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Industrial park project approved

TIF will be used to help Checker Logistics site

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A \$24 million development is coming to the Southpark Industrial Center, with the first phase of construction expected to be complete early next year.

Checker Logistics provides trucking transportation services at 1725 Dixie Road. Community Development Director Chris Haese said for the past two years city staff has been collaborating with the company on a new distribution facility on city-owned land across the street.

Checker Logistics plans to purchase two parcels from the city amounting to 32 acres at 1712 Dixie Road. The land has been marketed for sale for more than 20 years. Within the planned development area is a property at 1730 Dixie Road owned by Timothy and Kathleen Frater.

Haese said staff recently came to an agreement to purchase the Frater's property to incorporate into the development site and maximize its value. While county records show the fair market value for the parcel is \$207,600, the city is purchasing it for \$800,000.

"But certainly what we are paying is significantly above what a property like that would be worth," Haese said, adding there have been ongoing challenges in getting the property owners to sell. The

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Eclipse excitement

Monday's solar eclipse drew spectators, including Arpi Ivanics, to downtown Neenah to view the moon obscuring 85% of the sun. The next total eclipse in the continental U.S. will occur Aug. 23, 2044.

Fox Crossing primed for future business growth

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Location. Location. Location. That's the key to success in real estate, and for Fox Crossing it's the same when it comes to its economic development.

The village is already home to three large medical providers along American Drive — NeuroScience Group, Wisconsin Institute of Urology and Orthopedic Sports Medicine Specialists — and two large corporate headquarters — Community First Credit Union and Secura.

George Dearborn, director of community development for Fox Crossing, said tax incremental districts were key to those developments and that the village

continues to work on filling its few vacant properties and attracting developers to its available land.

"We're an attractive location. We have several recreation trails, which businesses like, and good highway access off U.S. 41 and Highway 10," Dearborn said.

The village's newest development is Homestead Dental, which is along American Drive near Evergreen Credit Union.

"We're excited about adding another business to our community," Dearborn said.

Several parcels of vacant land available for sale west of Community First are ready to be developed, according to Dearborn, who said the key is finding the right busi-

nesses for those locations.

In addition to Secura and Community First, the village is home to several other large employers, including Kimberly-Clark Corp., Pierce Manufacturing and WOW Logistics.

"For a small village, we are home to a lot of big companies," Dearborn said.

Fox Crossing currently is seeking tenants for the former SCA office building visible from U.S. 10 and Kimberly-Clark's Lake Street building situated on Little Lake Butte des Morts.

"We are trying to find new uses for the sites, but there is not a big demand right

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Closer look

Created in 2016 through a referendum, the village of Fox Crossing is the area's newest municipality. The village mirrors the borders of the former Town of Menasha. Fox Crossing has a population of 18,974* and has residents on both sides of Little Lake Butte des Morts. The west side of the village is in the Neenah School District while residents on the east side of the lake reside in the Menasha School District.

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Urban Market prepares for outdoor cafe

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The Urban Market grocery store recently opened its doors in Neenah and the downtown business is seeking consent to install a sidewalk cafe.

Urban Market is owned by Rich and Kimberly Van Sistine and managed by Spencer and Anna Anvelink. Its grocery store officially opened last month with hours Tuesday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The city's only downtown grocery store features more than 700 naturally based and locally sourced products, including Thunderbird Bakery bread and Whisk & Arrow macarons. It also sells beverages including wine, specialty beers and cocktails.

With the grocery store open, Urban Market wrote on social media that it's fine-tuning the menu and preparing for the grand opening of the cafe side.

The Van Sistines are requesting site plan approval for a sidewalk cafe at the northwest corner of West Wisconsin Avenue and Church Street and to be able to serve alcohol in those areas.



City of Neenah photo

The area near Urban Market will become an outdoor sidewalk cafe with seating areas pending city approval.

The site plan was reviewed by the Plan Commission Tuesday and will now head to the Public Services and Safety Commission and Common Council for final

approval.

"We are so excited to officially be open and a part of the amazing downtown community," Urban Market wrote.

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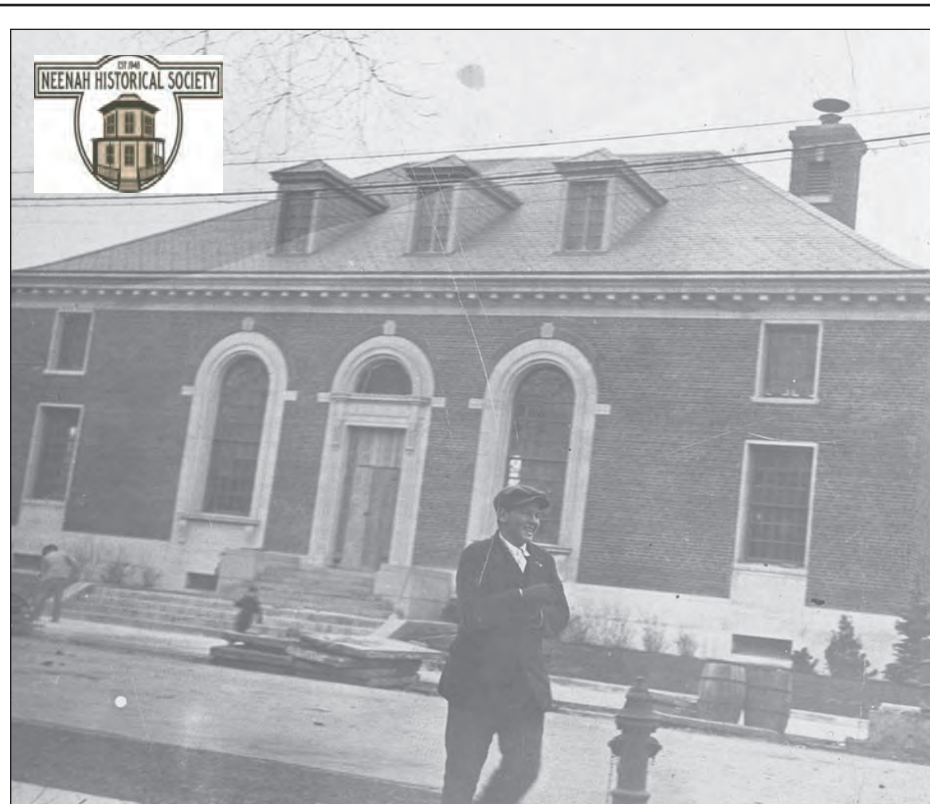
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Old Post Office

The building known as the "Old Post Office" was constructed between 1916-18 and operated as the city of Neenah Post Office until the current building was constructed in 1966. The two-story, neoclassical building features brick and limestone with stilted arch windows flanking an identical arched entryway. Located at 307 Commercial St., it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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City sidewalk plan brings pushback from residents

Residents say proposal excludes parking space

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Sidewalks on Baldwin Street and Plummer Court were contentious issues at last week's Neenah Common Council meeting, drawing pushback from residents before they were approved.

