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Photo by Bethanie Gengler

Sophomore girls stepped into the construction world at Miron Construction's Build Like a Girl event last week.

Building abilities

Program allows girls access to construct more career options

By Bethanie Gengler Neenah News

In an industry dominated by men, it's not often to see women operating cranes, laying bricks and riding through the sky on boom lifts, but that's what about 19 female students were doing at Miron Construction's Build Like a Girl event last week.

Miron is a private construction compa-

ny based in Neenah with yard operations in Menasha. Executive vice president of human resources Dave Walsh said women are vastly underrepresented in the industry, making up only 1% of field laborers and just under 10% of construction laborers.

"Wisconsin women are hardy, tough,

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Vaccine gets approved for young children

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The state Department of Health Services (DHS) announced that children 6 months and older are now eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The announcement follows the authorization and recommendation by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for use of the Pfizer vaccine for children 6 months through 4 years of age and the Moderna vaccine for children 6 months through 5 years of age.

The Pfizer vaccine for children 6 months through 4 years requires three total doses. The first two are given three weeks apart, followed by a third dose at least two months later. The Moderna vaccine for children 6 months through 5 requires two doses, 28 days apart.

"For many families, the approval of COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 6 months to 4 years is welcome news," stated Dr. Sarah Campbell, pediatrician at Ascension Medical Group Wisconsin and president of the state chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "Families' work schedules have been altered with recurrent closures and quarantines from day care, leading to lost time at work and added child care costs. There also have been concerns that unvaccinated children could spread the virus to a high-risk family

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Family, friendship, history make sweet music

Bill Miller's July 9 concert reprises local connection

By Patti Lee
News contributor

Bill Miller is musical performer, songwriter, activist, painter and world-class native flute player with more than a dozen albums, three Grammys and many Native American Music Awards & Association (NAMA) awards, including for Lifetime Achievement.

Miller returns to Riverside Park's gazebo at 7 p.m. July 9 where he performed last September for the Neenah community. The ties that bring Miller back to Neenah run deep, encompassing historical roots, family and friendship.

It began at the Neenah Library in the spring of 2016. After a monthly Neenah

Historical Society presentation on Native American history, executive director Jane Lang was approached by Alan and Cathy Caldwell. Alan related his extensive work and activism with Wisconsin tribes, adding that he was recently retired. He gave Lang his card and encouraged her to contact him. Her interest piqued, Lang called the next day.

The three soon met at the Hiram Smith Octagon House on Smith Street where they shared family experiences and perspectives on heritage. It was at that early meeting that Caldwell put forward the idea of having a powwow in Neenah. Caldwell had previously danced in powwows from Hawaii and Alaska to Washington D.C. and Canada.

Plans began in earnest and that Septem-

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Photo from Jane Lan

Bill Miller is shown with his sister Cathy Caldwell (left) and Mayor Jane Lang during his previous appearance in Neenah. The musician returns next week for concert at Riverside Park.







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We're here to serve with your help

Can you believe it's been 20 weeks since the Neenah News debuted in mailboxes throughout the Neenah Joint School District?

The last several months have definitely flown by for us as we continue to foster community relationships and learn more about what is important to our subscribers in Neenah and the surrounding communities.

Our name may be Neenah News, but we encompass and cover the entire 54956 ZIP code and the rest of the school district. This includes Fox Crossing, towns of Neenah, Larsen and Clayton – if it happens in the NJSD footprint, we want to know about it.

In today's issue, as we did in our first, you will find the honor rolls for Neenah High and St. Mary's Catholic. We believe in highlighting both the athletic accomplishments of students in the district and the academic successes.

As the publisher of this independent, locally owned newspaper I would like to





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thank our readers who have supported us in this short time period by subscribing to the News. Your support, along with your support of our advertisers, make it possible to continue to deliver local, relevant news for a more informed community.

I thank our business community for supporting us in getting the word out – many of whom offered complimentary copies of the Neenah News as part of our marketing launch plan. A special shoutout to Barbara Ann at Cedar Ridge Crafts & Gifts who tirelessly shares the News with her customers and encourages them

to support us by becoming subscribers. Cedar Ridge and Kitz & Pfeil made our summer Community Education Program possible by sponsoring the Kid Scoop content.

In addition to the talented contributors we have been fortunate to collaborate with, the support has made it possible for us to have added Bethanie Gengler as a News staff reporter to our team and increase our advertising team to better service the NJSD footprint.

The sustainability of these additions is contingent on our community investing in local journalism by subscribing, advertising and supporting the advertisers who support that effort.

If you still have subscribing to the News on your To-Do list, please visit www.neenahnewsnow.com/subscribe or call us at 920-486-1616. We'd love to hear from you.

Vaccine available

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member.

"Although COVID-19 infections have affected children to a lesser degree, many children have been hospitalized and sadly some children have died from it. Vaccinations are a powerful tool to help protect children, families and our communities from severe illness, hospitalization and death."

The Winnebago County Health Department began offering COVID-19 vaccinations to this newest eligible group this week. Locations include:

- Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m. at Fox Crossing Fire Department.
 - Wednesdays, 3 to 6 p.m., at Sunnyview

Expo Center.

• Thursdays through July 28, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Winnebago County Community Clinic, 2700 W. 9th Ave., Oshkosh

A complete list of local COVID-19 vaccine clinics is at wcvaccine.org or call 920-232-3026.

"Starting your vaccination series and staying up to date on your vaccines is the best thing you can do to keep yourself and the community around you safe from severe illness due to COVID-19," said Doug Gieryn, county Health Department director. "The Winnebago County Health Department also continues to encourage folks to get tested when they have symptoms of COVID-19 or were exposed to the virus. Testing locations can be found at winnebagopublichealth.org."



