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## New city attorney begins his tenure

### Rashid brings extensive legal experience to job

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

David Rashid has been selected as the new city attorney for Neenah and started in the position this week.

Mayor Jane Lang announced Rashid's appointment at the Common Council meeting last week. He is succeeding Adam Westbrook, who resigned in July.

Rashid has a bachelor's degree in busi-

ness administration from Iowa State University and a juris doctor degree from the University of Iowa College of Law. His most recent position was as the assistant district attorney for Winnebago County, prosecuting misdemeanor- and felony-level offenses.

He spent 14 years as a private practice attorney including five years as an assistant city attorney for a mu-

nicipality in Illinois. He also operated a private law practice in Menasha for more than 11 years.

In a letter to the council, Lang said former human resources and safety director Lindsey Kehl initiated an extensive search to fill the open position and identified three qualified candidates. The candidates were then interviewed by a panel consisting of department heads, superintendents, the council president and council mem-



Rashid

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News photo by Bethanie Gengler

The annual Drool in the Pool was held at the Neenah Pool this past weekend with about 250 dogs getting the opportunity to frolic in the water before it is drained.

## Dog days of summer bring special pool day

Neenah News

Leaping labradors, splashing spaniels, diving doodles and puddle-jumping pit bulls were treated to a dog's day last weekend at Drool in the Pool, sponsored by the Neenah Parks & Recreation Department and benefiting the Neenah Animal Shelter.

Each year for the past 10 or so years the

Neenah Pool opens its doors one last day for dozens of dogs to take a dip before the pool is drained and closed for the season.

This year's Drool in the Pool was held on a Sunday, a first for the event. It attracted about 250 dogs and people during four swim sessions throughout the day, fewer than other years where attendance has reached 350, according to vice president

of the shelter board Kay Pavlik.

Pavlik said the majority of the dogs who attend Drool in the Pool are well behaved and they experience few disputes.

Board member Mary Borsecnik volunteered at Drool in the Pool to make sure the dogs didn't go into unsafe areas. She

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## Ultimate Ladies Day channels support to SANE effort

By Patti Lee  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Future Neenah is pulling out all the stops for the 2022 Ultimate Ladies Day set for Sept. 10 in support of the area's sexual assault examiner program.

The grown-up women's benefit event kicks off at the Neenah Doubletree by Hilton at 10 a.m. with a full brunch featuring a build-your-own Bloody Mary or mimosa bar, giant skewers ready to fill with choices of chicken tenders, fruits, sweets, cheeses and meats, along with Great Harvest breads.



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According to Sara Hanneman, assistant executive director of Future Neenah, this sellout event – last year attended by 275 ladies of all ages and backgrounds – features a fashion show presented by downtown merchants, lots of prizes, collection of all the givebacks,

a swag bag of coupons, gifts and trinkets, and a gift for every ultimate lady provided by Tricia's Treasures.

At about 11:30 the ladies will be released into the downtown area to enjoy those coupons with an invitation to return to the Doubletree at 2:30 for Music Bingo – a mashup of Bingo and "Name That Tune."

The fashion show features fall apparel, items that enjoy a longer season on the Wisconsin calendar. It's one of the reasons Ultimate Ladies Day migrated from springtime to September. The kids are back in school, there's no engineering around spring or Easter breaks, and it's arguably the best weather of the year.

Hanneman, who will celebrate 25 years with Future Neenah on Dec. 1, is proud of the Ultimate Ladies Day and its evolution.

"Prior to 2015 it was a day of self-care, a day to really pamper yourself and enjoy the pleasures of Neenah's downtown



Photo from Future Neenah

A fashion show featuring fall apparel from downtown merchants will be part of the Ultimate Ladies Day event set for Sept. 10.

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# County rejects pandemic funding

## Supervisors also vote against election support

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

Winnebago County will not accept grant money for communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, nor will it accept private money to run elections after Board of Supervisors decisions last week.

The Winnebago County Health Department applied for a Mobilizing Community for a Just Response Grant to support recovery initiatives for communities impacted by the pandemic and was awarded \$63,089.

Public Health Director Doug Gieryn said at the meeting that the grant funding would be used to conduct listening sessions with populations in the community who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

"It enhances our capacity to listen to the community," he said. "It's a recognition that not everybody did well during the pandemic and we can learn from listening to those that didn't do well how we can be better when we move forward, and so these funds will support our work and our community health assessment and our community health improvement program."

District 9 Supervisor Donald Nussbaum said he is opposed to the grant because it's funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"I don't trust the CDC at all and if it's not going to be specified where this money is going, I'm voting no," he said.

District 2 Supervisor Rebecca Nichols pointed out that if the grant funds aren't accepted the county will still need to complete the assessments but instead will need to use tax levy dollars.

"I think it would be fiscally responsible for us to accept the grant dollars this evening," she said.

District 13 Supervisor Steven Binder said the county executive already asked every department head to cut 4% from their budget, indicating the grant funding is needed.

"If you want to throw away \$63,000 and ask your taxpayers to foot the bill, don't vote for it, it's your choice, but I'll be supporting it," he said. "I'll take the free \$63,000 and collect the data because it's going to be collected one way or the other."

The proposal to accept the grant money failed to pass by the two-thirds majority vote required.

The board also passed a resolution prohibiting the use of donations from special interest groups, people, or other private entities for the purposes of election administration within Winnebago County. The resolution was submitted by District 28 Supervisor Nate Gustafson and District 26 Supervisor Conley Hanson.

The resolution cited the Center for Tech and Civic Life, which supplied about \$8.5 million to five Wisconsin cities and an additional \$1.6 million to more than 200 other Wisconsin municipalities during the 2020 general election in exchange for certain conditions related to election administration, according to the resolution.

County Clerk Sue Ertmer said there has never been an election where the county

accepted private funds to administer the election.

Corporation counsel Mary Anne Mueller said the prohibition is limited to Winnebago County and not the municipalities within the county. Winnebago County doesn't hold any elections at the county level and she said the county cannot dictate how the municipalities administer elections.

Gustafson said in recent years there has been a partisan push to influence elections.

"Ultimately what we're trying to instill with a resolution like this is that we'll not let partisan politics get in the way of having fair and free elections," he said.

District 4 Supervisor Paul Eisen cited a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article indicating the push to prohibit private funds from being used in elections is part of a nationwide effort by Republicans to overhaul the election process based on false claims by former President Trump that the 2020 election was fraudulent.

"This resolution has no teeth," he said. "This resolution deserves to be defeated."

The board voted 20-15 in favor of passing the resolution.

## Rat River Watershed program set

The Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) is partnering with the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) on their Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant.

The grant through the Great Lakes Commission allows the two groups to work with farmers in the Rat River Watershed to reduce sediment and phosphorus pollution entering the Winnebago System. Poor water clarity, degraded habitat and harmful algal blooms are the result.

