

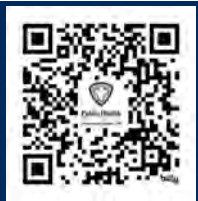
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County plays key role in tornado recovery

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

In the first meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors since the July 27 tornado, one theme resonated above the others: Gratitude.

Whether it was Supervisor Shiloh Ramos sharing his story of the countless volunteers who appeared in the yard of his hard-hit Neenah neighborhood to help with cleanup, County Executive Gordon Hintz thanking the many county departments and employees who stepped up and helped where they could or Neenah Mayor Brian Borchardt who thanked the county for its leadership and putting an emergency management plan in place, people praised how the community came together at a difficult time.



Photo from Fox Crossing Police Department

The Fox Crossing Police Department was escorting representatives from FEMA and Wisconsin Emergency Management last week.

While cleanup has started and a lot of vegetation debris has been hauled away and houses have tarps on them, Hintz said the recovery is just beginning and may take years to complete.

“Two thousand homes and businesses

were damaged in the county,” he said. “It’s still a miracle no one was killed. While FEMA was here last week, I want to remind you that those affected by the floods in April just received their funds in July, so this is going to take a while.”

Hintz said there are multiple challenges ahead, including ensuring people’s basic needs are being met, housing needs, financial assistance and administering funds to those in need.

The county executive ran through different county departments and how they helped from Planning & Zoning, which provided detailed maps, and Human Services, which arranged for portable toilets in areas without water, to Parks, which

SEE **Tornado recovery** ON PAGE 7



Photo from Town of Clayton Fire Rescue

Equipment display

The Town of Clayton Fire Rescue hosted its Touch A Truck event Saturday at Trailhead Park in Larsen. Equipment on display at the event included vehicles from the Clayton fire department and Gold Cross Ambulance, along with a tractor, race cars, crane, helicopter, monster bus, police cars, front end loader, public works plow and mower and fire trucks from other area departments.

Checking in with the mayor, one minute at a time

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

It’s a simple, yet powerful way to reach Neenah residents: Short videos featuring Mayor Brian Borchardt.

Called the “Mayor’s Minute” and shared on the city’s social media and YouTube pages, the videos provide Borchardt an opportunity to speak directly to city residents.

“The Mayor’s Minutes are about making city government more open, understandable and human,” Borchardt said. “Transparency means more than posting an agenda; it means helping residents understand what their city is doing, why decisions are being made and who is doing the work. These short updates give us a personal and approachable way to communicate, reach residents who may

never attend a government meeting and strengthen trust between City Hall and the community we serve.”

The idea for the videos came from Andy Radig, the city’s new communications and engagement specialist. Radig, who held a similar job in Oshkosh, joined the Neenah staff earlier this summer.

“In Oshkosh, we did something called the City Manager’s Minute, but I think Mayor’s Minute sounds better,” Radig said. “The videos have been well received. Our latest one has been on the tornado, but before then we covered a range of topics from the arts to new initiatives.”

The plan going forward is to maintain the variety, allowing the mayor to touch on an assortment of topics.

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Neenah Mayor Brian Borchardt has started providing short videos as a way to provide updates on what’s happening in the city.

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Neenah named among top Christmas towns

Neenah News

Neenah has officially been named one of Hallmark’s Top 25 finalists for Ameri-
ca’s Merriest Christmas Town.

Now Neenah officials are looking for
the community to help keep the momen-
tum going.

“Neenah’s strong sense of community,
determination to persevere, cherished
holiday traditions and the generosity of
our residents are qualities that make this
recognition especially meaningful,” said
Neenah Mayor Brian Borchardt. “We
invite everyone who loves Neenah to se-
lect our city each day and help share our
community’s Christmas spirit with people
across the country.”

Public voting is one component of Hall-
mark’s final selection, and anyone can vote
for Neenah once every day through Sept.
4. Voting can be done at merriestchrist-
mastownscontest.hallmarkchannel.com.

Neenah was nominated by community
members as part of Hallmark’s nationwide
search for communities that embody the
warmth, connection, holiday traditions,
neighborhood charm and goodwill asso-
ciated with the Christmas season.

According to Future Neenah, “We’ve
shown Hallmark what makes Christmas
in Neenah so special — our traditions,
small-town charm, community spirit and,
most importantly, our people. Now let’s
show them just how much Neenah loves

Christmas. Together, let’s make Neen-
ah America’s Merriest Christmas Town.”

Following the community selection pe-
riod, a panel of judges will evaluate all 25
finalist towns based on community spirit,
holiday traditions, neighborhood charm
and goodwill. One finalist will be named
Hallmark’s Merriest Christmas Town of
2026 and receive the opportunity to serve
as the filming location for a future Hall-
mark holiday movie.

Calendar
of events

Friday, Aug. 21
Neenah Middle School Summer
Strings, 11:15 a.m., Pickard Auditorium
Future Neenah Concert Series featur-
ing Road Trip, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Saturday, Aug. 22
Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8
a.m., Shattuck Park
EAA Chapter 41 Fox Valley Flight
Fest, 8 a.m., Appleton Flight Center,
N259 Ares Drive, Appleton
Back to School Craft and Grow Fam-
ily Event, 1 p.m., Memorial Park
25th Anniversary 9/11 Day of Re-
membrance, 4 p.m., Beaming Ranch,
2692 County Road GG
Summer Festival, 5 p.m., St. Margaret
Mary Parish

Wednesday, Aug. 26
Future Neenah Boogie Back to
School Concert featuring Boogie and
the Yo-Yoz, 6 p.m., Downtown Neenah

Saturday, Aug. 29
Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8
a.m., Shattuck Park

Sunday, Aug. 30
Pop-up Repair Cafe, 12:30 p.m.,
Neenah Public Library

Thursday, Sept. 3
Author Tom Nelson of “The Green
and Gold Standard: A People’s Histo-
ry of the Green Bay Packers” Meet and
Greet, 4 p.m., Lyons Books, 127 W. Wis-
consin Ave.

Saturday, Sept. 5
Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8
a.m., Shattuck Park

Monday, Sept. 7
Neenah-Menasha Labor Day Parade,
10 a.m.
Labor Fest, 11 a.m., Neenah Labor
Temple, 157 S. Green Bay Road

Thursday, Sept. 10
Riverside Players Theatre in the Park
presents Neil Simon’s Rumors: A Farce,
7 p.m., Riverside Park

Friday, Sept. 11
Riverside Players Theatre in the Park
presents Neil Simon’s Rumors: A Farce,
7 p.m., Riverside Park

Saturday, Sept. 12
Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8
a.m., Shattuck Park
Fox Crossing Fire Department Open
House, 10 a.m., Station 40, 1326 Cold
Spring Road
Author Tammy Borden of “The Har-
vest Keeper” Meet and Greet, 10:30
a.m., 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Neenah-Menasha InterTribal Pow
Wow, 2 p.m., Shattuck Park
Riverside Players Theatre in the Park
presents Neil Simon’s Rumors: A Farce,
7 p.m., Riverside Park

Event features information for duck hunters

Neenah News

The Waterfowl Hunters Expo this week-
end is a gathering for duck hunters.

