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City council veteran retains seat

Voters select two new school board members

By Dan Roherty
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah Common Council member Cari Lendrum held off a close challenge from Alexander Collins to retain her Alderman District 1 seat in Tuesday's election.

Lendrum edged Collins 1,181 to 1,108, according to the unofficial tally, in a campaign where Collins put a focus on Lendrum's support of rezoning the Shattuck Middle School for a housing development that neighbors opposed and the council failed to pass in December.

Lendrum, who has served on the coun-

cil since 2011, said she was able to keep her campaign positive and focused on the district she serves.

"I think my constituents in District 1 know I have their backs," she said. "I run a Facebook page, and not many elected officials run the type of Facebook page I have, specifically just to help residents. That has been really gratifying."

Collins, who works as a cyber security vice president for a retail bank, thanked supporters on his Facebook for a strong showing with 48% of the vote and congratulated Lendrum.



Lendrum

Lendrum, a building supervisor at the Neenah-Menasha YMCA where it hosts a seniors health program, said one of her ongoing priorities will be gaining support for a combination seniors/community center somewhere in the city.

"We've got a very, very active and healthy older population here in Neenah, and one of my big goals has been to get a senior center opened up," she said.

Two other alderpersons ran unopposed for Neenah's council, including Tami Erickson in District 2 and Scott C. Weber in District 3.

In the Wisconsin Supreme Court race that drew the most attention in the spring election, Janet Protasiewicz defeated Dan-

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Photo by Rob Zimmer

Ice shoves were active on Lake Winnebago last week along the shores of Neenah and southward.

Ice dance continues on Winnebago

By Rob Zimmer
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

With a swift shift in wind direction in the midst of our latest storm this past week, Lake Winnebago thrust her ice slabs ashore in many parts of Neenah over the weekend.

Winds that shifted to the north and northeast and gusted up to 50 mph after thunderstorms and heavy rain began to shred Lake Winnebago's remaining ice cover, pushing it ashore along the western side of the lake from Neenah to Oshkosh to Fond du Lac.

Several places in Neenah saw exceptionally high ice mounds during the rapid ice shove event. Locations south of Neenah along Rickers Bay also saw abrupt thrusts of ice that threatened shoreline docks, piers and other structures. There were also impressive ice shoves in many other parts of the lakeshore in Neenah.

Ice shoves occur along the Lake Winnebago shore every year. Where, precisely, depends upon the wind speed and direc-



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An ice shove on Lake Winnebago draws near a house in the Town of Vinland.

tion when the ice is ready to give way.

For weeks now, ice has been weakening as warm temperatures, snow melt, rain and runoff disintegrate the ice from above and below. When the winds are just right and the ice has weakened sufficiently, it begins to shatter apart and move with the spring wind. Whatever direction the wind

blows, is where the ice travels.

When it finally reaches shore, the ice begins to pile up in layers that override each other, forming spectacular shoves, or piles, of ice that continue to build as long as the wind-driven ice is on the move.

The smooth surface of the ice allows each slab to override the one beneath it, creating giant, layered piles, or shoves, on or close to shore.

This week's event was short-lived, as the winds quickly switched back to the south, pushing the ice in the opposite direction. What's left of the ice on the open water will either continue to move if the winds are strong enough, or, it may simply disintegrate and melt away.

Ice out opens up the lake for many avian visitors that quickly move in to occupy the open water. Thousands of diving ducks, as well as pelicans, grebes and loons began to arrive. April migration on the big lake is spectacular. In addition to these birds, osprey, kingfishers, herons and egrets will also arrive to feed on the open water.

More opioid settlement funds reviewed

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The state Department of Health Services (DHS) last week submitted its plan to the state Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance for using another \$8 million in opioid settlement funds to support prevention, harm reduction and capital projects related to the opioid crisis.



Krupski

The money is part of the \$400 million the state is receiving in annual installments through an agreement with major pharmaceutical firms. \$130 million of the total amount goes to the state through the DHS, while the remaining 70% is to be divided among counties and municipalities.

In an online press conference last Wednesday, DHS director of opioid initiatives Paul Krupski said the funding plan was developed with input from more than 4,000 state residents through a survey that he said captured opinions from all profes-

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Fireworks convention cleared to launch

Pyrotechnics group secures county site

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A final agreement to bring the Pyrotechnics Guild International (PGI) to Sunnyview Expo Center this summer for its annual international fireworks festival came to fruition this month with a signed contract between Winnebago County and the PGI.

The PGI announced Saturday that the convention is officially confirmed at Sunnyview for Aug. 12-18, and said reg-

istration and camping reservations will be available in early May.

The County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance in December to amend the county code to allow fireworks to be used on county property for the weeklong event Aug. 12-18.

The nearby Town of Oshkosh, on which part of Sunnyview's property is situated, signed off on the event Feb. 13 after reviewing public input from residents, some of whom expressed concerns over firework noise during the weeknights.

PGI had initially planned to hold the event

in late July at Wisconsin International Raceway (WIR) in Buchanan, where it had been held three other years, but announced Dec. 23 that it intended to hold it at Sunnyview.

The event will include on-site camping and all festival events will be held on the county expo grounds.

Sunnyview's location is in both the city and town of Oshkosh, which required PGI to gain approval from both entities to use fireworks at the location.

PGI will need to obtain permission to enter neighboring properties for fireworks cleanup.

New J. J. Keller posters durable, eco-friendly

J. J. Keller & Associates now manufactures labor law posters with a new eco-friendly, polypropylene (poly) material. The new poly posters are 100% recyclable, so there's a decreased environmental impact when posters change.

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In a recent study by J. J. Keller, employers indicated the common delivery method of rolled labor law posters in mailing tubes was cumbersome for interoffice mail. The new poly posters are folded and mailed flat, allowing for much easier



Photo from J. J. Keller

New eco-friendly labor law posters are being manufactured by J. J. Keller & Associates.

delivery. The posters offer the additional benefits of water, tear and glare resistance

Young professionals nominees sought

The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce and its Pulse Young Professionals Network are ready to select the 13th annual class of Fox Cities Future 15 Young Professionals with nominations open through April 14.

These awards recognize young professionals ages 40 and under who live or work in the Fox Cities region and excel professionally while also giving back to

the community. Those nominated will be asked to submit an application that will be advanced for award consideration.

Recipients are selected based on their professional dedication, strong sense of vision for the future of the Fox Cities, and personal commitment to philanthropy.

For more information on nominations, visit foxcitieschamber.com. The winners will be announced July 27.

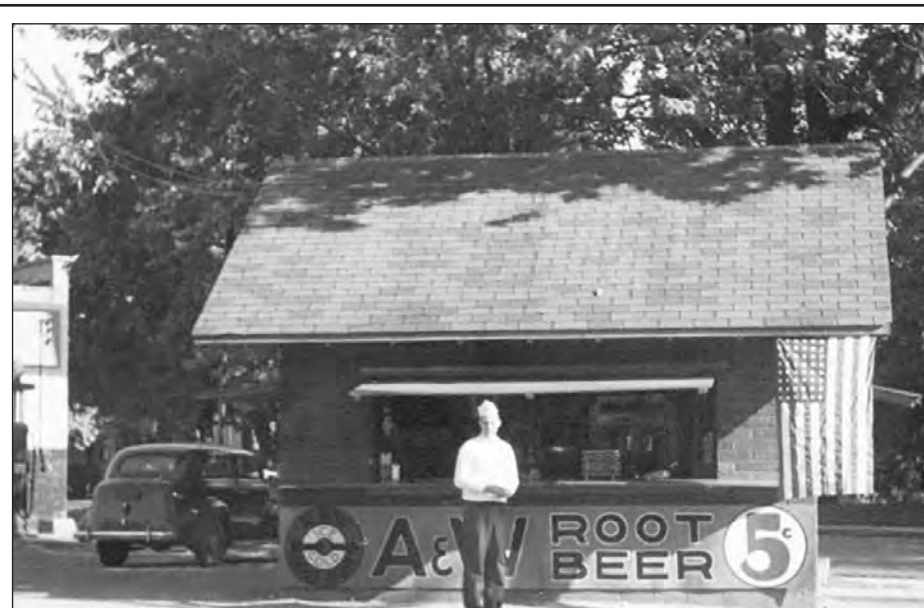
Entries sought for 2024 State Park sticker

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting artwork entries from high school students for the 2024 Wisconsin State Park and Forest vehicle admission sticker design contest.