About six residents who live on Baldwin Street spoke at the meeting, opposing the city's plan to install sidewalks on both sides of the street. They also turned in a petition signed by neighboring homeowners against the proposal.

Their arguments included that they would have nowhere to park, that the sidewalks would cause an increase in property taxes and home insurance, that they don't want to maintain them and the street has a speeding problem that could be exacerbated if drivers aren't required to slow down for pedestrians who would be on sidewalks instead of the street.

Two residents said they recently paid \$9,000 and \$10,000 to widen their driveways to meet city guidelines and said the space is now being taken from them. Concerns included that vehicles will hang over the sidewalks and if they park in the street they may be damaged or vandalized. In addition, they pointed out that street parking overnight is prohibited in winter.

While most of the street is residential, Baldwin Park takes up a quarter-mile stretch of the western portion of the street. Some residents requested the city only install a sidewalk on that side.

Although all the Baldwin Street residents in attendance spoke against the sidewalks, Plummer Court resident Jim Spranger spoke in favor of installing them on the south end of his street to South Green Bay Road, noting the area has heavy traffic at times with excessive speeds.

"I think having a sidewalk provides greater safety for pedestrians, both children and adults, which there are plenty of on that street," he said. "And we do certainly understand the impact that it can have on properties that already exist that

don't have sidewalks, but we believe that it's beneficial in the long-term interests of the city."

Public Works Director Gerry Kaiser took up some of the Baldwin Street residents' concerns at the meeting. He said there may not be a complete understanding of where the property line is and the city's jurisdiction in the right of way, which is outside of the property.

"But there shouldn't necessarily be an assumption that parking outside of that area in the right of way is going to work in the long term," he said.

As far as adding sidewalks to only the west side of Baldwin, he said the benefits diminish when sidewalks are only placed on one side.

"Because now we create that attraction to cross the street in the midblock crossings to get to the point where the sidewalk is across from them," he said.

Community Development Director Chris Haese said that property assessments do not change due to the addition of a sidewalk, indicating property taxes would not increase based on that.

Previously, homeowners in the city could be billed thousands for special assessments such as sidewalks. In 2019, the city implemented a transportation assessment replacement fee (TARF). Owners of single-family residences are billed a \$40 quarterly TARF, which goes to sidewalk and street work projects.

One topic of discussion at both the March Public Works meeting and last week's council meeting was the city's process for notifying residents of sidewalk and street work projects. With the establishment of the TARF, notices to



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The city is moving forward on installing sidewalks on Baldwin Street, including the area shown, and on Plummer Court.

residents of affected properties are not required.

Alderman Todd Stevenson, who was at his final council meeting before retiring from public service, requested that the city re-evaluate its notification process for capital projects.

"If after 34 years I have one issue that I'm looking forward to not having to deal with, it's sidewalks," he said. "Because no

one wants them. I thought we got rid of it when we said we'd pay for it – that wasn't the case. We'll pay for the sidewalk and they still don't want them."

The council voted 4-2 to move forward on the sidewalks by awarding a contract for \$537,225 to Jim Fischer Inc. Stevenson and Kathie Boyette voted against the measure. Baldwin residents stormed out of the council chambers after the vote.



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Baldwin Street homeowners who park in the right of way expressed concerns last week that the planned installation of sidewalks will eliminate parking options.



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Child prostitution case goes to trial

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An Appleton man faces charges after police say he enticed minor girls, solicited prostitution and sexually assaulted them.

Jordan Villagomez is charged in Winnebago County Circuit Court with child enticement prostitution, using a computer to facilitate a sex crime, four counts of soliciting intimate representation from a minor and two counts each of child enticement sexual contact, second-degree sexual assault of a child and soliciting a child for prostitution.

According to the criminal complaint, Fox Crossing police spoke with an anonymous tipster in February who wanted to report that a high school girl had been sending nude photographs and engaging in sexual activity with Villagomez, who is 22. The person alleged that 10 to 20 young girls were connected with him and expressed concern that he was grooming juvenile females.

A detective met with a 15-year-old girl who reported she met Villagomez through a friend and he pays girls to send nude pictures to him and have sex with him. The

victim alleged that she began sending nude photos to Villagomez when she was 14 and he would pay her \$10 per picture. On some occasions Villagomez would allegedly pick the girl up from her Fox Crossing home and pay her \$40 to make out with him.

A second 16-year-old victim was subsequently interviewed and reported she met Villagomez when she was 12 and he was working at a trampoline park. She began sending him nude photos when she was 13 and he paid her \$10 per picture. She said Villagomez would occasionally pick her up and when she was 15 began participating in sexual activity with him. She also introduced Villagomez to some of her friends who were interested in making money.

Another 16-year-old girl told detectives Villagomez offered to pay her for nude photos but she denied sending any to him. A fourth said she learned of Villagomez from a friend who was sending him photos for money. The girl began sending him photos when she was 15 and when she was 16 documents say he allegedly paid her \$200 for sex.

Documents say most of the sexual contact with minors took place in the city and town of Neenah. During Villagomez's arrest, documents say a detective asked him if he knew why he was there and he responded, "just about, I guess, pictures and what not so, I guess it was going to come at some point."

Fox Crossing community liaison officer Daniel Wiechman said with the investigation involving underage victims police cannot elaborate on the details of the case, "but the detective handling the case is continuing to look at the evidence available to us to determine whether or not we may be looking to identify additional victims."

Wiechman provided the following tips for parents to protect their children from sexual predators:

- Teach your children and young teens about healthy relationships.
- Inform youth of the dangers of online exploitation and overall internet safety.
- Remind them of who the trusted adults are in their families and community to turn to if facing hardships or pressures from someone.

- Be connected and open with the online and cellular activity. A juvenile's phone/tablet/PC is a privilege, not a right, and there are many apps that allow parents to monitor their online behavior and prevent them from accessing dangerous apps, websites and places they should not visit.

