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## County electronics policy debated

### Supervisors weigh rules for misuse of devices

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

Winnebago County supervisors opposed to a rule outlining consequences for elected officials who misuse county-owned electronic devices sent the measure back to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee at a meeting last month.

The rule was brought to the County Board after a supervisor was caught using a county-owned iPad to access pornograph-

ic websites early this year. Board Chair Tom Egan said at that time that there was little disciplinary action he could take because county supervisors are elected.

The incident prompted Supervisor Kay Horan to introduce a rule in April that would allow the board to disconnect electronic devices and censure supervisors who violate the policy.

When supervisors and county employees are issued a device, they sign a computer use policy agreeing that the county's computer system is to only be used for business purposes, reading and reviewing meeting material.

The proposed rule would prohibit supervisors from using county-owned iPads for noncounty purposes or business. Violating the policy may result in disconnection or deactivation of the devices and other action.

Director of information systems Patty Francour said there have been other incidents of supervisors misusing devices and she has been trying to get a similar rule passed for years.

"From the time we first purchased devices for the board in 2014, we wanted some

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### Tuesday concert series

The Neenah Community Band opened its Tuesday concert season at Riverside Park with a Water Everywhere theme led by director Jacob Martin.

## One last look at Shattuck sparks school memories

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

The halls of Shattuck Middle School were bustling with activity for the final time Sunday as the school district prepares to permanently close the 95-year-old building.

Dozens of former students and community members filled the halls during an open house, looking over old yearbooks and reminiscing about their time at the school, situated on Elm Street.

Conversations in the hallways provided a brief glimpse into student life.

"This is where we'd come and play when we had our lunches," a former student said, pointing to a courtyard.

In the cafeteria, a Shattuck alumnus gestured to a serving area and shared, "When I was here, they had three lunch lines."

Outside the cafeteria, a vintage pencil machine offered two pencils for 50 cents, a relic of times past.

"This is where I got into my first fist fight," a man said in the hallway.

Near the bathrooms, a woman shared, "This is where my friend wrote bad stuff on a mirror with lipstick."

In the auditorium, locals walked across the stage and sat in rows of chairs. The gymnasium echoed with the sound of children running and playing for the final time.

Debbie DeMars, Debbie Leverance and Paula Jensen graduated from Shattuck in 1975, when it was a high school.

"We were here 50 years ago, all together," DeMars said. "We've been friends for-

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Shattuck Middle School was open to the public for some last looks Sunday before the official closing of the buildings.

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# County board shifting legal status

## Self-organizing model deals with compensation

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors voted last month to approve a move to a self-organized county as part of an effort to adjust the elected officials' compensation.

The move comes after the county authorized a task force to examine supervisor's per diem compensation and mileage reimbursement, based on concerns that some supervisors are claiming thousands of dollars more than others.

The task force found that any changes to compensation would only apply to new members in 2026, unless the county moves to become self-organized.

Fifty-two of Wisconsin's 72 counties are self-organized, which provides flexibility in adjusting supervisor compensation. It would also allow the county to adopt policies for filling supervisor vacancies and use staggered terms for electing supervisors.

Supervisor Jacob Floam reminded the

board that the only thing the resolution does is serve as an enabling authorization for the per diem committee to begin considering options and bring forward a proposal related to supervisor compensation.

Several supervisors spoke in opposition of the move to self-organization at the May 16 meeting.

"I am not supporting of it," Supervisor Doug Zellmer told the board. "I believe that the system we have now is working. There might be a kink or two in it once in a while; so I implore of you to say no and remember the adage, don't poke a sleeping bear."

Supervisor Rebecca Nichols said approving self-organization also requires changing a county ordinance.

"When you change an ordinance, it's a big deal," she said. "So this resolution tonight accomplishes way more than one thing and I will not support it."

Corporation counsel Mary Anne Mueller clarified that the county has an ordinance in relation to supervisor compensation and an ordinance change would only be needed if the board passed both the self-organization proposal and a resolution to change the compensation.

Supervisor Paul Eisen said the move would strip the county board chair of the ability to fill supervisor vacancies.

"So I submit to you, there is no practical reason I can see to burden the county board with self-organization," he said.

Supervisor Karen Powers, who is on the per diem committee and initially voted in favor of the move, said she would now be voting against it because she doesn't want the board chair to lose some of his powers.

Supervisor Betsy Ellenberger said that moving to self-organization does not immediately change anything for the county board. Any changes to supervisor compensation, filling supervisor vacancies and staggered elections would require the board to approve a resolution for each measure.

"This is just the first step if we choose to go forward with this vote," she said.

She added that the county clerk's office spends nine hours per month working on supervisor per diem compensation.

"That's a lot of work for our county clerk's office to be doing when we can streamline something," she said.

The board voted 23-10 in favor of moving to a self-organized county.

## Device policy

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common-sense rules," she said. "In the beginning, the board supervisors refused to sign the computer use agreement that everyone signs, so essentially there was nothing."

Francour said she examined about 10 other Wisconsin counties that have rules pertaining to electronic device misuse and used some of the language from those to incorporate into the proposed rule for Winnebago County.

Karen Powers was one of several supervisors who spoke up against the measure, stating that viewing porn is a victimless crime.

"There may be a yuck factor to some people in regards to viewing porn," she said, "however, that's not an opinion held by everyone and we cannot expel supervisors based on an opinion, even if that opinion is held in common by many, many people."

Powers said the supervisor who used his iPad to view porn may have done so by accident and she warned supervisors to "be careful what you wish for."

"Who isn't capable of an accident?" she said. "If we decide we can overturn an election and expel a duly elected supervisor we're all in jeopardy of losing our elected

seats."

