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# State distributes more EMS funding

# Another \$20M added for selected communities

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The state Department of Health Services (DHS) this week announced an additional \$20 million investment in emergency medical service (EMS) providers through its Flex Grant program, including for three northern Winnebago County communities.

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue was allotted \$122,000, Town of Neenah Fire Department First Responders will receive

\$16,260 and Clayton Fire Rescue will receive \$14,000.

ThedaStar Air Medical in Winnebago County also was granted \$34,540.

From his State of the State address, Gov. Tony Evers initially granted \$12 million to EMS providers but this recent addition for 442 EMS groups brings the total investment to \$32 million.

"EMS providers are often the first on the scene, providing critical care when we need them the most—especially over these past few years — and I know these folks are stretched thin," Evers said. "This funding is going to provide much needed support to our EMS providers across the state to help ensure they have the tools and resources they need to meet the needs in their communities and continue their life-saving work."

According to DHS, there are 791 Wisconsin-based EMS providers and more than 16,000 licensed providers delivering pre-hospital emergency medical care statewide. More than 450 EMS providers are solely volunteer or operating with a combination of volunteers, part-time and full-time staff.



Photo by David Hall

# Tribal style

Ceremonial dress styles full of tribal traditions, colors and jingles were on display at last Saturday's Inter-Tribal Pow Wow at Shattuck Park that featured Native American dancing, drumming and cultural ceremonies. See more photos from the event on Page 6.

# ThedaCare upgrade work continues at Neenah campus

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ThedaCare Regional Medical Center's modernization project continues inside and outside its Neenah campus as part of a \$100 million investment that now focuses on updating and enhancing surgical areas of the hospital.

The Inspired Past; Healthier Future project broke ground this spring and also will include upgrades to the Family Birth Center and Women's Health areas before its completion next fall.

"It is exciting to see the enhancements taking shape with new areas that will advance coordinated care throughout the ThedaCare service area, including critical access hospitals," said Lynn Detterman, senior vice president of ThedaCare south region.

Updates to the surgical areas include:

- Create and renovate nearly a dozen operating rooms to improve patient care and team coordination.
- Enhancing the robotic surgery program, where doctors are trained in both general surgery and bariatrics. Four dedicated ro-

botics suites will support better outcomes for patients and development of a teaching environment for robotics surgery.

- A modern cardiac catherization laboratory and special procedure suite integrated into the Surgery Department. A cath lab is an area with imaging equipment and technology to care for cardiovascular and stroke conditions. Plans also include addition of a biplane to support stroke services.
- Updating post-anesthesia care unit and prep/recovery to help patients recover after surgery.
- Improve team member and support staff workspaces.
- Invest more than \$10 million to upgrade sterile areas, lights, processing equipment, surgical instruments and storage rooms.

"Often, patients who undergo robotic surgery can experience shorter recovery times and possibly less pain," said Dr. Raymond Georgen, co-medical director of bariatrics and ThedaCare System trauma medical director. "Offering the advanced technology

in the Fox Cities and our rural communities allows patients to be close to family and friends, which can lead to improved recovery and can help reduce travel time for the patient and their families."

Emergency Department care remains open during construction. Select services will be temporarily relocated during surgery construction, including some gynecology, podiatry and urology surgeries.

"Our team members are committed to helping patients and visitors navigate any changes they might experience during this time," Detterman said. "We appreciate the community's understanding as we work through construction."

Enhancements were funded in part through more than \$15 million donated to the ThedaCare Foundation-Neenah.

ThedaCare also announced a partnership Tuesday with the Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin health network to expand access to advanced levels of specialty care to patients in northeast and central Wisconsin.



ThedaCare phot

ThedaCare Regional Medical Center's modernization project in Neenah continues with the focus on surgical areas.

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# Neighbor still part of Roosevelt family

By Karen Schneider Neenah News

If you happen to be on East Forest Avenue by Roosevelt Elementary when the Pledge of Allegiance is playing on the loudspeaker, you'll likely see Arline Dabill standing on her front porch with her hand over her heart, reciting the pledge along with the schoolchildren.

All five of her children attended Roosevelt and she later worked as a playground attendant at the young age of 70.

Dabill celebrated her 98th birthday last Friday with a sign and balloons in her front yard and a steady stream of birthday wishes being called out to her from passing cars and neighbors.

She has lived in the wood-frame home

# Mayor's Run/Walk will benefit Fire Rescue float

The inaugural Mayor's Charity Run/Walk is set for Oct. 1, which will support funding for a new and improved Santa float for Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue.

Neenah Mayor Jane Lang, along with Neenah Menasha Firefighters Charitable Foundation and various sponsors, are presenting the 3.5-mile event on the Loopthe-Lake Trail that welcomes families and pets.

To register, visit runreg.com/may-ors-charity-runwalk.

Games and activities will be available afterward at The Globe Plaza downtown, where the run/walk will start and finish.

Registration starts at 8 a.m., the run starts at 9 and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m.



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across from the school for 62 years. She and her husband, David, bought it for the porch swing and the elm tree that stand in all their glory in the front yard.

The swing has been replaced with a floor model, but the elm still stands and is one of the stops on the Doty Island Mystery Tour.

When asked the secret to her longevity, Dabill says hard work. She grew up on a farm seven miles north of Appleton and reminisced on her love of working the farm with her father and love of the outdoors.

As the weather starts turning cooler you may not see her on the porch, but she will be perched at the window watching over the students that bring her daily joy.



Neenah New

Arline Dabill celebrated her 98th birthday last Friday.



Photo by David Hall

# Partying in style

Lion's Tail Brewing held its seventh annual Oktoberfest celebration last weekend with two days of German-style festivities that included visitors with their lederhosen or dirndl. On-stage contests such as best polka couple, best dressed and stein shared the stage with live music.

# Engage Fox Cities to help immerse employees

The Fox Cities Chamber has announced a new program – Engage Fox Cities – to help businesses improve employee satisfaction and retention with a community immersion experience for local employees.

"Whether someone is new to the area or a longtime resident, every participant will learn something new and feel more engaged in the Fox Cities," said Amy Schanke, director of Leadership Fox Cities, who is managing the program at the chamber.

Each 3.5-hour session available either Friday night or Saturday morning hosts

six to 12 employees and their guests. Topics such as Fox Cities history, education, community service, arts, volunteering, recreation and human services are chosen based on a survey before the event.

The first program is from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 28 and 8:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 29. Registration deadline is Oct. 14.

To register or for more information, visit foxcitieschamber.com or contact Schanke at 920-734-7101 or aschanke@foxcitieschamber.com.

## Chamber, Google partnership brings tech resources

The Fox Cities Chamber has partnered with Grow with Google, a national initia-

tive that offers digital tools, resources and training for local businesses.