Villagomez remains in jail on a \$40,000 cash bond. Wisconsin requires the full cash bond paid in order for a defendant to be released while awaiting trial. A judge denied a request made by Villagomez's attorney to decrease the bond amount last week. The case is set for a jury trial in October.

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Common Council honors two departing aldermen

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The Neenah Common Council honored two aldermen who are stepping down from city service at a meeting last week.

District 1 Alderman John S kyrms didn't seek re-election after one term and District 3 Alderman Todd Stevenson is retiring after holding the seat for 34 years.



S kyrms

District 3 Alderman Lee Hillstrom thanked S kyrms for all the work and detail he put into decision making. Mayor Jane Lang said it has been an honor and a privilege to work with S kyrms over the past four years.



Stevenson

"His calm and thoughtful approach to issues has been so very much appreciated," she said. "John clearly has epitomized the definition of statesman, being one who 'exhibits great wisdom and ability in directing the affairs of government.'"

S kyrms said it takes time, energy and guts to run for public office and it's been an honor to represent the city.

"I'm grateful for the trust that's been placed in me," he said. "I've been humbled by the support of the council, Mayor Kaufert, Mayor Lang, the department heads, city staff, community leaders (and) residents of Neenah."

During the public comment portion of the meeting, former mayor Dean Kaufert spoke extensively of his appreciation for Stevenson, who he went to

high school with and served alongside on the council.

"This community owes you a great amount of admiration and thank you," he said. "You've been doing this a long time. You've made a difference. We're going to miss your thoughtfulness on this council."

Hillstrom said Stevenson's city service added up to more than 2,000 council and committee meetings.

"Your leadership and knowledge in how and why our council work is done in certain ways can't be replaced by any of us currently sitting on this council," he said. "So many times your explanations have guided us through decisions we need to make."

Lang said there is no way to adequately convey all that Stevenson has done for the community over the past 34 years.

"Todd has shown great generosity with his time and energy and for that we are extremely grateful to not only him, but also to his wonderful wife Nancy and his entire family," Lang said.

Stevenson closed his final night on the council by reading a statement he wrote 20 years ago, but said is still true today.

"It is indeed an honor to serve with people who recognize the role we play in leading this city and carry out that role in such a professional manner," he said in part. "This council will study the issues, ask the tough questions, demand quality in the answer, debate, disagree, and ultimately vote, all within an arena of respect that is unique to this city. Agree or disagree, we will always respect each other."

S kyrms and Stevenson will be replaced by Mark Ellis and William Pollnow Jr., who will be sworn in at an organizational meeting Tuesday.

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Robotic assistance added to ThedaCare nursing units

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ThedaCare Regional Medical Center nursing units in Neenah have added a pair of robots to help support care teams in the first such use of the Moxi service units in Wisconsin.

Grace Gonzalez, vice president of nursing for ThedaCare's South Region, said the goal is "keeping our teammates at the bedside" by delivering labs, pharmacy medications and carrying patient belongings.

"This allows (the health care team) time to stay in the area in which they're specialized," she said, "whether that be at the bedside for patient care, whether that be in the lab running tests, or whether that be in the pharmacy."

Designed and created by Diligent Robotics in Austin, Texas, the Moxi robot pair uses machine learning technology and an array of sensors to map the hospital and use their mechanized arms to navigate and access multiple types of doors. The mobile bases have different sized and locked drawers that nurses use to fetch supplies, deliver lab samples, pick up medicines from the pharmacy and other tasks.

Gonzalez said the care staff work with Moxi units through kiosks at nursing stations to request the robots and set up tasks.

"We had a superuser training – they're called Moxi Mobilizers – where those team members get together and be hands on, and they also go back to their unit and teach them how to use it," she said, adding that Diligent Robotics has been on site for staff support.

After six weeks at ThedaCare, Moxi made more than 1,200 total deliveries in about 630 hours of work, with telemetry, pharmacy and laboratory locations among its most frequent deliveries.



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Moxi service units are in place at ThedaCare in Neenah to help with fetching and gathering supplies.

"It has been incredibly exciting to see this project implemented at our hospital," Gonzalez said. "In just the first couple of weeks since Moxi was introduced to the staff, we are already seeing the impact it is making on our team's efficiency."

Moxi's core technical features are described as social intelligence (opening elevators and doors while designed to avoid people or objects), mobile manipulation (gaining access across the hospital facility) and human-guided learning from team members and the specific environment.

"What we have seen is that nurses can spend an astonishing 30% of their time fetching and gathering supplies," said Dr. Andrea Thomaz, co-founder of Diligent Robotics. "That's a lot of time that could be spent with patients, so we designed Moxi to be a good teammate for nurses and health care workers."

ThedaCare pays for the service as a subscription model based on how much Moxi works. The robot pair work simultaneously and are evaluated every two weeks, according to Gonzalez, which will help determine whether more of the units will be added.





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Animal shelter progress

Progress is shown at 2475 Progress Court on the future home of the Neenah Animal Shelter expected to be completed by July. The 6,000-square-foot facility is situated on 3.5 acres donated by John Bergstrom of Bergstrom Automotive and will serve animals in the community for decades to come.

New North Hires Heroes program offered

New North Hires Heroes invites the public to learn more about military and veteran specific hiring and retention strategies with its inaugural virtual meeting from noon to 1 p.m. April 23.

Guest speaker for the Zoom event will be Timothy La Sage, military affairs manager of the business development team for WPS Health Solutions' military hiring program. The U.S. Marine Corps first sergeant is a native of Sussex who served in the military from 1993-2015. He is also president of the Wisconsin Purple Heart Riders national motorcycle club.

In partnership with the Wisconsin Vet-

erans Chamber of Commerce and Department of Workforce Development's Office of Veteran Employment Services, New North Hires Heroes seeks to create a network of veteran-ready businesses in the New North region.

Contact Rebecca Deschane at rebecca.deschane@thenewnorth.com or go to thenewnorth.com for more information and for the Zoom meeting link. The group's next session is set for Oct. 22.

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Neenah senior receives Herb Kohl scholarship

Neenah High School senior Aubrey Oitzinger has been selected as a Herb Kohl Excellence Scholarship recipient, given to students who have demonstrated academic excellence and initiative with a broad range of activity and leadership in their community.

Oitzinger, one of 187 students selected statewide, will receive a \$10,000 award. The daughter of Ben and Michelle Oitzinger, she carries a 4.0 grade point average and participates in band, show choir, golf, curling and softball.

