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County ARPA funding reworked

Renaming of federal allocation considered

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors will consider a proposal next month to rename the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission to the Spirit Fund Commission and establish a new Spirit Fund in an effort to prevent the federal gov-

ernment from auditing the county's use of the money.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) authorized the federal government to deliver \$350 billion to state, local, territorial and tribal governments to bolster their response to the COVID-19 pandemic and deal with its economic impacts. The funding can be used for investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure, essential workers and other expenditures related to the pandemic.

Winnebago County was allocated \$33.3 million. In October, the county board passed a resolution to disperse the entire \$33 million to cover lost revenue from the pandemic.

Specifically, the money was earmarked to cover wages incurred between March 4, 2021, and Sept. 30, 2022, for departments including sheriff, coroner, emergency management, parks, information systems, facil-

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Cool creations

The ice sculpture garden at Gateway Park in downtown Neenah featured creative frozen artwork for visitors to enjoy as part of A Very Neenah Christmas activities last weekend.



Photo by David Hall

Neenah's standout junior Allie Ziebell announced over the weekend that she is committing to the University of Connecticut women's basketball program.

Ziebell headed to UConn

Rockets' star junior looking forward to joining legendary program

Neenah News

Neenah High School standout Allie Ziebell announced her commitment to the University of Connecticut over the weekend.

The junior, who is the all-time leading scorer at Neenah, announced via a Twitter post on Saturday that she will be continuing her basketball career with one of the most prestigious women's college basketball programs in the nation.

"It feels great," Ziebell wrote in an email to the Neenah News. "It feels like a weight is lifted off my shoulders and now I can just focus on our high school season success."

Ziebell had a long list of schools who were courting her abilities, however, UConn held a special place in her heart so it was an easy choice.

"UConn has been my dream school

since I first picked up a basketball," Ziebell said. "It feels surreal to be able to go to UConn. What they have done throughout the history of their program is unreal and it means a lot just to be able to be a part of something bigger than myself."

Although it was the destination at the top of her list, Ziebell did visit other schools.

Not that any could lure her away from the Huskies. Instead, it reinforced her decision to head to UConn.

"When I went to visit I really loved it," Ziebell said. "But I wanted to make sure I saw the other schools that I had interest in, so I could make sure I am choosing the place that fits me best."

And once she knew that it was the right choice, there was no need to wait on the

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Downtown plan input goes public

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An open house event that will review future development plans for downtown Neenah is set from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Neenah Public Library.

The draft of a concept plan created by city planners, consultants and public input on the direction downtown should take over the next 10 to 15 years to keep it an active business and recreation district will be unveiled.

Collaborating with the Neenah Central City Business Improvement District (BID) and RDG Planning and Design, the city solicited feedback from residents and visitors with its Neenah Next project



team that has been collecting and analyzing data since May.

Brad Schmidt, the city's deputy director of community development, said there has been a mix of opportunities for the community to participate, including an online survey, an interactive map where area-specific comments or ideas can be provided, and several community work-

shops.

With the downtown footprint growing to the west with its connection to Arrowhead Park and south toward Winneconne Avenue, planners have been looking to define a consistent character within the district that serves businesses and visitors.

Details on the planning process, including an interactive downtown map, are found at bit.ly/neenahnext.

"Our downtown is so important to the overall vitality of our community, and we're excited to discover the possibilities with this new plan," Mayor Jane Lang said in the city's request for public comment.

NEW Launch Alliance event winners named

Hang 10 Poke, a business idea of food-service entrepreneur Kean O'Brien, was selected as the \$2,000 winner of the NEW Launch Alliance Pitch Event. AntiMussel and Starr Merrie Native Gifts took second and third place, respectively.

The three winning entries emerged from a group of eight entrepreneurial pitches that had advanced from local pitch competitions held across northeast Wisconsin last month. Along with receiving prize money, the winners are invited to give an update during the New North Summit set for June 8.

Hang 10 Poke, presented by Kean O'Brien of Fond du Lac, offers fresh, vibrant poke bowls that cater to different tastes and provide a healthy alternative to fast-food options. Hang 10 Poke will be opening in a permanent location in Fond du Lac.

Second place and \$1,000 in prize money went to AntiMussel, presented by Tyler Rezachek of Plymouth. The service-disabled Iraq war veteran's pre-seed, prototype-stage company is dedicated to removing invasive mussel species from public and private waterways and converting them into the world's only source of renewable calcium carbonate, which is used in products like paper, paint, pharmaceuticals and plastics.

AntiMussel will be carrying out a pilot program in spring, conducting a full-scale cleanup of a mussel infestation.

Third place and \$500 was won by Starr Merrie Native Gifts, presented by Eliza Skenandore of the Oneida Nation. Skenandore expects to launch an E-commerce website, along with a physical location in Green Bay, early next year.

A total of 34 entrepreneurial pitches previously were made at local qualifying events across the New North region Nov. 14-18 hosted by the Greater Green Bay Chamber, FVTC Venture Center, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Envision Greater Fond du Lac, UW Oshkosh SBDC, UW Extension, Progress Lakeshore and Sheboygan County Economic Development Corp.



Photo by David Hall

Lively window displays

Live mannequin windows entertained visitors in downtown Neenah as part of A Very Neenah Christmas event last Friday night, including this display at Red Door Mercantile that won the Perfect Present Award, which was among 11 other categories recognized.

Free Narcan training offered by county

The Winnebago County Health Department is hosting virtual training on recognizing the signs of an opioid overdose and using Narcan (naloxone) to reverse an opioid overdose.

The training from noon to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday is free and available to anyone in the community. Register at wchd.pub/narcantraining22 or call 920-232-3000.

"We have seen an increase in overdose deaths in our county over the past two years, and Narcan is one tool we have to

save lives," said Danielle Florence, community health strategist, Winnebago County Health Department. "The more people in our community who have access and training in Narcan, the more effectively we can keep each other safe."

Narcan is easy to use and available free at the Winnebago County Health Department's Oshkosh office, Solutions Recovery, Vivent and Unity Recovery Services. Fentanyl test strips can also be found at the Health Department and Vivent.

