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Boys & Girls Club celebrates grand opening

New club to begin operating this fall

By Bethanie Gengler
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The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley celebrated a major milestone last Saturday with a ribbon-cutting and open house for its newest location in Neenah.

Community members gathered at the 35,000-square-foot facility at 2065 Marathon Ave. for the event which featured

tours, youth activities, giveaways and a chance to learn more about the services the club will begin offering this fall.

Spaces in the new club include two game areas, a maker's space, sensory room, three learning centers, performing and visual arts rooms, gymnasium, a kitchen and cafe, community room, dance studio, youth lounge, Life & Workforce Readiness Center and a creative arts studio.

Neenah-based Plexus sponsored the maker's space and chief executive Oliver Mihm is on the club's board of directors.

"We've witnessed firsthand the transformative impact the club can have on young lives, providing a safe space, fostering growth and creating opportunities for bright futures," Mihm said. "It's where children and young adults can come to discover their passions, foster friendships, learn skills, connect with mentors who really believe in them, and engage in programs that inspire and empower them to achieve their full potential."

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Photo from St. Mary Catholic Schools

Leadership development

Student athletes from St. Mary Catholic Schools participated Saturday in the Inspire Sports program, which is designed to develop leadership skills for student athletes. The program works in combination to create opportunities for children with special needs. The Zephyrs athletes and children spent time running drills, kicking and throwing touchdowns.

Krueger's True Value closing doors after 159 years



File photo

Owners Jim and Brian Webb plan to retire as Krueger's True Value Hardware plans to close after 159 years in business.

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A retirement and liquidation sale began this week as Krueger's True Value Hardware in Neenah announced plans to close. The store has been in business for 159 years.

Jim and Brian Webb, fifth-generation owners of the business, both said they plan to retire. The Webbs are descendants of founder William Krueger, who founded the company in 1866.

Krueger's previously operated their hardware store in downtown Neenah for 100 years before moving the operation to its present location at 999 Winneconne Ave. in 1972.

"We have made a concerted effort to sell our business to hardware retailers both local and distant to have a hardware store

continue to operate in our location, and we had considerable interest," Brian said. "Unfortunately, we were not able to get to the finish line with a prospective buyer."

Krueger's current owners hope to recruit a national retailer to lease the 54,000 square foot facility.

"We have a great building in an outstanding location in a vibrant community," Brian said. "We have been supported by our great customers in Neenah and the Fox Valley for 159 years, and we're certain that a new retailer will succeed here."

The city of Neenah posted on Facebook that the store's plans to close represent the closing of a chapter that began before the city was incorporated. The city said the business remained a constant, always

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New Christian school to open in Shattuck building

By Bethanie Gengler
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A new Christian school is preparing to open its doors in the former Shattuck Middle School building.

New Springs Christian Academy (NCSA) has begun preparing parts of the building at 600 Elm Street for students enrolled in three-year-old kindergarten through eighth grade. Parent night is Aug. 25, with the first day of school Aug. 27.

NCSA is a non-denominational school with a bible-based curriculum.

“All children matter to God and to New Springs Christian Academy,” Administrator Laurie Prewitt said by email. “NCSA believes all children are learners and we desire to help each student reach their fullest potential and become a lifelong learner.”

Class sizes average about 20 students, with a student-to-teacher ratio of about 12-to-1.

“The staff at NCSA is a dedicated team of seasoned educators who together foster a collaborative and consistent learning environment,” Prewitt said. “With deep expertise in diverse learning styles, our educators understand that every student learns differently and tailor their approach to meet individual needs.”

NCSA signed a lease for the Shattuck space on June 6. Deputy Director of Community Development Brad Schmidt said the school worked with the city to ensure the use of the building as a school was permitted in the zoning district prior to signing the lease.

“Since the former use of the building was a school, there were no further zoning approvals required,” he said. “There may be future zoning approvals for an outdoor



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playground.”

The former Shattuck Middle School closed following the 2022-2023 school year and was sold to local developer Umer Sheikh of Investment Creations. Since then, the building has had limited use, with the Neenah Joint School District’s Health and Wellness Center continuing to operate there, with Sheikh’s permission.

A July 18 Neenah News article on a meeting where the city voted on Sheikh’s plan to transform the surrounding land into a housing development noted that the former Shattuck Middle School building was vacant other than the Wellness Center. Schmidt said the lease was recent-

ly formalized and city staff chose not to announce the pending agreement sooner to avoid causing confusion.

The school will occupy the west wing and some of the central wing of the building, in the same area as the Health and Wellness Center. Board President Justin Stambuk said there were no major renovations required, just cleaning, painting and some general sprucing up.

“Most of the updates we made were aesthetic and technology-related, helping us create a warm, functional and inspiring environment for our students,” he said.

Information on the enrollment process is at newspringswi.com.

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Calendar of events

Friday, July 25

Zephyrs Community Theater presents Honk, Jr. 6 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Attic Theatre presents Kiss Me, Kate, 7 p.m., Neenah High School

Saturday, July 26

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

Attic Theatre presents Kiss Me, Kate, 2 p.m., Neenah High School

Zephyrs Community Theater presents Honk, Jr., 6 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Sunday, July 27

Zephyrs Community Theater presents Honk, Jr., 2 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Tuesday, July 29

Neenah Community Band presents A Colorful Portrait, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Wednesday, July 30

Future Neenah Summer Concert Series featuring The Britins, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Thursday, July 31

Out to Lunch Concert featuring Randy Peterson, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Jubricosa Academy presents Fiddler on the Roof, 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Friday, Aug. 1

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Renovations planned for Kimberly Point Lighthouse

Grants applied for; fundraising begins in fall

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Neenah's Kimberly Point Lighthouse is slated for renovation in 2026, with plans calling for substantial exterior and interior improvements aimed at preserving the historic structure while improving functionality and long-term durability.

