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## Mayoral candidates talk issues at forum

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Neenah's new mayor will be selected between two City Council members – Brian Borchardt and Jane Lang – who described their vision and ideas for the city in a candidate forum last Wednesday with the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County.

While both bring similar council experience and community background to their candidacies, they talked about what they see as priorities for the city and how to ac-

complish those goals.

Each candidate was given time to introduce themselves to the audience and explain why each was seeking the office of mayor of Neenah, before taking questions from moderator Margy Davey.

Borchardt, a 2nd District alderman who was a teacher in the district for 15 years, currently works at Neenah High School and also serves on Neenah's Common Council. His other committee assignments

include Sustainable Neenah, Finance and Personnel, Committee on Rules, Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue Joint Finance and Personnel, and Park and Recreation Commission.

He serves on the board for Verve Credit Union and The Brigade, a youth development program and believes that it's important to give back to the community that he

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## Shared services erase borders

Communities team up on emergency needs

By Carol Patrizi  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Neenah, Menasha, Fox Crossing, oh my; and don't forget the towns of Neenah and Clayton. The communities are so intertwined that the new Neenah High School under construction is actually in Fox Crossing.

Neenah Mayor Dean Kaufert recalls on several occasions someone from one of the communities telling him they voted for him. "I knew they didn't," Kaufert said, "but I didn't correct them."

Kaufert feels the communities do a good job of sharing services but wonders if more could be done.

According to Fox Crossing Village Manager Jeffrey Sturgell, the communities in the Fox Valley collaborate to provide mutual aid in times of emergencies.

He said Fox Crossing and Menasha work together on many road, stormwater and park projects. Sturgell believes this typically works well but notes there are some challenges when it comes to jurisdiction and priorities.

As an example, Sturgell said Menasha and Fox Crossing are working to reconstruct Airport Road between Racine and Mayer



Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Chief Kevin Kloehn (left) praises the shared service agreement between the cities, while Neenah Police Chief Aaron Olson (right) isn't sure that type of merger would work for the police department.



Photos by Carol Patrizi

streets. He said the village would have preferred reconstruction to extend to Appleton Road. The city wanted to wait on that portion for a future date. That stretch is in the city's jurisdiction.

"That's where the give-and-take come in," Sturgell said.

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue is in its 19th year of collaboration. Fire Chief Kevin

Kloehn doesn't see a downside to the union.

A year before the merger, leaders got together with both unions to work on a deal. Kloehn feels that forethought allowed both sides to come up with a good contract.

He said the chief at the time encouraged firefighters to bond by taking equipment like

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## Ruff House makes a splash with aquatic center

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

It's a dog's day at The Ruff House, the first doggie day care in the area to open a canine pool and splash pad.

The Ruff House is owned by Michael and Micaela Macdonald, who are married. The business has been operating for nearly 15 years at 900 Declaration Drive in Neenah, offering dog day care, boarding, grooming and retail pet supplies.

The Ruff House, which has 16 employees, sees about 80 dogs on average per day.

Last spring, the Macdonalds decided to remodel their facility. In October, construction was completed on a new lobby and an aquatic center. The aquatic center features a heated, 12-by-25-foot in-ground fiberglass pool for dogs. The pool has a tanning ledge, making the shallow end only 10 inches deep, while the rest of the pool goes from 3 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 6 inches deep.

"It's great for small dogs, big dogs – any dog can go in it and have a place to stand up, to wade, to splash with the bubblers or



Photo by Bethanie Gengler

Riley Armstrong works with a pair of black Labradors at The Ruff House in Neenah.

to jump in the pool and fetch or do whatever they want to do," Michael said.

The aquatic center is available to dogs that are visiting The Ruff House is for

day care or boarding, and the pool is also available for the public to rent for private swim times.

"We do a group swim every day for

some dogs here that are visiting or staying for the day, but then after that we open it up for rentals so you can come in, just you and your dog, and enjoy the pool by yourself and get your dogs into that low impact exercise, or just watch them splash in the water," Michael said. He added that if it's really cold outside, the pool is a great indoor activity for dogs.

Since opening the aquatic center, Michael said they've found that most dogs love swimming.

"It's a lot of labs and retrievers that do great," he said. "We've got some boxers that love it and some vizslas, so it's a mix of breeds."

For dogs more timid about swimming, Michael said The Ruff House offers staff-assisted swims where they go into the water with the dogs to provide a lesson.

"Most dogs succeed; there's only a few we've had that aren't too keen on the water yet, but it just might not be for them

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**Karen Schneider**  
Neenah News publisher

keeping communities like ours informed of what is going on locally.

Here at the Neenah News, we want to thank you for the warm welcome we have received this past month as we joined the Neenah community.

My team has heard appreciation from many in the community enjoying the local news, features and advertising appearing in the Neenah News. To us, we are all a part of that team.

Local stories and submissions have been submitted and contacts made, people are subscribing, businesses are advertising, people reading are shopping at our advertisers. THIS is the circle of a community newspaper life.

Together, as a community team, we will continue to grow and deliver quality local journalism and community news.

## King joins Neenah News

Steph King has joined Neenah News as our customer service manager. Steph manages our classified advertising, subscriptions and customer service.



**King**

King has been a Neenah resident for over 40 years. Many may recognize her from her Neenah school days where she was a teacher for 25 years. She was the advisor for the middle school yearbook as well as Neenah High School's newspaper, The Satellite.

King states, "She is looking forward to working for the hometown newspaper to help build a greater sense of community while informing Neenah residents of local events and news."

King can be contacted at 920-486-1616 or our office at 124 W. Wisconsin Ave. in the lower level of the Marketplace.

# Calendar of events

## Saturday, March 19

"Death of a Gangster" dinner theater, Best Western Premier Bridgewood  
Glass Art Class - Bubbles in Glass, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

## Sunday, March 20

Neenah Community Band spring concert, 3 p.m., Pickard Auditorium  
First Day of Spring Market, 10 a.m., Lawlss Coffee, 124 W. Wisconsin Ave.

## Wednesday, March 23

Community blood drive, 8 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 123 E. Wisconsin Ave.

## Friday, April 1

Uncorked and Uncapped, 7 p.m., Best Western Premier Bridgewood  
Downtown Neenah Spring Scavenger Hunt begins, through April 14

## J. J. Keller gains driver safety certification

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According to Dustin Kufahl, director of driver training, J. J. Keller collaborated with FXG to develop a trainer certification program that meets all of their

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# Two associate principals, HR director named

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Two associate principals were named last week for the Neenah Joint School District beginning in the 2022-23 school year. A new human resources director also has been named starting this summer.

