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Lead line overhaul reviewed by council

Replacement program includes sewer pipes

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

With a goal of replacing all lead water pipes in Neenah, the Common Council held a public hearing last week to discuss the replacement of the water pipes and sanitary sewer laterals at homes on select streets.

The use of lead pipes was banned na-

tionally in 1986 after it was found that the lead leaches into drinking water, which causes serious health problems, particularly for children and pregnant women. Many lead pipes installed before the ban took effect are still in use.

In Wisconsin, there are 173,052 utility-owned lead service lines and 150,069 private lead service lines owned and maintained by homeowners, according to 2020 Public Service Commission data. For an additional 66,526 utility and 50,038 private lines it remains undetermined if they

may contain lead.

Water Utility director Tony Mach said when Neenah was built, all of the pipes used were lead and nearly all homes built before 1960 have lead pipes. There are about 2,300 utility-owned lead service lines and about 3,450 private lead service lines in the city, which have all been identified.

“We know where they are because we have spent a lot of years trying to locate and

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Neenah News photo by Bethanie Gengler

Melody Wienandt's mural behind the Brehmer Law building is one of a variety of outdoor artworks in the downtown area.

Mural efforts add to city's outdoor visuals

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A new mural has been added downtown by recent Neenah High School graduate Melody Wienandt, joining several existing wall paintings and another planned mural in the city.

The mural can be found on the back of the Brehmer Law building at 117 W. Wisconsin Ave. It depicts several local land-

marks including the bridge and cabin at Doty Park, Kimberly Point Lighthouse and the former city hall clock tower, among the backdrop of a lake with a bright sunset burst of color in the sky.

Wienandt, 19, is the daughter of Brehmer Law director of firm operations Amanda Rosenbeck, who said the law office was looking to add some character to their back patio.

“This was a great opportunity to support local artists – obviously something that’s very important to me personally – while paying tribute to downtown Neenah,” she said.

The mural took between 60 and 90 hours to complete and was painted in June and July, taking longer than anticipated due to

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Recovery specialists promote a healthy balance

Solutions Recovery one of groups that help

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

While starting the conversation with others is key to understanding the effects of substance use in the community, there are resources and professionals equipped to be active in that recovery process.

One local organization is Solutions Recovery Inc., where the primary focus is assisting those struggling with substance use through Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) or Narcotics Anonymous (NA) group sessions, sober living initiatives, its recovery club and community outreach.

Molly Farady-Sultze, SRI’s navigator program coordinator and a person in long-term recovery herself, has been in social work for most of her professional career. In

her role, she provides clients with knowledge on where they can get into treatment.

She and her husband entered recovery in 1992 and maintained sobriety for a while. But a back injury caused a relapse after being prescribed with narcotics in 2016.

“My dealers weren’t on the street – they were doctors,” Molly said. “This is a disease you can’t cure. I have to work on it every day, I have to look at it and I have to surrender to it every single day. The more people talk about

it – the more education we can provide – more people are going to be willing to speak up.”

Even though she’s been in recovery again for six years, she said she still learns something with every new client.

“I think places like (SRI) help lift the stigma and humanize this disease. There seems to not be quite that sharp edge (as



Farady-Sultze



Photo from Pexels

Group discussion is a common method for allowing people to talk about their recovery journey.

there was a long time ago). I think society is beginning to look at this as a disease. There are different facets of addiction that still need to be shown.”

Solutions Recovery has a group specifically for parents to talk through their child’s use, which Molly emphasized will help them know they are not a bad parent. The

group, called “The Mamas and the Papas,” is held every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Solutions Recovery building, 621 Evans St.

“It’s a 12-step-based program to help them look at the disease and not the child,”

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City looks to fill mix of staff openings

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Several positions in the city of Neenah remain vacant while one employee was promoted at a recent Common Council meeting.

Last week, Public Works Superintendent Greg Radtke introduced Trevor Griesbach to the council as the new assistant public works superintendent. Griesbach has been employed by the city since 2015 as a sanitation engineer.

“He’s got a lot to learn but he’s got a lot of operational knowledge and I’m looking forward to the next couple of years,” Radtke said.

The assistant public works superintendent is responsible for coordinating and supervising the collection of curbside items and supervising street, storm sewer and sanitary sewer maintenance and repair. The position also supervises the street department’s forestry crew.

Griesbach addressed the council at the meeting and said he’s looking forward to learning more in his new position.

Other open city positions include treasury support specialist, director of human resources and safety, director of finance, assistant librarian, assistant library custodian, streets crew person, police community service aide, crossing guard and sea-

sonal parks technician assistant.

The city attorney position is also vacant after the abrupt departure of Adam Westbrook, who resigned last month. Human Resources & Safety assistant Marcia Anderson said the city is going through the interview process to fill that position.

A report from the Wisconsin Policy Forum indicates that in 2021 Wisconsin’s state and local governments and school districts had about 277,800 full-time employees, the lowest it has been in two decades.

The report indicates the average pay for Wisconsin workers also declined in comparison with other states.

Future Neenah director position opens with Wylie departure

Neenah News

Future Neenah is searching for a new director after the departure of Sarah Wylie last month.