The project includes replacing the lighthouse's aging metal and asphalt roofing with new 30-year metal shingles, repainting the brick exterior and installing bird-protected louvers and new siding. Structural upgrades include new pre-finished aluminum-wrapped columns, fascia, soffit material and concrete footings.

The renovation will also bring modern upgrades to the public restrooms. According to design documents, work will include polished concrete floors, epoxy-coated walls, updated fixtures, LED lighting and ADA-compliant features. Painted wall murals are also planned.

The lighthouse is located at 270 Lakeshore Ave. in Kimberly Point Park, at the northern most end of Neenah Point. It overlooks the headwaters of the Fox River and Lake Winnebago. It was built in 1945 through a gift from J. C. Kimberly, according to newspaper archives. The one-story octagonal structure was extended by 10 feet in 1954 to improve visibility, making it 49 feet tall.

Featuring Colonial Revival architectural details such as decorative porches, chamfered posts, and a sailboat weather-vane. Original materials include painted brick walls, concrete foundations, as-

phalt shingles, and a copper-roofed lantern.

Due to vandalism in the 1970s, several windows were bricked over and replaced with wooden louvers. The lighthouse currently contains two public restrooms and access to the tower is through a ladder system above the women's restroom.

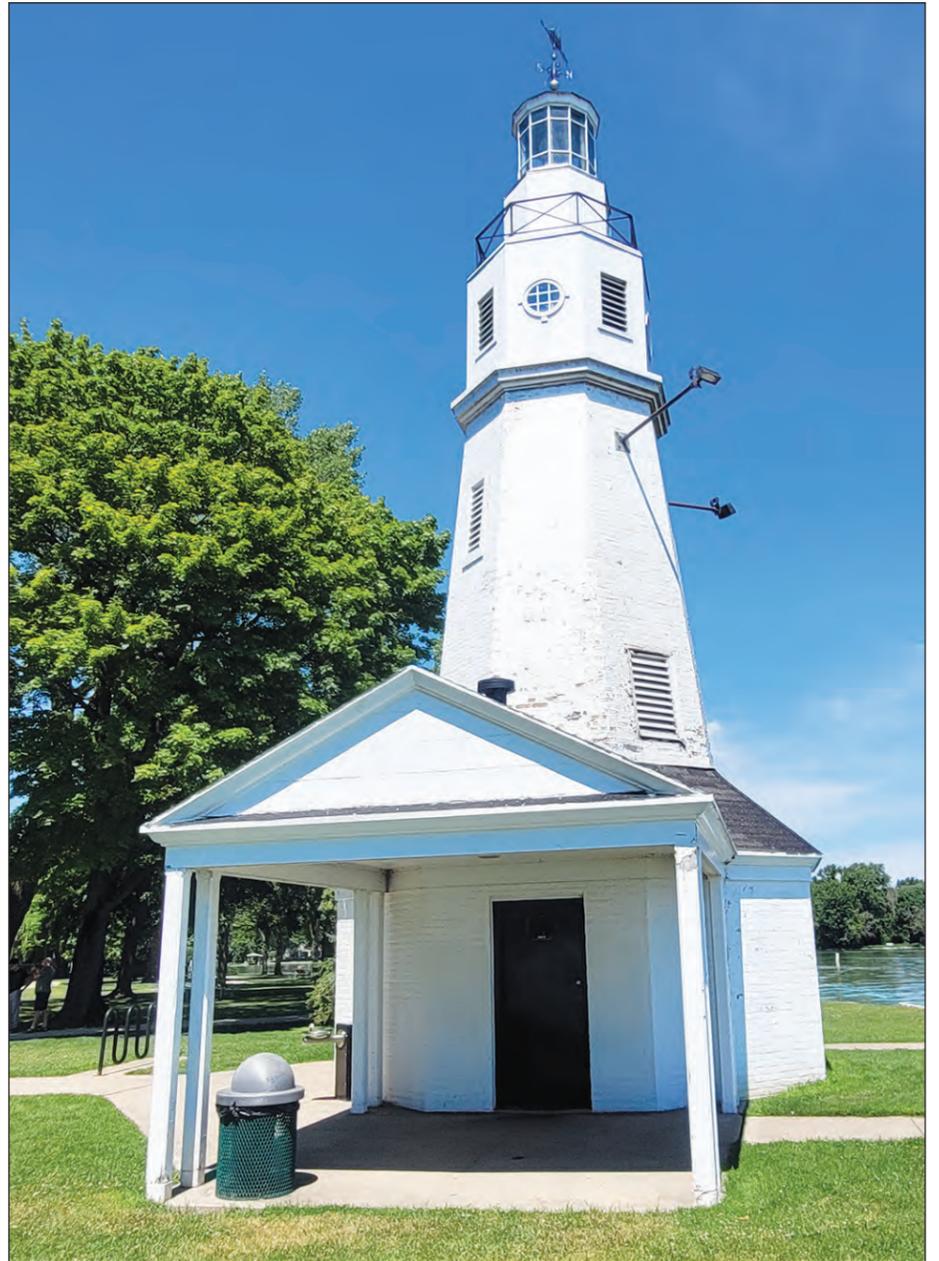
Kimberly Point Lighthouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2013.

"A rare survivor of an era of great industrial wealth, the Kimberly Point Park Lighthouse is of local historical significance for its association with Neenah's history of recreational boating, a popular sport in the community," the National Register of Historic Places registration form states.

The lighthouse is considered one of Neenah's most recognizable landmarks and continues to light up the night with a halogen bulb that is screened off so it is only visible from the lake.

Park's Director Michael Kading said much of the interior wood of the structure is failing and has dry rot. The city's goal is to preserve as much of the existing structure as possible while it is still safe, before it falls into disrepair.

The estimated cost of the renovations is \$540,000. The city's Parks and Recreation Department is coordinating with the mayor's office to develop a public fundraising campaign to support the renovation. Two grant applications have already been submitted to help fund the project, with decisions expected in early fall. More information about fundraising efforts and community involvement opportunities is expected to be announced later this year.



