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## Dairy producer cleared to expand

### Galloway Co. continues to grow its footprint

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

Galloway Co. is rapidly expanding its footprint in the community with Common Council approval of the rezoning of neighboring properties for redevelopment.

Galloway is situated on Commercial Street and has operated in Neenah for

more than 66 years. The company specializes in dairy products including sweetened condensed milk, evaporated milk, cream liqueur and beverage base.

The company is in a residential neighborhood. Over the past several years Galloway has purchased and razed properties along Jackson Street, McKinley Street and Austin Avenue adjacent to its property to accommodate expansion, site efficiency, and better truck and traffic circulation, according to Plan Commission minutes.

Galloway has purchased and cleared ad-

ditional properties on Henry Street, Tyler Street, South Commercial Street, Jackson and McKinley that were zoned as commercial or residential. Galloway put in a request to consolidate 18 of the parcels and the three vacated streets into their 601 Commercial St. location. The lot comprises 13.6 acres.

Neenah resident Gerry Niccolai lives on Henry Street and attended the Aug. commission meeting. He said Galloway's

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Photos from Neenah Joint School District

### High school taking shape

The new Neenah High School continues to progress at Winchester Road and Clayton Avenue in Fox Crossing. Groundbreaking for the project was in June and the school will welcome students and staff for the 2023 fall semester.



## It's a runners' weekend with marathon, city run



Photo from Fox Cities Marathon

The annual Community First Fox Cities Marathon returns to the starting line Sunday.

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Thousands of runners and walkers take to the streets this weekend for events ranging from marathon runs to 5K walks.

Sunday features the annual Community First Fox Cities Marathon, ThedaCare Half Marathon and Orthopedic & Sports Institute Relay Marathon through the streets of the Fox Cities.

The mapped-out courses take them past homes and businesses in Neenah and Fox Crossing where there are opportunities for spectators to encourage participants while adapting to some traffic restrictions and temporary road closures.

Wisconsin Avenue in Neenah from Oak Street to South Park Avenue will be closed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Columbian Avenue and Commercial Street also will be restricted to regular traffic during that time.

Intersections will be controlled by law enforcement or volunteer course marshals to

ensure the safe passage of participants. Course setups will begin early Sunday morning and roads will re-open on a rolling basis after the last participant has passed and course support materials have been removed.

Residents are encouraged to cheer on runners, including those in the back of the field, by calling out their names shown on their racing bibs, putting on a costume, clapping, tooting a horn or ringing a bell, or creating signs and messages of support.

With a forecasted high near 80 degrees Sunday, residents also can set up a light sprinkler for runners to find a cool spot.

Find the map and other details at foxcitiesmarathon.org.

Another run-walk event Saturday starts and finishes at Riverside Park in Neenah with both 5K and 10K run/walks featured. The Scheels 10K Run/Walk and Ascension 5K Run/Walk offer same-day registration starting at 7 a.m. with a 9 a.m. start.

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Photo by David Hall

Walkers, bikers and pets took part in this summer's Log Your Loops challenge or simply enjoyed the 5-kilometer trail along the waters of Neenah, Fox Crossing and Menasha.

## Trail loop challenge concludes for hundreds

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Nearly 1,000 active residents took part in this summer's Log Your Loops challenge on the all-season trail around Little Lake Butte des Morts, according to Future Neenah coordinators.

There were 259 people – along with 45 dogs – who finished the 50-loop chal-

lenge as of Sept. 8 to claim a T-shirt. Others who have reached that mark have until Sept. 19 to note their achievement at the Future Neenah office at 135 W. Wisconsin Ave.

It was the fourth year of the trail initiative to get people out and enjoying the Loop the Little Lake Trestle Trail through

the summer. The trail includes two trestle bridges that connect the Lower Little Lake Butte des Morts loop of 5 kilometers, traveling through parts of Neenah, Menasha and Fox Crossing.

The Log Your Loops challenge starts on Memorial Day and goes through Labor Day each year.

## MasterChef journey ends for Neenah native

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

It was a season of ups and downs for Neenah native Emily Hallock but ultimately a Baked Alaska challenge sent her home from the "MasterChef: Back to Win" competition last week.

Earlier in the cooking competition Hallock survived two close calls that nearly eliminated her to advance to the top five.

The show pits amateur chefs against each other to complete cooking challenges and survive elimination for a chance at winning \$250,000 and earning the title of MasterChef. The season 12 competitors are made up of the top 20 finalists from the past 11 seasons who did not win.

Hallock was eliminated from the competition in an episode that aired Sept. 7, in a challenge similar to the one that sent her home during the Season 9 competition in 2018, where she placed 10th.

During the previous competition, Hallock was offered the chance to save herself from a cooking challenge or go head-to-head with another competitor of her choosing. Hallock chose to compete against Shanika Patterson, whom she had butted heads with during the competition.

Hallock lost the challenge and was eliminated after the black forest cake she made toppled over in a blast chiller.

Last week's semifinal included two challenges, with the chef who made the worst dish in each challenge eliminated from the competition.

The first challenge was for the chefs to make a Baked Alaska in 75 minutes. The dish is a complicated combination of sponge cake and ice cream with a meringue covering.

Hallock made a Goat Cheese Cherry

Baked Alaska with Chocolate Cake.

"Bringing my Baked Alaska up to the judges is definitely nerve wracking because what happens when you mix cheese into the ice cream (is) the ice cream can melt faster and at this point I know that this is a huge mistake," she said during the show.

All three celebrity chef judges criticized Hallock's Baked Alaska for melting.

Hallock, Patterson and Michael Silverstein were the three bottom contestants. The judges chose to eliminate Hallock from the competition.

"You're one phenomenal cook that I know deep down inside we haven't heard the last of," chef Gordon Ramsay told her during the elimination.

Patterson was eliminated from the competition during the second challenge of the semifinal. Christian Green, Dara Yu and Silverstein were the top three finalists.

