hope you enjoyed the final days of summer. It has been an especially busy and exciting time in the district — particularly with the middle school renovation.



Larson

New furniture is in place, final touch-ups are underway and our teachers are settling into their refreshed classrooms. I truly cannot wait for our

community to see the incredible transformation.

Save the date for 1 p.m. Sept. 14 for our Community Open House and Dedication Ceremony.

Below is the draft agenda for this special celebration (details are still being finalized):

- Band and/or choir play a couple tunes and the National Anthem.
- Welcome Address from Mrs. Donna Hanson, Board of Education President and Peggy Larson, District Administrator.
- “Entombment” of time capsule.
- Ribbon Cutting - Enter the building.
- Approximately 1:45 p.m. - Gymnasium dedication in honor of Hamlin Last.
- 2 p.m. - Self guided tour of WMS - pictures will be available of what the spaces looked like prior to the renovation.

Our K-9 students began school on Tuesday and our 4K and 10-12th graders

started today. 4K families had a meeting with their child’s teacher on Tuesday and freshmen got the high school to themselves on Tuesday in order to get a feel for the building and get to know the staff.

We recently shared with families the importance of strong school attendance. When students are present every day, they not only keep up with their academics, but they also build meaningful relationships with teachers and peers, develop healthy routines and gain confidence by staying engaged in learning. Simply put, every day of instruction matters, and even a few absences can add up quickly.

This emphasis on attendance is part of our Culture of Continuous Improvement, highlighted in the community newsletter sent out two weeks ago. According to last year’s District Report Card, 12.5% of our students missed more than 10% of the school year (17 or more days). Our goal is to reduce this to 10% or fewer students.

We believe this is achievable if we all work together — families, staff and community — by making school attendance a top priority. With your partnership, we can help every student stay on track and succeed.

Please call with any questions – 920-582-5802 ext 3141 or email larsonm@w-csd.org.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We’re excited about the future and look forward to celebrating our new middle school space with all of you at 1 p.m. on Sept. 14.

Peggy Larson is the administrator of Winneconne Community School District.



Photo from Winneconne Community School District

Welcome back

The Winneconne Community School District kicked off their in-service for all staff Aug. 20 with a breakfast served by Board of Education members. The board members include Dean Ackmann, Kati Calewarts, Jill Verich, Jaci Stelzner, Nathaniel Harter, Donna Hanson and Mark Kunde.

Homeschoolers to hold events at library

Winneconne News

The Winneconne Area Homeschoolers schedule has started with more events coming up. The schedule is built for a year of learning, creativity and community.

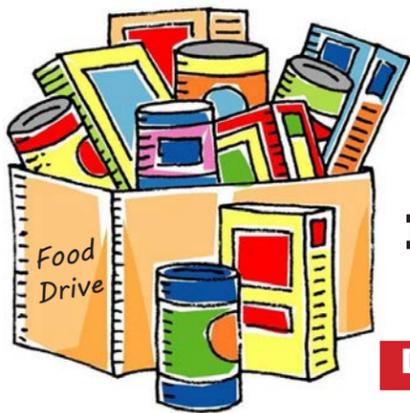
Events for all ages will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Winneconne Public Library. Upcoming events include the Lego Challenge and Build along with current events for teens Sept. 9; Cereal Book Report Sept. 16; guest speaker Sept. 23 and Homeschool Field Day Sept. 30,

which requires registration.

A special event Homeschool Moms Dessert and Devotional will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Winneconne Library Lounge.

The homeschoolers held a kickoff event last week along with a hike on the Wiowash Trail this week.

For more information, contact Natalie at 920-382-3510 or email WAHhomeschool@gmail.com.



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Just as he has for the past 25 years, Kelly will continue his work at the funeral home in most capacities. While not retiring, the sale will allow him to have less time on call, so that he can enjoy a more flexible schedule and more family time.

Kelly and Julie have great faith in Jay, Mark, and their staff to continue the tradition of respectfully caring for families who call on us in the most difficult times in their life.

Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes are well-established in the Oshkosh and surrounding area and have been in business for over 150 years. They are looking forward to including in their care, the families that Mueller Funeral Home serves.

We are so grateful for all of the families that have given the Angell and Mueller family the privilege of serving them through the years and feel confident that Mueller Funeral Home will continue to take care of you and your family in the same fashion that we have strived for during the past 80 years.

Sincerely,
Kelly and Julie Angell
Mueller Funeral Home



Submitted photo

Memorial bricks

Shaune Luce recently presented American Legion Post 364 Commander Dick Krueger and American Legion Auxiliary Unit President Jeanne Lehr with a donation of \$3,060 to support the Veterans Memorial Brick project. The money was raised during The Luce Open Aug. 12.

Fair to promote brain health, wellness

Winneconne News
The Oshkosh Seniors Center will host an upcoming Brain Health and Wellness Fair.

The event that promotes healthy aging is for those interested in brain health, psychology and lifestyle interventions to improve health and longevity. It raises awareness about brain health and wellness education.

The fair gathers local businesses, health care providers and wellness experts to share resources, offer screenings and facilitate interactive sessions for older adults age 50 and older. Attendees can access

information on cognitive health, wellness programs, nutrition, mental health and more. The event aims to help older adults maintain health, independence and community ties.

The event will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 10. Free presentations, live demos, Q&A rooms and more than 20 vendors will be featured from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Following that, a concert featuring the J+ Band will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Concert tickets are \$8 and are available at one of the Seniors Center front desks.

The Oshkosh Seniors Center is located at 200 N. Campbell Road in Oshkosh.