Rebecca Nichols agreed that the rule isn't necessary.

"It is my opinion that in most cases an attempt to expel someone from the county board really should be left up to the voters," she said.

Some supervisors raised issues with the rule's wording, which states that "unethical or illegal use will result in reprimand, censure or expulsion from the County Board of Supervisors."

"Who decides what is unethical or illegal?" Julie Gordon questioned. "That's very subjective."

Steven Binder offered to return his assigned iPad and purchase his own.

"Now you want to tell me that if I take this iPad and I go on vacation and I don't want to take two iPads and I look up my email or I look up some football, I'm illegally using the county's iPad because I'm not using it for personal county business," he said. "If that's really the case, I'll give you this iPad back."

Supervisors Jim Wise, Maribeth Gabert and Binder all questioned whether other county employees who have electronic devices would be subject to the same rules.

"I don't think that we should be segregated because we're elected officials on this 36 (person) county board," Binder said.

Supervisor John Hinz disagreed. "I think it's ridiculous that we shouldn't

be held to a higher standard than a regular county employee," he said. "We're elected officials, we should be held to a higher standard, we're supposed to set an example, so suggesting that we should have the same rules as the average county employee is ridiculous."

A question raised during the discussion was whether elected officials can be removed from the board for reasons other than violating the law. Corporation Counsel Mary Anne Mueller said state statute allows for reprimand, censure and a petition for ousting.

After extensive discussion, the board voted to send the electronic device rule back to the Judiciary and Public Safety (JPS) Committee to be rewritten. That committee discussed the measure Monday.

Mueller told the committee that there were two versions of the rule that were presented, with the board viewing the updated rule, which included wording related to unethical and illegal conduct.

"It seemed like a big problem of some supervisors of the county board is what is unethical conduct; what is illegal conduct," she said. "Well, it's pretty clear illegal conduct is violating a statute. Unethical conduct is referenced in the (state) statute."

The committee discussed including copies of the state statutes pertaining to unethical and illegal conduct when the rule is presented to the board again.

The JPS Committee voted to send the rule to the Internet Technology (IT) Committee, with a note to include specific details of what unethical and illegal conduct is, and dealing with the different classes of users of county-owned electronic devices.

The IT Committee will then send it back to the JPS Committee, who will present it to the board in August for another vote.

## Sailing open house slated

The Neenah Nodaway Yacht Club and the Fox Valley Sailing School are hosting an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Riverside Park harbor.

The free event will have family activities, tours of sailboats, boat safety instruction and sailboat ride opportunities. Find more information at [nnc.org](http://nnc.org) or [foxvalleysailingschool.org](http://foxvalleysailingschool.org).



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# Winnebago County tourism posts record

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The highest-ever overnight visitation helped fuel the growth statewide, according to the newly released 2022 economic impact data. Last year surpassed the previous statewide record of \$22.2 billion set in 2019. Winnebago County also surpassed its previous record of \$509 million set in

2019.

Winnebago County tourism also supported 4,177 part-time and full-time jobs last year across sectors of the industry and generated \$30 million in local tax revenue. Statewide, tourism generated \$1.5 billion in state and local tax revenue.

"Tourism in Winnebago County and in the state of Wisconsin is booming. We love welcoming people to our area in ways that are creating lasting memories for visitors and big economic impact for our community," said Amy Albright, executive director of the Oshkosh Convention &

Visitors Bureau.

In 2022, there were 111.1 million visits in Wisconsin, which was up 8.7%, over the previous year. This includes a record 45.4 million overnight visits, a 13.8% increase. Other data from the report, including a county-by-county breakdown, is at industry.travelwisconsin.com/research.

"Aided by strategic marketing, Wisconsin convinced more visitors to stay longer so they could add more activities to their itinerary, delivering a deeper economic impact," said Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers.

# Storage unit break-ins lead to charges for Neenah man

Neenah News

A Neenah man due in court in July to enter a plea to armed burglary charges will also be sentenced in August to three felony burglary charges after breaking into 25 storage units at Pack Rat Mini Storage.

Jacob Lehmann, 37, was initially charged with 10 felony burglary charges for breaking into the storage units last year. In April, he was convicted of three counts, while seven counts were dismissed but read into the record.

The break-ins at Pack Rat Mini Storage took place in March 2022, when Neenah police received a report that several storage units had their locks cut.

Investigators determined that 25 storage units were burglarized, with the renters identifying specific items missing including tools, coolers, personal identifying documents, clothing, jewelry, televisions, a trailer, kayaks, furniture, fishing and hunting supplies.

Officials reviewed surveillance footage of two suspicious vehicles coming and going from the property on several occasions during the time period when the units were burglarized. They also identified a unique Adidas shoe print in several units.

A few days later, police responded to a report of a man living in one of the storage units. Officials found Lehmann, who was wearing Adidas shoes that matched the prints that were in the burglarized units. Several items in the unit Lehmann was staying in matched the items stolen from other units.

The storage unit Lehmann was living in was rented by a Neenah woman and her boyfriend, identified as Michael Ruby, 33, of Kaukauna. Ruby is a registered sex offender with an extensive criminal record that includes 12 felony convictions and 22 pending felony counts in Winnebago and Outagamie counties. Ruby told officials he allowed Lehmann to stay

in the unit and use his truck.

Lehmann told officials that Ruby was responsible for the break-ins but that Lehmann also entered about 10 units and removed items. He said some of the stolen items were moved to the storage unit he was staying in, while other items were taken to another location. Ruby has not been charged in the burglary.

One person whose belongings were stolen from a storage unit wrote in an impact statement that the criminal act was premeditated and intentional, and a trailer and other stolen items were never returned.

