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Flock Safety rep draws ire over cameras

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

A Flock Safety representative who sought to ease people's concerns about the use of license plate reader cameras at Tuesday's Public Services and Safety Committee in Neenah seemed to raise more questions among members of the public and city officials.

Max Weinstein, Flock's Director of Public Trust and Technology, explained the

cameras take photos of the back of vehicles, capturing license plates, the make and model, color and identifying features such as bumper stickers.

"Flock has changed how police work and played a role in solving crimes," he said.

Weinstein's presentation followed a meeting on June 9 when community members expressed concerns about Flock cameras and Police Chief Aaron Olson said he would bring in a Flock representative to

answer their questions along with those of committee members.

Neenah's contract with Flock expires in the fall of 2028 so the meeting was an information session and not a deliberative session. Neenah has 12 Flock cameras.

Weinstein explained how the cameras work, adding that Neenah owns its data and that it is encrypted from end-to-end so it could not be hacked. He added that a

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Lucky sign

A rainbow appeared as The Glam Band was performing June 16 during the Future Neenah Summer Kickoff Concert in downtown Neenah. The band's performance, which had already been rescheduled due to rain June 10, went on despite a brief mist.

Museum celebrates completion of renovation project

By Jill Trotter
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass recently completed a \$784,891 renovation project.

To celebrate, the museum is hosting a free community event, Our Time to Shine, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The event will include a scavenger hunt for prizes, food trucks, free activities and an opportunity to create a glass art piece for \$20. Attendees will be able to visit the renovated galleries and enjoy the updated accessibility of the museum and its exhibits.

The museum contains eight galleries, and each gallery has new exhibits that will be showcased at the upcoming celebration. The museum received several donated items from various sources in honor of the upgrades to the building.

The exhibits will showcase these items, most specifically the Our Time to Shine exhibit, which will feature new items in the museum's collection.



Moorefield

This was the museum's first renovation in 35 years. The project began in February, and the museum remained open throughout the process. To raise the necessary funds for the renovations, the museum launched the "Our Time to Shine" capital campaign, which was successful in raising the full amount.

Executive Director Amy Moorefield is grateful for the community's support and said she was "very overwhelmed by the generosity of the public and community."

"We wanted to continue to present (the) works of art in the best manner possible, but as importantly, we have a deep commitment to our community and we wanted to make sure our museum was encapsulating the best of accessibility for museums right now," Moorefield said.

All exhibits now have LED lighting, which utilizes modern technology while also increasing efficiency. As for accessibility, Moorefield noted that, among other updates, the welcome center is now mobile-accessible.

In addition, the displays in the paperweight gallery have been lowered to allow wheelchair-bound visitors to fully view the exhibit. These are just a few of many accessibility updates that were made.

The museum also now offers adaptive

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The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass recently completed renovations funded through its Our Time to Shine campaign and will be hosting a community celebration Saturday to mark the occasion.



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Fox Cities Chamber Future 15 award nominations open

The Fox Cities Chamber and its Pulse Young Professionals Network are ready to select the 16th annual class of Fox Cities Future 15 Young Professionals.

Nominations are open through July 9.

These awards recognize young professionals age 40 and under who live or work in the Fox Cities region (Outagamie, Calumet and northern Winnebago counties) and excel professionally while also giving back to the community. Those nominated will be asked to submit an application. Completed applications will be advanced for award consideration to a selection committee made up of past Future 15 award recipients and area business leaders.

Recipients are selected based on their professional dedication, strong sense of vision for the future of the Fox Cities and personal commitment to philanthropy in the community. Criteria for nominations includes:

- Young Professional (YP) must live and/or work in the Fox Cities region (Outagamie, Calumet, and northern Winnebago Counties)
- YP must be currently employed

- YP should be active in community service

- YP must be 40 years of age or younger To nominate a Future 15 YP go to form.jotform.com/261038889647170.

In addition to the Future 15, a Young Entrepreneur of the Year will also be named. An entrepreneur is defined as: a person who organizes and operates a business or businesses, taking on greater than normal financial risks in order to do so.

Criteria for this award includes:

- 40 years of age or younger
- Active in community service
- Must live and/or work in the Fox Cities region (Outagamie, Calumet, and northern Winnebago Counties)
- Business must currently operate in or service the Fox Cities region
- Must be the majority owner of the business

To nominate a Young Entrepreneur of the Year, go to form.jotform.com/261039375256157.

The nomination deadline is July 9. The 2026 winners will be honored at a ceremony on Oct. 29 at Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel in Neenah.

Registration underway for filthy fun run

Neenah News

Registrations for this year's 2026 Filthy Fun Run are continuing to be accepted.

Participants can sign up through the Fox Crossing Parks and Recreation office or through the Neenah Parks and Recreation office.

The run is open to all participants ages 4 and up. The event starts at 8:15 a.m. July 11 at O'Hauser Park.