There are several contributors that lead to these concerns such as certain agricultural practices, urban areas and point source pollution from permitted entities, among others. The grant enables Fox-Wolf and Winnebago County to begin dealing with the issues on the agricultural side of contributing factors in the watershed.

Three Champion Farmers – Larry Engel, Lydell Pethke and Dan Rieckmann – will implement conservation practices to reduce runoff with the use of cover crops, no-till and some low-disturbance manure on their properties.

Field days, outreach and other events will be shared to bring attention to the concerns and spread adoption of these practices.

During the project kickoff in July, FWFA's Winnebago Waterways Program director Korin Doering highlighted the problems, sources and strategies to reduce the nutrient and sediment loading from all sources that are contributing.

Shelia Smith, an LWCD agronomist, presented on the Rat River Watershed itself, including its characteristic, the conservation community and future of agriculture. LWCD watershed specialist Emily Dufek then introduced the grant with a project overview, partners and project goals.

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# 'MasterChef' contestant survives to reach top 10

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

Emily Hallock has advanced to the top 10 finalists in "MasterChef: Back to Win" after two close calls that nearly eliminated the Neenah native from the cooking competition.

In an episode that aired Aug. 10, the contestants completed a mystery box challenge where they are given ingredients they must use to create a gourmet Vietnamese cuisine in an hour. The dish is judged by celebrity chefs Gordon Ramsay, Aaron Sanchez and Joe Bastianich.



**Hallock**

Hallock struggled with incorporating spicy peppers into her dish, creating a Lemongrass Pork Salad with Marinated Vegetables and Shrimp Dusted Crispy Rice Chip. The judges referred to the pork as dry and said the dish was lacking strategy, placing her in the bottom three competitors.

She survived elimination from the competition when the judges chose to instead eliminate Texas chef Bri Baker.

Hallock was back among the bottom competitors in the 12th episode, which was a tag-team challenge where the contestants worked in pairs to take turns cooking three of chef Gordon Ramsay's signature dishes – Mushroom Risotto as an appetizer, Beef Wellington as a main dish and Tarte Tatin for dessert – in 90 minutes.

Hallock was paired up with Gabriel Lewis, a chef from Oklahoma. The judges criticized the dishes that Hallock and Lewis created, stating that the risotto lacked flavor, the wellington was overcooked and the pears in the dessert were hard. Hallock

and Lewis were in the bottom four competitors in the challenge. The judges elected to eliminate Lewis.

The 13th episode was aired back to back with episode 12 and featured a Grubhub challenge. The contestants were given a popular delivery dish that they were tasked with reinventing. Hallock created a burger and fries inspired steak tartare.

Although the judges did not seem impressed with her dish, Hallock was not chosen as a bottom contestant, surviving elimination and placing her among the 10 semifinalists.

The season 12 competitors are made up of the top 20 finalists from the past 11 seasons who did not win. Hallock placed 10th in "MasterChef" season 9 in 2018.

Hallock grew up in rural Neenah and learned to cook as a young child by helping her mom in the kitchen. She credits her first job working at Zuppas Cafe & Catering on South Commercial Street, starting when she was 15, as an outlet that helped her explore her creativity in the kitchen.

The Neenah High School grad obtained an anthropology degree from Lawrence University in 2012 after which she spent several years working at Commander's Palace, a renowned New Orleans restaurant that specializes in Haute Creole cuisine.

Now 31, Hallock lives in Chicago and works as a consumer insights manager.

"MasterChef" airs each Wednesday on Fox TV and the episodes are also available on Hulu.

During the 2018 competition, Hallock said the experience added to her passion for food.

"Coming from small town Neenah, Wisconsin, all the way to the top 10 of 'MasterChef' was a dream and it's something that I am going to hold onto forever," she said.

## Wine Walk returns downtown Oct. 1

Future Neenah is partnering with Nicolet National Bank for the second annual Wine Walk event from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 1, with 15 locations throughout downtown to sample wines chosen by Sante Wine Bar & Bistro.

The ticket price includes the 2-ounce wine samples, a wine bottle bag with souvenir wine glass, wine passport, water, \$5 in credit to spend downtown that day and snacks.

"Cheers to an afternoon of exploring

Neenah's downtown while treating your palate to some extraordinary wines," said assistant executive director Sara Hanneman.

The Wine Walk starts at the Future Neenah office, 135 W. Wisconsin Ave., to pick up the event package starting at 11:45 a.m.

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$15 per non-alcohol ticket and may be reserved at [www.neenah.org](http://www.neenah.org) or at the Future Neenah office. Tickets are not refundable but may be transferred.

## Mystery Walk highlights Doty Island

A weeklong Doty Island Mystery Walk will take participants through the rich history of the historic island that is shared by Neenah and Menasha.

The Neenah Historical Society and Doty Island Development Council have prepared a program with a new slate of locations running Sept. 12-18 where individuals and families have a week to check all the locations of notable places and history on a special map.

Each location will have a yard sign stating fun facts of each designated location

or item. Download the map at [dotyisland.net/about-2](http://dotyisland.net/about-2).

Some examples of the historical locations: Did you know the stone entrance columns for Roberts Resort are still standing? Do you know where the oldest tree on Doty Island is located? Where is the Time Capsule for Neenah/Menasha's 100-year anniversary celebration?

The Model Railroad Club of Neenah-Menasha, Neenah Historical Society, Menasha Historical Society and both cities helped create the program.

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# Student vaccination updates encouraged as school starts

From ThedaCare Physicians

Back-to-school time is a great time to make sure student immunizations and vaccines are up to date.

“A wellness visit or sports physical with your child’s provider before school starts is a great time to confirm he or she is up to date on all required immunizations and vaccinations,” said Dr. Amanda Kossak, family medicine specialist at ThedaCare Physicians.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin Student Immunization law requires these immunizations:

- Pre-K (ages 2-4) -- 4 diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus; 3 polio; 3 hepatitis b; 1 measles, mumps, rubella; 1 varicella (chicken pox)
- Kindergarten through grade 5 -- 4 diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus; 4 polio; 3 hepatitis b; 2 measles, mumps, rubella; 2 varicella (chicken pox)
- Grades 6-12 -- 4 diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus; 1 tdap (adolescent tetanus);

4 polio; 3 hepatitis b; 2 measles, mumps, rubella; 2 varicella (chicken pox)

Parents can confirm their child’s immunization record through their provider or via the Wisconsin Department of Human Services (DHS) Wisconsin Immunization Record, a database that tracks vaccine records.

In addition to required immunizations, which can be waived for health, religious or personal conviction reasons, other vaccines are recommended. Kossak would like parents to consider vaccinating their children with COVID-19 and flu vaccines.

“COVID-19 continues to be pandemic, so we highly recommend parents follow the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which state that children over the age of 6 months should be vaccinated against COVID-19,” she said. “Everyone over the age of 5 should also receive booster shots as recommended. In addition, anyone over the age of 6 months should receive an annual flu vaccine.”

