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Regional mail theft ring broken

Outgoing checks valued at \$500,000 stolen

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Two Chicago men have been charged in Winnebago, Brown and Manitowoc counties with a string of mail thefts across northeast Wisconsin.

The Outagamie County Sheriff's Office wrote in a news release that beginning in December it received several complaints of mail theft from the industrial park in the Village of Greenville.

The suspects were targeting businesses and stealing incoming and outgoing checks from mailboxes. The checks were altered, duplicated and fraudulently cashed in bank accounts throughout the

United States. The total amount of stolen checks was more than \$500,000.

According to a criminal complaint obtained by Neenah News, a Little Chute business owner reported Dec. 19 that he witnessed individuals steal mail from his businesses' mailbox. He was able to photograph the vehicle and obtain the license plate number.

On Jan. 26, Fox Crossing police took possession of 16 pieces of mail that were taken from eight businesses with addresses primarily on American Drive. The mail was recovered from a dumpster on East Evergreen Drive in Little Chute and was suspected to have been placed there four or five days earlier.

On Feb. 5, the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office stopped a vehicle traveling on Interstate 43 that was damaged and ap-

peared to be losing parts as it traveled. The driver was identified as Derrell Edwards, 29. The passenger and vehicle owner was Dionta Bratcher, 29. The license plate matched that of the vehicle used to steal mail from Little Chute.

Officers initiated a search of the vehicle based on a smell of marijuana and other drug-related observations. Under the front passenger street, officers found a significant amount of mail that was not addressed to the two men. Sixty-one checks were written to businesses in Brown County with a total value of more than \$120,000.

The officer connected the incident to the Fox Crossing mail thefts. The men were arrested and authorities executed search warrants for the men's Google ac-

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Water bugs

Children know how to beat the heat by playing in the Washington Park splash pad last weekend.

Honor Flight to nation's capital getting EAA salute

Neenah veterans among group visiting memorials

By Dan Roherty
NEENAH NEWS

A group of 100 Vietnam War era veterans attending this year's EAA AirVenture have another visit on their schedule that day when they take off for the nation's capital to tour war memorials and other locations.

The annual Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., is set for July 28 as part of EAA's annual salute to veterans who travel there free of charge under the sponsorship of Old Glory Honor Flight based in Appleton.

The group will return to Oshkosh at the conclusion of the Friday afternoon air show where thousands of AirVenture enthusiasts will welcome them back home.

Former Neenah-Menasha Fire Chief Al Auxier was with the U.S. Air Force during that era and served mostly stateside after pararescue training that influenced his eventual career before shifting to graphic illustrator design in the officer headquarters at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia, attached to the 22nd Support Squadron.

Auxier first applied for the Honor Flight opportunity last year after coming to know it was available to all veterans of that era.

"I welled up and I was pretty excited about the opportunity and grateful for it," he said, "because it seems like such a wonderful thing that they have developed and I was very appreciative of the fact that they included me."

Auxier looks forward to visiting Arlington National Cemetery and military me-



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The Old Glory Honor Flight returns to an AirVenture welcome last year at Wittman Regional Airport.

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Cemetery walk highlights early settlers

Neenah News

As the city of Neenah celebrates its sesquicentennial this year, the Neenah Historical Society's 38th annual Cemetery Walk will feature four of the area's earliest founders and settlers.

Since 1985, re-enactors have visited the graves of notable locals who have been interred at Oak Hill Cemetery. Featured stories at Thursday's event between 6:30 and 8 p.m. will include those of Harvey Jones, Curtis Reed, and George and Mary Mansur.

Jones will be portrayed by Neenah Historical Society board member Vance Pues, who also has been responsible for restoration of headstones at Oak Hill.

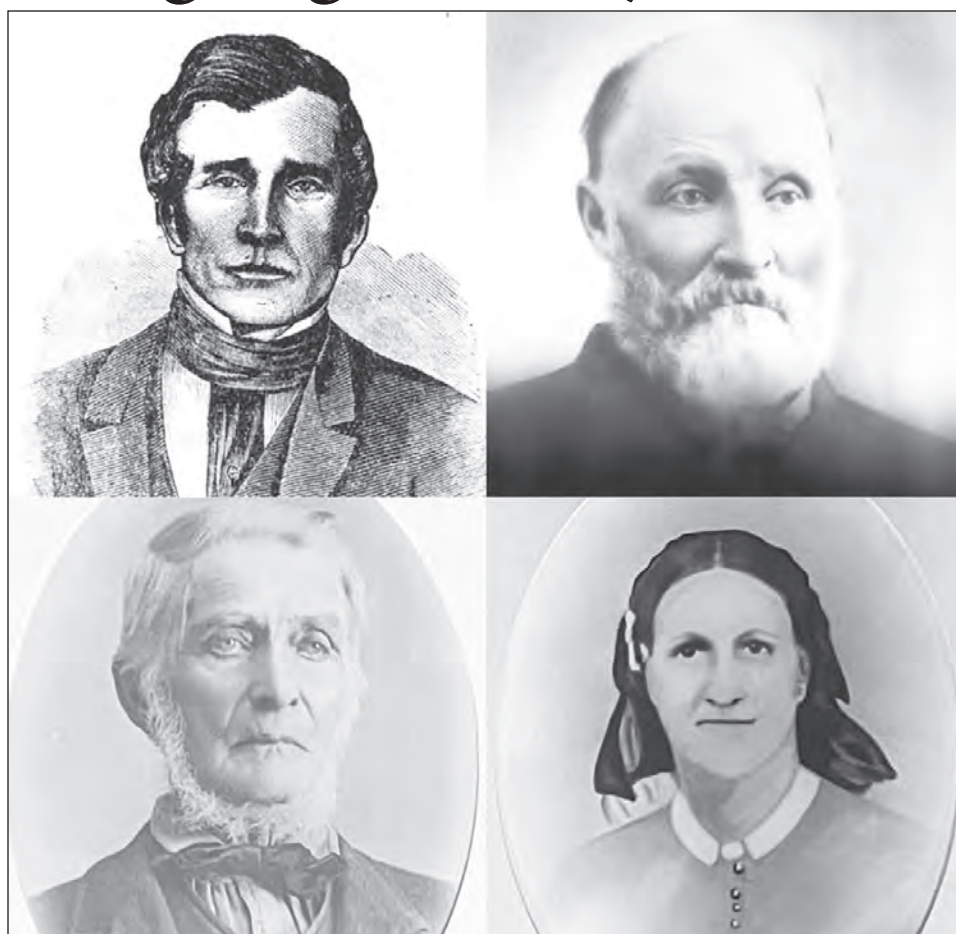
Jones was a successful businessman from the East Coast who partnered with Harrison Reed to financially back the purchase of Winnebago Rapids (present-day Neenah). He is credited with providing the first five acres of land for what would be Oak Hill Cemetery as well as being the forgotten founder of Neenah.

Jones died unexpectedly after being in Neenah for just three years. His time in the area was long enough, however, to create a lasting schism between Neenah and Menasha.

Curtis Reed was the brother of Harrison and came to the area after being promoted to oversee the pay grounds for government assistance to the Menominee tribe near what was called Grand Butte des Morts.

After deepening disagreements with Jones, Curtis began buying land and plating what would become Menasha, where Curtis Reed Square anchors the downtown neighborhood.

The Mansurs were Vermont farmers who came via steamboat through the Great Lakes. Their ship was eventually stuck in Kaukauna, unable to pass farther



Neenah Historical Society

Four early founders of the area include (clockwise from top left) Harvey Jones, Curtis Reed, and George and Mary Mansur, who will all be featured at this week's annual Oak Hill Cemetery Walk.

south on the Fox River. The couple and their children would settle in a primitive block house before moving to their farm on Lake Winnebago. They were instrumental in the creation of Lakeview School.

