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City looks to end Flock contract

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

The City of Neenah is looking to end its contract with Flock Safety.

Police Chief Aaron Olson said Tuesday at the start of the Public Services and Safety Committee meeting that an issue came to light regarding the Flock cameras that he shared with Mayor Brian Borchardt and City Attorney David Rashid. Olson said he plans to write a memo requesting the city end its contract with Flock.

Neenah's Common Council could act

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Olson

Neenah tornado cleanup tab at \$2.9M

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

The City of Neenah expects to spend more than \$2.9 million on tornado cleanup, according to figures shared last week with the Neenah Common Council.

The costs were shared as the council passed a resolution at its Aug. 19 meeting regarding city operations during the local state of emergency, which allowed Neenah to spend funds without seeking the council's approval.

Mayor Brian Borchardt outlined how the city got to the \$2.9 million mark:

- \$1.95 million to Looks Great Services

of Columbia, Mississippi, which coordinated cleanup efforts and subcontracted with DTAK of New London to do the actual work of picking up debris.

- \$320,000 to Thompson Consulting Services of Maitland, Florida, to measure the volume of tree debris collected and handling administration of forms required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for possible reimbursement. So far, Borchardt said the city collected 12 football fields, 3 feet deep of tree and vegetation debris from the storm.

- \$190,000 in overtime pay to city employees.

- \$71,110 in fire equipment.
- \$51,000 in insurance deductibles.
- \$14,255 for fuel.
- \$8,535 for a generator at the water plant.

• \$5,000 for interim public works director Mark Rohloff, who is working with the city on a contract with McMahon Associates.

- \$261,815 for contingencies.

Borchardt said the city plans to share with FEMA and the state the costs it incurred related to the storm in hopes of

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Photo by Jennifer Much

The Neenah Community Band concluded its summer concert series Tuesday as Riverside Park has reopened after being closed due to extensive tree damage from last month's tornado.

Music returns to park following tornado

By Jennifer Much
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

After weeks of cleanup and recovery following the July 27 tornado that ripped through the Fox Valley area, including Appleton, Neenah, Fox Crossing and Menasha, the sounds of big band jazz returned Tuesday to Riverside Park in Neenah for a final show this year as part of the Neenah Community Band Summer Concert series.

The Neenah Ambassadors, a 20-piece big band with two vocalists, is supported by the Neenah Parks and Recreation Department. The band plays a collection of classic charts from the swing era as well as arrangements of Latin jazz, blues, rock and pop tunes.

They brought music back to the park, marking their first concert at the park since the tornado. The music gave community members a chance to gather, relax

and connect, while listening to a smooth and sultry song line up which included titles such as "A String of Pearls," "Here's That Rainy Day" and "Come Fly with Me."

Led by director Jeff White, the band rehearses once a month at Island Shores Retirement Community and performs at Luigi's Pizza. It has quickly become a cherished activity for all members of the band and their audience alike.

This concert was particularly meaningful for Jim Morgenstern, who has been a member of the group for close to 15 years. Morgenstern's own home and neighborhood was hit hard by the tornado, and he was looking forward to the music welcoming in a dose of positivity.

"I'm very pleased that we are 're-opening' the park," Morgenstern said. "It's a beautiful location that itself was hit hard."

Riverside Park was among the areas affected by the storm, which makes the re-

turn of community events an important step towards normalcy.

As of Tuesday, all City of Neenah parks that had been closed to clean up from the storm are open. The Neenah Parks and Recreation advised visitors to continue taking caution when visiting the parks and to watch for hanging tree limbs. The parks department thanked all those who have helped with the cleanup, including Plexus and Driftless Trails Contracting.

"Personally, our home and neighborhood were hit pretty hard, so I'm very glad to be back to doing something 'normal,'" he said, "I'm hopeful that people will be able to relax and forget about all they've been through these last three weeks."

And just like that, jazz had a magical way of finding its way to the soul as dozens gathered with their lawn chairs to lis-

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Board approves naming rights for sports complexes

By MaryBeth Matzek
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Winnebago County can now sell naming rights and sponsorship recognition at Winnebago County Community Park and Sunnyview Expo Center.

The Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to a county ordinance at its Aug. 18 meeting allowing the change.

The rule change will allow naming rights to be sold for the soccer, rugby and pickleball complexes projects planned for Community Park. For the improvement projects, the county is paying a portion of the cost, leaving the clubs to fundraise the remaining amount.

The local soccer clubs have a potential large donor for their project, but there are no rules on how to handle it, so a new

rule needed to be created. For phase 1 of the project, the county will pay \$672,294 from the Spirit Fund and the local soccer clubs will pay \$168,074. For phase 2, the Spirit Fund will pay \$372,212 and the soccer clubs will pay \$140,234.

For the soccer project, the plans call for the fields to be tilled, graded and crowned, more topsoil will be added, and irrigation will be adjusted. An additional soccer field will be added west to the quad. Phase 1 will address the east side of the complex and Phase 2 will address the complex's west side.

In addition to a naming rights sponsorship, the parks department is looking to create a program to allow smaller annual sponsorships for banners and signs at Sunnyview Expo Center.



Photo from Neenah Historical Society

Old City Hall

A look at Neenah's Old City Hall and the clock tower. This structure was originally built in 1888 on the corner of South Commercial and Doty Avenue. The City Hall portion of the building was torn down in 1975, but due to Neenah's community preservation efforts, the clock tower was saved.

Calendar of events

- 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 History of the Green Bay Packers" Meet and Greet, 4 p.m., Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin 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
- Wednesday, Sept. 9**
Lighthouse Preservation Project Groundbreaking, 4:30 p.m., Kimberly Point Lighthouse
- 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 Harvest 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
- Sunday, Sept. 13**
Riverside Players Theatre in the Park presents Neil Simon's Rumors: A Farce, 7 p.m., Riverside Park
- Tuesday, Sept. 15**
Fox Crossing Grandparents and Me Craft Night, 5:30 p.m., Fox Crossing Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive
- Thursday, Sept. 17**
Neenah Historical Society presents History of the Neenah-Menasha YMCA, 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library
- Friday, Sept. 18**
Neenah Police Benevolent Annual Benefit Concert, 6 p.m., Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort and Hotel

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Children’s book features real-life photos from local area

By Jill Trotter
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Michelle Schneider, a longtime Neenah resident, has written a children’s book titled “Pollie Patootie and the Rainbow Camera Strap.”

The book is available at various local stores and Schneider will be doing several book signings in the coming months.

Schneider is a professional photographer and has owned Patootie’s Photography in Neenah since 2009. She takes senior photos and pictures of “families and babies in baskets and . . . toddlers in parks.”

Schneider is proud to call Neenah her home. She has been a resident of Neenah for 27 years, where she along with her husband Chris have raised their four children.

Schneider’s fondness for children and love for Neenah are showcased throughout her debut book. She incorporated photographs and illustrations of Neenah events and landmarks — some fiction and some non-fiction, including the Neenah Farmers Market, Red Door Mercantile, Cafe Belle Rue and Market (formerly Urban Market) and the Neenah Clock Tower.

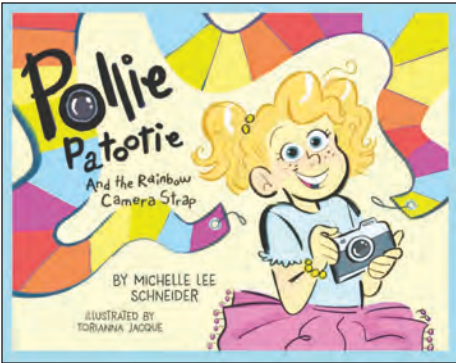
Lithium-ion batteries to be collected at farmers market

Neenah News

A lithium-ion battery collection will take place again Saturday during the Future Neenah Farmers Market.

The farmers market takes place from 8 a.m. to noon in Shattuck Park.

The First United Methodist Neenah Menasha’s Green Team started the effort to collect and recycle lithium batteries last year. The group works with Redwood Materials to recycle the items.



ban Market) and the Neenah Clock Tower.

Schneider has long wanted to write a children’s book, and she knew she wanted the book to have an important message.

“Polly Patootie and the Rainbow Camera Strap” centers on a fictional six-year-old girl named Pollie Patootie, who finds a rainbow camera strap for sale at the Neenah Farmers Market. Pollie wants to buy the camera strap, but she can’t afford it.

Pollie’s parents tell her she must do extra chores to earn enough money to purchase it. Throughout the summer, Pollie works hard doing chores until she has enough money to buy it. Through this experience, Pollie learns that if she wants

The company provides collection boxes and return shipping labels to help with the process. Alkaline, Nicad, lead acid and damaged or defective batteries should not be brought to the event.

Other collection dates that are set include Sept. 12 and Sept. 26 with Winnebago County Solid Waste along with Oct. 10.

The group will also be collecting at the Neenah Recycling Day on Oct. 24.

something, she can work hard to earn it. Schneider said this is “a message that everybody needs to hear.”

The book contains both illustrations and real-life photographs. Schneider incorporated her own photographs, which showcase all the main character’s favorite things: strawberries, shopping in downtown Neenah, animals, and nature.

The illustrations in the book are the work of Torianna Jacque, a 2019 graduate of Neenah High School. Jacque, who attended high school with Schneider’s children, was a natural choice to illustrate the book, Schneider said.