Wylie started in the executive director position in January, replacing Nikki Hessel who was hired in late 2018. Wylie was the eighth person to hold the executive director position since the organization was established in 1983.

Future Neenah is a nonprofit organization funded by community donations that focuses on economic development, community partnerships and events in the Neenah area.

The executive director oversees hiring qualified staff, establishing employment and administrative policies and project management. The director is also responsible for maintaining the fiscal integrity of the organization including the annual audit, budget and monthly financial state-



Neenah News

Future Neenah has been promoting economic development in the area since 1983.

ments, according to the job listing.

The salary for the position is between \$60,000 and \$70,000 per year.

“Future Neenah’s executive director is the creative driving force behind the or-

ganizational vision as it impacts our community, creating opportunities for project collaboration and engaging our community’s participation in Future Neenah’s mission,” according to the job listing.

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Lifeguard Lola Levin and Neenah Police Officer Nate Franzke hold certificates of recognition for their lifesaving efforts at Erb Pool in Appleton.

City officer part of lifesaving effort at pool

Neenah News

An off-duty Neenah police officer is among those credited for saving a child's life at Erb Pool in Appleton last month.

On July 16, Lola Levin, 15, was lifeguarding at Erb Pool when she found an unresponsive child at the base of a slide. She pulled the child out of the water and began performing lifesaving efforts. She was aided by good Samaritans Michelle Biese of De Pere and Nate Franzke of Fox Crossing, a Neenah police officer who was visiting the pool while off-duty.

The child was resuscitated and transported to the hospital. She is expected to

make a full recovery.

In a statement to Appleton Parks and Recreation, Franzke said that if it was not for Levin's awareness and response, he believes the child would have been in the water longer, which would have made lifesaving efforts more difficult.

Last week, Appleton Mayor Jake Woodford presented Levin with a mayoral commendation and presented Franzke, Biese and pool staff with certificates of recognition for their response.

Appleton Parks and Recreation posted on social media that they are proud of their staff and the efforts of all involved.

Community Foundation heralds recipients of Nelson Family grants

The Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region is awarding more than \$6.24 million in grants to 32 non-profits throughout northeastern Wisconsin from the David L. and Rita E. Nelson Family Fund.

Among the grants to organizations serving the area:

- United Way Fox Cities, \$25,000 to support the Diaper Bank Rebuild campaign. The Diaper Bank distributes diapers to low-income families in the Fox Cities. The upgrade to their facility allows for increased capacity. Imagine Fox Cities, \$20,000 to support the Community Visioning Initiative's goal to "advance the well-being of our place and the well-being of our people."

- Fox Valley Memory Project, \$40,000 to support a Federal Administration for Community Living grant match opportunity to Mindworks, a facilitated three-hour class for people in early to midstage dementia. The grant also creates two new programs: Memory Link, serving people struggling with dementia and their caregivers; and Aging and Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD), serving individuals at the intersection of IDD and dementia, in partnership with SOAR Fox Cities.

- Tri-County Dental, \$46,510 to support the purchase of digital dental scanners, which allows the volunteer-based dental clinic to serve low-income patients who have had teeth extracted. The staff can scan the patients' mouths and provide dentures or bridges.

- Fox Valley Pop Warner Football, \$125,000 to support building an ADA-compliant, accessible athletic field with a stable, firm, and slip-resistant synthetic surface for the Challenger League, a flag-football pro-

gram for children with disabilities.

- Community Holiday Meal Fund within the Community Foundation, \$40,000 to provide resources to local organizations to cover funding gaps in their meal service programs so holiday meals will be available.

- African Heritage Inc., \$75,000 over three years to support its Academy of Black Excellence program (ABLE), serving Black students and their families by providing access to tutoring, mentoring, and advocacy.

- Belgian Heritage Center, \$8,250 to preserve and help students learn the highly endangered Walloon language, which originated in southern Belgium. About 15,000 Belgians arrived in Northeast Wisconsin between 1851 and 1859, creating the highest concentration of Belgian immigrants in the country.

The fund has provided more than \$21 million in grants since its creation four years ago.

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Singer joins Memory Project cause with a concert

Greer back home to lead Riverside performance

By Dan Roherty
NEENAH NEWS

Milwaukee-based singer B.D. Greer will be featured in an Aug. 20 performance in support of the Fox Valley Memory Project at Riverside Park, which will also be a return home to family and friends.

Greer moved back to Wisconsin three years ago after 21 years in New York City, where she went straight from Neenah High School specializing in musical theater. Her vocal focus changed over time toward interpreting jazz, blues, R&B and soul classics, listing among her music influences Etta James, Peggy Lee, Sarah Vaughan, Aretha Franklin and Gladys Knight.

"I never really focused on jazz and blues when I was younger although my father kept telling me repeatedly I should, but that didn't come in until later because you never really listen to your parents," she said.

An opportunity to perform back home and support an important cause is bringing her back to where she started. With the encouragement of her former high school swim coach Mike Schuelke, who stays in touch with Greer and her family and shares her interest in Alzheimer's disease awareness, the concert idea came together.

With Greer and her family now back in Wisconsin, where she is head concierge at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, Schuelke called on her promise to present a concert in Neenah.

