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City gains Valley VNA grant

State funding includes \$10.3M for Winnebago

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The city of Neenah was awarded more than \$4.3 million that will go toward the nonprofit Valley VNA Senior Care's Caring for Generations capital campaign from among more than \$212 million awarded statewide through the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant program.

The grant announced last week will help finance Valley VNA's plans for a new memo-

ry care wing and other building renovations, including larger bathrooms, more natural light, updated kitchens, better visual contact between residents and staff, and improved HVAC systems.

The grant, announced by Gov. Tony Evers through federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help communities through long-term investments and recovery projects, was submitted through the city in November on behalf of Valley VNA.

Valley VNA provides homes for older adults who seek independent senior apartments, assisted living care and memory care.

Winnebago County was awarded \$10.3 million separately from the state program to support proposals that deal with local housing needs, improvements to an Oshkosh senior care facility and a community redevelopment initiative.

"Housing instability is a gap in our community," said County Executive Jon Doemel. "For years, our community has been working together on innovative projects to tackle the continuum of housing – particularly for those who are homeless or at the risk of be-

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Photo by David Hal

Winter retreat

Waterfowl celebrate the melting ice and warmth of approaching spring last weekend just off the Lake Winnebago Lakeshore path with Davis Point in the background.

Club helps fill options for medical equipment

Town of Clayton loan locker tries to fill health care gap

By Bethanie Gengler

For more than 37 years a nonprofit organization in the Town of Clayton has been offering free medical equipment loans to anyone in need.

The Medical Equipment Loan Locker is operated by the Larsen-Winchester Lions Club. Supervisor Pete Christianson said the organization started out in 1984 in a garage, but the need for medical supplies was so great that the loan locker soon expanded to several more garages, a barn and another building.

For the past 14 years the loan locker has operated out of a central location in a

warehouse in Larsen behind the Clayton Town Hall and Fire Department building, next to Trailhead Park.

The organization has collected more than \$1 million worth of new and used medical equipment, either by donation or purchase, according to Christianson. In 2020, the Lion's Club loaned out an average of \$430,000 of equipment to more than 1,600 customers.

Christianson said the medical equipment that people need is often not covered by insurance. In other instances, insurance companies ship the medical equipment that may take months for people to receive.

"People may not have access to the

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Photo by Bethanie Gengle

Volunteers Pete Walter (left) and Larry Lichterman work on a knee scooter while village supervisor Pete Christianson takes a call at the Medical Equipment Loan Locker.



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District attorney replacement sought

Gov. Tony Evers announced that he is seeking applicants for Winnebago County district attorney to fill the vacancy created by District Attorney Christian A. Gossett, who announced his resignation effective May 7.

Gossett has held the position since he was first elected in 2006 and noted that he is stepping down as the longest serving district attorney in the county to spend more time with his family.

"At this time, I believe it is in my and my family's best interest for me to step back from the obligations that are unique to this position," Gossett said in his resignation letter. "I believe it is an ideal time to

take this step as our office is functioning at a very high level, with an extremely com-

petent team."

Gossett also said he has been grateful for the opportunity to serve since his election and thanked his office staff and criminal justice partners for their support in his decision.

"I also want to thank the people of Win-

nebago County for their trust and support over the years and look forward to helping transition the office with an eye toward continuing to promote fairness, justice and legal innovation."

Gossett most recently spearheaded the Winnebago County Connect jail diversion program that has 20 government organizations partnered to provide treatment services to individuals with alcohol and other drug use issues as an alternative to a proposed jail expansion. The Connect program is situated in the lower level of the Orrin King building.

Applications to fill the district attorney position must go to GovDAapp@wisconsin.gov by March 18.

Early absentee voting available at city hall

In-person early voting with absentee ballots for the April 5 spring election is open at the City Hall clerk's office at 211 Walnut St. from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 22 through March 30, and until 5 p.m. March 31 and April 1.

Absentee voting ends at 5 p.m. April 1.

Voters on election day need to go to their designated polling location.

Polling places for April 5 election:

District 1: wards 1-4 Whiting Boathouse, 98 5th St.; wards 5-8 Washington Park Pavilion, 631 W. Winneconne Ave.

District 2: wards 9-12 Peace Luther-

an Church Fellowship Hall, 1228 S. Park Ave.; wards 13-16 Neenah Police Station, 2111 Marathon Ave.

District 3: wards 17-18 Memorial Park Shelter South, 1175 Apple Blossom Drive; wards 19-21 Fire Station No. 31, 1060 Breezewood Lane.

Advertising sales executive named for Neenah News

Gina Larsen has been named as a sales executive for Neenah News. She will part-



Larsen

in downtown Neenah and the Commercial Street corridor to promote Neenah's local businesses and organizations.

> In addition to her new role in ad sales, Larsen is an indepen-

> ner with advertisers

dent professional copywriter with more than 21 years of experience in public relations and content development.

"I value quality, responsive, and community-focused journalism, and I believe in the mission of Neenah News," she said. "My role in ad sales is a great

way to help connect advertisers, consumers and local journalists to help Neenah thrive. This is an exciting time for our city."

