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**Cool activity**  
*The Fox Crossing Fire Department hosted a slip and slide at O’Hauser Park in Neenah last week to help area youth beat the heat. The Fox Crossing Recreation Department assisted with the slide and Fox Crossing Fire Association supplied popsicles.*

## Shattuck site gains new suitor

### School board to vote on local developer plan

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Joint School District is considering a different purchase offer for the Shattuck Middle School after a previous sale agreement fell through late last year.

The latest offer the board is considering comes from Umer Sheikh of Investment Creations. The Neenah company has purchased and remodeled several local buildings, most notably The Marketplace at 124 W. Wisconsin Ave., which features about nine businesses, and the Equitable Reserve building at 116 S. Commercial St., which currently has four businesses operating.

With a new high school constructed in Fox Crossing, the middle school is moving to the former high school and the Shattuck site is vacant. As part of the district’s referendum discussions in 2019 and 2020, it committed to selling Shattuck, excluding the tennis courts and associated parking lots. It was listed for sale in early 2021.

The district initially received only one offer to purchase the site, which came from Northpointe Development. The district agreed to sell the property to Northpointe for \$500,000 in July 2022, but the sale was contingent on the city rezoning the site for development.

The Common Council voted against rezoning in December after hundreds of residents attended meetings and contacted council members to voice their opposition. Some of the concerns included that the property was not properly marketed for sale, that the sale was taking place too quickly, and that the proposed apartments inside the Shattuck building would attract crime.

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# Health team keys on mental health, social media issues

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ThedaCare health teams identified topics of concern in their communities earlier this year as part of their ongoing assessment in cooperation with community leaders, putting this year’s focus on youth mental health and social media.

Called “plunge topics,” ThedaCare develops them by picking two members from each of the six Community Health Action Teams (CHAT) to form a single team to discuss all of the identified issues and decide on the local focus.

Recognizing they are not experts about how youth use social media, ThedaCare’s team gathered input from area youth to plan this fall’s plunges.

“Mental health, particularly coming out of the pandemic, was the number one concern across all markets in our recent community health needs assessments,”

said Tracey Ratzburg, community health improvement coordinator. “In addition, while we were working through restructuring our plunge activities, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a warning about the effects social media is having on the mental health of teens and pre-teens.

“When our Super CHAT team focused in on youth mental health and social media use, we knew they were choosing a topic that is front and center on many parents’ minds. It is definitely one that affects youth in every community we serve.”

The primary way CHAT teams help the community learn about the effects of a health issue is through a plunge event, a daylong immersion to learn about the issue. Community events will be held in September related to those findings.



Photo from ThedaCare

ThedaCare brought together 25 youth, from middle school ages through young adults in their early 20s, to talk about the impact of social media on mental health.

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# Police, residents share Night Out

By Robert Barthell  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Police departments across the United States dedicate a day at the beginning of August each year as the National Night Out, a widespread event that aims to increase public awareness of their local police forces and build a sense of community with the populations that they protect.



Benoit

In Neenah, this manifested itself in a Tuesday evening of events at Memorial Park. Fox Crossing also hosted a similar event at Pali-sades Park.

“It started in Neenah just because we were looking for a fun family activity,” said officer Joe Benoit, a main organizer for the event. “One of the objectives of the Police Department is to build up trust and positive relationships between our Police Department and the citizens, all the members of our community.”



Photo by David Hall

National Night Out drew families to Memorial Park on Tuesday night to enjoy activities and meet with local law enforcement.

“I had heard about this National Night Out event from other agencies and I thought, what a great event. So we just put something together that’s a lot of fun for all the kids and families, something that doesn’t cost anything where they can get to know some of the local officers and get to do a lot of fun things.”

Attendees had the opportunity to interact with police and fire officers and their vehicles, and witnessed a sampling of local businesses and nonprofit ventures, from insurance agencies to art organizations, which showcase their goods and services.

Other family entertainment included food trucks, inflatable bouncy houses and a dunk tank in which police and fire chiefs braved incessant pelting from young children.

“So far I just see a lot of happy faces, a lot of smiles and happy kids. Who doesn’t like to show up and check everything out and see all the flashing lights and get a backpack full of free stuff?” Benoit said. “But more importantly than that, it’s about meeting the officers and having a chance to ask questions, talk to the officers. And then kids can relate to police officers, fire-fighters and all that as just normal people that are just wearing a uniform, so it helps build that positive interaction and build up that trust.”

Mary Koch, a mother visiting the event with her children, remarked positively on its venue.

“This is my second or third time coming to this event, and we love the Neenah PD, everything that they do for the community. We really like to show up to these events to support the community and just meet our neighbors and friends that are out here too,” she said.

