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Clayton purchases property for new town hall

Two local businesses' leases won't be renewed

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Town of Clayton recently purchased a property on the east side of town that will become the new town hall, officials announced last week.

Clayton purchased the building at 8386 State Road 76 on June 30 for \$1.02 mil-

lion, according to Wisconsin Department of Revenue real estate transfer records. The 4.5-acre parcel was last sold in 2021 for \$575,000.

Town Chairman Russ Geise said Clayton will use the building to house town offices, meeting and election spaces, fire department trucks and maintenance equipment.

"With this new location, the town will be able to better serve our residents by providing a central hub for conducting

business, voting and accessing essential services," he said.

Geise said most of the town's growth and 70% of the town's fire and emergency medical calls are on the east side of town. Clayton already leases a substation there and plans to move fire trucks and equipment over to the building it now owns.

The move will also help alleviate cramped working conditions and improve

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Glass art on display

The GLASS Arts Festival Saturday featured glass art for sale, food trucks, live music, kids' activities and more at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass. The event was dedicated to celebrating the magic of glass and included glass blowing demonstrations. More than 40 artists from around the country and across the globe displayed and sold their work during the event.

Board considers implementing countywide sales tax

Proposal could generate \$17 million annually

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors is set to discuss a proposal to implement a 0.5% countywide sales tax at a county board meeting Tuesday.

Under Wisconsin law, counties may adopt the tax, which is added to the state's 5% sales tax rate, bringing the total to 5.5% in participating counties. Waukesha and

Winnebago are the only counties in the state that don't have a sales tax.

According to projections from the Winnebago County Executive's Office, the average household spends an estimated \$20,000 per year on taxable purchases. With an additional 0.5% sales tax, the average household would see an increase of about \$100 an-



Hintz

nually, or \$8.33 each month.

County Executive Gordon Hintz said a presentation on the proposed county sales tax will take place at next week's county board meeting. Supervisors will then vote on a resolution submitted by Supervisor Chuck Farrey directing staff to draft an ordinance with specific conditions for the tax. The ordinance would return to the board later this year for a final vote, possibly at a meeting in October.

Hintz said the tax could generate about \$17 million annually, while the resolution submitted by Farrey estimated \$20 mil-

lion. According to the resolution, 30% of the revenue would be shared with municipalities.

Hintz said no county in the state shares more than 10% of sales tax revenue with municipalities.

"I'm actually not very supportive of revenue sharing," he said. "I mean, we have county needs, and we also have the ability to lower property taxes, if the county is going to consider (a sales tax) again."

One of the key arguments for the sales

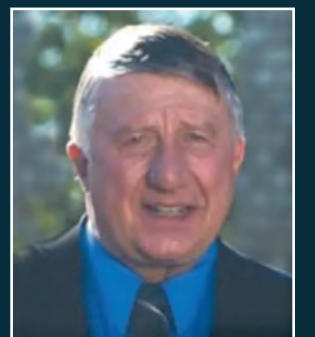
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Neenah Historical Society photo

Rocket slide

The original rocket slide was installed at Riverside Park in 1966. Generations of children have enjoyed this iconic playground for nearly 60 years.

Fountain temporarily shut down for cleaning

Neenah News

The Playing in the Rain fountain at Riverside Park was temporarily shut down last week to be cleaned.

City of Neenah officials said in a Facebook post the water was turned off due to an unexpected and rather messy visit from Canada geese who had taken a strong liking to it.

“Unfortunately, their stay has required us to drain and power wash the fountain multiple times this week — which just isn’t sustainable,” the post said. “We know the fountain is a favorite spot, and we’re working on humane ways to encourage our feathered guests to move along so we can get things flowing again soon.”



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Fox Cities Chamber manager of economic development Jack Herkowski (center) presents the Platinum Employee Friendly Workplace Award to Miron Construction. Those attending the presentation include Jen Bauer (Miron), Sara Montonati (Miron), Eric Marcoe (Miron), Jessie Micke (Miron), Dave Walsh (Miron), Herkowski, Eric Broten (Fox Cities Chamber), David Voss III (Miron), Tim Kippenhan (Miron), David Voss, Jr. (Miron) and Becky Bartoszek (Fox Cities Chamber).

Miron earns Fox Cities Chamber recognition

Neenah News

Miron Construction has been certified as a platinum-level Employee Friendly Workplace by the Fox Cities Chamber.

The certification recognizes employers who demonstrate a significant commitment to promoting work and life integration by creating a positive work environment and experience for all employees.

The honor marks the second EFW certification for the company, which was named a gold-certified Employee Friendly Workplace in 2023. Reaching this top honor speaks to their dedication to continually working to make Miron Construction an employer of choice in the Fox Cities.

According to the Chamber, platinum-certified employers go above and beyond, offering benefits and policies that promote work and life integration and strive to meet diverse needs of employees.