"We felt violated," the victim wrote. "Why did he think he had the right to steal other people's property, especially when it was a locked storage unit and a secure fenced area?"

About seven months after Lehmann was charged in the burglaries, he and Michael Stenz, 37, of Neenah, are accused of

breaking into an occupied home on Third Street in Menasha while armed with a baseball bat and a crowbar and stealing the homeowner's keys and phone.

Stenz was charged with party to the crime of burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. His case was scheduled for a plea and sentencing hearing earlier this week.

Lehmann was charged with party to the crime of burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon and two counts of bail jumping. He's set to enter a plea to those charges July 20.

At the time of the break-in, Lehmann was on probation for a possession of methamphetamine conviction out of Outagamie County and he was on bond for burglarizing the storage units in Neenah earlier that year. He will be sentenced for the storage unit burglaries Aug. 24.



Lehmann

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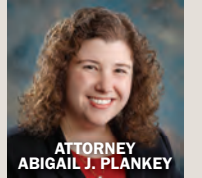
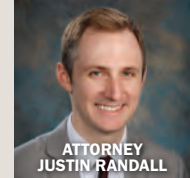
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# Seven-year term set in downtown stabbing death

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

Mandel Roy was sentenced to seven years in prison last week for his role in the stabbing death of a 22-year-old man near a local bar in 2021.

Roy, 28, of Minnesota, was also ordered to spend five years on extended supervision and pay about \$2,000 restitution, jointly and severally with co-defendant Terran Colwell. He was given 770 days credit for time served.

Colwell, 30, of Minnesota, was sentenced in October to three years in prison and four years of extended supervision.

Roy and Colwell were both initially charged with felony murder but entered into plea agreements to lesser charges after authorities were unable to definitively determine which individual fatally stabbed Roger Ridgeway.

Ridgeway, of Fox Crossing, was stabbed six times near Gord's Pub on April 21, 2021, and pronounced dead at the scene.

According to the criminal complaint, police were called to Gord's earlier that evening due to an altercation involving Ridgeway's mother and several members of the Hell's Lovers motorcycle club. Ridgeway went to Gord's around 10:30 p.m. to inquire about the altercation.

Surveillance videos showed Ridgeway leaving Gord's a short time later with Colwell and Roy, who led Ridgeway to a grassy area in a nearby parking lot where a fight broke out.

Roy was captured on video beating Ridgeway with a club-like instrument identified as a tire knocker. Colwell jumped in and at some point was recorded calling for a knife. Documents indi-



Mandel Roy appears in Winnebago County Circuit Court for sentencing in a 2021 stabbing death.

cate Roy and Colwell continued beating Ridgeway while he tried to get away.

Roy and Colwell were then recorded running around the block and entering Eagle Nation Cycles. Colwell was seen in footage carrying a knife and Ridgeway's wallet. The knife was later recovered from

Colwell's father figure. Ridgeway's wallet was never recovered.

Ridgeway's mother, Amber, spoke at Roy's sentencing hearing and told the judge she felt betrayed by the way her son's case was handled.

"We're absolutely saddened that this

is not, in a sense, a life for a life in any way," she said. "Not literally, but it feels as though this person could regain their life and my son was only 22 years old, killed by someone who is pushing 30. He was barely old enough to drink; his chances are gone."

Ridgeway's godfather also spoke, referring to him by his middle name, Cole.

"This should never happen to anyone, but he did it," he said. "And I am deathly afraid that while we will never be with Cole again on this planet, this same thing will be inflicted on somebody else by him."

Just five days before Roy was sentenced, he was charged with felony possession of narcotic drugs after he was observed accepting a note from another Winnebago County Jail inmate, with fentanyl concealed inside.

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

Roy's attorney, Scott Ceman, asked the judge to sentence him to the same sentence he handed down for Colwell.

Judge Daniel Bissett said it isn't the court's intent to sentence people to the same in cases, but to analyze each case using the permissible factors and determine the most appropriate sentences considering the least amount of incarceration necessary.

"I hope that you will not victimize others in the future," Bissett told Roy before handing down his sentence. "I hope you understand the importance and sanctity of life and how precious it is."

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Work is underway on the new Apple Valley Pancake House on 1022 Main St.

## Breakfast diner coming to Main Street

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A brand-new breakfast restaurant is coming to Neenah later this summer.

Apple Valley Pancake House will call the former Bradke's location home after spending its first few years in Appleton.

Situated at 1022 Main St., Bradke's was a family style diner that was a staple to residents in the community for decades before permanently closing its doors early last year.

Owner of Apple Valley Pancake House, Ali Useini, previously owned Twin City Diner in Neenah until it was bought out by Aldi's and torn down to build a storefront on site.

Useini operated Apple Valley Pancake House on East Wisconsin Avenue in Appleton from 2017-2022. At the time of opening, Useini told media that it was the fifth restaurant he has owned or operated.

Court records indicate Useini is cur-

rently engaged in a civil lawsuit related to the Wisconsin Avenue Apple Valley Pancake House location in Appleton, with the lessor alleging that Useini did not repair damaged property, resulting in about \$63,000 in damages. Legal filings say Useini denies causing damages and is countersuing for the return of his \$4,400 security deposit. The case is set for a jury trial in July.

Useini told The Post Crescent in 2017 that the three key ingredients in a restaurant are fresh and good food, a clean place and quick service.

Apple Valley Pancake House is expected to serve American-style restaurant food including pancakes, waffles, sandwiches, burgers and wraps.

According to the Apple Valley Pancake House Facebook page, the Neenah location will open this summer. Useini did not respond to a request for comment.

## Man charged in drug, shooting case dies

Neenah News

A Neenah man charged with drug offenses after police responded to a shooting on Bell Street in April that left a Monroe teen seriously injured died June 3.