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The 2022 Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup is set for May 7 and officials are hoping to have 1,500registered volunteers for the event.

Watershed cleanup day set May 7

The 2022 Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup is set for May 7 at lakes, rivers and streams throughout the basin and the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and aiming to have 1,500 registered volunteers to

Participants can choose a cleanup site at one of more than 65 locations along the Wolf River in New London, Lake Winnebago, Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winneconne and the banks of the Fox River up to the Bay of Green Bay.

Cleanup locations in the Neenah area include Fritse Park and the Rydell Conservancy, the kayak site at Herb & Dolly Smith Park and near Badger Labs, and on

Doty Island.

Volunteers will gather at their site in the morning, receive cleanup T-shirts and supplies, and learn about our watershed and how to protect water resources by working together. Proper footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather is requested. The cleanup will go on rain or shine.

There is no cost to participate but registration is required. Visit fwwa.org for more information and to register.

Additional questions can be directed to FWWA volunteer and member coordinator Kelly Reyer at kelly@fwwa.org or 920-915-1502.

Calendar of events

Friday, March 11

Stand-up Comedy: Mike Merryfield and Rob Brackenridge, 5 p.m., Best Western Premier Bridgewood

"The Addams Family" musical comedy, 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School Pine Travelers and Spare Change Trio, 9 p.m., Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.

Saturday, March 12

"The Addams Family," 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Trivia Night, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m.

trivia, St. Margaret Mary Parish, 439 Washington Ave.

Sunday, March 13

"The Addams Family," 2 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Thursday, March 17

Art After Dark, 5 p.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Immigration Stories of Neenah: William Owen and the Welsh of Wisconsin, 7 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Saturday, March 19

"Death of a Gangster" dinner theater, Best Western Premier Bridgewood

Sunday, March 20

Neenah Community Band spring concert, 3 p.m., Pickard Auditorium

First Day of Spring Market, 10 a.m., 124 W. Wisconsin Ave.



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Food pantry grows with need on anniversary

By Amber Brockman News contributor

Within its first year of opening, St. Vincent de Paul Neenah/Menasha Food Pantry has become one of the largest pantries between Menasha, Appleton and Oshkosh, SVDP volunteer Marilyn Paulson

The pantry started with 52 families and now serves more than 700, supplying an average of 25,000-30,000 pounds of food per month, SVDP Neenah/Menasha co-director Andy Herson said.

The pantry opened Feb. 17, 2021, based on the growing need for additional food resources in northern Winnebago County.

"There was really nothing for the general communities of Neenah/Menasha and getting to St. Joe's in Appleton or the pantry (in) Oshkosh is difficult when people don't have transportation," Paulson said.

When it started, SVDP had been distributing food out of a closet before expanding into a full food pantry.

"They were noticing an increase in numbers of people who were coming in and asking for food," Paulson said. "So, they just decided to take a leap of faith."

The pantry operates on the grocery store model, which means guests shop and choose the items they prefer, Herson

"We believe that there is dignity and respect that comes with empowering people to make their own food choices," Herson said. "This model is more complicated to execute, but we truly believe that people deserve to be empowered. It also leads to less waste than having prepacked boxes for everyone."

On average, the pantry serves 150 families a week and has been taking in about 10-15 new people each week.

The number of people struggling with food insecurity continues to rise and will only become greater in the months and

SVDP Food Pants Happy



St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry is in the back of its retail store at 1425 S. Commercial St.

years ahead, Herson said.

"Inflation will impact food budgets dramatically, with dollars not going as far as they used to," Herson said. "Also, at the same time, the food share benefits are being reduced throughout the various food support programs. This creates a growing need for support from the community to help address food insecurity issues."

People can support local food pantries in various ways, including money, food or hygiene products donations, hosting food drives and volunteering.

"It's doing God's work here on Earth," Paulson said. "We're helping our neighbors and we're not judging their circumstances. They are in need and we have the means to help them."

The pantry has enjoyed support from the J.J. Keller Foundation, Community Foundation of the Fox Valley, Menasha Piggly Wiggly, the Hygiene for the Homeless Drive, Catholic parishes in the Neenah-Menasha area and others.

"We want to thank the community for the support this past year and look forward to working with the community to meet the needs of our neighbors who are hungry for years to come," Herson

The pantry is open from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

Other local food pantries include the St. Joseph Food Program in Menasha and Hope Fridge in Neenah.

SVDP Neenah/Menasha Food Pantry is available free to Neenah/Menasha area residents. To get registered, bring a form of ID for all household members and proof of residency in Neenah or Menasha.

For more information, visit sydpneenah.org/food-pantry.

Bath named director of student growth for district

February

The St. Vincent de Paul Neenah/Menasha Food Pantry marked a year in operation last month

Ashley Bath, in her third year as the principal at Roosevelt Elementary School and Alliance Charter School, has been selected to fill a new role in the Neenah Joint School District as director of student growth and support programs.

as it continues to expand its offerings.

The position was created to replace the current director of elementary learning and leadership Steve Dreger, who is retiring at the end of this school year.