As part of the partnership, chamber members can attend a series of free seminars and webinars that kick off Oct. 4. Participants will be joined by Goo-

gle speaker Dave Meyer for "Reach your Customers Online with Google" and "Launch your Business with Customer Focused Marketing." The event will be from 8 to 10 a.m. at Community First Credit Union and is limited to the first 100 registrants.

"By partnering with Google we can help businesses work with, and embrace, digital technology to help them stand out online, reach more customers, and work more efficiently," said Becky Bartoszek, chamber president. "Training is a huge focus of the program, including both in person and virtual events."

The in-person seminar will be followed by a series of Google webinars to help small businesses grow.

Meyer is a Grow with Google speaker with more than 20 years of experience in marketing and communications.



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# Business plan made for fun turns into Fava Tea

By AJ Mikkelson News contributor

After traveling frequently around Europe for work, Bryan Stafford, co-owner of Neenah based Fava Tea, found himself drinking tea to help with the exhaustion caused by the trips between Appleton and

As a self-described "marketing dork," Stafford would write business plans as a hobby, and decided to write a business plan for a tea shop just for fun. Stafford had worked in marketing for several companies and in 2007, he was training his counterparts all around the world for a Fortune 500 company.

Stafford's wife Mellisa, Fava Tea's co-owner, worked in human resources for a firm west of Oshkosh and they lived the normal busy life, both traveling for work.

Stafford recognized that tea was a great alternative to the growing popularity of coffee and offered better health benefits, especially loose leaf tea. He also recognized there was little competition in the

A new tea shop in the Fox Valley could break new ground and tap into an underdeveloped market. Tea was available at other specialty shops, but loose leaf tea and custom blending flavors would be the special focus.

The Staffords also have a fun story about where the name came from. When son Nathan was 2, the Staffords had two dogs, one named Moxy and the other Tigger. Mellisa noticed that when their son would play with the dogs, he would phonetically refer to Moxy as "Fava" and Tigger as "Tea." The name Fava Tea was born from their 2-year-old learning to speak.

The Staffords opened an Appleton location in December 2007, right as the economy began a downturn. Initially, both Bryan and Mellisa thought they would keep their full-time jobs because they believed trying to open a new business was going to be a bumpy ride.

Expansion plans at Lion's Tail Brewing

Co. in downtown Neenah will close the

brewhouse for two weeks as it converts

the space across from its taproom for fin-

Swoonbeam Photography is moving

upstairs to a new suite, Lion's Tail Brewing

posted on its Facebook page, which will put

ishing and packaging operations.

Bryan recalls the opposite happening.

"There were lines out the doors during the first month, and by the end of December, we knew one of us had to be on site,"

By May 2008, Mellisa had resigned her human resource position and began putting all her work efforts into their business. By 2010, Fava Tea opened another location in Greenfield, on the south side of Milwaukee, and saw a significant increase in online sales. It was also the year the Appleton store moved a few blocks south to its current location off Casaloma Drive in Grand Chute. Those changes brought Bryan to Fava Tea full time. Since then, a third location in Brookfield opened.

Transitioning from being an employee to a business owner was challenging for

"I never saw myself as anything but a 9-to-5 employee," she said.

She went from being able to leave work at work to lying awake and thinking about payroll and paying bills. Bryan recalls being a great collaborator while working for global corporations, "but collaborating with your spouse brings a different set of challenges," Bryan said, "I wouldn't change it for anything."

The Staffords embrace the freedom of owning their business together.

Being partners in life and business, the Staffords relish the flexibility. Some days Mellisa starts at 6:30 a.m. and puts in a short day, others she'll work 13 hours. Bryan enjoys how the flexibility allows him to do other things and be able to volunteer.

He serves as a supervisor on the Winnebago County Board, something that might not have been possible when traveling for large multinational corporations. The Staffords feel it offers them work-life

What sets Fava Tea apart from competitors in the area are the custom blends and flavors created by Mellisa.

the brewery's kegging and canning opera-

tions on display near the bar. Four existing

10-barrel fermenters are being converted to

Lion's Tail Brewing previously an-

nounced a second taproom with a smaller

brewing operation in Wauwatosa that is scheduled to open in mid-October.

15-barrel fermenters in the brewhouse.

Lion's Tail updating downtown operations



Photo by AJ Mikkleson

Bryan and Mellisa Stafford have co-owned Fava Tea since opening their first location in 2007.

"We used every minute of the coronavirus shutdown to create and plan for the future," she said.

"We use as much as we can from Wisconsin," Bryan said, "and that makes such a difference."

The Staffords believe in providing the best product for their customers and that is another area they believe sets them apart from competition. The Staffords have a saying: It has to live on as legend. They want every experience to exceed customer expectations and everything has a "backbone of tea."

From creating memorable customer experiences to the relationships the Staffords have with their staff, their business is about serving others. "Our staff is our 'found family'" Mellisa said.

The Staffords have lived in Neenah for nearly 20 years and couldn't imagine living anywhere else. "It is such a special place," Bryan said.

As Fava Tea expanded into the Milwaukee market, there were opportunities to move there but the community, schools, church and people meant too much to

"Everyone has a true desire to help one another," Bryan said in explaining what keeps their family and company rooted in Neenah.





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# **Anspach store fire**

Photo from Neenah Historical Society

The Anspach department store was destroyed by fire Sept. 19, 1910, at the corner of Commercial Street and Wisconsin Avenue. The building was later rebuilt and modernized. The original property was built in 1855 by Hiram and Edward Smith.

Presented by the Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership in partnership with UW Oshkosh. Event is free and open to the public. Page 4 I neenahnewsnow.com

# Prison sentence ordered in overdose death

# Body was found hidden in basement in December

By Bethanie Gengler Neenah News

A Fox Crossing man will spend two and a half years in prison for concealing the body of a woman who overdosed and died in his basement.

Erik Averbeck, 45, pleaded no contest to hiding a corpse in Winnebago County. Rhonda Jacobson, 47, was charged with party to the crime. Jacobson's plea and sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 31.

A relative of the victim told authorities they dropped her off at a home occupied by Averbeck and Jacobson on Fatima Street in Fox Crossing on Dec. 11. Documents indicate Averbeck told the victim she could stay in his basement. He said he found the victim dead Dec. 14 when he went into the basement to do laundry.

Averbeck said he and Jacobson panicked. They were worried they would be charged for the victim's death so they purchased a tarp from a hardware store.

On Dec. 15, Averbeck and Jacobson rolled the victim into the tarp and wrapped her with duct tape. They were unsure what to do with her so they left her in the basement. He said he started to have second thoughts and had begun unwrapping the tape from the victim when he heard a knock on the door.

Documents indicate that the Department of Corrections (DOC) and Fox Crossing police had arrived to conduct a visit after receiving reports about an overdose.