Ages 18 plus will begin at 8:15 a.m. fol-

lowed by ages 11-17 at 8:30 a.m. and ages 9-10 at 8:45 a.m., with each age group going 1.6 miles with obstacles.

Ages 7-8 will start at 9 a.m. on a 1.2 mile course with obstacles. Ages 4-6 start at 9:30 a.m. and the family run begins at 10 a.m., each running .65 miles with obstacles.

Registration includes a Filthy Fun Run headband and T-Shirt along with post run refreshments and snacks. All run finishers receive a commemorative medal.



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Wisconsin Avenue in 1973

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Calendar of events

Saturday, June 27

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

Volunteer Buckthorn Removal, 8 a.m., Carpenter Preserve

Meet Author Philippa Mors, 9 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Our Time to Shine Community Celebration, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Roosevelt School Statue Celebration, 10:30 a.m., Doty Park

Meet and Greet with Author Kathryn Gahl of "Yes, No, I Don't Know: Stories," 2 p.m., Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Sunday, June 28

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

Tuesday, June 30

Children's Singer Tom Pease, 6 p.m., Fritsch Park, Fox Crossing

Wednesday, July 1

Future Neenah Evening Concert featuring Copper Box, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Friday, July 3

Community Fest Parade of Lights, 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 4

Community Fest, 11:30 a.m., Riverside Park

Neenah Community Band at Community Fest, 7:45 p.m., Riverside Park

Festival Foods Fireworks, 9:45 p.m., Riverside Park

Tuesday, July 7

Doty Cabin Museum presents We The People of Neenah and Menasha Reflections of Native American Life by Cathy Caldwell, 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Wednesday, July 8

Lunchtime Organ Recital Series featuring Don Verkuulen, 12:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Church St.

Future Neenah Evening Concert featuring Party Animal, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Friday, July 10

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

Saturday, July 11

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

Filthy Fun Run, 8:15 a.m., O'Hauser Park, Fox Crossing

Art Activity Day: Dandy Dandelions, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Sunday, July 12

Meet Author Molly Weinfurter, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

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





Photo from Neenah Joint School District

Summer class

Students from the Neenah "Traveling Care-A-Van" summer school course visited the Valley VNA in Neenah on Monday and played games with residents. They had additional visits scheduled this week with Brewster Village, Neenah Animal Shelter and Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. The students in the elective course have been supporting local community groups during the first few weeks of the summer break.

Neenah buys volunteer management software program

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

Volunteering with the City of Neenah will soon be easier.

The Neenah Common Council approved the purchase and implementation of Better Impact Volunteer Management Software for the Friends of Neenah volunteer program at its June 17 meeting. The cost, \$3,945, is funded from remaining ARPA interest earnings, with future annual subscription and maintenance costs to be included in the Information Systems Department operating budget.

People who volunteer with any city

department, such as the library, parks and recreation or the police department, would be able to use the system.

Frank Cuthbert, volunteer coordinator for the Neenah Parks and Recreation Department, said the software provides a centralized platform where volunteers can apply online, complete required training, update their information, sign up for volunteer opportunities and record their service hours.

"Right now, we're running around with clipboards signing people up and we sometimes don't know how many people will show up," he said. "This will make it

School board approves 10-year capital projects plan

By Eric Endres
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Joint School District Board of Education last week approved a long-term capital improvement plan that covers the next 10 years.

It's a requirement to review and update the plan every year for districts that use Fund 46, which, according to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, is used to account for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities financed through bonds, promissory notes, state trust fund loans, land contracts and an expansion fund tax levy established per statute 120.10(10m).

A June 11 memo from Facilities Director Jason Ebert said "the intent of the long-term capital improvement plan is to be a dynamic document" and it will be updated yearly.

Notable items for project year 2027-2028 include an estimated \$2.5 million

HVAC conversion to a hot water system at Clayton Elementary School and an estimated \$250,000 fire alarm replacement at the middle school.

Other projects listed in the document, which is available to view on the school board's website, include an estimated \$1.5 million hot water boiler system in Lakeview Elementary School slated for the 2028-2029 project year, an estimated \$1 million roof project at Horace Mann Elementary School for 2030-2031 and an estimated \$2.5 million boiler conversion to hot water at Spring Road Elementary School for the 2031-2032 project year.

During the presentation of the plan, board treasurer Tara Brzezinski brought up concerns regarding Americans with Disabilities Act parking accommodations at Horace Mann and Alliance Charter School. After discussion, it was determined that the district and city will check on available options.

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Middle school pool to be used in off hours

By Eric Endres
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Joint School District Board of Education last week approved an agreement between the district and the city's Parks and Recreation department to allow off-hours use of the middle school pool.

With this agreement, the pool will be open to the community as the Parks and Recreation department offers such programs as swimming lessons, water aerobics classes and open swim during non-school hours when the Neenah High School swimming and diving teams aren't using the pool.

