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Neenah News photo

Glenn Wilcox of Neenah has been attending the Waupaca County Fair for more than 75 years.

Top district employees recognized

Neenah News

Eight school staffers have been recognized as Neenah Joint School District Employees of the Year for the 2021-22 year.

The group represents an individual from each of the district's employment categories. They were selected from the nearly 800 employees and nominated by colleagues, parents and students. They will be honored at an Oct. 3 reception at Bridgewood Conference Center.

Three teachers were selected, including Kim Farr from the elementary level, Jim Kuenster from the middle school level and Adam Hendries from the high school level. Shattuck Middle School counselor Tracee Lemke-Hildreth was honored from the special services area. Coolidge Principal April Keepers was named the Administrator of the Year.

Educational interpreter Robin Powell was selected as the Educational Assistant of the Year. District business services specialist Amy Gunderson is the Administrative Assistant of the Year and district supervisor of operations Luke Diedrich is the Operations/Maintenance Employee of the Year.

The District also annually selects a "Team of the Year." The district nurses, health assistants and elementary administrative assistants were selected for their work in continuing to assist and screen students while also helping families navigate quarantines and close contacts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Farr is in her 21st year in the district and her 20th year teaching kindergarten at Clayton Elementary. Kuenster is starting his 24th year as an English teacher at Shattuck Middle School. Hendries is in his 21st year teaching technology education

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County fair tradition keeps local man young

Glenn Wilcox continues more than 75-year ritual

Neenah News

Glenn Wilcox of Neenah is 89 years old and has been attending the Waupaca County Fair in Weyauwega off and on for more than 75 years.

Wilcox grew up in rural Weyauwega

with 12 brothers and sisters. He and his siblings would pick pickles to sell to the pickle factory so that they'd have enough money to attend the fair. He moved to Neenah when he was 16.

Wilcox worked at Galloway Co. and as a delivery man for a few years before joining the U.S. Army in 1953. A year later, he

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Neenah Club retains city's enduring connections

By AJ Mikkelson
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

If you ask a few longtime Neenah residents what they believe makes Neenah a great place to live, you will often get answers that mention the quality of the community. From business leaders who focus on giving back, to events and spaces that connect people to their neighbors, an infectious sense of belonging permeates the lives of those who call Neenah home.

Those beliefs and connections are not new. There is an organization that has existed here since 1909 which fostered many of those foundations that raised the quality of life for residents. That organization is the Neenah Club.

The original member list included names like Sensenbrenner, Kimberly and Clark. Many of the original objectives centered around growing the community

and economic development.

Bill Wallingford, club manager and past board president, recalled that in the early years of the club, "there was a truck with a billboard that would drive to parades out to Eastern cities encouraging people and business to come to Neenah."

The club's records have newspaper articles showing stories that promoted the power and labor available for those willing to build or expand their business to Neenah.

Not too long after the Neenah Club was formed, it purchased the Grand Opera House on West Wisconsin Avenue where the Neenah Center office buildings are now. The Grand Opera House became one of the original Marcus theaters, along with the theater in Ripon.

The Neenah Club owned that building

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Photo by AJ Mikkelson

The Neenah Club has been serving as a community organization since 1909.

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Larsen Road, 76 project aims for safety

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The state Department of Transportation discussed roadwork at the State 76 and Larsen Road intersection at a public meeting last week, including the possible installation of a roundabout.

The 76/Larsen intersection is 2.2 miles south of U.S. 10 in the Town of Clayton, a mile west of where the new Neenah High School is being constructed. The intersection had 16 crashes from 2016 to 2020, resulting in one fatality and nine people with injuries.

The DOT installed larger 4-foot stop signs in 2020 and “cross traffic does not stop here” signs in 2021. There have been no failure-to-stop crashes since then. Officials anticipate increased traffic once the new high school opens in fall 2023, leading to congestion.

DOT officials said if no improvements are made there will continue to be high crash rates with increased likelihood of injuries or fatalities at the intersection. They are proposing adding either all-way stop

control at a cost of \$1.3 million or installing a roundabout for about \$1.8 million.

A 2015 safety study produced by the University of Wisconsin Traffic Operations and Safety Lab showed that fatal and severe injury crashes decrease by 40% when roundabouts are installed, according to the DOT.

The proposed roundabout would be single lane and requires land acquisition at all four quadrants. All-way stop control would require acquisition of a triangular piece of land in the southeast quadrant. The intersection would be closed during construction and traffic would be detoured using Interstate 41 and U.S. 10.

A comment submitted during the meeting indicated that large commercial vehicles often cause backups at roundabouts and the commenter questioned whether the DOT would consider adding an additional lane exiting the roundabout to allow cars to pass. DOT project manager Bill Bertrand said that adding a lane after the roundabout and encouraging passing and a tight merge would create safety is-

sues. An attendee questioned whether traffic lights could be installed before the improvements to deal with immediate safety concerns. Bertrand said traffic lights were considered as an early alternative for improving the intersection but did not move forward.

Another suggestion was whether the speed limit could be reduced from 55 to 45 miles per hour in the area. Bertrand said the speed limit is based on the average speed of 85% of vehicles that travel the road. Posting an artificially low speed limit increases the variability of speeds, which he said creates unsafe conditions.

The DOT is accepting public comments on the project through Sept. 9 and can be submitted on the DOT website under the highway projects and studies-northeast region tab or by emailing William.bertrand@dot.wi.gov.

Construction at the intersection is expected to start in 2026. If traffic increases once the high school opens, the project may be advanced to 2025.

Substance use programs promoted this month

Neenah News

Apricity, a nonprofit organization that provides those impacted by substance use disorders with treatment, employment and support services, is marking Recovery Month in September through its annual fundraising campaign.

The organization's three core treatment and recovery programs are the focus of fundraising during Recovery Month. It offers a matching gift challenge totaling \$30,000 from The Boldt Co., Gloria West

family and an anonymous family. All donations Apricity receives this month will be matched up to that amount.