Hallock is a Neenah High School graduate and a Lawrence University alumnus. She lives in Chicago and works as a consumer insights manager.

Hallock was the only finalist in the competition without professional chef experience. She got her start in the kitchen working at Zuppas Cafe & Catering in Neenah during high school and at Commander's Palace in New Orleans after college. In previous episodes, Hallock won three of the MasterChef cooking challenges.

"I walked back into the MasterChef kitchen really not expecting the journey that I've had," she said. "This competition really pushes you outside of your comfort zone."

Hallock said MasterChef gave her the opportunity to try new things and cook things she normally wouldn't cook.

"Ultimately my goal was to make it further than I did Season 9 and I made it to the top five so I am leaving the MasterChef kitchen with my head held high and I am proud as hell," she said.

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# Arrowhead updates gain council backing

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

After much discussion at its meeting last week, the Neenah Common Council approved two contracts to move forward on constructing a pier, prairie and path at Arrowhead Park.

The park dates to 1950 and is situated at the south end of Little Lake Butte des Morts, just west of downtown. It sits atop land created from mill waste from Bergstrom Paper Co. The waste contaminated the water with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), chemical compounds known to cause cancer that needed to be remediated.

Parks and Recreation Director Michael Kading said the project is partially funded by grants from the National Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA). He said when the PCB levels became high enough to cause a negative impact on Neenah's water resources, the state Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency became involved, mandating that the paper factory provide funding for recreational and public services impacted by the PCBs.

"So not only did they have to pay for the cleanup, but this is some of the assessment damages that they needed to set aside," Kading said.

The 30-acre park site includes 13 acres of land that formerly housed the Fox Valley Energy Plant, which shut down in 2013. The plant was removed and the site was cleaned up in 2016.

The proposals at last week's meeting were to move forward on phase 1B of the Arrowhead Park master plan, which includes constructing a pier at a cost of \$619,541 and installing a prairie and path-



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Improvements at Arrowhead Park received approval from the Common Council.

way at a cost of \$795,106. The bulk of the funding comes from grants from NRDA and the David L. and Rita E. Nelson Family Fund. A portion of each project is also funded using the city's Capital Improvement Program.

Alderspersion John Skyrms requested that the council delay approving funding until the council receives more feedback from the mayor's Arrowhead Park Task Force.

"The analogy I come to is, we've got a lot of cooks in the kitchen and we've been baking this thing for 15 years and I'm not sure we're on the right recipe or that all these things fit together," Skyrms said.

According to Parks and Recreation meeting minutes, the park's task force has met twice to discuss the buildable portion of the site. Expert witnesses are scheduled for the next meetings and the task force plans to report its findings to the commission and council by December.

Alderspersion Tamara Erickson asked whether there was a deadline for accept-

ing the grants for the projects. Kading said that there is no deadline but that the longer the city waits on moving forward on the project, the more costly it will be.

"When we wrote the grants in 2017 the cost to do business isn't what it is today, so every day, every year (and) moment that passes, it gets more costly to do business," he said. "It would be my recommendation

## Lakeland, city presenting School for Seniors

Lakeland University's Lifelong Learning program is offering a School for Seniors from 8:45 a.m. to noon Sept. 30 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 140 S. Green Bay Road.

The university and the city of Neenah's Committee on Aging are co-sponsoring the free classes in the church's fellowship hall. Classes include:

- Protect Yourself from Common Scams with Neenah police officer Joe Benoit and Linda Carder from the Winnebago Coun-

ty that we in good faith honor those grants and utilize those funds."

Alderspersion Dan Steiner questioned whether the Arrowhead Park plans are fully developed.

Kading said there have been four independent concept plans for Arrowhead since 1950 with the most recent in 2016 and 2017, using public survey data. He added that the data showed the two most popular concepts were for the public to have opportunities to touch and interact with the water and for a prairie to be developed.

"I believe that, that concept plan is a general plan (and) guiding document to start moving forward," he said, adding that the plans and concepts may change as development progresses.

Future development includes a pedestrian trail, bike park, pump track bicycle adventure course, activity center, outdoor amphitheater, community building and connecting plazas.

The Common Council voted 7-2 in favor of approving the pier, path and prairie work at Arrowhead, with Skyrms and Erickson voting against it.

ty Aging and Disability Resource Center.

- Breathe Your Way to Wellness: Lessons from the Operatic Stage with Dr. Rachel Ware Carlton from Lakeland University.

- Investing During Retirement: Fun or Fear? with Melanie Miller, a retired chartered financial analyst formerly with Bemis Co.

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# Online state school promotes a personal option

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

As in-person classes resume at schools post-pandemic, some area students did not return to the traditional classroom setting. Students at Wisconsin Connections Academy attend entirely online.

Connections Academy held a back-to-school event at the Bridgewood Resort and Hotel last Friday to promote its full-time 4K through 12th grade online public school. The school has been operating for 20 years as part of the Appleton Area School District, accepting students from across the state.

The academy is tuition free with the bulk of the school's funding from the district. Administrative assistant Winter Giese said the school provides computers and all materials.

The school is part of the Pearson Virtual Schools Connections Academy, which also provides some funding.

"The big plus to our program is it gives our families the flexibility for students that do a lot of things outside of their days," Giese said. "They're able to create their own schedule and complete their lessons when it's convenient for them."

Enrollment at Connections Academy nearly tripled during the pandemic.

"We were already used to being virtual whereas a lot of brick-and-mortar schools were not," Giese said. "Now that we're coming out of the pandemic and things are getting a little bit more back to normal, we're noticing that a lot of our new families are coming in because they've found that virtual is what they want."

Giese said there is no specific demographic of students at the school.

"What we see for students to be successful is for them to be self-driven and have that motivation to want to do their

school work on their own and be able to build their own schedule," she said.

Henri Wynen, of Wild Rose, attended in-person school through middle school and began attending Connections Academy his freshman year, during the pandemic.

"Virtually is more independent," he said. "We get to do stuff at our own pace and our grades revolve around each day, whereas in school everybody is going at the same pace and everybody is doing the same thing at the same time."