American Legion organizing blood drive

Winneconne News
The American Legion Post 364 is hosting a blood drive in an effort to help save lives in the community.

The Legion said every donation makes a difference. The blood drive will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 19 at 536 W. Main St. in Winneconne. The Legion is coordi-

nating with The Community Blood Center to hold the event.

To schedule a donation, visit donate.communityblood.org/donor and use sponsor code S038 or call 800-280-4102.

Donors are encouraged to eat well, hydrate and bring a photo ID.

Library holding food drive this month

Winneconne News
The Winneconne Public Library started a food drive Tuesday that will run through Sept. 26.

The food drive is being organized to support the Winneconne Area Assistance Center, which thanks the community for supporting its Summer Lunch Program for the third year in a row.

Non-perishable food items are being collected with every contribution helping the center. The September food pantry

list includes feminine hygiene products, grape jelly, toothpaste, olives, canned mushrooms, diced tomatoes and tomato sauce. Fresh vegetables and fruit are always needed.

Additional items that are requested include hamburger and tuna helper, chili beans and canned tomatoes for the upcoming chili season. Chunky soups, canned chicken, canned stew, Spam, canned potatoes and boxed potatoes and cereal can also be donated.

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Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Wild rice outlook

By Matt Harp
Outdoor Reporter

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that this year's wild rice crop in northern Wisconsin remains low, continuing a pattern of low production in recent years.

Annual wild rice production across the region is strongly linked to climate and weather events over the previous year.

"The 2025 season has brought a mix of conditions, including several notable storm systems," said Kathy Smith, Ganawandang Manoomin (she who takes care of wild rice) with the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission.

"A fast-moving windstorm in mid-June produced widespread wind damage and heavy rainfall across the upper Midwest. In late June, some areas saw 6-7 inches of rain in a short period, contributing to temporary high-water levels on seepage lakes."

Remote sensing using satellite imagery is a new tool for evaluating annual wild rice abundance across the region. According to the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, the imagery suggests that, across northern Wisconsin, the surface area coverage of wild rice is 18% less this year than last year's crop.

The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission maintains the Annual Harvest Outlook webpage glifwc.org/exercising-treaty-rights/seasonal-harvest-regulations/wild-rice-regs#annual-harvest-outlook, which includes helpful information for harvesters and wild rice production conditions for some historic wild rice waters in Wisconsin. Wild rice harvesters may notice a new look to this year's webpage. The webpage may offer some insights on relative wild rice production for certain waters, but the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission and the DNR advise harvesters to explore

different waters to find the most productive rice beds each year.

Wild rice harvesting is open to all Wisconsin residents with a wild rice harvester license and provides the opportunity to forage a highly nutritious, natural food source unique to the upper Midwest. Wild rice maturity typically ranges from late August through mid-September across the state and varies by waterbody and rice bed.

In addition to climate-related factors, wild rice production can be hindered by several human-induced factors. One of the most impactful activities is boating from late spring through the summer. Waves created by boats will uproot growing rice plants during vulnerable stages of growth when they are just below or above the surface of the water. Boaters on known wild rice lakes are encouraged to practice slow/no wake near shallow areas that might have wild rice growing.

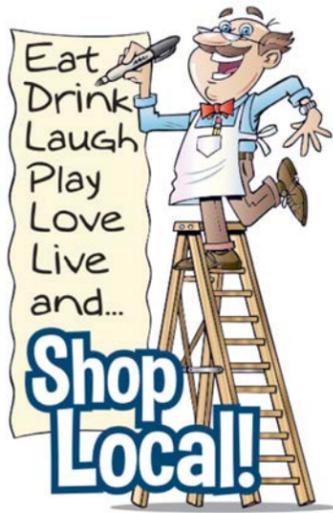
More information on harvesting wild rice, licensing and harvest regulations is available on the DNR's Wild Rice Harvesting webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/rice.

The Brothertown Indian Nation Environment & Natural Resources Department is also continuing its work on Lake Poygan through planting, sampling and monitoring in Boom Bay and the Pine River areas.

Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com.



Harp



Wednesday Night Men's Golf League at Lake Breeze

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Fox Valley Metrology	292.0 pts.
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Lake Breeze	281.5 pts.
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Westward Ho	267.5 pts.
Woodeyes	262.0 pts.
South	
Rohm	299.0 pts.
Bankfirst	296.5 pts.
Reshel	283.0 pts.
Tinys	279.5 pts.
Felix Auto & Towing	267.5 pts.
Veterans Mechanical II	248.0 pts.
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Joe Sarnowski	36
Jamie Chapin	36
Drew Lichtnam	36
Dave Schroeder	37
Troy Evers	37
Mark Shepherd	37
Jaron Warrick	38
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Westward Ho	285.5 pts.
Woodeyes	279.0 pts.
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Rohm	315.0 pts.
Tinys	303.5 pts.
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Dave Hoenecke	32
Craig Mueller	33
Rob Grey	33
Dick Price	33
Joe Sarnowski	34



Photo from The Village Pub

Winning donation

The Village Pub's Fifth Annual Golf Extravaganza was held Aug. 10 at Winchester Golf Course. The winning team consisted of Marissa Haug, John Haug, Dave Curtis and Dillon Schuelke. With the money raised from the event, The Village Pub donated \$1,500 to the Winneconne Area Assistance Center.

WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Celebration

Join us as we celebrate the completion of the
Winneconne Middle School Renovations.

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Sunday, September 14, 2025
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Middle School Main Entrance

Celebrate with a ceremonial ribbon cutting, time capsule entombment, and the dedication of the gym floor!