“A winning workplace culture doesn’t happen by chance; it involves intention and careful nurturing,” said Dave Walsh, executive vice president of human resources at Miron. “Everyone at Miron — from the interns to the owners — invests time and energy into making the culture what it is. Our employees are our biggest and best asset, and we’re thrilled to be certified as a platinum-level Employee Friendly Workplace where people can

begin, cultivate, grow and finish out their careers in construction.”

The mission of the Fox Cities Employee Friendly Workplace Initiative is to encourage the adoption of more employee friendly workplace practices and policies in order to enhance work and life balance and successfully attract and retain the best employees to the region.

Some of Miron’s Employee Friendly Workplace initiatives include, but are not limited to: an onsite health clinic; remote and flexible work options to accommodate work and life integration, including summer hours; total wellness of mind and body through access to an onsite wellness coordinator and a leadership and life coach; employee network groups that foster a sense of belonging and increased trust among employees; learning and development opportunities; appreciation and team building events; diversity, equity, and inclusion programs; and paid time off to volunteer.

Certification is open to all employers with operations located in the Fox Cities (Calumet, Outagamie and northern Winnebago Counties). The benefit criteria incorporated into the application is intended to be attainable as well as aspirational for employers of any size across all industry sectors.



Photo from City of Neenah

The city is raising funds to preserve the Kimberly Point Lighthouse, which was constructed 80 years ago near the Fox River and Lake Winnebago.

City seeks donations to preserve iconic lighthouse

Neenah News

The City of Neenah is calling on the community to help preserve one of its most iconic landmarks.

The city kicked off a fundraising campaign on National Lighthouse Day Aug. 7 at the Kimberly Point Lighthouse to raise half of the estimated \$565,000 needed to renovate the lighthouse. The city will cover the remaining expenses and has submitted two grant applications.

Through the Kimberly Point Lighthouse Preservation Project, the city plans to renovate the lighthouse to ensure ADA accessibility, rebuild the interior and restore exterior features.

According to the city, Kimberly Point Park, where the lighthouse is situated overlooking the headwaters of the Fox River and Lake Winnebago, was the vision of Helen Kimberly Stuart, who donated the land in 1929.

In 1945, her brother James C. Kimberly donated funds for the comfort station designed as a lighthouse.

The one-story structure was extended by 10 feet in 1954, making it 49 feet tall. It continues to function as a lighthouse with a halogen bulb that is screened off and only visible from the lake.

The Kimberly family was among those who founded Kimberly-Clark. The city announced last week that Tom Sutter, a descendent of the Kimberly family, pledged to match the first \$10,000 that the community raises for the lighthouse.

To contribute to the project, contact the Neenah Parks & Recreation Department at 920-886-6060 or visit the Neenah Parks & Recreation website under the Kimberly Point Lighthouse tab.



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Book sale underway at Neenah Public Library

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The Friends of the Neenah Public Library used book sale is underway and will continue through Monday.

The event will provide a large selection of both adult and children's titles — books, DVDs and music CDs. Many items are donated and have not been stamped or marked in any way.

The sale started Thursday and addi-

tional hours will be 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday with books by the bagful for \$7, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday for a free day and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday for a free day. The location is Neenah Public Library, 240 E. Wisconsin Ave.

Proceeds from the sale are used to support library programming and services and to supplement the library's collection.

Calendar of events

Friday, Aug. 15

Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16

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

Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale, 10:30 a.m.

Fox Valley Fish Fair, 11 a.m., Double-Tree Hotel

St. Margaret Mary Parish Festival featuring Murphy's Law, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 17

St. Margaret Mary Parish Festival featuring Mary Rose McCurdy, 10:30 a.m.

Brigade Family Picnic, 11 a.m., Memorial Park

Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale, noon

Monday, Aug. 18

Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.

Future Neenah Summer Concert Series featuring Jet Pack Stereo, 6 p.m.,

Shattuck Park

Neenah Historical Society Stumbling Through History presents Progress, 6:30 p.m., Lion's Tail Brewing Co., 116 S. Commercial St.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Neenah Community Band presents Ambassadors, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Future Neenah Summer Concert Series featuring A-Town Unplugged, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Thursday, Aug. 21

Disney Character Skate Night, 4 p.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Saturday, Aug. 23

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

Art Mercantile, 9 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Future Neenah Farewell to Summer Concert featuring Boogie and the Yo-Yo'z, 6 p.m., downtown

Saturday, Aug. 30

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

Glass Blowing Demo by Mini Glass Works, 9 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee



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Flying high

An open house and fly-in event Saturday at Brennand Airport featured demonstrations such as the EAA Chapter 41 Zenith Airplane project. Family-friendly aviation-related activities included aircraft and vehicles on display, airplane rides, powered parachute demonstrations, drone flying opportunities, flight simulator demonstrations and more. Aircraft displays included the Thedastar EMT helicopter, Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter and Civil Air Patrol Fox Valley Composite Squadron airplanes.