Wynen said he prefers attending school virtually because he doesn't have to see as many people and he would rather socialize outside of school.

Connections Academy also holds in-person events – including field trips, clubs and an e-sports (electronic sports) team – to give students the opportunity to socialize.

Last week's open house gave students the opportunity to meet their teachers and peers and get a school photo taken. There was also a National Honor Society induction ceremony.

Georgetta Serdyski, of Milwaukee, attended with her two daughters who are enrolled at Connections Academy. She said the teachers are excellent at communicating with parents.

"They not only hold the parents responsible, but they hold the kids responsible, too, for their education, which is really great," she said.

Serdyski said she believes her daughters receive a better education at Connections Academy than they would have attending traditional schools.

"My ninth-grader went to a private school and she went to a public school and I think the education they got here at Connections Academy outshines both of those programs," she said.



Neenah News photos by Bethanie Gengler

Families and students attended Wisconsin Connections Academy's open house last week at Bridgewood Resort.

Photo from Neenah Historical Society

## Native tradition

The Neenah Historical Society and Menasha Historical Society's Inter-Tribal Pow Wow, shown here in 2017, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Shattuck Park. The free event will feature drumming and dancing from Native Americans throughout Wisconsin. A concert by Clinton Miller, Native American contemporary artist, will be held at noon. Free horse drawn wagon rides on Wisconsin Avenue will be provided by Neenah Landmarks Commission.



## Leadership program launched for area

The New North economic development group has partnered with a leadership development program that connects the state's top emerging talent with high-profile leaders.

Forward 48's vision is to build Wisconsin's talent succession plan through experiential learning; connecting and deepening relationships through shared experiences and exclusive networking; and empowering participants to shape their community.

Applications for the Fall 2022 cohort are now open at [forward48.com](http://forward48.com); the deadline to apply is Oct. 1. Twenty-four of the highest achievers under age 40 will be chosen from the New North region among 96 statewide.

The faculty lineup for the upcoming

cohort includes Mark Murphy, president and CEO of the Green Bay Packers; John Schlifske, CEO of Northwestern Mutual; Erickajoy Daniels, chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer at Advocate Aurora; Peter Feigin, president of the Milwaukee Bucks; and Cecelia Gore, executive director of the Milwaukee Brewers Foundation.

The first session of the Fall 2022 cohort is scheduled for Oct. 13. Sessions continue on each successive Thursday through Nov. 17.

To date, 192 young Wisconsin leaders have completed the Forward 48 program.

Inquiries can be directed to president of New North Barb LaMue at [Barb.Lamue@thenewnorth.com](mailto:Barb.Lamue@thenewnorth.com).

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# Conserving nature allows it to thrive on its own

By Rob Zimmer  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The wildflower dance is on at the Neenah Conservancy, located on County Highway A across from Lakeview School.

The stunning wetland and prairie complex is one of my favorite places to explore during late summer and fall as an array of native wildflowers, carefully selected and planted, coming to bloom, attracting butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators to the colorful and showy blossoms.

I watched with wonder as a beautiful clearwing hummingbird moth hovered among the bee balm blossoms right next to the trail, feeding, just like a hummingbird, before my eyes.

I also enjoyed the furry bumblebees that frantically worked the blossoms, collecting pollen for their hives back home.

It was amazing to see the amount of activity among the blossoms here at the Neenah Conservancy. Proof that we don't have to do much to help our wild pollinator friends. Plant the right plants, namely native wildflowers, and they will come.

## DNR seeks hunter education volunteer instructors

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking volunteers to become certified hunter education instructors to teach either hunting or shooting and pass on safe hunting skills, including the safe handling of firearms.

Since the program's creation in 1967, more than 20,000 volunteers have educated hunters in the state, certifying more than 1 million. The program has also contributed to a significant decrease in hunting safety incidents.

"I love to visit here regularly and see all of the different wildflowers," said Laurie Meitzen, who visits the conservancy often. "Lately, we have been seeing a lot of dragonflies which is so amazing."

Constructed as a retention pond, then surrounded with acres of native wildflower plantings, this beautiful oasis brings spectacular beauty as well as education to those who visit.

Signs throughout the Neenah Conservancy identify some of the native plants that have been restored here, such as purple coneflower, wild quinine, ironweed, orange milkweed, culvers root, great blue lobelia and many others.

Paved trails allow visitors access to the interior of the prairie plantings, always in bloom, always spectacular.

The native wildflowers planted here are important as they filter rainwater naturally into the ground, preventing runoff that could contain toxic chemicals directly into the lake.

Visiting the Neenah Conservancy often brings unexpected surprises. Tree frogs can be seen basking on the leaves of

There are two ways to become a volunteer instructor. Interested volunteers can either serve as an apprentice under a sponsoring instructor and assist with at least two complete courses or attend a one- or two-day certification training session hosted by a DNR Outdoor Skills Trainer.

The DNR provides the materials and equipment required to teach. To learn more and apply, contact Kayla Sasse at [kayla.sasse@wisconsin.gov](mailto:kayla.sasse@wisconsin.gov).



Photo by Rob Zimmer

The Neenah Conservancy is a great place to witness year-round changes and beauty in nature.

milkweed and other wildflowers. Many species of bumblebees can be found pollinating the prairie plants, including the endangered rusty-patched bumblebee.

Monarchs can be spotted here regularly, drifting and dancing among the swaying wildflowers and grasses.

You may spot a mink or a river otter hopping across the trail in front of you. Waterfowl, such as geese and ducks can often be seen on the ponds.

Because large numbers of orange milkweed, swamp milkweed and common milkweed grow here, the Neenah Conservancy has become a refuge for monarch butterflies in their time of trouble. The milkweed serves as a host plant for these butterflies, and the many native wildflowers that bloom

here provide a rich source of nectar from spring right through late fall.

Make the Neenah Conservancy a regular destination and observe the year-round changes and beauty that thrive here.

