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Photo by Michael Cooney

Shawano assistant fire chief Robbie Woldt and a two-person crew were going door-to-door Tuesday checking on residents and making sure homes and neighborhoods on Doty Island were as safe as possible. Shawano was one of many fire departments that responded to the storm damage in Neenah, Menasha and Fox Crossing.

Region begins tornado clean-up

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

Crews and residents are slowly beginning clean-up efforts after an EF-3 tornado struck northern Winnebago County mid-day Monday leaving behind a trail of damage.

Parts of Fox Crossing, Menasha, Neenah and Appleton were left with buildings with structural damage, downed trees and powerlines, disruptions to utility services and closed roads. Despite the severe damage — Menasha was hit the hardest — no deaths or serious injuries were reported.

“The depth of the tornado and its impact is incredible, devastating and we’re really still in the assessment phase of things,” Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz said during a media briefing on Tuesday. “The sooner we clear the area, the sooner we get the power on, the sooner we can start getting the area back on track.”

Gov. Tony Evers declared a state of emergency in Winnebago County on Tuesday.

Winnebago County created a webpage with information and resources to help its

residents stay up to date on information shorturl.at/yeWQV.

Daniel Wiechman, community liaison officer for the Fox Crossing Police Department, said the outpouring of people wanting to help those affected by the tornado has been immense.

“There’s been a tremendous outpouring of volunteers and support,” he said.

The tornado hit Fox Crossing and Menasha just after noon on Monday with winds estimated over 140 mph before

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Residents describe concerns amid storm experience

By Chris Lusvardi
NEENAH NEWS

As a tornado moved over the area early Monday afternoon, nearly 80 people were inside a building on the edge of Doty Island in Neenah.

The group at Congregational United Church of Christ Neenah Menasha at 1511 Nicolet Boulevard included church staff along with staff and children of Lake Edge Learning Center. Luckily, Pastor Rob VanEss said each of them emerged safely.

In the immediate aftermath of the storm, parents picking up their child were asked to

park several blocks away from the property. Lake Edge staff were stationed outside directing traffic and guiding parents to pick up their children.

VanEss said everyone who stepped forward in the aftermath helped with the unexpected situation.

“In the hours since the tornado passed over our church and community, we have witnessed both tremendous devastation and extraordinary grace,” VanEss said. “Their calm leadership, willingness to help, and concern for others assisted in securing the safety of those present and beginning

the difficult work of caring for our building and grounds.”

VanEss said power lines later remained down across the property, including areas that block access to their driveway. More than 20 large trees were lost, he said.

“Many have fallen in ways that seem almost impossible, stacked upon one another or suspended precariously, creating dangerous conditions that will require professional removal,” VanEss said.

The church building itself sustained sig-

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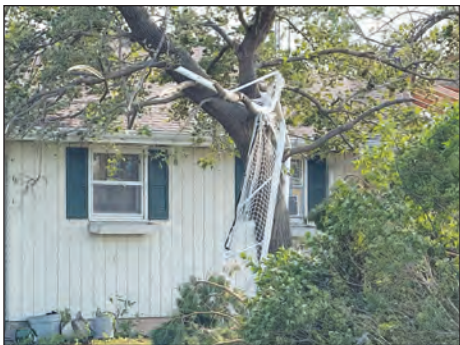


Photo from Neenah Soccer Club

Some of the goals at the Neenah Soccer Club complex on Earl Street were found in trees across the street following the storm.



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Tornadoes have previously hit area

Neenah News

The tornado that struck Neenah and surrounding communities Monday is believed to be the strongest to hit the area since 1984.

The April 27, 1984, storm that hit the Fox Cities was an EF3 tornado, which caused one death, multiple injuries and destroyed homes.

An EF0 tornado struck Neenah on Aug. 18, 2005, uprooting trees and ripping siding from a home.

Neenah and Menasha were hit by an EF2 tornado on May 8, 1964. The tornado developed near Winneconne, traveling through Menasha and hitting the John Strange Paper Company. It continued into Neenah near the Fox Point Shopping Center, which suffered extensive damage.

Menasha has been hit by tornadoes at least three other times. On Aug. 14, 1987, an EF1 tornado struck one mile west of the city with most of the damage occurring at a warehouse.

An F0 tornado on Aug. 23, 1998, caused no notable damage. On July 19, 2008, an EF1 tornado caused sporadic damage, with damage reported to four buildings.

Tornadoes are rated based on wind speed, with an EF0 having winds between 65-85 MPH, EF1 86-110 MPH, EF2 111-135 MPH and EF3 136-165 MPH. Monday's storm was reported to have winds up to 140 MPH as it tracked from Grand Chute to the open waters of Lake Winnebago.



Photo from Neenah Historical Society

Community band

The Neenah Community Band has been performing since its inception in 1966. Their very first concert was on Memorial Day at Riverside Park. This volunteer band has been practicing and performing in Neenah for over 60 years, providing the Neenah Community with countless free concerts and performances over the years.

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Calendar of events

- Saturday, Aug. 1**
Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
Kid's Triathlon, 8 a.m., Neenah Pool
- Tuesday, Aug. 4**
Neenah's Night Out, 5 p.m., Memorial Park
Fox Crossing National Night Out, 5 p.m., O'Hauser Park
Neenah Community Band Concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park
- Wednesday, Aug. 5**
Future Neenah Evening Concert featuring Ants Marching, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park
- Thursday, Aug. 6**
Entertainer Elvis John, 6 p.m., Fritsch Park
- Friday, Aug. 7**
Time Travelers Camp Neenah Historical Society, 10 a.m., Doty Cabin Museum
National Lighthouse Day Celebration, 4:30 p.m., Kimberly Point Lighthouse
- Saturday, Aug. 8**
Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
GLASS Arts Festival, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass
- Sunday, Aug. 9**
Huntington's Disease Society of America Fox Valley Team Hope Walk, 9 a.m., Memorial Park
- Tuesday, Aug. 11**
Neenah Community Band Concert: Happy Wanderers German Band, 7 p.m., Riverside Park
- Wednesday, Aug. 12**
Future Neenah Evening Concert featuring Murphy's Law, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park
- Thursday, Aug. 13**
Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

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Police departments plan community outreach events

By Jill Trotter
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The Fox Crossing and Neenah police departments will interact with residents in a positive atmosphere at their respective National Night Out events.

