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Lake Winnebago stays fishing destination

Self-sustaining fishery still popular choice for anglers

By Steve Clark

Whether it's summer on a boat or winter on the ice, Lake Winnebago is a destination for anglers from around the state.

And more often than not, those putting their lines in the water are rewarded with a catch to put on the wall or cook up for a

With all the fishing traffic on the lake - from the numerous tournaments held off the west coast to the steady stream of casual fishermen - there always seems to be fish ready to be caught and, according

to Winnebago Systems fisheries biologist Angelo Cozzola, the stocking of fish is something the lake does without a hand from the DNR.

"It's definitely rare, I would say," Cozzola said. "Most lakes are not naturally reproducing populations and there are a lot of stocked walleye populations in the state of Wisconsin."

Cozzola said that the

DNR does extensive monitoring of the fish population – especially in the popular species such as walleye, bass and panfish to make sure numbers don't dip too low.

But the only fish the DNR has had to stock in the lake in recent history is muskie, and that it would be a mistake to tinker with what Mother Nature is already taking

"If you are managing a fishery anywhere and you have a healthy, natural reproducing, self-sustaining fishery, you don't want to go in and artificially stock on top of that," Cozzola said. "If you have a good thing going, you don't have to come in and do anything on top of that."

Cozzola said that what makes Lake Winnebago unique and able to sustain its population is that it offers fish numerous options to spawn.

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Neenah News photo by Bethanie Gengler

Market space for kids

The Future Neenah Farmers Market features special activities for kids on select Saturdays. This weekend it's a beach theme, a glass-blowing demonstration and yoga at 9 a.m. Future Kids' Days at Shattuck Park are Back to School on Aug. 20; Superhero on Sept. 17; and Halloween on Oct. 15.

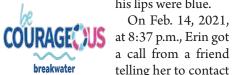
Families share personal loss stories from drug deaths

By Kaitlyn Scoville NEENAH NEWS

(This content may be sensitive to some readers. It includes mentions of death, substance use, overdosing, suicide and abuse. Discretion is advised.)

He was up in his loft bed, lying there. It looks like he had just fallen asleep. His arm was half purple, half red and cold, and his lips were blue.

On Feb. 14, 2021,



telling her to contact First in a series police at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where her oldest, Logan, had been attending since fall.

After not being able to reach someone, Erin and her family decided to drive down to talk with officers directly. But social media was already a step ahead: She saw on the way that her son had overdosed.

"They suspected he was already gone for 12 hours," Erin said.

From what she found; the 19-year-old

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had been on FaceTime with his girlfriend when he took an unknown pill around

"He started snoring, which is a sign of a drug overdose," Erin said. "In this case, it



Erin is shown with her sons Logan (left) and Caden in this undated photo. Logan died of a drug overdose related to fentanyl in February 2021.

was fentanyl poisoning."

Toxicology reports came back with three kinds in his system.

Erin described her son as a kind and thoughtful child who had trouble socially. She and her husband had Logan in counseling from an early age.

"Logan was a sweet kid. He modeled

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Drug deaths need community focus

Obituaries historically have been the sharing of one's long and storied life, an acknowledgment of lives touched and accomplishments made.

More recently we are seeing "passed away unexpectedly" more often with people much younger than those that usually fill obit pages.

It has been no secret that substance use and the fallout from it have been escalating in our communities for years. The opioid epidemic swept America. The CDC has reported the number of drug overdose deaths increased by nearly 30% from 2019-2020 and has quintupled since 1999. Nearly 75% of the 91,799 drug overdose deaths in 2020 involved an

Here in Winnebago County, the coroner's office has had to store bodies in cold storage trailers due to the increase of overdose deaths.

The gates have not just opened to see "those people" enter our town. These are "our people" - kids and young adults raised in the Neenah area from families





that have been here for generations.

Unfortunately, many children and parents have no idea how to broach the subject of substance use. Parents don't know how to start the conversation, kids have questions but don't ask because they are concerned their parents will think they are asking because they are involved. Whether we talk to them or not, youth will seek out answers to their questions either by trying things out or by talking to people who don't have a personal interest in their future.

We know that substance use at an

early age is an important predictor of development of a disorder later in life. We also know that 31% of Winnebago County youth report trying alcohol by age 14, and 16% report trying marijuana by the same age. Breakwater is working to change that.

Beginning in today's Neenah News is a "Be Courageous" series sponsored by Breakwater, a community coalition working to prevent and reduce substance use in Winnebago County. Over the next six weeks courageous people will share stories of personal tragedy, parents in recovery will tell how they share their story with their own children, kids will share stories of peer pressure and run-ins with drugs. The series will supply data and resources on where to learn more and get connected to resources.

Substance use is not an individual problem, it is a community issue.

Filthy Fun Kids run returns to O'Hauser

The Fox Crossing and Neenah Parks and Recreation departments are co-hosting the eighth annual Filthy Fun Kids Run on Saturday at O'Hauser Park with courses for four different age groups along with a family course. The first race starts at 8:30 a.m.

Nearly 500 kids are registered to run the adventure course filled with obstacles including mud baths, creek crossings and climbing walls.

At the conclusion of the kids' event, a Filthy Fun Family Run will take place. Adult family members can register to run through the course with their children (ages 4-17). Families with 4- to 6-yearolds can run a 0.65-mile course.

Participants can register on the day of

the run and volunteers ages 15 and older are encouraged to contact the Parks & Recreation Department to help assist at course obstacles.