Oak Hill Cemetery is one of the oldest municipally owned cemeteries in the United States. Owned and operated by the city of Neenah, it serves as a beautiful and historic background to the event.

"The stories we are telling through the

Cemetery Walk are important to our heritage and the legacy of our city," said Erica Suchyta, Neenah Historical Society associate director. "These amazing individuals have come to rest at Oak Hill but their life stories are spectacular examples of westward expansion."

Admission is \$5 or \$10 per carload. More information can be found on the society's Facebook page or neenahhistoricalsociety.com.

Neenah Rotary cites volunteer for her efforts

O'Connor Connective vice president Michelle Dejno received the Neenah Rotary Jack Casper Service Above Self award for her extensive volunteer work with nonprofit organizations.

Dejno has been involved with multiple organizations, including the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region, Neenah Historical Society, Neenah-Menasha YMCA, Fox Valley Memory Project, As-

sociation of Fundraising Professionals, Future Neenah, St. Mary Catholic Schools and Valley VNA Services.

Dejno said some of her first volunteer memories include making posters in middle school for a dance and helping at fundraising events. Today, she works with boards of directors sharing her strategic skills, experience and expansive network.

"Volunteering for me has been an evolu-

tionary cycle: An evolution in how I volunteer and make gifts, and a generational (or organizational) cycle of sharing the ethos of volunteering with those who follow," Dejno said. "Doing the strategic work and cleaning the bathrooms hold the same weight for me. Both are needed, and both help move the cause forward."

Dejno is also passionate about instilling the importance of volunteering in the next generation. She and her husband involved their children early in volunteering, whether it was putting eggs in cartons at the local food pantry or helping to clean up after an event. Now young adults, Dejno's children still volunteer — something that makes her proud.

"It's important to make volunteering a way of life for ourselves, our families and our organizations," she said.



Dejno

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ThedaCare adds new helipad, redesigned trauma center

Neenah News

The next phase of a \$100 million modernization project at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah has been completed, hospital officials announced last week.

The ThedaStar Air Medical Program started using a newly created, additional helipad July 10 that is adjacent to the Emergency Department for rapid transfer of patients.

Specialized teams are also providing critical care in a redesigned and modernized Trauma Center.

“Updates to the Neenah campus are benefiting the region and surrounding communities that the ThedaCare system serves, ensuring our patients have access to the care they need,” said Lynn Detterman, senior vice president of ThedaCare South Region.

Since 1986, ThedaStar has completed more than 15,000 flights providing emergency medical transport services across Wisconsin. When ThedaStar launched, it was the third air ambulance program in the state and the only one north of Milwaukee or Madison.

“ThedaStar transports and transfers trauma patients and critically ill patients, including transport from rural hospitals,” said Dr. Raymond Georgen. “This collaboration allows for teams, across the entire region, to work in concert with each other.”

There is also a separate hallway from the new helipad for patients experiencing a trauma, allowing them privacy. The current ThedaStar helipad and hangar near the W G Bryan Bridge will continue to be used.

The redesigned Trauma Center features specialized rooms to enhance patient care



ThedaCare photo

The ThedaStar Air Medical Program is now using a newly created, additional helipad adjacent to the Emergency Department.



Photo by David Hall

Wet and wild

Young mud runners hit the course at O’Houser Park in Fox Crossing last Saturday for the ninth annual Filthy Fun Kids Run & Filthy Family Run. The 1.6-mile obstacle course offered a challenging adventure run or walk for kids ages 4 to 17.

and experience. Rooms have been updated with new technology, equipment and space, with imaging available in an adjacent room.

“Having a CT scanner next to the trauma room will allow for rapid imaging of seriously injured patients, and that is extremely valuable during crucial moments,” Georgen said.

Next areas of focus for the modernization project include a new Women’s Center with mammography, diagnostics and im-

aging, and bone density testing; expanded access for Behavioral Health services; a Main Street space for diagnostic outpatient services on the first floor; a new dining area on the main floor; and an updated Family Birth Center.

The full modernization is expected to be complete early next year. ThedaCare Foundation-Neenah worked with community donors to raise more than \$15 million of philanthropic support and released \$25 million from existing assets.

Vampire book author at Lyons for signings

“Fiona’s Guardians” author Dan Klefstad will be at Lyons Fine Books at 127 W. Wisconsin Ave. in Neenah from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 29 to sign copies of the vampire-themed novel.

Klefstad was featured with other authors writing in the same genre on Wisconsin

Public Radio’s “The Morning Show” earlier this month.

“Fiona’s Guardians” has also been adapted into a podcast by the acting company Artists’ Ensemble Theater and Klefstad is now working on a sequel to the popular novel.



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Neenah group home for youth acquired by county

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to purchase the Silvercrest Group Home in Neenah from the Winnebago County Housing Authority.

Silvercrest is a live-in group home for boys ages 12-17 at 1021 Green Acres Lane. Silvercrest partners with Winnebago County to help troubled youth who are exhibiting harmful behaviors. The boys are court ordered to stay at the home for six months to a year.

Teenage boys are referred to Silvercrest from Winnebago County, with many of them attending the Neenah Joint School

District. The facility is licensed to serve up to eight clients at a time.

Under state law the county is required to either have a group home or must be able to contract for that level of group home service. Silvercrest is already zoned and licensed for that purpose.

Winnebago County has been renting the group home from the housing authority since 1995 and recently learned it will be listed for sale, with the county offered the first opportunity to purchase.

The 4,348-square-foot building has eight beds, four bathrooms, a new full kitchen, finished basement with a rec room area and a three-car garage.

The cost is \$240,000; with an extra

\$100,000 needed for repairs. Under the existing arrangement, Winnebago County is paying between \$36,000 and \$38,000 per year to rent it.

Director of Human Services Bill Topel wrote in a memo to the county board that building a new structure would likely cost three to four times as much as purchasing the existing property and the timeframe for building would be at least two years or more.

"Not having a program in our community removes youth from our area and there are very limited group home options throughout the state," he said.

According to the memo, it is expected to take 18 years for the financial payback on the property based on a projection of costs associated with equivalent rent and other maintenance compared to what the

county had been paying in rent.

The board voted unanimously Tuesday to approve spending a total of \$340,000 on the home, including repairs, funded by the general fund or borrowing. The county will continue contracting with the existing company that's operating it.

Topel said the existing lease is through the end of the year. Operations at the group home will be unchanged with the county taking over ownership of the property, although it may consider licensing the facility to be co-ed so that it could also provide shelter to girls.

Silvercrest Group Home will join a 16-bed home for troubled youth in Oshkosh that the county board agreed to purchase for a total of \$1 million with repairs in November.

Pay raise process for county employees revised

Neenah News

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors voted to change the policy on how county employee raises are implemented.

The policy change approved at a meeting Tuesday follows a previous resolution in March that dealt with increasing the compensation schedule of county employees to align with market rates and alleviate in-range compression issues by re-slotting employees through their pay range based on length of time in their current position, according to Mark Habeck, Human Resources director.

The cost for the pay increases for one year is \$2 million and was included in the 2023 budget. During Tuesday's meeting, County Executive Jon Doemel said adding a merit pay raise schedule in addition to the pay increases will make

the process less subjective and allow employees to move along the range no matter how long they've been in their position.

Doemel said he will be proposing a 2% merit-based pay increase for all county employees.