The event will take place from noon to 6
p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at
the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh.
It will feature exhibitors, hands-on semi-
nars, exclusive events and everything tai-

lored for duck hunters.

Over 250 vendors will provide the latest
gear to offer. Live seminars include infor-
mation about cooking, dog training and
shooting exhibition. Other activities include
a decoy carving contest and exhibition, Wis-
consin duck and goose calling champion-
ships, youth zone and women’s zone.



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Galloway receives national confectionary industry recognition

By Pamela Hart
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Galloway Company CEO Tim Galloway was recently inducted into the 2026 Candy Hall of Fame for his leadership and expertise to the confectionary industry for more than 50 years.

The National Confectionery Sales Association (NCSA) said Galloway received the recognition because he is respected for his continued commitment to industry education and professional development.

Galloway’s journey began in 1974 at the Galloway Company, his family’s business. His first job included stacking milk cans. After two years, his father gave him a choice: continue stacking the cans or give sales a try.

Galloway didn’t hesitate and quickly found his passion for representing the company to regional manufacturers. Starting in 1980, he became a full-time salesman for sweetened condensed milk, ice cream mix and beverage bases.

Galloway Company is a third generation owned and managed processor of concentrated fluid dairy blends for further food and beverage processing. It is the largest manufacturer of sweetened condensed milk for the confectionary, bakery, ice cream topping, and pumpable syrup industries.

Galloway is also the largest producer

of alcoholic and non-alcoholic dairy beverage bases for further processing and bottling. It is also a leading manufacturer of various ice cream mixes for quick service restaurants Dairy Queen and Culver’s, among others distributed locally and nationwide.

Selling sweetened condensed milk was not the direction Galloway thought he was going when he entered college to pursue a career in law. His summers working at the company changed his mind and, though he finished his law degree, he never looked back on his choice to remain a part of the family business.

Not only did he want to be a part of it, he had a vision to move the company from a regional business to a national enterprise. His desire to travel led him to Goetze’s Candy in Baltimore, Maryland, makers of the famous Caramel Creams. Since then, he has partnered with Brach, Mars, Nestle and Hershey, supplying Galloway products to enhance their candy.

But he hasn’t done it alone. Galloway is proud to be a part of a team. His brothers, cousins and employees have played an equal role in growing the business.

extensive tree damage July 27.

Neenah Parks and Recreation said its teams have been working diligently cleaning and restoring the park. It asks attendees to use caution while in the park due to remaining hazards and respect the space of any staff members who are working.

“All employees are treated and paid equally regardless of their position,” Galloway said. “That’s the way the company started and how it will stay.”

And he said that will continue with the fourth generation, beginning with his daughter, Annika Galloway, who has joined the company.

Galloway has retired as a salesman but remains the chairman of the board. Through his involvement with PMCA and AACT, he shares his knowledge and mentors confectionary and ingredient professionals. Known for his steady leadership and willingness to support others,

Galloway has made a lasting impact on the confectionary community.

The Candy Hall of Fame is universally recognized as the highest honor an individual can receive within the confectionery industry.

The annual recognition in late October is held in Orlando, Florida.

Galloway and his wife, Siv, plan to enjoy a weekend celebrating the people who make the industry great. He humbly accepts the honor on behalf of the entire Galloway Company family, who together have created something truly special in the community.



Galloway



Photo from Neenah Joint School District

Band concert to be held at Riverside Park

Neenah News

The Neenah Ambassadors Big Band Concert has been postponed to Aug. 25.

The concert had been scheduled for Aug. 18. It is expected to start at 7 p.m. at Riverside Park and be one of the first events at the park since a tornado caused

Celebrating America

The summer band academy at Neenah Middle School concluded with a concert that held a “Celebrating America” theme. Students entering grades 6-9 who desired to improve their performance skills participated in the week-long program.

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Schulze completes second wheelchair trip to state Capitol

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

Winnebago County Supervisor Carl Schulze arrived at the State Capitol in Madison on Aug. 6 following an 11-day journey from his Fox Crossing home using his electric wheelchair.

Schulze, who rode about two hours per day before his wheelchair batteries gave out, completed his trip to raise awareness to the \$900 billion in cuts over the next decade that Congress has made to the Medicaid program. With those cuts, Schulze worries people who rely on Medicaid-funded home care like himself will be forced into nursing homes.

Last year, Schulze made a similar trip to the Capitol, drawing attention to the low pay for caregivers, who he relies on to help him in and out of his wheelchair. The low pay makes it a challenge to find regular, reliable workers to assist him.

Schulze began his trip July 10 and had breaks planned for county board and committee meetings. Then, the July 27 tornado hit.

“No one expected that,” he said. “I used to live in Menasha, and the tornado devastated our community. That kept me off the road a few days.”

The delay led to him arriving in Madison on a Thursday instead of a Saturday, which meant a smaller crowd at the Capitol when he arrived. Schulze was joined for the last mile by two other men in wheelchairs.

“People were still there for my speech — just not as many as last year,” he said. “I focused on the importance of these Medicaid cuts and what they will mean to disabled people and everyone. Everyone is just an accident or a diagnosis away from relying on Medicaid.”

During his 127-mile trip to Madison, Schulze was accompanied by a van and sometimes bicyclists. When on the road, he rode in his wheelchair until his battery hit 5%. He then went into the van and re-



Submitted photo

Winnebago County Supervisor Carl Schulze received the Michael J. Falconer Award for Distinguished Service from the Governor’s Committee for People With Disabilities.

turned home. The next day, he returned to the same spot where he stopped the day before and began traveling again.

For one mile of his journey, Schulze was joined by State Rep. Francesca Hong, who was then running for governor. The two discussed Medicaid and other issues important to those with disabilities. Schulze had heard from Hong a few times before his trip and knew she was interested in hearing the concerns of the disabled community.

Schulze is now reaching out to the campaigns of governor candidates Tom Tiffany and David Crowley to talk to them about Medicaid and other issues important to those living with disabilities.

“I want to hear how they will ensure that people with disabilities can live with dignity and independence. I want to be able to work with whoever wins,” he said.

Schulze plans to do another trip to Madison next year and is looking for oth-



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Carl Schulze met with Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez earlier this month while he was at the state Capitol in Madison.

er ways and events where he can rally the disabled community.

“We have a voice, and we vote,” he said.

Last week, Schulze received the Michael J. Falconer Award for Distinguished Service from the Governor’s Committee for People With Disabilities. Schulze said he felt honored to receive the award and

he said he is just getting started when it comes to advocating for those with disabilities.

“I’m standing on the shoulders of so many advocates who came before me, and I’m more committed than ever to keep pushing forward,” he said. “There’s still so much work to do.”