In the basement, authorities found the



Neenah News photo by Bethanie Gengler

Erik Averbeck (standing at right) is shown with his defense attorney Robert Malloy during his sentencing hearing in Winnebago County Court with Judge Scott Woldt presiding.

tarp with the woman's body inside, with some of the tape unwrapped. Also found was drug paraphernalia. An autopsy found the victim had died of a drug overdose attributed to fentanyl.

According to the Winnebago County Coroner's Office, there have been 21 confirmed fatal drug overdoses in the county so far in 2022, with an additional 13 pending/probable fatal overdoses.

Under Wisconsin's Len Bias law, a person who supplies a drug to an individual who fatally overdoses can be charged with first-degree reckless homicide, a class B felony that carries a penalty of up to 60 years in prison. Hiding a corpse is a class F felony with a maximum sentence of 12 and a half years in prison.

District Attorney Margaret Struve said at sentencing that Averbeck lied and said the victim did not have a phone. A phone charging cord was located near the body. The victim's phone was not recovered. Struve said the prosecution did not have enough evidence to charge Averbeck under the Len Bias law.

"The state can't prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant had anything to do with the cause of her death," she said. "That investigation is ongoing."

Struve said Averbeck has an extensive criminal record noting that, with the exception of two offenses, the entirety of his prior record consists of drug charges. He is also facing two felony counts in Outagamie County for manufacturing or delivering narcotics and reckless injury, for offenses that occurred in December 2019.

The judge heard testimony that since the charges were filed, Averbeck has been on the 24/7 drug monitoring program, submitting urine samples for testing every other day with no reports of noncompliance. He has maintained full-time employment at a food business and some of his co-workers and acquaintances submitted letters to the judge attesting to his character.

Struve said she did not want Averbeck's sentence to deter people from contacting police when someone overdoses.

"We need to do better," she said. "Peo-

ple struggling with substance use, actively using, can't be afraid to call 911 for help. It could save lives."

The DOC recommended Averbeck be sentenced to four years initial confinement and four years extended supervision. The prosecution asked the judge to sentence Averbeck to 12 months jail and four years' probation with an imposed and stayed prison term.

Defense attorney Robert Malloy asked the judge to give Averbeck a sentence that would allow him to continue making positive steps.

"This is the one that came back," he said.
"This is the one that is on the right path at this time. He's employed. He has the recovery that I would have hoped the victim would have had."

Averbeck addressed the judge and gave his condolences to the victim's family.

"I take full responsibility for what I have done," he said. "I'm sorry for causing more pain to the victim's family for the errors in judgment. They're not consistent with my values. I know I have to face the consequences of these decisions that I've made."

Circuit Court Judge Scott Woldt said he doesn't believe Averbeck has learned how to stay sober without a 24/7 drug monitoring program. He acknowledged Struve's concern that a prison sentence may dissuade others from calling 911 when a person overdoses. He said that anything less than a prison sentence also sends a message.

"The message it sends is, if one of you dies, get rid of the phone; because if you get rid of the phone, and the cops can't find it, you're going to get jail," he said.

He acknowledged Averbeck has stayed sober for eight months.

"I do see that you can be sober if you make a choice, if you have something hanging over your head, I see that," he said. "The problem is that you're still working your own recovery and you're just not getting it."

He sentenced Averbeck to two and half years of initial confinement and another two and a half years of extended supervision.



Photo from Neenah Joint School Distri

# **Student safety honors**

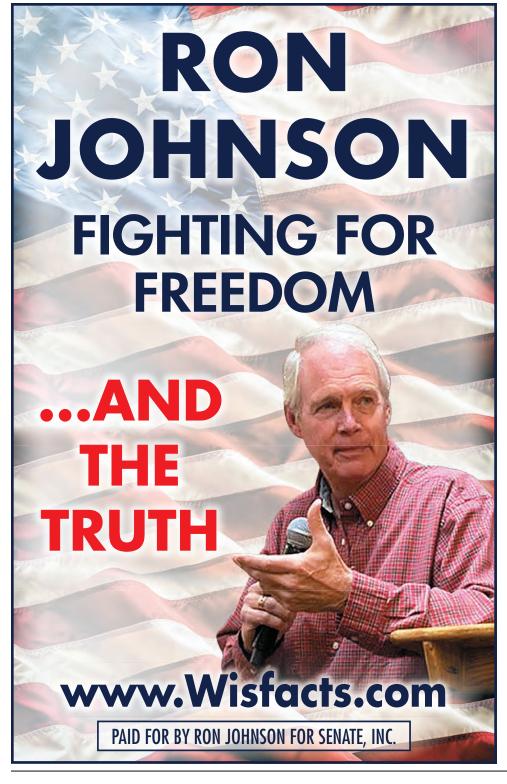
Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul (fourth from left) visited the Neenah Joint School District and Neenah Police Department on Sept. 13 to recognize them for collaboration on the statewide resource "Speak Up, Speak Out" that helps to keep students safe. The 24-hour tipline gives students the tools to connect with adult authorities who can help. The free app can be downloaded in the Apple or Google Play app stores. More information is at speakup.widoj.gov.

## Chamber members offered Network Builder

In response to member requests for more networking opportunities, the Fox Cities Chamber has launched Network Builder, a free program to help build new connections and stay connected.

"Once you are signed up for Network Builder, you'll receive occasional custom email introductions connecting you to other members of the Fox Cities Chamber and encouraging you to meet," said Jim Wickersham, the chamber's senior director for investor relations.

He said Network Builder is different from other programs because it is email based without needing to learn a new app.



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# Lost vehicle saga goes to court mediation

By Bethanie Gengler NEENAH NEWS

A court commissioner has ordered the Neenah Police Department engage in mediation with an Oshkosh woman suing the department in small claims court over a vehicle she said was supposed to be picked up by police but was instead demolished.

Jessica Williams filed the lawsuit in Winnebago County Circuit Court last month. According to the complaint, Williams' husband, Robert Mallory of Oshkosh, purchased a 2004 Chrysler Pacifica for Williams and had a Neenah man fix the vehicle. Williams said the man subsequently sold the vehicle. She said the vehicle was reported stolen.

On Dec. 20, 2020, Wood County authorities located the vehicle in a Shopko parking lot in Wisconsin Rapids. Garry Wiskerchen of Garry's Towing said authorities called him to tow and impound the vehicle.

He said the vehicle was gutted with no door panels and trash piled up as high as the arm rests in the back seat. He said he questioned whether it could legally be driven.

Williams said that because the vehicle had recently been purchased it had not yet been re-titled and was still titled under the previous owner's name. A spokesperson for the city of Wisconsin Rapids said police put a hold on the vehicle.