Jacque is now in her twenties and resides in California, where she continued her education in art.

“I hope that kids look through the ‘lens’ of wonder when flipping through this whimsical book of adorable illustrations and real-life photos while naturally learning a lesson without even realizing it,” Schneider said.

Schneider hopes to write more books in the future. In the meantime, she will continue

photographing local families in her beloved city of Neenah.

“Pollie Patootie and the Rainbow Camera Strap” is currently for sale on Amazon and at the following local establishments: Blue Moon Emporium, the Neenah Library, Café Belle Rue and Market (formerly Urban Market), Red Door Mercantile, and Lyons Books.

To promote her book, Schneider will be hosting several upcoming book signing events, including from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Neenah Farmers Market, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 19 at Lyons Books, 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 26 at the Neenah Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 1 with Jacque at The Globe and 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 1 with Jacque at Red Door Mercantile.

Jacque will offer to create individualized caricature drawings of children on site in the style of Pollie for purchase at the November events.

For more up to date information about upcoming events, visit the Patooties Photography Facebook page.

Tornado siren testing expected to resume

Neenah News

Winnebago County officials are planning to resume weekly outdoor warning siren testing at noon Saturday. The county hasn’t tested the sirens since a tornado hit the area July 27, noting if the sirens go off, it is for a real severe weather threat.

Officials said testing the sirens is an important part of emergency preparedness since it allows for efficient maintenance, verifies acoustic coverage, familiarizes residents with the emergency siren sound and ensures a timely response to

seek shelter in times of real emergency events.

Officials say to check on family and friends impacted by the tornado to see if they would like extra support during the testing. After the July 27 storm, some residents may experience emotional distress during the siren testing.

Winnebago County Crisis Center has a 24 hour, 7 days a week hotline for those in need of immediate support for mental health or an emotional emergency. The number is 920-233-7707.

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VT Industries is planning a 52,000 square foot expansion of its current property near John Street.

Company set to expand Neenah facility

Neenah News

Coming on the heels of its company-wide 70th anniversary celebrations, VT Industries is investing in the company’s future growth and continued advancement of its architectural wood door business by announcing a manufacturing expansion at its Neenah facility.

With groundbreaking slated for this fall, the expansion will add 52,000 square feet of finished goods storage and manufacturing space on the south side of the current property near John Street.

“VT is committed to continuing our investment in the Neenah facility, and this project represents an important step

in that journey,” said Aaron Clausen, co-president and third-generation owner. “The additional finished goods space will improve production flow and operational efficiency while creating opportunities to expand manufacturing capabilities and support future growth.”

Construction is expected to take just under one year, with the new space expected to be fully operational by summer 2027. The project marks the second expansion at the Neenah site since 2018.

The first expansion was a 45,000-square-foot addition accommodating the Core Assembly Machine that began in June 2020.

Jewelers Mutual plans CEO transition

Neenah News

Jewelers Mutual Group CEO Scott Murphy will retire at the end of the year, following 12 years of leadership at the company.

Mike Alexander, currently serving as president, will succeed Murphy as president and CEO effective Jan. 1. Murphy will continue to serve as a member of Jewelers Mutual’s board of directors.

Murphy joined Jewelers Mutual as CEO in January 2015 to lead a company with more than a century of heritage. Over the past 12 years, the company’s scope has expanded from specialty insurer to a diversified platform of insurance and non-insurance businesses built on technology, data analytics and business-enabling solutions, serving more than two million customers across the United States and Canada. Last year, the company expanded into Australia with the acquisition of Jewellers Loop.



Murphy



Alexander

“Leading Jewelers Mutual has been the greatest honor of my career,” Murphy said. “The jewelry industry is filled with remarkable people who pour their passion, creativity and craftsmanship into everything they do, and it has been a privilege to serve them. I am proud of what our team has built and even more excited about

where Mike will take this company next.”

Alexander joined Jewelers Mutual in 2015 and was promoted to president in 2025. As CEO, he will focus on accelerating the company’s expansion into new markets, deepening its digital

and technology capabilities, and broadening its portfolio of solutions for jewelers and consumers.

Beyond driving business results, Alexander is active in the Northeast Wisconsin community and the broader jewelry industry, serving on the boards of Diamonds Do Good and the YMCA of the Fox Cities.

Business news roundup

Pride of Neenah Convenience has signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer to serve the Neenah community. Pride of Neenah Convenience at 670 N. Green Bay Road will offer essential services like U-Haul trucks and moving supplies. More information is available by calling 920-486-5982 or visiting uhaul.com/Locations/Truck-Rentals-near-Neenah-WI-54956/034436/.

Kundinger has added new staff members Sam Genna and Dawn Woodfin in Neenah. Genna joins Kundinger as a territory manager with a focus on sales growth. He brings more than a decade of experience as an outside sales representative in electrical/automation and hydraulics/power. Woodfin joins the company as a customer service representative. In this role, she will serve as a key point of contact for customers.

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Former Neenah public works employee charged with theft

Neenah News

The former Neenah public works superintendent has been accused of enlisting city employees to scrap city-owned metal at a Neenah scrap yard for his own personal benefit.

Gregory R. Radtke, 54, has been charged with one count of misdemeanor theft in Winnebago County. If convicted he could face a fine of up to nine months in state prison and the potential of a fine up to \$10,000.

Court documents allege Radtke was working for the city and directing public works staff to take scrap metal to Gibson Iron and Metal in Neenah and get cash for it. That cash does not appear to have gone into any legitimate fund within the City of Neenah.

According to the criminal complaint, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office began investigating the theft after Radtke was terminated.

Radtke worked for the city for 35 years before he was terminated. Neenah's director of human resources and safety Heather Barber said Radtke was hired in April

1991 and held many positions in the public works department.

He was promoted to public works superintendent in January 2019. Radtke's employment was terminated on June 4.

"Neenah employees realized that Radtke had been directing his department to take scrap metal to Gibson Iron and Metal, to get cash for it, and it did not appear that cash ever got to any legitimate fund at the City of Neenah," the complaint alleges.

One employee told authorities that he had been directed by Radtke to take city-owned scrap metal to the scrap yard between February and March. The employee alleged that Radtke told him to keep the load under \$500 because then he would get cash for the metal and not a check.

The employee said he did this six to eight times and found it strange that employees were getting cash for scrap metal.

The department kept a "petty cash" fund, which was from employees recycling their own aluminum cans and the money was used to buy pizza for the employees.

One employee alleged there was \$442

in that fund in Radtke's desk. When Radtke was terminated he did not turn over that money.

Neenah's director of human resources told an investigator that Radtke had a duffel bag with cash in it. The HR office has no records of Radtke depositing cash at City Hall during the time of the alleged theft.

Investigators obtained records from Gibson Iron and Metal showed that cash payments for transactions allegedly directed by Radtke totaled \$3,098. On June 25, when investigators met with Radtke, he admitted to directing public works staff to scrap city metal for cash.

He told investigators the total amount was between \$1,200 and \$1,300. The investigator told Radtke what the number

was and then asked where the money had gone.

Radtke told the investigator he had used the money at various retailers to buy tools and that he was willing to pay back the difference. He said there should be receipts in his desk linked to the tool purchases. Radtke also admitted some of the money was used to buy alcohol.

City employees searched Radtke's office and were unable to locate any documentation of tool purchases.

The complaint concludes by stating, "There is no indication that Radtke had permission to make personal use of City funds or retain City funds."

Radtke is set to make his first court appearance in the case on Sept. 29 in front of Judge Bryan Keberlein.

Fox Crossing Fire Department receives sixth accreditation status from international commission

Neenah News

The Fox Crossing Fire Department has been awarded its sixth accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

Fire Chief Todd Sweeney, Village President Dale Youngquest, Village Manager Jeff Sturgell and members of the Fox Crossing Fire Department Accreditation Team traveled to Chicago on Aug. 20 to appear before CFAI.

The recognition reaffirms the department's long-standing commitment to excellence, continuous improvement and providing the highest level of service to the community.

In 2000, under the leadership of Fire Chief Don Cox, the fire department achieved its first International Accredi-

tation status. It became the first combination fire department in the nation and the first fire department in Wisconsin to receive the designation.

Accreditation is an all-hazards, quality improvement model based on risk analysis, community risk assessment and organizational self-assessment. It promotes the establishment of community-adopted performance targets and provides a framework for fire and emergency service agencies to evaluate their performance and continuously improve the services they provide.

Of the more than 29,000 fire departments in the United States and Canada, only 334 agencies hold accredited status. Fox Crossing is one of 11 accredited fire and emergency service agencies in Wisconsin.

Clayton crash claims motorcyclist's life

Neenah News

A man is dead after his motorcycle went off the road last week in Clayton.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a single-vehicle crash at 10:43 p.m. Aug. 20 on County Trunk II near Oakwood Avenue.

First responders located an unresponsive male who was operating a motorcycle that had left the roadway. The patient was transported by ambulance to ThedaCare

Regional Medical Center-Neenah, where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

The roadway remained closed for over three hours as the sheriff's Accident Investigation Team documented the scene.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Town of Clayton Fire Department, Gold Cross Ambulance and the Village of Fox Crossing Police Department.