"He used to have me sing the national anthem when I was a swimmer on his team, so he's always been the biggest supporter in the world of my career," Greer said.

Her mother Beth Davis had worked for Community First Credit Union, one of the event sponsors, before her retirement and was able to make some connections through her community involvement.

Greer will be joined by guitarist Keith Scanlon, bassist Adrien Schweitzer and pianist/drummer Zach Harmon, one of her band collaborators on Milwaukee performances where you can otherwise hear her. The Music for Memories event is from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at Riverside.

"I definitely have a good core group up there," she said. Area bassist Andy Mertens joins her and Harmon at some Milwaukee performances.

When she left for New York City at age 18 to pursue musical theater, Greer attended American Musical Dramatic Academy, a two-year conservatory program, to continue her early passion with Attic and Riverside theater companies, noting UW Oshkosh Fox Cities theater director Susan Rabideau as one of many area mentors.

"I was just straight on musical theater – national tours, touring regional houses – and then I got more into just (being a) vocalist when I realized that my passion was really more working with musicians and just creating music that way," she recalled.

Other New York singing experiences, such as the rock and blues musical revue, Smokey Joe's Cafe and a USO tour around the country with four other performers, is where the popular-music bug took hold.

"The years of all my love for different



Photo from B.D. Greer

B.D. and the Gents take the stage at Riverside Park for an Alzheimer's disease awareness event on Saturday, Aug. 20.

music is now being showcased, which is really cool," she said.

"I'm very, very fortunate that my parents have always really enriched me in classic rock and '50s, '60s, '70s – even with the jazz and blues."

She will always credit the Neenah community for being supportive of her singing and looks forward to bringing it back home for a purpose.

"If you're going to do something for such a great cause, I think we need to rally our community instead of it just being word of mouth," Greer said. "I feel it's going to be a great, great day to celebrate and focus on awareness of what Alzheimer's is."

The 4 p.m. concert is free but the Alzheimer's Association fundraiser will be accepting donations while providing information and resources.

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August marks national focus on overall water quality

By Merrie Schamberger
FOR THE NEENAH NEWS

Living in Neenah, we have an abundance of lakes and rivers for our use. To help improve the quality of the water so we all can enjoy it, here are some suggestions as we mark National Water Quality Month in August:

- Clean up pet waste from the street, sidewalk or parkway. It should not go into the storm drain as it may contain diseases or parasites that can spread to humans. Pet waste also contains nitrogen and phosphorus which can increase algae growth. The water that enters a storm drain does not get treated and has the potential of contaminating entire bodies of water if we treat it like a dump.

The best way to dispose of pet waste is to flush it down the toilet as this water does get treated to remove most pollutants before the water reaches the

Project Heat's ON set for low-income homeowners

The 30th annual Project Heat's ON will be held Sept. 17 focused on low-income homeowners. The one-day free event is sponsored by Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 400 volunteers, with assistance from the Mechanical Contractors Association of North Central Wisconsin and Volunteer Fox Cities.

The all-volunteer effort, supported by a grant from WE Energies Foundation, provides free home inspections for homeowners in northeast Wisconsin, including northern Winnebago and Outagamie counties. Service includes inspection and repair of heating systems, changing filters, checking smoke alarms and replacing

lake or river. You could also bury it in your yard by digging a hole at least 5 inches deep. Make sure it is far enough away from any vegetable gardens, wells, rivers or lakes. The waste can also go in the trash if local ordinances allow for it.

- Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in your driveway. Or you can wash your car on your lawn, that way the soapy water will infiltrate the soil rather than running off into the storm drain. Phosphorus from detergents contributes to the over-fertilization of lakes, increasing weed and algae growth.

- Use a broom instead of a leaf blower or hose to clean sidewalks. Keep sediment and debris out of our waterways by sweeping fertilizer, soil and other debris from sidewalks instead of blowing or hosing them into the street. The more grass clippings and leaves that enter the storm drain, the worse the algae

alarms or batteries.

UA 400 volunteers use trucks and tools furnished by the Mechanical Contractors Association.

Homeowners ages 60 and older who receive an income near the poverty level or under age 60 and have a disability may request an application by contacting Jan at Volunteer Fox Cities at 920-832-9360 or rsvp@volunteerfoxcities.org. Completed applications are due to Volunteer Fox Cities by Aug. 22.

Homeowners will be notified by mail if they have been accepted and must be at the residence Sept. 17 during the day of the service.

and weed problem will be. It might take a bit longer but it's good exercise.

- Test your soil before you add fertilizer to your lawn. You may be paying for expensive lawn care when it is not needed. Any fertilizer not utilized by your lawn can wash off into lakes and rivers.

- Compost yard waste to keep leaves and other debris out of the street and storm drains. You can make a natural fertilizer for your lawn and garden by composting food scraps (no proteins or fats), leaves, grass clippings and a bit of water if needed. The resulting "compost" is rich in organic matter.


- Redirect your downspout or collect rain in a rain barrel. By minimizing the

amount of water that runs across your driveway or sidewalk you are limiting the number of contaminants it picks up along the way.

