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## District approves school safety plan

### Board adds updates to policy manual

By Anya Kelley  
Winneconne News

The Winneconne Community School Board (WCSD) voted to approve the school district safety plan and update the school district policy manual during the Oct. 6 board meeting.

The safety plan was approved as presented to the board by Jillayne Verich and seconded by Donna Hanson. After initial approval, relevance of the plan in relationship with the new middle school building

was questioned by board member Kati Calewarts.

"I'm a little bit concerned about the lockdown portion of ALICE but just solely for the middle school now," Calewarts said.

ALICE, which stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate, is a national training program that was invented over 20 years ago as a proactive response to active shooter threats inside and near schools. Calewarts said the new structure of the middle school was cause for concern citing the amount of glass on the inside of the school.

"I know that ALICE is overall district wide, but I'm feeling like, as far as the middle school specifically, the lockdown portion isn't really applicable anymore," Calewarts said. "And perhaps we should look at some extra precautions or safety measures regarding that?"

District Administrator Peggy Larson said extra measures including emergency doors, emergency call buttons, a brand-new camera system that can track movement and magnetic locks are installed to assure students safety with the new

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Photo from Fin 'n' Feather

### Changing seasons

With cruises done for the year, a Miron Construction crew on Thursday removed the Showboat II from the Wolf River. Fin 'n' Feather said the boat was taken out for inspections and annual maintenance.

## Hintz discusses proposals for county budget

By Anya Kelley  
Winneconne News

Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz presented a public listening session on the county budget for 2026 on Oct. 8 at the Winneconne Municipal Center.

The presentation highlighted the achievements of the county from the past budget and challenges going forward.

Hintz opened the presentation with an introduction to county government and



Hintz

what the structure of elected officials versus hired positions looks like for anyone who is unfamiliar. Hintz said that county government tends to be more elusive to the average person, so he is utilizing the impor-

ance of the budget to engage in public conversation.

"I think county government does a lot of great things but also makes sure that what we're spending our money on, what we're investing in, aligns with what the public's priorities are," Hintz said. "Because how can we know if we're doing the right things if the public isn't following or is unable to follow what we're doing?"

Winnebago County is one of 72 coun-

ties in the state and has a total budget of \$238 million. Of the total budget, \$74 million comes from property tax revenue, \$36 million of which is generated from villages and towns. Hintz said historically, Winnebago County has been frugal compared to other counties.

Over the 2025 budgeting cycle, Winnebago County reduced the structural

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## Equestrian teams compete in district competition

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The Winneconne Equestrian Team competed last month at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds.

Two teams from Winneconne, including one from the high school and another from the middle school, competed in Division C at WIHA districts.

Coaches for the teams are Meghan Keller and Hayden Murray. The teams received support through donations from Woodey's Bar and Grill, Tyler Wurtz State Farm and JJ Keller Foundation.

"Our team this year has worked through many struggles, and we went out of our comfort zone to support our team," said Graycen Murray, who is one of two seniors on the team along with Kat Skadhahl. "We did a great job supporting and helping each other as one big team even though we were competing against each other."

The five girls on the high school team took third place, while the four girls on the



Submitted photo

Members of the Winneconne Equestrian Team recently competed at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds.

middle school team finished in fifth place. "Our teams this year had amazing

sportsmanship and horsemanship," Graycen said.

## Historical Society organizing holiday activities

Winneconne News

The Winneconne Area Historical Society is organizing an event with pumpkin decorating, games, face painting and decorative tattoos.

The free event for all ages will be from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 25 at the Winchester Elementary School gym, 5270 Ann St. in Larsen.

The Historical Society will provide an

assortment of pumpkins and decoration supplies. Wearing a Halloween costume is encouraged.

RSVP by Oct. 22 by calling 920-778-0099.

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## Halloween movie to be shown at library

Winneconne News

The Winneconne Public Library is hosting a spooktacular movie night for some Halloween fun.

The library will show the classic film Hocus Pocus at 4 p.m. Oct. 28. The event will feature treats such as pizza, popcorn and cupcakes.

For more spellbinding fun, the library will have its own Manual of Witchcraft and Alchemy Spell Book where kids and families can add their own creative spells.

Friends and families are invited for an event filled with laughter, treats and spooky fun.

## Historical Society requests holiday decorations

Winneconne News

The Winneconne Historical Society is requesting donations of new, green, outdoor garland and artificial holiday flowers to use for decorating the museum grounds in Marble Park for the upcoming holiday season.

"Your contribution would be very much appreciated," member Mary Harper said.

Anyone who is willing to help with a donation is asked to contact Harper at 920-582-4194.

## Calendar

- Thursday, Oct. 16**  
WHS Boys Soccer vs. Campbellsport, 4 p.m., WHS  
Winneconne PTA Trunk or Treat, 4:30 p.m., Winneconne Elementary School  
Spooktacular Candlelight Story Hike, 5:30 p.m., Norbert Rich School Forest
- Friday, Oct. 17**  
Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Shoreline Volunteer Day, 8 a.m., Marble Park
- Saturday, Oct. 18**  
Boom Bay Fire Department Fall Bash, 11 a.m., 8982 South Road
- Monday, Oct. 20**  
Stitcher's Gathering Club, 9 a.m., Primitive Gatherings

- Fall Storytime: Owls, 10:30 a.m., Winneconne Public Library
- Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
Sit and Stitch, 9 a.m., Primitive Gatherings  
Winneconne Area Homeschoolers Peer Presentations: Botany, 9:30 a.m., Winneconne Public Library  
Teen Girl Book Club, 4:30 p.m., Winneconne Public Library
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# High school theater group presents Rogues' Gallery

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When an art gallery's prized sculpture is destroyed, two silly security guards must investigate who did it, but really, who didn't do it?

The Winneconne High School theater group is presenting Rogues' Gallery as this year's play. The cast is made up of a group of 16 students, each playing multiple characters in the performance. This comedic show has a unique structure. Made up of 10 individual plays each written by a different author, directors can choose to mix and match the story making each performance a little bit different.

"I really like the aspect of the different plays within one play," said Chloe Wyssbrod, a senior playing the security guard Hopper. "I enjoy seeing how different plays can come together to make one huge thing."

Wyssbrod said when the cast started rehearsing, it felt like everyone was left for themselves. She questioned how the separate plays could come together to make one final show. As they begin running the show in full, watching all the pieces click has been satisfying.

Quinn Krempien and Nora Last, both sophomores, said the show has humor for all different types of people, so there is something for everyone to enjoy.

"I think overall it's a very well written show," Last said.

Krempien said each play is meant to poke fun at a different type of art, so anyone with a background in creative arts is sure to get an extra kick out of the show.

DeMarcus McDaniel, a junior playing Pranksy, Clem and an audience member, said his favorite part of the show this year was getting to pick his own costume. After

the previous costumer left, the role was never filled, giving each cast member the responsibility to do it themselves.

"I picked mine out first try and everyone really loved it," McDaniel said. "And then I got to help everyone else find theirs."

Rouge's Gallery is the first play for Brynn Rosplochowski, a sophomore playing Seth and Alex, after performing in musicals since she was eight. Picking out her costumes was also her favorite part of the process so far.

McDaniel said the audience can prepare to laugh when seeing Rogues' Gallery – particularly during a bit of immersive theater that takes place in the show. Calleigh Rasmussen, a senior playing Ang, Simone Vandelay and Gloria Nameless, said if somebody is a comedy person, this is the show to see.

"We [almost] always do a comedy show," Rasmussen said. "That's something that we enjoy doing because then we can laugh about it when we do read throughs."

Rasmussen said last year's performance of 12 Angry Jurors was unexpected for the cast, and she's glad they're back to making people laugh this year.

"We put our heart and soul into every show we do," Rasmussen said.

Many of the senior cast members gave the freshman credit for making this year's show come together as smoothly as it has. Many of the cast members said the show has created lasting friendships and a sense of community.

"If I didn't have theater, I feel like I wouldn't have put myself out there to make those friends," Evynn Rosenow, a senior playing the security guard O'Keefe, said. "And I'm just really grateful to have the friends that I do because of theater."

Payton Lenth, a freshman playing Jake, Gebrecht Von Shepheur and Jamie, said this cast has become a big family and those relationships really translate on the stage. Crosby Kastein, a freshman playing Jeff and Marv, said he loved being part of this cast.

Opening night of Rogue's Gallery is at 7

p.m. Oct. 23 at the Winneconne Community Arts Center and shows run throughout weekend, including performances at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 and Oct. 25 and 2 p.m. Oct. 26. Tickets are free and reservations can be made online at [Winneconne-community-arts-center-ticketleap.com](http://Winneconne-community-arts-center-ticketleap.com) or by calling 920-582-5810 ext. 1120.

## Space Day activities coming to EAA Aviation Museum

Winneconne News

Space Day will feature hands-on activities and guest appearances Oct. 25 at the EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh.