Santa Float

For more than 70 years, members of the Neenah-Menasha Fire Department have been making magic happen with the Santa Float. What began as a gift to the children in our community is now a time-honored tradition for people of all ages. Ten nights out of the holiday season, off-duty firefighters volunteer to make sure Santa visits the neighborhoods of Neenah and Menasha. The float is in dire need of repair and in order to keep this tradition alive, consider donating to the Neenah Menasha Professional Firefighters c/o Santa Float 125 E. Columbian Ave. Neenah, WI 54956.



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Christmas Giving program sparks families' spirits

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Hundreds of families in Neenah and Menasha will experience the joy of the holiday season this year through the Boys' & Girls' Brigade Christmas Giving program.

The Brigade is a nonprofit organization at 109 W. Columbian Ave. providing clothing, gift certificates, toiletries and gifts to financially disadvantaged families each year through its Christmas Giving program.

The program will help about 350 families this year. An estimated 100,000 children have experienced a brighter holiday since the program's inception in 1949. It is made possible by residents who sponsor families, donate items and provide financial support.

The families are referred by health and human service departments, schools, churches and youth organizations. The children range from newborns to age 18. Each family has between one and eight children. One family this year has nine children.

Community members sign up to spon-

sor a family. The families provide a wish list, which sponsors shop to fulfill.

The items include toys, games, books, diapers, blankets and personal care items. Each child receives a complete outfit from head to toe, including socks and underwear.

Christmas Giving coordinator Katie Weber said about 60% of the families in this year's program have been sponsored by residents. The families who are not sponsored are supported by the Brigade. Volunteers shop for the families using donations stored inside the Brigade building.

The community donates the items from a list posted on the Brigade website. The volunteers also purchase some items using monetary donations.

"We want to provide fun and exciting gifts, but we also want to provide things that are necessary," Weber said.

Although the gifts are for the children, the families also receive grocery store gift cards and other items.

"We like to make sure we're doing a little bit for the whole family, as well, and just keeping that magic of Christmas alive is just so special," she said.



Submitted photo

Volunteers take part in the Christmas Giving program at the Brigade recently.

The program is always in need of volunteers, donations and sponsors. Updates on program needs are posted on the Brigade Neenah Facebook page and at bgbrigade.com.

Weber said the holidays are a special time of year, with volunteers arriving at the Brigade building to assemble boxes of gifts.

"All of our volunteers come in and ev-

erybody is smiling and thrilled to be here, and we just love helping our families," she said.

Without the Christmas Giving program, some local families would not have much of a Christmas this year.

"We hear that very often," she said. "Without you, we wouldn't have had anything under the tree."



Photo from UW Oshkosh

UW Oshkosh, Fox Cities student Samuel Dick (second from left) was named the top overall pick at the Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance Internship Draft Day held last month at the Lambeau Field Atrium. Also pictured are (from left) Warren Vaz, associate professor of engineering; Ann Franz, executive director of NEW Manufacturing Alliance; and Martin Rudd, assistant chancellor for access campuses.

UWO student top pick at Internship Draft Day

UW Oshkosh Today

A University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Fox Cities campus student recently won his own Super Bowl at Lambeau Field, when he was named No. 1 overall draft pick at the Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance's Internship Draft Day.

Samuel Dick, of Oshkosh, is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering who plans to work for a conveyer manufacturer with a Neenah design office. He joined more than 150 college students who were showing off interview skills as they vied for internships with area firms. Points were awarded not only on interview skills, but academic standing and extracurricular involvement, with bonus points earned for anyone awarded a company's Most Valuable Interview.

Dick said he felt great about winning – he topped students from all around Wisconsin and northern Michigan – but was surprised to hear the news. He took home \$1,500 in scholarship money and nailed down multiple offers on an internship.

"Honestly, I was so focused on the interviews that I had no idea that I had won until someone emailed me about it several days later," he said. "The idea of a scholarship (was) a nice bonus, but I really went to the event to interview and to secure an internship for next summer."

Dick was awarded a \$1,500 check by Ann Franz, executive director of Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance.

Warren Vaz, associate engineering professor at the Fox Cities campus, said being named top overall draft pick against students from so many large campuses is a big achievement. He believed it was just the second time an access campus student has beat out all competitors.

Dick said he was extremely prepared going into the Draft Day event. There was a chance to take part in up to six interviews and networking sessions with more than 50 companies. He reviewed all the employers and scheduled the maximum number of interviews that he could. He researched the companies and ranked them by his interest in them.

"I feel like having good questions to ask a potential employer is one of the most important things you can do as an interview candidate," he said. "They show an employer that you did your homework, that you are interested in their company and shows them what matters to you ... in addition to whatever information the actual answer reveals. Interviews should always be a conversation and it is always my intent to interview the employer as much as they are interviewing me."

Dick has plans to work for Nercon, a conveyer manufacturer with a Neenah office and Oconto manufacturing facility. He plans to obtain a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and work in industry, preferably in automation and controls.

Business news roundup

Graham Images, which specializes in commercial photography with an emphasis on architectural construction, has opened a location downtown at 128 W. Wisconsin Ave. www.grahamimages.net.

Morgan E Creative, which works with

nonprofit groups and small businesses through marketing and creative support, has opened an office at 128 W. Wisconsin Ave. The company provides graphic design, web management, social media support, content creation and email marketing. www.morgancreative.com.

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We Energies announces rate increase for next year

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We Energies customers in Neenah and other parts of northern Winnebago County will see their electricity bills rise by nearly 11 percent – about \$132 a year for the average homeowner – after state approval of a rate package lower than what was being sought.

The rate increase, which according to parent company WEPCO will help fund new utility-scale solar and natural gas generation, was approved last week by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) after a 13% increase was originally proposed earlier this fall.

WEPCO's Wisconsin Public Service, which services Oshkosh and a majority of Winnebago County, had sought an overall rate hike of nearly 15% that was reduced to 8.8% by the PSC.