## Schools honored for positive behaviors

Eight Neenah Joint School District schools have been rewarded for their work developing positive behaviors in schools during 2021-22 by the Wisconsin Response to Intervention Center. All eight schools are receiving the award for the fourth straight time after they were not presented in 2019-20.

Clayton, Hoover and Lakeview elementary schools were honored for the sixth time. Hoover and Lakeview earned Silver Level distinction, while Clayton earned a Bronze Level award. Shattuck Middle School, Taft and Tullar elementary

schools were chosen for the fifth straight time. Shattuck and Tullar were honored in the Silver Level, while Taft received a Bronze Level award.

Horace Mann Middle School and Spring Road Elementary were selected for the fourth straight time with Horace Mann earning a Silver Level award and Spring Road being honored at the Bronze Level.

Silver Level schools had fully implemented programs for at least two years, while Bronze Level schools have had programs implemented for at least one year.

For pre-teens, the human papillomavirus (HPV) is recommended after age 9, while college-bound students should highly consider receiving the meningococcal vaccination.

“Parents should talk with their child’s primary provider to determine which vaccines are appropriate,” Kossak said. “Immunizations and vaccinations serve

a vital purpose in keeping each of us and society as a whole safe from life-threatening or life-altering illnesses. If you have questions or concerns about a particular vaccine or immunization, talk with your provider. Beyond that, make sure your student is up to date on all health check. We hope these steps can help all students have a safe, healthy and great school year.”

## Hall of Fame banquet honors five

Tickets for the Neenah Joint School District Hall of Fame banquet Oct. 1 at Bridgewood Resort are on sale at the District Administration Building.

Those honored will be Marigen Carpenter, Pat Hawley, Tom Jensen, Dr. Susan Karamanian and George Scherck. This is the seventh year of the event and brings the number of members to 44.

Carpenter, a 1952 graduate who also taught in the district in 1978 and 1980, was Neenah’s longest-serving mayor and its first female mayor, serving for 16 years from 1982-98. She was Neenah’s first female city council president in 1981-82, while serving five years as an alderperson.

Hawley, a 1970 graduate, was most valuable player of Neenah High School’s 1970 WIAA state runner-up basketball team and still ranks seventh in school history with 830 career points. He went on to serve as the chief financial officer at ThedaCare from 1990-2007 and at Alta Resources Corp. from 2007-15.

Jensen taught social studies and coached boys cross country at Neenah High School from 1968-95, earning 11 conference championships and 11 trips

to the state cross country meet. He is a member of the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Jensen was the district’s teacher of the year in 1983. He helped originate the Neenah Summer Fun Run program in 1995.

Karamanian, a 1976 graduate, is the dean of Hamad Bin Khalifa University College of Law in Doha, Qatar. She previously served as provost at the American University of Sharjah in Dubai, United Arab Emirates and the associate dean for International and Comparative Legal Studies at George Washington University. She was the first Auburn University

graduate to earn a Rhodes Scholarship.

Scherck taught social studies and coached in Neenah from 1967-99, while also serving in city government for 37 years. He was mayor from 2002-14 and a city alderman for the preceding 25 years. Scherck was the district’s teacher of the year in 1976 and 1986 and coached Neenah’s softball teams to WIAA state championships in 1990 and 1995.

The banquet is part of homecoming festivities. Tickets are \$25 each and tables may be purchased for \$300 that include sponsorship for the event and eight tickets.



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### Picnic time

As summer winds down, there is still time for one last picnic. This undated photo shows a Neenah Police Department picnic with children at a park. Police would hold a picnic during the summer to award students for bicycle safety and for school patrol projects.



Photos by Rob Zimmer

Ellyn and Daryl Wickman display a variety of garden beds, containers and displays at their home along the shore of Lake Winnebago.

# Special lakeshore garden adds to natural scenery

By Rob Zimmer  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

For more than 40 years, Ellyn Wickman and husband Daryl have enjoyed a garden with a view along the shore of Lake Winnebago.

Wickman, a lifetime gardener and career greenhouse plant expert, now enjoys retirement, offering far more time to enjoy her passion, which has become a year-round pleasure.

“My father was the head grower at Memorial Florists and Greenhouses (Neenah and Appleton) for 40 years. I would help my father on weekends and observed how seedlings were grown. I officially started working there during high school and made working in the greenhouse my career,” she said.

Showcasing her creativity was a favorite part of the job and now there is much more time to be creative at home.

“Now that I am retired, I am happy to be able to be creative at home in my gardens and spend much more time amongst them.”

Of course, living along the shores of Lake Winnebago has its rewards.

“Gardening by the lake is so peaceful and the scenery is so serene,” she said. “As I am outside tending to my garden, I often pause and look out at the water and observe the wildlife. There are eagles, osprey, pelicans, herons, ducks, geese and all of the fish jumping.”

Beneath the protective branches of giant cottonwoods, the Wickmans’ home and yard look out over the beautiful blue waters, as hummingbirds busily chase each other among the garden beds and porch containers filled with their favorite blooms.

## The Neenah GARDENER

“My husband and I enjoy sitting outside in the afternoon and evening and gazing out over the flower beds along the lake, enjoying the blooms and pointing out the birds to each other that we see on the water. We have a hummingbird feeder and a planter with salvia near where we sit.

“The hummingbirds love the salvia and they put on quite a show for us. We are fortunate that we are able to live on the lake and enjoy the lake breezes in the same house that my husband grew up in.”

That’s right, the very same house that the Wickmans retired to is the childhood home of her husband. Now, this boyhood home has become the home where he himself raised children and a family.

Inside and out, beauty abounds.

“My favorite annuals to plant are salvias, as they attract the hummingbirds, as well as bounce impatiens, because they grow so well for me with the light patterns in our yard,” Wickman said.

Throughout her gardens and borders, as well as many containers, you will find some stunning and long-lived plants that have been nurtured for many years. A large lemon tree sits on the patio, along with Hoyas and other house plants that are 40 years old.

“I am falling in love lately with Rex begonias, as the leaves are so beautifully patterned and interesting and varied,” she said, acknowledging one of the largest Escargot Rex begonias I’ve ever seen that makes its home on a coffee table overlooking the shore.

Throughout the gardens, as well as the



containers she uses, Wickman pays homage to the lake she calls home. A beautiful collection of fish planters houses plants of various types, while a sprawling miniature fairy garden showcases lake-themed vignettes.

“Phlox, hostas and hydrangeas are in many of my flowerbeds,” Wickman said. “I favor them because they are showy, make a statement and grow well. I plan to add more peonies in the fall.”

As for her sprawling collection of house plants, Wickman especially enjoys the beauty and variety of orchids.