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Neenah's iconic Kimberly Point Lighthouse is slated for remodeling next year.

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Photo from Zephyrs Community Theater

The cast of *Honk, Jr.* has been preparing for this weekend's performances of *Honk, Jr.*

Zephyrs Community Theater to present *Honk, Jr.*

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Zephyrs Community Theater is ready for performances of *Honk, Jr.* this weekend.

The show features over 50 students ages 7-14 on and off stage.

In the show, Ugly knows he is different from his duckling brothers and sisters. Ultimately, he gets separated from his farm and has to find his way home. Along the way, he discovers his true beauty and des-

tiny and also finds love and acceptance in all its forms.

Honk, Jr. performances are at 6 p.m. today and Saturday along with 2 p.m. Sunday at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center, 1050 Zephyr Drive.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for seniors and students and can be purchased at onthestage.tickets/st-mary-catholic-schools or at the door.

Community Carnival coming to Beaming Ranch

Neenah News

The Beaming Ranch will hold its second annual Community Carnival Aug. 2 to benefit the local nonprofit.

The event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2692 County Road GG will feature horses, carnival games, craft booths, food trucks, free lemonade, artwork and raffle baskets to benefit the Fox Valley Memory Project. Attendees will be able to walk on the sensory path, meet Sparkles, Spuds and the unicorns at the ranch. Attendees are asked to wear closed-toe shoes to safely meet and interact with the horses.

Singer and songwriter Courtney Jean will be performing country, pop and rock from the '90s to today's music.

"This event is more than just a carnival," said Katie Samuelson, CEO of BEAMING Inc. "It's a celebration of community connection, healing and collaboration. We're proud to bring together so many impactful organizations and provide a joyful space for families to engage, learn, and give back."

Other nonprofits from the community will have exhibits at the event. The cost is \$10 a car to attend with ticket information available on the event's Facebook page.

Future Neenah concert series hits milestone

Neenah News

Future Neenah will be hosting a special night of music and celebration as Beatles tribute band The Britins takes the stage at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Shattuck Park. The performance is part of the Future Neenah Evening Concert Series, which is marking its 20th anniversary.

Future Neenah outreach and develop-

ment coordinator Michelle Dunning said the group is planning a special way to honor the milestone with a sweet twist. She said the fan-favorite sundae bar from the inaugural season will be returning for the concert.

She said attendees during the concert will be able to enjoy a complimentary sundae while supplies last, just like they did two decades ago.

Rain postpones Jet Pack Stereo concert

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The Future Neenah Summer Concert Series event featuring Jet Pack Stereo has been postponed to Aug. 18. The event

had been scheduled for July 16 but was changed due to rain.

The concert will start at 6 p.m. in Shattuck Park.



Submitted photo

The Sensational Saxes will be performing Tuesday during the Neenah Community Band concert at Riverside Park.

Band summer concert series features guest performers

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The Neenah Community Band summer concert series continues Tuesday with A Colorful Portrait theme.

The Sensational Saxes will be performing mid-concert. Members of the group

range from teenagers to those who are retired and every age in between.

The free concert is at 7 p.m. at Riverside Park. The community band season will continue next month, with themes of Get Up and Dance Aug. 5, Happy Wanderers Aug. 12 and Ambassadors Aug. 19.

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Winnebago County Fair ready to offer new experiences

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It's almost time for the Winnebago County Fair, with organizers preparing to offer some new attractions next week. The fair runs from Wednesday to Aug. 3 at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Osh-

kosh.

This year's theme is "Carnival Lights, Action-Packed Nights."

Fair Board President Mike Domke is looking forward to the family-friendly entertainment options.

"We have a new rodeo for the grandstand, which promises to be a good show," Domke said. "We have a new acrobatic show, Miller and Mike show and a glass blowing demonstration for family entertainment."

The carnival will kick off on Wednesday with the CC Bucking Bulls Rodeo starting at 7 p.m. followed by Zach Thomas from American Idol performing at 8 p.m. The entertainment continues at 7 p.m. Thursday with a County Tractor Pull and Dig Deep bluegrass band at 8 p.m.

The line-up on Aug. 1 includes the polka 2/5s Party Band from noon-4 p.m., music by the Delrays at 3 p.m., Badger State Tractor Pull at 6:30 p.m. and Star Six Nine taking the stage at 8 p.m.

The options on Aug. 2 include music by Jet Pack Stereo at 2 p.m., Hollywood Motorsports Demolition Derby at 6 p.m. and Spicy Tie Band at 8 p.m.

A sensory friendly day will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 3 with the fair closing at 4 p.m.

Domke said some returning events are Nick's Kids show, woodcarver, trout

pond, face painting and pig and duck races. Senior Day is Friday when seniors get in for \$5 along with veterans day with special events planned by the Winnebago County Veterans office and free admission for veterans.

Other special events, Domke said, include the Farmer for a Day program during which anyone can try their hand at exhibiting and Endless Adventures show, which allows special needs youth the experience of showing an animal.

Thrill-seekers can check out Mr. Ed's Magical Midway Rides in the late afternoon and evening for an adrenaline rush.

"We have the all-inclusive admission again, which includes family entertainment, barns, rides, parking, grandstand and nightly bands," Domke said. "With this pricing, it's incredibly reasonable for a family to have an all-day outing."

Admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Weekly passes are also available.

Visit the fair's website winnebago-countyfaironline.com for updated schedule information.

Business news roundup

Fox Communities Credit Union has promoted Heather Wessley to vice president of community impact. Wessley began her career with Fox in 1999. In her new role, Wessley will lead the strategy for driving community engagement, reinforcing Fox's role as a community partner.



Wessley

as a purchasing associate, she will work with suppliers to verify pricing, schedule purchase orders and monitor and review quotes. Woodcock joins the company as a customer service representative and will assist customers with sales orders. Luniak is a repair technician, with responsibilities including diagnosing, repairing and testing hydraulic components and systems while working closely with customers.