State-based advocacy groups such as the Citizens Utility Board said there were more than 1,200 public comments opposing that large of an increase amid rising

energy prices. The increases are estimated at 11% for the typical homeowner, 8% for small businesses and about 6% for big businesses.

The proposals are in line with recent decisions by the PSC for other utilities, according to WEC Energy Group's senior communications specialist Matt Cullen, who noted that the typical residential customer's electric bill will remain well below the national average.



Cullen

"This is only the second time in eight years We Energies has asked for a base rate increase, and only the third time in eight years for WPS," Cullen said in an email.

"Our rate requests are driven mainly by our efforts to strengthen the power grid and our investments in clean energy. We project long-term customer savings of

nearly \$2 billion from our investments in renewable energy. Our proposals also allow us to focus on additional grid-hardening projects to keep the lights on when severe weather hits."

According to WPS's website, local distribution services are made up of both fixed and volumetric charges. Fixed charges cover the "safe, reliable delivery of natural gas," such as the piping through which it flows, labor and supplies to maintain gas mains, labor and supplies to read meters and the service's employees.

"The volumetric charge on your bill varies each month based on how many terms of gas you use," the WPS website reads. "The volumetric charge includes local distribution service, gas supply acquisition service and natural gas costs."

For example, WPS year-round customers are charged a fixed rate of \$17 per month, \$0.0898 per therm volumetrically and \$0.0253 per therm in gas acquisition, which is where costs vary monthly.

In Neenah, according to the site Natural Gas Local, residents used an estimated 11 million cubic feet of natural gas in August of this year among more than 8,000 residential We Energies natural gas customers.

U.S. Census Bureau data show that about 65% of Wisconsinites – about 1.5 million households – use natural gas to heat their homes.

The new rates are expected to take effect Jan. 1.

"Last month, we reached broad-based rate agreements with multiple customer, environmental and labor groups on the amount of revenue it will take to operate next year," he said. "In fact, more parties supported these settlements than any other settlement we've reached over the years."

"As part of these agreements, we are writing off tens of millions of dollars in costs incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Regional Partnership notes recruiting focus in report

Neenah News

The Fox Cities Regional Partnership's development report for the third quarter reviewed ongoing economic challenges in the region, including talent attraction and retention.

Employers are telling the organization that entry-level positions are particularly difficult to hire. A lack of affordable workforce housing has been mentioned by several employers in visits with director of business retention Nick Oostmeyer.

Partnership programs this year have been targeted around K-16 initiatives, talent attraction and retention, and small business resources.

The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce became the first chamber in Wisconsin to offer a free membership level for small businesses called Connect Free. The program launched in late August and as of Nov. 23 there have been 193 small businesses signed up.

The group continues to certify businesses as Employee Friendly Workplaces, adding nine new certified businesses so far this year for a total of 14.

The partnership and Chamber are now working with Livability Media for an annual publication focused on economic development that will be published in spring.

Fox Crossing OKs budget, plans to add police liaisons

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Village of Fox Crossing approved a 2023 budget last week, with residents expected to see an increase in taxes due to a 16% increase in property values.

The mill rate that property values are assessed at will decrease by nearly 20%, to \$4.44 per \$1,000 of property. Even though the mill rate is decreasing, taxes will increase for property owners due to the increase in assessed values.

The village will budget the full allowable levy limit of \$144,649. Fox Crossing will benefit from a decrease in debt service in 2023, allowing for an additional \$106,757 for the general fund.

The total projected budget comes to \$15.9 million, an increase of 2.6% over 2022. The largest program expense is law enforcement, amounting to 28% of all program expenditures.

Director of finance Jeremy Searl said at an earlier public hearing that the biggest change to the police department's budget is the onboarding of two school resource officers (SROs) for six months.

With the new Neenah High School in Fox Crossing, Neenah police will no longer be supplying an officer at the location. Fox Crossing Police Chief Scott Blashka is in negotiations with the school district to determine when the village would start billing the district and for what percentage.

For the purposes of the budget, Fox Crossing followed the model that the Neenah Police Department uses, with the district reimbursing the village 75% of the cost for two SROs for 52 weeks.

The police liaisons will work for the school exclusively during the school year

and during the summer months will work for the police department in regular rotation. The police will need two vehicles for the SROs, with the plan being to use two vehicles the department already has that are set to be replaced. Both have newer motors, allowing them to stay in use longer.

Blashka told the village board at an October budget meeting that he didn't know what the school district will pay for SRO wages, benefits, cellphones, vehicles and equipment. He said he's unsure if the district will pay for any of the onboarding expenses, which include weapons, shields and tactical helmets, but he said the equipment is necessary for the officers and can't be removed from the budget no matter who is paying the bill.

The other change in the police department is the replacement of the code enforcement officer position with community service officers. The change will not affect the cost but will allow the department to hire trainees to assist with code compliance, animal control and traffic control.

Notable planned projects for the parks department include installing a crushed stone trail extension at Palisades Park, expanding the parking lot at Fritsch Park and paving the Friendship Trail between Irish Road and Clayton Avenue. A new ADA-compliant curb ramp will be installed on the Jacobsen Road Trail and the ADA curb ramps on the West American Drive Trail will be replaced.

Road improvements include resurfacing Brighton Beach Road and East Shady Lane, and reconstructing Stroebbe Road, Winchester Road, Earl Street, Blakes Way and the Jacobson Way railroad overpass.



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Charter school move will allow for expansion

Alliance will gain more space, classes at Wilson

By Bethanie Gengler
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Alliance Charter Elementary School will relocate and expand next year, offering two 4-year-old kindergarten classes and sixth-grade options.

With the new Neenah High School set to open in Fox Crossing next fall, the district is restructuring. Middle school students will move to the current high school site. Roosevelt and Wilson elementary students will move to Horace Mann and Alliance will move to the existing Wilson elementary.



Zimmerman

The Neenah Joint School District accepted an offer from John Bergstrom to purchase the Roosevelt site, which is 100 years old. Alliance, which opened in 2004, currently hosts one class at each grade level through fifth grade at that location.