Kyle Lamb, 20, had pleaded not guilty to three felonies including possession with intent to deliver THC, maintaining a drug trafficking place and bail jumping.

Lamb passed away unexpectedly last Saturday, according to an obituary. Services are planned for Sunday and Monday.

"Although his time on this Earth was short, Kyle made a huge impact on all those he encountered. He taught people to stand up for themselves and he made sure those he loved always knew he had their back. He taught acceptance and patience. He showed determination like no other and taught us the true meaning of unconditional love," his obituary states.

Police were called to Lamb's apartment April 23 on a report of gunshots and yelling. Lamb was located outside the Bell

Street residence with blood on his face.

Simultaneously, an officer responded to a parking lot on South Commercial Street and found Donavyn Mueller, 17, of Monroe, with multiple gunshot wounds.

The investigation revealed Mueller arrived at Lamb's apartment under the pretense of selling him drugs, but his alleged intentions were to rob Lamb. Documents say Lamb walked to a bedroom with Mueller and an accomplice, and a short time later witnesses heard a gunshot.

Mueller then entered the living room where three witnesses were sitting and opened fire. One witness grabbed a gun and began firing back, striking Mueller several times. None of the witnesses were injured. Lamb was found semi-conscious on the floor choking on blood.

District Attorney Eric Sparr said Lamb's criminal case will be dismissed. Prosecutors are still assessing what impact his death may have on cases against other defendants in the same incident.

## Business news roundup

**Valley VNA Senior Care** has appointed **Carolina Bryant** as director of human resources. Bryant has a bachelor's degree in law office administration, an associate degree in paralegal studies, an MBA in human resources management, and an MPA in nonprofit administration. She will oversee the implementation of human resource policies, manage employment procedures, and ensure adherence to federal and state regulations. Bryant also will develop staff development programs while coordinating benefit initiatives.

**John Bergstrom** of Bergstrom Automo-

tive was one of four people inducted into the Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame by Junior Achievement of Wisconsin. Established in 1990, the hall of fame induction ceremony serves to recognize and honor the professional and civic accomplishments of individuals. The 2023 laureates honored at the June 1 event also included Gale Klappa, WEC Energy Group, Todd and Shari Nelson, of Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, and Paul E. Purcell of Baird. The Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame Exhibit is housed at the Junior Achievement Kohl's Education Center and functions as an interactive showcase of the nearly 125 inductees.



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## Glass artwork auction underway

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Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass has opened its third edition of Catching Fire, its artful virtual auction with more than 80 glass artworks and experiences with proceeds supporting participating artists and educational programs.

The public can bid on silent auction items through June 17. There will also be a live virtual auction with auctioneer Justin Swisher starting at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday. Register at [event.gives/catchingfire](http://event.gives/catchingfire) to see the original glass-based items by renowned glass artists.

Some of the featured artists include Lino Tagliapietra, Stephen Rolfe Pow-

ell, Jen Violette, Tim Tate, Michael Janis, Deborah Czeresko, Clinton Smith, Victor Trabucco, Jen Blazina, Carmen Lozar, Dan Friday, Preston Singletary and Alex Bernstein.

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## Nonprofit seeking payment for wrestling no-show

Neenah News

A Neenah nonprofit organization is accusing a professional wrestler of renegeing on an April 29 fundraising event in Appleton that it said left it and other organizers with financial costs it has not been able to recover.

Jacob Fatu, a member of the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Bloodline family, was on the bill with other professional wrestlers as headliners for Hits for Hope, organized by Jake's Network of Hope to raise funds and awareness for hygiene product donations. The group served about 29,000 families last year by distributing more than 1 million diapers and other disposable products.

The event at Alexander Gymnasium at Lawrence University also included auto-

graph signings and auctions.

A Jake's Network spokesperson said Fatu demanded pre-payment for his appearances, did not show up for the scheduled shows and has refused to reimburse any of the costs. Organizers incurred costs that included pre-payments, flights, hotel accommodations and printed promotional materials.

"Jacob Fatu's behavior is both unprofessional and deeply disappointing," Jake's Network said in a statement. "We trusted him to deliver on his commitments, but instead, he left us in a precarious financial situation. The impact extends beyond our organization, as many others have experienced similar hardships."

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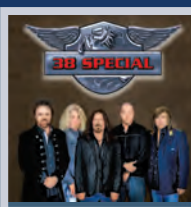
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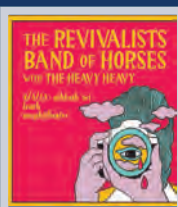
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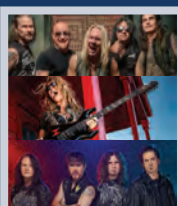
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Doty Island Rummage Sale, 9 a.m., various locations

Neenah-Nodaway Yacht Club Sailing Open House, 10 a.m., Riverside Park

Wingz Trilogy Challenge disc golf tournament, O’Hauser Park, Fox Crossing

## Sunday, June 11

Family Days at the Octagon House, 11 a.m., 343 Smith St.

## Monday, June 12

Storytime, 10 a.m., The Plaza & Globe Coffee

Monday Matinees, 1 p.m., Neenah Public Library

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

## Tuesday, June 13

Get Connected, Stay Connected, 10 a.m., Neenah-Menasha YMCA

## Wednesday, June 14

Summer Kickoff Concert with Road Trip, 6 p.m., downtown Neenah

## Thursday, June 15

Out to Lunch Concert with Allison Mahal, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Mah Jongg Meetup, 5:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Ground Round Live Music Series: Burnt Toast & Jam, 6 p.m., 1010 Cameron Way



Neenah News

Visitors walk into Shattuck Middle School for some last looks Sunday before the official closing of the buildings.