"Two percent is the suggested number that we have because that's the magic number we have to get somebody to (the) control point (in) five years and they can reach top of range between 11 and 12, maybe 15 (years)," he said.

According to a memo, the merit pay raise system will allow each employee to either earn or fail to earn a standard percentage merit pay increase each year based on established criteria.

The majority of the board voted in favor of the merit pay raise plan, with one member opposed and one abstention.

Mobile morgue proposed to add capacity

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Winnebago County may soon have its own mobile morgue unit for temporarily storing bodies in response to the opioid epidemic and the possibility of a mass casualty event.

A proposal to accept a donated unit was advanced by the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee at its July 10 meeting.

Bodies that require autopsies are currently transported to Fond du Lac County, which no longer has the capacity to store bodies from other locations and means Winnebago County is often holding bodies for up to 12 days.

At one point the county was storing bodies at various funeral homes in the area. From December 2021 until mid-July 2022, Winnebago County borrowed a mobile morgue trailer unit from Clark County to have a place to store decedents before release or autopsy.

"The combination of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the opioid epidemic have shown us that there is a large gap in mortuary storage in Winnebago County and throughout the region," according to a memo to the County Board's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

A permanent morgue and sheriff's office evidence storage is currently being built at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million, which will help with the capacity for storing bodies.

Fox Valley Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition recently offered to donate a mobile morgue unit to the county with a value of \$31,560.

Emergency Management Director Eric Rasmussen discussed the mobile morgue unit at a committee meeting July

10. He said the permanent morgue will be for day-to-day usage, while the mobile morgue unit will be another tool the county can use in the event of a mass casualty incident.

Mass casualty incidents are increasing in frequency and severity, according to the NPS Center for Homeland Security and Defense, noting that the incidents have risen about 5% each year since 1900.

Rasmussen said the mobile morgue is an additional tool that can be used regionally.

"This mobile unit is not designed for day-to-day or long-term use," he said. "This will be (for) when we have one of those incidents, at one of our special events or anywhere in the community where we have a large number of (casualties)."

He added that the mobile unit would be used when the county morgue is over capacity.

Medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer told the committee the mobile morgue will save the county money until the permanent morgue is built and will also be loaned to other counties in the event of a mass casualty.

The mobile morgue will have the capacity to store up to 12 bodies with a generator and a cooling unit that will require monthly maintenance testing. Depending on frequency of usage, the unit is expected to be able to be used for about 10 years.

"We are going to own an asset that, as requested by other counties, would be available," Rasmussen said.

The committee unanimously approved accepting the mobile unit at its July 10 meeting and it will be considered at a future meeting of the county board.

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Make your craft beer tasting a summertime special

With last week's Independence Day celebrations and a month full of great weather (so far), odds are good that you've gathered with friends or family recently. But the summer is far from over!

Create a memorable get-together centered around craft beer. An organized tasting is a great way to try new brands and styles, which often leads to lively discussions. All it takes is a little planning ... and some great beer.

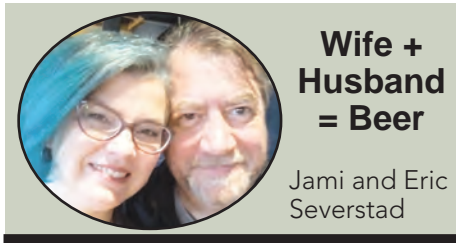
Let's explore what you need for a fantastic craft beer tasting event.

Husband: Before we even talk about beers, let's talk about who we're inviting. Assume this one is a group of people without a ton of beer-drinking experience.

Wife: Do they even exist in Wisconsin?

Husband: They do (considering the Brandy Old Fashioned is the unofficial state drink). So, let's plan for six people. That's a solid number. Over a dozen drinkers gets tough to manage or even find a time everyone can attend.

Wife: What's the environment? Is it inside or outside, around a campfire or a patio table, is it summertime or fall?



Wife + Husband = Beer

Jami and Eric Severstad

es, etc. Think finger-foods.

Husband: How will the beers be served? When we talk about glassware, my "beer geek" side comes out.

Wife: Your beer geek side is always out. I like using the tasting glasses we've collected over the years. It makes keeping track of each person's glass easier.

Husband: If someone doesn't have a collection, try visiting Goodwill (South Green Bay Road) or St. Vincent de Paul (South Commercial Street) and buy small tasting glasses for less than a buck each. You'll be amazed at the assortment of styles.

Wife: A 2- or 3-ounce sample of each beer is enough, so pick glassware that works for that size. And get enough of each beer to handle those amounts.

Husband: Should we consider water to rinse glasses between tastings?

Wife: I think so. Some of these beers have strong flavors that could linger in the glass. Have a pitcher on hand for rinsing ... and even for drinking (stay hydrated, people).

Husband: Most people can't keep track of all of the beers, breweries and styles, so have a tasting sheet available. It doesn't have to be fancy.

Husband: Now, we can talk about beers (finally). Experienced beer drinkers may appreciate a tasting with a theme, like all IPAs or something. For these newbies, though, let's shoot for a wide breadth, and 10 beers maximum.

Wife: Choosing is hard! There are so many styles and so many breweries. Let's have easy-drinking beers (also known as "gateway beers"), some more complex and a couple that really push the boundaries.

Husband: So, consider a mix of local brews (support your local brewery), other Wisconsin-based breweries, expand out to the Midwest, and then south and to the coasts. So much great craft beer is distributed across the country.

Wife: I like that many local retailers let you purchase singles, so you don't have to invest in 10 six-packs of beer, which can really add up. If we're pouring 3-ounce samples, that would require only two 12-ounce beers to cover a total



Getting together to drink beer doesn't sound complicated, but the best craft beer tastings involve some planning and nice variety.

gathering of eight people.

Husband: Grocery stores (Festival Foods is top-notch) and Cellars Wine and Spirits (North Green Bay Road) have the best singles selections in town. Or, take a trip to Greenville and shop for singles at Corks & Caps.

Wife: The order of the tasting matters.

Husband: Yes, a person's palate can get burned out quickly with hoppy beers or heavily flavored beers.

Wife: Start with a light lager, move to wheat or blonde ales, then to fruit beers, amber ales, witbiers (Belgian white), porters and/or stouts; then get hoppy with pale ales, IPAs and double IPAs and, finally, move to strong flavors, such as smoked beers and barrel-aged beers. Arranging beers from light to dark beer isn't really the best strategy.

Husband: Whichever beers you select, you want to create a smooth progression.

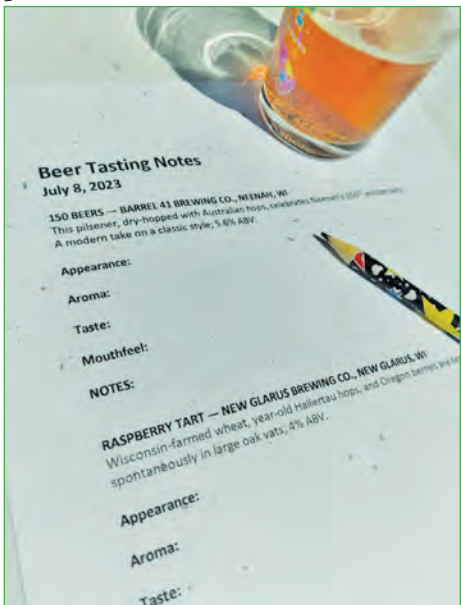
Wife: Don't forget to talk about each beer. It's fun to hear people's opinions on a beer's smell/taste/color, the brewery, and the ABV (alcohol by volume; standard American macro-brews are 4.5%, while some strong craft beers can reach 15% or more).

