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## Delivery driver death draws penalty

### Amazon partner fined for failing to report

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

An Amazon driver's death while delivering in the Village of Harrison in December resulted in a citation and \$10,000 fine for the delivery company for failing to report it, while the man who fatally struck her with his truck will not face charges.

According to records from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Amazon delivery service partner (DSP) Excelerated Delivery of Ap-

pleton was penalized for failing to report within eight hours that Chandra Zimmer, 40, was killed Dec. 28 because of a work-related incident.



Zimmer

just two months before the accident.

The Calumet County Sheriff's Office re-

leased the case report last week in response to a Neenah News open records request. The report states that a nearby home security camera and an Amazon dash camera showed Zimmer parked eastbound on the side of State 114 near Pigeon Road in Harrison around 5 p.m.

It was about 45 seconds between when Zimmer exited the van and began crossing the street to deliver a package when she was struck by a Chevrolet Silverado truck driven by a 40-year-old from Sherwood. Neenah News is not naming the driver because he was not charged.

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Photo by Santiago Sanchez

## Special Olympics run

A Special Olympics Wisconsin Law Enforcement Torch Run – Fox Cities made its way on the Neenah trestle bridge from Arrowhead Park north onto Doty Island last week as part of a statewide community event with hundreds of law enforcement volunteers raising money for Special Olympics Wisconsin.

## Former K-C office building transformed into apartments

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

The second phase of a redevelopment to turn a former Kimberly-Clark office building into senior apartments is expected to wrap up next month, bringing \$17.5 million in value to the community.

Called Marathon Flats, the building is at 2001 Marathon Ave. adjacent to the Neenah police station, community garden and dog park. One-third of the building is used by K-C for consumer testing and the remaining is designated for apartments.

Thirty-one studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments were completed in November and another 30 are on track for completion in July with construction soon beginning on garages.

Park Place Holdings of De Pere pur-

chased the 148,000-square-foot, single-story K-C office building and surrounding 21 acres of land for \$3.75 million and began construction in 2022.

Park Place Holdings is developing, leasing and managing the apartments designated for seniors 55 and older. Rental cost ranges from \$895-\$1,395 per month, with most of the completed apartments occupied and about a third of those opening in July already leased.

Director of development Corey Vanevenhoven said the building was ideal to construct affordable housing for seniors, with a particular demand for studio and one-bedroom apartments due to their price points.

SEE **Marathon Flats** ON PAGE 15



Park Place Holdings photo

Marathon Flats senior apartments have opened in the former K-C office building on Marathon Avenue.

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# Ascension electronic systems restored in region

Neenah News

Ascension Medical Group has restored its electronic health records after a ransomware cyberattack that has left those systems unavailable for more than a month.

Ascension, which acknowledged being attacked by ransomware on May 9 that made its electronic health records unavailable, said most hospital departments, physician offices and clinics now have access to electronic documentation, charting and ordering systems.

The company had been forced to switch to manual processes that caused delays for patients and employees.

“Patients should see improved efficiencies and wait times,” Ascension an-

nounced Monday. “Our team continues to work tirelessly to restore other ancillary technology systems.”

Ascension officials said last week that those records had been restored in the Florida, Alabama and Austin markets.

“These developments mark a turning point in our response efforts to this ransomware attack,” stated Eduardo Conrado, president of Ascension. “With EHR access restored in several of our largest markets, with the rest expected to come over the course of the week, we are moving out of downtime procedures and closer to normal course operations across our ministry. We are confident we will continue to provide quality care as this process accelerates.”

After the cyberattack and while Ascension was dealing with the situation, all hospital, physician offices and care sites remained open and operational in Wisconsin.

Ascension also recently announced their retail pharmacies were again able to fill prescriptions.

“I am grateful for the compassion and professionalism of all our teams in response to this ransomware attack. Their dedication throughout our recovery efforts has been incredible, and they have continued to prioritize those who matter most, our patients,” Ascension chief executive Joseph R. Impicicche said in a statement.

More information on the cyberattack is available at about.ascension.org/en/cybersecurity-event.

## Valley Academy dancer earns NYU scholarship

Meredith Plamann, who has studied ballet and other dance forms for 14 years at Valley Academy for the Arts in Neenah, has been accepted to the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University (NYU) to pursue a bachelor of fine arts in dance, starting this fall.

NYU has also awarded Plamann scholar-

ships covering about 90% of attendance costs.

Plamann plans to establish a career in dance education focused on making meaningful change for underserved populations.

Valley Academy for the Arts is a not-for-profit, dance organization in the Fox Valley serving students of all ages.

## EARLY HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Please be advised the Neenah News will have **early deadlines for the July 5th issue:**

Space and copy deadline: **6/28, Friday NOON (instead of Tuesday, July 2, Noon)**

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### Friday, June 14

Summer Fun Fest, 2 p.m., Evergreen Credit Union, 1500 W. American Drive

### Saturday, June 15

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

### Sunday, June 16

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

### Tuesday, June 18

Family Programs, 1 p.m., Neenah Public Library

### Wednesday, June 19

Evening Concert Series: STEEM, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

### Thursday, June 20

Out to Lunch Concert Series: Russ Reiser, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Live Music Series: Pattie & Jeff, 5 p.m., Batley's Grill & Bar, 1010 Cameron Way

Art After Dark: Swiftie Fan Celebration, 5:30 p.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

### Saturday, June 22

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

Fox Valley Pride event, 1 p.m., Riverside Park

### Tuesday, June 25

Movie Talks: "The Towering Inferno/Earthquake," 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Bill Jamerson's "Dollar a Day: A Musical Tribute to the CCC," 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

### Wednesday, June 26

Evening Concert Series: Smart Mouth, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

### Thursday, June 27

Out to Lunch Concert Series: Grey Fedora, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Neenah Police Department Training Center open house, 4:30 p.m.

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

Live Music Series: Scott Dercks, 5 p.m., Batley's Grill & Bar, 1010 Cameron Way

### Saturday, June 29

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

Udderly Euro Car Show, 1 p.m., Shattuck Park

Author meet and greet: "Ultrasound" by Conor Stechschulte, noon, Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.



# Boys & Girls Club buys Neenah site for facility plan

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

A corner parcel adjacent to the Neenah Police Department on Marathon Avenue could be the future home of a Boys & Girls Club.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley purchased the land at Marathon and Byrd avenues from Park Place Holdings for \$967,000 in May, according to Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer records. The acreage was part of the parcel holding a former Kimberly-Clark office building that is undergoing a transformation into senior apartments.



**Lemke-Rochon**

Local businessman John Bergstrom helped acquire the land and is supporting fundraising efforts.

“We bought three-and-a-half acres of land and the purpose is to build a Boys & Girls Club in Neenah, but we’ve got to put all the pieces together,” Bergstrom said.

## Summer food program set for pantries

Neenah News

With Wisconsin continuing to face a substantial increase in food insecurity among children, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is launching its annual Healthy Kids, Healthy Summer campaign.

The campaign encourages supporters to make monetary donations to help Feeding America stock the shelves at area food pantries, meal programs and shelters for families in need with kids home on summer break.

Children who lack enough healthy food face a higher risk of certain health conditions, more likely to struggle in school, and have social and behavioral problems. A donation of \$63 provides enough healthy meals for one child for an entire summer.