Both events will be held on Tuesday evening. The Fox Crossing Police Department will host its annual National Night Out event from 5 to 8 p.m. at O’Hauser Park. The Neenah Police Department will host Neenah’s Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m. at Memorial Park.

Both events are family-friendly and free to attend. The popular annual events facilitate positive interactions between citizens and police officers.

Fox Crossing National Night Out

National Night Out is a nationwide community-building event that promotes positive relationships and camaraderie between residents and the police.

“It’s a community building campaign,” said Officer Daniel L. Wiechman, Fox Crossing community liaison officer. “It’s promoting police and community partnerships and relationships and just all over good camaraderie with the people that we serve.”

He said this is the largest event that is hosted by the police department and has drawn crowds of up to 700 attendees in the past.

Several family-friendly attractions and activities will be featured at the event, including inflatables, face painting, Kona Ice truck, ice cream truck and JR Aquatic animals, among others. The main event is a good-natured “Kids vs. Cops” kickball game at 7 p.m.

In partnership with the police department, local businesses are providing goods for the event. Kwik Trip will be providing water bottles, Neenah Dairy Queen will be providing popcorn, Appleton Kiwanis will be handing out free books and Fang the Timber Rattlers mascot will be making an appearance.

In addition to police officers, other public safety officials will be present, including the Fox Crossing Fire Department and Gold Cross Ambulance. Food will be available for purchase.

Wiechman hopes that the event will make community members more comfortable interacting with officers.

“We are just meeting our community members, having conversations, showing that law enforcement has a personable and approachable side,” he said. “(This puts) a familiar face with those that are serving you in these fields so that when you may need law enforcement you may be more familiar with or you may recognize the people you may be dealing with. If you need us for a difficult situation, that’s what we’re there for.”

In addition to the National Night Out, Fox Crossing police officers attend other

community events throughout the year, including the annual Kids Expo each spring.

For more information, visit facebook.com/FoxCrossingPD.

Neenah’s Night Out

The purpose of the Neenah’s Night Out is the same as for Fox Crossing — to further develop the relationship between the community and the police department.

The event is designed “to enhance that relationship between the neighbors and law enforcement while bringing a true sense of community, and it provides a great opportunity to bring the police officers and the neighbors together under positive circumstances,” said Joseph E. Benoit, community policing coordinator for the Neenah Police Department.

Attendance at the event has increased each year, with 1,500 people in attendance in recent years. There will be a bounce house, face painting, a dunk tank, an art activity and an obstacle course for children. There will also be blender bikes, fire trucks, rescue vehicles, emergency response vehicles and other equipment for attendees to tour and interact with.

The ThedaStar helicopter will land at the event. There will also be free hand-outs, a K9 Demo with Officer Sweeney and K9 Bo and various food trucks with items for purchase. The agency is grateful to its many local partners, including Stacy Hennessey, who will be raffling off free bicycles at the event.

Neenah’s Night Out is the department’s largest event of the year, but its community outreach doesn’t end there.

The department also hosts “Campfire with Cops,” an informal gathering held a few times each year. These lighthearted gatherings include campfire games, comedic skits, crowd interaction, and other fun activities.

According to Benoit, this is another way for “the kids and the families to see the humans behind the badge, not just see the officer as some kind of unknown robot but just another normal person that does fun things.”

The next Campfire with Cops is scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sept. 25 at the fire pit in Memorial Park.

The department’s engagement with citizens continues throughout the year at numerous local events. This includes having officers present at A Very Neenah Christmas, the Farmer’s Market, Community Fest celebrations, parades and downtown concerts.

“(This allows officers) to be visible to answer questions and to really connect with the parents and the kids and whoever (else) is willing to chat with us,” Benoit said. “The goal is to convert those that are skeptical of the police or little kids that are inherently intimidated or nervous to talk to a police officer. We want to break down those barriers and get them to feel safe and comfortable talking to an officer.”

For more information about Neenah’s Night Out, including plans for inclement weather, visit facebook.com/NeenahPolice.



Photo from Neenah-Menasha Elks

Anniversary celebration

The Elks Lodge 676 held its 125th anniversary celebration Sunday as state president Manny Salinas was among those attending the event. The afternoon’s rededication ceremony renewed the organization’s commitment to charitable service throughout the Fox Valley communities, strengthening the mission that has guided them for generations. The Elks was providing service to the community this week as a shelter for residents impacted by the tornado.



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Photo from Neenah Public Library

Cardboard art

Kids turned cardboard boxes into birdhouses, forts, boats and more July 21 during the Neenah Public Library’s cardboard kingdom family program at the Shattuck Park pavilion. Library staff said the level of creativity on display was truly a joy to watch as imagination ran wild and problem-solving skills were put to the test.

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Glass art to be on display at festival

Neenah News

A range of family-friendly activities will be offered during an upcoming event at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass.

The GLASS Arts Festival will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass.

“We are delighted to present the only glass festival of this kind in the United States, admission free for all,” executive director Amy G. Moorefield said. “Please come join us for this special day celebrating the magic of glass.”

Guests can browse the grounds and galleries and enjoy an admission-free, family-friendly lakeside day. They can take in glass art on display and available for sale from more than 40 artists from around the country and across the globe.

The event will also feature the opening of a solo exhibition by the first-place winner of last year’s juried GLASS Arts Festival Award, William Manson.

Festival attendees will witness glass blowing demonstrations with our mini-dragon, “Ray,” as molten glass temperatures climb to over 2,000° F.

Entertainment will be provided by Kate Voss & The Hot Sauce, while food trucks from around the area will be on hand. Activity tents for the kids will keep young ones engaged creating their own art to bring home.

Area unemployment rate increases in June

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rate increase to 3.3% in June, up from 2.7% in May and 3.2% a year ago, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Preliminary June 2026 unemployment rates increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month.

Rates increased in 10 metropolitan areas over the year and stayed the same in three: Fond du Lac, Milwaukee-Waukesha and Sheboygan.

Preliminary June 2026 unemployment rates increased in all of Wisconsin’s 35 largest cities over the month. Unemployment rates decreased in six cities over the year, increased in 23 cities and stayed the same in the remaining six cities.