Apricity's Contract Packaging facilities in Neenah and Milwaukee offer additional treatment after inpatient services, as well as transitional employment opportunities with the organization. The state-licensed, alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) certified treatment and recovery program offers training and vocational rehabilitation that includes resume creation, lead-

ership training, guidance for enrolling in higher education, job search assistance and career-readiness classes.

“Apricity has given me the opportunity to learn how to live free of drugs and alcohol, figure out what I want out of life and pursue educational interests to further both my recovery and future,” said former client William Reitzloff.

Apricity chief executive Michelle Devine Giese said the campaign allows the community to make twice the impact in supporting individuals on their recovery journey.

“Apricity's Recovery Month Campaign celebrates and features individuals in recovery from substance use disorders and raises crucial funds for our residential treatment, job-readiness training and sober living programs,” she said. “These gifts support life changing programs that bring hope and healing to individuals and their families.”

Apricity's community outreach on substance use disorders also supports patients in Ascension and ThedaCare emergency departments and several behavioral health clinics who have experienced an opioid/stimulant overdose or have a history of misuse.

Workplace award nominations sought

Applications are being accepted for the 2023 New North Workplace Excellence Award, which recognizes organizations within the 18-county region that are improving their competitive advantage through people practices.

Award submissions are evaluated on two primary criteria: people practices and business practices.

A collaboration between New North Inc. and Right Management, the Workplace Excellence Award application process has three phases. The initial form can be found at thenewnorth.com. Submissions must be made by 5 p.m. Oct. 7 to be eligible and should be emailed to lisa.smith@right.com.

Organizations that meet the first phase of requirements will be notified Oct. 28 and be invited to submit a detailed application that is due Jan. 27.

Those advancing to Phase 3 will be contacted Feb. 17. Site visits are scheduled for March or early April.

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Remember health screenings as school gets back in session

From ThedaCare

It's back-to-school time, and parents have lots of tasks to do to get their kids ready for the new school year. One of the most important tasks is to make sure their child's health screenings are up to date.

"Back-to-school time can be busy for parents," said Dr. Robert Sedlacek, a family medicine physician at ThedaCare Physicians-Waupaca. "With all the information a child's school sends ahead of the first day, we want to help parents stay current on their child's health status. To help children start the school year on a positive note, there are a few screenings that we would recommend for families."

To begin, an annual well-child visit is a good opportunity for a provider to see a child when they are healthy and not fighting some kind of illness. This can allow care teams to talk with families about preventive health issues, such as safety, getting enough exercise, good sleeping habits and healthy eating. Also, if your child is behind on immunizations, teams can provide vaccinations before school starts.

Sedlacek also noted that vision and hearing checks are important.

"I was in sixth grade when I received my first pair of glasses, though I probably had not been able to see the board through most of fifth grade," said Sedlacek. "When a child cannot hear or see well, that will interfere with their ability to learn and interact with teachers and classmates. While it's important for everyone to have an annual wellness visit with his or her provider, it's especially important to get a vision or hearing test if your child reports trouble seeing or hearing. Examples may include your child sitting closer to the TV or computer screen than before, or turning up the volume while listening."

Back-to-school time also means sports physicals are needed.

"If your student needs a sports exam, schedule them now so your student is ready to participate when their sport's practice sessions begin," Sedlacek said. "Physicals are a good opportunity for families to connect with their care team. They can also help ensure students are as healthy as possible for their age with the goal of training and competing safely."

Good dental health is important, too, and Sedlacek reminded parents to sched-

ule dental checkups and cleanings.

"A healthy smile can give kids confidence," he said. "Sometimes kids' dental hygiene habits may relax over the summer. A back-to-school cleaning can help get those habits back on track. If your child plays a sport that requires a mouth guard, it's also good to have your dentist check that it fits well and provides the desired protection."

Sedlacek also stressed the importance of making sure your child's school knows of any special health needs.

"If your child takes a medication that must be given during school hours, you'll need to provide that medication to the

school with explicit directions," he said. "Likewise, if your child has a serious health issue such as diabetes, asthma or food allergies, be sure that information is communicated to the school, there's an emergency plan in place and all emergency contact information is up to date."

Sedlacek concluded that by taking time to schedule health screenings before kids head back to the classroom can help them focus on a great year of learning.

"We want to empower families to support their children by ensuring their health needs are met," he said. "We want each child to be healthy and set them up for a successful school year."

Teaching award recipients named for school district

The Educational Foundation of Neenah honored 18 Neenah Joint School District educators in its 2021-22 "Rocketing Ahead: Celebration of Education" Teaching Awards.

Each recipient receives a grant for classroom enhancements or professional development opportunities. The grants were created to recognize educators who have demonstrated innovative or creative classroom methods and who are involved in extracurricular activities. They were announced at the district's all-staff convocation Aug. 24.

Each school has one recipient of the award with two selections from Shattuck Middle School and four from Neenah

High School.

Those honored include Becky Allen (Alliance), Amy Vosters (Clayton), DaNay Stedjee (Coolidge), Emily Wertanen (Hoover), Amy Auxier (Lakeview), Dani Larson (Roosevelt), Jodi DeBruin (Spring Road), Sarah Longoria (Taft), Sarah Tennie (Tullar), Lexie Kust (Washington), Justin Gasparick (Wilson), Stephanie DeMenter (Horace Mann), Jeff LaPlant (Shattuck), Tyler Resch (Shattuck), Beth Altekruise (NHS), Steve Chovan (NHS), Kyle Kleuskens (NHS) and Erin Meilhon (NHS).

Founded in 1986, the Educational Foundation of Neenah is a nonprofit organization with an all-volunteer board of directors.



Neenah Police Department photo

City scene artwork

A mural created by the Neenah High School Visual Arts Classic Team that celebrates the city is now on display at the Police Department. Graduated senior Kyler Lasee, shown with the mural, designed the artwork and planned the color scheme. The school team then worked on the project for several months and donated it to the department.