Workshop provides tools for caregivers

Neenah News

A Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Mondays for six weeks beginning on Sept. 14 at the Oshkosh Public Library.

This free workshop is designed to help caregivers meet their own needs while caring for a loved one, whether that loved one lives with them or lives in a care facility, if they are distant caregivers or are helping a friend or neighbor.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers can help caregivers identify and manage stress,

manage difficult feelings due to losses, schedule changes, increased responsibilities, trying to manage work and caregiving.

They will also learn effective communication tools and several relaxation techniques that can help ease the challenges of caregiving.

Call Alisa Richetti at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County at 920-236-1227 or email at arichetti@winnebagoctywi.gov with any questions.

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Chamber report highlights regional economic development

The Fox Cities Chamber continued to advance regional economic development efforts during the second quarter of 2026, reaching a major membership milestone while expanding support for local businesses, employers and the region’s future workforce.

During Q2, the Chamber welcomed its 2,000th member, making it the largest community chamber of commerce in Wisconsin and placing it among the top 1% of community chambers nationally by membership. By the end of the quarter, overall membership had grown to more

than 2,050 businesses and organizations. Business Retention & Expansion remained a major focus, with Chamber staff working with companies on issues and opportunities including staffing, expansion planning, construction impacts, renovation and relocation. Workforce and talent development efforts remain strong. The Future Fox Cities Career Expo connected 1,900 students with 175 business professionals, giving students opportunities to explore career pathways and employers an opportunity to connect with the region’s future workforce. The Chamber also launched its new Summer Intern Series, designed to provide interns working in the Fox Cities with professional development, networking and a stronger connection to the community.

“Our second-quarter results reflect the many different ways economic development happens across the Fox Cities,” said Becky Bartoszek, President and CEO of the Fox Cities Chamber. “It is about helping existing businesses grow, connecting employers with talent, supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses, and bringing partners together around opportunities that strengthen our region for the long term.”

The complete Fox Cities Chamber Q2 2026 Economic Development Report provides additional information on business support, talent development, leadership programming and Chamber initiatives throughout the quarter.

Read the full report at [FCC-Q2-2026-report-2.pdf](#).



Photo from Neenah Public Library

Book sale

The Friends of the Neenah Public Library held its annual book sale over the weekend at the library. In addition to the book sale, visitors were going to the library as the summer reading program winds down. The last day to turn in summer reading records is today.



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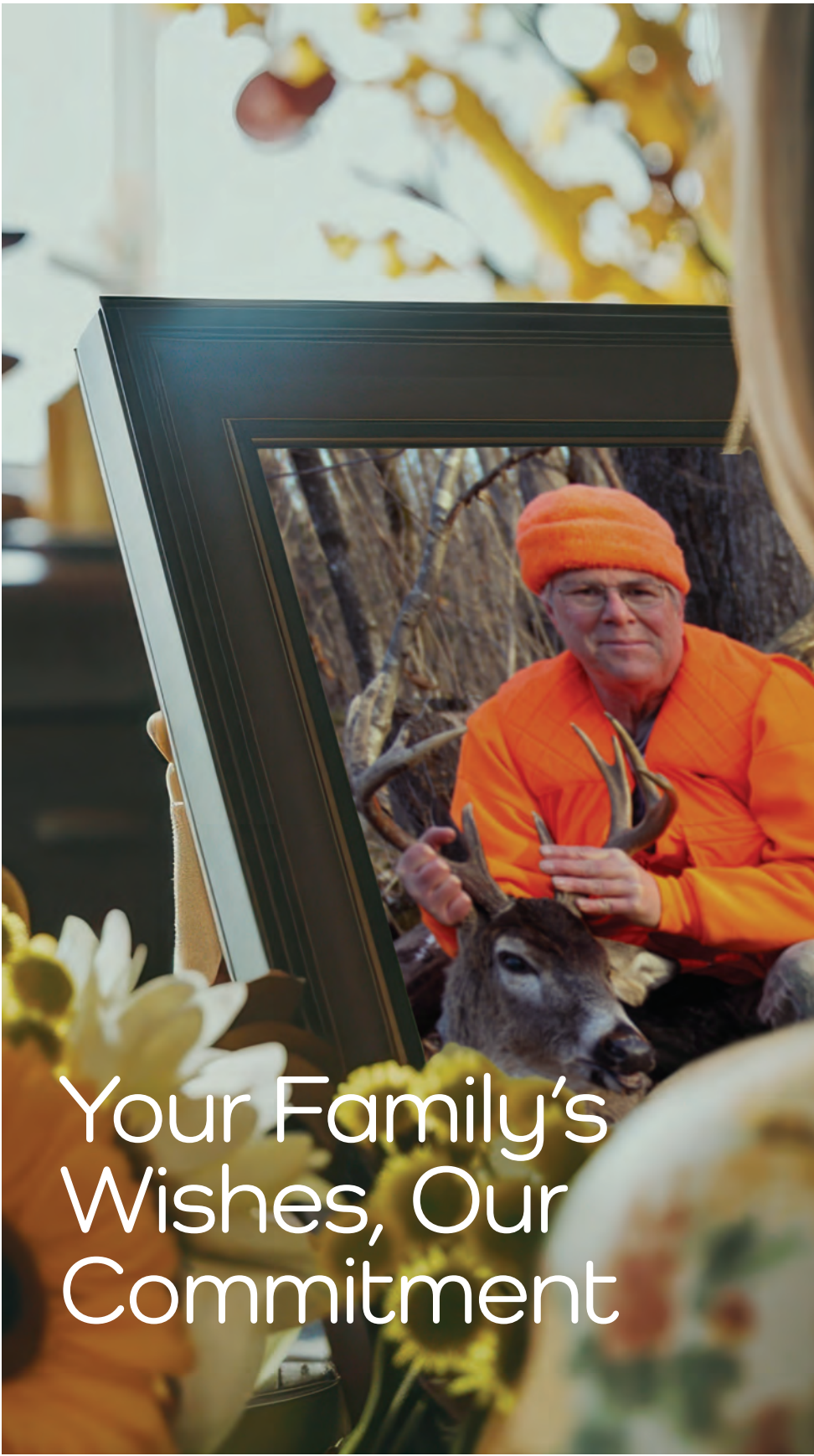
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Final outdoor concerts of summer lineup set

Neenah News

With the summer winding down, the final outdoor concerts of the season are being held in Neenah.

Road Trip is playing a special Friday night show at 6 p.m. today at Shattuck Park as part of the Future Neenah concert series. The concert had been postponed from earlier in the summer.

Boogie and the Yo-Yoz will be playing the Boogie Back to School concert from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in downtown Neenah. The concert is a way to say goodbye to

summer – Neenah style.

The stage will be set near Associated Bank as the 100 block of West Wisconsin Avenue will be turned into a giant outdoor dance floor.

The Neenah Joint School District and Neenah High School student groups will be bringing games and activities. A carousel will be set up sponsored by Urban Market and Van Sistine Homes.

