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Umbrella alley

One of downtown Neenah's side alleys became a whimsical space with a mix of umbrellas creating a colorful canopy next to the Future Neenah office. The Boldt Co. helped with installation and sponsorship.

Allegations put city in legal limbo

Attorney status on hold amid assault charges

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah is ensnared in a legal conundrum after its city attorney was charged with sexual assault last week.

The charges lodged against David Rashid have thrown municipal operations into disarray, leaving officials scrambling to deal with legal matters and ensure continuity in governance.

Rashid, 61, was charged in Winnebago County on April 30 with two felony counts of third-degree sexual assault and a misdemeanor count of fourth-degree sexual assault, all with domestic abuse assessments. The charges stem from incidents that occurred between 2017 and 2022 involving his then-wife, who filed for divorce last year.

Rashid was an assistant district attorney for Winnebago County when he was hired by the city of Neenah to replace Adam Westbrook, who resigned.

Westbrook was Outagamie County's human resources director when he was charged in federal court in February with distribution of child pornography. The scandals have cast a shadow over government operations, raising questions about oversight and accountability.

Mayor Jane Lang issued a statement last week that the city was made aware of the criminal complaint and Rashid has been placed on administrative leave pending full review of the facts of the case. Rashid

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Safety a priority as outdoor enthusiasts take to water

Drowning prevention focus of YMCA effort

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

May is National Water Safety Month and with summer on the horizon, experts are raising awareness about the importance of water safety and drowning prevention.

Whether it's swimming in a pool, at the beach or out on a boat, water offers endless opportunities for fun and recreation.

Water-related accidents, however, can occur swiftly and silently with devastating consequences, making it essential to prioritize safety.

Each year more than 4,000 people unintentionally drown in the United States, amounting to about 59 deaths per year in Wisconsin, according to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Drowning is the leading cause of death in children ages 1-4, according to the CDC, and the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 5-14.

Neenah-Menasha YMCA aquatic direc-

tor Angie Kennedy said drowning often looks different than what's portrayed in movies and on television. It may be challenging for bystanders to recognize when it's happening.

"There isn't really any splashing because their arms are under the water and they're doing everything that they could possibly do to get their mouths out of the water to get a breath," she said. "So they're essentially under the water and their arms are under the water as well."

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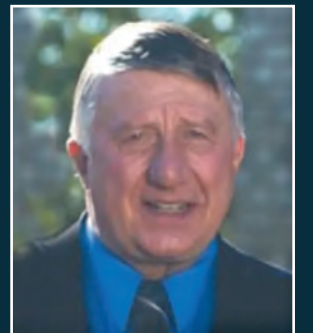
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Local pride event looks for a location

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A Fox Valley Pride event slated to take place June 22 in Neenah is seeking a new location after the city declined to close the downtown on a Saturday.

Mayor Jane Lang began receiving backlash from Fox Valley Pride supporters after organizer Dana Johnson in a now removed social media post wrote that the city and mayor received feedback that the event would be “bad for business.”

A Pride event is a celebration of LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning and others) identity, culture and community. The events typically take place during Pride Month, which is celebrated in June.

Johnson wrote that the event would bring 3,000 members and allies to downtown to support local businesses. The city was considered an ideal locale as it recently approved the consumption of alcohol outdoors in certain areas during approved

and permitted events.

This year the city was considering expanding the policy by creating a designated outdoor refreshment area (DORA) that would allow outdoor drinking from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays from April through November, without a permit required. That proposed policy has not been brought back to the council for approval.

Lang issued a statement in response Tuesday, noting that Fox Valley Pride organizers were given conditional approval to hold the event in the downtown 100-200 blocks of W. Wisconsin Avenue and began marketing and advertising the event.

Lang said the event is the first request put forward to close the historic downtown business district on a Saturday since the streetball event ended several years ago.

“That event sparked issues for our

downtown business owners who in many cases were faced with closing their doors on the busiest day of the week due to traffic and parking disruption,” she said, adding that no other events have been approved to close the downtown for an entire day since.

During a conversation with festival organizers last Friday, Lang said it was recommended that the event be held at Riverside Park, as Fox Valley Pride previously reserved the park that day. In a subsequent social media post, Johnson wrote that Riverside Park is off the beaten path from downtown.

“The festival offers an opportunity to give a real sense of belonging in the community,” Johnson wrote. “To me, downtown Neenah felt like the right place for this inclusion and belonging.”

Johnson said the planning committee is reaching out to other communities and locales to host the event.

Region ranked best for new college grads

Neenah News

A financial technology company’s recent study of the nation’s best overall places for new college graduates put the Oshkosh-Neenah metro area on top of its rankings.

SmartAsset looked at 370 metro areas based on metrics for the job market, costs and social aspects. Among its key findings was that the best place for college graduates is in Wisconsin, with the Oshkosh-Neenah area standing out in part due to a particularly low unemployment rate and relatively low cost of living at \$32,760 annually for basic necessities and taxes for a single adult. The study also found that socially,

16.1% of residents are in their 20s and that there are plenty of bars. The Eau Claire metro area also makes the top 10 with similar metrics.

College graduates earn the highest incomes near the Bay Area and Washington, D.C., according to SmartAsset, while the high costs in these areas present some risks for new graduates who have yet to secure a job.

Jackson, Tenn., has the lowest cost of living and very low unemployment. For a single adult to support themselves with necessities, it would only take a pre-tax salary of \$27,955, compared with the average \$51,630 income for graduates.