Report shows economic impact of Appleton airport

Neenah News

A newly-released study shows the Appleton International Airport has a total economic impact of nearly \$2 billion on the region.

The last economic impact study was conducted in 2015 when the airport generated \$676 million in total economic impact.

Other comparative measures include the airport supporting 7,626 jobs in 2024, including airport operations, roles with tenant companies at the airport, jobs supported by visitor spending and supported sectors such as supply chain effects. In the 2015 study, the airport supported 3,267 jobs.

The airport generated \$1.3 billion of direct business sales. This mostly includes spending from airport operations, with some additional spending by airport visitors. The direct activity generates additional impacts as the airport and tenants make purchases from other businesses and as employees spend their wages.

In the 2015 study, the airport generated \$432 million of direct business sales.

The total tax impact of the airport was \$325.4 million, including \$205.1 million paid in state and local taxes. This measures taxes generated by the airport and related businesses.

The report includes direct impacts from airport operations and visitor spending, indirect impacts as airport businesses make purchases to support their operations, and induced impacts as airport and tourism sector employees spend their wages in the local economy. The economic impact includes Outagamie, Winnebago, Brown and Calumet counties.

Since the 2015 study was conducted, the airport has reached several milestones:

- The airport served over a million passengers for the first time in 2024, compared to 512,000 in 2015.
- The average number of departures per

day was nearly 21 in 2024, rising from 13 in 2015.

- Employment at the airport has more than doubled, with 3,274 employees compared to 1,314 in 2015.

“Our continued success is due to innovative leadership on the governmental level and the dedication of our team members to service,” said Airport Director Abe Weber. “Our promise to our customers is to make air travel faster, easier and more convenient, and our promise to the community is to continue to provide economic opportunities and continued growth.”

Airport officials announced earlier this week Allegiant Airlines will provide the airport’s 22nd nonstop route, going from Appleton to Orlando International Airport. The year-round flight will begin in January with nonstop service Fridays through Mondays.

Allegiant will offer seven nonstop destinations from Appleton to Florida and will have 14 nonstop flights in total serving Appleton.

When the airport opened in 1965, Air Wisconsin Airlines was offering flights between Appleton and Chicago. Now the airport offers service from Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta, Sun Country Airlines and United Airlines to 21 non-stop destinations.

“Thanks to the continued investment of our airline partners, we have been able to expand our flights, destinations and routes we offer consumers,” Weber said. “And to accommodate the growth in routes, we have expanded our facilities to host larger planes and increased passenger traffic.”

The airport recently opened a \$66 million concourse expansion and is renovating the existing concourse and front drive lanes. The economic impact study, which can be found at atwairport.com/economic-impact, was released to mark the 60th anniversary of the airport opening in 1965.



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Artist launches project to share with the community

Neenah News

Signa Meyers has launched a project that replicates the idea of “little libraries” in order to share her artwork.

Meyers doesn’t plan to sell her art but would rather see how far it can spread from a box in her front yard.

“Some people ask if I plan to sell my art, but for now, I’m not ready,” Meyers said. “I draw and paint for the pure happiness it brings me, not to make money. Art is simple. We scribble and draw before we can even write. I want to get back to that place — the pure joy of creating.”

Her husband, Randy Roethle, helped to design the Curbside Canvas box that sits at 221 Kraft St. in Neenah.

“I hope that people will stop by and take a look and maybe even take one home,” Meyers said. “I have a QR code on the back of each piece of art so people can share on Instagram what they did with the art work, a selfie of them with the piece or whatever they want to do with it. I think it will be cool to see where my art goes.”

When she started the Curbside Canvas free art library, Meyers said she was inspired by a quote from Pablo Picasso: “The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”

Meyers practices art every day and was looking at all her finished pieces piling up and wondering what their purpose was. Her goal is to draw for at least five minutes every night before bed. That simple act of creating grew into a daily practice. She was soon painting with watercolors, gouache and acrylics, adding, “I even started pressing flowers and playing with lettering. Now I’m



Submitted photos

A Curbside Canvas box sits in front of Signa Meyers and Randy Roethle’s house in Neenah as a place to share Meyers’ art. The idea is based on the “little libraries” as she looks to spread her artistic creations within the community.

completely obsessed – I can’t stop creating.”

“Every piece holds a part of me - my joy, my passion, my anxieties and my meditative moments,” Meyers said. “I want to share that with others. Even if someone just picks up a piece of art and walks home with it, I hope it brings a little more joy to their day. That’s my wish for the Curbside Canvas: to surprise, delight, and inspire others to be kind and create. We are all creators at heart.”



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Coffee shop brewing up new location in Fox Point Plaza

Neenah News

A national coffee chain is planning to build a new drive-thru location in one of Neenah's busiest commercial corridors.

Milbrew Holdings received Plan Commission approval Tuesday to open a 7 Brew Coffee drive-thru at 828 Fox Point Plaza, near the southeast corner of West Winneconne Avenue and South Lake Street.