Food trucks will be parked on-site, and downtown Neenah restaurants will be open for food and drinks. Admission is free.



Photo from Evergreen Fox Crossing

Happy Wanderers

The Neenah Community Band's Happy Wanderers concert Aug. 11 was moved to Evergreen Fox Crossing due to storm damage at Riverside Park. The event featured a performance with A Night in Munich theme.

Mayor's Minute

FROM PAGE 1

“The mayor is not camera shy and really enjoys doing the videos,” Radig said. “He does a great job of ad-libbing. I think it comes from all those years of speaking in the classroom.”

Going forward, Radig hopes to get other Neenah municipal leaders involved in the video series, too.

During the past month, the number of people following the City of Neenah on social media increased and engagement increased 400% as residents used social media to connect with the city about what was going on related to the tornado and other city news.

Videos are just a small part of Radig's job. He handles external communications with the media and public through multiple formats, communications with municipal partners and some internal communi-

cations.

While the city primarily uses social media to communicate with residents, Radig knows that not everyone is on social media. He plans to work on a printed newsletter that will go out later this year to all residents and posts a lot of information on the city's website.

Radig said the city needs to use different media to make sure it's reaching its residents. For example, in the immediate aftermath of the storm, the city printed flyers with important information and had them distributed in areas hit hard by the storm since many people did not have electricity or the internet.

“Prior to the storm, I was focused on helping Neenah doing a better job of telling its story — positive stories and the things people don't often hear about,” he said. “Since the storm, our communications have been focused on recovery and what residents need to know immediately.”



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Tornado recovery

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provided equipment to help with brush cleanup to Solid Waste & Management, which provided advice to residents on how to separate their debris into separate piles to make it easier for cleanup and to take items to the Outagamie County Landfill since it was closer.

The former UW-Fox Cities campus, which is owned by the county, served as the center for volunteer operations and a donation collection site for supplies in the days following the storm. The engineering building served as a multi-agency resource center where people could meet with different nonprofit agencies to get the help they need.

“There are going to be immediate needs and more long-term needs, and we need to continue to work together on this moving forward,” Hintz said.

Housing is expected to be a critical need moving forward, he said.

“Menasha had the tightest housing market before the storm hit, and now that’s only going to get worse,” Hintz said.

Supervisor Kristl Laux, who represents the area in Menasha hardest hit by the tornado, agreed housing is going to be a core issue in the storm’s aftermath.

“We had houses explode into their basements,” she said. “We didn’t have enough housing to begin with and now we are going to have real problems. Most of these homes were rentals and renters don’t have a safety net for their housing.”

Hintz and Board Chair Frank Frassetto thanked Emergency Management Director Eric Rasmussen and his team for their efforts in leading the county’s response to the tornado.

“They’ve done an excellent job of being



Photo by Michael Cooney

Crews are working to repair homes damaged in the tornado as recovery efforts continue throughout the impacted areas.

there to provide support to the municipalities and are out doing the work,” Frassetto said.

Ongoing cleanup

The Village of Fox Crossing said earlier this week that it is beginning to wind down debris collection efforts.

Construction debris collection is expected to continue at least through today. Construction debris should only contain loose construction materials (siding, roof shingles, construction wood, fencing) that were damaged from the storm. Other materials damaged by the storm such as outdoor furniture, tires and paver bricks are the responsibility of the property owner to properly dispose of, the village said.

If a structure needs to be razed, disposal of the razed materials is the responsibility of the property owner. A raze permit is also required through the village’s Building Department.

Vegetative debris collection for the Thursday garbage route will be ongoing

until Sept. 4. Residents with small piles of vegetative debris remaining are encouraged to have these piles collected as yard waste. Yard Waste must be in biodegradable paper bags or containers with lift handles (30 gallon capacity or smaller).

Curfew, burn ban lifted

The curfew and the burn ban that had been enacted shortly after tornado was lifted Monday.

Fox Crossing Police Community Liaison Officer Dan Wiechman said residents should continue to follow all burning ordinances and understand that pre-existing ordinances affecting trespassing, loitering and curfew are still being enforced.

“Let’s remain respectful and mindful of our business and residential properties as they rebuild during these difficult times,” Wiechman said. “Thank you to all of the amazing residents and business owners of Fox Crossing that have helped each other during these initial stages of recovery. It has been truly remarkable watching our

Tornado siren testing week to week decision

Tornado sirens have not been heard in Winnebago County since the July 27 tornado struck northern Winnebago County.

Winnebago County Emergency Management Director Eric Rasmussen said the county is taking it a week at a time when it comes to deciding whether to test the sirens as is customary at noon on Saturdays from April through fall.

“We’re trying to be sensitive to the impacts that testing may trigger, but we also know these sirens are an important part of our warning system,” he said. “We need to make sure they’re working properly when people need them.”

When Winnebago County decides to restart testing its sirens, it will share the news on its social media pages and with local media.

community come together and is a testament to the type of people that live and work in Fox Crossing.”

Recovery costs

The Neenah Common Council was expected to review initial recovery costs from the storm during its meeting Wednesday.

The council was considering nearly \$2.9 million of emergency spending for tornado recovery efforts, including nearly \$2 million for contracted tree and debris removal.

The Town of Neenah has estimated its initial storm recovery cost is expected to exceed \$500,000 in unbudgeted expenses.

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The Pulling for Honor fundraiser was held Saturday at the Appleton Flight Center.

Teams raise money for veterans flights

Neenah News

A Pulling for Honor fundraiser was held Saturday at the Appleton Flight Center to raise money to support the Old Glory Honor Flights.

The event raised \$100,000, which is enough to fund one Old Glory Honor Flight. More donations were still expected to come in to support Missions of Honor. The program enables local veterans to take a life-changing flight to Washington D.C. to visit war memorials at no charge to veterans.

The event is the primary fundraiser for Missions of Honor.

The top teams and times were Dodge

Warriors, 8.355 seconds, in first place; Green Bay Rugby Football Club, 8.599 seconds, second place; and Gotta Have Faith, 8.633 seconds, in third place. The top teams were separated by only a fraction of a second.

Teams consisted of 20 people pulling a 140,000-pound Boeing 757 plane 12 feet in the shortest amount of time.

The Neenah High School powerlifting team was among the 30 participants in the event. Each team is required to raise a minimum of \$1,500 in order to take part in the competition.

The date for next year's Pulling for Honor is set for Aug. 21 at the Appleton Flight Center.

County passes data center moratorium

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors at its meeting Tuesday approved a 12-month moratorium on data center applications.

The moratorium only covers the four towns where the county controls zoning: Algoma, Omro, Neenah and Nekimi. County Executive Gordon Hintz said the county will work with other municipalities on writing similar rules if they wish.

"These 12 months will allow us to evaluate and develop rules and regulations in case someone approaches us about a data center," he said.