Wiskerchen said state law indicates impound yards and auto repair shops must hold vehicles for 60 days and send two certified letters notifying the legal owner of the abandoned vehicle. Since the legal owner of the vehicle was the person Williams and Mallory purchased it from, the letters were mailed to that person.

After the waiting period, he said abandoned vehicles are transported to a scrap yard. He estimated the scrap yard paid him about \$100 for the vehicle.

Williams wrote in court documents that she obtained a court order dated April 1,

Calendar of events

The Brothers Comatose, 9:30 p.m.,

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8

O'Hauser 30-year anniversary disc

golf event, 8 a.m., O'Hauser Park, Fox

Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.

Friday, Sept. 23

Saturday, Sept. 24

a.m., Shattuck Park

2021, to have the vehicle released to her or Mallory. She said when she called Garry's Towing to arrange to pick up the vehicle she was told that it was demolished.

Williams said the vehicle was supposed to be held as evidence. She is suing for \$9,096.

Neenah Police Chief Aaron Olson said the department cannot comment on active lawsuits. The department did not immediately file a response to Williams'

The case was scheduled for a hearing Sept. 7. Court records indicate Williams, the Neenah Police Department and City Attorney David Rashid were not in court.

Court Commissioner Eric Heywood entered default judgment in the case. Two days later, Heywood vacated the default judgment, noting that Neenah police submitted a written answer to the complaint which was labeled wrong. The case was reopened and a mediation hearing is scheduled for Oct. 6.

Williams said she wants the police department to know that what happened isn't right.

"You can't just demolish vehicles," she said. "You can't just say, 'We're not going to pick up the car anymore."

Wiskerchen said police do not collect and return stolen vehicles from other counties, but rather contact the legal owner who is responsible for recovering the

"So many people will buy vehicles and not title them and they'll just drive around with the title in the glove box with no car insurance and then this stuff happens," he

He added that the police are not at fault and the issue is that the vehicle was not titled in Williams or Mallory's names.

"It only gets released to the legal registered owner and in this case Jessica never owned it until whatever day later on - if she put it in her name – after the situation happened," he said.



The Hallows: A Haunted Trail Walk, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Park

School for Seniors, 8:45 a.m., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 140 S. Green Bay Road

#### Saturday, Oct. 1

Mayor's Charity Run/Walk, 8 a.m., Loop the Lake Trail (start at The Pla-

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

Wine Walk, noon, downtown locations (start at 135 W. Wisconsin)

Art Activity Day, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

The Hallows: A Haunted Trail Walk, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Park

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Some of these ghostly looking volunteers will be waiting for visitors at The Hallows.

# Youth Go ready for 'The Hallows'

Youth Go is bringing back "The Hallows," its Haunted Trail Walk through the woods of Memorial Park in Neenah, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Sept. 30, Oct. 1, Oct 7 and

The event, which last year had more than 1,600 customers over four nights, allows the organization to provide youth the opportunity to participate while offering something to the community.

With the light of a single lantern, participants are challenged to survive what waits The Hallows and find their way out. Recommended ages are young teenagers and older.

All ticket sales go toward funding Youth Go's recreation, education, and support

and wellness programming. Tickets are \$5 per person at the location.





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# **Cultural** connections

Native American history and culture were celebrated Saturday at Shattuck Park with the Fifth Annual Inter-Tribal Pow Wow. Neenah and Menasha's historical societies helped bring back the event after a two-year pandemic hiatus. Drum groups and dancers from tribes throughout the state participated. There were opportunities for all to take part in the culture by following the announcer's guidance on when participation in the dances was welcomed.



Photo by David Hall

FREE CLASSROOM RESOURCES!

# Student mental health support emphasized

A new fact sheet titled "Strengthening Student Mental Health" on what students, parents, schools and policymakers can do to make a difference has been published by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Office of Children's Mental Health at children.wi.gov under News and Events.

Highlights of the report:

- Positive, not punitive, school culture that supports belonging is key to positive student mental health and reduced symptoms of depression.
- Students who feel connected to at least one person at school have significantly better mental health than those who lack a connection to school.
- Sufficient sleep and developmentally appropriate school start times contribute to improved mental health, academic performance, and reduced car crashes.
- Wisconsin schools investing in comprehensive school mental health systems offer a continuum of services to all students that contribute to positive mental
- A growing number of peer-led youth groups are vital to providing youth voice and serve an important role given the shortage of mental health professionals in schools.

Parents are encouraged to urge their children to participate in a sport, club or school activity to foster their connections to their school, and also ensuring their child gets sufficient sleep every night.



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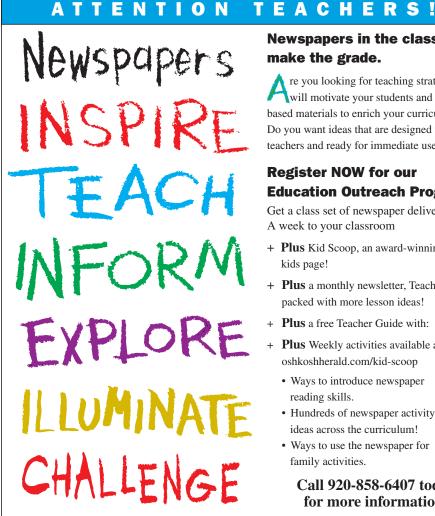
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# Neenah turns focus to Spartans after taming Lightning

By Steve Clark NEENAH NEWS

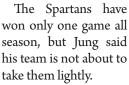
There was plenty for the Neenah football team to celebrate after beating nemesis Appleton North, 21-10, in a Fox Valley Association matchup last Friday to improve to 5-0 on the season.

Then head coach Steve Jung watched the tape of the game.

"I don't want to say we got lucky winning that game, but there were a lot of things that went our way," Jung said after practice Tuesday. "We were really happy we won that game, but there were so many things we

did not do well and we pointed that stuff out to our players. We've got to get better on both sides of the ball."

Coming off that emotional win at home over Appleton North, the Rockets hit the road this week to face Oshkosh North at Titan Stadium at 5 p.m. Friday.



of things I really like.

"They have a couple Schultz First of all, they have some scary athletes who are really fast. They are running and doing some nice things that are hard to defend," Jung said. "The second thing they do

is they are scrappy, and they play hard. They

are a lot like us and that's the challenge. The

**Jenkins** 

last two weeks they have done a nice job." North lost on a last second field goal to Fond du Lac last week, while the week before the Spartans were driving for the tying score before an interception allowed the Ghosts to collect the seven-point win.

Neenah also has a contest with Kaukauna coming up as well as a showdown with powerhouse Kimberly, but the focus on those games will have to wait. The Rockets are planning to give the Spartans their full attention this week before moving on to the next opponent.

"Just the idea of going 6-0 and then 7-0 is really exciting and I think everyone feels the same about it. That's the motivation," said senior running back Jase Jenkins. "It's easier to stay focused when everyone has the same goal."