- Plant buffers if you live along a shoreline. The vegetation helps to hold soil in place and keeps it from washing into the lakes and streams. Clearer water is better for fish and people. There are even programs that can help pay for the buffer installation.

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Merrie Schamberger is a member of the city's Sustainable Neenah Committee.



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Candidates set for 19th Senate District seat

Neenah News

55th Assembly District Rep. Rachael Cabral-Guevara defeated business owner Andrew Thomsen in the Republican primary Tuesday and will face Democratic candidate Kristin Alfheim for the 19th Senate District seat.

Cabral-Guevara and Alfheim, a member of Appleton's Common Council, will

challenge for the legislative seat vacated by state Sen. Roger Roth, who won the Republican primary for lieutenant governor and will face Democrat Sara Rodriguez.

The 19th Senate district includes Neenah, Fox Crossing, Grand Chute, Greenville, most of Appleton and western Menasha.

Lead pipes

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identify where the service lines are," he said, adding that Water Utility has already completed a lead service line inventory, a new requirement that water systems throughout the country must be completed by 2024.

Residents who are unsure if their water line is lead can contact the utility for more information. Mach said people can also check the pipe themselves using a metal tool or coin to scratch the surface of the pipe. If the pipe is easy to scratch and the scratched area is a shiny gray color, the pipe is made of lead.

In 2020, Neenah passed an ordinance that requires homeowners to replace private water service lines containing lead or galvanized pipe during water main or service line reconstruction, at the homeowner's expense.

Mach secured \$1 million in funding for 2022 from the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, administered by the Department of Natural Resources, to replace the pipes on portions of Hunt Avenue, Madison Street, Nicolet Boulevard, Reddin Avenue and Zemlock Avenue. Property owners are reimbursed up to \$4,000 for the cost of the replacement.

Along with the lead pipe replacement is

the installation of sanitary sewer laterals. The cost of the sewer lateral replacement is estimated to be about \$4,000 per home and the homeowner will be responsible for paying half of that. The city offers a low-interest loan program to cover the cost, currently 3% interest over five years.

Mach said existing sewer laterals are in poor shape, are shifting, have root issues or are made of clay that is breaking down. Installing new sewer laterals along with the replacement of the lead pipes solves two issues with one contract, he said.

Director of Public Works Gerry Kaiser said at the meeting that the streets chosen for lead pipe and sewer lateral replacement previously had sewer mains and water mains replaced and during that replacement the laterals were stubbed out, a process used to prepare pipes for future use. The benefit of replacing lead pipes and laterals in those areas is that the lines are no longer in roadways and would not require the city to tear up the roads for replacement.

"With Director Mach securing the funding on the water side we looked at what streets it made sense for us to tackle without seriously impacting street work or adding more utility replacement work, and so we identified these streets as streets that the laterals could be completed since they were partway there already," he said.



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Calendar of events

Friday, Aug. 12

Friday Family Fun, 6 p.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Saturday, Aug. 13

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
 Glass Arts Festival, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass
 Furry Flurry Walk for Pets, 8:30 a.m., Riverside Park
 Brennard Airport aviation event, 9

a.m., 3282 Breezewood Lane

Sunday, Aug. 14

Huntington's Disease Society of America Team Hope Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Riverside Park
 Sunday Music with Norah Lee, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Tuesday, Aug. 16

Neenah Community Band concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Thursday, Aug. 18

Future Neenah Out to Lunch with Elvis John, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park
 Pattie Shack Music Series with Tommy Winch, 6 p.m., Ground Round
 "Primordial Shift" author Michael Meilahn talk and exhibition book signing, 6 p.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Saturday, Aug. 20

Future Neenah Farmers Market (Kids' Day), 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
 History's Mysteries, 10 a.m., Shattuck Park
 Art Mercantile, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee
 Music for Memories concert featuring B.D. and the Gents, 4 p.m., Riverside Park

Sunday, Aug. 21

Sunday Music with Love, Light & Harmony, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Tuesday, Aug. 23

Neenah Community Band concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Wednesday, Aug. 24

Boogie Downtown with Boogie and the Yoyo'z, 6 p.m., downtown Neenah

Brennard Airport aviation event set

Recreational aviation will be celebrated Saturday at Brennard Airport at 3282 Breezewood Lane with a free family event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The annual fundraiser supports EAA Chapter 41 and the Fox Cities Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

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Rockets aim to continue WIAA playoff routine

By Dustin Riese
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Making the WIAA playoffs has become part of the season's routine for the Neenah High School football program.

For the past seven seasons, the Rockets have advanced to the postseason each time and posted at least one playoff win five times.

Entering the 2022 campaign – which kicks off next Thursday at De Pere – the Rockets seem poised to break out of that pattern and have their sights on making more noise than usual when playoff football hits.

Football PREVIEW
In order to reach those heights, though, head coach Steve Jung preaches to his team the importance of taking care of business on a day-in, day-out basis.

“Our focus is to better ourselves daily,” Jung said. “Of course, competing for a conference championship and making the playoffs are always their goals. But our expectations of our athletes at every practice or weight-room session is to build brotherhood, embrace failure and give 100 percent effort no matter the circumstance.”