Now in its 33rd year, the annual DNR-sponsored design contest is open to all high school-age students in Wiscon-

sconsin attending public, private and parochial schools or homeschooled students. Artwork entries should focus on outdoor recreation, animals or plants in Wisconsin.

Materials for the 2024 sticker design contest are now available, and students can submit entries through April 30. More information is available at dnr.wisconsin.gov.



Neenah Historical Society photo



Root beer stand

This A&W Root Beer stand was on South Commercial Street just past the city limits near Cecil Street, shown in this photo from 1933.

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Business news

Cat Dancer Products Inc., which specializes in proprietary cat toys and accessories, is celebrating 40 years in business. Formed in 1983 by Jim Boelke, Cat Dancer Products provides toys for Amazon, Petco, Chewy and distributors globally. According to the American Pet Products Association 2020 survey, 49% of all cat toys sold are interactive, and Cat Dancer has more than 17,000 five-star reviews on Amazon.

Pappa's Cafe at 1360 S Commercial St. announced last week that it will be expanding with a Pappa's Pub sometime in June. The restaurant's Facebook page said it would provide more details in the coming weeks.

Neenah-based **Broken Tree Pizza** is opening a new location in Appleton on the Fox River at the RiverHeath apartment complex in the former Mr. Brews space. The restaurant hopes to be open sometime in June.

Early Learning Center Inc. is celebrating 20 years of service in Neenah. The facility at 2425 Industrial Drive provides child care services to families in the surrounding area. Contact elcinfo@elcneenah.com for more information.

Calendar of events

Ongoing

Spring Scavenger Hunt in downtown Neenah through April 7. Information at Future Neenah, 135 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Monday, April 10

Short Story Night, 7 p.m., Lion's Tail Brewing Co.

Thursday, April 13

Open Chess Night, 5:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Saturday, April 15

Brews with the Bunny, 5 p.m., Fritsch Park, Fox Crossing

Electric scooter program extension pending

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An electric scooter company's operation in Neenah was looking to gain approval this week for another year of operation with the Common Council voting on the new contract Wednesday.

The renewal had been sent back to the city's Public Services and Safety Committee to further discuss some concerns over where the vehicles are being placed and how complaints were being monitored.

The city entered into an agreement with Bird Rides Inc. last spring that started with 25 and expanded to 75 of the plug-in, two-wheeled vehicles that users find and ride with the Bird app on a smartphone.

Community Development office manager Samantha Jefferson said the 2022 program was "highly successful with approximately 11,000 rides taken and over 30,000 miles traveled by more than 2,800 unique users."

Jefferson said there were 105 complaints received by Bird from 10 independent users, while city staff came up with 53 complaints that were tallied as separate incidents rather than total numbers involved. She said Bird has been quick to remedy complaints and prefers they are reported to the company since the riders are their customers and their responsibility.

Dennis Kittel, a Neenah resident and member of the Fox Cities Greenways board, told the committee that while he is positive about the program, he wants the city to better monitor complaints about where the scooters are being left to avoid making the city's trail system "a parking lot for scooters."

Community Development Director Chris Haese told the committee he does

not anticipate the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) changing in relation to the staging of scooters but advocated for a stronger level of expectation with Bird.

After discussions with Bird, the Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Future Neenah, extension of the pilot program with Bird Scooters for the 2023 riding season was recommended through Dec. 31.

Bird Rides planned to have the scooters on the ground and usable this week in Neenah, Menasha and Fox Crossing.

Riders, who must be 18 or older, cannot ride on sidewalks in downtown Neenah and are prohibited in the parking ramp and skate park. The Bird app indicates "preferred parking" areas where riders can stop and receive a discount on their next use.

Improperly ridden or parked scooters can be reported on the Bird mobile app under the Community Mode icon or calling 866-205-2442.

The scooters are maintained by a fleet manager who is also responsible for collecting scooters discarded outside of the nesting areas. Riders that leave their scooters on private property or other unreachable areas may be charged a pickup fee if a Bird employee has to retrieve them.

Bird uses geo fencing to control the maximum speed of the scooters at 18 mph and the maximum speed on the Loop the Little Lake Trail at 12 mph.

Electric scooters offer a low-carbon alternative to personal cars for short distance trips. Jefferson has said other towns with Bird scooters found that they help relieve traffic congestion and are popular with tourists exploring downtown areas.



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Bird scooters are expected to take to the streets of Neenah and surrounding communities this spring for another year pending city approval.

UW campuses set suicide awareness event

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, UW-Green Bay and the Center for Suicide Awareness are partnering again to host the fourth annual Northeast Wisconsin Suicide Prevention Summit, a virtual event from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. May 11.

The event promotes suicide awareness and deepening the understanding of who is most vulnerable and risk factors. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), suicide is the leading cause of death in the United States with a death occurring about every 11 minutes.

"We are dedicated to preventing suicide through proactive education, training,

emotional support, collaboration and intervention," said Barb Bigalke, executive director of the Center for Suicide Awareness.

Keynote speaker will be multi-genre vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Bailey James, who has produced 19 singles and an EP. James' brother took his own life and she has struggled with mental health issues. She copes and shares her journey through her music.

The summit will conclude with a panel discussion of SOS Kaukauna members sharing their challenges after the sudden death of someone close by suicide.

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Octagon House holds history and its keepers

By David Hall
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Nestled adjacent to the Main Street bridge, across from Arrowhead Park, many pass by the Neenah Historical Society every day without realizing it. A non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Neenah, the society was founded in 1948.

The Smith Octagon House, built in 1856, is the home of the Neenah Historical Society and considered to be one of the finest examples of octagon architecture in the United States.

The first owner of the house was flour mill owner Edward Smith, then by his brother Hiram, a merchant and paper mill owner.

The house was purchased by the Quinn family in 1923 and remained in their hands until the society bought it in 1993. The original 30-foot octagon was enlarged three times, the society's history notes, twice with brick that matches the original construction, and a third time much later with wood siding. Its cupola came down some time in the 1930s, and the Quinns converted the house into three apartment units.

The Octagon House also serves as a museum with exhibits that showcase the history of the city and surrounding area. Some highlight the area's indigenous people, the city's industrial past including the paper industry, and cultural history with displays on local sports teams.

The Neenah Historical Society has partnered with the Menasha Historical Society to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the two cities. This new exhibit features a historical overview of the people, places and things that make



Photos by David Hall

Visitors to the Octagon House recently got an early look at an exhibit by the Neenah and Menasha historical societies marking the 150th anniversary of the two cities' incorporation.

Neenah and Menasha special.