Photo from Neenah Historical Society

School back in session

Students in Neenah got back to school this year on Thursday. Shown here are students at Hoover Elementary School working in their classroom in this undated photo. Hoover opened in October 1953.



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ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah is looking for Information Desk escort volunteers. Need to be able to push individuals in wheelchairs. Other volunteer roles are available. For more information or to request an application, contact Brooke Techlin at brooke.techlin@thedacare.org or 920-729-2207.

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Make the Ride Happen is seeking volunteers to provide transportation to older adults during the week so they can get to essential services. You choose when you would like to drive. Volunteers and passengers wear facemasks. All passengers are mobile and sit in the rear of the vehicle. Contact Jan at 920-832-9360 or rsvp@volunteerfoxcities.org.

Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley is seeking mentors to provide positive, caring and trusted role models for youth, for a minimum of one hourlong session a week. In a mentoring relationship, mentors provide 1:1 guidance and support to help young people build self-confidence, learn positive behaviors, stay in school and avoid potential pitfalls like drugs and gangs. Contact Sam at spackard@bgclubfoxvalley.org for more details and to enroll.

Rebuilding Together Fox Valley: Looking for volunteers to perform house repairs. Skilled volunteers are preferred, but all skill levels are welcome. Contact Shelah at Shelah@rtfv.org or 920-730-2156, ext. 101.

St. Vincent de Paul Neenah/Menasha: Friendly cashier volunteers, at least age 18, with some experience, to volunteer in four-hour shifts. Staff members are always available for backup. Training is provided. For details, contact Toni at volunteercoordinator@svdpcneenah.com or 920-727-1766, ext. 3.



File photo

Watson, a 9-year-old yellow labrador pictured with owner Larry Langohr, was the winner of the 2022 Top Dog contest. The contest will return in 2023.

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Shelters, breweries will team up again for top dogs

By Bethanie Gengler
 NEENAH NEWS

The Northeast Wisconsin “NEW Top Dog” contest kicks off Sept. 9, with participants vying for the chance to have their dog’s mug featured on a beer can and the proceeds benefiting charity.

NEW Top Dog is an online fundraiser and pooch popularity contest. Participants enter the fundraiser by donating \$10 and sending in a photo of their dog along with a description of why their pooch is the coolest. Contestants encourage friends and family to vote for their dog, with votes costing \$1 each.

The contest is open to all dogs, regardless of whether they came from a shelter. It is also open to deceased dogs as a way to share their memory.

Six animal rescues, six breweries and the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club are partnering for the event. The proceeds are split among the animal shelters and the Kiwanis.

Participating animal shelters include Neenah Animal Shelter, Oshkosh Area Humane Society, Lakeshore Humane Society in Manitowoc, Misfit Mutts in Green Bay, Sandi Paws in Fond du Lac and White Paws German Shepherd Rescue in Green Bay.

The winning dog from each of the six local contests is featured on a beer can and their respective pet parents work with a local brewery to participate in the naming and brewing process. The nine run-

ner-up dogs in each contest are also pictured on the can. The custom beers will be launched next year.

Participating breweries include Lion’s Tail Brewing Co. and Barrel 41 Brewing Co. in Neenah, Bare Bones Brewery and Fifth Ward Brewing Co. in Oshkosh, Sabbatical Brewing Co. in Manitowoc and Knuth Brewing Co. in Ripon.

The top 10 dogs with the most votes from each of the six contests win more than \$19,000 in prizes and move on to a championship round. The winner of the final round is crowned the NEW Top Dog Grand Champion and is awarded more than \$3,000 in prizes. The top earning shelter receives a cash bonus of \$5,000 and the four runner-up shelters receive bonuses of \$1,000-\$4,000.

This is the third year the NEW Top Dog contest is being held. Last year’s champion was Watson, a 9-year-old yellow labrador who represented the Neenah Animal Shelter. Larry and Suzanne Langohr and their daughter Nicole Langohr-Hahn entered Watson in the competition. The mother-daughter pair are the owners of Lucy’s Closet pet boutique.

Last year’s competition raised \$235,000 to benefit the animal shelters and Kiwanis.

Registration for the contest begins Sept. 9 with voting from Sept. 16-30. Winners will be announced in October. To enter the contest or to vote, visit newtopdog.com.

Town of Neenah hiring for dog retrieval

The Town of Neenah is looking for a new dog lister to assist with lost or stray dogs found in the town.

The person would be responsible for responding to calls from residents and the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department regarding strays, picking up dogs and returning to owners, or taking them to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society with who

the town has a contract.

The position will not deal with cats, other pets or wildlife. The lister is paid per call and reimbursed mileage, and town officials said it averages to just one per month.

Those interested are asked to contact Ellen at 920-725-0916 or eskerke@tn.neenah.wi.gov.

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Area jobless rate decreases in July

The unemployment rate in July decreased in all 12 of Wisconsin's metro areas, including Oshkosh-Neenah, compared with July 2021, and dropped from 3.2% to 3% between June and July, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSE) had a July jobless rate of 3% compared with 3.2% in June and 3.4% a year ago, while the city of Neenah's unemployment was at 2.9% compared with 3.3% in June and 3.6% in July 2021.

The state Department of Workforce Development released the July estimates of unemployment and employment statistics for metropolitan areas, major cities and counties last week.

Preliminary July rates declined or stayed the same in 70 of 72 Wisconsin counties over the year and decreased or stayed the same in 63 of 72 Wisconsin counties over the month.



Photo by Scott Kruger

Dancin' in the street

Future Neenah hosted a street dance-style concert Wednesday night featuring Boogie and the Yo-yo'z in the 200 block of West Wisconsin Avenue downtown.

Dog abandonment case dismissed after DA declines to press charges

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County District Attorney's Office has declined to press charges against a woman who abandoned seven pug puppies in a plastic tote in a driveway in Neenah in April.

