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The Inter-Tribal Pow Wow from 2018 at Shattuck Park is shown.

# City revives traditional native fest

## Historical groups bring powwow back to Shattuck

By Patti Lee  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Neenah and Menasha's historical societies will help celebrate area Native American history and culture as the Fifth Annual Inter-Tribal Pow Wow makes its return to Shattuck Park from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 17.

Back after a two-year pandemic hiatus, this free event will feature drum groups and dancers from throughout the state.

Every year Native Americans gather at powwows across the country for these important expressions of intertribal identity. More than 900 are held throughout the United States and Canada annually, varying in size and character. From large commercial events to small local gatherings, powwows celebrate tribal heritage with drummers, dancers, singers, food and artisans.

The first powwow since the 1930s in the Fox Valley was held in 2016. Inspired by the ideas and encouragement of the late Alan Caldwell and wife Cathy, and in collaboration with the two historical societies, the event was well attended and enthusiastically received.

After the passing of her husband, Cathy Caldwell expressed the desire for a second powwow in Alan's honor. The reception was again outstanding and so the events continued until 2020 when most gatherings were shut down by pandemic concerns.

The Inter-Tribal event is back with a full slate of Native American cultural celebrations. New this year is a noontime concert kickoff featuring contemporary singer/songwriter Clinton Miller. Brother to award-winning musician and artist Bill Miller, Clinton is a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican tribe.

Miller began playing guitar at age 12 and his original style is a blend of contemporary, jazz, rock and classical influences.

The Boys & Girls Club of Menominee Woodland will be selling Native American fare. This club serves youth ages 7-18 with after school activities such as computer lab, supervised open gym and video gaming. Smart Girls and Passport to Manhood programs are being offered and soon a new Torch Club will begin.

Each month the club encourages youth to be good citizens and leaders by naming a Youth of the Month, who are then considered for state competition in Madison. All event sales benefit the Woodland Boys



Photo by Jane Lang

Tribal participants were in full regalia for the 2018 event.

& Girls Club.

Artisan vendors selling hand-crafted items and the Neenah Landmarks Commission will be sponsoring free horse-drawn wagon rides on Wisconsin Avenue.

An exciting feature of the powwow is the opportunity to take part in the culture that was alive and thriving in the Fox Valley long before Europeans arrived. Attendees are encouraged to pay attention to the announcer, who will guide the audience as to when photography is allowed and when participation in the dance is welcomed.

According to Becky Heidke Kwiatkowski, associate executive director of the Neenah Historical Society, "You can follow along with the others or just move as the drum takes you. People really get into it and that's the point."

As the bells and the drums over Shattuck Park fade to echo, there is another

cultural event that evening. The Neenah Historical Society is a partner for a performance by award-winning music group Brulé at 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center in Appleton.

Now in its 20th season, the five-time Native American Music Awards' Group of the Year is known for the same contagious excitement as the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Celtic Thunder and Riverdance – with the emotional impact of American Indian culture.

Brulé is regularly on national PBS, including its history-making "Brulé Live at Mount Rushmore – Concert for Reconciliation of the Cultures" that has become the longest running Native American concert special on TV. More information is at [brulerecords.com/home](http://brulerecords.com/home) or contact the Neenah Historical Society at 920-729-0244.

## 'World of Color' features jewelry trends

Jewelers Mutual Group's annual community event, "A World of Color," is set from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Earl G. DeLong Auditorium on the Jewelers Mutual Group corporate campus.

The evening will feature a discussion about trends in colored gemstones and a tour of the R. Harder Gallery of Gems and Minerals. Featured guest is Kimberly Collins, founder of Kimberly Collins Gems,

board president of the American Gem Trade Association and longtime curator and collector of gemstones from around the globe. Collins, along with other experts, will discuss jewelry trends and the future of colored gemstones.

Registration is requested by Friday (today) at [jewelersmutual.com/worldofcolor](http://jewelersmutual.com/worldofcolor) or calling 920-521-9672. More information is at [events@jminsure.com](mailto:events@jminsure.com).



# Armstrong High's original team marks 50 years

## Reunion pays tribute to early school staff

By Dan Roherty  
NEENAH NEWS

As construction of the new Neenah High School starts to capture the excitement and attention of the school district, original staff members from the current high school campus are marking 50 years since it was built with its own special mission.

When the cornerstone was laid Nov. 12, 1972, in a ceremony where UW-Stevens Point chancellor and future Wisconsin Gov. Lee Dreyfus spoke, it had been 44 years since the last new high school was dedicated at the Shattuck campus on Division Street.

Margaret Lorenz, the school's first administrative secretary, is part of a committee with three other original Armstrong staffers to gather about 50 other former colleagues. She said the special bond formed among all categories of school staff was intentional as part of the school's founding.

"From the very beginning, Armstrong was treated somewhat differently from traditional education," Lorenz said. "The atmosphere in those first years was wonderful."

Neil A. Armstrong Senior High School — now simply known as Neenah High School — was an open-concept building that operated with the help of a funded Neenah Project that tried some new educational ideas, including "X days" left open for field trips or supplementary activities about four times a year.

Lorenz said a student-faculty administrative (SFA) council was also a different makeup from most districts in the area at the time.

"Students and staff were able to determine some of the basic day-to-day governing kinds of things for themselves," she recalled.

The late Principal James Cole led the original team at Armstrong, which started with only juniors and seniors before adding two more grades over time while incorporating and connecting with next-door James P. Conant Junior High.

The open design of the new high school with the second story in a ring configuration around the library turned out to be a little too familiar in some areas, making for some competing sound space.

"While it seemed like a real good idea conceptually, it was so noisy that eventually they ended up putting windows everywhere to try to cut down on the noise," recalled Bruce Nufer, who was a student-teacher in the art department in the mid-1970s.

The current Armstrong facilities will be updated to serve as an intermediate and middle school for grades 5 through 8 next year as Shattuck Middle School ends its service and is expected to be converted to housing units.

School district officials said the technology education wing of the Armstrong building will be upgraded for additional science labs as well as collaboration areas, a family and consumer education kitchen area, and other improvements to classrooms in that area.

A large lecture hall is also being renovated to support a collaboration space. The remaining portions of the building will



Photos from Neenah Historical Society

Top: This illustration was in the 1972 dedication program for the new Neil A. Armstrong Senior High School. Bottom: The current Neenah High School is shown in 1974.

remain intact.

"Armstrong is 50 years old but it's not that outdated," Lorenz said.