Preliminary June 2026 unemployment rates increased in all 72 counties over the month. Unemployment rates decreased in 10 counties over the year, increased in 44 counties over the year and stayed the same in the remaining 18 counties.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Sunnyview Expo project completed as county fair starts

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

Visitors to the Winnebago County Fair and other events at the Sunnyview Expo Center grounds will notice multiple changes, including the re-installment of a 100-year-old county fair arch.

The changes are part of the center’s west campus improvement project, which started last fall. The Winnebago County Parks Department held a ribbon cutting Wednesday to celebrate the project’s completion on the same day as the start of this year’s county fair, which runs through Sunday.

“The project made significant improvements to the west campus area, specifically recurring drainage issues and enhanced lighting,” said Adam Breest, Winnebago County Parks & Expo Director.

Breest said the county fair arch from 1926 was also repaired and reinstalled.

- Other project upgrades included:
- Reconfigured parking lots to improve flow and create a better space for the numerous events hosted on the grounds each year.
 - Resolved drainage issues around the parking lot and expo building.
 - Added a retention pond.
 - Upgraded lighting throughout the parking lot.
 - Expanded gravel overflow parking and space for campers.
 - Improved wayfinding and signs from County Road Y and within the Sunnyview Expo Center property.
 - Upgraded electric capacity for camping and other event use.

The funding for the \$5.38 million project was included in the county’s 2025 capital improvement plan. Breest said MCC



Submitted photo

The county fair arch from 1926 was also repaired and reinstalled as part of the Sunnyview Expo Center renovation project.

Inc. and Bodart Electric Service, Inc. completed the project on time and on budget. The eastern part of the expo grounds was improved in 2021.

The Sunnyview Expo Center grounds consist of approximately 200 acres on the north end of Oshkosh and includes a large expo building, a covered arena, an

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School board approves student welfare policies, additional staffing

By Eric Endres
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Joint School District Board of Education last week approved two updated policies related to student supervision and welfare, plus an additional 0.5 FTE (full-time equivalency) in certified staffing.

The policies were updated during the board's July 21 meeting. Policies 3213 and 4213 contain nearly identical language and involve guidance on protecting students from inappropriate conduct from staff, as well as presenting a standard of

care for students that staff are required to adhere to. The policies describe what's appropriate for staff-student relationships and what conduct is prohibited, including grooming and boundary violations.

Additionally, the policies describe the requirements of staff members to immediately report any accidents, safety hazards, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities. The policies also include portions saying that staff members shall not associate with students at any time in a manner that gives the appearance of im-

propriety, including, but not limited to, abusive or sexually suggestive situations or activities involving illegal substances that include tobacco, alcohol or drugs.

The policies were written to comply with Wisconsin state statutes 48.981, 118.07(6), 118.07(7), 948, 948.072 and 948.095.

At the same meeting, the board approved an additional 0.5 FTE for certified staffing for the 2026-27 school year due to the 4K enrollment at Washington Early Learning Center. According to a July 21 memo, the administration was monitor-

ing the enrollment over the course of the summer and saw an increase, prompting the need for additional staffing.

This additional staffing would allow for a classroom teacher for a morning section of 4K to avoid the need to go beyond the capped enrollment number established for 4K classrooms. This would increase the capacity from around 220 students to 242 students. This addition is projected to cost \$27,600 and bring the total number of certified staff to 494.5 for the upcoming school year.

Neenah High School's crime stats lower than previous school year

By Eric Endres
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah High School saw fewer citations issued during the 2025-26 school year than the previous school year.

A memo presented at the July 21 school board meeting showed a total of 55 citations for this past school year compared to the 68 issued during the 2024-25 school year. The category that featured the most citations was disorderly conduct with 35

total, while the remaining 20 citations were in a category on use or possession of alcohol, a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog.

One notable decrease came in the burglary/robbery/theft category, which decreased from five to zero in one year.

The memo said that the school district has significantly enhanced its ability to detect, investigate and respond to student behavior incidents that may warrant a citation

or formal charge. It also said the district has created a more proactive approach to school safety and accountability through initiatives that include the Speak Up Speak Out platform (a reporting system that allows anonymous reporting of concerns in real time), HALO vape detectors and expanded security camera coverage.

The memo went on to say that the partnership between the high school and the Village of Fox Crossing School Resource Officers continues to foster positive relationships with students and families to contribute to a safer learning environment.

The report is created in accordance with Wisconsin Act 12 of 2023, which requires public high schools to collect and maintain statistics regarding specific types of incidents that occur on school grounds and/or school transportation during normal school hours or during school-sponsored events that occur before or after normal school hours.

High schools within a district must report the statistics to the district's school board annually before they're reported to the Department of Public Instruction by today for the preceding school year.

The school board approved the report.

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Times set for Neenah Public library book sale

Neenah News

The Friends of the Neenah Public Library will be conducting its annual used book sale Aug. 13 through Aug. 17.

The sale includes 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 times are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 15 (books by the bagful for \$7), noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 16 (free day) and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 16 (free day) at the Neenah Public Library.

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Welcome to the Family

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

The county's Planning & Zoning Committee held the hearing to take testimony as it considers amending Chapter 23

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

"It's been a collaborative process," Hintz said.

Supervisor George Bureau said gather-

If approved, the moratorium would only cover the towns where the county con-

ing feedback from stakeholders was important.

"This process has been focused on the county and its success although we didn't bring up trade-offs, such as you may choose to want this, but it may cost you this," he said.

Supervisor Cullen Bettin did not think the board has had enough time to participate in helping to formulate the plan.

"This consultant cost us \$36,000 and there were unfinished debates during the workshop," he said. "Who will decide those? Is this the best way to do strategic planning?"

Deputies' agreement approved: The county board approved a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Winnebago County Deputies' Association, beginning Jan. 1, 2027.

As part of the agreement, members will receive a 4.5% salary increase each of the next three years, Hintz said.

"I'm glad we were able to complete this process before we start our budgeting work for 2027," he said. "This agreement will allow us to stay competitive and retain our talent."

The contract runs through Dec. 31, 2029.

trols zoning — Algoma, Omro, Neenah and Nekimi. The county said it will work with other municipalities to help them put a similar rule into effect.

