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Health programs draw county skeptics

Some supervisors vote against grant funds

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Voters in April elected 13 new supervisors to the Winnebago County Board's 36 seats, but the current board continues to grapple with the same challenge as the previous: accepting grant funds.

The issue has surfaced multiple times during county board meetings dating back to 2021, prompting concern about whether supervisors are voting based on personal beliefs rather than what's best for the county.

A grant is a financial award that typically does not require repayment and is provided for a specific purpose. An application process is required to be considered, which often involves submitting detailed

proposals within a set deadline. Grants may be competitive, with some organizations receiving more applications than can be funded.

A resolution is required for the county to accept grant funds, with a two-thirds majority vote to pass, a threshold the board has found challenging to meet.

In 2021 and 2022, some supervisors

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Photo by David Hall

Water acrobatics

CommunityFest visitors were entertained on the Fourth of July with the Webfooters Water Ski Shows from Fremont at Riverside Park in Neenah.

New police barriers put to work securing holiday crowds

Security measure seen as proper investment

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Police Department's new traffic barriers were deployed last week to enhance safety during CommunityFest and the Neenah-Menasha Parade of Lights.

Fifty-nine Meridian Archer 1200 barriers were stationed at entry points and parade perimeters along Wisconsin Avenue and Commercial Street and at the main event at Riverside Park.

It was the fourth event this year that police have used the 700-pound ballistic rated devices that prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering.

"I believe they are a very effective lay-

er within our safety and security plan," Assistant Police Chief Jeff Bernice said. "The barriers provide a visible deterrent, but also provide the means to mitigate a potential threat and protect our citizens."

The decision to purchase the barriers comes in response to increasing concerns over public safety during events that draw large crowds after the 2021 Waukesha Christmas parade tragedy. In that incident, a driver circumvented safety barricades and plowed into the crowd, causing dozens to be injured and six fatalities.

Such gatherings have posed challenges for law enforcement who are required to secure the perimeter, with Neenah police previously positioning city-owned vehicles along strategic avenues of approach.

The barriers cost about \$6,500 each and

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New traffic barriers purchased by the city have been deployed for summer events.



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Rain puts damper on fireworks calls over holiday

Neenah News

Both the Neenah and Fox Crossing police departments put out humorous Facebook posts in advance of Independence Day on the reasons to call or not to call 911 during celebrations.

Neenah police advised against calling emergency services because your uncle ate all of the potato salad or your neighbor is blasting "God Bless America" on repeat.

Fox Crossing police wrote that residents should call emergency services if someone just set their house on fire, body parts are landing in your yard or your cat is shooting back.

In spite of the humor, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office received 158 fireworks calls from July 3 to July 7. That includes 42 incidents that Neenah police were dispatched to and five fireworks complaints in Fox Crossing.

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue responded to six structure fires and two dumpster fires over that five-day period.

The department's activity reports include "incident type" and don't indicate if the incident was fireworks-related, though Fire Chief Travis Teesch confirmed one of the dumpster fires was attributed to fireworks misuse.

Each year fire departments and emergency responders report a surge in incidents ranging from fire outbreaks to injuries caused by mishandling of fireworks.

Neenah Police Chief Aaron Olson told Neenah News last year that the Fourth of July week is one of the busiest of the year, with upward of 50 calls per day for fireworks. Heavy rain this year likely played a significant role in reducing the number of emergency calls related to fireworks compared with previous years.

Downpours across the Fox Valley caused flooding and dampened the enthusiasm for outdoor celebrations involving fireworks as fewer people ventured out to light them.

The wet weather also acted as a natural deterrent, minimizing the risk of fires.

Making national news this year was a South Carolina man who lost his life after placing a firework in his top hat and igniting it after a night of drinking. In Washington, a man was fatally struck in the head by a firework while setting them off in a parking lot July 5.

Under local ordinance and state law, fireworks that explode or leave the ground are illegal to use without a permit, but that doesn't stop locals from shooting them off.

Officers respond to fireworks complaints by initially issuing a verbal warning, then a written warning; a third response may result in a citation of up to \$1,000.

Foam on rivers, lakes has higher PFAS levels than water below

Wisconsin Public Radio

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison have found that naturally occurring foams on state waterways have PFAS levels as much as thousands of times higher than waters that lie below.

The findings are part of a new study published in the journal Environmental Science & Technology. Researchers studied 36 different types of PFAS in samples collected from foams and the very top layer of the water column across 43 rivers and lakes in Wisconsin.

Christina Remucal is a co-author of the study and a professor of civil and environmental engineering at UW-Madison. She said the PFAS concentrations in foam


were "jaw-dropping." Samples of foam collected from Lake Monona showed PFAS levels up to roughly 328,000 parts per trillion.

"So just for comparison, the new (federal) drinking water regulations are 4 (parts per trillion) in comparison with over 300,000," Remucal said. "So these are really high numbers."

PFAS are a class of thousands of synthetic chemicals used in cookware, food wrappers, stain-resistant clothing and firefighting foam. They don't break down easily in the environment. High exposure to the chemicals has been linked to kidney and testicular cancers, fertility issues and other serious health problems.

Among samples collected, Remucal said PFAS concentrations in foam ranged from 50 to 7,000 times higher than levels in the water. Rivers and lakes contained much lower levels of the chemicals, ranging from 6 parts per trillion in the Menominee River to 139 parts per trillion in Green Bay.

Sarah Balgooyen co-authored the study during her time as a post-doctoral researcher at UW-Madison.




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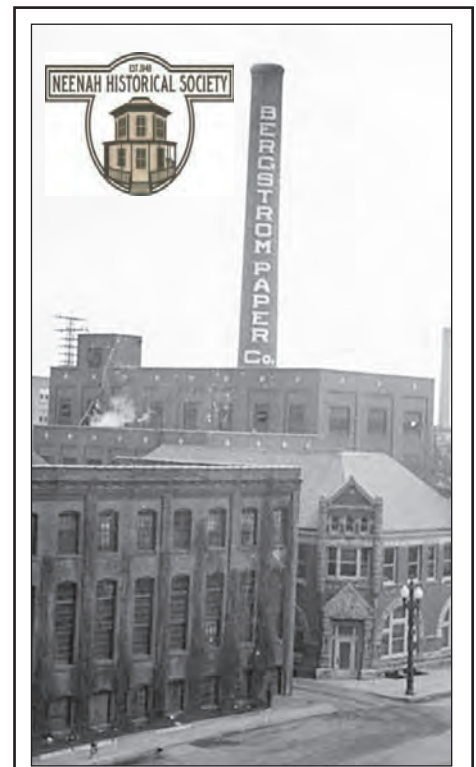
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Paper legacy

D.W. Bergstrom purchased the Winnebago Paper Mill in 1904 and established the Bergstrom Paper Co. What is left of the site can be found at Legacy Park, behind 201 W. Wisconsin Ave. The park was gifted to the community by private funds and showcases Romanesque stonework salvaged from the paper mill and its office building.