Other reunion planners are former English teacher Sharon Grapengieser, former home economics teacher June Luett and former art teacher Ann (Miller) Moe. They have organized activities to mark the anniversary Saturday at the Whiting Boat-house.

School Superintendent Mary Pfeiffer will attend the event and later lead a tour

of the new high school under construction along County II in Fox Crossing.

The group, which held a similar event for the 30th anniversary, lists nearly 50 colleagues who have passed while funerals have served as solemn gatherings where their camaraderie is maintained.

"All of our parties included everyone — custodians, secretaries and faculty," Lorenz said. "Because we were so different we all became immediately cohesive — one social family."

## Calendar of events

### Friday, Sept. 9

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

### Saturday, Sept. 10

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

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

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

Craft Fair and Fire Department Open House, 9 a.m., Winchester Town Hall, 8522 Park Way, Larsen

### 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.

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

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# Life sentences ordered for 2019 double homicide

## Neenah teen killed both grandparents with gun

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

A Neenah man was sentenced to two consecutive life terms last week for fatally shooting his grandparents as part of a plan to carry out a school shooting at Neenah High School, where he was a student.

The defendant, Alex Kraus, turned 17 less than one month before he was arrested for the murder of Dennis Kraus, 74, and Letha Kraus, 73.

Wisconsin is one of three states where 17-year-olds are charged as adults, according to a July 2020 National Conference of State Legislatures report.

Kraus called 911 on April 14, 2019, and told the operator that he killed his grandparents and needed to be arrested. Officers who arrived at the Grand Chute home found Dennis had been shot once in the head and Letha was shot twice in the head and once in the arm.

Documents indicate Kraus killed his grandparents in order to obtain access to their guns and car, which he planned to use to carry out a school shooting at Neenah High School.

In June 2021, Kraus pled guilty to two counts of first-degree intentional homicide.

Two months later, Outagamie County Judge Mitchell Metropulos ruled that Kraus was not competent to proceed with sentencing and the case was suspended. In June, Metropulos ruled that Kraus was competent to proceed.

Throughout the trial Kraus was evaluated by 9 doctors who generated 11 reports



Neenah News photo by Bethanie Gengler

Defense attorney Greg Petit speaks at the sentencing hearing last week for Alex Kraus in an Outagamie County courtroom.

on his mental competency, his attorney said at sentencing.

The two counts of first-degree intentional homicide carry mandatory terms of life in prison and a minimum of 20 years in prison before the eligibility of supervised release.

Kraus is now 20, but he appeared much younger at the sentencing hearing, with an orange jumpsuit covering his small frame and his hands and legs shackled – a sight that caused his mother, Shannon, to burst into tears.

Shannon addressed the judge and said Kraus has struggled in every aspect of his life.

“Remember that kid at school? That loner kid, that kid that no one talked to, the kid that was teased, the kid that ate

lunch by himself, the kid that wasn't invited to birthday parties, wasn't invited to sleepovers, didn't talk much at school? That was my Alex,” she said.

She pleaded with the judge to allow Kraus to apply for supervised release after 20 years.

“Putting Alex in prison in an understaffed system where abuse is rampant, it would not fix him, it would not help him in any way,” she said. “Judge Metropulos: I'm a mom. I'm 50 years old. I want to have my family at the dinner table. I want to have a family picture. I want to hug my son before I die.”

His father, Charles, also spoke at the hearing and described scrubbing the blood off the wall after his parents were killed. He has repeatedly asked the judge

to place his son at a mental health facility. He told the judge that 20 years in prison would be worse than a death sentence.

“Consider what my parents would want and no grandparent would want that,” he said.

District Attorney Melinda Tempelis spoke at length about the severity of Kraus' crimes, stating that his plan to carry out a school shooting should be considered an aggravating factor.

“In light of this investigation, I believe the murders of Dennis and Letha Kraus saved the lives of countless students at Neenah High School,” she said.

Tempelis asked the judge to sentence Kraus to life in prison without the opportunity for supervised release.

Defense attorney Greg Petit asked the judge for leniency.

“This isn't the case of an evil person,” he said. “This is the case of a kid with mental health issues that did something horrible.”

Kraus sat quietly staring down at the desk in front of him during the hearing, avoiding eye contact.

“I love my grandparents,” he told the judge. “I'm so sorry.”

Metropulos had the option of sentencing Kraus concurrently or consecutively. He said he needed to take into account that there were two victims. He sentenced Kraus to life in prison on both counts, served consecutively, meaning one sentence will be served after the other.

Kraus will be eligible to apply for supervised release in 40 years, with about three and a half years of credit for time served.

## Federal education funding includes mental health focus

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As part of a \$90 million investment into K-12 education statewide that was announced last week funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars, the Neenah Joint School District will receive \$719,275 in funding.

The investment includes \$15 million to double Gov. Tony Evers' “Get Kids Ahead” initiative to provide mental health services in schools and \$75 million to give districts flexibility to meet staffing needs and provide other direct classroom support.

About 15% of what each district receives is to be used for school-based mental health supports, such as hiring and supporting people who help families find mental health care and providing mental health first aid and trauma-based care training, according to the plan.

The funds are to be distributed to schools in the coming weeks.


The \$90 million announcement comes as the school year begins with many districts facing notable staffing needs and increased student mental health needs, among other challenges exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. A recent Wisconsin Policy Forum report showed public sector workers left Wisconsin's workforce in 2021 at the highest rate in two decades.

The \$75 million investment for school districts and independent charter schools will be distributed on a per pupil basis with an additional \$91.15 per student.

The funding can be used to retain and recruit educators and staff, deal with rising costs for supplies and services, and provide direct support for students.



Photo from Neenah Historical Society



### Neenah Street Fair

In downtown Neenah from Sept. 15 to 20, 1902, Neenah held a street fair that included a carnival including a Ferris wheel, carnival games and parade. One of the highlights was this wedding between Earle Price of Neenah and Vera Klock of Wheelers' Corners and witnessed by hundreds of spectators, including the mayor and common council.