James Imaging Systems held a grand opening and open house Tuesday of its brand-new Neenah branch office, 55 Jewelers Park Drive Suite 103. The event featured hands-on experiences with the latest in print and document management technology. Bikes from a bike race held at the end of the event will be donated to The Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley.

The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center board of directors has welcomed new members for the 2025-26 season, including Omar Atassi, Will Flett, Morgan O'Regan Hogerty and Steve Murray. Atassi grew up in Neenah and left the area until returning in 1996 to practice urology for 25 years before retiring from full-time practice in 2023. Flett is the chief financial officer of ThedaCare. O'Regan Hogerty grew up near the Kimberly Point Lighthouse in Neenah. In 1995, she and her husband John returned to the Fox Valley to raise their family. O'Regan Hogerty is a copy editor and a contributing editor of two magazines serving Chicago's North Shore — Sheridan Road and Country. Murray is executive vice president of professional services at J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc.

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Woman charged in stabbing during domestic dispute

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A Neenah woman is facing felony charges after allegedly stabbing a man during a domestic dispute at her residence on July 5, according to a criminal complaint filed in Winnebago County Circuit Court.

Nadine Huettl, 37, is charged with second-degree recklessly endangering safety and substantial battery, both felonies.

Police were called to the home on Fiesta Court at about 10 p.m. following reports of a fight and a female threatening to stab someone.

Officers followed a blood trail to a nearby house and found the victim, who was applying pressure to wounds on his arm and back.

The victim said he had been staying at Huettl's house when he was confronted

by Huettl's daughter and her boyfriend regarding a Cash App transaction. According to the victim and surveillance footage, a fight broke out during the confrontation, and the boyfriend allegedly punched him multiple times in the head.

The victim told police that Huettl came outside yelling, and a neighbor intervened and pulled her off him.

He had been stabbed in the right forearm and right side, injuries that required stitches.

Surveillance footage reviewed by investigators showed Huettl going upstairs

shortly before the video feed was cut. She later admitted to retrieving a knife and stabbing the victim, according to the criminal complaint.

Officers also interviewed witnesses who observed Huettl and the victim arguing, with one reporting that Huettl stated "I am going to stab you with your own knife."

If convicted, Huettl faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine on the reckless endangerment charge, and up to three and a half years and a \$10,000 fine for substantial battery.

Winchester Road work project begins

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The village of Fox Crossing began reconstructing Winchester Road this week from the railroad crossing to North Lake Street.

The road is expected to be closed until the project is anticipated to be completed Sept. 15. The detour route will be Green Bay Road to Main Street to North Lake Street.

Man flees from police after car accident

Neenah News

A 19-year-old man could be facing charges in Winnebago County after an incident Friday that began with a three-vehicle car crash in Fox Crossing and led to a standoff with authorities.

The Fox Crossing Police Department was at the scene of a motor vehicle accident involving injuries in the 1100 block of Appleton Road about 12:15 p.m. when the Menasha Police Department responded to assist.

Officers at the scene determined a vehicle that was traveling at a high rate of speed southbound on Appleton Road near Clovis Street struck another car, which then crossed the centerline and struck a third vehicle northbound on Appleton Road, Fox Crossing officer Dan Wiechman said.

The vehicle that appeared to have initially caused the crash had fled the scene prior to Fox Crossing officers arriving, Wiechman said. He added the drivers of the other two vehicles were injured

and were transported to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Shortly after the initial report of the crash, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Communication Center began receiving calls that the vehicles that fled the scene was seen driving recklessly in the city of Menasha.

Officers attempted to stop the vehicle before it later came to a stop in the driveway of a residence in the 300 block of Nymut Street. The occupant of the vehicle fled on foot into a residence.

After several hours of negotiations, the individual, who police identified as a 19-year-old Menasha man, refused to leave the residence. Officers decided not to force entry into the home to protect the safety of the other occupants, including a young child.

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UW-Oshkosh graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's 151st spring commencement recognized the achievements of 1,250 students in two ceremonies May 17 inside Kolf Sports Center. The graduates were recognized for earning doctoral, master's, bachelor's or associate degrees.

Graduates from Neenah include:

David Balensiefen, master of science, data science
 Cami Basler, bachelor of social work
 Andrew Bergman, master of social work, mental health care practice
 Sarah Bleier, graduate certificate, post graduate certificate in psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner
 Taylor Boardman, bachelor of business administration, human resources management
 Ellon Buchanan, bachelor of science, English (general)
 Nicole Campbell, bachelor of science in nursing
 Lila Daul, bachelor of arts, advertising
 LilaDaul, bachelor of arts, public relations
 Rebecca Durbin, master of science, educational leadership and policy (library science)
 Isaiah Fenske, bachelor of science in education, middle and high school social science
 Jason Foster, bachelor of liberal studies, liberal studies (leadership development)
 Jonah Gagnon, bachelor of science in nursing, nursing
 Elijah Gast, associate of arts and science
 Anthony Glaser, master of science, sustainable management
 Piper Green, bachelor of science in education, elementary and middle school education

Taylor Grissman, bachelor of science, biomedical science

Regan Gueller, bachelor of science in nursing

Catherine Harn, master of science in education, teaching and learning (middle childhood/early adolescence)

Paige Harner, associate of arts and science

Emme Hornung, bachelor of arts, communication studies

Carrie Jandrey, bachelor of arts, English (general)

Amy Jape, bachelor of applied studies, leadership and organizational studies (organizational studies)

Natalie Kohl, bachelor of science in nursing

Kymberlie Kraemer, master of science, applied biotechnology

Eliza Leavins, associate of arts and science

Evelyn Lima, bachelor of science in nursing

Zachary Mabry, bachelor of science in education, history

Zachary Mabry, bachelor of science in education, middle and high school social science

