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Roosevelt school sale OK'd

John Bergstrom's bid accepted by district

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Joint School District has accepted an offer to purchase Roosevelt Elementary School for \$1 million by John Bergstrom, chief executive of Bergstrom Automotive.

The school board voted last year to close the 100-year-old school after the 2022-23 school year as part of its long-term facility plan.

Roosevelt was chosen for closure because it's the oldest and smallest of the elementary schools and lacks the opportunity

for expansion. The site is also considered appealing due to its proximity to The daCare Regional Medical Center.

With the completion of the new Neenah High School next year, middle school students will move to the former high school on Tullar Road. Roosevelt and Wilson elementary students will move to Horace Mann and Alliance Charter School will move to Wilson.

The Board of Education received four offers to purchase the Roosevelt site. District Superintendent Mary Pfeiffer wrote in a memo that the district will not provide any information on the other offers until after the closing date.

Bergstrom's offer is below the asking price of \$1.1 million, but it was noted that

the offer is the only offer without contingencies and the only cash offer.

Bergstrom led fundraising efforts for The Plaza at Gateway Park, which opened last year and he leases the site from the city. He also began leasing the former Eagle Nation Cycles last year for storing auto parts. Eagle Nation was a source of controversy after Michael Funk was killed during a 2015 standoff with police and Roger Ridgeway was found stabbed to death nearby in 2021.

Treasurer Tom Hanby said he doesn't think accepting Bergstrom's offer is the right move.

"We should technically be making a counteroffer that says all the terms of thisof-

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Photo by David Hall

Autumn colors

The view from a drone above Lake Winnebago at the Kimberly Point area and beyond highlights the fall colors.

K-C marks 150 with \$150K donation to schools

Neenah News

Kimberly-Clark Corp. and the city of Neenah celebrated the 150th anniversary of the multinational company's founding this week with a gathering at the downtown "X-Mill" where a \$150,000 donation was made to the school district's STEM education programs.

Mayor Jane Lang declared Tuesday, Oct. 22, as Kimberly-Clark Day on the date that the founding partners opened the Globe Mill in 1872.

"On Oct 22 the Globe Mill, which is what it was called at the time, opened right here on this very spot," said Russ Torres, president of Kimberly-Clark North America. "This really is the birthplace of Kimberly-Clark and the company that has survived and thrived through 150 years with the spirit of entrepreneurship and caring."

The ceremony at the Experimental Mill on North Commercial Street, where inno-

ventions in products and processes are created for the Family Care business sector, featured a \$150,000 check presentation to the Neenah Joint School District to help fund STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) educational programming.

Schools Superintendent Mary Pfeiffer accepted the check along with Engineer Academy students from Neenah High School, who were given a tour of the plant and had lunch with K-C engineers. Local and state elected officials and community leaders also were in attendance.

Torres said the X-Mill leads the company's product innovations through its engineering teams at that location and the Innovation and Technology Center off Winchester Road, and is also the center of its North American manufacturing operations where it oversees 12 mills.



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Kimberly-Clark president Russ Torres and Neenah schools Superintendent Mary Pfeiffer hold the \$150,000 check given to the school district by the company Tuesday.

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State Senate candidates pursue vacant seat

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The 19th Senate District will have new representation between Democratic candidate Kristen Alfheim, an Appleton city council member, and Republican state Rep. Rachael Cabral-Guevara, who are seeking the position being vacated by Sen. Roger Roth.

Both new to political office starting last year, Cabral-Guevara, 46, is a nurse practitioner in her first term representing the 55th Assembly District and Alfheim, 51, is a financial services representative who serves Appleton District 11 on the city council.

Roth, a Republican from Appleton, isn't seeking re-election after seven years in the Senate as he is seeking to be lieutenant governor. The Senate district includes Neenah, Fox Crossing, much of the Appleton area and west Menasha.

Alfheim has been involved in political advocacy in Madison and Washington, D.C., for the Alzheimer's Association and the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. Her campaign website is at AlfheimForWisconsin.com.

Cabral-Guevara has a master's degree in nursing and owns Nurse Practitioner Health Services in Appleton. Her campaign website is at RachaelForSenate.com.

Some of their legislative policy stances:

Economy: Alfheim promotes inflation-



Alfheim



Cabral-Guevara

ary adjustments to the state shared revenue program that she said has been restricting municipalities and school districts trying to fund services and subsequently needing to increase local property taxes. She also wants to see the tax burden shifted to larger retailers and corporations that often use "dark store" loopholes to avoid real estate taxes.

Cabral-Guevara said she will continue to promote balanced budgets in the state while also reducing the tax burden. She said current inflation concerns should be dealt with through tax cuts, reigning in government spending and working on state solutions to the supply chain issue. She also wants to see new options for supporting the state transportation fund that is running a deficit based on the gas tax, registration fees and federal funding.

Health care: Alfheim said work is still needed to increase care accessibility provided by the Affordable Care Act and reducing the administrative burdens on doctors and nurses. She also backs some alternative medicine options as affordable, non-addictive solutions.

Alfheim would vote to repeal the current state ban on abortion based on the 1849 law, saying health decisions should be between an individual and health care professionals.

Cabral-Guevara emphasizes medical accountability, working against medical fraud and increasing treatment and rehabilitation

programs for mental health patients, which she said would drastically reduce suicide rates and improve quality of life for them and those around them.

She said the current state abortion ban should be updated to include exemptions for rape, incest and protecting the life of the mother, as well as increasing education on how to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

Education: Alfheim supports a tuition forgiveness program for those who graduate from a state-based university or technical school and work in those fields for a period of five years. She also states that a proper education involves acknowledging historical mistakes and embracing diversity.

Cabral-Guevara supports parents having input in their children's education while promoting steady investments into school systems, including more vocational programs that offer trade job prospects and certifications.

Environment: Alfheim wants to see rational steps toward carbon neutrality by 2050 with the climate and environment being prominent issues. She said education, infrastructure and economic goals should be in line with environmental goals.

Cabral-Guevara said the state's forests, lakes and rivers should continue to be the best in the country with ecosystems and communities depending on their success while keeping options open on land use. She also backs reducing carbon emissions and exploring cleaner energy sources such as a community solar program she has supported along with legislation to protect clean water.

55th District race features two newcomers

Neenah News

The open 55th Assembly District seat is being sought by Winnebago County Board member Nate Gustafson and former Neenah Board of Education member Stefanie Holt in the Nov. 8 election.

Gustafson, a Republican, and Holt, a Democrat, are vying to lead the district in northern Winnebago County as Republican Rep. Rachael Cabral-Guevara decided to run for the state Senate's 19th District. The district includes parts of Neenah, Fox Crossing, Town of Neenah, Town of Oshkosh, Clayton, Vinland, Winchester, Wolf River, Allenville and Larsen.

Gustafson, 27, is serving his first term representing Winnebago County's District 28. He is a system analyst with an associate degree in cyber security from Fox Valley Technical College and lives in Fox Crossing.