“Our pantry partners see a drastic increase in need every summer once school ends because families have lost a reliable source of nutritious meals,” said Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin president and chief executive Patti Habeck. “Summer hunger is real and we need the help of our generous community to fill the gaps for kids throughout eastern Wisconsin.”

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is also collaborating with school districts and parents in eastern Wisconsin to expand and enhance the way summer meals are provided to kids and supports the

## Emergency info can be added to state IDs

Wisconsin residents now have the option to add an emergency contact to their record that could be available to law enforcement agencies in the event of a collision or if experiencing a medical emergency.

The information won’t appear on a driver’s license or ID card but may save crucial time if it becomes necessary to contact family members or other loved ones.

As part of every application for a Wisconsin driver license or ID card, the applicant will be asked if they would like to include emergency contact information in their file.

Adding the information is completely voluntary.

Go to wisconsin.gov for more information and to sign up.

The organization serves youth ages 6-18, offering after-school programs, education, academics, health and wellness, no cost feeding kits, behavioral and mental health support, sports, fitness, recreation, workforce readiness, and visual and performing arts.



**Bergstrom**

While Menasha, Appleton and Oshkosh have Boys & Girls clubs, Neenah does not. Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley chief executive Greg Lemke-Rochon said the organization is evaluating the possibility of building a club at the location.

“We’re hopeful that one day we will have a club in Neenah but there’s a lot of other pieces that we’re trying to put together because it’s an expensive program,” he said. “When and if we do it, we want it to be a really great club capable of serving in the ways that we try to serve: high quality, with large volumes of kids and a really

diverse array of programs and services.”

Lemke-Rochon said Bergstrom’s partnership and support of the Boys & Girls Club dates to the late 1990s when he chaired the campaign that allowed the organization to buy and renovate the property where the Appleton facility is located.

Bergstrom was also instrumental in bringing a Boys & Girls Club to Menasha in 2015 and supported its expansion in 2020.

“John’s community leadership is something that we’ve really benefited from and the kids we serve have benefited from,” Lemke-Rochon said. “He’s involved in a lot of things that benefit the community, he cares deeply, he’s extremely generous to all kinds of organizations throughout the Fox Cities and we’re just fortunate to be

on that list.”

Bergstrom said the plan for a Neenah facility is not all put together yet and he’s hoping to have more information next week.

“We’ve got to figure out the money to build the building, and how big the building is and how much it’s going to cost and where we’re going to get the money,” he said.

As for supporting the organization, Bergstrom said his family appreciates the work of the Boys & Girls Club.

“They provide mentors, they provide a safe place for kids to go after school with positive, caring people around them,” he said, “and we’ve seen the tremendous success they’ve had in other cities and we think it will be very helpful here in Neenah as well.”



Neenah Historical Society photo

## Boating tradition

The Tri City Boating Club at the yacht basin in Riverside Park in July 1962. The numeral card held aloft indicated which boat could back their craft from the dock into the lake.

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# County overdose deaths affecting younger people

Neenah News

An annual report on fatal overdoses and recommendations for preventing drug deaths in Winnebago County showed the average victim being younger than in previous years with fentanyl remaining the primary cause of death.

In its 2023-2024 report, the Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team noted 47 overdose deaths confirmed by the Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office. The majority of the individuals were ages 18 to 44 with 31 of the 47 fatalities caused primarily by fentanyl.

Major themes identified by the team:

- Minors left behind due to overdose death lack support and access to vital ser-

vices for families who experience trauma.

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

- There remain gaps in access to treatment and the overall continuum of care for those struggling with substance use disorders.

- Many victims felt isolated and had little to no support. Affinity groups and/or peer support can help foster relationships and build support to reduce the recurrence of use and bolster recovery.

"While our county has experienced a record-high number of overdose deaths, our team is more dedicated than ever to solving the problem. In working together, we can create changes in programming,

systems, and our community to save lives," said Jennifer Skolaski, OFR program manager. "The number of overdose deaths is only one metric. Our team continues to focus on the prevention work we've done to connect people to help no matter where they are on the journey to recovery."

The OFR team, which started in 2018 and represents 35 local organizations, reviews cases of people who lost their lives by sharing information about their life and death: risk factors and circumstances, examination of system issues, and identification of opportunities to influence policy and practice.

The team has implemented 54 recommendations and 11 projects to prevent overdose deaths in the past six years. The team will continue to focus on closing gaps in communication among systems, identify children falling between gaps and connect them with care, and focus on preventive efforts.

"My goals are to find ways to prevent substance use in the first place, reduce harm where we can to keep people alive long enough to get to recovery, and increase community support and involvement to come together to turn the tide of this tragic epidemic," County Executive Jon Doemel stated in praising the group's efforts.

The report outlines ways to get involved and support the team's work. These include connecting to the We Heart You app at [weheartyou.org/app](http://weheartyou.org/app), picking up free Narcan at Winnebago County Public Health, connecting those in need to the Solutions Peer Response Team at 866-465-0010, and volunteering with Breakwater at [breakwaterwi.org](http://breakwaterwi.org) to help prevent and reduce youth substance use.

The full report can be found at [winnebago-countywi.gov/health](http://winnebago-countywi.gov/health).

## Simple steps prevent spread of invasive species

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks the public to take simple precautions to avoid spreading invasive plants and animals in June, which is Invasive Species Action Month, and all year long.

Nonnative plants, animals and diseases cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Some have already been found in Wisconsin, while others pose a large risk of surviving and causing problems if introduced and established here.

The state's invasive species rule makes it illegal to possess, transport, transfer or introduce certain invasive species in Wisconsin without a permit. The regulations designate which species are restricted or prohibited based on factors including the degree of harm they may cause to people, the native ecology or the economy.

The DNR encourages reporting invasive species and offers tips. While hiking and camping, clean mud and dirt off shoes,

remove seeds and burs from clothing, stay on designated trails, roads and other developed areas, and follow state firewood rules to avoid moving harmful invasive pests and pathogens like the emerald ash borer, spongy moth and oak wilt disease.

While fishing and boating, clean all recreational equipment and gear after every use; inspect gear for dirt, mud, seeds and other debris; drain all water from gear and compartments before leaving a fishing location, dry gear for five or more days between uses, and never move live fish away from any waterbody.

Add beauty and variety to a yard with native plants to benefit pollinators, birds and other wildlife, and learn how to identify and remove potential problem plants.

An Invasive Species Awareness Day is set for June 22 at a Wisconsin State Park property. Find Invasive Species Awareness Day volunteer opportunities on the State Parks Volunteer webpage.

# Neenah News

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Questions! Questions! Let us introduce ourselves!

## Who owns the Neenah News?

Neenah News is family-supported by Jeff and Karen Schneider of Oshkosh. Karen is the sole owner of Oshkosh Herald LLC, parent company for both the Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News. She has worked at several newspapers since the mid-1980s where she got her start in the A/R department of the Arizona Republic.

We are locally owned and operated and not affiliated with any other media organization, nor are we a rebranded News-Record.

## Why Neenah?

Schneider likes to say that after receiving many requests to expand the Herald, which debuted in January 2018, in different communities over the years one writer from Neenah/Fox Crossing "caught me at a weak moment" and the expansion to Neenah began in February 2022.