Corrections

JULY 8, PAGES 1 and 7: Photos taken at the beginning of the Little Red, White & Blue Parade at Riverside Park were misidentified as being from the Parade of Lights event.

JULY 8, PAGE 9: In a story about the Tri-County Dental Clinic, Bergstrom Automotive was omitted from a list of major corporate and foundation





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Storage facility, Darrow car sales plans gain approval

By Bethanie Gengler Neenah News

The Common Council approved permits last week for an indoor self-storage facility and a vehicle sales and service business, and approved designating a portion of the northwest side of South Lake Street as a no-parking zone.

The self-storage facility will be constructed in the former Fox Valley Roller Rink at 1215 Gillingham Road. The roller rink, operated for 37 years by Dave and the late Connie Buksyk, was built in 1962 by Dave's father.

The Buksyks listed the property for sale in 2019 and announced they were retiring. Kelly Rousseau of Pack Rat Storage is in the process of purchasing the 1.72acre site that includes the 16,000-squarefoot former roller rink building and two mini-storage buildings in the back of the

property.

Rousseau plans to construct climate-controlled self-storage units inside the existing building and offer storage in the mini-storage buildings. He said the property has a rich history.

"Dave, the gentleman that I'm buying it from, has had quite a legacy in the Valley with the roller-skating rink and people from 25 years old up to late 50s go, 'Oh, I remember skating here, I had so much fun. There was a bike up here and if you had so many tickets you'd win the bike," he said.

Rousseau will install two access doors along the south side of the building, a lean-to structure over both doors and an asphalt pad that will be expanded to the west door opening. The existing rink space's main entrance will remain and an office and bathrooms will be maintained.



The Mighty Auto Sales building is where Russ Darrow Direct Sales and Service is relocating from Appleton.

Other construction details include reconstructing an off-street parking lot and north driveway, replacing parts with grass and other landscaping, and repainting the building. The roof sign will be removed and a small free-standing sign will be installed along the road.

Rousseau said when the roller rink was built, Gillingham Road was a dead end and Interstate 41 was a two-lane road. He proposed removing the asphalt area between the front landscaping strip and Gillingham. The Plan Commission recommended leaving the asphalt as is until a time when it can be replaced with grass, and curb and gutter can be installed.

"The trigger for this to occur is either when the property owner constructs a new building on the property or when an expansion of the building is proposed," according to commission minutes.

Rousseau said the updates and improvements will add value to the area.

"It's really neat to be able to take that and use it for an indoor storage facility," he said. "It's nice because the building hasn't gone through 20 different owners or anything like that; there's a lot of longevity

The council also approved Russ Darrow Direct Sales and Service to operate a used vehicle sales and service business at 988 S. Green Bay Road, the former site of Mighty Auto Sales. Darrow will be relocating from College Avenue in Appleton west of 41 to the Neenah site. Used Treads tire store will also continue to operate at the site on a sublease.

The Russ Darrow Appleton location employs 42 people. Each month they sell an average of 55 vehicles and serve about 340 customers, according to a plan of operation submitted. The company has 15 franchise locations.

The 4.2-acre property includes a 19,000-square-foot building with an auto service area and a dealership showroom, green space and asphalt parking. There are no planned changes to the building or site.

Also at the meeting, the council approved a no-parking-anytime zone on the northwest side of South Lake from West Winneconne Avenue to South Western Avenue. The area was changed to a no-parking zone in response to traffic issues related to the nearby Starbucks coffee



The former Fox Valley Roller Rink will be converted into a self-storage business on Gillingham Road.



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New officers welcomed to Neenah police team

By Bethanie Gengler Neenah News

Neenah Police Chief Aaron Olson swore in six new police officers and promoted a lieutenant during a pinning ceremony at the Common Council meeting last week.

Pinning ceremonies are a tradition in the law enforcement community that occur only when an individual graduates from the police academy or an officer is promoted. Olson said the awards ceremony is a special night for the officers.

"Before you stand six young officers and one lieutenant who all chose to work at the Neenah Police Department for various reasons and we chose to hire them or promote them because they are good people," Olson said at the ceremony. "I've said this time and time again, we hire for character and I'm confident that these officers are and will treat every citizen with dignity and respect."

Olson provided information about each of the officers at the ceremony.

Caleb Justman has an associate degree from Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC). He was a community service assistant (CSA) for the department before becoming a sworn officer.

Adam Kohler has an associate degree from FVTC and is enrolled in its Law Enforcement Academy. Kohler was a CSA before becoming a sworn officer.

Devon Lehman has an associate degree from FVTC. He was a CSA for Neenah police before becoming a sworn officer.

Kellen McCarthy has a bachelor's degree in microbiology from University of Wisconsin Madison. He was formerly employed by the Webster Groves Police Department in Missouri.

Dakota Raatz has an associate degree from FVTC and is currently enrolled in its Law Enforcement Academy. He is a former corrections officer for the Portage County Sheriff's Office and was a community service officer (CSO) for the Appleton Police Department.

Kali Thompson has an associate degree from FVTC. She was a Fond du Lac police officer for three years. Before that she was a CSO in Appleton and an auxiliary officer for the Menasha Police Department.

Amy Wagner has a bachelor's degree from UW Oshkosh. Wagner has been employed by Neenah police for 22 years. She was promoted to sergeant in 2006 and patrol lieutenant in 2016. Her new promotion is to the investigative lieutenant position.