Business news roundup

Winnebago Fitness has opened its new location at 2414 Industrial Drive in Neenah for its CrossFit gym after moving from its Prospect Avenue facility in Appleton. A grand opening event is set for June 8. The facility owned by Connor Martin offers CrossFit classes, personal training, sports performance workouts and nutrition coaching for people with some degree of fitness experience. More information is at winnebagofitness.com.

Fox Cities Chamber’s Leadership Fox Cities Program is accepting applications for its 2024-2025 class until June 18. Starting in the fall, participants gather monthly for daylong educational sessions in the community focused on business, education, government and media, human services, health and wellness, law enforcement, environment, and the arts. The experience culminates in May with a formal graduation event and induction into the Leadership Fox Cities Alumni Association. To learn more, visit Leadership Fox Cities. For more information, contact Amy Schanke at 920-422-0041 or aschanke@foxcc.net.

Employers across various industries will be looking for their next new hires at the **Fox Cities Employment Fair** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 22 at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center in Appleton. Job seekers of all skill levels can connect directly with hiring managers and learn about available positions. Some companies might even conduct on-site interviews. Job seekers are encouraged to bring resumes to share. A list of employers is available at foxvalleywork.org/jobfair.html.

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Mayor Jane Lang signs the Poppy Proclamation in the council chambers last Wednesday with members of American Legion Neenah Post 33 and Auxiliary.

Poppy Days continues to honor veterans

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As spring blooms across the nation so do the symbolic red poppies, marking a time of remembrance and gratitude for the sacrifices of veterans.

Members of American Legion Neenah Post 33 and Auxiliary were present last Wednesday when Mayor Jane Lang signed the Poppy Proclamation, declaring May 23-24 Poppy Days.

On those days, Legion and Auxiliary members will distribute paper poppies at various businesses throughout the community. Those attending the council meeting were gifted a paper poppy.

Poppies are the memorial flower of veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefields while defending their country. The red poppy symbolizes the blood shed during battle. National Poppy Day is celebrated each year on the Friday before Memorial Day.

The poppies are hand made from crepe paper by hospitalized and disabled veterans. Throughout the country, veterans' organizations distribute 350,000 artificial poppies each year in exchange for donations.

The funds are used to support veterans and their families, providing essential services such as health care and housing assistance.

"The basic purpose of the annual distribution of poppies by the American Legion and Auxiliary is eloquently reflected in the desire to 'honor the dead by helping

the living,'" Lang said.

Poppy Days traces its origins back to the aftermath of World War I, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields" by Lt.-Col. John McCrae. The tradition soon spread, and the poppy became a recognizable emblem of Memorial Day, a federal holiday dedicated to honoring military personnel who have died in service to their country.

For many veterans, seeing people wearing poppies is a reminder that their sacrifices are not forgotten and that their service is appreciated by their fellow citizens.

"I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms, which we continue to enjoy as American citizens," Lang said.

Former Neenah mayor eyes new Assembly seat

Neenah News

Former Mayor Dean Kaufert is considering another run for the state Assembly in which he served for 24 years in Madison before returning to city government to become its mayor until 2022.

"I have announced my intentions to form an exploratory committee to look at running as a Republican for the newly redistricted 53rd state Assembly District, which includes Town of Neenah, City of Neenah, City of Menasha and a small portion of Appleton," Kaufert said in a statement Monday.

He said a final decision would likely be made by the end of this week after conferring with friends and family. Nomination papers are due the first week in June.

"It's one of those things where it wasn't in the plan, but the opportunity's there and nobody has taken out papers for the Republicans," Kaufert told the Neenah News on Tuesday.

The current 53rd District is represented by Rep. Michael Shraa of Oshkosh, who now lives in the 55th District and could challenge fellow Republican Rep. Nate Gustafson of Fox Crossing for that redrawn district. Real estate agent and Winneconne native Kyle Kehoe also announced his candidacy as a Democrat for the 55th District.

New state maps for the Assembly and Senate districts were signed into law Feb. 19 ahead of the November elections.

"Public Service has been a part of my entire life and continuing the important work of serving our local communities and the state of Wisconsin is important to me,"



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Dean Kaufert is shown in the mayor's office in January 2022 just before stepping down.

Kaufert said in his announcement. "Common-sense leadership, bringing people together to accomplish positive results, fiscal responsibility and working together for our citizens have been a trademark of my previous positions held and will continue to be a goal if a decision is made to move forward with a campaign."

First elected to the Neenah Common Council in 1985, Kaufert served five years as an alderperson before seeking and winning a state Assembly seat, which he held for 24 years before returning to the city and becoming mayor.

Kaufert said in a Neenah News interview in January 2022 that the road that led him to serve as an alderman and then in the state Legislature was unconventional. In high school, his mentor and teacher George Scherck – who became Neenah's mayor in 2002 – got him interested in local government. After high school Kaufert was a potato chip salesman and then opened his own trophy and award business.

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Local boy honored for rescuing brother from water

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

An 11-year-old Neenah boy is being called a hero after rescuing his brother from a near-drowning accident.

Rockston Meloan was honored with the Life Saving Award last Saturday for the courage he demonstrated in saving 13-year-old brother Memphis.

The incident occurred around 5:30 p.m. April 21 as both boys were climbing a tree over a creek when a branch broke and they fell. Memphis was knocked unconscious, face down in the water.

Rockston rolled Memphis over, did his best to drag him out of the creek and ran for help. The boys' parents, Aaron and Tara, were about 10 minutes away.

"I fear that if he didn't come for help as quick as he could, Memphis would have drowned right there," Aaron said.

Memphis suffered a skull fracture and had fluid on his lungs. He was first taken to ThedaCare Regional Medical Center and then rushed by ambulance to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee.

Memphis is now home but has a long recovery ahead. Both boys are in Neenah Baseball leagues, with Memphis hoping to play this summer.