He was campaign manager for Cabral-Guevara's run for the Assembly seat that he is now seeking and also worked on the campaign for Rep. Elijah Behnke who won a special election in 2021 for the 89th District. He recently founded the political group Winnebago County for Freedom that promotes upholding constitutional rights with a goal "to form a community of liberty-focused individuals."

Holt, 56, is a strategy consultant and small business owner who worked 17 years at Kimberly-Clark and three years at Thrivent Financial with a master's degree in business administration from UW-Whitewater.

As a business consultant for the past three years, Holt works with nonprofits and small businesses to help them achieve their financial goals while serving as a member of the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education.

Some of their legislative policy stances:



Gustafson



Holt

Economy: Gustafson identifies as a staunch fiscal conservative who supports finding ways to cut property taxes and other tax reforms while supporting elimination of the state income tax. Holt's economic emphasis is on promoting temporary tax holidays and higher minimum wages to reflect changes in the state economy, especially as it relates to affordable housing in the Fox Valley.

Education: Gustafson supports parents' rights to educate their children in the way they choose, whether through homeschooling, the school choice program or public education. Holt states that she advocates for strong and equitable public education initiatives that she said leads to a strong workforce.

Health care: Gustafson sees an opportunity for independent medical practices to deliver more competition with large health systems that could bring down costs to patients while promoting more price transparency. Holt similarly promotes access to affordable health care for residents with the providers of their choosing.

Gustafson said he supports the current state abortion ban established in 1849 without exceptions. Holt said she would vote to repeal the ban, adding that the best way to reduce abortion is to provide access to contraceptives and health education.

Public safety: Gustafson favors offering more extensive criminal rehabilitation services and job training opportunities for non-violent offenders, which can reform individuals to become productive members of society. Holt emphasizes adequate funding for mental health, social work, police, fire, EMS and 911 services, while ensuring education systems can innovate in community partnerships toward public safety.

Election information

Detailed voting information can be found at myvote.wi.gov or through the municipal clerk's office where a person resides.

Neenah's office is at 211 Walnut St. or online at ci.neenah.wi.us/departments/clerk.

In-person absentee voting begins Oct. 25. Locations are based on where a person lives and what that municipal clerk's office offers. In Neenah, early voting hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Tuesday through Nov. 2 and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 3 at City Hall, 211 Walnut St.

On myvote.wi.gov, a list of elections a registered person has voted in can be viewed and current registration information can be checked and updated.

Voters can search for officials by entering their address, which determines who represents them.

Municipal clerks are in charge of elections for every city, town or village, and handle voter registrations and absentee ballots for those voters.

Registered voters can request and track an absentee ballot. If not registered or a person's name or address has changed, they need to register or update the information.

Environment: Gustafson supports policies that encourage free-market innovative solutions for clear air and clean water that leverage emerging technologies. Holt said her priority will be policies that ensure safe drinking water, including water treatment innovations and working with manufacturers to reduce pollution sources and support sustainability.

Dog owners promote humane causes with help of beer

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A dog named Blue who was adopted from Neenah Animal Shelter in 2020 helped to raise more than \$9,000 for the shelter in this year's Northeast Wisconsin NEW Top Dog contest.

The third annual charity contest raised \$113,000 for the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club and six animal shelters.

The top 10 dogs from each of the six local contests are featured on a beer can and the winner of each contest works with a brewery to participate in the naming and brewing process. The winners also receive prizes valued at more than \$1,000.

A NEW Top Dog celebration was held at Bare Bones Brewery in Oshkosh last week where Blue was named winner of the Neenah Animal Shelter contest. The husky mix enjoys eating ice cubes, snacking on treats, destroying stuffed toys and playing fetch, according to his contest bio.

Blue and the other participating dogs raised a total of \$17,321; with \$9,127 going to the Neenah Animal Shelter.

Executive director Cindy Flauger said the funds are greatly needed.

"This has been a year of increased animals being served and that comes with increased costs for vets and food and fortunately we have a generous community that helps us with that," she said.

The contest is open to all dogs and not just rescue dogs, although several of the participating dogs were adopted from area animal shelters.



Kiwanis President Bruce Butler (left) presented a check to Neenah Animal Shelter executive director Cindy Flauger (middle) with two other shelter representatives.

A lovable pup named Potato – short for Couch Potato – who placed third in the Oshkosh contest was adopted from Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS).

Oshkosh resident Del Reardon said about three years ago Potato was surrendered to OAHS with parvovirus, a serious and sometimes fatal virus. OAHS nursed her back to health and Reardon adopted her.

"Raising this money for OAHS is so important to me and Potato because she wouldn't be alive without them," he said.

A beagle named Hank was crowned the overall champion and NEW Top Dog, raising more funds than any other dog. Hank is owned by Nic and Maria Olbrantz of Appleton. Maria said that Hank enjoys basking in the sun, going on walks and chasing squirrels.

"He likes to drink water and ice out of a glass and likes to be carried to bed," she said. "He brings us a lot of joy."

Hank represented Mit Liebe German Shepherd Rescue of Suamico. He and the other participating dogs raised a total of \$32,824; with \$19,012 going to Mit Liebe.

Other participating animal shelters included Lakeshore Humane Society in Manitowoc, Misfit Mutts in Green Bay and Sandi Paws Rescue in Fond du Lac.

Kiwanis President Bruce Butler said the contest has raised a combined total of more than \$400,000 for children and animals over the past three years. He said some of the contest funds raised by the Kiwanis will be used to purchase iPads to give to children with autism.

"It's a little hard not to get emotional when you see these kids with these iPads," he said. "It's just fantastic how they learn to communicate with their parents and families and teachers."

The contest was presented by Fox Communities Credit Union and Fleet Farm. Matt Mokler of The Doggie Paddle in Oshkosh was one of the sponsors, donating gift certificates to each of the top ten winners and a year's worth of swims at Doggie Paddle for the grand champion.

"It's for the dogs," Mokler said. "You don't get into the dog world without enjoying being around a bunch of dogs and when I see the benefits ... the confidence, the health benefits, it's been really amazing growing with these dogs."

The participating breweries include Lion's Tail Brewing Co. and Barrel 41 Brewing Co. in Neenah, Bare Bones Brewery and Fifth Ward Brewing Co. in Oshkosh, Sabbatical Brewing Co. in Manitowoc and Knuth Brewing Co. in Ripon. The custom beers will be launched next year, with Lion's Tail brewing the beer for Neenah Animal Shelter.



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Student gains in state testing scores detailed

District's post-pandemic results are assessed

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Students in the Neenah Joint School District (NJSD) exceeded statewide average testing scores for the 2021-22 school year, according to Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) exam results.

