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Shattuck school site's future discussed

Multifamily housing plan important part of sale offer

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Joint School District is one step closer to determining the fate of the Shattuck Middle School and property after a Board of Education meeting Monday night.

The middle school facilities will be vacated after next school year with the completion of the new Neenah High School. The middle school will move to the current high school site on Tullar Road.

The school district listed the Shattuck property for sale and only received one offer to purchase, which came from Northpointe Development based in Oshkosh. The other option is to raze the property at a potential cost of more than \$2 million.

If the school district agrees to sell the Elm Street site, the historic 1928 schoolhouse



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The Shattuck Middle School and surrounding campus is being sold after the next school year when it ends its classroom era.

would be converted into an apartment building of up to 100 units. The Shattuck building would have apartments in the outer windowed areas, with the interior and gym-

nasium spaces left open as part of historical preservation requirements.

The company would also build single-dwelling homes, duplexes and townhomes on the athletic fields of the property.

A large stormwater pond would be incorporated into the site along with a playground adjacent to the new apartments. Three acres of land would be designated as greenspace. The school district would maintain ownership of the tennis courts and the parking lots associated with the tennis courts.

The school district's Health & Wellness Center would remain in place under the proposal, eliminating the need to move it to the new high school and saving the district about \$600,000 in relocation fees.

Northpointe presented its plans for the site at a meeting June 14. The board continued discussions of the sale at their Monday meeting.

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Photo by Scott Kruger

Dancing into summer

West Wisconsin Avenue was the center of music and dancing for Downtown Neenah's Summer Kickoff Concert featuring The Britins on Monday.

Policy Forum suggests fire service efficiencies

By Carol Patrizi
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

A report that looked into how several area fire departments could enhance existing collaborations suggested opportunities for shared training, specialty services and maintenance.

Fire chiefs from Neenah-Menasha, Oshkosh, Kaukauna, Grand Chute and Appleton asked the Wisconsin Policy Forum to review five specific areas that hold potential for even greater collaboration. The areas are training, special operations, community risk reduction, fleet maintenance and quality control and oversight.

Each of the departments has a designated training officer who currently collaborates. A suggestion would be to divide

responsibility for types of training among the officers. Neenah-Menasha Chief Kevin Kloehn thinks the study will make it easier to move forward. He says the communities work together on training but the study suggests better ways to utilize training chiefs. He believes that could mean training chiefs' work in each community.

To enhance special operations, the report by the nonpartisan group suggests a department be tapped to be the designated response team for a situation or two while other departments handle other emergencies that include hazardous materials response, water rescue or structural collapses.

Community risk reduction deals with fire code inspections, fire investigation and public education on fire safety and general

health and safety issues. Researchers think these jobs could be regionalized since investigations are infrequent and require specialized staff.

The report had two suggestions when it comes to fleet maintenance. One would be a standalone garage to handle all five departments and the other suggests the Neenah-Menasha department expand to handle fleet maintenance for all the departments.

Kloehn said the department's four mechanics have their hands full now. What could work is pulling a mechanic from another community's public works department to work at a Neenah-Menasha station.

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Neenah-Menasha Fire Chief Kevin Kloehn talked about a recent shared services report.

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Rustic Road guide adds Winnebago stretch

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The newest Rustic Road in Wisconsin is a popular stretch along Pioneer and Medina Junction roads, north of Fairview Road in Winnebago County.

Gov. Tony Evers last week designated the route as Rustic Road 123, situated between Larsen and Medina in the Town of Clayton. The road travels past the site of Medina Junction, a former train depot that included a stockyard, restaurant and store.

Trains carried freight through the depot daily, according to the state Department of Transportation. The train tracks in the area are still actively used.

Rustic Road 123 passes through the Rat River Wildlife Area, the Friendship State Trail and the Wiouwash State Trail. The Wiouwash is named for the counties it travels through – Winnebago, Outagamie, Waupaca and Shawano.

The road is a 3.2-mile stretch of paved

and gravel roadway. Various wildlife are native to the area and visitors often spot ducks, geese, herons, cranes, beaver, muskrats, deer and turtles, both on the trails and visible from the roadway.

Wisconsin's Rustic Road program began in 1975 as a way to provide hikers, bicyclists and motorists an opportunity to leisurely travel through the state's scenic countryside, according to the DOT. The program highlights 740 miles of roadway through 61 counties. The state's Rustic Roads are marked with brown and yellow signs.

In order for a road to be designated it must have outstanding natural features along its borders. The route must include lightly traveled local access roads and it must not be scheduled or anticipated for major improvements which would change the rustic characteristics. Rustic Roads range from 2 to 37 miles long with a maximum speed limit of 45 mph.

"Wisconsin's Rustic Roads show us the lakes that glaciers left behind and the bluffs they left untouched," Evers said. "They span our forests and tour our diverse agricultural heritage."

Secretary Craig Thompson said the DOT maintains a website that includes an interactive map for travelers to locate and get directions to Rustic Roads and to share photos as they visit the various routes. The website also highlights items of interest along the roads including hiking and biking trails, native plants and historic markers.

"Almost every county in Wisconsin has designated a Rustic Road through our unique local-state partnership dedicated to providing recreational opportunities for people of all abilities," he said.

With the designation of Rustic Road 123, Evers and the DOT also announced a new Rustic Road guide is available in print and online, highlighting the 123 routes in the state.

Tourism Secretary-designee Anne Sayers said the Rustic Roads show off some of the state's most scenic areas.

"They provide countless opportunities to enjoy our state's natural beauty, explore our friendly communities, make memories and discover something new," she said.

Vaccine clinic offered at library

A free COVID-19 vaccine clinic hosted by the Multicultural Coalition is planned from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Neenah Public Library in its Storytime Room.

First, second and booster shots from Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson will be available. Participants must be ages 5 or older and those under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.


"We know the library is a spot where many families and children gather during the summer months," said Ernesto Gonzalez, coalition board member and president of Casa Hispana Inc. "We have seen a lot of success by bringing these vaccination clinics to the people, especially at the local libraries, and we're excited to be back again to offer these resources."

Children under 18 can pick up a free lunch and eat at the library, and adults can buy a lunch for \$5.

There will be a glass-blowing demonstration at the library that day by the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass at 12:30 p.m.

Second booster shots are available to those 50 or older if it has been four months since the person's first booster shot. Walk-ins are welcome, ID and health insurance is not required, and language interpreters will be on site. For more information call 920-659-5102.

The coalition will host a secondary clinic at the same location from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 19.





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Photo from Neenah Historical Society

Aviator visits city


On June 18, 1928, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to cross the Atlantic in an airplane. She visited Neenah on Feb. 12, 1935, to give a speech at the S.A. Cook Armory. This photo, where Earhart is wearing a dress, was taken at the Kimberly Double House in Neenah before her speech.