Activities starting at 10 a.m. are free with museum admission. This year's lineup of activities until 4 p.m. with the theme Fabric of Space includes cup rockets, mission patch contest, lunar landing, astro glove, compressed air rockets and Mars Rover. Eyewitness to NASA human and robotic explorers featuring space journalist Dr. Ken Kremer speaking from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Skyscape Theater.

New for 2025, EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor will be offering flights from the grass runway of Pioneer Airport throughout the day. While not a spacecraft, EAA's Tri-Motor is painted in the markings of Eastern Air Transport (later renamed Eastern Airlines), where Gemini and Apollo astronaut Frank Borman became president and COO in 1975.

Tickets can purchased in advance on the EAA website [eaa.org](http://eaa.org). Walk-ups will also be welcome.

Beginning at 4 p.m. in the museum's Eagle Hangar, former NASA aerospace composite tech Jean Wright will tell her story as one of 18 women on NASA's elite team of "Sew Sister" seamstresses.

Wright's team sewed the flight hardware for the thermal protection systems (TPS) which protected the shuttle and the astronauts from deadly levels of radiation and Earth reentry heats. Wright is the subject of a book titled Sew Sister: The Untold Story of Jean Wright and NASA's Seamstresses by Elise Matich. The book will be available for sale along with a book signing by Wright during Space Day.

More information on the day's activities can be found at [EAA.org/SpaceDay](http://EAA.org/SpaceDay).



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# Long serving fire service member retires after 50 years

Winneconne News

After five decades of service, Clayton Fire Rescue honored the retirement of one of its longest-serving members, Bob Breaker.

A steady presence in the department since the early 1970s, Breaker's legacy is one built on commitment, community and quiet leadership, said Kaylin Rieckmann, Town of Clayton emergency manager.

Born and raised in Clayton, Breaker grew up with a deep-rooted sense of community and service. He and his wife Roxie raised their family in the town and continued the farming legacy of his parents while also giving countless hours to public service.

Beyond his fire department roles, Breaker served for years on the town board and helped shape the direction of the community he's always called home.

Breaker's journey into firefighting began when a neighbor, already on the Clayton-Winchester Fire Department, encouraged him to join. What began as a step into volunteer service quickly grew into a lifelong commitment.

Over the years, Breaker would go on to serve in nearly every role available — firefighter, captain, assistant chief, safety officer, secretary, fire investigator and the Town of Clayton's emergency manager. In every position, Rieckmann said he brought a calm, capable presence and a deep sense of responsibility to the people he served.

"Bob was a key driver and operator of the department's 4,000-gallon manual-transmission Tender — a task which required skill, patience and operational knowledge," Rieckmann said. "He played

a role in acquiring the department's first Jaws of Life, a milestone that increased the department's ability to quickly act to save lives in critical incidents. Bob also helped to shape the department - defining requirements for many of the trucks the department operates today while serving on multiple truck committees. His mechanical know-how extends even further; his knack for keeping things running led to him often lending a hand with apparatus maintenance and repair."

Rieckmann added there are stories about Breaker that will be retold for years. One winter, during a major snowstorm, roads became impassable as crews tried to respond to a call. Breaker took his tractor and snow blower and cleared the route himself so that fire engines could get through to where they were needed most.

At another scene, when a collapsible water tank was set close enough to the truck that it was hard to reach the pump panel, Breaker didn't hesitate — he climbed right into the water and operated the pump from inside the tank for the duration of the incident.

Back when Clayton-Winchester held street dances, Breaker was one of the key organizers. These events brought the community together for music, food, tractor pulls, firefighter water fights and games. And since it started in 2019, he's volunteered every year at the department's Touch a Truck event.

Behind every great firefighter is a team, and in Breaker's case, Rieckmann said that includes his wife, Roxie.

"Roxie has stood by his side throughout all the late-night calls, missed holidays and countless meetings," Rieckmann said. "She has played an active role in the fire



Submitted photo

Bob Breaker and his wife Roxie received a plaque during a retirement picnic in honor of him and his family that also included a cake and a "last call" recognition over the radio from the dispatchers at Winnebago County's Communications Center.

department auxiliary and supported department operations in the days before papers when she helped run the department's calling tree — taking initial call details and phoning the next set of firefighters while Bob headed to the scene."

Breaker rarely missed a department meeting and built strong friendships through his service. He has said that the camaraderie has been one of the most meaningful parts of his time with the department — and something he'll certainly miss. Now, Breaker is looking forward to retirement with plans to enjoy time with his three children and five grandchildren.

Clayton Fire, along with its partner agencies, honored Breaker with a recent retirement picnic where he was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service.

"Clayton Fire Rescue, and the community they serve, are deeply thankful for Bob's extraordinary service, leadership, loyalty and willingness to go the extra mile — whether it's on the scene of a fire, or knee-deep in the cold water of a portable tank," Rieckmann said. "His impact is woven into the fabric of this department, and his legacy will continue to guide us for years to come. Congratulations, Bob — and thank you for 50 remarkable years."

## Sons of Norway Norse Valley Lodge hosting dinner

Winneconne News

The Sons of Norway Norse Valley Lodge will be hosting a lutefisk and meatball dinner at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at LaSure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St. in Oshkosh.

The event will include a full dinner, dessert and entertainment. The cost is \$33 for adults, \$15 for children ages 7 to 12 and free for children 6 and under. Reservations and checks can be sent in care of Lodge Treasurer Corey Olson at W5907 Sweet William Drive in Appleton 54915 no later than Oct. 31.

The Sons of Norway Norse Valley Lodge was founded in 1969 to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members. The group meets monthly from September through May, usually at 6 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 3009 N. Meade St. in Appleton.

More information can be found on Facebook via Sons of Norway, Norse Valley Lodge 491, online at [norsevalley.org](http://norsevalley.org) or email [norsevalley@gmail.com](mailto:norsevalley@gmail.com).

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# Shallow Lakes Chronicles

## Deer workshop lessons

By Matt Harp  
Outdoor Reporter

I was able to attend a DNR sponsored workshop a couple weeks ago. While the



Harp

topic was how to process your own deer harvest, the program shed light on many other facets of what it takes to even get to the point of a deer harvest.

The program was one of the first to be held at a new DNR property that was donated for public use. The 360-acre parcel is closed to the public at this time but is scheduled to be opened in the next couple of years.

Located between Poy Sippi and Berlin, and near the upstream areas of the Pine River, it has a range of upland and lowland areas, open fields, wooded areas and ponds. I have to admit half of the reason I was attending the event was to get a closer look at this closed but soon to be open parcel.

While I have a lot of experience in processing deer, I was curious as to alternative methods or techniques that might be out there. The class covered everything from hanging, aging, caping, skinning, CWD testing, testing, handling, packaging and storing deer. The deer processed this day were from a herd control at the Milwaukee airport and tested negative for CWD.

I was impressed at how all the attendees were eager to "get their hands in there." We had people from eight years old on up to 60-somethings and there were plenty of knives and instruction to go around. We made quick work of the two deer, and everyone went home with some venison to cook up.

While hosted by the DNR and at the DNR facility, the organizer of the event was a group called Raised at Full Draw, a non-profit based out of Iowa but with a presence in several states including Wisconsin and in Winneconne, too.

Their webpage states, "We believe in the ethics, values and heritage that hunting can instill in the next generations. Raised at Full Draw (RAFD) Bowhunting camps are designed to touch the heart and soul of youth and adults. Raised at Full Draw (Bowhunting camps) is a non-profit organization designed to promote archery, hunting and outdoor education. The goal of these camps is to pass knowledge and techniques on to the next generation and allow them an opportunity to learn in a safe hands-on environment."

Gregg Kurzinski, a Wisconsin coordinator for the group, led the proceedings and gave some insight on his group and other events that happen in the state. While there aren't any more processing classes in the immediate area, there are two more scheduled: one at Bloomer (Eau Claire area) on Nov. 15 and at Crex Meadows (west of Spooner) on Dec. 6. The program will likely be repeated next fall at Leach, too.

Last year, RAFD held a bowhunting workshop at Critter's and taught 8 to 14 year olds about wildlife habitat and conservancy, safe hunting, equipment, tree stand safety, and shot placement and recovery.

While I attended as more of a passive participant, I came out of the workshop with a great appreciation of DNR managed lands, youth and adult hunting recruitment, and the great organizations promoting the fun of getting outdoors. Well done, all, well done.

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

## Chocolate, coffee tasting benefits the birds

Winneconne News

An upcoming event will show how coffee, chocolate and windows represent important and meaningful ways that can make a positive impact on birds.

The event hosted by Winnebago Audubon Society, SOS Save Our Songbirds and Barnwood Coffee Company of Two Rivers, Wisconsin will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the James P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y in Oshkosh.

Attendees will be able to taste-test bird friendly coffee from one of Wisconsin's first certified roasters, Barnwood Coffee of Two Rivers. Bags of coffee will be available for purchase. They will be able to sample bird friendly certified chocolate

from artisan chocolatiers.