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Suspect in 1963 gas station murder identified with DNA

Winnebago County case could now be resolved

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

It's been 61 years since the lifeless body of 24-year-old Wayne Pratt was found in a gas station between Neenah and Oshkosh, and now DNA has helped investigators identify a suspect in the brutal stabbing.

Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz announced July 1 that advances in DNA technology have led to the identification of a suspect in the 1963 homicide. On Tuesday, he confirmed it was DNA in Pratt's homicide case that led to a suspect whose name would be released that day.

A spokesperson from the sheriff's office later said the suspect's name would not yet be released pending discussions with the District Attorney's office.

There won't be justice for Pratt, as the person suspected of murdering him has since died.

On June 12, 1963, Pratt and his wife were inside their home watching television about 50 feet from the Enco gas station that he owned and managed near the Highway 45 interchange, according to newspaper archives.

Pratt's wife told investigators that a white car pulled in and parked between the gas pumps and a second two-toned car pulled in and parked on the other side of the pumps. Pratt exited the home around 8:45 p.m. and went to service the vehicles.



Pratt

About 15 minutes later, his wife became concerned when she noticed the station's lights were still off. Upon investigating, she discovered Pratt's body face down, partially covered by a blanket.

Authorities found signs of a struggle in the back room – a pile of used tires were in disarray and a battery charger was tipped over. Initial media reports indicated the station was robbed of an estimated \$250, but later reports suggested the amount missing was closer to \$50.

Pratt was hit on the head with a shovel and stabbed more than 50 times in the head, neck, back and side. The blood-stained shovel was found at the scene but the knife was not recovered.

A witness told police that as he drove past the gas station that night he saw a man run out, enter a car parked on a platform away from the pumps and out of sight of the Pratt house, then drive off at a high rate of speed.

At the time authorities could not deter-

mine whether the assailant arrived in one of the three vehicles or was already at the station. They also couldn't discount that more than one person could be involved.

A year after the killing an Oshkosh Northwestern article noted that the sheriff's office had received about 40 calls with possible tips, interviewed 150 people and administered eight lie detector tests. More recent media reports indicate 75 people were questioned during the investigation and 25 lie detector tests were administered.

As the decades passed, Pratt's homicide investigation went cold. Then in the 1980s, DNA technology in forensic science and criminal investigations began rapidly advancing.

In 2012, the sheriff's office reopened the Pratt cold case investigation and began submitting DNA evidence for testing, first to the state Crime Laboratories and then to a private forensics lab in Utah.

Initial DNA testing was inconclusive. Matz said the company recontacted the sheriff's office and were able to identify the suspect "and it was one of the individuals that had been looked at" and that investigators had talked to on a couple of occasions.

Convicted murderer Terry Caspersen of Wausau was among those questioned in connection to Pratt's murder.

Caspersen, who was 21, was a patient at Winnebago State Hospital – now Winnebago Mental Health Institute – and was discharged four days before Pratt was murdered. Caspersen was readmitted nine days later, escaped the next day, was later found in Minnesota and returned to the hospital before being discharged in July 1963.

That December, 28-year-old Florence Kilsdonk was found stabbed to death in

her Black Creek home and her murder remains unsolved. A news article noted the Outagamie County Sheriff said at the time that he was satisfied that Caspersen was not connected to Kilsdonk's murder.

On May 11, 1964, Caspersen stabbed 18-year-old Eleanor Kaatz more than 50 times. The Wausau girl initially survived but later died of her injuries.

An article published a few days after the stabbing notes that the Winnebago County sheriff spoke with Caspersen about the Pratt homicide shortly after he learned that Kaatz had died and he was arraigned for murder. The interview "produced little information" and Caspersen claimed to be in Wausau at the time Pratt was killed.

Caspersen confessed to killing Kaatz and served 17 years in prison before being released on parole in 1981. About seven months later, he was arrested after he kidnapped a 22-year-old Rhinelander woman, cut her throat and threatened to sexually assault and kill her.

Caspersen was considered Wisconsin's oldest inmate when he died in May 2023 at age 80 at the Dodge Correctional Institution where he was serving a life sentence.

Matz did not respond to an email message Tuesday requesting confirmation of whether Caspersen was ruled out as the source of DNA recovered from the Pratt crime scene.

Matz previously said that the delay in releasing information on the suspect is because he's deceased and cannot be criminally charged and there is a presumption of innocence. The sheriff's office is working to notify the families of those involved and more information is expected to be released in the coming week.

Calendar of events

Friday, July 12

Divas & Jazz, 7 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive, Fox Crossing

Saturday, July 13

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

Filthy Fun Kids Run, 8:30 a.m., O'Hausser Park, Fox Crossing

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

Live Music Series: The Rings Band, 5 p.m., Batley's Grill & Bar, 1010 Cameron Way

Tuesday, July 16

Neenah Community Band Concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park pavilion

Wednesday, July 17

Evening Concert Series: Rising Phoenix, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Thursday, July 18

Out to Lunch Concert Series: Hailey James "Swiftie" concert, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Riverside Players: "Lend Me a Soprano," 7:30 p.m., Riverside Park pavilion

Zephyr Community Theater's "Beauty and the Beast," 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Live Music Series: Tim Dorsey, 5 p.m., Batley's Grill & Bar, 1010 Cameron Way

Small House Quartet, 5:30 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive, Fox Crossing

Friday, July 19

Riverside Players: "Lend Me a Soprano," 7:30 p.m., Riverside Park pavilion

Zephyr Community Theater's "Beauty and the Beast," 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Saturday, July 20

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

Beach Crawl, noon, downtown Neenah

Volunteer Fox Cities and Celebrate Diversity Fox Cities You Belong Block Party, 11 a.m., Smith Park on Doty Island, Menasha

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Boys & Girls Club targets completion next summer

Neenah News

Groundbreaking on a Boys & Girls Club in Neenah is planned for September as a capital campaign is underway to raise the more than \$13 million needed to open its doors to youth in the community.

The project adjacent to the Neenah Police Department on Marathon and Byrd avenues was approved by the Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley earlier this year with site selection completed in April.