Bath will use data to help guide best practices for student achievement for district programs. Among her other duties, she will be involved with assessments, summer school, special education programming, and staffing and staff develop-

"This position fits perfectly with my

strengths and interests as I love looking at the story data tells and assisting staff to use this story to reach all students,"



Bath

Bath said. "Tracking data trends will help us best use the vast resources our district already has to benefit all students.

Bath also worked 10 years in the Appleton Area School District, including nearly five years as the response to intervention coor-

dinator. She worked collaboratively with staff to create academic plans to assist students in achieving success.

She also spent two years as a school counselor and three years as a teacher of students with autism at Huntley Elementary School.

Bath is pursuing her doctorate in educational leadership from Edgewood College. She also earned a bachelor's degree from UW Oshkosh and a master's degree in school counseling from Concordia University-Mequon.

A search will begin immediately for a new principal to oversee Alliance Charter School and the final year of Roosevelt Elementary in 2022-23. Roosevelt will merge with Wilson Elementary into a new Horace Mann Elementary in fall 2023, while Alliance will expand and occupy the current Wilson Elementary building.

Trivia, dinner set at parish

A Trivia Night for people of all ages is being hosted by St. Margaret Mary Parish in its lower-level Fellowship Hall on March 12.

There will be a 5 p.m. Mass celebrated before a dinner is served starting at 6 p.m. The trivia activities run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Go to smmneenah.org for details to RSVP for the dinner.

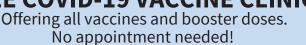
Bureau features fish fries

The Fox Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau is promoting area restaurants that feature Friday fish fries in March, including Greene's Pour House, Ground Round and The Dome.

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FDR said it best: 'I think this would be a good time for a beer'

National Beer Day, coming up April 7, was created to commemorate the signing of the Cullen-Harrison act into law in 1933, reversing the prohibition on selling beer in the U.S.

Upon signing, Franklin D. Roosevelt famously remarked: "I think this would be a good time for a beer." Well stated, Mr. President. Before prohibition was repealed, however, thirsty Americans would often meet at secret clubs, called speakeasies, to get their buzz on.

Today, the most common beer "clubs" are membership arrangements that cost a fee upfront to join yet deliver benefits for 12 months. Breweries love to reward loyal customers and inspire repeat visits.

Some breweries even offer customized, numbered mugs that are exclusively used by club members. Fun fact: I would bet that if you see a brewery with really cool mugs on display, they were made by Neenah's Sunset Hill Stoneware, which has supplied steins and mugs for hundreds of breweries over the years.

The two Neenah breweries, Lion's Tail and Barrel 41, each have annual beer club memberships, and "Wife + Husband = Beer" has done the research for you!

Husband: When Lion's Tail Brewing opened in 2015, it was incredibly cool to have craft beer brewed in Neenah.

Wife: Especially a brewery that's family-friendly, supports local restaurants and hosts food trucks!

H: And, being wise marketers, they immediately created a VIP Can Club.

W: "VIP," huh? So, what does VIP get you these days?

H: Membership in the club lets you



purchase new beers a day before the public can, get 15% off merchandise, and earns you a Lion's Tail can koozie.

W: Plus, they save \$1 on full tap pours from Monday through Wednesday, and the member +1 have access to the annual members-only party.

H: Those alone make the \$60 VIP cost worth it for loyal Lion's Tail fans.

W: Tickets to some 1-day beer fests can cost that much, and this lasts all year.

H: Exactly, that's why 90 people are on the VIP waiting list right now.

W: I think it's the koozie.

H: What's interesting is once Lion's Tail opens the new Wauwatosa location, more VIP memberships may be available, which will be honored at both locations.

W: So, what about Barrel 41? Can we be VIPs there, too?

H: Barrel 41 wants to make hardcore fans happy, too. The "Forty-One Club" includes access to new beers three days before the public, occasional one-off members-only beers, and \$1 off their tap beers on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

W: What about swag? You know I love my swag.

H: Swag fans like you get 15% off merchandise and a 2022 Forty-One Club sticker.

W: Stickers ... (Homer Simpson sigh) H: All that and a shiny membership



Severstad phot

Barrel 41's brewing and aging vessels are visible as you're enjoying the various perks of membership in their beer club.

card for \$50.

W: That's a sweet deal.

H: Folks better get hopping if they want in on Barrel 41's "Forty-One Club," because you have to join before March 31, with the deals running through next February.

No club membership is required to enjoy "Uncorked & Uncapped" on April 1 at Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort. This wine and beer tasting fundraiser for Neenah Rotary Club will run you \$75 for live music, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. "Beers from local breweries" are promised to be served. Learn more at www.uncorked.ecwid.com.

Cheers to beer deals, National Beer Day, koozies, and imbibing with your significant other. Remember: the couple that beers together, adheres together.™

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Church gets Habitat house projects moving

By Barbara Van Gorp For the Neenah News

The Congregational United Church of Christ of Neenah-Menasha (CUCCNM) has been involved with the Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity since its first project 30 years ago.