Smithsonian Bird Friendly Certified coffee and chocolate meet the gold standard for protecting bird habitat in the tropical regions of the Americas, where many songbirds winter. The SOS Save Our Songbirds display will offer ideas for preventing birds from colliding with windows.

The event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure enough samples for everyone. Email [winnebagoaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:winnebagoaudubon@gmail.com) using Chocolate & Coffee as the subject and share plans to be there. Visit the Winnebago Audubon website for updates at [winnebagoaudubon.org](http://winnebagoaudubon.org).

## Haunted Hop offers Halloween fun throughout town

Winneconne News

The Village-Wide Haunted Hop features stops for Halloween fun in Winneconne.

A stamp card can be picked up at any participating location, including Fin 'n' Feather, Off the Wolf Supper Club, The Landings, Talk of the Town, Tiny's, Village Pub and Woodeye's Bar & Grill. A stamp can then be collected at each stop

during the Oct. 25 event, which is scheduled from noon to midnight.

Seven prizes will be drawn from those who fill their punch card. Once it's full, cards can be left at any of the participating locations.

Costume contests and other fun will be held throughout the day and evening. Participants are encouraged to dress to impress.

## Grants available for outdoor classrooms, natural landscaping

Winneconne News

The Fox Valley Area Chapter of the native landscaping group Wild Ones is accepting applications until Feb. 1 for grants of up to \$500 to support the creation of outdoor classrooms or other projects that use and develop an appreciation for native landscaping.

Schools, churches and other public and nonprofit groups may apply for the Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow grants ranging from \$100 to \$500 for projects located within 15 miles of the Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet or Fond du Lac County lines. Eligible projects include a native plant community such as prairie,

woodland or wetland for educational use; an interpretive trail using native plantings; or a rain garden used to teach about water quality improvement.

Eligible costs include native flowers, grasses, forbs, shrubs, rain gardens, trees and seed for native plants. Winning entries will be selected based on creativity, impact on the community, thoughtful planning and wise budgeting.

Application forms are available at [foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/resources/](http://foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/resources/). Grant applications must be postmarked by Feb. 1. Recipients selected will be notified in early March. For any questions, contact [wildonefoxvalley@gmail.com](mailto:wildonefoxvalley@gmail.com).

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# Ascension Mercy president reflects on hospital's community impact

By Chris Lusvardi  
Winneconne News

It has been 25 years since what is now known as Ascension Northeast Wisconsin Mercy Hospital moved to its current location on Oakwood Road.



Carter

"It's been a great location to serve the community with a small community hospital feel," Ascension Mercy President Shane Carter said. "We feel the love for working here. The past 25 years have been an amazing journey giving back to the community."

The hospital's history in Oshkosh dates back much longer, Carter said. The Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother began oversight of St. Mary's Hospital in 1891. In 1895, a four-story facility opened at the corner of Merritt and Boyd streets with space for 26 patients.

In 1918, St. Mary's bought Lakeside Hospital on Hazel Street, which then was renamed as Mercy Hospital.

"We have a rich history showing how we have continued to support the community," Carter said Oct. 6 during an anniversary celebration at the hospital.

Carter said many of the staff members have worked at the hospital for the past 25 years, some longer.

"It's the people and culture," Carter said. "It's in the walls that this is a great place to be and so many want to start and finish their careers on this campus."

The hospital currently offers 38 specialties with 160 beds, 168 nurses and 1,197

providers. Nearly 2,400 patients are seen annually with 14,075 emergency department visits and 62,032 outpatient visits.

Ascension Mercy provides advanced specialty care services, delivering 24/7 emergency care. The Level III Trauma Center has an advanced Primary Stroke Center and also provides behavioral, mental health and substance use care, as well as advanced surgical care for serious and life-threatening injuries and illnesses.

It also provides care for orthopedics, heart and vascular health, and cancer. Ascension Mercy also offers a range of minimally invasive procedures using robotic-assisted technology, imaging and lab tests, and a dedicated inpatient rehabilitation center.

Over the years, advancements have been made in how patients are cared for such as imaging equipment, staff utilization and using resources in creative and innovative ways, Carter said.

"We've seen positive growth with our outreach efforts and also meeting patients in this centralized location," Carter said.

Community outreach efforts that reach into Oshkosh and surrounding areas such as Winneconne and Omro focus on preventive health care such as athletic training, Carter said. Those types of efforts can help keep patients, especially kids, out of the hospital, he said.

"We're meeting people where they are for the care they need," Carter said.

Another area of focus is offering behavioral health inpatient services. The Ascension Mercy facility is state licensed for 12 to 15 beds.

"We're serving the community in different ways that is impactful but often doesn't go noticed," Carter said. "We need to be



Winneconne News

A display at Ascension Mercy during a 25-year anniversary celebration of its current location shows some of the various services that are offered at the hospital.

in front of mental health, which is a big component that has to be a huge part of the health care model going forward. We

continue to evaluate how to better meet the needs of the community and people we care for."



Photo by Tim McEnroe

Kids and their families worked together Oct. 4 to catch a total of 41 fish.

## Kids reel in 41 fish during Fall Fest tournament

Winneconne News

During Winneconne Fall Fest on Oct. 4, 31 children competed in the kid's fishing tournament.

Participants caught 41 fish in one hour, the majority of which were bluegill.

The most fish caught by a participant was seven total and the largest fish caught was a 15-inch sheepshead. The smallest fish caught was a four-inch black bass.

The winners in each of those categories earned a new rod and reel combo. Two others were awarded a rod and reel combo through a random drawing.

The competition was open to any child up to 15 years old.

This year's event was hosted by the Wolf River Resort and sponsored by Go Fetch and Battle on Bago.



Winneconne High School opens their 2025-2026 theater season with the production of Rogues' Gallery by Rachel Bublitz, Tyler Dwiggin, Kathryn Funkhouser, Patrick Greene, Elissa C. Huang, Carrie McCrossen, Ian McWethy, Jason Pizzarello, and Maria Pretzl.

Two hapless security guards must investigate who destroyed the art gallery's prize sculpture - but every suspect caused mayhem that day, from would-be art thieves and confused tourists, to fumbling custodians and fiendish pranksters. Whodunnit? The better question is, who didn't? And can the guards come up with a really good excuse before the artist comes back? This hilarious collection of 10 short plays written by 10 different playwrights presents all of the absurd characters and events that led to such a disaster.

Sixteen WHS students will take the stage for four performances from Thursday, October 23rd to Sunday, October 26th. The technical aspects for the show will be carried out by students from the fall semester Auditorium and Theater Production class. The play is being directed by the WCAC Production Director, Mr. Dillon Moore. Technical direction is provided by both WHS alum Mr. Alec Bricco and WCAC Director, Mr. Tim Phillips.

All four performances are open to the public and tickets can be reserved either online at [winneconne-community-arts-center.ticketleap.com](http://winneconne-community-arts-center.ticketleap.com), via phone by calling the WCAC Box Office at 920-582-5810 ext. 1120 or at the door beginning one hour before each show. Tickets are free and donations will be accepted at the door.

Show times are next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23rd to 25th at 7:00 PM, with a matinee on Sunday, Oct. 26th at 2:00 PM.

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Winneconne News

The renovated Winneconne Middle School opened this year with changes throughout the building.

## School Board

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layout. The glass inside the school is also “safety glass,” according to Verich.

“There are lots of extra protocols that have been put in place, lots of conversations with teachers because no one disagrees (the middle school is) new,” Larson said.

Verich said the safety planning was discussed thoroughly with the board prior to approving the construction plan and that the new building would likely be the safest in the event of an emergency. Larson said local police walked through the plan before the school was built and was on board as well.

“If there was any type of emergency in any three of the buildings, I’d want my kid in this one,” Verich said.

After the safety plan was approved and the ALICE procedure was reviewed, board clerk Mark Kunde moved forward with presenting edits to four policies in the policy manual. Minor language changes were made to policy 0144.5 – board member behavior, communications and code of conduct for clarity. A section regarding protection and nondisclosure of records consistent with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) was added to the “board member records and confidentiality” section.

Policy 7440.03 – small unmanned aircraft systems was updated to add the word “drones” to the title for clarity and the

policy was updated to prohibit all use of drones by anyone who is not authorized by the district administrator.

If drones are to be used at athletic events, the operator is required to adhere to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association’s (WIAA) administrative policies and procedures. Disciplinary measures for anyone who violates the new policy may lose their authorization to operate a drone on any property owned, leased or contracted by the district and include a referral to local law enforcement. Further disciplinary action will be decided by the board up to termination of the employee.

Policies 7450 – conservation of natural and material resources and 8420 – emergency preparedness were almost completely rewritten. Policy 7450 was rewritten for clarity and emphasis was placed on the board’s efforts to find renewable resources whenever possible.