Speakers at the hearing were united in their approval to change the zoning code.

Molly Grasley of Oshkosh said data center construction is “catastrophic” to the surrounding area.

“They make noise, they use a lot of water and energy, and they don’t benefit the community,” she said. “Property values plummet in the areas where they get built.”

Sarah Zarling, a statewide activist against data centers who lives in Watertown, shared how people in Mount Pleasant who live near Microsoft's data center report hearing noise all day and night.

"It never stops and in Beaver Dam near that data center, residents report cracked foundations, dry wells ... the list goes on," she said. "There's no legal protections for residents once these places go in."

The county should make it as difficult as possible for data centers to come here, said Joshua Carter of Oshkosh.

"I'm strongly against data centers and my concern is that this is just a moratorium and not a ban," he said.

Travis McKinney of Neenah also agreed the county should seek a data center ban.

“The county lacks information about the full impacts of a data center,” he said. “I want Winnebago County residents protected from dangers of having a data center.”



Photo from Winnebago County 4-H

The Winnebago County Fair was underway Wednesday at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh. The fair runs through Sunday.

A large, detailed ice cream cone is centered in the frame. It features a golden-brown waffle cone with a distinct grid pattern. The ice cream is a swirl of pink and white, topped with a generous layer of multi-colored sprinkles and a single bright red cherry with a green stem. The background is a solid, deep blue.



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Above: Doty Park was among the area parks sustaining damage in the storm.

At left: The storm that struck the area Monday split trees in half, including at Kimberly Point in Neenah.

Below: City of Neenah crews were picking up debris from large trees at Riverside Park that were damaged in the storm. Downed trees were scattered covering paths throughout the park.

Bottom left: The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass was closed Tuesday as it was among the places in Neenah with damage from the storm.



Photo from Congregational Church of Christ Neenah Menasha

Staff at Congregational Church of Christ Neenah Menasha on Doty Island were assessing damage to the building sustained during the storm.

Tornado Aftermath



Neenah News

Above: City of Neenah crews were picking up tree damage Tuesday at the Recreation Park Boat Launch.

At left: Trees remained fallen on power lines throughout the area, making roads such as Lincoln Street at Fifth Street nearly impassible even a day after the storm swept through Monday.

Below: Utility poles were snapped into pieces during the storm, leading to damage in areas such along County Highway A.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Crews were cleaning up along debris-covered roadways in Neenah in the aftermath of the storm. Officials continue to assess how long the recovery process might take.



Property owners receive guidance on disaster recovery

The Winnebago County Register of Deeds Office wants residents to know that while homes and businesses can be damaged or destroyed, the official land records maintained by the Register of Deeds are preserved and can play a vital role in the recovery process.

Property deeds, mortgages, satisfactions, plats, certified survey maps and many other land records are permanently maintained by the Register of Deeds Of-

fice. These records can help homeowners prove ownership, work with insurance companies, obtain rebuilding permits and navigate disaster assistance programs.

Following this week's severe weather in the area, the Register of Deeds Office has developed a Disaster Recovery Guide for Property Owners to help residents understand what records they may need and where to obtain them.

"Our goal is to make one part of the

recovery process a little easier," said Winnebago County Register of Deeds Susan Snyder. "When families are dealing with the loss of their homes or important documents, we want them to know they are not alone. Our office is here to help them access the official property records they need to begin rebuilding."

Helpful resources

- The Register of Deeds Office can assist property owners by:
- Locating and providing copies of recorded deeds, mortgages and other property documents.
 - Issuing certified copies of recorded documents when required.
 - Assisting title companies, lenders, attorneys, surveyors and property owners in locating recorded records.
 - Helping residents understand what property records may be needed during the recovery process.
 - Providing information about Property Fraud Alert, a free notification service that helps protect against property fraud.

Recording fees

Many residents ask whether recording or copy fees can be waived following a natural disaster.

Under Wisconsin law, recording and copy fees are established by state statute. Because these fees are required by law, the Register of Deeds Office does not have the legal authority to waive them solely

because a disaster has occurred. However, staff remain committed to assisting residents as quickly and compassionately as possible throughout the recovery process.

Being prepared

The Register of Deeds encourages property owners to prepare before an emergency by:

Keeping certified copies of important property documents in a secure location.

Maintaining digital copies of critical documents.

Registering for Property Fraud Alert, a free service that notifies owners whenever a document is recorded in their name.

Creating an emergency file that includes deeds, insurance policies, mortgages, and personal identification.

Serving the community

Snyder said natural disasters are a reminder of how important public records are to protecting property rights. The Register of Deeds Office stands ready to assist residents during difficult times by preserving the county's official land records and helping property owners obtain the documentation they need to move forward.

Residents seeking assistance or copies of recorded property documents are encouraged to contact the Winnebago County Register of Deeds Office or visit the county website for additional information and a copy of the Disaster Recovery Guide for Property Owners.

Community organizations help those impacted by storm

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Community organizations have been assisting affected residents since a tornado hit the area early Monday afternoon.

Emergency shelters were set up at Christ the Rock Community Church, W6254 US Highway 10/Wisconsin Highway 114 in Menasha, which was open for overnight sheltering; the Elks Lodge, 328 Nicolet Boulevard in Menasha and Calvary Bible Church, 1450 Oakridge Road in Neenah, which was providing a charging station along with donated items.

Pets are not permitted at the shelters. Service animals only.

Businesses throughout the area were organizing efforts to distribute food and water as needed. Other organizations detailed ways community members can assist with the cleanup efforts.

Volunteers

Volunteer Fox Cities was coordinating volunteer efforts this week for those looking to help with storm recovery efforts.

The organization was set up at the former UW-Fox Cities campus collecting water and other supplies as needed. From there, volunteers could sign up and be assigned to areas that needed help.

Food and drink trucks were available for volunteers and residents impacted by the tornado who were in need.

Volunteers were advised not to show up at affected areas unless directed by Emergency Management or Volunteer Fox Cities.

To volunteer to support storm cleanup efforts, visit volunteerfoxcities.org/2026storms.

Community Clothes Closet off of Midway Road is accepting clothing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Gunderson Cleaners will also accept donations at any of their Fox Valley locations.