Award recipients are selected by a com-

mittee composed of civic leaders and representatives of education-related associations and the program's co-sponsors: Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, state Department of Public Instruction, regional Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESA), the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, and the Wisconsin Homeschooling Parents Association.

The Kohl Foundation program was established by Herb Kohl, former U.S. senator, philanthropist and businessman, who died Dec. 27.

Calendar of events

W. American Drive, Fox Crossing

Saturday, April 20

Charleyville 2024, 6 p.m., Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.

Sunday, April 21

PP3: Kenny James Live event, 2 p.m., Lucky Dog's, 157 S. Green Bay Road

Sunday, April 21

Lawrence University student jazz quintet, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Monday, April 22

Earth Day Cleanup, 9 a.m., Fox West YMCA

Tuesday, April 23

Author John Harmon: "From the Heart: The Story of Matrix," 7 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Thursday, April 25

Neenah-Menasha Emergency Society Kitchen Tour, 10 a.m., five local homes

Friday, April 26

Irish Road Rummage Sale, 8 a.m., various locations

Mitch McVicker, 7 p.m., Faith Global Methodist, 1025 Tullar Road

Friday, April 12

B.D. Greer, 7 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive, Fox Crossing

Saturday, April 13

Brews with the Bunny, 5 p.m., Fritsch Park, Fox Crossing

Joe Sly, 7 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive, Fox Crossing

Sunday, April 14

Lawrence University student jazz quintet, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Thursday, April 18

Shop & Stroll - Spring Edition, 4 p.m., downtown Neenah

Neenah Historical Society program: Orville Babcock: Scoundrel or Scapegoat?, 7 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Friday, April 19

Jennifer & Kate, 7 p.m., Xe 54, 1350



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This site at 1730 Dixie Road has been purchased by the city to incorporate into a larger development expected to be underway later this year.

Industrial park

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Fraters have a year to vacate the site.

That property was recently annexed from the Town of Neenah to the city in anticipation of the city's purchase. The buildings will be razed and site cleared by Checker Logistics and incorporated into its second phase of development.

The city's plan is to create a tax incremental financing (TIF) district for the site. TIF is an economic development tool where tax revenue generated from the incremental property value created within the district is used by a community to pay back into its investment made within that district. Partnering jurisdictions only collect revenue on the base value of the property until the investment is repaid.

Through TIF 13, the city will provide a maximum total of \$1.6 million in annual assistance over 12 years. Haese said the TIF will allow the city to recapture its investment in the 1730 Dixie Road parcel with the first phase of development, which includes a 300,000-square-foot building estimated to bring \$12 million in value.

The development agreement calls for the second phase to begin in 2026, but Haese noted construction could begin as early as this fall. The final site will expand the initial building into a 600,000-square-foot distribution center expected to bring more than 50 jobs to the area.

Checker Logistics is purchasing the land from the city for \$920,000, which will include the 1730 Dixie Road parcel that the city will transfer at no cost. If the development doesn't move forward, it's written into the agreement that Checker Logistics will reimburse the city the \$800,000 spent on acquisition.

An environmental assessment was completed on the 1730 Dixie Road parcel as part of the pending acquisition,

which identified several areas of concern. Haese said that due to the possibility of discovering environmental issues, staff is invoking a Local Governmental Unit exemption by declaring the property blighted.

The exemption removes liability from the city for investigating or cleaning up hazardous substances, including contaminated soil and groundwater, as long as the city meets several conditions, including taking actions to reduce any substantial threats if the property will be used.

The site is expected to meet the conditions under state statute for determining a property as blighted. Cited in a memo was that the age and dimensional characteristics of the building are inconsistent with standards for an industrial property. In addition, the lot layout is considered faulty and inefficient for overall development.

Another challenge is poor drainage and grading leading to ponding surface water and the creation of wetland areas that will further impact development.

Haese noted that designating the property as blighted is an extra precautionary step that may not even be necessary, "but to give the highest level of protection to the city is to do this."

The Community Development Authority voted unanimously last week to declare the property blighted.

The city will cover the first \$25,000 of environmental mitigation and any mitigation costs between \$25,000 and \$60,000 will be split by the city and Checker Logistics. The closing and property transfer are expected to take place by June 1.

According to the city, the Checker Logistics' development would not occur without TIF assistance.

"The city desires to encourage economic development, including the elimination of slum and blight, expand its tax base, and create new jobs within the city, the district and the property," the development agreement states.

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Homestead Dental is one of the new businesses along American Drive in Fox Crossing.

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now for commercial office space, but we continue to explore options," Dearborn said.

A property at 2225 American Drive is being converted by its owner, an affiliate of Phoenix Investors of Milwaukee, into a large self-storage facility. With about 65,000 square feet of rental space, Phoenix plans to add 600 units to the property using the name Store Here Self Storage. The facility will also have more than 100,000 square feet of recreational vehicle and boat storage, along with several executive office suites.

Clearwater Paper's empty building is also being converted into storage.

Fox Crossing is also home to the new Neenah High School that opened last fall.

The village annexed the 222-acre site from the Town of Neenah. The school district has two parcels of land in the village for sale that it no longer needs now that the high school is built.

Dearborn said one of the parcels may be used for a small subdivision. He said the village is running out of room for additional housing so using that land for homes is a good idea.

"We pride ourselves on having some of the lowest tax rates in the area. We are also open to smaller lots and smaller homes," he said. "Overall home prices keep going up, so we want to encourage more affordable housing."

Outward expansion is limited, said Dearborn, adding Fox Crossing is surrounded by other municipalities, including the Town of Clayton, which it signed a 10-year agreement with to not annex any land. Eight years remain on that deal.

Purple Up! cites children of military parents

To show children of military parents gratitude and recognize their bravery, April is dedicated as Military Child Appreciation Month, officially known as the Month of the Military Child.

There is also a specific day to honor them — Purple Up! Day — set for April 15 when people are encouraged to wear purple as a symbol of support for military children.

Purple symbolizes the combined colors of the branches of the U.S. military.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 33 Neenah will celebrate military children from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday (today) at The Dome, 1338 S. Commercial St., during the Friday fish fry dinner service.

Unit 33 members will be handing out purple ribbons and wearing purple on Monday.



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Art of wood

JC and Sandy Newcombe of Neenah display his woodworking at the annual Altrusa International Art in the Garden show Saturday in Oshkosh. His pieces are sold under Wood Creations by JC.