As news of Rockston's heroic deed began to spread, community policing coordinator Joe Benoit decided to recognize him for his remarkable display of courage. Four Neenah police officers were present Saturday as Benoit presented Rockston with a certificate and commemorative coin at the baseball games at Southview Park.

"Rockston's immediate actions during this critical accident saved Memphis' life," Benoit said.



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Rockston Meloan (left) received the Life Saving Award from community policing coordinator Joe Benoit last Saturday for rescuing his brother Memphis (right).



Neenah Historical Society photo

Long sailing history

The first recorded sailboat race in Neenah took place in 1859. In 1864, the Neenah Yacht Club was formed and in 1894 the Nodaway Yacht Club took shape. Nodaway is said to be a Winnebago word for "confluence of two rivers." The two clubs would merge in 1905 making the Neenah-Nodaway Yacht Club one of the oldest in the country.

Prom party brought high schools together for fun, special night

Neenah News

Oshkosh West's peer mentor club Connected hosted a high school prom recently that included Neenah High School students for "A Night Under the Sea" theme that packed the gym for a night to remember.

Special education teacher Stephanie Polak and Bruce Schreiber are the Connected club advisers at West who mentor students with disabilities to promote positive social and communicative interactions. They worked with Neenah High teacher Jennifer Hager and some of her students on the prom planning.

"As a club we recognized that some students might struggle with a typical (high school) prom," Polak said. "We wanted to provide an opportunity for a smaller, more sensory-friendly and peer-supported dance for students with those needs."

"What made this dance so special is

that a similar student club at Neenah High School reached out to me about working together, so the idea of the two schools coming together was all led by students."

Connected members meet throughout the school year and take several field trips together. Polak said several of the students volunteer to help students, often giving up their study hall to be a part of the classrooms.

West's prom was the result of several planning meetings ahead of the April 12 event while looking ahead to Neenah hosting next spring's prom.

"It was so amazing to see the two groups come together and decorate the gym here at Oshkosh West and then later returned in their formal attire," Polak said, who also noted support from families and staff, along with several donations of pizza and door prizes. Local DJ Ed Eaton from Sound Sensations Entertainment came up with a playlist and photobooth.

County leadership program seeks youth advocate

Girls ages 13 to 17 who live or attend school in Winnebago County can now apply for the position of Miss Rural Winnebago through May 31.

Applicants don't need rural or agricultural background but should be willing to serve in their community. Applicants will participate in a committee interview and communication training June 8, from which the crowned candidate will have the opportunity to go on various tours to learn more about Winnebago Coun-

ty, volunteer at local events, and develop personal and professional skills during her one-year term.

Those interested can email missruralwinnebago@gmail.com or visit missruralwinnebago.wixsite.com to obtain the application.

The Miss Rural Winnebago program has been in place since 1969, instilling confidence, teaching agricultural skills and knowledge, and nurturing a passion for rural living. The program is supported by the Waukau Youth Group.



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Footloose Fridays: 10 a.m.</p> <p>May 11
Pint-Sized Prom: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>May 13
Monday Matinee: "Wonka" (PG): 1 p.m.
Short Story Night at Lion's Tale: 7 p.m.</p> <p>May 14
Storytime for Everyone at Valley VNA: 10 a.m.</p> <p>May 15
Mah Jongg Meetup: 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 16
Open Chess: 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 16
Ukulele Open Jam: 6 p.m.</p> <p>May 19
LEGOS in the Library: 1 p.m.
Sunday Concert Series: The Chalk Down Trio: 2 p.m.</p> | <p>May 20
Monday Morning Book Klatch: 10 a.m.
Memory Cafe: Kentucky Derby Party: 1:30 p.m.
Not Quite Cozy Mystery Book Club: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 21
Cookbook Book Club: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 22
Mah Jongg Meetup: 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 23
Open Chess: 5:30 p.m.
Ukulele Open Jam: 6 p.m.</p> <p>May 28
Movie Talks: "Stranger on a Train": 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 29
Mah Jongg Meetup: 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 30
Open Chess: 5:30 p.m.</p> |
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Local disc golf grows with additional course at O’Hauser



Neenah News

All the holes at O’Hauser Park’s new 9-hole disc golf course are short and beginner-friendly.

By Eric Severstad
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Although the surge in popularity that disc golf enjoyed during the pandemic has quieted a bit, the sport is still growing. Evidence of this is the new 9-hole course that recently opened on the west side of O’Hauser Park, which now brings the park’s total disc golf holes to 27.

While the top-level 18-hole disc golf course hasn’t changed and has even improved – some holes have extra-long tee pads – the short layout is extremely beginner-friendly and easy to play.

“The best way to grow the game is to allow players to learn on a course that is easier and more suitable to their abilities,” said Amanda Geiser, director of Parks & Recreation in Fox Crossing. “The Beginner Course has much shorter fairways and a minimal number of obstacles.”

The average hole length on the new course is just 115 feet, compared with 311 feet from the middle tee pads on the traditional course. There is only one basket location on each hole as opposed to two or three on the traditional course. Tee pads are rubber mats, a perfectly acceptable surface for a new course. An update to concrete tee pads is often the next step after course use increases.

“The current 18-hole course at O’Hauser

er is considered a fairly technical and difficult course, especially to the novice player,” Geiser said. “A beginner course will allow players to practice their skills and build their confidence before making the jump to the more difficult course.”

The new course will surely get plenty of use when the traditional 18 is full of



Geiser

tournament players or during weekly league nights. One big difference to remember: The Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission approved the new Beginner Course to be a free-to-play course, unlike the main course, which costs \$3 daily. Annual passes are available starting at \$20 for residents.