“We just use this as a family night, to just come here, bring some cash, support the food trucks and the other vendors. We just love being able to get out, run around in a nice safe area with all kinds of activities.”

“It’s great to be around kids giving them free promotional products, but it’s also a chance for them to engage with us, learn about our company or and just have products to carry around that have our names on there helping them when they’re at school,” said David Vignali, a staff member for 4imprint, a company with a booth at the event. “(The police) have been great about putting this on. They reach out to us every year and we’re more than willing to come out and be a part of this and we’ll continue to be a part of it for years to come.”

Benoit stresses the importance of building a positive connection between local police departments and the communities they serve, and noted that opportunities for doing so are not limited to singular events.

“A good way to do that is just go right to your local police department and sheriff’s department. During business hours, whenever the front desk is open, ask if you could talk to an officer and just check out a squad car,” Benoit said. “Anybody can do that and work on building up those relationships.”

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**JULY 14, PAGE 2:** A photo supplied by the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office that identified Cimzeej Catron in a story about not-guilty pleas made in a burglary and car chase case is not a photo of the defendant.

# Billboard repair lawsuit against city dismissed

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

A lawsuit filed by Lamar Central Outdoor over the city of Neenah's sign ordinance preventing repair of billboards owned by the company was dismissed last month.

The city was sued by Lamar in February 2022 after denying applications Lamar submitted to repair two billboards at 157 S. Green Bay Road and 2405 Schultz Drive. Lamar sought permission to repair or replace four defective I-beams on the Schultz Drive sign and seven defective I-beams on the Green Bay Road sign.

Documents state the city denied Lamar's requests to repair the signs because they're considered nonconforming. Under Neenah ordinance, a nonconforming sign is "a sign that does not meet code regulations." The city also notified Lamar it would be issuing an order for removal.

Lamar's lawsuit requested that the permit denial be reversed and for the court to determine that Neenah's sign ordinance is unconstitutional under the First Amendment.

Lamar argued that under state statute, signs that are lawfully erected but do not conform to the requirements are declared nonconforming, but are not subject to removal, noting it has a right to perform

maintenance on its billboard, including the repairs found in its application for a sign permit.

The ordinance permits nonconforming signs that were in place at the time the ordinance was enacted to be continued, with exceptions. One exception is that a nonconforming sign may not be continued if it is structurally altered in any way other than normal maintenance and repair.

The ordinance chapter also states that nonconforming signs may not be continued if the sign "fails to conform to this chapter regarding maintenance and repair, construction standards, or dangerous and abandoned signs."

According to Lamar, the sign ordinance is an unconstitutional infringement of First Amendment rights to free speech because it states that off-premises signs are prohibited within the city.

The city defended its sign ordinance, contending Lamar failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted and failed to follow state statutes because it did not commence legal action within 30 days from the board of appeals decision denying its permits.

City attorney David Rashid said the city didn't enter into a settlement agreement



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A billboard on South Green Bay Road is one of two in contention between its owner and the city.

with Lamar, but both parties stipulated to Lamar's desire to dismiss its suit against the city. He said Lamar's attorneys confirmed it was an economic decision that led to the dismissal.

"My belief is that Lamar determined that continuing to invest in the suit – especially with an uncertain outcome – wasn't economically advantageous," he said, adding that it wasn't worth the continued fight.

"We felt confident in the city's position in the case and about its chances for ultimate

success on the merits," he said.

Rashid said there were no concessions made or given by the city for the dismissal and Lamar does not have permission to repair or replace either sign. In the coming months, the city will engage Lamar further with respect to its intentions with each sign.

Rashid said the lingering questions are whether Lamar will voluntarily remove its Green Bay Road sign and whether it will continue to use the sign on Schultz Drive for advertising.

## Thanks to subscribers, Neenah News will expand its distribution

By Karen Schneider  
NEENAH NEWS PUBLISHER

Neenah News has been covering local news and information in the Neenah and Fox Crossing area of the Neenah Joint School District since February 2022. In this short amount of time we have connected with more than 1,000 local households and

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Discover Little Miracles Day Care is planning to be a new tenant in the 1554 S. Commercial St. strip mall pending final city approval.

## Day care center going to new location

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

Discover Little Miracles Day Care is relocating to tenant space at 1554 S. Commercial St. in the strip mall where Zuppas Cafe, and Catering and Sankalpa Salon is located.

Little Miracles will be moving to the new location on the northeast corner of S. Commercial Street and Lyon Drive from its existing place at 1421 S. Commercial St. The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be occupying the space vacated by Little Miracles.