Monetary donations

The Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region along with United Way Fox Cities and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation have activated the Community Response Fund 2026 Tornado Relief. Together, the organizations are working to move resources responsibly to support the nonprofits and community organizations at the center of the tornado relief and recovery efforts.

To support families and neighbors impacted by the tornado, community members are asked to consider a tax-deductible gift to the Community Response Fund 2026 Tornado Relief by visiting unitedwayfoxcities.org/tornado.

To donate by check, make payable to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and write Community Response Fund 2026 Tornado Relief in the memo line. Mail to: Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Attn: Community Response Fund, 4455 W. Lawrence St., Appleton, WI 54914. Checks may also be dropped off at the

Community Foundation during business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

Those experiencing tornado damage can report it by calling United Way Fox Cities 211 or complete the form at 211wisconsin.community.org/damage-report.

Making a report helps local emergency managers and community organizations understand where the greatest needs are so they can best coordinate recovery efforts.

Family support

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley is mobilizing to support local youth and families during this challenging time by expanding services at the Boys & Girls Club of Neenah, 2065 Marathon Ave.

The Boys & Girls Club of Neenah will be open to all youth ages 6 to 18 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at no cost and with no membership required until further notice.

Boys & Girls Club staff and volunteers will provide a free evening meal at the Neenah club from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today for everyone in need of food or who is looking to gather as a community and support one another.

Free and nutritious breakfast and lunch will also continue to be available to all youth up to age 18 Monday-Friday at the club's Appleton and Neenah locations, no membership required. Boys & Girls Club of Appleton breakfast is from 8:30 to 9:20 am, lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Boys & Girls Club of Neenah breakfast is 8 to 9 a.m., lunch from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Drinking water and personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, and more) will be available for pickup during the evening meal time.

"(The) tornado reminded us that a strong community shows up when it matters most. We are committed to doing whatever it takes to help kids, families, and our neighbors recover and rebuild," said Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley's CEO Greg Lemke-Rochon. "We want families to know they have a safe place to turn as they navigate the days ahead."

In addition, the Boys & Girls Club of Menasha will remain closed until further notice and at least through today.

Business resources

To help businesses and individuals navigate the days ahead, the Fox Cities Chamber has created a disaster recovery resource page with information and assistance available throughout the region at foxcitieschamber.com/recovery.

The Chamber will update the page as additional resources become available.

Businesses affected by the storm are encouraged to contact the Chamber for assistance. The Chamber has temporary workspace available and can help connect with business resources and other forms of support as needed. Call 920-734-7101 or email info@foxcc.net.



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As crews continued to clean up damaged trees in Riverside Park, events, including the Riverside Players' performances of *The SpongeBob Musical*, have been canceled.

Storm damage leads to event cancellations

Neenah News

Several area events have been cancelled as cleanup continues from Monday's storm damage.

The Riverside Players cancelled its remaining performances of *The SpongeBob Musical* at Riverside Park, which sustained heavy damage to trees. Neenah Parks and Recreation said that tickets for the cancelled shows will be eligible for a full refund. More information on that process will be shared next week.

The Neenah Historical Society's cemetery walk, which had been scheduled for Thursday, will be rescheduled. The historical society will post the new date on its social media platforms once it is finalized.

The Neenah Community Band Concert canceled its concert, which had been scheduled for Tuesday at Riverside Park.

Future Neenah postponed a concert featuring Road Trip that had been scheduled for Wednesday to Aug. 21 at Shattuck Park.

Fox Crossing Parks and Recreation said that its east side park facilities, including the Community Center, sustained signifi-

cant damage. The parks department said it is assessing the extent of the damage.

"It will take time before we have a full understanding of what repairs will be needed and what the path forward will look like," the department said. "As a result, there will be significant changes to current and upcoming recreation programs, facility operations and park services. We ask for your patience and understanding as we evaluate our options and work to communicate updates as quickly as possible."

The Neenah Joint School District said Tuesday that its maintenance staff had assessed all of its schools.

"We are fortunate to report that none of our schools suffered any damage in the storms," the district said. "The start of the upcoming school year as well as any remaining summer camps or activities will not be impacted."

The Neenah Public Library, which had lost power during the storm and closed early Monday, reopened for normal hours the next day and was serving lunch to those who needed it Tuesday and Wednesday.

Storm clean-up

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going over Lake Winnebago, according to the National Weather Service.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department reported its 911 Communications Center answered 681 emergency calls on Monday, not including all the nonemergency, administrative, outgoing and backup cell outgoing phone calls that were also handled, nor does it include the multiple calls that were answered by neighboring counties.

The City of Neenah declared a state of emergency on Monday night, allowing the city to take the necessary actions to protect public health and safety, coordinate response efforts, authorize emergency resources and document damages and costs for potential state and federal assistance.

The city sustained damage to buildings and trees, with many residents losing power. Riverside Park and Kimberly Point lost multiple trees, with the Parks and Recreation Department canceling its activities in those areas for the remainder of the week as crews began to clean up the debris. The Neenah pool reopened Wednesday afternoon after being closed while crews cleaned up debris in the parking lot.

"Our hearts, our time and our resources go to our neighbors in Menasha and Fox Crossing," said City Council President Dan Steiner. "We ask our residents for patience as our streets are cleared of trees and power lines."

In Fox Crossing, Village Administrator Jeff Sturgell said numerous buildings were damaged, including Fire Station 41 and the Fox Crossing Community Center on Valley Road. He also declared a state of emergency in the village.

On Monday afternoon and evening, res-

cue units from more than 50 fire and police departments went door-to-door in the areas hit by the storm looking for injured people. A total of 68 people were taken to either Ascension Northeast Wisconsin-St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton or The daCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah.

Since the tornado hit mid-day and fewer people were at home, that may be why more people were not injured, Hintz said.

WE Energies continues to repair utility lines in the area to restore electricity to homes and businesses in Fox Crossing and Neenah.

Wiechman asked residents for patience. "Restoring power is a complex process," he said. "Things need to be done in a certain order. We're grateful to the workers who are working on this important task."

Police were limiting access to parts of Menasha while utility repairs are made and debris cleared from roads. Hintz said local law enforcement could handle traffic control, but he planned to ask the state for additional resources to help with the cleanup effort.