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The Neenah High School girls powerlifting team celebrated its second straight national title in the raw division at the national powerlifting meet in Baton Rouge, La., over the weekend.

Neenah girls win second straight national powerlifting crown

Neenah High School's girls powerlifting team defended its national championship in the raw division at the National High School Powerlifting championships in Baton Rouge, La. It marks the 11th national powerlifting title in school history.

The boys and girls combined raw and equipped teams both placed national runner-up and the boys raw team placed fifth.

Bri Ankerson won her second straight national title and was Neenah's lone individual champion. The Rockets had three national runners-up, coming from Rylee Ehlke, Evan Cardoza and Ava Meyer. Carson Harwood added a fourth-place finish and Myah Wenzel placed fifth. Ethan Dietz and Gavin Downs were each sixth place in their respective weight classes.

Prep sports roundup

SOFTBALL

Neenah pulls out win over Oshkosh North

Kyleigh Mathe scattered seven hits and struck out seven in a complete-game effort to lead Neenah to a 3-1 win over Oshkosh North on Tuesday.

Mathe did not walk a batter in the game and allowed only a single run in the fourth inning to earn the win.

The offense backed Mathe with 10 hits including two each from Bella Coulman, Olivia McNulty, Taryn Bauer and Paige Zipperer. Coulman scored a pair of runs in the game, while McNulty, Bauer and Tatum West each picked up RBIs.

Neenah, which improved to 2-0 overall on the season, scored in the top of the first to take the lead and then made it 2-0 with a run in the top of the fourth. After North narrowed the gap to one, the Rockets added an insurance run in the sixth for the final margin.

Rough inning stings

Zephyrs in loss to Wolves

St. Mary Catholic held a one-run lead until the top of the sixth inning when Hilbert erupted for five runs to claim a 6-2 win in Big East North action Monday.

Adel Schneider went 2-for-4 and scored both runs for the Zephyrs, who totaled five hits in the game. Nevaeh Saringer also had a hit and picked up an RBI, while Addison Moder and Samantha Weiss also had hits in the game.

Rhiannon Reichenbacher took the loss in the circle allowing seven hits, while striking out eight. Only two of the runs she allowed were earned.

BASEBALL

Early deficits don't derail Rockets from win

Neenah overcame a pair of early deficits to pull out a 7-5 win over Oshkosh North

on Tuesday in Oshkosh.

The Rockets scored two runs in the top of the second to take a 2-1 lead and then scored three runs in the third to regain the lead, 5-3, after the Spartans had surged ahead. Neenah tacked on two more runs in the top of the seventh before North scored twice in the bottom of the frame to narrow the final margin.

Trevor Stichman and Mack Krause each finished with two hits in the game for the Rockets, while Andrew Carlson drove in a pair of runs in the win.

Krause got the win on the mound allowing seven hits and three runs, while striking out two in four innings of work. Adam Lorrige came on in the bottom of the seventh to get the final out on a strikeout for the save.

On Saturday, the Rockets lost a 5-4 non-conference game at O'Fallon (Ill.).

Ethan Van Dyke had a pair of hits and AJ Price drove in two runs in the game.

Price started on the mound and allowed four runs in three innings but got a no-decision in the game.

SOCCER

McCauley, Steckling lead Zephyrs to easy win

Bitzy McCauley and Moorea Steckling each scored a pair of goals to carry St. Mary Catholic to a 6-1 win over Omro on Tuesday.

The Zephyrs led 2-0 at halftime before erupting for four goals in the second half.

Audrey Wanless and Audrey Norville also scored goals in the game for St. Mary Catholic, while McCauley, Wanless, Claire Benz and Mia Pable were credited with assists.

Bethany Ruppert made six saves in goal for the win.

Neenah opens season with pair of wins

The Rockets notched a pair of shutouts to open the season, posting a 4-0 win over

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Mackenzie delivers walk-off win for Zephyrs

By Dustin Riese
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Fisher Mackenzie ripped a double down the left-field line to plate in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning as St. Mary Catholic outlasted Algoma, 2-1, in a nonconference baseball game at Zephyr Field on a sunny Tuesday afternoon.

"I thought we played a well-rounded game for our first one this season," head coach Jeff Hogenson said. "It was great to see them execute on some of our specific goals like swapping out strikeouts for more competitive and quality at bats. The top of our order did the most damage, but the bottom showed the competitive at bats we needed from them."

Mackenzie did a little bit of everything in this one to help the Zephyrs.

In addition to delivering the game-winning hit, he also tossed six innings of three-hit ball, walking two and striking out seven. He allowed one unearned run in the fifth inning.

Mackenzie opened the game by retiring 12 of the first 13 batters he faced with Algoma getting its lone baserunner via a Zephyr error.

Aidan Birling allowed one hit and struck out one in the seventh to earn the victory. "Mackenzie was great on the mound," Hogenson said. "Him and Birling held them to only four hits while walking just two."

Birling also got the Zephyr offense on the board in the top of the first when he drew a leadoff walk and then came around to score two batters later on a base hit from Colin Nigl.



Photos by Dustin Riese

Above: The Zephyrs' Mason Wagner dives safely into third base ahead of the tag by an Algoma player.

At right: Fisher Mackenzie threw six strong innings and delivered the game-winning hit Tuesday for St. Mary Catholic.



Nigl, who finished 2-for-3 in the game, also had a single in the third inning followed by another base hit from Joe Pirillo to give the Zephyrs two runners on base with two outs, but Algoma was able to get out of the jam without St. Mary Catholic extending its lead.

In the fifth inning, the Zephyrs had another scoring opportunity but Mackenzie's line drive right at the Wolves' third baseman was turned into a double play.

Both teams put runners on in the sixth inning but neither team could add to its total, while the Wolves also stranded a runner in the top of the seventh.

In the bottom of the inning, Noah Decker led off by reaching on an error before a bunt single put runners on first and second base with nobody out.

Algoma opted to intentionally walk Birling to load the bases but Mackenzie made them pay by rocketing a pitch down the line for the game winner.

"Mackenzie then came up huge with the bases loaded in a tie game and delivered a

clutch hit for us," Hogenson said.

SMC had seven hits in the victory as Nigl and Pirillo led the way with two. Mackenzie, Mason Wagner and Pingel rounded out the rest of the hits with Mackenzie and Nigl picking up the RBIs.