The new location is 6,600 square feet and was originally occupied by Morton Pharmacy, then most recently a furniture store. Little Miracles will construct an 1,836-square-foot outdoor play area west of the building, which will be surrounded by a 5-foot-tall chain link fence with privacy slats. A painted track will go throughout the playground to allow children to ride small bicycles, scooters and walk around.

Little Miracles intends to have a music wall, small playhouse, shade structure and a picnic table within the playground. A small storage shed within the playground will contain the day care's outdoor equipment such as bicycles, scooters, riding toys, balls, outdoor chalk, jump ropes and hula hoops, according to a letter submitted to the city's Plan Commission.

The property is zoned Mahler Farm Planned Development District, requiring a change of use and project plan approval from the city.

The Plan Commission recommended the Common Council approve the project plan but added some conditions to deal with safety concerns about the proposed play area relative to the parking lot and a one-way drive-aisle.

Little Miracles expects the facility to serve 75 children and will have 15 employees. The day care will be licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

## Rash of thefts from vehicles reported in Fox Crossing

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Fox Crossing police are asking residents to lock up their vehicles after a string of vehicle thefts occurred last month.

From July 17-18, police received reports of 10 vehicles that were entered on Christopher Drive, Imperial Lane, Wilson Court, West Calumet Street and Southwood Drive. Items reported stolen included a wallet, a cellphone and a loaded handgun.

On July 20, police received reports of six vehicles entered on Shady Lane. Items reported stolen included CDs and a case, cash, binoculars, a gift card and an engagement ring.

In addition to the vehicle thefts, catalytic converters were reported to have been cut and removed from two trucks on American Drive on July 18 and from a Kia on Highland Park Road on July 20.

Fox Crossing Officer Daniel Wiechman said the thefts are crimes of opportunity that happen sporadically in the village.

"This high volume of thefts from vehicles is a testament of how many people do not take the time to confirm that their vehicles are locked and valuables removed," he said. "We can only speculate, but there were likely even more incidents that simply went unreported."

Police do not believe the two strings of vehicle thefts that occurred at opposite ends of the village are related.

Wiechman encouraged residents to safeguard themselves and their property to decrease the chances of falling victim to a crime. Suggestions include ensuring vehicles are locked, removing valuables from vehicles, locking garage and exterior doors, activating exterior lighting and ensuring surveillance devices are working.

"You can imagine how these easily preventable crimes of opportunity tie up (our) officers' time and ability to provide proactive policing services to the community," he said.

## Four years pass in missing man case

Neenah News

Police recently closed one missing persons case in Neenah but still have no leads in the disappearance of another local man, Robert Ernest, who went missing four years ago this month.



Ernest

Ernest is from Neenah but was known to frequent the Madison area. He was 39 years old when last accounted for and would be 43 today. He was last seen on Applegate Court in Madison in August 2019.

Remains located in Little Lake Butte des Morts in Fox Crossing in April were recently identified as Ju Lee, who was re-

ported missing in April 2022. Police said there is no information to suggest Lee was missing under suspicious circumstances and his case has been closed.

Neenah News reached out to police inquiring on the status of Ernest's case and police confirmed the case remains open and there are no new leads.

Ernest is 6 feet tall, 165 pounds, with blonde or brown hair and blue eyes. He has pierced ears and no known tattoos. At the time of his disappearance police said he was not believed to be in danger.

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### Social scene

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# Drummer creates a steady beat with national tour

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

A drummer who got his start in Neenah is preparing to embark on a national tour with Grammy-winning guitarist Eric Johnson.

Wayne Salzmann II is also an educator, author and composer who was born and raised in Neenah. He followed in the footsteps of his late father when he began drumming at age 9.

Salzmann joined the school band, taught by David Dunning, and began



Salzmann

playing every day. He played in a starter program in the fifth grade, the jazz band at Horace Mann Middle School and symphonic band at Neenah High School.

He began forming rock bands of his own while in middle school with other students

who went on to become professional musicians, including Tyler and Eric Ross, and Kelvin Kaspar. They played as The Lights Band and still get together for reunion shows.

"We had a band for almost 10 years," he said. "We played literally thousands of gigs together."

After graduating from Neenah High School, all four men went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, majoring in music.

The band stayed together through college, playing gigs, hosting jam sessions, playing together at the same church on Sundays and in the college jazz band.

Salzmann graduated from UW-Stevens

Point and went on to the University of Texas in Austin for his master's degree. Within hours of arriving in Austin, he was already playing his first gig and soon became immersed in the city's burgeoning music scene, often playing 10 times a week.

The day he graduated, he was hired to become a professor at the university, without ever applying for the job. He went on to hold that position for 12 years.