Tim and John Bergstrom, who agreed to lead the campaign and support fundraising efforts, said the site selection was based on economic and demographic data, showing where the largest target audience of children are with easy access for families.

“About 2,000 children fit the profile for being served by a Neenah club,” Tim Bergstrom said in an email. “We are using the success of the Menasha Club model for funding and the successful outcomes to show the benefits that can and will come to these children and families in Neenah.”

Building completion is set for next Fourth of July, after which there will be two months of training, tours and club exposure to the community before official programs are launched with the start of the 2025 school year.

Tim Bergstrom said the fundraising campaign launched in May and is on plan to reach 80% of its goal by August.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley purchased the 3.5 acres from Park Place Holdings for \$967,000 in May, according to Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer records. The acreage was part of the parcel holding



Submitted rendering

A digital drawing shows the proposed design of a new Boys & Girls Club in Neenah set to be completed next year.

a former Kimberly-Clark office building that is undergoing a transformation into senior apartments.

The organization serves youth ages 6-18, offering after-school programs, education, academics, health and wellness, no-cost feeding kits, behavioral and mental health support, sports, fitness, recreation, workforce readiness, and visual and performing arts.

While Menasha, Appleton and Oshkosh have Boys & Girls clubs, Neenah does not. Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley chief executive Greg Lemke-Rochon said the

Bergstroms’ partnership and support of the Boys & Girls Club dates to the late 1990s when John chaired the campaign that allowed the organization to buy and renovate the property for the Appleton facility.

Bergstrom was also instrumental in bringing a Boys & Girls Club to Menasha in 2015 and supported its expansion in 2020.

“John’s community leadership is something that we’ve really benefited from and the kids we serve have benefited from,” Lemke-Rochon said. “He’s involved in a

lot of things that benefit the community, he cares deeply, he’s extremely generous to all kinds of organizations throughout the Fox Cities and we’re just fortunate to be on that list.”

John Bergstrom said his family appreciates the work of the Boys & Girls Club.

“They provide mentors, they provide a safe place for kids to go after school with positive, caring people around them,” he said, “and we’ve seen the tremendous success they’ve had in other cities and we think it will be very helpful here in Neenah as well.”

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Photo from Badger State Girl Choir

The Badger State Girl Choir is holding general auditions this summer ahead of the new school year.

Girl choir draws from wide region

The Badger State Girl Choir will be conducting general auditions this month and again in August just before the start of school.

For the past two decades, Badger State Girl Choir singers have brought their own brand of music to the lower Fox Valley with some 1,500 singers participating since its founding in 2006. Girls from second grade through high school make up the 130-plus singers in the program.

The choir welcomes new singers throughout the year, but traditionally most girls join in the summer months as parents consider what they would like their children to experience and learn during the school year.

In 2022, the organization introduced

an adult women's choir that has brought a new choral experience to performers and listeners. In addition to rehearsals, the singers also enjoy weekly music literacy classes, private voice lesson opportunities, and even public recitals.

Artistic director Kevin Meidl said the choir has a wide regional draw from as far east as Brillion and Reedsville, and as far west as Wild Rose and Waupaca, representing some 45 schools. The choirs perform with local symphonies and adult choirs from across the state, and also tour nationally and internationally.

More information about the choir and scheduling auditions can be found at badgerstategirlchoir.org or calling 920-729-4753.

'Beauty and the Beast' staged by Zephyr Community Theater

Neenah News

Zephyr Community Theater is presenting the musical "Beauty and the Beast" for four performances July 18-21 at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center at St. Mary Catholic School, as well as a junior version of the production.

Directed by Amanda Petersen, who has also led Riverside Players productions, said she hopes audiences will be inspired by the resilience and redemption of the characters, along with the hard work and collaboration of the actors, technicians, musicians and production staff.

"At its core, 'Beauty and the Beast' is about seeing beyond appearances to the true heart of a person," Petersen said in an email. "In a world often fixated on the surface, this reminds us that real beauty lies within. Our actions and choices define who we are, not our outward appearances."

"May this story remind us all that no matter our past actions, we can choose to tap into our hearts and embrace each other as a community."

"Beauty and the Beast" is a Disney romantic fantasy based on a 1756 fairy tale by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont. The show is being revived for Broadway in 2025 for its 30th anniversary on that stage.

Performances are set for 7 p.m. July 18-20 and at 2 p.m. July 21, with plans for a sing-a-long version on July 20. The junior version directed by St. Mary Catholic alumna Ellie DeWitt will run at 6 p.m. July 26 and 27, and at 2 p.m. July 28.

The principal cast includes Belle: Emily Jo Johns, Gaston: Blake Larson, Le-fou: Wes Beyer, Maurice: Dan McGinn, Monsieur D'Arque: John Eslinger, the Beast: Kyle S. Brauer, Cogsworth: Nicholas George, Lumiere: Noah Matthew, Babette: Katana Talen Goss, Madame De La Grande Bouche: Jodi McGinn, Mrs. Potts: Larissa Olsen, and Chip: Nate McGinn.

Johns, in the lead role of Belle, said local theater shows the diversity that comes with each cast member.

"Theater for some can be a hobby, others a career, for some theater is simply stepping out on a limb to push their creative limits as a human," she said. "It's all so incredibly magical, mirroring the concept of 'Beauty and the Beast' itself."

Brauer as the Beast praised the community members making up the overall cast.

"This show is truly the definition of community theater – a group of individuals coming together to tell a tale as old as time and impacting themselves and the community in the process," he said.

Local college graduates

These Neenah residents recently received college degrees from various universities:

At the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's May 11 commencement:

Leah Herbeck graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in legal studies.

Fiona Karle graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Kaitlyn Larson graduated magna cum

laude with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Lexi Novak graduated with a bachelor's degree in English literature and language arts education.

Andrew Smith graduated with a master's degree in business administration.

At the University of Iowa, Kyra Eckes was awarded a bachelor of science degree with a major in health promotion; and Karianna Holte earned a master's in health administration.

At Carthage College in Kenosha, Donovan Campbell earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing; and Grace Hill earned a bachelor of arts in Chinese;

Josie Denzin received a bachelor of arts degree from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota during its May commencement.

At St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn., Kara Cowell graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences, and Kara Cowell earned a certificate in feminist leadership.

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FoodShare participation remains above pre-pandemic levels

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More people rely on food assistance than did before the pandemic, according to a new report from the Wisconsin Policy Forum.