Open House & Self-Guided Tours
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Dedication of Hamlin Last Gymnasium
1:45 PM

Ambulance board

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Hennes said the city council would prefer to own the land so the board could be eligible to apply for the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities direct loan and grant program. That grant could cover up to 75% of the building cost.

Currently, facilities estimates are coming in, ranging from between \$800,000 to \$1.4 million. Hennes said some of the expenses could be cut out as the estimates include things like \$36,000 for grass seed and \$15,000 for a sign.

"No matter what, it has to go to bid," said Marty Johnson, board commissioner for the Town of Poygan. "So, these are good numbers that at least have what's needed included. But I'm certain that the number's going to come in underneath what is being proposed here."

If the IGA chooses to go with the private land, it will cost \$50,000 to run septic and sewer out to the property. Hennes said the City of Omro would cover that cost for the other property. Frassetto questioned whether the City of Omro would benefit exponentially if the IGA used their land rather than the private land. Hennes and David Wiese, board commissioner for the City of Omro, said everyone would benefit equally.

Dana Woods, the assistant secretary of the IGA, is prepared to apply for the Wisconsin Innovation grant once the window opens in September. The grant could provide up to \$751,764 over the five-year contract to cover EMS related costs. The application window has been postponed due to legislation changes at the state level.

The next IGA board meeting is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Town of Omro Town Hall.

Winneconne FFA shines at the county fair

By Madelyn Melby
Winneconne FFA Reporter

The sounds of noisy farm animals in the barns, the smell of exhaust from the tractor pulls and the taste of sugary funnel cakes occurred this summer.

Winneconne FFA Chapter members have been hard at work all summer and year to prepare for the 2025 Winnebago County Fair, which was held July 30 to Aug. 3 at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh.

For most, it is the week that is looked forward to all year long. The FFA members made lifelong memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Throughout the year, the agriculture classes at Winneconne assisted in fish farming tilapia. With the assistance of the Winnebago County Farm Bureau, students and advisors were able to set up and help run a fish fry. The meal consisted of Winneconne class-grown tilapia, coleslaw, tarter sauce, tater tots and bread.

Lines were excitingly long but the happy faces of supporting customers were endless. Many thanks to the Winnebago County Farm Bureau, Winneconne FFA members, and advisors who made this happen.

Landen White, in particular, said he had an incredible week. White started showing varieties of chickens and ducks previously, but also started showing goats this year.

In the expo, he enjoys showing his artwork, woodworking, and vegetables. He loves being able to spend time with his friends and family and see all of his "hard work into play." One achievement he received was his woodworking being sent to the 2026 Wisconsin State Fair.

Harper Neace said she had an amazing experience being a first-year exhibitor. Neace showed two goats at the fair with names of Dixie and Honey.

She won senior showmanship, overall showmanship, overall dairy goat, and grand champion dairy goat. Neace's favorite part of the fair is "meeting new people who also share a love for animals."

Winneconne FFA is well-represented every year at the county fair. The other students who represented the Winneconne FFA at the fair were Trevor Leichtfuss, Tracy Leichtfuss, Ryan Selwitschka,



Submitted photo
Winneconne FFA Members Landen White, Harper Neace and Ryan Selwitschka hold up Neace's 2025 banners from showing goats.



Submitted photo
Winneconne FFA Senior Ethan Albrecht enjoyed a great fair showing pigs and steers.

Teresa Leichtfuss, Wyatt Mills, Jack Bon- and Lindsey Mathison.
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Oshkosh Jazz Festival tribute honors Harmon

Winneconne News

Long-time Winneconne resident John Harmon was honored last month as part of a tribute during the Oshkosh Jazz Festival.

Michael Underwood, vice president of the OJF board, said it seemed like time to recognize Harmon and others from the Oshkosh area.

“We’re proud of Oshkosh, so why not showcase our greatest players and perhaps our greatest player?” Underwood said.



Photo from Oshkosh Jazz Festival

John Harmon is joined on stage by other performers Aug. 23 as he was honored during a special tribute during the Oshkosh Jazz Festival. John’s son, pianist Noah Harmon, opened the set as performers played selections to honor the long-time Winneconne resident.

Harmon is known as being a teacher, mentor and friend to other musicians. During the festival Aug. 23 in Downtown Oshkosh, former students including his son Noah, pianist Mike Kubicki, UW-Stevens Point Director of Jazz Studies Matt Buchman and UW-Oshkosh Director of Jazz Studies Marty Robinson each performed works Harmon had written or arranged. Performers also included drummer Mike Malone and bassist John Gibson.

With a glass of wine in hand, Harmon sat on stage as the musicians honored him in a fitting way: through his music. As the tribute concluded, Harmon took the piano for what was described as a long, heartfelt set, joined at one point by local jazz musicians Janet Planet and Tom Washatka.

With Harmon’s 90th birthday coming up in October, festival organizers said this moment was a reminder of the lasting impact of his music, his teaching and his spirit.

Harmon is a member of the Wisconsin Area Music Industry (WAMI) Hall

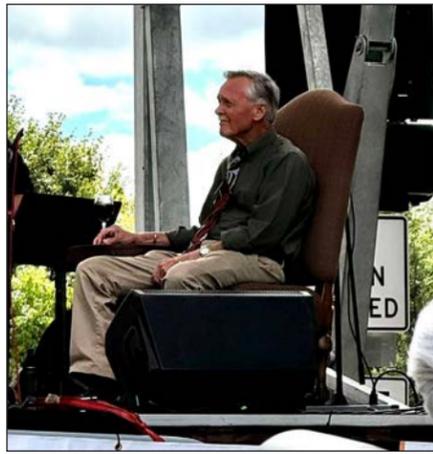


Photo from Oshkosh Jazz Festival

Winneconne resident John Harmon took the stage Aug. 23 to perform during the Oshkosh Jazz Festival in downtown Oshkosh.

of Fame and Underwood calls him “the Godfather of Jazz in Wisconsin.”