Braden Frederickson will be associate principal at Horace Mann Middle School and Jennifer Koenecke will have that role between Neenah High School and Shattuck Middle School for 2022-23. They will both transition into associate principal roles at the new Neenah Middle School in fall 2023.

Both replace current administrators who are switching to positions currently occupied by retiring administrators. They were both approved by the Board of Education at its Tuesday meeting.

Frederickson has taught sixth-grade so-

cial studies at Carl Traeger Middle School in Oshkosh since 2017. He previously



Thao

taught English for four years at Winneconne Middle School and spent a year teaching seventh-grade English and social studies in Torreon, Mexico. Frederickson attended the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and has a master's degree from

Michigan State University.

Koenecke founded Fox West Academy Charter School in the Hortonville Area School District in 2011 and has taught grades 6-8 since its opening. She previously taught for seven years at Greenville Middle School. She has been a counselor

at Camp Onaway in Waupaca since 2003. She has masters degrees from National Louis University and American College of Education.

"Braden and Jenni will play pivotal roles in our transition next year and as we prepare for the opening of Neenah Middle School in the fall of 2023," said Horace Mann principal and future Middle School principal Jackie Munoz-Ellmann. "Braden brings a student-centered focus with a strong vision for the future.

"Jenni is well connected in the Fox Valley and will bring expertise in creating innovative educational experiences for our students. Her energy and enthusiasm will be an asset as we bring staff from throughout the district together."

In another staffing move, Bo Thao was named director of human resources start-

ing July 1 after serving as the department's administrative assistant since 2019. She replaces Jami Hintz, who is resigning.

"Bo has a calming approach to her work and a welcoming presence with those who engage with her," Superintendent Mary Pfeiffer said. "She has the ability to problem solve quickly, accurately and thoroughly. We are so fortunate to have someone with her expertise and experience able to step in and make this a smooth transition."

Thao has a business management degree and a master's in business administration from Concordia University. She was previously human resources director for Samaritan Counseling Center in Menasha and has worked in human resources at Stat Informatic Solutions, McClone Agency and the Boldt Co.

## Public Library Calendar

(Go to [neenahlibrary.org](http://neenahlibrary.org) or call 920-886-6315 for details or registration information.)

### Friday, March 18

Fitness Friday Boot Camp, 9:15 a.m.

### Monday, March 21

Memory Cafe: New Voices Choir, 1:30 p.m.

Not Quite Cozy Mystery Book club, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 23

Not Quite Cozy Mystery (Zoom), 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, March 24

Ukulele Open Jam, 6 p.m. Bring music, play for the group or with fellow ukers. All skill levels.

Open Chess Night, 6 p.m. All ages and skill levels.

### Monday, March 28

Book Club "Barbizon," 10 a.m.

## Shared services

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a ladder truck near the border to Jefferson Park to see what each other had. Crews got to visit and get to know each other better.

Kloehn said that a Joint Fire Commission and Joint Finance Commission were created. The commissions are made up of six people, three from each city. Each committee needs to agree on a decision before it goes to their respective city councils.

He said it's an extra step but feels the merger has saved both cities money and provides enough staff to safely and effectively serve both communities.

Neenah Police Chief Aaron Olson isn't sure that type of merger would work for the police department.

He acknowledges it would be more efficient for Neenah, Menasha and Fox Crossing police to merge because they often deal with the same people. But he's concerned about how to make two or three unions and city councils happy.

"I report to a finance committee, public safety committee, police commission and city council," Olson said, adding that it takes



Photo by Carol Patrizi

Jeffrey Sturgell is village manager of Fox Crossing.

a lot of time to prepare to bring an issue, like hiring, before them.

Olson could see something working if a shared committee was put in place. But he feels the committee should be in charge and thinks it would only work if the city councils were bypassed in some way to avoid battles between two different interests.

## Gustafson announces State Senate candidacy

Nate "Gus" Gustafson recently announced his campaign for the 19th Senate District currently held by Sen. Roger Roth.

Gustafson's announcement emphasized restoring Wisconsin's economy through local business growth by opposing mandates and shutdowns, promoting cybersecurity initiatives and supporting educa-

tion that is driven by parent involvement.

A lifelong Fox Cities resident, Gustafson attended Neenah schools, has an associate degree in information systems from Fox Valley Technical College. He is an analyst at NOVO Health Technology Group and vice president of Winnebago County for Freedom, which promotes residents to enter local politics and recruits candidates for office.

## Boat launch parking permit system receives update

Boat launch parking permits for trailers at Doty Park launch and Rec Park launch are available at [Neenah.nupark.com](http://Neenah.nupark.com) or by creating an account at the Finance Department in City Hall.

New this year, there is no physical sticker to put on the trailer but will be

confirmed through the towing vehicle's license plate - up to two per permit. The account allows for updating and changing towing vehicles as needed.

Permits are good through Dec. 31. Contact the Finance Department at 920-886-6144 for more information.

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# A look back at mom-and-pop grocery stores

By Becky Heidke Kwiatkowski and JoEllen Wollangk  
NEENAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Today when we go grocery shopping, we use a large cart and shop in a large store or maybe even order our groceries online. This was not the case for our ancestors.

In 1900, there were general stores or specialty stores like the local butcher. Families grew their own vegetables and preserved fruits and vegetables to use during the winter months. General stores specialized more in dry goods and merchandise. A typical family in the United States during 1900 spent more than 40% of its income on food, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

As the population grew and expanded from the city center, so did the need for food. There was a need to have basic grocery supplies closer to families, and starting in the early 1900s mom-and-pop neighborhood grocery stores were established. The stores were typically small and carried a limited selection of goods. However, owners could offer neighbors the ability to purchase on credit, or have groceries delivered.

Technology was also advancing to produce food more cheaply. Tractors made farming more productive, freezer cars were invented and it was possible to ship goods to consumers. This led to increases in the food supply and increases in choices for consumers. The result was lower prices for food overall, and less money spent on food.

For families, advances in technology brought us items such as the home refrigerator and freezer. By 1950 or so, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated the share of the family budget spent on food had declined to 30%.