In spring, early bloomers such as wild columbine, orange milkweed and prairie smoke can be seen. By midsummer, penstemons, black-eyed Susans and purple coneflowers, as well as wild quinine become common. Culvers root, ironweed, rattlesnake master, and others become more numerous during mid to late summer. In the fall, New England aster and other varieties of aster, along with Joe pye weed, ironweed, lobelia and others put on a spectacular show.

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# Guilty! Beer branding works to sell us suds

Full disclosure: “Wife” has a background in art history and graphic design, and “Husband” has been an advertising copywriter for 30+ years, so we pay attention to marketing. Especially beer branding (naming, packaging, label art, social media presence, etc.).

Husband: Let’s not talk about beer this month.

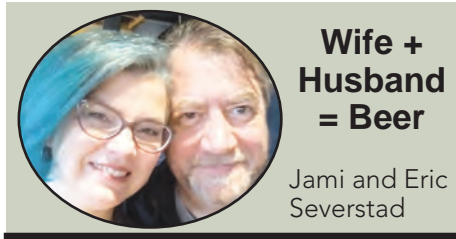
Wife: It’s a beer column; it’s what we do. Besides, you usually can’t stop talking about beer, so . . .

Husband: Since we just got back from a beer run, let’s talk about what we saw out there. The ways breweries are convincing shoppers to spend money on their products.

Wife: But, we can drink AND talk about that, right?

Husband (cracking open a beer): Of course! There are a ton of choices, and the market is still growing. So, how are beer drinkers supposed to make wise selections?

Wife: Rising prices make things even more complicated. I’m not spending \$30 for a 4-pack of beer; I’m just not. I will, however, spend \$6 for one — just to try it out — if it sounds delicious, looks especially cool, or is a new one from a favorite brewery.



**Wife + Husband = Beer**

Jami and Eric Severstad

Wife: Our local breweries (Barrel 41, Lion’s Tail) and many in Wisconsin (Badger State, Noble Roots, New Glarus), are pretty conservative in their branding. The beer is good, but they’re not super flashy or use crazy names.

Husband: Even newer breweries, ones that may feel the need to stand out because they’re new — Sahale (Grafton) or Sway (Baileys Harbor), for example — are also quite subdued.

Wife: I must say, Sahale’s take is stylish, confident and clean. The name is great — I Do My Own Stunts — and the illustration is memorable; a bird of prey with an Evel Knievel helmet! For me, this stands out on the shelf precisely because it’s not crazy, but leverages its “white space” and minimal graphics well.

Husband: The right name grabs me. Juicy McJuiceface? Goofy illustration, Appleton Beer Factory, but I can’t resist the name. This 3 Sheeps (Sheboygan) appeals to Wisconsinites with the name 15-2 and the cribbage graphics; it’s a fantastic stout.

Wife: The name 668 Neighbor of the Beast from New England Brewing (Woodbridge, Connecticut) still cracks me up. “Mortal tested. Goat Lord approved.” is some fine copy, and the play on the phrase “number of the beast” is clever.



Retail options, including this cooler display at Cellars Wine and Spirits in Neenah, provides options — and may create confusion — for area beer lovers.



Husband: OK, let’s push the edge a little. I bought the Astronomical Axolotl from Ology Brewing (Tallahassee, Fla.) just because of the spacey character and cool look. Same with this Surly Sixteen (Twin Cities, Minn.); a tattoo artist designed it, and the foil stamped box is sweet; a 16-ounce can is inside.

Wife: I appreciate breweries that team with local artists. Surly has done that over the years for their Darkness bottles, as has Untitled Art (Waunakee), which is reflected in their website copy: “We make art. Inside and outside of the can.”

Husband: Drekker (Fargo, N.D.) is known for crazy art and bold brews. Their labels are always colorful and edgy. The beers aren’t incredible, but the names and look are entertaining. Pizza Toots (not pictured) cracks me up every time I see it, and they even sell a branded whoopee cushion for that beer.

Wife: The Poco Loco from Karben4 (Madison) caught my eye. The Día de los Muertos motif is classic, and it works with the style, a Mexican Hot Chocolate Stout. When you push boundaries in a beer style, the label should mirror that.

Wife: So, some breweries get licenses to brand their beer with famous characters/people from movies or music or whatever.

Husband: These do grab my attention, but I’m not sure if all of them have permission to use likenesses and such. I love

Eagle Park (Muskego), but I wonder if this Major Tom beer received the blessing of David Bowie’s estate, ya know?

Wife: Well, do some research, Husband. I know the Hellboy series from Gigantic (Portland, Ore.) was a fully approved series of six beers, each with a different character from the comic. Heck, Gigantic is so proud, they sell 16-by-20-inch posters of their label art.



Husband: The Game of Thrones series from Brewery Ommegang (Cooperstown, N.Y.) looks fantastic, and I know the brewery is great, so I bought every one of those. They weren’t cheap, but one big brew to sip while watching the battle for the Iron Throne is pretty fun.

Wife: My favorite overall branding may be Revolution in Chicago (not pictured). Their rebellious attitude is always reflected in their names and product lines, from the League of Heroes series (hop variations of Anti-Hero IPA) to the Deep Woods series (Deth’s Tar, anyone?) to Eugene Porter beers, it’s all so coordinated and powerful. They also use local artists for their branding.


**Today:** See you at Lion’s Tail Brewing for its annual Oktoberfest celebration (Friday and Saturday).

Suggest story ideas you think Neenah beer lovers need to hear about, and we’ll cover it. It’s a sacrifice we make for you, dear readers.  
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# FVTC sees enrollment boost for fall

Neenah News

Fox Valley Technical College welcomed a higher number of students back to class this fall at its campuses, regional centers and training centers.

For the fall semester, FVTC is seeing a 6% increase in enrollments, 350 more students completing a new student registration session and a 3% increase in online enrollments compared with a year ago.