Olson thanked the officers for serving the community.

"I truly commend each one of these officers for being law enforcement professionals, working for the city of Neenah, and for coming to our great police department to make it even better," he said.

Neenah's Police Department has been undergoing changes and improvements this year, including construction of a \$5.5 million training center addition to the police department building.

Capt. Tom Van Sambeek said they recently hired two more officers who will be sworn in next month. With the addition of the two new officers the department will be at full staff.



Photo from city of Neenal

Six police officers were sworn in last week and Patrol Lt. Amy Wagner (far right) was promoted to Investigative Services Unit lieutenant. New officers include (from left) Dakota Raatz, Adam Kohler, Kali Thompson, Kellen McCarthy, Devon Lehman and Caleb Justman.



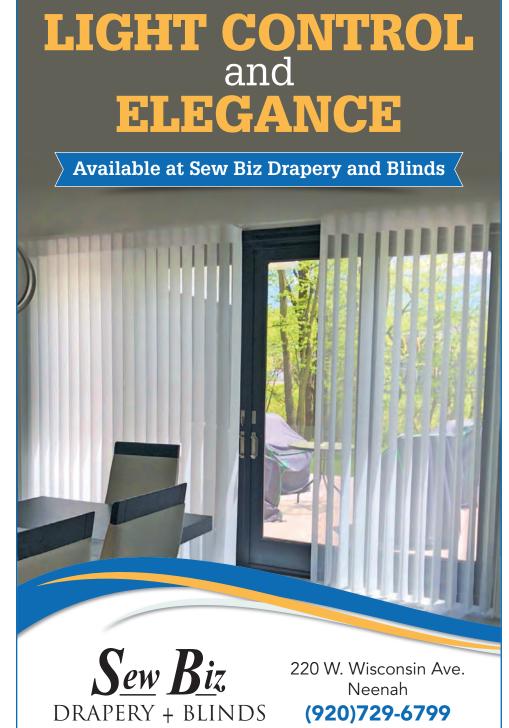
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Local artist's music style sparked by words and faith

By Dan Roherty NEENAH NEWS

Neenah-based singer-songwriter David Paul Martin has fewer concert dates on this summer's calendar than his usual pace while maneuvering past the pandemic and staying busy with music projects.

But he's looking forward to returning to Waterfest in Oshkosh three years after his first time there opening for Phillip Philipps. This Thursday he's in the lineup headlined by Mike Campbell of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers fame.

"The Leach Amphitheater is such a fun venue to play and I can't wait to be back opening for a true living legend," said Martin, whose set starts at 6:10 p.m.

The multi-instrumentalist and producer draws his influences mostly from folk and jazz, but incorporates rock, neo-soul, bluegrass and pop, depending on where his songwriting takes him.

"I like to genre-hop a little bit. When I'm writing, my lyrics seem to take the front seat," Martin said. "I draw from relationships and experiences, and might find inspiration in things like birds and gardens and outer space."

The local native grew up as David Paul-Martin Niemi in what he used to call "the country" of Neenah with a childhood of opportunities to learn and create. Homeschooled through high school, he attended UW Fox Valley with an emphasis on music and vocal performance, then transferred to UW Oshkosh to study the music industry and recording technology.

Diagnosed with Crohn's disease at age 10, Martin said it was a rough three-plus years that ultimately led to his musical fo-



David Paul Martin (right) performs during a music festival at Barrel 41 brewery in early June.

"I look back on that as the catalyst that jump-started my passion for songwriting," he said. "Turns out wrestling with an illness can really push you to the end of yourself and help you discover what you're specifically called to do."

Faith also became a guiding influence as he grew up singing in church and continues to be surrounded by a strong religious community. When the pandemic hit artists with lockdowns and closed venues, Martin was able to focus on full-time music arrangement at Cavalry Bible Church for services and audiovisual content.

"My faith in Jesus gives me an incomparable freedom in all of life but especially opens my eyes to the brokenness and beauty of the world around me," he said. "People need hope and healing, and music is one of the most powerful tools to aid in that."

His 2017 debut album "Human Satellite" is a 10-song concept album that follows a lonely astronaut adrift in the cosmos and explores feelings of loss, purpose, home, and starting again. All the instruments and vocals were performed, recorded and mixed by Martin at UW Oshkosh and his home studio.

The next year he moved his studio to the Refuge Foundation for the Arts in Appleton for a yearlong artist residency at the former Franciscan monastery. A string of singles followed, including "Skin and Bones," "Love Doesn't Have a Color," "Milky Way" and "Kite."

Asked about his next big release, Martin said it's coming in early November but in a different creative form.

"I'm going to be a dad!" he revealed. "Life is full of surprises and changing seasons, so while I have tons of new music in the works, I don't have any set release deadlines."

In the meantime, he continues to perform, give private music lessons, direct music at his church and produce studio work while being influenced by the thriving Fox Valley music scene.

"We have a vibrant and growing music scene here in eastern Wisconsin and I'm really grateful to know some really top-notch musicians, event producers and creatives that continually inspire and push me to make music that goes beyond entertainment and engages the heart and mind," he

"Hang in there, I truly believe my best music is yet to come and I can't wait to share all these new songs with you."

Martin's music is available on iTunes, Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon, Google Play and other platforms.