Emmy-nominated trumpeter and vocalist Benny Benack III served as master of ceremonies and played a set with a band that included a six-piece horn section. Multi-faceted American pianist and composer Emmet Cohen was the headliner and played with his trio during the event.

Therapy dog

FROM PAGE 1

throughout the county as she brings comfort to individuals, groups and communities impacted by a traumatic event. The therapy dog will work full time at the office and in the community under the care and supervision of her handler. The handler is ultimately responsible for the care, training and wellbeing of the dog.

Outside of the office, K9 Brie will reside at home with Repinski and continue to be socialized with not only her family but the community.

“We think she will do wonderful things,” Repinski said. “These situations are hard. She can help bring emotions down. I can’t wait to see what she’s going to do.”

Brie has spent time training with Dawgs at Work in Saukville, completing four good citizen certifications. Executive director Amanda Zavadil said dogs in the program need to meet certain criteria, such as not being shy. She said they would be more of a “Goldilocks” as they’re taught socialization and how to be calm even in stressful situations.

“It’s all real-world training as they’re exposed to everything they will be in their working environment,” Zavadil said. “We want to get them in situations so they’re 100% prepared.”

Not many agencies have trained emotional supports dogs such as Brie. Zavadil is looking forward to seeing what she can do.

“I couldn’t be more proud of her,” Zavadil said. “She will have an active role in the community to do good. It’s just so incredibly special. We hope to get more dogs placed to help more people.”

Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz said the sheriff’s office has a similar dog

working in the county’s jail through its Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) program. He’s excited for the new addition, having seen how successful such an asset can be for an agency.

“Now she’s here and is going to be here for a long time,” Matz said. “She’s got a



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Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz and Deputy Medical Examiner McKenzie Repinski talk about how K9 Brie will be used as a therapy dog in high stress situations.

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long time ahead of her to make things a little better for everybody.”

Matz said the community has stepped up since efforts were announced earlier this summer to raise \$25,000 through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to support Brie. He said additional funding is needed to support her continuing expenses.

If interested in contributing to the fund, visit the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation’s website oacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list and search for Winnebago County Medical Examiner’s Office K9 Fund.

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Prep Roundup

SOCCKER

Wolves come up short in first two games

Winneconne dropped a pair of nonconference matches last week, falling to Freedom, 5-1, and Omro, 4-3.

Ethan Albrecht tallied the lone goal for the Wolves, who trailed 3-1 at halftime. Goalkeeper Andrew Sperling had a stellar night in goal despite the loss, totaling 14 saves.

The Wolves trailed 2-0 at halftime against Omro before scoring all three goals in the second half.

Albrecht, Carter Blaha and Trey Lemke each scored one goal for the Wolves.

GOLF

Cegielski shares medalist honors at meet

Emma Cegielski fired a 47 at Shamrock Heights Golf Course to tie for the low round at the Bay Conference South Division meet last week.

Cegielski tied with St. Mary Catholic's Olivia Nagel for medalist honors and was one of only three golfers in the field to finish under 50.

Allie Groff and Jada Kaiser tied for seventh with rounds of 56, two shots better than teammate Mia Rust, who placed ninth.

The Wolves finished second overall with a score of 217, while Fox Valley Lutheran posted the low team score with a 204.

Winneconne also competed in the full Bay Conference meet last Tuesday at Golden Sands Golf Club and placed fifth among the 10 complete teams.

The Wolves posted a team score of 221,

to finish five strokes behind Fox Valley Lutheran and Bonduel. Seymour took first with a score of 181.

Rust had the low round of the meet for Winneconne with a 52- tying her for 10th overall - one shot ahead of Kaiser. Cegielski had the next lowest score for the Wolves with a 55, as Taryn Meyer rounded out the scoring golfers with a 61.

CROSS COUNTRY

Winneconne girls second at Freedom Invitational

Quinn Leroy and Ruby Kuehn each finished in the top five as Winneconne finished second in the large school division at the Freedom Invitational Aug. 27.

The Wolves totaled 68 points to come in behind only Green Bay Preble, which had six runners in the top 12. Fox Valley Lutheran finished third with 81 points.

Leroy finished third overall, while Kuehn placed fifth overall to lead Winneconne.

Lydia Luce and Lauren Wiedemeier came in 18th and 19th, respectively, while Vivian Verich in 23rd place rounded out the Winneconne runners.

For the boys, Grant Wenzelow led the way by placing fourth overall with Silas Sarbo joining him in the top 10 in ninth place.

Merrick Heise and Tyler Bostwick finished about nine seconds apart in 16th and 18th place, respectively, with Cailin Yingling adding a 26th place.

Winneconne was in a three-way battle for second place in the final large school team standings. Green Bay Preble easily won the boys title, posting a score of 22 points, with Fox Valley Lutheran edging Winneconne by one point for second place. New London was in fourth place, seven points behind the Wolves.



Photo by Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Koa Gogo controls the ball in front of a Freedom defender during last Tuesday's nonconference match in Winneconne.

Boys, girls cross country fields talented groups

Winneconne News

After a one-year jump into Division 1, the Winneconne boys cross country will be back in Division 2 when the postseason rolls around.

And with an experienced and talented group returning for head coach Kraig Western, the outlook for the squad is a bright one.