It's an approach that has worked so far

## Week 6 games

Fox Valley Association

(all games at 7 p.m., unless noted)

x-Neenah (5-0) at Oshkosh North (1-3-1) Oshkosh West (1-4) at Kimberly (5-0) Appleton East (1-4) at Appleton North (3-2) Fond du Lac (3-2) at Kaukauna (3-2) x-Game will start at 5 p.m.

"I don't like thinking too far ahead so you just have to think about the next team in front of you," senior Kyle Schultz said. "It's just the next obstacle in front of you."

Schultz had the play of the game in the win over the Lightning when he scooped up an Appleton North fumble and rumbled 34 yards for a touchdown. That broke a 7-7 tie in the third quarter and the Rockets never trailed again.

It was the first touchdown Schultz has scored in a varsity football game.

"It was one of the best feelings ever. Just running into the end zone and then turning around and seeing everyone on the team running at me," said Schultz. "Right when I passed the 10-yard line, I was thinking someone was going to tackle my feet and I am going to fall short of the end zone so I started running faster. I was so exhausted."

Getting a defensive score was a big factor in collecting the win over the Lightning, especially because the Rockets were held to a season low 175 yards of total offense and to their lowest output of the season.

Neenah will look to get back on track against an Oshkosh North defense that allowed nearly 400 yards last week and has given up nearly 34 points per game in conference play.

"Being assignment sound and being fast and physical - that's the key," said Jenkins, who was limited to 60 yards against Appleton North, but capped off a 15-play drive in the fourth quarter with a short touchdown run. "We still haven't played our best game and that's pretty scary."

The Rockets may have not played their best game yet but they have improved just about every time out.

After being fairly one-dimensional to start the season, Neenah can certainly threaten defenses both on the ground and through the air and the emergence of quarterback Evan Vanevenhoven as a star player has been the key.

After completing just two passes in the Rockets first two games, the sophomore is 22-of-33 for 453 yards in conference play and has thrown five touchdowns to just



Neenah's Luke Keller hauls in a 32-yard touchdown to open the scoring during last Friday's victory over Appleton North.

one interception. He threw for 140 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown to Luke Keller, against the Lightning.

"He's getting more comfortable behind the center and it's great to see him compete and succeed," Jenkins said.

Defensively, the Rockets have been one of the best teams in the FVA.

Neenah still hasn't allowed an opponent more than 20 points in a game this season and are allowing an average of just more than 13 points per game. Trevor McGinnis, who did not play last week, and Darius Jones Jr. continue to be the leading tacklers for the Rockets, while it was Coy Rajotte and Luke Jung leading the team in stops

"(The coaches) have done a nice job with the defense as far as prepping them for the game," Steve Jung said. "I feel our kids are prepared for everything. We are not the biggest defense out there, but I feel like we are very sound at what we do."



# Neenah basketball coach given national honor

Fresh off the school's first state boys basketball championship since 1978, Neenah High School head coach Lee Rabas has

been named Wisconsin's recipient of the National Federation of State High School Association's Boys Basketball Coach of the Year award.

Rabas led the Rockets to a 29-1 overall record and the WIAA Division 1 state cham-



Rabas

pionship during the 2021-22 season. Neenah lost its Fox Valley Association opener and then reeled off wins in its final 27 games of the season, capturing the conference championship.

The state championship was the fourth in Neenah history, having also won in 1975 and 1978 under coach Ron Einerson and in 1930 under coach Ole Jorgensen.

Rabas has a 133-46 record in seven seasons with the Rockets and was also the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association State Coach of the Year. The championship season capped the best three-year run in school history as the Rockets went 75-6 over that span. Neenah also went to the state tournament in 2019 and has won 82 of its last 89 games.

A Kewaunee native, Rabas coached at Xavier High School from 1997-2004, compiling a 103-56 record and leading the Hawks to a WISAA state runner-up finish in 1998 and two conference titles. He was an assistant coach at Lawrence University from 2004-09 and helped the Vikings win four conference championships.

Prior to Neenah, he was the head coach for six seasons at UW-Fox Valley and posted a 136-23 record.

Rabas has taught elementary school physical education in Neenah for the past

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# Unbeaten St. Mary Catholic looks to keep clicking

By Steve Clark NEENAH NEWS

The St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian 8-player football team is making things look easy.

Coming off a 40-0 win over rival Oakfield last Friday, the Zephyrs are a perfect 4-0 so far this season and have outscored

their opponents by a staggering 198-29 mar-

Now the squad gets to showcase what it can do for its home fans. After three straight weeks on the road, the Zephyrs return to the beautiful turf venue at St. Mary Catholic High



**Post** 

School to host Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah at 7 p.m. Friday.

It's really nice to be home coming off three games on the road," senior Sam Todd said. "It's tough not having your fans there for you so we are really looking forward to it."

The Resorters picked up their first win of the season last week in a 49-28 victory over Williams Bay, but lost 42-10 earlier this season to Kickapoo/La Farge - a team the Zephyrs beat 48-0 in Week 2.

St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian also beat Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah 82-7 a year ago but Zephyrs head coach Josh Young said he expects a different level of opponent from last year.

"Elkhart Lake is better than last year," Young said. "They run some different offensive formations than last year. They have put up yards, maybe not points and wins, but they can put up yards. It's still a game we have to prepare for."

It is tempting to look past it though, especially with the team set to play its only 11-player game of the season the following week at Menominee, Mich. The Zephyrs have already started doing some preparation for that game but will slip back into 8-player mode when needed.



**Todd** 

But if the team is going to reach its goals, it has to be ready to go every Friday night, knowing that every opponent is out to hand them a loss.

"We still have the end goal to win every game this season. Especially coming off

winning every game last season, the seniors want to duplicate what they did last season.," Young said. "We don't take anybody lightly. Like I told the kids after practice, the target is on your back regardless of who you are playing."

Young admitted it helps to have a senior-laden roster to help keep the team focused and those seniors know it is their responsibility to help make sure the team is ready to go.

"You can't just show up. You have to keep the energy up and be ready," Todd said. "Sometimes it is tough but as a captain, you have to lift up your teammates and let them know that we have to beat them, just like every other game."

If focused, the Zephyrs have proven they are tough to beat.

Offensively, the squad cranked out another huge effort after being held scoreless in the first quarter by the Oaks.

Danny Griffith continues to lead the way for the Zephyrs and threw for 168 yards and two touchdowns - both to Atticus Johnson - against the Oaks. However, it is the emergence of the running game that has helped boost the Zephyrs' attack.