“I enjoy the challenge of growing orchids. There are so many different kinds and, when I can get them to bloom, it is so rewarding. Anthurium are another of my favorites. The colors are so very docile and I love the tropical look to them.”

As fall arrives, Wickman looks forward to watching wildlife along the shore, as well as migrating monarch butterflies, dancing among her garden blooms.

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A Safegear line of personal protective equipment is being rolled out by J. J. Keller.

## Protective gear fashioned for women

J. J. Keller is introducing a new women's line of personal protective equipment (PPE) that includes high-visibility safety vests, T-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets, along with grip, insulated and cut-resistant gloves.

"Customers told us that finding proper-fitting PPE for women was a real challenge," said Joel Clark, portfolio director at J. J. Keller, as the company introduced its new Safegear line. "We decided to develop PPE in women's sizes so that all workers can feel comfortable and protected."

Despite more women in transportation, construction and manufacturing industries, finding PPE that fits them well remains a challenge. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, women comprised 11% of construction workers, 7.9% of truck drivers and 29% of manufacturing employees in 2021, and their numbers in

these fields continue to increase.

J. J. Keller's announcement noted that because women can be shaped differently from head to toe on body measurements, unisex or men's PPE often does not fit them properly. This can lead to safety hazards, including excess material getting caught in machinery, gaps in coverage that lead to reduced protection and loss of dexterity.

Efficiency is also lost when PPE is ill-fitting as workers struggle to complete tasks or complete them more slowly.

"PPE is the last line of defense between workers and the hazards they face on the job," said Robin Marth, EHS editor at J. J. Keller & Associates. "Of the many considerations surrounding PPE, proper fit is one of the most important. In fact, OSHA states that PPE used by women should be based on female body measurement data."

# Calendar of events

### Sunday, Aug. 28

Sunday Music with Lilie Fouts, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

### Thursday, Sept. 1

Pattie Shack Music Series with Big & Tall, 6 p.m., Ground Round Grill and Bar

### Saturday, Sept. 3

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

### Monday, Sept. 5

Labor Day Parade, 9 a.m.

Labor-Fest Celebration, 11 a.m., Fox Valley Area Labor Council, 157 S. Green Bay Road

### Friday, Sept. 9

Friday Family Fun, "Sonic 2," 6 p.m., The Plaza

### Saturday, Sept. 10

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

Art Activity Day, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Ultimate Ladies Day, 10 a.m., Downtown Neenah and Doubletree Hilton

### Thursday, Sept. 15

Brigade Open House, 4 p.m., 109 W. Columbian Ave.

### Friday, Sept. 16

Lion's Tail Brewing Co. Oktoberfest, 3 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 17

Future Neenah Farmers Market (Kids' Day), 8 a.m., Shattuck Park

Lion's Tail Brewing Co. Oktoberfest, noon

Clinton Miller in concert, noon, Shattuck Park

Intertribal Powwow, 1 p.m., Shattuck Park

### Sunday, Sept. 18

Community First Fox Cities Marathon, 7 a.m.

## Gunderson cleaning service marks 70 years

For the past 70 years, Gunderson Uniform & Linen Rental has cleaned and rented high-quality products to industries such as health care providers to manufacturers.

"We've been focused on providing quality products and exceptional customer service since my grandfather opened his first store in Neenah," said Sara Gunderson, who with her brother, Doug, are the third-generation family owners.

Beyond uniforms and work apparel, Gunderson provides customers with tablecloth and napkin linen rental services, health care rental services, hotel linen, towel and shop supplies along with mops and microfiber rental and restroom supplies, including quality paper towel, tissue, soap and odor control supplies.

"We have dedicated account managers who get to know our customers and understand their needs," Gunderson said.

"We strive to provide world-class service with our certified hygienically clean linen, and our ability to be agile and flexible."

Douglas E. Gunderson opened his first laundry facility in 1952. Today, Gunderson serves clients in the Fox Cities, including at 1055 Winneconne Ave. in Neenah, along with in Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Door County and central Wisconsin.

Gunderson said the way the business does laundry today is vastly different than how her grandfather did it 70 years ago.

"While there have been significant improvements in the areas of laundry equipment, information technology and fabric technology, the principle of providing quality linen at a fair price with exceptional service has not changed. It still comes down to the basics of delivering a great product with honesty, integrity and a smile," she said.

## Vertical takeoff company adds services partner

Neenah-based Volatus Infrastructure and Global Aerial Management Group (GAMG) have partnered to provide business development services for the southwest area of the United States.

In addition to providing development services for Volatus, GAMG has been named its preferred electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) infrastructure management company.

GAMG focuses on emerging technologies with a concentration on uncrewed and autonomous flight, such as Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), drones and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) integra-

tion, and new sustainability initiatives.

Volatus also announced Monday that it chose the Warbirds of Glory Museum in Brighton, Mich., as its first charitable cause to support. The museum is home to the restoration project of a World War II B-25 Mitchell Bomber named Sandbar Mitchell.

Founded in 2021 with plans for a vertical take-off location at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Volatus Infrastructure offers three main eVTOL infrastructure designs, a vehicle agnostic charging station, and app and maintenance programs.

## Dog pool

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said the event is an important fundraiser for the shelter which relies on public donations to continue operating.

Pavlik said the shelter has been operating in Neenah for 60 years. The organization is in need of donations and is also in search of homes for the large influx of animals that have arrived this year. The funds from Sunday's event will support the shelter's general operating expenses.

"The people seem to really love it," she said. "People will put this on the calendar and at the shelter one of the first calls we get is, 'Do you know when Drool in the Pool is going to be?'"



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Area dogs got the chance to spend the day at the Neenah Pool on Sunday as the annual Drool in the Pool event was held.

The dogs also seemed to love the event as they splashed, dived and retrieved, dug in the sand box and ran around the pool with wagging tails and barks of excitement.

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# Ladies Day

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district. Today it's still that opportunity to set aside time in your life to cater to your needs plus supporting an important program for women," she said. "It's Ultimate Ladies helping other ladies. There is a circle created in the giving back."

Participants are encouraged to provide donations of new women's sweatpants/leggings, shirts/sweatshirts, underwear, sports bras and slip-on sandals. Since 2020, the beneficiary has been the SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Program at Theda Care. In the past, the Ultimate Ladies giveback supported Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs and Christine Ann Center.

Launched in 2016 as the brainchild of a team of nurses, the SANE program is supported by the ThedaCare family of foundations.

"SANE is a response to the critical needs of sexual abuse and assault victims, one of our most vulnerable populations," explained Leah Eckhart, SANE clinical program specialist.

Eckhart supervises the required 80 hours of specialized nurse training, sets the schedules and sees patients. The rigorous curriculum involves 40 hours of adult and adolescent training with an additional 40 hours of pediatric care. The training encompasses sexual assault and abuse, meeting emotional needs, identifying pattern injury and sensitive evidence collection – evidence that will hopefully assist district attorneys and law enforcement in the prosecution of these crimes.