For Salzmann, being a musician and educator in Austin was a dream come true.

"The music scene is just so much bigger," he said. "In Austin, there are thousands of musicians, and like 500 professional drummers. It's just a whole different thing than the Fox Valley, where there might be like 20 or 30 professional drummers."

He began touring both nationally and internationally with an African marimba band and a Brazilian jazz group. He also met Johnson, who he's been touring with off and on ever since. He's performed with Johnson during two tours in Europe, one of which became a Billboard No. 1 album called "Europe Live."

"We weren't even making a record, we were just playing the shows," he said. "And then all of a sudden that came out. It kind of blew up for a little bit."

Salzmann toured with Johnson for five years, playing every major U.S. city multiple times. When his daughter, Emmy, was born seven years ago, he took a break from touring to be with his wife, Ali, also a Neenah High alumna, and his young family. The couple also have a son, AJ, who is 5.

Around the same time Salzmann stopped touring with Johnson, he began playing full time with singer and song-



Photo by Scott Quade

Neenah native Wayne Salzmann II is planning for a national tour with guitarist Eric Johnson.

writer Bob Schneider, who headlined at Waterfest in Oshkosh on June 15.

Salzmann described Schneider as a fantastic musician with more than 2,000 recorded songs, 58 Austin music awards, five published books of poetry and hundreds of paintings in art galleries.

What's unique about playing with Schneider is that he typically doesn't have a setlist. Musicians are expected to jump in, improvise and learn the songs as they're playing on stage.

Salzmann has been improvising since he first started drumming as a child, making him skilled in the technique.

"I just wanted to get better, that's all I ever wanted to do was get better, and that's all I still want to do," he said. "Different teachers would expose me to new music, or new styles, or improvisational language, which is something that I got really, really into, in college, and in my master's, and I actually wrote a book called 'Developing Melodic Language on the Drums.'"

Changes during the pandemic caused Salzmann and his family to move back to Wisconsin, settling in Beaver Dam. He splits his time between the Fox Valley and Madison, most recently spending the past year teaching at Neenah High alongside Dunning, the same teacher that helped him and so many other young musicians get their start.

Now he's preparing to depart on yet another U.S. tour with Johnson, with rehearsals starting in Austin in mid-August, with the last date of the tour Oct. 13. One

show is set for Oct. 6 at Turner Hall in Milwaukee.

Salzmann said he lives for the "magical moments" that occur while playing, where everything just clicks and the music flows.

"There's nothing else like that, really," he said. "But that can happen in a bar, where three people are listening. But it can also happen in a stadium, where 30,000 people are listening."

Salzmann said there's nothing like the rush of playing for a huge crowd, feeling and hearing the cheers and applause. He attributes his success as a musician to dedication.

"You have to be totally committed to the music and the situation," he said. "You have to be absolutely be cool. You have to be able to go with the flow. You have to be able to adapt to changes and I think, to be a working musician, you have to be versatile."

He's been teaching other musicians since he was 16 and also offers private lessons. He will instruct a limited number of students after returning from the tour. He tells his students that putting in the time playing is the key to success.

"Listen to as much music as possible and practice," he said. "Play your instrument as much as you can. That's what it all comes down to."

Salzmann, 39, said he's been fortunate to be able to do what he loves. He still has his late father's drums and cymbals, which were the first set he ever played.

"For me, music is so wide," he said. "It's the whole world. It's my whole life."

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# Fentanyl sales bring felony convictions in court

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

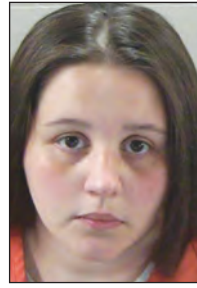
A Neenah woman was convicted Tuesday of four felonies for dealing fentanyl out of a home on Oakcrest Drive.

Samantha Kast, 33, was initially charged with 12 felonies based on an investigation initiated by the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG) drug unit.

According to the criminal complaint, the MEG unit was notified by a confidential informant that he could purchase M30 pills from Kast. M30 pills are counterfeit prescription pills sold on the street that routinely contain fentanyl, according to the Department of Justice.

The informant made arrangements Oct. 20 to purchase 20 M30 pills for

\$400 from Kast at her residence. The deal took place in her bedroom with her boyfriend and another female present. The pills tested positive for fentanyl.



Kast

On Nov. 30, the informant made arrangements to purchase another 20 M30 pills. The person was invited into the home by Kast's mother and the deal took place in Kast's bedroom. Those pills also tested positive for fentanyl.