For the last 15 months, the district

hasn't been able to consistently offer the programs without a pool manager.

Since these community programs and activities will be staffed by qualified city employees, the school district saves money by not requiring school staff to supervise the pool and activities at those times.

The district is responsible for the continual costs of the temperature control, chemical treatment and other maintenance of the pool whether it's used or not. Now, without the need to staff certain activities in addition to those constant costs, the result is seen as a positive in savings for the district while community members can use the pool.

Sign up underway for fifth annual Kid's Triathlon

Neenah News

Neenah Parks and Recreation is organizing the fifth annual Kid's Triathlon.

The event, which is for children ages 6-14, starts at 8 a.m. Aug. 1 at the Neenah Pool.

Every participant receives a medal,

Tshirt and swim cap.

The event is focused on completion over competition, which organizers said make it a fun, confidenceboosting day for kids of all ages and abilities.

More information is available at ci.neenah.wi.us/departments/parks-recreation.



Photo by Rankin Photography

Kyle Megna and the Monsoons performed June 17 inside the ballroom at the DoubleTree by Hilton Neenah after the concert was moved from Shattuck Park due to rain.

Summer concert season takes the stage despite rainy weather

Neenah News

The Future Neenah summer concert series started last week with a change for this year already making a difference.

Concerts are normally held outside in Shattuck Park, but the concert June 17 was moved inside the DoubleTree by Hilton Neenah due to rain. In the past, rain would have meant the event was postponed or cancelled.

Instead, this time the show went on, and the evening concert went great, said Michelle Dunning, Future Neenah outreach and development director

"The move inside the DoubleTree Neenah was very well received and the ballroom space worked great," Dunning said. "The past couple of summers we have had to deal with a lot of rain cancellations and trying to reschedule is always very hard."

Having the DoubleTree Neenah available means the evening concerts won't need to be rescheduled, Dunning said. She hopes it will become the rain date location for concerts at Shattuck Park for years to come.

"It is a win-win for us all, and we are excited for this partnership," Dunning said. "I believe there were around 200 plus people in attendance for Kyle Megna and the

Monsoons and there were nothing but positive comments from those that came."

The weather had already impacted the Summer Kickoff Concert, which was postponed due to rain from June 10 to June 16 but almost was rained out again.

"We were fortunate that the weather held," Dunning said. "While we had a brief misting about halfway through the show, the rain stopped and the band never stopped playing. It was a great show and a great crowd."

Adding to the atmosphere of the event, a rainbow was visible for a time as the skies cleared.

Unlike the concerts at Shattuck Park, Dunning said a difference exists with the larger street concerts.

"The street concerts will not be able to be held indoors as the bands and crowd size would be much too large for the hotel ballroom," Dunning said. "We love the street concerts as it is a great way to showcase our beautiful downtown and support the businesses."

The evening summer concerts at Shattuck Park continue at 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 12. The Boogie Back to School concert is scheduled for Aug. 26 in downtown Neenah.

Community input sought for outdoor recreation plan

Neenah News

Neenah Parks and Recreation is beginning the process of updating its Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP), which helps guide future improvements to parks, trails, facilities, programs and recreation opportunities throughout the community.

Community members are invited to

share their input from 5 to 7 p.m. July 8 at the George Scherck Shelter, 1175 Apple Blossom Drive. They can also learn more about the CORP process.

Feedback will help shape the future of parks and recreation in Neenah.

Those unable to attend will be able to share their input through an upcoming online survey.

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Community Fest activities planned in Neenah

Neenah News

Festivities are being planned for the Neenah-Menasha Community Fest July 3 and July 4.

The event will be part of the area's celebration of the country's 250th anniversary.

Activities will be held in both Neenah and Menasha, getting underway July 3 with Pajama Jams from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Shattuck Park.

Families are invited to wear their pajamas and dance the night away before the Parade of Lights. The event is sponsored by the Neenah-Menasha YMCA and Community Fest.

The Parade of Lights starts at 9 p.m. in Menasha before proceeding through downtown Neenah. All units in the parade will be lit up.

Peace Lutheran Church, 1228 South Park Ave., will hold its annual Community Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon July 4. The cost for ages 12 and older is \$8, ages 5-11 will be \$5 and age 4 and under \$2.

Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit youth activities and scholarships for Lutheran school education. Breakfast will be served on the church's front lawn with inside seating availability in case of inclement weather.

Activities will be held throughout the day in Riverside Park beginning with prayer and worship at 9:30 a.m. at the Harbor Stage.

The Rotary Club of Neenah is sponsoring the Little Red, White and Blue Parade starting at 11:30 a.m. along Park Drive. Kids are invited to decorate their bikes, scooters, wagons and join the parade to kick off the July 4 celebration.

Randy Peterson will perform kids music at noon on the Main Stage. Peterson performs a family friendly mix of music, humor and storytelling geared for kids of all ages to enjoy.