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4-H Fashion Review participants included (front row, from left) Anna Westphal and Paige Woelfel of White Cedars 4-H Club, Lucy Wurzbach of 4-H Friends, (back row) Stephanie LaChey of Ridgeway 4-H Club, Emily Hunter of Golden Oak 4-H Club, Gabby Hostettler of White Cedars 4-H Club, and Elizabeth Parker of Westward 4-H Club.

Fashion work highlighted in 4-H program

This year's 4-H Fashion Review brought together the counties of Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Dodge, Calumet, Manitowoc and Washington in the planning and participation of its sewing project youth on June 13 at the Fond du Lac Extension Office.

Fourteen young people modeled their own sewn garments and purchases they have made under the Consumer Savvy category. Participants increase their self-confidence and learn how to model and accessorize the garments that they create. The Consumer Savvy category allows youth to budget and understand the cost and coordination of an outfit.

The event was coordinated by Sara Kolell, Winnebago County sewing project leader, and emceed by Adia Kolell, a 4-H

alumna. Heidi Hensel-Buntrock served as judge. All youth participants were awarded ribbons and given their judging score sheet so they knew which areas to work on and what they excelled in.

The Consumer Savvy Best of Show award went to Lucy Wurzbach, a member of 4-H Friends in Winnebago, for her denim jegging and blouse set that she purchased within a small budget. The Sewn Garment Best of Show went to Emily Hunter for her blue satin dress. She is from the Golden Oak 4-H Club of Winnebago as well.

The Winnebago County Fair, set for Aug. 3-7 at Sunnyview Expo Center, will have a fashion show at 4 p.m. Aug. 3 on the Spotlight Stage of the Exhibitors Building.

Valley VNA Senior Care names living adviser

Kristi Branchford has been hired as senior living adviser at Valley VNA Senior Care, where she will be the main contact for residents and families exploring options for independent senior apartments and assisted living homes.

Branchford meets with families, gives tours of the campus, helps residents and family members complete paperwork,

and guides them when a resident's needs change. She also co-facilitates Memory Cafes in Neenah in conjunction with the Fox Valley Memory Project.

Valley VNA Senior Care is a nonprofit organization based in Neenah, providing in-home care for seniors along with independent and assisted living apartments at its 92-unit complex.

County park visits promoted

By Tom Antrim
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The Winnebago County Parks Department is working to improve trails, encourage awareness of parks in the county and increase community involvement this summer.

Adam Breest, director of parks and expo for Winnebago County, said he thinks the COVID-19 pandemic encouraged people to start using Winnebago County parks more frequently.

Justin DeJager, park program and marketing coordinator, said the department is working to establish partnerships with recreation departments and businesses in Winnebago County, including a program for kayak rentals at Asylum Bay.

DeJager has included discovery kits created by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the Parks Department newsletters to offer outdoor activities for families. The kits offer activities for families to complete with their children, such as identifying different animal tracks.

Breest said counters will be implemented on various trails to encourage people to use them.

"We're going to put trail counters on the Wiouwash Trail and the Mascoutin Trail, so we can start tracking some of our participation," he said.

Breest said the two most used parks in the county are Asylum Bay and the Winnebago County Community Park, while his goal is to create awareness about other county parks.

"One of our goals is to get more groups out here through partnerships where we can facilitate the space and create more awareness about the amount of things to do in the county," he said.

DeJager said he personally enjoys visiting

the Waukau Creek Dam and would like to see more people visiting the area.

"There's some walking trails, the dam, a mountain bike trail and I don't think many people know about that area," he said.

Breest said the Parks Department is working to renovate the dam there. "We're conducting a study of the dams because they keep washing out," he said. "It washes out during a heavy rain."

Breest said the study began in November and engineering will begin within the next two years.

DeJager said the Wiouwash Trail had more hikers at the end of 2021 compared to previous years, and said the last two miles of the trail between Westwind Road and County Road S are being renovated.

"We have been working our way from the north all the way south the past couple of years," DeJager said.

Breest also noted the county is working on improving the Grundman Boat Launch.

"We're working on design and applying for a Wisconsin DNR boating grant," Breest said. "Right now, we have an engineering firm on and we're doing design work and permitting for that."

He said the Grundman project will improve the parking situation and increase safety measures.

"One of the reasons we are doing it is because the parking lot fills up and people have to park on the road," Breest said. "Right now boaters are backing up 550 feet without a turnaround."

Breest said he would like to offer events in other regions of the county because most activities are concentrated in Oshkosh. He said the department would like to see Ken Robl Conservation Park near U.S. 45 and Interstate 41 used more by the public.

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Outdoor cats get a chance for country living

By Patti Lee
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Outdoor cats are not allowed in the city. While the Neenah Animal Shelter's mission is to protect all animals and the Neenah Police Department's instructions are to deliver all found dogs and cats to the shelter.

This includes lost domestic cats and "wild" feral cats. They all find their way to NAS, a no-kill shelter with a "life first" policy.

But what happens to the wild ones who find their way to NAS?

"Those outdoor cats aren't the friendliest," understates Talia Rice, NAS coordinator. "Feral cats have no trust or love of humans. They don't understand being confined, they're not used to being handled. They can't be pet, they're not even touchable. We are equipped with transport cages and feral boxes."

Those feral boxes go directly into the quiet room where large cages await. The cats acclimate at their own pace in calmness. Food, water and a litter box are in the cage, and the cat enters and exits the feral box as a safe space.

The box can be opened and closed (for



Photo by Patti Lee

Cleodora has been at the shelter for more than a year looking for a home.

cage care or transport) with a long rubber stick. This protects the caretakers and the cats. Blankets attached to the outside of the cages provide extra privacy and cushion the outside sound.

Conversations during caretaking are in hushed tones and whispers. This soft atmosphere helps to lower stress and helps the cats deal with the process going forward.

NAS then begins the process of trap/alter/return. Working with participating veterinary clinics, the cats are spayed or neutered, ear tipped, tested for feline leukemia and rabies vaccinated. If a cat is sick or contagious it is not returned to the community. If the cat gets a clean bill of health, it's on to the return phase.

However, these kitties can't be returned to Neenah. So NAS reimagined the idea of a "barn cat."

Anyone who grew up or lives near a farm knows about certain cats who live in the barn that are great "mousers" and varmint hunters but don't get to come into the house. They don't always have the happiest or best life. This barn cat plan is better for everyone.

NAS is utilizing all media and methods to get the word out to people with barns, farms or outbuildings in rural spots beyond Neenah. These folks need to know about the barn cat program. Whether it's a farm, a workshop or an outbuilding with in and out access, it can house a barn cat.

Bringing on a barn cat is a "no fee" endeavor and NAS will help get a prospective "landlord" all set up for success with a new feline tenant.