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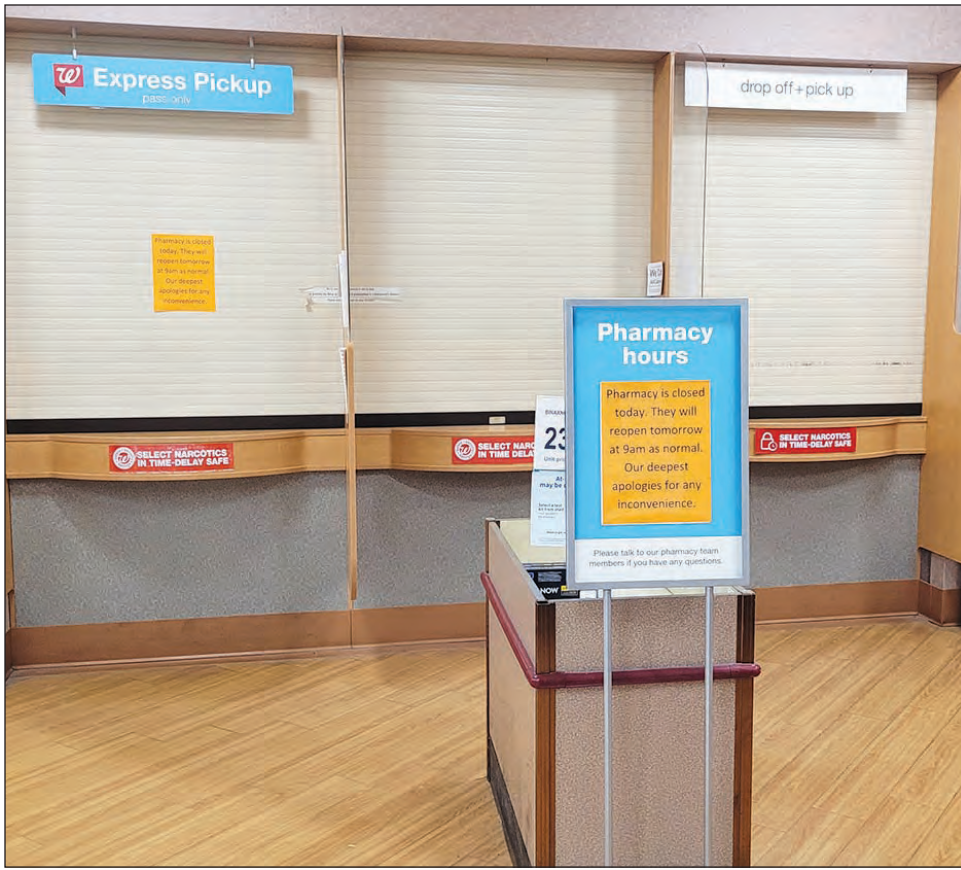
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Walgreens pharmacies have been limiting their hours at some locations.

## Pharmacists in demand as stores find ways to adjust

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

A nationwide pharmacist shortage is affecting Wisconsin and several local pharmacies are looking to fill vacant positions.

Two Walgreens pharmacy locations in Shorewood and Racine were forced to close or reduce their hours Aug. 26-27 due to a shortage of pharmacists. That same week, the Walgreens pharmacy on Commercial Street in Neenah was closed for two days.

Director of global corporate communications Scott Goldberg said the Neenah Walgreens pharmacy closed due to an IT system issue that has since been resolved and was not due to a pharmacist shortage.

In a statement to WTMJ-TV, a Walgreens spokesperson said the pharmacy staffing challenges seen in some areas are a result of the current labor shortage and ongoing demand for COVID-related services.

“As a result, there are some instances in which we’ve had to adjust or reduce pharmacy operating hours, as we work to balance staffing and resources in the market to best meet customer demand,” the spokesperson wrote.

Walgreens has one pharmacist position open in Neenah and 13 open positions in the surrounding area. The company is offering up to a \$75,000 signing bonus to recruit pharmacists in certain markets. The open pharmacist position at the Westowne Drive Walgreens is eligible for

a signing bonus.

Goldberg said the amount of the signing bonus varies.

“(The bonuses) are part of a larger investment focused on recruitment and retention, as well as recognizing our current pharmacy staff for their hard work and dedication,” he said.

Pharmacy lead director of external communications Amy Thibault said CVS Pharmacy is not experiencing pharmacist shortages.

“We’ve been successful in ensuring our stores and pharmacies remain open to help support our customers, patients and communities and are not experiencing any staffing issues in the Neenah area,” she said.

The CVS website lists one open pharmacist position at the Neenah location and an additional 21 open pharmacist positions statewide. Walmart pharmacy has open pharmacist positions at 18 Wisconsin locations.

Requirements to become a pharmacist vary by state. In Wisconsin, pharmacists must obtain a degree from an accredited college of pharmacy and they must obtain a license, which involves passing two exams.

The average pay for a pharmacist in Wisconsin is \$129,640, according to 2021 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). There were 312,550 pharmacists in the U.S. last year, with 5,850 located in Wisconsin, BLS data shows.

## Assembly District 55 candidate interviewed

WisconsinEye Public Affairs Network, a nonprofit organization that serves as an independent media resource, last week interviewed Stefanie Holt, a Democratic candidate for the 55th Assembly District.

Holt, from Neenah, is challenging Republican opponent Nate Gustafson for the state legislative seat being vacated by

Rachael Cabral-Guevara, who is running for the state Senate’s 19th District against Kristin Alheim of Appleton. Alheim also was interviewed by WisconsinEye last week.

Voters can access those interviews along with other interviews and events featuring federal and state electoral candidates on [wiseye.org/Campaign-2022](http://wiseye.org/Campaign-2022).

## Animal rescue facility moving to new location

J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue is closing its doors in Menasha effective Sept. 30 and will be reopening Oct. 1 at a new facility at 976 American Drive in Neenah.

Facility director John Moyles said operating hours will be adjusted as they move

into the new 2,400-square-foot location.

The facility gives people options for unwanted aquatic and other small animals to prevent them from being released into the wild and finding permanent homes for surrendered pets.

# Fox Cities population grows while diversity on slower pace

Community Foundation of Fox Valley Region

The population of the Fox Cities’ three core counties grew at a rate faster than Wisconsin but slower than the United States from 2010 to 2020, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau that has been updated in the demographics category of the Fox Cities Leading Indicators for Excellence (LIFE) Study.

In addition, Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties saw an increase in their aging population but a decrease in those under age 18. The region continues to be less diverse than the rest of the United States, as the minority population grew slightly.

The LIFE Study began in 2001 and provides insights, trends and data to gauge the quality of life in health and human services issues in the Fox Cities. The study is benchmarked against select counties, Wisconsin and the nation, with trending information.

The largest population increase was in Outagamie, which saw its population jump by 7.1% between 2010 and 2020, compared with 3.6% in Winnebago and 4.4% in Calumet. Based on 2010 to 2040 population estimates for the region, Winnebago, Calumet and Outagamie populations are expected to increase by 15.7%, 31% and 21.8%, respectively. Population growth in the Fox Cities region is increasing at a rate that might make 2040 predictions attainable.