Leading the way for the Rockets this season will be talented senior Jase Jenkins, a two-way all-conference honoree last season. At running back, Jenkins rushed for more than 1,200 yards and eight touchdowns, while also catching 17 passes – which ranked second on the team.

As an outside linebacker, Jenkins

ranked third on the team in tackles, while posting eight tackles-for-loss, one sack and an interception.

Two other returnees garnered all-Fox Valley Association recognition after last season. Junior Nate Cleveland was a second-team honoree on the offensive line and senior tight end Trevor McGinnis, who earned honorable mention honors. McGinnis is projected to make the move to quarterback this season for the Rockets.



Jung

The team's leading receiver from a year ago, Jackson Schlozman, also returns, while other returners on the offensive side of the ball include receivers Ethan Snider and Coy Rajotte and running back Jack Zemlock.

Jenkins is the top returning tackler from last season and will help anchor the defense along with senior linebacker Darius Jones Jr. and cornerback Rajotte, who each earned honorable mention all-conference honors a year ago. Jones tied for the team lead in both tackles-for-loss and sacks last season.

Also returning on defense will be defensive lineman Blake Dietzen, defensive end Eric Schaufelberger and safety Grant Dean.

“We, as coaches, need to keep it simple, stay healthy, and demand excellence everyday,” Jung said. “That process helps develop our leaders so that we become a player led team that trusts each other

both on the field and off the field. Once you have that trust, success becomes second nature.”

For the Rockets to continue being a playoff team and being competitive in the ultra-competitive FVA, a lot of things need to go right.

“All the schools in the FVA have very good coaching staffs and middle school football programs,” Jung said. “We all work hard at developing our athletes physically and mentally year around.”

Following the opener, the Rockets will host rival Menasha before opening up Fox Valley Association play at Oshkosh West.

SMC eyes last hurrah in 8-player football

The St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian co-op football team had a season to remember in 2021.

The Zephyrs posted their first unbeaten season since the 1950s and earned their first conference title since the 1960s. Now, the program looks to tack on one more memorable year of 8-player football before hopefully making the jump back to the 11-player version in 2023.

“Our goal is to compete each week, just like we did last year, and come away with a victory each time we step on the field,” head coach Josh Young said. “Our expectations are to repeat as conference champions. We also expect to have some of the top players in the area as well as the state and with that garner some more conference, regional and all state recognition.”

According to Young, the program will play 11-player football at the junior varsity level this season to help with the transition into the 2023 season, but the program will once again play 8-player football at the varsity level.

Leading the list of returning players for the Zephyrs is quarterback Danny Griffith, who threw for nearly 1,900 yards and 31 touchdowns last season, with just three interceptions. The first-team all-conference selection also averaged nearly five yards per carry.

Griffith is the lone returning first-team all-conference selection, but the Zephyrs had a number of other players to be recognized by the league.

Senior offensive lineman Nick Berg, senior defensive lineman Sam Todd and senior linebacker Owen Swanstrom each earned second-team honors, while senior wide receiver Atticus Johnson, sophomore defensive end Dan Harness and junior linebacker John Schultz were all honorable mention.

Young also expects contributions from returning players Connor Riehl on the defensive line, Dane Anderson on the offensive line as well as running back Ashton Post.

Newcomers that Young expects to help the squad include offensive lineman John Romnek, wide receiver Dylan Dwyer and safety Charlie Nackers.

“Our big point last year was getting the kids to believe in themselves and their talents,” Young said. “We’ll stress that again as a program this season, but

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Friday, Aug. 26, 2022	7:00 PM	Belmont	St. Mary Catholic High School, Zephyr Field	Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022	7:00 PM	Away vs. De Pere	De Pere High School
Friday, Sep. 2, 2022	7:00 PM	Away vs. Kickapoo	Kickapoo High School	Friday, Aug. 26, 2022	7:00 PM	Menasha	Neenah High School, Rocket Stadium
Saturday, Sep. 10, 2022	1:00 PM	Away vs. Wonewoc Center/Weston	Weston High School	Friday, Sep. 2, 2022	7:00 PM	Away vs. Oshkosh West	Titan Stadium
Friday, Sep. 16, 2022	7:00 PM	Away vs. Oakfield MS/HS	Oakfield Village Park	Friday, Sep. 9, 2022	7:00 PM	Fond du Lac	Neenah High School
Friday, Sep. 23, 2022	7:00 PM	Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah	St. Mary Catholic High School Zephyr Field	Friday, Sep. 16, 2022	7:00 PM	Appleton North	Neenah High School
Friday, Sep. 30, 2022	7:00 PM	Away vs. Menominee (MI)	Menominee High School (MI)	Friday, Sep. 23, 2022	5:00 PM	Away vs. Oshkosh North	Titan Stadium
Friday, Oct. 7, 2022	7:00 PM	Abundant Life Christian	St. Mary Catholic High School Zephyr Field	Friday, Sep. 30, 2022	7:00 PM	Kaukauna	Neenah High School
Friday, Oct. 14, 2022	7:00 PM	Away vs. Williams Bay	Williams Bay High School	Friday, Oct. 7, 2022	7:00 PM	Away vs. Kimberly	Papermaker Stadium
Friday, Oct. 21, 2022	7:00 PM	Wisconsin Heights MS/HS	St. Mary Catholic High School Zephyr Field	Friday, Oct. 14, 2022	7:00 PM	Away vs. Appleton East	Appleton East High School
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				Friday, Oct. 28, 2022	TBD	Away vs. Multiple Schools	
				Friday, Nov. 4, 2022	TBD	Away vs. Multiple Schools	
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Parks and Rec tennis tourney winners

Neenah News

Neenah Parks and Recreation summer tennis tournaments concluded last week under the direction of coach Tom Berven. Judd Stevenson defeated Mike Carroll to win the men's round robin singles tournament July 11 while Denis Johnson and Mike Carroll were the winners of the men's doubles tournament July 18 in a default win over Theo Kotchen and Cooper Moss.