The Common Council will vote Wednesday on granting a special use permit for 7 Brew, a requirement under the city's commercial zoning district for drive-thru food and beverage businesses.

The half-acre site is part of the Fox Point Plaza shopping center which includes Pick 'n Save. It will be split into a separate parcel for the coffee shop. Other nearby businesses include Papa Murphy's, Caliber Collision and Starbucks across the street.

The proposed design of the business includes a 530-square-foot main building for drink preparation and a separate 240-square-foot building with a cooler and storage. There will be no indoor seating and the business will be drive-thru only with two lanes. There will be no order board and staff will take orders by tablet. The plan includes space for 17 vehicles queuing and seven off street parking stalls for 7 Brew staff.

To improve traffic safety, an existing driveway onto Winneconne Avenue will be removed. Access will be the same as for turning into Fox Point Plaza, which comes off a leg of the roundabout on the west side of the site. There is also access on the southeast side from the adjoining parking lot.

Deputy Director of Community Development



Neenah News

An area near Fox Point Plaza that has been used for off-street parking is the future home of a 7 Brew Coffee drive-thru.

opment Brad Schmidt wrote in a memo that the location's proximity to I-41 and its placement in a high-traffic retail area make it a strong fit for 7 Brew.

"The proposed development is in an area that has been used for off-street parking for many years," he wrote. "Adding new

commercial lots to the city and especially in this area is a benefit to the city's overall land use needs."

The area recently lost one business after KFC shut down in April and will soon lose a second business with the upcoming closure of Krueger True Value, "so it's nice

to see a little bit of revitalization in here," Schmidt said at the Plan Commission meeting earlier this week.

The nearest 7 Brew is an Appleton location that opened earlier this year. No timeline for construction or opening of the Neenah location was provided.

Church festival to feature live music

Neenah News

The St. Margaret Mary Parish Festival will feature concerts and other activities as it takes place this weekend.

Murphy's Law is scheduled to perform during the event from 6 to 10 p.m. Satur-

day. Mary Rose McCurdy will provide live music at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

Food and drink options will include brats, burgers, hot dogs, a corn roast, beer and soda. Activities for young and old are paddle raffles, pull tabs, large raffle items, carnival games with prizes, crafts, a bounce house and bake sale.

Bingo will be at 1 p.m. Sunday followed by raffle drawings at 2 p.m.

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Survey shows UWO grads are starting careers locally

Neenah News

ThedaCare is the top employer among recent graduates from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

UWO leaders released survey results for the class of 2023-24 during an event Monday at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah. The survey showed ThedaCare has hired 48 UWO graduates from that class, more than any other single employer.

The survey shows a growing trend of UWO alumni kicking off their careers in the region where they went to school. More than 81% of 2023-24 graduates who worked with UWO's Career and Professional Development (CPD) team (742 students) landed their first career opportunities before finishing college, with many of those jobs in the Fox Valley.

"UWO students see a huge return on their investments, thanks to all the real-world career connections," Chancellor Manohar Singh said. "Why wait until after graduation to get started? Local businesses, hospitals, schools, and government offices are opening doors for our students while they're still progressing through UWO."

Singh sees career opportunities in the area continuing for UWO graduates.

"The need for locally generated and locally retained talent is essential to any thriving region," Singh said. "Having community partners like ThedaCare — now building a state-of-the-art ThedaCare Medical Center-Oshkosh just down the river from campus — is a game changer for our students and the local economy."

In addition, Singh and Ed Martini, UWO Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, highlighted more survey findings. More than 91% of Wisconsin natives who graduate from UWO stay

in the state (mostly around Fox Valley). That's up from 88% in 2016-17, when UWO started tracking this info.

Plus, they said more than 40% of out-of-state grads from the class of 2023-24 are now calling Wisconsin home and starting their careers here, too.

"UWO's commitment to career readiness and our efforts to build partnerships with Fox Valley companies, nonprofits and government employers is giving students so many outstanding opportunities to apply what they learn right away," Martini said. "It is helping shape future leaders faster, clearly driving alumni success. College here clearly extends beyond the campus. And having so many community and regional partners like ThedaCare invested in students' professional growth and development is making a difference, helping students get one step ahead while driving the region's growth and economic vibrancy."

The partnership with UWO is providing benefits to the organization as the graduates are passionate about serving patients and families and dedicated to providing high-quality care for the communities, said Lynn Detterman, president of the North Region of Froedtert ThedaCare Health.

"To achieve our vision of reinventing health care and being proactive partners in health and well-being, we must adapt the way we deliver care and enhance the way we recruit and retain our team members," Detterman said. "The collaboration with education partners such as UWO helps provide future ThedaCare team members with the knowledge, skills and development they need to continue our mission of improving the health and well-being of the communities we serve."