Each year, students participate in standardized testing to measure how they're progressing toward grade-level expectations and to assess how well schools prepare them to be college and career ready. WSAS results are a component of the state-legislated school and district report cards issued in November.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) wrote in a press release that the state testing results showed strong signs of recovery and progress as students continue to work through learning disruptions and challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DPI urged caution when making cross-year comparisons in assessment results between 2019, 2021 and 2022, due to differences in tested populations. No assessments were completed for the 2019-20 school year due to the COVID stay at home order.

WSAS exams include the Forward Exam, the American College Testing (ACT) Aspire, ACT and Dynamic Learning Maps, which are given to students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Forward Exam

The Forward Exam tests students in

grades 3-8 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics; grades 4 and 8 in science; and grades 4, 8 and 10 in social studies.

NJSD students' Forward Exam scores exceeded the state average. However, both Neenah and state levels remained below pre-pandemic assessment levels.

In ELA, about 45% of Neenah students were considered proficient or advanced, an increase of about 2 points from the previous year and down about 6 points from pre-pandemic levels. Neenah students scored about 8 points higher than the statewide average.

In math, about 51% of Neenah students were considered proficient or advanced, an increase of about 3 points from the previous year and down about 3 points from pre-pandemic levels. Neenah math scores were about 12 points higher than the state average.

In science, about 57% of Neenah students were considered proficient or advanced, a decrease of about 1 point from the previous year and down about 9 points from pre-pandemic levels. Neenah science scores were about 8 points higher than the state average.

ACT and Aspire

Students in grades 9 and 10 took the Aspire early high school assessment and 11th graders took the ACT exam. Both assessments focus on ELA, reading, math, science and writing. Aspire scores are used to predict future ACT scores.

Just under 50% of NJSD students that completed the Aspire were considered proficient or advanced in ELA, about 14

points higher than the statewide average, and a decrease of about 3 points from pre-pandemic levels. Neenah's ELA scores increased by about 14 points from the previous year, while the statewide average increased by about 3 points.

In math, about 45% of NJSD students that completed the Aspire were consid-

ered proficient or advanced, 11 points higher than the statewide average and about 5 points below pre-pandemic levels. Neenah's average math scores were up by about 10 points from the previous year, while the statewide average increased by about 3 points.

In science, about 38% of NJSD students were considered ready or exceeding, 9 points higher than the statewide average and about 4 points below pre-pandemic levels. Neenah's average science scores were up by about 9 points from the previous year, while the statewide average increased by about 1 point.

ACT results showed 51% of Neenah students were considered proficient or advanced in ELA, 16 points higher than the statewide average and about 5 points higher than pre-pandemic levels. Neenah's scores were down about 6 points from the previous year.

In math, 37% were considered proficient or advanced, about 10 points higher than the state average and about a 3-point increase from pre-pandemic levels. Neenah's scores were down about 1 point from the previous year.

In science, 39% of Neenah students were considered proficient, in comparison to about 28% statewide; down about 2 points from the previous year and about 3 points higher than pre-pandemic testing levels.

Utilizing the data

WSAS results have consistently placed Neenah among the top performing districts in the Fox Valley. Director of curriculum Tim Kachur said the district uses the assessment data to observe students' growth and achievement.

"All of the information serves as the basis for our continuous improvement planning, with the goal being to grow every student academically," he said.

Kachur noted the increase in testing scores from the previous year, which he attributes to the students' positive social and emotional experience in NJSD buildings and classrooms.

"From there, we have been very intentional about focusing on our grade level standards and learning targets to ensure that students are being provided with grade-level appropriate experiences that will promote growth over time," he said.

The district will continue working to improve testing scores to the levels seen before the pandemic, he added.

"Our focus has and always will be to make sure that we know every Rocket in order to grow every Rocket," he said. "This allows us to determine each student's individual needs and the most appropriate support that will ensure that all students have a chance to grow, not only as a person, but as a learner."



Kachur



Photo from Neenah Historical Society

Neenah panoramic

Downtown Neenah in 1909 was bustling. This panoramic postcard looks south down Commercial Street. On the left is the Neenah Hotel and the Clock Tower. To the right is First National Bank, John Hunt, Dentist and Drugs. The present-day view includes the Statue of Liberty and Associated Bank.



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Superintendent Mary Pfeiffer and members of Neenah High School's Engineer Academy take the stage during Kimberly-Clark's ceremony marking the company's 150 years in business.

K-C donation

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He told the Engineer Academy students they represent the future of those innovations that the company's donation to the STEM program will help support.

"We're able to achieve our goals in

large part thanks to the hard work from our people in this room today, those who came before you and the roughly 2,500 employees we have based here in Wisconsin," he said.

"Our people live this community, they are your friends, your neighbors, and even in some cases your family - Mayor Lang," Torres added, referring to her longtime family connections with the company.

Maternal, child health grants go to county agencies

Neenah News

The state Department of Health Services (DHS) announced last week that \$16 million in grants is being directed to agencies statewide to improve maternal and child health.

In Winnebago County, mental health workforce agency Us 2 Behavioral Health Care Inc. will receive \$250,000 from federal ARPA funds and the Winnebago County Health Department will get \$150,000 through Title V funding to support parent resource hours.

Through collaborations with Wisconsin's two leading public health endow-

ments, the Medical College of Wisconsin Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, the dollars will be invested in efforts to close gaps in maternal and child health outcomes.

The initiative also provides funding to DHS' Maternal and Child Health Program to administer a grant program that funds maternal and child health equity initiatives intended to combat maternal and infant mortality and strengthen health outcomes for families. Each partner will receive \$5.5 million to support their efforts.



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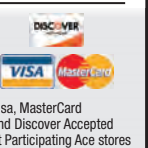
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Neenah brewery expands, opens taproom in Wauwatosa

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Yet, growth brings change, and you don't want your local go-to for brew to lose its charm.

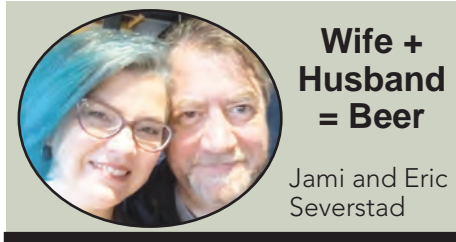
For Neenah's first craft brewery, Lion's Tail Brewing Co., the past eight years has been a steady rise, a blessing accompanied by challenges to keep up with growing demand (a nice problem to have). "Wife and Husband" caught up with Nick Leak, vice president of operations and marketing at Lion's Tail, to discuss all of the changes happening in Neenah as well as a new operation that opened in Wauwatosa last weekend.

Husband + Wife: Hey, Nick! First, tell us about the two recently completed updates to the Neenah brewhouse.

Nick: In order to increase capacity, we changed out four 10-barrel fermenters for four 15-barrel fermenters and one 10-barrel brite tank for a 20-barrel brite tank. To do that, we had to remove the front window of the building to bring tanks in and out. It's quite involved.

H+W: Is that increase in capacity enough to satisfy the Neenah taproom, the new Wauwatosa location and your existing Wisconsin distribution?