Other tournament winners were:

Boys

- 10 and under: Andrew Lips
- 12 and under: Charlie Perry
- 12 and under doubles: Charlie Perry/
Eric Hein
- 14 and under: Hunter Brown

- 14 and under doubles: Nicky Zenzick/
Charlie Perry
- 16 and under: Nicky Zenzick
- 16 and under doubles: Harry Tanger/
Joe Schultz

Girls

- 10 and under: Addie Auth
- 12 and under: Rachel Thomas
- 12 and under doubles: Paige Vickman/
Rachel Thomas
- 14 and under: Rebekah Thomas
- 14 and under doubles: Ella Motto/
Ava Motto
- 16 and under: Rebekah Thomas
- 16 and under doubles: Jillian Kennedy/
Ellie Grace Zickler
- Mixed doubles: Maddie Deharsh/
Zack Bitter

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we also want them to work on being first in everything they do — from the classroom, to practices, drills, warmups, team periods and game time. If we can find success in hammering home those points, I have no doubt we'll be competitive and give ourselves an opportunity to repeat as conference champions."

One thing new for the Zephyrs this year will be its conference lineup.

The nine-team Southern Conference the team was in last year has been split

into two divisions this season, with St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian assigned to the Southern East along with Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, Oakfield, Williams Bay and Madison Abundant Life/St. Ambrose.

"In order to win our conference championship, we'll need to come out and compete each and every week," said Young, whose team hosts Belmont on Aug. 26 in its opener. "With our kids being in the program now for a full season, they know what's expected of them from our staff and also know what they need to do to be successful in conference play."

Outdoor art

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a week-long setback when Wienandt dislocated her thumb.

Wienandt is a self-taught artist who became passionate about art while she was a sophomore in high school. She joined the art team and took Advanced Placement classes that helped refine her skills. Her art studio is in the basement of her family home where she said she would often put a bed sheet on the cement floor and paint on top of it. Wienandt's basement art studio has since been upgraded to include a desk.

This fall, Wienandt will be heading off to Denison University, a liberal arts college in Granville, Ohio, where she will major in studio art with a minor in creative writing. Her interest in writing stems from a desire to create sequential art, a type of graphic storytelling used in comics and graphic novels.

Wienandt's interest in sequential art shines through in the mural she painted, which is based on a sketch she designed by looking at pictures of Neenah and choosing landmarks to incorporate. A photo of downtown Neenah with an orange sunset sky is the inspiration behind the color palette.

"I had a few people walk up while I was working on it and said it looked really nice and someone said the community was fortunate to have it painted," she said. "I just wanted it to represent Neenah."

Another mural representing Neenah is painted on the side of Pappa's Cafe at 1360 S. Commercial St. titled "Cityscape," it depicts a silhouette of the city at night with the moon in the sky. It was painted by Jodie

Naze of Freedom during the Bazaar After Dark: Neenah last year.

A sculptural mural designed and created by Neenah High School students that focuses on youth mental health was installed in the school in 2021. Neenah students are also responsible for creating a mural depicting the four seasons that's on the side of the Washington Park shelter. That mural was painted during the Greater Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity 2018 Rock the Block.

In 2019, four murals were painted on the back of the shelter at Washington Park depicting a painted turtle near ThedaCare Regional Medical Center, a pelican near downtown Neenah, a monarch butterfly near Doty Cabin and a walleye near Kimberly Point Park Lighthouse. The murals were painted by Neenah resident Ben Erickson, with the help of friends and family, before the grand reopening of Washington Park.

Other city murals include a tree painted on the Neenah Club building and a gaming themed mural on the wall inside Youth Go's game room, both located on Nicolet Boulevard.

Residents will soon have another mural to look forward to that will be visible from The Plaza at Gateway Park. An apartment complex is being constructed next door by Tadych Investment Partners of De Pere. Once development is completed next year, Appleton artist Kat Gotlieb will be installing a mural on the wall facing the plaza.

Rosenbeck said the community has been supportive of the new downtown mural.

"The feedback we've received has been great," she said. "We didn't anticipate the exposure that we've received but are very happy that people are enjoying the artwork."

Young Professionals nominees sought for annual event

The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce and its Pulse Young Professionals Network will be selecting the 12th annual class of Fox Cities Future 15 Young Professionals and Young Professional of the Year with nominations open through Aug. 26.