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Cemetery stories

The annual Cemetery Walk at Oak Hill Cemetery will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday and feature stories of immigration for four families. This photo is of the Jens and Laura Jersild family in 1909 for their silver wedding anniversary. The story of Jens Jersild is one the National Historical Society will be featuring.

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Charges pending after puppies left on driveway

By Bethanie Gengler Neenah News

The Neenah Police Department has referred criminal charges for a woman accused of abandoning seven pug puppies in a plastic tote in the driveway of a residential property in April.

Laura Czarniecki, 43, of Menasha, allegedly abandoned the puppies in Neenah during what she told police was a "blackout" after ingesting a drug.

Officer Zachary Mulroy was dispatched to Henry Street just before 11 p.m. April 24 for an animal complaint. The caller said there were seven puppies in a crate who did not have access to food or water and had been there for about an hour.

Upon arrival, Mulroy located a storage tote near the side of a driveway close to the sidewalk with the puppies inside. Four were brindle colored and three were tan.

"I did not see any food or water in the tote with the puppies and it looked like all seven of the puppies barely fit in the tote," Mulroy wrote in his report.

Documents indicate Mulroy and another officer spoke with neighbors who stated they did not know where the pug puppies came from and didn't know of any neighbors who owned a pug. Officers were unable to contact residents who lived at the location where they were found.

The dogs were transported to the Neenah Animal Shelter. The next morning, police put out a request for information about the incident.

Police quickly received a tip that the puppies matched an April 10 Facebook post made by Czarniecki advertising pug puppies for sale who were born Dec. 4.

The day after finding the puppies, Officer Brandon Deich went to Czarniecki's home to question her. Police records indicate Czarniecki said she had two litters of pug puppies for a total of 18. She said she had sold all the puppies or given them away as gifts and no longer had any at her residence.

Czarniecki told Deich she communicated with potential puppy buyers through text messages or phone calls but said she had no text messages to prove she sold them. She was also unable to provide any names of the people in the sales or giveaways.

"Laura immediately began yelling and telling me to just charge her because she does not have any proof and she knows she is going to get blamed for abandoning the puppies," Deich wrote in his report, adding that Czarniecki was no longer cooperative.

On April 26, Czarniecki told Menasha police she was unable to get ahold of the Neenah police front desk and was worried she was going to be in trouble as she now stated the abandoned puppies were hers. Neenah Officer Brad Barnard made contact with Czarniecki at the Fox River Mall, where she works.

Czarniecki told Barnard that on the evening the puppies were abandoned she walked to her brother's house behind her home, and while there smoked "something that she normally doesn't use." She stated that she had some sort of blackout event, remembers leaving her brother's house around 9:30 p.m. but nothing after that, stating, "It's all a blur."

The next day, Czarniecki said she was running behind and let her two or three



Photo from Neenah polic

Pug puppies that were abandoned on a driveway in April have found homes while a woman is facing charges in the incident.

other dogs outside when she got home from work but never checked on the puppies. She spoke with Deich shortly after she arrived home and said she lied to him about selling the rest of the puppies.

Czarniecki acknowledged the abandoned puppies "have to be my dogs" and stated that in the past she had used similar crates or totes when she sold puppies.

Facebook posts dating to 2015 indicate Czarniecki regularly breeds and sells pugs. Dog breeders who own no more than four breeding females are not required to be licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Menasha limits the number of dogs and cats per home

to four, unless the homeowner obtains an exemption.

Pugs are a popular dog breed, ranking No. 33 out of 197 breeds, according to the American Kennel Club's 2021 list that is ranked based on registration data. Purebred pug puppies often sell for more than \$1,000.

Neenah police received more than 200 applications to adopt the puppies. All were placed into new homes within two weeks of their arrival at the Neenah shelter.

Police referred the case to the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office, requesting seven criminal counts for abandoning animals. The DA's office was reviewing the case.

Business award nominations being sought

Nominations are open through July 29 for the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce's 2022 Business Awards, which recognize business and professional excellence in the region.

Categories include:

Business of the Year Award (small and large categories) recognizes outstanding performance, including growth (financial, physical and/or employment), commitment to quality, economic impact and contributions to the community.

Rising Star Award for relatively new small businesses with a blend of vision, energy, perseverance and skill. The award recognizes ventures that have been in business for at least three years, and have had a strong start.

Corporate Citizen/Leadership Award encourages and supports corporate social responsibility and leadership by recognizing organizations with a philosophy of giving and community involvement.

Company Innovation Award (small and large categories) acknowledges organizations that have identified opportunities and executed creative thinking, taking calculated risks to bring innovation to the marketplace.

Award recipients are determined by a Chamber-appointed committee and announced in September. Honorees will be recognized at the Chamber's business awards luncheon Nov. 14.

To submit nominations and for a list of past award recipients, visit foxcitieschamber.com/awards.



Photo by Scott Kruger

Plaza theater

The summertime Friday Family Fun program at The Plaza & Globe Coffee in downtown Neenah featured a showing of the movie "Encanto" last week. Next Friday's featured film with be "The Princess Bride."

Neenah Foundry parent company acquired by Charlotte Pipe

Neenah News

Neenah Enterprises, parent company of Neenah Foundry, has been acquired by Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Co., a leading maker of cast iron and plastic pipe and fittings.

"They are great partners for us in terms of helping us to improve our foundaries," said Neenah Enterprises general counsel Karl Dahlen. "They've got operational expertise to die for that will really help us get to be better."