## Shattuck farewell

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ever.”

When they learned that the school was having an open house, the three women decided to reunite and walk the halls together.

“I remember my locker was here,” DeMars shared. “And at that time, the office was there, up front.”

The women pointed to the walls and said they used to be painted green; and the floors they stood on were not carpeted at the time they attended.

With a new high school constructed in Fox Crossing, the Neenah Joint School District is restructuring. Roosevelt Elementary School and Shattuck Middle School permanently closed after the final day of school last week.

The district accepted an offer to sell Roosevelt School to John Bergstrom for \$1 million in October. Bergstrom told media he plans to donate the site to The daCare Regional Medical Center, which is across the street.

The district is in negotiations to sell the Shattuck Middle School site to a developer. A plan to turn the school into apartments using historical tax credits and construct single family homes at the site fell through earlier this year due to backlash from neighboring residents.

Leverance, Jensen and DeMars were in agreement that they did not want the school demolished, pointing out the special architecture.

“Save the building,” the ladies said.

DeMars said she’d like to see the school turned into senior apartments.

Linette Nys, who lives in the Shattuck

neighborhood, disagreed, stating she’d like to see the building razed.

“They could repurpose it into a whole neighborhood full of houses and repurpose some of the brick and the doors,” she said. “This building isn’t that pretty.”

The school district previously estimated that tearing down the building would cost in excess of \$2 million.

“Why is that so much to put into a neighborhood?” Nys questioned. “And couldn’t they repurpose some of the old? A lot of this stuff is junk. All of the roofs need replacing.”

Katie Bauer is a band director at Shattuck and one of the teachers moving to the new high school. She attended Shattuck in junior high and graduated from Neenah High in 1996.

Bauer said the final days in the hallways of Shattuck were melancholy, “but at the same time, it’s super exciting that we have a new opportunity to move to the new Neenah High School.”

In order to save the aging Shattuck building, its foundation would need to be restructured, Bauer said, pointing out that the location is prime real estate.

“So, what they would do with it, I would just hope that they would listen to the community, because I also live in the neighborhood right here on Grove Street,” she said. “Because it is such a classy, older community, I would hope they would do something with it that would benefit the history of Neenah, because it is an older side of Neenah.”

The school district posted on social media that the final days at Roosevelt and Shattuck held special sentiment. Both schools had more than 15,000 school days during their existence.

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The Neenah boys 1,600-meter relay team took the top spot on the podium after winning the state title in the event at UW-La Crosse this past weekend.

## Neenah relay races to top finish at state track meet

By Robert Barthell  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

There was no faster 1,600-meter relay team in Division 1 than the four runners Neenah High School sent to the track at UW-La Crosse's Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

Senior Ethan Snider, juniors Owen Wise and Charles Fredrickson, and sophomore Grant Dean captured the Division 1 state title at the WIAA State Track and Field Meet.

The group's winning time of 3 minutes, 18.24 seconds – setting a school record – narrowly edged out the rest of the field as the Rocket foursome finished 13-hundredths of a second ahead of Arrowhead and three-tenths of a second in front of Waunakee in Saturday's final.

"If you told us at the beginning of the season that we would beat the school record and win the state 4x400, I would not have believed you," Snider said. "I am so happy to end my high school season and career on this high note. It was really tough, but it pushed us to improve, and I think that's why we did so well as a team."

Dean said it had been a goal of the group all season and credits the team's practice routine for helping them reach the lofty mark.

"We had a goal in mind before the season, which helped us train hard every day. We talked before the season, and we knew

we had something special. It was just a matter of us putting the work in," Dean said. "We came into finals wanting to place in the top three, and we just ran our tails off and showed out when it mattered. And it paid off in the end."

Neenah was seeded seventh among the 25 teams that qualified for the state meet after finishing a close second to Germantown at the sectional meet.

The foursome turned in the fifth-fastest time in the preliminaries – which were run at 1:15 a.m. Saturday due to multiple weather and lighting delays – to set the stage for the final race.

"Those issues only made this whole weekend more memorable for me," Snider said. "And personally, I wasn't affected much; I had run the 4 by 200 earlier at 10:30, so I still had some energy."

All four of the relay team members also participate in other sports and that played a role in their transition to gelling as a team.

"The lessons learned from each of our sports just help our team come together, whether that is during a workout at practice or during a meet," Fredrickson said. "(Running the) 4 by 400 has made us closer with each other and that's why it's so fun."

But it wasn't just about the four guys

SEE **State track** ON PAGE 11

## St. Mary Catholic's Anderson brings home state discus title

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Uncorking a personal best discus throw of 128-feet, 11-inches at the WIAA State Track and Field Meet might have actually been the easy part for St. Mary Catholic sophomore Nolie Anderson.

The hard part was waiting to see if it was going to stand up as the longest throw in the Division 3 field.

"I knew that was the best I could do so I had to try to make myself relax for the next, I don't know, 30 throws. It was a nail-biter," Anderson said. "I was standing close to the (throwing) ring the whole time just listening to people's marks and anxiously waiting. You have so many amazing, talented athletes that are so fun to watch and any one of them could have (had a longer throw)."

In the end, Anderson's heave was the best in Division 3 as she finished in first place on Friday at UW-La Crosse.

Her winning throw, which came on her third attempt, was nearly seven-feet farther than anyone else in the field and she was one of just four throwers in Division 3 to break the 120-foot mark.

"It feels amazing to be a state champion," said Anderson, who admitted she wore her medal the entire ride back from La Crosse. "I definitely surprised myself. It was certainly a goal I had in mind, but to actually accomplish it was an awesome feeling."