"Being back in our rightful division is exciting for our boys," commented Western. "It does feel like we are back on a level playing field with schools similar in size to Winneconne. At this point, it is up to our group and many new faces to train hard, stay healthy and begin a new streak (of qualifying for the state meet)."

Despite competing in Division 1, the Wolves placed a strong fourth in the Stevens Point sectional last fall and advanced a pair of individuals to the state meet. One of those is senior Grant Wenzelow, who will be returning the lead the squad.

Wenzelow, who is coming off a successful track season, finished 66th in the Division 1 race last season and will be one of three seniors anchoring the Wolves' lineup. Silas Sarbo and Jonah Jacobson round out the senior trio.

Sophomores Tyler Bostwick and Merrick Heise are also varsity returnees from a year ago, while sophomore Logan Wolf

and freshmen Broc Berglund, Maxwell Helfrich and Jackson Morton will also be competing for spots in the varsity lineup.

"If we stay healthy, I think our goals would be to push for a conference title in the new Bay Conference and return our team back to state," commented Western.

The Winneconne girls will also be led by a veteran group, highlighted by senior Hannah Yetter who qualified for the state meet last year as an individual. Yetter finished just outside of the top 50 at the state meet after placing sixth at sectionals.

Fellow senior Lauren Weidemeier, junior Ruby Kuehn and sophomore Lydia Luce also return from last year's squad which narrowly missed advancing to the state meet after placing a close third at the sectional meet last season.

Freshmen Quinn Leroy and Alaina Schulke should help give the squad some depth.

"I am hoping our experience will lead to a cool, collected team that believes in their abilities," commented Western. "The girls have some excellent talent returning from the previous season and we should also have a couple of freshmen that should contribute to our success this season. ... The big step for this squad is to be able to race as well as they train in practice."

Editor's Note

Due to an early deadline for the Winneconne News, results from the Winneconne High School football game against Omro on Friday and other weekend sports are unavailable in this week's paper. Look for an update in the Sept. 10 issue.

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Friday, Sept. 5
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Saturday, Sept. 6
 Winchester Craft, Farm and Holiday Fair, 9 a.m., Nelson Park, 8522 Parkway Lane, Larsen

Monday, Sept. 8
 Winneconne PTA First Meeting of the Year, 6 p.m., Winneconne Elementary School

Tuesday, Sept. 9
 Sit and Stitch, 9 a.m., Primitive Gatherings

WHS Girls Golf Conference Meet vs. Fox Valley Lutheran, New London, St. Mary Catholic and Xavier, 1:30 p.m., Lake Breeze Golf Course
 Winneconne Area Homeschoolers Lego Challenge and Build plus Current Events for Teens, 1:30 p.m., Winneconne Public Library
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Wednesday, Sept. 10
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Talent Takeover coming to Oshkosh Convention Center

Winneconne News
 Remarkable, formerly known as Lake-side Packaging Plus, is holding an upcoming Talent Takeover event.

information, including about ordering tickets, is available at remarkablewi.org/talent-takeover-event.

The event features a chance for participants to unleash the rock star within themselves. Performances will be from those the organization serves, along with presentations, auctions and dinner.

More than 500 attendees are expected to attend. The event will be from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St. in Oshkosh. More

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Walk for the Animals to benefit Humane Society

Winneconne News
 The Oshkosh Area Humane Society Walk for the Animals is set for Sept. 13. The event will feature Touch-a-Truck with the Oshkosh Fire and Police Departments, a live band, kids' activities, dog games, the Oshkosh Area School District's Brewing Futures mobile cafe, vendor booths, goody bags, raffle baskets and more.

The event will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sunnyview Expo Center, Barn E in Oshkosh.

The walk is used to generate funding to support the Humane Society's medical care fund. This supports the costs of providing exams, vaccinations, testing, blood

work, medications, spays/neuters and other veterinary care as needed.

Pet relinquishment continues to be on the rise due to economic factors, and costs for food, supplies and medical care have also increased over the last year. The goal for the event is to raise \$65,000. OAHS relies on donations from the community to serve more than 3,200 animals per year.

Pledge forms are available. More information is available at oahs.org/walk-for-the-animals-2025. Direct donations to the walk's goal can also be made directly on the website or by sending a check made out to OAHS to 1925 Shelter Court, Oshkosh, 54901.

Fundraiser to support Boys & Girls Club

Winneconne News
 A partnership between Carter's and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America is intended to combat youth learning loss and enhance community impact.

Customers at the Oshkosh Carter's location can make a monetary contribution at checkout to support the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's early learning and arts

programs. The fundraiser runs through Oct. 18.

Money raised will directly support the club's mission of equipping Oshkosh area youth with the tools they need to succeed in school and in life.

To donate or learn more about the campaign, visit BGCA.org/Carters.

EAA Speaker Series to feature 9/11 first responder

Winneconne News
 David Norman, a New York City police officer who served as a first responder on 9/11, will share his experience as part of the EAA Speaker Series.

The annual 9/11 remembrance presentation is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at the EAA

Aviation Museum in Oshkosh. EAA said it has the support of the New York Police Department to honor those who stood tall at a time when the country needed heroes.

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Obituaries

Lynn A. LeMere Kopet

Lynn A. LeMere Kopet, age 59, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025. She was born on June 17, 1966, to Clayton and Cecelia (Hardy) LeMere in Appleton, Wisconsin. She graduated from Appleton East and went on to UW-Milwaukee



and earned her Bachelors of Nursing degree. Shortly, after graduation she moved to Minneapolis where she was an RN for 35 years. Lynn became passionate about Healing Touch as a practitioner and instructor. She served on the Healing Beyond Borders board of directors. Lynn married the love of her life, Ted Kopet, on July 27, 2013. They both shared joy in their garden and pets, and, above all, just being together.