The cat needs to be kept in a large wire kennel for two to four weeks. A private space with food and water teaches the cat that this is "home." After a few weeks, the new "land-



Photo by Patti Lee

Shelter coordinator Talia Rice demonstrates the use of the feral box for cats.

lord" may open the door and just let the cat out, continuing to place food and water in the kennel.

The cat will come back because the "home base" has been established. That outdoor kitty now has a safe place to be while still walking on the wild side.

Yearly vaccinations are required and NAS will provide instructions in trapping and transport in order to get kitty safely to and from the vet clinic. Rice ensures that NAS is always available for help and to answer questions should any issues arise.

The goal is to provide soft landings and safe spaces for these feral felines. It's a part of the ongoing effort to battle chronic cat overpopulation.

Even with the "no outdoor cats" ordinance in Neenah, NAS took in almost 300 stray cats in 2021.

"Which is crazy," Rice said. "And it's still because people are not altering their pets. Spaying and neutering still isn't happening. Then their unneutered cat gets loose one day and he goes and knocks up the cat down the road and another cat a few blocks away and then we're in what we call kitten season."

"It's insane," she said of the poor ownership habits. "It's like a big party for them out there. Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Fox Valley – they're all experiencing the same thing. It comes down to pet owners doing their due diligence, which includes altering their pets."

Prevention through neutering and spaying remains the most humane and cost-effective means of reducing cat overpopulation and the consequent misery of more unwanted kittens.

NAS is working to remove boundaries for adoption. They have initiated "name your price," and some donors have even stepped forward to pay adoption fees.

More volunteers always helps. Not only does it spread the adoption word, but a dog lover who helps out in the cat room will often fall in love. Dogs and cats living together

happily happens every day. NAS helps with introduction tips and tricks to make that feline/canine meeting a success.

"Scent is huge," Rice advises. "Sharing blankets and items with each other's scent, sniffing under doors, allowing for safe sniffing all help in the process. Having a cat tree or a high space for the cat to go is always a good idea."

Right now the shelter has about 30 cats, which is pretty much the average. The cooler weather seems to have delayed "kitten season" and the staff is anticipating a peak in January or February rather than the usual November surge.

"It's very important to get those kittens in," Rice said. "A batch of kittens allowed to become feral increases the cat population exponentially. Getting them in immediately means spaying/neutering, veterinary care and getting them adopted into safe and loving homes. Anyone who sees a batch of kittens is strongly urged to collect them and get them in to NAS. They will never be euthanized. It's their very best chance."

No NAS story would be complete without including the many lost, found or abandoned adult cats occupying the big, roomy cages in the cat room. Those cages are as comfortable as NAS can make them but they sure aren't home.

"Kady," a pretty, social calico, enjoys getting pets. She rubs and purrs, lobbying for a few more. Out on the "catio" a somewhat zaftig and vocal "Cleodora" makes her case for a forever home. She's been at the shelter for over a year and is about as friendly and sweet a cat as a lap could want. That's a long time for a girl to wait but NAS and Cleodora are determined to hang in there for the perfect fit.

For adoption information, an application or the "how to" on the Barn Cat program, go to www.neenahanimalshelter.org. NAS is located at 951 County G. Adoptions are by appointment only.

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History-rich Riverside Park is marking 150 years of offering Neenah residents a beautiful taste of nature.

Riverside Park: 150 years of nature's history

By Becky Heidke Kwiatkowski
NEENAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Riverside Park is one of Neenah's most beautiful and popular parks. It's the place where you watch fireworks on the Fourth of July and see a show during the summer. You listen to Neenah Community Band on Tuesday nights and the kids beg to visit the rocket slide and playground.

Maybe after your Neenah High School graduation, you had the post-grad party in the pavilion.

So many activities have happened in the park over the years, but do you know its history?

Riverside has been a Neenah park since 1872. Henry Sherry, a successful local lumberman, owned a large amount of property along the shore of the Fox River and Lake Winnebago. He had an idea to improve his property by installing a road along the lake and having it end in land he would sell to the village of Neenah (Neenah becomes a city in 1873) for a park.

He offered 15 to 20 acres to the city for \$4,400, or roughly \$95,000 today. Village of Neenah residents thought the price was way too high and that the village should be spending the funds on something more practical than a park. Because village board members could not decide, they asked the residents to vote on whether they should accept the offer to purchase.

The vote was held Dec. 24, 1872, with only male residents being allowed to vote. Fortunately, the measure passed, 141 votes for the park to 81 against.

Riverside Park has been considered a Christmas gift to ourselves and is the third oldest park in the city.

Other fun facts about Riverside:

Henry Sherry made an additional investment in the park by having a wood dance hall built. In addition, with the proximity to the river and lake, Riverside became a destination for steamboat excursions. With the dance hall close by, people could take a trip on the steamboat and then have a night of dancing.

There was some trouble with steamboats at the park in that only smaller boats could navigate the channel around the point. This was corrected by the Federal Corps of Engineers in 1895 when a deeper channel was dug and the point was rounded off. This did mean the Old Council Tree needed to be cut down and Neenah lost a natural treasure. However, navigation around the



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This unique rocket slide opened in the park in 2007.

point was easier for larger steamboats and other water traffic.

The park is home to a cannon – but the one children currently climb on is not the original cannon installed in the park. The first was installed in 1920 after World War I. The original was a howitzer cannon from the U.S. War Department. When World War II came and scrap metal drives were organized, the city donated this cannon to the war effort. A new cannon was installed in 1948.

The park was slightly redesigned in 1932. The design called for changes including a new drive through the park. This drive allowed the pedestrians walking through the park ample space from the vehicles traveling on the roadway. This also moved the vehicles away from families having picnics near the riverbanks. The construction project also provided needed jobs for citizens as this was during the Great Depression. Space for a new updated pavilion was set aside during the redesign but was not completed at that time.

The park pavilion was made possible through a donation from one of the park's neighbors. Vina Shattuck grew up across Wisconsin Avenue as the daughter of F.C. and Clara Shattuck. She set aside funds to build the base of the pavilion in 1956 that we enjoy today. She also purchased land that was donated to the park and set aside funds for gardens around the pavilion.

Shortly after the pavilion was completed, Riverside Players held their first production, and a few years later the

Neenah Community Band started having concerts at the park. The city added the outdoor stage space in 2001.

Riverside Park gained a new feature in 1966 – the ever-popular rocket slide. The original slide was constructed in April 1966 and provided many hours of entertainment for children. There was also a metal submarine installed. The original rocket slide fell into disrepair and was deemed unsafe. Funds were raised for a new rocket slide that was opened in 2007. A memorial to the original rocket slide is on a rock at the entrance to the play area.