## Why did I start receiving it every week in the mail?

Our mission began as a quest to have better-informed communities by filling the void of local news.

Originally launched as a subscription model, Neenah News increased its distribution using bulk mail to every address in ZIP code 54956 in August 2023 with a special issue featuring the new Neenah High School.

Nearly 1,000 families and several local businesses supported Neenah News from the beginning, knowing community news is vital for a healthy community. What the businesses learned is that "print is not dead" as an advertising vehicle and requested Neenah News to follow the bulk mail model of the Herald.

## How many newspapers get mailed every week?

We now mail just over 21,300 copies in ZIP code 54956 of the Neenah News. The Herald has a mailing of 32,000. Together we reach more than 53,000 homes and 88,000 readers in Winnebago County.

## Is a weekly newspaper sustainable?

Great question! One thing to understand is the Schneiders' investment is in paper and postage. Unlike brick-and-mortar stores that may put their capital in equipment and inventory, our investment's value is in the information we share - which isn't something you can take to the bank.

The newspaper is a "community" product. Its sustainability is based on the support of advertisers and community members who support our mission. The advertising will be sustainable if we "shop local." We often hear how a reader shops at XYZ because they advertise in the News or Herald. We receive donations from readers and we have a Membership program where readers join for \$50 annually. Members and supporters receive offers throughout the year as a Thank You for their support.

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# Jury convicts Neenah man in death of trans woman

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After deliberating for about an hour Monday, a jury found Cordell Howze guilty of first-degree intentional homicide, arson and being a felon in possession of a firearm in the killing of Cashay Henderson, a 31-year-old transgender woman in Milwaukee.

Howze initially pleaded not guilty due to mental disease or defect but his plea was dismissed after a doctor's report found no basis to support it. He now faces up to 85 years in prison.

Howze was arrested after a chase in Neenah in February 2023, two days after

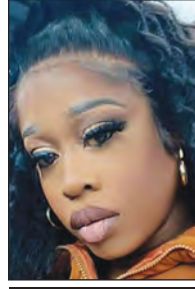
firefighters found Henderson dead with gunshot wounds inside a burning Milwaukee apartment building.

During the arrest, Howze fled into Menasha where officers used a precision immobilization technique (PIT maneuver) and taser to place him into custody. He had been released from the Winnebago County Jail on unrelated charges just days before the homicide.



Howze

Howze, now 34, testified in his own defense Friday during the five-day trial.



Henderson

During much of his testimony he stated he didn't remember details from the incident.

Prosecutors said Howze went to Henderson's apartment, shot and robbed her and started a fire to cover it up. The jury of eight men and six women were shown a video that prosecutors say was filmed by Howze inside the apartment after Henderson was killed.

According to the criminal complaint, the day after Henderson was found dead Howze showed an acquaintance a cell

phone video of a dead woman and stated "I caught a body of a disgusting (expletive) tran," which the person knew to mean he killed a transgender person.

Howze later told another acquaintance that he "popped" a "transvestite" and gave his mother a Gucci purse and Rolex watch, both belonging to Henderson. Authorities found several letters addressed to Henderson at Howze's grandmother's house.

Henderson's death marked the third Black trans woman killed in Milwaukee in a nine-month period, sparking public outcry.

Howze's extensive criminal record includes two open criminal cases in Winnebago County. His sentencing in Milwaukee County is scheduled for Aug. 9.



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All seven Winnebago County boat landings now have pay stations that are up and running

## Boat landing pay stations up and running

Neenah News

All seven Winnebago County boat landings now have pay stations that accept cash or credit card for daily, annual and multiyear permits.

County boat landings include Asylum Point, Black Wolf, Boom Bay, Grundman, Lake Butte des Morts, Eureka and Lake Poygan. All other boat landing permits outside of these seven need to be purchased from the municipality where the landing is located.

Those buying an annual or multiyear permit must bring the receipt to the Win-

nebago County Parks office at 625 E. County Y within 14 days of purchase to receive the permit sticker.

The Parks Department collects boat landing trailer parking permit fees from mid-April through the end of October. Warnings and citations for violations of the program rules also will be issued during this time.

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# Residents seeing an uptick in ticks this season

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

There's not much that gives people the ick more than ticks.

The blood-sucking parasites anchor themselves to people and animals to feed. Not only can they be difficult to remove, but some are capable of transmitting disease.

Neenah News spoke with local dog owners and a veterinarian who said they're seeing an uptick in the number of ticks this year.

Wisconsin is home to three species of ticks: American dog (wood), black-legged (deer) and lone star. Although all three are capable of spreading disease, deer ticks spread Lyme disease, a bacterial infection that if left untreated has symptoms that include fever, rash, facial paralysis, an irregular heartbeat and arthritis, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.



Rosenbaum

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) notes that Lyme disease is the predominant illness transmitted by ticks in the state, with the ticks responsible for its spread present in every county.

In Fox Crossing, Jan Morse said she put her dog on oral flea and tick medication this year and her husband altered the path he takes with their dog during walks to steer clear of tall grass.

She also vaccinated her dog for Lyme disease, but noted the vaccine is not 100% effective.

John Wilcox lives near Neenah High School and said he has removed several ticks from his dog in recent months but noted he doesn't think the ticks were picked up in Neenah. As a trucker, he brings his dog along as he travels throughout the state.

Recently, Wilcox noticed a strange lesion on his dog and took him to a veterinarian. The lesion was a tick bullseye, a rare occurrence in dogs but frequently observed in humans, indicating a tick bite that may have transmitted Lyme disease. The veterinarian placed the dog on a 30-day course of antibiotics.

At the Neenah Dog Park recently, Marie, who declined to provide her last name, said she's preparing to relocate from Eagle River to Neenah and the ticks in the northern part of the state are much worse than what the Fox Valley is seeing. She said she recently found a tick bullseye on herself and underwent a 30-day course of antibiotics for Lyme disease.

Caden Sarauer said he has only found one tick on his dog this year but a couple of weeks ago found two on himself after spending about five minutes in his yard.

Brooke Kroll said she placed a flea and tick collar on her dog after a recent visit to Douglas Park where her dog picked up eight ticks around his neck. The city stopped cutting the grass in a portion of the park where it plans to install a storm-water pond and she thinks the tall grass is a culprit for the ticks.

DHS notes that ticks thrive in wooded and grassy areas and climate change has created favorable conditions and made Wisconsin's active tick season longer.



Photo from DNR

Pet owners at the Neenah Dog Park recently reported an increase in ticks found on their dogs this year.

"A warmer and wetter climate can increase the risk of getting an illness from a tick," DHS wrote. "This is because ticks thrive in warm, humid weather."

Dr. Amir Rosenbaum with Wellness Veterinary Clinic in Neenah confirmed he's seeing an increase in dogs with Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections such as anaplasmosis and ehrlichiosis – about 3-4 cases per week. He said the predominant symptoms in dogs are high fever, lethargy and limping.

"Clients tell me that they see more ticks on their dogs than in previous years,"

he said. "Sometimes the clients are not aware that their dogs were exposed to ticks, since some of the ticks are so small and hard to find, especially on dark-colored dogs."

Rosenbaum suggests pet owners use a good flea and tick preventive and vaccinate their dogs for Lyme disease.