The identity of the man was not released, pending notification of family.

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Feedback provides snapshot of district perceptions

Strong schools build strong communities, and staying connected with our families is essential to ensuring the Neenah Joint School District continues to thrive. Each spring, we invite our parents and guardians to participate in the School Perceptions Survey. This annual feedback process gives our leadership team a clear snapshot of what we are doing well while highlighting the specific areas where we must focus our continuous improvement efforts.

The survey results are calculated into specific index scores using a standard 5-point scale, where a score of 5 represents “Strongly Agree,” 4 represents “Agree,” 2 represents “Disagree,” and 1 represents “Strongly Disagree.” Responses marked as “Don’t know/doesn’t apply” are excluded to maintain accurate data.

Our evaluation focuses on three key areas: Leadership and Communication, School Experience, and Recommendations. By tracking both our top-performing areas and our lower-ranking metrics, we gain actionable information on where our strategy is succeeding and where adjustments are needed.

In the spring 2026 survey, our community shared 457 open-ended comments celebrating our district’s successes. Families consistently praised our exceptional teachers and dedicated support staff for their care and expertise.

They also highlighted our abundant sports, clubs and extracurricular activities that keep students engaged outside the classroom, along with our communication and family engagement efforts. Furthermore, parents noted our strong academic rigor and specialized learn-



ing pathways, as well as our welcoming school culture, well-being initiatives, and top-tier facilities and operations.

Importantly, the year-over-year data reflects encouraging progress across key areas where our scores improved compared to previous survey results. We saw noticeable growth in parent satisfaction regarding leadership communication and overall family engagement, indicating that our efforts to keep parents informed and involved are making a positive impact.

Additionally, scores related to student school experience and perceptions of academic preparation showed upward momentum. These improvements reassure us that our targeted strategic initiatives over the past year are heading in the right direction.

Feedback from the survey also shows strong overall support for our district’s Digital Learning Days, with 80% of families agreeing or strongly agreeing that digital learning days have gone well for their children (26.8% strongly agree, 53.2% agree, 10.2% disagree, 7.4% strongly disagree and 2.3% had no opinion or noted it did not apply).

Additionally, when asked about potential schedule adjustments for inclement weather, a 45.0% plurality of respondents preferred maintaining digital learning days over building traditional “snow

days” into the schedule that would extend the school calendar year, compared to 34.2% who preferred adding traditional makeup days and 20.8% who expressed no preference. We deeply appreciate the 800-plus parents and guardians who took the time to share their input, which helps us continue balancing instructional continuity with the needs of our students and families.

True progress also requires taking an honest look at where we can continue to refine our work. Parents and guardians provided 465 comments outlining constructive recommendations for the district. We are actively using this feedback to guide our operational planning and school improvement goals.

Key focus areas include reinforcing school culture, safety and discipline to ensure consistent learning environments, as well as continued progress monitoring of our grading systems and instructional frameworks. We are also examining the balance between technology and traditional learning, and working to enhance communication, district transparency, facility environments and daily schedules.

We are deeply grateful to every parent and guardian who took the time to share their perspective. Your input directly informs our administrative decisions and helps us create the best possible educational environment for Neenah’s students. Together, we will keep moving forward.



Photo from Neenah Joint School District

Summer music

A total of 180 students participated in the strings camp last week at Neenah Middle School. The weeklong session included students from the Suzuki, Beginning Strings and Middle School Academy. The week concluded with a concert in Pickard Auditorium.

Music returns

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ten to the 7 p.m. show. Like many, Morgenstern feels that music itself has always been about bringing people together and believes that message has taken on an even greater meaning since the tornado.

“I have a T-shirt that says ‘Music Unites,’ and I do believe that,” he said.

Morgenstern said he was particularly moved by the way residents came together to help one another and said the community should celebrate that despite the tornado’s tremendous destruction, there were no serious injuries or casualties, which he calls a miracle.

“I believe our performance helped celebrate that sense of community and will help us continue to look forward to our continued recovery,” he said.

While the Ambassadors already have a loyal group of regular attendees, Morgenstern hopes to see even more faces in the crowd in the future, promising a good time filled with big band jazz.

“I look forward to seeing people smiling, clapping, keeping time and maybe even dancing,” he said. “No matter how my day is going, I always feel better when I’m playing with the band.”

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Progress update

The Fox Crossing Parks and Recreation Department said installation of the new Schildt Park playground is progressing nicely. As construction continues, the department asks visitors to stay away from the area until the project has been fully completed. The rubber surfacing will be installed in the coming weeks, and the park site remains under construction.

Flock cameras

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as soon as next week on pulling the funding for the cameras.

Flock Safety has 12 cameras in Neenah. The city’s contract with Flock expires in November 2028.

Earlier this summer, the committee discussed the Flock camera contract, but no action was taken. Dozens of city residents spoke at the committee and Common Council meetings against Flock cameras. Most expressed concern that the license

place reader invaded their privacy by tracking their movements and that the information it collected was not secure.

Tanner Mann, a native of Neenah who now lives in Appleton, spoke at multiple meetings against the cameras, including Tuesday’s. While he was relieved the city is ending its contract with Flock, he was dismayed it took so long.

“I’m sad this company has come into our community and lied to us,” he said.

Neighboring communities Appleton, Oshkosh, Kaukauna and Grand Chute have recently ended their contracts with Flock cameras.

Event offers glimpse of the past to aid emergency relief

Neenah News

The historic Havilah Babcock House at 537 E. Wisconsin Ave. will be open for public tours on Sept. 26.

The Wisconsin Historical Society identified the house as one of the state’s 20 most historically significant homes, and the Neenah Historical Society said this is the first time in over 60 years it has been opened for community viewing.

The Yesterday Supports Tomorrow House Tour invites guests to see the inside of a seemingly unchanged Havilah Babcock house built in 1883 and support tornado relief efforts with a ticket purchase.

All tour proceeds will go to the Neenah-Menasha Emergency Society (NMES) in support of its efforts to assist those affected by the July 27 tornado. The organization provides financial assistance to address the emergency needs of residents living in Neenah and Menasha.

Organized in 1906, the NMES was selected as the recipient of the funds because as a young woman Helen Babcock, whose parents built the house, was a charter member of the NMES.

The Neenah Historical Society is selling tickets, if available, for the tours at neenahhistoricalsociety.com/shop. The admission fee is \$25 per person. Tours will be timed and will run between 1 and 5 p.m. Tickets went on sale earlier this week and were selling out quickly as additional time slots were added.

Tour proceeds will be matched by the current residents, Peter Adams, a great-grandson of Havilah Babcock, and

his wife, Patricia Mulvey. Adams’ brother, Dr. David Adams, and his wife, Jill Romann, of Minnesota, will also provide an additional match.

The Babcock House was built in 1883 by Havilah Babcock and his wife Frances. Babcock was one of the four founders of Kimberly-Clark. The house is still owned by the Babcocks’ descendants. Occupied only by family members throughout its history, the majority of the furnishings, wall coverings, floor coverings, and decorations remain as though Havilah Babcock had just stepped outside.

By virtue of the home’s remarkable state of preservation, the Wisconsin Historical Society recognized the Babcock House as one of the 20 most remarkable homes in the state, selected out of 1,500 houses it considered, when the Society published its book Wisconsin’s Own in 2010. Of those 20, the Babcock House was one of six featured in the 2015 PBS Wisconsin documentary, Remarkable Homes of Wisconsin. The house is listed on the National and State Register of Historic Places and is a Neenah Landmark.

In addition to aiding storm victims, these tours are also part of a nationwide weekend promoting history. The American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the American Library Association, and other national groups are supporting local events under the umbrella of “We Need More History!” The weekend aims to showcase the vital role of history in everyday life.

For more information, visit neenahhistoricalsociety.com/programs-events.



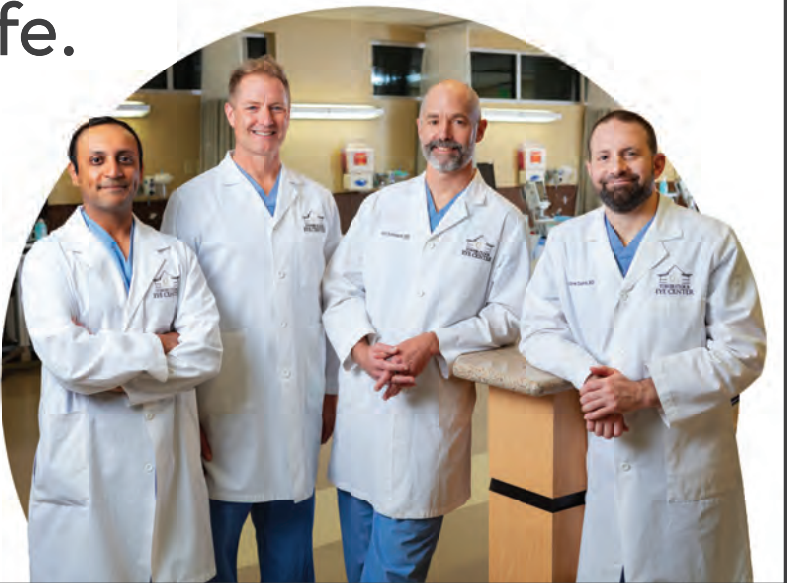
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Menasha Corporation announces \$1 million donation

Neenah News

Menasha Corporation is planning to commit \$1 million over the next two years to support recovery efforts following the tornado that impacted communities across the Fox Valley region.