According to the report, more than 700,000 people were participating in FoodShare in March, a 16% increase from pre-pandemic levels.

"There is a lot of reason to believe that this elevated count may in fact, be the new normal," said Mark Sommerhauser, a researcher at the policy forum.

FoodShare is the state program that distributes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, the federal food assistance program formerly referred to as food stamps.

As of March, Sheboygan, Milwaukee and Shawano counties had the highest FoodShare participation rates in Wisconsin. Thirty percent of Sheboygan County residents and 26% of Milwaukee and Shawano County residents were enrolled, according to the report. Five tribal nations had participation rates of 25% or more.

Enrollment increased during the pandemic and peaked in May 2021. The report said high unemployment rates early in the pandemic may have led people who would have previously qualified for the benefit to apply for it for the first time.

At the same time, awareness of the program grew and stigma surrounding the use of this public welfare program may have lessened. Allen Castillo, FoodShare Advocacy Program manager at the Hunger Task Force, said people saw family and friends enroll.

"That certainly helped encourage people to get access to SNAP and to FoodShare

Share here, when they may not have seen it as something that they would have wanted to do in the past," Castillo said.

During this time FoodShare eligibility temporarily expanded and benefit payments increased. Although the pandemic exemptions have ended, a work requirement exemption still applies to the cities of Milwaukee and Racine as well as certain counties, tribal lands and reservations.

The report said higher enrollment levels are lingering as the cost of living and food prices remain high. The federal government ended extra FoodShare benefits last year and as other federal pandemic aid programs expired, many Wisconsin households struggled to make ends meet.

"The pandemic still has a lasting impact on low-income families throughout Wisconsin," Castillo said.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, consumer prices rose 21% from March 2020 to March 2024. From 2020 to 2023, the cost of groceries rose by 24%.

"Ultimately families are ... having to make hard financial decisions on some of their basic needs like housing, energy assistance, food," Castillo said.

The report found FoodShare benefit payments in Wisconsin fell from their peak amount in 2022 but still remain higher than pre-pandemic levels, both because of the permanent benefit increases and the increased number of recipients.

The average benefit per recipient in March 2020 was \$106, and by March 2024 had grown to \$161.

Still, almost a third of households that receive SNAP benefits reported still not having enough to eat.

People are turning to other programs for help, like food pantries. One year after the federal pandemic payments ended in February 2023, food pantry use in the Greater Milwaukee area was up by 64 percent, according to the Hunger Task Force.

This is placing stress on pantries. Some food pantry organizers report spending more money on food than ever before. A

coalition of 36 Dane County food pantries released a letter to the community on Tuesday, highlighting the need for short and long-term solutions.

"If we're at a time when ... unemployment is extremely low, and we still have one in 10 adults that are experiencing food insecurity," Sommerhauser said. "That means that we still have a lot of work to do in this area."



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Rolling out the barrel

A polka band at Riverside Park in Neenah belted out dance music to an enthusiastic Fourth of July crowd at Riverside Park.





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Nolan Weyenberg	Sam Kane	Skyler Van Buren	Jazlynn Hanson
Parker Zipperer	Dalaena Khang	Lillian Vande Corput	Collin Hasenfus
	Lillian Kimball	Madalyn Vandenberg	Lincoln Hechimovich
	Rebecca Konkle	Emmalee Verbrick	Eyon Hermesen
	Caitlyn Kufahl	Grayson Vollmer	Collin Herrick
	Madison Maes	Riley Weinholzer	Isaac Hoelzel
	Aidan Magadanz	Serena Whitby	Peyton Hoffman
	Spencer Malliet	Lauryn Williams	Jackson Holzheu
	Isabelle Martin	Ava Yoblonski	Luke Johnson
	Margaret McMahan		Annalise Jones
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	Emerson Miller		Brook Konrad
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	Isabella Murray		Brady Lawatsch
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	Nora Pfister		Haylie Lynch
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	Daisy Pupp		Charles Moss
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	Leonard Coulman		Brendan Dallmann
	Zayne Schmitt		Lincoln Derks
	Alexander Schuchart		Hayden Dietz
	Andrew Schumacher		Gaven Eaton
	Natalie Smith		Owain Elliott
	Emily Snider		

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Jordan Stevens	Gianna Jenrette
Micah Stolen	Jacob Jungwirth
Evelin Tamayo	Colton Kreger
Suriya Thao	Malikye Krissoff
Khiara Trewartha-DeSantos	Ashton Krutz
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Jaden Vondracek	Adilyn Larson
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David Carrillo Trueba	Jackson Rindt
Matthias Charles	Isabella Sack
Kamryn Christensen	Zara Schuhmacher
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Bailey Hahn	Jayden Woodard
Connor Hawkins	Spencer Wozniak
Ethan Hellengreen	Karissa Xiong
Chi Ho	Yingva Xiong
Michael Huguet	Layna Yost

SENIORS	Hunter Schreiber
Highest honors (4.0)	Johnathon Schultz
Sienna Anderson	George Staner
Kate Mislinski	Noah Valentine
	Alexander Walsh
Highest honors	Honors
Ian Albino-Gonzalez	Erin Bahn
Elena Altfillisch	Arianna Baker
Mackenzie Barmash-Turner	Aidan Birling
Nathan Bekkers	Charles Cedergren
Grant Bergstrom	Paige Danen
Braeden Brenn	Jonah DeWitt
Kassadi Calmes	Grace Dominowski
Alex Campbell	William Frink
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Alexander Groppel	Ethon Moschea
Haley Gustafson	Colin Nigl
Mackenzie Jaeckels	Nathaniel Pable
Norah Lee	Isaiah Plutz
Olivia Noel	Ashton Post
Ray Pingel	Nevaeh Saringer
Gwyneth Rabitoy	Ethan Tines
Rhiannon Reichenbacher	Garrett Weninger
Benjamin Schoeni	
Highest honors	
Noah Decker	
Daniel DuVernay	
Theodore Higgins	
Evelyn McKenna	
Isidro Muniz	
Audrey Norville	

St. Mary Catholic High School

St. Mary Catholic High School announced its second-semester honor roll. Highest honors went to students with a grade point average of 3.75-3.99 with GPAs of 4.0 listed separately; high honors for a GPA of 3.5-3.74; honors for a GPA of 3.0-3.49.