The threat of losing a disc is minimized on the new course. As plant growth explodes this spring throughout the park, the shapes of the fairways will become more prominent, with bushes and trees creating fun tunnel shots (throwing a disc down a narrow corridor). Plant growth could result in some searching for discs, but it’s definitely easier to lose a disc on the traditional course.

At this early stage, course signage is not

complete but will be installed eventually. Also, no taxpayer funds were used on the new Beginner Course, according to Geiser. It was fully funded through the daily and annual pass sales collected from the 18-hole course.

The new course was designed to minimize any interference with the park’s walkers. Fairways do not cross any walking trails in that area of the park. Plus, disc golf has been a part of O’Hauser Park for more than 30 years, and its size (64 acres) allows for plenty of room for walkers/hikers and disc golfers.

“(Beginner Course designer) John Terlap deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the time he puts into O’Hauser disc golf,” Geiser added. “Our park staff members also spent a lot of time at the park this winter cutting fairways, hauling wood chips and getting the tee pads installed. Our goal is to grow the sport and keep O’Hauser as one of the premier disc golf destinations in the area.”

For disc golfers looking for a middle-of-the-road skill level experience — tougher than O’Hauser’s new course but not as daunting as its 18-hole course — just drive down the road to Clayton Park (3577 Larsen Road), where another Terlap-designed 18-hole course was installed last year. This course is a lot of fun, also free to play and usually not as busy as O’Hauser.

Volunteer needs

Girls on the Run of Northeast Wisconsin seeks volunteers for their Celebration 5K on May 18 in Neenah. Volunteers assist with various roles such as set up, packet pick up, course guiding, finish line refreshments, pre-race activities, water stations, parking, and general tasks. Con-

tact Kathy at kathy.olson@girlsontherun.org or 920-209-5866.

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City attorney

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will continue to collect a salary while on leave, with the position listed at between \$46 and \$57 per hour when he was hired in 2022.

The city attorney advises officials on legal matters, representing the city's interests in legal proceedings and drafting and reviewing ordinances, resolutions, contracts and leases. Officials now must navigate complex legal issues without their chief counsel.

At a meeting Tuesday, Lang noted the complicated process of finding interim legal coverage. City officials first met with Menasha city attorney Margaret Struve for guidance.

"Her recommendation was that we contract with an interim person who could meet all of our legal needs, and those needs are many and multifaceted, like court and contracts, legal documents, acquisition land sales; multiple areas that we need assistance in and not every municipal city attorney who is practicing is doing that right now," Lang said.

Struve will assist with immediate coverage for the city under an informal agreement, but moving forward a formal agreement with Menasha will need to be finalized.

Officials also met with an experienced attorney from a local law firm who stated he could provide some services but would not be interested in prosecution because the city won't want to pay the fee that he'd require.

"He was recommending more of like an 'a la carte' approach to it, where we could potentially be able to form an agreement with the city of Menasha attorney to cover things like our meetings or court and that sort of thing, and someone else for more of an on-call for office hours kind of thing," Lang said.

Officials also had a meeting Tuesday with a retired city attorney.

"We're just trying to make sure that we're fully investigating what our options are and what the best value is for us; how we can accomplish this in the least financially negatively impactful way to the city," Lang said. "So we're trying to take the steps that we need to investigate it."

Director of finance Vicky Rasmussen said the city did not budget for this and the city's fund for outside legal services is currently about \$2,000. Funding for an interim city attorney will need to be approved by the Common Council.

Because it's an emergency situation affecting city operations, Lang has the power to approve outside legal counsel in the interim until the council meets for a vote. She said she hoped to have a resolution in place by late this week.

Rashid's criminal case has been assigned to a special prosecutor in Portage County. He's due in court Monday for an initial appearance.

Firefighter training keys on high school

Neenah News

Fox Valley Technical College will receive \$15,405 toward a high school fire program through the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, one of four organizations in the state awarded a total of \$75,000 through the Youth Volunteer Firefighter Training Program.

FVTC will offer a Firefighting Principals course at the college, part of a partnership with nine area high schools and fire departments. Through the four-credit course, students will learn fire behavior and fire control techniques, and meet all requirements of Firefighter I certification

in Wisconsin.

High schools in Neenah and Oshkosh are among those involved, as well as Fox Crossing and Oshkosh fire departments, but the program is not limited to the schools or departments named.

Besides the Firefighter 1 certification, the course qualifies for one of the first-semester courses in the Fire Protection AAS program. The grant covers all course materials that students normally need to purchase.

If interested in more information, contact Jim Austad, department chair of Fire Protection at FVTC, at james.austad6983@fvtc.edu.

Water quality monitoring underway on lakes

Neenah News

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Winnebago County Public Health in partnership with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's ERIC Lab monitors the water quality at beaches and boat launches on Lake Winnebago, Lake Butte des Morts and Lake Poygan.

Student interns collect water samples from public access points and analyze the samples for E. coli bacteria and blue-green algae. If a water test is concerning, the beach will close for swimming until E. coli bacteria or blue-green algae levels go down.

The beach monitoring program checks for E. coli and beaches can be closed if the level is too high. Most strains of E. coli are

not considered dangerous but some can cause illnesses such as diarrhea, urinary tract and other infections.

Large rainstorms will wash dog or bird feces into the water, carrying pathogens with them. Raccoons that may be living in storm sewers can be a source of E. coli-containing feces, as can farm-manure runoff. Aging sanitary sewer pipes and other wastewater infrastructure also can leak sewage that then makes its way into lakes.

To reduce potential health risks, assume all surface waters contain some E. coli whether or not it has been monitored or an advisory issued. Do not swallow the water and wash hands before touching the mouth or eyes after swimming.