"In any situation where the patient is

willing to give us the clothing they were wearing during the assault, we will collect that as evidence and hand it over to law enforcement," Eckhart said. "But we want our patients to leave the exam room with dignity, feeling respected and cared for. An important way in which we do that is in offering brand-new clothing for them to wear when they leave the exam room."

The SANE exam room is situated at the centrally based Appleton ThedaCare emergency room in a dedicated space not used by ER staff. It is staffed by one of the 13 on-call SANE nurses. All trained by Eckhart, these registered nurses practice in fields such as obstetrics, daily practice, surgical nursing and nursing education. Each brings a special body of knowledge and special perspective to the program.

"Our primary goal, from the minute a patient steps into our program until the moment they leave, is to assure patients that they are believed and they are cared for very well," Eckhart said. "I like to tell my patients that they may come into our care alone but they will never leave alone. They will leave with a community surrounding them, helping them to navigate that healing journey."

The comprehensive nature of the program and staff is vital because there is no standard patient and the crimes are often interconnected. SANE assists sexual assault and domestic violence victims, casualties of strangulation, child abuse, child sexual abuse and neglect, young children, babies, the elderly and more recently, victims of human trafficking. The crimes do not discriminate. Victims come from every demographic, every walk of life.

"We offer a truly patient-centered exam. We are here when they need us,"

Eckhart noted. "We hope that patients leave with their heads held a bit higher, feeling loved by this community. We are here to support them as they take these initial steps toward healing."

The SANE exams are assisted by a community advocate from one of the sexual assault crisis centers. The advocate helps the patient emotionally throughout the exam, which can be lengthy. Many emotions accompany being violated. There is shame, often guilt, and working through all of those is part of a challenging process. The advocate is there as a comforting addition, to help ground the patient and assist them as the nurse moves through her tasks.

Eckhart has important information for victims who are reticent to report out of concern regarding involvement of law enforcement.

"We want them to know that they have time until they're emotionally ready for

those next steps. The state of Wisconsin passed a law in 2016 that allows us to execute a non-reporting or 'undecided reporting' sexual assault kit. This applies to all adults, age 18 and older," she said. "SANE can collect evidence from their body and collect one article of clothing. This will be sent to the state crime lab. The evidence is stored but not tested and allows the survivor up to 10 years to either press charges or notify law enforcement. It's an excellent tool for survivors who aren't yet ready to report."

Eckhart and a member of the SANE nursing team will be on hand at the Ultimate Ladies Day to participate and thank all participants for their contributions to the clothing giveback. Ladies who participate will receive an extra entry into a door prize drawing.

Tickets for the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 10 event are \$40. Ladies may register at 920-722-1920 or at neenah.org.

# City attorney

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Attorney Anthony Wachewicz was also part of the interviews to provide professional insight on the candidates, according to Lang.

After the first set of interviews, Rashid was identified as the preferred candidate and underwent a second interview.

"Based on the input of the panel and attorney Wachewicz, and following an extensive and thorough background check on the preferred candidate, I can confidently recommend attorney David Rashid to fill the role of city attorney," Lang wrote in her letter.

Lang said the interview panel was impressed by Rashid's breadth of experience and professional capabilities.

Rashid has lived in and around Neenah for 20 years. He has previously served on several boards and held positions with professional, church and other charitable organizations.

"I look forward to working alongside the new mayor, the council and all the talented folks on city staff and am committed to doing all I can to guide the leadership well as it navigates through the various legal waters in which the city travels on a regular basis," he said. "I know that the city's leaders are dedicated to open, responsive, efficient and effective leadership and I'm pleased to join them in that pledge as its legal counsel."

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# Rockets hoping to run down rival Bluejays

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah's football team certainly made a statement with its 46-7 dismantling of defending FRCC-North champion De Pere to open the 2022 season.

Now, it will be interesting to hear what the Rockets will have to say this week as they rekindle their rivalry with Menasha in a nonconference tussle at 7 p.m. Friday in Neenah.

"We have been playing them since like fourth grade, so I am very excited," said senior Trevor McGinnis. "It's definitely more intense this week and there is more motivation to want to go out and hit them. It's fun."

Menasha also enters the game off a win in its opener, having beaten Appleton East 35-14, and sports an offense that is capable of putting up some big numbers. A year ago, the Bluejays averaged 44 points per game and went over the 45-point mark three times.

Neenah head coach Steve Jung knows

how explosive Menasha can be and will be getting his team ready to try to keep them in check Friday.

"Their ability to get the ball outside is impressive and they have multiple threats," Jung said. "We always talk about that we have to have a short memory. Things are going to happen. There is going to be a big play – they are a really good team. We just have to rebound and keep playing good defensively."

Neenah's defense played well against De Pere, forcing five turnovers – including two interceptions by Grant Dean – while holding the Redbirds to only 171 yards of total offense.

But the Bluejays are a different story. Menasha features dual-threat quarterback A.J. Korth, who threw for a pair of scores while also racking up 250 yards on the ground. He averaged nearly 11 yards per carry and ran for a score as well.

McGinnis, who led Neenah with 12 tackles and two sacks last week, is looking forward to the challenge of facing a talent like Korth and said the defense will have to be ready to go like it was against De Pere.

"(Korth) is pretty shifty and he's fast so it's going to be a challenge," McGinnis said.



Cleveland



McGinnis

nis said. "It's very important for us to be assignment sound (against Menasha). It's important that we take care of our own gaps and don't overthink things to keep it as simple as possible."

Of course, Neenah has a pretty decent ball carrier of its own in Jase Jenkins and the offense is coming off a game where it rushed for 508 yards.

Jenkins racked up 261 yards and four touchdowns on 25 carries in the win over De Pere, including touchdowns of 50 and 51 yards. Quarterback Evan Vanevenhoven added 108 yards on the ground and two second-half touchdowns as the Rockets turned a 14-7 halftime lead into a rout in the second half by wearing De Pere down.

"I feel like our O-line really paved the way. We are so conditioned that we just kept going and going and going and soon enough they kind of gave in," said junior lineman Nate Cleveland. "We lost some seniors (from last year), but I feel like this win over De Pere, I feel like it gave us a lot of confidence. It shows all of the work we're doing in practice and all of the reps we are taking are worth it."

The game plan will likely be a lot of the same when Neenah has the ball.

"It will be the same thing," Cleveland said. "Just keep running the ball and play fast and physical, like the coaches say. We have to outwork them."

Jung was impressed with the way Neenah handled both lines of scrimmage against De Pere, which led to the Rockets' 445-yard advantage on the ground in Week One.

The Neenah coach wasn't necessarily expecting that kind of dominance against a team the caliber of De Pere, but he certainly was pleased to see it.

"We learned that we can come off the ball and dominate both lines of scrimmage," Jung said. "We expected that to be a really big battle all night, but our kids were fit and really wore them down."