Photo from Neenah Historical Society



Venetian boat parade

In 1954, Police Chief Irv Stilp started a Venetian boat parade as part of Neenah's Fourth of July celebration. CommunityFest continues as an important tradition for many families, including the celebration in the park, boat parade and fireworks.



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Oshkosh-Neenah bus connection to lose funding

By Bethanie Gengler Neenah News

Winnebago County is not budgeting future funding for the bus route that links Neenah and Oshkosh, leaving other agencies to consider transportation alternatives for commuters without a vehicle if the route is discontinued.

Route 10 is a fixed-route bus service that connects Neenah to Oshkosh. The route was spearheaded and funded by the county. Riders can go from the Valley Transit center in Neenah to the Oshkosh Go Transit center and vice versa, with a few stops along the way. Route 10 sees between 17 and 28 trips a day.

Oshkosh GO Transit conducted a study that showed rising costs combined with declining ridership makes the program with Valley Transit financially unviable to continue at a time of record-high fuel prices.

Transportation director Jim Collins said that even with declining ridership, the route is essential to commuters in the Interstate 41 corridor who don't own a vehicle.

"The current model isn't working as we would like it to, however it still is important to those residents that need to connect between the systems," he said. "The majority of the ridership is for work."

Route 10 has been in place since at least 2004, according to Collins.

Valley Transit general manager Ronald McDonald said the loss of Route 10 would also affect University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students.

"I know of some individuals that are traveling from the Fox Cities to go to school at UW Oshkosh and their ability to go to school at UW Oshkosh would be gone," he said.

The Transit Advisory Board is recommending that the two cities look at alternatives to a fixed bus route including a cab connection or a transportation network company such as Uber or Lyft.

"The recommendation from the Transit Advisory Board was to replace the fixed route service with some type of on-demand or shared ride taxi service," Collins said. "However, I don't know how the funding is going to work with that; that is more contingent on county discussions."

The Winnebago County Human Services Committee held a budget hearing Wednesday at Wittman Regional Airport that included discussions of Route 10 and possible funding alternatives.

Collins said if the bus route is no longer funded, the Transit Advisory Board is considering extending its programs for the elderly and disabled so that those in-



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The bus route that links Neenah and Oshkosh is funded through the end of the year by Winnebago County but will no longer receive funding in 2023.

dividuals would still have mobility within Winnebago County.

"The concern is people that are using that route for employment, or education, or any other purpose, there's going to be a gap there if Route 10 is no longer available and that would be the concern, is how does the lack of service between the community or throughout the county affect those riders or citizens that need to get be-

tween the municipal boundaries," he said.

The route connects at the Oshkosh Transit Center and Neenah Transit Center. GO Transit administers the contract for Route 10, which is currently contracted with Kobussen. Riders then use either of the fixed-route services to connect to the rest of the system.

The bus route between Neenah and Oshkosh is funded through the end of the year.

Miller concert

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ber the first powwow held in Neenah since Helen Kimberly Stuart organized one in the 1930s took place in Shattuck Park. It was well attended and well received. As the singing rhythms of the drums and the bells echoed over Shattuck, Lang recalls thinking, "This is the sound that's supposed to be here."

The powwow was a success but would prove to be bittersweet as Alan Caldwell passed away in December of that year. In the spring, Cathy suggested doing a second powwow in his honor. Lang immediately agreed and the two worked together, combining forces with tribal elders and Historical Society members, all while forging a deep friendship.

They organized three more powwows until 2020 when COVID prevented group gatherings. Another has been scheduled for Sept. 17.

It was during a planning lunch that Cathy, a member of a large family that includes several musicians, dropped the kernel that 'her brother, Bill, had won a Grammy.' This information was not lost on Lang, as the Historical Society was in process of creating the Lakeshore Trail signs. Lang expressed it would be great to hear the sounds of a powwow while walking up the trail and shared the idea of a QR code on each sign that could lead to audios of native language and music.

Cathy contacted her brother, who readily agreed. He arranged to travel from Nashville and record flute music for one of the signs. Nick Jevne of the Menasha Historical Society agreed to record the session.

The group met at the Octagon House where Miller improvised flute music that can be heard from the sign QR code. Mill-

Correction

JUNE 24, PAGE 5: A photo caption for the Rocket slide shown at Riverside Park should have identified it as the former rocket slide installed in 1966 and taken down in the mid-2000s.



Submitted photo

Musician and activist Bill Miller is a Mohican Indian from northern Wisconsin and one of the most admired figures in Native American music.

er subsequently returned to perform for the dedication of the signs. That performance was disrupted by a major thunderstorm, and though Miller still played, it was for a small, hardy group.

A few weeks later Lang received a phone call from Miller. He was going to be in the Neenah area and expressed that he'd like to do a concert to make up for the disrupted dedication day. Lang was delighted, the concert was organized on short notice, and though a midweek event, it was well attended by an appreciative Riverside Park audience.

Several months ago, newly elected Mayor Lang was again contacted by Miller, who wanted to schedule another concert. This year people were given plenty of notice to hear the award-winning recording artist in a free, one-night-only event.



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Neenah Joint School District offers free summer lunches

The Neenah Joint School District is continuing to offer free lunches for students during the summer to any member of the community ages 18 and younger and must be consumed on site.

Lunches will be available July 11-21 from Monday through Thursdays at Tullar, Taft,

1212 S MAIN ST., OSHKOSH

Wilson and Hoover elementary schools as well as the Neenah Public Library.

Students attending summer school and their siblings will be served from 11 to 11:25 a.m. and to the public from 11:25 to 11:45 a.m. The library will serve from noon to 12:55 p.m.