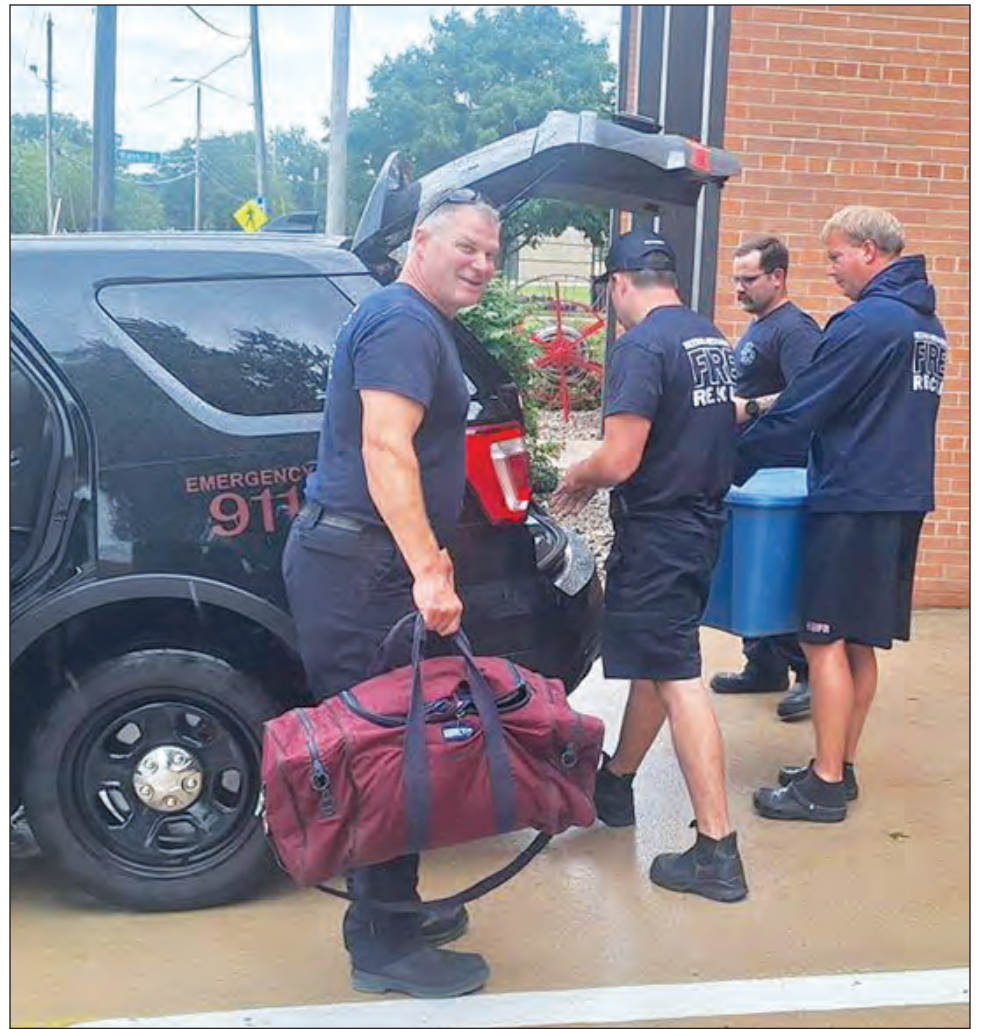


Photo from Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue

Firefighters from Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue packed supplies Sunday before leaving to provide assistance with water rescues due to flooding in the Milwaukee area.

Local firefighters help with Milwaukee floods

Neenah News

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue was among the agencies responding last weekend to a mutual aid request from the Milwaukee Fire Department.

Four Neenah-Menasha firefighters traveled with the department's boat to help with water rescue operations. The Milwaukee Fire Department called for mutual

aid from surrounding communities to respond to flooding in Milwaukee County.

They asked for additional resources through the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS).

Two-day rain totals Saturday and Sunday in and near Milwaukee reached over 12 inches in several locations as storms battered the area.

ThedaCare earns recognition for stroke care

Neenah News

ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah recently earned a gold national quality achievement award for its stroke care.

The hospital earned the award for its Target: Type 2 Diabetes initiative, which aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

The award, courtesy of the American Heart Association's Get With The Guide-

lines® program, highlights the health organization's commitment to providing patients in northeast and central Wisconsin the most appropriate stroke treatment in accordance with nationally-recognized and research-based guidelines. The guidelines are designed to lead to more lives saved and potentially reduced disability.

In addition, ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Appleton earned a silver award, and the health system's rural hospitals also earned similar distinctions for their stroke expertise.

History series presents progress discussion

Neenah News

The Stumbling Through History series presented by the Neenah Historical Society will feature a presentation about progress.

The event will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Lion's Tail Brewing Co. Neenah

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Sheriff's office mourns passing of retired K9

By Jonathan Richie
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and the community are mourning the passing of retired K9 Tim who served in the department for more than 10 years before retiring in spring 2024.