Laura Czarniecki, 43, of Menasha, told police she abandoned the seven puppies during a blackout after ingesting drugs.

Neenah Police Department records indicate that on April 24 an officer responding to an animal complaint found the pup-

pies just before 11 p.m. on Henry Street. The puppies did not have access to food or water and could barely fit in the tote, according to the police report. The pug puppies were transported to the Neenah Animal Shelter.

Police put out a request for information and received a tip the next day that the seven puppies matched an April 10 Facebook post made by Czarniecki advertising pug puppies for sale.

When questioned, Czarniecki initially told police that she had sold or given away

all of the puppies.

On April 26, Czarniecki met with an officer at her workplace and said that on the night the puppies were found she had visited her brother's house and smoked a drug which caused her to blackout. She told police that the puppies found abandoned "have to be my dogs."

Police referred the case to the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office, requesting seven criminal counts for abandoning animals. District Attorney Eric Sparr said the DA's office will not be

pursuing criminal charges.

In a nonprosecution memo, Assistant District Attorney Tracy Paider wrote that Czarniecki is in her 40s with no prior criminal record.

"While this prosecution is declined, Czarniecki was sent a warning letter indicating that charges could be issued in the future should this type of conduct with animals continue," Paider wrote.

All of the abandoned pug puppies were adopted shortly after their arrival at the shelter.

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- Saturday, Sept. 3**
Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
- Monday, Sept. 5**
Labor Day Parade, 10 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**
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.

Today's workers must continue to organize

By Mark Westphal
FOX VALLEY AREA LABOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The surge in worker organizing we're seeing this Labor Day isn't happening by accident.

From Amazon warehouses to coffee shops to congressional staffers and beyond, working people are rising up. In fact, the number of petitions filed at the National Labor Relations Board by workers to form unions is up 69% compared with last year.

It's not too much to ask that during

a time when workers are experiencing hardships, that the wealthiest among us shouldn't be making out like bandits.

In 2021, the CEO pay at S&P 500 companies rose over 18%, more than twice as much as the U.S. inflation rate of 7.1%. In contrast, U.S. workers' wages fell behind inflation, with wages rising only 4.7% last year.

Today the average CEO out-earns the typical worker 324 to 1.

Our country must tackle this issue with an agenda that will raise wages and

help reduce costs for working families. That is the goal of the Inflation Reduction Act just signed into law by President Biden.

Every year, Labor Day signals the end of summer and the approaching school year. But the annual holiday is about so much more than a long weekend of camping or backyard barbecues. It's about honoring all working people and the labor movement who make this day all possible.

Happy Labor Day, everyone.



Neenah Police Department photo

Officer steps down

Neenah Police Sgt. Vicki Strebel announced her resignation after 23 years of service with the department. She started as a patrol officer in 1999 and then worked in many different capacities, including a school resource officer and member of the Honor Guard and Bike Patrol. Strebel was named Woman Police Officer of the Year in 2019.

Top employees

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and has split time between the middle and high school levels during his career.

Lemke-Hildreth is in her 20th year in the district and is starting her 12th year at Shattuck Middle School.

Keepers is in her 19th year in the district and her 10th year as principal at Coolidge Elementary, where she attended elementary school.

Powell is in her fourth year in the district working with deaf and hard-of-hearing students. She will work at Roosevelt/Alliance Elementary School this year after spending the past two years at Shattuck Middle School.

Gunderson is in her seventh year in the district and her third year in the business office. She was promoted to business services specialist.

Diedrich is in his fourth year in the district and begins his third year as the supervisor of operations.

Neenah club

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until 2000. When the theater closed, the club could no longer afford to keep the building without that income, so it was sold.

The club met in the Brigade building for a couple of years before it bought its current location at 219 Nicolet Blvd.

Today, the Neenah Club is not as involved in economic development but still plays an important role in the development of a strong community. The club's motto is "Growth Through Knowledge."

"It's a place where men can gather on a weekly basis for camaraderie, lunch, and gain some knowledge," Wallingford said.

From September through May, the club meets for lunch weekly and has a featured guest speaker. Past speakers range from local mayors, historians, professors and authors to Wisconsin elected officials including governors, lieutenant governors and the Wisconsin secretary of tourism. There is a broad variety of topics and speakers that will expand the knowledge of the listener.

Around two-thirds of the members attend the lunch and speaking engagement each week.

Wallingford, a 13-year member of the club, recalled his first lunch after being invited.

"I sat at the same table as the gentleman who owned the first Dodge car dealership in Neenah," Wallingford said. After learning about the history, he was hooked.

While the majority of the club's nearly 100 members are retired, not all are. Wallingford stressed that the Neenah Club helps fill the need of camaraderie and social connections for men from diverse backgrounds, especially after they leave the workforce.

"Whether you delivered fuel oil or were a doctor, the club is a place where men can connect with other men," Wallingford said. Members are not exclusively from Neenah – they come from Greenville, Appleton, Menasha, Neenah and elsewhere.

Club members participate in the Memorial Day procession through Neenah and Menasha.

Members also can sign up to use the building as a gathering space outside of the weekly lunch, including getting together to play cards or host a family gathering.

"My favorite luncheon is at Christmas time," Wallingford said, "We bring in a pianist and pass out the words to the songs and the guys sing; it's a special time."

The club is continuing to add to its membership. The weekly luncheon programs begin at 11:15 on Mondays, resuming after Labor Day.

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Glenn Wilcox and Bethanie Gengler have been attending the fair together for the last six years.

Fair ritual

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married Evonne Wilke of Weyauwega and moved her with him to Fort Lewis army base in Tacoma, Wash. He left the Army in 1955 and the newlyweds returned to Neenah.

Wilcox befriended a homebuilder who sold him land in rural Neenah and together they built the house where he and Evonne raised four sons. In 60 years of marriage, he says they never had a single fight. He supported his family by working at Bergstrom Paper, retiring after 38 years. Evonne passed away in 2014 with Wilcox by her side until the end.