At large supermarkets consumers were able to get a larger selection of products in



Neenah Historical Society photo

Boehm's Market started around 1893 and closed in 1980.

one location, so there was no need to make multiple trips around town. Supermarkets also used their large purchasing power to get goods at a cheaper price and pass the savings on to the consumer. The large supermarkets marked the decline of mom-and-pop stores.

We found records of 14 grocery stores and eight meat markets in Neenah in 1900. The population in 1900 was almost 6,000 people. Some stores were new names and some were familiar. Some only lasted a year or two and some lasted 50 years. Boehm's Market lasted the longest. It started in or before 1893 and closed in 1980 – 87 years of continuous operation.

Small business has never been an easy way to make a living, as the folks we interviewed universally stated. Owners of grocery stores or meat markets worked long hours and of-

ten six or seven days a week. The universal positive was that they always ate well. One of the stores reported making twice what the average mill worker made at the time.

One funny story from the Spielbauers, children of Speed who was a co-owner of Boehm's Meat Market in the later years, was that they had steak often – actually too often, according to the kids. Once they even petitioned their father not to bring home steak for two weeks.

By 1930, Neenah had grown above 9,000 people and we found 24 stores in Neenah. Some of these were the “new” chain stores like A&P Tea Co. Most stores, however, were still owned locally – Island Meat Market (Ginke's), Lenz Grocery, Depot Grocery, Blank Grocery and John Stimp Grocery. There are several cases where these stores are situated next door to each other. Next door to Lenz Grocery was Breit Grocery, which later becomes the Oak St. Grocery/

Schmidts Grocery and finally Harder's.

Forward to 1965 with more than 18,000 residents and we only had 11 mom-and-pop stores remaining. Boehm's Meat Market, Hammen's Complete Food, Van Hout near the Foundry, Harder's on Oak, Park 'n Market on Main, Super Dairy on Lincoln, Blank/Home on Franklin, Meartz on Congress, Arcade and Ginke's on North Commercial and Steiner's on 1st Street. Additional chain-style stores included A&P, Food Queen, Kroger's, National Food Store, Park 'n Market, Red Owl and Sentry.

And finally, in 1990, the population had grown to more than 23,000 and the only mom-and-pop stores we still had are Island Foods and Meartz's. Of course, we also had the chain stores, including Pick 'N Save, Citgo Quick Food Mart, Kohl's, and Ron & Lloyd's Red Owl.

The heyday of the small grocery store was from the late 1920s to the late 1950s, stores owned by our neighbors, members of our churches and families of co-workers. They took care of their community.

Ginke's took the vegetables that were getting beyond salability, but still edible, and made soup that was given away to struggling families during the Depression and World War II. Gale Meartz not only delivered groceries, as did many of the stores, but also put the groceries into the refrigerator if the family was at work.

Gale was also known to change a lightbulb or pull down a window shade that was out of reach of an elderly homeowner or to provide other assistance as needed. Store owners and their customers had much more than just a business relationship, they were friends, and friends take care of each other.

To learn more about Neenah's Mom and Pop grocery stores, view the entire presentation on the Neenah Historical Society's YouTube Channel.

Please join us for one of our upcoming workshops hosted by Financial Advisor Mike Truymen and Financial Associate Ken Truymen.

- An Inside Look at Qualifying for Financial Aid – April 12
- Will Your Taxes Affect Your Retirement? – April 19
- College Planning 101 – May 10
- Social Security: Timing is Everything – May 17

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## Pioneering politician

In 1930, Helen Kimberly Stuart was the first woman elected as an alderman in Neenah and the first woman to run for mayor of the city. The historical society is celebrating Women's History Month.

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# Disputes find results outside courtroom

By Cheryl Hentz  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Millions of lawsuits are filed against people and companies every year, but in Winnebago County there's a way to settle lawsuits – and other disputes – instead of going to court, and often before they get filed with the court.

Since 1990, the Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center (WCRC) has been giving people an opportunity to settle their disputes privately, using professional mediation instead of going before a judge or jury.

WCRC was started by a group of people from the legal, business and church communities – known as the Oshkosh Peace Project – who strived to find ways to create and promote more peace within communities. Eventually, they thought it might be good to stretch those efforts to the court system and make it countywide.

They got professional mediation training at one of the longest-standing conflict resolution centers in the country and from Dick Blackburn, “a legend in the mediation world” according to Michael Rust, JD and the executive director of WCRC for the last nine years.

Because of the Peace Project's efforts, Winnebago County was at the forefront of this mediation process and today remains one of the few counties in Wisconsin to have a professional mediation process for dispute resolution.

The process works like this: If you have sued someone or are being sued, you and the opposing party will be required to listen to a mediation orientation. After that, both parties will be given an opportunity to mediate their differences with a professional volunteer mediator. If both parties choose to do that, you begin mediating right then; if not, your case will be scheduled for a later date before a judge or jury, depending on the type of case.

In mediation any resolutions the parties come to are legally binding and because the parties have settled things out of court, the suit is dismissed – and it hasn't cost them any more money to do so. If someone defaults on the agreement the parties reached, the court will enter a judgment against the party that defaulted.

Pat Nichols has been volunteering as a me-

diator since the center was founded and was one of those who was trained by Blackburn.

“I think the greatest benefit of mediation is that the parties make the decisions. They're the ones who come up with something that's going to work for them,” she said. “As mediators, we approach it from a non-legalistic standpoint. What we look at is what's going to solve the problem; not what the law says.”



Rust

People come to WCRC in two different ways, according to Rust.

“The more common way is that people are referred to mediation by the court system – either because they've filed a small claims suit against someone or someone has filed one against them; the other way is to call the center directly.”

Say you're having a dispute with a roommate, friend or family member. People can call the center and talk to them about mediation. One of the reasons most people don't know about this option, Rust guesses, is because they've not heard of the center.

The center does about 500 mediations every year – about two-thirds of those are small claims actions. “Of that amount, landlord-tenant disputes make up a good percentage of them. We also see other collection cases such as unpaid credit card bills, or unpaid medical bills,” Rust said. “But we also see cases, for example, where someone had some work done on their house and didn't like the result; we sometimes see roommate disputes. The small claims arena is ripe for all different kinds of cases.”

That includes disputes over property when a couple splits up, including even dog custody issues.

“Courts can't do some type of joint custody arrangement for a dog or cat, but that is something that we have done and have become very good at crafting with the parties involved,” he said.