Policy 8420 was revised to reflect changes in the state’s legislature regarding crime reporting requirements. In the new policy, the board will review the school district safety plan every three years instead of annually.

A copy of each of the policies with their changes can be found linked in the agenda for the meeting at [winneconne.k12.wi.us/common/pages/GetFile.aspx?key=C-d2GBHAM](http://winneconne.k12.wi.us/common/pages/GetFile.aspx?key=C-d2GBHAM). The

WCSD board meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month in the middle school library. Meetings are also live streamed and uploaded at [youtube.com/@Winneconne](http://youtube.com/@Winneconne).

# Winneconne students’ state assessments scores released

Winneconne News

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has released the state assessment results from the 2024-25 school year.

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is taken in grades three through eight by all schools in the state. Among Winneconne students (grades three to eight) taking the Forward Exam, 77.7% of the students performed at the levels of meeting or advanced in English Language Arts (ELA) compared to 51.6% at the state level. In the mathematics (grades three to eight) portion of the Forward Exam, 80.0% of Winneconne students performed at the levels of meeting or advanced compared to 52.8% statewide.

At the ninth and 10th grade level, students take the PreACT assessment. Of the ninth and 10th grade students, 66.4% of Winneconne students performed at the level of meeting or advanced in ELA compared to 44.9% at the state level. In mathematics, 78.4% of Winneconne ninth and 10th grade students performed at the levels of meeting or advanced compared to 49.1% statewide.

At the 11th grade level, students take the ACT. Overall results show 47.9% of Winneconne students performed at the levels of meeting or advanced in ELA compared to 44.9% statewide. In mathematics, 54.2% of Winneconne students performed at the levels of meeting or advanced compared to 39.5% of juniors statewide.

ACT benchmark scores are used in a similar way as the state performance levels of meeting and advanced. The Wis-

consin performance levels were identified in terms of ACT probability of success. Within ACT, students who meet the benchmarks are predicted to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher, or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in specific first-year college courses in the corresponding subject area. Within ACT, ninth and 10th grade students who meet the PreACT benchmarks are likely to do well in entry-level college courses in these subjects when they graduate from high school.

District report cards will be released in November. This report rates schools on a 100 point scale. In August, a panel of educators recommended changes to the cut scores, essentially raising them by one point. DPI accepted the recommendation, and these new scores will be applied to the November report card. For more information, go to

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# Sheriff proposes re-opening jail pod

By Jonathan Richie  
Winneconne News

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is seeing an increase in the county jail population, leading the department to request opening a pod that hasn't been used since 2021.



Matz

Sheriff John Matz told the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee Oct. 6 he plans on hiring six new deputies for next year and to reopen a pod in the county jail.

C-pod was closed in 2021 and 10 deputy positions were eliminated. The department initially had planned to reopen C-pod in 2027 but with rising population trends, the plans have been moved up to open the pod next July.

The Winnebago County Jail is comprised of six pods that can house between 34 and 68 inmates. The proposal is part of the sheriff's 2026 budget request. If approved, next July all six pods would be open including the pod dedicated to the STAR program, which provides inmates with substance abuse support.

"There is no other option; we need to open up the pod," Matz said.

The jail was averaging 236 inmates at the start of the year but right now has 275 inmates and Matz said that number is consistent. The highest it has reached is 303.

The department is looking at hiring six new deputies to work in the jail. The C-pod would open on July 1, 2026 and the

cost of six deputies would be \$417,099. The cost of keeping C-pod open for 2027 will be over \$750,000 for the six deputies.

If the pod is not opened, the sheriff's office might have to look at sending inmates to surrounding counties. The cost for housing people at another county jail is \$60 a day. Matz added that these have to be perfect inmates, with some counties not accepting transferred inmates if they have mental health issues or other specific needs.

The department would also have to cover the costs associated with transporting inmates to and from other facilities, which often requires two deputies.

Matz said the department is looking to hire 10 new deputies.

The sheriff's office eliminated two positions in the jail and combined the duties into one new position which is a savings of about \$67,000 annually.

County Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cook sits on the committee and asked if the inmate population numbers would drop in the coming months.

Hancock-Cook was looking at crime data released by Oshkosh Police that showed offenses like aggravated assaults are down in Oshkosh from 76 reported from January to August in 2024 and 67 reported in 2025.

However, Matz pointed out that Oshkosh is seeing an increase in crime with shootings, stabbings and other serious crimes rising. He added that violent crimes went up by 7% between 2023 and 2024, and it's a trend that is continuing this year.

Offenses for inmates at the Winnebago

County Jail range from homicides to second offense drunk driving.

"Experience tells me that this isn't changing," Matz said.

The data from the sheriff's office shows the county jail is getting closer to maximum capacity. In 2024, the jail averaged 239 inmates.

Another aspect of the sheriff's proposed budget includes a new rescue boat that will be housed in Menasha and can be put on a trailer and transported to a scene es-

pecially in rivers and smaller lakes where a smaller vessel is needed.

"A smaller boat can get into the smaller lakes that are shallow and harder to navigate," Matz said.

The Marine Unit replacement is set to cost \$151,000. The current boat has 3,700 engine hours and multiple repairs. The department was recently told that no repairs are possible for the boat and that it needs to be replaced.

## Larsen man charged in fatal car crash

Winneconne News

An 18-year-old Larsen man was arrested and charged in a fatal car crash at the intersection of North Richmond Street and the Interstate 41 northbound off-ramp in the early morning hours of Oct. 4.

According to a statement released last week by the Appleton Police Department (APD), one of the vehicle's engine compartments was engulfed in flames. The operator, identified as Carter J. Green, and the passenger exited the vehicle with minimal injuries.

Fire personnel were required to remove the driver, identified as Casey Sjoberg, 26, from Appleton, of the second vehicle due to the extent of the damage. The second vehicle also had a passenger, who was lat-

er identified as Luke Vandenheubel, and both were transported to a local hospital where Sjoberg later died.

After further investigation, APD identified Green as allegedly operating under the influence and determined he had been driving over 100 miles per hour when he failed to stop for a red light at the intersection where the crash occurred.

Green was arrested and is being held at the Outagamie County Jail on charges of first-degree reckless homicide and two counts of causing injury/operating while under the influence. A judge set his cash bond at \$100,000 during an initial court appearance.

## County highlights lead-safe homes program

Winneconne News

In recognition of Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, Winnebago County Public Health is hosting a free Community Partner Information Session to raise awareness about the dangers of lead exposure in children and highlighting its Lead-Safe Homes Program as a critical tool in keeping children safe and ready to learn.

Lead poisoning remains a serious environmental health threat to children, especially in homes built before 1978. Even low levels of lead in a child's blood can cause developmental delays, learning difficulties, hearing loss and behavioral problems. Young children are particularly at risk because their growing bodies absorb lead more easily, and their brains and nervous systems are more vulnerable to its damaging effects.

"Our goal is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning by preventing exposure," said Doug Gieryn, Winnebago County Public Health Officer. "Through our Lead-Safe Homes Program, we're helping families identify and address lead hazards in their homes, especially in older housing stock."

The Community Partner Information Session will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 23 on the fourth floor of the David W. Albrecht Administration Building, 112 Otter Ave. in Oshkosh.

Residents will learn how the Lead-Safe Homes Program works, who qualifies, and how to apply for assistance with lead test-

ing and home remediation. Attendees will then have an opportunity to travel to a current lead abatement project to hear from the homeowner, contractor and program lead abatement program coordinator.

The Lead-Safe Homes Program provides funding and support to remove lead paint hazards from homes, specifically those with young children and/or pregnant women. The program is open to qualifying homeowners and rental property owners.

For more information about lead poisoning prevention or to learn more about the Lead-Safe Homes Program, visit [wchd.pub/LeadSafe](http://wchd.pub/LeadSafe) or call 920-232-3000.



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## County Budget

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deficit from \$8,587,512 to \$7,236,065. In addition to reducing the deficit, the County Veteran Service Office is on track to deliver \$67.4 million in compensation and pension to veterans in the county by the end of the year.

The presentation broke down the top 10 departments by expenses in the proposed budget with the number one being health and human services. Together, that area of the budget takes up about 40% of the county's total expenditure.

"When I think of county government, I've always felt like the biggest thing that I identify with is social services," Hintz said. "That's really what the biggest bread and butter of what I think county services do."

Health and human services are a highly expansive area including everything from education to lead paint remediation to healthy aging. A large portion of that funding comes from both state and federal grants, which may cause complications in the future with the passing of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and the loss of certain grant dollars.

"We're always going to have a challenge with more demand for services than there are resources," Hintz said.

Hintz said the upcoming budget has not been significantly impacted, but the 2027 budget likely will be. Some changes for this year include the loss of IT security funding and the loss of funding for a food wise educator position through the UW-Extension. Hintz said this year's budget includes a 3% increase for tariffs and increasing labor costs and inflation.