Husband: I'd also ask participants about the tasting experience. You can always make changes so the next one is better. Or, try a "potluck" tasting with everyone bringing a new beer they've found.

Wife: Hey, if you need 1-on-1 consultation, we can help. Just shoot us an email at wife.husband.beer@gmail.com, and we'll help you out.

Husband: Cheers to your next craft beer tasting!

Wife + Husband = Beer is a monthly column exclusive to Neenah News! Tell us what local beer lovers need to know, and we'll cover it.



Taking notes during a beer tasting can help organize thoughts and determine which beers you may want to purchase.

Husband: Is it a weekday evening (near dinner time) or a weekend afternoon (between meals)? How much time are we dedicating to this gathering?

Wife: That all matters. The answers will determine how many beers, what types of beers, and if we want to share some snacks. Cheese (of course), crackers, pretzels, nuts, fruit, small sandwich-

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Shooting, overdose death connected in county charges

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A 17-year-old Monroe man has formally been charged in a shooting at an apartment complex on West Bell Street in Neenah in April and was also charged this week in connection with a Ripon teen's overdose death.

Donavyn Mueller made his initial appearance in Winnebago County last week on a felony count of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, one felony count of possessing a firearm as an adjudicated delinquent of a felony and two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer.

According to the criminal complaint, on April 23 around 8:30 p.m. police responded to a report of the sound of gunshots

and yelling at an apartment complex on Bell Street.

Simultaneously, an officer located Mueller with multiple gunshot wounds in a parking lot on South Commercial Street. He was transported to ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in critical condition, underwent emergency surgery and was hospitalized for several weeks.

The investigation revealed that the 20-year-old occupant of the apartment was there with two 16-year-old girls and an 18-year-old girl, referred to in the complaint as V1, V2 and V3. The



Mueller

occupant told the girls that people were coming over related to "business" and he didn't know if he trusted the people. V3 told authorities she knew it referred to drug dealing.

Mueller and another man who isn't named in the criminal complaint arrived at the apartment and walked down a hallway with the occupant toward his room. The three girls later heard a bang that sounded like a gunshot.

Mueller and the other man ran into the living room and Mueller pointed a gun at the three girls and started shooting at them. V1 told authorities that she grabbed a gun that was sitting on the couch. After getting the safety off the gun, V1 said she fired three times at Mueller. He fell to the floor and was dragged outside the apartment by his friend.

V1 said she checked on the occupant and he appeared to be having "some sort of seizure" and was bleeding from the head and mouth. The apartment occupant initially denied an offer for an ambulance but was transported to the hospital for medical clearance after passing out. He was later taken into custody.

Investigators located a bullet hole near the back bedroom consistent with a round being fired by Mueller. Trajectory and evidence of another bullet was consistent with Mueller shooting at V1 while running out of the hallway.

Investigators believe Mueller fired a round either intentionally or accidentally at the apartment occupant during an initial altercation near his bedroom. The 16-year-old girl who returned fire at Mueller as he was shooting while running out of the apartment was not charged.

Authorities reviewed text messages that Mueller sent a few days before the incident that indicated he was planning on robbing someone. An online chat thread included multiple pictures that Mueller sent to the apartment occupant of a handgun

similar to the one found in the hallway of the Bell Street apartment. A video found on Mueller's phone showed him with the same handgun believed to be used in the shooting.

Mueller was previously adjudicated delinquent in Green County to a 2021 felony count of burglary to a building or dwelling as party to the crime and a felony count of throwing or discharging bodily fluid at public safety workers. The adjudications remain on Mueller's record and unreversed, therefore he is prohibited from possessing firearms.

He is also facing a misdemeanor charge of resisting or obstructing an officer in that county, with an adjourned initial appearance set Sept. 13.

The Neenah apartment occupant was initially charged with three felonies, including possession with intent to deliver THC, maintaining a drug trafficking place and bail jumping. Neenah News is not naming the occupant because those charges were dismissed after the state received credible evidence that he died June 3.

Prosecutors were initially uncertain of the impact his death would have on cases against other defendants in the same incident. Charges in Winnebago County were formally filed against Mueller in late June. He is due in court July 31 for further proceedings.

According to a press release, Mueller was one of five people charged this week in connection with an 18-year-old Ripon man who overdosed and was found deceased on a sidewalk April 7. He's accused of knowingly selling fentanyl-laced Percocet pills.

Mueller has been incarcerated at the Fond du Lac County Jail since July 5 on felony charges of first-degree reckless homicide/deliver drugs as party to the crime and possession with intent to deliver narcotics. A judge set a \$250,000 cash bond and he's due back in court Oct. 3.

Overdose review board reports on 2022

Neenah News

The Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team's 2022-2023 report summarized the county's ongoing efforts and challenges as it noted a decrease in overdose deaths last year while fentanyl has become the majority cause of those fatalities.

The OFR report, which includes local fatal overdose data, themes and prevention recommendations, stated there were 37 overdose deaths confirmed by the Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office. Most of the deaths were from ages 25 to 54, and fentanyl was listed as a primary cause in 24 of them.

That compares with 41 overdose deaths in the county in 2021, the highest number reported to date, and 37 deaths in 2020.

The OFR team has 47 partners representing 36 local organizations and for the last five years has met monthly to review cases of people who have lost their lives to an overdose and make recommendations based on the data.

"Being able to review someone's life is an amazing honor that uncovers opportunities for change and improvement," said Jennifer Skolaski, team facilitator. "The trust that partners bring to the table-holding each other accountable to the people who have lost their lives is unlike anything I have seen before."

The team identified major themes:

- Minors left behind due to overdose death lack support and access to vital services for children and families who experi-

ence trauma.

- Most victims who died of an overdose had a history of mental health disorders and did not receive the treatment services needed.

- A strong recovery community is critical to reduce the reoccurrence of use and counteract the shame and stigma many people experience.

- Touchpoints with prison or jail systems shortly before death were common. Increasing recovery services, peer support and transitional services would boost support upon release.

- Most victims died without Narcan and without anyone nearby. Mitigating potential dangers through harm reduction is vital.

- Many victims felt isolated and unsupported.

The team is focusing on closing gaps in communication between systems to strengthen the continuum of care, identify children falling between gaps and connect them with care and a focus on preventive efforts.

The report outlines ways to get involved: connecting to the We Heart You app, picking up free Narcan at the Winnebago County Public Health Department, connecting those in need to the Solutions Peer Response Team, and volunteering with Breakwater to help prevent and reduce youth substance use.

For more information on the OFR team and the full report, visit winnebagopublichealth.org or call 920-232-3000.

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Dog-day fundraiser at public pool canceled over staffing

Popular event generated funds for Neenah shelter

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Each year for about a decade the Neenah Pool opens its doors one last day for dozens of dogs to take a swim before the pool is drained and closed for the season, but this year the event will not be held.

The Drool in the Pool event has been sponsored by the city's Parks & Recreation Department and was a popular fundraiser for the Neenah Animal Shelter. Shelter executive director Cindy Flauager said the event brought in about \$2,000 annually.

"It was a well-loved community event and for us it wasn't intended to be a major fundraiser but more of that opportunity that we like to provide for those families that have dog family members and there's something they can do in the community," she said. "There isn't always a ton of things you can bring your dog to, so that was the disappointment."

Up until last year, the pool would close on a Wednesday, with the event the next day. The Parks Department would then perform shutdown duties Friday and Saturday. Parks director Michael Kading said the pool is now staying open until Saturday, Aug. 19, as requested by the public, and will shut down that Sunday.

Last year's Drool in the Pool was held on a Sunday, attracting about 300 dogs and people during four swim sessions throughout the day, less than other years where attendance has reached 350.