Hintz said it was too early to have a full estimate of how much was damaged by the tornado.

The storms damaged the water utility that serves the eastern part of Fox Crossing and parts of Menasha, putting part of the village east of the Fox River and part of Menasha under a boil water advisory, which means all public water used for washing eating utensils, drinking or cooking should be boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute. The water is safe for bathing and for the laundry.

The City of Neenah was helping to supply water to surrounding areas.

Free bottled water is available at Christ the Rock Church in Harrison, which is serving as an overnight shelter for those

How to Help

Community members can help those affected by the tornado in several ways.

- Volunteer Fox Cities is coordinating the need for volunteers to help with clean-up and the aftermath of the storm. Volunteers can either call 920-832-9360 or visit volunteerfoxcities.org/2026-storms.

- The United Way Fox Cities is working with the Community Foundations of the Fox Valley Region to set up a donation fund to help those affected by the storm. Contact the United Way at 920-954-7210 to donate.

- Donation sites. The UW Winnebago Campus on Midway Road in Menasha is collecting sports drinks, paper products, including paper plates and plastic silverware, non-perishable food, garbage bags and hygiene products. The Community Clothes Closet, 1465-B Opportunity Way, Menasha, and Gunderson Cleaners are collecting clothing, towels and bedding.

affected by the storm, the Elks Lodge, 328 Nicolet Boulevard, Menasha, and the UW Winnebago Campus near the Barlow Planetarium entrance.

Residents are encouraged to call 211 to report any damage or if they have any questions.

They are working with Winnebago County Emergency Management to gather information about areas impacted by the tornado.

In terms of collecting debris, City of

Neenah residents may drop off brush at the drop off site at 1495 Tullar Road. They are asked to bring their punch card if they have one. The city said if someone is only dropping off brush, they will not be "charged" a punch. However, showing the punch card helps officials quickly establish residency. Those dropping off brush but that do not have a punch card can bring their driver's license that shows a City of Neenah address.

Extended drop off hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The Town of Neenah said trash collection was still scheduled to take place Thursday. Collection may be missed in areas where trucks cannot access a road due to storm debris, fallen power lines, blocked streets or other hazards. The town asked residents to ensure that tree limbs, logs and brush are stacked off of the road to allow access for trucks and other vehicles.

The town said only tree and brush debris will be picked up curbside. For trash disposal other than normal Thursday bin pick up, contact Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at 888-804-8556. Residents will be charged a fee by Harter's Fox Valley Disposal for all large item pick-ups. Harter's will not pick up tree debris or yard waste.

For Fox Crossing residents, Harter's Fox Valley Disposal was making every effort to maintain regular garbage and recycling routes as road conditions allow. The company was continuing to address large-item and household debris removal.

The village plans to keep residents informed as a plan of action is developed and additional information to share is available. Residents missing garbage and recycling carts can contact the Fox Crossing street department at street@foxcrossingwi.gov or 920-720-7110.



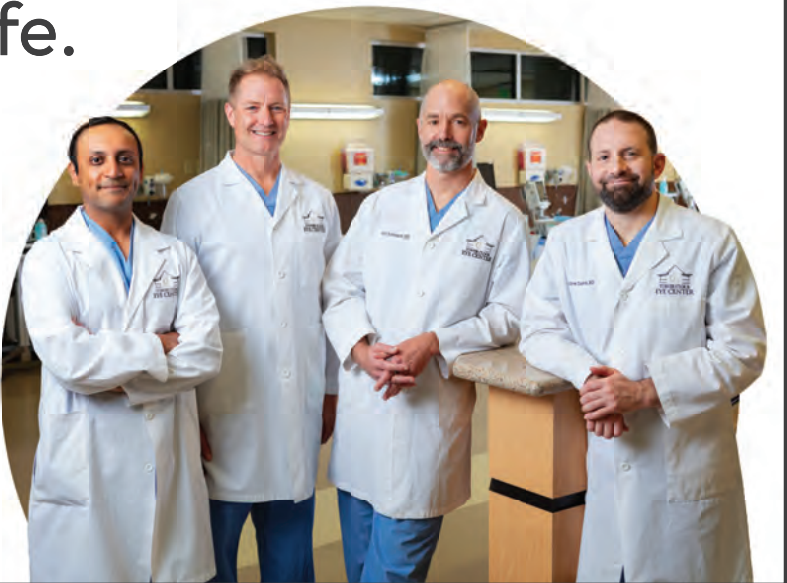
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Storm reaction

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nificant damage. The glass in its steeple was blown out, allowing rain to pour into the chancel and onto the Steinway piano. He said the building has broken windows, damage to the sanctuary roof, a tree through the garage roof, and rooftop conduit, gutters, trim, screens and other building components torn away by the storm.

“One of the more unusual sights has been in some of our flower beds, where it appears the tornado simply pulled the flowers out of the ground, roots and all,” VanEss said. “And yet, as painful as all of this is, these are still just things.”

Others in the area cleaning up from the storm were shocked by what they saw afterward.

Kurt Metko of Best Quality Tree Service was surveying tornado damage Tuesday on Doty Island.

“I’ve been doing tree work for more than 30 years, and I’ve never seen damage like this,” Metko said. “There are thousands of downed trees, along with many more that are damaged and unsafe. Even trees that are still standing have broken limbs and structural damage that will have to be addressed.”

Metko said the community needs to be prepared for how long all of the recovery work might take.

“In my estimation, it’s going to take at

least two years — probably longer — to deal with all of the cleanup, including removing fallen trees, taking down damaged trees and eliminating hazardous hanging limbs,” Metko said.

As Town of Neenah chairman Bob Schmeichel was overseeing recovery efforts, checking roads, coordinating with county officials and utility contractors, and assessing damage throughout the affected neighborhoods, he was making sure nobody was still in harm’s way.

“We’re doing the best we can with what we’ve got — or what we don’t have,” Schmeichel said. “The good Lord spared everyone from injuries and fatalities. Trees can be replaced. Houses can be replaced. It’s going to be difficult, and it’s going to take some time.”

including two found in trees across the road.

Club leadership is planning cleanup to get the complex back in shape for its players.

VanEss said the top priority in the situation was checking on church members and families to make sure everyone was safe.