Nick: Yes. Not only have we increased tank sizes (making larger batches of every beer), we can now brew one beer and package a different beer on the same day, eliminating our biggest production bottleneck. Theoretically, under perfect conditions, our production output is



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increased by 50-75% in Neenah.

H+W: Tell us about the second update; the increased packaging capabilities.

Nick: We've taken over the space across from our taproom, which we call The Cannery, to handle our labeling and canning operations. It involved a lot of construction work (remove walls and existing flooring, sand and epoxy the concrete floors, add basement supports) as well as plumbing (add drains and install new glycol lines from the brewhouse to chill the two brite tanks now in that space).

H+W: So, why open a new Lion's Tail facility in Wauwatosa?

Nick: Two main reasons: 1) The space (formerly a Wisconsin Garden & Pet Supply store) at 8520 W. North Ave. is incredible: the existing covered patio is a year-round outdoor beer garden (with added garage door that opens into a central bar with 24 taps), there's a space for private parties and events, and there's room for additional production. 2) Wauwatosa feels like Neenah. It's a very welcoming community, family-oriented and walkable; we learned things in Neenah that we're applying down here to make it successful.

H+W: What does the future brewing operation look like?

Nick: Eventually, the Wauwatosa location will feature a 15-barrel brewhouse, likely to begin in fall or winter of 2023. The lower-level brewing space, railed-off so you can look down into it, is ready for a brew system. Once we're brewing in Wauwatosa, we won't produce the same beer at both locations; batches produced at one location will be large enough to share between both. So, for a year, we'll deliver beer down from Neenah. The eventual production in Wauwatosa will allow us to grow distribution into new markets across the state.

H+W: Is the food situation similar to how it works in Neenah?

Nick: Very similar. We like to partner with local restaurants and food trucks. We even added a courtyard where the two existing structures connect, so food trucks can drive up and serve food. We're also partnering with the Sendik's grocery store next door so patrons can order pizzas and giant pretzels directly from their website and have them delivered. Also similar to Neenah, customers are



Photos from Lion's Tail Brewing

"The Cannery" is part of Lion's Tail's latest expansion in Neenah, which hasn't happened in three years.



Lion's Tail Brewing has opened a second taproom at 8520 W. North Ave. in Wauwatosa.

welcome to carry in their own food.

H+W: The Neenah location has charm written all over it: inside a 115-year-old building on the Historic Register with a heated outdoor patio that sits in the shadow of the city's Clock Tower. How does the Wauwatosa location compare?

Nick: From a design perspective, we used some familiar aspects. Yet, it's a distinctly different space, with more of an urban vibe than Neenah. We wanted to incorporate a little more of an industrial/street feel to the Wauwatosa location. To maintain our brand and service quality, the Neenah taproom manager, Alex Ransone, has moved down to run the Wauwatosa taproom.

H+W: We love that Lion's Tail remains loyal to local partners. Artwork in the new facility was painted by Spencer Nolan Young, whose work appears in Neenah, too. Similarly, woodworking in both locations was completed by Glued, Screwed & Tattooed Custom Woodworking in Neenah. We connected with owner Eric Lind for some thoughts.

H+W: How is the woodworking similar or different between the two locations?

Eric Lind: Alex and Kristin (Lion's Tail owner and his wife) wanted Wauwatosa to mimic Neenah yet have its own style. For bar tops, Kristin liked birch's warm, welcoming tone, which is carried throughout the entire space. Just like that husband/wife team, I relied on my wife Pam (and son Riley) to get all the woodworking done. The buzz of anticipation and excitement in that town is huge; I really hope everyone likes it.

If the first weekend is any indication, they sure do, Eric. The brewery sold out of beer and needed to restock after just two days of operation. According to their social media post, they needed to close on Sunday "to catch up so we can continue to provide the level of service to all of you that Lion's Tail prides ourselves upon."

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- Friday, Oct. 21**
"The Lion King Jr.," 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School
- Saturday, Oct. 22**
Electronics Recycling Event, 8 a.m., Neenah City Garage, 1495 Tullar Road
St. Gabriel the Archangel Craft Sale, 9 a.m., 900 Geiger St.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church Bake Sale, 9 a.m., 140 S. Green Bay Road
Monster Mash Dance Party, 10:30 a.m., Neenah Public Library

- Photo Walk with Photo Opp, 4 p.m., downtown Neenah
"The Lion King Jr.," 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School
- Sunday, Oct. 23**
"The Lion King Jr.," 2 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School
- Monday, Oct. 24**
Fox Valley Ghost Hunters, 7 p.m., Neenah Public Library
- Thursday, Oct. 27**
Meditation with Zen River Sangha, 6 p.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass
- Friday, Oct. 28**
"Ghostbusters: Afterlife" Friday Family Fun, 6 p.m., The Plaza & Globe Coffee
- Saturday, Oct. 29**
Halloween Party, 9 p.m., Ground Round Neenah

- The Brigade at Beamon's, 8 a.m., Willie Beamon's, 2590 County II
- Thursday, Nov. 3**
Meditation with Zen River Sangha, 6 p.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass
- Friday, Nov. 4**
Linda Sparks and Rhonda Rizzo, First Friday Concert Series, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library
- Saturday, Nov. 5**
CLIMB Theatre "Grandpa and Lucy," 1:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library
NHS Helping Hands Art & Craft Fair, 9 a.m., 1275 Tullar Road
- Friday, Nov. 11**
Veterans Day commemoration, 10:30 a.m., Shattuck Park
Meditation sessions with Zen River Sangha, 6 p.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass



Bergstrom Lincoln of Neenah held a grand opening event this week at its new 525 S. Green Bay Road location. Bergstrom photo

New North to hold idea pitch events

New North Inc. is working with nine of its local partners to hold pitch events during Startup Week in Wisconsin, Nov. 14-18, with winners advancing to a regional event in December.

Entrepreneurs within the New North interested in participating in the qualifying events are asked to upload their ideas at greatergb.org by Oct. 31. Those registering will be asked to select the local pitch event closest to them.

The pitch event for Winnebago, Outagamie and Fond du Lac counties will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Fox Club at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute.

Pitch contests are supported by the NEW Launch Alliance and Wisconsin Business Development Inc.

"New North believes that a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem is vital to the success of our regional economy," says Barb LaMue, president and CEO of New North. "We appreciate the efforts of our partners who join us to provide an opportunity for creative business ideas to be shared through the local pitch competitions."

The local contests are open to all residents in Northeast Wisconsin or those who will be launching businesses in the region. Contestants must be at least 18 years of age and the business must have generated less than \$300,000 in either capital raised and/or revenue received. Pre-pitch workshops will be held for all applicants.

The top two winners from each of these local contests will receive prize money – \$1,000 cash for first place, \$500 for second place – with the top winners advancing to the NEW Launch Alliance Pitch Event on Dec. 1, where they will compete for additional funding for their ideas and broad investor attention. Prize money at the regional event is \$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second place and \$500 for third place.