The society also operates a research center that provides access to historical documents, photographs and related materials. The research center is open to the public and provides resources for individuals, researchers and students interested in the history of the region.

Educational programs and events are offered throughout the year, including lectures, tours and workshops. Information about upcoming events can be found at neenahhistoricalsociety.com.



Gold Cross begins area expansion project

Gold Cross Ambulance Service broke ground earlier this week on a new facility in Menasha to deal with expansion needs in northeast Wisconsin, which it expects to be completed in October.

The ambulance service broke ground on a new facility across the street from its 1055 Wittmann Drive headquarters that opened 12 years ago, which will become a training center upon completion of the new facility.

Gold Cross's dispatch center reported that it has been receiving above 5,000 more calls in the past five years than in previous years.

Gold Cross works with 28 emergency medical responder agencies in the region and seven local hospitals, including three Ascension Wisconsin hospitals and four ThedaCare hospitals. It also works with emergency responder agencies that include Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue, Fox Valley Metro Police Department, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, along with area towns and villages.



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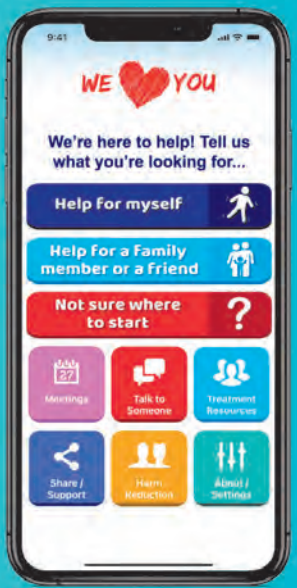
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Murder charge plea deal made in 2021 death

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A Minnesota man accused of killing 22-year-old Roger Ridgeway near Gord's Pub in Neenah in 2021 entered into a plea deal last week to a lesser charge of first-degree recklessly endangering safety.

Mandel Roy, 26, was facing a felony murder charge that carried a total sentence of up to 55 years in prison. First-degree recklessly endangering safety carries a maximum penalty of 12.5 years in prison.

Ridgeway, of Fox Crossing, arrived at Gord's Pub around 10:30 p.m. April 21, 2021. He was captured on surveillance video leaving the bar a short time later with Roy, Terran Colwell, 30, of Minneso-

ta, and Charles Hoofman, 53, of Neenah.

The group walked to a grassy area in a nearby parking lot where a fight broke out. Roy is identified on video beating Ridgeway with a tire knocker. Colwell jumps in and at some point is recorded calling for a knife.

Documents indicate Roy and Colwell continued beating Ridgeway while he tried to get away. Ridgeway was stabbed six times and died at the scene.

Colwell was seen in footage carrying a knife and Ridgeway's wallet, which was never located. A witness told police that Roy had blood on his hands. All of the parties involved said they didn't see a knife and didn't know who stabbed Ridgeway.

Colwell was also initially charged with

felony murder. The charge was later amended and she pled no contest to substantial battery with intention to cause bodily harm and harboring or aiding a felon. She was sentenced last September to three years in prison.

Hoofman was sentenced in January to 60 days in jail for being a felon in possession of a firearm after police executed a search warrant for the murder weapon and located a loaded gun.

Hoofman was recorded on surveillance footage at the scene while Ridgeway was being beaten, but he has not been directly charged in the murder.

Roy's case was repeatedly delayed due to a statewide shortage of public defenders. The court appointed former Win-

nebago County prosecutor Scott Ceman to represent Roy last November.

Ceman filed a notice in January that he intended to show evidence at trial that Colwell and Hoofman committed the crime. Ceman alleged that Colwell obtained a knife from Hoofman that she used to fatally stab Ridgeway.

While in jail, Roy was charged with two misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property, one count of disorderly conduct and one count of battery. As part of the plea deal, all four misdemeanor counts were dismissed.

Roy pled no contest and was convicted last week of first-degree recklessly endangering safety.

He will be sentenced June 2.

Oak tree disease prevention urged by DNR

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) notes that the arrival of spring brings a high risk for the often-fatal oak wilt disease and recommends not pruning or cutting oak trees from April through July.

In spring and early summer, pruning and cutting oak trees leaves them vulnerable to oak wilt, which rapidly kills trees in the red oak group and weakens those in the white oak group. Sap-feeding beetles spread the disease between oaks by carrying oak wilt spores from infected trees or firewood to fresh, exposed tree wounds.

As of March, oak wilt has been found in northeast Wisconsin and statewide.

"We have seen a lot of tree damage from winter storms that brought heavy snowfall and ice accumulations, causing stems to snap and branches to break and leaving trees completely bent over in some areas of the state," said Paul Cigan, DNR forest health specialist.

DNR pathologist Kyoko Scanlon forecasts the possibility of a brief delay to the

start of the oak wilt high-risk period this spring. The slower spring warmup provides a great opportunity for those wishing to clean up yards, trails and forests of fallen debris before the oak wilt risk becomes too high.

Although tree paint or wound dressing is not normally recommended on pruned or wounded surfaces, a light application of these products immediately after an oak is damaged or cut may be the only defense against oak wilt infection during this high-risk period. If possible, apply within 15 minutes. Wounds are susceptible to oak wilt for 72 hours.

Check with your municipality to find out if they have their own oak wilt ordinances that you should follow. Keeping firewood local or purchasing Wisconsin-certified firewood is another key component of protecting trees and maintaining healthy forests.

More information is available on the DNR's oak wilt webpage.

Hunter education courses offered, instructors needed

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages the public to prepare for the 2023 hunting seasons by enrolling in a hunter safety course as either a new hunter or retaking the course as a refresher.

The DNR notes that most hunting incidents in Wisconsin involve hunters older than 40, decades after learning firearm safety rules. More than 20,000 people take hunter education courses in Wisconsin each year.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, is required to have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting

Law. The DNR offers online Hunter Education options for adults 18 and older. If a hands-on method is preferred, there are two other ways to complete courses.

All course options, links to enroll and cost information are outlined on the DNR's website.

The DNR encourages individuals to consider bringing their education enthusiasm and calling for volunteerism to join the team of instructors. Instructors must be at least 18 years old and graduate from the Hunter Safety student course in Wisconsin.

Details are on the DNR's Volunteer Instructor webpage.



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Five selected to school district's hall of fame

Five prominent alumni comprise the Neenah Joint School District's eighth Hall of Fame Class of 2023. Those inducted will be Jack Ankerson, Byron Bell, Tori Bohannon, Andrew Coan and Marty Robinson.

The inductees were selected by a committee of 15 that included former and current employees and alumni. The group will be honored at an Oct. 7 banquet at the new Neenah High School as part of homecoming festivities.

The group brings the total members of the Hall of Fame to 49. Tickets will go on sale in early August.

Jack Ankerson (Class of 1960): Ankerson was a three-sport standout in high school and at Ripon College, participating in football, basketball and tennis. He was a 16th round draft choice as a quarterback by the St. Louis Cardinals in the NFL and, after a brief professional playing career, he began a career in the front office of professional sports. He was the general manager of the San Antonio Spurs and Virginia Squires of the American Basketball Association. He also worked in the front office of the Norfolk Tides minor league baseball team. Ankerson is active in the Norfolk, Va. community.