“People are processing trauma and shock in different ways,” VanEss said. “Some among us have lost homes. Others have suffered significant damage to their property. Many are facing uncertainty about what comes next. Our hearts are breaking.”

He urged everyone in the community to work together during the recovery process.

“In the days ahead, there will be much work to do,” VanEss said. “We will need patience. We will need one another. We will need to accept help when it is offered and extend grace when emotions run high.”

VanEss said to continue looking for signs of hope even in the midst of debris.

“For the moment, we need time,” VanEss said. “Time to have the power lines removed. Time to make the building and grounds safe. Time to connect with people, assess the damage, organize our efforts and make a plan for what comes next.”

Michael Cooney contributed to this report.



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Projects announced to provide airport development

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Plans have been announced for two business development projects at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

High Flying Hangars, which is based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, signed a letter of intent with Wittman to develop a premier hangar community on 8.8 acres of land on the field's northeast side between the approach end of Runway 23 and the airport terminal building.

According to High Flying Hangars CEO Kenny Hinkes, the project will include up to 35 premium aircraft hangars ranging in size from 50 feet by 40 feet to 80 feet by 80 feet. An exclusive 7,000-square-foot clubhouse for hangar owners will also be built.

As part of the project — which was announced July 22 during EAA's AirVenture — a limited number of two-story 80-foot by 80-foot executive hangars will be available. These 6,400-square-foot hangars will include multiple crew rest suites, meeting space, a full kitchen, entertainment areas and a rooftop sky deck overlooking the airport.

"Every pilot has a connection to Oshkosh," Hinkes said. "It's where the aviation community comes together each year to celebrate everything we love about flying. Our goal is to create a hangar community that reflects the prestige of this airport while giving owners a first-class place to base their aircraft and enjoy the camaraderie that makes Oshkosh so special."

More information about the project, including pricing details, will be shared as the project moves forward.

Last month, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved a 50-year year lease with Volare Hangars at Oshkosh Aviation Park to develop 47 acres on county-owned land at the airport. Volare plans to build more than 100 hangars and other aeronautical use facilities, including aircraft parking aprons and vehicle parking spaces at the park, which is on the airport's southeast side.

Volare earlier last week released preliminary site renderings for its planned development at the airport, providing details on the vision for the approximately 80-acre aviation-focused development. The City of Oshkosh also has approved a \$967,400 land sale to Volare for roughly 22 acres of property.

The initial concept includes multiple



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Volare Hangars is planning to develop the aviation-focused Oshkosh Aviation Park at Wittman Regional Airport.

buildings featuring approximately 200-by-200-foot aviation business space, large corporate and business hangars measuring 150-by-150 feet and 85-by-85 feet, as well as midsize and personal hangars in a variety of configurations, including 60-by-60-foot, 70-by-60-foot, and 50-by-40-foot layouts.

Rich with amenities, developers said the development also includes plans for a fuel farm, taxiway, gate entry, gated long term parking and aircraft wash bay to support the aviation park. Customizable buildouts will cater to a variety of aviation uses with direct taxiway access to Wittman Regional Airport.

One of the highlights of the development will be rooftop viewing decks featuring views year-round as well as during EAA AirVenture.

Adjacent property to the east of Aeroinnovate Way is planned for complementary businesses and mixed-use development, creating additional opportunities within the Oshkosh Aviation Park. The final site plan will continue to evolve throughout the planning process in response to market demand and future development

opportunities.

Construction of the hangars is anticipated to begin in 2028, subject to final approvals, infrastructure improvements and market conditions. The development is intended to support continued growth at Wittman Regional Airport while advancing the long-term vision established by Volare Hangars, the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation (GOEDC), Winnebago County and the City of Oshkosh to create

a year-round destination for aviation businesses and enthusiasts.

Located at Wittman Regional Airport, the Oshkosh Aviation Park is designed to build upon Oshkosh's reputation as a premier aviation destination and the home of EAA AirVenture. The development will complement the region's growing aviation industry while supporting economic development, business investment and expanded opportunities for aviation-related companies.



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EAA AirVenture continues setting attendance records

Neenah News

With dry and unseasonably cool weather for most of the week, this year's EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2026 set a preliminary attendance record.

EAA CEO/Chairman Jack Pelton said the estimated attendance this year was 734,000, up from 704,000 a year ago. He said attendance records have been set on an annual basis for almost a decade.

"While it's gratifying to see a record attendance total again this year – which is a credit to our dedicated volunteers, staff, and partners – our goal each year is not to chase numbers but to showcase EAA's community and share our mission of growing participation in aviation by sharing The Spirit of Aviation," Pelton said.

This year's event focused on celebrating America's 250th anniversary, with the largest attendance Wednesday and Saturday. Night air shows with fireworks, lasers, drones, lighted planes and more celebrated the patriotic theme on those days.

"The celebration of America 250 also became an amazing week at The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration at Oshkosh," Pelton said. "So many highlights and memories emerged from the grounds over the seven days that made this year at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh unforgettable."

International guests from 98 countries registered at the International Visitors Pavilion. More than 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh and other airports in east-central Wisconsin. At Wittman alone, there were 15,527 aircraft operations in the period from noon July 16 to noon July 27, which is an average of approximately 101 takeoffs/landings per hour when the airport is open.

As the focus turns to next year's EAA AirVenture scheduled for July 26-Aug. 1, 2027, part of the focus will be on celebrating the 100th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's solo trans-Atlantic flight from New York to Paris.



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The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, known as the Red Arrows, form a heart in the sky to thank the crowd at EAA AirVenture for their support. The Red Arrows were making an appearance at the event for the first time.