“We have a legal system, but not a justice system. Things may be legal, but they may not be just. The rulings that the courts have to give

gation that culminated in December 2020.

Shaw called the Clerk of Courts office seeking to make a remote appearance, saying she was disabled. A friend later came to the court asking for a new court date on her behalf, which needed to be made by the defendant.

Shaw has been free on a \$1,000 signature bond and a new court date was pending.

are ones that follow the law, by what's been set down by the Legislature. They may not take into account the very real and very important factors about why you didn't do something, or why you didn't pay. Those are very important factors, but the court isn't allowed to consider them.”

They do not do mediations for placement and custody. Those issues are mediated through Family Court Services.

Nate Olson of Olson Legal Group has frequently used the center's mediation services. He said that in the vast majority of issues, it's effective and people settle.

“They realize they can have a hand in the settlement, and it takes away the unknown (about the court system and how it works and might end up). It also gives them some finality,” Olson said. “It's a relaxed environment and you don't have all the formalities of a courtroom. You're sitting across from the other party and sometimes someone just has to get something off their chest. Once they do that, they get affirmation from the other person that they've heard your concern, and then they're in a place where they're ready to settle.”

One of the main points Rust wants to emphasize is that people do not have to file suit or be sued by someone to use mediation services. And, as a resident of Winnebago County, a person could be eligible to receive up to three hours of mediation free.

If you would like to volunteer as a mediator, there is a process to go through, but it's one that's thorough and rewarding overall. The center is one of the few places in Wisconsin that trains mediators.

“Legally in the state of Wisconsin, you need a license to give a \$5 haircut, but you don't

have to have a license to be a mediator for a multimillion-dollar case,” Rust said. “There's no regulation or licensing of mediators in Wisconsin at all. If someone wants to be a mediator for us, they're going to be professionally trained. It's the same training we provide for professionals who want to become mediators.”

The training is 40 hours and is usually held during a week in June. Rust said training is an intense process where they go over a variety of topics: communications skills, listening skills, approaches to conflict, the process of mediation, how to handle disruptive behavior and power dynamics.

“We cover all sorts of factors that can come up in the process of mediation. And we give the trainees an opportunity to try it, in which we have a lot of hands-on skill-building, as well,” he said. “Once they've completed that 40-hour training, we require them to observe eight hours of actual mediation with our volunteers. They then have to co-mediate with an experienced volunteer mediator for an additional eight hours. So, it's not until they've finished that 56 hours do we consider our volunteers ready to actually try to mediate cases.”

“The cost for training is \$825, however, if people are willing to guarantee that they're going to volunteer with us for a year, we are willing to underwrite most of the cost of the training, so they would only pay \$150,” Rust added.

Those either interested in using the center's services or interested in becoming a mediator can contact 920-236-4925 or mediationwrcr.org.

## Felony theft case brings initial appearance

A Neenah woman accused of taking \$175,000 from a family member through business dealings failed to appear March 10 at a preliminary hearing in Winnebago County Circuit Court and a bench warrant was issued.

Further proceedings on the felony theft charges had been set for Valerie J. Shaw, 61, before commissioner Bryan Keberlein after charges were brought from an investi-



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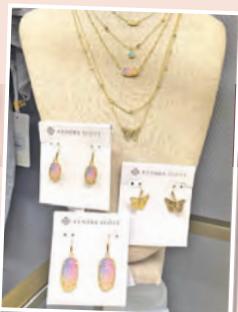
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# College students get state Capitol showcase

UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Nine students from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, including a senior from Neenah, were among nearly 150 students from across the UW System putting their research on display at the 18th Research in the Rotunda event last week in Madison.

The event, returning from a one-year hiatus because of the pandemic, is an opportunity for undergraduate researchers to showcase their work with poster displays inside the state Capitol. Attendees include students representing the 13 UW System universities, many of their faculty advisers, faculty, staff and administrators from many schools and some state legislators.

Research areas from UW Oshkosh students covered a wide range of topics, including Nick Morrissey, a philosophy major from Neenah, who worked with S. Evan Kreider, philosophy professor on the UWO Fox Cities campus, on a project called On the Context and Implications of Mike Winkelmann.

Other topics included the impact of voter ID laws on election turnout, from

senior economics major Joey Reddin, of Brookfield; and a potential path to treat people afflicted by a parasitic flatworm—that from the team of senior kinesiology major Mia VanHooreweghe and senior chemistry major Hailey Johnson, both of Appleton.

For Mackenzie Seymour, a senior biomedical science major from Loves Park, Ill., Research in the Rotunda served as a way to practice presenting information to new audiences.

“Honestly, getting experience in scientific communication is really important,” she said.

With a research topic like Seymour’s—her project title is Manganese Homeostasis in Bacteria: Interaction of the Small Protein MntS and the Manganese Exporter MntP in *E. coli*—being able to explain her work is no small task. Her research, she explained, can serve as “foundational knowledge” for future exploration of small proteins. Down the line, it could lead to the development of new antibiotics.

Other projects sprinkled throughout

the rotunda reflect the broad definition of what research can be. Under the guidance of Mai See Thao, the Hmong Studies director at UWO, three students presented their contributions to the community-based exhibit *Cia Siab in Wisconsin: A HMoob Story*. The exhibit includes stories, artifacts, objects and artistic representations of historical trauma, resilience and healing of the Hmong people in Wisconsin.

Thao said the student work—by Appleton native and junior nursing major Amy Xiong; Omro native and senior psychology major Emily Xiong; and Appleton native and senior history major Liseng Xiong—shows how research can cover a lot of territory when you think of it as “a systematic investigation.”

“We’re planning to create a traveling exhibit that will tour through Wisconsin in the year 2025,” Liseng Xiong said. “With that exhibit we hope to generate impact and help American history incorporate the Hmong narrative.”

Among the Wisconsin leaders making the

rounds and chatting with students was Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes; Sen. Dan Feyen; Reps. Gordon Hintz, Lee Snodgrass and Francesca Hong; and Karen Walsh, vice president of the UW System Board of Regents.

Tommy Thompson, who ends his tenure as UW System president this week, also took time to visit with students, educators and administrators, browse the more than 85 student projects. He also gave a brief address, applauding the room full of bright young minds and the educators who have empowered them.