The county's Planning & Zoning Committee heard commentary at several meetings and held a public hearing about the moratorium. Supervisor Dean Spoehr said speaker after speaker spoke in opposition to data centers, citing their high use of water and electricity, noise, possible health effects and lower property values.

"The people are asking for this," he said.

During the 12 months of the moratorium, county staff will evaluate the potential impacts of a data center on utility infrastructure, transportation systems, emergency services, land use patterns, agricultural resources, environmental resources and neighboring property owners. They will also work on developing recommendations for definitions, zoning classifications, siting criteria, performance standards, buffering requirements, infrastructure requirements, environmental protections and

operational standards applicable to future data center development.

Supervisor Howard Miller said the moratorium does not mean the county is against data centers.

"It's just providing us with time we need to write regulations," he said.

Supervisor Andrew Buck made a motion to shorten the moratorium to six months in case the county may miss out on an opportunity, but the motion was voted down.

"I think we leave it at 12 months," Miller said. "If we get the regulations done earlier, we can always end it earlier."

As more municipalities and counties put moratoriums in place, Supervisor George Bureau believes AI companies will change how data centers are built.

"These are smart people," Bureau said. "They'll figure out that if they want a data center that they'll need to develop closed-loop system to limit water usage and develop their own power sources so not to pull from the grid."

Winnebago County joins 10 other Wisconsin counties with data center moratoriums, including Dane, Door, La Crosse and Manitowoc.

Course provides information to assist landlords

Neenah News

Extension Winnebago County is providing information to help newer landlords.

Rent Smart for Landlords is a comprehensive course for newer landlords who are looking to have successful relationships with long-term tenants. The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12 at Extension Winnebago County, 625 E County Road Y, Suite 900 / Room A/B in Oshkosh.

Topics covered will include housing inspection, applicant screening, rental agreements, ongoing management and more. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion at the end of this day-long course.

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Children offered support through tornado trauma

ThedaCare

After a tornado, children may feel scared, confused, clingy, angry, withdrawn or worried that another storm could occur. A pediatrician with ThedaCare said these reactions are normal and parents and caregivers can play an important role in helping children recover.

“It will take many kids some time to process this type of trauma but with careful, ongoing steps, adults can help children through their fears and guide them to a sense of restored normalcy,” said Dr. Wendy Hill, a pediatrician with ThedaCare Physicians Pediatrics-Neenah.

Hill encouraged parents to help provide a sense of safety for children after a tornado or similar experience. She said it’s important to maintain familiar routines, as well as provide reassurance and support.

“Children look to adults to understand how serious a situation is,” she said. “Speak calmly, even if you are upset.”

Offer sense of safety

It’s important to let kids know they are safe, the tornado is over, adults are working to fix the damage and there is a plan for where to go if there is another warning, Hill advised.

When sharing reassurances, it’s best to keep explanations simple and age-appropriate, she said. Young children do best with short, repeated reassurance. Older children may need more details but they still benefit from calm and clear information.

“Trauma can make the world feel unpredictable,” Hill said. “Routines can help children feel grounded. Try to keep regular times for meals, sleep, school-work, play and family time, even if your family is staying somewhere else temporarily.”

- She suggested the following:
- Small routines matter. Reading before bed, eating breakfast together or walking the dog can help children feel that life is becoming steady again.
 - Let children talk but don’t force it. Some kids will want to talk about what happened and others may need time.
 - Shield children from too much technology and storm coverage. After a disaster, repeated videos, photos, news alerts and social media posts can make kids feel like the tornado is happening again.

- Avoid giving children responsibilities that feel too heavy, such as worrying about money, insurance or major repairs.

Parents and caregivers also can help children ease worries about school, Hill said.

“If a child’s school was damaged, they may worry about friends, teachers, routines or whether school will ever feel normal again,” she said. “Be honest but reassuring.”

In such instances, parents and caregivers can explain that while the school building was damaged, adults are carefully assessing it and developing a plan to ensure it is safe. They can share with children the possibility of temporarily attending classes in a different location.

“Children’s trauma reactions can improve with time, safety and support,” Hill said. “It’s important to give them simple ways to regain control.”

One strategy is to give kids small

choices and safe ways to help, including picking out clothes, snacks or a bedtime book, drawing thank-you cards for helpers, choosing a favorite toy to keep nearby and practicing a family storm plan.

Watch for Symptoms

Signs that a child is struggling may not always be obvious. While some kids may cry or worry outwardly, others may hold back their emotions. Symptoms may show up as:

Irritability, emotional outbursts and defiance. “While these can be normal behaviors, especially for tweens and teens, such outbursts also can be a sign that your child is dealing with something more,” Hill said.

Silence, withdrawal or emotional numbing. “They may tell you they’re fine when you ask them what’s wrong but you know they’re going through something,” Hill said. “You can gently offer your presence and support and tell them you’re here when they’re ready to talk.”

Physical symptoms and trouble sleeping. Children who are not managing their emotions may complain of headaches, stomachaches, fatigue or nausea. They also may experience nightmares or have trouble falling or staying asleep.

Parents, too, should try to rest, eat, take breaks from disaster news, accept help and talk with friends and loved ones. It is OK for children to see that adults have feelings but they also need to see them finding support and taking steps forward.

“Some children need extra help after trauma,” Hill says. “Parents should seek support if symptoms continue for several weeks, interfere with daily life or seem to get worse.”

A pediatrician or family medicine physician can help. As a trusted adult in a child’s life, they can offer reassurance and assess a child’s symptoms.

“Our community has experienced a collective trauma,” Hill said. “With many caring people banding together, we can show kids the way through the trauma of this frightening event.”



Photo from Doty Cabin

Cabin open

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The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass’ 2026 GLASS Arts Festival was held at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center in Appleton due to ongoing storm cleanup efforts near the museum in Neenah.

Award recipients named from glass arts festival

Neenah News

The award recipients were announced last week for the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass’ 2026 GLASS Arts Festival.

The festival went ahead Aug. 8 despite changes forced by ongoing tornado recovery efforts. A portion of the event was held at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center in Appleton while the museum remained open

for visitors.

Museum officials said the grounds were cleaned up enough but nearby areas for parking still needed to be cleaned up from debris due to tree damage.

“Even with a venue relocation to the Fox Cities Exhibition Center due to tornado recovery efforts, we welcomed 4,000 visitors to a day filled with glass,” execu-

tive director Amy Moorefield said. “We thank the artists for their tremendous efforts to make this one-of-a-kind festival a remarkable admission-free event for our community. It felt good to have a creative event for all of us to experience the beauty of glass during such a difficult time.”

The work of the award recipients was selected by juror Brit Micho, Curator of Exhibitions at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

First place went to Laurel Grey, sponsored by Rosann Baum Milius; second place was Martha Fetter, sponsored by the Paperweight Collector Association and third place was Rosalie Phillips, sponsored by the Lilian Noble Fund. Honorable mentions included Monica Harris, George Machart, Vaiju Saraf, Aiko Tatsu-mi and Larry Zengel/Brett Young.