The winners also will be invited to give an update at the New North Summit, set for June 8 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

More information about the entrepreneurial pitch contest is at thenewnorth.com.

– Electrical category. AGC Wisconsin recognized Faith Technologies for its work on the Children's Wisconsin master campus improvement project generator project, where it was chosen to replace four emergency power generation units.

Bay Point Bar and Grill at 944 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah, has been listed for sale. The owners announced they are retiring after running the business for more than 15 years. The building is being sold with a two-bedroom apartment. Details are available by calling 920-915-0436.

Business news roundup

Bergstrom Lincoln of Neenah officially opened the doors to its new dealership Tuesday on its campus north of the Winneconne Avenue exit off Interstate 41 at 525 S. Green Bay Road. The new building is described as a Vitrine model that features a glass showcase design. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Faith Technologies was awarded a 2022 BUILD Wisconsin Award from the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Wisconsin in the Specialty Contractor

J. J. Keller Foundation names executive director

J. J. Keller Foundation Inc. has named Monica Stage as its new executive director beginning Nov. 21.

Stage's selection comes after an extensive search following the resignation of Heidi Dusek, who will be leaving the foundation at the end of the year. After leading the foundation for six years, Dusek will be taking a gap year.



Stage

"We are tremendously proud to have celebrated two significant milestones during Heidi's tenure – the foundation's 30th anniversary and \$70 million in investments in our community through grants," stated Bob Keller, foundation president. "As the foundation continues to grow and evolve, we are

excited to welcome Monica to our team."

Stage will provide strategic leadership and operational responsibility for the foundation and its assets of more than \$80 million, including grant making, board relations, communications, public relations, community engagement and governance.

Stage has spent the last 23 years with the city of Appleton, most recently as deputy director of community and economic development.

"For decades, the J.J. Keller Foundation has been committed to helping those in need and advancing innovative programs and services to support the most vulnerable in our community," Stage said. "The mission to me is personal as I grew up in poverty in Wisconsin. I'm thrilled to combine my passion for service and collaborating with community partners to advance the mission of the J. J. Keller Foundation."

whether there will be a contingency if the district encounters any holdups that would prevent them from moving out of the school by the closing date.

Hanby said his opinion is that if the district is not going to hold on to the property they should move forward on the sale and

plan on being moved out of the building by the closing date. The board agreed to keep the closing date Aug. 1.

The school board voted 6-2 in favor of selling Roosevelt to Bergstrom. Tom Hanby and Kristian Sahr voted no and David Williams abstained from voting.

Roosevelt School

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fer are acceptable," he said, adding that the buyer needs to be aware of the potentially adverse fact that there's a helipad near the property, which could affect development.

Pfeiffer said the buyer is aware of the helipad. Board President Brian Epley added that the district is relying on real estate agency NAI Pfefferle to appropriately complete the paperwork. Bergstrom is set to take over the property Aug. 1.

Vice President Lauri Asbury questioned

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Neenah opens postseason run against Brookfield East

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

When the brackets for the WIAA Division 1 football playoffs were released, it was difficult not to see the potential second-round matchup for the Neenah High School football team.

Powerhouse Kimberly was the surprising No. 3 seed in the grouping, which means that should both teams win their playoff openers, the second-seeded Rockets would get a chance to avenge their only loss this year on their home field.

There's little doubt that Neenah would love to get a rematch against their fellow Fox Valley Association co-champions, but there's only one way that happens for the Rockets.

"We know there is no second round if we don't take care of the first round," said Neenah head coach Steve Jung, whose team capped the regular season with a convincing 35-7 win over Appleton East to finish 8-1. "We are all dialed in on Brookfield East."

Neenah will open up the 2022 postseason at 7 p.m. Friday when Greater Metro Conference member Brookfield East comes to Neenah for a Level 1 playoff contest.

And the Spartans are the only team drawing the Rockets' attention this week.

"It would be exciting (to play Kimberly), especially at home but let's just worry about Brookfield East first," senior running back Jase Jenkins said. "We're just focused on going 1-0 this week and then we can worry about whoever we play after that."

Brookfield East enters the postseason with a 5-4 record and does own a win over



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The Neenah High School football team will open the postseason with a WIAA Division 1 Level 1 contest at home against Brookfield East at 7 p.m. Friday. The Rockets are the No. 2 seed in their playoff grouping.

an FVA team already this season – the Spartans scored a late touchdown to beat Oshkosh West, 21-14, in Week 1. Brookfield East also had a win over Marquette during the regular season, but that win is the only victory over a fellow playoff team.

Jung said the Spartans raise plenty of issues for the Rockets and those will be the focus in practice this week.

"They play in a traditionally good conference so they play really good football against really good football teams," Jung said. "They have some athletes. They have a really nice tight end and a good offensive line, which has the ability to get on blocks and block to the whistle. They have a nice running back and a kid at quarterback

who can throw the ball and run."

Joseph Cheatem didn't get the starting quarterback role until midseason but has thrown for 432 yards and four touchdowns in six games, while also averaging nearly six yards per carry on his rushing attempts. He put up 184 yards rushing in the win over West Allis Hale in Week 7, while also topping the 100-yard mark in a game earlier this season.

"He scrambles well so he's going to be a little bit like (AJ) Korth (of Menasha). We have to be able to stop the run and stop the scrambles," Jung said. "It helps that we have seen it earlier in the year and we were using some of those techniques now."

Although there may be some similarities to previous opponents, facing the Spartans gives Neenah the chance to square off against a new foe.

"It's fun to play teams that aren't in our conference and see what they are all about and see what difference conferences had to bring," senior Darius Jones Jr. said. "We're excited. We're ready to roll."

Offensively, the Rockets have been a tough team to stop all season and look to continue that against the Spartans.

Neenah has scored at least 35 points in seven of their nine games this season and averaged nearly 31 points per game against its six playoff opponents this season.

The Rockets are led by Jenkins, who has rushed for 1,245 yards and 19 touchdowns this season, while quarterback Evan Vanevenhoven has topped the 1,000-yard

WIAA playoffs

Division 1, Group B
(all games Friday at 7 p.m.)

- Brookfield East (5-4) at Neenah (8-1)
- Fond du Lac (5-4) at Kimberly (8-1)
- Sheboygan North (4-5) at Waunakee (9-0)
- Middleton (6-3) at Mil. Marshall co-op (6-3)

mark on the ground, while also throwing for 744 yards and eight touchdowns.

"Just be fast and physical on offense and we will win the game," Jenkins said. "All of us seniors are stepping up even if they are not asked to. I'm stepping up just as much as everybody else does because we know every game could be our last one."

Jung likes his team's ability to attack defenses in a myriad of ways and hopes to use all of them on Friday.

"We have a lot of offense that teams have to stop. They have to prepare for a lot," Jung said. "It helps keep our kids fresh."

Neenah has done well in Level 1 playoff games having won five of their last seven postseason openers, including their last four.