Ankerson



Bell



Bohannon



Coan



Robinson

Byron Bell (Class of 1932): Bell composed the music and wrote the words for the Neenah High School song that is still in use today. He also starred on the court in basketball and tennis, leading Neenah to a consolation title at the 1932 state basketball tournament. He was a member of Neenah's only American Legion baseball state championship team in 1930. An all-conference and all-state basketball player, he is one of six former Rockets to play at the University of Wisconsin and captained the Badgers as a senior. Bell taught music for 39 years in the Lake Geneva School District. He passed away in 2008 at age 94.

Tori Bohannon (Class of 2003): Bohannon was a three-sport athlete in high

school and captained the volleyball, basketball and soccer teams as a senior. She was a member of the band and also earned a gold award, the highest honor in Girl Scouts, while starting a Special Olympics basketball training program. Bohannon was a four-year starter in soccer at Northwestern University and a three-time Academic all-Big Ten selection. Bohannon is the Elementary Head of School at Namaste Charter School in Chicago.

Andrew Coan (Class of 1995): Coan was a state champion debate student and valedictorian of his graduating class in high school. He also finished at the top of his class at the University of Wisconsin and was one of 20 students nationwide to earn a Beinecke Brothers Memorial

Scholarship for graduate study. He won the Mark Mensink Prize for top honors thesis and the Distinguished English Student Award. Coan earned a juris doctorate from Stanford University and has been an assistant law professor at the University of Arizona since 2014 after six years teaching at UW-Madison.

Marty Robinson (Class of 1987): An accomplished musician, Robinson is widely regarded in the Midwest as a jazz and classical trumpeter, both as a soloist and in chamber music settings. He earned a degree in trumpet performance from Lawrence University, a master's degree in jazz studies from Eastman School of Music and a doctorate in composition from Florida State University. He was an associate professor for 10 years at Florida A&M University and has been a professor of trumpet and jazz at UW-Oshkosh since 2004. He is the composer and trumpeter on numerous recordings that have been aired on national television and radio.

Nominations for Hall of Fame classes are accepted through the district website. Forms are also available at the district office. Once an individual is nominated, he or she will be considered every year.

Middle school associate principal named

A familiar face will join the administrative team at Neenah Middle School as an associate principal when the school opens for grade 5-8 students next fall.

Curtis Bartlett, who serves as the district's STEM coordinator, will oversee the nearly 2,000 students and 200 staff members at Neenah's new middle school. Bartlett will continue in his duties as STEM coordinator unless the state budget brings additional funding to allow for the hiring of a replacement.

Bartlett began his career in Neenah in 2012 as a high school math teacher for three years before transitioning to the



Bartlett

STEM position. Bartlett helped implement the Project Lead the Way activities that take place in schools across the district. He is also involved in curriculum development, revising the math curriculum districtwide over the past eight years.

Bartlett previously taught middle school math for five years in Austin, Minn., and high school math for two years in Washington, N.C. A Berlin native, he earned a math degree from Luther College (Iowa) and completed a master's degree in secondary math from the University of Minnesota.

While in Austin, Bartlett was one of two teachers who led a districtwide grading philosophy change called Grading for Learning, which earned national media recognition and was presented at several conferences.

'Anastasia' production brings music honors

Neenah High School's production of its fall musical "Anastasia" received two nominations for Center State High School musical awards that will be presented May 6 at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center.

The nominees are selected among the musical productions from 31 local high schools. Ella Mainville was nominated for Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role as Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna. Neenah was also one of three schools nominated for Outstanding Pit Orchestra.

Two students among the nominees will be selected at the awards event to participate in the National High School Musical Jimmy Awards set for June 18-27 in New York City. Mainville will participate in an audition and interview process for the possibility to become selected.

Trained adjudicators attended each school's musical production and provided educational feedback.



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Ella Mainville was nominated for a state award with her performance as Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna in "Anastasia" at Neenah High School.

Butter Braid sale benefits Doty Island council

A Butter Braid pastry sale that runs until April 24 is underway to raise funds for the Doty Island Development Council's home base in the E.D. Smith Building.

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Opioid funds

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sional sectors related to the crisis.

“Individuals who responded to that included people who work across the continuum of care,” he said, “from prevention, harm reduction treatment to recovery, but also those who work in children and family services, law enforcement, first responders, people with lived experience, and also loved ones who support those with substance use disorder.”

Krupski said this round of funds would have a focus on law enforcement and first responders that the Joint Committee on Finance had pointed to in the last approval session.

The \$8 million proposal strategy includes \$4 million toward increased availability of Narcan and fentanyl test strips statewide, \$3 million for capital projects and \$1 million for substance use prevention curriculums or programs in K-12 schools.

With Winnebago County being a party to the settlement agreement, the County Board in February approved execution of the agreement with any funds received after attorney fees going into its Opioid Abatement Account. Total revenues from the settlement have not been determined and must be spent on opioid abatement measures.

County Executive Jon Doemel is chairman of the Wisconsin Counties Association’s Ad Hoc Task Force on Opioid Abatement Strategies and District Attorney Eric Sparr serves on the panel. Executive assistant Ethan Hollenberger said the county constantly reviews best practices on opioid abatement efforts.

“The county has begun to receive settlement payments and has allocated some of the proceeds for an alternatives to prosecution program called Connect,” Hollenberger said in an email. The program launched in 2018 provides substance

abuse treatment and recovery services, along with connections to housing, employment and health services in lieu of prosecution. Hollenberger said Connect is now being partially funded with some of the settlement dollars.

County Health Department officials said when the settlement was announced that navigation support also would be a priority, which includes providing access to jobs, transportation and the ability to get housing that can disrupt recovery efforts.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice announced approval of the agreement in February 2022 with the nation’s three major pharmaceutical distributors – Cardinal, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen – and Johnson & Johnson. Payments from the distributors will continue for 18 years while payments from Johnson & Johnson will go for nine years.

The DHS is required to submit a plan to the Joint Committee on Finance every year with details on the projects. The \$8 million is expected to arrive in June and July.

The state received about \$31 million in opioid settlement payments in the second half of 2022, which went to fund school-based prevention programs, Narcan and fentanyl test strip programs, medication-assisted treatment, room and board costs for Medicaid members in residential treatment, renovation or construction of care and treatment facilities, an overdose alert system, support for tribal nations and support for law enforcement agencies.

Over-the-counter sales of Narcan were approved last week by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which Krupski said adds accessibility to the lifesaving medication used to reverse opioid overdoses but doesn’t impact the Narcan programs supported by the DHS proposals.

The legislative committee is given 14 days to either approve or raise an objection to the plan before the DHS can begin any fund distributions.

Election results

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iel Kelly with 55.5% of the statewide vote. Neenah residents favored Protasiewicz 4,609 to 3,135 while Winnebago County voters supported her by a 26,237 to 22,246 margin.

Board of Education

One incumbent and two newcomers were elected from among six candidates for three-year terms on the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education.

Deborah Watry retained her board seat while Lindsay Clark and Michelle Swardenski won the other two openings as Tom Hanby fell short on gaining a new term.

Clark took the most votes with 6,444, followed by Swardenski (4,988), Watry (4,723), Rock Shafer (4,095), Hanby (3,589) and Brian Roeh (3,127).

Board member Amy Morrissey did not seek re-election.

County circuit court

Winnebago County Judge Scott Woldt retained his Branch 2 bench seat against challenger and former Branch 4 Judge LaKeisha Haase.

Woldt, who has been a circuit court judge since his appointment in 2004 and re-election in 2005, 2011 and 2017, defeated Haase by a 23,457 to 22,099 margin.

Haase was appointed in December 2020 by Gov. Tony Evers after Judge Karen Siefert’s retirement and took the bench

in January 2021. She lost her election bid in 2021 to Michael Gibbs.