“We are so grateful to our community for making our GLASS Arts Festival a great success,” Moorefield said.

Brat fry raises money for tornado victims

Neenah News

Hawley-Dieckhoff American Legion Post 33 recently held a Brat Fry at Neenah National Night Out.

Neighboring communities Menasha and Fox Crossing cancelled their National Night Out events due to the damages that their communities suffered during last month’s tornado.

Neenah invited residents from its neighboring communities to come to their event to relax after a stressful week.

“It turned out to be a huge event,” said Carla Reidenbach, adjutant for the Hawley-Dieckhoff American Legion Post 33. “Hawley-Dieckhoff American Legion Post 33 in Neenah made a decision to absorb all of their costs needed for the brat fry and only request donations for the tornado victims.”

The Legion received a total of \$5,600 from all involved. They proudly donated a check for the full amount to the United Way Fox Cities on Aug 12, Reidenbach said.

Church festival planned

Neenah News

The St. Margaret Mary Parish Summer Festival is taking place Saturday.

Music starts at 5 p.m. with Deborah and Justin. Bingo for all ages will be from 6 to 7 p.m. The live band 4 North Acoustic will perform starting at 7 p.m.

Activities include music, bingo, food and drinks, games and raffles. A silent auction with over 50 items will support the parish.

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Photo from Neenah Police Department
Neenah police officer Derrick Rotta last week took a crash report from a motorist of the damage on the median side of Interstate 41 North by Winneconne Avenue.

Police caution motorists to watch out for hazards

Neenah News

The Neenah Police Department issued a reminder last week to motorists to watch out for hazards or obstructions they might encounter while driving.

The police department reported last week a vehicle was damaged by a stove along the side of Interstate 41.

“Always be cautious when driving, especially on US41,” the police said. “You just never know what foreign objects/debris may be ahead of you.”

Police report incidents increased in second quarter

Neenah News

The total number of incidents recorded by the Neenah Police Department increased during the second quarter of 2026 compared to the same period in 2024 and 2025.

In 2026, 7,260 incidents were recorded in April, May and June compared to 6,075 in 2025 and 6,873 in 2024.

Traffic stops in 2026 — 1,374 — were nearly level with 2025 — 1,397. In 2026, expired license plate registrations made up 26.3% of traffic violations followed by speeding violations at 23.3%. Alcohol violations made up 3.7% of traffic violations or a total of 23 OWI arrests during the three months of April, May and June.

During the quarter, there were 115 traffic crashes — lower than the 139 recorded in 2025 and 126 in 2024. Most accidents — 60.9% — occurred at non-intersections and 85% happened during the day.

Officer Derrick Rotta took a crash report from a motorist of the damage on the median side of Interstate 41 North by Winneconne Avenue.

Police said motorists should remember to secure their loads, as Wisconsin State Statute 348.10(2) states, “No person shall operate a vehicle on a highway unless such vehicle is so constructed and loaded as to prevent its contents from dropping, shifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom.”

Criminal offenses during the quarter included 46 crimes against persons, 118 crimes against property and 52 crimes against society.

Parking citations during the quarter totaled 497, an increase over 411 in 2025 and 270 in 2024. Most parking citations were for overnight parking with Maple Street and Primrose Lane receiving the highest citations.

Police Chief Aaron Olson shared a breakdown of the behavioral health officer’s time, with 28.5% spent on calls for service, 19.5% on training and 19.2% on follow-up. The officer had 309 contacts during the quarter, which relieved 56 patrol officers.

He said the behavioral officer’s availability to assist with mental health calls saved approximately 39 hours of the patrol division’s time this quarter.

Area waterways set to host weekend fishing tourney

Neenah News

For the final event of the 2026 Newport Bassmaster Kayak Series presented by Native Watercraft regular season, anglers will tackle the Wolf and Fox rivers where both smallmouth and largemouth have a chance to shine.

Tournament days are slated for Saturday and Sunday. This is a catch-photo-release event, and competitors may launch from any approved public launch. Legal waters include Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Poygan, Lake Winneconne and Little Lake Butte des Morts.

This is the final opportunity to earn Pro-Guide Batteries Angler of the Year points and qualify for the 2026 Newport Bassmaster Kayak Series Championship presented by Native Watercraft at Lake Murray Oct. 14-16.

This connected system of lakes and rivers has been showcased in B.A.S.S. events before, most recently in 2023, when the B.A.S.S. Nation visited Lake Winnebago. Though Lake Winnebago is off limits for the Kayak Series event, many Nation anglers in that Winnebago tournament ran to the rivers and found success. Top anglers averaged 11 to 14 pounds per day.

The system has milfoil, eelgrass and duckweed as well as docks. There will be plenty of opportunities to flip, frog and throw moving baits such as a bladed jig and a swim jig around those grassy areas for largemouth.

Rock, current breaks with wood, cut banks and even docks will be key features for smallmouth fishing.

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By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

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**Football
PREVIEW**

After practicing with West De Pere and Bay Port in August and then facing the Pirates in a scrimmage last week, the Rockets will open the 2026 campaign facing a pair of reigning state champions in Green Bay Notre Dame and Arrowhead.

It may not be the way Neenah head coach Steve Jung would like to kickoff the season, however, he believes the two

matchups will help his squad prepare for the rugged Fox Valley Association slate when the outcomes matter the most.

“It is what it is,” Jung said. “It does force us to have the mentality of we play the best and that every week we have to get better. I think it helps us out. There’s a standard we are facing and in order to be successful we have to meet that standard.”

The Rockets are coming off a season in which they finished 6-1 and shared the FVA title with Kimberly, but dropped the final two games of the season, including a first-round -playoff loss to De Pere.



Stuckel

By facing the likes of the Tritons and Warhawks to open the season, Neenah will have to be playing at a high level right from the first kickoff and hope the experience accrued in those contests carries over against more familiar foes.

“Seeing these real talented teams really helps us tune in on the details so we are ready to go once it comes to conference play,” said senior linebacker Connor Stuckel said.

Stuckel is one of two returning first-team all-FVA players on the Rocket defense along with junior defensive back Owen Fox that will anchor that side of the ball for Neenah.

Senior defensive lineman Tyler Resch also returns after starting last season, however the rest of the unit will be made up of players new to starting in the FVA.

“We have a lot of younger guys out there so the more experienced people are stepping up and leading their position groups and the whole team to be better,” said Stuckel, the team’s top returning tackler from last year. “I think there is always a little bit of pressure but we are pretty confident. I think we are trying to go and get to the next level. We’re always trying to get better.”

Jung highlighted one of the newcomers in the secondary will be senior Ethan Hellen green.

Hellengreen, an all-FVA baseball player, returned to football after not playing last year and will likely be one of the starters in the secondary for Neenah.

The Rockets will have more experience

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Veteran linemen looking to lead Zephyrs to more success

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

It won’t be hard to overlook the strength of the St. Mary Catholic football team this season.