In 1993, the city gained a sculpture

near the corner of Wisconsin and Park streets. Local children were models for the "Playing in the Rain" sculpture designed by Dallas Anderson. This sculpture also includes a water feature and is considered Neenah's first piece of outdoor art and was unveiled at CommunityFest in 1993.

No matter the season, Riverside Park is a great place for visitors to play and relax. The Neenah Historical Society has many photos of Riverside in its online Flickr collection. We hope you take an opportunity to enjoy an event at the park or just take a stroll through on the path.



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Flotation therapy takes people away from it all

Buoy Underground works to put customers at ease

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

In the depths of a historic building on South Commercial Street lies the promise of relaxation, rejuvenation and healing in the form of flotation therapy.

Buoy Underground Float Spa is in the lower level of the Equitable Reserve Association building, built in 1909. The tranquil atmosphere includes soft music, dim lighting and several large orbs filled with more than 1,000 pounds of Epsom salts.

Buoy recently celebrated its four-year anniversary in Neenah, but float therapy – also called Reduced Environmental Stimulation Therapy (REST) – dates to the 1950s when neuropsychiatrist John C. Lilly designed the first sensory deprivation float tank, intended as a means to study human consciousness by removing external stimuli.

Today, float therapy businesses are popping up all over the United States, offering customers the chance to float weightlessly in about 10 inches of water for up to three hours at a time.

At Buoy, guests have the choice of ex-

periencing their float in the Drift Room, Starlight Room or Ocean Room. Drift and Starlight rooms contain a Revolution Float Orb, the largest and most advanced enclosed pods currently on the market. The Starlight Room's orb is upgraded to include optional music and lights that provide a starry-night sky. The Ocean Room includes a rectangular open float pool, recommended for couples or for parents to float with their child.

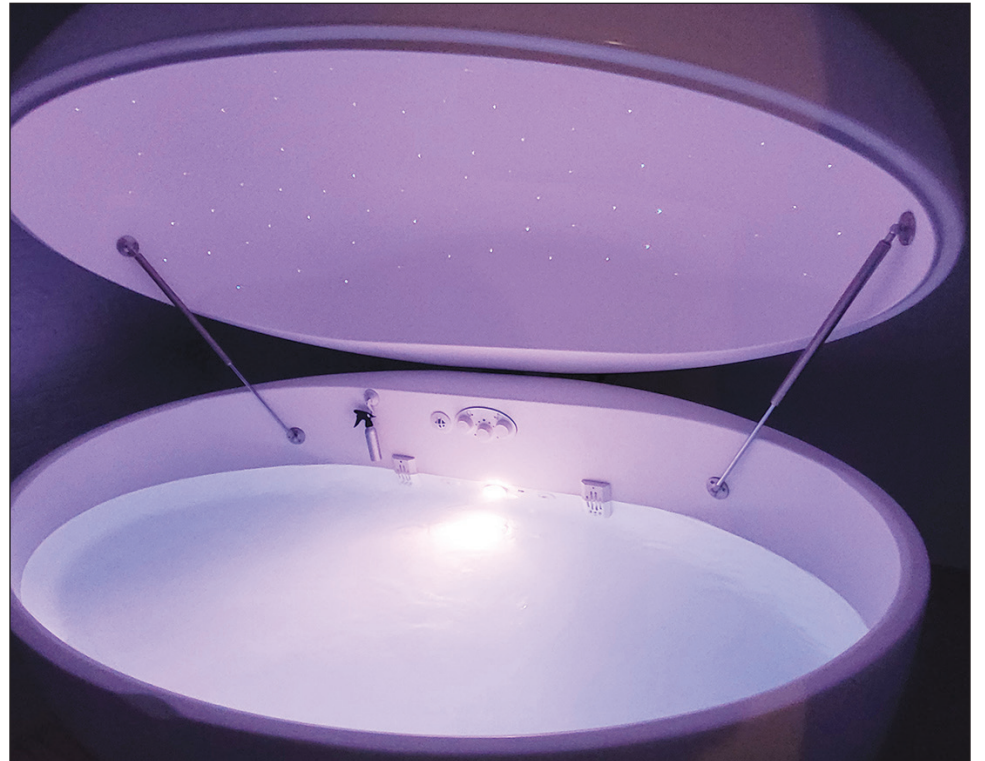
The session starts with a shower and earplugs. Then it's into the orb, which has plenty of space and is heated to 93.5 degrees, to comfortably float your problems away.

Manager Sonia Meyer said that being in the tank feels like floating in space.

"The absence of sight, sound and touch gives your brain no reference of being enclosed," she said, adding that while you're floating, the outside world disappears.

"Your mind can start producing theta brainwaves," she said. "Theta brainwaves occur during deep relaxation. It's like creating a bridge between the conscious and subconscious. If you've ever gotten a brilliant idea while taking a shower, going on a run, or drifting off to sleep, you've experienced the power of theta."

Meyer said each floating experience is



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Enclosed flotation pods at Buoy have a lid controlled by the user.

different.

"I would say overall most feel profound relaxation for their entire body and are mentally calmer," she said. "It's not an experience that you can easily put into words."

The touted benefits include mental clarity, elevated mood and relief from sore and stiff muscles. The effects are cumulative and Meyer recommends floating at least three times to best experience the benefits.

"I know for myself – fighting anxiety and depression – floating has gotten me off of my medication and I notice a big difference when I'm done floating," she said.

After the float is complete, another shower is necessary to wash off the salt from the water. Then, visitors don a bathrobe and move to the Renew Room with blow dryers, mirrors and complimentary salon-quality products to use while getting dried off and dressed.

After getting dressed, Buoy customers have the option of enjoying a complimentary refreshment in the Relaxation Lounge to wind down.

"Some come out of their float ready to take on their day with mental clarity, some are so relaxed that they are going home to sleep and some feel relief from sore muscles or stiff joints and can move better," Meyer said.

The float tanks are cleaned by a multi-stage system that includes filtration, UV sterilization and the same concentration of salt as the Dead Sea.

"Living up to this name, the microorganisms in the sea simply can't survive there because of the high amount of salt," Meyer said. "The same is true for the float

tanks – the virus simply can't survive in an environment like that."

Buoy also offers a steam room experience similar to a sauna except with high humidity that has been shown to improve circulation, lower blood pressure and clear congestion.

Inside Buoy's Body Room, Jen Schneidewend operates Blue Dahlia Spa, offering massages, waxes, facials and other spa services. Although Blue Dahlia is a separate business, they share the space and visitors have the option of purchasing float and massage combination packages.

Buoy opened in May 2018 and is owned by local attorney Chadwick Kaehne. He said the pandemic was challenging for the business but also affirmed how important float therapy is to the community.

"As with any business we had to take a look at how we could still safely service our clients, but we really didn't have to change much," he said. "Since we have just four rooms, we are already limited on the number of clients. Our services are already private and individual, so person-to-person contact is low."