Face painting, a petting zoo, kids balloons and more will be offered from noon to 3 p.m. Carnival games will be available from noon to 4 p.m.

FMX, or Freestyle Motocross, will provide a twist on traditional motocross, where riders showcase their skills through breathtaking jumps and tricks. Performances will be at 12:15, 2:10 and 3:30 p.m. on the East Lawn.

Guests are invited to take time to reflect on why the Fourth of July is celebrated with a live reading of the Declaration of Independence at 12:45 p.m. on the Main Stage.

The winner of the Neenah Idol singing competition will perform the national anthem once during the day at 12:55 p.m. and again before the fireworks at 9:40 p.m.

Karate America will present a demonstration of karate moves, accompanied by

a complimentary kids' karate class for any interested viewers, from 1 to 1:45 p.m. on the Harbor Stage.

The Wisconsin Singers, a UW-Madison group, will bring high-energy, Broadway-style revue of American popular music to the stage from 1 to 2 p.m. on the Main Stage.

Ice cream and treats courtesy of Dairy Queen will be available at 2 p.m. at the Main Stage.

Singer David Paul Martin will perform from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. on the Main Stage.

The Webfooters Water Ski Show will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Live music during the evening on the Main Stage will include Michael Murphy and Friends from 5 to 7 p.m. and the

Neenah Community Band from 7:45 to 9 p.m.

The Venetian Boat Parade with lit up boats will be from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. The Neenah Nodaway Yacht Club invites sailboats to join a patriotically decorated display at the waterfront right before the fireworks show.

Cash prizes for first, second and third places will be awarded based on crowd-judged performances. The city will provide generators along Wisconsin Avenue at Riverside Park to light up the displays.

Fireworks will take place starting in Neenah at 9:45 p.m. at Riverside Park.

Event details can be found at nmcommunityfest.org.

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County considers data center moratorium

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

Winnebago County is looking to put a data center moratorium in place.

County Executive Gordon Hintz announced at the June 16 County Board of Supervisors meeting that an ordinance will be introduced at the July 13 Planning and Zoning Committee to prevent the building of a data center in the four towns where Winnebago County controls the zoning. If it passes, the moratorium ordinance will come before the county board at its July meeting.



Hintz

"I'm not aware of any data center that is looking to come to Winnebago County," Hintz said. "We are looking to be proactive."

In the region, Manitowoc County and Greenville in Outagamie County have put moratoriums on data center permitting.

In Winnebago County, the moratorium would be developed under Wisconsin Statute Chapter 66, which allows a temporary pause for research, updating zoning codes and development of regulations.

The moratorium would include the towns of Algoma, Omro, Neenah and Nekimi — the four towns where the county controls general zoning. Hintz said the year-long break would provide the county with time to put rules in place for data centers. He also hopes to work with municipalities in the county to adopt

similar rules.

"If a data center comes here, it will be on our terms," Hintz said.

Supervisor Rachael Dowling mentioned she was trying to work with aldermen in Neenah, Oshkosh, Menasha and other municipalities to hold a public event about data centers since so many people are concerned about them.

"It's great we are looking at this on a county level," she said.

It is important for the county to get in front of any data centers who may want to locate in the area, said supervisor John Hinz.

"The pause will give us time to develop policy to take it out to the community," he said.

Supervisor Andy Buck toured Microsoft's data center in southeast Wisconsin and said the company has been a good partner in that community.

"We need to also talk about the positive economic impact these centers can have," he said.

Although no data centers have expressed interest in coming to the county, many residents are still concerned. Several spoke out against them during the public comments section at the county board meeting.

"I'm here representing seven adults living in Omro who oppose data centers," said Cameron Chapin of Omro. "Data centers lead to water scarcity, create noise pollution 24/7 and cause air quality issues. This is not something we want in our community."



Photo from Town of Clayton Fire Rescue

Fire training

Rain showers moved through last week while the Town of Clayton Fire Rescue was training at the Fox Valley Technical College Public Safety Training facility. Firefighters spent the evening conducting vehicle fire training drills to learn, improve and prepare to respond when the call comes in.

Sheriff's office offers citizen's academy

Neenah News

Winnebago County residents are invited to apply to participate in the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Citizen's Academy classes.

Applications are being taken for the 10th annual Citizen's Academy class. The program offers insight into how sheriff's office

operates.

Classes will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday evenings from Aug. 26 to Nov. 18. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. The application deadline is Aug. 14.

The application can be found at shorturl.at/9TjJL.

Performing arts school launches theater lab

Neenah News

A three-day summer theater intensive designed to inspire creativity, build confidence and develop performance skills in middle and high school students is being offered by Valley Academy for the Arts.

Taking place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 7-9 at Valley Academy for the Arts located at 139 N. Lake St., Theatre Lab offers students the opportunity to experience

the collaborative process of creating and performing original theater. Participants will engage in acting exercises, improvisation, storytelling, directing, ensemble-building activities and creative workshops that culminate in the development of a brand-new showcase created entirely by the students.