The college system is also reporting a 29% overall increase in diverse student enrollments with more than 100 international students, which is surpassing pre-pandemic enrollments.

"I am constantly impressed by our students and it is great to have so many of them back again on our campuses," said Chris Matheny, FVTC president. "They are focused on improving their futures, finding great careers, and doing well for themselves and their communities. Their futures are bright and we are so proud to be a part of their journeys."

Several programs, especially short-term diploma programs, are at or near full capacity for the fall and additional sections are being

considered for incoming students. Among the list are Diesel, Horticulture, Massage Therapy, Esthetician and Cosmetology.

New pathways for degrees or certificates have been added in baking & pastry management, industrial metrology technician, construction safety, and manufacturing safety.

"Our instructors are ready to go for the semester – their syllabi have been created, their online course shells have been developed, and their learning activities and labs are prepped and ready to go," said Jennifer Lanter, vice president for learning and chief academic officer. "The campus definitely has all the energy and excitement that comes with a new semester and we are thrilled to welcome so many new, and returning students, to FVTC for the fall semester."

Many programs start in late September or October so prospective students have time to get enrolled in business, manufacturing and transportation classes, along with general education courses that transfer to many four-year institutions.

FVTC will have open houses from 3 to 7 p.m. Oct. 4 at all locations. No registration is necessary.



Photo from St. Mary Catholic Schools

## Defined entry at SMC

St. Mary Catholic Schools installed new columns to its entrance at the middle and high school campus. School officials said the columns honor the achievements of students in the classrooms and in extracurricular activities. Made possible through donations, the columns add some definition to the entry and exit, which they said can be challenging to see in the dark.



Neenah News photo by Bethanie Gengler

Galloway Co. has operated in Neenah for more than 66 years and continues to expand in its Commercial Street neighborhood.

## Galloway expands

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efforts to acquire properties and rezone them has diminished neighboring property values and he has concerns that some of the demolished homes may have had historical value.

With rental properties in the area scarce, Niccolai estimates Galloway may have eliminated more than 15 rental units.

Niccolai said Galloway semitrailers occasionally cause traffic congestion or park in front of his home, making it difficult to exit his driveway.

"To be clear, I don't blame Galloway for trying to expand; it's the nature of building a profitable business," he said. "I blame the city for seeing dollar signs and not the negative impact on the housing and the

community this will have."

With the rezoning, the Plan Commission also discussed access to nearby Douglas Park, which they noted may be used for stormwater purposes in the future, according to the meeting minutes.

The commission unanimously voted to recommend the council approve the property rezoning.

Niccolai said a Galloway representative called him after the Plan Commission meeting and apologized for the diminishing property values. The representative assured him that the company has no plans to purchase homes on his side of Henry Street, he said.

Galloway did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The council voted on the rezoning proposals last week and unanimously approved them.

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### 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

Scheels 10K Run/Walk and Ascension 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Riverside Park

Lion's Tail Brewing Co. Oktoberfest, noon

Clinton Miller in concert, noon, Shattuck Park

Intertribal Pow Wow, 1 p.m., Shattuck Park

### Sunday, Sept. 18

Community First Fox Cities Marathon, 7 a.m.

Barbeque Dinner Fundraiser, 4 p.m., Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 809 S. Commercial St.

### Tuesday, Sept. 20

A Day in the Park for the Young at Heart (ages 55 and older), 9 a.m., Riverside Park

### Friday, Sept. 23

The Brothers Comatose, Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.



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# Rockets gear up for showdown with Lightning

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

This is a big one. Coming off its 38-20 win over Fond du Lac last week, the undefeated and seventh-ranked Neenah High School football team will face perennial powerhouse Appleton North on Friday night in Neenah. The Lightning are coming off a 17-0 loss to Kimberly – Appleton North's first loss of the season – and fell out of the state rankings this week, but Neenah head coach Steve Jung knows exactly what will be waiting when his team takes the field on Friday. "This will be our biggest challenge," Jung said. "Offensively, they aren't as good as they were last year, but they still have threats, and they are very disciplined in what they do. Defensively, this may be one of Coach (Rob) Salm's best defensive

teams. For them to hold Kimberly scoreless in the second half last week, they are very good." Neenah enters the showdown with some of its own clout and ahead of where Jung thought it would be at this point entering the season. In its first four games, all against WIAA playoff teams from a year ago, Neenah's defense has allowed an average of just more than 14 points per game and limited a potent Fond du Lac attack to just 256 yards of total offense in last week's win. It's a unit – led by Trevor McGinnis, Darius Jones Jr. and Luke Jung – that has certainly exceeded the coach's expectations to this point. "I think that defensively, we are playing at a much higher level than we anticipated with our kids," Jung said. "We had a lot of holes to fill defensively, and I feel like our

## Week 5 games

**Fox Valley Association**  
(all games at 7 p.m.)

- Appleton North (3-1) at Neenah (4-0)
- Kaukauna (2-2) at Oshkosh West (1-3)
- Kimberly (4-0) at Appleton East (1-3)
- Oshkosh North (1-2-1) at Fond du Lac (2-2)

kids are gelling and understanding what we expect out of them, and they are playing well." However, its on the offensive side of the ball where the Rockets have really shined. Neenah has scored at least 35 points in every game and racked up 562 yards of offense against Fond du Lac. The Rockets knew what to expect from standout running back Jase Jenkins, who picked up 142 yards and three total touchdowns

in the win over the Cardinals, but it's the emergence of sophomore quarterback Evan Vanevenhoven that has this offense rolling. Vanevenhoven posted a career-high 249 yards rushing and scored a touchdown against Fond du Lac, while also completing 7-of-10 passes for 80 yards. For the season, he is completing 60 percent of his passes and has racked up 486 yards rushing, while averaging 9.7 yards per attempt. "Offensively, I think we are a lot further along than what I thought we would be. Evan's game has grown a lot since his first game in De Pere and that's a big part of it," Jung said. "I also have to credit our offensive coaching staff and picking up Steve Jorgensen. The expectations he has

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# Zephyrs face Oakfield in key Southern-East Conference tilt

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

The St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian football team certainly has things rolling. Coming off a rain-soaked 60-13 drubbing of Wonewoc/Weston last Saturday, the Zephyrs – ranked second in the state among all 8-player teams – have won all three of their games this season by a combined 158-29 margin. But as smooth as the season has started for the Zephyrs, their first big hurdle may come Friday night when they travel to face an undefeated Oakfield team that will likely be fired up after losing last year's game between the two teams.