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Zephyrs' Saringer excels at the sport she loves

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

During a high school softball game, there are often times when the pressure mounts on one team or another.

Maybe it's a bases-loaded situation late in the game knowing a hit is needed or maybe facing a tough opposing hitter with runners on base in a close game. It's almost inevitable that some situation is going to occur that is going to affect the outcome of the game.

Some players struggle in those situations. St. Mary Catholic's Neveah Saringer is usually at her best.

"She is just super even-keeled no matter what is happening," St. Mary Catholic head coach Jennifer Rodman said. "That's the girl we want in that spot because she is not going to be phased at all by it."

For Saringer, it's just part of the sport she loves.

"Sometimes the pressure does rise but I don't feel the pressure that much because I'm just doing what I love," Saringer said. "I've just learned to block out outside noise and keep doing you. The energy in the dug-out gets you through it. Your teammates supporting make it extra fun."

Saringer was a second-team all-Big East Conference selection a year ago after finishing the season as one of the top hitters and pitchers for the Zephyrs.

Saringer was the Zephyrs top pitcher a year ago finishing 10-4 with a 2.18 earned run average. In nearly 84 innings, she struck out 57 hitters, while walking just 16.

"Her location right now is her best asset,"

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Rodman said. "There is power there but not as strong as other pitchers we have faced so far but just having that location and being able to know what hitters are expecting and how to go around that is a big asset for her."

When she wasn't pitching, she played a strong third base and batted .391 while leading the team with five home runs and 29 RBIs.

For Saringer, being both a pitcher and a hitter is an asset that helps her face opposing hitters and opposing pitchers.

"I would say yes it does help me," Saringer said. "If I'm down in the count as a hitter, I know they aren't going to give me a pitch right up the middle. If I hit good the last at bat, they probably aren't going to pitch me in the zone because of what I would do as a pitcher."

"When I'm pitching, I know what I would be looking for as a hitter so that helps me know what to throw."

Saringer has been playing softball since the age of 10 and, although she has played different infield positions over the years, she has always been a pitcher.

It's taken time to perfect the craft – some-

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Neveah Saringer was a second-team all-Big East selection last year after batting .391 with five home runs, while also posting a 2.18 earned run average and 10-4 record in nearly 84 innings.

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Experienced Rocket squads enter season with high goals

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

As high schools around the state welcome lacrosse as an official WIAA sport this spring, any hoopla surrounding the change isn't being celebrated at Neenah.

For the Rockets, it's just business as usual.

"It's nice for the state but it doesn't change a whole lot for us," said boys coach Eric Marsh. "Before this year, the boys were able to earn letters and got treated just like a WIAA sport would be and it's been recognized as a school sport for a long time."

A successful sport, too, and that's something that isn't likely to change.

The Rockets return its top three goal scorers from last season as well as one of the state's top goalkeepers as they enter the 2024 season.

Junior Jackson Brown was Neenah's top scorer a year ago with 50 goals and 89 points and will lead a strong group of attacking players. Brown is coming off an injury that ended his season a few games early last year.

"Even with that, he led the conference in scoring and led the conference in points. He was unanimously Player of the Year," Marsh said. "It will be nice to get him back and roll with him again this year. He's going to have a big year."

Senior Owen Grotenhuis emerged as an offensive threat a year ago, scoring 42 goals, while junior Keane Sullivan finished third on the team with 26 goals.

"Owen really came out of his shell last year and really realized what kind of a force

he is playing in the attack for us. Given his production last year and being a senior, I think he can increase his production," Marsh said. "Keane is one of our leaders as well and just an all-around solid player."

In addition to that trio, the Rockets welcome back five other players who reached double figures in goals in seniors Evan Hans, Jack Meixl, Ben Carey, junior Brandon Price and sophomore Drew Green.

The Rockets averaged nearly 14 goals per game last season and were held to single digits just four times in 16 games.

"Our attackers, who put up the points and the big numbers and are great shooters, give us a very strong attack," Marsh said. "Then we have a very, very strong defense led by Jack."

Senior Jack Romsos was the top goalkeeper in Neenah's conference a year ago and among the state's best and returns for his senior season.

Romsos racked up 129 saves in 15 games and was a stalwart in front of the cage for the Rockets. Marsh believes he can be even better this season.

"He had a very good year last year and he's going to look even better this year," Marsh said.

Among the group who are returning to play in front of Romsos on the backline are seniors Carey, Luke Keller, juniors Alex Alatorre and Cole Fenske and sophomore Hunter Weinke.

As strong as the Rockets look to be on the offensive and defensive ends, Marsh believes the key to the team's success will lie in between.

"If we can get production in our midfield and control the ball through the midfield that's going to be a big factor us,"

Marsh said. "It's just a matter of getting all of us on the same page. It's a real cohesive group already. It's holding each other accountable and eliminating the little mistakes. That's what is going to get us to that next level."

Neenah will be playing in a new conference this season that includes Kimberly, Appleton Untied, Wausau and Oneida Nation.

Certainly winning the title among that group is part of the outlook but the goals revolve around being the first WIAA state champion.

"We won a conference championship but that's less of a goal this year and more of an expectation," Marsh said. "Anything short of making it to Sun Prairie and the state championship game, that's our goal. And that's a very realistic goal for us."

The Neenah girls also have lofty goals entering the season as head coach Paul Kelly returns a wealth of experience from last season.

The Rockets will return 11 starters from last season but will still be a young team

with only one senior among that group.

Josie Voigt will be one of the leaders on defense and the lone returning senior starter and will be joined on the back line by juniors Birkley Janichek and Lillian VandeCorput.

Juniors Jady Juedes, Izzy Ricketts and Autumn Utley and sophomores Izzy Bugge, Ainsley LeClair and Ellery Marsh will anchor the midfield, while juniors Rae Schoultz and Ellie Hammerschmidt will be the top returning attackers for the Rockets.

Neenah will also play in a revamped Bay Valley Conference with only three other teams – Wausau, Kimberly and Appleton United.

"We bring a lot of experienced players who have been playing at the varsity level for several years now, combined with a core of young players that have experience playing coming into high school," Kelly commented. "(We hope to) make a strong run at the Bay Valley championship and make a deep run into the state playoffs."