Anderson finished eighth in the discus at last year's state meet and she said the experience was a factor in her winning the state title.

"This year, I was a lot more comfortable," Anderson said. "A lot of the girls I had met

prior, so seeing them again, those familiar faces helped calm things down. I think that went for all of us. It felt good to just be there and it was fun.

Anderson was the only one of the 16 competitors to have two throws that topped the 120-foot mark.

She opened with a throw of 115-2 before her second throw landed at a distance of 121-8 – which would have been good for second place. On her third throw, she uncorked the winning throw and knew right away it was a good one.

"As soon as I release it, I can always tell if it was a good throw, just the way it comes off so smoothly," said Anderson, whose winning throw was the longest discus throw at a state meet since 2018. "It takes the pressure off of the next throws because now you know you have a good one and a solid mark."

Anderson has two more years to add to her collection of state medals and, hopefully, another event.

The sophomore was also one of the area's best in the shot put, but a back injury late in the season hampered her in that event.

"I ended up scratching at sectionals. I threw one throw in shot and scratched the rest to save it for discus," Anderson said. "So next year, (going to state in both) that's the goal. One hundred percent."

Anderson was one of three St. Mary Catholic athletes to compete at the state meet.

Senior Charlie Nackers tied for 10th in the high jump as he was one of four jumpers who cleared 5-feet, 10-inches.

Junior Ashton Post was in the pole vault field but did not clear the opening height.



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# Rockets ready to make another run at team state

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Officially, it may not be part of the Neenah Rockets tennis program's schedule every year.

However, playing at the WIAA Division 1 Team State Tournament is something the team does just about every year.

The Rockets are seeded sixth entering this year's event and will face third-seeded Brookfield Central in a quarterfinal round match Friday morning at the Nielsen Tennis Center in Madison. It is the fourth straight appearance and ninth in the last 10 team state tournaments for Neenah, whose 21 trips to the event rank second among all Division 1 schools.



Falk

"It's definitely a goal, but you can't expect it. That can be a dangerous thing in tennis to rest on your laurels," said senior David Murphy, who plays No. 1 singles. "We still had to go out there and take it to end up going to state."

This time around, Neenah will be looking to do something no other program has done.

Since the WIAA started seeding the team state tournament in 2018, no No. 6 seeds have advanced past the quarterfinal round. In fact, only one higher seeded team has ever won a quarterfinal match, and that happened in 2019 when Middleton, as a No. 5 seed, knocked off fourth-seeded Arrowhead.

Neenah did beat Middleton last year as the No. 3 seed. The Cardinals were the No. 2 seed.

"Seeds are nothing but a way to place teams in the draw. They can't predict how your team is going to play on a given day, the energy you are going to have, the energy your fans bring," Neenah head coach Kyle Falk said. "Our guys handle adversity well and they rise to a lot of occasions and I'm thinking this Friday they are going to



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The Neenah boys tennis team showcases its sectional title plaque as the Rockets qualified for their fourth straight WIAA Division 1 State Team Tennis tournament and ninth in the last 10 tournaments. Representing Neenah this weekend at the Nielsen Tennis Center in Madison are: (front, from left) Harry Taeger, Zach Bitter, Ben Kotchen, Satchell Moss, Tristin Yun; (back) Drew Kearny, Carl Hein, Brady Hildreth, Andrew Werner, Brady Lawatsch, David Murphy and Layton Brandt.

be locked in and ready to do what they can do."

Falk wasn't the only member of the program with that feeling at a practice on Tuesday afternoon on the Tom Berven courts at Neenah High School.

"This year going up against a higher seed, anything can happen. We know we have a fighting chance against anybody," said senior Ben Kotchen, one half of the Rockets' No. 1 doubles pairing along with Satchell Moss. "Everybody is a lot more locked in. The whole energy around the whole weekend is really focused and all of us are ready to compete."

Both Neenah and Brookfield Central, which hasn't participated in the team state tournament since 2016, qualified two individuals and two doubles teams to the individual state tournament last weekend and it was the Lancers' who had the better overall showing.

All four Brookfield Central flights won at least one match last weekend, while the Lancers' No. 1 doubles team Aaditya Tiwari and Gabe Weitzer eliminated Moss and Kotchen in a tight 6-4, 6-4 match in the consolation semifinals.

Neenah's duo certainly remembers that loss heading into this week.

"We were right there the whole match. There were just some things that we did wrong that we can clean up for the next match," Moss said.

That loss kept the Neenah duo from making the awards podium.

"It was close so we are looking to get some revenge," Kotchen said. "And this time we are playing for our team and not just for ourselves."

That's what brings a whole different atmosphere to the team state tournament.

Even though it's still high-level tennis on the same courts as the individual tour-

namment, the mood is definitely different between the two weekends.

"Individual state is very much you, alone on the big stage – still representing your school and your community – but you are kind of on an island to see how you can do," Murphy said. "Whereas team state is like your whole team coming together, all of the work you did all season coming together and getting to battle with one another."

Murphy, along with the No. 2 doubles team of Brady Hildreth and Andrew Werner, each lost in straight sets in the first round matches at the individual state tournament last weekend. Carl Hein, who plays at the No. 2 flight, won the first set of his match but fell in a third set super-tiebreaker.

Moss and Kotchen, who were seeded 11th breezed through their first two matches and then knocked off sixth-seeded Grant Meyers and Jake Zheng in the third round. They fell to eventual state runner-up Chatton Haws and Keenan Haws of Cedarburg in the next round.

"We've had a big rivalry with (Meyers and Zheng) so everybody was really into it. It was chippy but it was fun," Kotchen said. "We got to play on the third day, so we played as many days as possible, so that was also really fun. We played well. That was the best tennis we played all year."