"This will definitely be a test for us coming off some good wins the past few weeks," Zephyrs head coach Josh Young said. "They are solid all of the way around and (head coach Corey Rickert) always has them ready to go." Young said that Oakfield has a talented quarterback in Brady Schepp that the Zephyrs will have to be ready for as well as an offensive line that will be one of the bigger groups the team will face this year. He also expects the Oaks' defense to be the best the team has gone up against so far. Oakfield was strong on both sides of the ball last year as well as St. Mary Catholic/

Valley Christian was able to roll up a 68-8 victory to clinch the conference title. "Last year, for us to come away with that win was pretty huge for the kids," Young said. "Going into this year, we know that Oakfield is not going to take us lightly. They are going to give us everything they have got. It definitely notches it up a bit knowing both of us are undefeated going into the game." Against Wonewoc/Weston, Ashton Post ran for 104 yards and three touchdowns to lead the way for the Zephyrs, while Danny Griffith threw for two scores and 114 yards on just five completions. Meanwhile, the defense pitched a shut-

out in the first half and never allowed a completed pass in the game. But there was also a third phase that stood out for the Zephyrs. St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian got an 80-yard punt return from Owen Sandstrom, while Charlie Nackers answered a Wonewoc/Weston touchdown with an 85-yard kickoff return for a score. "Being able to get a special teams touchdown definitely changes the momentum and gives you the ability to score in another way," Young said. Whether it is offense, defense or special

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# Neenah comes up short in FVA match against Wildcats

By Dustin Riese  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Close matches are the way of life among Fox Valley Association volleyball teams.

A few points here and there often make the difference in deciding the outcome and the Neenah Rockets got a taste of that Tuesday night.

Each set with Oshkosh West was decided by five points or less and even after winning the opening stanza, the Rockets fell short of staying unbeaten in league play in a 21-25, 25-20, 25-20, 25-22 loss to the Wildcats.

“Oshkosh West did a great job of fighting for every point tonight,” head coach

Emily Bennett said. “We will take time to reflect and learn from this match to prepare ourselves for our next match.”

Marissa Corso got things started for the Rockets and put together a fabulous match, finishing with 12 kills and five blocks.

Her play was pivotal in the first set as the Rockets were never able to break things open but held on for the win.

The Rockets raced out to a 5-2 lead early in the second set and then pulled ahead 11-7. The Wildcats countered with a 9-2 run to take the lead and held on to even the match.

Neenah once again grabbed the early

lead in the third set before West once again rallied to pull ahead 12-11. A Claudia Merizon ace stemmed the tide and evened the match for the Rockets, but West answered once again and pulled away down the stretch to take the third set.

Looking to force a decisive fifth set, Neenah stayed right on the heels of the Wildcats in the fourth set but West once again pulled out a close win, this time ending the match.

Merizon had an all-around game for the Rockets finishing with five kills, 16 assists, four aces and eight digs. Behind Corso, Makenna Baker added nine kills and three blocks, while Haley Meyer finished with five kills.

Leia Kersten paced Neenah with 19 assists.

Leading the Rockets in the back row was Jenna Lawatsch, who registered a team-best 18 digs to go along with three aces. Kenzie Ullrich added 16 digs and Elizabeth Oldenburg finished with 11 digs.

“The two teams gave all their energy and never relented,” she said. “I was really impressed by West’s scrappiness and fight. Whenever we had them down early, they found ways to get on a run, which helped them take control of those final three sets. We fought hard in every single set and competed until the end as these are the types of matches that are going to make us better going forward.”

## Prep sports roundup

### SWIMMING

#### Cortina, Mulroy help boost Rockets to win

Naomi Cortina and Anna Mulroy pulled off a pair of 1-2 finishes and Neenah took first in the final event to help outdistance Oshkosh West, 99-86, in a Fox Valley Association dual meet on Tuesday.

Cortina won both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle, with Mulroy taking second in both events. The Rockets also grabbed the top two spots in the diving competition with Ceci Pirwitz taking first and Hannah Slabbert finishing second.

Emma Bottensek added a first place in the 100-yard backstroke, while the Rockets capped the night by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay with a team of Cortina, Mulroy, Alliyah Lima and Bottensek.

Lima added a second place in the 100-yard butterfly, while the Rockets also took second in the 200-yard medley relay (Lima, Rylie Bauman, Carly Salzer, Mulroy) and 200-yard freestyle relay (Bottensek, Kacie Stamm, Bauman, Cortina).

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

#### Neenah can't upend Kimberly

The Rockets battled conference-leading Kimberly on the road on Tuesday but were dealt a 25-22, 25-22, 25-27, 25-18 loss by the papermakers.

Three players posted double-digit kills for Neenah, with Zac Fruendt leading the way with 11 and Miles Weaver and Noah Harmon each finishing with 10. Harmon also led the team with nine blocks.

Justin Sina chipped in 40 assists and Luke Abing recorded a team-high 16 digs for the Rockets.

On Saturday, the Rockets finished 2-2 in a conference pool play tournament at Kaukauna. Neenah beat Notre Dame/Bay Port and Appleton East, but fell to Kimberly and Appleton North. The loss to the Lightning was in the third/fourth place match.

Harmon totaled 22 kills, four blocks and four aces for the Rockets, while Chip Calcaterra added 14 kills and five blocks on the day and Mitch Krueger and Weaver each had 12 kills.