The Fox Cities population across the three counties also continues to age, and the pace of that aging increased in the sec-

ond half of the 2010s as compared with the first half of that decade. Between 2010 and 2020, the Fox Cities saw an increase in the percentage of the population aged 65 and older (12.1% in 2010 to 15.4% in 2020) and a small decrease in the percentage of the population under age 18 (24.3% to 22.3%). The oldest of the baby boom generation turned 65 in 2011 and the youngest will turn 65 by 2029.

Minority populations in Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago counties all grew between 2.5% and 3.5% in 10 years. The number of nationalities in the Fox Cities is also increasing. Refugee relocations between 2006 and 2020 have refugees from East Asia and the Pacific, and South and Central Asia, along with an increase in refugees from Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. Most of the refugees came from Laos, then Burma, Iraq, and Congo, with smaller numbers from Burma, Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.

The Fox Cities LIFE Study website is updated when new data is available, which may or may not include the current COVID-19 time period. Interactive charts are now available at [foxcitieslifestudy.org](http://foxcitieslifestudy.org) with a summary of the new information on the What’s New page.

Sources for the Population, Aging and Diversity updates include U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau 5-Year Averages and Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

The LIFE Study is funded by United Way Fox Cities and the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.



# Support fades for one in 12 who were food insecure

## Pandemic-related changes could transform FoodShare

By Erin Gretzinger  
WISCONSIN WATCH

Margaret Benton has held many roles since she moved to Wisconsin nearly 20 years ago.

With eight children — two living at home and others who live close to her house in Sun Prairie — Benton, 48, juggles motherhood with three jobs. She works as a cashier at T.J. Maxx, a bistro hostess at the East Madison Marriott Hotel and a social services specialist at Telurian Behavioral Health.

Benton is also a student. After one more semester at Madison Area Technical College, she will have a liberal arts degree in human services with a minor in sociology.

And there's another role she's had to play that she's never been ashamed to admit: FoodShare recipient.

Benton is among the 951,000 individuals in Wisconsin who used FoodShare, Wisconsin's food assistance program for low-income people, in 2021. When her FoodShare benefits fall short, Benton has used pantries to further stretch her family's food supply.

Benton does not hesitate to ask charities and the government for help with this basic necessity — and she encourages others in need to use the help without feeling ashamed.

"I just never suffered from that (stigma) as an individual. Because I feel that this is my job as a parent to feed my kids," Benton said.

Before the pandemic hit, 1 in 12 Wis-

consinites were food insecure — meaning they couldn't or were uncertain they could get the food they needed. Food insecurity is linked to children struggling more in school, worse health outcomes in all age groups and greater stress on families, according to the Wisconsin Food Security Project at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

And the number of food-insecure Wisconsinites has likely increased as the impact of pandemic-related relief initiatives has begun to fade. The number of annual users of the state-federal FoodShare program grew by more than 100,000 from 2019 to 2021. Researchers aren't certain about the long-term fallout, but national estimates suggest food insecurity during the early months of the pandemic was greater than any point in the last quarter-century.

Beyond Hunger is a new Wisconsin Watch series covering the challenges faced by many Wisconsinites in a state that exports three times as much food as it consumes. The series examines the history of food assistance, why Wisconsin residents lack easy access to government programs and explores efforts to curb food waste and reduce scarcity in the state's food deserts.

The series also will explore a variety of solutions in the state, ranging from grow-your-own efforts, pandemic-related provisions that provided extra benefits, free school meals for all students and other policies.

Anti-hunger advocates and people using pandemic programs had hoped the changes would stick — but some of the provisions have already expired. In their



Wisconsin Watch photo by Amena Saleh

Second- and third-graders at Janet Berry Elementary School in Appleton eat lunch in their classroom in June as part of the school's universal free school meals program, implemented during the pandemic under a federal waiver.

absence, long-term and patchwork remedies endure, including stores on wheels, subsidies to bring grocery stores to food deserts and recovery programs that collect edible food headed for the dumpster for distribution to people in need.

Meanwhile, government funding for Wisconsin's FoodShare program is the highest it's been in a decade. That has sparked concerns from legislative Republicans that the state is spending too much and possibly disincentivizing work at a time when Wisconsin is grappling with a shortage of labor.

Wisconsin Food Security Project coordinator Judi Bartfeld said food security rests on four central pillars: financial security; vibrant, affordable food systems; robust federal nutrition and assistance programs; and strong safety nets provided by emergency or charitable food networks.

Food insecurity is a "bigger concept than just hunger," Bartfeld said.

"It's really a continuum," she said. "At the one end, you have people who are anxious and uncertain about whether they're going to get the food they need, whether they can put food on the table. At the extreme end of the spectrum, you have households that are not feeding their kids for a whole day."

Hunger is not evenly distributed — especially in Wisconsin. While households in the state report less food insecurity on average, about 1 in 5 children live in food-insecure households in Wisconsin, which is higher than the national average.

At 32.6%, food insecurity for Black households in Wisconsin is nearly five times the rate of white households — and double the rate of the national average — making it one of the largest disparities in the country. Bartfeld described the disparity as "quite stunning."

Other factors can compound the problem, including location. According to 2015 numbers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, about 10% of Wisconsinites live

in regions meeting the characteristics of a food desert. These are low-income or rural areas where people don't have easy access to groceries. Lack of transportation can further intensify the challenges of living in a food desert.

Wisconsin Watch found the system of state-federal food assistance has stringent income requirements and frequent income reporting requirements that make maintaining benefits difficult for many recipients.

"Being on FoodShare, there are a lot of limits. There's embarrassment. There's always a mindset of (it's) not enough," Benton said.

Today, 18% of those who qualify for the federal-state Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program don't participate, with particularly low rates of participation among the working poor.

Rebecca McAtee, who formerly ran Wisconsin's FoodShare program, said she would be "challenged" to fill out the application and keep up with income reporting requirements. The system, she added, can be "extremely punitive."

"If they (a recipient) make a mistake ... that gets deducted from that person's future benefits," McAtee explained. "There's no room for error."

FoodShare recipient Elizabeth Blume of Madison said she once lost all of her benefits after earning \$6 above the eligibility limit one month.

Said Benton: "There's lots of roadblocks that will keep you from being successful. I want to get off FoodShare, but you keep telling me I can't make more money. How does this work?"