A common concern with float therapy is whether people that experience claustrophobia can use the float tanks. Meyer said people with that fear consistently report no problems with floating.

"Remember, you are always in control of your float," she said. "You have the option of having the lid open or closed. The lid does not latch, it is simply pushed open. You can have the music and lights on or off."

The people who use float therapy vary. "We find most people are seeking relief from neck pain, back pain, and relief from anxiety and depression," Meyer said. "We see athletes looking for muscle recovery or who use float pods for visualization. We have military members use floating to help with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). We have pregnant mothers floating to get relief."

So does float therapy work? Meyer said she believes it does.

"People are tired of pharmacology being the default answer with all the health risks and possible negative side effects," she said. "Flotation therapy can alleviate a lot of ailments without medication."

Meyer said people are surprised at how good they feel after visiting them.

"They feel calmer, relaxed and more focused after just an hour of floating in water," she said.



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Buoy Underground Float Spa owner Chadwick Kaehne tests the water from a flotation pod.

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Buoy recently celebrated its four-year anniversary in Neenah.

Neenah High students awarded scholarships

The Neenah Joint School District has awarded a total of \$57,800 in scholarships to 44 high school seniors supported by funds held within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Recipients were chosen by a volunteer committee of the school district based on outstanding work in the classroom, extra-curricular activities and community involvement:

Students, with the amount and scholarship name, include:

Bruce Argall, \$1,000 Merizon Family Scholarship and \$500 Raymond & Mary Brengosz Memorial Scholarship

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Emma Bowman, \$1,000 Senior Class Scholarship

Faith Demerath, \$500 Neenah Soccer Club Educational Scholarship

Allyssa Dotson, \$500 Robert Radtke Scholarship

Ava Dunsirn, \$1,000 Maureen McAvoy Memorial Scholarship

Kayla Ellenbecker, \$1,000 Rick & Carolyn Carlson Scholarship, \$3,000 Warren Schucknecht Memorial Scholarship and \$500 William Heidke Scholarship

Molly Ellman-Johnson, \$1,000 Florence Spanbauer Teacher's Scholarship, \$1,000 Patrick Began Rocket Memorial Scholarship and \$500 Albert J. and Arline M. Goerlitz Scholarship

Alexander Fahrenkrug, \$1,000 Helping Hands Scholarship

Marista Fraley, \$750 Clayton Elementary PTO Scholarship

Natalie Frank, \$250 Roger Ernst Literary Excellence Scholarship

Adelyn Fredrickson, \$1,000 Senior Class Scholarship

Kira Fritsch, \$1,000 Senior Class Scholarship

Lindsey Harris, \$500 Norma Mayer Memorial Scholarship

Andrew Hou, \$500 Neenah Soccer Club Educational Scholarship and \$1,000 Theda Clark Smith Foundation Scholarship

Ethan Hou, \$1,000 Theresa M. Cheng MD, PhD Scholarship

Ashlyn Jacobs, \$1,000 Theda Clark Smith Foundation Scholarship

Jaxon King, \$300 Lakeview Elementary PTO Scholarship

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Parker De Deker took top national honors in the recent Congressional Debate House competition in Louisville.

Student wins national debate award

Neenah High School junior Parker De Deker won the national championship out of 488 participants in the Congressional Debate House competition at the National Speech and Debate Association tournament over the weekend in Louisville.

His victory earned him a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Coached by Andrea Peterson-Longmore, De Deker also received the House Leadership Award voted on by peers to determine who demonstrated outstanding leadership and advocacy. He also was elected to serve as Champion Presiding Officer for the finals chamber.

Additionally, Shattuck Middle School eighth-grader Nina Bhattacharjee became the first Wisconsin middle school student to compete in the Middle School National Tournament in debate. She finished national runner-up in middle school congressional debate, joining De Deker as the only Neenah students ever to reach the finals.

Before the national meet, Bhattacharjee competed in high school competitions throughout the season.

Senior Isabel Hoffman also represented Neenah at the national meet. The team is coached by Peterson-Longmore.

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Calendar of events

June 24
 "The Savannah Sipping Society" by Riverside Players, 8 p.m., Riverside Park pavilion
 Friday Family Fun, 6 p.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

June 25
 Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
 "The Savannah Sipping Society" by Riverside Players, 8 p.m., Riverside Park

June 26
 "The Savannah Sipping Society" by Riverside Players, 8 p.m., Riverside Park

June 29
 Future Neenah Evening Concerts with Rare Element, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

June 30
 Future Neenah Out to Lunch Concert with Rings, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

July 2
 Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park

July 3
 Parade of Lights, 9:15 p.m., Riverside Park to Wisconsin Avenue to Commercial Street to Menasha

July 4
 CommunityFest, 11:30 a.m., Riverside Park

Thrift store updates its name and mission in city

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Bethesda Thrift Shop at the Fox Point Plaza has a new name to more accurately represent its mission: AbleLight. The name change took place earlier this year across the nonprofit, which operates in 11 states.

Bethesda was founded in Wisconsin in 1904 as a Christian mission. The organization offers housing, employment and financial services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It also operates 13 thrift stores throughout the Midwest with eight locations in Wisconsin.

The concept for Bethesda thrift stores was born after a fundraiser in a church basement. Community members donated items which the organization sold, with the proceeds going to support the nonprofit's various programs. That same concept is still in use today.

Chief marketing and communications officer Cindy Moon-Mogush said the thrift stores employ individuals with disabilities and the proceeds from the stores are also used to provide services to people with disabilities.

Moon-Mogush said there are more than 675 organizations in the country that have Bethesda in their name.

"It's challenging to stand out because there are so many Bethesda organizations

in the country," she said. "It was really hard to have a unique identity because you're sharing that name with so many other churches, hospitals, senior centers, things of that nature."

Last year, Bethesda began discussions with stakeholders, employees and donors to come up with a new name to help differentiate the organization from the others.

"Over the course of the last year we connected with hundreds of individuals and asked what was important to them," Moon-Mogush said. "We took these valuable perspectives as our starting point, and we considered our history and our plans for the future. From there, we identified and vetted a new name – AbleLight – from more than 1,000 choices."

Moon-Mogush said the new name will help the organization reach more people.

"Many people thought we were only serving Lutherans or employing only Lutherans but the name change to AbleLight reflects that we welcome all who need help," she said.

Board of directors chairperson Cesar Villalpando said the AbleLight name more accurately represents the organization's mission.

"Our purpose is clear – we believe the world shines brighter when people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential," he said. "With more than seven million Americans who have an

intellectual or developmental disability, our services are more essential than ever before and our unique approach to supporting the whole person and our drive to continuously improve the world for people with disabilities are what set AbleLight apart in the disability field."