Ashton Post notched his fourth straight 100-yard game and scored a pair of touchdowns in the win over Oakfield. The emergence of Post, in just his second year of playing football, has given the Zephyrs a bona fide ground game as the offense now runs more running plays

"This year we are about 60/40 for running the ball and it was the opposite last year," said Post, who has rushed for 508 yards and nine touchdowns this season. "Having the line we have definitely helps. It helps a lot getting blocks and getting gaps in the line and then my speed helps me get through there fast before they close."

It's not likely things will change much against the Resorters either. The Zephyrs are playing too well.

"Just kind of play our offense that we have been playing and keep playing our defense. Our defense has been lights out the last couple of weeks," Young said. "Just keep doing what we have been doing

That will hopefully be enough to add another victory to the Zephyrs' record as they try to take another step toward a perfect season.

"I think what keeps us focused is the idea that we don't have playoffs. These are the games we have and we don't have anything after the normal season. We have to play every game as hard as we can."



Photo by David Hall

Fox Cities Marathon runners pass volunteers and spectators Sunday.

# **Runners compete in weekend events**

The Community First Fox Cities Marathon presented by Miron Construction was held last Sunday through the streets of the Fox Cities.

The men's marathon was won by Seth Massot of Appleton with a time of 2:24:35, followed by Jace Galley of Neenah (2:33:54) and Cody Arendt of Luxemburg (2:48:54).

The women's marathon was won by Anne Schreiber of Flagstaff, Ariz. (3:20:16), followed by Breanna Suess of Luxemburg (3:20:47) and Cheryl Louden of Fond du Lac (3:30:56).

Matt Kasten of Menasha won the men's half marathon with a time of 1:11:30, followed by Derek Johnsrud of Fall River (1:13:24) and David Schneekloth of Appleton (1:17:44). The women's half marathon was won by Kathy Derks of Menasha (1:18:11). Marie Peterson of Colorado Springs, Colo., finished second (1:27:29) and Katie Gellings of North Fond du Lac was third (1:29:01).

Thousands of participants, volunteers, spectators, businesses and other groups were part of eight events, which also included a relay marathon, 10K, 5K, kids events and a health and wellness expo. The organization has returned more than \$1 million to local nonprofits and running organizations since 1991.

# WIAA announces change in state hockey venue

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control at its September meeting approved an Executive Staff recommendation to move the Boys and Girls State Hockey Tournaments to Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena in Middleton, effective in March, 2023.

"We are excited about the opportunity to host the upcoming WIAA Boys and Girls State Hockey Championships at Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena," WIAA Assistant Director LeVar Ridgeway said. "With the move, we look forward to creating a great State championship atmosphere for our student-athletes, coaches and fans in a hockey centric facility."

The WIAA and Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena agreed to a two-year term. The facility is equipped with two full sheets of ice with seating for 2,611 spectators, a state-

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The arena is the current home for the USHL Madison Capitols and Madison Capitols AAA hockey.

The Boys and Girls State Hockey Tournaments are scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4. The State Tournaments competition time scheduled will be slightly altered to accommodate the change in venue.

The Boys State Hockey Tournament has been held at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center since the inception of the event in 1971. The only exceptions during that span were in 1974 and 1975 when it was held in Green Bay and in 2021 when the State Tournament was held in Wisconsin Rapids during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Girls State Hockey Tournament has been held in conjunction with the boys tourna-

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The Neenah boys cross country team gets off to a strong start at the Winneconne Invitational on Tuesday.

# **Prep sports roundup**

#### **SOCCER**

# Rhodes' hat trick keys win over Spartans

Blake Rhodes tallied all three goals to finish with a hat trick in a 3-0 win over Oshkosh North on Tuesday.

Keegan Vande Hei, Graham Altekruse and Nolan Hessenthaler each picked up assists in the win.

On Saturday, the Rockets played at the D.C. Everest Invitational and posted a pair of wins.

The Rockets opened with a 2-0 victory over Marshfield, with Alex Thayer and Rhodes getting the goals for Neenah. Losai Kashukula and Altekruse picked up

Neenah then beat Chippewa Falls, 2-1, on goals by Alex Thayer and Ethan Fraser, with Rhodes making both assists.

## Zephyrs dealt first Big East loss of season

St. Mary Catholic ran into fourthranked Oostburg and dropped a 2-0 decision in a Big East Conference match Tuesday.

Hunter Schreiber totaled five saves in goal for the Zephyrs. Each team finished with seven shots.

St. Mary Catholic also went 2-1 at the Kiel Tournament, scoring wins over Sturgeon Bay (4-2) and Kewaskum (5-0), while falling to the host Raiders (2-1).

The Zephyrs scored in a flurry against Sturgeon Bay with three goals in the span of less than a minute. AJ Groppel scored the first goal on an assist from Grant Bergstrom and then added a second tally on a penalty kick. Shortly after, Braeden Brenn scored off a corner kick from Bergstrom.

Brenn added a second goal in the second half for the final margin.

Kieran Barientos had the lone goal against Kiel, while scoring twice in the victory over Kewaskum. Emiliano Romero, Alex Campbell and Jacob Hall also scored against Kewaskum, while Groppel against Kiel and Romero and Harry Bergstrom against Kewaskum had assists.

Schreiber finished with eights saves and one shutout on the day.

#### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

# Neenah caps tournament with win over Sun Prairie

Neenah won its final match to end the Charger Classic on a high note Saturday.

The Rockets finished 1-4 in the two-day tournament, posting their win over Sun Prairie (25-11, 25-17), while losing to Howards Grove, Brookfield Central, New

Berlin West and Wauwatosa East.

Kill leader for the tournament was Carly Stamm, who finished with 15. Marissa Corso added 13, followed by Claudia Merizon and Haley Mayer with 11 each. Merizon also finished with eight aces, 28 assists and 27 digs.

Leia Kersten led the Rockets with 31 assists, whole Elizabeth Oldenburg posted team bests with 11 aces and 47 digs. Makenna Baker chipped in a team-high seven blocks, while Jenna Lawatsch finished with 38 digs.

## Fischer, Brenn lead Zephyrs at invitational

Lauren Fischer finished with 23 kills, while Eliana Brenn had 21 as St. Mary Catholic went 3-2 to finish seventh at the Trucker Invitational on Saturday.

The Zephyrs opened the tournament with wins over Gillett (25-13, 25-11) and Clintonville (25-23, 23-25, 16-14), before falling to Valders and Abbotsford. St. Mary Catholic capped the tournament with a second win over Gillett (25-23, 25-13).

Olivia Noel and Stella Viree added 32 and 30 assists, respectively.

#### **TENNIS**

## Rockets roll past Kaukauna with sweep

Neenah posted a pair of 6-0, 6-0 wins to highlight a 7-0 sweep of Kaukauna in a FVA dual meet on Tuesday.

Neenah's No. 2 singles player Meredith Werner, as well as the No. 2 doubles team of Gabby Hackbarth and Ellie Bingham, each posted perfect wins. Izzy Murray dropped just one game at No. 1 singles.