On Dec. 5, investigators were conducting surveillance outside of Kast's home when they observed her get in a vehicle and drive away. Officers followed the ve-

hicle to a gas station on County O and Kast was taken into custody. In the front pocket of her hooded sweatshirt, officers located five M30 pills that tested positive for fentanyl.

After Kast was taken into custody, a search warrant was executed at the home in which she was selling the drugs. Two adults and several juveniles were located at the residence. In Kast's bedroom, authorities located 68 M30 fentanyl pills, about 20 grams of methamphetamine and a small amount of psilocybin mushrooms.

At the time that Kast was delivering fentanyl, she was subject to seven felony bonds in Outagamie, Winnebago and Marathon counties for theft, bail jumping and delivering or possessing meth-

amphetamine, narcotics, amphetamines, psilocin, THC and drug paraphernalia.

Kast entered into a plea deal to the most recent Winnebago County charges this week and was convicted of possession with intent to deliver fentanyl, maintaining a drug trafficking place and two counts of manufacturing or delivering fentanyl.

The other eight charges were dismissed but read into the record. Sentencing is set for Monday.

Winnebago County has struggled to mitigate fatal overdoses, identifying fentanyl as the leading cause since 2017. The Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed 37 fatal overdoses in the county last year. Most of those who died were from ages 25 to 54.

# County building named for supervisor

## Albrecht has served on board for 37 years

By Jonathan Richie  
NEENAH NEWS

Winnebago County's Administration facility is now called the David W. Albrecht Administrative Building on 112 Otter Ave. to show appreciation for the county board supervisor's almost 40 years of service.

Supervisor Paul Eisen submitted the resolution through the Facilities and Property Management Committee, which backed the resolution and was then passed by voice vote at the Feb. 28 board meeting. There was a small cere-

mony held for the renaming earlier this year.

The resolution outlines several of Albrecht's accomplishments on the board, including leading the way to get supervisors tablets and bringing the board into the digital era.

"He's always been very forward thinking in getting the county to go digital," Eisen said about Albrecht.

Eisen's resolution also highlights projects that went through the board with Albrecht as chair and supervisor, including construction of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh-Fox Valley Performing Arts Center and expanding Sunnyview Expo Center

Albrecht played a role in the county

purchasing the Oshkosh B'Gosh building that now bears his name.

"I've always found him very fair when dealing with supervisors," Eisen said. "He's very good at getting things through the board, including big projects."

Eisen said the county has the Orrin King building next to the Winnebago County Courthouse and James P. Coughlin Center on County Y as part of UW Extension Winnebago County.

"David deserves to be remembered in the same way," Eisen said.

Albrecht serves District 11, which consists of the north side of Oshkosh along Lake Butte des Morts. He has served on the board since 1986 and from 2004 to 2018 served as board chairman.



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The Winnebago County Administration building at 112 Otter Ave. in Oshkosh was recently renamed after longtime County Supervisor David Albrecht.

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Dave Wollangk, Michelle Dejno and Paul Reich were honored by the Rotary Club of Neenah.

## Rotary Club presents awards, scholarships

The Rotary Club of Neenah recently presented club and community service awards along with more than \$35,000 in scholarships to students in the Neenah Joint School District.

Jack W. Casper "Service Above Self" Community Service Awards were presented to Paul Reich and Michelle Dejno.

Dave Wollangk was presented with the Jack R. Grist club service award for his long and extensive dedication to the club.

Neenah Rotary Strive scholarships were presented to Jarvelle Crawford, Jayden East, Abigail Hill and Kalia Vanschindel, all Neenah High School seniors.

Rotary "Areas of Focus" scholarships are awarded to students who plan to pursue a career in one of Rotary International's areas of focus: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation,

saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies and protecting the environment. Scholarships were presented to Leah Kodama-Forget, Sophia Nedens and Keira Tech of Neenah High School, and Shruti Chakrapani of St. Mary Catholic High School.

The Dan Johnson scholarship for students who have demonstrated high academic achievement, community involvement and high moral character went to Alayna Birch, Neenah High School; and Chloe Vogel, St. Mary Catholic High School.

Jack Casper Service Above Self scholarship recipients, who are nominated by their high school and selected by a panel of club members, were Parker DeDecker of Neenah High School, and Shruti Chakrapani and Maria Argueta of St. Mary Catholic High School.

## Local college graduates

The following Neenah residents received college degrees this spring at state and other Midwest schools.