The sheriff's office announced Tim's passing last week on social media. The Facebook post received over 1,200 reactions, including over 100 comments sharing condolences to the sheriff's office and thanking Tim for his service.

K9 Tim, a German Shepherd, was a dual-purpose K9 unit, meaning he was trained in narcotics detection and apprehension. He was also trained in tracking, building searches, area searches and handler protection.

K9 Tim was 2 1/2 years old when he came to the sheriff's office in 2013. He began working with deputy Clint Czerwinski before he was reassigned to work with his handler of over 10 years, Lt. Kyle Schoonover.

Schoonover told the Neenah News K9 Tim was a great dog and a great partner. He added working with Tim was an honor, a blessing and definitely a career highlight.

"Tim was intense and fearless, a true alpha dog. He loved to work," he said. "He would get excited and start barking the second he heard me unbuckle my seatbelt or key up the mic, knowing he might get the chance to work."

K9 Tim never hesitated to put his own



Sheriff's office photo

K9 Tim served with the Winnebago County Sheriff's office starting in 2013. He retired in March 2024 before passing away last week.

life on the line to protect Schoonover.

The sheriff's office said Tim eventually became the unofficial big brother to the newer K9s in the department by showing them the ropes and how to act when working as a K9.

Schoonover and K9 Tim would often do demonstrations in schools and at

countless public events. Schoonover loved those moments, especially the smiles it brought to children's faces.

"The last demo we did before he retired was at my kids' school; it's a memory I'll cherish forever," he said.

The sheriff's office currently has three dual-purpose K9s, one K9 specializing in explosives and a therapy K9.

"As with all of our K9's we are appreciative of their commitment to protecting our deputies and the citizens we serve. Regardless of the weather conditions,

how much rest they've had or any other external factors they are always excited to work," Sheriff John Matz said.

In March 2024 the sheriff's office announced that after over 10 years of service Tim retired at home with the Schoonover family. In retirement, Tim thrived.

"He loved being outside with our kids," Schoonover recalled. "He was deeply loved by our family. He will be greatly missed and we will honor him forever.

"K9 Tim, W298. Rest easy buddy, I love you."

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Town hall

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efficiency for town staff and residents. "We're just outgrowing where we're at because we're adding more staff all the time and we are limited in space," Geise said.

The Clayton Board of Supervisors voted last week to hire Architects in Common for building renovation and design services, at a cost of \$25,000. The planned improvements include new meeting and office spaces in the southwestern wing and a new entrance canopy.

Three businesses occupied parts of the building under short-term leases with the previous property owner, an Oshkosh company listed under the name The Last Z.

The ReMixx, a performance venue and LGBTQ+ nightclub owned by Micki Baumann that has operated in the building for 11 years, announced it will close next month after its lease expires. The venue will operate as usual through Sept. 30.

Geise said the town approved a one-month extension through the end of October so ReMixx has time to move out of the building.

"We want them to survive," he said. "It's just that we need the room."

He added that the town's attorney advised against having a business that serves alcohol operating out of a government building.

In a statement posted on social media, ReMixx encouraged patrons to continue supporting local drag, burlesque and other performance artists.

"We have been blessed with the very best employees and volunteers who helped make The ReMixx a warm and welcoming space," the statement said in part. "It breaks our hearts to lose this venue that so many performers lit up."

Big Load Trucking also leased space in the building. The company's lease expired this week.

Kelly Wisnefske, administrator for Clayton, said the town purchased the property with those leases in mind to allow a timely transition to municipal use without disrupting ongoing operations.

"We value all members of our community and encourage these businesses to continue thriving here," Geise added.

The third business, Oink's Restaurant, has about a year left on its 18-month lease. Longtime Oink's employee of 10 years Audrey Murphy and her husband, Terry Ulrich, purchased the business in March. Oink's has operated at the location for about 20 years.

Murphy said Clayton officials have re-

price of \$297,000 could see an estimated \$247 reduction in their county tax bill, according to an estimate from the county executive's office.

The tax revenue could also be used to balance the county budget or fund capital projects including \$67 million in deferred maintenance at county facilities.

The county sales tax would apply to the same items that the state sales tax applies to. Most food is exempt from sales taxes, other than candy, dietary supplements, prepared food and soft drinks, according to the Department of Revenue.

An April 1, 2026 effective date is listed in the resolution being presented. Winnebago County would need to vote to implement the sales tax in October to meet that date, according to Hintz.



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A commercial building recently purchased by the Town of Clayton to use as a town hall includes businesses Oink's Restaurant, The ReMixx and Big Load Trucking.

assured them that the town doesn't have any plans in the immediate future for the Oink's space and the business should be able to renew its lease next year. If Oink's lease is not renewed, Murphy said the business would try to relocate.

"We're a little scared, but we're still hopeful," Murphy said. "We don't have plans on going anywhere. We have a lot of future plans, so we really hope that we at least get a good chunk of years out of this space we're in. We love our people."