As an initial step, Menasha Corporation will contribute \$250,000 to the Community Response Fund, a collaborative effort

supporting both immediate assistance and long-term recovery for individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit organizations affected by the storm. The Community Response Fund is administered through a partnership of local philanthropic organizations dedicated to coordinating community recovery efforts.

The remaining commitment will be dis-

tributed over the next two years to support ongoing recovery, rebuilding, and community resilience initiatives across the region.

“Menasha Corporation has called the Fox Valley home for nearly 180 years, and our connection to this community runs deep,” said Chris Drees, president and CEO of Menasha Corporation. “The recent tornado left a lasting impact on many

of our neighbors, friends, employees, and local businesses. While the immediate response has been inspiring, we recognize that recovery will take time. We are committed to standing alongside our community, helping address urgent needs today while supporting the long-term rebuilding efforts that will be required in the months and years ahead.”



Submitted photo

Showing appreciation

Westgor Funeral Home provided lunch for the City of Neenah’s Public Works Department staff in appreciation of the team’s efforts following the July 27 tornado. Owner Bob Karrmann said city staff have worked tirelessly throughout the cleanup, often going above and beyond to help their community recover. As a small gesture of gratitude, Karrmann wanted to give the employees an opportunity to step away, share a meal and know that their hard work has not gone unnoticed. With the help of Trevor Fink, Superintendent of Parks/City Forester, the lunch was coordinated to recognize the dedication and countless hours the Public Works team has given, and continues to give, to the Neenah community. Karrmann said it was a simple way to say thank you to the people working behind the scenes to help Neenah recover and move forward.

Decision delayed on Arrowhead costs

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Common Council delayed a vote at its Aug. 19 meeting on paying cost overruns on environmental monitoring at the Arrowhead Park property.

Last fall, the city approached Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to implement the park’s methane plan and oversee necessary soil borings to meet requirements set by the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR required the borings and methane monitoring because the park sits on a former landfill.

The Common Council approved a contract worth \$57,350 for the work to be done. Earlier this year, Stantec came back to the city stating the project required additional staff time and the final cost was \$124,200 — an increase of \$66,850.

Stantec said the higher costs were for several reasons including the DNR requesting a revised PCB sampling plan, a geologist had to spend more time in the field to oversee dike borings and elevated methane reading required additional sampling, which led to more time on site and coordinating and communicating the results with the DNR and city staff.

Kelly Nieforth, director of Community Development and Assessment, said Stan-

tec originally came back with a higher price, but she was able to get them to lower it to \$66,850.

“The contractor should have done a better job of letting us know we were getting so far over the original price,” she said. “Going forward, we will make sure our contracts are a lot tighter about overruns.”

Alderman Brian Defferding said Neenah is being “nickel and dimed on Arrowhead Park. We’re constantly being told we have to pay for this stuff. It’s clear we need to have our priorities change. We have roads we need to fix, but we’re spending money on Arrowhead.”

Alderman William Pollnow, Jr. asked City Attorney David Rashid what would happen if Neenah decided not to pay the overage.

“I don’t know what would happen,” Rashid said. “I think it would lead to a lawsuit and a souring of a relationship with a valued vendor.”

In May, Neenah filed a lawsuit against the DNR after it rejected key portions of the city’s development plans for the park, including building a welcome center with a restaurant, an amphitheater, a pedestrian overpass and other features.

The recent tornado requires the city to change its priorities, and Arrowhead Park is no longer one of them, said Alderman Flo Bruno.

“The park would have been a wonderful addition to our city, but now it doesn’t make sense to keep spending on this,” she said. “It’s time to stop dreaming about it.”

Neenah could be looking at a lawsuit if the bill goes unpaid, said Alderman Dan Steiner. He pointed out the bill is for work already completed.

“Neenah is a city that pays its bills,” he said. “I see this as a learning opportunity that we need to have tighter contracts in place.”

The council passed a motion to table a vote on paying the bill overage to Stantec until the September council meeting.

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Grants support tornado relief efforts

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

Within hours of the July 27 tornado, financial donations began pouring in to help those affected by the disaster.

United Way Fox Cities, the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation created the Community Response Fund to support response and recovery efforts for those impacted by the storm. Since the fund was created on July 28, \$651,500 in grants has been awarded to 30 local nonprofit organizations supporting response and recovery efforts.

Some grants awarded include Leaven, \$40,000; the Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley, \$25,000; St. Joseph Food Program, \$25,000; Community Clothes Closet, \$25,000; Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley; and Volunteer Fox Cities, \$25,000.

Samaritan used its grant to partner with Celebration Church Fox Valley in Menasha to offer free walk-in crisis support to those affected by the tornado. The service is offered at 6 p.m. Wednesdays until Sept. 2.

After the storm, organizations across the area jumped in and helped where they could, said Samaritan Executive Director Rosangela Berbert. She said helping people with their mental wellness is what Samaritan does best so opening a free clinic was how the organization decided to help.

“We know disasters don’t only damage buildings and uproot trees,” Berbert said. “They shake people to the core. Recovery will be a long journey, and we saw a need to start early, offering a place where people can be heard, have someone hold space with them, and begin working through what they are feeling.”

The Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley used its grants to expand its operations at its Menasha site, remaining open as a place for community members to access donated supplies, find respite and connect with one another during a difficult time. The Neenah Club expanded support by welcoming the community for evening meals, water and snacks. Additionally, youth without prior memberships were welcome to attend the Neenah Club at no cost during the first few weeks following the storm.

The Menasha center resumed traditional youth programming on Aug. 10. Tornado relief efforts continue through direct assistance, family support and recovery-focused programming, said Melissa Wurzer, marketing and communications director for Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley.

The grant also helped fund emergency supplies and distribution of gift cards to Menasha-area families in the weeks right after the storm. Going forward, the funds will

help stock and distribute hygiene products through its Home Base program, develop and distribute Family Resource Packets that connect families with community resources through no-cost services through the Connections Grief Center to help children and families process loss and trauma and waive club fees for Menasha families from July 27 through the end of the year.

After the initial outlay of grants, the next stage of the funding will focus on helping affected households address recovery-related expenses and unmet needs, said Penny Ransom, United Way Fox Cities director of development. She said the Community Response Fund has committed at least \$1 million for this next phase of assistance.

The funds will be provided to households through local nonprofit organizations to engage directly with affected people to provide the assistance. The next step is to identify and engage with these organizations, who will work directly with affected households to understand needs and determine the most appropriate form of support.

Depending on a household’s circumstances, assistance may be provided directly to individuals or paid on their behalf to landlords, utility providers, contractors, hotels, childcare providers or other organizations that can help families remain stable and move forward in their recovery. Grant applications have been distributed to organizations.

“We understand that many families are facing urgent needs today,” Ransom said. “We share that sense of urgency and are committed to moving this work forward as quickly as possible while distributing these resources in a fair and responsible manner.”

She said communities that have experienced natural disasters of this scale consistently find that many needs emerge over time as insurance claims are processed, repairs begin, housing situations change, and the full financial impact of a disaster becomes clearer. With that in mind, community partners are also working to identify the best approach for addressing longer-term recovery needs.



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The Wisconsin Army National Guard spent 16 days helping with disaster recovery operations in northern Winnebago County.

National Guard ends operation in county

Neenah News

The Wisconsin Army National Guard ended its 16 days of operation in northern Winnebago County on Aug. 15.

The guard was activated July 30 after Gov. Tony Evers declared a state of emergency following the July 27 EF3 tornado.

Winnebago County Emergency Management Director Eric Rasmussen submitted the initial request for assistance, recognizing the need to restore essential services to the areas experiencing the most severe impact.

“Having the National Guard here allowed us to keep residents, volunteers, responders and contracted cleanup crews safe without overloading local law enforcement,” he said. “Their support made traffic management far more effective,

helping cleanup operations move faster and our community move forward with recovery.”

Soldiers with the 1157th Transportation Company in Oshkosh were the first assigned to assist Winnebago County civil authorities as part of Task Force Sturgeon.

“Some of the soldiers on mission lived in the very community we were serving,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joshua Baranczyk, the task force officer-in-charge during the activation. “That brings a special aspect of appreciation for the mission.”

Eighty-five soldiers from multiple Wisconsin National Guard units facilitated street closures for utility repair work, managed vehicle access to severely damaged residential neighborhoods and oversaw natural debris collection sites.



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District administrator shares newly established metrics

By Eric Endres
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah Joint School District Administrator Steve Harrison has shared results of established key metrics from the first year of implementing the district’s updated Plan for Success, which was revised last October.

An Aug. 18 memo from Harrison said the updated Plan for Success directly strengthens classroom instruction and student achievement by serving as the district’s roadmap for continuous improvement.

The plan consists of five categories where growth for all is desired: engagement, collaboration, well-being, responsibility and student success.

A presentation of the plan, which is linked in the Aug. 18 board of education

meeting agenda, includes descriptions of what each category means and how improvements will be known for students, staff and even families within the district.