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County Board backs added morgue resources

Coroner makes case to improve, expand facilities

By Bethanie Gengler Neenah News

The Winnebago County Board last week approved a \$1.5 million proposal to expand the sheriff's department evidence storage and add a morgue and cold storage to keep up with record-high overdose deaths.

Winnebago County Coroner Cheryl Brehmer told the board that between 32 and 49 people overdose each month in the county, with a sharp increase to 59 in May. Those numbers do not include people who were treated on scene by emergency medical services (EMS) but refused transport to the emergency room, or those who were administered Narcan – a drug that reverses overdoses – where EMS was never called.

Forty-one people died from overdoses in Winnebago County in 2021, compared with 37 in 2020. There were five fatal overdoses from mid-May to the June 21 board meeting.

Bodies that require autopsies in Winnebago County are transported to Fond du

Lac County. Brehmer said Fond du Lac no longer has the capacity to store bodies from other counties, which means Winnebago County is often holding bodies for up to 12 days.

With nowhere to go with bodies, Brehmer said at one point the county was storing nine of them at area funeral homes.

"They were not in our care, custody and control," said Brehmer, who has worked in the coroner's office since 2012. "At that point, too, we were on scene calling funeral homes to find out, 'Do you have room? Can you help us out?'"

Last November the county borrowed a cold storage trailer from Clark County. That also has been riddled with problems. Brehmer said the county twice was notified the trailer was going to be recalled and they were scrambling to find secure storage for bodies.

In mid-June, Brehmer said she went to release a body from the trailer and found the trailer's cooling system had failed and the internal temperature was 87.9 degrees Fahrenheit.

Brehmer said storing bodies in a trailer is not appropriate and when she speaks with families of the deceased she tells them she is transporting their loved one back to a facility

"I do not tell them I'm going to have livery take your loved one back and put them in our trailer," she said. "Ethically ... in my opinion, it's not right."

The cold storage trailer currently has the capacity to hold eight bodies, while the new morgue would be able to hold 12.

Brehmer said the number of overdoses in the county is not slowing down. She said as people search for safer drugs, they switch to a new drug.

"We've seen it go to heroin, to heroin and fentanyl, then it was meth and fentanyl, they just keep coming," she said, adding that a new drug she's seen in the area is "benzo-dope," the tranquilizer benzodiazepine mixed with fentanyl.

The county pays \$225 to transport a body to Fond du Lac for autopsy. In situations where tissue recovery is required, such as for organ donation, the county transports the body to a hospital room, with costs of about \$350 to \$400 per use.

Brehmer said the addition of an exam room would allow better examinations, clearer photos and a clean environment for drawing toxicology. The coroner's office would also be able to clean up bodies not being autopsied, such as gunshot suicide victims

Instead of renting a hospital room for tissue recovery or private autopsies, organizations would be able to rent the morgue's exam room, which brings in revenue for the county. Winnebago County's autopsies would still be conducted in Fond du Lac because a forensic pathologist is required.

Brehmer said having the coroner's office added on to the morgue would put the employees where they work.

"Right now we're making several trips, sometimes a day, going back and forth from the administrative building to the trailer, and then back, being able to do things," she said.

With the addition of the morgue, Brehmer said the coroner's office would also spend \$800 to outfit a Ford Explorer to transport bodies, cutting costs the county currently pays for livery service.

The board voted to approve the addition of a coroner's office morgue building and sheriff's office evidence storage at a cost of \$1,524,580.

Invasive species alert issued for boaters on state waters

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking boaters to help stop the spread of invasive, nonnative plants and animals in Wisconsin waters.

This Fourth of July holiday weekend, DNR staff and volunteers with Clean Boats, Clean Waters will be at boat launches statewide for their 2022 Landing Blitz, reminding the public of ways boaters can help prevent the spread of aquatic inva-

sive species, which pose great risks to the health of our lakes and fisheries.

Volunteers stationed at boat landings around the state will give demonstrations of the prevention steps that boaters must take before they leave the water. Boaters will receive "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!" boat towels.

With additional assistance of grants from the Great Lakes Commission this year,

Wisconsin will be able to expand its efforts to even more landings throughout the state.

Invasive species are nonnative plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Some have already been found in Wisconsin, while others pose a large risk of surviving and causing problems if they are introduced and become established

Volunteer needs

Biking enthusiasts: Wisconsin Bike Federation is seeking bicyclists for Cycling Without Age, where bicyclists provide free trishaw bicycle rides to older adults and those with differing abilities so they can enjoy the outdoors and interact with their community.

For details, contact Jan at 920-832-9360 or rsvp@volunteerfoxcities.org.

ThedaCare Regional Medical Center

 Neenah is seeking volunteers to assist in the Aylward Surgery Center. Volunteers will provide clerical support doing tasks that include preparing patient charts, consent forms and patient wrist bands.

For more information, contact Brooke at brooke.techlin@thedacare.org.

Loaves and Fishes of the Fox Valley is looking for volunteers to assemble togo meals for their drive-through dinner service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Volunteers are expected to stand while assembling meals from 3-4 p.m. For more information or to apply, contact Sue at 920-750-0964 or visit loavesandfishesfv.org.

Fox Valley Literacy is seeking volunteer tutors for about one hour a week to work with adult students getting their GED, learning English, and preparing to get American citizenship.

Training and ongoing support provided – no teaching experience or foreign language is required. For information, contact Paola at paola@foxvalleylit.org or 920-991-9840.