"We will continue to be run largely as a completely autonomous, separate oper-

ation," Dahlen added. "This is the perfect marriage for us."

Neenah Foundry has a 150-year history as the largest independent foundry in the nation that produces gray and ductile iron castings, with recognizable products that include manhole covers and frames, tree grates, and cast-iron trench grates for roads and airport runways.

"This acquisition in an adjacent sector builds on our core competency in the manufacturing of grey iron castings," Hooper Hardison, Charlotte Pipe chief executive, said in a statement Wednesday.

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Hallock comes back strong in Master Chef challenge

By Bethanie Gengler Neenah News

Neenah native Emily Hallock is rapidly advancing in the MasterChef: Back to Win Season 12 cooking competition.

MasterChef Season 12 has a focus on redemption. The Back to Win competitors are made up of a pool of the top 40 competitors from the past 11 seasons who did not win, including cooks from the Junior Edition who are now adults. The first three episodes were the audition episodes, which pared the group to 20.

Hallock made a crab and mascarpone tortellini in a lemon beurre blanc with seasoned crab salad as her audition dish.

"The dish oozes precision and gives us all a stern reminder how early you left this competition," chef Gordon Ramsay told her after tasting the dish, referring to Hallock's participation in MasterChef Season 9 in 2018. During that competition, Hallock was offered the chance to save herself from a cooking challenge or go head-to-head with another competitor of her choosing.

Hallock chose to compete against Shanika Patterson, who she had butted heads with during the competition. Hallock made a Black Forest cake for the headto-head challenge, which toppled over in a blast freezer. She lost the challenge, knocking her out of the competition and putting her in 10th place overall.

"Let's just say if given the opportunity to save myself or try to send someone else home, I will be saving myself," Hallock said in the Season 12 premiere. Patterson is also competing in Season 12.

Hallock was raised in the outskirts of Neenah. Her first job was at Zuppas Cafe & Catering on South Commercial Street, where she started working when she was



Hallock

15. After graduating from Neenah High School in 2008, Hallock attended Lawrence University in Appleton and earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology. She lives in Chicago where she works as a consumer insights manager.

The first challenge of Season 12 was for the competitors to recreate the dish that sent them home - in 60 minutes. Hallock created a deconstructed Black Forest Gateau with cherry-vanilla gel, chocolate bark and chantilly whipped cream.

"You're meticulous and I think that's the nice thing about the way you work and it shows in your plating," Ramsay told her. "Really good job."

The judges determined that the dishes created by Willie Mike, Patterson and Hallock were the best of the challenge. The cook who makes the overall best dish is presented with an immunity pin that keeps them safe from the next challenge. That immunity pin went to Hallock.

"To get the positive feedback and win the immunity pin proves to me that I deserve to be here," Hallock said.

While Hallock was safe from the Episode 5 challenge, she was back cooking in Episode 6 for the first team challenge. The

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a lunch for more than 100 Coast Guard members. The menu had to include a protein, a starch, two vegetables and a sauce.

"I hate team challenges because I can't do everything and I have to rely on my teammates to perform well and in my experience someone always falls short," Hal-

Hallock said she utilizes some of the skills she learned working at Zuppas for the competition.

"It's a totally different story when you're preparing food for 10 people versus 100 people," she said. "So those were things that I then brought into the MasterChef experience from my experience at Zuppas."

Hallock was on the team that lost the

challenge. The team member eliminated from the competition was captain Alejandro Valdivia, who dropped a tray of steaks on the ground, then put them back on the grill, stating that cooking them would kill the bacteria.

"Under no circumstances will we ever be in a position where we pick food up off the floor, re-grill it and send it," Ramsay told Valdivia during the competition. "That is never happening, ever, certainly not under our watch and certainly not cooking for military."

The MasterChef contest started out this week with only 17 remaining competitors. The episodes air Wednesdays on Fox and available on Hulu.

(five start times beginning at 6:30 a.m.) St. Mary Catholic Middle School, 1000 Zephyr Drive

Big Brothers Big Sisters Bike Tour,

Summer Fun Runs, 6 p.m., Memorial

Riverside Players presents "The Addams Family the Musical Comedy," 8 p.m., Riverside Park

Zephyr Community Players present "The Little Mermaid," 2 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Sunday Music with Sara & Ian, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Neenah Community Band's Magic and Sorcery Concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Catching Fire 2.0 Glass Art Auction, 6:45 p.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum

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Future Neenah Out to Lunch with Sly Joe & the Smooth Operators, 11:30 a.m.,

Pattie Shack Music Series with Tim Dorsey, 6 p.m., Ground Round

July 29

Riverside Players presents "The Addams Family the Musical Comedy," 8 p.m., Riverside Park

July 30

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

Riverside Players presents "The Addams Family the Musical Comedy," 8 p.m., Riverside Park

July 31

Riverside Players presents "The Addams Family the Musical Comedy," 8 p.m., Riverside Park

Sunday Music with Neenah Ambassadors Big Band, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee



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Calendar of events July 16 Future Neenah Farmers Market (Kids' Day), 8 a.m., Shattuck Park Filthy Fun Kids Run, 8 a.m., O'Hauser Park, Fox Crossing Art Mercantile, 11 a.m., The Plaza Sunday Music with Lilie Fouts, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee July 20 Future Neenah Evening Concerts with Daniel LeClaire and the Little Big Band, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park July 21 Cemetery Walk, 6:30 p.m., Oakhill Riverside Players presents "The Addams Family the Musical Comedy," 8 p.m., Riverside Park Zephyr Community Players present "The Little Mermaid," 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School Future Neenah Out to Lunch with Stewart Ellyson, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Pattie Shack Music Series with Amelia Ford, 6 p.m., Ground Round July 22 Riverside Players presents "The Addams Family the Musical Comedy," 8 p.m., Riverside Park Zephyr Community Players present "The Little Mermaid," 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park Riverside Players presents "The Add-





Be Courageous

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for Kohl's at a young age and I would always tell him he should be a model later in life," Erin said. "We spent hours working with both him and his (younger) brother, Caden, on baseball and traveled to different states to play. We went to church, vacationed, played games and ate dinner together."