Ulrich added that he hopes Clayton honors future lease renewals and that the business isn't shut down next summer.

Geise said the town will consider the

Oink's lease renewal at that time.

"We don't need all the space right away," he said.

Clayton has faced annexation from neighboring municipalities. The town failed at achieving incorporation as the Village of Larsen in 2021, which would establish legal boundaries to prevent annexation. Geise said one challenge was that the town didn't have a defined town center with a concentrated population. Moving the town hall is part of efforts to prepare for another bid at becoming incorporated.

Clayton staff is expected to start working out of the new town hall location by next summer.

Sales tax

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tax is that it would capture revenue from nonresidents who use county services.

"It was estimated in the past that like 20 to 25 percent of the revenue generated by a sales tax comes from nonresidents, so people that come to Winnebago County for EAA or for Lifest, they use county services, but they don't pay anything," he said. "We could take the revenue generated from nonresidents and lower property taxes for the people who live here to help pay for county services."

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Veteran Rocket squad takes aim at strong finish in FVA

Neenah News

A little bit of experience could go a long way for the Neenah girls golf team this fall.

The Rockets return four varsity regulars from last season, including one all-conference player, and will be one of the more veteran teams in the Fox Valley Association.

Girls Golf PREVIEW

All 10 members of the first and second all-FVA teams last year were seniors, while a total of 14 all-conference players from last season graduated, which means Neenah's experienced lineup could be a big advantage when the league season starts.

"A lot of programs lost their top players from last season, so we see ourselves definitely in the top half as we will be one of the more experienced teams in the FVA,"

commented head coach Adam Hendrickson. "We return a good portion of our varsity players from last year's squad. We're hoping that the players' growth through last season (being their first year as varsity players) will carry into this season."

Jordyn Brockman is the lone returning senior to the varsity lineup from last year and will serve as a team captain, while a trio of juniors also are back from last season.

Lilly Quella highlights the threesome as she returns after earning honorable mention all-FVA honors a year ago. Quella finished with 56 conference points last season, which is the most among any returning golfer in the conference and nearly earned her a spot on the all-conference second team.

Adrienne Oitzinger joined Brockman and Quella in the Rockets' regional tour-

namment lineup and will figure into the varsity mix while Paige Keck rounds out the group of varsity returnees and gives the Rockets a solid foursome to build around.

Hendrickson will have to find a fifth player to round out the varsity lineup but he should have no shortage of candidates with a roster of 25 golfers out for the team. That depth should also be an advantage for the Rockets with the competition for varsity spots.

"(We) are hoping to identify a fifth varsity player in the first few weeks of the season," Hendrickson said.

Neenah will likely have to compete with four-time defending FVA champion Kaukauna in the conference race, while Hortonville is also likely to be a challenger for the league crown. The Rockets have not won an FVA title since claiming back-to-back crowns in 2009 and 2010.

What may help the Rockets make a run at this year's title was the way they finished at the WIAA Division 1 regional meet last fall. Although Neenah came up short of advancing to sectionals, they finished just five shots behind Appleton North for the final qualifying spot and gained some valuable experience playing in pressure-filled moments.

"The pressure at regionals was definitely a learning experience. As we talk about so much as a team, the only shot that you have is the one in front of you; so, you have to make the best of that one and not worry about what happened before and what is going to happen after," Hendrickson commented. "This team is going to be very ready to respond to the pressure that is going to come their way in what looks to be a competitive race in the FVA and our region."



Submitted photos

Tennis champions

The Neenah Parks and Rec Department wrapped up their class league matches with the title showdowns in both the Intermediate and Advanced classes. Winning the Intermediate title was the Court Jesters (left photo), who beat the Racketeers, 4-0. The team consisted of (from left) Liam Scott, Crew Schalow, Will Hendries, Simon Lepp and Ali Khunke, with Lepp, Hendries, Scott and Schalow earning wins in the title match. Winning the Advanced title was the team High School, which consisted of (from left) Lyndsey Turba, Ella Zoz, Bryce Kennedy and Noah Sabatke. High School defeated the team Doty Island, 3-1, in the championship match with Sabatke, Kennedy and Turba earning the win. Catherine Champa posted the win for Doty Island.

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Field day features soil health, waterhemp management

Neenah News

Grain farmer Todd Messerschmidt will host a Soil Health Field Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 21 at his farm, located at the corner of Wisconsin Highway 44 and County Road FF in Oshkosh.

The event, organized by the Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD), is designed to share innovative, research-based practices for waterhemp management and soil conservation with farmers, landowners and community members. Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP by calling 920-232-1952.

Messerschmidt is an active participant in the Soil Health Challenge, a county-led initiative that supports farmers in implementing and evaluating conservation practices aimed at improving soil structure, reducing runoff, and boosting long-

term productivity.