Of the group that played at individual state last week, all but Hildreth were on last year's squad that finished second at the team state tournament.

"We are really fortunate to have a lot of guys to have a lot of experience playing down there," Falk said. "There's a unique energy it brings. If you know how to perform in it, it can certainly give you an edge. The majority of our guys have been there, and they will be ready to handle it."

This year's Rockets' lineup will also include Tristin Yun at No. 3 singles, Brady Lawatsch at No. 4 singles and the No. 3 doubles pairing of Drew Kearney and

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# Zephyrs' Lynch settles for second at state golf

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

St. Mary Catholic's Spencer Lynch nearly walked away from the WIAA Division 3 State Golf Tournament with the top prize Tuesday.

And although taking second at a state meet is an impressive accomplishment, falling just short of the ultimate goal certainly stings a bit.

Lynch fired a two-day total of 155 at Blackwolf Run in Kohler earlier this week and finished alone in second place in the Division 3 individuals, a mere two strokes behind medalist Kian Bystol-Flores of Cambridge.

"Obviously it's disappointing not to come home with the gold, but overall I would say I played very well this past week," Lynch said. "Not 100 percent happy, but definitely some good takeaways from these two days."

Lynch and Bystol-Flores were the only two golfers among the 52 competitors to shoot under 80 in both rounds of the tournament and Lynch had the unique experience of being the leader after the

first round when he shot a 76 – tied for the lowest round in Division 3.

"It took me a little longer to get to sleep (Monday) night than I had anticipated," Lynch said. "It was different knowing that I was the one everybody was going to try to come after on Tuesday. It was a different feeling for sure."



Lynch

Lynch's opening round had some impressive moments.

After starting with five pars, Lynch had two bogeys in a span of three holes and was about 50 feet away from the hole on No. 9 needing two putts for par. He never needed a second one.

"I wasn't trying to make it. I just wanted to get it up there and tap it in, just looking to avoid a three-putt," Lynch said. "I just wanted to get it close to the hole and about five feet out I thought it looked pretty good and it went right in the hole."

That started a run of three straight birdies for Lynch – something no other Divi-

sion 3 golfer did at this year's event – and a string of one-putt greens that helped him secure the first-round lead.

"That felt amazing, honestly," Lynch said of the run of birdies. "My coach was helping with a couple of reads and once he gave me a line anywhere on the back nine, I just knew it was going to go in the hole. Once I cooled off a bit it was like what am I doing, I have to putt this twice now."

Lynch, who said he had only one three-putt the entire two days, said his putter was one of the strengths of his game.

"I would say my putting was a bright spot for me," Lynch said. "Unfortunately, it wasn't rolling quite as good (Tuesday) as it did (Monday). Had I rolled it a little bit better it might have been a different story."

Lynch also had a strong tournament putting himself in position to make putts.

"I hit a lot of good approaches as well. My wedges and short irons were very good and that helped a lot," Lynch said. "What really cost me was when I would get a little wayward off the tee with my driver. That's where the bogeys began for me."

The ends of rounds also stung Lynch a bit.

He was at 1-under with two holes to play in the first round but finished with a double bogey and triple bogey to finish 4-over, although still in the lead.

On Tuesday, finishing on the same ninth hole he birdied on Monday, Lynch carded a triple bogey – finding the water twice on the hole – that hampered his hopes of winning the title.

"It was just a little bit of a lack of focus there," Lynch said. "I hit a drive that wasn't too far offline but ended up in the water and then I misjudged the wind and hit it over the green and into the water again."

Lynch, who plans to play at UW-Eau Claire next year, finishes his career with back-to-back top-five finishes at the state meet. He finished fifth last year with an identical score of 155.

"It shows that I belonged there and I was one of the best players there," Lynch said. "If I would have gotten a couple of breaks, I definitely could have won but I'm definitely proud to go there and get top 5s both years."

## State track

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handing the baton to each other that led to an enjoyable season.

"You also can't beat the team we had this year, so many great guys that we got to work with every day. It made coming to practice and showing up in meets so fun," Snider said. "The real reason why people fall in love with track the way I did is because of the people. Coach (Kyle) Krueger pushes us every day in practice to make sure we're ready for the big meet."

Snider will be the only one of the group who won't have a chance to defend the state title, but the three remaining members can already look ahead to next season.

"We are bringing back three of our four runners, so we will bring the firepower again next year," Dean said.

The 1,600-meter relay made the headlines at the state meet for Neenah, but it wasn't the only strong showing for the

Rockets.

The 800-meter relay team of Snider, Dean, Jack Zemlock and Jase Jenkins narrowly missed a spot on the podium after finishing seventh in Saturday's finals. The foursome, which was fifth after the preliminaries, finished about five-tenths of a second out of sixth place.

Neenah's 3,200-meter relay team of Fredrickson, Drew Gentile, Carson Timm and Alex Thayer placed 12th.

Blake Dietzen, after just his second high school season participating in the throwing events, placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 116-feet, 10-inches. He was one of four Fox Valley Association athletes to finish in the top five in the event.

Dietzen also placed ninth in the shot put (53-3.50) as FVA throwers grabbed the top five spots and six of the top nine.

Dean also qualified for state in a pair of individual events. He finished 13th in the 200-meter preliminaries – falling 0.11 seconds short of making the final – and took 20th in the long jump.

excitement. It's always an honor to be one of the final eight," Falk said. "In terms of what we are looking to do, it's honestly the same thing. We want to go down and play our very best tennis, leave it on the court and whatever happens, happens. We just have to be happy with and satisfied with the tennis we play. This is what we prepare for all year and I think we are in a good spot."