“This is a day we look forward to year after year, to be able to show the research that’s going on in that fantastic system called the University of Wisconsin,” Thompson said. “We’re so proud of the faculty and especially the students.”

“... We should all be excited about the bright futures these people have ahead of them. And I will put in my personal pitch right now, I hope those futures, young men and women, lead to thriving careers right here in the greatest state in America, Wisconsin.”

## Ruff House

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and that’s OK too,” he said.

The Ruff House has also added a splash pad that’s set to be opened in spring.

“The plan is that it will be up and running by the end of April and that is something that is included for any dog that’s here for overnight stay and day care,” Michael said. “They can just jump and splash in the water. There’s a palm tree and beach balls and hoops they can run around in; there’s a puddle that forms so they can splash in a shallow puddle.”

Michael said the splash pad will be open for the dogs’ use every day that the weather cooperates during the summer months.

Other construction at The Ruff House

includes new areas designed for smaller dogs, puppies and senior dogs.

“They’re just smaller areas with a more limited number of dogs in the group to make it easier for them to manage, or for dogs who’ve never done this before,” Michael said. Construction on areas for larger, more playful dogs is nearing completion, he added.

“We want to try to be accommodating for every dog,” Michael said. “Even for dogs that might not be the most social, we have some activities that are available for them; one-on-one activities that they can just participate in with them and staff. So if they’re not ready to play in a group with other dogs, we can work around that as well.”

The dog day care and aquatic center is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. by appointment at [www.ruffresorts.com](http://www.ruffresorts.com).

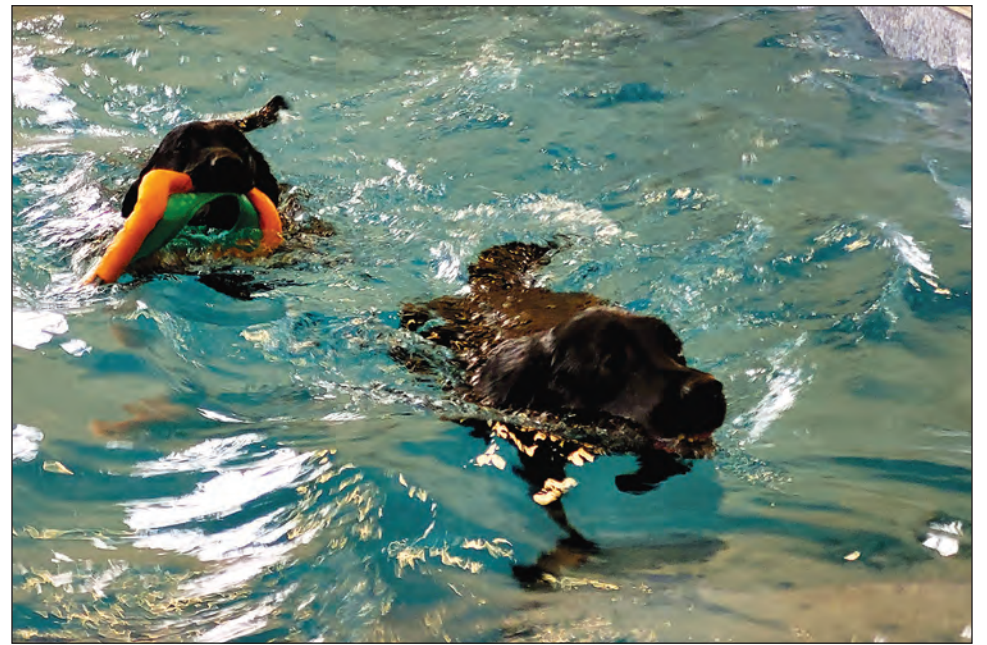


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Dogs of all breeds can have fun in the water at The Ruff House in Neenah.

## Bridgewood Resort Hotel recognized

The locally owned Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel & Conference Center in Neenah was voted by the annual Best of Wisconsin Meetings readers’ poll as tops in the state for conference centers.

Wisconsin Meetings readers noted the personalized service, clean facilities and amenities at the Bridgewood resort in the poll.

“In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, travel uncertainty has catapulted the importance of flexibility and the labor shortage has escalated the value of customer satisfaction,”

stated Carrie Mantey of Wisconsin Meetings. “Today’s venues must be ever more vigilant to provide fresh ideas, products, services and amenities, while offering top-of-the-line customer support.”

Best Western general manager Ryan Batley said, “I would like to congratulate our leadership team for making this happen. In addition, I would like to thank all of our loyal and hard-working team members at the hotel that went above and beyond this past year to give our guests a wonderful hospitality experience.”



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# Winnebago Literacy Council working with Afghan refugees

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Anna Metcalf, communications and events manager for the Winnebago Area Literacy Council, answered questions about the organization's ongoing work with individuals and families from Afghanistan who have resettled in the Fox Valley area after being displaced when the United States ended military operations there last year.

**How many refugees (families or individuals) are you assisting through both English lessons and the Road to Work program?**

We've had a recent influx of Afghan refugees and expect many more outside of the typical immigration numbers we see annually. We continue to help refugees from around the world and anticipate touching the lives of several hundred this year.

**How does the Road to Work program work from start to finish from a participant's perspective?**

Road to Work assists, guides, and provides refugees and immigrants with vocational literacy training to help them obtain employment and utilize their skills and potential in the workforce. Those seeking job help will initially make an appointment with our Vocational Services director, Dr. Oxana Martynova-Perzentka, so she can assess what their abilities, work experience, education, and interests are. From there they are guided through every step they need to successfully land a job and keep it. This usually includes resume building, job searching and applying, interview preparation, and more. Once a

position is secured, Dr. Oxana will provide assistance with any questions or difficulties that arise.

**How have you seen these programs and lessons actively helping the refugees in their resettlement efforts?**

They've only been here for such a short amount of time, but we are exceptionally grateful to be a part of their journey to better understand, participate, and thrive in their new community. Our services help them interact with others, find employment, advocate for themselves, share their stories and so much more.

**How long does the Road to Work program last and what kinds of jobs can they get connected to through it?**

It varies. A session could be as short as a one-time visit to adjust a resume, to a multimonth endeavor when you're starting from scratch. Occasionally people also come back to deal with new situations. We've been able to place people in all kinds of jobs from manufacturing to education.