### University of Wisconsin-Madison

Gabriel Alexander, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Computer Sciences

Ava Asbury, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Biomedical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering

Krista Baumgartner, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Biology, Graduated with Distinction

Anna Beyer, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business: Finance, Investment and Banking, Business: Management and Human Resources, Business: Risk Management and Insurance, Graduated with Distinction

Carston Chancellor, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Botany, French, Graduated with Distinction

Mariama Corr, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Biology

Brandon Cortez, College of Engineering, Master of Science-Electrical & Computer Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Colin Enz, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business: Accounting, Business: Finance, Investment and Banking

Maxwell Fredrich, School of Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy, Pharmacy

Mason Gauthier, School of Education, Bachelor of Science-Education, Spanish, Graduated with Distinction

Ronnie Grow, School of Business, Mas-

ter of Business Administration, Business: General Management

Cailin Inman, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Graduated with Distinction

Gary Kilgas, School of Education, Doctor of Philosophy, Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis

Mark Londre, School of Business, Master of Business Administration, Business: General Management

Julianna Miller, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science, Genetics and Genomics

Jonathan Moskal, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Computer Engineering, Computer Engineering, Graduated with Distinction

Laura Reade, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Economics

Katelyn Roloff, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Graduated with Distinction

Bronte Rosenbluh, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science, Genetics and Genomics

Max Schneider, School of Education, Bachelor of Science-Kinesiology, Kinesiology

Ryan Strandberg, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, Neurobiology, Graduated with Distinction

John Terlap, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry

### UW-Stout

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Alexander Van Lieshout, MS Risk Control and Safety Management

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# Calendar of events

**Friday, Aug. 4**

Summer Sale, 10 a.m., downtown

**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

**Monday, Aug. 7**

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

**Tuesday, Aug. 8**

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

**Wednesday, Aug. 9**

Murphy's Law, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

**Thursday, Aug. 10**

Out to Lunch Concert with Randy Peterson, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park  
 Friend of Neenah Public Library Book Sale, 10 a.m., Neenah Public Library  
 Community Block Party, 4 p.m., Neenah-Menasha YMCA, 110 N. Water St.

Ground Round Live Music Series: Stewart Ellyson, 6 p.m., 1010 Cameron Way

**Saturday, Aug. 12**

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park  
 Furry Flurry, Neenah Animal Shelter Walk for Pets, 8 a.m., Riverside Park  
 Glass Arts Festival, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

**Sunday, Aug. 13**

Family Days at the Octagon House, 11 a.m., 343 Smith St.

**Monday, Aug. 14**

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

**Tuesday, Aug. 15**

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

**Wednesday, Aug. 16**

Copper Box, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

**Thursday, Aug. 17**

Out to Lunch Concert with Danville Folk, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park  
 Ground Round Live Music Series: Scott Dercks, 6 p.m., 1010 Cameron Way

**Saturday, Aug. 19**

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park  
 Neenah-Menasha Elks Lodge corn roast, 3 p.m., Doty Island

## Shattuck site

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The district has received several recent offers on the property. Lakeside Development offered \$1.3 million, Versatile Management offered \$600,000 and Investment Creations offered \$1 more than the previously accepted offer from Northpointe. It was noted at Tuesday's meeting that Northpointe's offer remains viable after the developer resubmitted it a month ago.

The district's selling points appear to be in relation to whether the Shattuck building will be restored or demolished and whether the Health and Wellness Center can continue operating from the site. In a memo, the district noted that moving the center would cost an estimated \$900,000 in relocation expenses.

According to a comparison submitted at the meeting:

Lakeside's plan would see the historic school demolished and 87 single-family homes constructed at the site. The district would be required to move the Wellness

Center. The sale comes with the contingency of obtaining developer-funded tax incremental financing totaling about \$2.6 million.

Versatile's plan includes remodeling Shattuck and constructing 55 to 65 single-family homes. The Wellness Center would remain in place, with the district paying \$6,000 per year including utilities. The sale comes with the contingency that a new map would be drawn of the property, zoning changes for the church and that the Wellness Center's continued operation be approved by the city.

Northpointe's plan would include 49 single-family homes and 89 apartments inside Shattuck. The Wellness Center would remain in place, with the district paying \$1 per year plus operational costs. The plan includes a rezoning contingency including the Wellness Center.

Investment Creations' plan involves constructing 50 to 60 single-family homes and 34 to 48 apartments inside Shattuck. The Wellness Center would remain in place under the same terms as the Northpointe offer. It includes a contingency that the Wellness Center is approved by the city because the

current zoning doesn't allow it to operate individually if it's not under the school umbrella.

The district is recommending the sale of Shattuck to Investment Creations, with Northpointe's offer in a secondary position.

Sheikh wrote in a letter to the school board that he believes in recycling and reusing historic buildings rather than filling up landfills.

"I believe in the continued use of existing structures and I think this old school still has a lot left to give to our community – it just needs some love," he said.

Nine members of the public spoke at the board meeting, with the majority telling the board to accept the Lakeside offer because it's the "better offer."