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Calendar of events

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Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park

July 3

Parade of Lights, 9:15 p.m., Riverside Park to Wisconsin Avenue to Commercial Street to Menasha

Sunday Music with Love, Light & Harmony, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

July 4

CommunityFest, 11:30 a.m., Riverside Park; fireworks at dusk

Neenah Community Band 4th of July concert, 7:45 p.m., Riverside Park

July 6

Future Neenah Evening Concerts with Mojoe, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

July 7

Future Neenah Out to Lunch with Jim'n Nancy, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park Pattie Shack Music Series with Rosetti & Wigley, 6 p.m., Ground Round

July 8

Friday Family Fun, 6 p.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

July 9

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park

Bill Miller Concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park.

July 10

Sunday Music with Olsen & Evenson, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee Summer Fun Runs, 6 p.m., Memorial Park

July 11

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park

Doty Island rummage sales, 8 a.m.

July 12

Neenah Community Band concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

July 13

Future Neenah Evening Concerts with Carbon Road, 6 p.m., Shattuck

Night Games, 7 p.m., Memorial Park

July 14

Future Neenah Out to Lunch with Walt Hamburger, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Pattie Shack Music Series with Thomas Dijkstra, 6 p.m., Ground Round



Photo by David Hall

Garden tending

Residents take care of garden plots in Twin Oaks Gardens of Neenah last week on Byrd Avenue near the new dog park. The gardens have developed over the years and have served as a research environment for UW Oshkosh students.

Trail Treasure Hunt features shiny orbs

The hidden treasure of the glass orbs in the natural beauty of the Little Lake Trestle Loop will be sought by participants in Future Neenah's Trail Treasure Hunt that launched this week.

The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass has hand-crafted 13 special glass orbs that will be hidden on the Neenah portion of the trail.

The search is on the loop Wednesdays of each week.

Those who locate one of the orbs can keep it and is asked to report it by sending a photo of themselves with it to info@neenah.org or visit 135 W. Wisconsin Ave.

New orbs will be hidden each week for the six weeks through Aug. 1. The museum's 2022 Glass Arts Festival is Aug. 1 and Future Neenah's Log Your Loops 50 loop trail challenge runs through Labor Day.

Watch the Future Neenah Facebook page and website for details, hunting hints and finds.

Orbs will only be hidden on public areas along the Neenah portion of the loop between Herb & Dolly Smith Park



Future Neenah photo

Special glass orbs from the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum will be hidden along the Little Lake Trestle Loop during July.

on Lake Street and the Water Street trail head on Doty Island. No items will need to be removed or disturbed to find them.

For more information, visit neenah. org or call 722-1920.



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Academic Achievement for Neenah area schools

Neenah High School has announced its second-semester "A" honor rolls.

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Cowell, Avery

Dean, Grant

Dietz, Ethan

Dums, Marie

Danish, Katelyn

Delene, Madeline

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Dunning, Andrew

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Epley, Carter

Fenske, Cole

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Saibel, Benjamin

Rymer, Jensen

Saleh, Khaled

Sattler, Login

Scheibel, Caden

Schmerse, Lukas

Schertz, Anna

Schmitz, Luke

Schultz, Carson

Schutte, Jakob

Shopbell, Eli

Sickels, Miley

Spilski, Jackson

Stuczynski, Matthew

Swanson, Thomas

Tamulion, Holden

Turnquist, Cavden

Typner, Makenna

Ullrich, Mariah

Swatek, Bravden

Seelow, Annaliyah

Schumacher, Annika

Rocke, Jensen

Neenah High School Neenah High School has announced its second-semester "B" honor rolls.

Vanlerberghe, Alexis Vanschindel, Kade Welk, Evan White, Emily Wiegert, Isabella Zarda, Jazzmyn Ziarnik, Connor Zuelzke, Ameerah

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Beauchaine, Bryleigh Bitter, Zackary Boss, Nathaniel Brawley, Vega Carroll, Josephine Colon, Natalie Colon, Serena Conard, Kai Contento, Daniela Cruz, Jaiden Davidson, Zaylee Dimmer, Emma Drexler, Zoev Driscoll, Casey Dumke, Brett Egonut, Ashton

Falkner, Jazmine

Foucault, Anna

Fruendt, Zachary

Galligan, Allie

Gmeiner, Jacob

Groleau, Brady

Gueye, Soukeye

Hackbarth, Gabrielle

Halvorson, Connor

Hansen, Charles

Herrick, Mason

Hasler, Blake

Fraser, Ethan

Kavanaugh, Lauren Kimball, Morgan Klesmit, Cal Knuth, Savanna Kok, Sophia Kriz, John Krueger, Mitchell Latreille, Anna Sophia Llewellyn, Erica Loberg, Chloe Lopez, Jaden Loveless, Katelynn Luedtke, Alexander Martinez, Alvza Mayo, Michaela McDonald, Mandy Mercado, Elisaury Mier, Angela Nessler, Alexandrya Ortega, Lizbeth Pagel, Tessa Plungy, Madison Pratt, Charli Rahim, Jesse Ramaeker, Elizabeth Reagan, Madeline Reuter, Kylie Rollefson, Emma Romzek, Mason Rundquist, Sophia

Runnerstrom, Milo

Schlomann, Jackson

Schmidt, Natalie

Higgins, Trent

Hintz, Havden

Hurlbut, Ross

Johnson, Brenna

Kashukula, Losai

Kanhyeba, Jacqueline

Jesse, Drake

Hopfensperger, Sawyer

Sickler, Owen Sina, Justin Strong, Kaiden Talayumptewa, Kaiden Van De Hey, Marley VanLinn, Cattee Vollmer, Madison Wacongne, Stanislas Walter, Sophia Wheeler, Owen Wienandt, Isabell Williams, Hunter