The workshop is designed to welcome students of all experience levels and give them a chance to create something meaningful together.

The intensive is open to both experienced performers and students who are curious about theater for the first time. Through a supportive and engaging environment, participants will learn the fundamentals of performance while building friendships and gaining valuable creative skills.

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Woman facing charges after multiple dead cats found

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When a subcontractor for a bank was sent to a Neenah home to prepare the residence for foreclosure they saw dead cats, cat skeletons and bones.

The home was full of empty food containers, dry water bowls and "a lot of animal feces."

A Neenah police officer then searched the home April 29 and located the remains of seven cats throughout the home in the 400 block of Washington Avenue.

Based on this discovery, Jennifer McDonald is now facing one felony count of mistreatment of animals and one misde-

meanor count of intentionally abandoning animals.

Court documents allege that McDonald, 47, hasn't lived in the house since late 2024 and has not visited the home since September 2025. Law enforcement believes the cats resorted to cannibalism when they ran out of food.

If found guilty of the felony charge, she could face up to 18 months in state prison followed by up to two years of extended supervision.

According to the criminal complaint, a bank was in the process of foreclosing the house. The bank hired a subcontractor,

identified as the reporting party, to change the locks of the home and clean inside the residence.

The community service officer that later searched the house described it as in "extreme disarray, with lots of garbage, personal items, and furniture."

The first thing the officer noted was a pile of animal fur attached to skin and then they found the skeletal remains of a cat. Limbs were allegedly detached from the body and a partial skull, spine, hips and rear leg bones were found several feet from the pile of fur.

The officer found a total of seven cats throughout the home. The complaint alleges "it appears that the cats had cannibalized each other after other food sources were no longer available."

The complaint notes that no other non-cat animals were located in the home, and there were no evident holes or open entryways into the home.

A neighbor told police McDonald lives in the home, but no one had seen her in seven months.

Police spoke with McDonald, who explained she moved out of the house in late 2024 but had been back to the house weekly since then to feed the cats and pick up the mail. However, the mail service and water service were shut down in October 2025, and she hadn't been back at the house since.

McDonald claims she got rid of the cats before she moved out. She told police there were between two and four cats at the house, but definitely not seven cats. She added none of the cats were spayed or neutered.

On two occasions, McDonald said she left the doors open at the house in hopes they would run outside.

During an interview with police, McDonald expressed remorse for her actions.

"I did not handle it very well at all," McDonald allegedly told police. "I totally dropped the ball on this, and I feel horrible."

McDonald is set to be in court for her initial appearance on July 6 in front of Court Commissioner Eric Heywood.

Former caregiver receives probation for providing children melatonin

Neenah News

A former YMCA employee has been sentenced to one year of probation for giving children melatonin without the parents' consent.

Annalee S. Nitz, 51, was found guilty by Winnebago County Circuit Court branch 2 Judge Scott Woldt last week after she pled no contest to the misdemeanor count. Woldt sentenced her to 12 months of probation and ordered Nitz to pay \$5,799.03 in restitution.

Neenah police were dispatched in October to the YMCA day care center on West North Water Street after staff learned a caregiver may have been administering melatonin to children in the one-year-old classroom.

Documents say that on Oct. 10, a co-teacher reported that she saw Nitz approach a child, remove the child's pacifier, place something in the child's mouth, return the pacifier and tuck the child in.

On Oct. 14, the co-teacher found a small red gummy on the floor of the classroom and later discovered a bottle labeled "Kids Melatonin" in a cabinet. She photographed the bottle and reported the findings to management.

Nitz denied giving melatonin to children and claimed she had given them raisins or craisins. She also denied bringing melatonin to work, stating the bottle contained her own vitamins. She was suspended from her position that same day.

Day care officials reviewed surveillance video, but the footage did not clearly show whether the substance given to children was melatonin or food. A list of 10 children cared for by Nitz was provided to law enforcement.

Investigators contacted the parents or guardians of all 10 children and confirmed none had given permission for melatonin

to be administered. Several parents reported their children had appeared lethargic over the previous months, while others reported no concerns.

During an interview with a police sergeant and a state child care licensing specialist in November, Nitz said she previously gave children Cheerios as rewards but switched to raisins. She told investigators that during a recent trip to the Philippines with her 12-year-old son, she used kids melatonin while traveling. After returning, she considered whether melatonin would help a child in her classroom.

Nitz admitted to giving melatonin to two children on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning in late August. She later said that she mixed the gummies into food because the children would not take them on their own.

When confronted with surveillance footage showing her placing substances in children's mouths or food, Nitz admitted it was melatonin and said it was possible she had given it to all of the children in the room over a period of months. She said she threw away the melatonin and flushed the remaining chewables after her employment ended.