Judge Daniel Bissett ran unopposed for re-election to the Branch 6 circuit court seat.

Fox Crossing

Village president Dale Youngquist was unopposed for a new term, while Kris Koeppe and Barbara Hanson also gained new terms unopposed as village trustees. Jason Patzwald joined the board unopposed, replacing Mark Englebert, who did not seek re-election.

Timothy Hogan was unopposed and re-elected as municipal judge.

Town of Clayton

Town board chairman Russell Geise, Kay Lettau and Linda Grundman were unopposed for re-election as board supervisors.

Town of Neenah

Bob Schmeichel ran unopposed as town board chairperson, and Brooke Cardoza and Tom Wilde were elected as board supervisors, also running unopposed.

David Pavlik was elected unopposed as municipal judge for the towns of Clayton, Neenah, Vinland, Winchester and Winneconne.

Town of Vinland

For the Town Board Supervisor 2 position, incumbent Stacy Frakes defeated challenger Mike McNamee 398-311, while chairman Donald O’Connell, supervisor Todd Devens and clerk-treasurer Karen Brazee were re-elected unopposed.



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Bruce Howe is surrounded by current Spiritus missionaries (clockwise from left) Rose Kwasniewski, Scott Cotto, Rosie Costa, Frank Hessel and Joseph Jacques.

Ministry honors contributor, leader

Neenah resident Bruce Howe will receive the 2023 “Heart of Jesus Award” from Spiritus Ministries honoring the impact he had on the organization over the past 20 years through the mission of Spiritus/Mount Tabor Center.

The Spiritus ministry is made up of young adult Catholics from across the nation who offer their time to lead youth by giving retreats and youth ministry programs.

Spiritus Ministries is hosting an event open to all who wish to recognize Howe and the mission he supports. The live program begins at 6:45 p.m. April 21 at <https://givebutter.com/HeartofJesus>.

He became involved with the Menasha-based Mount Tabor Center in 2004.

He has served on the board of directors, chairman of the board, and is active on the development committee, gaining him the title of master evangelizer thanks to his gift of inviting others to support the mission.

When Spiritus was first proposed, Howe was a major influencer and shared that “moving forward with Spiritus was the right thing to do.” His championing of Spiritus helped inspire more than 65,000 young Catholics and formed more than 130 missionaries.

The evening will include a presentation of the Heart of Jesus award, witnesses from current Spiritus missionaries, and opportunities to hear about how the ministry is transforming the lives of youth and young adults.



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Advocates call for expanding driver's license access

By Jonah Chester
WPR/WISCONSIN WATCH

"Antonio's" daily commute to work could end with his family being torn apart.

Antonio, not his real name, is among Wisconsin's estimated 70,000 residents who lack permanent legal status. None of them is eligible for a driver's license, meaning they face legal risks — even possible detention and deportation — whenever they take the wheel. That stirs anxiety extending to family, like Antonio's daughter.

"Once she sees the police, she freezes," says Antonio, who has lived in the country since 2008 and asked to remain anonymous for fear of legal repercussions. "She's starting to worry, because she knows my situation. And she's like, 'Oh, Dad, you have to drive carefully, because we don't want

the police to stop you."

It hasn't always been this way in Wisconsin, which once provided a licensing pathway for residents who enter the country illegally. The state closed that path 16 years ago, leaving people like Antonio with few safe options for navigating a state with shrinking or nonexistent public transit systems. A 30-minute car ride from Green Bay is the only viable way Antonio can commute to his job with a cabinet shop, he says.

"I don't even see any bus stations by my work, so I don't think it's a choice to go to my work by bus," he says.

Immigrant advocacy groups have long pushed to repeal Wisconsin's ban on driver's licenses for people who lack legal status, saying doing so is not only humane, but would expand the state's tight labor force

and boost public safety — an argument that research in other states supports.

Gov. Tony Evers has called for doing just that. Removing the ban would pave the way for licensing as many as 32,000 residents in three years, Madison-based Kids Forward, a liberal-leaning advocacy group, estimated in 2018.

"In America's Dairyland, immigrants are an essential part of our communities," Evers said during his budget address in February. "Let's make sure everyone can access driver's licenses regardless of their citizenship status, so that workers can get from point A to point B, and we can make our roads safer, too."

But the Republican-controlled Legislature has stripped that provision from two previous budgets it has sent for Evers' signature, and it is likely to again do so. Republicans argue the state's spending plan shouldn't include non-fiscal proposals that merit debate through standalone legislation.

"The driver's license idea is just one idea among many ideas," Sen. Howard Marklein, a Spring Green Republican who co-leads the Joint Finance Committee, said. "However, it is also a non-fiscal policy item. We will not be including most, if not all, non-fiscal policy in the state budget."

Standalone legislation in past years has failed to draw a hearing in Republican-controlled committees.

Still, as more states open licensing pathways for immigrant drivers who currently don't qualify, advocates for Wisconsin immigrants — and farmers who employ some of them — hope to see a breakthrough.

"It's a long battle," says Primitivo Torres, deputy operations director of the advocacy group Voces de la Frontera, a key voice in Wisconsin's "driver's licenses for all" movement. "But it's a battle that we're willing to take on because of the need for our communities."

The roots of Wisconsin's current licensing law lie in federal immigration system changes adopted after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Following a recommendation from the federal 9/11 Commission, Congress in 2005 passed the RealID Act, which requires a RealID-compliant license to access certain facilities and resources — everything from boarding a flight to entering federal properties, such as federal courthouses.

That prompted legislatures to change state licensing policies to comply with the federal regulations.

Wisconsin's RealID law cleared the Republican-controlled Legislature in 2006 and took effect the next year, allowing only people who entered the country legally

to obtain driver's licenses. Then-Gov. Jim Doyle, a Democrat, reluctantly signed the law, which many legislative Democrats opposed.

Despite questions about whether the federal government would provide enough funding for the changes, Doyle called the law necessary to "crack down on driver's license fraud," the Associated Press reported at the time. He also worried failing to comply with the federal law would have repercussions for every Wisconsinite with a driver's license.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have since permitted drivers to obtain driver's identification that doesn't comply with the RealID Act. While those IDs can't be used to board an airplane or enter certain federal facilities, drivers can use them during a traffic stop, or when applying for auto insurance.

Wisconsin's legislative Republicans have previously argued loosening Wisconsin licensing requirements would incentivize illegal immigration.

"There's a tendency to sometimes accept the fact that we have people here breaking the law," Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said in 2009. Vos' office did not return a request for a comment on Evers' latest proposal.

Advocates argue driver's cards will increase safety by requiring more drivers to take a licensing exam and granting them identification to apply for auto insurance.

The Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association was among the few groups to publicly support the original ban on licenses for residents lacking permanent legal status. Now, it has no formal position but is "always open to discussions on how to make our roads safer in Wisconsin," Sandra Schueller, the group's business manager, said in an email.

Some Wisconsin police leaders have criticized the ban. Alfonso Morales did so when he was the Milwaukee police chief. Now he is police chief in Fitchburg.

Madison Police Chief Shon Barnes also opposes the prohibition.

"We think it's best when we can identify people," Barnes said in February. "When we can identify people who may be victimized, or people who want to file a report, or people who want to experience the same rights and privileges that we all experience."

In Wisconsin, first offenders caught driving without a license face a fine of up to \$200. Repeat offenses could mean incarceration — and, for those without legal status, potentially being flagged to ICE.

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Rockets revamp roster, welcome new head coach

By Dustin Riese
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Any time a first-time head coach takes over a high school program, there are going to be bumps along the way.