Kading said state code requires paid pool staff to be present when humans are on deck and could possibly enter the pool. The staff was paid through city pool operational funds. He said the difficulty in finding staff to work the event and then help close down the pool was part of the decision not to hold the event.

"Between kids heading to high school sporting practices and events, college staff leaving and admin staff - full-time teachers - needing to return to school for the beginning of the school year, staffing

the pool at the end of the pool season has become more difficult," he said.

The impact on the pool filters and equipment was also a consideration.

"The dog hair enters the pool circulation system and wreaks havoc on the filters and sensors," he said. "The time and effort to clean and maintain the pool equipment, including the filters and sensors, comes at a short- and long-term cost to the city."

Flauager said the Neenah Pool was an ideal location because the area is fenced in and has an outdoor play area that dogs who don't enjoy swimming could use.

"We're sad to see it go and it's too late in the season to consider some alternative, but we'll look at what other options we have for 2024," she said.

Families have another opportunity to be together with their fur friends while supporting the shelter Aug. 12 in Riverside Park for the shelter's annual Furry Flurry, which is its biggest fundraiser of the year.

The event includes a 2K pet walk, demonstrations, costume contest, raffle, vendors and workshops. There's also an online auction in the week leading up to the event.

Proceeds from Furry Flurry go toward caring for the shelter animals, with the shelter spending \$88,000 on veterinary care last year. The 2022 event raised \$28,000 and the shelter has set a goal of raising \$30,000 at this year's event.

Flauager said well-behaved pets of any kind are welcome and people can also attend without one. In advance of Furry Flurry, the shelter is seeking donations of auction and raffle items.

"If people have their own business or want to collect things on our behalf, those are ways to participate (and) if you can't be there, you're still supporting the shelter," she said.

Additional details and to sign up for the walk or become a sponsor, visit www.neenahanimalshelter.org.

"We'd really like to see the attendance build back up for that and just come have fun with us and help raise money for the shelter," Flauager said.



Neenah News

Horace Mann Elementary School students will have a new playground when school starts in September.

New playground will welcome Horace Mann school students

Neenah News

Construction will begin Monday on a new playground at Horace Mann Elementary School.

The city's Plan Commission approved a site plan last week to install a playground at the school at 1021 Oak St. that will be in an area that is currently open space.

The playground's surface will be a combination of poured rubber and wood mulch, and accessible by sidewalks along the perimeter and from exit doors on the school building.

A small off-street parking lot along Haylett Street will also be converted to

a hard-surface play area. Both the playground and play area will be surrounded by a fence.

With the completion of a new Neenah High School in Fox Crossing, the school district has closed Roosevelt Elementary and Shattuck Middle School. Roosevelt students will be attending Horace Mann, which was formerly a middle school but starting this fall will be an elementary school.

Construction of the playground and hard surface play area is expected to be completed before the start of the school year Sept. 1.



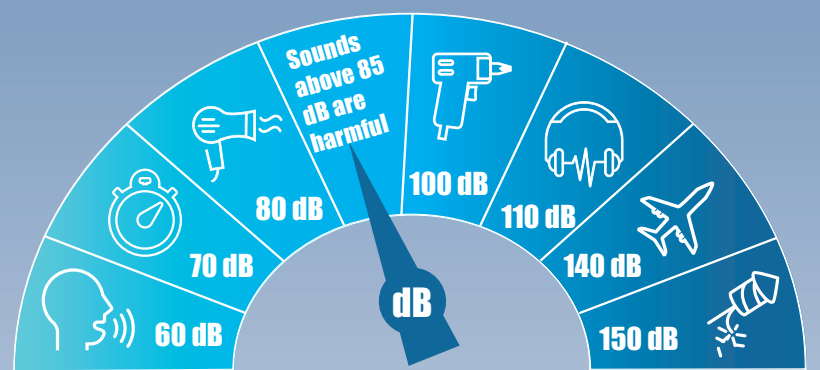
Neenah Historical Society

City cemetery

Oak Hill Cemetery is one of the oldest municipal cemeteries in the United States. In 1847, one of Neenah's founders, Harvey Jones, donated the first few acres to establish Oak Hill. The Neenah Historical Society is featuring its 38th Annual Cemetery Walk from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

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Young theater artist takes on musical direction

By Robert Barthell
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Josh Thone is making some big strides at an early age in the local theater industry.

Last year, he was one of 90 students nationwide picked to perform at the prestigious Jimmy Awards program for High School Musical Theater on Broadway. Last month, he played in a sold-out solo concert at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. And next week, he takes control of the stage and invites the public to witness a play of his direction.

“Theater and this industry was truly the bug that bit me from the start. I don’t even think my family understood the scope in which my career in the arts would go,” Thone said.

A Fox Valley native who grew up in Fox Crossing, he has been involved with musical theater for nearly a decade of his young life, crediting Xavier High School’s Theater Academy for providing him many opportunities.

He is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee studying musical theater and in the fall will be assuming the Musical Theatre Ambassador position for the program.

“I truly have been blessed to have grown up with a supportive community here



Submitted photo

Josh Thone brings his direction of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” to the UW Oshkosh-Fox Cities stage next week.

in the Fox Valley,” he said. “I will forever vouch for arts education and the importance of it.”

He is currently directing “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” a musical lifted from the pages of the Bible.

“It’s been a dream,” he said, “the reimagining of this production I’ve dreamed of directing since fifth grade. I’m living my

little self’s dream.

“This following (my past concert) is just one bundle of blessings that are headed my way. Opportunities like this are once in a lifetime so I want to take this summer all in.”

Thone is quick to mention that the play’s soundtrack is “one of the most gorgeous and iconic scores I’ve ever gotten

my hands on.” He adds that the costume and set design along with the play’s setting in the present day elevate the show’s impactful message.

Preproduction for the show started with cast auditions back in January; the show’s Instagram page is filled with pictures of rehearsals and online cast meetings from all the months since then.

“They are all truly hard-working professionals that pick up material so quickly,” he said. “It’s insane.”

Emma Cartwright, a recent Neenah High School graduate who spent years performing in its drama club’s shows as a lead actress, finds enjoyment in her role in Thone’s production.

“It’s a beautiful story about the power of believing in yourself and following your dreams,” Cartwright said.

“Josh has introduced a new, modern take on the storyline that’s really refreshing and exciting. I’m really enjoying being a part of this production, and I can’t wait to see how Josh Thone and Company grows in the future.”

The play runs at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh-Fox Cities’ Lucia Baehman Theatre starting Wednesday through July 29 with 7 p.m. curtain times along with a 2 p.m. matinee showing July 29.



Submitted photo

Members of the ‘Dear Edwina Jr.’ cast rehearse for next weekend’s production.

‘Dear Edwina Jr.’ set to take Zephyr stage

Get to know Edwina as she sings her way through giving advice to her friends in family in this junior production from Zephyr Community Theater.

Performances of the musical “Dear Edwina Jr.” will take place July 28-30 at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center at St. Mary Catholic School with a cast ranging in age from 6 to 16.

Written and composed by Zina Gol-

drich and Marcy Heisler, “Dear Edwina Jr.” is about a 13-year-old girl who lives in Paw Paw, Mich., and is a columnist giving advice to residents through sharp-witted music lessons and the help of her friends.

Performances start at 6 p.m. July 28 and 29, and 2 p.m. July 30. General admission tickets are \$12 or \$10 for students and can be found at smcatholicschools.org under Fine Arts.