In a statement, the YMCA of the Fox Cities confirmed the allegations involved a former teacher at its Neenah-Menasha YMCA Child Development Center and said the employee was immediately removed from the classroom and her employment ended. The organization said it reported the matter to Neenah Police and the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and is cooperating with the investigation.

The YMCA said it continues to support impacted families and outlined its policies and training designed to keep children safe.

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mented an environmental management system to help embed sustainability into its decision-making strategy.

Inland specializes in manufacturing labels and packaging for food, beverage and consumer products.

Moving forward, the organization will continue its efforts to reduce land-fill waste, energy use and volatile organic compound emissions, as well as begin working toward measuring and reducing their greenhouse gas emissions.

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The front reception area is one of the spaces in the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass to undergo renovations.

Museum project

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bags that have items for visitors who are neurodivergent or living with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. The bags are designed with items that are aimed at improving the visitors' experience at the museum. Visitors can rent the bags free of charge.

It was important to Moorefield that the renovations maintained the historical character of the museum while updating its displays and accessibility.

"The goal (of the renovations) was to preserve the nostalgia and the historic quality of the building... and then intermingle that with modern state of the art new spaces," she said.

Moorefield noted that all members of the project's team, including their architect, interior designer, and Miron Construction, shared the same mission. They were all supportive in carrying out the updates with modern technology and the accessibility of the building while maintaining the original features of the building.

The result is that the galleries may look

the same but have been upgraded on the inside. Moorefield is pleased with the results of the project.

"It has been a wonderful, beloved project — from everyone who worked on it, the staff (and board) have been amazing, those who were so generous to donate, the foundations and grants, to the people that actually renovated the building," she said.

In the future, Moorefield would like to continue to update the museum's accessibility and has more ideas on how to do so, such as offering interactive tablets to visitors. She hopes that people will visit and spend time at the museum this summer and participate in the numerous programs it has planned, including outdoor yoga classes, art activity classes and summer camps, to name a few.

"We are here for the community and excited to show our shiny new spaces," she said.

The museum is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, visit bmmglass.com.

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 Musical Movers Storytime (ages 2-6) 10 a.m.

July 2
 Wee Read Storytime with ASL Interpretation (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

July 3
 Library Closes at 5 p.m.

July 4-5
 Library Closed All Day

July 6
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Stitching Group 1 p.m.
 Mah Jongg Meet-up 5:30 p.m.

July 7
 Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m.
 Adaptive Storytime (ages 0-5) 10 a.m.
 Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Family Program: Anywhere Art 1:30 p.m.
 Powered by Yarn 6:30 p.m.

July 8
 Baby Time Storytime (birth to 24 months) 9:15 a.m.
 Musical Movers Storytime (ages 2-6) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.

July 9
 Wee Read Storytime with ASL Interpretation (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

July 10
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.

July 13
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Stitching Group 1 p.m.
 Mah Jongg Meet-up 5:30 p.m.
 Short Story Night 7 p.m.

July 14
 Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m.
 Adaptive Storytime (ages 0-5) 10 a.m.
 Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Family Program: Splatter Lab 1:30 p.m.
 Legal Assistance Clinic 4:30 p.m.

July 15
 Baby Time Storytime (birth to 24 months) 9:15 a.m.
 Musical Movers Storytime (ages 2-6) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Art Explorers noon

July 16
 Wee Read Storytime with ASL Interpretation (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Tween Create Lab: Tee-rific Totes (ages 9 plus) 1:30 p.m.
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

July 17
 Sunrise Yoga with Sarah Broda 6:30 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.

July 20
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Stitching Group 1 p.m.
 Memory Cafe: Railroad Quilts 1:30 p.m.
 Mah Jongg Meet-up 5:30 p.m.
 Not Quite Cozy Mystery Book Club 6:30 p.m.

July 21
 Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m.
 Adaptive Storytime (ages 0-5) 10 a.m.
 FREE Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Family Program: Cardboard Kingdom 1:30 p.m.
 Cookbook Book Club 6:30 p.m.

July 22
 Baby Time Storytime (birth to 24 months) 9:15 a.m.
 Musical Movers Storytime (ages 2-6) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Art Explorers noon

July 23
 Wee Read Storytime with ASL Interpretation (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Tween Create Lab: Cosmic Sponge Creations (ages 9 plus) 1:30 p.m.
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

July 24
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.

July 27
 Monday Morning Book Klatch 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old)

11:30 a.m.
 Stitching Group 1 p.m.
 Mah Jongg Meet-up 5:30 p.m.

July 28
 Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m.
 Adaptive Storytime (ages 0-5) 10 a.m.
 Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Family Program: BINGO 1:30 p.m.
 Movie Talks: Young Frankenstein / Blazing Saddles 6:30 p.m.

July 29
 Baby Time Storytime (birth to 12

months) 9:15 a.m.
 Musical Movers Storytime (ages 2-6) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1 - 18 years old) 11:30 a.m.