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NEENAH ROCKETS GIRLS		
Apr 11	De Pere	7:30pm
Apr 12	@ Hamilton	TBD
Apr 18	@ Kimberly	7:30pm
Apr 22	@ Watertown	6:00pm
Apr 25	Pulaski	6:00pm
Apr 27	Sun Prairie East	2:00pm
May 4	@ Indian Trail & Academy	11:00am
May 9	Notre Dame Academy	7:30pm
May 10	West Bend West	6:00pm
May 13	@ Wausau East	7:00pm
May 16	@ Hortonville	7:00pm
May 17	Wauwatosa East	6:00pm
May 18	@ Sussex Hamilton	2:00pm
May 21	Bay Port	7:30pm

Home games in bold. Home games played at Neenah High School Rocket Stadium.

NEENAH ROCKETS BOYS		
Apr 13	Franklin	2:00pm
Apr 15	@ Sauk Prairie	7:00pm
Apr 18	Wausau West	7:30pm
Apr 20	TBD	TBD
	Homestead	11:30am
	DeForest	7:30pm
Apr 23	Oneida Nation	7:30pm
Apr 27	Sun Prairie East	4:30pm
Apr 30	Kimberly	7:30pm
May 2	@ Cedarburg	7:30pm
May 4	Waunakee	1:00pm
May 10	@ Shakopee	7:00pm
May 11	@ Hudson	1:00pm
May 13	@ Appleton-United	6:00pm
May 16	Bay Port	7:30pm
May 18	@ Oregon	3:00pm

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Senior Standout

FROM PAGE 12

times with her father, Don, getting in a catcher's crouch so she can practice at home – but it's something that she has certainly enjoyed.

"I've always liked pitching. I like it that pitchers have control of the game," Saringer said. "Of course, everybody plays a part but it always starts in the pitcher's hands."

Saringer, who was also a member of the Zephyrs' conference championship basketball team, has never tired of the sport either despite spending most summers at the diamond.

Yes, there are times when she can be frustrated with it but she always comes back.

"Sometimes you're like I'm done with this because you get mad at yourself, but it's really just the grind and that's the part I love," Saringer said. "You just love to keep going with your friends, your teammates, the practices, the feeling of doing something. I love playing with my team."

Last season, the Zephyrs won a WIAA regional title and advanced to sectionals where they fell to top-seeded Algoma.

With much of that squad back from last season, the goals are once again very high for this group. But for Saringer, it's as much about the ride as it is where it ends.

"We are so close as a team. Because we go to a small school, we see each other throughout the day and we are always talking. That leads to better communication on the field and in practice. Working together and communication is the key to success in any-

thing," Saringer said. "We want to have a better record than last year for sure and state, obviously, that's the big goal. We just need to keep improving every game. That's all we can ask for."

Heading into her senior season, Saringer has noticed that there is a bit of a different experience knowing that she's already played her last first game and will be taking road trips and playing opponents for the last time.

But for her, the 2024 season is not the end of the line.

Saringer is committed to Bryant & Stratton junior college to continue her career next year and is looking forward to being able to complete at the collegiate level.

"It's always been a thought in the back of my mind if I could play in college. Ever since I was young, I've wanted to but then as you start to get older, you realize it's a lot of work," Saringer said. "I looked at a couple of other opportunities and I just love Bryant & Stratton. I'm excited to be part of an excellent program who has a great coaching staff."

Before that happens, though, Saringer and the Zephyrs have a full season to take care of and she is certainly focused on that.

And one thing is for certain, no matter what the results, no matter what the pressure, Saringer is likely to handle it with a smile on her face.

"I feel like softball has taught me a lot of things but the main thing is just to have fun and make sure you are doing what you love," Saringer said. "If you're playing a sport you don't like, why are you doing it? Do what your heart tells you."

Prep roundup

FROM PAGE 10

Hortonville on Tuesday after scoring a 1-0 win over Homestead on Saturday.

No other information was available from the game.

TRACK AND FIELD

Neenah teams dominate conference triangular

Both the girls and boys track and field teams dominated the competition at a Fox Valley Association triangular meet held in Appleton on Monday.

The girls won the meet by posting 265 points, followed by Kimberly with 156 and Appleton East with 50. The boys scored 213 points to win the meet, followed by Appleton East with 153 and Kimberly with 114.

The girls finished 1-2 in six different events with Mazie Olkowski leading the way by winning the 800 and 1,600 meters. Elsa Gruber was second in 800 meters, while Eme Olkowski was the runner-up in the 1,600 meters.

Brynn Fox and Lilly Granditzke went 1-2 in the 100 meters, respectively, with Ava Schalow and Abbie Fischer taking first and second, respectively in the 200 meters and Rachel Dietrich and Allie Ziebell going 1-2, respectively, in the 400 meters.

The remaining 1-2 finish for the Rockets came in the 3,200 meters, with Natalie

Schultz winning the event and Mia Lerner taking second.

Other top individuals for Neenah were: Lydia Delene, tied for first in the shot put; and Lexi Dorner, second in the 300-meter hurdles. Neenah also won all four relay races.

For the boys, Grant Dean led the way by winning the 100 and 200 meters. Owen Wise and CJ Fredrickson finished first and second, respectively, in the 400 meters, Bly Wheeler and Harmon Posegate were 1-2 in the 1,600 meters, respectively, Wyatt Armock won the 1,600 meters followed by Oliver Steiner, and in the 3,200 meters, Carson Verhagen took first and Braedy Klawikowski was second.

Ben Donaldson was second in both hurdle events, while Neenah also finished first in the 800-meter, 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter relays.

The long jump and triple jump were not held at the meet.

GOLF

Moschea leads Zephyrs at Big East North meet

Ethon Moschea finished in 11th place with a round of 49 to lead St. Mary Catholic at the Big East North Division Mini-Meet held at Sheboygan Town & Country Club on Tuesday.

The Zephyrs finished fifth among the five full teams with a team score of 223, one shot behind Reedsville. Howards Grove won the meet with a 172.

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Obituaries

Kenneth H. Gerken

Kenneth H. Gerken "Curly," age 84, passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at New Perspective Senior Living | Island Shores in Neenah. Ken, son of the late Archie and Fern (Henthorn) Gerken, was born on November 22, 1939, in Sylvan Township, Richland County, Wisconsin.



Ken began a military career directly after high school, spending six years of active duty in the Navy before transitioning into the Navy Reserve and, later, the Army Reserve. He was very proud of his service to his country. Ken was employed for the Coca-Cola Corporation for over 30 years, working as their fleet manager until his retirement. He also held several part-time jobs on the side, including being a volunteer firefighter for the Town of Neenah, as well as a bus driver for the Neenah School District.