FoodShare has expanded benefits and worked to reduce stigma over the years, but lawmakers in Wisconsin continued to add new requirements and restrictions — until the pandemic hit.

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The Schafer home and garage on Doty Island, one of the Mystery Tour stops, is constructed from thousands of intricately placed bricks.

## Mystery Walk

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The relic had been forgotten, leading to its name on the Mystery Walk: Forgotten Soldier's Rock. With the help of Twin City Monuments and Neenah Parks and Recreation, Forgotten Soldier's Rock has been restored with its significance honored.

In Menasha's Smith Park, DIDC located a World War II monument that the community was unaware of. DIDC alerted the Menasha Historical Society to the location and is now working with the VFW to potentially move the monument to the Isle of Valor, an area of Smith Park honoring veterans.

This is the first year DIDC is holding a Mystery Walk, although it has held similar events, such as a Historic Homes tour.

There are 29 Mystery Walk locations on the island in both Neenah and Menasha.

Park said choosing the locations involved extensive research. She and vice president Ron Klatt were out in the community measuring trees last week to find the largest one, which is a stop on the tour. Park said they learned that the size of a tree does not determine its age and so they used online research to find the oldest one in the area, which is about three centuries old and alive at the time Native Americans inhabited the region.

The Neenah Assessor's Office assisted with locating the oldest house in the city.

## Associated Bank to close Festival Foods location

Associated Bank announced last week that it will consolidate seven of its Wisconsin branches, which will eliminate its Neenah location inside Festival Foods at 647 S. Green Bay Road by Nov. 18.

Other branches in Manitowoc and Suamico are among the planned closures. Bank officials said they will work with impacted workers to find new roles where positions are available.

The company also plans to close six branches in Illinois.

Parent company Associated Banc-Corp is a regional bank holding company based in Green Bay, with Associated Bank having more than 200 locations in Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota.

John and Holly Scharer's home is also a stop on the tour. The Scharers are the type of people who greet everyone passing through the neighborhood with a wave and a smile. They purchased their Hewitt Street home in 2009 from the estate of a man who built it in 1940 and lived there until he passed at age 109.

The Schafers' home and garage is constructed from thousands of intricately placed bricks in a variety of earth tones. The inside of the garage, which would normally be constructed of drywall or open framing, is also brick.

The special pieces were recycled from a mill in Menasha. Klatt was able to track down the name of the mill, which participants will be able to learn during the walk.

Another interesting tour stop is a purple dinosaur in Doty Park. Locals who want to know the significance of the prehistoric piece there will need to attend the walk.

There are other interesting and little-known historic spots not included in the Mystery Walk, according to Park, and depending on community reception DIDC may hold the Mystery Walk annually with different locations.

"We are hoping locals reach out to us to let us know of any other fun facts so that we can capture and promote those in the future," she said.

A map with specific locations for each tour site is available on the Doty Island website at dotyisland.net.

Park said the Mystery Walk promotes pride in the community with its rich history and little-known mysteries.

"It's where you live, caring where you live ... and we hope the community enjoys it as much as we enjoy finding the stuff," she said.

## Food concerns

FROM PAGE 6

grew during the first few months of the pandemic, the federal and state governments responded with a slew of policies to alleviate food insecurity as more people used assistance and emergency relief programs for the first time.

FoodShare eased several restrictions and boosted the amount of benefits families could obtain, giving all eligible families the highest benefit allotment possible — up to \$459 a month for a family of two earning up to \$34,800 a year — and suspending work requirements that had applied to some childless adults.

The pandemic also prompted the federal government to waive income eligibility requirements for school meals. That allowed all school districts in Wisconsin to offer free meals.

Other policy innovations like stimulus checks, greater access to unemployment insurance, eviction moratoriums and child tax credits supported financial stability. Overall, Bartfeld said the "robust" policy response to the pandemic led to measurable increases in food security — and it's changing the way some people think about fighting hunger.

"By really going all in on trying to combat risk, we were able to actually move the needle and prevent some of the hardships that might have happened," Bartfeld said.

A 2021 analysis conducted by the White House's Council of Economic Advisers found the implementation of federal income support systems early during the pandemic correlated with improvements in food security — and now that some of those supports have lapsed, hunger rates are climbing once again.

But making these changes permanent fixtures of the food assistance system is an uphill battle. With the state unemployment rate at historic lows, Wisconsin Republicans want to bring back the work eligibility requirements for FoodShare.

And while free school meals have garnered statewide support, the well-publicized pushback against free meals in Waukesha highlights the complicated nature of food-related politics.

"Food is an apolitical thing. Feeding kids is an apolitical thing," said Dave Dringenburg, a parent of two children in the Waukesha School District. "There's no real reason why it needed to become what it was."

At the most basic level, experts and advocates say the pandemic heightened awareness of the conditions food-insecure Wisconsinites experience. As many people lost their jobs, took pay cuts or stayed home to watch kids and other family members, Feeding America estimates that statewide, 40% of people relying on its emergency food assistance network did so for the first time during the pandemic.

For Benton, some of the gut-wrenching worry about where she was going to get food no longer weighs on her mind like it did when her children were young. She is more financially stable and receives just \$23 a month in FoodShare benefits for her 16-year-old daughter. But she continues to save canned goods because she "never know(s) what might happen."

"I guess someone who is in a different position or a different living standard won't quite understand it."

*If you need more information about food access — or have a tip for a follow up story, email us at [foodinsecurity@wisconsinwatch.org](mailto:foodinsecurity@wisconsinwatch.org). Or you can text the phrase WisFood to the number 73224. We'll follow up as soon as possible, usually within 48 hours.*

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# Prep sports roundup

## SWIMMING

### Neenah pulls out close win in FVA dual meet

Neenah finished 1-2 in three different events to pull out a close 94-92 win over Appleton West/Kimberly in a Fox Valley Association dual meet in Neenah on Tuesday.

Alliyah Lima was part of two of the 1-2 finishes. She won the 100-yard butterfly with teammate Anna Mulroy taking second, while finishing behind Emma Bottensek in the 100-yard backstroke. Rylie Bauman and Rachel Frank also took first and second, respectively, in the 200-yard freestyle.

Neenah also got a first-place finish from Bottensek in the 200-yard individual medley, while the Rockets took first in both the 200-yard freestyle relay (Bauman, Frank, Kacie Stamm and Naomi Cortina) and the 400-yard freestyle relay (Mulroy, Bauman, Lima, Bottensek).