SOPHOMORES Aaholm, Lauren Arboleda, Cullen Josiah Bauer, Taelvn Bekteshi, Artion Berry, Kyra Brunel, Sarah Chacon, Moises Cook, Addison Cook, Britany Coulthard, Ethan Dietze Stoegbauer, Kylie Dunsirn, Solomon Engel, Andrew Erickson, Ian Evans, Tilli Everhart, Elijah Florez, Haylee Gauerke, Aryn Gehrt, Calvx Gilmour, John Glaeser, Jackson Granditzke, Jenna Hagner, Benjamin

Hallman, Miriam

Harder, Kameron

Heider, Tyler

Heyes, Kristian

Huycke, Quintin Jacobs, Ethan Jazdzewski, Kayden Johnson, Alix Joneson, Kyle Karlin, Alex Kaufman, Satori Keuler, Seth Koerner, Scott Kramer, Jaxon Krueger, Kate Lee, Jacky Leibold, Braden Licht, Brayden Lorrig, Adam Manteufel, Aleya Mayhew, Elizabeth McKenna, Avrie McNulty, Connor Medina-Reyes, Thomas Meixl, Jack Mirembe, Petra Moore-Nokes, Eleanor Mukashyaka, Clementine Nickels, Ryla Olson, Khally Pacheco, Vespa Peters, McKinna Raasch, Nicholas Ratliff, Henry Salazar, Jenny Sauer, Alayna Sheridan, Arianna Spang, Ryder Spiegel, Madison Stichman, Trevor Temby, Rylie Tessier, Logan Thiel, Lucas

Thompson, Bailey

Hultman, Angela

Hurlburt, Aidan

VanHammond, Kiana Verbruggen, Isaac White, Landen Wilz, Trevor Young, Owen Zarling, Morgan Zehner, Samantha Zietlow, Gracie

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Khang, Dalaena Kuehn, Julian Kutchek, Katia Landreman, Jack Lettau, Finn Liriano Rueda, Justin Lor, Riley Machacek, Matthew Malliet, Spencer Marhefke, Kaylee Martin, Isabelle Martinez, Artemio McCauley, Olivia McClain, Ashivah Mendoza, Rylan Meunier, Ella Mever, Amani Miller, Clark Misevicz, Zachary Moran, Luke Nehls, Ethan Odom, Derric Pirwitz, Cecilia Pupp, Daisy Roberts, Emma Rodriguez, Edwin Rodriguez, Jensen Ross, Braeden Sattler, Desirae Schmitt, Zayne Schmitzer, Alexander Schuchart, Alexander Schumacher, Andrew Smith, Avery Snider, Emily Stevens, Brooke Stuckel, Bennett Taylor, Adrianna Thao, Jaidyn Van Buren, Skyler Verbrick, Emmalee Weinholzer, Jack Weinholzer, Riley Whitby, Serena Williams, Lauryn Young, Trystyn

Jansen, Ally

Kane, Sam

Johnson, Nathan

Jordan, Makenzie

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King, Jaxon

Kolell, Judah

Kirchman. Evan

Kordus, William

Kraus, Elizabeth

Krueger, Camryn

Krueger, Evelina

Krueger, Max

Lauer, Isaiah

Leist, Nolan

Lewis, Austin

Licht, Hunter

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Gregory Wheeler **High honors** Wesley Auth Harrison Bergstrom Alice Cole Maria Marti Kate Nackers Sean Ortscheid

Joseph Pirillo Lauren Ripley Nathaniel Seiske Stella Virlee **Higher honors** Jeremiah Berken

Grant Brazzale

Eliana Brenn

Gabrielle Callan Jakob Duquaine Carson Emenecker Preston Fields Daniel Harness Amelia Herzog Jaelyn Reuss-Markley Alex Rice

Katharine Schoeni Zach Trudeau Brityn Voss **Audrey Wanless Highest honors** Giovanni Albino

Claire Benz Elijah Kutney John Osland Ava Rankin Emily Vogel

Honors Nathan Bekkers Aidan Birling

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St. Mary Catholic High School

St. Mary Catholic High School has announced its honor roll for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year. Highest honors went to students with a grade point average of 4.0. Higher honors went to students with GPAs of 3.75-3.99. High honors went to a GPA of 3.5-3.74. Honors went to those with a GPA of 3.0-3.49.

Mackenzie Jaeckels Autumn Kegley Fisher MacKenzie Evelyn McKenna Ethon Moschea Olivia Noel Ashton Post Hunter Schreiber Johnathon Schultz George Staner Ethan Tines Rheana Underwood Noah Valentine Garrett Weninger Julia Yepes Alvaro

High honors Erin Bahn Mackenzie Barmash-Turner Grant Bergstrom Jonah DeWitt William Lawniczak

Isidro Muniz Nathaniel Pable Higher Honors Braeden Brenn Kassadi Calmes Ray Pingel Benjamin Schoeni Lauren Fischer Elena Altfillisch Daniel DuVernay Theodore Higgins Alexander Groppel Alexander Walsh Norah Lee Audrey Norville Highest honors Ian Albino Sienna Anderson Alex Campbell Nicholas DeBraal

Haley Gustafson

Gwyneth Rabitoy Rhiannon Reichenbacher

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Nyles Schneider

Allie Strande

Mason Talaga

Matthew Betchner Michael Fairweather Bryn Korth Sophia Lehner Sahara Lewis Spencer Lynch Charlie Nackers Raffaele Ricciardi Juan Sebastian-de-Erice Owen Swanstrom Vanessa Thiede Peyton Weis **Higher honors** Lauren Altfillisch Dane Anderson