They will be the big guys climbing off the bus.

After ending a 20-plus year playoff drought last season, the Zephyrs look for even more success this season and will lean on its talented and experienced offensive line to lead the way.

“At any level of football if the o-line and-line are good, your team has a chance to be successful,” said head coach Rob Detterman, who led the Zephyrs to a 5-5 overall record in his first season last year. “We

bring back three starters on the offensive line and they are significantly bigger than they have been in the best. (The line) is definitely a strength of the team.”

Seniors Brady Detterman and Alex Klinkhammer started on the line from the start of their freshman seasons, while fellow senior Gibson Rause joined the duo late in his freshman campaign.

The trio has been stalwarts on the line ever since and will be joined by junior



B. Detterman

Brennan Dupont, who started on the defensive line a year ago. The fifth starter has yet to be determined but the group as a whole is ready to lead the Zephyrs.

“We’re a run-based team so it’s up to (the offensive line) to pound it down their throats every night,” Klinkhammer said.

Added Detterman: “(Running the ball down the field) is the most fun you can have in a game. Just demoralizing the other team.”

St. Mary Catholic will have to replace

its leading rusher from a year ago to take advantage of its offensive line, but does have a pair of running backs ready to go in senior Dominic Todd and sophomore Caleb Vogel.

In addition, the Zephyrs will have senior Tarver Trinkner returning at quarterback after taking over as the starter early in the season.

Rob Detterman said Trinkner is much improved from last year after being thrown into the spot because of an injury.

“Last year, we just kind of threw our athlete in there because we had to. This year, he’s preparing to be our quarterback, and I

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Fri., Oct. 2:	Neenah at Fond du Lac	7 pm
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Rockets' Van Beek ready to cap off stellar career

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Ashton Van Beek can thank his time playing baseball for his success on a foot-ball field.

When the Neenah High School senior was pitching in a little league game before fifth grade, his soon-to-be football coach noticed how well he could throw a base-ball.

"I've been a quarterback ever since," Van Beek said.

The North Dakota State University re-cruit is entering his fourth season playing on the varsity level for Neenah and hoping for a big finish to his standout prep career.

He is coming off a junior season when he averaged 7.4 yards per carry, while rushing for 1,416 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also completed 54 percent of his passes for 828 yards and nine touchdowns and was named a first-team all-Fox Valley Associ-ation quarterback and Offensive Player of the Year in the league.

And he's far from being done.

"I'm super, super excited to get the sea-son started. You can definitely feel the tension building. It's coming," Van Beek said in the days leading up to the Rockets opener against Green Bay Notre Dame. "I can feel that this is the last hurrah at Neen-ah High School."

Van Beek exudes confidence and poise when he's under center for the Rockets, leading drives against the physical defens-es of the FVA.

But that wasn't necessarily the case when he first stepped out on the field in a Rocket uniform.

In the first game of his freshman season, Neenah starter Evan Vanevenhoven went down with an injury in the second half against De Pere. That brought Van Beek in off the bench and into a game the Rockets would eventually win, 49-37.

"I didn't take many reps in practice so I kind of went in blind," Van Beek said. "I was super nervous for the first drive then you kind of settle in. I knew the guys around me would help me out with what-ever I needed.

"My freshman year there were a lot of older guys and they definitely helped me out a lot so I was comfortable in the hud-dle. I would run the huddle and call the plays, but it was the older guys that were making sure everyone was good and set to go. After the first real week of me practic-ing, I felt real comfortable."

Van Beek finished the season with 563 rushing yards – on a team that featured Grant Dean – while throwing for 956 yards and six touchdowns.

He played in 10 of Neenah's 12 games and led the Rockets to two playoff wins before falling to Kimberly 14-7 in a game in which he threw for 140 yards and a



Neenah senior Ashton Van Beek is the reigning Offensive Player of the Year in the Fox Valley Association and has played four years on the varsity level for the Rockets.

touchdown.

"My freshman year there were a lot of older guys and they definitely helped me out a lot so I was comfortable in the hud-dle. I would run the huddle and call the plays, but it was the older guys that were making sure everyone was good and set to go," Van Beek said. "Really, after the first real week of me practicing, I felt real com-fortable."

When Vanevenhoven returned the fol-lowing season, Van Beek remained a start-er on the offense but at a receiver position where he earned honorable mention all-

FVA honors and finished second in the team with 19 catches while leading the team with a 24.6-yard per catch average.

Van Beek said he enjoyed playing receiv-er and that it expanded his understanding of the game, but he was happy when he returned to under center as a junior and

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helped lead the Rockets to a share of the FVA title last season.

"I do love touching the ball every play," Van Beek said. "Especially now, being a senior and been out there for four years, I can help other guys out and when the ball is in my hands I can get it to the right guy and make sure everyone is doing what they need to."

Despite his success last season, Van Beek wants to be even better this season.

Already an accomplished runner, Van Beek spent the offseason trying to im-prove his passing skills and hopes to up those numbers and help balance the of-fense this season.

"We did more reps throwing to the re-ceivers and getting the timing down," Van Beek said. "We got a quarterback coach this year, so I have definitely improved my footwork and keeping the ball high - just working on the fundamentals of the throw a little bit more.

Van Beek understands that the better the Rockets can throw the ball, it may make things a little easier when he takes off on a run, too.

"It helps the run game a lot. It spreads out the defense because they have to hon-or the throw," Van Beek said. "They have honor those deep balls, quick passes and some of those linebackers can't close the gaps as quick because they have to worry about the receivers."

Van Beek's playing career won't end after this season either as he has already committed to join the NCAA Division I FBS powerhouse Bison.

It wasn't a difficult decision for Van Beek, who announced his commitment in March of 2026 after visiting the school in Fargo, N.D.

"We went out there for a visit and on the ride home I knew that's where I wanted to go," Van Beek said. "The coaches are amaz-ing, the program is a winning program and I am super excited to get out there for an-other four or five years."

Yet, when he joins the NDSU program, it won't be as a quarterback.

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Prep roundup

GOLF

Rockets win FVA season opener

Adrianne Oitzinger earned medalist honors and Neenah picked up a victory over Appleton East in its Fox Valley Association opener at Ridgeway Country Club on Tuesday.

The Rockets finished with a score of 194, which was 15 shots better than the Patriots.

Oitzinger earned top honors with a round of 46, one shot better than teammate Paige Keck.

Lillian Quella and Leh Milske also score for the Rockets with rounds of 50 and 51.

Neenah opened its season last week by placing sixth at the Seymour Thun-

der Invitational last week. Kaukauna won the 16-team meet with a score of 333.

Oitzinger led Neenah with a score of 88, finishing just outside the top 10 in a tie for 11th place.

Quella was the next finisher for the Rockets with an 89, followed by Alex Guden with a 101 and Keck with a 107.