DHS recommends taking proactive measures to reduce the risk of tick bites, including using personal protection, removing ticks as soon as possible and taking steps to rid ticks from residential yards.

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## School leader visits

Steve Harrison, who will lead the Neenah Joint School District as its new superintendent, was in Neenah last week to visit various locations, including here at the Future Neenah office downtown. The Appleton assistant superintendent will start in the position July 1.

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# Snell's Station steeped in 19th century Neenah history

By Randy R. Domer  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The story about to unfold here began about 165 years ago when the Chicago & Northwestern Railway (C&NW) expanded its reach into northern Wisconsin. Rods of sturdy steel and heavy wood-beamed ties introduced steam-belching locomotives to the south side of Oshkosh in July 1858. For two years, the railroad's progress north came to a halt, largely due to one thing: the Fox River.

By 1860, arrangements were made to use a ferry barge to accommodate the river crossing, allowing progress northward to continue. The ferry barge was used until the first bridge was built in September 1861.



AMOS J. SNELL

Later that summer, the C&NW resumed laying tracks north arriving just five miles north of Oshkosh near Neenah by mid-December, to the site soon to be known as Snell's Station. It seems pertinent that a lesson in local railroad history would not be complete without mentioning the area once known as Snell's Station.

The first locomotive to arrive here on Jan. 10, 1861, was the "Appleton." One week later, regular freight service to the area began – with passengers hitching a ride in the caboose.

Here, the C&NW established a station at the crossing known today as Muttart Road and Dixie Road. The new depot would be named Snell's Station (in later years shortened to just Snell's), named after Amos J. Snell, a wealthy Chicago businessman who owned large acreages of timber land, a sawmill, stove factory, farm and a creamery nearby.

Creating what today would probably be considered an early form of vertical integration, Snell would harvest the timber and furnish fuel and ties to the C&NW. He also had contracts with the railroad and various other locations.

Snell employed Black workers from his home area in Chicago, thus prompting the locals to refer to the area as "Dixie." But only a few years after it was built, an explosion in the sawmill killed several workers and ended the operation. The Island City Times reported the accident on April 7, 1864:

"At a little establishment called Dixie, about three miles south of Neenah, an accident occurred on Monday last, resulting in the deaths of two persons. The balance wheel attached to the shingle factory machine in Mr. Lowgee's Factory, burst while going at a speed of 1,000 revolutions a minute, the fragments flying in all directions. One of the pieces about 6 inches in diameter struck Mr. Lowgee in the right groin, passing upward into his chest. He died in about two hours. A piece struck Anton Paug, a German employed in the shop, cutting off one leg just below the knee. He was attended by physicians as soon as a hand car could convey them to the scene, but the loss of blood was so great that amputation could not save him."

The Oshkosh Weekly Northwestern reported Snell's exit from his local business in their Feb. 16, 1888, edition:

"Snell or his family never lived there, although he spent most of his time there when he was engaged in business. He disposed of all his interest there about 14 years ago and no more was seen of him until a couple of years ago when he came



Neenah Historical Society photo

The Chicago & Northwestern Railway depot at Snell's Station in Neenah is shown in this undated photo.

back and claimed some buildings which were situated on the Northwestern company's land, and disposed of them to Levi Strait, a farmer living in that vicinity. He had some difficulty with the company as to ownership of the buildings and the matter was settled in the Chicago courts.

"The last time Mr. Snell was at the station which bears his name, he entered the waiting room just as the morning train going south was pulling in, and called for a ticket to Chicago. The agent handed him the ticket and Snell said: 'This is all right; the company owes me and you settle with them.' But the agent was out the price of the ticket, and although he wrote to Snell a number of times to remit, he never received a favorable answer or any cash."

After the sawmill explosion, it would not be the last of unfortunate incidents to plague Snell's Station. On May 29, 1866, the Neenah Island City Times reported, "About 1,000 cords of railroad wood was burned last week at Dixie Station ... having caught fire from sparks of a locomotive."

Then a couple of weeks later, the Times reported, "Train No. 12, Freight, left this station at 4:25 Saturday afternoon, and when two miles south of Neenah, ran into an ox and off the track." According to the engineer, the ox had crossed the track, but turned again just as the train was approaching. Striking the animal, the engine ran off the tracks into a wood pile while a box car loaded with flour closed in sideways on the engine, capsulizing engineer George Viele into a space not wider than 8 inches. Surrounded by beams, splinters and heavy irons, the engineer miraculously escaped with "nary a scratch" as he crawled from the wreckage, freeing himself.

On the morning of Feb. 24, 1868, one day after a huge snowstorm, a passenger train leaving Neenah for Chicago was thrown off the track between Neenah and Oshkosh. The cause of the derailment was a broken rail.

In September of that year, the locomotive Madison exploded its boiler near Dixie. Good fortune was on the side of the engineer, who avoided a severe scalding and certain death due to the fact the train was backing at the time.

The run of bad luck continued when on Feb. 22, 1873, the Neenah Gazette reported:

"Last Monday night, a freight train was ditched about a mile this side of the station, and badly demoralized. It was not till 9 o'clock the following morning that the wreck was sufficiently cleared away to permit the 5 o'clock train, north, to pass. Two weeks ago, a similar accident happened to the same train, between Dixie and Oshkosh – cause the same – broken rail."

Years later in 1882, after the Wisconsin Central built southward from Neenah, it also experienced several major incidents near Snell's. On Aug. 30, 1920, Soo Line train No.3, the Velvet Special, traveling north from Chicago, ditched near Snell's Station, causing fatal injuries to the engineer, and serious injuries to the fireman, baggage man and one female passenger. Four cars were totally burned and a quarter mile of track torn up.

Reports say the train was moving at a speed of 70 mph. The accident was blamed on spreading of the rails. According to the Soo Line Historical & Technical Society, it is described as "One of the worst wrecks in point of damage in the history of Wisconsin railroading."

When the Snell's depot was first built, the C&NW staffed it with agents. Frantz Von Dey was there in 1873 and in 1880, David B. Reed held the position. Around 1885, the agency was closed. But 12 years later the Neenah Times reported on March 12, 1897: "It (Snell's) has now been made a station again. And Harry Barclay has been put in charge as agent and night operator."

From there until 1902, regular stops were made at Snell's when at that point the station was listed only as a flag stop and by

1915, Snell's was no longer even listed.

Amos J. Snell was born in Little Falls, N.Y., in 1823. He married in 1844 and moved to Cincinnati for a short time before moving to Milwaukee and then on to Schaumburg, Ill. He tried his hand at operating a few small businesses and then began investing in real estate.

Through relationships he had forged with officials at C&NW Railways, Snell began purchasing timber lands and furnished wood to the railroad. Once the land was cleared of timber, he sold the parcels to settlers. He then used his profits to purchase land west of Chicago where he sold lots and purchased more property.

One of his most lucrative dealings was purchasing the Northwestern Plank Road. Snell purchased this toll road for \$20,000 and collected a fortune in tolls.

On Feb. 8, 1888, burglars broke into Snell's mansion in Chicago and murdered Amos J. Snell. His heinous murder was announced on the front page of the Chicago Tribune the next day:

"Amos J. Snell, the west side millionaire, was shot dead yesterday morning by burglars in his residence at the northwest corner of Washington Boulevard and Ada Street. The murder was committed shortly after 2 o'clock in the morning, but was not discovered until nearly 7, when the coachman entered the house from his quarters over the stables and stumbled over his master's dead body."