Olivia Bergstrom

Samuel Todd

High honors

Lainey Becker

Cole Uhlenbrauck

Brianna Beyer Julia Kubicki Mari Ladish Teagan Miller Hugo Perez Montavez Gabriella Ruback Eva Schneider **Highest honors** Maria Argueta Nicholas Berg Shruti Chakrapani Lauren Detterman Catherine Genke Erika Stencil Adela Thiel Chloe Vogel

Grotenhuis, Paul

Haecker, Jarith

Huth, Ethan

SENIORS Honors Nyla Albrecht Cameron Connolly Daniel Decker Lilly Griffith Grant Hansen Eden Marshall Joshua Martin Greta Norville Daniel Ozark Isaac Pifer Anna Porter Robert Riesterer IV Rebecca Schultz

Jaydin Vosters **High honors Brody Adams** Noelle Anderson Margherita Gennaro Agiimaa Kerwin Shaela London Julia Lukasik Svlvia Walentowsk **Higher honors** Rose Bayer Emma Bengel Maria Benz Noah Bublitz Camille Dinka Taylor Foord Taylor Gustafson Mackenzie Hayes William Kyles-Werth Madeline London Kaden Miller Kaitlyn Powers Megan Roloff Anna Vanden Acker Nicholas Zimmer **Highest honors**

Ava Bergstrom

Peyton Schroeder

Holly Trebatoski

William Walsh III

Ellie DeWitt

Grecia Vera

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Funding, solutions aimed at affordable housing shortage

By Nathan Denzin THE BADGER PROJECT

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated homelessness in Wisconsin, with the state now facing a deficit of more than 120,000 affordable homes and over 4,500 people experiencing homelessness on any given night, according to the most recent data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

However, Milwaukee County has the nation's lowest per-capita homeless population, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced in March. That is thanks to a set of "Housing First" policies the city has implemented to permanently house as many people as possible before establishing employment, or attending to substance use or mental health issues, said James Mathy, the administrator for the Milwaukee County Housing Division.

Those policies are now being slowly adopted throughout Wisconsin, as Democratic Gov. Tony Evers, running for reelection this year, announced in March about \$210 million in grants to combat homelessness in the state. The Neighborhood Investment Fund comes from the huge sums the state received from the Democrats' nearly \$2 trillion federal stimulus from 2021 called the American Rescue Plan. The fund is intended to help cities address a variety of issues, with the majority of grants creating affordable housing and supporting those struggling with homelessness, according to the state.

The city and county of Milwaukee are set to receive a total of \$25 million from the fund, according to the state. Milwaukee County will receive two grants totaling just over \$10 million. More than \$7 million will go toward building 120 single-family homes for people of color, and will focus on affordable homeownership, Mathy said.

Another \$3 million will go toward acquiring and rehabbing a building on the city's south side that contains a community food pantry and a transitional housing program according to Mathy. The city of Milwaukee is set to receive \$15 million for similar projects.

Other cities getting big grants from the Neighborhood Investment Fund for housing and homelessness include Racine, which will receive \$15 million, and Juneau, population about 2,600, will get \$10 million in funds. The Ho-Chunk Nation will receive nearly \$12 million for that same problem in Black River Falls. Viroqua, population about 4,500, will get \$6 million.

Winnebago County is receiving

\$10,351,686 from the fund and Neenah is getting \$4,388,025.

That funding will be crucial, as Wisconsin's homeless population is growing in every area of the state, said Michael

Basford, the director of the Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness, a state agency with the goal of ending homelessness.

"It really is a universal issue throughout the state – everywhere that I've been able to go see it in person, or



Basford

virtually over the last nearly three years, everybody tells me the same thing," Basford said. "Access to units that are affordable, particularly to people who are low income, is the number one barrier for people who are experiencing homeless-

Housing prices across the state have doubled since 2012, and have increased nearly \$100,000 on average over the last 5 years, according to the Wisconsin Realtors Association.

It's hard to pinpoint the exact reason housing prices are rising all over the state, Basford said, but in Madison, costs could be driven by the growth in the data sector. On the eastern and western sides of the state, he speculated, the Milwaukee and Twin Cities economies could be pushing people further away from their work.

A huge jump in material prices has also supercharged the housing market. Prices for building materials have risen 33%since the start of the pandemic, according to the National Association of Home

In the Milwaukee metro area, a renter would need to make about \$19 per hour to afford the rent and utilities on a fair market-priced, two-bedroom apartment on a 40-hour workweek, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, a nonprofit aimed at decreasing homelessness for low-income people. In Madison, that number is over \$23 per hour. The state's minimum wage is \$7.25

"If I was the Tsar of Wisconsin and I could make budgetary decisions, I would create a program where I would just cut checks out of whatever is available in the budget for [affordable housing]," Basford said. "But that politically is not a viable

Current remedies for creating affordable housing include the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), which awards subsidies to private companies to build affordable housing.

"Relying on LIHTC is something that is done most often, because that's something that's available right now," Basford



Mathy

More than 900 affordable units will be built around the state thanks to the Neighborhood Investment Grant, Basford said, but that's far from the 120,000 units he says Wisconsin needs.

"That number doesn't mean that you

have 120,000 homeless every night, but that does mean thousands of households are one broken arm or COVID diagnosis away from not being able to pay the bills," Basford said, referring to emergencies that prevent people from working. "There is still going to be a very substantial need for more affordable housing, and that is going to be a very heavy lift."

"Housing First" policies were first adopted in Milwaukee in 2015 when a group of care partners, city leaders and politicians sat down to create a system that HUD says helped the city succeed in achieving the lowest per-capita homeless population in America.

"A lot of large institutions bought into this plan," Mathy said. "Having all of our focus on permanently ending cycles of homelessness, instead of just being reactive, is what made these numbers possi-

On top of using tax credits to create affordable homes, caseworkers in downtown Milwaukee conduct street outreach five days a week, where they work with unsheltered people to put them directly into permanent housing.