Emily Vogel	Honors	Vivian Koski	Isabella Jankowski
Brityn Voss	Kieran Barrientos	Olivia Nagel	Jesus Leon-Vera
Highest honors	Harrison Bergstrom	Mia Pable	Kristina McNulty
Nicholas Anderson	Jack Clark		Nicholas Miller
Claire Benz	Preston Fields	Highest honors	Redvers Muggleton
Grant Brazzale	Samuel Finch	Zachary Beyer	Carter Nicholson
Alice Cole	Maria Marti	Wyatt Birling	Maxwell Osgood
Jakob Duquaine	Rylee McClone	Norah Boehm	Sean Osland
Carson Emenecker	Anna DeWitt	Madeleine Breen	Elliot Reichenbacher
Daniel Harness	Geneva Miller	Isaiah Hennessy	Bethany Ruppert
Amelia Herzog	Madeline Mittelstaedt	Ava Hoger	Margo Scanlan
John Osland	Myles Norville	Maria Johnson	Kaylee Sommerfeld
Alex Rice	Sean Ortscheid	McKenna Lau	Joanne Walsh
Ana Sophia Roub	Joseph Pirillo	Meagan McCune	Audrey Weber
Nathaniel Seiske	Dawson Radosevich	Mary McCurdy	Honors
Audrey Wanless	Lauren Ripley	Breelyn Pauly	Alex Berzowski
	Christian Vindhurst	Adel Schneider	Jesua Cardenas
Highest honors		Samantha Weiss	Jacob Hall
Wesley Auth	Sophomores	Madeline Weninger	Owen Hansen
Jeremiah Berken	Highest honors (4.0)	David Young	Kaden Mielke
Gabrielle Callan	Ethan Auer		Mia O'Toole
Addison Moder	Erin Blaney	Highest honors	John Pirillo
Kate Nackers	Isabella Dupont	Sean Brennan	Madison Radosevich
Zachary Trudeau	Ana Emenecker	Samantha Danen	Brennan Rollo
Stella Virlee	Ethan Gustafson	Maddox Dwyer	

Teresa Rutchik	High honors
Thomas Siems	Isabelle Callan
Isabella Strande	Brayan De Arriba Hidalgo
Mason Uhlenbrauck	Emily De Young
Mason Wagner	Brady Detterman
	Ainslie Liddy
	Molly Murphy
	Gavin Post
	Jacob Post
	Moorea Steckling
	Dominic Todd
	Miles Treep
	Maxwell Vosters
	Kiersten Wautlet
	Honors
	Aaron Bekkers
	Elijah Boehm
	Jacob Brigham
	Henry Cedergren
	Thomas Couchene
	Jacob Ernsting
	Johnpaul Foord
	Zachary Gaab
	Marissa Hahn
	Caruso Hasz
	Grace Londre
	Mariana Lopez Lopez
	Dominic Meyer
	Lucy Norville
	Alexei Quinonez
	Amelia Virlee

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The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and Neenah Joint School District recognize and celebrate the students who made the Spring 2024 Honor Roll.

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Fox Valley Technical College graduates


Fox Valley Technical College announced its spring 2024 graduates. Among those from Neenah were:

- Megan Aschenbrenner, Forensic Science
- Madeson Benson, Substance Use Disorder Counseling
- Jaelyn Biro, Legal Studies/Paralegal
- Amanda Carman, Medical Coding Specialist
- Adam Clark, IT - Help Desk Support Specialist
- Danielle Cox, Legal Studies/Paralegal
- Emma Delikowski, Criminal Justice Studies
- Nickolas Duley, Airframe & Powerplant Mechanics
- Madison Frink, Baking and Pastry Man-

- agement
- Catherine Fuerstenberg, Forensic Science
- Brianne Getlinger, Health Information Technology
- Kristin Glennon, Accounting
- JBG Joseph Glick, Banking & Financial Services
- Jennifer Goggins, Baking and Pastry Management
- Isabella Gruber, Criminal Justice Studies
- Joseph Gruening, Mechanical Design Technology
- Dylan Hase, Auto Collision Repair and Refinishing Technician
- McKenna Henning, Surgical Technology
- Valerie Hietpas, Human Resources

- Dylan Kelley, Marketing
- Mercedes Kuse, Practical Nursing
- John Laurent, Neurodiagnostic Technologist
- Eric Lee, Accounting
- James Leeman, Electro-Mechanical Technology
- Caleb Letson, Automated Manufacturing Systems Technology
- Caleb Letson, Electro-Mechanical Technology
- Payton Manecke, Interior Design
- Nicholas Manteufel, IT - Information Systems Security Specialist
- James Martin, Manufacturing Engineering Technology
- Bryce Mau, Mechanical CAD Drafting
- Asher Mazur, Mechanical Design Technology
- Bailey Morin, Business Management
- Jennifer Murphy, Medical Laboratory Technician
- Tyler Neumann, IT - Web Development and Design Specialist
- Alyson Noak, Quality Technician
- Tyler Patten, Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement 720 Academy
- Charity Pester, Criminal Justice Studies
- Alyssandra Pivonka, Management Development (Leadership Development)
- Jamie Prink, Automotive Technology
- Madelyn Pritzl, Wildland Fire Crew
- Madelyn Pritzl, Wildland Firefighter
- Azziza Proctor, Nursing - Associate De-

- gree
- Damien Rader, IT - Cybersecurity Specialist
- Arabella Rappel, Accounting
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NEENAH COMMUNITY BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR CAMPAIGN 2024

We need your help to provide backpacks, school supplies and school appropriate clothing for the coming school year.

NMES members collaborate with both the Neenah and Menasha school districts to reach out to children in need. Children are identified by schools, social service agencies and other sources.

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K-C scholarships awarded to 47 students in U.S.

Kimberly-Clark recently announced it awarded Bright Futures college scholarships to 47 children of Kimberly-Clark employees across North America, including 18 whose parent works in Neen-

ah. The high school seniors were selected based on academic achievement, leadership, work experience and extracurricular activities.

Now in its 32nd year, Bright Futures provides scholarship grants worth up to \$20,000, or \$5,000 per school year, for full-time students attending accredited colleges and universities. The average GPA for this year's scholarship class is 3.97.

Those from the area earning the scholarships are McKenna Andrews, Brooklyn Blob, Dylan Camps, Allison Denzin, Grace Dollevoet, Gabe Hansen, Mikayla Koenig, Owen Korb, Anna Lindsay, Charley Mullen, Madison Olszewski, Abby Pieper, Mercy Tower, Emilia Waite, Alex Walsh, Myah Wenzel, Eric Wolf and Sean Zeier.

