Celebrating Kosciuszko's Revolutionary War service

by ALEXANDRA RETTER



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■ Winona State University Music Department Chair Eric Brisson performs at the Polish Cultural Center and Museum's celebration of the 250th anniversary of Thaddeus Kosciusko's service in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

As a soldier, engineer and composer, Thaddeus Kosciuszko highlighted how complex and multifaceted people can be. Originally from Poland, he used his skills to fight for freedom in the U.S. and his home county, earning recognition from George Washington and becoming friends with Thomas Jefferson. To celebrate 250 years of American independence and showcase Kosciusko's contributions to the U.S. and the ties between Poland and America, Polish Cultural Center and Museum leaders marked the 250th anniversary of Kosciusko's service in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War last weekend with a performance of compositions he is believed to have written and the showing of a biographical film.

Born in 1746 in eastern Poland to a family considered gentry but not extremely wealthy, Kosciuszko grew up witnessing his father treating the serfs who worked the family's land well and came to advocate for liberty for all, according to the National Park Service. He ultimately arrived in Philadelphia, Pa., in August 1776 and began engineering blockades for the Continental Army, and by fall 1777, the structures he designed helped the Americans win at Saratoga, a turning point in the war, according to the National Park Service. He is also known for fortifying the base at West Point, N.Y., and fighting in the campaign in the Carolinas. "He's probably the most significant Polish American to contribute to the American Revolution," Polish Cultural Center and Museum Board of Directors Secretary Mark Dillon said. He added, "His service provided vital engineering methods that helped us win the war."

Attendee Cecelia Dillon was glad to learn more about Kosciuszko's life after the American Revolution, when he returned to Poland and fought for Polish freedom from Russia. "And I really loved how he championed the Constitution in Poland," she said.

Those ties between the U.S. and Poland highlighted by Kosciuszko are appreciated by Polish Cultural Center and Museum Board of Directors Vice President Lee Stoltman, whose family emigrated from Poland. "… It's an event for the museum where we can showcase our pride in someone like Kosciuszko and give him homage," he said.

Attendee Jennifer Heth wants to share that life story of Kosciuszko's with her friends and family. "I was so impressed with his recognition by Washington and others, and yet [it's] not in our history books," she said. She added, "… I just was so impressed that he was … so enlightened, in spite of … being in a nice position himself in life. He could've taken the easy road and just laid back, but he constantly went forward."

Beyond learning about Kosciuszko's service, event attendees listened to compositions believed to have been written by the soldier and engineer, performed by Winona State University Music Department Chair Eric Brisson. "[Kosciuszko's music was] very lively and spirited … There's a sort of strength to it," Brisson said. He continued, "[It has] very clear form, symmetry, elegance, grace, liveliness."

In addition to the celebration of Kosciuszko, the Polish Museum hopes to keep expanding the programming it offers, Board of Directors President Erich Lippman said. "… I do hope that there's just a broader understanding of the contribution of Poles to the American story from the beginning, from the Revolutionary War forward," Lippman said.

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COUNTY OF WINONA
DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 85-PR-26-1440
In Re: Estate of Scott Wadewitz, also known as Scott C. Wadewitz, also known as Scott Charles Wadewitz, Decedent.
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of Personal Representative has been filed with the Registrar. No Will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Beth A. Wadewitz, whose address is 476 Hiawatha Boulevard, Winona, Minnesota 55987, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Decedent.

Any Heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute the real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 8-27-2026
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The contents of the following storage units from the U-Haul Moving and Storage of Winona, 405 Cottonwood Dr, Winona, MN, 55987, will be sold to the public online only at Lockerfox.com. Bidding will begin on 9/6/26 at 7pm.