Don Kleist, longtime CUCCNM member, was instrumental in starting the Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity and became its president from 1993-1995. That year the goal was to raise \$75,000 for two houses. There were many discussions on rehab versus new construction, basements versus no basements, setting up a board of directors and a covenant among area churches, selecting the site and family, a substantial amount of fundraising and a multitude of other decisions.

In late 1992, the city of Neenah offered Habitat a 1.5 story house to move as they were enlarging a park property on Doty Island. Kleist was involved in finding movers who offered to do it for half price. The goal was to find a spot close by on the island that would somewhat simplify things.

Roadblock after roadblock arose. They could not find a lot on the island, could not block off State 114. They had media coverage talking about the "Little House

FROM PAGE 1

ing homeless, which includes those residing

in shelters and hotels, couch surfing with

Throughout the pandemic, Winnebago

County residents have experienced in-

friends, or apartments they cannot afford."

ARPA funds



that Could" so they felt they couldn't abandon the project.

After finding out it would cost \$7,000 to move the communication cables so they could take the house over the Oak Street bridge – a sum the project couldn't afford – they decided to cut off the second story and over the bridge it went.

Habitat got a block grant to buy a lot at 513 Oak St., a block south of the bridge, for \$15,000 in June 1993. They poured a

availability of housing options, and increasing need for homeless services. The grant will provide funding for partners to stabilize housing access and affordability, which may include residents who have experienced a significant loss of income due to the pandemic and need help with their rent through Advocap.

Part of a nearly \$650 million investment allocated for community building

foundation and that September put on a full second story and a roof in October.

Laurie Kleist, who speaks Spanish, worked with the Nunez family, who were the occupants. Many other members of CUCCNM were involved: Carla Rabe, former pastor Ken Nichols, Art Willie, Pat and Dave Day, and Marilyn Kostrzak, to name a few.

The CUCCNM team went on to build other houses for Habitat, including No.

and recovery efforts statewide, the Neighborhood Investment Fund program was announced in August and administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA). Grants awarded range in size from \$1 million to a maximum of \$15 million and are funded through ARPA.

A full list of grant awardees and additional information is on the program's website.

"A strong recovery means investing for the future, and ensuring that our communities lead the way," said DOA Secretary-designee Kathy Blumenfeld.

BadgerBounceback.wi.gov has pandemic-related assistance information for families, farmers, businesses, organizations and communities.



Photos from CUCCNM

ABOVE: A Post-Crescent clipping from 1992 shows a house being moved to another part of Doty Island facilitated by Congregational United Church of Christ of Neenah-Menasha and Habitat for Humanity. AT LEFT: Members of the team that built a home at 431 Elm St. this year through Habitat for Humanity are shown.

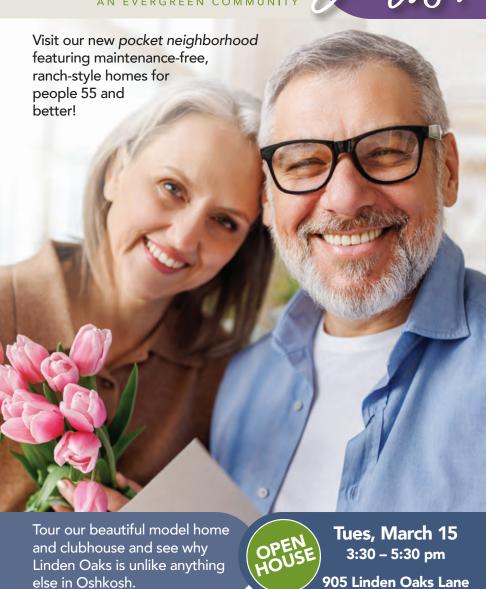
101 at 1203 Maple St., Neenah, in 2008; No. 201 at 2414 Gmeiner St., Appleton, in 2015; and most recently No. 301 at 431 Elm St., Neenah, this year.

The church also continues to be involved in the Pillars Hygiene Drive, adopting families from Afghanistan, providing lunches for Community Table at St. Paul Lutheran Church, participating in the CROP walk and financially supporting Samaritan Counseling and LEAVEN.



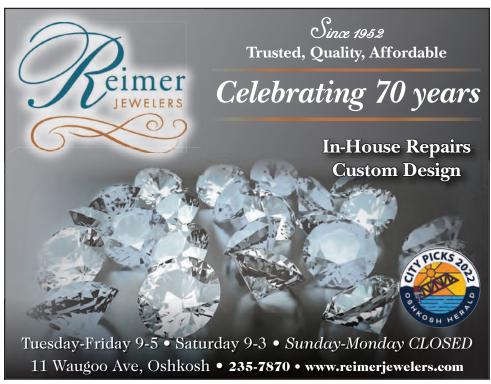
State Administration Secretary-designee Kathy Blumenfeld (from left), Oshkosh council member Lynnsey Erickson, Gov. Tony Evers, County Executive Jon Doemel and Ashlee Rahmlow were on hand last week during a check presentation to Winnebago County for \$10.3 million in ARPA funding.