The burglars were never caught and the "loot" they escaped with was worthless county warrants and checks that were so endorsed they were unable to be cashed. No money or jewelry were taken.

Snell was 65 years old at the time of his death. It is said that more than 2,000 people attended his funeral.

*An acknowledgement for this story belongs to the late Larry E. Easton, former president of the Neenah Historical Society and member of the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society. Larry was a prolific writer, authoring several articles and books on railroading.*



# Small business interests shared in D.C. visit

Neenah News

A Neenah-based business owner shared her story of challenges and opportunities with other small companies as part of a White House invitation to speak at the Midwest Small Business Summit recently.

Mel Ohlinger, whose OhmCo carwash marketing agency works with both businesses and consumers, said the gathering's overall goal was to build relationships within the Main Street Alliance and among Midwest small businesses seeking a bigger voice to advocate against large lobby groups.

Ohlinger and others were able to tour the Eisenhower Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House, including its Indian Treaty Room that she had already had on her bucket list. The Kansas City Chiefs also happened to be at the White House that day with the Lombardi Trophy on display.

"It was exciting to get to go to these iconic buildings and talk about my day-to-day work," Ohlinger said. "I was extremely nervous and my lips kept shaking while I was trying to talk, but I think I was able to say everything I needed to."

Among Main Street Alliance's goals, the two that most affect Ohlinger's business are health care and business funding. She said current funding opportunities are complicated, tax credit based or have prohibitive interest rates. Small business owners met with a Small Business Administration panel and asked for a reduction in the 8.5% prime rate while Ohlinger suggested more concierge style services to help owners get through the detailed application rules.

"I explained how R&D tax credits, while



OhmCo owner Mel Ohlinger stands in the Indian Treaty Room of the White House during her recent visit to speak at a small business summit.

meant to help technology businesses like mine, don't actually help because the cost of applying for them negates the return," she said. "Although I've built a carwash website platform, a carwash social media hub and a carwash AI website generator, these tax credits are not actually helping small businesses because they're designed for big players who are not coding things

themselves."

She said there wasn't much of an opportunity to talk about health care but believes Medicaid for all would help businesses like hers in the early days of the startup. She also noted how much health information business owners have access to and believes employees have a greater right to privacy.

"Each one of us had a story about having to skip health care and dental services for ourselves and our families to grow our business," she said. "Some of us had to quit and get other jobs in order to get health care. It's a huge issue."

The Main Street Alliance is also seeking to organize small business owners to engage in the upcoming election to make sure state legislators reflect small business values.

She and her husband, Mike, are headed to the Australian Carwash Show in August to talk about their business in a new market.

"Our business is growing so fast that I have no idea where we'll be at the end of the year," she said.

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# Fitness entrepreneur wants to keep everyone moving

By MaryBeth Matzek  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Kenzi Weidman exudes energy. As the founder of three fitness-related businesses in the past four years — in addition to a successful full-time career — she needs it. Weidman is the owner of Evolution Cycling Studio in Fox Crossing and Yoga 3 Studio, which has locations in Neenah and Appleton.

Weidman grew up around fitness in her hometown of Port Edwards, where she said there was a treadmill in the basement and regular exercise was a part of life. But it wasn't until she went to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater that her love of fitness shifted into high gear. She began attending group fitness classes and working at the university gym where she worked at the front desk and joined its social media team, writing blogs and promoting events.

"I learned a lot about the operational side of running a fitness studio," said Weidman, who eventually began teaching boot camp-style classes and spinning. "At first, I wasn't sure about spinning but I wanted to teach and they had an opening so I trained for a semester and then began teaching. I fell in love with it."

After graduating college, she moved to Milwaukee and taught boot camp and spinning classes at the Wisconsin Athletic Club. In 2017, she moved to the Fox Cities to be with her now fiance, Matt Griffith, and began teaching at the former Valley Fitness & Racquet (now the Ogden YMCA) and Lake Park Swim and Fitness.

"I always talked about opening my own place and finally in the summer of 2019, I decided to do it. I like to say I googled my way to opening a business," Weidman said. "I looked up how to get a business loan, how to do this or that."

She settled on a space in Fox Crossing strip mall off American Drive. Weidman liked how quickly the area was growing. Since the space was empty, she could work with the building's owner to design the space how she wanted.

"I decided to open a spinning studio since there wasn't another one in the area. It was a specialized niche I knew I could tap into," she said.

During the 50-minute spin classes, riders peddle in a darkened room with only some light that changes with activity to loud music. The instructor provides recommendations on how fast to peddle (pace) as well as gear levels going up and down. Each cyclist sets their base gear level and no one knows how fast they are going — unless they choose to share their information on screens in the front of the class.



Evolution Cycling Studio is in Fox Crossing off American Drive.

Submitted photo

"It's a very individualized workout where people can go as hard or not as they like," said Weidman, adding that EVO classes also include two songs where the riders lift arm weights and rhythm activities, such as using the bikes to do pushups.

Evolution Cycling Studio opened just as 2019 was coming to an end and by March 2020, it was closed, along with nearly every other similar business due to the pandemic. Less than three months later, as COVID protocols eased, EVO reopened.

While it was challenging, Weidman used the time to further refine her business and space by adding inspirational wall art. Since she had a loan from the Small Business Administration, they made her loan payments for several months so Weidman could keep the business going despite the closed doors.

"It definitely wasn't easy. I wound up replacing nearly everyone on the (studio's) team," Weidman said. "We now have a great team of teachers and studio staff who really love the place and have made us what we are."

Unlike the spin studios enthusiasts may find in larger cities, the bikes at EVO are spaced a few feet apart, allowing riders to focus on themselves while not worrying they may bump into anyone while lifting weights or doing rhythm activities on the bike.

As for the name Evolution Cycling Studio, Weidman liked it because it could

have a shorter name — EVO — as well as a longer version.

"I really like evolution because it means we're always evolving — not only the individual's fitness, but also by what we offer," she said. "We have more than our basic cycling classes, but also offer classes where we spend half the time on the bike and the other half on the floor lifting weights or doing core exercises. We can keep evolving — changing — what we have to offer."

One of her spin instructors, Deanna Laemmrich, was a certified yoga teacher and talked about having her own yoga studio. Weidman, who had no experience with yoga at the time but is now an instructor, was listening. She was approached in 2021 by a real estate agent about a space in Mahler Farm Plaza, 1566 Lyon Drive, Neenah. He wanted her to open a second cycling studio, but Weidman had a better idea.

"I said no to the cycling, but what about a yoga studio? I then talked to Deanna and brought her in as the studio lead to run the place while I handled the operational side of things," she said. "This was shortly after Empower Yoga closed in downtown Appleton and there was definitely space in the market for a hot yoga studio."

The studio opened in the fall of 2021.

Yoga 3's classes are held in an infrared heated studio where the temperature ranges from 90 to 101 degrees. A variety of classes are offered, including power,



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Kenzi Weidman is owner of Evolution Cycling Studio and Yoga 3 Studio locations.

stretch and strength.