Beginning next year with the move, Alliance will offer two classes of 4K and sixth grade options for the first time. The school anticipates that seats will be available for the sixth-grade section.

The school uses banded (combined)

grade levels. For the 2023-24 school year, Alliance will offer 4K, K, first-third, and fourth-sixth-grade bands.

Alliance classes are currently full with a few students on waitlists at each grade level. Alliance will gradually expand each grade level to two sections of classes, with the goal of doubling enrollment and class size from the current cap of 22 students per grade level, to 44 students per grade level.

Alliance Principal Garrett Zimmerman said the expansion is ideal for the Montessori curriculum that the school uses, which is a focus on sensory-based and self-directed learning.

“A Montessori curriculum is focused on developing students’ independence and self-direction by letting them explore learning activities and tasks with the support of the teacher,” he said. “The teacher fosters student ownership in the classroom, while ensuring the tasks and learning plan are developmentally appropriate.”

Alliance has earned the significantly exceeded expectations distinction on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction report cards in all eight years the cards have been issued.

Zimmerman said the Wilson building is bigger in square footage and has more classrooms than the current location.

“There are also outdoor classrooms, a large garden plot and plenty of green



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Alliance Charter Elementary School’s home will shift to the current Wilson Elementary School next fall from Roosevelt, which will close at the end of the school year.

space,” he said.

He added that the relocation will offer students additional opportunities to explore their academic surroundings, participate in self-directed learning and work on their interpersonal skills.

“This is such an amazing move and we are so fortunate to have a district that sup-

ports us,” he said.

The 2023-24 enrollment application period is open until Feb. 17. If there are too many requests for available spaces, a lottery system will be used.

More information on applying for enrollment is on the Alliance page of the Neenah Joint School District website.



Neenah News

Delivering holiday joy

Alliance Charter Elementary School students make their plant deliveries in Doty Island neighborhoods as part of their annual poinsettia delivery.

County advises against improper lighting disposal

Holiday string lights should not be put in curbside recycling carts or dumpsters. The Winnebago County Solid Waste Department has partnered with 12 municipal offices to host 15 drop-off locations across Winnebago County for recycling those lights.

Every year, holiday string lights that end up in recycling carts pose one of the largest issues to the Tri-County Recycling Facility.

Known as “tangles,” Christmas lights and other ropes, cords, hoses or textiles wrap around sorting equipment and force the facility to periodically stop operations to clean equipment, increasing operational costs and affecting the efficiency of the recycling program.

“All recycling from Winnebago County residents ends up at the Tri-County Recycling Facility in Appleton for processing,” says Jessica Hanson, solid waste com-

munications and program development specialist. “The Solid Waste Department is committed to doing our part to keep string lights out of the recycling stream. We want to make it easy for our residents to do the right thing.”

In 2021, the department collected 300 pounds of light strings for proper recycling and has a goal of doubling that number this year.

Holiday string light recycling drop-off bins can be found at the city/town halls of Algoma, Black Wolf, Menasha, town and city of Neenah, Oshkosh, Vinland, as well as at Oshkosh Field Operations at 639 Witzel Ave., Fox Crossing Municipal Building at 2000 Municipal Drive, and at Winnebago County Solid Waste at 100 W. County Y.

The drop-off program ends Jan. 31. More information is at winnebagocounty-solidwaste.com.

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Santa Float has been making the holiday rounds in area

Neenah News

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue's Santa Float is concluding its rounds through the cities' neighborhoods today (Friday) with the visit to Neenah's south side.

Operated by off-duty firefighters from Local 275 who volunteer their time to help Santa make his rounds, all costs associated with the float are made possible through donations from Neenah-Menasha Firefighter's Local 275 Charitable Foundation, local businesses and residents of Neenah and Menasha.

Continued support is welcome for operating costs associated with the float along with continuous improvements and updates.

People can donate through the Go Fund Me page at [gofundme.com/f/gxkjh5-santa-float](https://www.gofundme.com/f/gxkjh5-santa-float) or sending a check to Neenah Menasha Professional Firefighters, 125 E. Columbian Ave.



Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue photo

The Santa Float continues its long history of bringing holiday cheer to Neenah and Menasha neighborhoods.

Board of Education to hold candidacy session

The Neenah Joint School District Board of Education will hold an informational session for anyone interested in learning more about a potential Board of Education candidacy from 6 to 7 p.m. Dec. 19 at the Administration Building.

Board President Brian Epley will lead the session to cover the roles of the board, time commitments and structure and purpose of committees.

Three seats with three-year terms will be contested in the April 4 election. District residents interested in running must file a Declaration of Candidacy by Jan. 3.

The original idea for the Santa Float started in 1950 with Fire Chief John Zick as a gift to the children of the area. Kam-po Transit Co. donated a flatbed trailer and

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Levenhagen Oil/Neenah Standard donates the fuel used to operate the float for all 10 nights. An every-other-year route has been established for streets in both cities.

Neenah man facing trial for second-degree sexual assault

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A Neenah man was in court Monday, facing a charge of second-degree sexual assault of a child for repeatedly having sex with a 15-year-old when he was 23.

According to the criminal complaint, the victim contacted police in May, when she was 18, to report that she had a sexual relationship with Luke Sagers of Neenah that began in January 2019 and ended when she was 16. She met Sagers when they were both employed at Dairy Queen.

The victim said she repeatedly told Sagers that the relationship wasn't right because of her age. During one incident,

the victim told police that Sagers sexually assaulted her in Arrowhead Park.

The victim said she met Sagers at Arrowhead so that he could apologize to her. At some point during the encounter Sagers allegedly grabbed her by the throat and pushed her against a tree, causing her to hit her head. The victim said Sagers sexually assaulted her while she was lying on the ground.

In May, the victim called Sagers while police were recording. Sagers allegedly admitted to knowing that the victim was 15 years old during the sexual relationship and acknowledged the incident that happened in the park. The victim asked Sagers if he recognized that he raped her.

"Yeah, yeah," he responded. "Even if it wasn't, it's still statutory rape ... I'm very much aware of that."

In an impact statement, the victim wrote that she now suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, an eating disorder and depression. She said she can no longer tolerate physical touch.