Neenah won last year's meeting, 35-21, which was the first time these traditional rivals had played since the 2013 season.

But even though there was a gap between games, the matchup didn't lose any of its intensity and Jung is looking forward to adding another chapter to the rivalry.

"I think it's more fun (than stressful). The kids are more excited for the game," Jung said. "As coaches we're just preparing our kids as best we can. Menasha does multiple things and it takes a lot to prepare for that. But it's a rivalry, and it's always nice to have the bragging rights."

## Senior-led Rockets ready for special season

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

It's one of the seasons that members of the Neenah High School boys volleyball program and its followers have been looking forward to for a while now.

The size of the class and the talent within it were identified long ago and the wait for the group to get to its senior year is now over. Head coach Jake Coenen is

excited about what this group can accomplish.

"I like our team going into the year," Coenen said.

"Our seniors know what it takes, how hard we need to work and want to be that group that changes our program."

There are experienced seniors throughout the Rockets' lineup and all will once again play a prominent role in this year's squad.

Highlighting the group will be a trio of hitters, including middle hitter Noah Harmon, who earned honorable mention all-Fox Valley Association honors a year ago.

Harmon will be joined in the middle by Chip Calcaterra, while Zach Freundt hits from the outside. That trio is expected to get the bulk of the offensive load, especially early on as the rest of the

lineup gets settled in and adjusted to the speed of the varsity game.

"We have a nice senior group (of hitters), but those three will be the ones we really rely on to start the season," Coenen said.

The Rockets will also welcome back experience along the back row where JJ Schalk returns after playing as the libero the last three seasons and will be joined in the back row by fellow senior Luke Abing.

Although Schalk has played libero the last three seasons, Coenen is contemplating a switch that would have Abing wear the libero jersey while Schalk rotates through the back row as a defensive specialist.

"JJ has got a good back row swing and being able to attack from the back row will help," Coenen said. "Everything starts with the serve receive, so bringing those two back who are very consistent in their play is huge for us. Those are the two guys we really rely on."

The one question mark for this group will be at setter where senior Justin Sina steps into the role.

For Coenen, it's not a question of if



Coenen

Sina can do the job – he did get some varsity time last year, mainly as a serving specialist – it's more of how quickly he can adjust to the varsity game.

"He does a good job and he has a good connection with all of our hitters so it's more adjusting to the speed and more game time experience that he needs," Coenen said. "Now it's his turn to run the team."

Coenen believes the traditional powers of the FVA – Kimberly, Kaukauna and Appleton North – will once again be contenders for the conference title. But there is another squad – one that hasn't ever won an FVA title – that the coach believes will be in the mix

It's Neenah.

After beating Kaukauna in the conference tournament and playing a five-set match in a loss to Kimberly, the Rockets were knocking at the door last year to join that trio of teams atop the league.

This year, he believes the Rockets will be able to find a way inside.

"We proved last year we could play with them and our guys understand what it takes to move forward and into that group of three," Coenen said. "That is what they are striving for. We talk about it every day at practice. Let's be that team that starts something."

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# Rockets, Zephyrs open season with new head coaches

By Dustin Riese  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The 2021 soccer season didn't go as planned for the Neenah Rockets as they finished with a 5-12-2 record.

In the process, the then head coach Brian Ross announced his resignation earlier this summer, leaving the job to now interim head coach William Krautkramer, who has established one important message for the program.

"Last year is behind us as a squad," Krautkramer said. "Since I am in my first year as the new head coach, we are focused on improving our work ethic and the five pillars that work ethic is built on which are: organization, attention to detail, efficiency, effectiveness and effort. We are taking a 'Beginning Now' approach to all we do."

Krautkramer hopes to re-establish Neenah to its position as both a conference and state powerhouse.

The Rockets have won 26 Fox Valley Association titles and been to the WIAA state tournament 19 times in its history – the third most of any team – with three state titles and three state runner-up finishes.

"As a storied program we appreciate the legacy that has been created and we welcome the lofty expectations," he said. "We also know that what we do, starting now, is the most important piece of our success. We will simplify our process, set realistic smart goals and make certain that each half we play is our best half. If we can keep that focus, we will surprise some folks this season."

Despite a lot of last year's production moving on, the Rockets are still going to

have plenty of building blocks this season which will come in handy for Krautkramer. The coaching staff has been impressed with what they have seen on the field so far during the captains practices.

Like most FVA programs, the Rockets will continue to rely on a senior heavy class to do most of their production, but that shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone when you look at the FVA and its reputation as a conference.

Not only has this been widely regarded as a top two or three conference in the state, but you can look up and down the conference as to who could be contenders this season. While Appleton North and Kimberly seem to be the favorites right now, teams like Oshkosh West and Appleton East appear vastly improved and could find themselves right in the thick of things.

Krautkramer also likes his Rockets as a team that could be moving up in the standings, but knows it will take a ton of work to be considered one of the top programs again.

"Our team needs to focus on our 'starting now' approach to this season to make certain that each half is our best half," Krautkramer said. "In addition to our improved work rate and pace on the pitch, we will develop a program that values our offseason as a time to get bigger, faster and stronger together."

## Veteran Zephyrs aim to challenge in Big East

There is a lot of history that surrounds the SMC boys soccer program. That history is filled with conference championships, state appearances and even a few gold balls coming home to the Zephyrs

campus.

Coming off a season where St. Mary Catholic went 12-11-1, there will be a change atop the Zephyrs program as Andrew Paroubek is taking over the head coaching duties.

Paroubek is no stranger to the soccer world, holding a head coaching position at Waukesha in the past while also gaining valuable experience as a collegiate assistant at the NCAA Division III college level.

Now back on the high school side, Paroubek is grateful for the opportunity to coach a program filled with rich history, while also setting very high goals for his first season.

"Our goal is simple this season," Paroubek said. "We not only want to contend for a Big East Conference title, but we want to win it. Having worked with a lot of these players in the past through some youth camps, I know what to expect of them and they know what to expect from me. St. Mary Catholic has some of the best facilities around and we want to use that to our advantage this season."

St. Mary Catholic is one of the few programs that not only returns a lot of its pieces from a year ago, but most of those players were underclassmen who led the way for this group.

Among them is senior midfielder Emiliano Romero who will be one of their primary ball handlers on the attack. Romero is not alone as St. Mary Catholic returns one of the better strikers in the conference in junior forward AJ Groppe who led the team with 14 goals a season ago and finished second in assists with 12. Groppe made a phenomenal pairing with

Felipe Gaztelu who knocked home 14 goals of his own to go with 14 assists.

On the defensive side, look no further than junior Will Lawniczak who is going to be the defensive anchor.

Back in goal is Hunter Schreiber, who had a great sophomore season in 2021 as he allowed just 1.63 goals per game across 24 matches.