YouthGo fundraiser offers music variety

Neenah News

Neenah’s YouthGo is co-hosting the Midwest Sunsplash music festival from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. today and noon to 11 p.m. tomorrow in downtown Menasha.

Now in its 10th year, the music festival brings diverse people to the downtown to build community awareness and raise funds for the nonprofit YouthGo organization. The festival includes an urban street fair with music, vendors, food and drinks.

Blues Talk plays from 6 to 8 p.m. today and Shotgun Jane hits the stage from 9 to 11 p.m. Tomorrow’s musical lineup includes I Am Girl Sperm from noon to 2

p.m., Bobby Evans & The Alimony Blues Band from 3 to 5 p.m., Disconapse from 6 to 8 p.m. and Unity the Band from 9 to 11 p.m.

The free music festival is on Main Street from the Menasha Senior Center to Curtis Reed Square. The event is organized by Menasha-based Tui Productions, which is owned by Unity the Band lead singer Pita Katobalavu.

Proceeds from the event go to support YouthGo, which offers no-cost programs to underserved and at-risk youth in fifth through 12th grade in Neenah and Menasha. YouthGo has a drop-in center at 213 Nicolet Blvd. in Neenah.

Business news roundup



Neenah News

Greasy Fingers barbershop stylists (from left) Ashley Evers and Emily Prink are shown at the 797 W. Winneconne Ave. location that opened last month.

Greasy Fingers barbershop based in Appleton has opened a second location at 797 W. Winneconne Ave. in Neenah featuring a retro 1950s theme and a \$20 cash haircut. The business owner is Christine Braun.

J. J. Keller Safegear PPE has teamed up with flame-resistant apparel brand Drifire to expand its offerings. A wide selection of Category 1 and 2 FR clothing, which is also sleevedted, is now available from J. J. Keller & Associates, including base layer short- and long-sleeve T-shirts; high-visibility vests and sweatshirts; and coveralls, jeans, a work shirt and a balaclava. Workers in the electric industry and welders need protective clothing per OSHA standards.

Sante Wine Bar & Bistro in Neenah re-

cently received the Best of Award of Excellence distinction from The Wine Spectator. The award celebrates establishments that exemplify the highest standards in wine selection and service. Sante is one of only seven 2023 Best Award of Excellence winners in Wisconsin. Owner and sommelier Matt Gloede opened the establishment in 2021.

Volatus Infrastructure LLC has signed a letter of intent with Greenport International Airport and Technology Center to build an electric vertical take-off and landing vertiport as part of its planned 5,426-acre development plans in northwest Bastrop County, Texas, 17 miles from central Austin. The vertiport will include Volatus’ modularly designed terminal building and landing pad with vehicle agnostic charging station. The teams hope to break ground yet this year.



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Calendar of events

Friday, July 21

Storytime for Everyone, 10 a.m., Valley VNA, 1535 Lyon Drive

Riverside Players presents "All Shook Up," 7:30 p.m., Riverside Park

Zephyrs Community Theater: "Oklahoma!" 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Saturday, July 22

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

Cardboard Boat Regatta, 1 p.m., Neenah Pool, 600 S. Park Ave.

Riverside Players presents "All Shook Up," 7:30 p.m., Riverside Park

Zephyrs Community Theater: "Oklahoma!" 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Ground Round Live Music Series:

Rings Band, 6 p.m., 1010 Cameron Way

Sunday, July 23

Neenah Summer Fun Run, 6 p.m., Memorial Park

Riverside Players presents "All Shook Up," 7:30 p.m., Riverside Park

Zephyrs Community Theater: "Oklahoma!" 2 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Monday, July 24

Storytime, 10 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Tuesday, July 25

Movie Talks: "His Girl Friday," 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Neenah Community Band, 7 p.m., Riverside Park Pavilion

Wednesday, July 26

The Britins, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park Pavilion

Riverside Players presents "All Shook Up," 7:30 p.m., Riverside Park

Thursday, July 27

Out to Lunch Concert with Soul Revival, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Fused by Numbers: A Women's Col-

laborative Mural, 6 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Ground Round Live Music Series: Thomas Dijkstra, 6 p.m., 1010 Cameron Way

Cemetery Walk, 6:30 p.m., Oak Hill Cemetery

Riverside Players presents "All Shook Up," 7:30 p.m., Riverside Park

Friday, July 28

Riverside Players presents "All Shook Up," 7:30 p.m., Riverside Park

Saturday, July 29

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

"Fiona's Guardians" book signing by Dan Klefstad, 1 p.m., Lyons Fine Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Riverside Players presents "All Shook Up," 7:30 p.m., Riverside Park

Sunday, July 30

Riverside Players presents "All Shook Up," 7:30 p.m., Riverside Park

Monday, July 31

Storytime, 10 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Tuesday, Aug. 1

Downtown Neenah Blood Drive, 8 a.m., DoubleTree hotel

Neenah Community Band, 7 p.m., Riverside Park Pavilion

National Night Out, 5 p.m., Palisades Park, Fox Crossing; Memorial Park, Neenah

Wednesday, Aug. 2

Daniel LeClaire & Little Big Band, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park Pavilion

Thursday, Aug. 3

Out to Lunch Concert with Barefoot Americans, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Friday, Aug. 4

Summer Sale, 10 a.m., downtown businesses

Saturday, Aug. 5

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

Kids' Triathlon, 8 a.m., Neenah Pool

Summer Sale, 10 a.m., downtown businesses

Monday, Aug. 7

Storytime, 10 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Mail theft

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counts and cell tower analysis.

Edwards' Google search history showed searches consistent with someone attempting to use checks belonging to businesses not associated with the user. Bratcher's cellphone pinged in the Fox Crossing area around the time the mail thefts occurred and in the Little Chute area around the time the mail was discarded.

The multijurisdictional investigation resulted in dozens of charges.

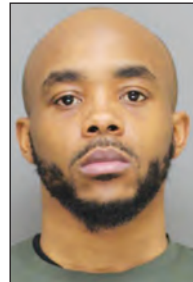
Edwards is facing misdemeanor charges in Manitowoc County, including 18

counts of theft of movable property valued at more than \$2,500 as party to the crime and two counts of possession of THC. In Brown County he has been charged with 12 felony counts of identity theft as party to the crime. In Winnebago County

he has been charged with a felony count of theft of 10-29 pieces of mail.



Bratcher



Edwards

Bratcher was initially charged in Manitowoc with 18 misdemeanor counts of

theft by false representation as party to the crime and misdemeanor or possession of THC. He was convicted of three misdemeanor counts of theft of movable property as party to the crime, with the other 16 charges read into the record, and sentenced to six months in jail plus costs. In Brown County he's facing five felony

counts of identity theft as party to the crime. In Winnebago County he has been charged with a felony count of theft of 10-29 pieces of mail.

The Outagamie County Sheriff's Office said mail thefts continue to be an ongoing challenge and encourage businesses to take extra steps to avoid falling victim. Suggestions include taking checks directly to U.S. Postal Service collection locations, signing up for informed delivery through USPS, requesting that mail not be delivered on weekends, installing a USPS-approved lockable mailbox and installing CCTV systems to deter criminal activity.

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The Neenah Legion baseball team huddled before taking the field in its Class AAA regional game against the Appleton Doubledays Tuesday night at EJ Schneider Field in Oshkosh. Neenah fell to the Doubledays, 13-6, in the first round of the double-elimination tournament.

Neenah falls to Sheboygan to wrap up Plover tourney

By Dustin Riese
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Showing improvement doesn't always result in victories unfortunately.

The youthful Neenah Legion baseball team has steadily raised its play over the course of the season, but still don't have any wins to show for it.