"I had my whole life ahead of me (and) now I can't even hug my own mother," she wrote. "I am forever trapped in the body that Luke Sagers abused and there is no cure for that."

Sagers faces up to 40 years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000. He is due back in court in January for a status conference.

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ARPA funding

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ities and property management, and Park View Health Center.

Although the money was passed off as lost revenue, the designation appears to be an accounting maneuver that allows the county to spend the money in different ways rather than only for pandemic-related expenditures.

County Executive Jon Doemel referred questions about the use of the money to director of administration Mike Collard, who did not respond to a request for information as of press time.

The ARPA commission was created to make recommendations to the county board on how the ARPA funds would be used. At a meeting last week, the commission discussed a resolution to change its name to the Spirit Fund Commission and establish a Spirit Fund.

Collard said the name Spirit Fund was chosen because the money will be spent "in the spirit of ARPA."

The money currently designated as ARPA funds would be moved to a general fund, then pulled back out and placed into the Spirit Fund.

"The tricky part, the reason we're changing the name, is the auditor says if you just pull back into an ARPA fund, it's going to give the auditors from the federal government fits," Collard said. "They're going to look at that and say you have to now spend that as ARPA money; it's not your money to spend as you please and it's going to get tied up in knots. At least that's what our county auditors are concerned about."

Collard said the auditor's recommendation is to not put an ARPA label on the funds because it would require additional ARPA reports.

"Our objective is to free ourselves from those entanglements, which is perfectly in accordance with the law and regulations that they have for use of ARPA money," he said. "If we just call it the Spirit Fund, we kind of know what that means but the auditors won't look at that and see that it's governed by the federal regulations on grant distributions."

Doemel told the commission that technically the county doesn't have any ARPA dollars left because it claimed the money as lost revenue.

"By doing this, by creating the Spirit Fund after the first of the year, which is what the auditors wanted, and by changing, it takes that technical aspect that we no longer have a job to do and addresses that," Doemel said.

District 27 Supervisor Morris Cox expressed concerns that the transfer plan was a manipulation of funds.

"It doesn't sound to me that it's some-

thing that you really should be doing," he said.

ARPA commission member Tim Galloway said the wording in the proposed resolution is a red flag.

"To me that just raises the issue or elevates the issue and you're trying to avoid that issue," he said, recommending that the commission remove the clause stating that the Spirit Fund dollars are no longer properly considered ARPA dollars. The commission voted to approve the recommendation.

District 30 Supervisor Chuck Farrey requested reassurance that the ARPA funds will not be commingled with undesignated funds.

"Because administration and the (county executive) have certain authority within those funds, I do not want those commingled," he said.

The commission voted in favor of renaming and establishing a Spirit Fund. The proposal will be sent to the county board for a vote at an upcoming meeting.

According to a resolution approved at a board meeting last month, the county lacks direction on how to spend the ARPA funds.

The board authorized a transfer of \$175,000 to the county executive's office for assistance with strategic planning and priority-based budgeting related to the funding.

The ARPA commission continued discussions on where to allocate the ARPA dollars, only making a few spending decisions. The commission agreed to spend \$850,000 on an emergency generator for Sunnyview Expo Center.

The commission also agreed to spend \$3 million on projects with local governments and to allocate the money equally among the municipalities in the county, regardless of their size. The commission's ARPA spending recommendations must be approved by the full county board. Each of the 22 municipalities will receive about \$136,360 if the proposal is approved.

The Town of Neenah held a meeting Dec. 5 to brainstorm possible uses for the funds if the county board approves the spending measure. The town was previously awarded \$369,166 in ARPA funds. In total, the town will have \$505,529 in ARPA dollars if the proposal is approved.

Some potential ideas discussed at the meeting include using the money to improve parks, update playground equipment, fix Larsen Road or purchase a fire truck. The board also discussed the possibility of remodeling the town hall, located at 1600 Breezewood Lane, which includes repairing or replacing the HVAC system. Remodeling and expanding the building would facilitate an improved election process.

The ARPA funds must be allocated by December 2024 and spent by December 2026.



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Back healthy, Klesmit ready to showcase skills

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Cal Klesmit flashed the kind of smile that could only mean the wheels of his memory bank were spinning at breakneck speeds.

“I have a lot of stories,” the Neenah High School senior standout said. “Things would escalate quickly before the game even ended. Balls would be thrown. Someone might end up crying. It got hectic at times, but it was fun.”

Klesmit wasn’t talking about the rigors of a Fox Valley Association schedule or the demands of a high-level AAU schedule. It wasn’t even some nightmarish dodgeball recollection.

The library of stories on call in Klesmit’s mind were of the thousands of basketball games and contests he had with his older brother Max – currently a member of the Wisconsin men’s basketball team – when the two were growing up.

Being the younger of the two put Cal at a bit of a disadvantage but the competition – as difficult as it can be among brothers – benefited both.

“Those games were tough with me and him. It got rough at times, but in the end it obviously helped us,” Klesmit said. “He would beat me a lot but I wouldn’t say he beat me every time. He got me more than I got him, but every day, I still went out there hoping I’d win.”

Klesmit is now following in the footsteps of his older brother in his senior year with the Rockets as one of the top players in the FVA. He even matched his brother’s school scoring record with a 45-point game against Appleton East earlier this month.

And as much as the two duelled in the driveway as youngsters, Cal now has a much better appreciation for his older brother and is influenced by what Max accomplished as a Rocket.

“He was one of the greatest players to ever come here and one of my biggest things while I’m here is I’m trying to learn from what he did,” said Klesmit, who played 14 games on varsity as a freshman when Max was a senior. “I go back to his senior year and watch his games, see how he led his team. Not just what he does with the ball, but how he moves off the ball, just trying to pick up on some things he did because obviously he had a great career here.”

Through his first three games this season, Klesmit is averaging a whopping 32 points per game, while also leading the team in rebounds and steals.