Sina finished with 63 assists, 15 digs and four aces. Krueger also had four aces.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

#### Neenah takes 10th at Brookfield Central

The Rockets beat Sun Prairie East in straight sets but fell to Oak Creek, Menomonee Falls and Cedarburg to take 10th overall at the Brookfield Central tournament.

Four players reached double figures in kills on the day, led by Marissa Corso with 16. Carly Stamm added 14, while Haley Mayer and Makenna Baker each had 11. Stamm also had a team-high five blocks, while Baker finished with three.

Leia Kersten led the team with 49 assists and 12 aces, while also chipping in 25 digs. Elizabeth Oldenburg led the Rockets in digs with 41.

### GOLF

#### Neenah pulls out win over Hortonville

Dawson Anderson and Natalie Quella shared medalist honors as the Rockets collected a 182-204 victory over Hortonville at Ridgeway Golf Course on Tuesday.

Anderson and Quella each shot 44s on the day, while Emma Buss and Aubrey Oitzinger were the other two scores used with 47s, Annika Searles also shot a 47 for Neenah, which had five golfers turn in scores lower than the lowest round by a Hortonville player.

### BOYS SOCCER

#### Groppel nets hat trick in Zephyrs' win

AJ Groppel netted a hat trick to lead St. Mary Catholic to a 3-1 win over Green Bay NEW Lutheran as the Zephyrs remained unbeaten.

Groppel scored twice in the first half and then added his third goal in the 73rd minute, just two minutes after NEW Lutheran narrowed St. Mary Catholic's lead to 2-1.

Kieran Barrientos assisted on all three goals for the Zephyrs, while Hunter Schreiber finished with eight saves.

#### Neenah nets tie with Kimberly

Ethan Fraser scored in the 49th minute

to lift Neenah into a 1-1 tie with Kimberly in an FVA match on Tuesday.

Keegan Vande Hei assisted on the goal for the Rockets, who outshot the Papermakers 14-6 in the match.

Kimberly scored its goal in the seventh minute.

Over the weekend, the Rockets picked up a pair of wins in the Sheboygan North tournament to earn the tournament championship in Division 2.

Neenah beat the host Golden Raiders, 2-1, with Nolan Hessenthaler scoring on a penalty kick for the Rockets' first goal, while Vande Hei added the second. Caleb Bartman and Blake Rhodes notched assists in the win.

In the second game, Neenah racked up a whopping 46 shots in a 3-0 win over Sheboygan South. Scoring goals for the Rockets in the win were Fraser, Vande Hei and Coda Kapp, while Rhodes, Fraser and

Grant Romjue had assists.

### TENNIS

#### Neenah sweeps Oshkosh North in FVA dual

Neenah's girls tennis team stayed unbeaten in conference play with a 7-0 win over Oshkosh North on Tuesday.

The Rockets won three of the seven matches by 6-0, 6-0 margins with Annalise Zensick at No. 1 singles, Izzy Murray at No. 2 singles and the No. 3 doubles team of Ava Motto and Cecelia Alexander scoring victories by that score.

Other winners for Neenah, all of which came in straight sets were: Meredith Werner at No. 3 singles, Norah Spanbauer at No. 4 singles, the No. 1 doubles team of Kinsey Perry and Paige Stielow, and the No. 2 tandem of Sophie Hodak and Gabby Hackbarth.

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# Romero remains goal oriented for potent Zephyrs

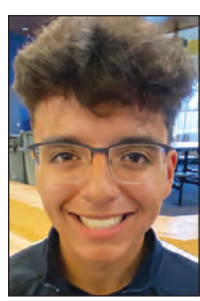
By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Emiliano Romero had played rec soccer since kindergarten, so he was certainly familiar with the game when he stepped on to the St. Mary Catholic soccer team as a freshman in 2019.

Yet, as much experience as he had, he wasn't prepared for what awaited him.

"Because we don't have a junior varsity team, you are immediately thrown into that varsity spot and you're playing against these 6-foot center backs who are trying to hit you as hard as possible," Romero said. "It was scary, but it definitely toughens you up."

For someone who is a bit undersized like Romero, it also means finding different ways to get things done.



Romero

"There definitely was a learning curve to it because you have to be a little smarter," Romero said. "You can't just kick the ball and just run like when you were younger. You have to think a little more and pass it around and use strategy."

The knowledge Romero started gaining as a freshman has now had three-plus seasons to accumulate and he is making the most of everything he's learned this season.

"He has a very high soccer IQ. You are able to give him simple instructions on the go and he's able to integrate it into the game," first-year coach Andy Paroubek said. "There was a lot of hope and expectations for him to come in and have a good season and he's gotten off to a good start."

Romero said that he has always played a forward or attacking position on the soccer field and it's where he feels the most comfortable.

Playing that role means he's counted on to score goals and that's something that has always been a part of playing the game for him.

"I've always had that drive to some-



Neenah News

St. Mary Catholic senior Emiliano Romero is one of the leading scorers for the Zephyrs high-powered soccer team.

how find a way to get the ball in the net," Romero said. "It's a great feeling knowing that you got that ball into the net. But you always need that assist from your teammates. It's never just you alone."

That's what has made the Zephyrs so tough to stop this season.

Romero is one-third of a talented attacking group for St. Mary Catholic, along with AJ Groppe and Kieran Barrientos.

With that trio spearheading the offense, the Zephyrs have scored 19 goals in their first six games.

Romero said he has played with Groppe for three years in the Zephyr program and Barrientos for two and all of those games and practices working together has certainly had an effect on them as a group.

"They are two people I trust a lot so having them up there with me attacking

## Senior Spotlight

is something that has always felt comfortable," Romero said. "I definitely have trust and chemistry with them."

Having a three-pronged attack also takes the pressure off of any one player to do all the scoring.

Romero said that if he is having an off night, the other two will step up and score or he will step in if someone else isn't quite clicking.

Or, he said, "AJ is so skilled and has played so much (club soccer), he can do it himself if we need it."

Romero has played soccer all of these years because he simply enjoys playing.