**What else is the literacy council doing to assist refugees in resettlement efforts?**

We periodically have winter clothing and personal hygiene drives. We also connect them to other services and resources such as transportation, FVTC, public education opportunities, food pantries and more. We depend on the kind hearts of our volunteers to keep our services accessible, especially as we welcome even more new neighbors to our area. Consider changing lives with us. Volunteer opportunities can be found on our website at winlit.org.



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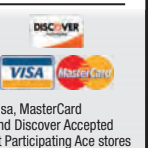
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# Mayoral race

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and his wife and family have lived in for 25 years.

Lang, a 3rd District alderman and executive director of the Neenah Historical Society, believes that her background and skills as a proven leader will enable her to do a great job as the next mayor of Neenah.

She has served on the council since 2014 and is chair of the Landmarks Commission, vice chair of the Plan Commission and Public Services and Safety Committee, and member of the Business Improvement District Board and Neenah Arts Council.

Lang is married, a mother of four, and her family has lived in Neenah for six generations.

Davey began the forum by asking the candidates their plan regarding their current employment if they would become mayor.

Lang shared she has a succession plan in place for the leadership of the Neenah Historical Society if she is elected and Borchardt would leave his teaching position and would look forward to continuing to serve his students and their families in a different capacity.

Both candidates shared their experience in working to create balanced budgets and agreed that fiscal responsibility is important.

Lang included that ARPA funds received from the federal government gave the city a little space as 30% of the funds are targeted for special projects while the balance is going to public safety and reserves.

Borchardt pointed out the importance of putting power in the people at city hall where tough decisions have to be made by departments.

Lang spoke of her solid working relation-

# Time to vote

>The spring election will be held Tuesday, April 5.

>Absentee ballots are due no later than 8 p.m. on April 5.

>For more information on voting, go to [ci.neenah.wi.us](http://ci.neenah.wi.us) and go to "Election Information."

ship with city staff, department heads and business leaders.

"I'm a doer and love to dig in on the hard work," she said and stressed that her top priority is putting the citizens of Neenah first.

Borchardt stressed his leadership and ability to help people have a long-range vision. His experience with all of Neenah and to collaborate and build bridges – not only for a four-year term, but for the next forty years.

Mayor Dean Kaufert is retiring from the mayoral position after serving since 2014. He also is a former City Council member and served twenty years in the state assembly.

The City Council candidates for District 1 (wards 1-8) are incumbent Kathie Boyette and newcomer Kristen Sandvick. Boyette serves on Finance and Personnel, Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Joint Finance and Personnel, and the Water Works Commission.

Sandvick has lived in the area most of her life, graduated from Menasha High School and has a sociology degree from UW-La Crosse. She and her family moved to Neenah nine years ago.

For additional information on the mayoral and city council candidates visit [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).

The full hour-long forum can be viewed on YouTube.

# Ice conditions report

By Jim Nobbe

PAYNE'S POINT HOOK & SPEAR FISHING CLUB

As of Monday the ice on Lake Winnebago is holding up well for mid March, there is an average of 18 to 24 inches of ice. It is late in the season now, with that being said, you will not find any truck bridges or ATV bridges on the west shore of the lake.



PPHSFC pulled their last ATV bridge last Thursday, and Otter Street Fishing Club pulled their last ATV bridge last Saturday.

The ice on the lake is in overall good condition still for this time of year. The access points to the lake are where the most wear and tear has taken place to the ice besides the reefs. When the conditions finally do change

to more spring like temperatures and the ice does decide to go out, I think it will go rather quick this year if another good rain happens.

I suspect ATV traffic will be OK through the end of the week, maybe longer depending on if we get more rain and sun with 60 degree temperatures. As I'm writing this, there are still trucks going out fishing on the lake from the east shore. I also saw a couple trucks out on Lake Poygan this afternoon, which in a year like this with little snow cover and sun high in the sky is a sight you wouldn't normally see but that's Mother Nature letting the die-hard fisherman have a few more days to take advantage of the good perch fishing this winter.

Please support your local fishing clubs and remember the ice is never 100% safe.

# Drivers urged to be alert during construction season

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) is urging everyone to be prepared to keep crews safe as construction season draws near.

The Wisconsin State Patrol's March Law of the Month highlights the rules and guidelines for work zones that aim to protect workers as they repair the roads.

"It's never too early to look for orange barrels," DOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "From big projects to pothole repairs, you can expect to see construction and maintenance workers out in traffic all season. Drive to protect them. Buckle up, phone down."

There have been more than 12,000 crashes in work zones in the past five years. Those incidents led to about 61

deaths and more than 4,700 injuries. Most work-zone crashes are caused by speeding, tailgating and distracted driving.

Cellphone use is one of the most common factors in distracted driving incidents. Wisconsin law forbids texting while driving on any road.

It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile device in work zones. A new state law took effect in December that expands this ban to areas surrounding emergency response vehicles with flashing lights.

The state's Move Over law requires drivers to move out of the lane of traffic next to first responders and maintenance workers. If drivers can't move over they must slow down.

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By Dustin Riese  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

It was only a matter of time until the Neenah boys basketball team returned to the state tournament, and their time was this season. After coming so close in each of the past three years, they felt they had the team to reach Madison this year. The Rockets were ranked No.1 in the state for most of the season and have won 24 games in a row.

Things haven't always come easy for the Rockets and you can point to all three of their games against Kimberly that all came down to the final seconds. The third of those games was on Thursday when Chevalier Emery Jr knocked down a cold-blooded three pointer from the corner to knock off the Papermakers 66-64 to land in the sectional final.

Faced with another tough task with No. 8 Eau Claire Memorial (22-5) standing between them and a trip to state, there was no need for the flare of dramatics this time around as this game was all Neenah. Led by their suffocating defense and clutch shooting in the second half, the Rockets managed to overcome a slow start and pulled away for the 62-47 win.

"Today our kids were really good defensively," Neenah coach Lee Rabas said. "Memorial is a talented offensive team and we were engaged on that end of the floor. JJ (Paider) made LJ Wells earn buckets, Matt Jung set the tone early diving on two loose balls, and everyone battled on the boards all game long."

Right from the opening tip, you had to love the aggressive nature the Rockets showed with Matt Jung and JJ Paider at-

*The Neenah High School boys basketball team celebrated its win over Eau Claire Memorial in a WIAA Division 1 sectional final at D.C. Everest High School last Saturday. The Rockets beat the Old Abes, 62-47 to advance to this weekend's state tournament.*

Photo provided by Marc Goodman

tacking inside for the early lead and that improved to a 20-12 lead in the Rockets favor.