Wilcox's garage and workshop is a hang-out for locals to grab a beer and shoot the breeze. When the weather is nice, the garage door is wide open. When it's cold out, the space is heated by a wood burning stove. The Packers, Brewers or NASCAR are always on.

Christmas Eve is a big event at Wilcox's place, drawing up to 100 visitors throughout the day and often late into the night with games and laughter that echoes down the street.

In his free time, Wilcox is always fixing or building something. His workshop is filled with birds, butterflies, turtles, lizards and frogs fashioned out of PVC pipe that he cuts, heats and forms into shapes and then paints bright colors. An entire wall of the back room is lined with large hanging lighted snowflakes that he makes out of plastic clothes hangers as Christmas decorations.

He can also be found in the kitchen baking fresh bread, although not completely from scratch like his mom used to make.

Shortly after his wife passed, Wilcox befriended Neenah News reporter Bethanie Gengler of Menasha. The pair has attended the fair in Weyauwega together each year for the past six years, only missing 2020 when the fair wasn't held due to the pandemic.

Earlier this year, Wilcox had some health issues and there were concerns that he wouldn't make it to the fair. As a man of his word, he pulled through and attended the fair last Friday. It's the farthest Wilcox will travel from home for another 365 days.

This year, the highlight of Wilcox's fair visit was watching an Elvis & Oldies show. It wasn't Elvis impersonator Dakota Pongratz that caught Wilcox's attention - it was a little old lady swinging her hips and tearing it up on the dance floor.

"She must have been a real firecracker when she was younger," Wilcox said. "I think I'd like to get my picture taken with her."

The mystery lady was Audrey VandeLogt of Menasha, who is 92. Wilcox told her that he was 89 and she laughed and called him a "young guy."

VandeLogt and Wilcox were likely the two oldest visitors to the fair that day.

"Let's make plans to do this again next year," he said.

As part of their yearly tradition, Wilcox and Gengler stopped at a local produce stand for sweet corn and at Weyauwega Star Dairy to pick up some goodies before heading home.

Wilcox and Gengler ended the evening the same way they've ended many others and what will hopefully be many more: sharing laughter, wisdom and good company in an old workshop in rural Neenah.



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Glenn Wilcox and Audrey VandeLogt made friends at the recent Waupaca County Fair.

Chamber offers small businesses free membership

The Fox Cities Chamber is now offering free membership level for small businesses and stand-alone restaurants.

"We understand the unique needs of small business, who make up 99.9% of all businesses in the country and are responsible for nearly half of our economic activity," Chamber president Becky Bartoszek said in a news release. "The Chamber and Fox Cities Regional Partnership, our economic development arm, are proud to offer the tools, resources and support to

help them succeed."

Bartoszek said she feels the initiative will have a domino effect on the Fox Cities economy by helping all businesses succeed within the local economy.

Small businesses who qualify for Connect Free are those with five or fewer full-time employees (or equivalent), non-profits with 10 or fewer employees, and freestanding restaurants in the Fox Cities. Other membership levels are available starting at \$400.

Thefts from vehicles prompt Fox Crossing reminder

Fox Crossing police noted three more thefts from vehicles last week and reminded residents to lock their vehicles overnight and remove valuables along with other preventive measures.

In the village's weekly police blotter, Community Liaison Officer Daniel L.

Wiechman reported that several items were stolen from three locked vehicles in one incident last Friday while a wallet was reported taken from an unlocked car Aug. 22.

The removal of five catalytic converters from vehicles also was reported Saturday.



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Unbeaten Rockets ready to roll into FVA slate

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

The first two weeks of the season looked like they would be pretty solid tests for the Neenah High School football team.

The Rockets had to face both division winners from the Fox River Classic Conference – De Pere and Menasha – and figured to have a couple good battles under their belts. Instead, Neenah made things look easy in its opening two games. Following last Friday's 35-13 win over rival Menasha, the Rockets made it through two games having outscored their opponents 81-20.

Now the fun really starts.

The Rockets open up Fox Valley Association play on Friday night against Oshkosh West at UW-Oshkosh's Titan Stadium. And with the nonconference portion of the schedule behind them, head coach Steve Jung knows his team better be ready to go when things kick off against the Wildcats.

"It's nice to start the season 2-0 before going into conference play. We have a lot of confidence right now," Jung said. "Our intensity has to ramp up now. We need to get better playing in one of the top conferences in the state. Every week you have to be ready to play and every week we have to get better."

Oshkosh West is still looking for its first win of the season, having dropped games to Brookfield East and Verona. Jung isn't taking the Wildcats lightly and made sure in practice this week that his team didn't either.

"We really get after the kids in practice if they are not giving maximum effort," Jung said. "We watch a lot of film on our-

Week 2 games

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

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

selves and have a lot of eyes on the kids in practice and we hold them accountable for their effort."

Neenah, one of four FVA teams ranked in the wissports.net coaches poll holding in the No. 7 spot, is coming off a second straight impressive defensive performance.

Although Menasha's talented quarterback AJ Korth finished with 150 yards rushing against the Rockets, Neenah held the rest of the team to just 69 yards on the ground, while limiting Korth to 3-for-10 passing for just 12 yards.

"We had a good game plan coming in and our kids played assignment football to control Korth," Jung said. "We are pleased with where our kids are at. Of course, we look at the film and we see there's a lot of room for improvement but we are very happy with our defense."

For the second straight week, Trevor McGinnis led the team with 13 tackles, while Aiden Carey and Luke Jung each finished with 11.

However, two key figures on that Rocket defense are newcomers Kyle Schultz and Hudson Tamulion on the defensive line. The duo combined for 10 tackles against Menasha, with Tamulion also registering a sack.

"Those guys haven't played a lot of varsity football and they are a little undersized," Jung said. "They are doing a really good job of maintaining the line of scrimmage."

Controlling the line of scrimmage will be a big key against West, who Jung said likes to run downhill and will have a size advantage on the Rockets.