Lynn was preceded in death by her

mother, Cecelia (Hardy) LeMere; and brothers, Greg and Steve LeMere.

Lynn is survived by her father, Clayton (Lola) LeMere; her sisters, Renee (John) Biesterveld, Rachele (Steve) Brinkman, and Marie Brudos; her brother, Tom LeMere; nieces, Nicole (Dominic) Irungu and Amanda Biesterveld; nephews, Tom (Ashley) Brudos, Mike Brudos, and Mark Brinkman; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Lynn, you will be greatly missed by your

husband, family, friends, and the Healing Touch community.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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



Lunch Menus

Sept. 8-12

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Wednesday: Lasagna. Garlic Bread. Salad Greens with Tomato and Cucumber. Fruit Cocktail.

Thursday: Frozen. Chili Mango Chicken. Baked Potato. Corn with Red Peppers. Mandarin Oranges.

Friday: Pulled Pork Sandwich. Squash. Calico Baked Beans. Apple Sauce.

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Monday: ES - Popcorn Chicken, Turkey and Cheese Sandwich or Crispy Chicken Salad. Corn. Buttered Pasta. MS - Cheese Quesadilla. Winter Blend Vegetables. Quick Bites - Hamburger/Bun. Chef Salad. Cobb Salad. Fruit Bowl. Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads - Popcorn Chicken. Smuckers PB&J. Assorted Vegetables. Fruit and Salads - Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Cobb Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger - Chicken Patty/Bun. Spicy Chicken Patty/Bun. Willies Pizza - Cheese Pizza.

Tuesday: ES - Nacho Grande, Turkey and Cheese Sandwich or Crispy Chicken Salad. Rice Pilaf. MS - Cheese Pizza Slice. Mixed Vegetables. Quick Bites - Chicken Patty/Bun. Chef Salad. Cobb Salad. Fruit Bowl. Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads - Italian Wrap. Smuckers PB&J. California Blend Vegetables. Fruit and Salads - Fruit

Bowl, Chef Salad, Cobb Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger - Pretzel Dog. Rice Bowl/Lo Mein. Willies Pizza - Pepperoni Pizza.

Wednesday: ES - Soft Pretzel with Cheese, Turkey and Cheese Sandwich or Crispy Chicken Salad. Yogurt Cup. Peas. MS - Taco Bowl. Garden Bar. Diced Carrots. Rice Pilaf. Quick Bites - Chili Cheese Burrito. Chef Salad. Cobb Salad. Fruit Bowl. Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads - Chicken Tenders. Smuckers PB&J. Peas and Carrots. Fruit and Salads - Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Cobb Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger - Chicken Wings. Taco Bowl. Willies Pizza - Cheese Quesadilla.

Thursday: ES - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Turkey and Cheese Sandwich or Crispy Chicken Salad. Garlic Bread. Broccoli. MS - Popcorn Chicken. Garden Bar. Cauliflower. Buttered Pasta. Quick

Bites - Hot Dog/Bun. Chef Salad, Buffalo Chicken Salad, Fruit Bowl and Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads - Turkey Tetrazzini. Smuckers PB&J. Assorted Veggies. Fruit and Salads - Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Cobb Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger - Hamburger/Bun. Pasta Bowl. Willies Pizza - Sausage Pizza.

Friday: ES - Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Turkey and Cheese Sandwich or Crispy Chicken Salad. Tomato Soup. Roasted Vegetables. MS - BBQ Rib Patty. Spiced Apples. Garden Bar. Onion Rings. Quick Bites - Southwest Combo Wrap. Chef Salad, Buffalo Chicken Salad, Fruit Bowl and Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads - Chicken Fajita Wrap. Smuckers PB&J. Green Beans. Stadium Burger - Fish Sticks. Breakfast Bowl. Willies Pizza - Cheese Bites/Sauce.

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Public Notice

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT WINNECONNE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY 100 WOLF RUN WINNECONNE WI 54986 JULY 21, 2025 – 6:30PM

Call the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance
Board President, Donna Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Ceremonial Oath of Office
Formally the Oath of Office was administered at a prior policy meeting. Board of Education Clerk Mark Kunde gave the Oath of Office to the incoming Board Member Nathaniel Harter.

Board Member Roll Call
Board Member: Jaci Stelzner, Jill Verich, Kati Calewarts, Dean Ackmann, Nathaniel Harter, Mark Kunde, Donna Hanson

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum
District Administrator, Peggy Larson, Assistant Elementary Principal, Mike Meunier, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Director of Learning, Joe Pitsch, Facilities Director, Steve Cady

VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)
OPEN FORUM- Community Resident spoke in open forum on Bi-Annual Budget, Parental Rights-opt out options, and Bullying Concerns.

OPEN SESSION

6. consent items:

- Approve Minutes of June 16, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting
 - B. District Checks #1001661 to #1001741 in the Amount of \$1,208,441.05
 - C. Student Activity Checks #915681 to # 915694 in the Amount of \$19,643.80
 - D. District ACH Payments \$456,643.16
 - E. Student Account ACH Payments \$4,073.41
 - F. Credit Card Report \$37,783.89
 - G. Approve ES Art Teacher for the 2025/2026 school year
 - H. Approve ES Interventionist for the 2025/2026 school year
 - I. Acknowledge \$5,187.50 donation from Gridiron Club to W Club for MS Jerseys
 - J. Acknowledge \$487 donation from Neenah Culvers to the WHS FFA
 - K. Acknowledge \$750 donation from Geiger Auto to WHS Fishing Team
 - L. Acknowledge \$246 donation from Service Motor Co. to the FFA
- Motion made by Calewarts, seconded by Hanson to approve Consent Agenda Item B-H
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0
Motion was made by Kunde-Aye, second by Verich to approve Letter (A) of consent Agenda Item, June 16, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Roll Call: Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Abstain, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 6-0-1 (Harter-Abstention)

7. Budget Update

Business Manager Monica Knapp gave an update to state aid and revenue limits, keeping in mind our sources of revenue come from two sources, federal dollars, and local taxpayer dollars. With no increase in general aid, and the revenue limit (maximum amount a district can raise through state aid and property

taxes) remains unchanged the local taxpayers pick up the increase. (\$325 per student).