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Fox Cities Stars see season end at state

By Dustin Riese News contributor

After coming away with a dramatic 7-6 sectional final win over the Bay Area Ice Bears, the Fox Cities Stars returned to their home away from home in Madison at the WIAA State Tournament on Thurs-

The top-seeded Stars were looking to keep their impressive run going that has been filled with plenty of memories.

It was the Stars third trip to state in four years, the last two ending with state titles captured. But the Stars (22-4-1) fell to the fourth seeded Onalaska Hilltoppers (24-4) in game one of the weekend 3-1.

Known for one of the more lethal offenses in the state, the Stars were held in check by freshman net minder Diana Hanson as she stopped 30 of 31 shots, including 11 in the third period. Her performance alone gave Onalaska a chance as their offense did just enough.

"The girls played extremely hard today," head coach Jeff Fox said. "It was just one of those days where the puck didn't go into the net for us. We had plenty of momentum throughout the game, but their defense was outstanding. They blocked a lot of our shots and that took us out of rhythm. We battled back to get some of that momentum back but it wasn't easy."

Although Hanson may have been the star in goal, Ella Scibborski of the Stars was equally as impressive especially in the early going. She only came away with 16 saves for the game, but her play in the first period stood out as she stopped all seven shots she faced to keep things close.

This was a Stars offense that came in on fire scoring 22 goals in three playoff games so to see a scoreless tie after the first period was a bit surprising.

Things started to open as both teams began to move the puck more freely. It didn't

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take long for the first goal of the game as the Hilltoppers struck less than three minutes into the period. With Kiya Bronston patrolling the puck across the ice, Anna Szymanski took care of the rest, picking up the even strength goal.

With less than a minute remaining in the second, McKayla Zilisch moved the puck into the offensive end of the ice and made the smart play to Grace Rentmeester, who picked up the shorthanded goal to tie things up 1-1. Still playing with a skater advantage, the Hilltoppers needed just 10 seconds to retake the lead as Szymanski picked up her second goal of the game.

Fox Cities came ready to go in the final period controlling most of the period and giving their offense a chance. Despite putting 11 shots on goal, the Stars came away empty handed.

A large chunk of those shots came in the final five minutes as the Stars offense began to play with more desperation. Zilisch had several looks only to see Hanson rise to the occasion.

Fox elected to pull Scibborski from the goal, giving the Stars an extra attacker toward the end and the Stars continued to bombard the Hilltoppers net with Rentmeester getting one of the better chances on goal only to be turned away. That led to a breakaway opportunity for Onalaska as McKenna LaFleur played the puck ahead to Tessa Deal who picked up the open net goal for the 3-1 final score.

"I want to thank this group of girls for everything they have done and accomplished this season," Fox said. "It is not easy having the success we have had the last few years and trying to stay on top. That goes to show you the character everyone has on this team. They come to practice ready to learn and compete and it shows on the ice every week."





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Neenah no match for Appleton East in sectional final

By Dustin Riese
News Contributor

Coming off a dramatic win in which Neenah took down the top-ranked team in the state in the WIAA Division 1 sectional semifinal, the Rockets had one more mission in mind as they took the court Saturday – one game away from state.

Up against another Fox Valley Association foe in Appleton East, who they split with during the season, the Rockets came out cold and struggled from the field as they lost 57-36.

"The scoreboard may not show it, but these girls fought hard and played extremely hard today," Neenah head coach Andy Braunel said. "Holding them to 57 points is never easy so for us to do so credits the job we did defensively. Offensively, that was a different story. We couldn't get anything going on the offensive despite having plenty of good looks at the hoop."

Hoping to send a message early, the Patriots wasted little time attacking the Rockets' defense as the Marquette commit Emily LaChapell joined forces with Sammi Beyer on the inside to give East a 6-0 lead. That lead only continued to grow as the Patriots never trailed. Had it not been for Allie Ziebell, who scored two-thirds of the Rockets' points in the first half, the game would have been over.

Ziebell finished with 22 points on the night.

The early lead continued to grow with Lily Hansford knocking down a pair of triples to push the lead to 12-2 and pushed it to 24-12 after one half.

"We played really tight early in the game and that didn't help when shots were not falling," Braunel said. "When that happened, I think we tried to feed Ziebell too



Photo by Dustin Riese

Neenah's Allie Ziebell (1) dribbles around a pick from Amaya Jones as she looks to get away from Appleton East's Sammi Beyer during last Saturday's WIAA Division 1 sectional final at Oshkosh North High School.

much as opposed to letting her feed our offense. We started to show signs later in the game, but by that time we dug ourselves a huge hole to climb out of."

Paige Werner added eight points for the Rockets, who only made 11 field goals in the loss. They did go 11-of-16 from the free-throw line, though. Meanwhile, the

Patriots got 23 points from LaChapell and 13 from Hansford and the duo combined for six 3's.

"Our goal coming into the game was to take away LaChapell and Sammi Beyer," Braunel said. "If you can get LaChapell off her game or at the very worst frustrate her it takes the Patriots offense out of their rhythm. We were able to do that at times, but once she got going. it just opened up a ton more options for their offense."