He credits his parents and rec soccer coaches for making it a fun activity while growing up as well as acknowledging the coaches and teammates he's had in high school for keeping things enjoyable.

"These four years I have been playing for SMC have been a pleasure for me. I've loved every minute of it," Romero said. "Soccer has always been a part of my life. I love the people I get to play soccer with every single day. It's given me something to look forward to."

Romero still has some memories to make, though.

With the start the Zephyrs have gotten off to, the potential is obviously there for a long tournament run and possible state berth. St. Mary Catholic last qualified for the WIAA state tournament in 2005 – under the school's previous name of St. Mary Central – but there would be no better way to cap a career than to help this year's Zephyrs end that drought.

"If we keep trusting each other and working with each other and with our coach, I think we can make it very far and our team can be very successful in (late) October," Romero said. "Everyone needs to step up, including me. We just need to work together. Not just eight or nine of our players, but all 11 players working together."

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In ancient Egypt, people believed in life after death. They wrapped up loved ones, even pets and other animals, to preserve their bodies after death.

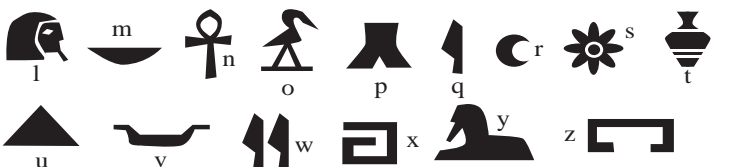
### Message Carriers

Ancient Egyptians believed some animals could talk to the gods. They would mummify an animal to send a message to a god.



### Mummified Zoo

Archeologists have also found other animals mummified by ancient Egyptians. Use the code to reveal some of these animals.



**D** **S**  
**R** **E**  
**S**



### Making a Mummy

It took time to make a mummy, or mummify, an animal. First, the animal's organs were removed. The body was rubbed with salts to dry it out. Then, it was covered in special oils and wrapped in cloth.

Some animals were put into special jars made to look like them.

### Dog Catacombs: Tomb of the Dogs

There is a burial ground in Egypt that has millions of mummified dogs. It's believed there are eight million dogs buried there! This site is called Saqqara (suh-KAHR-uh).



The pyramids at Giza are "guarded" by a huge statue with the body of a lion and the head of a king. Circle every other letter it is called.



**T** **S** **O** **P** **K** **H** **L** **I** **Y** **N** **C** **X**  
**S**

### Mammoth Mummy

Not all mummies are made by people. Some get accidentally mummified, or preserved, by nature. This happened to a young mammoth more than 40,000 years ago.

Archeologists named her **Lyuba** (lay-OO-BAH). They think she got stuck and sunk into some deep mud. The mud dried around her and preserved her for tens of thousands of years.



### News Number Puzzles

Imagine each letter of the alphabet was a number. A=1, B=2, C=3 and so on. Using that number code, change each letter in a headline into a number. Then add up those numbers. Which headline has the highest number? Which one has the lowest?

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Replace the missing words.

**SYMBOLS** **FOUND** **DISAPPEARS** **OVER** **PUSHED** **IMPORTANT**

The scarab beetle was very \_\_\_\_\_ to ancient Egyptians. Scarab beetle mummies have been \_\_\_\_\_ with human mummies, often placed \_\_\_\_\_ the heart.

The Egyptians believed that scarabs were \_\_\_\_\_ of their god Khepri. They believed Khepri \_\_\_\_\_ the sun across the sky each day, just like a scarab beetle would roll up and move a ball of dung.

The scarab beetle was a symbol of rebirth. That is because the sun \_\_\_\_\_ each day and \_\_\_\_\_ rises again the next day.

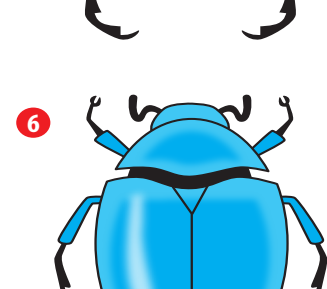
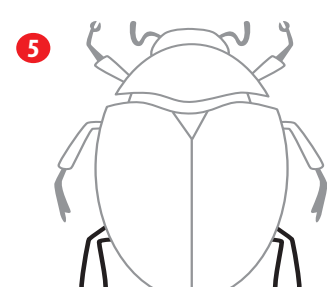
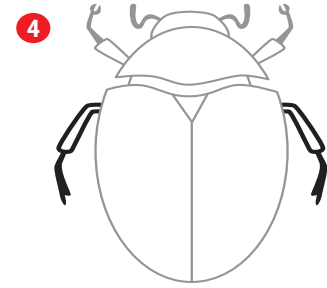
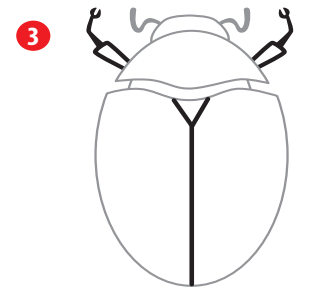
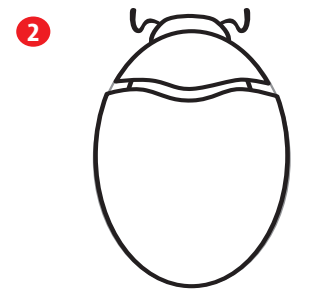
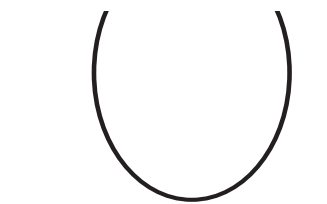
### Double Double Word Search

BODIES  
CLOTH  
DOGS  
DRIED  
EGYPT  
MUD  
MUMMY  
OILS  
PRESERVED  
SALTS  
SCARAB  
SUN  
TALK  
WRAPPED  
YEARS

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

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

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



### Write On!

### Mysterious Mummy

Once Upon a Time there was a strange mummy and ...  
 Finish this story.



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