Though she said their family was what they had always wanted, addiction took ahold of Logan as early as seventh grade when a peer introduced him to pornogra-

Being a licensed clinical therapist, Erin found herself worried about Logan's behaviors. He began acting out, and as early as fourth grade she found letters in his room explaining he did not want to wake up in the morning.

"Some professionals diagnosed him with high-functioning autism," she said. "He appeared so normal that many people - even family - didn't believe what we were seeing at home."

Shortly after this introduction to addictive content, he underwent knee surgery and was prescribed opiates to help with the pain. Days later, Erin and her husband noticed he was high, took away the medication and turned him to ibuprofen and Tylenol.

"That kid who wanted to fit in found drugs, and the addiction took over," Erin said. "We didn't suspect addiction until we started dealing with it."

Any time he was approached about missing medications or alcohol around the house, he would deny it, which posed a distrustful relationship with his parents. They sought multiple programs and counselors to help their son.

Logan was eventually sent to a high-end out-of-state rehab facility. His family visited often for additional support. Once he returned, he got back into drugs shortly after, becoming emotionally abusive to his family. He left home and couch surfed until he settled in at UW-Milwaukee.

"We tried everything. I feel like we overturned every stone; I don't know what else we could have done," Erin said. "It's like Logan convinced himself he wasn't doing anything wrong."

July 31, 2003. February 29, 2012. October 31, 2012

Cindy lost all three of her sons to overdoses. Two to heroin, one to antidepres-

"My world crashed," she said. "I wanted to be the best mom ever, and here I've got two failed marriages and three children who have passed."



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Logan's parents stand at their son's graveside in 2021.

She was heavily involved in each of her son's lives, in teaching and nurturing them.

"I would spend as much time as I could with them, get them involved in sports, help them with schoolwork and plan fun activities," Cindy said. "We were kind of like the Brady Bunch household.

"I always thought I was good at making

myself available to talk with my kids about anything, but it didn't feel like enough because there was always something about all of them I didn't know. I do have that regret and I'm hoping someday when we meet again we can catch up."



Jeremy was the oldest, living in California a short drive away from his wife and 1-year-old child. They were planning to visit the next week. He enjoyed playing chess and was highly intellectual.

Cindy was in the restroom when her youngest called her for the phone, explaining that Jeremy's wife was on the other end, crying.

"She told me Jeremy died. I just couldn't believe it," she said. "I didn't know he was on antidepressants. I don't even know what he was depressed about."

Aaron, her second child, was a jock popular, athletic and empathetic. Oftentimes he would comfort those sitting alone at school in the cafeteria during lunch.

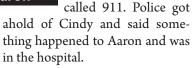
He began harming himself after breaking up with his girlfriend. Cindy still isn't

sure if that was why he began using drugs, but said he was likely feeling a lot of pain from the breakup and continued abuse from his stepfather.

Cindy said Aaron had been arrested, been through rehab and on a monitoring bracelet since Jeremy's passing. He had survived a couple of overdoses before suc-

cumbing to a third.

The night of his death, Aaron had been using with some friends. When overdosed, they had dragged his body from Cindy's house next door to the one he was renting from her and



Shortly after arriving at the hospital, an officer brought them to a private room and told them that Aaron had passed away.

the first of her second marriage. He was athletic and had a fouryear football scholarship at the

But drinking cost him that scholarship his senior year and he became devastated, as he was planning on a career in the sport.

He and Aaron did everything together. Eventually, Mario told Cindy that Aaron was the person who got him into using.

"So now I have two boys that are in and out of rehab, in and out of jail, on probation," Cindy said. "It's really taken a toll on me; I'm trying to keep myself together and deal with (losing Jeremy). It was just so chaotic, horrible and stressful. I can't begin to tell you how low I felt."

After losing Aaron, Cindy resorted to buying a substance that suppressed withdrawal symptoms for Mario.

"I didn't know what else to do anymore. I was desperate to save my son," she said.

On Halloween 2012, the restaurant Cindy and her second husband had been running was slow that evening. After sending her last employee home for the night and began to close, her husband ran downstairs and started vomiting in the restroom.

"He came out and told me Mario was dead. I ran upstairs and, sure enough, he's lying on the floor," Cindy said. "I called 911, he was very cold at this point and I had a feeling there was nothing that could be done. They had me give him mouth to mouth until EMTs showed up and administered Narcan."

For both Cindy and Erin, while they were attentive and present in their family members' lives, addiction had their children in a deadly grip.

On several occasions, both mothers had spoken to their children about their substance use. Neither knew they were using until it was too late.

Sometimes the children who "aren't supposed to have problems" are those who suffer greatest, Erin said.