Neenah hopes to add to that against Brookfield East. Then they can look at what lies ahead.

"The attitude has been pretty good. We had a really good practice (on Tuesday) even though the weather was brutal," Jung said. "The kids had a lot of energy and we're excited to play this Friday."

Zephyrs prepare for season finale

The St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian 8-player football team will wrap up its 2022 season with a home game against Wisconsin Heights at 7 p.m. Friday.

The Zephyrs, who wrapped up the Southern-East Conference title two weeks ago, can finish off a second straight perfect season with a win over the Vanguard, who enter the game with a 5-3 record.

St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian picked up a forfeit in its scheduled game against Williams Bay last weekend. Williams Bay was forced to forfeit due to low numbers because of injuries.

Wisconsin Heights racked up a 49-38 win over Kickapoo-La Farge last weekend as the Vanguard erupted for nearly 600 yards of total offense.

Quarterback Derek Adler went 8-of-13 through the air for 202 yards and three touchdowns, while adding 175 yards on 13 carries on the ground. He also ran for four touchdowns. Running back Cody Blicharz also had a big game for Wisconsin

Heights, as he finished with 194 yards rushing and another 128 yards on five catches.

Wisconsin Heights has won three of its last four games and scored at least 29-points in all four contests.

But the Zephyrs have had an impressive defense led by leading tacklers Owen Swanstrom, Sam Todd and John Schultz. St. Mary Central/Valley Christian has allowed only 62 points all season, while the defense has also pitched a pair of shutouts.

Equally impressive as the defense has been the Zephyr offense, which has been tough to stop all season.

Quarterback Danny Griffith has thrown for 987 yards and 20 touchdowns this season, with Atticus Johnson serving as his favorite receiver. Johnson has 34 catches this season for 742 yards and 15 touchdowns.

On the ground, Ashton Post is eight yards short of 1,000 yards and will likely eclipse that milestone against the Vanguard. He has scored 17 touchdowns.



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Rockets make most of rematch with Terrors

By Dustin Riese
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The Neenah High School soccer team got the chance for a little payback in its WIAA Division 1 regional soccer opener Tuesday night.

After falling to Appleton West a few weeks ago to end their quest at a potential Fox Valley Association crown, the Rockets got another shot at the Terrors on a windy night and overcame a sluggish start to claim a 3-1 victory to advance to Saturday's regional final at Wisconsin Rapids.

"I am very proud of how well we possessed the ball tonight and played together as a unit," head coach William Krautkramer said. "This was one of those games where we continued to get better as the game went on and we haven't had one of those in quite awhile. We may have fallen behind early, but the boys showed terrific poise and began to take over in the second half."

The extremely gusty winds made things difficult on both sides with the Rockets going into the wind to start the game, which limited what they could do.

The Terrors capitalized on that and needed only five minutes to score the game's first goal. It would be the Terrors' only goal of the night but it stood up as the line tally going into halftime.

Despite their first-half struggles, the Rockets started to settle in as the first half went on and generated several good looks on goal from Ethan Fraser and Alex Thayer. Add in four corner kicks and Terrors were fortunate to be in the lead after the first 40 minutes.

"The conditions weren't ideal tonight, but our possession game can overcome the wind," Krautkramer said. "It took a little while, but once we settled in, we started to play the Rockets' style of soccer that we know we are capable of."

When the second half started, it was time for the Rockets to play with the wind and they looked to use that to their advantage. That certainly seemed to be the

equalizer early with Thayer tying things up in the 45th minute on an unassisted goal.

It was at that point when the momentum completely shifted as the Rockets began to dominate the second half.

With that domination came more possession and eventually more shots, and in the 58th minute, the Rockets took the lead for good when AJ Price tucked in a rebound goal off a Nolan Hessenthaler shot that was turned away by the West keeper.

The constant offensive pressure the Rockets were able to maintain led to a costly mistake from the Terrors' back line as Neenah was awarded a penalty kick in the 71st minute.

Hessenthaler was given the opportunity to take the kick and put it in the back of the net and extended the Rockets lead to 3-1.

Krautkramer knew the hard work his kids have put in this season would pay off eventually.

"We may have missed some opportunities tonight, but a win is a win and that is all you can ask for this late in the season," he said. "The boys have really earned this, and I hope they understand the impact they have made on our program for the future. Hard work and dedication pays off and everyone on this team has shown and proven that all season."

With the win, the Rockets advance to Saturday's regional final where they will travel to No. 2 seed Wisconsin Rapids. The Raiders are coming off a 5-0 win over Hortonville and pose one of the better offenses that the Rockets have seen this season.

"Rapids are a hard-nosed and gritty group that have put up some big numbers lately," Krautkramer said. "We need to be well prepared for them and try to be as healthy as possible. Our biggest focus going into this game is to remain disciplined on the back line and our connection from the defense to the midfield needs to be on point like it was tonight. I really like our chances and this should be an exciting and fun game to be a part of."

Prep sports roundup

TENNIS

Area flights post wins at state tennis tournament

Neenah's Izzy Murray and St. Mary Catholic's Adel Schneider, as well as the Zephyrs' doubles pairing of Olivia Bergstrom and Eva Schneider all posted wins at the WIAA State Tennis Tournament last week.

Murray, playing in the Division 1 singles field, topped Eau Claire Memorial's Ava Erickson in a first-round match 6-4, 7-6. It was Murray's first win at the individual state tournament, although she played on Neenah's team state championship a year ago.

Murray lost to sixth-seeded Caroline Raster of Brookfield East in the second round, 6-1, 6-2.

Adel Schneider cruised to a win in her first-round match, easily defeating Brittany Martin of Regis, 6-2, 6-0. But the freshman ran into a tough second-round match drawing third-seeded Lauren Lindow of East Troy and Lindow scored a 6-0, 6-1 win.

The pairing of Bergstrom and Eva Schneider spent as much time on the court as they could in Madison, splitting a pair of lengthy three-set matches.

The senior duo opened with a 6-2, 6-7, 10-3 win over Emma Larson and Emily Gronholz of Onalaska Luther in the first round. The Bergstrom/Schneider pairing then took the first set against third-seeded Sophie Rondeau and Katie Metcalf of East Troy. Rondeau and Metcalf responded by taking the second set and then won a tight third-set to close out a 3-6, 6-3, 10-8 win.

Rondeau and Metcalf ended up being the Division 2 state runners-up.

CROSS COUNTRY

Neenah boys add another FVA crown

The Neenah High School boys cross country team claimed its third straight Fox Valley Association title and 27th overall last week at Countryside Golf Course in Kaukauna.

The Rockets dominated the boys race, placing all five of its scoring runners in the top 13 and finished with 38 points. Appleton North was second with 54 points, followed by Kimberly 67.

Three of Neenah's top five runners placed in the top 10, led by Jack Dorner, who placed third overall. He was one spot ahead of Carson Timm and three places ahead of Ian Cowell. All three runners are seniors for the Rockets.