State DHS cites child vaccination providers

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) awarded its annual Wisconsin BigShot awards to 208 Wisconsin health care providers for their efforts to protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and per-

tussis.

Among providers recognized were Aurora Health Care-Oshkosh and The-daCare Physicians Pediatrics-Neenah in the Hepatitis A vaccine category, and The-daCare Physicians Pediatrics-Neenah in the MMR category.

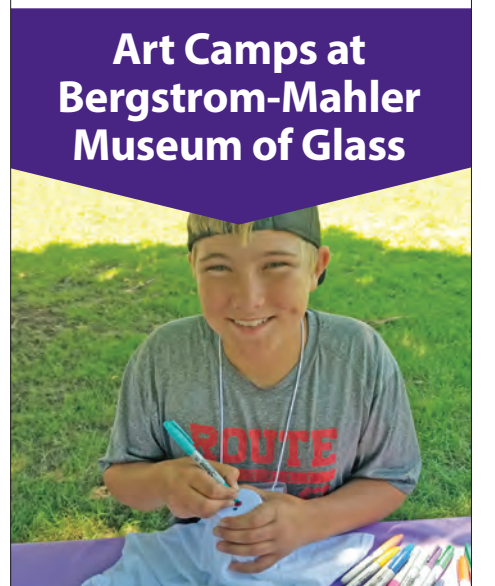


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Meal teams at work

More than 300 volunteers from St. Mary Catholic Schools and its five parishes gathered at St. Gabriel's Elementary School last Saturday to package more than 50,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger, a nonprofit global movement to provide meals for those in need.

Volunteer hunter educators sought in state

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking volunteers passionate about promoting safe and ethical hunting practices to serve as hunter education instructors.

Since the program's creation in 1967, more than 20,000 volunteer instructors have trained and certified more than 1 million hunters. These efforts have helped make hunting a much safer activity, including a 95% decrease in hunting-related incidents since the start of the program.

Interested volunteers can either serve as

apprentices under a sponsoring instructor for at least two complete courses or attend a certification training session hosted by a DNR outdoor skills trainer.

Once certified, the DNR provides volunteer instructors with all the materials and equipment required to teach a hunter education course. Instructors must only teach one class every three years to remain certified.

Contact Kayla Sasse, outdoor skills trainer in the area, at 920-360-2361 or kayla.sasse@wisconsin.gov.

Calendar of events

Friday, May 10

Sundae & Mr. Goessl, 7 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive, Fox Crossing

Saturday, May 11

Junk in the Trunk rummage sale, 8 a.m., Neenah Pool parking lot
Treasure in the Trunk rummage sale, 8 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church parking lot, 1228 S. Park Ave.

Vintage Show Choir finale, 7:30 p.m., Pickard Auditorium, 1275 Tullar Road

Monday, May 13

Big Band Reunion, 7:30 p.m., Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.

Short Story Night, 7 p.m., Lion's Tail Brewing, 111 S. Commercial St.

Tuesday, May 14

Neenah High School Choir concert, 7:30 p.m., NHS Performing Arts Center

Thursday, May 16

Neighborhood rummage sale, 8 a.m.,

Castle Oak Drive, Neenah
Downtown Neenah Blood Drive, 8 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 123 E. Wisconsin Ave.

Touch of Class jazz/choir concert, 7:30 p.m., NHS Performing Arts Center

Friday, May 17

Campfire with Cops, 6 p.m., Memorial Park
Cave Paintings and Sit Kitty Sit, 9 p.m., Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.

Grey Fedora, 7 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive, Fox Crossing

Saturday, May 18

Plant and Garden Sale, 9 a.m., Neenah Animal Shelter

Electronics Recycling Event, 9 a.m., 1495 Tullar Road

Neenah Street Party, 2 p.m., 134 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Sunday, May 19

Sunday Concert Series: The Chalk Down Trio, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Monday, May 20

Big Band Reunion, 7:30 p.m., Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.

Thursday, May 25

Neenah Menasha Emergency Society Kitchen Tour, 10 a.m., various locations

Water safety

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Kennedy offered some key water safety measures to help prevent drowning.

Learn to swim: Being able to swim is one of the most effective ways to prevent drowning. The YMCA offers swimming lessons for adults and children taught by certified instructors. The basic skills include what's called "swim, float, swim," and includes swimming on their front, rolling over on their back to take a breath and then swimming back on their front to get to a safe spot so that they can exit the water.

Wear life jackets: When swimming, boating or participating in water sports, wear a properly fitted life jacket. Ensure life jackets are the right type and for the correct body weight, and replace life jackets that are frayed, don't fit properly or don't snap shut.

Reach or throw, don't go: If somebody's in the water and needs help, use something to reach out to them or throw something to them but never jump in after them, which puts the rescuer in danger of drowning themselves.

Supervise constantly: Ensure children are supervised at all times when swimming and that they ask permission from an adult who can pay extra attention to where they're going, what they're doing and who they're swimming with.

Never swim alone: Having an extra person to keep an eye out, especially when kayaking or paddleboarding, can help prevent a tragedy.

Although inflatable devices such as arm floaties are popular among children, Kennedy advised against them as they're not tested and may not be able to keep a person's head above water.

The Neenah-Menasha YMCA started a safety around water program in 2017 after receiving a \$1 million grant to offer it to local children for free. Third-grade students in the Neenah and Menasha school districts are invited to participate.

Kennedy said it's never too soon to get children into swimming lessons. The YMCA offers lessons to children as young as 6 months.

"Just getting them more comfortable in and around the water and knowing what different things to look out for and the skills to learn to keep them safe when they're swimming are important," she said.