Paroubek knows that everyone will play an equally important role this season as the Big East often has some of the better teams in the state.

"We have several schools that have been tough opponents in the past," Paroubek said. "In terms of favorites, St. Mary Catholic has to be right up there. We have a group that has now played high school together for the past 2-3 years that is looking to take the next steps. Coming off of a very successful second half of last season we are looking to continue the momentum moving forward to the upcoming season."

Building off last season's momentum is crucial, but so are many other factors. St. Mary Catholic has the talent to not only win the conference in 2022, but to make a deep playoff run.

"For us to be successful, we need to build our team chemistry from the first day of practice," Paroubek said. "We also had a tendency to start slow a season ago so we are really going to focus on starting our matches with more urgency than in the past. That comes with increased work and intensity at practice as you play how you practice. Those are the things we can control, but we also need to take into account the uncontrollables as we need to stay healthy if St. Mary Catholic wants to emerge as champions in 2022."

# Soccer: Boys

# Varsity Fall 2022 Schedule

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Tuesday, Aug 23, 2022	7:00 PM Roncalli	St. Mary Catholic High School, Zephyr Field	
Saturday, Aug 27, 2022	1:00 PM Pacelli Catholic	St. Mary Catholic High School, Zephyr Field	
Tuesday, Aug 30, 2022	4:30 PM Away vs. Random Lake	Random Lake High School	
Thursday, Sep 1, 2022	4:30 PM Away vs. Wrightstown	Wrightstown High School	
Tuesday, Sep 6, 2022	7:00 PM Lourdes Academy	St. Mary Catholic High School, Zephyr Field	
Thursday, Sep 8, 2022			
Saturday, Sep 10, 2022	1:00 PM N.E.W. Lutheran -Green Bay	St. Mary Catholic High School, Zephyr Field	
Tuesday, Sep 13, 2022	4:30 PM Away vs. Ozaukee	Ozaukee High School	
Thursday, Sep 15, 2022	6:00 PM Kohler	St. Mary Catholic High School, Zephyr Field	
Saturday, Sep 17, 2022	9:00 AM Away vs. Kiel, Kohler, Random Lake, Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Manitowoc Lincoln, Kewaskum	Kiel Soccer Complex Meggers Road	
Tuesday, Sep 20, 2022	7:00 PM Away vs. Oostburg	Oostburg High School	
Thursday, Sep 22, 2022	6:00 PM Howards Grove	St. Mary Catholic High School, Zephyr Field	
Saturday, Sep 24, 2022	11:00 AM Away vs. Winneconne	Winneconne High School	
Tuesday, Sep 27, 2022	6:00 PM Cedar Grove-Belgium	St. Mary Catholic High School, Zephyr Field	
Tuesday, Oct 4, 2022	4:30 PM Away vs. Sheb Christian/Lutheran B Soccer	Sheboygan Christian High School	
Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022	7:00 PM Lomira	St. Mary Catholic High School, Zephyr Field	
Thursday, Oct 13, 2022	4:30 PM Away vs. Omro	Omro High School	
Tuesday, Oct 18, 2022	7:00 PM TBA	St. Mary Catholic High School, Zephyr Field	
Wednesday, Aug 24, 2022	7:00 PM Bay Port (0-0-0)	Bay Port High School	
Saturday, Aug 27, 2022	12:05 PM Wauwatosa West (0-0-0)	Neenah High School	
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Thursday, Sep 1, 2022	7:00 PM Hortonville (0-0-0)	Hortonville High School	
Tuesday, Sep 6, 2022	7:00 PM Oshkosh West (0-0-0)	Neenah High School	
Thursday, Sep 8, 2022	7:00 PM Appleton North (0-0-0)	Paul Engen Field	
Tuesday, Sep 13, 2022	7:00 PM Kimberly (0-0-0)	Neenah High School	
Thursday, Sep 15, 2022	7:00 PM Appleton East (0-0-0)	Appleton East High School	
Tuesday, Sep 20, 2022	7:00 PM Oshkosh North (0-0-0)	Neenah High School	
Thursday, Sep 22, 2022	7:00 PM Fond du Lac (0-0-0)	Fond du Lac Soccer Complex	
Saturday, Sep 24, 2022	12:00 PM Stevens Point (0-0-0)	Portage County Youth Soccer Complex	
Tuesday, Sep 27, 2022	7:00 PM Kaukauna (0-0-0)	Kaukauna High School	
Tuesday, Oct 4, 2022	7:00 PM Appleton West (0-0-0)	Neenah High School	
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# Griffith looks to lead Zephyrs to another stellar season

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Trailing by 22 points entering the fourth quarter of last year's season-opener against Wisconsin Heights seemed typical for the St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian 8-player football team.

Never really known as a football power, the Zephyrs often ran in the middle of the pack of whatever conference they were playing, whether it was during the program's 11-player games or the past few seasons of 8-player competition.

So being down three scores to a good opponent wasn't out of the ordinary. What happened next was.

Danny Griffith threw for three fourth-quarter touchdowns and converted three two-point conversions – two by pass and one on a run – and led the Zephyrs to a stunning 36-34 win.

"That was pretty amazing," Griffith said, nearly a year later. "I had my doubts about how we were going to do going into last year, but coming back like that, I knew after that we could be really good."

The Zephyrs did not lose a game last year and had only one other contest decided by less than 35 points. Griffith would go on to throw for nearly 1,900 yards and 31 touchdowns and was selected as the first-team all-conference quarterback.

Now, as a senior, Griffith is looking for the same type of season for the Zephyrs as he and his fellow classmates aim to end their prep football career in winning fashion.

"We have a pretty close connection with us seniors and we have known each other for a long time, so we don't want to have a bad year to end our high school careers," said Griffith, who will lead the Zephyrs against visiting Belmont in the season-opener tonight. "Going undefeated and winning conference again is like the best we can do. As long as we do the best we can do, I'll be happy."

Griffith is focused on doing his part



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Senior Danny Griffith was a first-team all-conference quarterback for the Zephyrs last season and hopes to lead the St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian football team to another undefeated season.

playing the position he has always played.

He is following in the footsteps of his father, Jim, who was also a quarterback at St. Mary Catholic and has helped him shine on the field.

"My whole life all I played is quarterback," Griffith said. "(My dad) taught me how to throw when I was younger and he's taught me a lot even now. If I have a bad game, he'll give me tips or if I had a good game, he'll give me tips on how I can improve. It's really nice."

For Griffith, playing high school has

come with a pretty noteworthy change.

While in middle school, Griffith learned to play quarterback while playing 11-player football. That changed when he got to high school as St. Mary Catholic converted to 8-player football his freshman season.

Griffith said he would have liked the chance to play 11-player football during his prep career but he doesn't dwell on it because it was out of his control.

Yet, having played both, he certainly notices a difference.

## Senior Spotlight

"As a quarterback, it takes away one of your receiver options, but it does open the field a ton," Griffith said. "I feel you can see a lot more and that makes it easier to read the defenses."

