

Host families, community help Ríos program thrive

The Winona Area Public Schools (WAPS) Ríos Spanish Dual Language Program continues to thrive thanks to the generosity and support of local host families, community organizations, and financial partners.

Each year, the Ríos program welcomes talented interns — recent graduates from teacher colleges in Spanish-speaking countries — into WAPS classrooms. These interns provide students with a unique opportunity to learn and grow in both Spanish and English. Students in the Ríos program begin in kindergarten with most of their instruction in Spanish, gradually moving toward an equal balance of Spanish and English by fourth grade.

“This incredible experience wouldn’t be possible without our generous host families and community supporters,” said Ying Hou, the Ríos Amity internship coordinator. “By opening your homes and sharing your hearts, you truly embody the spirit of Winona. Your warmth, kindness, and care help our interns feel at home and inspire our students every day. We are deeply grateful for all that you do; you make our program shine!”

Local organizations also play a vital role in supporting the program. Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, several local small businesses, and financial partners, including Merchants Bank, WNB Financial, and Alerus, have all contributed through outreach, donations, and community awareness efforts.

A special acknowledgement also goes to the Spanish Language Immersion Program Association (SLIPA) for its ongoing dedication and generosity. Through its fundraising efforts, SLIPA enhances the experience for Ríos interns and provides additional support to help make their time in Winona more meaningful and memorable.

“Because of this support, our interns feel at home in Wi-



Submitted photo

■ The Beier family ice skates with Ríos intern Diana.

nona, and our WAPS students gain experiences that go far beyond the classroom,” Hou said. “Together, these groups have built bridges of understanding and friendship that reach across continents.”

Are you interested in becoming a host family? Fill out an interest form at waps.pub/riosinterns, or contact Ying Hou at ying.hou@winona.k12.mn.us or 507-494-0865.

policeblotter

Winona County

Wednesday, November 19

• At 12:30 a.m. deputies arrested Lucas Dodson, 27, of Winona, for misdemeanor domestic assault after responding to a emergency call at a residence near Homer. Deputies allege that Dodson threw a full beer can at a woman, hitting her in the face, and threw a coffee pot at her, according to the report.

Winona Police

Tuesday, November 18

• At 4:11 p.m. officers arrested two boys, ages 15 and 17, who allegedly got into a physical fight at a residence on Sarnia Street. Officers said that two people who tried to intervene in the fight were struck by punches.

Wednesday, November 19

• At 2:32 p.m. Target reported the theft of merchandise, a set of outdoor lights, worth \$659.

• At 4:25 p.m. officers received a theft report from a resident on the 600 block of East 10th Street, where a bicycle valued at \$700 was stolen sometime on November 18.

• At 7:15 p.m. officers arrested Emily Elizabeth Scott, 28, of Winona, on suspicion of misdemeanor domestic assault after she allegedly punched a man at a residence on 12th Street. Officers said that Scott allegedly admitted to hitting the man, who had a small laceration on his head and denied medical attention.

• At 11 p.m. officers cited Sydney Lynnette Ruiz-Jones, 29, of Winona, with disorderly conduct after responding to a noise complaint at an apartment building on the 600 block of Mankato Avenue. Officers said that they could hear loud music playing when they arrived, and when they asked Ruiz-Jones to turn it down, she allegedly started pounding on a neighbor’s door who she believed made the complaint. Officers said she allegedly yelled obscenities at the neighbor and refused officers’ commands to stop, according to the report.

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Winona Area Public Schools Winona, Minnesota

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #861
Due: December 12, 2025 – 4:00 PM Central Time

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by Winona Area Public Schools, Winona County, Winona, Minnesota, until 4:00 PM central time, Friday, December 12, 2025, for LEGAL SERVICES according to specifications included in the Request For Proposals document available at the district office, 903 Gilmore Avenue, Winona, Minnesota, at which time the proposals will be reviewed, and tabulated for review by staff members who will make recommendations to the School Board for their consideration at a later meeting.

Specifications may be obtained from Brad Berzinski, Superintendent, Winona Area Public Schools, 903 Gilmore Avenue, Winona, MN 55987 or by emailing berzinski@winona.k12.mn.us. Proposals are to be submitted electronically in PDF format to: berzinski@winona.k12.mn.us Subject line: “RFP – Legal Services Proposal” Due December 12, 2025 at 4:00 PM. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in proposals.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Sale
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 3rd, 2025, at 10:15 am at 23 Ontario Lane, Winona, MN 55987 the following manufactured home will be sold by public auction, by the Sheriff of Winona

County: 2001 Friendship Encore Manufactured Home, Serial# MY0123424V, located at 23 Ontario Lane in Lake Village MHC, LLC. Winona, MN 55987. This sale will be held to satisfy a claim held by Lake Village MHC LLC., upon the above-described property owned by Dana Marie Salisbury. The property has been abandoned in Lake Village MHC, LLC. The amount of the claim against the above-mentioned property is \$1,813.50. Computed to the date of sale, exclusive of expenses of said sale and the advertising thereof. Lake Village MHC, LLC (by) Sarah Slaymaker 27 Michigan Lane Winona, MN 55987 (507)452-5512

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GIVEN that on December 3rd, 2025, at 10:00 am at 35 Michigan Lane, Winona, MN 55987 the following manufactured home will be sold by public auction, by the Sheriff of Winona County: 1979 SCHUT Manufactured Home, Serial# RF163916, located at 35 Michigan Lane in Lake Village MHC, LLC. Winona, MN 55987. This sale will be held to satisfy a claim held by Lake Village MHC LLC., upon the above-described property owned by Adam James Muras. The property has been abandoned in Lake Village MHC, LLC. The amount of the claim against the above-mentioned property is \$1,554.50. Computed to the date of sale, exclusive of expenses of said sale and the advertising thereof. Lake Village MHC, LLC (by) Sarah Slaymaker 27 Michigan Lane Winona, MN 55987 (507)452-5512

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF AND CLAIMANTS AGAINST EWERT INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Notice is hereby given to each creditor of and claimant against Ewert Insurance and Financial Services, Inc., known or unknown, present or future, and contingent or noncontingent that:

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2. The Corporation has filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State a Notice of Intent to Dissolve.
3. Said Notice was filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State on November 6, 2025.
4. All claims by creditors or claimants must be in writing and must be filed with: Ewert Insurance and Financial Services, Inc.,

Attn Lisa Ewert, 1378 McNally Drive, Unit B, Winona, MN 55987.

5. All claims by creditors or claimants must be received by February 10, 2026. Claims not so received may be barred.

EWERT INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 1378 McNally Drive, Unit B Winona, MN 55987

First Publication Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2025
STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF WINONA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES R. LUKASZEWSKI, DECEDENT.
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS COURT FILE NO. 85-PR-25-2084

It is ordered and notice is given that on January 14, 2026, at 2:45 PM., a hearing will be held in this Court via Zoom, see notice of remote hearing, in the Winona County Courthouse via Zoom Conference, 171 W. Third Street, Winona, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the decedent, and for the appointment of Kristine A. Schroder, whose address is 928 7th Street, Winona, Minnesota 55987, as Personal Representative of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objection to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the estate, including the power

to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

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. Buytendorp, Nancy Judge of District Court Becky Brandt Court Administrator Attorney for Personal Representatives: Michael D. Bernatz Atty. Lic. No. 125763 BERNATZ LAW OFFICE 53 E. Third St., Suite 210 P.O. Box 7 Winona, MN 55987 507.457.9808 mdbernatz@hbci.com

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