Resident Tamara Hasz, who previously submitted an offer to purchase Shattuck but whose offer was not included in the sale comparison, accused the board of being sexist for not accepting her offer.

"And I don't appreciate it and neither do the other representatives and people who've signed petitions telling you we don't want apartments; we don't want rentals in

our neighborhood; we want single-family homes," she said. "And I agree, the math works. Put single-family homes in here, people who are productive for our community who can actually help this school district instead of driving it and the community into the ground."

Superintendent Mary Pfeiffer noted Investment Creations' offer comes with only one contingency of the Wellness Center being in that space.

"Let's say the city in their next meeting would say the Wellness Center can stay at Shattuck – in the Shattuck building – that would be a done deal," she said. "There's no contingency other than that."

She added that Lakeside's offer comes with the contingency that the developer would have to gain access to tax incremental financing, which can take a long period of time. She said Lakeside's offer of \$1.3 million is not a savings to taxpayers and the estimated cost of building a new Wellness Center continues to rise significantly.

The board is expected to vote on whether to sell the site to Investment Creations at its Aug. 15 meeting.



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## Local history revisited

A crowd gathers at Oak Hill Cemetery on July 27 to hear the story of early area settlers George and Polly Mansur. The Mansurs were portrayed by Sarah Bauer and Ron Klatt for the Neenah Historical Society's annual Cemetery Walk.

## Health team

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Paula Morgen, director of ThedaCare community health improvement, said it was clear the youth were aware of the negatives of social media, but seemed to accept those risks as part of the cost of staying connected. She noted the younger youth were more concerned about bullying and fear of missing out, whereas the young adults seemed more focused on social media's long-term impact on younger kids.

"They provided some concrete ideas about things to discuss during our fall plunges with community leaders, and we'll engage some of those youth to be part of our plunge days," Morgen said. "We will definitely take their advice as we structure the plunge experience for our CHAT groups in each community."

ThedaCare conducts Community Health Needs Assessments every three years in each region where a hospital is located. CHAT teams have hosted plunges on drug and alcohol addiction, the adverse

effects of childhood trauma, lack of transportation services in an area and isolation of farm families.

About a week after the plunge, the ThedaCare team reconvenes the participants to discuss what they experienced.

"We talk about what we learned, the assets we can build on and where there are gaps in services that we could address," Morgen said. "The firsthand experience of the plunge inspires people to want to be part of the solution."

In years past, each CHAT team identified a plunge topic for its community, resulting in up to six different plunge topics happening simultaneously. Morgen said the focus going forward will be on a single health concern common to all communities.

"We hope the new structure will create more shared learning across all the communities," she said.

"We hope the outcomes will have a positive benefit for the mental health of youth in all the communities we serve, and provide some guidelines for parents as they monitor their child's social media use."

## Regional medical equipment locker opens

Ten area Lions Clubs known collectively as the Fox Valley Lions will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5 p.m. Wednesday to open the MJ Tassoul Memorial Medical Equipment Loan Locker at 312 W. Northland Ave. in Appleton.

Leadership from each of the clubs – Appleton Evening, Appleton Noon, Freedom, Greenville Men, Greenville Women, Heart of the Valley, Kaukauna, Larsen-Winchester, Neenah and Sherwood – will be invited along with Lions district governors, past district governors, first vice district governors and zone chairs.

The medical equipment loan locker will offer new and used medical equipment and supplies in one place that can be loaned at no charge to those who have a need.

The nonprofit organization will operate the locker with volunteers from each of the clubs and community members. Donations are welcome and are used to help replace worn equipment and fund operations and community projects.

The regional effort is patterned after the existing Larsen-Winchester Lions Club loan locker, which has been operating in some form since 1984.

## New tool helps locate affordable Internet service

The state has launched the Internet Discount Finder website ([apps.psc.wi.gov/InternetDiscountFinder](https://apps.psc.wi.gov/InternetDiscountFinder)) to help households find free and discounted internet service available to eligible residents.

The Internet Discount Finder matches residents to low-cost home internet service and discount programs by entering their address and identifying eligibility criteria. The tool will show available plans and describe next steps for enrollment

in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP helps eligible households get a discount of up to \$30 per month for broadband service and internet connected devices.

Support is available for individuals who cannot access the Internet Discount Finder website, including the Wisconsin Internet and Phone Helpline at 608-267-3595, Affordable Connectivity Program at 877-384-2575 and Wisconsin 2-1-1.

