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## Winona ORC Connection

Winona ORC Industries  
Established 1973

*"Happiness  
radiates like the  
fragrance from  
a flower and  
draws all good  
things toward  
you."*

~Maharishi Mahesh Yogi



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### Welcome Spring!

Spring has finally arrived and we are busy at Winona ORC! The most exciting part about spring is the chance for our Skills, Education and Training (SET) program to begin planting vegetables and flowers in our raised bed gardens. Thanks to the many donations received, we were able to have the back of our building black topped to make this area more accessible to those who participate in the garden project.



The raised bed gardens will be back in place behind our building within the next week, allowing our clients to get their hands dirty ... and they love every minute!



The clients love the spring air and sounds of the birds outside. Another great part of spring is no more shoveling snow off our busses and vans. As we move forward this spring and summer, we are writing grants and raising funds to build a shelter for our vehicles to keep them running safely when (gasp!) winter returns to Minnesota.

Spring is also a time of renewal at Winona ORC as clients explore new employment and enjoy various activities. Our SET program visited the Eagle Center in Wabasha in late April. Their excitement led to the building of an adult-size eagle here at Winona ORC. Its size and stature were surprising as an adult eagle's wingspan grows up to 90 inches!



We hope each of you are enjoying this beautiful spring weather with green grass and buds on the trees. All of us at Winona ORC appreciate this weather with time to spend outdoors with family and friends.

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# Employee Superstar!



**Erik Iverson**

Erik Iverson is happy, friendly, funny, and an all around good guy. He has worked for WORC since 1988 but you couldn't tell it by looking at him. He's one of the lucky ones who doesn't seem to age. He is presently working in the community at Radiant Church and Kids First. He also participates in our SET program (Skills, Education, & Training). He is very interested in wrestling and football and you can usually find him wearing a jersey to root on his team. He likes to keep it fair so he wears Vikings, Packers, and Bears. Erik has many great friends and we are so thankful to have him working at Winona ORC.



Installation of the new air filtration system in our shredding department has been completed.

Thank you to the Slaggie Family Foundation for their generous donation.



## Meyn Corporation makes a large donation



Meyn Corporation, who we partner with on our production floor, has recently made a large donation to Winona ORC. Along with a very generous gift of \$5,000, they have also created steady work for our employees. We appreciate their generosity and we look forward to working with them for many years to come.



Christine Erickson, Chelsea Sylvester, and Ann Walsky performing janitorial duties at Fastenal.



# Out and About

## Funding Advocacy at the State Capital



There was a large crowd at the State Capital in support of funding for organizations that help people with special needs.

Jenna Heaser introduced Senator Jeremy Miller and thanked him for his work in support of her and her friends. We thank you Jenna, for doing such a wonderful job speaking!

Because of a 7% Federal cut in funding to state disability services, there would be a strong aftereffect on many organizations who offer job opportunities to those with developmental disabilities. It will also affect funding for places like HCO, Cardinal, and REM. Our organization, and others across the state, attended the get together at the Capital and expressed our desire for help from the Minnesota State Legislature.



Two teams from Winona ORC participated in Bowl for Kids' Sake in April at Westgate Bowl. Proceeds benefited the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

## Free Shred Event!



Winona National Bank is sponsoring a free shred event August 16th! It will be located at their East location, 840 Mankato Ave, from 9:00-2:00 and is free to all.

## "We Want You!" Job Opportunity

Do you want to make a difference in the life of someone with a disability? We have a Job Coach position available at Winona ORC!

Apply in person at  
1053 E. Mark Street, or online at  
<https://www.winonaorc.org/careers-at-worc/>  
For more information: (507) 452-1855 Linda Digby

Find the HIDDEN WORD! Hint - It could be in any picture!

The first person to call Helen Nordby at 452-1855 and reveal the hidden word will receive a free pair of mittens!