Adding second places for Neenah were Cortina in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, Bauman in the 100-yard freestyle, Frank in the 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard medley relay team of Bottensek, Cortina, Lima and Mulroy.

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

### Neenah opens FVA play with four-set win

Noah Harmon and Chip Calcaterra each finished with nine kills to lead Neenah, while Calcaterra picked up five blocks and Harmon added four.

Zac Fruendt added eight kills in the win for the Rockets.

“Good for us to start conference play with a win,” commented head coach Jake Coenen. “Give East credit tonight – they played aggressive and very scrappy. We

had to really work for every point.”

### Rockets post 2-3 mark at Brookfield East tourney

Neenah collected wins over Nicolet (25-14, 25-17) and New Berlin United (21-25, 25-20, 15-13), while falling to Middleton (25-11, 25-11), Brookfield East (25-16, 25-23) and Cedarburg (25-19, 25-14) on Saturday.

Zac Fruendt and Noah Harmon finished with 24 and 23 kills, respectively, while Justin Sina racked up 67 assists in the five matches.

## SOCCER

### Neenah plays to scoreless tie with Oshkosh West

The Rockets outshot the Wildcats but couldn't find a goal in earning a tie with Oshkosh West in the Fox Valley Association match.

It was the first time this season Neenah was held without a goal as the Rockets are now 2-2-1 on the season.

## GOLF

### Neenah takes first at Blackwolf Run Invite

The Rockets shot a 364 at Blackwolf Run to take first place in a 12-team invitational on Tuesday.

Neenah finished five shots ahead of Divine Savior Holy Angels and six shots ahead of Appleton North in the 18-hole event.

Aubrey Oitzinger led the Rockets with an 89, tying for eighth place, while Dawson Anderson finished just outside of the top 10 with a 91. Emma Buss and Natalie Quella each shot 92s to round out the scoring golfers for Neenah, while Amber Miller was close behind with a 94.



Photo by Dustin Riese

St. Mary Catholic's John Osland (20) pushes the ball upfield around a Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian defender during Tuesday's contest.

# Zephyrs net fourth straight shutout in win over Knights

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The soccer season couldn't have gotten off to a better start for first-year St. Mary Catholic head coach Andy Paroubek.

The Zephyrs had posted three wins and a tie in their first four games and kept things rolling in that direction Tuesday night with a 3-0 win over Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian.

“This was a great win for us tonight, Paroubek said. “In a short amount of time the players have bought into the system of play and are starting to fully understand their roles and responsibilities. We are also fortunate that we are able to play 17-18 players deep into our roster on any night.”

After a scoreless 10 minutes, St. Mary Catholic got things revved up offensively.

Emiliano Romero got the Zephyrs on the scoreboard when he found the back of the net after AJ Groppe's shot had bounced off the goal post.

Grant Bergstrom then made it 2-0 in the 19th minute, when he blasted a shot from outside the goal box off an assist from Kieran Barrientos.

The Zephyrs took the two-goal lead into intermission before getting the offense cranked up again in the second half.

Groppe tallied an unassisted goal less than 10 minutes into second half – after sending a pair of shots into the framework before that – to extend the Zephyrs' lead as St. Mary Catholic was able to control possession.

“We have been working on our team shape looking to improve our defensive and midfield marking,” said Paroubek, whose team racked up 21 shots in the win. “We did a much better job tonight and this

allowed for very few chances for Lourdes. By improving our defensive marking this allowed for our midfielders to have time and space on the ball in transition to set up our attack.”

The Zephyrs were just as strong on the defensive side in the victory.

St. Mary Catholic limited Lourdes/Valley to just three shots for the match, all of which were saved by Hunter Schreiber, who posted his fourth straight shutout.

Paroubek credited his back line of defenders for keeping things quiet in front of Schreiber's goal.

“Our defense has been key to our early season success having not allowed a goal in four matches,” Paroubek said. “Our center back play and leadership of Will Lawniczak and John Osland along with Theodore Higgins and Harrison Higgins have been vital to our success.”

With a new coach and a young roster, getting off to this strong of a start – the Zephyrs have outscored their opponents 16-2 this season – was a bit unexpected.

However, now that the Zephyrs are rolling, Paroubek can sense that the team is starting to understand how good they can be and he is hoping to continue that focus for the duration of the season.

“We take every practice, every game day by day,” he said. “We have many positives to build off of, although we still have a lot of work and improvements that will be required for us to reach our goals for the season.”

St. Mary Catholic will be back on the field on Saturday playing host to Green Bay NEW Lutheran with kickoff set for 1 p.m.

## Invasive species identified in Butte des Morts

A newly verified population of Brittle Naiad (Najas minor) was found in Lake Butte des Morts by Winnebago Waterways Program staff last month, the first finding in the area and the ninth verified occurrence in Wisconsin.

Winnebago Waterways said that at this time, there are only a handful of locations with the plant where the Upper Fox River

empties into Lake Butte des Morts west of Oshkosh.

Brittle Naiad, a prohibited invasive species in Wisconsin, was previously found upstream of Lake Butte des Morts in 2013 and 2014.

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Grant Dean (8) fends off an Oshkosh West tackler after catching a short pass in last Friday's Fox Valley Association tussle.

# Neenah looks to get all three phases up to speed

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

It takes more than just an explosive offense and a stifling defense to produce wins in the Fox Valley Association.

And the remaining facet, special teams, can be telling.

Neenah had its special teams unit called out a bit in last Friday's win over Oshkosh West. The Rockets surrendered a pair of long kickoff returns in the 48-18 win over the Wildcats.

But even though the two returns didn't have much of an effect on the outcome – the first led to a West field goal, while the second did not result in any points – Neenah head coach Steve Jung certainly took notice and planned to get the unit shaped up for this week's showdown with Fond du Lac on Friday night.

"We felt Oshkosh West exposed some of our weaknesses on special teams and it's a big point of emphasis this week," Jung said after Monday's practice. "Fortunately, Grant Dean made some great plays to run guys down and our defense made some nice stops so it wasn't a factor in the game when it could have been a huge factor. Special teams are the difference in games a lot of times."

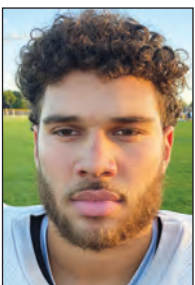
Other than those special teams hiccups, the Rockets put on another dominating show, at one point taking a 41-3 lead midway through the third quarter.