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Business news roundup

Galloway Co., a leading national supplier of cream liqueur bases, sweetened condensed milk and ice cream bases, has appointed **Troy Youngbauer** as chief operations officer. Youngbauer will oversee the supply chain, operational management, operational engineering and system enhancements. He has been the company's senior director of operations for the past seven years. Youngbauer has held executive positions at Kimberly-Clark Corp., where he spent 20 years in operations and supply chain leadership



Youngbauer

Area's jobless rate for May was 2.8%

Neenah News

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County saw a slight increase in its unemployment rate from 2.6% percent to 2.8% percent between April and May, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Last May's jobless rate in Oshkosh-Neenah and the county was 2.5%.

The preliminary non-seasonally adjusted data shows jobless rates in Metropolitan Statistical Areas increased or stayed the same in nine metro areas over the month; rates increased in 11 areas over the year.

Unemployment rates increased or stayed the same in 30 cities over the month; rates increased or stayed the same in 29 cities over the past year.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Hospital system recognized for financial practices

ThedaCare has been recognized for meeting industry-standard revenue cycle benchmarks and implementing patient-centered recommendations and best practices by the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA).

As a recipient of the 2024 MAP Awards for High Performance in Revenue Cycle in partnership with Ensemble Health Partners, ThedaCare was cited for its initiatives and achieving outstanding patient satisfaction. This is the fourth year in a row ThedaCare has received a MAP Award for High Performance in Revenue Cycle Winner.

"This recognition from HFMA closely aligns with ThedaCare's mission to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve, empowering individuals to live their unique, best lives," said Will Flett, ThedaCare chief financial officer. "Our system is dedicated to protecting and providing access to comprehensive care and improving patient experience through responsible financial performance."

HFMA's MAP initiative sets the standard for revenue cycle excellence in the health care industry by measuring revenue cycle performance.

"Through recognitions such as the MAP Awards for High Performance in Revenue Cycle, it allows our system to monitor progress, growth and opportunities to continue meeting the needs of our communities," said Flett.

The award was formally presented to ThedaCare on June 24.

roles. He has a bachelor's degree from Ripon College and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Froedtert ThedaCare Health announced that **Dr. Imran Andrabi** has transitioned into the newly created role of president and chief executive officer as Cathy Jacobson retires as chief executive of the organization. Since launching the combined organization in January, Andrabi has served as president of Froedtert ThedaCare Health, overseeing its vision, goals and strategic direction. Andrabi served as ThedaCare's president and CEO since 2017.

Plexus Corp. released its fiscal 2023 Sustainability Report that highlights the progress and impact of its sustainable and responsible business practices, which included joining the UN Global Compact to implement change through alignment to the UN's sustainable development goals. The company also noted other highlights of the report, including an ongoing assessment of products on global emissions and making them more environmentally sus-

tainable; achieving an 8.4% energy intensity reduction across manufacturing sites; launching two new employee resource groups focused on serving the needs of veterans and members of the LGBTQIA+ community; and donating more than \$1 million globally through the Plexus Community Foundation.

Jason Ebert has been chosen as the Neenah Joint School District director of facilities pending Board of Education approval. Ebert has been director of facilities at Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wis., for the past four years after previously overseeing fleet and facilities for Go Rite-way Transportation Group from 2010-2020. He has a degree in accounting from UW Oshkosh. Ebert replaces Cale Pulczynski, who recently accepted an administrative position with the Green Bay Area School District.



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County funding

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voted against accepting two disbursements of a grant totaling \$33 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Despite opposition, the final votes allowed the county board to accept the funds, which are now being used to improve infrastructure and fund social welfare programs countywide.

More recently, it took the county board about 10 months to accept an \$80,000 grant awarded to the Winnebago County Health Department to fund harm reduction vending machines in Neenah and Oshkosh stocked with the overdose-reversing medication Narcan.

Initially, the board voted against accepting the grant, with some supervisors vocal in their belief that Narcan encourages drug use – a myth that Health Director Doug Gieryn dispelled. The resolution to accept the money was brought back to the board for a second vote in March and passed by a narrow margin of 24-7.

At the county board meeting last month, a total of \$141,200 in grant funds were available to the Health Department to provide free or low-cost vaccines to children, adolescents and adults who are uninsured or underinsured, particularly in medically underserved and marginalized communities.

Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke, who was newly elected in April, implied that political agendas may be overshadowing the needs of constituents and questioned

why grants for some departments pass with little debate, while grants for the Health Department are challenged.

“I think grant funding is more scrutinized when the beneficiary is the public Health Department than other groups that have sought and easily and readily received grant funding,” she said, citing the Winnebago Sheriff’s Office, which was approved for \$180,000 in grants in May to fund jail inmate drug treatment programs.

The June 18 vote on whether to accept grant funds for the Health Department sparked an hourlong debate, with opposition driven by broader beliefs opposing vaccines and government mandates.

Supervisor Conley Hanson introduced a motion to postpone voting on accepting the grant funds, citing ongoing lawsuits and a World Council for Health statement recommending a “common sense approach” to vaccinations.

“I do believe that it is advisable to pause – I’m not saying reject, to pause – and see how this starts playing out so that any monies or messaging reflects any new case law, emerging medical and scientific opinions,” he said.

Hancock-Cooke, who retired from Kimberly-Clark in 2018 as a senior research scientist, told Neenah News that the World Council for Health should not be confused with the World Health Organization, the former being a deceptively named organization that spreads misinformation to discourage COVID-19 vaccination.

An Oshkosh Media video recording of the county board meeting was subsequently flagged by YouTube as contain-

ing topics prone to misinformation and includes a link to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web page with information on the COVID-19 vaccine.

Gieryn said one of the grants amounting to \$40,000 had a competitive application process and postponing acceptance could cause the county to lose the money.

“The intent of these funds is to address routine immunizations, so this is not related to COVID vaccinations,” he said.

Upon questioning, Gieryn conceded that if a new COVID-19 vaccine is developed, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services could consider it a routine vaccination in the future.

Supervisor Karen Powers discouraged her colleagues from targeting certain vaccines that could one day be considered routine.

“You know, we could have a man on the moon vaccine but we don’t want to discard measles, mumps, rubella, and diphtheria, and pertussis, and all those shots that our babies need, and vote against postponing,” she said.

Supervisor Morris Cox called the grant “free money,” which prompted Supervisor Tim O’Brien to respond, “There is no free money; I mean, the road to big government is paved with free money.”

The supervisors voted against postponing the vote on accepting the grant funds, after which supervisor Don Nussbaum, without providing evidence, said the Health Department previously went to Oakwood Elementary and injected experimental vaccine “death jabs” into children that turned out to be harmful.