It was at this point when Emery started to get things going as his soft mid-range touch built a double-digit lead with the Old Abes searching for answers. Not about to go down quietly, Eau Claire started to tighten things up defensively before Will Boser connected for five quick points to pull the Old Abes within three and only trailing 26-23 at the half.

Rabas felt his team was fortunate to be where they were as the Rockets overcame some foul trouble to maintain that lead.

"The game was very physical and that had something to do with it," he said. "We didn't take advantage of being in the bonus with seven minutes left in the first half and took some 3's when we could have attacked the lane."

Leading at the half is nothing new for the Rockets, but they knew if they wanted to hold on for the win others had to get involved. One of those players was sophomore sharp shooter Brady Corso who opened the second half with a trio of triples as the Rockets started the half on a 12-0 run to push the lead to 38-23.

"Brady was huge for us in the second

half," Rabas said. "He's been doing that throughout the year for us. The kid put in the time and it showed again today. JJ and Chevalier did great jobs individually on Wells and Shaw and our help principles were good. We did a good job of leveling those guys off and not giving too many straight line drives."

Neenah was able to maintain a comfortable advantage for several minutes, but as expected basketball is a game of runs and Eau Claire was about to go on a nice run of their own. Led by Boser and Con-

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# Powerhouse Jets stymie Zephyrs

By Dustin Riese  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Coming off an impressive regional final win, the St. Mary Catholic boys basketball team was looking to keep their season alive as they hit the court for the WIAA Division 4 sectional semifinal. Standing in their way was No. 4 Roncalli – a team the Zephyrs were familiar with.

This was not the first time these teams met this season as the Jets handled the Zephyrs in their first meeting, beating them by almost 30 points. In what was expected to be a much better game this time around, it was a tale of two halves as the Zephyrs saw their nine point halftime lead evaporate in a big way with Roncalli going on to win 85-61.

“We played hard tonight against a very good Roncalli team and unfortunately we came up short,” SMC head coach Paul Bradshaw said. “We played Roncalli earlier this season in the Lourdes Christmas tournament championship game and we were out matched, they are an excellent defensive and a senior led team. Coming into tonight’s game I felt like we were well prepared to compete with Roncalli and we played a strong first half both offensively and defensively. Unfortunately we couldn’t maintain that lead in the second half.”

SMC got the start it wanted, using an 11-0 run to jump out to a 21-11 lead but the Jets climbed their way back, trimming the halftime deficit to nine. But then Roncalli’s Luke Pautz took over.

The senior guard not only went off for a game high 56 points, but 46 of those points came in the second half as he was literally a one man show.

Eighteen of his 46 second half points came within the first few minutes as the Jets ripped off a 22-5 run to open the half and took a 56-46 lead. Looking to keep things close, Daniel Griffith



Photo by Dustin Riese

St. Mary Catholic’s Charlie Nackers looks to drive to the basket during last week’s WIAA Division 4 sectional semifinal against Roncalli. Nackers led the Zephyrs with 19 points.

and Charlie Nackers started to provide some offense as they managed to get things in single digits keeping hope alive for the time being.

That hope was quickly dashed away with Pautz on the mission he was on, scoring the next seven points for his team and 23 of the next 30 overall, showing off his full arsenal in the process. That sudden burst of late game scoring took what was a closely contested game and flipped it to a one-sided affair with the Jets holding a 71-55 lead at that point.

“Luke Pautz deserves a lot of credit for his second half play, he’s an excellent player and he showed that tonight,”

Bradshaw said. “While we are disappointed with the loss tonight I am very proud of our team and how we played this season I look forward to next season and the great things ahead for St. Mary Catholic Basketball.”

Another Nackers bucket quieted things down briefly, but once again it was Pautz coming up huge adding six straight points and nine of the next 14 to push the lead to 20 before the Jets rolled to an 85-61 victory, ending the Zephyrs season in the process.

Nackers led the Zephyrs with 19 points while Griffith had 17 points and six rebounds. Cole Uhlenbrauck added 11 points while Ryan Ortscheid had 10.



Neenah School District photo

Abigail Hoelzel stands atop the podium and hoists the championship plaque after winning the state title in the 165-pound equipped class at the Wisconsin High School Powerlifting Association state meet.

## Hoelzel leads Neenah powerlifters at state meet

Abigail Hoelzel won an individual title to lead the Neenah High School powerlifting team at the Wisconsin High School Powerlifting Association state meet.

The Neenah girls team finished second in the raw team standings among 81 teams, while the boys team finished in sixth place but were just two points out of third place. A total of 28 lifters participated in the tournament for Neenah.

Hoelzel claimed her state title in the equipped 165-pound weight class, while three Rocket lifters earned state runner-up honors in Morgan Harwood, Ty Anderson and Lukas Quinones.

Piper Alberg and Emma Donahue earned third-place finishes, Marista Fraley, Myah Wenzel and Alex Thao came in fourth place, while Carly Keeler and Ava Myer were each fifth.

Other top finishers for Neenah were Evan Cardona and Rylie Trams in seventh, Carter Downs in eighth and Maddy Janichek in ninth.

Eighteen school records were set at the meet.

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# Obituaries

## Carol Jennerjohn

Carol Jean Jennerjohn, age 83, of Oshkosh, WI passed away with her son and daughter by her side holding her hands at



Parkview Health Center on Friday, March 11, 2022.

Carol was born to the late Herman and Esther (Salzsieder) Cornell on July 17, 1938 in Oshkosh, WI. Carol joined this world with her loving

twin Karen, who claims to be the oldest twin, only because Carol didn't have enough room and pushed her out. The twins joined their older brother Robert on Frankfort St. where their father owned Miles Company Florists for many years.

Carol attended Washington Elementary School where she and her twin Karen became life-long friends with Barbara, Jackie, Nancy, and Karen. Carol graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1956. Once "The Group" reached high school they added Judy and Emily to their fun. They remained friends for life meeting for lunch, shopping, playing dominoes and taking trips to Door County as long as their health permitted.

After high school Carol worked at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance in Appleton. She married Reginald Jennerjohn at Peace Lutheran Church on March 7, 1964, then moved to Madison, WI, where in 1965 Baby Jody was born. After returning to Oshkosh a few years later son Randy joined what was then a perfect family of four.