"They have some nice size and from what we have seen they are very organized," Jung said. "Defensively, they have played some good teams and not given up a lot of points."

Neenah's offense on the other hand has scored a lot of points through the first two weeks, averaging more than 40 points per game in the two wins.

Leading the way for the offense has been senior Jase Jenkins, who turned in another monster effort against the Bluejays. Jenkins ran for 214 yards on 16 carries – a whopping 14.3-yard per carry average – and scored three touchdowns. He

now has seven touchdowns in two weeks.

"We're really happy with Jase," Jung said. "He has great vision (running the ball) and he is doing what we ask of him."

Sophomore quarterback Evan Vanevenhoven also had a solid performance against Menasha rushing for 115 yards on seven carries as he transitions to the varsity level.

Jung has been pleased with Vanevenhoven's performance through two weeks, but knows in order for the Rockets to reach the team's goals, Neenah can't solely rely on its potent running game.

"He's a young quarterback so he still makes mistakes but he really is a good runner. We need to have him continue to grow as our leader and our quarterback," said Jung, whose team threw just three passes against Menasha. "We have to be more balanced as the season goes on. I don't think we're going to get past the meat of the FVA just trying to run the ball nonstop."

Zephyrs take aim at another win with long road trip to Kickapoo

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

It would seem that it would be difficult to find much fault in a 50-14 win, especially with a team playing its season opener.

But Josh Young expects a lot from his St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian team and dispatching a traditionally strong Belmont squad with relative ease at home wasn't enough.

"We really didn't play two halves. I'd like to see us put together a full game," Young said. "Our defense did pitch a shutout (in the second half), but I'd like to see us put together some drives and score some points in the second half. Offensively, we just kind of stalled."

Kickapoo/La Farge may want to watch out.

The two teams will meet this Friday at Kickapoo High School and if the Zephyrs are able to put together four full quarters of offense, they just may top the 62-point total from last year when the teams met.

Quarterback Danny Griffith threw for 248 yards and three touchdowns in last year's matchup, while the Zephyrs also put up more than 200 yards on the ground in blanking Kickapoo/La Farge.

"We have guys who are playmakers on the offensive side of the ball and we're excited to see that we started this year where we ended off," Young said. "We didn't fall back at all from one season to the next."

Kickapoo/La Farge won only two games last season, but opened the 2022 campaign with a 42-10 trouncing of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah last week. The Predators racked up more than 450 yards of offense in the win, while holding the Resorters to minus-24 rushing yards.

Young said that the Kickapoo/La Farge

squad is improved from last year and that he expects a challenge every time his Zephyrs take the field.

"Every game will be a test for us," Young said. "Last year, there were no expectations but this year that has all flipped. We have the targets on our back now and we are going to get everybody's best every week. No matter who we are playing, we are going to get the best of what they got because everybody wants to get that top team."

The target is there for a reason, though, and if it's not the Zephyrs' high-powered offense racking up yards and points, it's the defense shutting opponents down.

St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian sports an experienced and talented front five – three defensive linemen and two linebackers – and he was pleased with what he saw from that group in the opener.

The experienced front includes defensive ends Sam Todd and Dan Harness with Connor Riehl playing in the middle of the line. Owen Swanstrom and John Schultz are the group's linebackers. All five of those players finished with double-digit tackles against Belmont, while combining for three sacks and a forced fumble.

Swanstrom also returned an interception for a touchdown.

"They are all pretty good athletes and they cover a lot of ground," Young said. "Instead of just one guy making the tackle, those guys are all over the field and so we have two or three guys in on every play."

Although the defense and offense played well, Young is looking for marked improvement from the special teams groups.

"We just need to get our special teams more in order," Young said. "We had a couple of miscues in getting guys out there and I would like to see us get a little bit better returns from our guys."

The toughest part on Friday may be simply getting to the game.

Young said the bus ride to Kickapoo will top the three-hour mark and making sure the kids are focused at the end of the trip.

"The drive down is tough," Young said. "We will try to keep them loose. We will probably watch a movie and it's a good opportunity for the guys to ask questions about stuff that happened during the week, but it's not easy."

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Aubrey Oitzinger chips onto the second green at the Oshkosh Country Club during Tuesday's dual meet against Oshkosh West.

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Prep sports roundup

GOLF

Neenah collects pair of conference victories

Neenah crowned a pair of medalists in winning a pair of Fox Valley Association dual meets earlier this week.

Dawson Anderson led the way on Monday against Kimberly, shooting a 41 at Ridgeway Country Club to lead the Rockets. Neenah finished with a team score of 180, to Kimberly's 204.

Anderson led all four scoring golfers for the Rockets in the 40s, as Aubrey Oitzinger shot a 42 and Amber Miller and Emma Buss, finished with rounds of 48 and 49, respectively.

On Tuesday, the Rockets posted a team score of 192 at Oshkosh Country Club to finish 46 strokes ahead of Oshkosh West.

Buss was the medalist in the meet with a 47, followed by Anderson and Oitzinger each with 48s and Miller with a 49.

TENNIS

Rockets pull out close win over Papermakers

Neenah won three of the four singles matches to key a 4-3 win over Kimberly in a highly-competitive FVA dual meet on Tuesday.

Three of the matches needed a third-set tiebreaker, including at No. 4 singles where Gabby Hackbarth rallied from a 5-3 deficit in the third set to score a 4-6, 7-6, 10-3 win to gain the winning point in the final match of the day.

Izzy Murray at No. 2 singles and Meredith Werner at No. 3 singles each posted straight-set wins, while Neenah's No. 1 doubles team of Nora Paape and Kinsey Perry also picked up a straight-set victory.

Zephyrs continue strong start to the season

St. Mary Catholic's tennis team earned a pair of victories at a home triangular on Monday, beating Newman Catholic 5-2, while scoring a 7-0 win over Green Bay Preble.

The Zephyrs are now 7-1 in dual meets on the season.