Like in most cases, basketball is a game of runs and the Patriots were starting to get on one of those runs. Unfortunately for the Rockets, it came at a bad time as their lack of consistent shooting prevented them from getting on a run of their own as the game was starting to slip away. Trailing 36-22 at this point, Paige Werner overcame a slow start to her game by knocking down a three to bring the Rockets within 36-25

Hoping that was the bucket they needed to get things going, Hansford put an end to that thought, connecting for another three to push the lead back up to 14. A Beyer 3 later in the half mixed with a tough Josie Neubauer bucket on the inside saw the Patriots lead grow to 44-27 with things getting out of hand in a hurry.

While the loss ended the Rockets season with a 21-5 record and one game shy of state, Braunel was happy to be in the position they were in, especially when you look at what they lost last year.

"We only brought back four kids from last year's team, so these girls showed a ton of resiliency this year," he said. "Last year was a great season for us and we felt we had a sectional contending team last year. Unfortunately the pod we got placed into for the playoffs did us no favors and that's how it goes.

"This year things got back to normal despite having to battle through a COVID pause early in the season. I am going to miss the two seniors we had this season as they played a big role in the growth of this team and the chemistry they had."



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Prep sports roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

St. Mary Central's run ends in Crivitz

The top-seeded St. Mary Catholic girls basketball team's season came to an end Saturday night, falling to No. 3 Bonduel in a WIAA Division 4 sectional semifinal game, 57-46.

The Zephyrs struggled to get things going early in the first half as they scored just 15 points, but trailed by only five. Chloe Vogel and Jaydin Vosters led the way with 14 points while Sienna Anderson added eight.

The Zephyrs finished the season with a 25-2 record.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Zephyrs cruise to regional crown

The St. Mary Catholic boys basketball team picked up two big wins over the weekend as the third-seeded Zephyrs knocked off No. 6 Crivitz, 74-60, and then No. 7 Shiocton, 95-69, in a WIAA Division 4 regional final game.

The Zephyrs faced No. 1 Roncalli last night but results weren't available.

In the win Saturday, the Zephyrs held off Dawson Schmidt, who scored a gamehigh 40 points for Shiocton. Cole Uhlenbrauck led the Zephyrs with 28 points while Daniel Griffith wasn't far behind with 26 points.

Ziebell, Griffith to compete in 3-point challenge

A pair of area girls basketball players will be participating in the 3-point challenge at the WIAA Girls State Basketball Tournament this weekend at the Resch Center.

Neenah sophomore Allie Ziebell and St. Mary Catholic senior Lilly Griffith will be among the 10 athletes competing in the event. The field consists of two shooters from each of the five WIAA divisions, with the shooters finishing with the top 3-point shooting percentages during the regular season qualifying for the event.

Ziebell finished the regular season shooting 47.8 percent from behind the arc, knocking down 89 of 186 attempts. She finished second in Division 1 behind Janesville Craig's Kate Huml.

Griffith was the third-best shooter in Division 4, knocking down 46 of 102 attempts this season for a 45.1 percentage.

She earned the chance to compete because the top shooter in Division 4, Carly Drew of Westfield, will be competing with her team in the state tournament and therefore was not eligible.

The rest of the field consists of Julianna Ouimette of Lakeland, Emily Jaenke of Fox Valley Lutheran, Lily Krahn of Prairie du Chien, Isabel Matzek of Prescott, Jacy Weisbrod of Aquinas, Hailee Bauer of Lourdes Academy and Paige Hanner of Eleva-Strum.

The challenge will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Resch Center before the start of the state championship games.

Each contestant will get one minute to shoot five shots from five different racks on the court with the top four scorers advancing to the semifinals. The top two scorers in the semifinal round will then have one shoot-off for the title.

Charlie Nackers added 16 points while Fisher MacKenzie had 12.

Rockets stymie Lightning in WIAA tourney win

Neenah's defense stifled Appleton North in the first half and the Rockets rode a 15-point halftime advantage to a 63-48 win over the rival Lightning in a WIAA Division 1 regional final at Ron Einerson fieldhouse Saturday night.

The Rockets held the Lightning to just 19 points in the first half in building the lead and then cruised in the second half.

Brady Corso led a balanced attack for the Rockets with 15 points – all on 3-pointers – followed by Chevalier Emery Jr. with 14 points and JJ Paider with 13. Paider also grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

Neenah advanced to the regional final following a 75-43 thumping of Oshkosh West the night before.

Carter Thomas hit seven 3-pointers and finished with a season-high 29 points in the win, while Emery also reached double figures with 16 points. Matt Jung chipped in seven points in the win.

Neenah outscored West 37-18 in the second half after taking a 13-point halftime lead.

The top-seeded Rockets were scheduled to face a third-straight Fox Valley Association opponent in Kimberly in a sectional semifinal Thursday in Kaukauna. The winner would play either Appleton East or Eau Claire Memorial in a sectional final on Saturday for the chance to advance to the state tournament.