8. 2025/2026 Substitute Teacher compensation

Partial day pay rate is the only update, as there are no changes in daily pay rate
Motion by Ackmann, seconded by Calewarts to approve the partial day pay rate increase for Substitute Teachers

Roll call: Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

9. Substitute Support Staff Compensation

Hourly Rates for the 2025/2026 school year were reviewed
Motion by Hanson, seconded by Harter to approve the hourly rates for 2025/2026 school year Substitute Support Staff Compensation
Roll Call: Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

10. School Fees

Changes in School Fees structure was reviewed with a \$20 fee to family consumer science classes which involve food preparation, Transportation proposed change from \$50 dollars to \$100 for students who live east of the bridge (might involve 5 to 10 students), and proposed meal price, both daily and weekly were also reviewed. Board member Kunde each year indicates frustration in the meal ticket price increase because of taking Federal Dollars we have no local control of setting ticket prices. Hanson voiced her opinion on why charge for transportation to our district students when we pay parents for transportation to private school. After much discussion the board voted on the 2025/2026 Student Fee Structure.

Motion by Verich, seconded by Hanson to approve the 2025/2026 Student Fee Structure as presented but without charging families transportation with students who live on the East side of the bridge
Roll Call: Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

11. 2025/2026 Teacher Handbook

Motion by Hanson seconded by Kunde to approve the 2025/2026 Teacher Handbook with updates and contingent on the updated FMLA Language, and on page 21, Letter D, third bullet point 150 minutes, not 180 minutes
Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

12. 2025/2026 Support Staff Handbook

Updates of the 2025/2026 Support Staff Handbook were reviewed for approval
Motion by Hanson, seconded by Verich to approve the 2025/2026 Support Staff Handbook with updates and contingent on updated FMLA Language.
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

13. 2025/2026 Academic Standards

Wisconsin Academic Standards specify what students should know and be able to do in the classroom. They serve as goals for teaching and learning. The Board of Education approves the Academic Standards annually.

Motion by Kunde, seconded by Hanson to approve the 2025/2026 Academic Standards as presented.
Roll call: Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye

14. Personal Communication Device- Family FAQ (cell phone expectations)

The information as to the use of a Personal Communication Device Family FAQ (cell phone expectations is sent out each year to all families with children attending WCSD. The only change is that no longer will students be allowed to bring personal laptops to school. This fall under new legislation for the protection of children

Motion by Verich, seconded by Harter to approve the Personal Communication Device- Family FAQ (cell phone expectations with the updates.

Roll call: Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

15. Policies

The policy committee had met to review policies prior to bringing them to the Board of Education. The Policy Committee is recommending approval of the policies.
Policy # 3419.02- Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans (Rescind)
Policy # 4419.02- Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans (Rescind)

Motion by Verich seconded by Stelzner to approve rescinding policies 3419.02, and 4419.02 because we no longer have Fully Insured Group Health Plans

Policy # 1619.01- Privacy Protection of Self-Funded Group Health Plans
Policy # 3419.01- Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans
Policy # 4419.01- Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans
Motion by Verich, seconded by Kunde to approve Policy # 1691.01, 3419.01, and 4419.01 Privacy Protection of Self-Funded Group Health Plans as presented

Roll call: Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

Policy #5330- Administration of Medication/ Emergency Care
Motion by Hanson, seconded by Verich to approve Policy # 5330 with the language under Opioid Antagonist Plan, Under Option chosen, Letter C, language- Has Asthma Diagnosis kept in policy, and with the new language addition of Epinephrine
Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts- Nay, Achmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 6-1

16 Administration Reports- (See updated reports on file)

17. Board Reports

- A. Communications –** Letter read from Business Manager Monica Knapp in the remembrance in the loss of her brother-in law
 - B. Committee Reports:**
 - HR/Financial Planning- will be meeting and bringing information to the board at future meeting
 - PR/ Marketing- Has not met
 - Policy- nothing at this time, will be meeting in coming weeks
- Executive Session**
Motion made by Kunde, second by Stelzner to move into Executive

Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from June 16, 2025, and Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(C) considering performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for District Administrator Evaluation. The board will move into an open session and may take action on items discussed in the Executive Session.
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0
Open Session
The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 8:00 pm
Motion made by Verich, second by Calewarts to adjourn the meeting of the WCSD Board of Education
Motion passed- All Ayes
Mark D. Kunde
WCS- Board Clerk
8:05 pm

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Call the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance
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Board Member Roll Call

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Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum
District Administrator, Peggy Larson, Elementary Principal, Lisa Hughes, Assistant High School Principal, Dan Dobner, Assistant Middle School Principal, Carley Harvath, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Technology Director, Dave Jerabek, Buildings and Grounds Director, Steve Cady

VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)
OPEN FORUM- There was no community comment in open forum