"There's no comparison between the start-up costs between a yoga studio and cycling studio. The costs for a cycling studio are huge since you need to purchase the equipment, the sound system and you need more space than for a yoga studio," Weidman said.

After Yoga 3 in Neenah successfully launched, her real estate agent came to her with another idea: a new multiuse facility was opening on College Avenue in downtown Appleton. There was commercial space on the ground floor with housing above and the building's owner was looking for a boutique fitness studio. Less than a year after opening the Neenah yoga studio, Weidman opened a second Yoga 3 space at 322 E. College Ave.

"That's now our busiest location," she said.

Weidman believes in giving back to the community and hosted a Run and Ride event at EVO in mid-May where participants biked for 30 minutes before running or walking for four miles. Proceeds benefit the local Girls on the Run organization.

She also allows riders looking to raise funds for cancer or other causes to hold a special ride where the proceeds benefit the nonprofit.

Weidman credits both her mom, Jackie Weidman Brehm, and Griffith for helping her bring her dream to a reality.

"They have both been so supportive and help out in the studio as needed," she said. "I could not have done this without them."

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# Rockets fall to Middleton in first state title tilt

By Dustin Riese  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

It was close enough to taste for the Neenah High School boys lacrosse team.

Unfortunately for the Rockets, Middleton had one big bite left.

The Cardinals scored two goals in the final two minutes to edge Neenah, 7-6, and claim the inaugural WIAA Boys Lacrosse State Championship at Sun Prairie West High School on a sunny Saturday afternoon.

“We had a great game plan and the boys did well executing it,” head coach Eric Marsh said. “If you would have told me (we would be) up one with two minutes to play, I would’ve taken it every day. Unfortunately, we couldn’t execute down the stretch, but these kids never stopped grinding and I couldn’t be happier for what they have accomplished this season.”

The game was tied at four entering the final period and it was the Cardinals who surged ahead with a marker less than two minutes into the stanza.

Neenah was able to answer back quickly and Jackson Brown tied the score at 5 before setting up Owen Grotenhuis for a go-ahead goal a few minutes later.

“I was just in the right place at the right time,” Grotenhuis said. “There was a little opening in the corner of the net and I tried my best to hit it.”

The Rockets then rode its defense to stay in front as goalkeeper Jack Rosmos turned several big stops to maintain the lead.

But with 1:27 left in regulation, the Cardinals pulled back even and then notched the winning goal with 40 seconds left.

Middleton then won the faceoff at mid-field and was able to run out the clock to prevent Neenah from getting a chance to tie the match.

“The state experience was great for our program,” Marsh said. “It felt like a big-time game and the boys were treated like they were one of the best two teams in the state. They proved it to everyone today that they were indeed one of the two best teams in the state. This is a game that will resonate in our community and will give us the building blocks to keep coming back for years to come.”

The two teams played a scoreless first period before Neenah opened the scoring early in the second period on a goal from Evan Hans with 8:23 left in the first half.

Keane Sullivan tallied a goal later in the period as the Rockets took a 2-1 advantage, but Middleton reponded in the closing minutes of the half, scoring twice to take a 3-2 lead at intermission.

“The whole game was a battle,” Owen Grotenhuis said. “Offensively, we were a little nervous to start the game, but we managed to settle in to make this a great game. Things just didn’t go our way in the end.”

Hans scored a pair of goals in the third period to complete his hat trick, but it was Rocket defense that held the Cardinals to just one goal in the period to allow Neenah to pull even.

Rosmos made a couple of massive saves during the stretch and finished with 19 saves in his final high school performance.



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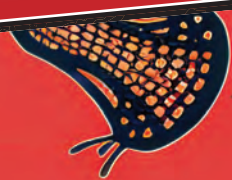
Neenah senior goalkeeper Jack Rosmos finished with 19 saves against Middleton in the inaugural WIAA Boys Lacrosse State Championship match.

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## CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON!



# NEENAH ROCKETS BOYS LACROSSE D1 STATE RUNNER UP!





# State lacrosse

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"Romsos played an amazing game in goal tonight," he said. "He kept us in it and gave us the opportunity to win. This was the best game I have seen him play this season, and it came on the biggest stage."

Added Grotenhuis: "Our defense was unbelievable with Jack (Rosmos) in net who in my opinion is the best goalie in the state."

The runner-up finish caps a tremendous first WIAA season for the long-standing program.

After a strong start to the year, the Rockets hit a slump late in the schedule and entered the postseason losing five of their last six games.

But Neenah was able to crank things up

in the tournament, rolling to four straight wins to reach the state title game.

The Rockets outscored their opponents by a combined 64-23 margin in those four wins and avenged regular-season losses to Hudson and Appleton along the tournament journey.

"I will definitely remember the big games," Grotenhuis said. "Beating Appleton in the playoffs, winning the sectional and playing in the state game."

"Above all, the most memorable thing I will take away from this season is the time spent with my team and the friendships we made. Getting food after games, making TikToks on the bus rides, messing with each other and just hanging out. I will also remember talking about the games afterwards with the guys, especially my dad who was there every step of the way this season."



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Neenah's Owen Grotenhuis (28) celebrates with his teammates after scoring a goal in the fourth period in the inaugural WIAA Boys Lacrosse State Championship game in Sun Prairie.

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# Neenah tennis serves up another successful campaign

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Another successful tennis season for the Neenah High School boys program came to an end as the Rockets fell to Fox Valley Association rival Kimberly, 4-3, in the quarterfinals of the WIAA Division 1 Team State Tennis Tournament last Friday in Madison.

Neenah edged Kimberly in a conference dual meet during the regular season but came up short at Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

“We were definitely excited to play Kimberly,” said senior Brady Hildreth, part of the Rockets’ No. 1 doubles team. “A rivalry like that we are not going to shy away from it. We were happy to see them but unfortunately, it didn’t go our way.”

Hildreth and doubles partner Andrew Werner helped lead a sweep of the doubles matches against the Papermakers, with two of the matches extending to three sets.

Hildreth and Werner, a junior, topped Eli Reider and Andrew Nhan, 6-3, 2-6, 10-7, while the freshman duo of Luke Grassl and Henry Farrell edged Brayden Schueler and Jackson Lawson, 6-2, 1-6, 10-4 at the No. 3 flight.

At No. 2 doubles, the Rockets’ tandem of senior Tristan Yun and freshman Hunter Brown cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 win over Kimberly’s Gage Stahmann and Preston McGinnis.

The doubles sweep at the state tournament highlighted a season-long run of success in doubles as the Rockets rolled to conference titles at all three flights and swept the conference and sectional titles.

“Everyone is really connected together (in doubles),” Brown said. “We all work as a team and talk things through. No one



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The Neenah boys tennis team made its fifth straight trip and ninth in the last 10 to the WIAA Division 1 Team State Tennis Tournament last weekend in Madison, where the Rockets fell in the quarterfinals to Fox Valley Association rival Kimberly, 4-3. Members of the team consisted of (front row, from left) Josh Youngwerth, Hunter Brown, Joe Schultz, Brady Hildreth, Tristin Yun, Isaac Jacque; (back row) Seth Vickman, Henry Farrell, Brady Lawatsch, Luke Grassl, Harry Tanger, Carl Hein, Andrew Werner and Max Gerken.

gets mad at each other. We’re just trying to win.”