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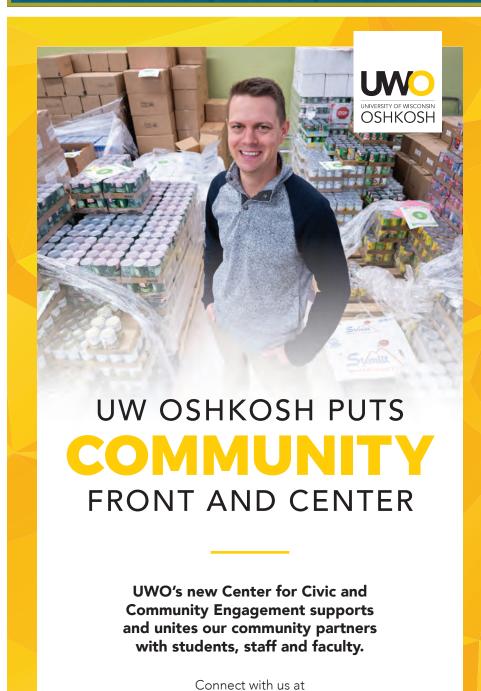
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Showing some power

Neenah High School sent 28 athletes to the Wisconsin High School Powerlifting Association State Meet last weekend in Appleton. The team consisted of: Abigail Hoelzel, Adie Paulson, Alex Thao, Ariana Meunier, Ava Meyer, Brianna Ankerson, Carly Keesler, Carter Downs, Dominic Corrente, Eion Hinkle, Emma Donahue, Evan Cardoza, Hudson Tamulion, Hunter Tamulion, Lauren Tears, Lukas Quinones, Madelyn Pritzil, Madyson Janichek, Marista Fraley, Morgan Harwood, Myah Wenzel, Nolan Mrotek, Piper Alberg, Rylie Trams, Sam Scheer, Sam Volkman, Ty Anderson and Vincent Cardoza.

Wisconsin DNR online hunter education for youth will end

The state Department of Natural Resources' all-online hunter education course option will end March 20 for those under 18 years old.

Those 18 and older will continue to have the online course as a hunter education option.

More than 20,000 people take hunter education courses in Wisconsin each year. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, is required to have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license, unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law.

The DNR temporarily offered the

all-online hunter education option to all to help protect the public and staff from the spread of COVID-19.

Following the updated guidance from state and federal health agencies, the DNR is returning to the in-person course for the under-18 group.

Students of all ages will have these course options:

• Internet Field Day: This training allows some online training and attending one day of training with a certified instructor. This class is a good fit for a person that has handled firearms or is going to be hunting with someone that has more experience to help them build upon their hunting skills. All age groups are welcome.

- Traditional Class: This training offers a more hands-on approach to working with a certified instructor over a few days in their community. This option provides students with opportunities to handle hunting equipment, learn about safe hunting practices, shooting and many other topics. In-person feedback from instructors also enhances student learning.
- Hunter Education All Online Program: Any person 18 years and older can complete all hunter education online.

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bridge that was out on Sunday. We did leave our

the landings are getting beat up

ATV bridge out though. It will most likely be out through next weekend.

Ice conditions

Payne's Point Hook & Spear Fishing Club As of Monday, there was still 18 to 24 inches of ice on the lake. The large rainfall we received March 5 has definitely taken its toll on the ice. There are random sinkholes forming in the ice from all of the water that was on the ice and

By Jim Nobbe

If you are traveling on the lake be careful around reefs and the shore where the water is shallow. Every day that passes the ice in these areas is deteriorating faster than the ice in deeper waters.

I suspect that the lake will be covered in ice for the next couple of weeks before it starts to break up, unless we start seeing sunny days with temperatures in the 40s to 50s and more rain. Please support your local fishing clubs, and remember the ice is never 100% safe.

The student spends multiple hours online studying, completing modules and passing a final exam to become certified. This option is a good fit for adults who have a connection/mentorship within the shooting sports to help establish and strengthen their skills and lessons learned virtually.

Before enrolling, interested students must obtain a Wisconsin Customer ID number through Go Wild, the DNR's online license portal.

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Obituaries

Louis J. Griedl

Louis J. Griedl, 92, of Scottsdale, AZ passed away on February 9, 2022. Louis was born November 21, 1929, in Oshkosh, WI, the third of six children of Louis F. and Elizabeth (Gams) Griedl. He married Marilyn Ann Munsch in 1955 and they shared almost 67 years together.

Louis graduated from Sacred Heart Elementary School and then Oshkosh High School in 1949. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force and his Great Falls baseball team won the Montana State Champi-

William G. Schmidt

William (Bill) G. Schmidt, age 93, passed away in Oshkosh, WI on Thursday, March



and Mary (VonHoff) Schmidt on December 17, 1928. Bill married Joan Pugh on October 3, 1951, at Ft. Bragg, NC, she preceded him in death in 1998. Brother John and son-in-law Tom Marhefke also preceded him in death. He served in the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper.