Hailey Meyer, bachelor of business administration, human resources management

Meghan Numrich, bachelor of science, geology

Martins Onyefulummo, bachelor of science, criminal justice

Grace Pirillo, bachelor of business administration, marketing

Elizabeth Pletzer, bachelor of science, anthropology

Kelly Richie, master of science in nursing, nursing educator

ing, nursing educator

Sophia Runge, bachelor of social work
 Evan Schabo, bachelor of arts, radio-TV-film

Kendra Schmidt, master of social work, advanced direct practice

Grayson Schroeder, bachelor of science in nursing

Caelyn Schulz, bachelor of social work

Andrew Schwerke, bachelor of applied studies, leadership and organizational studies (organizational studies)

Tate Scott, bachelor of business administration, information systems

Stephanie Shantz, master of science in education, professional counseling (clinical mental health)

Andrea Sommer, bachelor of arts, an-

thropology

Jennifer Soriano, master of science in education, professional counseling (clinical mental health)

Lucie Spanbauer, bachelor of science, applied computing

Payton Spanbauer, master of science in education, teaching and learning (middle childhood/early adolescence)

Dylan Stone, bachelor of science, microbiology

Sophie Taubel, bachelor of science, exercise and sport science

Larry Vang, bachelor of science in nursing

Braden Vulgamore, associate of arts and science

Claudia Zeamer, bachelor of arts, advertising

Local college graduates

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse recognized the following students from Neenah earning degrees this spring.

Aidan Anderson, bachelor of science, marketing major

Tyler Backes, bachelor of arts, communication studies major: media studies emphasis

CJ Charniak, doctor of physical therapy, physical therapy

Ellie Dietrich, bachelor of arts, sociology major, highest honors

Hayden Graves, bachelor of science, finance major, honors

Jonas Kasten, doctor of physical therapy, physical therapy

Eric Maggio, master of science, health-care administration

Francis O'Connor, bachelor of science, accountancy major, honors

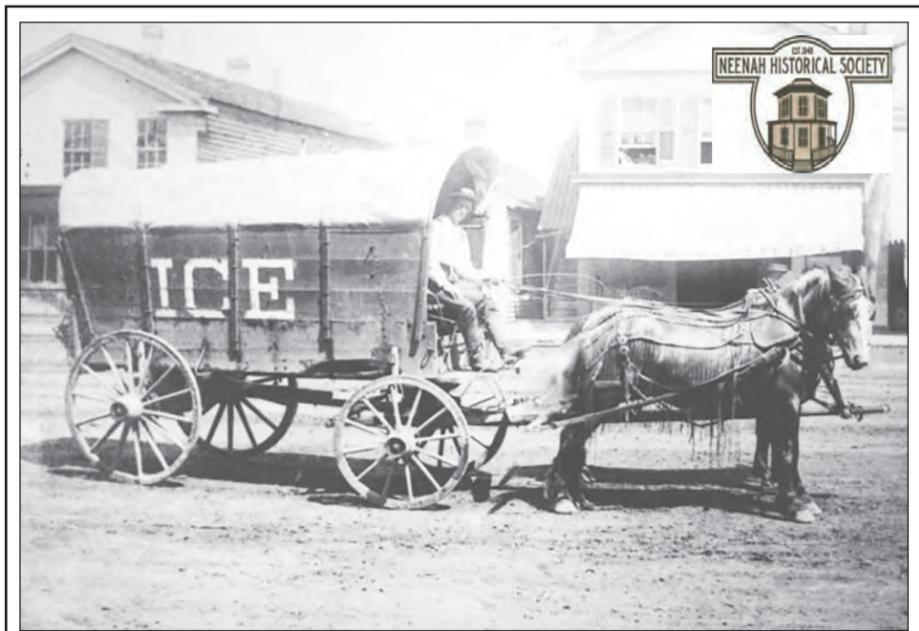
Logan Pagel, bachelor of science, archaeological studies major: cultural anthropology emphasis

Kamryn Porsche, bachelor of science, marketing major

Lexi Valeri, bachelor of science, biology major: biomedical science concentration, highest honors

Chris VandenHeuvel, bachelor of science, general studies major

Isabel Yoblonski, bachelor of science, biology major, honors



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Toddle Time Storytime *with ASL interpretation* (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m.
Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.
Adaptive Storytime (ages 0-6) 10 a.m.
Family Program: DIY School Supplies 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.
Powered by Yarn 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 6**
Baby Time Storytime 9:15 a.m.
Bibliocycle @ the Neenah Pool 9:30 a.m.
Musical Movers Storytime (ages 0-6) 10 a.m.
Bibliocycle @ the Primrose Apartments 5 p.m.
- Aug. 7**
Fox Tales Storytime (all ages) 9:15 a.m.
- Aug. 9**
Tween Craft: Glass Luminary 10 a.m.
- Aug. 11**
Short Story Night at Lion's Tale 7 p.m.
- Aug. 12**
Family Program: Sensory Exploration 1:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 14**
Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
- Aug. 15**
Sunrise Yoga 6:30 a.m.
Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

- Aug. 16**
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- Aug. 17**
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- Aug. 18**
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Memory Cafe at Valley VNA 1:30 p.m.
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- Aug. 19**
Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.
Cookbook Book Club 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 21**
Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
- Aug. 22**
Sunrise Yoga 6:30 a.m.
- Aug. 25**
Monday Morning Book Klatch 10 a.m.
- Aug. 26**
Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.
Movie Talks: Stagecoach 6:30 p.m.
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Library book sale dates, times set

Neenah News
 Preparations are underway for the Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale Aug. 14-18.
 The book sale is the library's largest fundraiser, which helps to support programming and kits for kids.
 The dates and times for the sale are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 15, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 16 with books by the bagful for \$7, noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 17 for a free day and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 18 for a free day.
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Legion recognizes Badger Girls State delegates

Neenah News
 The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 33, Neenah recognized their 2025 delegates to the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State at their monthly meeting July 15.
 Delegates attended the week-long event June 15-20 at UW-Oshkosh starting. The high school junior delegates received \$500 scholarships from contributors to the ALA government and leadership conference.
 Delegates chosen from St. Mary Catholic High School were Madeleine Breen, Mia Pable and Isabella Dupont.
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BGC celebrates

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The project was made possible through community support and a fundraising effort led by Bergstrom Automotive co-founder and executive chairman John Bergstrom and chief executive Tim Bergstrom. The campaign has raised more than \$16 million toward its \$17.6 million goal, which covers construction, equipment and startup costs.