SOCCER

Second-half goals spark Neenah's victory

Neenah scored twice in the second half

to knock off Seymour, 2-1, in a nonconference soccer match in Seymour.

Blake Rhodes and Owen Wise were the goal scorers for the Rockets, while Rhodes and Keegan Vande Hei picked up assists. Neenah outshot Seymour, 9-1.

Zephyrs post shutout triumph over Rams

AJ Groppe scored a pair of goals and Hunter Schreiber stopped all six shots he faced to lead St. Mary Catholic past Random Lake, 4-0, in a Big East Conference soccer match on Tuesday.

Kieran Barrientos opened the scoring for the Zephyrs and then assisted on a goal by George Stanner to make the score 2-0. Groppe then tallied both of his goals to round out the scoring with Grant Bergstrom and Emiliano Romero picking up assists. Romero also assisted on Barrientos' goal.

St. Mary Catholic is now 2-0 on the season.

VOLLEYBALL

St. Mary Catholic posts 3-2 record at invite

St. Mary Catholic finished 3-2 at the Omro Tournament, posting wins over Wautoma, New Holstein and Westfield, while falling twice to Grafton.

Lauren Fischer racked up 30 aces to lead the way for the Zephyrs, while finishing with 26 digs and four aces. Audrey Norville led the team in digs with 28, while adding 109 kills and five aces.

Eliana Brenn totaled 15 kills and had five aces on the day. Katie Laemmrich finished with 25 digs and Olivia Noel chipped in with 31 assists and five aces.

Neenah faces tough field at tournament

Neenah ran into some top-flight competition and finished 1-5 at the Homestead Invitational. The Rockets' lone win came in a sweep of Nicolet.

Claudia Merizon had an all-around day to lead the Rockets, finishing with 45 assists, 16 digs, six aces and 39 digs, while Carly Stamm totaled 17 kills, 13 blocks and three aces.

Marissa Corso led the team with 31 kills, while Elizabeth Oldenburg posted a team-best 55 digs. Kenzie Ullrich led the team

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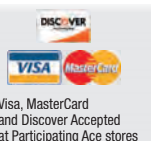
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Tears helps bolster top of talented Rocket lineup

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah senior Lauren Tears may be onto something when it comes to dealing with the pain and fatigue that comes with distance running.

It's not some out-of-the-box training method or a cutting edge pre-race stretching routine. And it's not as if she doesn't feel the rigors of running a 5K race.

But when it comes to dealing with getting through a cross country race or one of her track events, she has found a method to get the job done.

"I find the easiest way to run," Tears said, "is to not think about running."

So, while other runners may be thinking about their pace time or counting runners ahead of them to know what place they are or finding a familiar foe to run with, Tears is often thinking anything but that stuff.

What does she think about?

"It's a mix of everything. My mind wanders mostly," Tears said. "It's just whatever comes up at the time. Sometimes I'm thinking about homework or trying to come up with ideas for an essay. That kind of stuff."

Tears, who ran at the varsity level since her freshman year, realizes it's not the norm to approach things that way. But it works for her.

That's all that matters.

"I know that's very unusual," Tears said. "I just find it easier to not focus on what I'm doing because it makes the suffering less."

Tears hasn't been a distant runner from a young age. In fact, it wasn't until high school when she made the decision not to continue swimming that she found cross country.

And even then, she needed a little nudge to get out and run.

"My mom had done cross country in high school, so she said 'You'll just do that,'" Tears said. "The first couple of times I went running, I went with my dad and it was awful. I couldn't even run a mile. Then, I started to get good and kept running."

Her freshman season, Tears was the No.



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Senior Lauren Tears is a key runner for the Neenah girls cross country team.

2 Rockets' runner at the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet and she has been a stalwart on the team ever since.

Tears, who qualified for the state track and field meet last spring in the 1,600 meters, was the Rockets' second finisher on the state-qualifying team in 2021. It was the Rockets first state trip for the girls since 2016

and their eighth-place finish was their best team mark since 2013.

"I think it's cool, the fact that I can help carry on Neenah's legacy of having a good cross country team," said Tears, who finished 58th at the state meet last fall. "We had a couple of years where we weren't living up to it and the fact that we can come back and

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start winning meets and going back to state, it's cool to be a part of that."

Tears is happy to contribute anyway she can, too, whether that's leading the Rockets to the finish line, or finding her slot among the other runners.

It's another unique approach that Tears described. Yes, she's competitive. Yes, she wants to place as high as she can. But, no, she's not going to do anything to get there, especially at the expense of one of her fellow Rockets.

"At our last meet, the girl I was running with (Rachel Dietrich) passed me at the end and my mindset was like 'Yes. Go Rachel!' Tears said. "She had it at the end to pass me and that's good. I would never get upset if one of my teammates beat me in a race. It's a team thing and either way, we are going to get the same amount of points, it doesn't matter who is in front of who."

Tears has enjoyed success in track as well and is primed for another good season in the spring. But she still prefers to run cross country and the different paths it takes runners on.

"I don't like the whole running in circles thing. It feels more natural to run cross country," Tears said. "I feel like track, I'm doing it just to get it done but I feel like cross country, I enjoy it more."

As much of a grind distance running is, it can also be a lifetime pursuit and that's the way Tears looks at it. She doesn't think she will be competing much once her prep career is over, but she will be running.

"I will definitely keep running," Tears said. "If I do keep competing, it will be casually, but I think running is going to be a lifelong thing."

And would she like to stretch her distance and maybe try a marathon?

"I want to try it once. I think I could do it," Tears said. "We do a 10-mile run (for cross country) and it doesn't feel great, but I can do it."

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Neenah swimmers looking for improvement in 2022

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

It was a bit of a down year last season for the Neenah High School girls swimming team, but the Rockets appear to be trending upward in 2022.

With a strong nucleus of returning swimmers, head coach Carrie Raeth is hoping this year's squad can return to its traditional place among the top teams in the Fox Valley Association and a player at the state meet.