"(Logan) had a ton of love around him. Because they had a good upbringing, they might have deeper shame," she explained. "Not enough families stand up and say they have a struggling child because it feels awful when we can't help our own

"I want families to be able to say they're struggling too. It shouldn't take a kid to die. It's OK that your kid is struggling; it doesn't mean you're a bad family. Kids make mistakes all the time. They drink, steal and experiment. They should have the chance to mess up."

Tomorrow is never promised. Young people who may be using substances need a safe space to be open with their parents about what they might be going through to assure they have a future.

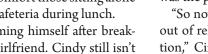
"Looking back, I would definitely give a whole lot more time and attention to my kids. Even if we didn't talk about everything, I would've liked to be more comfortable with them," Cindy said.

"It's just so important to spend time with your kids, even if it's just sitting in the grass and looking up at the sky. You don't have to talk; sometimes you just have to be there for them. The more you're with them, they'll feel comfortable with you and maybe then open up."



Mario

Mario was Cindy's third child, University of Minnesota.





ThedaCare offers vaccine program for young children

ThedaCare began offering Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to children 6 months and older this week and encourages residents to get vaccinated when eligible.

ThedaCare said its teams have been planning for this age group for several months, ensuring coordination and safely delivering vaccines.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 6 months through 4 years of age requires three total doses. The first two doses of the vaccine are given three weeks apart, followed by a third dose at least two months later. The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 6 months through 5 years of age requires two doses, 28 days apart.

"The expanded vaccine eligibility is certainly an exciting moment, and it is important to get vaccinated if you are able to do so," said Dr. Mark Cockley, chief clinical officer. "When it comes to considering whether to get your child vaccinated, parents should have a conversation with their child's health care provider and do their own research from trusted sources."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, children experience similar side effects as adults do after receiving the vaccine. The most common are pain



Vaccine event at library

The Multicultural Coalition has an upcoming vaccination event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Neenah Public Library that is open to walk-ins, and does not require preregistration, identification or health insurance.

The event includes vaccines for those ages six-months and up, interpreters in Spanish and Hmong, books, diapers and household supplies are available, eco-friendly teddy bears donated by Sono-Health and Bears for Humanity, and free snacks for those who receive a vaccine.

Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available.

at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain and fever. The side effects generally subside in 24

ThedaCare will be offering the vaccines across the service area, as well as during wellness visits and at primary care offices. Scheduling will be done primarily through MyThedaCare/My Chart where once individuals are eligible, they can make an appointment to be vaccinated.

Those not current ThedaCare patients or who do not have MyThedaCare can set up a free account at MyThedaCare. org. Either email or app alerts can monitor notification of availability.

All children being vaccinated will need to have a parent/guardian with them at the vaccination appointment for consent. Written consent will not be accepted.

For vaccination and scheduling details visit thedacarecovid19.org.



Harland Schuelke, a World War II veteran, is presented with a Quilt of Valor at his Neenah home last weekend by Cindy Grunert, the organization's state district coordinator.

Veteran presented with Quilt of Valor

A 96-year-old Neenah native and World War II veteran was presented with a Quilt of Valor last weekend at his home from the national foundation that honors those who served in battle with a symbol of comfort.

Harland "Bud" Schuelke was presented the multilayered blanket on Saturday from a regional representative of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, founded in 2003. The group works with service and community organizations to recruit and encourage the making and awarding of the quilts to service members and veterans touched by war.

Schuelke's son, Mike, said he was made aware of the program earlier this year during a chance encounter with Cindy Grunert, the organization's state district coordinator while she was working as a Sam's Club cart checker.

Schuelke served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1944-46 in England as a B-17 ball turret gunner during WWII with the 457th Bomb Group, 750th Squadron, and earned a sergeant ranking. Mike said his father has been a proud veteran ever since and still lives in his longtime Neenah home.

"Though we may never know the extent of your sacrifice to protect the United States of America, we award you this Quilt of Valor as an expression of gratitude from a grateful nation," the certificate reads in

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Lake Winnebago

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From the Wolf River, Fox River to the Upriver Lakes as well as Lake Winnebago itself, fish can spawn in different areas. The spreading out of spawning helps combat any environmental issues or large angler numbers having a negative effect on the population.

"The fact they have different spawning grounds makes it very unique," Cozzola said. "One of the main driving factors for the year class strength in walleye are water levels on the Wolf River, where many of the fish from the lake go to spawn. During high-water years, we often see a really good year in our trawl surveys. In low-water years we tend to see a little bit less."

Still, the numbers remain strong no matter what type of water level the spring has and even if there is a dip in one species, Cozzola said that is usually attributed to some environmental factor and not overuse of the lake by anglers.

That is why Lake Winnebago remains such a popular location for fishing tournaments and something that Cozzola believes will continue.

"The lake can handle it. It's been hap-

pening for a long time now," Cozzola said of the regular array of tournaments. "As of now, I have not had to turn away any tournaments"

One aspect of the lake hosting fishing tournaments that Cozzola is encouraged by is the increasing number of Catch, Record and Release tournaments. He said the number of such events is on the rise and that helps keep the fish population in the lake strong

"There's definitely been a movement toward that and I am a fan of the Catch, Record and Release as opposed to bringing fish in a livewell and having them weighed on stage," Cozzola said. "Still hold the tournaments, but catch the fish, record them and release them. That obviously is going to be a little more favorable to fish health."