Bethesda also announced other changes and improvements. Late last year the nonprofit opened the AbleLight Innovation Center in Milwaukee, in an effort to use technology to improve independence for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Next fall, the organization is expanding to Concordia University Ann Arbor in Michigan. They also announced they're expanding their behavioral support services, host homes, supported living services and financial services.

Interim president and chief executive Dave Sneddon said the AbleLight College and Innovation Center fulfill the purpose of the nonprofit, "to pioneer life-changing services that empower the people we serve to thrive."

"We will create a bold future for people with disabilities," he said.

The AbleLight Thrift Store has operated in Neenah for 32 years. The store started out downtown but moved to the Fox

Point Plaza in 2005. They have 10 paid employees and 24 volunteers. The store typically sees about 130 customers a day.

Corporate director of retail operations Paul Gieschen said the store has unique treasures for shoppers to find.

"We have sold so many that it's hard to pick one out," he said. "We get very unique homemade items donated, as well as antiques, so there is always something interesting to find."

AbleLight is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The thrift store accepts donations of clothing, household goods, books, furniture, antiques, collectibles, toys, high chairs and strollers.

"We think about people shopping but we are always in need of donations of goods so don't forget about us when you're looking to clean your closets or streamline your home a bit," Moon-Mogush said.

Shopping at AbleLight or donating goods has a true impact on people with developmental disabilities, she added.

"You are shopping for good (and) you are donating for good," she said. "And you can see the impact when you see the people working in our stores getting really meaningful employment opportunities and just growing to be more independent."

Small business advice will be offered by SBDC on July 6

Small businesses in the Fox Cities region can schedule a free consultation with the Wisconsin Small Business Development Center (SBDC) from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. July 6 at the Fox Cities Chamber in

Appleton.

The consultations are for people at any stage of growing a business. Appointments can be made online or by contacting 920-424-1826 or SBDC@UWosh.edu.

Shattuck school

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If the school board approves the proposal, Northpointe would pay \$500,000 for the site, with closing expected in August or September of next year.

Andy Dumke of Northpointe said that renovating just the Shattuck School building would cost around \$20 million. He said the building may contain asbestos and lead-based paint.

"When you're dealing with the historic component of it the cost of construction is significantly higher as well because we have to follow all of the historic rules of the program itself, so it is a complicated process," he said.

Several residents expressed concerns at the school board meeting over the number of rental properties proposed and the speed of the sale process.

Dumke said that development plans for the site are preliminary.

"We have to go through the process of engineering, site plan, zoning, so that the neighborhood and the community as a whole will have many more opportunities

to voice their opinions and provide feedback for what we do moving forward," he said.

Alderman John Skyrms spoke during the forum at Monday's meeting and said Northpointe has already rehabbed seven historic properties similar to the Shattuck site.

"I support the sale of the building, of the property, to the development of Northpointe," he said. "I'm very excited about it. In fact, I've been preaching about traditional neighborhoods for years now."

Chief financial officer Jonathan Joch submitted a memo to the board stating that the Neenah Joint School District recommends that the district sell the property to Northpointe. He said that selling the middle school would save the district about \$426,000 annually in operating costs.

Dumke said the project is going to improve the value of the neighborhood.

"When it's a finished product it's going to actually look a lot better than it does right now," he said.

If the sale is accepted, Northpointe would then work with the city to get building plan approval. The board will vote on the sale at its July 19 meeting.

Policy Forum

FROM PAGE 1

Researchers found that the first suggestion would be expensive.

In general, the report did not show a great savings financially for any department, at least in the short term.

Researchers at the Wisconsin Policy Forum think the communities could "go big" with a Fox Valley Fire Resources Bureau. Kloehn thinks that makes the most sense because most people don't even know what community they're in when they cross borders in the Fox Valley.

"There's where you would find some savings in staffing and apparatuses and buildings and equipment," he said.

Kloehn thinks there are a couple of big hurdles. One is dealing with five different unions and the other is the fear of some that their community will lose its identity.

"We've been doing it for 19 years and that model has worked for us," he said. "You

don't lose your identity; firefighters are still out in the community."

Oshkosh Fire Chief Mike Stanley believes this is just a next step in trying to meet the changing and evolving needs of the community.

"It could help us a lot with interoperability. Even though we are one of the larger departments in the area, we still can be overwhelmed by large-scale incidents, like natural disasters or mass casualty incidents or even a large fire in a great big commercial building," he said.

Stanley thinks the more familiarity departments have with each other, the better. Both Stanley and Kloehn think the area of special operations can be considered first, especially since the departments work closely together now.

The fire chiefs plan to meet first to discuss the results of the study and put together a plan. Kloehn then thinks it would be a good idea to meet with mayors and elected officials to see what's possible to move forward with.



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All-conference roundup

BASEBALL

Carstens earns top honors in FVA

Senior Jaeden Carstens earned first-team all-Fox Valley Conference honors to lead six players receiving all-conference recognition.

Carstens was one of six pitchers named to the first team after striking out 38 batters in just more than 34 innings and finishing the season with a 2.62 earned run average.

Fellow senior pitcher Carter Thomas and sophomore second baseman were named to the second team for the Rockets, while senior catcher Max Medrano, senior first baseman Eli Schmidt and sophomore shortstop Brady Corso were all on the honorable mention list.

Three Zephyrs receive all-Big East accolades

A trio of members from the St. Mary Catholic baseball team received all-conference recognition, it was announced by the league recently.

Topping the list was senior shortstop Daniel Decker, one of two shortstops selected to the 17-member first team.

Earning second-team honors for the Zephyrs were senior utility player Noah Bublitz and junior pitcher Owen Ripley.

SOFTBALL

Kaminski leads Rockets on all-FVA squads

Junior utility player Amara Kaminski highlighted Neenah's selections on the all-FVA softball teams it was released by the

league recently.

Kaminski was one of 20 players selected to the first team and one of three utility players tabbed for the first team.

The Rockets had four players named to the second team, the most of any FVA program. Earning the honors were senior infielder Madie Jagoditsh, junior pitcher Morgan Harwood, juniors catcher Piper Alberg and sophomore outfielder Bella Coulman.

Junior infielder Quinn Marnocha and junior outfielder McKenna Herm were named to the honorable mention list giving the Rockets eight players to receive recognition.

St. Mary Catholic pair garner Big East honors

A pair of sophomores led the Zephyrs softball team this season and both earned all-Big East Conference recognition.

Outfielder/third baseman Rhiannon Reichenbacher earned second-team honors, while pitcher Narveah Saringer was named to the honorable mention list.

SOCCER

Eight Rockets garner all-FVA recognition

A total of eight members of the Neenah girls soccer team received all-FVA recognition. The eight players was the most of any FVA school.

Leading the way for the Rockets was senior midfielder Ella Rice and junior midfielder Leah Forget, who were selected to the 15-member first team.