One of Ken's favorite pastimes was to meet up with the guys for coffee at the local McDonalds a few mornings a week. He also enjoyed traveling to the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson with his wife, Shirley, for dinner and a show. He was an avid reader and spent hours on end sitting in his favorite chair, with a book or newspaper in his hands, his beloved "mutt" Misy at his feet and country music playing in the background. Ken was a man of all trades. He could fix just about anything, from large machines to intricate pieces of

jewelry. In his spare time, he would build all kinds of things out of wood. He also liked cooking and adding memorabilia to his vast Coca-Cola collection.

Ken is survived by his daughters: Pam (Wayne) Dehnert, Gail (Ed) Bielski, Randee (Ebi) Herzog, Laurie (Mike) Drexler; son, Scott Loos; grandchildren: Joshua (Jennifer) Dehnert, Joel (Carrie) Theder, Erin (Craig) Hanus, Nicolas (Mimi) Herzog; great grandchildren: Alex Garza, Trey Theder, Layla Theder, Lilyana Theder, Elliot Hanus, Ellie Herzog, Benny Herzog; as well as many nieces and nephews and other friends and family members.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley (McClone) Gerken of 48 years; brother, Ralph Gerken; sister, Janet Gerken; granddaughter, Jackie Theder; son, Jim Loos; and his parents.

Per Ken's wishes a private family service will be held.

The family would like to thank the staff at New Perspective and ThedaCare Hospice, for all the care and compassion given to Ken.



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Former Fairest of the Fair winners are invited to attend the crowning ceremony along with reigning ambassador Amber Hammond.

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Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Branch 4 Room 211, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54903
Date: May 1, 2024
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Corn Seasons

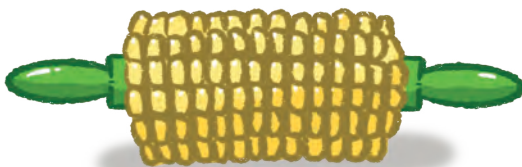
Corn is used in more than 3,500 ways. To name just a few, there is corn starch, corn syrup, corn oil, popcorn and good old eating corn. Corn is even used to make a kind of fuel called **ethanol**.

Which of these things are partly made of corn?

- Batteries Matches Diapers

ANSWER: All of them!

Two Kinds of Corn



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12 - 11 = _____

The average ear of corn usually has about _____ kernels.

670 + 130 = _____

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400 + 400 = _____

If a farmer plants 30,000 kernels in one acre, how many will he plant in 100 acres?

About how many are there in two ears of corn?

800 + 800 = _____

If a giraffe is 16 feet tall, how much taller is the tallest stalk of corn ever measured?

If a corn plant grows 2 inches a day, how long until it is 12 feet tall?

Spring

Corn seeds are planted in the spring. Corn seeds are called **kernels**.

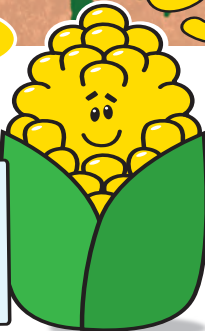
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- = I
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- = N
- = O



Replace the missing words.

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 WATER HURT FIX RAINS

Summer

During the summer, farmers care for their corn plants. They make sure they get enough _____. They check for weeds, diseases and insects that could _____ the plants. It takes science to grow healthy corn crops!

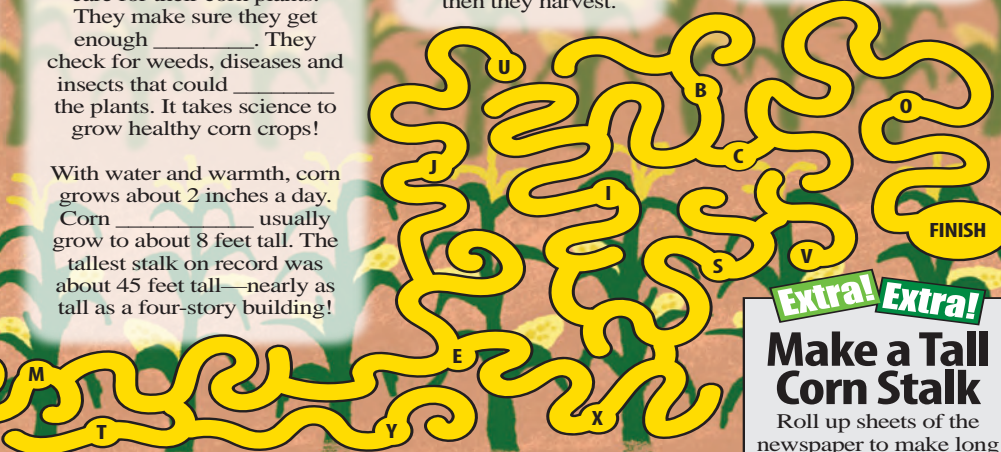
With water and warmth, corn grows about 2 inches a day. Corn _____ usually grow to about 8 feet tall. The tallest stalk on record was about 45 feet tall—nearly as tall as a four-story building!

Fall

In the fall, corn plants stop _____. The plants turn brown, and the _____ point down. Farmers wait for the ears of corn to dry, and then they harvest.

Winter

Farmers ship their corn to customers. They also _____ their equipment and get ready to plant again in the spring.



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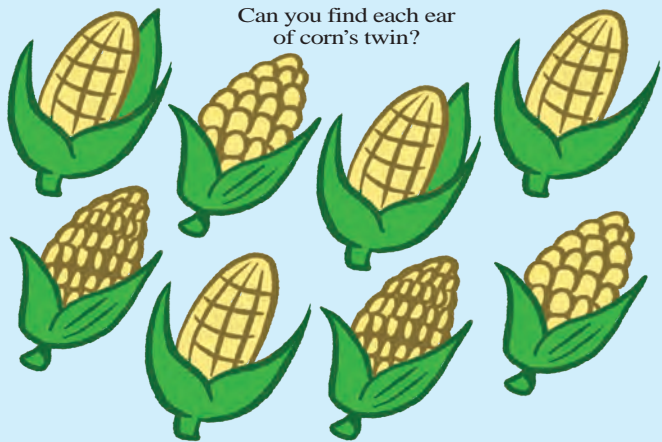
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Standards Link: Life Science: Understand the origin and uses of food products.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you find each ear of corn's twin?



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