One of the highlights for the Rockets was the full debut of the passing game as sophomore quarterback Evan Vanevenhoven went 9-for-12 for 233 yards and three touchdowns. Coming into the game, Vanevenhoven had attempted just six passes and had two interceptions to go along with two completions.

"It was nice to get the passing game integrated more into our offense," Vaneven-



Vanevenhoven



Jones

## Week 4 games

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

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

hoven said. "Our running game has been working the last few games and that opened things up for the passing game. It makes the offense more dynamic, having the running game and the passing game working."

Jase Jenkins, the leading rusher in the conference, is coming off another strong outing and will certainly be a key factor against the Cardinals. Jenkins already has totaled 674 yards in three games and is averaging nearly 11 yards a carry.

It may be difficult for Jenkins to maintain that kind of production throughout the season as teams will focus more and more on the Rockets' standout back. That's why Jung said it is important to balance the offense and use all of the team's weapons.

"Jase has been really good for us. This year we are able to rest him defensively, so he's able to run that much harder for us," Jung said. "It's nice to be able to have other options offensively and we need to keep developing those options."

Fond du Lac's defense had a strong showing in a 41-7 win over Appleton East allowing just 142 yards of total offense.

But in the first two games, the Cardinals allowed nearly 500 yards passing and six touchdowns through the air.

"Evan did a really nice job. We struggled running the ball against (Oshkosh West) so we had to be able to throw the ball and fortunately the time we put in paid off for us," Jung said. "If we are one dimensional, teams can load the box on us and it's hard to have success against that."

Defensively, the Rockets will have to prepare for Fond du Lac quarterback Stephen Schreiter, who has thrown for more than 1,000 yards in the Cardinals' first

# Zephyrs eye another road test

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Josh Young and the St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian football team will be cranking up the bus for another long road trip this weekend.

The Zephyrs hope that result is the same as last week's long trek.

Coming off a 48-0 thumping of Kickapoo/La Farge, St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian faces another road test this weekend playing at Wonewoc/Weston on Saturday at 1 p.m. in Weston. The Zephyrs won last year's meeting by a whopping 68-0 margin but are gearing up for a tougher go of things this year.

"Every week we play the teams we did last year, so they know what to expect now and we keep telling the team that the target is on our backs," head coach Josh Young said. "The nice thing about this week is that we get an extra day of prep because our game is on a Saturday."

Some of what the Zephyrs will be preparing for is a talented and tough defensive front for Wonewoc/Weston.

Young said it's an experienced group that has played well the first two weeks of the season. It's certainly something that has caught his attention

"They have a good defensive front. Their defensive linemen are all pretty good athletes and they have improved a lot from last year, just watching the film," Young said. "The biggest thing for the game will be our offensive line against their defensive front."

Despite what Wonewoc/Weston can march out on defense, don't expect the Zephyrs to change their approach with the ball.

Although Young said that some blocking schemes may need to be adjusted, the St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian game plan

will remain the same.

"As far as plays and how we run our offense, it won't be anything different," Young said.

For the Zephyrs that means a heavy dose of quarterback Danny Griffith and running back Ashton Post, both of whom are coming off big games against Kickapoo/La Farge.

Griffith completed 11-of-14 passes for 189 yards and five touchdowns in the win, while Post – who also competes for the Zephyrs' cross country team – registered his second straight 100-yard game with 123 yards on 16 carries.

"Ashton is a really good athlete. He hits the hole pretty well and then once he gets into open space it's hard to catch him," Young said. "He put a lot of time in the weight room in the summer and conditioning so we're pretty happy with him and what he's done the first two games."

Of course, Young is also pleased with the way his team his playing defense, coming off its first shutout of the season.

Owen Swanstrom and Sam Todd led the Zephyr defense against Kickapoo/La Farge with 13 tackles each, while Todd recorded four of the team's 11 sacks and forced a fumble.

"I think what I like the most is that the defense has come together really quick with the new secondary guys," Young said. "We knew our front seven was going to be solid, but it's nice with the newer guys in the secondary, we haven't really lost a step there."

The Zephyrs will have to endure another long road trip – their second of three straight road games – but after playing at Oakfield the following week, they will finally return home.

"It will be nice in a few weeks to get back home again," Young said. "It will be good for us to have a home game."

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# McGinnis focused on making tackles for Rockets

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Try to run up the middle against the Neenah defense and it will likely lead right into the waiting arms of the Rockets' middle linebacker Trevor McGinnis.

Run off-tackle, he will be there, too. Try to dart outside and he can run those plays down. Maybe attempt to throw the ball and he could very easily maneuver through the line blockers and end the play with a sack.

Through three games, McGinnis has been a dominant force for the Rockets' powerhouse defense. He leads the team in tackles – nearly doubling the next highest total – tackles-for-loss and sacks.

And when posed with coming up for why he's started so well in the 2022 season, he shows no hesitation giving credit where it's due.

"I give all of the credit to our defensive linemen," McGinnis said. "If they weren't doing such a good job, I wouldn't be (free of blockers) and be able to go make those plays and tackles."

There is a little more to it than that, though.

Although he has played linebacker throughout his rise through the younger levels of football, he only played the position a limited amount last season. He spent more of his time playing offense – where he was an honorable mention selection at tight end – while also playing outside linebacker on defense.

This year, he's back home in the middle of the defense and only playing on that side of the ball, which has helped him focus on what he needs to do and perform on the field.

"Last year, I bounced around quite a bit and getting to really focus on one thing is



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Senior linebacker Trevor McGinnis is the leading tackler for the Rockets stingy defense.

really nice," McGinnis said. "That's probably one of the reasons I'm doing decent this year."

McGinnis said that in order to succeed at his position, he needs to be able to make quick reads and be aware of everything that is happening around him. That's something that took him time to get used to at the varsity level, but found his groove late last season.

"Last year, I really picked it up against

Appleton East. It really started clicking and I started making my reads faster," McGinnis said. "I was playing it for like three games before that and started to know what I was supposed to do and started getting better at it."

With the start he's gotten off to this season, McGinnis has definitely become one of the leaders on the Rockets' defense.

That was a big step for him having only played about half the games on defense as

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a junior but it's a role that is important to him.

"It's really cool to have that leadership role; having people listen to you and having that authority," McGinnis said. "It's different for me and I'm still learning that role."

And as one of the leaders, he is looking forward to seeing just how good this Neenah defense can be.

"We have a lot to improve on, but I feel like we have a lot of potential this year," McGinnis said. "We have a lot of talent and if we can figure out how to use it and use it together, we could be really good."