Field Day topics will include:

- Effective strategies for managing waterhemp and palmer amaranth.
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- A producer-led discussion with the Muddy Bottom Farmers Watershed Group and Pheasants Forever.
- The benefits of legume cover crops for soil health and savings.
- An update on the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP).
- An overview of the Soil Health Challenge and its countywide impact.

Winnebago County LWCD staff encourage area farmers, landowners and conservation partners to attend, ask questions and explore how these strategies could benefit their own operations.

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By (Petitioner) Hailey Denise Arguello

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 2025CV000735

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

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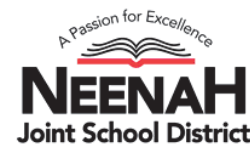
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Follow That Dollar!

The other day, Aunt Mary gave Franco one dollar. Then she said:

If you can turn that dollar into \$10.00, I'll give you another dollar!

Franco's friends, Sara and Andrew, had some ideas on what he should do.

If you invest in lemons and sugar, you can sell lemonade!

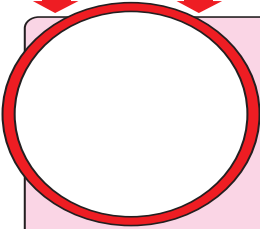
5 lemons and sugar: expenses = \$1.00
 22 cups of lemonade × 50¢ = \$11.00
 expenses - \$1.00
PROFIT: \$10.00

KID SCOOP DICTIONARY
invest verb, to put something into use for the purpose of making money.

If you invest in sponges and soap, you can wash cars!

Sponge and soap: expenses = \$1.00
 Wash 11 cars, \$1 per car = \$11.00
 expenses - \$1.00
PROFIT: \$10.00

Draw your face!



What would YOU do if you had a dollar and had to turn it into \$10.00?

What I would invest in: _____

What I would do or make: _____

Price for my product or service: \$ _____

Subtract expenses: - \$ _____

MY PROFIT: _____

How Many Days?

Franco puts 50¢ into his piggy bank every day. How many days until he has \$6.00?
HINT: Use your multiplication tables to find the answer.



Coin Crack Up

Put the coins back together! Draw lines to connect the parts that match.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Extra! Extra!

Needs and Wants

Look through the newspaper to find examples of things people **NEED** to survive. Then find examples of things you **WANT** but don't need. Cut them out and glue them onto a poster showing **Needs and Wants**.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand basic economic concepts.

Candy Time

Franco is going to invest some of his profit into another business, put some of it into a savings bank and keep \$1 to buy candy.

If you were Franco, which candy would you buy with the dollar? Be sure to spend exactly one dollar.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Add, subtract, multiply and divide money amounts to solve problems.

Peanut Butter Cup 25¢
 Candy Corn 30¢
 Red Sizzler 5¢
 Licorice Rope 10¢
 Sour Drop 5¢
 Chocolate Chewy Bar 75¢
 Taffy Pop 45¢
 Lollipop 40¢
 Gummi Worm 35¢
 Marshmallow Moon Rocks 65¢

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Memory Bank

Which bank has the most money?

Piggy Bank: 95 pennies, 15 nickels, 3 dimes, 2 quarters

Turtle: 150 pennies, 12 nickels, 2 dimes, 1 quarter

Savings Box: 75 pennies, 2 nickels, 50 dimes, 2 quarters

Boot: 50 pennies, 15 nickels, 10 dimes, 5 quarters

Standards Link: Number Sense: Identify and know the value of coins.

Double Double Word Search

DIMES
 PROFIT
 MONEY
 EXPENSES
 SPONGES
 IDEAS
 QUARTERS
 LEMONADE
 NEEDS
 LICORICE
 INVEST
 COINS
 VERB
 DROP
 ROPE

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

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

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

Dollars and Cents Challenge!

Work with a partner at home to complete the following dandy Dollars and Cents Challenges!

Name: _____

Name of Learning Buddy: _____

1. Look through the newspaper for five or more numbers that represent money. Cut these out and glue them on the box below in order from smallest to largest:

2. Give each letter of the alphabet a money value starting with A = 1¢, B = 2¢, C = 3¢. Continue until you get to Z, which equals 26¢. Using these letter values, add up the "value" of each word in the headlines on the front page of the newspaper.

Which word is the "most expensive"? Cut it out and glue it here:

Word Value: \$ _____

Which is the "least expensive"? Cut it out and glue it here:

Word Value: \$ _____

3. Look at the sports news. Find and circle ten or more numbers. Calculate the sum and the average of these numbers.

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Business Map

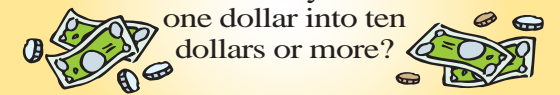
Cut out the names and addresses of 10 businesses from today's newspaper. Locate and label those businesses on a community map. Discuss how the location of a business helps or hurts its ability to make money.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students demonstrate basic economic reasoning skills.

Write On!

Grow Money

How could you turn one dollar into ten dollars or more?



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