“But today, every person standing here is a piece of the puzzle that will make the future work for everyone going forward,” John Bergstrom said at the ceremony. “So maybe there was a piece missing in their puzzle. We’re putting that piece together today by providing a place for this amazing group of leaders, these young people, to get together to help these kids make

their lives better and give them the tool that they need to deliver a product that meets your future.”

John Bergstrom has played a key role in the growth of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley since the late 1990s, when he led the campaign that enabled the organization to purchase and renovate the Appleton facility. He was also a driving force behind the opening of the Menasha club in 2015 and its expansion in 2020.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley chief executive Greg Lemke-Rochon said John Bergstrom is at the “very top” of those who made the new facility a reality.

“We are so grateful for all the support that we’ve received along the way to get us to this point,” he said. “We’re excited what those partnerships are going to mean for us and for the kids that we get to serve as we look down the road.”

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Val-

ley purchased land at the corner of Marathon and Byrd avenues for \$967,000 last year, according to Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer records. The property, located across from the Neenah Police Department, was formerly part of the parcel that housed a Kimberly-Clark office building, which has since been converted into the Marathon Flats senior apartments.

Miron Construction and Gries Architectural Group built the club, which broke ground last September and was completed in less than a year.

The Neenah club is the 16th location operated by the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley, providing programs for youth in Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, Outagamie and Winnebago counties. It will officially open its doors for the start of the 2025-2026 school year. About 1,000 young people and their families are expected to use the club annually.



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Bergstrom Automotive chief executive Tim Bergstrom helps a young guest cut the ribbon during the July 19 celebration of the new Boys & Girls Club location in Neenah.

Store closing

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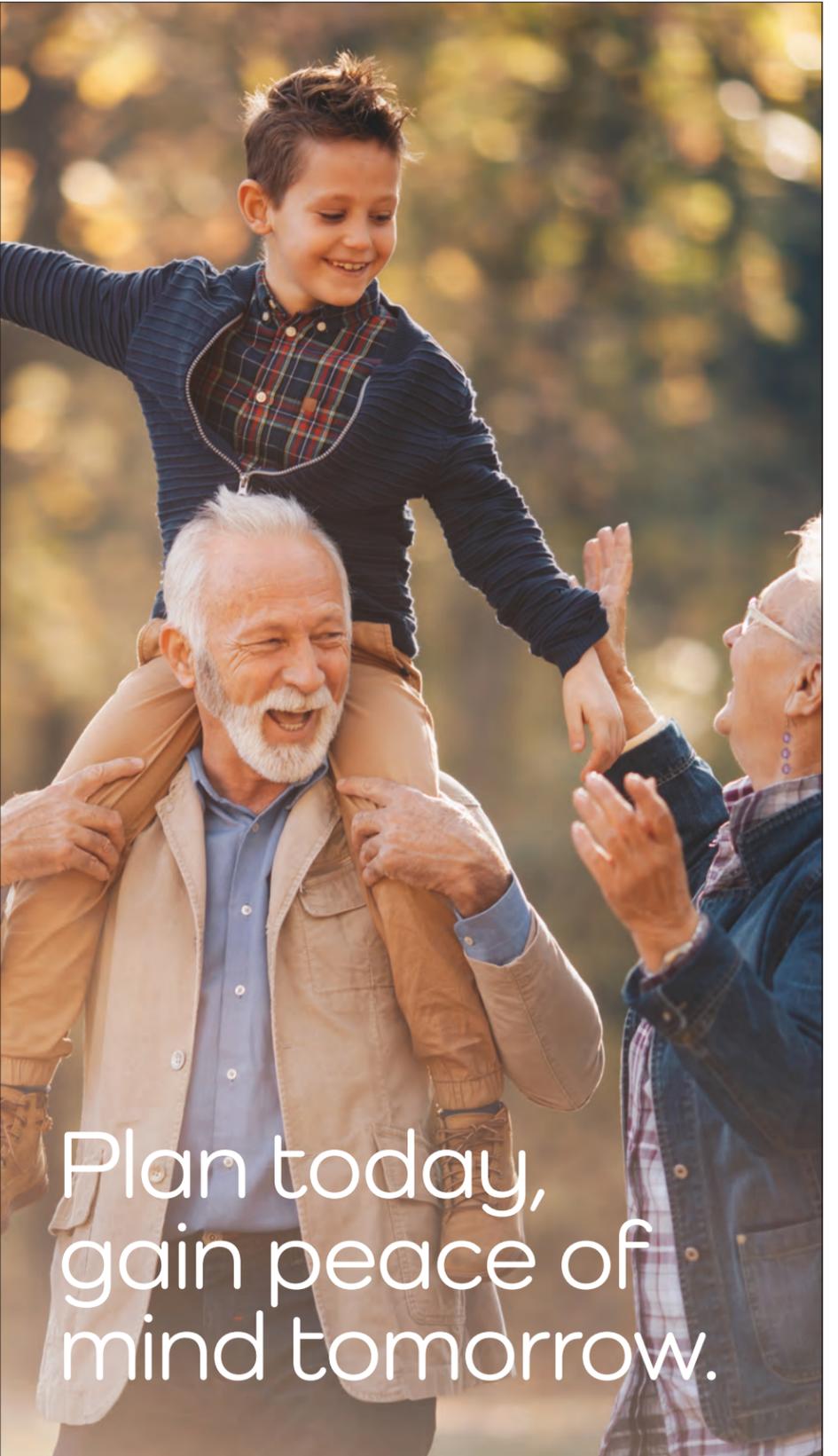
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Koch posts all-American finish at freestyle nationals

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah wrestling standout Declan Koch earned all-American honors at the USA Wrestling Freestyle National Tournament held in Fargo, N.D., last weekend.