"We are stronger than last year, yes," Raeth said entering the season. "I think just continued improvement is the key. Continuing to work on our technique in the non-freestyle events and especially working on the little things like starts and turns and our race strategy."

Neenah qualified in just two events for last year's state meet and finished with just 15 points – all from now graduated diver Abigail Priestly. It was the lowest

point total for the Rockets at a state meet since 2007, when they managed just seven points although qualifying in four events.

In addition to Priestly Neenah also qualified for state in the 200-yard freestyle relay and all four swimmers of that group – juniors Emma Bottensek, Alliyah Lima and Naomi Cortina, along with sophomore Rylie Bauman – return this season. Bauman is out with an injury to start the year.

"Our state level swimmers are returning, which is nice," said Raeth, who has 32 girls out for the team this season. "I think we have some improved depth, too."

Both Cortina and Bottensek nearly qualified for state in individual events last season and should be in the running to advance this season. Cortina was third in the 50-yard freestyle and fourth on the 100-yard freestyle at sectionals, while Bottensek was fifth in the 100-yard backstroke.

Those two along with Lima and Bauman, when healthy, will likely anchor the

Rockets' relays, too.

"We are looking at our relays and I think our depth is pretty good," Raeth said. "Currently, we are pretty strong in the relay events."

Senior Rachel Frank and sophomore Kacie Stamm also swam individual events at sectionals a year ago and are returning this season, while freshman Anna Mulroy had a strong performance at the DC Everest invite last week and could figure into the Rockets' lineup.

A usual strength for the Rockets that is

a bit of a question mark this season is in diving.

Sophomores Hannah Slabbert, who competed at sectional a year ago, and Ceci Kirwitz will be the only divers for Neenah this season.

"We usually have five to seven divers, so we are a little down in numbers there," Raeth said. "But the divers we have are experienced so that's good."

Neenah opens up FVA action on Tuesday, Sept. 6 when it hosts Appleton West/Kimberly at the Neenah High School pool.

Prep roundup

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with seven aces, while also adding 31 digs.

Other contributors for Neenah were Leia Kersten with 39 assists, Julia Gross with 17 kills and Jenna Lawatsch with 37 digs.

CROSS COUNTRY

Zephyr girls fourth, boys fifth at invitational

Lauren Ripley raced to a seventh-place finish to lead the St. Mary Catholic girls to

a fourth-place finish at the Iola-Scandinavia invitational on Tuesday.

Maria Marti was the next Zephyr to finish, placing 21st, followed by Addison Dinka in 28th, Katharine Schoeni in 41st and Audrey Weber in 46th.

The Zephyrs finished with 138 points, trailing only Freedom (51), Winneconne (70) and Bonduel (118).

The boys were led by Benjamin Schoeni, who placed 14th, followed by Kali Koeper in 37th place, Owen Ripley in 46th place and Ethan Auer in 48th place.

The Zephyrs edged Pittsville by seven points to finish in the top five.

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Winnie Yaguchi Fukada

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EDUCATION: Lafayette High School, University of Buffalo
FUNERAL HOME: Eternal Springs Funeral Home, 5109 Eternal Way, Racine, WI 53401
UPCOMING SERVICE: Celebration of Life - February 4, 2022 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Eternal Springs Funeral Home
VIEWING: Feb. 4, 2022 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Winnie Yaguchi Fukada
1942 - 2020
Winnie Yaguchi Fukada was born June 20, 1942 in San Francisco, California. She passed away peacefully on October 22, 2020 in Pacific Grove, California. Winnie was a graduate of Lafayette High School and the University of Buffalo. She was predeceased by her husband, Kenji Fukada. Her ashes will be scattered in the ocean. A memorial service will be held on February 4, 2022 at 9:00 AM at Eternal Springs Funeral Home, 5109 Eternal Way, Racine, WI. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Online condolences may be left at www.legacy.com.

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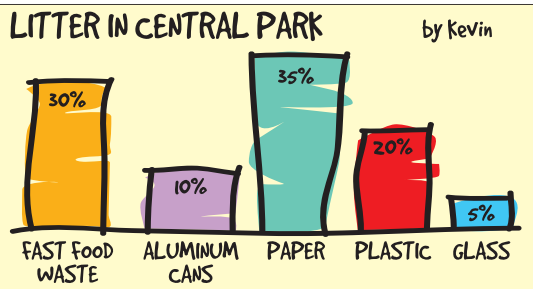
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Litter Statistics

Kevin's class picked up litter at the park. He made a chart showing the percentages of the kinds of litter they found. Use the chart to answer these questions:

1. What was the most common litter item found?
 fast food waste plastic paper
2. Was there more glass or plastic in the litter?
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3. What percentage of litter was plastic and paper combined?
 55% 45% 40%



Lunchtime Litter

Look for litter in this picture. Can you find all of these items?

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- straw
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- cheese puffs
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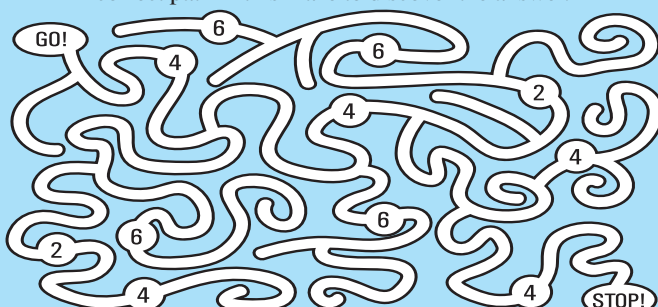
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Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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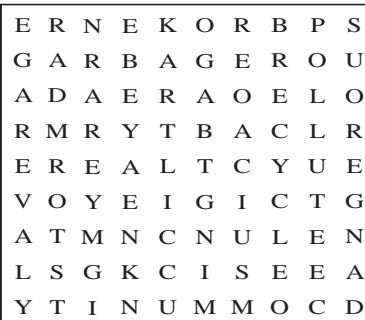


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