Carol was a homemaker throughout her children's childhood. Once they were older she became a Prange-Way employee where she was a sales associate from the day it opened, until the day it closed. While fighting breast cancer and enduring chemotherapy, Carol was proud of the fact that she never

missed a day of work.

Carol and Reg celebrated their 58th anniversary just four short days before her passing. During their 58 years together they actively participated in Winnebago Land Barbershop Chorus activities, and the Oshkosh North Booster Club. They loved the many trips they took with their children during their youth, and enjoyed being snowbirds in Arizona for many years. Carol was a life-long member of Peace Lutheran Church where she was baptized, confirmed and married.

The best part of Carol's life was by far her grandkids. Carol treasured every moment she spent with Nick, Libby, Madeline and Isaiah. Carol & Reg tried to attend every sporting event and dance recital they could. They enjoyed countless football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, softball, Lacrosse games and gymnastic meets to support their grandchildren. She was known as Grandma J by Nick and Libby, and Nonny by Madeline and Isaiah. Her amazing gift of being "Christmas Carol" made the holiday season come alive for her grandkids. She loved them to the moon and back and they loved her more.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Esther Cornell, her brother Robert, nephew Jeffrey Cornell, her loving in-laws Leo and Gert Jennerjohn who thought the world of her and many aunts and uncles.

Carol is survived by her husband of 58 years, Reginald Jennerjohn, daughter Jody (Joe) Borgardt, son Randy (Sarah Pflasterer) Jennerjohn, grandchildren Nick Borgardt, Libby (Cody) Kruger, Madeline Pflasterer-Jennerjohn and Isaiah Pflasterer-Jennerjohn. She is also survived by her best friend and sunshine, Twin Karen (Al) Neubauer, nieces Tori, Wendy, and Kim who she loved like her own daughters, sister-in-law Marilyn Cornell and nephews and niece Timothy, Tom, Sue and Steve.

Visitation for Carol Jennerjohn will be held from Noon until 2pm on Friday, March 18th at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. A service will immediately follow at 2:00. The family will proceed to Lake View Memorial Park for interment. A celebration of Carol's life will be held from 3:30-5:30 at LaSure's Banquet Hall. Please come and share stories of Carol's wonderful life and help us celebrate her joining of family and friends in Heaven.

A memorial for Peace Lutheran Church is being established in her name.

Our family would like to thank the loving nurses and CNA's at Parkview Health Center who took such wonderful care of our wife and mom during her last few weeks. We would also like to thank the Green Lake School District and the Waunakee Community School District for understanding our need to be with our mother during this time.

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# State bound

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nor Welsch, the Old Abes began to attack the Rockets on the inside as Neenah was battling with foul trouble. Add in a nice bucket from Wells and Eau Claire was on an 11-4 run to close the gap to 42-36.

Emery and Paider started to take over, scoring the next nine points for the Rockets and pushing their lead back to a comfortable 51-38.

The Old Abes would get it to seven, but that's it as the Rockets iced the game from the line with six free throws down the stretch.

"We will need to be ready defensively for our first (state) opponent and clean some things up on the offensive end," Rabas said. "Just happy that we get more practice and another opportunity to play."

## Emery hits game-winner to thwart Papermakers

Neenah advanced to the sectional final with a dramatic 66-64 win over Kimberly.

After Neenah built an early lead, the Papermakers managed to not only climb back into the game, but pulled within one point with 30 seconds to go. Kimberly knocked down two free throws to take a 64-63 lead with 11 seconds remaining.

Facing their most adverse moment in a long time, the Rockets saw their dream season hanging by a thread as they called a time out with 3.1 seconds to go to draw up the perfect play.

Only getting one chance to get it right, Emery raced through the paint curled to the corner to take the pass. With Seth Miron's hand draped in the face of Emery, the Merrimack University commit drilled a clutch fade away triple for the win.

# Rockets gearing up for Racine Case

By Alex Wolf  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Coming off a dramatic sectional semifinal win against Kimberly and then a convincing win over Eau Claire Memorial last weekend, the Neenah boys basketball team is headed back to the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament.

The state tournament, which is held at the Kohl Center in Madison, started Thursday. The Division 1 semifinals start tonight and Neenah – the one seed in the tournament – will face fourth-seeded Racine Case in the opener at 6:35 p.m.

## Up next

### WIAA State Tournament At Kohl Center, Madison Friday's games

Neenah vs. Racine Case, 6:35 p.m.

Menomonee Falls vs. Brookfield Central, 15 min. after 1st game

### Saturday's game

Semifinal winners, approx. 8:15 p.m.

Menomonee Falls and Brookfield Central will match up in game two, about 15 minutes after the Neenah/Racine Case game.

The two winners will advance to the state title game, which will be held Saturday night.

The Rockets are making their 28th appearance at state and their first since 2019. Meanwhile, this is the eighth appearance for Racine Case, who last made it in 2005.

The Rockets will have their hands full with the Eagles (22-6), who are coming off a 58-47 win over Waukesha South in the sectional final and a 69-56 win over Franklin in the semis. The Eagles opened



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Senior Chevalier Emery Jr. is the leading scorer for the Rockets at 18.4 points per game this season.

up the tournament with wins over Keno-sha Indian Trail and Janesville Parker.

The Eagles started slow this season, losing three of their first five games but have won 20 of their last 23 games. The Eagles finished tied for first in the Southeast Conference this season with a 12-2 record, sharing it with Franklin.

The Eagles have a trio of threats in Terryon Brumby, Amari Jedkins and Adrian Bryant. Brumby leads the team in scoring at 18.5 points per game while Jedkins (17) and Bryant (15) are right behind.

The Rockets are 27-1 this season and have won 24 straight games, with their last loss coming on December 3 of last year. Neenah, the winners of the Fox Val-

ley Association, is led by Chevalier Emery Jr. who leads the team in scoring at 18.4 points while Carter Thomas is second at 15.3 points per game.

JJ Paider averages a double-double, scoring 11.5 points per game and hauls in a team-high 10.7 rebounds a game.

The two teams have a couple of common opponents this season as both teams have faced Fond du Lac and Brookfield Central. The Eagles defeated Fondy 72-41 on Feb. 15 while the Rockets swept them this season, beating them easily both times.

Neenah beat Brookfield Central 63-57 in a tournament this season while the Eagles lost to Central, 86-68 in the second game of the season.



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