Unit number 1125 leased by Sarah Lawrence
Miscellaneous household and personal goods
Amount due: $349.90

Unit number 1818 leased by Autumn Caneff
Miscellaneous household and personal goods
Amount due: $209.90

Publication Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2026
WINONA COUNTY
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PETITION FOR CONDITIONAL/ INTERIM USE PERMIT

The public is hereby notified that the Winona County Planning Commission shall meet on Thursday September 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room, Floor 1 of the Winona County Office Building, 202 West Third Street, Winona, Minnesota, regarding the following:

William & Jacqueline Underhill (property owners) and Skip Wieser (petitioner), to allow a new dwelling on less than the required acreage in the Agricultural/ Resource Conservation Zoning District, pursuant to Winona County Zoning Ordinance 10.4.6(36). Parcel 08.000.0580. Docket Number: PC-09-17-26-01

William & Jacqueline Underhill (property owners) and Skip Wieser (petitioner), to allow a new dwelling on less than the required acreage in the Agricultural/ Resource Conservation Zoning District, pursuant to Winona County Zoning Ordinance 10.4.6(36). Parcel 08.000.0580. Docket Number: PC-09-17-26-02

Joe Kreidermacher, JFK Dairy LLC, to allow modifications to an existing animal feedlot that results in a feedlot in excess of 300 animal units pursuant to Chapters 8.4.6.2 & 10.4.6.1 of the Winona County Zoning Ordinance. Parcels 07.000.2020, 07.000.2025, 07.000.2030. Docket Number: PC-09-17-26-03

Adam Anderson (property owner) and Trena Anderson (petitioner), to allow a dog boarding kennel on their property located in the Agricultural/Resource Conservation Zoning District in accordance with Winona County Zoning Ordinance (WCZO) Chapter 10.4.6(15) (See March 11, 2025, WCZO Amendment). Parcel 11.000.1130. Docket Number: PC-09-17-26-04

Kent and Rhona Speltz, to allow for the development of a new dwelling on steep slopes (18-25%) in accordance with Winona County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 11.6.1(2). Parcel 07.000.2595 Docket Number: PC-09-17-26-05

COMMENTS:
Written comments will be accepted via email, mail, fax or the Planning & Environmental Services counter at the County Office Building – 202 West Third St, Winona.

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Date: August 31, 2026
Ross Dunsmoor, Winona County Planning Director

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City of Winona
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE OF HEARING: Monday, September 14, 2026
PLACE OF HEARING: City Hall, Council Chambers
CONTACT PERSON: Natalia Uro-De León, Assistant Planner
SUBJECT: Final Plat-1078 West 5th Street
On Monday, September 14, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Winona City Hall (207 Lafayette Street), the Winona Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a final plat at the property referenced as 1078 West 5th Street.

During the public hearing, any person desiring to speak will be given an opportunity to do so. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Winona City Hall, Department of Community Development, Room 210, 207 Lafayette Street, Winona, MN 55987, (507) 457-8250.

Publication Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2026
WINONA COUNTY
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITIONS FOR VARIANCE

The public is hereby notified that the Winona County Board of Adjustment shall meet on Thursday September 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room, Floor 1 of the Winona County Office Building, 202 West Third Street, Winona, Minnesota, regarding the following:

Kent and Rhona Speltz, in consideration of a variance from the requirements of Winona County Zoning Ordinance(s) Chapters 11.6.1(4) to allow development within the toe and top of a bluff. Parcel 07.000.2595

John A and Alma D Bontrager, in consideration of a variance from the requirements of Winona County Zoning Ordinance(s) Chapters(s) 10.4.7(2)(a) to allow a structure (shed) with a 60 ft. setback from the centerline of Sandstone Drive instead of the required 65 feet. Parcel 13.000.1953

COMMENTS:
Written comments will be accepted electronically, via mail, fax or dropped off at the Planning & Environmental Services counter at the County Office Building – 202 West Third St, Winona.

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Statement of Purpose and Effect of Proposed Ordinance

NOTICE: An ordinance has been introduced for passage before the City Council of the City of Winona, Minnesota, the purpose and effect of which is to annex the property located at 1628 Valley View Drive, Winona MN, into the City of Winona. The legal description of this parcel is:

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Dated: August 17, 2026
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