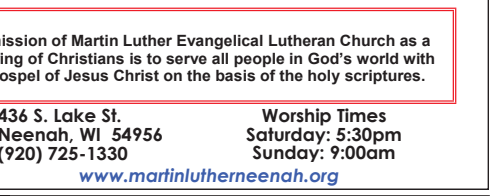
July 30
 Wee Read Storytime with ASL Interpretation (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

July 31
 Sunrise Yoga with Sarah Broda 6:30 a.m.
 Free Summer Lunches (1-18 years old) 11:30 a.m.

















Flock cameras

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small portion — less than 1% — is used for training purposes to help with identifying new vehicle makes and models after the meta data is stripped out.

That admission drew most of the evening's criticism.

"A system provider cannot unlock something that's encrypted end-to-end, but you say you can access it for learning purposes? What you're saying is incredibly misleading and false advertising," said Tanner Mann, an Appleton resident. "If your system was really encrypted, you wouldn't be able to access anything, even less than 1% to use for training."

Alderman William Pollnow, Jr. also raised the question of how Flock could say video was encrypted but could still be accessed for training. He asked Weinstein, who said he didn't have an answer but would get one.

"I think it's problematic that we didn't get an answer to that question," Pollnow said.

Justin Lee of Neenah raised another concern that many speakers were concerned about — having their Fourth Amendment

rights violated.

"Flock cameras have been used by the police in other places to track people without reason," Lee said. "And yes, you're tracking people. You know it's my car so when you track my car, you're tracking me. Using this kind of technology is a violation of the Fourth Amendment since it's a violation of my privacy."

Neenah's Daniel Herrick said Neenah and other cities that purchased Flock systems "fell for a snake oil salesperson. Flock doesn't care about safety. They only care about money. Flock cameras are supposed to make us feel more safe. I feel less safe due to this system."

Danielle Falesnick, a candidate for Winnebago County Sheriff and a Neenah resident, said she was against Flock cameras, adding any searches on the system should require a warrant. She said residents can be kept safe without the surveillance provided by Flock cameras.

As to what happens next, Olson said he hopes to get more information from Flock on some of the unanswered questions.

Neighboring communities Appleton, Oshkosh and Grand Chute have ended their contracts for the use of Flock cameras.



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Harwood, Taschner collect collegiate postseason accolades

Neenah News

A pair of former Neenah High School standouts garnered postseason honors in their respective spring sports.

Junior pitcher Morgan Harwood of UW-Stevens Point in softball and junior pitcher Gradin Taschner of UW-White-

water in baseball both collected multiple accolades following stellar seasons.

Harwood returned to the all-WIAC first team, marking the third straight year the hurler has earned the honor. The right-hander finished 10-4 this season with a 1.72 earned run average in 25 appearances this season. Harwood struck out 84 bat-

ters in a team-high 88 1/3 innings, while holding opposing hitters to just a .220 batting average.

She also batted .311 with three home runs this season.

In addition to earning all-conference honors for the third straight year, Harwood also picked up NFCA All-Region VIII honors for the third straight season. Harwood was named to the all-region third team this year after collecting first-team honors the past two seasons.

Taschner became the 35th Warhawk to earn all-American honors after being named to the D3baseball.com fourth team following a standout season. He was also

selected to the all-region first team for both D3baseball and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Taschner, who played his first two collegiate seasons at Bryant & Stratton College, also earned first-team honors in the WIAC.

The hurler led the Warhawks' dominant pitching staff with a 1.84 earned run average on the season and a 0.96 WHIP. He finished 5-0 with saves in 17 appearances, including eight starts, for UW-Whitewater and fanned 57 batters in 49 innings, while finishing the year with just 13 walks – the lowest total on the team among pitchers with at least 35 innings of work.



Harwood



Taschner

Spring sports all-conference teams

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Gentile, Severson lead Rocket honorees

Junior Celia Gentile and sophomore Emma Severson each garnered first-team all-Fox Valley Association honors in two events to headline a wealth of Neenah athletes to receive all-conference recognition.

Gentile was the first-team honoree in both the long jump and triple jump, based on her winning the conference titles at the Fox Valley Association meet. She was also second team in the 100 meters and honorable mention in the 200 meters making her the only athlete to receive all-conference recognition in four individual events.

Severson earned her first-team recognition in both throwing events after dominating the shot put and discus at the conference meet.

Also earning first-team honors for the Rockets were the 800-meter relay team of senior Brynn Fox, juniors Molly Snider and Kobi Meyer and freshman Savannah Wendrick and the 3,200-meter relay team of senior Elsa Gruber, juniors Elise Braaten and Anna Benthein and freshman Lizzy LaPlant.

Earning second-team all-FVA honors were sophomore Izzy Malloy in the 800 meters, freshman Sam Zilm in the 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters and the 400-meter relay team of Fox, Snider, Meyer and sophomore Kate Lenninger.

Rockets receiving honorable mention recognition were junior Resa Goethel in the pole vault and junior Lexi Davis in the shot put.