Neenah’s top two doubles pairings also did well at the individual state tournament the week before with Werner and Hildreth, who were seeded 13<sup>th</sup>, winning two matches, while Brown – who was playing in his first state tournament – and Yun also collected a win in their first round.

“That was pretty dope,” Yun said of the

state win. “We just played our best tennis.”

For Werner and Hildreth, they ran into the fourth-seed and eventual state champion from Marquette in their third match at state and dropped a hard-fought, 6-3, 6-3 decision.

“We’re pretty proud of playing to our seed,” Werner said. “Unfortunately we drew Marquette and they ended up winning the whole tournament. It was a good

match and it was a lot of fun. I’m happy how we did.”

Hildreth added: “We gave them a battle and that’s the best we could do.”

Werner said the team’s success in doubles happens for a reason – the overall strength of the Neenah tennis program.

“Most teams primarily focus on the sin-

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## CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON!



# 2024 NEENAH ROCKETS BOYS TENNIS D1 SECTIONAL CHAMPS





# State tennis

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gles lineup because there are more singles players," Werner said. "We have a much deeper (roster) than most teams so we are able to put good players in both singles and doubles."

Although the Rockets fell in all four matches against the loaded Kimberly singles lineup, both junior Carl Hein and sophomore Brady Lawatsch joined the two doubles teams at the individual state tournament.

Hein, who was seeded 16<sup>th</sup>, won his first two matches before falling to the bracket's No. 1 seed.

"It wasn't my first time at the state tournament but it kind of felt like it," Hein said. "Last time, it was very new, very strange and I got out in the first round. I felt like I didn't really belong there. This year, making it to the round of 16 it was a really cool experience. I just felt a lot more

important."

Lawatsch lost in his first-round match but still reveled in the fact the Rockets were able to bring six players to the individual state tournament.

"Not many schools get to have that many people qualify. So, it's definitely an honor for us to get two doubles team and two singles flights," Lawatsch said. "It's really fun because we get to cheer each other on."

With a combined 5-4 record among the four individual state tournament qualifiers and coming off a sectional where it dominated, Neenah was in a good position entering the team state meet.

The Rockets have played in the last five team state tournaments and nine of the last 10 while Kimberly was making its first appearance at the team state tournament.

"Team state is a very different atmosphere. Your teammates are all on the court with you so there is not as much support in the crowd," Hein said. "I think the momentum does definitely carry over.

It's a great confidence booster before the team state tournament."

Although the Rockets weren't able to advance at team state, it doesn't tarnish all of the accomplishments Neenah accomplished this season.

In addition to their postseason achievements, Neenah extended its reign in the FVA by going undefeated in dual meets and winning the conference tournament. That earned Neenah its 25<sup>th</sup> straight FVA title.

"Coming into the season we knew it was going to be tough because there were a lot of good teams in the conference," Yun said. "But we were able to pull it out both winning conference and making it back to state so it was a good season."

Heim, who played No. 1 singles all year, said it was important to the team to keep up the Neenah tradition.

For us it's pretty important, especially for me. I feel like I have a duty to uphold (the tradition) to the players who have come before me and have also kept the

streak up," Hein said. "I feel like if I let it fall I would be disappointed in myself and I would feel bad and I didn't do my part."

"We didn't make it as far in the team state tournament as we would have hoped to or as we sometimes do, but I think it was absolutely successful."

Having two teams from the same conference at the state meet certainly speaks to the level of play in the FVA.

"It's a testament to the tennis tradition we have in the Fox Valley," Hein said. "I think it's a good sight not to see the team state tournament being dominated by Madison and Milwaukee all of the time."

And by extending their streak in the FVA, the Rockets can maintain their bragging rights over the Papermakers.

"It's definitely us (who has bragging rights). We are still the best conference team," Lawatsch said with a laugh. "It was weird playing another conference team at state because it doesn't happen very often but it was cool to play at Nielsen with them."

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# Driver death

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The driver told police he was traveling westbound on State 114 and needed to increase the speed of his windshield wipers due to rainfall. He said two vehicles passed him eastbound and then he heard a bump and saw a flash to the right of his vehicle. He pulled his truck over, exited the vehicle and discovered Zimmer lying motionless in the ditch and called 911.

Documents say the impact knocked Zimmer's boots off her feet and the Amazon package out of her hands. A first responder arrived on scene within five minutes and began rendering aid. Zimmer was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver was distraught and told police he never saw the Amazon van parked

on the shoulder with its flashers on as there was oncoming traffic. His cellphone was searched by police, who concluded he was not on his phone at the time of the crash and blood test results showed no drugs or alcohol in his system.

The accident drew attention to safety concerns in Amazon's DSP program, with critics saying the use of third-party contractors to deliver parcels is a way for Amazon to control employees while dodging responsibility for serious incidents.

Former Amazon DSP driver Nate Wolff, who is an Appleton alderman, said in January that drivers are required to deliver after dark and in remote areas and were pressured to make deliveries as quickly as possible, often at unrealistic rates.

Zimmer's parents, Jeff and Lynette, said shortly after the accident that they had asked her if she was encouraged to be fast

and deliver on time and she reassured them the company stressed safety first.

They questioned why she was required to cross a busy highway to deliver, but noted she was trying to follow the company's rules, which discourage drivers from pulling into driveways.

Shortly after Neenah News published an article on the accident, U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin and a bipartisan group of senators issued a press release calling out Amazon's mistreatment of delivery drivers.

"Drivers have been made to work in extreme heat without air conditioning, forced to make deliveries in the snow without proper safety equipment like snow tires or chains, and are often pressured to skip breaks," the senators wrote. "In some instances, drivers have been forced to work for nearly 12 hours without access to a restroom."

The senators requested that Amazon CEO Andy Jassy provide information about the DSP program "and its efforts to avoid legal liability for the persistent mistreatment of DSP drivers."

An Amazon spokesperson declined to

comment, noting the OSHA violation was issued to the DSP and referred a reporter to Excelerated.

Excelerated owner Kevin DeHaan issued a statement expressing sympathy to Zimmer's family and friends and noting the company met with OSHA last week and feels confident in its safety measures.

"The OSHA report did not uncover any safety violations, which reaffirms our dedication to maintaining a safe working environment," he said, adding that the citation was for failing to report the incident within the required eight-hour window which he missed as he was boarding a flight to Appleton upon learning of the accident.

Zimmer's mother said she hopes that if anything comes out of the tragic loss of her daughter, it's that drivers pay more attention.

"What we would ask people to do is when they see an Amazon truck pulled over to the side of the road with their lights flashing, just to slow down," she said, "because there's a driver somewhere and I'm sure that the driver that hit her never saw her."



Park Place Holdings photo

Amenities at Marathon Flats include a community room, games and interior courtyards.

# Marathon Flats

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"The entire building is on one level, no stairs, nobody living above or below you," he said. "And there were many portions of the building that could not be utilized for apartments and those became common area amenities."



Vanevenhoven

The building includes about 25,000 square feet of amenities - a community room, fitness center, golf simulator, indoor bicycle storage, interior courtyards, raised garden beds, yard games, grills and patio furniture.

"There's lots of places for people to gather in large community rooms and families can come here and if children come they've got

places to play games," Vanevenhoven said.