Adding singles wins for the Rockets were Lauren McDonald and Norah Spanbauer, while Kinsey Perry and Paige Stielow and Ava Motto and Cecelia Alexander teamed up for doubles wins.

Over the weekend, Neenah hosted a quadrangular and finished 2-1, posting a 4-2 win over Elkhorn and a 4-3 win over Janesville Craig, while falling to Arrowhead 7-0.

Werner and Spanbauer each won two matches on the day for the Rockets, as did the doubles teams of Hackbarth and Bingham and Motto and Alexander.

# Zephyrs post three dominant wins

St. Mary Catholic collected wins over Menasha (7-0) and Fox Valley Lutheran (6-1) and then scored a victory over Kiel (7-0) in a dual meet Tuesday.

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# Zephyrs stay undefeated in Big East by taming Panthers

By Dustin Riese
News Contributor

Having a young team can be a blessing and a curse. On one hand, you have a group of inexperienced players who are prone to making some mistakes. On the other, you have a group of players that you not only can build around, but if success comes early it will lead to bigger things down the road.

That is the position the St. Mary Catholic volleyball team is in this season as its mix of youth and experience has gotten the team off to a 12-5 start, including 4-0 in Big East play.

The Zephyrs kept their conference record perfect on Tuesday night, knocking off visiting Reedsville, 25-15, 25-12, 25-20.

"Overall, a nice win for us tonight," head coach Mike Mauritz said. "We spread the ball around and played a complete match from start to finish."

Despite the first set getting off to a backand-forth start, it was the Zephyrs who started to pull away when it mattered.

A couple of key blocks from Eliana Brenn helped spark an 11-4 run to turn a 7-6 lead into an 18-10 advantage. Reedsville stemmed the tide before Brenn and Lauren Fischer notched several big kills down the stretch to give the Zephyrs a 1-0 lead.

St. Mary Catholic put the second set away using a massive 13-1 run to take a commanding 24-9 lead before eventually closing things out.

Mauritz was impressed with how his girls came out and was happy with the effort they showed across those first two sets

"We traded side-outs in the first two sets before our serving broke them both open," he said. "Once that happened things really seemed to flow on the offensive end for us and we started to get into a nice rhythm."

The third set also started out close before St. Mary Catholic began to pull away.

Leading 10-9, the Zephyrs had a little burst to create a five-point cushion before pushing it out to 23-15. Reedsville scored the next five points to narrow the margin but the Zephyrs were able to close out the win.

"In the third set, Reedsville did not quit and both their serve receive and defense tightened up, putting pressure on us," Mauritz said. "Fortunately, we had built enough of a cushion and were able to finish the set off."

Brenn finished with 12 kills and Fischer added 11 to lead the Zephyr hitters, while Olivia Noel and Stella Virlee tallied 14 and 10 assists, respectively. Brenn also added four aces, while Fischer finished with seven digs

With the win, SMC remains in first place and unbeaten in conference play as the regular season is nearing the final weeks before the playoffs begin.

Although Mauritz has been happy with the team's overall play this season, there is always room for improvement as he is hoping his team is peaking at the right time.

"For the most part I do like how we're playing," he said. "We are such a young team that we'll just keep focusing on our fundamentals and try to play consistent volleyball."



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# Anderson aiming to make state trip in final season

By Steve Clark Neenah News

Dawson Anderson was in a prime position to make her first trip to the WIAA State Golf Meet last September when she fired a 38 on the front nine at Greenwood Hills Country Club in Wausau.

That's when the golf gods stepped in and had their say.

One tee shot landed in a tricky lie, while the next went into some trees and out of bounds. Those two holes - those two shots led to a 48 on the back nine and a score of 86 for her round, two strokes short of advancing to the state meet.

"That was the most frustrating thing ever and I still think about it to this day. I was two shots away from making it to state and then a really bad back nine to mess it up," Anderson said. "That round stuck with me for sure and all I wanted to do was put the clubs away. I played a couple of times after that, but I was pretty much done with golf at that point."

Anderson is back on course this year and taking aim at making amends for those two bad holes. She is once again one of the top players in the Fox Valley Association and leading Neenah's charge at a top finish in the league.

Although memories of last year's sectional meet may remain, she has done what golfers have to and what the sport has taught her. She has moved on.

"With golf, you have to learn how to move on and think of it hole by hole. It's like you have 18 one-hole matches, my dad would always say, so if you have a bad hole, you just have to move on," Anderson said. "Golf is certainly difficult on the mental side, but it can make you stronger in a way."

Anderson has been golfing most of her life, hitting the course with her father when she was younger, but it hasn't always been a passion of hers. She spent her younger years playing volleyball seriously but shifted her focus in middle school and then, as a freshman, made the choice to play golf instead of volleyball.

It turned out to be a pretty easy decision,



Neenah High School senior Dawson Anderson is aiming for a trip to the state golf meet this season after missing a berth last year by two strokes.

she said, and the right one.

"I just started to like golf more than volleyball. When I got into the golf environment it felt more like a team, even though it is an in-

dividual sport," Anderson said. "Having the girls around you in the good environment and cheering you on. It's more of a family than anything. It's motivating."

## **Senior Spotlight**

As Anderson became more serious about golf, she put in plenty of work to refine and sharpen her skills.

Although she had been playing it since she was young, she didn't just want to play as she got older - she wanted to be good. And in a sport like golf, that takes work.

"It took some time to get into the groove and find my swing and it took a good amount of lessons to get some consistency going with my golf game," Anderson said. "I'm at a pretty good point right now where I don't feel like I need to have lessons constantly."

And the best part of her game?

"Well, that depends on the day for sure," Anderson said with a laugh. "My dad would say that my iron game is pretty strong. If you have your irons on, the rest can come a little easier. But the most important part of the game is the short game because that's where you can make up strokes for sure."

Anderson said that her two favorite courses she has played in Wisconsin were Blackwolf Run and the Irish Course at Whistling Straits - she doesn't discuss her score at Whistling Straits – however, neither course actually stands as her favorite.

That honor goes to Sand Hollows in Hurricane, Utah, where she had the chance to play a round.

"You have the mountains in the background and it's just amazing," Anderson said. "We don't have a course like that here. You don't get that kind of beauty when you play here."

Anderson is likely to experience plenty of golf courses in the future, too.

Even though her high school career is winding down, golf is a sport that people do their entire lives and Anderson looks forward to doing just that.

"It's something you can always play for fun," Anderson said. "You can always meet new people playing golf. It's just a great sport to get into."

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Posting 6-0, 6-0 wins against Menasha were No. 2 singles player Audrey Wanless as well as the No. 1 doubles team of Evan Schneider and Olivia Bergstrom at the No. 1 flight and Chloe Vogel and Emily Vogel at the No. 2 flight.