Other complications for the upcoming budgeting cycle include the former UW-Oshkosh Fox Cities campus that the county took ownership of on July 1, the increasing demand for housing, a growing

homeless population and the need for new county facilities. Hintz said one of his biggest challenges is figuring out how to get the county to think collectively when each individual municipality is facing uniquely important issues.

In an effort to improve the budgeting process, including transparency and engagement, Hintz pushed the beginning of the process forward to allow the county board and committees more time to evaluate. Budget workshops kicked off in mid-September rather than mid-October this year. A budget brief was also made available to the public for a simplified breakdown of where the money is going. Hintz said eight budget amendments have already been drafted.

The 2026 budget is focused on increasing fiscal responsibility, with a further emphasis on accuracy and efficiency. After falling behind similar markets, Hintz said Winnebago County has worked to increase investment in the workforce and will continue to fill crucial positions in the coming year.

"We need to find a way to be competitive for recruitment and attainment purposes for long-term stability," Hintz said. The county will see a net increase of 26.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions across different departments. Five positions will be used to move the Homelessness, Evictions, and Loss Prevention (HELP) program from project positions to a permanent fixture in the county. Five positions have been eliminated for a total saving of \$431,775.

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors meets at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month on the fourth floor of the Winnebago County Courthouse. Its next meeting is Oct. 21. In addition, the board is set to consider the 2026 Executive Budget at 6 p.m. Oct. 27.

Meetings are available to stream online at [winnebago.wi.portal.civicclerk.com/](http://winnebago.wi.portal.civicclerk.com/).

## Program gives back to veterans

Winneconne News

The Winnebago County Register of Deeds Office is inviting veterans and local businesses to participate in the Honor Rewards program, a free initiative designed to give back to veterans.

The Register of Deeds Office serves Veterans by recording and safeguarding military discharge certificates (DD-214s). In partnership with the County Veterans Service Office, veterans and their families are also provided with free certified copies of their DD-214s.

The Honor Rewards program is a community service that thanks and acknowledges the nation's veterans for their sacrifices.

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efits it wishes to offer. This service is being made available at no cost to veterans, the county and its taxpayers.

Veterans can register online at [HonorRewards.com](http://HonorRewards.com) or through the Winnebago County Register of Deeds website [winnebago.wi.portal.civicclerk.com/](http://winnebago.wi.portal.civicclerk.com/), by visiting the Winnebago County Veterans Service Office or signing up in person at the Register of Deeds Office. They can view participating businesses across the state and country at [HonorRewards.com](http://HonorRewards.com).

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Participating businesses will receive a listing on the Winnebago County Honor Rewards website, promotion through regular email updates sent to program members and complimentary promotional materials such as window stickers and flyers to display their support.



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## Community service

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# Winneconne grinds out win over Fox Valley Lutheran

By Steve Clark  
Winneconne News

After six straight weeks of lopsided wins, the Winneconne football team found itself in a full-fledged tussle Thursday evening against Fox Valley Lutheran.

And with a huge matchup against Seymour to decide the Bay Conference looming on Friday and the WIAA playoffs on the horizon, the hard-fought 38-31 win over the Foxes was something the Wolves were looking for.

"We needed this," senior Trey Zemke said. "We got to feel what a full game is like and that was really important heading into the postseason."

Winneconne never trailed against Fox Valley Lutheran but needed three second-half interceptions to help fend off the Foxes, who pulled to within seven points with less than two minutes to go.

The Wolves' Noah Bouras then pounced on the Foxes' onside kick attempt and Brody Schaffer converted a third-down run to allow Winneconne to run out the clock.

"They reacted well tonight," Winneconne co-head coach Ryan Krings said. "(Fox Valley Lutheran) gave us a run. We tell our players if you get hit in the mouth - which they did tonight - you have to go back to what you have to do, and they did that tonight."

Schaffer's 39-yard touchdown run less than a minute into the fourth quarter gave the Wolves a 38-24 lead but Fox Valley Lutheran wasn't about to fold.

The Foxes took their next possession to the Wolves' 10-yard line before Zemke came up with an interception on fourth-and-6 to keep Winneconne's cushion intact.

"I was shading the trips side (of the formation) and I saw the quarterback's eyes go to the middle of the field. He threw it and I put my hands up, caught the ball, ran it back, fumbled it and hopped back on it," Zemke said. "(Turnovers) are huge. They help us tremendously but that doesn't happen unless everybody is doing their job."

Winneconne went three-and-out on the ensuing possession, but on Fox Valley Lutheran's first play after the punt, Jesse Michaud picked off another Gabe Heiges pass near midfield.

"Michaud's interception was crucial," said Krings, whose team's other two interceptions were by Schaffer. "Any time we can get a turnover it's great, but tonight, at the point where we needed it to get the ball back, they did it. They were in key moments when we really needed it."

Winneconne took nearly three minutes off the clock with the ensuing drive, but the Foxes were able to get the ball back and drive for their final touchdown.

But the Wolves didn't let the lead or the victory slip away.

"They came in and made a run at us. We found a way to get the win," Schaffer said. "We have been there before, and we know what to do when things aren't going our



Photo by Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Ethan Duel finds some running room on the way to the end zone in the first quarter against Fox Valley Lutheran on Friday night.

way. We found a way to get things done tonight."

Schaffer ran for 200 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the game, while also completing 16-of-23 passes for 157 yards.

Schaffer's performance was amplified by the fact the Wolves were without starting running back Bryce Jones, while receiver Ryan Quigley and running back Mason Mathe were both banged up during the game.

"I always have trust with the guys coming in," Schaffer said. "When some of the top guys go down you want to play for them so there is some of (feeling the need to step up), but I also have a lot of trust in the guys coming in."

Winneconne scored on the opening possession of the game, marching 69 yards in nine plays with Ethan Duel powering into the end zone from six yards out to get the Wolves on the scoreboard.

The Foxes answered with a long drive of their own but were thwarted inside Winneconne's five-yard line when Hudson Samolinski batted down a third-down pass attempt and forced Fox Valley Lutheran to settle for a field goal.

Schaffer scored his first touchdown of the night on a nine-yard run on the Wolves next possession and then notched his first interception of the night to halt the Foxes' next drive. Andon Lang capped off the ensuing possession with an eight-yard scoring run to boost Winneconne to a 21-3 lead.

"When we need that little push to get back on top, Brody's going to give that extra effort," Krings said. "They played him really well tonight, but he's definitely the guy when we need someone to pick us up. He might not do it through his mouth, but his feet are going to bring the team back up."

The Wolves added a final touchdown in

the first half on a 21-yard pass play from Schaffer to Karter Hawthorne and Winneconne went into intermission leading 28-16.

Jordan Nettekovan finished with a team-high six catches for 46 yards in the game, while Zemke and Jovan Zeller were the top tacklers for the Wolves with eight and seven, respectively.

Caleb Blackburn also registered a sack in the game for Winneconne.

The Wolves now turn their attention to Seymour, which comes in off a 28-6 win over New London to remain unbeaten and have not allowed more than 14 points all season.

The Thunder feature senior quarterback Cayden Staffeldt, who has thrown for nearly 1,000 yards and 12 touchdowns this season as well as running back Xavier Salzman, who is averaging 7.6 yards per carry and has 12 touchdowns on the year.

Last year, the Wolverers beat Seymour, 35-21, in the final game of the season in Winneconne to clinch the Bay Conference title. Krings said his team is looking for a repeat performance on the road this year.

"This is the same thing as last year," Krings said. "They are bringing much the same team back that they had last year and we are doing the same, so we are going to fight it out. It is going to be a battle."



Photo by Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Dallas Walker (54) and Jovan Zeller (14) celebrate a play on defense during Friday night's win over Fox Valley Lutheran.



The annual WAAC food drive sponsored by the Winneconne Masonic Lodge ended on September 19. 4 pickup loads of nonperishables and over \$2,000 in cash and gift cards were collected. 100% of donations stay local. Thank you to everyone who donated and the local businesses that were collection centers. Klein Ford set a new personal record as a collection center by filling up one of the trucks on their showroom floor. A friendly collection competition was held by some of the Industrial Park businesses. First place with the most collected was Multi Conveyor, second was Reworld, and third was SPS. Thank you to their Management and employees for their generous contributions.



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# Prep Roundup

## GOLF

### Cegielski falls short of advancing to state

Winneconne senior Emma Cegielski finished her season with a strong round at the WIAA Division 2 sectional tournament but came up short of earning a trip to the state meet.

Cegielski finished in a tie for 25th place with a round of 104. She finished tied with Jossie Schaefer of Kiel and Hailey Beeler of Kettle Moraine Lutheran for the spot.

Fellow Bay Conference member Seymour won the team title at Crystal Springs Golf Course with Kettle Moraine Lutheran taking second.

## CROSS COUNTRY

### LeRoy, Wenzelow lead Wolves at Brillion invite

Quinn LeRoy and Grant Wenzelow led their respective Winneconne squads at the Brillion Invitational last week with both the girls and boys taking third in the 10-team event.