It’s an impressive start, especially considering that Klesmit sat out all of last season after suffering a knee injury in the



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Cal Klesmit scored 45 points in a win over Appleton East last week, matching a school record that was held by his brother, Max.

summer of 2021 in one of the final games of his AAU season. He ended up having surgery in August 2021 and was forced to the sidelines and had to watch Neenah capture the Division 1 state championship a year ago.

“Before the knee injury, all I really ever did was play basketball so it was tough be-

cause I couldn’t run or walk or do anything basketball-wise,” Klesmit said. “As things kept going, I started just form shooting and getting my feet under me and going through the motions like I did when I was a little kid. It felt like I was starting basketball again. It was obviously tough, but we got through it and glad to be here now.”

Senior Spotlight

Klesmit did play some during the AAU season but said it was special putting the Neenah red on again and taking the court in the season opener.

“There was a lot of adrenaline running through me,” Klesmit said. “A lot was going through my head. It was the first time I had played a full game in a while but I prepared for that moment with all of the work I put in throughout the years. As the game went, it got better but definitely at the beginning of the game there was a lot of emotion.”

Through the first three games – and all of the practices and work that led up to them – Klesmit said there are no issues with the knee.

“I feel great right now. It’s the best I’ve felt in a long time,” Klesmit said. “It is good to be back out there playing for my city again, playing with my guys.”

Physically Klesmit may be back to 100 percent but he may not be completely back to the level he was at when he averaged 10.2 points per game and finished as the team’s second-leading 3-point shooter.

There is still some healing and building that has to be done.

“My confidence is the biggest thing right now. I was playing my best basketball before I got hurt and (my confidence) got taken away from me,” Klesmit said. “It’s coming back but not there fully yet. No doubt in my mind it will be back by the end of the year.”

Klesmit not only has his senior season to look forward to but prior to the start of the season Klesmit committed to play collegiately at UW-Green Bay.

Klesmit had been drawing some NCAA Division I interest before his injury but a lot of that quieted down when he wasn’t able to play last season. Yet, one program continued to keep in contact and that’s where he decided to go.

“Their coaching staff, Coach (Will) Ryan and Coach (Brandon) Pritzl, they made a connection with me right away. They saw me as a person. Throughout my injury they were there for me the whole time,” Klesmit said. “I just think Green Bay is a great school for me and if I didn’t feel that, I wouldn’t have committed, so the timetable isn’t that big of a thing. It’s good that I got it out the way but it’s just a great school that I felt a connection with right away and throughout the process.”

Klesmit made the decision despite the recent struggles of the once-successful program.

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Rockets turn up defense to take down Patriots

By Dustin Riese
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Last season, in a WIAA Division 1 sectional final, Appleton East got the best of Neenah.

The Rockets worked out some of their frustration from that loss last Friday night.

Junior standout Allie Ziebell poured in 36 points and a tenacious Neenah defense kept the Patriots in check the entire way as the Rockets collected an easy 73-54 win in a Fox Valley Association girls basketball matchup.

“Tonight, we were really focused on getting the home season off to a good start,” head coach Andrew Braunel said. “It is our last year in the iconic fieldhouse at Neenah High School – we wanted to truly exert our home-court advantage. We are happy with how hard the girls are working.”



Photo by David Hall

Sophia Kok scored nine points against Appleton East and was one of nine players to score in the win.

The Rockets seized control of the game from the outset, but it wasn't just the team's potent offense taking care of business.

Neenah's defense held Appleton East without a field goal for nearly 13 minutes at the start of the game, something Braunel was certainly pleased to see, especially considering the Rockets lost one of their top defenders in Shelby Roth to an injury over the summer.

“We knew we couldn't replace her with just one or two players. We knew we had to do it as a team and (the girls) have bought into this,” Braunel said. “Defense has been a major focus for this squad.”

Although Ziebell ended up as the Rockets' leading scorer, the talented junior tallied just two of her team's first 20 points while drawing the attention of the Patriots' defense.

Even with Ziebell in check, Neenah had no trouble on the offensive end in building a 20-7 lead and pulled away to a 40-20 halftime advantage. Appleton East never got closer than 19 points in the second half.

“I thought the game went really well,” said Ziebell, who scored 14 of Neenah's final 20 points in the first half. “Everyone came out with a lot of energy and intensity right away and we did a good job of finding open shooters.”

Ziebell added nine rebounds, five assists and three steals in the game. She went 13-of-22 from the field and hit eight of her nine free-throw attempts.

“Allie deserves every single accolade that comes her way, she really does as she is an amazing player and person,” Braunel said. “She is a once-in-a-lifetime coaching



Photo by David Hall

Neenah's Sage Kirklewski puts up a shot against Appleton East at the Ron Einerson Fieldhouse.

type of player.”

Ava Kok was the only other player in double figures with 13 points, while Sophia Kok chipped in nine. Amaya Jones grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds in the win, which marked a 5-0 start to the season for the Rockets, who are ranked second in Division 1.

“Going 5-0 to start the year was what we expected, but we knew it would be

a challenge,” she said. “As we know, every game in the FVA is going to be a dogfight so the coaching staff wanted to challenge us early in the season. Any time you welcome home a team that brought home the silver ball last season there is going to be added motivation, but I think everyone on this team gave their all tonight and will continue to do that.”

Ziebell commits

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announcement.

“I wanted to commit as soon as I knew what I wanted,” Ziebell said. “That way other schools know so I am not wasting their time and there was no reason to wait if I knew where I wanted to go.”

Ziebell is averaging 23.6 points and nine rebounds per game so far this season, while helping the Rockets get off to a 5-0 start.

Last season, Ziebell led the state in scoring at more than 30 points per game and was a second-team all-state selection by the Associated Press. She also averaged 7.9 rebounds, 3.6 steals and 2.9 assists per game a year ago.

As a freshman, Ziebell led the Rockets in scoring at 19.8 points per game.

The 6-foot Ziebell is a two-time unanimous first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection.

In a little more than two seasons, Ziebell has scored 1,398 points with 401 rebounds, 167 steals and 162 assists. She has made 154 3-pointers in her career and is shooting nearly 45 percent from behind the arc, while also sporting a career free-throw percentage of 85.3 percent (315-369).