Rounding out the Neenah scoring runners last Thursday were Braedy Klawikowski and Drew Gentile, who finished 12th and 13th, respectively.

Aaron Schimke of Kaukauna was the individual champion.

The Neenah girls finished second at the meet, placing behind only Kaukauna. The two teams combined to have the top six individuals, with the Ghosts placing first, third and sixth and the Rockets having Mazie Olkowski take second, Lauren Tears finish fourth and Natalie Willes place fifth.

Also scoring for the Rockets were Lexi Dorner in 16th place and Lauren Linstedt in 33rd place.

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Clayton Park's disc golf course has grown to 18 holes through the work of volunteer and town officials.

Clayton disc golf course expands to 18 baskets

Neenah News

The Town of Clayton Park's disc golf course recently went from nine to 18 holes through the efforts of course organizers, volunteers and town staff.

Nine new baskets were installed Sept. 16 after fairway preparations and other cleanup work by town staff and lead volunteers John Terlap, Brad Zuraski and Scott Fuller. Temporary signs are posted to mark the boxed gravel tee pads, which were being installed to follow up the basket installation.

Organizers said the goal was to pro-

vide 18 beginner holes with the ability to play combined holes that are closer to advanced level. The original 9-hole course was installed in 2021.

"The Town of Clayton has been great to work with. Their original plan was to provide a destination course, but I quickly redirected their energy to a junior/beginner course," Terlap said as the course was being developed in the park's wooded area.

He said the goal of the course is to get more of the children and families in the surrounding area to take advantage of the recreational sport.

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Neenah's Jones simply loves playing football

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Darius Jones Jr. is a football player.

The Neenah High School senior is on the field probably more than any other Rocket football player as he fills key roles on both offense and defense as well as serving as Neenah's punter.

But for Jones, there is more to football than just blocks, receptions and tackles. There is the camaraderie that comes from being part of the team. A bond with his teammates that is formed in the heat of August practices and the thrill of Friday night games.

"I just love the brotherhood of football," Jones said following a practice earlier this week. "Some of these guys I have been playing with since sixth grade and at this point, they are family to me."

Jones said he has been playing football since he was 7 years old, starting with a flag football league in Appleton.

Eventually he traded in his flags for a helmet and some pads as the sport has just become part of his life routine.

"It's just been a blast," Jones said. "I love being around the guys at practice and playing the games. There isn't anything I don't like about football."

At 6-foot-2 and about 230 pounds, Jones fits nicely on the football field, too. As a tight end for the Rockets, he mainly serves as a blocker for the Rockets' potent ground game but has three catches this year. He also had three catches last year and a touchdown.

But it's on defense where Jones has made the most impact, having been on the field as a member of the Rockets' front seven since his freshman season when he racked up 19 tackles. He finished third on the team in tackles as a sophomore and had three fumble recoveries and an interception to earn second-team all-FVA honors.

He earned honorable mention all-conference honors on defense as a junior and currently is the No. 2 tackler on the defense with 64 tackles.

Being on the field so much might tire out some players. For Jones, it seems to invigorate him the more he's out there.

"I absolutely love it," Jones said. "Being



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Darius Jones Jr. plays offense, defense and punts for the Neenah High School football team and enjoys every minute he's out on the field.

able to be out there on both sides of the ball is really fun. Being able to be the tackler and the blocker and get knocked around all game is great. And then having a punt every once in a while, too."

Not many tight end/defensive end types drop back to do the punting for their teams but it's a role Jones has filled the past three

years.

Jones has averaged 37.1 yards on his 14 kicks this year and has worked hard at rounding into shape as a punter.

"When I first started, I sucked," said Jones, who started punting in sixth grade. "I just kept working and got better and better at it."

With Jones on the field so much, anchor-

ing both sides of the ball, Neenah had one of its best regular seasons in recent history, posting an 8-1 record and finishing with a share of the FVA title for the first time since 2017.

Now Jones has set his sights on the post-season where he hopes to help lead the squad to a place it hasn't been too often – past the second round of the playoffs.

Although Neenah has become a fixture in the WIAA postseason, making it past Level 2 has been difficult. Since 2000, the Rockets have made 13 playoff appearances but have made it past the second round only twice.

"My goal is just to get past Level 2. In my whole time here, we have never gotten past Round 2. That's the goal to get to Round 3," Jones said. "We worked our hearts out all year for it and hopefully we can make it happen."

With the playoffs set to begin, it means the football season is winding down and Jones said he knows that every game could be his last now for Neenah.

He hopes to continue to play at the collegiate level, although he has no set plans yet. Knowing there is more football to be played somewhere helps offset the sting of knowing his prep career is coming to a close.

"It feels sad to think that each game now could be the last time I'm playing with my brothers. I mean we had our last regular-season game and our last home game," Jones said. "But it's also fun to think that I have the chance to be playing at the next level."

There will be time to figure what's next later for Jones, because right now he is focused on finishing his high school career with a flourish.

And although Jones emphasized the importance of taking one game at a time this time of year, his mind has wandered a bit and wondered what it would be like to end his career playing a game on the Camp Randall turf in Madison.

"That's always a huge goal, and I think everybody has thought about that," Jones said. I have been thinking about that and it would be amazing to end it that way. I would be happy just to make it there."

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Prep roundup

FROM PAGE 9

Zephyr girls place fourth at Big East meet

Addison Dinka and Maria Marti placed ninth and 10th, respectively, to lead the St. Mary Catholic girls cross country team to a fourth-place finish at the Big East Conference meet held Saturday in Reedville.

Katharine Schoeni was the next St. Mary Catholic runner to finish, placing 20th, while Alejandra Cunillera Fernandez in 31st place and Norah Lee in 42nd place, rounded out the scoring.

St. Mary Catholic's boys team grouped its five scoring runners in a span of 24 competitors and finished sixth overall with 143 points, only 10 points out of fin-

ishing in the top five.

Benjamin Schoeni led the Zephyrs by placing 21st, Ian Albino and AJ Groppe were 26th and 27th, respectively, Nathan Seiske was 29th and Kail Koeper finished 44th.

VOLLEYBALL

Zephyrs sweep Shiocton in regional opener

St. Mary Catholic pulled out a close first set en route to rolling to a 25-23, 25-16, 25-18 win over Shiocton in a WIAA Division 3 regional opener Tuesday.

The sixth-seeded Zephyrs were slated to travel to third-seeded Iola-Scandinavia on Thursday, with the winner advancing to Saturday's regional final.

Lauren Fischer finished with 13 kills to lead St. Mary Catholic in the win over the Chiefs, while Eliana Brenn added seven kills.

Olivia Noel led the Zephyrs with 15 assists, while Katie Laemrich finished with 23 digs, while Fischer added nine.

Rockets drop tight battle with Kaukauna

Marissa Corso totaled 12 kills and Carly Stamm had eight as Neenah pushed Kaukauna to four sets before falling 25-11, 21-25, 25-17, 25-22 last Thursday.