LeRoy finished third overall in the girls race, placing behind only a pair of Division 1 runners from Hortonville. The freshman was one of only three runners to finish in under 20 minutes.

Lydia Luce was Winneconne's second finisher in 10th place with Audra Schaefer taking 24th. Lauren Wiedemeier and Ruby Kuehn rounded out the scoring runners in 28th and 29th place, respectively.

Hortonville won the girls team title with Kaukauna taking second, while Winneconne finished comfortably ahead of Oostburg in third.

It was Kaukauna winning the boys team

title followed by Hortonville, with Winneconne taking third ahead of Chilton.

Wenzelow took fourth in the field of 95 runners, while the rest of the scoring line-up all finished within a span of 10 places and 19 seconds.

Tyler Bostwick led the quartet in 22nd place, followed by Merrick Heise in 24th, Maxwell Helfrich in 27th and James Dunham in 31st. Silas Sarbo in 33rd place and Broc Berglund in 35th place finished just behind the group.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Winneconne breezes past Green Bay West

The Wolves allowed a total of 18 points in the three sets combined, picking up a 25-4, 25-6, 25-8 win over Green Bay West last week.

Nine different players finished with at least one kill in the match for Winneconne with Alyssa Koval and Neela Gardner leading the way with eight and seven kills, respectively. Malia Bodoh finished with six, Jaidyn Halder added five and Bailey Brantley chipped in four kills in the win.

Winneconne had a huge serving night finishing with a total of 24 aces, including a whopping 10 from Gardner. Bailey Church and Tess Immel each finished with four.

Immel and Church also led the team in assists with 13 and 12, respectively.

Defensively, Hallah Josephson finished with a team high seven digs with Olivia DuPont adding five.

## SOCCER

### Winneconne nets back-to-back wins

The Wolves improved to 5-8 overall



Photo by Doug Sasse

Winneconne's Jake Kemper keeps the ball away from a Waupaca defender during Saturday's 2-0 win.

with a pair of wins last week.

Winneconne scored a 4-2 win over

Wautoma early in the week and then shut out Waupaca, 2-0, on Saturday.

# Lunch Menus

Oct. 20-24

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Winneconne Meal Site

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

**Monday:** Meatloaf. Scalloped Potatoes. Squash. Mandarin Oranges.

**Tuesday:** Frozen – Tater Tot Casserole with Mixed Vegetables. Candied Carrots. Mixed Fruit Cup.

**Wednesday:** Hot Dog. Potato Salad. Baked Beans. Fresh Apple.

**Thursday:** Frozen – Roast Beef. Mashed Potatoes. Broccoli. Diced Peaches.

**Friday:** Cr. Chicken Soup with Celery, Carrots and Onions. Romaine/Spinach Salad with Tomato and Cucumber. Fruited Jell-O.

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

**Tuesday:** ES – Nacho Cheese Grande, Turkey and Cheese Sandwich or Crispy Chicken Salad. Baked Beans. Sweet Potato Fries. MS – French Toast/Syrup. Potato Chunks. Sausage Patty. Quick Bites – Chicken Patty/Bun, Chef Salad, Cobb Salad, Fruit Bowl and Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads – Italian Wrap. Smuckers

PB&J. California Blend. 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/Cheese, Turkey and Cheese Sandwich or Crispy Chicken Salad. Yogurt Cup. Peas. MS – Pasta Bowl. California Blend. Quick Bites – Chili Cheese Burrito, Chef Salad, Cobb Salad, Fruit Bowl and 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/Meatsauce, Turkey and Cheese Sandwich or Crispy Chicken Salad. Garlic Bread. Broccoli. MS – Grilled Cheese Sandwich. Tomato Soup. Peas and Carrots. Quick Bites – Hot Dog/Bun. Chef Salad, Cobb Salad, Fruit Bowl and Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads – Turkey Tetrizzini. 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, Lunch Box or Crispy Chicken Salad. Tomato Soup. Roasted Vegetables. MS – Tater Tot Casserole. Green Beans Quick Bites – Southwest Combo Wrap. Chef Salad, Cobb Salad, Fruit Bowl and Smuckers PB&J. HS Country Roads – BBQ Pork Sandwich. Smuckers PB&J. Cheesy Veggie Soup. Fruit and Salads - Fruit Bowl, Chef Salad, Cobb Salad and Yogurt Fruit Parfait. Stadium Burger – Fish Sticks. Breakfast Bowl. Willies Pizza – Cheese Bites/Sauce.

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# Advocap releases Community Needs Assessment Report

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Advocap has released its 2025 Community Needs Assessment Report, a comprehensive study that identifies the most pressing challenges facing residents of Winnebago, Fond du Lac and Green Lake counties.

Conducted every three years, the assessment gathers input from residents living with low incomes, community partners and Advocap staff to inform programs, guide partnerships and shape long-term community impact.

The survey results reflect a daily struggle: many local residents are consistently worried about housing, food and their physical and mental health. Respondents reported experiencing high rates of anxiety and depression, often going without needed health services so they can afford other basic necessities.

Financial pressures — including rising rent, food prices and vehicle costs — were cited as major sources of stress.

“This assessment gives us an honest look at what families — our friends, neighbors, coworkers — in our region are facing,” said Tanya Marcoe, Executive Director of Advocap. “The data and stories shared by participants help focus our work where it matters most — removing barriers, improving access to supports and partnering with others to create real pathways to stability and self-sufficiency.”

Top identified needs from survey respondents include:

- Housing Instability (68%): especially help paying utilities (50%), rent (25%) and home repairs/weatherization (25%).
- Transportation (65%): help with car

repairs (44%) and fuel costs (44%).

- Basic Needs (63%): support with benefits applications (30%), financial coaching and credit repair (22%).
- Food Insecurity (59%): requests for monthly food boxes/home delivery (43%) and access to fresh produce (21%).
- Access to Services (58%): desire for a single, central access point (53%) and clearer information (45%).
- Health and Wellness (57%): need for affordable dental (63%), vision (42%) and mental health care (39%).
- Child care (61% among those using childcare): requests for lower costs (58%) and more flexible hours (47%).

The report highlights opportunities to strengthen local collaboration, improve access and address systemic barriers:

- Strengthen partnerships to expand housing, child care and transportation solutions.
- Simplify and centralize access to services and build community trust.
- Expand early interventions such as financial coaching and mental health support.
- Advocate for affordable housing, food and transportation.
- Engage community members with lived experience to shape solutions.

“The data we’re seeing and the stories we’re hearing are clear. People are resilient, but they need systems and programs that truly work for them,” Marcoe said. “By working together, we can reduce barriers and help families build stronger, more stable lives.”



Photo by Michael Cooney

Dennis Radloff of Den Car Farms talks about the soybean harvest while driving his combine.

## Strong soybean yields, shaky prices define fall harvest

By Michael J. Cooney  
News Contributor

As soybean harvest ramps up across Winnebago County, local farmers are reporting excellent yields thanks to nearly ideal growing conditions this season. Warm temperatures, well-timed rains and a long frost-free stretch helped produce one of the most consistent crops in recent years.

But even with a strong harvest, many producers face economic headwinds. Local farmer and custom harvester Dennis Radloff says the current market is making it difficult to turn those good yields into profit.

“Great crop this year — the weather conditions were perfect,” Radloff said. “Unfortunately, bean prices are near \$9 a bushel and very uncertain with the condition of the market.”

According to the Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board, most Wisconsin fields are rated good to excellent, but falling prices are squeezing margins.

“Farming in this market is a real gamble,” Radloff said.

With prices stuck near \$9 per bushel and the loss of China as a major export market, growers are weighing whether to sell now or hold grain in storage.

Radloff, who raises soybeans on his own acreage and does custom combining for neighbors, described farming in today’s economy as “a real gamble.”

“Local farmers need about \$12 a bushel in order to make any money,” he explained. “The market changes daily. Farmers can sell right away at current prices or hold part or all of the crop over winter hoping things improve. Many do a combination — selling some now, then periodically through the winter.”

As the price volatility continues, many producers are left balancing high yields against uncertain returns. For now, optimism in the field is tempered by caution at the grain elevator.

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## The Weekly Whisk

### Maple Roasted Butternut Squash

As the air turns crisp and leaves crunch underfoot, it’s the perfect time to bring warm, earthy flavors to your table. This Maple Roasted Butternut Squash is a simple, crowd-pleasing side dish that tastes like autumn in every bite. Quick tip: Swap maple syrup for honey and add a pinch of cayenne for a sweet-and-spicy twist.

- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled and cubed
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp pure maple syrup
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp black pepper

- Optional: a sprinkle of chopped pecans or dried cranberries for garnish.
- Preheat oven to 400°F
- In a large bowl, toss the squash cubes with olive oil, maple syrup, cinnamon, salt, and pepper until evenly coated.
- Spread on a baking sheet in a single layer.
- Roast for 25–30 minutes, stirring halfway through, until tender and caramelized.
- Garnish with pecans or cranberries if desired.