"There is so much more open space, too, so running the ball — I feel like I'm pretty athletic and shifty — it's a lot easier to get into the open field and go."

Even after the stellar season Griffith had last year, he is ready to showcase what he's been working on entering this season.

He said he has continued to work on his decision-making when throwing the ball, something he focused on last year when his interceptions dropped from 11 as a sophomore to just three last season.

Griffith also is looking to become more of a threat running the ball for the Zephyrs, both on designed play calls and as a way to extend plays.

"Last year, I didn't really run that much," said Griffith, who was the Zephyrs' second-leading rusher with 270 yards a year ago. "When I run, it keeps their defense on their heels because they don't know if I'm going to throw or run."

Of course, he wouldn't mind if running was just an afterthought.

"If the coach calls 50 pass plays, I'd be very happy," Griffith said. "I love throwing the rock. That's my favorite thing to do."

It may not be 50 times a game, but Griffith will certainly get his share of throwing in this season. And he's ready for it.

With no plans to play collegiately, this will be his final football season and Griffith is ready to get things rolling.

"It feels really good to be in a game week. It's been a while," said Griffith, who also plays basketball and golfs for St. Mary Catholic. "Football season is the best season of the year. The intensity is through the roof but it goes quick. Once the games start happening, it goes by really quick."

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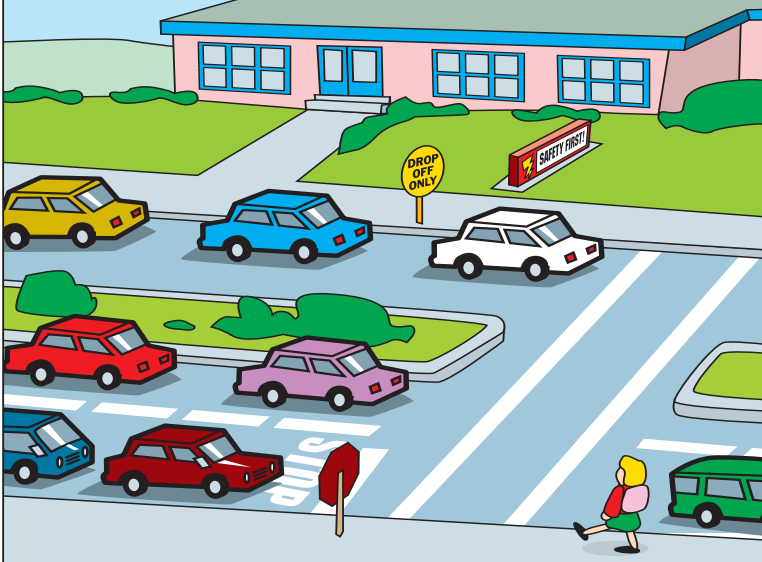


## BACK TO SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY

**Leave early so you don't have to hurry!**

### Safe is Better Than Short

Take the safe path to school, not the shortest one. Help Amy find the best path to school.

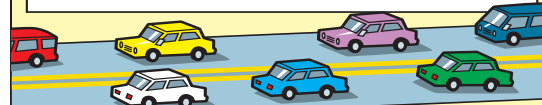


### My Safety Story

Finish the sentences using these words:

- CARS ALL BUCKLE CORNERS RUN WAYS
- HELMET CROSSWALKS STREET CROSSING

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I take time to be safe. I always look \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. I walk, and don't \_\_\_\_\_. I never walk between parked \_\_\_\_\_. I cross streets only at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ up when riding in a car and wear a \_\_\_\_\_ when riding my bike.



### Kid Scoop Together: COMPLETE THE RULES

Select a word to complete each safety rule. Then, cut out these rules and put them on your refrigerator or bathroom mirror as a daily reminder.

- FACING WRIST CHANGE DRAWSTRINGS CLOTHING ADULT KNEE RIDE HELMET

## SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT!

1. Wear light colored \_\_\_\_\_ at night.
2. Do not wear clothing with \_\_\_\_\_ or jewelry that can get caught on playground equipment.
3. Walk or skate \_\_\_\_\_ traffic, so you can see oncoming traffic.
4. Wear an approved bicycle \_\_\_\_\_ if you are riding a bike or scooter or skating. If you travel on skates or a skateboard, also wear \_\_\_\_\_ guards and elbow and \_\_\_\_\_ pads.
5. Don't walk or skate alone.
6. Before you go anywhere, CHECK FIRST with the \_\_\_\_\_ in charge. (Check in again if you \_\_\_\_\_ your plans.)
7. Never take a \_\_\_\_\_ with someone without checking with your parents first.

Standards Link: Health: Know concepts and practices concerning injury prevention and safety.

## Know your bus danger zone!

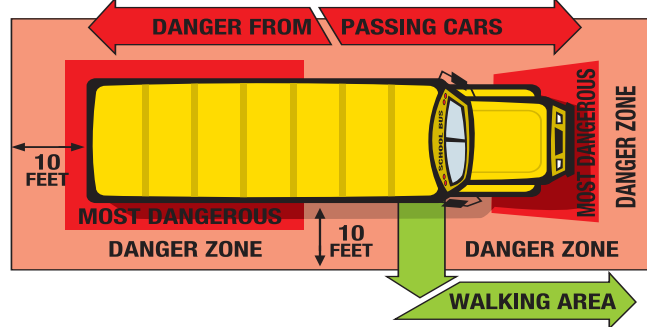


How many differences can you find between these two school buses?



Many children are injured each year while getting on or off school buses. This is because the bus driver cannot see certain areas around the bus. The danger zones are shown below.

Avoid these danger zones by always taking 10 giant steps away from the bus after you exit. Always wait for the bus driver or another adult to tell you when it is safe to cross the street.



### Extra! Extra!

#### Before and After Photo

Select a photo from the newspaper. What do you think happened before this picture was taken? What do you think happened after?

Standards Link: Reasoning: Students distinguish between observation and inference.



### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to reveal these important car safety tips.

The back seat is the safest place to sit until age  $3+3+2+5=$

You're safer sitting in a booster seat until you are  $2+2=$  feet  $3+3+3=$  inches tall.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums.

### Double Double Word Search

- DIFFERENCE
- CORNERS
- BOOSTER
- WALKING
- SAFETY
- DANGER
- BUCKLE
- HELMET
- STREET
- PARKED
- RIDING
- ZONE
- SEAT
- CARS
- BUS

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

B R T E E R T S U B  
B S E A T E R E S T  
U P S G M E Z A W F  
C E A L N O T Y A G  
K Y E R N A W T L N  
L H O E K A D E K I  
E C N E R E F F I D  
Y S C A R S D A N I  
R E T S O O B S G R

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

### Write On!

## Back to School Safety

Be safe! Write three safety tips for kids going back to school.

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