Data from the Milwaukee County Housing Division shows a 92% reduction in the homeless population on the street since "Housing First" policies were adopted in 2015, and a 53% reduction in the homeless population that is temporarily sheltered.

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's office, the Milwaukee Police Department, and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office are all partners with the Housing Division - which can be the difference between a homeless person getting forcibly removed from a tent city, or getting permanent housing, Mathy said.

"We want to make sure that people aren't just kicked out of encampments," Mathy said. "The idea of "Housing First" is to decriminalize homelessness, and to make sure people are put in permanent

Mathy says 80% of the homeless households served in Milwaukee County are Black. This demographic in Milwaukee has the highest rate of poverty in any demographic group, according to the U.S.

"Making major reductions in homelessness is absolutely possible, if everybody's working together and following the same philosophy," Mathy said. "Oftentimes it doesn't take unbelievably large financial investments. A lot is just coordination, and building a good public-private partnership."

Many of the policies and practices Milwaukee has implemented were initially successful in Houston, a city HUD named a "priority community" in 2012.

An audit of the city's homeless resources found the system disjointed, with duplicative services and people passed around instead of directed toward housing, according to Ana Rausch, the Vice President of Program Operations at the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/ Harris County.

Like Milwaukee three years later, the various organizations in Houston first met to agree on a strategy to address homelessness. Leaders decided to pursue "Housing First" policies that prioritized moving people to permanent housing as fast as possible. The city also set up a facility to recruit and retain landlords and properties for the program.

The latest homeless count found just over 3,000 homeless people in Houston a third of what it had been in 2011.

"It may be tempting to want to respond to the political pressure, or the community pressure of getting rid of that visible homelessness right away, but it's just a band-aid," Rausch said. "It's so expensive to temporarily house people. Just doing it right may take a little bit longer, but in the end, you permanently solved the situation instead of pushing them around temporary shelters."

While there have been pitfalls to Houston's system - including dirty apartments, apathetic landlords and potentially long waits to be housed - it boasts a 90% success rate in either keeping people housed after 2 years or a positive transition to more permanent housing, Rausch said.

"We put the majority of our funding into permanent housing because we believe that the only way to permanently end someone's homelessness is to provide them with housing and supportive services, period," Rausch said.

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Building careers

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willing to be outside, so it seemed to us a natural match to put women who have the skills, the work ethic, the desire and then the need that exists in construction, to put new people into field crafts positions so that's what started it and that's why we keep driving each year to do it," he said.

Now in its sixth year, the Build Like a Girl event is a daylong program open to seventhto 10th-grade girls interested in learning about construction careers. The event included a visit to Miron's corporate office, a project site tour of the future Neenah High School, hands-on activities at Miron's yard and a youth apprentice presentation.

Communications coordinator Justine Eron said the Build Like a Girl Event helps young women gain confidence to work in a traditionally male career.

"The opportunities are truly endless in the construction-related fields both in office and out of office and I think showing young girls that they can do this and that there's not a stereotype around it does open up their horizons," she said.

Walsh said he is always impressed by the girls who come out to the event.

"They get nervous in the beginning but by the end you see them operating machinery, stacking masonry - it's just fun to see them gain that experience," he said.

Female Miron Construction mentors were on hand to work with the girls, while Miron craftspeople walked participants through masonry, carpentry, operating a crane and operating a boom lift, a platform used to access high areas.

Menasha High School student Drewthea Schneidewend said operating a boom lift was fun.

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"I was trying to go as high as I could," she said, adding that the event made her more interested in the construction field.

Horace Mann Middle School student Isabella Nowak said she normally only hears about men working in construction jobs.

"It's pretty cool that they're introducing more girls into this field," she said.

MaKenna Stelpflug is a project manager for Miron and she was also a mentor at the event. Stelpflug said an internship in college led her to a career in construction.

"There's a ton of different opportunities for women to be a part of this industry, whether it's someone who prefers to be in the office – there's virtual construction, there's engineering, there's project management, and then there's the stuff that you can go out in the field and you can become a superintendent," she said. "You can become a laborer or carpenter; all these different types of things depending on what you want to do."

Stelpflug said the event offered resources



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Chamber's leadership program expands

The Fox Cities Chamber has announced a new leadership development program exclusively for graduates of Leadership Fox Cities. Leadership Fox Cities 2.0 is an extension of the original program that takes a deeper dive into community topics, furthering participants' knowledge and understanding of the region.

"For decades we have been training existing and emerging leaders through Leadership Fox Cities, a nine-month program focused on developing leadership skills while teaching participants about

the community that they live and work in. Many of the program graduates have asked, 'What's next?' said Amy Schanke, Leadership Fox Cities director.

Based on alumni feedback, the advanced leadership program will include sessions titled Business Day, Board Service, Government and Human Services. Class size is limited to 20 students. Tuition is \$1,000 for Chamber members and \$1,500 for non-members.

Applications for the first class are being accepted through Aug. 1.

Fox Cities Chamber names development director



Broten

The Fox Cities Chamber has promoted Eric Broten to director of economic development.

Broten, director of business retention and expansion, will assume additional duties that include consulting with businesses on tal-

ent attraction and retention; working with local and state partners to help attract new businesses to the Fox Cities; and presenting data and information on development issues, programs and plans.