Serve warm with roasted chicken or over a bed of greens for a cozy fall salad.

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# ThedaCare spotlights breast cancer risk assessment

Winneconne News

Completing a breast cancer risk assessment gives women the knowledge and awareness to help make informed decisions about their breast health, ThedaCare said.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to help raise awareness and educate people about breast cancer. ThedaCare is joining the campaign, reinforcing the importance of early detection.

“Breast cancer risk assessment can help guide women and their care teams in determining the most appropriate screening type and schedule,” said Dr. Honnie Bermas, a Breast and Oncology Surgeon. “It can also prompt women to take steps to improve their health so they can reduce their risk of developing breast cancer.”

ThedaCare’s accreditation through the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers requires that all women who complete diagnostic or screening mammography or imaging must also receive a risk assessment.

A breast cancer risk assessment is a tool that can help predict the likelihood that someone will develop breast cancer at some point in their life. Overall, the average risk of a woman developing breast cancer in her lifetime is approximately 13%, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS).

An assessment typically consists of completing a detailed questionnaire. A physician or other provider may gather information and ask questions pertaining to other factors.

No assessment can predict with certainty whether a woman will develop breast cancer. It’s about helping identify risk and

taking steps to monitor and reduce the risks, Bermas said.

“The risk level assigned to a woman can help guide screening recommendations,” she said. “For example, we may determine that a woman might benefit from other types of screenings in addition to a mammogram.”

Mammography recommendations vary by organization but most agree that women should begin screening mammograms by age 40. Women should talk with their doctor or provider about whether to complete screening mammograms every year or every other year, Bermas said.

If a woman is at higher risk for breast cancer, a doctor may recommend additional screening such as a breast MRI. Screening breast MRIs would be used in addition to mammography, not instead of, Bermas advised.

“A breast MRI might have an opportunity to pick up some cancers not visible on a mammogram,” she said. “It also can lead to false positives, which may in turn lead to unnecessary invasive testing and distress for the woman. Your doctor will talk with you about the pros and cons of additional testing.”

If a woman is at especially high risk or has specific circumstances or risk factors, a doctor also may recommend genetic testing and counseling.

A breast cancer risk assessment may prompt helpful discussion around positive lifestyle steps women can take to reduce their risk. Some risk factors, people can change. These are called modifiable. Non-modifiable risk factors, on the other hand, include age, race/ethnicity, breast density and family and personal breast cancer history, Bermas explained.

“Taking care of your breast health starts with talking to your primary care provider about your individual health factors and completing mammograms on the schedule recommended to you,” Bermas said. “Through completing breast cancer risk assessments, we’re working toward identifying women at increased risk for breast cancer and recommending appropriate interventions, which may lead to the best outcomes.”

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## Public Notice

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
WINNECONNE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY  
SEPTEMBER 15, 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

**Board Member Roll Call**

Board Member: Jaci Stelzner, Kati Calewarts, Jill Verich, Dean Ackmann, Nathaniel Harter Mark Kunde, Donna Hanson  
Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum  
District Administrator, Dr. Peggy Larson, High School Principal, Dr. Leah Michaud, Assistant High School Principal, Dan Dobner, Middle School Principal, Todd Schroeder, MS Dean, Carly Horvath, Elementary Principal, Dr. Lisa Hughes, Assistant Elementary Principal, Mike Meunier, Director of Learning, Joe Pitsch, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Technology Director, Dave Jerabek, Facilities Director, Steve Cady

**VISITORS:** (See Visitor List on file)

**OPEN FORUM-** A community resident spoke on Constitution Day, and Development of Turning Point USA as a group in the WCSD.

**OPEN SESSION**

**5. consent items:**

- A. District Checks #10016809 to #10016859 in the Amount of \$1,444,762.05
- B. Student Activity Checks #915703 to #915720 in the Amount of \$60,441.15
- C. District ACH Payments \$51,503.54
- D. SA Ach Payments \$428.72
- E. Credit Card Report \$21,609.84
- F. Approve 2025-2026 Head Varsity Softball Coach. Effective 03/16/2026
- G. Acknowledge \$338.39 donation from Boy Scouts Troop 629 to Norbert Rich School Forest

Motion made by Kunde, seconded by Calewarts to approve Consent Agenda Item A-G  
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 7-0

**6. Approve Minutes from August 18, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting**

Motion made by Hanson, seconded by Harter to approve the minutes from August 18, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting.  
Roll Call: Calewarts-Aye, Verich-Abstain, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 6-0-1 (Verich-Abstention)

**7. AI Conference Update**

Mrs. Susie Roubidoux, Mrs. Lisa Olson, and Mrs. Robbi Brethouwer, presented from attending a conference on AI (Artificial Intelligence). There are many questions as to style of teaching, presenting, as well as using AI as Continuous Improvement, and making sure that we have the KPI's (Key Performance Indicators) in place for learning academics and making sure all students are equipped with necessary skills.

**8. 2025/2026 6th Class Contracts**

Picking up the extra workload Contracts 6th Class Contracts each year costs the district less than hiring additional staff.

Motion by Verich, seconded by Ackmann to approve the 2025/2026 6th Class Contracts  
Roll call: Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 7-0

**9. 2025/2026 Transportation Costs to Private Schools**

Wisconsin law says that a pupil attending a private Elementary or High School including four- and five-year-olds, and kindergarten are entitled to transportation provided by the public school district. The Family with one child receives \$785.79, while the family of 3 receives \$2357.37 The total cost to the WCSD for private school transportation is \$19,644.75. It is the approach of the WCSD Board of Education that they do not agree with having to pay private school transportation, but if the law states, then have a flat fee per family not a per child fee.

**10. 2025/2026 Elementary Back to School Fair Donations**

Thank you to all the Donors for 2025/2026 for the Elementary Back to School Fair Donations.

**11 Administration Reports- (See updated reports on file)**

**12. Board Reports**

**A. Communications** – There were no Communications to be read

**B. Committee Reports:**

- HR/Financial Planning- Have not met
- PR/ Marketing- Has not met
- Policy- Had met prior to the Regular Board Meeting, policies will be on next regular board meeting

**Executive Session**

Motion made by Harter, second by Stelzner to move into Executive Session under 19.85 (1) C) and (f) to approve Executive Session Minuets from August 18, 2025, and for the following purposes. Consider employment status and consider compensation of public employees over which the board has jurisdiction or exercises. The board will move into an open session and may take action on items discussed in the Executive Session.  
Roll Call: Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 7-0

**Open Session**

The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 7:25 pm

**Business Manager- Resignation (Release)**

Motion by Verich, seconded by Hanson to accept the resignation of Business Manager Monica Knapp dependent on the release of Michael Sippert from Shiocton School District, potentially early November  
Roll Call: Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 7-0

**Hiring of New Business Manager- Mike Sippert**

Motion made by Kunde, seconded by Harter to approve the hiring of Michael Sippert for the Business Manager position, potentially early November, pending release date from Shiocton School District, and HR Protocol completed.  
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Calewarts-Aye, Verich-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Harter-Aye, Kunde-Aye Hanson-Aye  
Motion approved: 7-0  
Motion made by Verich, seconded by Calewarts to adjourn the meeting of the WCSD Board of Education  
Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde  
WCSD- Board Clerk  
7:35 pm

WINNECONNE COMMUNITY  
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING  
Section 65.90(40)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Winneconne Community School District that the budget hearing will be at the Winneconne Middle School, 400 North 9th Avenue, Winneconne, Wisconsin, on the 20th day of October, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING  
Section 120.08(1)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Winneconne Community School District, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business, will be held at the Winneconne Middle School, 400 N 9th Avenue, Winneconne, Wisconsin, on the 20th day of October, 2025, in aggregation with the Budget Hearing.

The purpose of the ANNUAL MEETING is to hold a hearing on the proposed 2025/2026 school district budget, to adopt a tax levy to operate the schools for the 2025/2026 school year, and to conduct such other business appropriate to the Annual Meeting.

Budget reports are available at the Business Office located at 400 N 9th Avenue, Winneconne, Wisconsin, between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday. The office is closed weekends and holidays. The summary of the budget was published in the October 8th edition of The Winneconne News. Official Notice of the Annual Meeting was sent for publication in the October 8th and October 15th, 2025 edition of The Winneconne News. Notices were also posted by the front doors or vestibules of the Elementary School, Middle School, and High School buildings.

It is anticipated that a quorum of the School Board will be present, but that no School Board business will be conducted.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2025  
Mark Kunde, Clerk

# Obituaries

## Marcia Hale Duma

Marcia Hale Duma passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at her home in Fenwick, MI due to health issues her team of doctors were never able to diagnose.