# 34th Annual Recognition Banquet



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# Serving Locally, Reaching Globally



**Fastenal  
Customer of the Year**



**Ron Wenzel  
Volunteer of the Year**



**Jeff Wolfe  
Employee of the Year**



**Watlow  
Employer of the Year**

## Years of Service Awards

### **FIVE YEARS**

Amanda Asche, Randall Brummer,  
Brittany Frauenkron, Gabriel  
Jorgenson, Michael Miller Jr., Diana  
Murack, Peggy Reinhard, Rosalee  
Stark-Schendel,  
Brittany Schneider, Stacey  
Schroeder

### **TEN YEARS**

Allan Block, Lester Culbertson,  
Timothy Flak, Jennifer Peterson,  
Chad Simon

### **FIFTEEN YEARS**

James Bogart, Joanna Gribbons, Donald  
Thompson, Frank Yakish

### **TWENTY YEARS**

Brian Brown, Jeffrey Eberlein, Kristine  
Ehlenfeldt, Amanda Lauer

### **TWENTY FIVE YEARS**

Paul Erpelding, Thomas Horton,  
Timothy Modjeski, Brandy Steinfeldt

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### **THIRTY YEARS**

Vicki Gerken, Nancy Huff, Roxanne Lien

### **THIRTY FIVE YEARS**

Jeff Thill

### **FORTY YEARS**

Danny Padgett

## **Employee of the Month**

Jan - Deb Terrell

Mar - Charlie Schell

May - Jeff Wolfe

July - Don Thompson

Sep - Justina Keapproth

Nov - Sharon Burns

Feb - John Huddleston

Apr - Tim Flak

June - Rodney Peterson

Aug - Frank Yakish

Oct - Brittany Frauenkron

Dec - Sean Hentges

### **Event Sponsors**

### **Matching Sponsors**

Bob Kierlin and Mary Burrichter  
Mike & Joette Gostomski

### **Platinum Sponsor**

Cathay American  
Fastenal  
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### **Champion the Cause**

North Risk Partners—C.O. Brown Division  
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### **Make the Difference Sponsors**

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Winona Radio

### **Be the Change Sponsors**

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Knitcraft/St. Croix Knits  
Bob & Deb Leaf  
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## Contributions

The following people have made donations from February through April 2018.  
Thank you all so very much!

Jose Pelaez - Pelaez Creative Design	Pat & Joan Costello	Ron Wenzel
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Gary Ruppert	Bob & Marlene Kohner	JC & Arlene Pfeiffer



### 19th Annual Winona ORC Golf Tournament

Thursday, July 26th, 2018

Bridges Golf Course  
22852 County RD 17  
Winona, MN 55987

11 AM Registration  
12:30 PM Shotgun Start  
5:00 PM Dinner & Awards

RS/P Stephanie Reed  
507-452-1855  
[sreed@winonaorc.org](mailto:sreed@winonaorc.org)

# Shredding Service



Winona Shredding Service is pleased to offer an additional option for your personal or business use.

**Seal N' Shred** is a great alternative for your low volume shredding needs.

Purchase a sealable shredding bag

- Fill the bag with your documents, seal shut
- Drop off at Winona ORC for shredding
- Simple and cost effective

**Small - Holds 15 pounds**

**Large - Holds 35 pounds**

**\$10 (includes shredding)**

**\$15 (includes shredding)**

**For an additional \$10, call us and we will pick-up the full bag of shredding.**

**Make sure to order a replacement bag and we can bring it with us!**

**Walk in shred customer hours Tuesday and Friday 8-2**

## And don't forget our container service!

Secure and timely destruction of confidential documents is important in today's business world.

As easy as 1,2,3 . .

1. Select your lockable container(s).
2. Fill with your documents - no need to remove staples or paper clips.
3. We will take care of the rest.
4. Our service is a convenient, economical, and secure solution for your document destruction needs. We also offer a one time purge service.

Contact us today at 507-452-1855



20 Gallon



30 Gallon



64 Gallon

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**Our Mission:**

It is our mission to provide community based employment, vocational training and comprehensive job related skills and services to people with special needs. We will design programs to work harmoniously with other community resources to maximize opportunities to our clients and our community.

We envision a world where all people are uplifted by working. Through pride, dignity, continuous learning and respect for all, we build a healthier community.

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