## Public library calendar

- Aug. 6**  
1 pm: LEGOs in the Library (ages 5+)
- Aug. 8**  
7 pm: The Next Chapter
- Aug. 9**  
12:30 pm: Tween Scene: DIY Lava Lamps
- Aug. 10**  
10 am -7:30 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale  
5:30 pm: Open Chess Night  
5:30 pm: Mah Jongg Meetup  
6 pm: Ukulele Open Jam
- Aug. 11**  
10 am 5:30 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale
- Aug. 12**  
10:30 am – 3:30 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale \$5 Bag Day
- Aug. 13**  
Noon to 4 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale Free Day
- Aug. 14**  
9 am – 9 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale Free Day  
1 pm: Monday Matinee: Book Club: "The Next Chapter" (PG-13)  
7 pm: Short Story Night at Lion's Tail Brewing Co.
- Aug. 15**  
4 pm: Library Board meeting
- Aug. 16**  
10 am – 7:30 p m: Friends of the Library Book Sale
- 5:30 pm: Open Chess Night  
5:30 pm: Mah Jongg Meetup  
6 pm: Ukulele Open Jam
- Aug. 18**  
6:30 am: Sunrise Yoga  
10 am: Storytime for Everyone at Valley VNA Senior Care  
10 am – 5:30 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale
- Aug. 19**  
10:30 am – 3:30 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale \$5 Bag Day
- Aug. 20**  
Noon to 4 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale Free Day  
1 pm: LEGOs in the Library (ages 5+)
- Aug. 21**  
9 am – 9 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale Free Day  
1:30 pm: Memory Cafe at Valley VNA  
6:30 pm: Not Quite Cozy Mystery Book Club: "Every Last Fear" by Alex Finlay
- Aug. 24**  
5:30 pm: Open Chess Night  
5:30 pm: Mah Jongg Meetup  
6 pm: Ukulele Open Jam
- Aug. 25**  
10 am: MMBK: "Malibu Rising"
- Aug. 29**  
6:30 pm: Movie Talks: "A Fish Called Wanda"
- Aug. 31**  
5:30 pm: Open Chess Night  
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# Plenty of new greet Rocket, Zephyr football teams

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

The start of the high school football season always brings a little bit of new to those participating.

New players in new positions and sometimes new coaches on the staff give teams a different look from the previous year.

For the Neenah and St. Mary Catholic programs, the official start to the season on Tuesday came with a whole lot of new.

For the Rockets, it was getting their first taste of the new Rocket Stadium as well as running their first practices at 500 Rocket Way.

"It was a little bit extra special just because of the facilities that we are in," Neenah head coach Steve Jung said. "There was a different level of excitement, just starting with the kids coming in the morning for equipment handout. I think every kid was at the school 20 minutes early and that has never happened."

Jung was especially happy to get out on the new turf at Rocket Stadium, instead of dealing with the grass practice fields at the old high school.

"It's been a dry summer so the grass fields are hard and not to have to practice on super hard ground, that has been a bonus. Now we are practicing on a nice, soft practice field," Jung said. "It's also nice not worrying about having to move all around

so we don't kill the grass we are practicing on."

For the Zephyrs, the new taste did have a bit of an old flavor as the program returns to 11-player football for the first time since the 2018 campaign. St. Mary Catholic had been playing 8-player football the last four seasons.

"The structure of our practices are pretty much the same but obviously the material is different," said head coach Josh Young. "The one thing that will be a little bit of a challenge is working in some of the kids who end up playing both ways some this year. We didn't have to worry about that (in 8-player). This year we are going to take advantage of some of our athletic upperclassmen and have them pull some double duty to help out a little bit.

Young said that the program welcomed 53 players to equipment handout and the opening practice on Tuesday, which is similar to the numbers the program sported the past couple of seasons.

The difference is that all of the players attend St. Mary Catholic as the program did not renew its co-op with Valley Christian after last season.

"The cool thing with it just being us, having such a high number of kids means we pulled those kids from our school versus getting the eight or nine kids from the

co-op," Young said. "It's kind of a return back to the way it used to be. It's just different from the fact that we are not dealing with another school's schedule or worrying about kids having to commute here."

Despite all that is new with both programs, the game plan and expectations for the first week are pretty much the same for both programs – who were a combined 17-2 a year ago.

The plan for the first week is all about putting in the work.

"The No. 1 thing is that we have all the kids in the right spots and answer a few of our questions of where we are going to place our kids," Jung said. "Then secondly, that they really start learning to get good

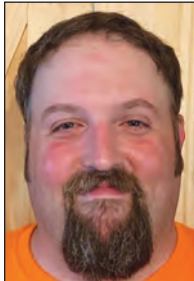
at their craft and techniques. The players need to understand their role, their place in our offense and defense."

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Young

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