He will also continue to oversee the chamber's Employee Friendly Workplace

Broten holds a degree in political science and government from St. Norbert

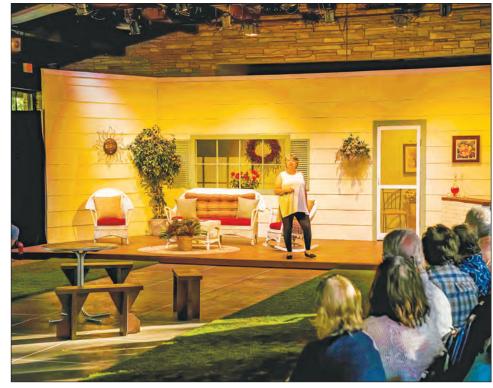


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Summer stage

Riverside Players staged the "The Savannah Sipping Society" last week at the Riverside Park pavilion.

Pajama Jam at Shattuck kicks off Fourth

Pajama Jam kicks off CommunityFest with live music starting at 7:45 p.m. Sunday. The Parade of Lights begins at 9:15 p.m. from Riverside Park going west on Wisconsin Avenue.

The Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast

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Stellar senior group paved way for Neenah's success

By Tim Froberg News contributor

Music and sports often intersect, and some squads rally around specific tunes.

AJR's "Bang! would have been the perfect team song for the Neenah boys' tennis squad. The catchy jam is built around the lyrics "Let's go out with a bang" - and that's what the Rockets' skilled senior contingent did.

Nolan Kubiak, Khaled Saleh, Henry Werner, Leyton Daharsh and Jaxon King were the heart and soul of the talented team. All five earned high individual honors and were the catalysts to an exceptional season that saw Neenah finish as the WIAA's Division 1 state team run-

The five seniors were Fox Valley Association champions and combined for an outstanding 111-20 record. Kubiak and Saleh finished fourth in doubles play at the WIAA Division 1 state individual meet, while the three additional seniors helped Neenah win matches over Eau Claire Memorial and Middleton at the WIAA Division 1 state team tournament. The Rockets also had the state's individual singles champion in sophomore Solomon Dunsirn.

"It was a very special season," said Werner, who played No. 2 doubles with junior Satchel Moss and went 29-3. "Raw talent was a part of it, but I think our success had a lot to do with our chemistry. There was such a strong connection between teammates. It helped us push one another to play the best tennis we could and I think we peaked at the state (team) tourna-

In addition to its postseason success, Neenah (19-3 overall) won its 22nd consecutive FVA championship.

"Oh man, this season was just super fun," Saleh said. "It was a blast, definitely the highlight of my senior year. We not only had great tennis players, but we had great people who were very talented in more than just tennis."

The Rockets' strong team chemistry should come as no surprise. Four of the Neenah seniors grew up playing tennis and attending classes together. The group started playing the game at a young age in Neenah's well-regarded parks and recreation tennis program directed by longtime Neenah coach Tom Berven.

"We've known each other for a very long time and have been playing together since we were little kids," Werner said. "To see us evolve into the tennis players we are today is pretty cool. We accomplished a lot."

They certainly did and the Rockets re-



Khaled Saleh teamed with Nolan Kubiak to form a fierce No. 1 doubles team for Neenah.

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ceived strong support from the Neenah tennis community.

"This tennis season was one of the best years of my life," Daharsh said. "Our whole tennis community felt like another family. I've built so many great relationships – not just with my teammates, but with parents as well. Everyone was so supportive. Win or lose, everyone made sure that we were taken care of - that we were getting food in our bodies. And the fans cheering us on at matches really got us going. It was a great four years."

Daharsh teamed with King to post a 23-7 record at No. 3 doubles. It was a firstyear doubles team that quickly found suc-

"Leyton and I worked early in the season on communication – working with signals and just clicked," King said. "Just hitting with and practicing against our teammates made us better. It was just a lot of fun. I've known these guys so many years and it all started back in that park and rec program."

Saleh, who teamed with Kubiak to go 36-3 at No. 1 doubles, moved from Fond du Lac to the Neenah area his freshman year. But he wasn't treated like an outsider and was quickly embraced by the Rockets' tennis community.

"The Neenah tennis experience was great," Saleh said. "I didn't know anyone when I got here, but everyone was super welcoming: teammates, their parents, their families. They accepted me with open arms. I was able to click with them and I just had a great four years."

When asked if there is any secret to Neenah's amazing tennis success, Saleh pointed to the large number of children enrolled in parks and rec program. Saleh didn't get the chance to grow up with it like his teammates, but has served as a program instructor and knows a good thing when he sees one.

"To me, that's the main reason why Neenah tennis has been so successful for so many years," Saleh said. "There is just kind of an unspoken culture where parents just enroll their kids into the program at a really young age because it's super affordable and accessible. I know coming from Fond du Lac, there is nothing like that there.

"There's just so many young kids with rackets in their hands. When they grow up, Neenah is bound to have good tennis teams. There's so many more young kids playing tennis here than I noticed in Fond

All five Neenah seniors are strong students headed for college. Kubiak, who will be attending Vassar University in New York, is the only one of the group who will play collegiate tennis. Saleh, who graduated from Neenah with a 3.98 grade point-average, will attend the University of Wisconsin where he will major in com-

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King finished with a 3.7 GPA and plans to major in mechanical engineering at Brigham Young University. Werner will study at Marquette University, while Daharsh plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College before going on to a four-year

Although the majority won't be playing college tennis, cobwebs won't likely form on their rackets.

"I can see myself playing tennis – even

in my 30s, 40s and 50s," said Saleh. "Hopefully, I can teach my kids to play tennis and be able to play with them some day."

Daharsh can't image the day when he won't feel like playing tennis.

"Tennis will always be a part of my life," he said. "I honestly don't know what I'd do without it. It's gotten me through a lot of hard times in my life. I'll probably play tennis until the day I die. I feel like I could play it forever."

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