To measure for improvements, the results of the 2026 Student Perceptions Survey are being used to establish baseline metrics for reference in future years. This annual survey is given to gather feedback from staff, parents and students grades 5-12. Harrison presented the latest survey results and answered board members’ questions at the Aug. 4 meeting.

Another memo from Harrison, dated Aug. 4, explains that the survey feeds into the Plan for Success by providing benchmarks that allow the district to evaluate progress toward goals in climate, instruction and operational excellence, as well as

identify key strengths across the schools and targeted opportunities for continuous improvement.

For example, one of the goals under the engagement category on the plan says that by the end of the 2027-28 school year, the district will increase by “X%” the number of students who report they (agree/strongly agree) that they find value in what they’re learning. The related survey question said, “I can relate to what I’m learning at school.”

The survey results showed that 73.5% of respondents (students in grades 5-12) agreed or strongly agreed with that statement. This now sets a baseline for measuring if this goal within the Plan for Success sees growth based on future survey results.

The Aug. 18 memo noted that the Plan for Success supports the district’s resources, including financial, human and instructional, being purposefully directed toward a unified vision of student achievement and continuous improvement.

Crews doing final clean-up run next week

Neenah News

Crews will begin its final pick-up of storm-related organic waste and construction materials in the City of Neenah starting at 6 a.m. Monday and will continue throughout the week.

All impacted areas will get one final pass.

Bi-monthly city yard waste pickup will occur the following week, beginning Sept. 8. Residents are asked to place small yard waste materials, such as sticks and leaves, in brown biodegradable yard waste bags and place them curbside. The bags may

also be brought to the Yard Waste Drop Off Site, 1495 Tullar Road.

City crews will not pick up dirt piles or chipped wood piles.

The city also reminds residents to help their neighbors by keeping the gutters clear of yard waste. Those materials may back up storm sewers.

Residents can contact the City of Neenah Public Works Department with any questions at 920-886-6240.

So far, the city has collected 12 football fields, 3 feet deep of tree and vegetation debris from the July 27 storm.

FVTC begins fall semester with enrollment growth

Neenah News

Fox Valley Technical College is welcoming students back for the fall semester with enrollment growth in programs leading to in-demand careers and four new academic programs.

Many longstanding programs related to nursing, dental, aviation, construction and cosmetology are beginning the semester at or near capacity, while several others are experiencing significant enrollment increases compared to last fall.

Programs reporting the largest gains include Medical Laboratory Technician (86%), Dental Assistant (52%), Legal Studies/Paralegal (38%) Supply Chain Management (33%), Early Childhood Education (27%) and University Transfer Associate of Science (22%).

FVTC also continues to offer flexible enrollment options for students who were not ready to start classes in August. Several programs offer a second start date on Oct. 21.



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Open chess

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Sheriff’s candidate forum to be held Wednesday

Neenah News

Voters are invited to a forum Wednesday featuring candidates for Winnebago County Sheriff.

The forum will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. at Oshkosh City Hall, 215 Church Ave., fourth floor. The forum will air live on Oshkosh Gov TV, which can be found at oshkoshmedia.org/govtv.aspx.

Three candidates hoping to take the seat currently held by John Matz, who is not seeking reelection, have been invited. They include Danielle Falesnik (Independent), Jason Rippl (Democrat) and Darin Rice (Republican).

This forum is sponsored by the Winnebago County League of Women Voters

and co-produced by the City of Oshkosh. Public policy questions may be submitted in advance to wclwvinfo@gmail.com, to Margy Davey at 920-233-5055 (leave a message) or at the forum.

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Karen Schneider, publisher of the Neenah News, will serve as a panel member.

The mission of the League of Women Voters is to inform citizens about major public policy issues and about candidates seeking office. The League of Women Voters neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties.

sources to help with the pruning of trees and planting new trees. In four city parks — Doty, Riverside, Fresh Air and Kimberly Point — Neenah lost 120 trees. Work continues taking down branches that look like they may fall and looking for trees damaged in the storm and need to be removed.

As cleanup continues, Borchardt said it’s time to start looking at what the city can do better the next time a disaster strikes. Communications with residents — especially those without Internet access — was brought up as one area for improvement.

Kay Horan, a Doty Island resident who spoke during the public comments section of the meeting, said she did not have the internet for 2 ½ weeks so it “was nearly impossible to find out what was going on.”

She mentioned Menasha had wooden boards set up where they printed out and posted information to keep residents informed.

Alderman Dan Steiner, who served as acting mayor when the tornado hit since Borchardt was out of the area, said there “were definitely opportunities for us to improve our communication. We were updating the website and social media, plus posted information on some people’s doors, but we didn’t reach everyone. In a disaster, there’s a lot coming at you, but there’s always ways to improve.”

Borchardt said the city wants to learn from the experience.

“We know we made some mistakes, but we want to learn from council, city staff and citizens how we can improve,” he said. “I want to be transparent and let people know what we’re doing and why we’re doing it.”

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- Sept. 1**
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Sept. 2
Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 3
Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
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Sept. 4
Fitness Friday: Full Body Strength 9:15 a.m.
Chair Yoga 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 5-7
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Sept. 8
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Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.
Tech Talk Tuesday: A Guide to the Digital Library 1:30 p.m.
Legal Assistance Clinic 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 9
Baby Time Storytime (birth to 12 months) 9:15 a.m.
Musical Movers Storytime (ages 2-6) 10 a.m.
Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 10
Wee Read Storytime (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
Creative Studio for Adults: Wonky Watercolor Fruits and Veggies 6 p.m.
Parenting Workshop: Cyberbullying 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 11
Fitness Friday: Balance and Strength 9:15 a.m.
Chair Yoga 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 14
Wild Child Adventure Storytime (all ages) 10 a.m.
Stitching Group 1 p.m.
Monday Matinee: The Breadwinner 1 p.m.
Short Story Night 7 p.m.

Sept. 15
Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m.
Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.
Birding Walk with Winnebago Audubon Society 6 p.m.
Cookbook Book Club: Easy Meals! 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 16
Baby Time Storytime (birth to 12 months) 9:15 a.m.
Musical Movers Storytime (ages 2-6) 10 a.m.
Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.
Adult DIY Design Workshop: Framed Paper Silhouette Art 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 17
Wee Read Storytime (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
History Program: History of the Neen-
- ah-Menasha YMCA 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 18
Library Closed All Day for Staff In-Service

Sept. 19
Volunteens (ages 12-18) Meeting 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 20
Explore Zines! 1 p.m.

Sept. 21
Wild Child Adventure Storytime (all ages) 10 a.m.
Stitching Group 1 p.m.
Memory Cafe: Tai Chi and Chai Tea Day 1:30 p.m.
Open Art Studio for Adults 3 p.m.
Women’s Health Empowerment Series: Food Noise 6:30 p.m.
Not Quite Cozy Mystery Book Club 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 22
Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m.
Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.

Sept. 23
Baby Time Storytime (birth to 12 months) 9:15 a.m.
Musical Movers Storytime (ages 2-6) 10 a.m.
Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.
Suburban Homesteading: Taste the Harvest 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 24
Wee Read Storytime (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

Sept. 26
Dragon Boat Festival 1 p.m.

Sept. 28
Monday Morning Book Klatch 10 a.m.
Stitching Group 1 p.m.

Sept. 29
Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m.
Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.
Movie Talks: Seven Samurai 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 30
Baby Time Storytime (birth to 12 months) 9:15 a.m.
Musical Movers Storytime (ages 2-6) 10 a.m.
Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.

City council

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bing reimbursed.

“We are following the process and have our fingers crossed that FEMA will come through,” he said.

Gov. Tony Evers formally requested a disaster declaration Wednesday from President Donald Trump in response to the severe storms. Evers’ request includes FEMA’s Individual Assistance for affected residents and families in the four counties - Winnebago, Forest, Outagamie and Vilas, FEMA’s Public Assistance for emergency work and infrastructure repairs in Vilas and Winnebago counties, and FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to help reduce the impact of future disasters for the entire state.

If FEMA or the state does not reimburse the city, Neenah has enough funds in reserve — \$6 million — to cover the \$2.9 million, said Director of Finance Vicky Rasmussen.

Just as the city is not relying on FEMA for reimbursement, Borchardt advised Neenah residents to do the same.

“I hope no one thinks FEMA is going to save the day,” he said. “We had the flooding earlier this year and they are getting the checks now and it’s not what they expected. Use your insurance. Use the MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Center). Don’t be afraid to ask for help.”

The council also approved a resolution allowing the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for a \$50,000 catastrophic grant from the Department of Natural Re-

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Detterman helps pave way for Zephyrs offense



Brady Detterman is a four-year starter on the offensive line for St. Mary Catholic and is looking to continue his playing career at the collegiate level next fall.

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

If things don't work out playing on the line of scrimmage for St. Mary Catholic senior Brady Detterman, he's not out of options on the football field.

Maybe, slot receiver.

"Oh definitely," the 6-foot, 5-inch, 260-pounder said with a laugh. "Put me there and it's guaranteed 150 yards and three touchdowns every game."

Detterman likely won't be running any pass patterns soon – although he was on the ladder end of a hook-and-ladder play in the season-opener – but he certainly plays a key role on the Zephyr offense.

The four-year varsity starter is at home lining up inches away from an opponent before fiercely colliding with them in an attempt to clear a path for a teammate. It's not just what he does for 70 snaps a game, it's what he loves to do.