When you take on a program that has the expectations that the Neenah Rockets tend to have, the challenge will be even greater.

Enter Aaron Nelson.

The former Little Chute High School assistant coach, who led the Little Chute American Legion team to its only state

Baseball appearance in 2017, takes over a Neenah program that finished 12-12 overall last year and 7-10 in the Fox Valley Association.

Nelson said he is ready to embrace the expectations and challenges that come with this job.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to lead this team," Nelson said. "I know they had bigger expectations for last season, but did not reach the heights they were hoping for. I expect to compete with everyone in the conference. We know that we have to bring it every night as this conference does not allow for a night off. The goal is always to compete for a conference title and when you are in the top 3-4 of the FVA, then other expectations come with that including regional, sectional and state."

Nelson inherits a team that graduated three all-conference players as well as the team's leading hitter from a senior-laden team a year ago, but the Rockets have some varsity veterans to lean on.

Neenah returns a pair of players who hit over .300 a year ago in infielders Ethan Van Dyke and Brady Corso. Van Dyke was a second-team all-FVA selection at second base, while Corso earned honorable mention honors at shortstop.

Andrew Carlson also returns after a solid year at the plate and should play a bigger role in the Rockets' offense.

On the mound, AJ Price is the returning hurler with the most varsity innings from last year and will anchor the pitching staff along with Becket Davidson, who saw a limited varsity role.

Although there is a veteran presence on the squad, Nelson is expecting plenty of new players getting a taste of varsity action this season.

"This team is going to have a lot of new faces with the loss of a large senior class, but also has some underclassmen that had opportunities to compete at this level last year," he said. "We look to them to take their game to the next level and help us reach our goals of a conference championship."

For the Rockets to claim the FVA title, they will have to take down the top-ranked team in Division 1, the Kimberly Papermakers, who bring back plenty of talent from their state team a year ago. Hortonville is also another program expected to be near the top as is Appleton North.

Apart from those three, the FVA is wide open this season, which bodes well for the conference.

"When you look at the conference as a whole, having three new coaches, we will look to compete right away with some

very talented teams," Nelson said. "We're going to have to have underclassmen step up and fill roles that were left with the departure of seniors. The team is going to have to come together and connect, picking each other up on both sides of the ball. With a large junior class, the players that have not had as many opportunities at the varsity level, will need to step up and fill their roles, competing with each other each day in order to be ready to compete on game day."

Zephyrs looking for big things in 2023

A strong finish to the 2022 season has the St. Mary Catholic baseball team eyeing some high goals entering this year's campaign.

The Zephyrs won 10 of their final 14 games in the regular season after starting the year 0-4. The team also had the start of their home season delayed as they waited for their turf field to be finished.

With all of that behind them, second-year head coach Jeff Hogenson is ready to embrace the challenges his team could face this season as he is ready to contend for a Big East crown.

"Our coaching staff is excited for our second season," Hogenson said. "With a season under our belt, the unique challenges behind us, and spending last summer coaching the seventh and eighth grade team, our staff, and our players, have worked hard to install the foundation of our program that we can continue to build upon as we move forward. Although we finished fifth in conference last season, our

goal for the 2023 season is to compete for a conference title."

One thing the Zephyrs have going for them is a strong cast of returning players in the mix.

St. Mary Catholic lost only four seniors from last season's team and so there is still plenty of talent back in the mix including Owen Ripley and Matt Betchner who will look to provide the senior leadership this season. Ripley was a second-team, all-conference pitcher a year ago.

Along with that duo look for juniors Fisher Mackenzie, Aidan Birling, Noah Decker, Ray Pingel and Colin Nigl to be major contributors as three of the five are returning starters from last year.

Throw in a group of 11 freshmen that have the potential to land on varsity this season and SMC is not only deep, but talented enough to make things difficult for a lot of teams this season.

"We are very excited for the eleven incoming freshmen this year," Hogenson said. "Of those 11 there will be opportunities for a few of them to get some innings at the varsity level this season."

Hogenson knows that it will be up to his upperclassmen to step up this season should the Zephyrs want to contend for the conference crown this year.


"With our strong class of juniors and seniors we look forward to building on where we left off in 2022 and compete for a Big East title in 2023," Hogenson said. "A solid pitching staff and some more consistent offensive productivity should put us in the mix to compete for the title and potentially set us up to make a deep playoff run."



Boys Varsity

2023 Baseball Schedules





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Mar 28	Crivitz Wolverines	4:00pm
Apr 3	Valders	4:30pm
Apr 5	St. Mary's Springs Academy	4:30pm
Apr 11	Reedsville	4:30pm
Apr 13	Oostburg	4:30pm
Apr 15	@ Winneconne	10:00am
Apr 18	@ Mishicot	4:30pm
Apr 20	Manitowoc Lutheran	4:30pm
Apr 22	Southern Door	10:00am
Apr 25	Hilbert	4:30pm
Apr 27	@ Kohler / Christian	4:30pm
Apr 29	@ Cedarburg High School	11:00am
May 2	@ Cedar Grove / Belgium	4:30pm
May 5	Random Lake	4:30pm
May 9	@ Ozaukee	4:30pm
May 11	@ Howards Grove	6:30pm
May 16	Sheboygan Area Lutheran	4:30pm
May 18	@ Elkhart Lake / Glenbeulah	4:30pm
May 20	Luxemburg / Casco	10:00am
May 22	@ Plymouth	4:30pm

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Apr 11	@ Appleton North	4:30pm
Apr 13	Kimberly	4:30pm
Apr 18	@ Appleton East	4:30pm
Apr 20	Oshkosh North	4:30pm
Apr 22	@ Wisconsin Lutheran	2:00pm
	@ New Berlin West	4:30pm
Apr 25	@ Fond du Lac	4:30pm
Apr 27	@ Kaukauna	4:30pm
Apr 29	@ Oregon	Noon
May 2	Appleton West	4:30pm
May 4	Hortonville	4:30pm
May 5	@ Oshkosh West	4:30pm
May 9	Appleton North	4:30pm
May 11	@ Kimberly	4:30pm
May 12	Appleton East	4:30pm
May 13	De Pere	11:00am
	Ashwaubenon	2:00pm
May 16	@ Oshkosh North	5:00pm
May 18	Fond du Lac	4:30pm
May 20	@ Menasha	4:00pm
May 23	Kaukauna	4:30pm
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Neenah boys look to bring balanced lineup to track

Neenah News

It seems that the Neenah boys track and field team enters the 2023 season with a little chip on their shoulders.

The Rockets sent three sprint relays to the state meet last June but fell short of reaching the finals in any of the three.

“I don’t think the guys that went there last year left anywhere close to being satisfied. It’s something they want to get after

Track and field PREVIEW

this year,” said boys head coach Kurt Krueger. “It’s a pretty big driving force.”

All three of the relays return team members from last year and are expected to be a part of those events again this year.

Grant Dean and Jase Jenkins ran on the 400-meter relay, Jenkins and Ethan Snider anchored the 800-meter relay and Snider and CJ Fredrickson were members of the 1,600-meter relay.

“They are pretty hungry and they are looking to get some of the other guys on board with them,” Krueger said.

In addition to helping fill the relays, that group of returnees – as well as Owen Wise – will filter into the individual sprint events as well, while Neenah will turn to members of the state-qualifying cross country team for the distance events.