Landing on the second team were junior goalkeeper Isabella Jones, junior defender

Nicole Schmidt and sophomore defender Amaya Jones.

Honorable mention selections for the Rockets were senior defender Megan Kodhollek and sophomore midfielder Kayla White.

Zephyrs' Norville earns first-team honors

Sophomore Audrey Norville landed first-team honors as the Big East all-conference soccer teams were announced recently.

Norville, who played as a defender for St. Mary Catholic, was one of just two sophomores named on the 13-member squad.

The Zephyrs also had three players earn second-team honors. Senior goalkeeper Greta Norville, senior defender Lilly Griffith and senior midfielder Megan Roloff, the team's leading goal scorer, were all on the second team.

TENNIS

Powerhouse Rockets rule all-FVA teams

Six of the seven flights for the state-qualifying Neenah boys tennis team earned first-team all-Fox Valley Association honors as the Rockets dominated the all-conference lists.

Three of the four singles players were named to the first team with sophomore Solomon Dunsirn at No. 1 singles, junior David Murphy at No. 2 singles and junior Ben Kotchen at No. 4 singles getting the nod. No. 3 singles player, freshman Carl Hein, earned second-team honors.

All three of the Rockets' doubles teams landed on first team. Seniors Nolan Kubiak and Khaled Saleh made up the No.

1 flight, senior Henry Werner and junior Satchel Moss were at No. 2 and seniors Leyton Daharsh and Jaxon King netted the honor at No. 3 doubles.

All Zephyrs' flights receive accolades

Each flight for the St. Mary Catholic tennis team earned some level of all-conference recognition.

The Zephyrs were led by No. 1 singles player Wesley Auth and No. 1 doubles team of Felipe Gaztelu and Grant Bergstrom, who each earned first-team all-league honors.

The No. 2 doubles team of Ethan Campbell and Michael Fairweather earned second-team honors, while getting named to the honorable mention list were singles players Gonzalo Carracci (No. 2), Juan Sebastian (No. 3) and Javier Ravina Amador (No. 4) as well as the No. 3 doubles pairing of John Osland and Harry Bergstrom.

GOLF

Three Rockets secure all-conference spots

A trio of Neenah High School golfers earned all-Fox Valley Association recognition after accumulating points throughout the 2022 season.

John Callahan finished fifth in the conference in points to earn a spot on the five-member first team. He totaled 75.5 points on the year.

Earning second-team honors was senior Payton Kramer, who finished eighth overall, while senior Eli Oitzinger finished amid a group of 11 golfers on the honorable mention list.

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Breaking barriers: Kerwin a success on pitch, gridiron

By Tim Froberg
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Whether it was futbol or football, Agii Kerwin showed that she belonged.

Kerwin had the type of prep sports experience that few Wisconsin girls can match. The skilled St. Mary Central athlete was an all-conference player in both girls' soccer and football.

Football? That's right.

Kerwin may be small in stature, but she had a big leg and used it to make multiple contributions. She was a standout in soccer: a third-year varsity player who landed second-team all-Big East Conference honors in 2021 as a midfielder.

Senior Spotlight

She also broke down barriers by being a valuable member of the St. Mary Central/Valley Christian football team for three years as a kicker, handling the special teams role so well that she made the all-Southern Conference first team as a junior.

Kerwin's soccer success was no surprise. She was the Zephyrs' third-leading scorer this season with six goals and four assists for 16 points – third best on the team.

"Agii might be 5 foot tall – maybe – but she's a versatile player who can do a lot of things and won't back down to bigger players," said St. Mary Central coach Gary Kruger.



Submitted photo

St. Mary Central midfielder Agii Kerwin was a second-team all-Big East Conference selection following the 2021 season.

Kerwin played a new position this spring, switching from midfield to forward.

"It was very new and my teammates really helped me get comfortable," Kerwin said. "I'm not going to say I was a pro forward, but I think I adapted."

Kerwin was a key part of rock-solid

Zephyrs teams that finished 37-13-8 in her three seasons. The highlight of her soccer career came her freshman year when she was a contributor (two goals, five assists in 22 games) on SMC's state-qualifying team.

"I absolutely loved being part of that team," Kerwin said. "We had a ton of talent

– not only with the starters, but we had a deep bench. I felt very lucky as a freshman to be able to play on such a great team."

Kerwin has a family background in soccer. Her older brothers, Joe and Mike, were

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Senior spotlight

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both accomplished St. Mary Central soccer players.

"I really followed the lead of my oldest brother (Joe)," Kerwin said. "He was such a great player and I loved watching his games. And my brother, Mike, has such an intelligence for the game. He understands the game so well - it just blows me away.



Kerwin

Both played for coach Gary (Kruger) and I remember watching them play ever since I can remember."

Kerwin's football contributions were totally unexpected. She admits she didn't know much about the game when she contacted then-coach Jeremy Clifton prior to her sophomore year and asked him about the possibility of joining the team as a kicker.

"I remember going to football games as a freshman," Kerwin said. "They hadn't won a game in a few years back then and kicking wasn't very important at all. I thought to myself, 'Hmm. I think I can kick the ball just as well as they can.' So I told coach Clifton, 'Hey, I'm a girl who is interested in kicking for the football team. What do you think?'"

"He told me he loved idea. So I started practicing and it became my fall sport. It was interesting because when I started, I couldn't tell you what a PAT was. I couldn't tell you anything about football. All I knew is that what I was signing up for was to kick a ball between poles."

Kerwin, a right-footed kicker, became skilled at kicking a ball between poles. She nailed two of her three extra-point attempts her initial season and followed with a big junior year in which she converted 12 of 14 extra-point attempts which helped her land the all-conference honor. In addition to conversion kicks, Kerwin handled kickoffs.

"I was really fortunate because Coach



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Agii Kerwin (front) suited up and played for the St. Mary Central/Valley Christian football team last fall.

Clifton had a kicking background," Kerwin said. "He was a kicker in college and I'm thankful for him because he knew how to teach me. He made me into a good kicker."

Despite being the only girl on the team and one of the few females in Wisconsin to play the male-dominated sport, Kerwin didn't encounter many awkward moments. She was quickly accepted by her teammates.

"The guys were super welcoming and it was a very positive experience," Kerwin said. "Oh, they might have given me a little

crap, but I learned that on a football team, that was just their way of involving you and welcoming you. - like maybe you do with your brothers.

"They weren't really giving me crap about being a girl. It was more like, 'Oh, you're a kicker. You're supposed to kick it this way.' I remember one time when some of the guys were saying they could kick off just as well I could. So, I gave them the tee, set it up and said, 'Go ahead.' And they were not good."

As her football career went on, Kerwin discovered she wasn't the only girl in the state to step onto the gridiron.