"Destroying the guy across from me," Detterman said for his favorite thing about being a lineman. "I just get to make sure my team can execute the play. I just have to make sure my job is done, my 1/11th for the team."

Detterman, a second-team all-Eastern Wisconsin Conference offensive lineman last season, has started every game of his high school career stepping onto the field as a 180-pound freshman.

It wasn't easy back then but looking at it now, the experience was helpful.

"The first couple games I was scared because I was a little dude," said Detterman, a Cleveland Browns fan who grew up in Ohio. "Once I got to the end of the season, I got a little more confidence but I wasn't very good as a freshman."

One of the difficulties Detterman had to work through was simply trying to relate to teammates who were three and four years older than he was and develop a good chemistry – something he tries to make sure happens now as a senior leader on the team.

But he also had two teammates going through the same thing as Alex Klinkhammer and Gibson Rause were also playing on the line as freshmen.

"Staying connected as a team is very important and all of these guys were older than me so I had to learn to fit in," Detterman said. "(Alex, Gibson and I) were always friends but we were able to get closer going through that together. It was fun."

Detterman remained a starter as a sophomore but after the 2024 season his approach to the sport changed a bit.

It was still fun to get out on the field and bang heads like he had done his first two seasons, but heading into his junior season there was more of a purpose. And that developed with the work he did away from the football field, not on it.

"Going into my junior year is when things started to get serious," Detterman said. "I spent a lot of time in the gym actively working to get better."

The start of his junior season also brought a coaching change to the St. Mary Catholic program and there was a familiar face rocking the head coach's headset.

Senior Standout



Brady's father, Rob – an experienced football coach at different levels in Wisconsin and Ohio – took over the program.

"At first, I was like I didn't care for it because that's my dad and now I just have to pretend he's not while I'm here and take everything he says seriously," Detterman said. "It's definitely fun because I always have someone I can talk to no matter what I have going on."

Although having your father as the head coach does bring some consequences.

"Oh yeah, he's harder on me. I think all of the coaches get a bit of a free pass on me. They all get to go a little harder on me," Detterman said. "It motivates me to get better every day."

With the new coaching staff, though, came some positives.

After winning just three games in his first two seasons combined, the Zephyrs finished 5-4 last season and earned the program's first WIAA playoff appearance since 2002.

"That was a really big deal. Huge step for our program and a huge confidence boost for the team," Detterman said. "I think we were able to get a little taste of the playoffs and I think that made us hungry for this next run we are going to make."

If the Zephyrs can make the post-season it will extend Detterman's high school football career. But when this season does end, his time on the gridiron won't be over.

Detterman is being actively recruited – mainly by Division II and Division III programs, he said – and is looking forward to continuing his football career at the collegiate level.

"I'm just trying to feel out what school is the best for me," said Detterman, who is being recruited as an offensive lineman despite being a two-way starter for the Zephyrs. "I think (playing college football) is the journey I'm going through. I'll be going from being one of the best kids in high school and I'm going to play with grown men and probably be the worst on the team. It's like a fresh start but I can take what I learned in high school and be able to be more disciplined and be more coachable."

Outside of the experience he's gained on the field the last four years and all of the bumps and bruises that go along with, Detterman believes he's getting even more from playing football for St. Mary Catholic.

"The biggest thing is teamwork and discipline," Detterman said. "Those two things you learn in football are going to get you through your entire life. Being able to work with other people easily and hold yourself together definitely leads to giving you an easier time."



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Prep roundup

FOOTBALL

Zephyrs fall in opener to Wolves

Dominic Todd scored the lone touch-down for St. Mary Catholic as the Zephyrs dropped their season-opener to Hilbert last Friday, 21-14.

Todd finished with 55 yards on 16 car-ries and the score to lead St. Mary Cath-olic.

Tarver Trinkner, who added the two-point conversion run following Todd's touchdown, finished 13-of-24 for 134 yards in the game with Dominic Osgood catching a team-high six passes for 65 yards.

Carter Pendergrast kicked a pair of field goals, including a 40-yarder, to account for the Zephyrs other points.

Alex Klinkhammer led the team with 10 tackles, while George Voss added eight. Briley Giuta and Brennan DuPoint each recovered fumbles in the game for the Zephyrs.

St. Mary Catholic was slated to host Manawa in a nonconference game on Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL

Rockets post pair of wins at home quad

Neenah posted wins over Freedom and Luxemburg-Casco as it hosted six teams to open its season on Tuesday.

The Rockets fell to Bay Port, while re-sults for the match against Pulaski were not available.

SOCCKER

Zephyrs post shutout to open season

Three different players found the net and Aaron Ruppert posted four saves in goal as St. Mary Catholic blanked Omro, 3-0, in a nonconference soccer match on Tuesday.

The Zephyrs scored all three of their goals in the first half with Bryce Heimann, Aiden Tines and Rhett Probst picking up the tallies.

Probst, Heimann and Jameson Tines each notched assists in the match for St. Mary Catholic.

GOLF

Rockets fall just short versus Polar Bears

Lilly Quella and Leah Milske led Neen-ah in a Fox Valley dual meet against Hor-tonville on Tuesday, but the Polar Bears squeaked out a 202-204 win at Ridgeway Country Club.

Quella and Milske finished one shot behind meet medalist Maddy Stueber of Hortonville.

Adrienne Oitzinger and Alex Guden each added rounds of 54 for the Rockets.

Last week, the Rockets pulled out a close win over Kimberly, 201-204.

Quella earned medalist honors in the dual meet with a 44, followed by Guden with a 47. Milske with a 54 and Paige Keck with a 56 rounded out the scoring golfers for Neenah.

Zephyrs second at full Bay mini-meet

Scarlett Reichenbacher finished tied for second place overall as St. Mary Catholic finished second to powerhouse Seymour at a full Bay Conference meet at Vernon Hills Golf Course.

The Zephyrs carded a score of 195 as

Seymour won the team title with a 171. Shawano and Winneconne tied for third at 201. The 195 the team carded was the lowest total in a meet in school history.

Reichenbacher tied with Seymour's Lyla Schueler for second place with a 43, six shots behind Morgan Lewis of Sey-mour who earned medalist honors with a 37.

Ainslie Liddy added a 48 for the Zeph-yrs, while Amelia Virlee and Brecken Britzke each shot rounds of 52.

The runner-up finish was a bounce back from a rough outing at Shamrock Hills in a Bay Conference South Division mini-meet where the Zephyrs took fifth with a team score of 239.

Reichenbacher and Paxtyn Trinkner paced St. Mary Catholic with a 58 and 59, respectively, while Liddy and Cora Epping each shot a 61.

The Zephyrs also finished third at a South Division mini-meet last Friday, with Reichenbacher tying for medalist honors with a 46.

Virlee added a 50, Liddy carded a 52 and Britzke chipped in a 55 for the Zeph-yrs, who finished with a 203 – one shot behind Winneconne and four behind New London.

TENNIS

Neenah rolls to pair of wins

The Rockets blanked Cedarburg 7-0 and knocked off Sheboygan North 6-1 in dual meets earlier this week.

Celia Gentile highlighted the win over Cedarburg by posting a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles. Ellie Grace Zickler at No. 4 singles and the No. 1 doubles pairing of Rebekah Thomas and Sydney Michalk-iewicz each dropped only two games in their wins.

Rachel Thomas posted a perfect 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 2 singles against Sheboy-gan North, while the three doubles teams combined to lose only one game in the meet. Rebekah Thomas and Michalk-iewicz at the No. 1 flight and Ella Motto and Evelyn Buss at the No. 2 flight each won without dropping a game, while JB Kennedy and Mollie VanDyke earned a 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3 doubles.

Zephyrs post victories over Patriots, Terrors

St. Mary Catholic took down Appleton East 7-0 and earned a 6-1 win over Apple-ton West earlier this week.

Vivi Auth scored a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles against the Patriots, while the top doubles pairing of Ella Chier and Halle Jans-sen won their match by the same margin. Faith Bergstrom and Laney Schmidt at No. 3 doubles lost only one game in their match.

Against Appleton West, Norah Wro-blewski at No. 4 singles and the No. 2 dou-bles team of Kieran Bergstrom and Scar-lett Bergstrom each earned perfect 6-0, 6-0 wins.

Rockets ready to tussle with another elite foe

Neenah hosts defending D1 state champs Friday

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Things won't get any easier for the Neenah High School football team this week.

After dropping a wild 56-53 overtime contest to Kingston Allen and Green Bay Notre Dame last Friday night, the Rockets are set to host defending WIAA Division 1 state champion Arrowhead at Rocket Stadium on Friday night.

Throw in a scrimmage against Bay Port prior to the start of the regular sea-son and Neenah will have matched up against three state finalists from last year in three straight weeks before even see-ing the top-flight talent in the Fox Valley Association.

"It's fun playing good teams to see where we are at," said senior wide re-ceiver Matthias Charles. "And we get to play teams from all over the state not just the same ones all of the time."

Playing some of the elite teams in the state isn't easy, though, and despite putting up nearly 500 yards of offense and seven touchdowns it wasn't enough to win the opener against the Tritons.