The Neenah-Menasha YMCA will offer a free Water Safety Month event open to the community from noon to 2 p.m. May 18 where participants will learn essential water safety skills and what to do in the event of an emergency. Registration will be online at ymcafoxcities.org under the Neenah-Menasha tab.

"This information is important for everybody to learn just to be a little bit more safe when they're in and around water," Kennedy said.

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Rockets' Romsos feels at home guarding goal

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

John Romsos wanted to be a hockey player.

Unfortunately that didn't work out, but it led him down the path to another sport, and he has certainly made the most of the journey.

Romsos is the defensive anchor for Neenah's highly-touted lacrosse squad, manning the goal for the Rockets. He was one of the top goalkeepers in the state last year and has carried that over to this season where he has helped Neenah get off to an 8-1 start.

Standing in front of a goal is never an easy gig – goalkeepers are obviously the last line of defense for a squad and have to stare down opponents firing shots directly at you. But for Romsos, it was a position he felt comfortable with at the start and has just continued to improve.

"I started playing in sixth grade and started playing goalie right away," said Romsos, who had been a catcher in baseball as a youth. "The coach just asked for volunteers and I thought I could it. I was just kind of naturally OK when I started – about as good as a 12-year-old could be at it. I just kept going and practicing and that natural being mediocre at the start, actually turned out to be pretty decent."

Romsos said he also played some on defense throughout the year and had to make a choice of where to play when he got to Neenah High School and joined the club team.

He didn't have to hesitate.

"I chose what I was good at," Romsos said.

Even with all of the work Romsos has put in over the course of his career, he said the most important aspect of being a goalkeeper isn't something physical.

It takes more mental strength to stand between the pipes and face down shooters.

"It's mentally wearing on you sometimes," Romsos said. "You feel like the game is on your shoulders. You can have a lot of thoughts running through your head, but you have to remember to keep cool and communicate with your team because you are a leader."

Shutouts in lacrosse are rare – Romsos has one this season in a 12-0 win over Sauk Prairie – which means he has allowed goals in eight of the nine games the Rockets have played this season.

Romsos knows that's going to happen – especially against some of the top teams Neenah will face this season – but he knows that how he responds to one getting past him affects the team.

"If you keep thinking about it, it's just going to get worse," Romsos said. "I was always told it's the next play mentality and it actually took me a long time to get that. You have to step up and show that you can move onto the next play if you get scored on. You turn around and get the ball out of the net and give it to the ref. You talk to your defense and



then from that moment on you have to forget about it."

Lacrosse is in its first year as a WIAA sanctioned sport but has a long tradition at Neenah.

The program is one of the state's oldest having started in 2003 and being part of that history is something that Romsos is proud of.

"For me, I wouldn't want to play anywhere else," said Romsos, who hopes to coach with the team in the future. "Knowing that I'm going to be around and knowing that I'm going to get to see what happens in the future is really cool."

The switch from being a club activity to a WIAA sport hasn't changed much in regard to what happens between the lines. But there has been some noticeable alterations away from the field.

Romsos said the biggest thing is that the postseason will have more structure this year under the WIAA guidance. As a club sport, teams were able to shift conference more easily to try to gain an advantage which is no longer the case.

"The playoffs is the big thing," Romsos said. "It had structure when it was a club sport but the structure feels a lot more fair now."

A gold trophy awaits the winner of the state championship, which will be played June 8 in Sun Prairie. It's a place where this Neenah squad believes it can reach.

"This year, we're going for a trophy," Romsos said. "We talk about it a lot. Coming into it last year, we didn't have high expectations – winning conference was the high-end goal. Coming into this year off the success we had last year, our main goal is to make it to state. And with how our season is going it's legitimate."

Playing in a state title game could be the last of Romsos' career as a lacrosse player. He is planning on attending tech school to become a firefighter in the future.

He knows that the time is ticking away on his playing days but is trying not to think of that final game.

"I'm trying to avoid thinking about it right now because I'm just trying to enjoy everything right now. I love the sport," Romsos said. "I want to come back and coach here if I can. I don't want to just drop my stuff and call it quits forever."

"(The last game,) I think I will be all right on field, but when I go home it's probably going to set in and I'm going to realize that eight years of my life is over now."



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Senior Jack Romsos has been a stalwart in goal for the Neenah lacrosse program.




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Rockets rally in final period to take down Rush

By Dustin Riese
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

A strong finish carried the Neenah girls lacrosse team to a win.

Rae Schoultz scored a pair of goals in the third period as the Rockets rallied from a 5-4 deficit to claim an 8-5 win over the visiting West Bend Rush in a nonconference match on Monday night in Neenah.

“We overcame a slow start in this one,” Neenah head coach Paul Kelly said. “Once we settled in as a group, we started to play the level of lacrosse that we expect and are

trying to build here at Neenah.”

Neenah trailed 5-3 at halftime but did not allow the Rush a goal in the second half. Netminder Elliott Pershing blanked West Bend after halftime and finished with eight saves in the match.

The defensive effort served as the backbone for Neenah’s comeback as the Rockets were able to chip away at the deficit in the third quarter, getting a goal from Savannah Blocksom.

The offense then got the momentum rolling in the final period with Schoultz netting her two goals, while Blocksom

and Mara Dorow each added one to take control.

“Despite trailing at the half, these girls never gave up,” Kelly said. “We really came together as a team during the second half. The girls fought hard and did what they had to do as they found a way to rally for the win.”

Kelly highlighted the defensive play of Lillian Vande Corput, Claire Nichols, Birkley Janichek and Angelina Star in front of Pershing in pitching the second-half shutout, which allowed the Rockets to rally.