"I encountered two girl kickers on opposing teams this year," said Kerwin, who recently received the school's strength and conditioning award voted on by classmates. "There was even one girl who played a position. It's cool to see the game is evolving."

Although kicking was her specialty, Kerwin managed to get some in-the-trenches action last fall for a powerhouse St. Mary Central/Valley Christian team coached by Josh Young that went 9-0 in eight-player football competition.

"I practiced with the defense doing some scout team leading up to that game," Kerwin said. "So I asked the defensive coordinator (T.J. Schouten), 'Hey, If we get a big lead, how about putting me in for a series.'"

We got up by about 50 points and I looked at him and he was like, 'Go for it.' That was a lot of fun and really exciting."

An exceptional student with a 3.85 grade point average, Kerwin will take her multiple skills to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in September where she plans to major in integrated supply chain management with a minor in Spanish.

"I just had a great experience at St. Mary Catholic," she said. "Soccer was a really positive experience and so was football. I think having two older brothers really helped me with football. The guys were great. I felt like a sister in a brotherhood of football, which was pretty cool."

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TALES OF SUNKEN TREASURE!

A Sunken City

In the 1600s, Port Royal, Jamaica, was one of the busiest seaports in the Caribbean. It was home to merchants, missionaries, smugglers and pirates.

In 1692, an earthquake hit the city. Much of it sank 65 feet (20 meters) below sea level. For hundreds of years, sand and mud covered the city. Many treasure seekers tried to find the sunken city and failed.

Then in 1965, a diver named Robert Marx used modern equipment to dig under the layers of mud and found the lost city. He was not looking for treasure, but find it he did!

Thousands of coins were found—perhaps lost pirate treasure.

Sunken Ships

Long ago, Spanish ships full of treasure sailed the seas. Sometimes these ships sank, leaving tons of treasure on the sea floor. Search the sea floor for seven coins with letters on them. Unscramble the letters to find out what these ships were called!

A Spanish treasure ship was called a

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell independently combining phonemes to form words; vocabulary development.

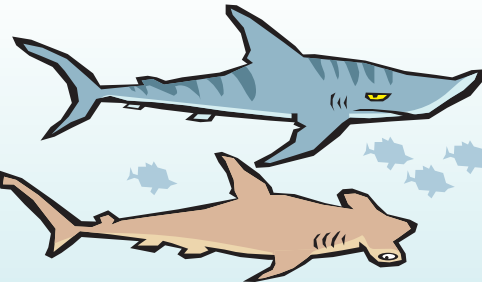
ABC Treasure Hunt

Take a trip under the deep blue sea and look for treasures from A to Z. Can you find each letter of the alphabet hidden in the picture?



Shark Alert

Diving for the lost city of Port Royal is dangerous. Divers must watch out for sharks.



Do all sharks look the same? No siree! Circle five ways the two sharks are different.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination.

Uncover the Unlikely

Well, shiver me timbers! There are two land animals hiding in the picture above. Can you find them all?

Standards Link: Visual

Treasure Hunter Clues

Divers looking for sunken treasure do not look for the hulls of sunken ships. Wooden hulls rot after hundreds of years under water.

Treasure hunters look instead for lumps that could be the remains of metal parts of a ship: cannons, anchors, tools and ballast. Sometimes, even these are hard to see, as most of them have been encrusted with sand and shells.



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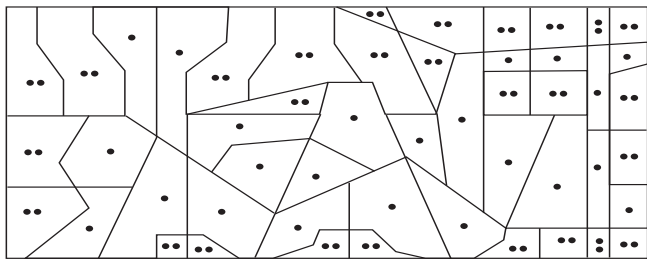
Standards Link: Decoding: Recognize blends and multi-syllable words.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Sunken SOMETHING

Some say that in 1876, *something* carrying millions of dollars of gold crashed and fell into the Ashtabula River in Ohio. Many have tried to find the mystery bullion, but to date no one has. Do you think it is really there? Or is it a legend?

To find out what crashed, color each space with one dot BLACK and color each space with two dots BLUE.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension.

Double Double Word Search

- MYSTERY
- SUNKEN
- TREASURE
- JAMAICA
- SMUGGLERS
- SHIP
- DIVER
- GOLD
- LOST
- CITY
- SAND
- ROYAL
- SHARK
- MUD
- PORT

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

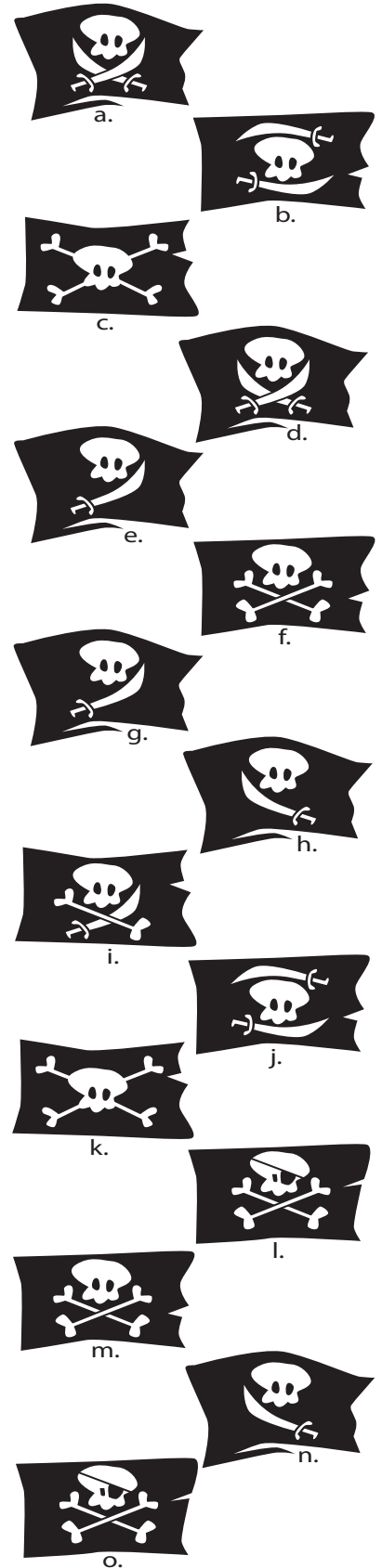
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together:

Pirate Pairs

The crew of the pirate ship *The Scurvy Albatross* came up with a unique flag. It's the only one here that has no exact duplicate. Circle it.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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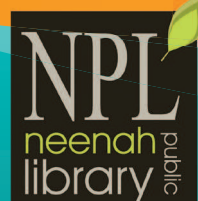
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