Schneider and Bergstrom highlighted the win over Fox Valley Lutheran by dropping just one game in a straight-set win.

Against Kiel, the three doubles teams lost a combined two games as Schneider and Bergstrom again posted a 6-0, 6-0 win, while Vogel and Vogel and Lily Hansen and Bryan Korth at the No. 3 flight dropped just one game each.

Vanessa Thiede also posted a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 3 singles against Kiel, while Kassidi Calmes dropped just one game at No. 4 singles.

#### **BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

## Neenah rallies to knock off Kaukauna

Neenah bounced back from a first-set loss to top Kaukauna 15-25, 27-25, 25-21, 25-23 in FVA match Tuesday.

Noah Harmon led the Rockets with 16 kills and five blocks, while Chip Calcaterra added eight kills and five blocks. Miles Weaver also chipped in eight kills.

Other stat leaders in the match for Neenah were Luke Abing with 20 digs and Justin Sina with 37 assists.

#### **GOLF**

## **Buss leads Rockets** to win over Appleton East

Emma Buss earned medalist honors with a 40 at Ridgeway Country Club to lead Neenah to a win over Appleton East on Tuesday.

Dawson Anderson added a 43 and Natalie Quella followed with a 45 for the Rockets. Anabelle Hodges rounded out the scoring golfers with a 47.

Neenah finishes the conference dual meet season with an 8-1 mark.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

## Zephyr girls take eighth at Bulldog invitational

Maria Marti finished 12th and Addison Dinka took 26th to lead St. Mary Catholic to an eighth-place team finish at the Bulldog Invitational held in New London last

Katharine Schoeni (42nd), Alejandra Cunillera (46th) and Audrey Weber (54th) rounded out the scoring runners for St. Mary Catholic, which finished 10

# Fox Cities Roller Derby to host boot camp

Fox Cities Roller Derby (FCRD) is holding a boot camp Sunday to recruit new skaters at Gem Roller Rink in Appleton.

The event will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in joining the league in any capacity. FCRD is currently recruiting skaters, referees, non-skating officials and volunteers.

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points behind Ashwaubenon. Host New London won the girls team title, followed by Appleton West, Bonduel and Horton-

On the boys' side, the Zephyrs did not have enough runners to post a team score.

Benjamin Schoeni was the top individual finisher for St. Mary Catholic, placing 15th. Ian Albino added a 25th place, Owen Ripley was 45th and Ethan Auer took 77th.

Hortonville won the boys title, edging Ashwaubenon and Appleton West for the

## Gentile, Veith top Neenah runners at Winneconne

Drew Gentile grabbed a 10th-place finish to lead the Neenah boys at the Winneconne on Saturday.

The Rockets finished third among the 12 teams, trailing only Xavier and the host Wolves. Bly Wheeler finished 14th and

Nolan Smith 17th, while the rest of the Rocket scoring runners were Wyatt Armock in 29th and Gideon Benner in 32nd.

The Neenah girls were led by Brooke Veith in 26th place, followed by Mea Jones in 39th, Eva Thompson in 40th, Madison Echkart in 46th. The Rockets were ninth as a team.

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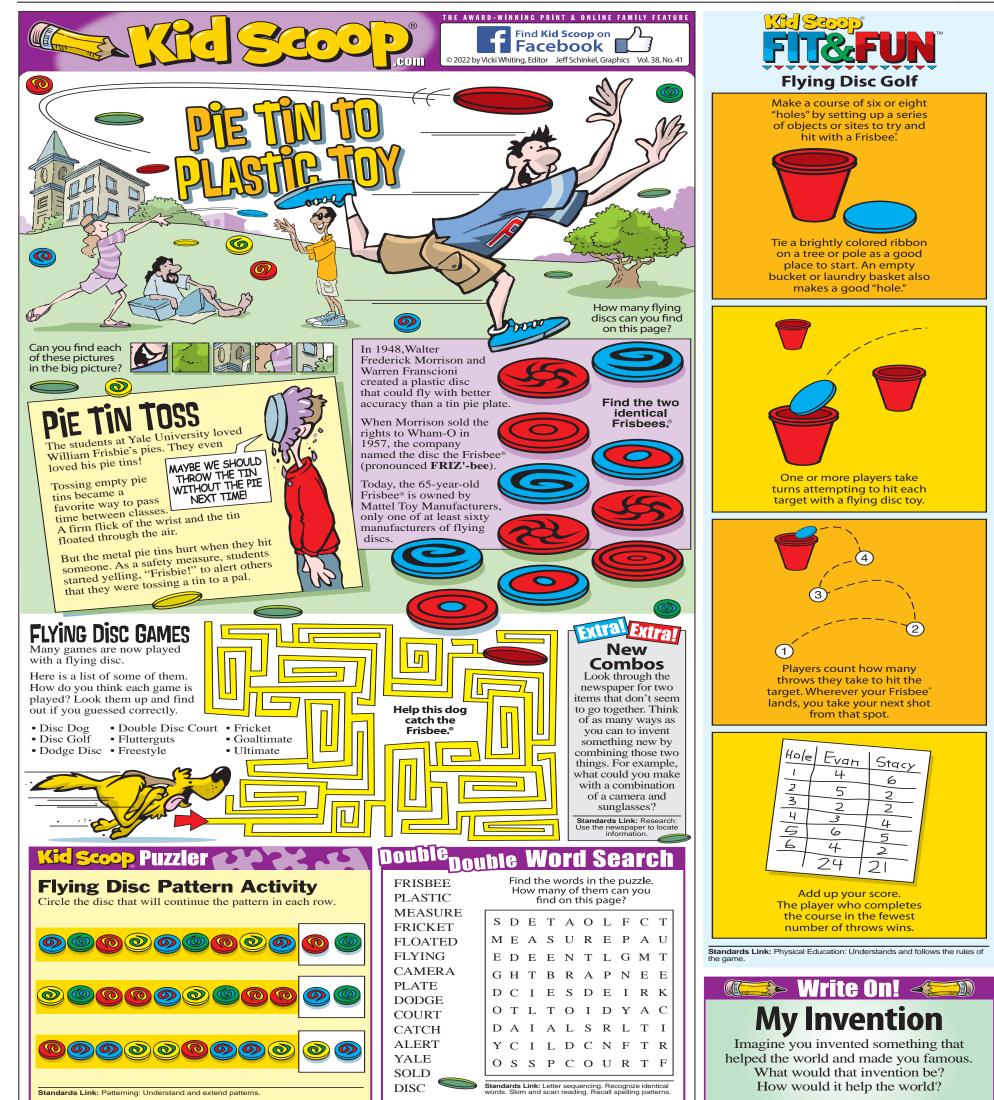
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