Bill was an animal lover. He loved going to

3, 2022, at Ascension

Mercy Hospital. He

was born to the late John

family gatherings, enjoyed camping, square dancing, and listening to Sunday morning Polka music. Bill was a Green Bay Packers season ticket holder since they built the stadium. Bill enjoyed playing games, especially cards and Rummikub.

onship in 1952. After his time in the service, he established the RaLo bar with his brother Ralph in Oshkosh. He went on to work for North Central Airlines in Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Atlanta, and Green Bay. He completed his airline career in 1985 as a Regional Manager with Republic Airlines responsible for ground operations at 25 airports.

Louis is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Scottsdale, AZ); sons James (Mary) of Spring, TX; Gary (Denise) of Oshkosh, WI; Dan (Carolyn) of Phoenix, AZ; and

Bill is survived by his children, Kathleen (Benjamin) Kossel, Jean (Jon) Marhefke, Karen (Mike) Zimmer, Tom (Dana) Schmidt, Susan (Brad) Baier, and Heidi (Jon) Wrightsman; grandchildren, Jason (Rebecca) Zillges, Sarrah (Kris) Larson, Avery (Angelica) Kossel, Leah Pietrzak, Matt and Tim Marhefke, Jennifer (Jeramie) Riha, Peter (Deanna) Zimmer, Christina Zimmer (Joe), Talia and Giana Schmidt, Austin (Melissa) Baier, Hannah (Jake) Baier, and Riley and Gabriella Wrightsman; and great-grandchildren, Hadley, Lambeau, Jacob, Nevaeh, Braylee, Thomas, Arianna, Kendra, Elliot, August, Henry, Hudson, and Oliver.

Special thanks to Mercy Hospital ICU and PCU 2 for putting up with all of us.

A graveside service for Bill will be held at Lake View Memorial Park on Friday, March 11, 2022, at 12 pm with Military Honors to follow.



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daughter Karen (Mark) Gangsei of Scottsdale, AZ; sister Betty (Wilbur) Pischke of Oshkosh, WI; and sister-in-law Lee Griedl of Ft. Atkinson, WI; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. Louis is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Ralph (Carol) and Roger (Lee), and sisters Shirley (Dale)

Louis was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Scottsdale. He served in the Knights of Columbus. He was a trained Emergency Medical Technician. Louie and Marilyn had Green Bay Packer season tickets for many years and attended the Ice Bowl in 1966 and the first Super Bowl in 1967 in Los Angeles to watch the Packers beat the Kansas City

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Chiefs. Louie loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in WI, TX, and AZ. He was fortunate to enjoy most of his retirement summers in the Oshkosh area. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Jude

the Apostle Parish - Sacred Heart site on Thursday, March 17 at 11:00 AM. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery with full Military Honors. Visitation will be from 9:30 AM until the hour of services. at 11 AM. Memorial gifts can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, The Wisconsin American Legion (Portage, WI), or your favorite charity in Louis' name.

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Medical needs

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equipment they need or we're bridging between when they need it and when it gets to them," he said. "People need it today."

Medical devices such as wheelchairs, grab bars, commodes and hospital beds can be a financial burden for some, and Christianson said the availability of these items is crucial for people in need.

The Medical Equipment Loan Locker has no geographical restrictions. Christianson said he has loaned out medical supplies to people across the country and internationally.

"I have sent a wheelchair to India," he said, adding that the wheelchair was gifted to a man who needed it in order to board an airplane.

Christianson said the loan locker has received as many as 26 calls a day from people in need of medical supplies or interested in donating supplies to the organization. The most commonly requested item is adult diapers, he said, adding that there's also a waiting list for knee scooters.

From 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays the public is welcome to visit and borrow the supplies they need with minimal paperwork. There is no charge to use the medical equipment, although donations are accepted.

The warehouse also has an in-house repair shop. Christianson said a generous donation from Easterseals funded the purchase of the tools needed to fix medical supplies that are returned damaged. Items that can't be fixed are recycled at local scrapyards.

The Larsen-Winchester Lions Club works closely with other civic groups. He

said that any surplus medical supplies are donated to Orphan Grain Train, a non-profit volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing and medical supplies to people in 69 different countries, according to its website.

The Lions Club also offers a wheelchair ramp building program out of the medical equipment warehouse; building 34 ramps per year on average for people in need. The wheelchair ramp building program is limited to Neenah, Menasha, Appleton and the surrounding 25-mile radius, excluding Oshkosh.

The loan locker is always accepting donations of new or used medical supplies, adult diapers, used eyeglasses and cases, used hearing aids and used cellphones. The organization also collects plastic bags to be repurposed into benches that are donated to parks and recreational areas.

The loan locker is operated entirely by volunteers.

Tom Bayer said he started volunteering there when his wife was ill and she was recuperating in nearby Fox Crossing. Although his wife passed away several years ago, Bayer said he's continued driving more than an hour from his home in Two Rivers to volunteer for the organization.

"I've worked with people all my life doing claims work and customer service work and this work is important," he said. "You're doing a great service."

Christianson has been volunteering for the loan locker for about 16 years.

"You need to be compassionate, you need to know where the equipment is and you need to understand where people are coming from because a lot of them are under tremendous stress when they come here," he said. "I like to help people and this is just a great opportunity because it's just pure helping people."

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