“In August 2019 the Board of Health was up here trying to talk us into agreeing to mandatory vaccines, they wanted to take away parents’ rights to be able to not vaccinate their children,” he said.

Gieryn said the grant funds will deal with declining vaccination rates that will lead to more disease and asked for the supervisors’ support for the health of the community.

“These are routine immunizations that have been proven safe over decades of use and they’re voluntary,” he said.

He later repeated that all vaccinations are voluntary and no one is forced to take a vaccination.

Supervisor Rachael Dowling said she’s voting against the grants based on her own personal religious convictions, noting that she gives her children “alternative brands” of vaccines that aren’t offered through the grant program.

Supervisors who supported the grants argued for acceptance, emphasizing the benefits to public health and county residents who may otherwise be unable to access vaccinations.

Supervisor Tim Paterson said that he doesn’t feel it’s government’s role to order people to take vaccines, “but I also think that it’s incorrect to deny them of people, as well, and I will be voting for this because I think some of these people that are pro-vaccine should have the opportunity to have it.”

The two resolutions to accept the grant funds narrowly passed with votes of 24-10 with two abstentions and 24-11 with one abstention.

Safety barriers

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required several trailers, manual haulers, field tow bars, cables, training, shipping and a storage shed that will be built to keep them in.

In total, the entire expenditure came in at around \$545,000; with \$300,000 from Winnebago County’s Spirit Fund (ARPA dollars), and the remainder funded

through the city’s Capital Improvement Plan.

Bernice acknowledged police received criticism from some members of the community over the expense, “but it’s one of those things where it’s money over people’s lives, and it’s scary sometimes,” he said.

There have been no safety incidents at events since the city began using the barriers.

“I would rate the success by this,” he

said. “If a vehicle did hit them, that means there was a potential threat to lives at an event.”

The barriers are mobile and can be deployed and disassembled without the use of heavy machinery. Emergency procedures such as ambulances or evacuation are not affected by the barriers, which can be moved and replaced.

“The police department spent approximately three years in research, demonstrations and proposing a need to obtain these barriers to officials,” Bernice said. “We looked at various systems, from concrete barriers to other anti-vehicle devices, and we found the Meridian products to be the best fit for our needs.”

The cities of Oshkosh, Appleton and several Green Bay-area communities have recently or are in the process of purchasing similar barriers.

Videos on the Meridian website show the barriers quickly stopping a car, van and commercial flatbed truck.

Bernice said training was provided to a group of city staff members by a Meridian instructor, and those staff mem-

bers have been training other employees on the deployment and recovery of the system, with plans for additional training to enhance planning and deployment phases.

“One of our main objectives for our special events is the safety and security of all patrons, participants and staffing by mitigating threats and protecting individual’s constitutional rights,” he said. “We want to help the event organizers promote the overall mission of the venue and present the city of Neenah in a positive image, ensuring that everyone has an enjoyable experience.”

Bernice thanked the Neenah Common Council and Winnebago County Board of Supervisors “for approving this additional layer of defense for our citizens.”

The same barriers are credited with averting tragedy at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., early this year when a woman tried to drive into the crowd. Media reports indicate the woman rammed into one of the barriers and was stopped immediately.

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Undercover case leads to drug charges

Neenah News

Law enforcement recently arrested a former Appleton man accused of trafficking fentanyl and making drug deals in the parking lot of an apartment complex in Fox Crossing.

Melvin Clark Jr., 26, who now lists his address in South Holland, Ill., was taken into custody during a traffic stop by the Neenah Police Department on Reddin Avenue March 10 after an undercover investigation by the Lake Winnebago Area MEG (metropolitan enforcement group) Drug Unit.

Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid that even in small amounts can cause a fatal overdose. A rising number of fentanyl overdoses both locally and nationwide have intensified law enforcement agencies' efforts to intercept its illicit sale and use.

The MEG Unit began working with a confidential informant in February to conduct controlled buys from Clark. A controlled buy refers to a cooperating informant working undercover with law enforcement to purchase illegal controlled substances. Typically the informant is a

person previously arrested on drug charges.

According to the criminal complaint, the informant worked with police to conduct four controlled buys from Clark in February and March for a total of 500 fentanyl pills. The purchases were made in the parking lot of an apartment complex where Clark lived on Southwood Drive.

Clark was arrested nine days after the most recent sale to the undercover informant. Found with him during the arrest were 17 grams of suspected fentanyl, seven grams of suspected cocaine and a small amount of marijuana.

Clark faces six felonies, including two counts of manufacture/deliver fentanyl 10 grams or less, two counts of manufacture/deliver fentanyl 10-50 grams, one count of possession with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver 10-50 grams of fentanyl and one count of possession with intent to deliver 5-15 grams of cocaine.

During an arraignment hearing in April, Clark pleaded not guilty and is free on a \$3,000 cash bond. He's due back in court Sept. 16 for a plea and sentencing hearing.

Oak Hill Cemetery walk portrays early residents

Neenah News

The Neenah Historical Society's annual Cemetery Walk set from 6:30 to 8 p.m. July 25 at Oak Hill Cemetery will focus on the stories of four people directly impacted by the marriage of Isabel Bacon and Charles R. Smith, America's wealthiest widower in the late 19th century.

Isabel Johnson, Orrin Johnson, Ronald

Rogers and Sylvia Shepard will be portrayed by costumed actors in the newly renovated chapel at Oak Hill.

Smith merged his own broom handle business into his father Elisha D. Smith's existing Menasha Wooden Ware Co. that later became Menasha Corporation.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 for a carload.

Register of deeds candidates in LWV forum

Republican candidates for Winnebago County register of deeds will participate in an Oshkosh Media forum from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday ahead of the Aug. 13 primary election.

Candidates Paul Esslinger, a member of the Oshkosh Common Council, and Susan Snyder, Black Wolf's town clerk, will respond to questions from the audience that are reviewed and addressed to both candidates.

The winner of the primary will face Christopher Larson, a Democrat and current chief deputy in the register of deeds office.

The forum will be simulcast on oshkoshmedia.org and recorded for later viewing on that website or Oshkosh Media's YouTube channel. It is hosted by the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County, the LWV of Wisconsin and Oshkosh Media.



Bergstrom-Mahler Museum photo

The Glass Arts Festival is set for Aug. 10 at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass.

Glass Arts Festival presented at museum

Neenah News

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass presents its third annual Glass Arts Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 10 on the grounds and inside the museum at 165 North Park Ave.