Koch, who will be a senior at Neenah High School this fall, went 6-2 to finish seventh in the 157-pound weight class at the tournament, with his two losses coming to the wrestlers who finished first and third overall in his bracket.

"It felt really good," Koch said of his finish. "First time getting to be an all-American in Freestyle so it was definitely a different experience from the other years."

It was actually the third time that Koch earned all-America honors at the legendary Fargo event.

Koch was the 16U national runner-up at 113 pounds in 2022 and finished fourth at 132 pounds in 2023, but both of those achievements were in the Greco division. This was his first such honor in the Free-

style division and it was certainly something special for him.

"This one meant a lot more," said Koch, a three-time state placewinner for the Rockets, who won a state title as a sophomore. "(The Greco honors) certainly meant a lot, but I didn't spend as much time training for it. This one is special with all of the work I put in to show the improvement I made."

And the experience of wrestling under the lights of the Fargo tournament before certainly helped this season.

"The more you are out there the more comfortable you are with the venue, the whole situation," Koch said. "The experience that I have built up having been out there multiple times put myself in a comfortable position."

After getting a first-round bye, Koch rolled to four straight wins to reach the quarterfinals. Two of the wins were by technical fall – one in a mere 36 seconds – and he scored 42 points in those matches

combined.

Koch dropped a hard-fought 4-1 decision to eventual champion David Gleason

of Missouri in the quarterfinals, but bounced back with an impressive 11-10 win over Griff LaPlante of New York. Koch scored the go-ahead points with about 20 seconds left and then held on for the win.

"I lost to that kid in the fall so I knew it was going to be a tough one," Koch said. "There were some calls in the match that weren't favorable to me but I knew I had to keep wrestling. I ended up coming out on top by one in the final seconds. That was exciting."

Koch dropped his next match to Gabriel Delgado of Nevada but once again responded by beating Silas Stits of Indiana by an 11-1 technical fall in the sev-

enth-place match.

"Just the belief in my coaches and more so the belief in myself was the key," Koch said. "Trusting my coaches and all of the work that they have done to get me where I am and all of the work I have done myself to get in this position. I just believe I was ready to be an all-American."

After a busy spring and early summer, Koch will now turn his attention to his final campaign in the Rockets' program with the season set to start in November.

"These first couple of weeks will be nice because I'm kind of banged up but then just get back into the grind of training. It's a little harder with no competitions but it is still doable," Koch said. "This will help with my belief and confidence. I beat multiple guys ranked ahead of me and finished seventh in the nation so going into my senior season I'm riding that confidence where I don't think there is anyone in the state who can handle me."



Koch

Neenah's Jung makes most of second chance in all-star game

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Luke Jung wasn't going to let the second chance at an interception slip away.

After nearly picking off a pass early in the third quarter of last Saturday's Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Large School all-star game, Jung got his interception as the Jung's North squad cruised to a 28-6 win over their South counterparts at

Titan Stadium in Oshkosh.

"The play before I kind of dropped one but then another opportunity came and I made the catch," Jung said. "It was cool."

The North squad was leading 14-0 at the time and had pinned the South near its own end zone on their first drive of the third quarter.

On a third-and-9, Jung grabbed the pass from South quarterback Leo Chiappetta

and returned it 10 yards to the South 11-yard line. Five plays later, North punched in its third touchdown of the game to take a 21-point lead.

"The quarterback was hit when he was throwing the ball and I just broke on it and got to it before the receiver," Jung said. "It is really cool to know you can compete at a high level and that you have a bunch of teammates who support you and cheer for you."

Jung was the only former Neenah High School representative in the game but was one of eight Fox Valley Association players suited up for the North all-star squad.

But after spending the last four years competing against those players, Jung said it was enjoyable getting the chance to stand on the same sideline with them.

"Going against them you have all of the

rivalries, so joining them was fun," Jung said. "It was a chance to get to know a bunch of guys that you are used to playing against."

Jung, a second-team all-FVA selection at linebacker last fall who led the Rockets in tackles, finished the game with four stops to go along with his interception.

That contributed to North's victory, which was certainly the goal for the North squad.

"Winning (the game) was pretty important," Jung said. "We talked about it all week that we weren't there to lose. We were practicing all week with that mindset."

It also completed a weekend sweep of the games for the North teams, as the 8-player and Small School squads were also victorious.

"As we were walking onto the field, the North Small School guys were telling us to finish the job," Jung said. "So we knew going in we wanted to get the sweep."



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WFCA all star

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Jung was just the third player from Neenah since 2021 to participate in the game, joining Blake Dietzen and Jase Jenkins who were each selected for the 2023 game.

He also joins brothers Joe and Sam in being selected to play in the game – Sam was named to the team in 2020 when the game was cancelled because of the COVID pandemic – and got to play the game with his dad, Steve, on the North sidelines.

“(Playing with my dad as a coach) was

pretty normal considering he has been my coach my whole life,” Jung said. “But it was nice to have that experience one more time.”

Jung now officially closes his high school playing career and can turn his attention to competing at the collegiate level.

Jung committed last year to play at NCAA Division II Minnesota-Duluth and will be reporting for preseason practices which begin Aug. 3.

“It definitely helps prepare me for camp,” Jung said. “Just getting back in the pads and learning some footwork things will help. I’m looking forward to it.”

10U tennis tourney champions crowned

Neenah News

The Neenah Parks and Rec Department held its tennis tournaments for girls and boys singles players ages 10 and under recently.

The girls title went to Layne O’Brien, who defeated Margaret Champa, 8-1, in the championship match. Lizzie Scott won the third-place match, 6-1, over Ellie Fluett.