However, head coach Steve Jung said the team can certainly take some posi-tives from the loss and facing the oppo-nents the team had the past two weeks should help them against the Warhawks.

"We go from playing a top team in the state to playing another top team in the state," Jung said. "Our boys competed really hard and I'm certainly happy with the effort and the way they competed. Moving forward I like that. We know that we can play with (Arrowhead) and I think that's the most important thing we bring into the game."

Arrowhead posted a 35-7 win over Marquette University in its Week 1 game, while racking up more than 500 yards in total offense.

The Warhawks had a pair of running backs – Devin Nettles and Jebari Craig – who each topped 100 yards in the game, while quarterback Nolan Harrison com-pleted 16-of-21 passes for 181 yards and three touchdowns.

"They have multiple weapons on the ground and they are massive on the of-fensive line. Their quarterback has a re-ally strong arm so you really have to cov-er the flat well and then they have the speed at wide receiver to hit the deep ball," Jung said. "We have to play our

run/pass techniques better this week since Arrowhead is a more balanced team (than Notre Dame)."

The Rockets sport a pretty impressive offense in its own right, led by quarter-back Ashton Van Beek.

The senior ran for 260 yards and threw for 166 yards against the Tritons and accounted for all seven of Neenah's touchdowns – five on the ground and two through the air.

"I had plays where I'm out there blocking and I figure he's going to get tackled and he just runs through three guys. It's crazy to see sometimes," said senior running back Cooper Sieck, who caught one of Van Beek's touchdowns. "After last week, I think we have a lot more confidence (on offense) than we started the year with."

The Rockets averaged 7.6 yards per carry between Van Beek and Sieck, who combined for 304 yards rushing, and the duo will likely be featured again against the Warhawks.

The more yards Neenah can churn out on the ground not only helps the Rock-ets control the ball but it should also help when they want to put it in the air.

"It definitely opens it up," said Charles, who led the Rockets with six receptions for 95 yards against

the Tritons. "When you keep running the ball and then all of a sudden you can get a bang-bang play in the passing game."

Neenah's offensive success against Notre Dame was a result of the way the Rockets played up front.

And that level of play at the line of scrimmage will certainly be needed against a stingy Arrowhead defense.

"We are happy with that and look-ing forward to continuing to get better during the season but they definitely did a nice job," Jung said. "You don't put 53 points up in a game if the offensive line isn't doing their job."

The showdown with the Warhawks will be the second of three straight home games for the Rockets to open the season.

Following Friday's matchup, Neenah will step into the FVA portion of the schedule against Appleton East. And the two high-level opponents from these first two weeks of the season, will cer-tainly have the Rockets ready for what the conference will throw at them.

"Starting off with two harder games it really gets you back into the flow of things," Sieck said. "Then playing in the FVA, there are a lot of good teams, it just prepares you for the season."



Charles



Sieck

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Experienced Neenah looks to again pose threat in FVA

Neenah News

With two returning all-Fox Valley Association first-teamers at forward and a wealth of experience on the roster, Neenah boys soccer coach Kevin Baetke believes this team has the pieces to put together a

Soccer PREVIEW

“We will need to realize nothing will be guaranteed or come easy but if we put the focus, effort and energy into the season, we could develop into a top-notch team with another FVA title and deep postseason run,” Baetke commented. “It is there for us...we just need to embrace the challenge and believe.”

The forward line of attacking players will be a strength for the Rockets this season led by Senior Kolton Fleege and junior Ian Baetke. Both players were first-

team all-FVA selections last year. Fleege finished second on the team in goals last year with 10 and tied for the team lead in assists, while Baetke scored five goals in seven games after returning from an early-season injury.

Senior Hunter Brown also chipped in six goals a year ago, while senior Cooper Christie – who is returning from injury – and junior Awki Medina will add to the Rockets attack.

Junior Owen Van Zeeland returns to lead the midfield after stepping into a more prominent role last season because of injury. The other returning midfielders are senior Jordy Banda and junior Tyler Geschri.

The Rockets did graduate three of the four starters on the backline as well as its goalkeeper, but Baetke believes Neenah will still be able to field a strong defense.

Senior Owen Pire is the lone returning starter on the defense and will anchor the

group along with senior Brode LaBarge. Seniors Dan Priest and Braulio Alvarado Zarate and junior Lewis Orchard all saw ample playing time last season and will bring that experience to the field as well.

Ollie Peterka will step in at goalkeeper this year for Neenah.

“We return strong players in each line,” Baetke commented. “We lost a lot of creativeness last year which made us an unpredictable team at times. We pounced on opponents in those moments of confusion and caught them off balance leading to some easier chances and goals. This year, I do not know if we can match that but I believe we will be much more methodical and precise in our play accomplishing the same goal of getting teams off-balance.”

One of the reasons this year’s squad has so much experience is because of injuries last year that took some key players out of the lineup for long stretches.

That forced some younger players to step into more prominent roles and allowed them to gain a feel for the game that should carry over into this season.

“I think we are going to fully see the benefit this year of those major injuries last fall. Kolton was forced to expand his play last year and far exceeded expectations playing out of position for over half the year and Owen saw an increase in minutes and really grew into the game gaining valuable experience as a sophomore,” Baetke commented. “Many of the other returners were often the ‘next man up’ and gained great experience they can rely on from the get-go this year. This should allow us to start the season more as a reload versus a rebuild.”

Neenah figures to be one of the favorites in the FVA again this year along with Hortonville. Baetke also sees Kimberly as a

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Rockets, Zephyrs both bring veteran lineups to the court

Neenah News

The Neenah girls volleyball lineup won't look exactly the same as last season. It will be very similar, just not exactly the same.

The Rockets are loaded with veteran players that have the potential to build on last year's success which should help Neenah compete for a top spot in the talent-laden Fox Valley Association.

"We have a lot of strong depth in our program. We have very talented athletes on our varsity team that believe we can do something very special," commented head coach Nate Leitermann. "We are taking the mindset of one game at a time as we don't

Neenah ready to challenge in tough FVA

Neenah News

With five starters returning from last season, including a pair of players who earned all-conference recognition, the Neenah boys volleyball team will be looking to make some waves in the Fox Valley Association this season.

Led by senior Cam Diekfuss, the Rockets roster will be stacked with experience and head coach Jake Coenen believes that will translate onto the court.

"We hope to contend in the very deep and talented FVA but know that every match will be a grind," Coenen commented. "Any given night, anyone can beat anyone which truly means we have to be at our best every single night."

Diekfuss, a second-team all-FVA selection a year ago, will be the most experienced of the Rockets' bunch entering his fourth season starting at the varsity level.

He will once again handle the setting duties for Neenah but also led the team in aces last season, while finishing third on the squad in kills, digs and blocks.

"Cam is such a talented player, that only makes everyone around him better," Coenen commented. "He gives us such great versatility at the net with his height and skill level to open up opportunities for all our attackers. He also has a tremendous serve which will truly be beneficial for us this season

The Rockets' other returning all-confer-

want to overlook anyone and stay present."

The Rockets will return four of his five leading hitters from a year ago, all of whom finished with at least 130 kills on the season.

Senior Lily Romjue led the team with 257 kills as an outside hitter, while junior Leah Oldenburg (201 kills) and seniors Elaina Kramer (145) and Paige Hoelzel (130) also contributed to the attack.

Hoelzel also led the team with 97 blocks playing in the middle and joined Romjue as returning first-team all-FVA selections from last year.

With all of the talent the Rockets can bring to the net, a key to the team's success will be how well the sets get spread around. That responsibility falls on the shoulders of junior Finley Kelley and sophomore Sena Messner.

ence selection from last year will be junior Levin Steckling, who earned honorable mention all-FVA honors at libero.

He led the team in digs, while finishing second to Diekfuss in aces.

"(Levi) just reads and understands attackers so well, and with his athleticism can make plays not many guys in the state can," Coenen commented. "Levi will help us stay in system more times than not, and with the experience we have at the net, it will really help us be successful."

Diekfuss, a second-team all-FVA selection a year ago, will be the most experienced of the Rockets' bunch entering his fourth season starting at the varsity level.

At the net, four-year varsity player Trevor Ricketts led the team in kills from his middle hitter position, while senior outside hitter Sam Keepers also returns to the fuel the Rockets attack after finishing second on the team in kills last season.

Senior Alex Locke also returns from last year, while senior Ashton Olson will be a newcomer to the varsity lineup and will add depth at the net.

Joining Steckling on the backline will be senior Colton Kreger and junior Vinny Daun.

"For this team to be successful this year, we truly need to become more consistent in serve receive, and limiting our own mistakes," Coenen commented. "We continue to make practices a priority, control our effort, and attitude to doing the little things each day, we know the sky's the limit with this group."

second half of the season in net after taking over because of an injury and played well for St. Mary Catholic.

With that nucleus to build around, head coach Michael Kerwin is looking for the Zephyrs to show improvement this season.

"We are looking to continue to grow and take the next step as the majority of the varsity team returns this season from last year," commented Kerwin. "While last year was difficult, the varsity experience our underclassmen gained last year will help us as we look to take a step forward and compete against and get wins in a difficult Big East/EWC."

Junior Owen DeWitt will be a newcomer to the squad this year and will likely play on defense for the Zephyrs with freshmen Burk Probst and Oskar Rause bringing a versatility to the team to play in different roles for the squad.