On its website, Marathon Flats' outlined its vision for additional amenities in the future including a craft room, family meeting room, business center, woodworking shop and salon.

Looking forward, Vanevenhoven said once the project is financially stable and interest rates come down, Park Place Holdings may construct an additional six townhouses with 12-14 units each.

"We could potentially put another 75 units on the property," he said.

He added that the number of townhouses may be reduced after the company sold 3.5 acres last month to the Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley, which has plans to construct a facility in Neenah.

Vanevenhoven said Park Place Holdings is primarily a holding company and this was its first multifamily venture, emphasizing the business's growth and the need for affordable housing.

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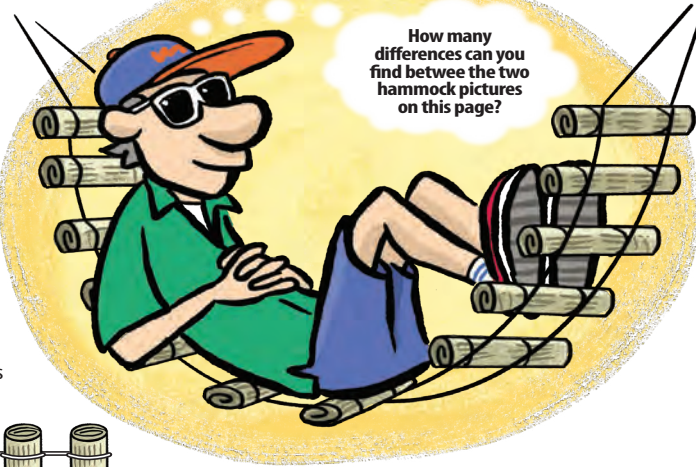
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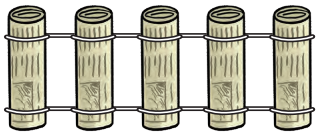
## Summer Fun With the Newspaper!

What is black and white and FUN all over? **The newspaper!** Summer fun begins with your local newspaper! It can be used to play games, to say "Happy Father's Day" and even to take a nap.

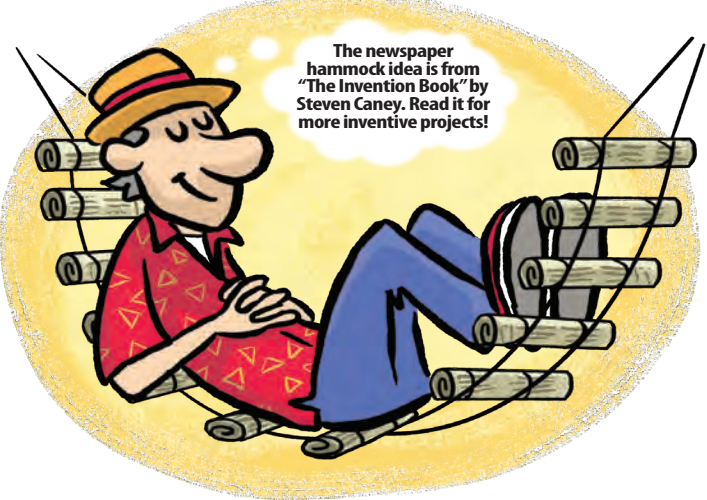


### Make a Newspaper Hammock!

- Starting at the narrow end, tightly roll about 50 pages of newspaper into a rigid tube. Tape it so that it stays rolled. Make about 10–15 of these tubes.
- Connect the tubes, using extra-strength clothesline. When the hammock is as long as your body, bring the rope ends together to form loops for hanging.



- Hang the hammock indoors or outdoors. Tie the two ends to sturdy supports at each end. Two trees make good supports.



### First Father's Day

The first Father's Day was celebrated in 1910 in Spokane, WA. It was \_\_\_\_\_ by Sonora Dodd.

Replace the missing words in this story.

**SUNDAY MET CHURCH BROTHERS CARE SPECIAL STARTED**

She and her five brothers were raised by their father after their mother died.

After listening to a Mother's Day sermon in \_\_\_\_\_ one Sunday, she thought of her father's love and the many sacrifices he had made to raise her and her \_\_\_\_\_. And of the many ways fathers everywhere took \_\_\_\_\_ of their families.

Her idea of a Father's Day celebration in her community \_\_\_\_\_ with strong support.

Newspapers across the country told the story of the \_\_\_\_\_ day for fathers in Spokane. However, it was not until 1972

that Father's Day was set as a national celebration on the third \_\_\_\_\_ in June.

How many years after the first Father's Day was it made into a national celebration?

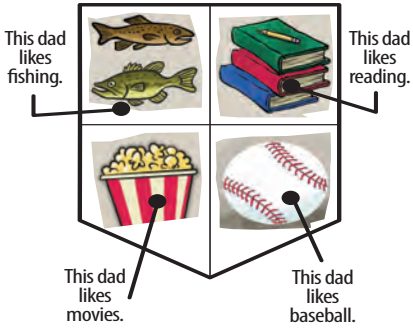
Standards Link: Animals have structures that aid in survival.

### Kid Scoop Together FAMILY MAZE

Race against a family member to see who can get to the newspaper first!

### What Is a Coat of Arms?

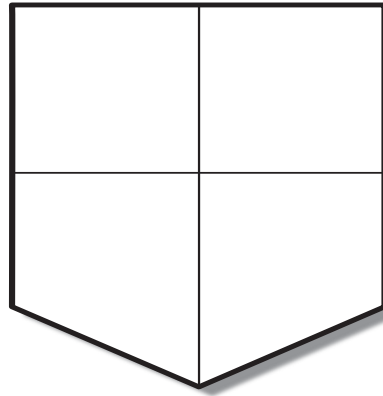
A coat of arms is a crest that uses symbols to describe a family or a person.



### Extra! Extra! Say "Happy Father's Day" with a Newspaper Coat of Arms

- Make a list of words that describe your dad.
- Pick the four you like the best.
- Find pictures in today's paper that represent the words you have chosen.
- Cut out the pictures and arrange them on the blank coat of arms. Decorate with markers or crayons, glitter, stickers, and ribbons.
- Mount the coat of arms on a heavy piece of paper and wrap it as a gift for Father's Day. Use newspaper to wrap the gift!

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.



### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Dario and his dad went to the donut shop for Father's Day. They wanted donuts that were the same. Circle the two donuts that are exactly the same.



Standards Link: Use main idea and supporting details in writing.

### Double Double Word Search

BEST  
DAD  
FATHERS  
FORM  
GAMES  
GIFT  
JUNE  
LOVE  
NAP  
PAPER  
ROPE  
SPOKANE  
SUNDAY  
TAPE  
THOUGHT

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

U	S	L	F	N	L	B	V	W	J
T	E	E	O	Y	A	D	N	U	S
H	M	P	R	V	X	P	O	C	P
O	A	O	M	T	E	J	U	T	O
U	G	R	G	I	F	T	S	P	K
G	R	E	M	L	R	E	A	N	A
H	D	P	Q	Z	B	K	I	P	N
T	F	A	T	H	E	R	S	O	E
J	B	P	D	Z	F	E	N	U	J

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

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### Write On! My Day

What if there was a holiday in your honor? How would people celebrate YOUR day?

Standards Link: Write descriptively using a main idea and supporting details.

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