Neenah wrapped up its regular season at the Plover Tournament last weekend and suffered a 15-1 loss to Sheboygan in its final contest.

It was a disappointing way to end the weekend as Neenah had a chance to play better.

"We knew this was going to be a difficult weekend for us and it showed on the field," head coach Matthew Waite said. "Today was not a great day for us. We played a really good team and they made us pay for our mistakes today."

Neenah struck first against Sheboygan with a two-out rally started with a double by Blake Griesbach.

After Zach Waite reached on an error, Dustin Dorton-Clohessy came through with a run-scoring base hit.

"The results may not always show it, but the boys are starting to put together much better at-bats," he said. "Some of the balls put in play are starting to fall in for hits, which hasn't been the case much this season. Unfortunately, it was about the pitch-

ing and fielding today as we need to tighten up those areas if we want to compete with these teams."

Sheboygan answered Neenah in the bottom of the inning scoring a pair of runs off Braden Wendt and then tacked on four more in the second for a 6-1 lead.

Neenah got a pair of runners on in the third when Corban Ducommun was hit by a pitch and Waite followed with a single, but neither runner was able to advance farther and the Legion was kept off the board.

"We are showing improvements in some areas, but we need to be more consistent," Griesbach said. "Every game we show flashes of playing well for a few innings and then we start to get into bad habits. Today is no different, but at some point we need to play with more consistency. We are a young group and although every loss does hurt, they do help us learn from our mistakes."

Once the bottom of the fourth inning rolled around, the bottom began to fall off for Neenah as a pair of errors and a series of walks proved costly.

Neenah participated in the Class AAA Regional Tournament in Oshkosh earlier this week. Neenah opened the tournament with a 13-6 loss to the Appleton Doubledays and were scheduled to face Oshkosh on Wednesday.

Neenah's Jenkins, Dietzen help carry North to victory

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

For Neenah's Jase Jenkins to get some carries in the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Large School All-Star game wasn't a surprise.

For teammate Blake Dietzen, though, that's a different story.

Yet, there was the unanimous first-team all-Fox Valley Association offensive lineman churning out a six-yard gain in the North squad's 49-7 triumph on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

"It brought me back to my middle school days," Dietzen said of carrying the ball. "I told Jase and the whole team afterward that all I was thinking was, 'Don't fumble, don't fumble, don't fumble.'"

Dietzen said that the North squad had been practicing a formation all week that had him playing fullback with Kimberly fullback Isaac Dechant filling the running back spot. In that heavy formation, Dietzen would serve as the lead blocker.

At least that's what Dietzen expected.

"(The offensive coordinator) was hinting at it all week that if we were up by a good amount or in the right situation to be ready to get the ball but I didn't think he was 100 percent serious," Dietzen said. "He looked at me with a smile on his face and said, 'Are you ready to get the ball Big Dog?'"

And Dietzen delivered a nice run, too. "He looked pretty good," Jenkins said.

Dietzen's run was one of the highlights of the week for the Neenah duo, including coming out with a win.

As much as the week is about the gathering of the best players in the state and raising money for the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, in the end there is a football game – and that means the chance to get a victory.

"We were practicing all out, 100 percent and we were talking about rolling the South," Dietzen said. "You still had that sense of pride as if you were playing for Neenah or Appleton North or Wausau West or Rice Lake or some of the other places where guys are from. It was us against them."

The Large School North Squad also had a bit of pressure on them since the North teams in the previous two games – the 8-player game on Friday night and the Small School game earlier on Saturday – both won by lopsided margins.

"We were definitely a little nervous there despite having good faith in our-

selves and our coaches," Dietzen said. "We felt we almost had duty to bring home the sweep for the North."

The South actually scored first in the game but it would be its only points, as the North team cranked out seven touchdowns after that for the easy win.

Menasha standout AJ Korth ran for two touchdowns and threw for three more, the last coming on a little dump-off pass to Jenkins, who then scooted 20 yards into the end zone.

"It was super cool. I was not expecting to get the ball at all," said Jenkins, who also carried the ball four times for 18 yards. "I thought I was just in the wash. He threw it to me and I was able to make a play."

Jenkins also played on defense where he registered a tackle, while Dietzen played on both sides of the ball lining up at two different spots on the offensive line and two on the defensive line.

The fact that the Neenah duo played on both sides of the ball wasn't odd. Who they were lining up with – especially playing with those from FVA rivals like Appleton North, Kimberly and Kaukauna – was a little different.

"I wasn't sure how I felt about it to begin with because you grow up not liking them obviously because you have to play against them," said Jenkins, who plans to play football next season at UW-La Crosse. "After that first day, it's cool and you become friends with them."

Dietzen echoed those sentiments.

"You see them as the enemy from the regular season and growing up competing against them so it was kind of weird putting on the same colors as them and practicing with them," Dietzen said. "You get to know them over the course of the week and you get to play football together and that's cool."

Berg, Todd represent Zephyrs in 8-player game

Nick Berg and Sam Todd represented St. Mary Catholic in the 8-player all-star game on Friday night, playing on a South squad that lost to the North, 74-12.

Berg was starting offensive lineman for the South squad, while Todd was a starter for the South defense.

The South squad was held to 143 yards of total offense and trailed 38-12 at half-time before the North pulled away in the second half.

In the Small School game, the North all-stars beat the South all-stars, 44-12.

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Honor Flight

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memorials that weren't in place before his last time in Washington decades ago with his family. He will be remembering classmates who lost their lives in Vietnam and appreciating what other veterans he has come to know went through in that distinctive jungle battlefield.

Coming along on the flight to make it a family experience is Auxier's son Brian, an Oshkosh firefighter and paramedic who will serve as one of the guardians the Honor Flight includes with its support team.

"That was really nice of them and I appreciated they were able to do that and work that paperwork through to get him included," Auxier said. "It's nice to share that with family and friends."

Doug Spencer is a Fox Crossing resident whose son got him interested in applying for the trip in January and also will join his father as a guardian.

"I guess the main thing I'm looking forward to – and seeing the memorials – is the changing of the guard at Arlington (National Cemetery)," said Spencer, who was a U.S. Air Force sergeant from 1967-71 at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California and a year in Turkey with NATO during the Vietnam War and Cold War with the U.S.S.R.

He followed his military time with a 34-year career in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that included managing Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.

Spencer was advised to keep his military profile low upon return to the United States amid antiwar protests, so he packed away his uniform and military IDs and wore his civilian clothes back home to a private welcome from his wife and new son.

As one of the highlighted events during

Friday's air show, the veterans' return landing will get a rousing welcome from thousands of aviation enthusiasts attending AirVenture.

"It was something that we never really experienced when we got out of the military," Spencer said. "People do honor the military today, but back then it was a different time."

This will be the ninth year the Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight has originated at AirVenture through Old Glory Honor Flight, a nonprofit volunteer organization that has made dozens of these flights happen since 2009. Those trips have included special flights to Vietnam and Pearl Harbor.

"Each Honor Flight mission is a special occasion, but the ability to be a part of EAA AirVenture always creates unforgettable moments," said Diane MacDonald, executive director of Old Glory Honor Flight. "Honoring our local Vietnam veterans out of EAA AirVenture is such a highlight; being witness to the enthusiasm, respect, and appreciation from the world's aviation enthusiasts when the flight returns to Oshkosh is such an incredible sight to see and it means the world to the men and women who get to experience it."

American Airlines supplies an aircraft for the flight, which is flown by an all-volunteer crew of American Airlines pilots and cabin attendants.