"Our team strength this year will be our athleticism and speed across the field," commented Kerwin. "We have a lot of great athletes on our team and should be able to put a lot of pressure on teams."

Both setters played at the varsity level last season and Leitermann believes the experience of last season will help them raise their level of play.

"The game has slowed down a lot for our setters. They are both elite floor generals and we trust them both a lot," commented Leitermann. "They know what they have around them and they like to spread it around. They have learned what it takes to be successful at the varsity level and I am excited to watch the jump they make this year.

"They know the importance of keeping the other team honest and use all of our hitters."

The biggest question mark for the Rockets may be along the backline where Neenah lost stalwart libero Ella Lindgren – a first-team all-FVA selection last year.

Junior Aubrey Lindgren played a key defensive specialist role last season and will likely slide into the libero role this season while Leitermann will turn to a few new faces to help out as well.

"We are going to miss Ella's leadership but we have a very solid group of DS/liberos led by Aubrey. Aubrey has taken on a huge role this summer and it is exciting to see her step into a new role with more challenges," commented Leitermann. "I am excited to see how our DS group all rallies around one another to fill a big role that Ella took on."

St. Mary Catholic

The Zephyrs came within a few points of returning to the WIAA state tournament last season, losing a five-set thriller

Strick named as WIAA communications director

Neenah News

Jim Strick has been named the next communications director for the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Strick, currently the communications director for the Neenah Joint School District, will join the WIAA on Sept. 28. He will work alongside current director Todd Clark until Clark's retirement on Jan. 15, 2027.

"This is a pivotal time for education-based athletics, and I am excited for the opportunity to help tell the stories and enhance the value of athletics participation," Strick said.

"Some of the best memories for many of us across Wisconsin center around our high school athletics experiences and it's an honor to be a part of that."

A veteran education communications professional, Strick brings 29 years of ex-

perience to the position. He has held his current position at Neenah since 2013 as its district's spokesperson and media contact for internal and external communications.

Strick has been the communications director for the Fox Valley Association for the past 13 years, including the past two years as the conference's co-commissioner.

In 2025, he received the Wisconsin School Communicator of the Year Award from the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association (WSPRA).

With extensive experience assisting at WIAA events, Strick has been the public address announcer for nearly 100 WIAA State Tournaments across the sports of baseball, boys and girls basketball, football, boys and girls volleyball, softball and wrestling. He also served as official statistician and scorer during State Tournaments. In recognition of his contributions, he was honored as the recipient of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Award for Outstanding Service in Wisconsin in 2026.

to Manitowoc Lutheran in a Division 3 sectional final.

Getting so close to reaching a goal could stay on the minds of the returning coaches and players and serve as either frustration or motivation until the matches return.

"Funny, we haven't really talked about it," commented head coach Mike Mauritz. "They are focused on getting ready for this season."

Plenty of key members return from the squad last year, including its top four hitters led by senior Autumn Crowe. Crowe finished with 317 kills last season, while ranking second on the team in digs and aces.

Senior Luci Nackers ranked second on the team in kills and led the team in aces, while junior Adele Brennan and senior Piper Neubauer each finished with more than 100 kills last season.

Mauritz also sees juniors Rayna Brelag and Ellie Davel adding to the Zephyrs play at the net this season.

The attacking players aren't the only veterans on the roster, though.

St. Mary Catholic also returns senior libero Bitsy McCauley, who led the team in digs a year ago, and junior setter Emily Weiss, who split time on the varsity last season.

"Based on our returning players, I feel we should again contend for the Big East Red Division title and be ready to make a deep playoff run," Mauritz said. "(The experience) doesn't really change who we are or what we try to do on the court, but it will help us be more consistent and hopefully minimize the stretches where we struggle."

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strong challenger in the conference along with Appleton North.

"If we want to stay at the top, we need to be careful and bring our best each night," commented Baetke.

St. Mary Catholic

The Zephyrs will return the bulk of their roster from last season and should be better equipped to compete in the Big East/EWC.

Four of the top five goal scorers from last year are not on the roster this season for the Zephyrs. The top returning scorer will be junior Dylan Brenn.

Sophomore Nathan Jensen also returns to the attack as a forward/midfielder, with juniors Rhett Probst and Bryce Heimann both back at the midfield positions. Senior Blayne Daczynski is the lone returning player on defense.

The Zephyrs will also return junior Aaron Ruppert in goal. Ruppert played the

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WHOOOPS! Inventions By Mistake

Some of the world’s favorite inventions happened by accident.

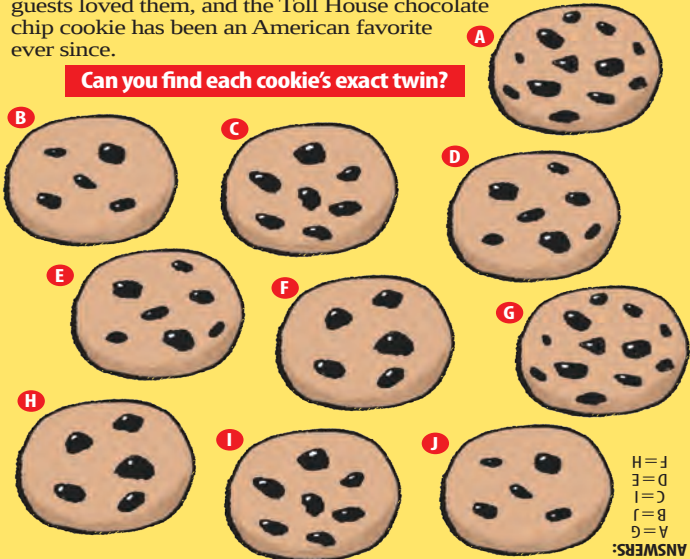
The First Chocolate Chip Cookies

Hotel owner Ruth Wakefield was trying to create a new treat for guests of the Toll House Inn.

She made a buttery cookie dough. Before baking, she added some broken bits of chocolate bar to each cookie. Ruth had expected the chocolate to melt and mix with the cookie dough.

The chocolate bits softened, but they didn’t melt into the dough during baking. Ruth’s guests loved them, and the Toll House chocolate chip cookie has been an American favorite ever since.

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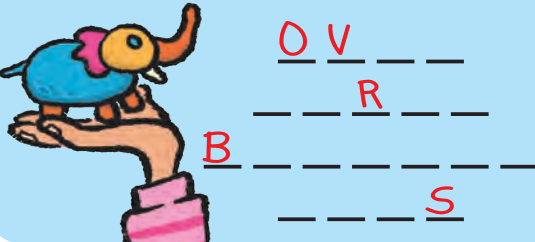
In the early 1900s, wallpaper in homes used to get very dirty from the heating and cooking appliances. Kutol Products sold a special, soft dough that was used to clean the soot off wallpaper, and it was very popular.

But when newer, cleaner appliances arrived in the 1950s, wallpaper soot was not a big problem anymore.

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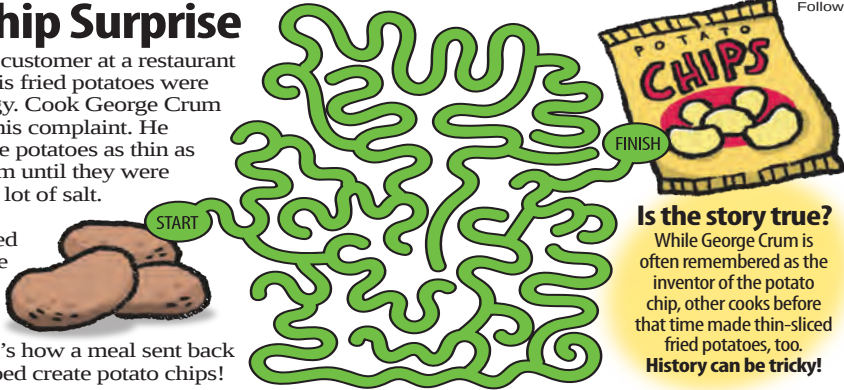
Look through the newspaper for inventions you often use, such as computers, cars and refrigerators. Make a list of ways your life would be different without each of these inventions.

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Potato Chip Surprise

In 1853, an angry customer at a restaurant complained that his fried potatoes were too thick and soggy. Cook George Crum was annoyed by this complaint. He decided to slice the potatoes as thin as possible, fried them until they were crisp, and added a lot of salt.

The customer loved them! Soon people were coming to the restaurant for these crispy, salty potatoes. And that’s how a meal sent back to the kitchen helped create potato chips!



Is the story true? While George Crum is often remembered as the inventor of the potato chip, other cooks before that time made thin-sliced fried potatoes, too. History can be tricky!

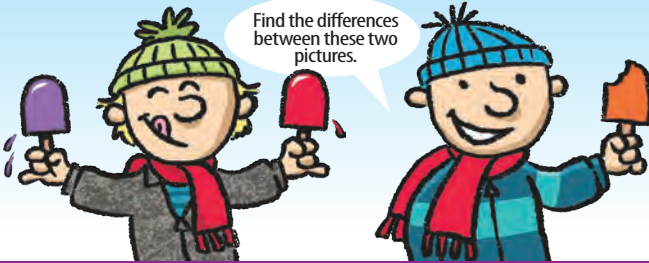
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