Although McGinnis is no longer playing on offense he also has a role that gets him on the field in addition to playing defense.

McGinnis is the Rockets long snapper. It's something he has done since middle school and came to the role because of his time spent playing the quarterback position growing up.

"My seventh-grade coach asked me to do it and I just started doing it," McGinnis said. "Since I was a quarterback, you can just kind of throw it and I got pretty good at it."

McGinnis isn't sure of what his future will be so he thinks this will likely be his last season of playing football.

If it is, he is certainly going to miss taking the field every Friday night and playing against the top-flight competition in the FVA. But the wins, the tackles, the touchdowns and the games, in general, are only going to be a small part of what he will miss about football.

"It's probably about 10 percent missing the games and the rest is the morning weightlifting sessions and the practices and being in the locker room. That's where you make the most memories," McGinnis said. "I will miss hanging out with my buddies and getting to go through it with them the most. That's the best part."

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# Pandemic funding

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the pandemic.

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

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

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

District 34 Supervisor Jeffrey Beem and District 31 Supervisor Ralph Harrison introduced a proposal to reconsider accepting the grant at a meeting Tuesday. Both supervisors previously voted against accepting the funding.

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel said at the meeting that the county will complete the assessments regardless of whether the funding is accepted. After nearly two hours of deliberations, the proposal to accept the grant money was reintroduced. It again failed to pass by the two-thirds majority required.

# Neenah football

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three games and already has eight touch-down passes.

"We have to be aware of their quarterback throwing the ball and then a lot of what we have to do is recognize formations," said senior Darius Jones Jr. "Our defensive coordinator comes up with a good game plan every week and we just pound it into our brains to get ready for that next opponent."

Jones said the defense has gained confidence in its three wins to start the season, but believes there is more to come on that side of the ball.

"We are slowly gaining confidence. We have a couple new players and as they gain confidence, we gain confidence as a

whole," Jones said. "Just being able to play four quarters is going to be big. We haven't had the excitement of playing a full game."

That will likely come against the Cardinals as both teams will enter the contest ranked in the top 10 in the latest Division 1 poll. The Rockets are ranked seventh, while Fond du Lac is ninth with Appleton North sitting between the two schools. Kimberly is the highest ranked FVA squad coming in at No. 2.

Neenah beat Fond du Lac last year, 21-7, and would like nothing more than to knock off the Cardinals again this year and keep their fast start going.

"We've had good energy at practice and we are confident," Vanevenhoven said. "We have the whole week to prepare and we are going to work hard in practice and do our best on Friday."



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# Musical float

There was plenty of music to be enjoyed at the Labor Day parade Monday morning.

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## LET'S STOP LITTERING!



Hi, Kids!

You know me – I'm your friend, Earth. And there's something that really makes me sick. It's called **LITTER!**

Litter is stuff that should have been thrown into a garbage can or recycle bin, but is just dropped on the ground instead.

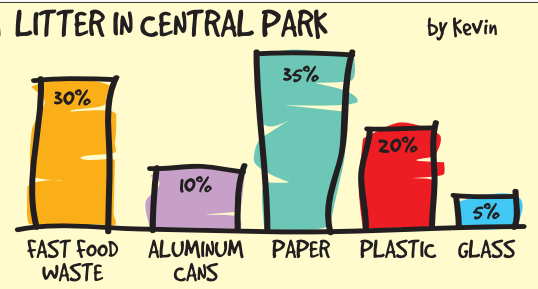
Litter causes all kinds of problems. It can clog up storm drains and cause flooding or pollute the waterways that are fed by storm drains. Some litter is dangerous, like broken glass and cans with jagged edges. And litter is ugly. When it's around your school or community, it looks like people just don't care about where they live.

Your friend, **Earth**

### 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?  
 glass  plastic
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?

- plastic bottle
- plastic cap
- paper cup
- straw
- plastic fork
- paper
- chip bag
- cheese puffs
- soda can
- apple core

### IMPORTANT!

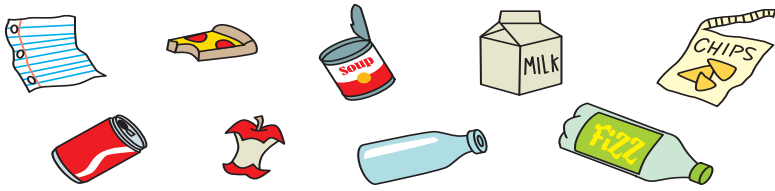
If a piece of litter at your school looks like dangerous trash (broken glass, a needle, bandage, etc.) **DON'T** pick it up, but **DO** tell an adult on campus about it.

### LITTER FACT

Only **ONE** out of every **SIX** plastic water bottles we use ever makes it to the recycle bin.

### Sort the Litter

Some litter can be recycled. Draw a line from each piece of litter to the correct bin.



- TRASH BIN
- COMPOST BIN
- RECYCLE BIN

### Be Complete

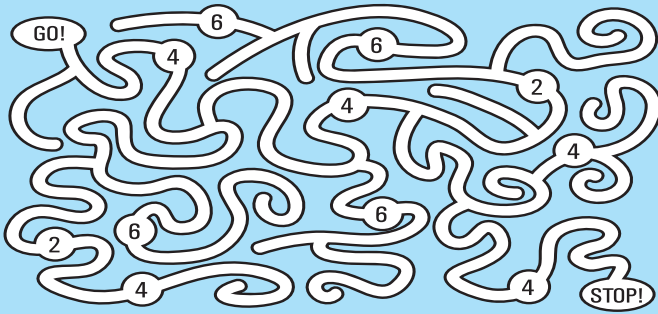
Search the newspaper for five headlines that are **NOT** complete sentences. Rewrite each as a complete sentence. Which words are most often left out?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Don't Be a Litterbug

What is the average number of steps a person will hold onto a piece of trash before they litter? Add up the numbers along the correct path in this maze to discover the answer.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

- COMMUNITY
- DANGEROUS
- PROBLEMS
- GARBAGE
- RECYCLE
- POLLUTE
- AVERAGE
- LITTER
- EATING
- DRAINS
- BROKEN
- STORM
- AREA
- UGLY
- SICK

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

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G	A	R	B	A	G	E	R	O	U
A	D	A	E	R	A	O	E	L	O
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## Kid Scoop Together: Litter Hunt

With an adult, walk around your school and pick up at least five pieces of litter. Write the name of each below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

### Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WASTE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

W	A	S	T	E
	W			T
		W		
S			W	A
A	S	T	E	W

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