"The Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight is traditionally one of the best events of AirVenture week and this year is fitting as part of our 'Vietnam Remembered: 50 Years Later' schedule of activities," said Rick Larsen, EAA vice president of communities and member programming. "We are proud to produce an event that honors what Vietnam veterans did for this country and be able to provide them an experience of a lifetime."

More information about Old Glory Honor Flight is at oldgloryhonorflight.org.

Town of Neenah to fund park, town hall projects

Neenah News

The Town of Neenah Board recently approved using some of its federal ARPA funds on remodeling parts of the Town Hall and adding a restroom at Keating Park.

The \$204,700 expenditure for the hall will include replacing the HVAC and air exchange system, expanding the meeting room and updating the kitchen area to make it more accessible for people who rent the hall for an event.

The new restroom structure, which will be funded with \$162,535, will include a storage and small overhang for a covered

seating area to serve the 6.3-acre park at 128 Klompen Court. The park features a baseball diamond, playground and wooded area with walking trail.

The town was awarded \$369,166 in ARPA funds and the Winnebago County Board approved an additional distribution to each county municipality that will be paid upon completion of a project.

Town Supervisor Brooke Cardoza said additional discussions will determine how to use the remaining \$146,931 of ARPA funding.

Grundman landing closed for upgrade

Neenah News

The Grundman Boat Landing on Lake Winnebago in the Town of Vinland is closed until the end of the year as it undergoes a major reconstruction project.

Vehicles with a valid Winnebago County boat trailer parking permit sticker can also use the Recreation Park boat landing (600 S. Park Ave.) in Neenah or the Menominee Park (820 Hazel St.) boat landing in Oshkosh. Boaters will be able to use these two additional boat landings

until Dec. 31.

The \$1.8 million improvement and renovation project approved by the county has supporting grants from the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council and the state DNR's Recreational Boating Fund that are funding about 63% of the project. The improvements will expand parking and the staging area, add boat launches, improve the walking trail, lighting and bathroom facilities, and add a small shelter, floating dock and kayak launch.

Library book sale volunteers requested

Volunteers are needed to help set up and staff the Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale on various dates in August.

Set-up dates are Aug. 7, 8, 15 and 16. Sale dates are Aug. 10-14 for adult fiction, including mass market paperbacks, children's books, DVDs and audiobooks;

and Aug. 17-21 for adult nonfiction, adult DVDs, CDs and audiobooks.

To learn details, visit neenahlibrary.org/form/volunteer-2023 or contact Lisa Laux-Robak at 920-886-6321.

Proceeds support library programming, services and the library's collection.



Be a part of Neenah history!

The new Neenah High School is set to open for the 2023-24 school year, replacing the current school that opened in 1972. This is a rare opportunity to show your support and appreciation for the old school and new school.

Neenah News is creating a commemorative section that will feature stories, photos, memories and achievements of Neenah High School over the past five decades. You will also get a glimpse of the new school, which will offer state-of-the-art facilities, innovative programs and enhanced opportunities for students and staff.

The commemorative section will be published Aug. 25, 2023, and mailed to nearly 21,500 homes in the Neenah Joint School District. It will be in print and online, reaching thousands of readers in the community and beyond.

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Kid Scoop Together: Wet Work

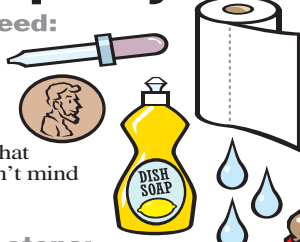
CHILL OUT!

Would you like to splash around in some water on these hot summer days? Try this activity and tell your mom you are doing a science experiment!

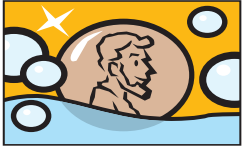
How many drops will stay on a penny?

Stuff you'll need:

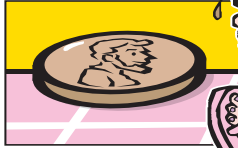
- a penny
- an eyedropper
- liquid detergent
- tap water
- paper towel
- a place to work that your parents won't mind getting wet!



Follow these steps:



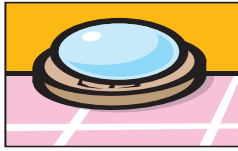
Wash your penny. Rinse it and dry it well.



Place the penny on a flat surface that's okay to get wet.



Fill the eyedropper with water and slowly drop water onto the penny, one drop at a time. Count how many drops you can add.



What shape does the water take? Repeat three times and find the average number of drops the penny can hold.



Repeat this experiment with cold water and then with hot water. Does the temperature of the water change the number of drops that fit on the penny?



Add a drop of soap to the water. Does this change the number of drops that fit on the penny?

Try this same activity with different liquids such as cooking oil, rubbing alcohol, liquid detergent, salad dressing, etc. Compare how many drops of each liquid fit on the top of a penny.

Standards Link: Nature of Science: Students understand the nature of scientific inquiry (using tools, making observations, recording notes).

Frosty Find-It

Look closely and find:

<input type="checkbox"/> toothbrush	<input type="checkbox"/> apple
<input type="checkbox"/> paper airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> envelope
<input type="checkbox"/> baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> watch
<input type="checkbox"/> strawberry	<input type="checkbox"/> sunglasses

What's up?

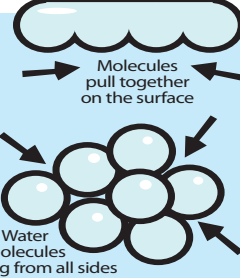
As drops are added, they gradually mound into a dome instead of just flowing off the penny. Each drop raises the surface of the dome, until it gets too big and breaks.

The dome shape is caused by **surface tension**.

Surface what?

Surface tension is caused by the grouping of molecules. Under the surface of the water, each water molecule attracts and is attracted to molecules on all sides of it.

The surface molecules are attracted to the molecules below and to the sides. But there is nothing above the surface molecules to pull upward. The surface molecules pull together and act like a "skin" on the surface of the water.



Standards Link: Physical Science: Students know that matter has different states (i.e., solid, liquid, gas) and that each state has distinct physical properties.

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The largest hailstone ever recovered in the United States, a seven-inch (17.8-centimeter) wide chunk of ice almost as large as a soccer ball, was found in Aurora, Nebraska.

Extra! Extra! Cool Search

Look through the newspaper and find:

- a temperature
- a measurement
- a date
- a time
- a number that tells how many
- a weight

Standards Link: Research: Understand that the newspaper has an organizational structure.

Jacob wants to earn \$38 to buy a house for his dog, Jacob Junior. He is willing to work, but wants to do jobs that keep him wet and cool on hot summer days. He only did the jobs on the list below that included water in the work. Check off the jobs he did. Did he raise his \$38?

HINT: Underline each word that gives a clue that the job included water.

- Washed Mr. Thompson's car \$12
- Watered Mrs. Toya's houseplants \$3
- Rinsed Grandma's porch off with the hose \$5
- Walked Aunt Jenny's dog \$6
- Washed Aunt Barbara's dog \$8
- Returned mom's books to the library \$3
- Washed Uncle Bill's new car \$10



Standards Link: Number sense: Calculate sums using money.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Solve this chilly puzzler before it melts away!

Fill in the blank blocks of ice to make the sum of each side and each diagonal add up to 15.

HINT: The numbers 1-9 are each used once.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

MOLECULES
TENSION
SURFACE
WATER
DROPS
SKIN
FRIGID
BLANK
WEATHER
LIQUID
WET
DOME
CHILL
MELTS
SALAD

W S A L A D N M E A
T R E T A W O E C R
K N A L B E I L A E
R E D D U D S T F H
X N O I I C N S R T
R M I G U W E T U A
E E I K R Q T L S E
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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