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- Aug. 3

Stitching Group 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg Meet-up 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 4

Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m.
Adaptive Storytime (ages 0-5) 10 a.m.
Storytime for Everyone (all ages) at Valley VNA 10 a.m.
Family Program: DIY School Supplies 1:30 p.m.
Powered by Yarn 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 5

Baby Time Storytime (birth to 12 months) 9:15 a.m.
Musical Movers Storytime (ages 2-6) 10 a.m.
Art Explorers noon
- Aug. 6

Wee Read Storytime w/ ASL Interpretation (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
Tween Create Lab: Build-a-Board Tic Tac Toe Edition 1:30 p.m.
Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
- Aug. 7

Sunrise Yoga with Sarah Broda 6:30 a.m.
- Aug. 10

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

Legal Assistance Clinic 4:30 p.m.
- Aug. 13

Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
- Aug. 14

Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15

Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale: Bag Day 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 16

Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale: FREE Day! noon – 4 p.m.
- Aug. 17

Friends of the Neenah Public Library Book Sale: FREE Day! 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Stitching Group 1 p.m.
Memory Cafe at Valley VNA 1:30 p.m.
Not Quite Cozy Mystery Book Club 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 18

Family Program: Splatter Lab 1:30 p.m.
Cookbook Book Club 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19

Art Explorers noon
- Aug. 20

Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
- Aug. 21

Sunrise Yoga with Sarah Broda 6:30 a.m.
- Aug. 24

Monday Morning Book Klatch 10 a.m.
Stitching Group 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg Meet-up 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 25

Movie Talks: The Princess Bride 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26

Art Explorers noon
- Aug. 27

Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
- Aug. 31

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



Submitted photo

Kylee Kurszewski (left) became the first female wrestler in Neenah history to earn all-American status at the USA Wrestling National Championships in Fargo, N.D., recently.

Kurszewski, Koch shine at USA Wrestling national meet

Neenah News

A pair of former Neenah High School wrestling standouts earned all-American honors at the USA Wrestling National Championships that took place in Fargo, N.D., recently.

Kylee Kurszewski and Declan Koch each garnered all-American status by finishing in the top eight of their respective weight classes.

Kurszewski becomes the first Neenah female wrestler to earn all-American status after placing sixth in the Junior Girls 125-pound weight class at the tournament.

The Wartburg College recruit was a four-time WIAA state qualifier for the Rockets and a three-time state placewinner, including earning runner-up honors in 2025.

Koch earned all-American honors for the fourth time in his career, placing fourth at this year's event in the Freestyle Junior 165-pound class. He finished seventh last year in the freestyle tournament, while earning all-American honors previously in the 16U Greco Roman tournaments in 2022 and 2023, when he placed second and fourth in the country, respectively.

Koch, who will be attending the University of Northern Iowa to wrestle next year, was the 2026 WIAA Division 1 State Champion at 165 pounds, after finishing second at the state tournament in the previous two years. He placed in the top three



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Declan Koch earned all-American honors for the fourth time in his career at the USA Wrestling National Championships held in Fargo, N.D., recently.

all four years on high school. The USA Wrestling Championships features the top wrestlers from each state in the country and hosts competitions in the 16U and Junior classes in both the Freestyle and Greco-Roman disciplines.

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Rita Rebus and the Messy Mystery

Misty, my grandma sent me another mystery in the mail! Check it out!

Dearest Rita,

Are you and your friend Misty Phy going camping this summer? If so, you'll be making some delicious s'mores.

Can you figure out who invented s'mores? I've included clues to help you.

Love, Grandma

I just love a tasty mystery!

NATIONAL S'MORES DAY EVERY AUGUST 10

S'mores are a favorite campsite treat. National S'mores Day celebrates this tasty, sticky, gooey summer treat. Did you know you can eat s'mores at other places than a campfire? They can be baked in the oven or microwave—or even made with the heat from the sun!

WHO INVENTED S'MORES?

1	8	8	1	4
17	1	8	11	6

A Gift from the Marsh

Have you ever wondered where the name **marshmallow** comes from? To find the answer, you go to the wetlands or the **marsh**!

For centuries, people boiled the roots of the **mallow** plant to make a sweet, white, sticky goo.

This mallow plant grew in the marsh, so they called it a **marsh mallow**.

The original marshmallow confections were created by mixing this goo with sugar or honey.

Today, marshmallows are no longer made from the mallow plant. But the name has stuck!

Standards Link: Word Analysis: Understand word origins.

Get a Clue

S = The number of times the word **goo** appears in this article multiplied by 3.

S = _____

Get a Clue

E = The number of ingredients mentioned in the Girl Scout's recipe for s'mores.

E = _____

How many s'mores can you find on this page?

Get a Clue

N = Add the first two digits of the year that the first s'mores recipe was published. Subtract the number you get by adding the last two digits of that same year.

N = _____

How did the s'more get its name?

The s'more got its name by the campfire. After eating them, kids shouted out "gimme some more!"

K = The number of words in the explanation of how s'more got its name.

K = _____

Get a Clue

W = The number of chocolate bars in the Girl Scout Handbook recipe for s'mores plus 3.

W = _____

Extra! Extra!

Word Sorter

Look through the newspaper and find ten words that start with the letter **M**. Cut out the words and glue them onto a piece of paper in A-B-C order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

The first published recipe for s'mores can be found in the 1927 Girl Scout Handbook, Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts. The recipe here is from that book. Notice that it has not changed in many years!

- 8 sticks for toasting the marshmallows
- 16 graham crackers
- 8 bars plain chocolate (any of the good plain brands broken in two)
- 16 marshmallows

Toast two marshmallows over the coals to a crispy gooey state. Then put them inside a graham cracker and chocolate bar sandwich.

The heat of the marshmallow between the halves of chocolate bar will melt the chocolate bar a bit. Though it tastes like "some more," one is really enough.

Makes 8 servings.

(From Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts of the USA, 1927)

Get a Clue at Your Library

The Landon family makes a trip to Death Valley National Park accompanied by a mysterious new foster child, fourteen-year-old Leesa Sherman.

Unscramble the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library!

- Bert Bookworm



Double Double Word Search

CAMPFIRE
BAKED
RECIPE
SCOUTS
CHOCOLATE
CRACKERS
MELT
BARS
GIRL
MARSH
PLANT
SUGAR
HONEY
ROOTS
DIGITS

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

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

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



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It was a _____ and _____ night. The sky was full of _____ and you couldn't see the _____.

_____ . I was _____ through the woods. Suddenly, a _____ out of the _____ . I stopped and closed my _____ and started to _____ . I heard the most _____ I had ever heard. I didn't wait any longer.

I _____ like a _____ and quickly _____ back to my _____ as fast as I could.

Standards Link: Reading: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words; Grammar: Recognize and use adjectives, verbs and nouns.

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