These awards recognize young professionals, ages 40 and under, who live or work

in Outagamie, Calumet and northern Winnebago counties and excel professionally while also giving back to the community. Those nominated will be asked to submit an application. Completed applications will be advanced for award consideration to a selection committee made up of past Future 15 award recipients and business leaders.

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Obituaries

Albert M. Christl

Albert M. Christl, age 88, passed away on Friday August 5, 2022. Al was born on July 15, 1934 in Oshkosh son of the late Albert J. and Hattie (Patzel) Christl. He married Barbara Egner on October 15, 1955. Al worked at Gilbert Paper Co. in Menasha for many years until retirement. Al was a huge EAA enthusiast and enjoyed many years of working and volunteering there after retirement. He is survived by his wife Barbara, a daughter Donna Diener (fiance Mathew Denkins), and grandchildren, Kayla Dreier and John Diener.

Al was preceded in death by a daughter Diane Christl. Private funeral services were held with entombment at Lakeview Memorial Park, Oshkosh.

The family would like to thank the staff in the I.C.U. at Aurora Medical Center especially Jenn, for all the wonderful care given to Al.

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Be Courageous

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Molly said.

SRI also has a 24-hour hotline at 920-233-0888 where people can talk with recovery coaches.

Erik Smiltneek has been certified in family and addiction medicine for about a decade. He works directly with patients in or seeking recovery by providing them medication that aids with treatment and their recovery journey.

Typically someone identifies first that there's a problem, whether it be that they overdosed and went to the ER, had their own realization or a family member spoke up, at which point they get referred to Smiltneek.

"The referrals to me are usually people who are looking for medications to help with either the management of withdrawal symptoms or relapse prevention," Smiltneek explained.

There are other referrals where the person may be still using but are seeking ways to stop or use more safely.

"We get to know a lot of what the different dimensions are of their issues and work on how we solve those," he said. "If people are working through (other recovery) programs and it seems they're faltering, that may be a time where addiction medicine might help. I've seen people working virtually perfect programs but are still struggling. I think it's just how the brain is set up."

Treatment with Smiltneek can last anywhere from a few weeks to several years, depending on the circumstances. If someone gets stuck in a situation where relapse is more likely, the medications he provides may be significantly beneficial for that long period of time, potentially indefinitely.

"The idea is to make it so that the recovery process is not intrusive in your life but a strong one," Smiltneek added. "Talk to people about what you're worried about and what's going on. Talk to someone who you love and trust."

Kathleen Mueske of the Campus Lutheran Ministry at the University of Wisconsin

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Oshkosh is actively working to bring certified peer support specialists to campus for students seeking recovery through the national Peer Recovery Movement.

Peer recovery specialists may be students going into helping careers or professions and interested in the path of substance use recovery, she explained.

"We want to take a look at (lived experiences) and help the person determine how they want to live their life and make choices, what their lifestyle is going to look like and how to follow those guidelines," Mueske said. "When you have peers working with peers, it's a good resource to learn about boundaries and making positive, healthy choices for themselves."

Mueske said these peer specialists are quite supportive in addition to counseling and 12-step programs because they allow a connection at a personal level.

"You just have to have the desire to get clean. There's always a chance to start over," Farady-Sultze said.

For more information about the Peer Recovery Movement, visit wicps.org. For those who may be interested in pursuing a career in addiction medicine, contact Smiltneek at eric.smiltneek@aah.org. For more information about Solutions Recovery, visit sri-wi.org. Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous groups can be found at aa.org or na.org.

County reports first monkeypox case

The Winnebago County Health Department on Monday confirmed the first case of monkeypox in a county resident. The individual is currently in isolation and working with the health department to identify anyone who may have been exposed to the virus.

"While the risk to the public remains low at this time, it's important for everyone to know the symptoms and seek medical care if exposed or showing signs of monkeypox. Treatment options are available," said Doug Gieryn, county health director. "We can help prevent the outbreak from getting worse if we take the steps now to stay safe and prevent spread of the disease."

Monkeypox is not typically fatal but it can be painful and cause scarring. The disease is often characterized by new, unexplained rash and skin lesions in the genital, groin and anal regions, which might be confused with rashes caused by sexually transmitted diseases such as herpes or syphilis. Other early symptoms of monkeypox include fever, chills and swollen

lymph nodes.

The overall risk to the public remains low at this time, the health department said.

Typically, people become infected with monkeypox by having direct contact with the skin lesions, scabs or body fluids of an infected person; through prolonged face-to-face exposure to respiratory secretions or during intimate physical contact; or through touching items such as clothing that previously touched the infectious rash.

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Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



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Jacques Cousteau



Jacques Cousteau introduced people to the beauty of the undersea world.

When he was four years old, Jacques Cousteau learned to swim. Little did his family know that swimming would lead him to a life of adventure, discovery and joy.



As an adult, Cousteau transformed a navy ship into a research vessel he and his crew used to explore the world's oceans. He named it after the Greek goddess of the sea. Use the code to discover the name.

In the Navy

Replace the missing words.

CATCHING **JAR** **HOLDING** **BREATHE** **TIME** **JOINED** **UNDERWATER**

After high school, Jacques _____ the Navy. With his movie camera, he filmed pearl divers and men _____ fish with their bare hands. Soon he put his movie camera inside a waterproof _____ and filmed movies of the wonders under the sea.