Cozzola said he has heard how good of a catch the lake produces but also understands when he gets calls claiming a lack of fish, too.

"People aren't calling to tell me how many fish they caught. They are calling to tell me they are upset," Cozzola said. "When I'm putting the boat in the water, most people are happy to talk to us about their experiences and it just depends on who you talk to. We hear either none today or the fishing is great."

Three Zephyrs to play in WFCA all-star game

Three members of the St. Mary Catholic football program will be representing the Zephyrs at the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association all-star games in Oshkosh this weekend.

Wide receiver Ethan Campbell, defensive back William Kehoe and offensive lineman Cameron Connolly will each suit up for the South squad during the 8-Player game, which is slated for 6 p.m. on Fri-

day at Titan Stadium

The all-star weekend will continue on Saturday with the Small School all-stars taking the field at noon with the Large School all-star game, which will feature a host of Fox Valley Association players, slated to kick off at 4 p.m.

Attendance at this year's all-star games is free for all spectators. Attendees should enter through the main gate at the stadium.

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Catching Fire 2.0, the return of an online auction highlighting glass-based art and experiences by internationally recognized artists, is presented by the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass from July 20 through July 30.

The event, sponsored by Legacy Private Trust Co. includes a live virtual auction from 6:45 to 8 p.m. July 27 led by auctioneer Justin Swisher that supports the museum's educational programs and represented artists who receive half of the winning bids.

Jewelry, sculptures and paperweights, along with special trips and museum-based experiences, will be up for auction through this period.

"We want to support our artist friends who have uplifted our museum throughout the years," the museum stated in the announcement. "It is a great opportunity for you to acquire a one-of-a-kind unique work of glass art."

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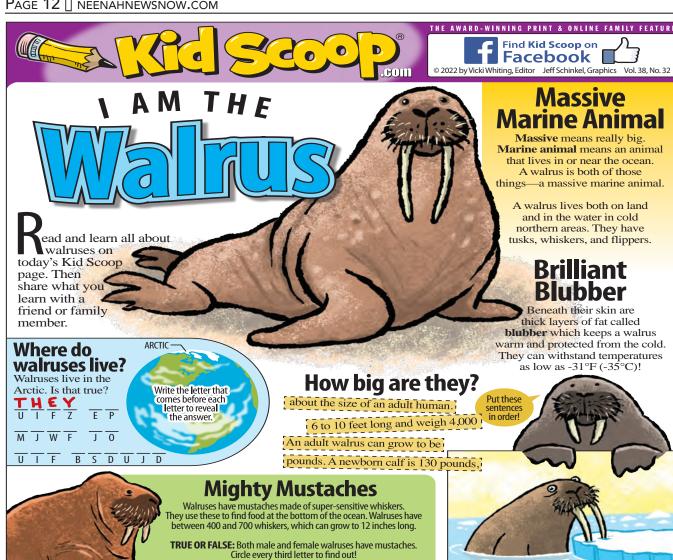
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Extra! Extra! Big, Large,

MASSIVE

Look through the newspaper for something that is big. Cut it out, paste it on a piece of paper and write the word **BIG** next to it. Next find something bigger, cut it out, paste it on your paper and label it LARGE. Then find something even bigger, cut it out and paste it on your paper and label it MASSIVE. Standards Link: Language Arts: Use comparative synonyms.

Deep Sleep Fill in the missing words!

BCTJSRLYUDGE

or land, walruses have special pouches on their throats _ with air like pillows! that they can Once their pouches are full of air, | WARM | heads on the surface of the water

Walruses live in **herds** that can have thousands of members. They

and their bodies hanging



Tremendous Tusks

Wow! Here are some wild statements about walrus tusks. Are they true? Each one that adds up to an even number is true!

Walruses have long, large tusks that are actually teeth. These can be over 90cm long! That's nearly 3 feet!
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
13 + 13 + 6 =

Both male and female walruses grow long tusks, which help them live the Arctic life.

TRUE FALSE

9+4+3=

Walruses use their tusks like poles, digging them into sand, snow and ice to help them pull their enormous bodies out of the ocean!

8 + 15 + 9 =

Tusks help the walrus chop through ice from under the water to create breathing holes so they can catch a breath while swimming and hunting.

□TRUE □FALSE 7+2+6+9=

Double Double **COOP Puzzler Word Search** What does a walrus eat?

Walruses find and eat shellfish like clams from the sea floor. They also enjoy sea cucumbers and mussels. Adults will sometimes hunt fish. How many clams do you see here?

MUSTACHE WHISKERS **FLIPPERS** MASSIVE **BLUBBER PILLOWS** WALRUS ARCTIC **MARINE** TUSK **HOLES** WATER COLD **CALF** TRUE

SLEEP

DOWN

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.

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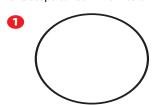


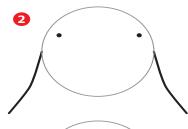
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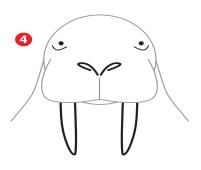
Draw a Wairus

Follow the steps to learn how to draw a walrus.

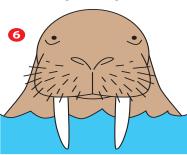












Hold this page up to a mirror to discover another walrus fact!

It's true: Walruses can live to be about 40 years old.

Ocean Sounds

Find five to ten words to describe the sounds of ocean waves. Write a paragraph using these adjectives.

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