Neenah trailed 3-2 after the first period, getting goals from Blocksom and Ellie Hammerschmidt, while Schoultz’s first goal of the night was the Rockets lone tally in the second period.

It was the third win in the last four games for the Rockets, who moved above the .500 mark with a 4-3 record after the victory.

“This season has been a learning process for us, especially lately,” Kelly said. “We have some new players in the lineup right now that have been forced to step up as some starters are out due to injury.”

Prep sports roundup

GIRLS LACROSSE

Kenosha too much for Rockets

Neenah ran into a strong Kenosha squad on Saturday and suffered a 17-1 loss.

Rae Schoultz tallied the lone goal of the game for the Rockets, who put up seven shots on goal in the game.

Elliott Pershing made 13 saves and Lluvia Carrillo had nine in splitting time in Neenah’s goal.

BOYS LACROSSE

Rough second half sinks Neenah

Neenah suffered its first loss of the season, losing 12-4 to Waunakee in a match-

up of two of the top teams in the state.

The match was tied at 3 at halftime but the Warriors outscored the Rockets 9-1 in the second half to pull away for the win.

Evan Hans and Jackson Brown each scored two goals in the game for Neenah, while Keane Sullivan picked up two assists. Jack Romsos made seven saves.

The Rockets were coming off their largest offensive output of the season in a 22-2 win over Cedarburg last week.

Owen Grotenhuis and Jack Meidl each scored four goals, while Hans, Brandon Price, Jackson Herres, Sullivan and Jack Klundt had two. Simon Galvin, Brown, Chase Collins and Drew Green each scored one goal.

Hans and Green led the Rockets with three assists apiece, with Price, Brown and Hunter Weinke each adding two. Romsos made seven saves in goal.

TRACK AND FIELD

Scheer, Dietrich post wins at invitationals

Sam Scheer and Rachel Dietrich each won individual events as the Neenah boys and girls track teams competed at different venues Friday.

Scheer finished first in the discus and took third in the shot put as the Neenah boys participated in the Spartan Invitational in Madison.

The Rockets’ 1,600-meter relay team of Braden Loudon, CJ Fredrickson, Alex Thayer and Owen Wise also collected a victory.

Wise in the 400 meters picked up a second place, while Thayer in the 800 meters, Wyatt Armock in the 3,200 meters and Will Radies in the triple jump were all third.

The Rocket girls were at the Demerit Invitational hosted by Bay Port and Dietrich topped the field in the 1,600 meters to lead the Rockets.

Natalie Schultz in the 3,200 meters and Lydia Delene in shot put each finished third.

Neenah also sent a pair of competitors to the Arrowhead Invitational on Saturday, where Cecelia Gentile took fourth in the long jump and Mazie Olkowski was sixth in the 1,600 meters.

Relays lead way for Zephyrs at invite

Both the girls and boys 3,200-meter relay teams collected wins at the Weyauwega-Fremont Invitational on Monday.

The winning girls team consisted of

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Prep roundup

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Addison Dinka, Claire Higgins, Maria Marti and Lauren Ripley, while the boys foursome was made up of Ethan Auer, Alexander Groppe, Benjamin Schoeni and Nathan Seiske.

Also for the girls, who finished third among 10 teams, Ripley and Higgins finished second and third, respectively, in the 400 meters, while Moorea Steckling finished second in both the 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles. Olivia Noel added a fourth place in the high jump.

The boys had three top five finishers in the pole vault with Ashton Post taking second, Groppe finishing fourth and Harry Higgins taking fifth.

Other top finishers for the boys were: Groppe, third in the 300-meter hurdles; Braeden Brenn, third in the 110-meter hurdles and fourth in the high jump; and Benjamin Schoeni, fourth in the 3,200 meters.

Last week the Zephyrs had an impressive showing at the Hilbert Invitational where the boys won eight different events. Daniel Harness in the 100 meters, Post in the 200 meters and the pole vault, Seiske in the 800 meters and Brenn in the 110-meter hurdles all posted individual wins, while Maddox Dwyer, Harness, Harry Higgins and Post won both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays and Ethan Auer, Jacob Hall, Schnoeni and Seiske teamed up to win the 3,200-meter relay.

Harry Higgins in the 200 meters and Brenn in the 300-meter hurdles added second places and Auer in the 800 meters, Brenn in the high jump and Noah Valentine in the pole vault were each third.

Ripley led the effort for the girls, winning the 800 and 1,600 meters, taking third in the long jump and joining Addison Dinka, Claire Higgins and Maria Marti to win the 1,600-meter relay.

Nolie Anderson picked up a win in the discus and took second in the shot put, while Claire Higgins added a second place in the 400 meters.

BASEBALL

Neenah suffers loss to powerhouse Kimberly

The Rockets surrendered five runs in the second inning which proved to be the difference in a 7-2 loss at Kimberly last Friday.

The Rockets were held to just five hits in the game, with Ethan Van Dyke driving in both Neenah runs, which came in the seventh inning.

The Rockets also picked up a 12-7, 10-inning win over Oshkosh West last week as Trevor Stichman and Van Dyke each finished with three hits, while Van Dyke added three RBIs. AJ Price, Isaac Verbruggen and Mack Krause added two hits apiece, with Krause picking up a home run and three RBIs in the game.

St. Mary Catholic extends winning streak

The Zephyrs won four games over the past week to run their streak to six straight.

Monday's win was a 5-4, come-from-behind victory with the Zephyrs scoring three runs in the top of the seventh to take their first lead.

Colin Nigl went 3-for-4, while Joseph Pirillo finished 2-for-4 with a home run and drove in three runs. Fisher Mackenzie overcame some early struggles to allow just five hits and two earned runs in 6 1/3 innings to get the win. He finished with 11 strikeouts.