Also participating in the tournament were Emma Musser, Penelope Blomberg, Grace Osland, Jasmine Sieber and Mila Walsh.

On the boys side, the title went to Simon Lepp who edged Ainsel Valentine, 5-6, 6-0, 12-10 for the individual championship. Wesley Flores finished third after topping Caleb Thomas, 6-2.

Also winning matches in the Round of 16 were Evan Scott, Crew Schalow, Cal Weber and Conor Champa, with Schalow and Bo Swanson earning wins in preliminary matches. Also competing in the field were Amos Valentine, Oliver Ludka, Carter Strict, Arlo Poliak, Quinn Strict, Bridger Swanson, Weston Schimkat, Caleb Buechta and Connor Teeling.

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Call 920.486.1616 to place your ad

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NEENAH COMMUNITY BACK 2 SCHOOL FAIR CAMPAIGN 2025

We need your help to provide backpacks, school supplies and school appropriate clothing for the coming school year.

NMES members collaborate with both the Neenah and Menasha school districts to reach out to children in need. Children are identified by schools, social service agencies and other sources.

The Fair is held in August of each year. Each child receives a backpack containing supplies for them to start the school year prepared to achieve academic success and a certificate for a pair of shoes redeemable at Rogan's.

Please donate by completing and mailing your donations by July 25, 2025 to:

Community Back to School Fair
c/o Neenah News Kicks for Kids
124 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Suite 090B
Neenah, WI 54956

- _____ \$40 shoes
- _____ \$75 backpack/supplies
- _____ \$100 to sponsor one of the 1000 local students
- \$_____ to help meet the need of 1000 local students

Please make checks payable to: NMES Subject: Back to School Fair

Name _____
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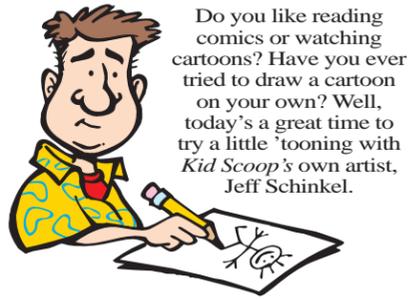


Kid Scoop Together: Comic Character

Comic characters have different character traits. Some are kind, but some are not. Some are courageous, while others are not. What other traits do comic strip characters exhibit?

Select three characters you like from the newspaper comics. Complete the boxes below.

Toon Time



Do you like reading comics or watching cartoons? Have you ever tried to draw a cartoon on your own? Well, today's a great time to try a little 'tooning' with Kid Scoop's own artist, Jeff Schinkel.

TOON TIP #1

Draw lightly in pencil first. Initially, keep your drawing loose, concentrating on the overall gesture or pose of your character.



TOON TIP #2

Drawing your favorite characters is good practice, but don't be afraid to make up some of your own, too!



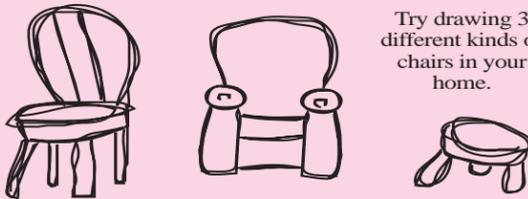
Create your own characters using these shapes.

Draw five critters in five easy steps:

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Students understand and apply a variety of media, techniques and processes.

TOON TIP #3

Practice drawing things that can provide a good setting for your cartoons—trees, lakes, rocket ships, desert islands and more!



Try drawing 3 different kinds of chairs in your home.

Toon Talk

Comic strip cartoonists draw and write. See if you can come up with something funny for these characters to be saying. Show it to a friend and see if they get a chuckle out of it.

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Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of genres; use stylistic aspects of writing.

Extra! Extra! Comic Talk

Select newspaper photos of people or animals. Make up humorous things for each character to say to create a newspaper comic strip.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write a variety of sentences.

Comic Strip: _____
 Character's Name: _____
 Character Trait: _____
 Action that shows the trait: _____

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What's a character trait?

Read the list and then see if you can think of any other traits.

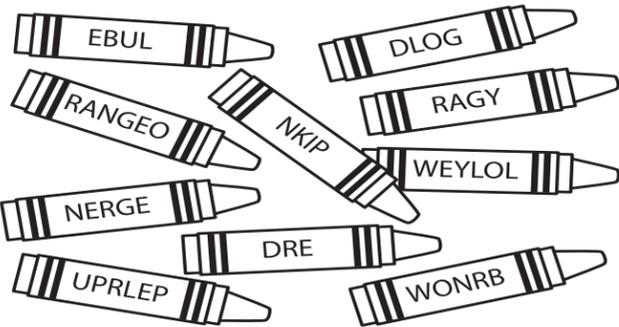
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|------------------|-------------|
| responsible | kind |
| persevering | respectful |
| honest | capable |
| compassionate | hopeful |
| generous | disciplined |
| community minded | |

Standards Link: Character Education: Identify positive character traits.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Crayon Confusion

Whoops! Unscramble the word on each crayon to figure out what color each crayon should be.



Double Double Word Search

- CARTOONS
- CHARACTER
- TALK
- SCHINKEL
- CHUCKLE
- PRACTICE
- DRAW
- LOOSE
- GESTURE
- STORY
- COMIC
- SETTING
- EVER
- POSE
- OWN

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

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

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Write On! Toon Opinion

What is your favorite cartoon or animation? Give three reasons why it is your favorite.

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Top 5 reasons to support YOUR local community newspaper:

- **Stay Connected to Local News and Events:** Local newspapers provide coverage of community-specific news, events, and issues that larger media outlets often overlook, keeping you informed about what's happening in your area.
- **Support Local Journalism:** By supporting Neenah News with a membership you help sustain independent journalism that holds local governments, businesses, and organizations accountable.
- **Promote Local Businesses:** Community newspapers often feature advertisements, profiles, and stories about local businesses, fostering a stronger local economy and encouraging residents to shop locally.
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