Krueger said he expects Jack Dorner, Alex Thayer and Carson Timm to lead that group, while Blake Dietzen in the shot put and Trevor McGinnis in the pole vault and high jump will be leading the Rockets’ field event competitors.

“I think we’re pretty balanced,” Krueger said. “We’ll get a little bit of a better feel when we move outdoors. We will have to wait and see.”

One of the strengths of the squad will be the fact that the majority of the athletes won’t be donning a Rockets’ uniform for the first time this school year. Neenah

is flush with multi-sport athletes and Krueger likes that aspect of his roster.

“(Multi-sport athletes) just know how to compete,” Krueger said. “They have been put in different situations and so they can handle different things. A multi-sport athlete is awesome to have.”

On the girls side, the Rockets will have a lot of talent on their roster but not a lot of seniors, based on Neenah’s lineup in the indoor meets.

Sophomore Mazie Olkowski will be one of the top performers, coming off a freshman season where she qualified for the state meet in the 3,200 meters. She leads a strong crew of distance runners along with senior Brooke Veith, junior Rachel Dietrich and freshman Natalie Willes. Willes, Veith and senior Sylvia Butters may also compete in the 800 meters, giving the Rockets plenty of options for a strong 3,200-meter relay.

Junior Lydia Delene will likely be one of the top throwers in the conference after qualifying for sectionals in both shot put and discus, while junior Lilly Granditzke returns after running the 200 meters at sectionals a year ago.

Other potential point scorers this season for the Rockets who had strong indoor seasons are junior Chloe Dwyer, sprints; sophomore Emma March and freshman Madyson Simonis, hurdles; sophomore Clare Gloude-mans, pole vault; and sophomore Alex Chandik, jumps.

Zephyrs girls team ready to compete this season

St. Mary Catholic’s girls team will return a number of sectional qualifiers, based on early-season performances for the team.

Senior Gabby Ruback was a sectional qualifier in the long jump last season and has gotten off to a strong start in both the long and triple jumps this season.

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Submitted photo

The Neenah High School powerlifting team won four titles at the national meet last weekend in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Area powerlifters shine at nationals

By capturing four national championship trophies over the weekend, the Neenah High School powerlifting team achieved the best weekend in the illustrious history of its program.

The Rockets won the girls raw, girls equipped, boys raw and boys and girls raw combined national championships at the National High School Powerlifting championships in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Neenah had won 10 previous national championships in its history under coach Joe Lewis.

Neenah had three female athletes win individual national titles with Bri Ankerson, Rylee Ehlke and Abby Hoelzel finishing atop their respective weight classes. Ava Meyer and Lukas Quinones added national runner-up finishes, while Emma Donohue and Piper Alberg had third-place lifts.

Evan Cardonza was fourth in his weight class and Liam Rennert, Ty Anderson, Marta Jimenez and Carson Harwood each placed fifth to earn medals and spots on the podium.

It’s been a successful spring for the powerlifting program with the performance at nationals coming on the heels of a state tournament where the boys and girls teams combined to take home the combi-

nation raw state championship.

The girls raw team placed second overall behind New Richmond, while the boys raw team was also second behind Wisconsin Rapids. The girls equipped team also earned a runner-up finish.

Neenah had three individual state girls’ champions with Ankerson, Meyer and Myah Wenzel all winning their respective weight classes. Quinones was an individual champion on the boys’ side.

The Rockets had girls’ runner-up finishes from Ehlke, Hoelzel, Harwood and Alberg. Morgan Harwood added a third place finish, Madyson Janichek was fourth and Carly Keesler was fifth. For the boys, Dominic Corrente was third, Shayne Jacoy was fourth and Anderson was fifth.

St. Mary Catholic also competed at the national meet and had three lifters earn medals. Sam Todd took second place as an equipped lifter in the 181-pound weight class, Connor Riehl finished in second place as an equipped lifter in the 165-pound weight class and Maria Marti took second place in her division.

Dan Harness, Paul Kundert, Marcos Muniz, and Ashton Post also lifted at Nationals for St. Mary Catholic.

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Prep sports roundup

SOFTBALL

Neenah knocks off West De Pere in opener

The Rockets scored a pair of runs in the top of the seventh to break a 1-1 tie as they picked up a 3-1 win over the Phantoms on Monday.

Savanna Knuth and Kyleigh Mathe opened the seventh with back-to-back singles. One run scored on a West De Pere error while McKenna Herm drew a bases-loaded walk to plate an insurance run later in the inning to give the Rockets a two-run cushion.

Neenah scored its first run in the top of the third inning when Parker Zipperer reached on an error and later crossed the plate. West De Pere tied the game in the bottom of the inning.

Mathe earned the win in the circle allowing two hits, three walks and a run in six innings in her first varsity start. She also struck out 12. Knuth pitched a scoreless seventh inning to earn the save.

Zephyrs fall to Manawa in nonconference opener

St. Mary Catholic was held to just one hit in falling to Manawa, 4-2, in a nonconference game on Monday.

Jaylyn Akey hit a two-out double in the seventh inning for the Zephyrs' only hit.

Manawa scored three runs in the first and took a 4-0 lead in the third. St. Mary Catholic scored both of its runs in the bottom of the fifth on four walks and a passed ball.

Rhiannon Reichenbacher took the loss for the Zephyrs, despite allowing just one earned run while striking out nine in seven innings.

BASEBALL

Zephyrs rally in final at-bat to tip Valders

St. Mary Catholic rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to squeeze past Valders, 7-6, in a nonconference baseball game Monday.

The Zephyrs built a 4-0 lead through four innings only to see Valders tie the game with a four-run fifth inning and then pull ahead with a single run in the sixth. The Vikings took the lead into the final frame when St. Mary Catholic was able to rally for the win.

Owen Ripley went 2-for-3 to lead a balanced attack for the Zephyrs. St. Mary Catholic had seven players get at least one

Four area players tabbed for WFCOA all-star games

Both Neenah and St. Mary Catholic had two players selected to participate in the annual Wisconsin Football Coaches Association all-star games to be held this summer in Oshkosh.

The Rockets' Blake Dietzen and Jase Jenkins will play in the Large School game July 15, while the Zephyrs' Sam Todd and Nick Berg will participate in the 8-Player game July 14.

Dietzen was tabbed to play on the offensive line for the North squad in the Large School game. He was a unanimous first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection on the offensive line last season.

Jenkins played mostly at running back for the Rockets last season but was selected as an outside linebacker. He did see some action at that position at Neenah, including his sophomore year when the majority of

hit, seven players score a run and five players drive in one run in the game.

Aidan Birling picked up the win, pitching three innings of relief and allowing five hits, two walks and three runs, while striking out one. Fisher Mackenzie struck out five in four innings to start the game, allowing five hits and three runs.

TRACK AND FIELD

Neenah girls win home indoor meet

Led by an impressive showing in the distance events, the Neenah girls track and field team finished first among the eight teams at a home meet last Thursday.

The Rockets finished with 140 points to easily outdistance runner-up Appleton East with 108 points. Oshkosh North was third with 64 points.

Neenah dominated the distance events with three finishers in the top five in both the 1,600 and 3,200-meter races. Rachel Dietrich won the 1,600 meters with Natalie Willes taking second and Eme Olkowski finishing fourth, while Brooke Veith took first in the 3,200 meters followed by Claire Gloudemans in fourth and Katelyn Brandt in fifth.

Olkowski, Elsa Griber, Kat Russell and Willes also teamed up to win the 3,200-meter relay.

Neenah also won the 4x160 relay with a team of Chloe Dwyer, Madison Jensen, Alex Chandik and Maddie Harris.