OPEN SESSION

- 5. consent items:**
 - Approve Minutes of July 21, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting- Postponed
 - B. District Checks #1001742 to #10016777 in the Amount of \$999,213.38
 - C. Student Activity Checks #915695 to # 915696 in the Amount of \$11,097.77
 - D. Credit Card Report \$60, 441.48
 - E. Approve FFA Members at Wisconsin State Fair August 7-10, 2025
 - F. Approve FFA Members at 2025 National Convention in Indianapolis October 28-31, 2025
 - G. Approve MS/HS Instructional Coach for the 2025/2026 school year (pending HR Protocol)
- Motion made by Harter, seconded by Kunde to approve Consent Agenda Item B-G
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0
- 6. WCSD At Risk Plan**
Under Wisconsin Statute 118.153 (2), every school board is required to identify students who are at

risk of not graduating. In addition to this requirement the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) mandates that each district have a “At-Risk Plan” in place. The At-Risk plan was reviewed by the board of education. Student confidentiality and privacy practices are followed.

Motion made by Verich, seconded by Stelzner to approve the “At Risk Plan” as presented.

Roll Call: Calewarts-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

7. One Board Meeting in September- September 15, 2025

With Labor Day on the first Monday of the month, the Board of Education will hold one Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Motion made by Kunde, seconded by Hanson, to hold a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on Monday September 15, 2025, because of the Labor Day Holiday falling on the first Monday of the month.

Roll call: Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Calewarts-Aye
Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

8. Administration Reports- (See updated reports on file)

Elementary Principal Lisa Hughes reported on the Boys and Girls Club currently having 30 boys or girls signed up for the after-school program, and in the future looking at a before school start program and possibly a summer program.

9. Board Reports

A. Communications – Letter read from School Librarian Dana Jerabek Family in the remembrance in the loss of Dana’s father. The WCSD Board of Education received an invitation from Winchester Historical Society for the Winchester Elementary Reunion- August 16, 2025

B. Committee Reports:

- HR/Financial Planning- Committee have met and will be bringing information to the board at a future meeting
- PR/ Marketing- Has not met
- Policy- nothing at this time, will be meeting in coming weeks

Executive Session

Motion made by Kunde, second by Stelzner to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from July 21, 2025-postponed, and Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(C) considering performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for District Administrator Evaluation, and WCSD Succession Planning. board will move into an open session and may take action on items discussed in the Executive Session.
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 7-0

Open Session
The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 7:05 pm
Motion made by Calewarts, second by Kunde to adjourn the meeting of the WCSD Board of Education
Motion passed- All Ayes
Mark D. Kunde
WCS- Board Clerk
7:10 pm

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School district adds new staff members

By Anya Kelley
Winneconne News

The Winneconne Community School District (WCSD) is welcoming a handful of new staff this school year.

To help the community get to know them, the Winneconne News put together short biographies for them.

Becky Mueller

Mueller graduated from UW-Oshkosh in 2001 and has been teaching for 15 years. She is joining the WCSD as an elementary art teacher.

Mueller chose to join WCSD after hearing “nothing but good things,” and she is most looking forward to getting to teach in the same classroom every day.

Mueller wants the community to know that her family means everything to her. Her son is a combat medic in the National Guard, her daughter is going to be a freshman at UW-Milwaukee and her husband is a veteran teacher and command sergeant major in the Army Reserve.

Kori Elliott

Elliott is joining WCSD after moving to Wisconsin from North Carolina. Elliott is an instructional coach and has been working in schools for 17 years.

Elliott said she is looking forward to meeting new people and becoming involved in the school community in Winneconne.

Danni Tindall-Bastian

Tindall-Bastian graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a bachelor’s degree in 2001 and returned to UWO for her master’s and graduated again in 2011.

Bastian is joining WCSD as an academic interventionist for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, and it’s her

25th year teaching in public schools.

Bastian said she got the opportunity to visit Winneconne Elementary School a few years ago to watch teachers implement a new literacy curriculum. She said she saw happy students collaborating with teachers and the cheerful vibe of the schools stuck with her.

“When I saw a position open for an academic interventionist, I jumped at the opportunity,” Bastian said. “I am also so excited to be teaching in a district with so much community support.”

Bastian is most looking forward to meeting and working with her students. In her free time, she loves to do anything outdoors like camping, hiking and golfing.

Brynne Boeck

Boeck graduated from UW-Madison this year and is heading into her first year teaching. She is taking up a position as a high school biology and physical science teacher for grades nine and 10.

Boeck said she values the small-town community that Winneconne is. She also said she has heard great things about both the students and the teachers in the district and is excited to be a part of it.

“Winneconne is a small community with a lot of heart,” Boeck said.

Boeck is most excited to get to know her students and dive into science topics with them. Originally from the area, she is thrilled to be back.

Michael Babbitts

Babbitts graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a BS degree in health sciences and returned to school later to pursue a BS in science education from UWO. He will teach freshman biology, anatomy and physiology and AP biology.

This year marks his eighth year teaching. Previously Babbitts taught in the Fond du Lac School District and the Neenah Joint School District.

Babbitts chose to come to the WCSD for the opportunity for new challenges in a district with a strong reputation for supportive staff and engaged students.

“The school’s vision and mission align

closely with my own teaching philosophy, making it an environment where I feel I can contribute meaningfully and continue to grow as an educator,” Babbitts said.

Babbitts said he’s looking forward to a fresh start. He enjoys sports, coaching lacrosse and spending time with his three children. He is looking forward to bringing his passions to Winneconne.



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New Winneconne Community School District teachers toured Norbert Rich School Forest along with staff members serving as their mentors. Forest Director Pat Kolbe showed the teachers how they can embed the use of the school forest into their targets and create opportunities for students to learn outdoors.



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