The rest of Friday's quarterfinals have top-seeded Middleton facing Badger, second-seeded Marquette playing Westosha Central and fourth-seeded Eau Claire Memorial taking on Green Bay Notre Dame.

All quarterfinals begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday, with the semifinals slated for 9 a.m. Saturday, followed by the championship match at 2 p.m.

## Neenah tennis

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Zach Bitter.

The teams will play a regular dual meet with the team winning the majority of the matches getting the win to advance.

"We have to go out and compete at every spot in the lineup. Their whole lineup is really solid but we have a really strong lineup as well. Hopefully, we can grab a win here and there," Murphy said. "For us, it's about depth and finding wins at certain spots and I don't know if Central is ready for how prepared we are for this match."

Falk believes his team will be ready on Friday as well.

"The feeling is like it normally is, just

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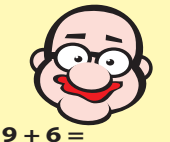

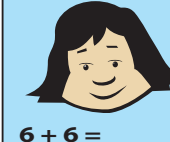




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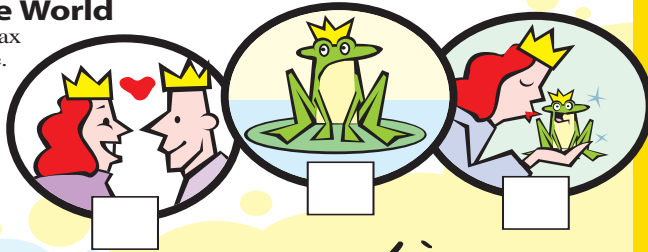
Match each dad with his child. Do the math to see if you guessed right.

 18 + 3 =	 9 + 6 =	 14 + 7 =	 6 + 6 =
 8 + 4 =	 4 + 12 =	 8 + 7 =	 9 + 7 =

Standards Link: Number Sense: Compute sums to 30.

### Dads Around the World

Some dads tell stories. Max and his dad live in France. His dad tells Max his favorite French stories. Look at the pictures from the story. Can you put them in order?



### Not Just Dads

On Father's Day, people show their appreciation to their fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, uncles and other men who have been like fathers. Write the names of three men you appreciate.

Some dads teach children many things. In China, Soo Lee's dad teaches her to write. Can you read what she has written? (Read from top to bottom.)

我  
愛  
您

我 魚 您 貓 狗 愛  
I Fish You Cat Dog Love

### Hooray for Dads!

Dads all around the world love their children and help them to feel good!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Compare and contrast information on the same topic.

### Extra! Extra!

### What I Learned From Dad

Look through the newspaper for five words that tell something you have learned from your dad. Put the words in ABC order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

### Father's Day Around the World

Though they differ on the date, many countries throughout the world set aside a day to honor fathers. Father's Day is a time-honored tradition—the earliest record of such a celebration was found in the ruins of ancient Babylon.

Modern Father's Day traditions include serving dad breakfast in bed, making cards and giving gifts of candy, neckties, shirts or electronic gadgets. But even more common is the tradition of particular activities that kids and fathers do together on this special day.

### Shirt Scramble

Megan's dad got a new golf shirt for Father's Day. Which one is it? Her dad likes stripes, but not narrow ones. He doesn't like pockets on his shirts. He doesn't care for zig-zag patterns.

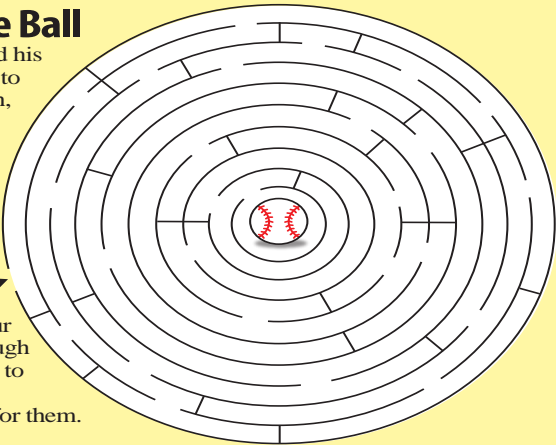


### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### On the Ball

Kevin and his dad want to play catch, but they can't seem to find their baseball.

Work your way through this maze to find the baseball for them.



### Double Double Word Search

- DAD
- DIFFERENT
- HONOR
- AWARD
- MESSAGES
- FRANCE
- CHINA
- ANGELES
- SLEEP
- UNCLE
- SPECIAL
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- MUSICIAN

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

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D A A N H K I E U N  
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O S M U C R Y H N U  
H D I F F E R E N T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop Together:

### Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Dads around the world read and sing to their children.

Here are the words to this well known song in four different languages! Can you try to sing them all?

#### English

Twinkle, twinkle little star,  
How I wonder what you are.  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky,  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!

#### Spanish

Brilla, brilla, estrellita  
Quiero verte cintilar  
En el cielo sobre el mar  
Un diamante de verdad  
Brilla, brilla estrellita  
Quiero verte cintilar.

#### French

Brille, brille, petite étoile  
Dis-moi, dis-moi, qui tu es  
Tout en haut du firmament  
Tu as l'éclat d'un diamant.  
Brille, brille, petite étoile,  
Dis-moi, dis-moi, qui tu es.

#### German

Funkel, funkel kleiner stern  
Ach wie bist du mir so fern,  
Wunderschön und unbekannt,  
Wie ein strahlend Diamant,  
Funkel, funkel, kleiner Stern,  
Ach wie bist du mir so fern.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level appropriate text.

### Just Dad and Me

Make a list of things you could do with your dad or another special person one afternoon. Then go do them together!

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