Earning second-place finishes at the meet were Madison Simonis in the 55-meter hurdles, Lydia Delene in the shot put, Gloudemans in the pole vault and Chandik in the long jump. Taking third were Dwyer in the 55 meters, Sylvia Butters in the 800 meters, Emma Marsh in the 200-meter hurdles and Chandik in the triple jump.

Brynn Fox and Avery Gentile were fourth and fifth in the high jump, respectively, while Kess Nickels in both the 55-meter and 200-meter hurdle and Brynn Jackel in the triple jump were each fifth.

SOCCER

Zephyrs take down Knights in opener

The St. Mary Catholic girls soccer team opened the season with a 1-0 win over Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian last Thursday.

Adriana Santamaria scored the game's only goal in the second half for the win.

his playing time was logged on defense.

Dietzen and Jenkins, who helped the Rockets earn a co-FVA championship, are among 12 players from the FVA on the North roster.

Berg and Todd were both key players in the Zephyrs going unbeaten in 8-player games last fall and will be members of the South team. Berg was selected to play on the offensive line, while Todd will play both running back and defensive end.

Berg was first-team all Ridge and Valley East selection as an offensive lineman, while Todd was a first team all-conference selection at defensive end.

The 8-player game is set to kickoff at 7 p.m. at Titan Stadium on July 14, while the Large School game is set to start at 4 p.m. July 15. The Small School game is scheduled to kick off at 1 p.m.

Track and field

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Sophomore Nolie Anderson was a sectional qualifier in the discus and played eighth at the state meet. She is also likely to participate in the shot put.

Other competitors who have had strong showings during the indoor season are junior Norah Lee, Addison Dinka and Katharine Schoeni,, as well as sophomore Lauren Ripley. Dinka qualified for the state

Sports injury prevention session offered

Dr. Erica Kroncke, a non-surgical sports medicine physician from Aurora Health Care, will talk about how to stay healthy and prevent common injuries in a session at 6 p.m. April 10 at the Neenah Public Library.

Participants will learn a proper way to

cross country meet last fall, while Ripley qualified as a freshman in 2021 and both will anchor the middle distance and distance events for the Zephyrs.

For the boys, St. Mary Catholic had two sectionals qualifiers last spring in juniors Ashton Post and AJ Groppel, however, neither competed at the team's only indoor meet.

Two of the Zephyrs top performers at the indoor meet were Ethan Auer in the middle distance events and junior Benjamin Schoeni in distance events.

warm up before activities, and ways to break bad habits that may be leading to injuries or pain.

For more information, contact the reference desk by phone: 920-886-6315, email: Library@neenahlibrary.org or visit neenahlibrary.org.

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum earns accreditation

The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass has again achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums, which signifies a museum's quality and credibility to the community, governments and outside agencies.

"The reaccreditation of the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass is the result of first and foremost, the fully engaged staff, and also including the commitment of board of directors and the community members who took time to provide their input regarding the museum's important role in the community," stated museum

board president Walt Koskinen. "The process is an extraordinary thorough review of every aspect of the museum's operation and we're very proud of this achievement."

Originally awarded accreditation in 1974, the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum is one of 21 in the state currently accredited and one of only 11 fine art museums accredited.

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The Mystery of Farmer Howe's Cows

Can you find the two identical cows?



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Strange. Farmer Howe's cows were standing out in the sun instead of the shade.

Farmer Howe walked over to his cows. When he got there, he felt cool air. Surprised, he looked around and found a hole in the ground. His cows were standing around the hole. Cool air was coming out of the hole in the ground!

Cool! Farmer Howe looked down the hole and discovered it was an opening to an underground cave.

Follow the maze to see what became of Farmer Howe's cave.

What is a Cave?

A cave is an opening in the Earth that is large enough to hold a person. Most caves are formed in rocks that dissolve, or get eaten away, like limestone.

When water soaks into limestone, the stone dissolves and holes start to form underground. These holes are called caves. Caves grow very, very slowly.

It takes about 100,000 years for a cave to grow large enough for people to fit inside.

Cave or Cavern?

A cavern is a type of cave. They tend to be larger. Caverns can be made of smaller caves connected by tunnels.

A person who explores and studies caves is called a spelunker.

Stalactites

Stalactites hang down from cavern ceilings like icicles made of mineral deposits. As water drips from the cave ceiling, some of it evaporates and the minerals dissolved in the water remain. It takes thousands of years for stalactites to form.

Stalagmites

Stalagmites form on cavern floors and grow up toward the ceilings. Water drops from a stalactite land on the floor of the cave, evaporate and leave behind minerals. As more minerals are left behind, a stalagmite starts to grow upwards.

Columns

Columns form when a stalactite and a stalagmite meet and grow together.

The deepest cave discovered so far is the Voronya Cave in Abkhazia, Georgia. It is 7,208 feet (2,197 meters) deep.

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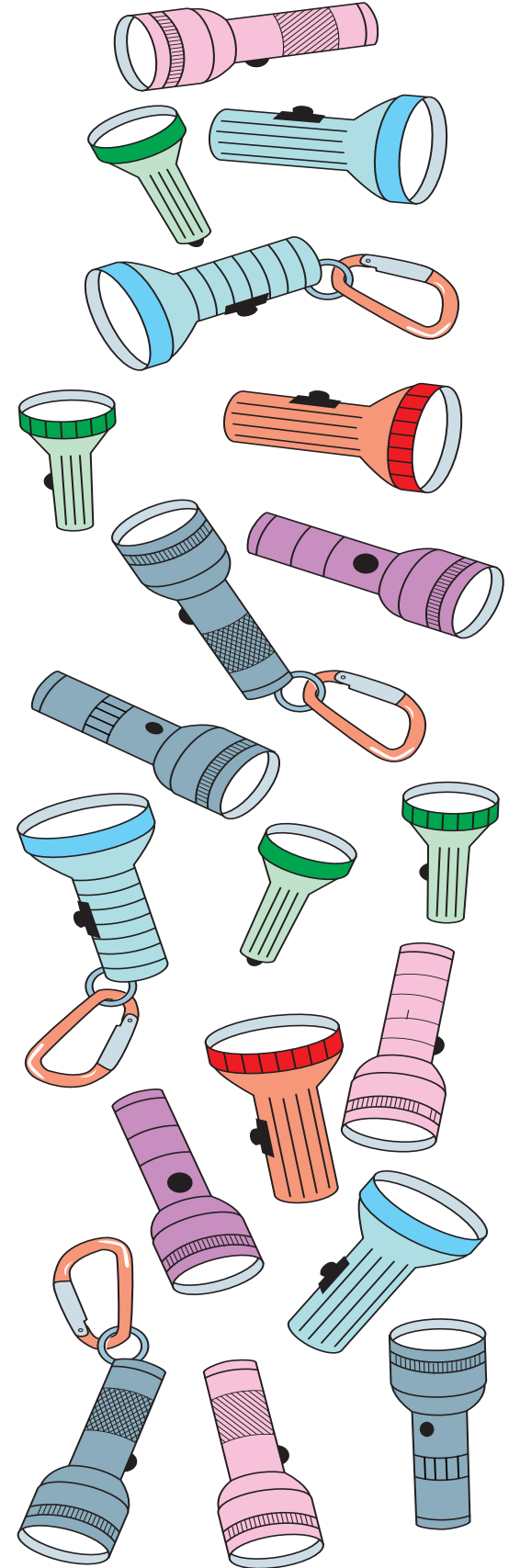
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