On Saturday, the Zephyrs beat Winnebago 7-4, with Mackenzie and Nigl leading the way with two hits apiece, while Pirillo

drove in three runs and had a home run.

St. Mary Catholic used a pair of three-run innings to beat St. Mary's Springs 8-1 on Friday. Mackenzie, Nigl and Aidan Birling each had two hits in the game, with Nigl driving in three runs. Nigl was also the winning pitcher, striking out seven in throwing the five-hitter.

Grant Brazzale threw a five-hit shutout with eight strikeouts in a 9-0 win over Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah. Birling finished with three hits and two RBIs, while Mackenzie, Nigl and Pirillo each had two hits.

SOFTBALL

Offense keys pair of wins for Zephyrs

St. Mary Catholic pounded out 18 hits and used a five-run sixth inning to break the game open in a 10-6 victory over Manitowoc Lutheran on Monday.

Emily Vogel led the charge by going 4-for-5, with Adel Schneider added three hits. Jaylyn Akey, Rhiannon Reichenbacher, Samantha Weiss and Navaeh Saringer each chipped in two hits. Saringer also finished with three RBIs, while Akey had two.

Saringer struck out seven to get the win in the mound.

On Friday, the Zephyrs registered a pair of five-run innings in a 12-1 nonconference win over Wittenberg-Birnawood. Schneider, Reichenbacher and Ainslie Liddy each had three hits in the game and Weiss added two, while Saringer was the winning pitcher allowing just four hits.

The Zephyrs were dealt a 3-1 loss by Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah last Thursday, despite getting two hits apiece from Reichenbacher and Weiss.

Neenah drops pair of FVA contests

The Rockets were held to just four hits in falling to Hortonville, 5-0, last Friday.

Carson Harwood had two of the four hits for the Rockets, while Grace Berkholtz and Taelyn Bauer each had one.

Taytum West scattered seven hits and struck out four in the circle for Neenah.

The day before the Rockets fell to Oshkosh North, 6-5.

Neenah scored three runs in the first inning and held the lead until the sixth inning when the Spartans tied the score. North then scored three runs in the top of the seventh before Neenah rallied in the bottom of the seventh to score two runs but fell short of tying the game.

Olivia McNulty went 3-for-4 with two RBIs to lead the Neenah offense. Parker Zipperer also drove in a run in the game.

Kyleigh Manthe fanned 11 in the loss.

SOCCER

McCauley scores four goals in Zephyrs win

Bitzy McCauley tallied a season-high four goals to lead St. Mary Catholic to a 5-3 win over Howards Grove in a Big East Conference soccer match.

Audrey Wanless picked up the other goal for the Zephyrs and assisted on all of McCauley's tallies.

Bethany Ruppert earned the win in goal with 10 saves.

Neenah finishes 0-1-1 at Brookfield Tournament

The Rockets played to a 1-1 tie against Brookfield Central and then lost a 3-1 decision to Brookfield East at the two-day tournament.

Kayla White tallied the lone goal in the tie with Brookfield Central and then assisted on Annabelle Perry's goal against Brookfield East.

GOLF

Rockets finished fifth at Blackwolf Run

Neenah carded a team score of 323 at Blackwolf Run on Monday to take fifth in the 15-team Blue Bomber Invitational.

Cooper Zinda led the Rockets with a round of 78, followed by Ryan Geary with an 80. Calvin Zinda was next for Neenah with an 81, while Cartyr Simonson rounded out the scoring golfers with an 84.

The Rockets were also one of 28 teams competing at Erin Hills on Saturday for the MACC Fund Invitational. Neenah posted a team score of 336 and took 12th.

Calvin Zinda was the lowest scoring individual for the Rockets with a 79, followed by Cooper Zinda with an 84 and Simonson and Henry Gretebeck with 86s.

Neenah tied for third at the Manitowoc Invitational held at Branch River Country Club last week, with Simonson leading the way with an 83.

Neenah won a weather-shortened five-hole event against Kaukauna on Tuesday, 96-98 with Calvin Zinda earning medalist honors with a 22.

The Rockets also came up just short

against Appleton West, falling 170-171 in a dual meet last week. Calvin Zinda tied for medalist honors with a 40.

Zephyrs fourth at North Division mini-meet

Nate Pable led St. Mary Catholic with a 45 to finish tied for fourth as the Zephyrs totaled a 196 to take fourth at a Big East Conference North Division mini-meet held at Wander Springs Golf Course.

Dawson Radosevich followed with a 47.

TENNIS

Neenah breezes past Appleton East

The Rockets lost just one game in four singles matches combined and picked up all seven victories in straight sets in a 7-0 victory over Appleton East last week.

Carl Hein at No. 1 singles, Brady Lawatsch at No. 2 singles and Joe Schultz at No. 3 singles each won by 6-0, 6-0 margins, while Harrison Tanger won 6-0, 6-1 at the No. 4 flight.

Neenah also swept the doubles matches with Brady Hildreth and Andrew Werner, Tristin Yun and Hunter Brown and Henry Farrell and Luke Grassl picking up the wins.

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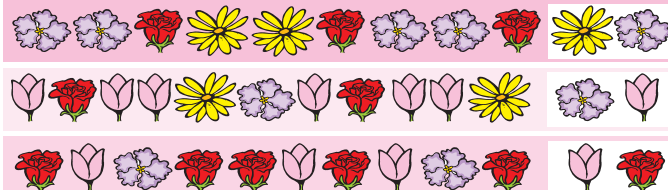
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Standards Link: Math/Probability: Identify and extend simple patterns.

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