She was born on May 6, 1964, to Carol (Germain) Hale and Kenneth Hale. She was a 1982 graduate of Winneconne High School. After graduation she went on to further her education at Fox Valley Tech for a Physical Therapy Assistant degree which took her to Michigan. It was there that she met the love of her life, Charles Duma. They married on November 6, 1993.

Her love of helping people had her back to school and she graduated as an RN in 2003. She worked as an RN in the ER in Carson City, MI until 2013 and Michigan Correctional Facility to present.

She was an avid Packer Fan (Warning... do not talk during a game), the greatest aunt and great-aunt ever! Marcia loved her fur babies all of which have been German Shepherds. She cherished time spent with her family and friends. Marcia lived for her visits to WI (home) most times she would bring her bestie Michele Forist, to enjoy "roundtables" with her Flamings, catch up with her Wisconsin friends and just hang with family. We are blessed to have met and heard about the many Mich-

igan friends that have been near and dear to her over her years there. She always brought fun and much laughter to us all... And a double batch of Chex Mix of course.

Marcia will be forever missed by: her beloved husband, Charles Duma; and dog, Dragos; mother, Carol Hale; brother, David "Courtney" (Mary) Hale; sister, Kathy Hale (Mike) Bouras; niece, Ashley Bouras (Sam) Druecke; nephew, Michael (Hillary) Bouras; great-nieces and great-nephews, Maddie and Bailey Druecke, Brantley and Merrick Bouras, Jared (Roxanne) Peterson and their children Eloise, Angus and Sylus Peterson, Miles Peterson (fiancée Lindsey) and their children Maveryk and Adalyn Peterson.

We want to give a special thank you to: nephew, Michael Bouras; special friends, Michele Forist, Gavin Christensen, Sue and Andy Dewitt, Dwight Dewitt and Marilyn McDougall for all their love and support these past days.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. A service will be held on Saturday, October 11 at 12:00 noon at the funeral home. Inurnment will follow in the Winneconne Cemetery.

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

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# Festival Foods Turkey Trot celebrates 18 years

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This year the Festival Foods Turkey Trot will turn 18 years old.

The Festival Foods Turkey Trots, held across the state of Wisconsin, benefit local Boys & Girls Clubs and YMCAs. There are 12 in-person locations held across Wisconsin, including Oshkosh, with last year all events hosting over 34,800 participants statewide. From year one, the Trot has raised over \$4.8 million dollars taking about 1,700 volunteers to make the events happen statewide and locally just over 120 volunteers.

The Festival Foods Turkey Trot has something for everyone to participate for all ages and skill levels. There is a 2-Mile Walk, a 2-Mile Fun Run, a timed 5-Mile Run and a 2-Mile Dog Jog, in addition to the option to participate at a location of a participant's choosing through the at Home Edition.

This year's Oshkosh Festival Foods Turkey Trot will be held at 8 a.m. Nov. 27 at the Oshkosh Seniors Center. Bib and T-shirt pickup will be at the North Building from 2 to 6 p.m. Nov. 26 and Thanksgiving morning from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The race will start promptly at 8 a.m. following the National Anthem. The five-Mile Run will start first, followed by the two-Mile Run, the two-Mile Walk and finishing with the two-Mile Dog Jog.

Race registration is open, with early bird adult pricing ending Oct. 31. Regu-

lar pricing is Nov. 1 to Nov. 24 and Race Week pricing will be from Nov. 25-28.

Parking for the event is available at FVTC, UWO on Witzel Avenue, Verve parking lots and parking lots east of Ohio Street as well as street parking.

Volunteer registration is also open. Volunteers will have an opportunity to win Festival Foods MVP Tickets for the Packers vs. Ravens game in December. Plus, all volunteers receive a Festival Foods Turkey Trot long-sleeve T-shirt, and those who volunteer outside will also receive an exclusive custom Turkey Trot beanie to match this year's shirt color.

The event caters to all age and skill levels, whether participants want to walk or run the two-Mile event, run the timed five-Mile event or bring their furry family member for the Dog Jog. Those that participate also receive a personal pumpkin pie, a long-sleeve T-shirt, exclusive coupons, post-race snacks and a race day bib.

For more information, go to FestivalFoodsTurkeyTrot.com.

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**NOTICE**  
The Town Board of Wolf River will meet at the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. to work on the 2026 budget

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk

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**Village of Winneconne**  
**Notice of Public Hearing for Amendment to**  
**Chapter 580. Zoning, Article III. Zoning General Provisions,**  
**§580-26. Accessory buildings**

The Village of Winneconne Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Board Room at Village Hall (30 South 1st Street, Winneconne, 54986).  
The Village Board will hear comments from interested persons objecting to or supporting the amendment to the Accessory Buildings subsection. The amendment strikes the current maximum allowable total combined floor area of any attached garage and all accessory buildings in an R-1 or R-2 zoning district in §580-26(G) of 1,200 and amends the allowable square footage to 1,500 square feet. The amendment can be read in full at Village Hall (920-582-4381).

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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TOWN OF WINNECONNE BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**WINNECONNE TOWN HALL**  
**6494 CTY RD M, WINNECONNE, WI 54986**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

THE BOARD OF APPEALS WILL CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST

VARIANCE APPLICATION  
TO CONSTRUCT A DETACHED GARAGE WITH A  
FRONT YARD SETBACK OF 29' INSTEAD OF 75'

Property Owner: Evelyn M. Dorn  
Address: 6520 Wiesner Rd  
Tax Parcel No.: 030-0432-03

All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to the Public Hearing. Members of the Board of Appeals are encouraged to visit the site prior to the hearing.

Katie Harter  
Zoning Administrator

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**JOINT TOWNS OF**  
**POYGAN, POY SIPP**  
**SANITARY DISTRICT #1**

Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, October 29, 2025  
3:30 p.m. at Treatment Plant

To act on tax levy.

Lisa Kallas, Secretary

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**39th Annual**  
**Benefit Style Show**  
Tuesday, October 28, 2025  
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# Marble Park Lanes Bowling

<b>Oct. 8</b>		<b>Scratch Series</b>	
<b>WWWL</b>		Karen Marx	551
<b>Team Standings</b>		Sherry Rieben	549
Marble Park Lanes	36-18	<b>Team Handicap Game</b>	
Tinys	32-22	Beiser Realty	873
Beiser Realty	27-27	Marble Park Lanes	832
Muellers	13-41	<b>Handicap Game</b>	
<b>This Week</b>		Staci Derr	231
Marble Park Lanes def. Muellers	9-0	Karen Brooks	223
Beiser Realty def. Tinys	7-2	<b>Team Handicap Series</b>	
<b>Top Scores</b>		Beiser Realty	2466
<b>Team Scratch Game</b>		Marble Park Lanes	2447
Beiser Realty	724	<b>Handicap Series</b>	
Marble Park Lanes	606	Pat Marine	632
<b>Scratch Game</b>		Nicole Riordan	623
Sherry Rieben	213		
Holly Manteufel	212		
<b>Team Scratch Series</b>			
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## Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Permanent Boat Shelter

Todd Vanderloop, 6845 Sunset Trail, Winneconne, WI, 54986, has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for an After-The-Fact permit to construct a permanent Boat Shelter. The project is located on a channel that is connected to Lake Winneconne within NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 10, Township 19N, Range 15E in Town of Winneconne, Winnebago County.

This applicant is proposing to convert a non-compliant existing boat shelter to a permanent shelter. While the boat shelter does not meet the Department's exemption criteria, or general permit standards due to the structure being connected directly to the uplands. The structure may be authorized by the Department under an Individual Permit. The 14' x 24' shelter with boatlift is connected to the riparian's shoreline seawall. The shelter is at the minimum depth necessary for the operation of the hoist that holds the applicant's watercraft. The wood and steel shelter would be supported by steel pipes attached to the existing boat lift. The roof has brown shingles and open sides. All work to construct the shelter was done from a barge. The purpose of the project is to allow year-round protection of the applicant's watercraft. There is no new construction, filling, or dredging associated with this application.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11, 30.12, 30.208, 281.36, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 150, NR 326, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.

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

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and search for Vanderloop or WP- IP-NE-2025-71-X08-22T09-06-46.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

Any person may submit comments and/or request a public informational hearing by emailing [eric.stadig@wisconsin.gov](mailto:eric.stadig@wisconsin.gov), over the phone at (920) 718-0890, or writing to Eric Stadig, 625 E County Rd Y Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901 by U.S. mail. If you are submitting general comments on the proposal, they must be emailed, verbalized, or postmarked within 30 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. If you are requesting a public informational hearing, the request must be emailed, verbalized, or postmarked within 20 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. A request for hearing must include the docket number or applicant name and specify the issues that the party desires to be addressed at the informational hearing.

If no hearing is requested, the Department may issue its decision without a hearing. If a public informational hearing is held, comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days following the date on which the hearing is completed.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document. Docket Number IP-NE-2025-71-02762  
STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
For the Secretary

BY:   
Eric Stadig  
Water Management Specialist

Date: October 3, 2025

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