Zephyrs finish close second at Bay South meet

St. Mary Catholic opened its season by taking a second in very close Bay South Conference mini-meet held at Irish Waters on Monday.

The Zephyrs finished with a score of 223 to finish one shot behind New London. Winneconne was third with a 226 as all five schools finished within 11

shots of each other.

Ainslie Liddy and Amelia Virlee led the way for St. Mary Catholic by tying for fourth place overall with a round of 54. It was Virlee's first varsity match.

Scarlett Reichenbacher finished close behind with a 55 while Breckin Britzke also scored for the Zephyrs with a 60.

TENNIS

St. Mary Catholic posts three wins

The Zephyrs went 3-0 in a quadrangular on Tuesday posting wins over Shorewood (6-1), Xavier (5-2) and Kohler (4-3).

The three doubles pairings for the Zephyrs combined to go 8-1 on the day with Kieran Bergstrom and Scarlett

Bergstrom at the No. 2 flight and Faith Bergstrom and Lainey Schmidt at the No. 3 flight each posting perfect 3-0 records.

Halle Janssen and Ella Chier went 2-1 at the No. 1 doubles flight with their lone loss coming in a close three-set battle against Lindsey Stoffregen and Claire Villwock of Kohler.

Two-time state doubles champion Vivie Auth has made the move to singles this season and went undefeated at the No. 1 flight on the day. The junior posted a pair of straight-set wins before ousting Kohler's Eila Webber in three sets.

Norah Wroblewski went 3-0 at No. 4 singles for St. Mary Catholic with Elsa Rossmessl also posting a singles win on the day for the Zephyrs.

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think the world is going to see something pretty special,” the coach said. “He’s been working his tail off. I think the confidence level of having done it and having seen success is a big thing for him but just the extra work is going to make a big difference.”

Trinkner’s top target from a year ago in senior Luke Fairweather helps boost the passing game. Fairweather played football for the first time last season and led the Zephyrs with 22 catches and a pair of touchdowns.



Fairweather

Senior Dominic Osgood also returns at receiver, while senior Max Vosters is back at tight end and adds another talented pass catcher to the offense.

On the defensive side of the ball, the team’s leading tackler in junior linebacker George Voss returns, while Osgood finished with seven interceptions a season ago and will anchor the secondary.

Klinkhammer, Brady Detterman, Dupont, Vosters, Trinkner, Fairweather and seniors Jacob Ernsting and Finnley McClone will also play key roles on the defense for the Zephyrs.

“We lost some key contributors on the defense but I think we have filled those roles well,” Fairweather said. “I think the people in those roles will step up and contribute greatly this year.”

Although the Zephyrs have 19 seniors on the roster and plenty of experience, the biggest asset for the team may be the confidence it gained in putting together the winning season last year.

It certainly had an effect on the team in the offseason.

“I built confidence last winter going to lift and seeing everyone there work harder and harder to get stronger building up to this,” McClone said. “I think it’s going to help out a lot.”

That confidence combined with the talent the Zephyrs can put on the field has the team ready to build on last year’s success.

“I think we were able to get a little taste of the playoffs last year. It didn’t really go our way but I think everybody built confidence and we’re all ready as a team to make a run,” Brady Detterman said. “But we can’t get ahead of ourselves. We realize that we have to compete every Friday night. We have to go out and play our best.”

And if St. Mary Catholic is going to be successful, it won’t be a secret as to what is the driving force.

“It starts up front. We need to control the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball and then we want to run what we to do,” Rob Detterman said. “They know they want to get back (to the postseason) and beyond. We’re hungry. We’re looking for championships. We want a league title and we want to get down to Madison if we can.”



McClone

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Although he said he was recruited by some schools to play quarterback, the Bison coaches recruited him for an entirely different position – on the other side of the line of scrimmage.

Van Beek will be transitioning to playing linebacker at the collegiate level and plans to graduate after the first semester to enroll early at North Dakota State to get a jump on the position switch.



Van Beek

“I played (linebacker) in seventh and eighth grade and had a lot fun doing it but I don’t know a whole lot about playing the position. Those coaches will coach me up and I will learn pretty quick,” Van Beek said. “They want me to make the tackles in the hole but they can see that I can move a little bit if they need me to cover a guy every once in a while.”

Van Beek might not have been recruited as a quarterback by the Bison, but it was the way he played the position – as well as his physical tools – that caught their eye.

“They said that I hit the holes very hard when I’m running and now I’m just going to do that on the opposite side of the ball. Just think as a runner and go make a tackle instead of running through,” Van Beek said. “That’s what made the most sense to me when they brought it up.”

Before he trades in the Rocket red for the Bison green, though, he has his senior season to play at Neenah and he hopes to make it a special one.

And there would be nothing better to end it with a trip to play in Camp Randall Stadium in November, but he knows there’s a lot of work that will have to go in to make that happen.

“We talk about it and it is definitely always a thing, but now that the season is here, it’s one week at a time,” Van Beek said. “That’s where everybody wants to end up but we have to do our thing every week and go 1-0 every day and try to last as long as we can.”

Rocket football

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on the offensive side of the ball, led by senior quarterback Ashton Van Beek, who is the returning Offensive Player of the Year in the FVA.

Van Beek rushed for 1,416 yards and 18 touchdowns last season but Jung sees his veteran quarterback expanding his skills in the passing game this year for the Rockets.

“He’s a tremendous runner so we have been really working on his passing game so he can be more multi-dimensional,” Jung said. “His leadership on the field and off the field. He just knows our offense inside and out and he leads really well. His confidence is contagious.”

When Neenah does uncork it’s passing game, Van Beek will have a plethora of targets to throw to, led by returning second-team all-conference receiver in Matthias Charles.

Charles, who led the team with 23 receptions, will be joined on the outside by seniors Dylan Foat and Evan Mees, while junior Elliot Devlin is expected to anchor the tight end positions for the Rockets.

In the backfield, senior Cooper Sieck – who received all-FVA recognition as a returner on special teams a year ago – is the top returning rusher behind Van Beek. The Neenah offensive line will be led by three juniors in tackles Cooper Landrath and Kasen Briones along with center Max Mueller.

“This team has always had success in the past, so what we need to do to keep going is to keep being hungry, keep putting that work in and have that competitive stamina,” Jung said. “We want to be able to give maximum effort when we are tired. That is super important.”

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t _ b _ cr _ l t _ b _ t _ gh.”

—Franklin D. Roosevelt
32nd President of the United States

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

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



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On the first _____ of school,

I made a new friend. We have a lot

of _____ in common!

We both love to eat _____

_____ for lunch almost every

day. And we both carry our lunch in

identical _____.

My friend is the only person I've

met who enjoys watching "The

_____ Show"

more than I do! We also like a lot of

the same music, and our favorite

sport is competitive _____

_____ racing.

Yesterday, I forgot to bring my

_____ to school. Guess who

had an extra one? That's right, my

new friend! So I was able to finish

the _____ book report

I'd been working on.

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