Davel headlines Zephyrs' honorees

Sophomore Ellie Davel was named the Female Athlete of the Big East Conference Track and Field Meet and earned first-team all-conference honors in three different events to lead St. Mary Catholic athletes who received recognition.

Davel finished first in the 100-meter

Editor's Note

The area all-conference teams for baseball, softball, soccer, golf, tennis and lacrosse appeared in the June 19 edition.

hurdles and 300-meter hurdles as well as the long jump at the conference meet to earn her first-team all-conference nods. She was also the second-team honoree in the 200 meters after taking second.

St. Mary Catholic also had a number of athletes earn honorable mention recognition for their performances. Juniors Luci Nackers in the 200 meters, Claire Higgins in the 400 meters and Lucy Norville in the high jump all earned honorable mention honors as did the Zephyrs' 800-meter relay team of Nackers, Norville and juniors Autumn Crowe and Mina Jackson.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Two Rockets receive all-FVA recognition

A pair of Neenah athletes garnered all-conference honors based on their finishes at the Fox Valley Association Track and Field meet in May.

Sophomore Owen Fox garnered recognition in a pair of events, earning second-team honors in the 300-meter hurdles, while he was also the honorable mention honoree in the 110-meter hurdles.

Sophomore Oliver Peterka was the only other Rocket to earn recognition, garnering second-team honors in the long jump.

Zephyr throwers collect all-Big East honors

St. Mary Catholic had a pair of throwers earn all-Big East Conference recognition.

Seniors Isaiah Hennessy and Sean Brennan both garnered honorable mention honors in their respective events. Hennessy finished third in the conference in the shot put, while Brennan was third in the discus at the conference meet.

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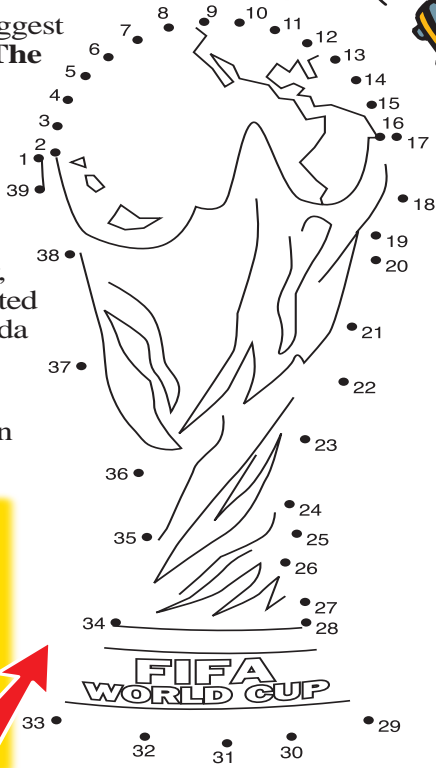
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2026 FIFA WORLD CUP

Get ready for one of the biggest sporting events on Earth! The **FIFA World Cup** brings together the best soccer teams from around the world to compete for the championship trophy.

The World Cup happens every four years. This year, the tournament will be hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Millions of fans will cheer as 48 teams compete to win soccer's biggest prize!



Big Winners

The current holder of the trophy is Argentina, winner of the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Use the code to discover the country that has won the FIFA World Cup championship five times.

= A = I = R
 = B = L = Z

What does the World Cup look like?

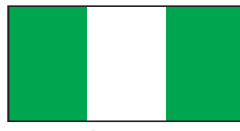
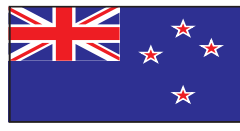
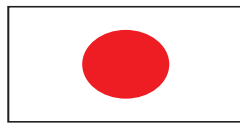
The World Cup trophy is 14.5 inches tall and weighs 13.5 pounds. It is made of 18 carat gold with a malachite base. Connect the dots to see what it looks like.



Who competes for the World Cup?

Here are flags of just some of the 211 countries that compete for the World Cup. Unscramble the name of each country. *HINT: Use a world map for help.*

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cut out the various sentence sections, put them in the correct order and then glue them onto a piece of paper.

But when the game first arrived in
 The rest of the world calls it football.
 game Americans already played here.
 wouldn't confuse it with the football
 needed a new name so that people
 the United States from Europe, it

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand that languages use patterns to communicate.

Double Double Word Search

BEST
CHEER
CUP
FANS
FLAGS
GOAL
GOLD
MAP
PRIZE
READY
SPORTS
SOCCER
TROPHY
WON
WORLD
YEAR

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



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

Kid Scoop Together

Find the differences between these two soccer players. Then have a family member try it. Who found the most differences?



Why is soccer the coolest sport?

ANSWER: Because it has fans around the world!

Why did the soccer player bring string to the match?

ANSWER: He was hoping to tie the game.

Can you play soccer with pigs?

ANSWER: No. They always hog the ball!

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