UConn is the most successful women's basketball program in NCAA history, boasting 11 National Championships under head coach Geno Auriemma. The Huskies last title was in 2016, however, they were the national runner-ups last season.



Photo by David Hall

Allie Ziebell averaged more than 30 points per game last season and earned second-team all-state honors from the Associated Press. The Neenah junior committed to the prestigious University of Connecticut women's basketball program last weekend.

Ziebell joins another Wisconsin prep heading to UConn, which is located in Storrs, Conn. Germantown senior KK Arnold has also committed to join the Huskies.

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Offense remains on roll for Zephyrs

By Dustin Riese
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

St. Mary Catholic has been a bit offensive to start the 2022-23 season.

The Zephyrs entered Tuesday's Big East matchup against fellow unbeaten Oostburg averaging nearly 95 points per game and cranked things up again against the Dutchmen. Cole Uhlenbrauck scored 30 points, Danny Griffith added 23 points and the Zephyrs topped the 90-point mark again in a 91-76 win to stay unbeaten.

"I thought our kids came out ready to play tonight, both mentally and physically," head coach Paul Bradshaw said. "We knew that Oostburg is a physical team, and they always have a strong program year in and out. We did have some foul trouble early in the game, but I was very pleased with how we responded as the game went on."

Uhlenbrauck and Griffith accounted for 15 of the Zephyrs first 17 points with Micheal Fairweather coming up with the other bucket during that stretch. That helped the Zephyrs build an early 20-10 lead as they were off and running.

Oostburg would get back within seven points but the Zephyrs answered with a 17-4 run – sparked by the team's defensive efforts and quickness in turning loose balls into transition points – to take a 41-21 lead.

"We have a mature team that continues to get better offensively, but we knew coming into the season that we needed to improve on defense," Bradshaw said. "Every guy on this team has worked on their defensive fundamentals to improve this team, and the energy from that has been great. We need to continue to work on that and develop a little bit more consistency if we want to reach our goals at the end of the season."

St. Mary Catholic may be led by the high-scoring duo of Uhlenbrauck and Griffith – the pair entered the game av-



Danny Griffith dribbles around an Oostburg defender during Tuesday night's game at St. Mary Catholic.

Photo by Dustin Riese

eraging a combined 43 points per game – but the two got plenty of help at the offensive end.

Fairweather added 16 points, Charlie Nackers 10 and Fisher Makenzie 9 as the Zephyrs took a 51-39 lead at the half.

Oostburg closed the gap to 10 points early in the second half but Uhlenbrauck and Griffith never let the Dutchmen get closer. The duo were either knocking down shots of their own or setting up teammates for easy looks.

"Danny and Cole are terrific players, but even better teammates," Bradshaw said.

"Danny has a wonderful ability to penetrate the lane and either finish at the rim or kick things out to open shooters. Cole has worked really hard improving his inside game and has evolved into more than just an outside shooter. We have gotten off to the start we have because we are a deeper group this season with a lot more experience. We still have work to do, but I couldn't be happier with how things have gone thus far."

SMC will have about a week off before traveling to Hilbert for a Big East North clash.

Prep roundup

WRESTLING

Rockets finish second at Gunslinger Invitational

Neenah crowned three individual champions, had two more wrestlers grab runner-up finishes and placed second overall at the 15-team event hosted by Slinger on Saturday.

The three winners in their weight classes were Declan Koch (120), Jayden Sheppard (132) and Eric Schaufelberger (220).

Koch dominated the 120-pound class pinning all five of his opponents en route to the title with only one match lasting into the second period – he stopped Homestead's Shemi Siegel in 2:49 in the title match. Sheppard posted pins in his first three matches and then won a 12-8 decision over Derek Zschernitz of Neillsville in the semifinal before edging Arrowhead's Collin McDowell, 5-4, in the title match.

Schaufelberger earned four of his five wins by pin, while also earning a 17-2 technical fall victory. He stopped Kewaskum's Dylan Soyk in 1:52 in the final.

Jacob Herm (120) went 3-1, while Nick Novak (152) was 4-1 as each wrestler grabbed second-place finishes for the Rockets, while heavyweight Nate Cleveland took third, Eli Armatti (113) was fourth and Eli Gast (182) was fifth.

The Rockets finished with 391.5 points to place second in the team standings, behind only Arrowhead, which totaled 415.5 points. Muskego was a distant third with 314 points.

SWIMMING

Foucault, Gaerthofner post wins at invitational

Ryan Foucault finished first in the diving competition and Drew Gaerthofner sped to a first-place finish in the 100 breast-

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Prep roundup

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stroke to lead Neenah to a second-place finish at the Oshkosh West Invitational on Saturday.

Gaerthofner added a second place in the 200-yard individual medley, while Tanner Trustem was second in the 100-yard backstroke. Julian Kuehn in the 100-yard freestyle and Trustem in the 50-yard freestyle were each third in their events, while Quinn Koeper took fourth in both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle.

Behind Foucault in the diving, Jackson Holzheu placed fourth and Isaiah Turner was fifth.

Neenah also placed second in all three relays with Trustem, Gaerthofner, Kuehn and Koeper making up the 200-yard medley relay, Koeper, David Murphy, Gideon Benner and Joshua Youngwerth in the 200-yard freestyle relay and Trustem, Youngwerth, Kuehn and Gaerthofner in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Neenah finished with 409 points as Bay Port claimed the team title with 622 points. Berlin/Chilton/Valders was third among the nine teams with 233 points.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Vikings deal Rockets first loss of the season

Neenah never got its offense going and dropped a nonconference game to Wisconsin Lutheran, 87-48, Tuesday night in Neenah.

The Vikings, who entered the game as

the top-ranked team in Division 2, led 48-30 at halftime and never let the Rockets climb back into the game.

Brady Corso led the Rockets with nine points. Cal Klesmit added eight and Sam Coulthard chipped in seven points as nine different players scored in the game for Neenah.