Makenna Baker added six kills and four blocks.

Leia Kersten led the team with 19 assists, while Claudia Merizon added seven.

On defense, the Rockets were led by Elizabeth Oldenburg and Jenna Lawatsch with 16 and 15 digs, respectively.

SOCCER

Zephyrs blank Omro in tournament tuneup

AJ Groppe scored a pair of goals and St. Mary Catholic outshot Omro 24-8 en route to a 4-0 win over the Foxes in the Zephyrs' regular-season finale.

Groppe scored less than two minutes into the match on a free kick from 25 yards out and then assisted on a goal later in the first half as the Zephyrs took a 2-0 lead at

intermission.

Groppe added a second unassisted goal in the second half, while Braeden Brenn capped the scoring off an assist from Barrientos in the 56th minute.

Hunter Schreiber made six saves in goal to earn the shutout as the Zephyrs finished the regular season 11-3-2.

SWIMMING

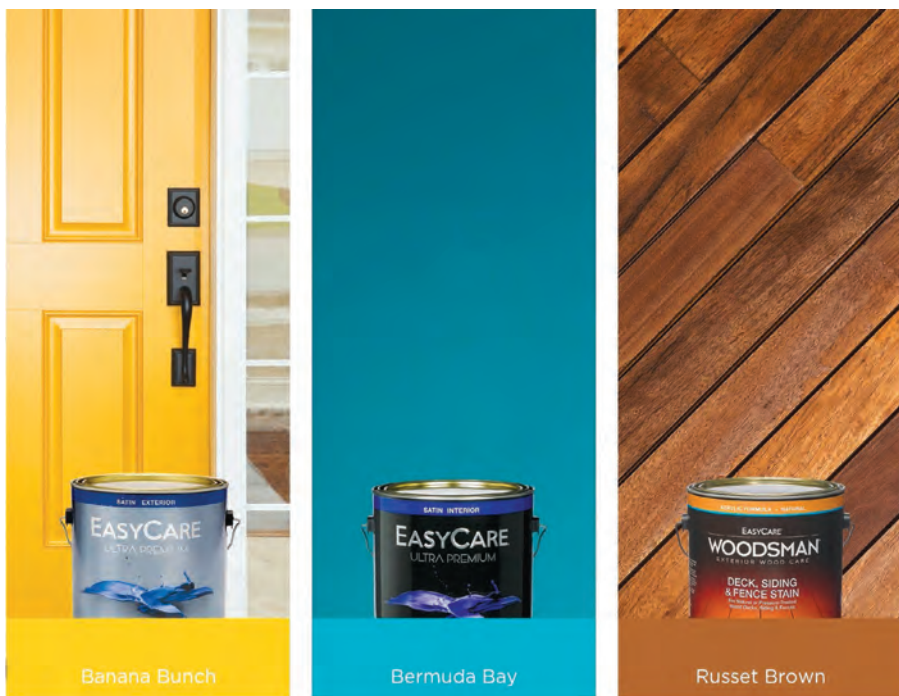
Rockets win every event in meet against Cardinals

The Neenah High School swimming team put on an impressive performance Tuesday, winning every event in a dual meet against Fond du Lac. The Rockets won the meet 126.5-53.5.

Naomi Cortina, Emma Bottensek and Rylie Bauman each won two events for Neenah. Cortina finished first in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke, Bottensek took first in the 50-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle and Bauman picked up wins in both the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke.

Also winning events for Neenah were: Anna Mulroy, 200-yard freestyle; Hannah Slabbert, diving; Kacie Stamm, 100-yard butterfly.

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Louisa May Alcott

Louisa May Alcott was born on November 29, 1832. She was the second oldest of four girls. Her love of her sisters helped her to become one of America's most beloved children's book authors.

If she were alive today, how old would she be?
2022 - 1832 =

Money Troubles

Louisa's family did not have much money. To help out, Louisa started taking on as many jobs as a young girl could find. She read for an elderly man and his sister. Louisa and her sister Anna taught young children and mended and washed laundry.

In 1852, Louisa's first poem was published in a magazine, and she made her first money from writing.

Use the code to find out the name of Louisa's first published poem.

SECRET CODE

B = ●	I = ●	S = +
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"I b _ l _ _ ve
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Teacher in the Family

As a child, Louisa and her family moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where her father, Amos Alcott, set up a school based upon his beliefs about education.

Put the vowels back in this sentence to find out what Amos Bronson Alcott believed about education.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Two of the books below were not written by Louisa. Do the math and cross out the two with odd-numbered answers.

19 + 7 =	18 - 5 =	14 + 8 =
LITTLE WOMEN by Louisa May Alcott	LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE by Louisa May Alcott	JO'S BOYS by Louisa May Alcott
GOOD WIVES by Louisa May Alcott	LITTLE MEN by Louisa May Alcott	HEIDI by Louisa May Alcott
21 - 9 =	12 + 14 =	16 - 7 =

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

Writing Success

In 1855, her first book, *Flower Fables* was published.

In 1862, Louisa went to Washington, D.C. to serve as a Civil War nurse. Like many other nurses, Louisa contracted typhoid fever. Although she got better, mercury in the medicine caused her suffering for the rest of her life. In Washington, Louisa continued to write and she published two more books.

Her publisher, Thomas Niles, asked that she write "a girl's story." Having spent her life with three interesting sisters, Louisa wrote *Little Women* based on her own experiences. The novel, published in 1868, was an instant success. It has now been a favorite book for generations.

Discover the names of the sisters in *Little Women* by crossing out every other letter.

~~X~~MUETGL
~~X~~BTOK
~~X~~ARMBYM
~~X~~BAEGLTLP

Responsibility

Though poor themselves, Louisa's family always tried to help people who were worse off than they were. Look through the newspaper to find a person or people you could help.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how character traits help fulfill personal responsibilities.

Rights for Women

Louisa worked hard to help women get the right to vote. She wrote articles about equality for women and went door-to-door encouraging women to register to vote. In 1879, Alcott became the first woman in Concord, Mass., to register to vote when she cast a ballot for the village school committee.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Louisa's parents encouraged her to follow her dreams and to hold on to her freedom in life. Her father Amos had very advanced ideas about childhood and education. In fact, many people believe he is the founder of this part of the school day.

Assemble these puzzle pieces to reveal the answer.



Standards Link: Historical Understanding: Understand that specific decisions impact history.

Double Double Word Search

LOUISA
 ELDERLY
 TYPHOID
 MERCURY
 MEDICINE
 INSTANT
 VOTE
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 WORSE
 VOWELS
 LAUNDRY
 POEM
 FEVER
 NOVEL
 CAST

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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I	E	I	R	E	V	E	F	L	N
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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- Grab a marker.
- Find an article.
- Cross out words, leaving behind the ones you like.
- Pretty soon you'll have a poem.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word LOUISA in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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