The more time Jacques spent _____, the longer he wanted to stay. He and his friends practiced _____ their breath for longer and longer times.

But Jacques wanted more _____ underwater. To be able to do that, he invented something that would let him _____ underwater. He called it the Aqua-Lung. Aqua means water, and our lungs are the part of our body that breathes. The Aqua-Lung let Jacques breathe beneath the water so he could _____ for longer periods of time.

One day, while swimming at a beach, a friend gave Jacques a pair of goggles with rubber rims to keep out water. With these, Jacques was able to see fish, shells, plants—a whole new world under the sea.

Find a cup, pencil, glove and hat hidden here!

Movie Kid

Jacques loved movies. But not just to watch them. He wanted to make them. At 13 years old, Jacques saved his allowance, penny by penny, until he could buy a small home-movie camera.



Find the two identical mustaches.

Then he made as many movies as he could. He liked to dress up as a villain with a painted-on mustache.

How many fish can you count on this page while holding your breath? Have a friend try. Who held their breath the longest?

Explorer, Moviemaker, Environmentalist

As Jacques Cousteau spent longer periods of time underwater, he could make longer, more informative movies. Soon, his movies were getting attention and awards around the world. People wanted more.

He needed a boat to travel and explore bodies of water around the world. He found a used naval ship and turned it into an explorer's ship.

For the rest of his life, Jacques traveled the world, explored, studied and made films about the wonders of the underwater world.

Sadly, as time went on, Jacques saw underwater plants and animals dying. He saw that when people dumped garbage and chemicals into the ocean, it poisoned the animals and plants he loved so much.

He started to make movies to warn people of the dangers of pollution. His movies have raised money and helped people understand the importance of saving our oceans.

Explore the News

Look through your newspaper to find:

- Something that needs water.
- A place you'd like to visit someday.
- Five numbers that add up to 100.
- A picture of an animal.
- A headline that is three inches wide.

Standards Link: Read biographical text.

Standards Link: Use a variety of media including newspapers.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Jacques Cousteau's invention of the Aqua-Lung allowed more and more people to explore and enjoy the wonders of the underwater world. The Aqua-Lung would eventually be called SCUBA gear. Today, millions of people worldwide enjoy SCUBA diving.

CROSS OUT THE LETTERS Z AND Y TO REVEAL WHAT SCUBA MEANS:

ZSELYFCOZNTYAIYNEDZUNYDZERZWAYTERZBREAYTHIZNGAPZPARYATUS

S E - D
U - W
R - N
A R U S

Double Double Word Search

- ADVENTURE
- AWARDS
- BREATH
- CAMERA
- DANGERS
- DIVING
- EXPLORE
- FISH
- GOGGLES
- INVENTION
- OCEAN
- PEARL
- SCUBA
- SEA
- WONDERS

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

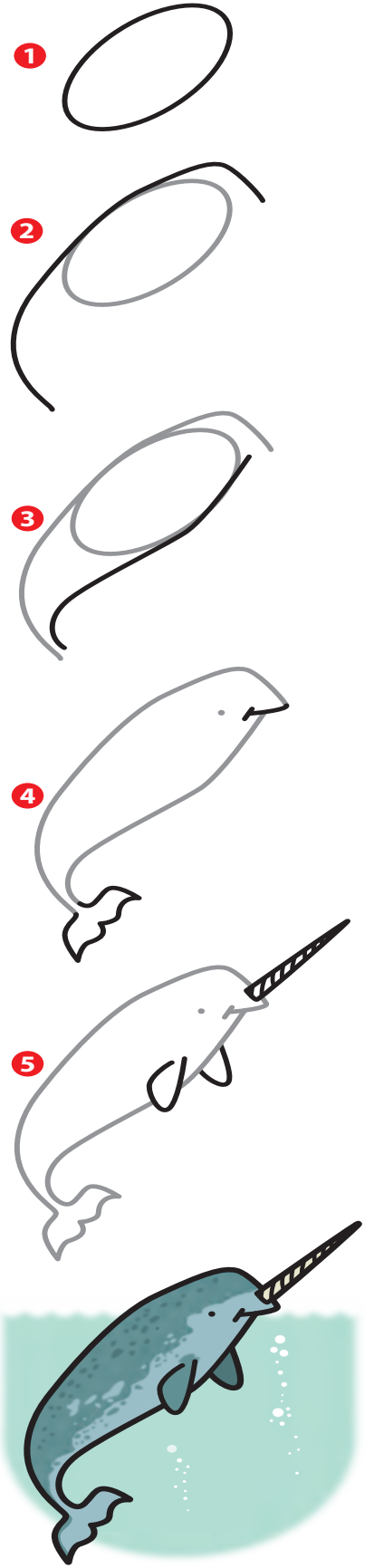
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L D F I L U O C R G
O Q S O M K S W E L
T H G N I V I D Y E
E R U T N E V D A S

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

Kid Scoop Together

How to Draw a Narwhal

Cousteau and his crew saw many unusual creatures on their voyages around the world. Follow the steps to draw a narwhal.



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