The Rockets were held to just 18 points in the second half.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Zephyrs suffer first loss in clash with Dutchmen

Emily Vogel scored 20 points and Chloe Vogel chipped in 13 but St. Mary Catholic came up short in a 54-52 loss Tuesday.

The Zephyrs trailed 26-25 at halftime.

Audrey Norville added six points in the loss.

HOCKEY

Rockets boys clip Ice Hawks in overtime

Luke Sutton scored an even-strength goal 5:24 into the overtime period to lift the Neenah/Menasha/Hortonville co-op hockey team to a 5-4 win at Oshkosh on Saturday.

The two teams combined for seven goals in the first period with Oshkosh grabbing a 4-3 lead.

Ty Laabs tied the game in the second period and things stayed knotted through the rest of regulation.

Laabs, Kolden Hunter and Ben Kitowski also scored for Neenah, while John Kriz and Cooper Zinda each finished with two assists.

John Horneck was in goal for the Rockets and made 15 saves.

Lacrosse to become WIAA sanctioned sport

Wisconsin high school athletes will have another option coming next spring.

The WIAA Board of Control approved the addition of lacrosse as a sport sanctioned by the organization at its meeting earlier this month.

According to a press release from the WIAA, the Board of Control received a report from a committee charged with assessing the potential for the state's high schools to add both boys and girls lacrosse and unanimously passed the proposal.

The inaugural WIAA sanctioned season will be held, for both boys and girls, in the spring of the 2023-24 school year and it will include a tournament series. Additional details regarding season regulations and tournament details, have yet to be decided on and will be released at a

later date.

"We commend members of the planning committee for months of work and collaboration with member schools that already sponsor the sport," WIAA executive director Stephanie Hauser said in the release. "Our staff and membership look forward to the new opportunity for student-athletes to participate in a sport quickly gaining popularity around the nation."

It's the first time an entirely new sport has been introduced for both genders since the addition of boys and girls soccer in 1982-83. Since that time, hockey and wrestling expanded to girls sponsorship in 2002 and 2022, respectively, and boys volleyball was reinstated in 2000, but those sports were already sanctioned for the other gender.

Senior Spotlight

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Green Bay totaled just 13 wins the past two seasons and has gotten off to a 1-8 start this season, yet Klesmit believes the program has a bright future and wants to be a part of its turnaround.

"That would be awesome," said Klesmit, who is part of a strong recruiting class for next year along with Marcus Hall of D.C. Everest and Mac Wrecke of Arrowhead. "I know a lot of people aren't looking at them right now because they have been struggling but I feel we have a great

freshman group and if we start turning it around more people will come there."

There is also a game that will likely be circled on the Phoenix's schedule next year.

Traditionally, Wisconsin and UW-Green Bay play early in the season every year and that would mean a chance for the Klesmit brothers to face off once again. Hopefully, no basketballs will be thrown.

"I'm so proud of him to see him out there playing for Wisconsin and watching him have so much fun," Klesmit said. "My mom was talking about that already and she doesn't know what she is going to do, but when we get there, I'm sure she will have to figure something out."

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Who? What? Where? When? How?

While the **Kid Scoop** news article below is very silly—we wrote our article in the format of a real news article.

Kid Scoop reporter Woodward is working on a silly article for the very silly *Kid Scoop Fun Times*. Can you help him out?

News reports tell **WHO** did **WHAT** **WHEN** and **WHERE** and, when possible, **HOW**.

Caution! This article is not real news! It is just for fun!

FIRST STEP: GET THE FACTS

News Articles Lead with the FACTS

Who, what, when and **where** are often the first questions people ask when something happens. News reporters put those facts into the first paragraph — sometimes the first sentence — of the news article. This is called the **lead**.

Read Woodward's article. Then fill in the facts in his notes.

WHO is the news event about?

WHAT happened?

WHERE did it happen?

WHEN did it happen?

DOWNTOWN – Clive the crocodile escaped from Downtown Zoo last night. Some people say he put on a costume and stole a pizza from Pete's Pizza Parlor.

Clive has lived at the zoo for ten years. Pete Pesto, owner of the pizza parlor, says Clive entered the kitchen wearing a chef's hat and apron and tried to make himself 20 large all-meat pizzas.

Police arrived at 9:30 p.m. "We got a call from a person eating at Pete's. They said there was a lot of noise coming from the kitchen, but no pizzas," said Chief Mike Jenkins.

Clive surrendered peacefully. "That's the way the pizza crumbles," Clive mumbled as the police put him in a squad car.

Choose a HEADLINE

The **headline** of a news article could also be called the title. It is written in bold type above the story. Most headlines have a subject and a verb that tell the topic of the article and summarize the main idea, or most important part of the topic.

Read the three headlines that Woodward has written. Circle the headline you think is the best for this silly article.

POLICE CAPTURE UNUSUAL PIZZA CHEF AT PETE'S

CROCODILE ESCAPES FROM ZOO

PIZZA-LOVING CROCODILE ARRESTED

Choose a PHOTO for the Article

The photos that go with a news article can give more information. A photo can also create a feeling about a news event. The text that describes a photo is called a **cutline** and is usually below the photo.

Which picture would you use? Cut and paste it onto the above news article. Write a cutline for the photo you select on the lines at right.



Cutline:

Extra! Extra!

Headline Funnies

Rewrite one or more headlines in today's newspaper so that they say the opposite of what they say now. For example, **Heavy Snow Predicted for City** could become **Hot Weather Predicted for Countryside**.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Distinguish between fact and opinion.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

PROOF READING

Proofreading a news article is important to make sure it is accurate and fair. Each headline below has an error. Circle the errors and rewrite the headlines correctly.

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

Kid Scoop Together

Points of View

Newspaper reporters must gather information and viewpoints from people on both sides of an issue to tell the whole story.

Based on the quotes from Clive, the police, and Pete Pesto, do they all have the same point of view?

If not, what is each one's point of view?

CLIVE:

PETE PESTO:

POLICE:

What do you think?

Read the silly news article aloud to a family member. Ask them to identify the **WHO, WHAT, WHERE** and **WHY**. Then, ask them to explain which viewpoint they agree with the most.

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