The admission-free, family-friendly event features glass art on display and available for sale from more than 40 artists.

Glass-blowing demonstrations will be offered, where molten glass temperatures top 2,000 degrees. Entertainment will include live music, activity tents for children to create their own art to bring home,

along with concessions from food trucks.

Festival juror for the art competition is Rebecca Jeanne Engelhardt, collections and exhibitions manager for the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, Wash., with more than 30 years of experience in museum settings. She oversees development and implementation of exhibitions and care and management of the Museum of Glass' permanent collection.

Festival volunteers, who will receive drink vouchers, a T-shirt and a golden ticket for Art Activity Day, are being sought and can sign up at signup.com/go/qQLsbbd.

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Resources available to help Medicaid recipient renewals

By Addie Costello
WISCONSIN WATCH

Wisconsin's June 2023 restart of annual eligibility checks for Medicaid after a three-year pause has eliminated coverage for more than 360,000 residents, as WPR and Wisconsin Watch reported this month. Some of those disenrolled had struggled to fill out recertification paperwork, and others have faced difficulties in finding alternative insurance plans.

Many who lose Medicaid coverage have turned to the federal Health Insurance Marketplace, where low-income households can qualify for subsidies.

But an increasing number of households are enrolling in plans they don't need and can't afford, advocates say.

Here's what to know about renewing Medicaid coverage, finding alternative plans if need be and avoiding insurance scams.

What is Medicaid?

Medicaid provides health insurance to low-income households. In Wisconsin that includes programs like BadgerCare Plus, which serves children, pregnant people and non-disabled adults. It also pays for long-term care programs for people with disabilities and seniors.

Why have so many people lost coverage in the past year?

The federal government requires states

each year to verify Medicaid recipients' eligibility, but it paused the mandate early in the pandemic to help people maintain coverage. Verification resumed a year ago in Wisconsin — a process called unwinding.

About 30% of those up for renewal over the past year were disenrolled.

I lost Medicaid. What should I do next?

Some people face disenrollment despite still qualifying for Medicaid. So before looking for new coverage, first check on whether you still qualify for Medicaid, said Adam VanSpankeren, navigator program manager for Covering Wisconsin, a University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension program that helps people enroll in publicly funded health care.

While about 37% of people booted from Medicaid during unwinding no longer met income or health requirements, most lost coverage due to procedural issues such as missing or incorrectly filled out paperwork. So getting a disenrollment letter in the mail doesn't necessarily mean you're ineligible.

That's especially true for children who qualify for Medicaid under a much higher income threshold than adults.

And if you confirm you no longer qualify for Medicaid? Explore other coverage options as soon as possible, VanSpan-

keren said.

Employees have a limited window to immediately enroll in job-based coverage after losing benefits. Otherwise, they need to wait for their employer's next open enrollment period to begin.

Timelines for enrolling in a marketplace plan are more flexible. But if you're interested in those options, you should still act quickly to avoid a gap in your health coverage, VanSpankeren said.

Who can help me navigate coverage options?

Get in touch with Covering Wisconsin by calling 608-261-1455 or 414-400-9489 or by using this online tool to book an appointment.

Its health care navigators can help:

- Check the status of your Medicaid renewal.
- Help determine whether you still qualify for Medicaid benefits.
- Explore other coverage options, including on the federal marketplace.
- Offer assistance in several languages.

You can separately call 211 to get connected with local resources.

Should I be aware of anything else when searching for a replacement plan?

Insurance scams are spiking in Wisconsin, VanSpankeren said, "in a way

that is concerning navigators like never before."

With Medicaid unwinding causing confusion nationwide, fraudulent insurance brokers are increasingly trying to enroll people in private insurance plans they don't need, qualify for or even know about.

Here are VanSpankeren's tips for avoiding insurance scams:

- If you're talking on the phone with a broker, ask where the broker is located. If the person on the other line avoids answering or mentions another state, hang up and find someone else to work with.

- Look for website URLs that end with .gov, like Healthcare.gov, when researching online.

- If someone calls you, search for the person's information online. Trustworthy health care navigators should have easily identifiable contact information, including a phone number consumers can call back.

If you suspect you've enrolled in a scam insurance policy, call Covering Wisconsin or 211 and file a complaint with the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, VanSpankeren recommends.

Addie Costello is WPR's Mike Simonson Memorial Investigative Reporting Fellow embedded in the newsroom of Wisconsin Watch.



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Obituaries

Mark Dodd

Mark Dodd, age 61 of Oshkosh, died peacefully with his wife by his side on



Thursday July 4th, 2024. Mark was born on March 13th, 1963, in Monroe Wi. He was the son of Rex & Murial Dodd. Mark Married the love of his life Tammie Ruedinger on December 11th,

1981. He was blessed with a son, Travis Dodd (Carly Gauthier), daughter Cassie Hintzke (Adam Hintzke) and 3 beautiful grandchildren, Marcus Dodd, Addison Skoundrianos, and Piper Dodd.

In his younger years he was a long haired, motorcycle riding, smoking, beer drinking, tattoo covered badass. As he got older, he had some health issues that wouldn't allow a lot of the badassery, but you always knew it was still there. Mark was always able to make the most innocent comment sound dirty, but don't you dare mention anything about poop at the dinner table. He was an outdoor enthusiast and loved his time hunting with his brother-in-law Mike Eskau, and his many fishing trips with friends.

Mark was retired from the Neenah Foundry where he worked for 14 years.

Starting as Chip and Grind and later a forklift driver. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and hanging out with his friends, usually finding things to tinker with in the garage.

Surviving Mark are his siblings, Wanda Prescott (Chuck), Debbie Armstrong (Thor), Dawn Eskau (Mike), Laurie Aguilar (Tony) and Steve Dodd and his in-laws, Mother and father in law, Dan & Linda Ruedinger, sister in-laws Michelle Ruedinger & Patti Langkau (Wes) and brother in-law Dan Ruedinger. He is preceded in death by his parents, Rex and Murial Dood, and his brother Terry Dodd.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and everyone at Moments Hospice for all the care given to Mark. And also, a very special thank you to Mark's closest friends, Ralph Abbott, Bob Wirkus, Ramiro Cardoza, John Boyle & Adam Hintzke, who all gave him so much joy to be around, and he was honored to call them his brothers.

A celebration of life will be held on July 20th, 2024 at Rev's Bowl Bar & Grill on Washburn Ave, in Oshkosh from 4-8.



Early runs too much to overcome for Neenah Legion

Neenah News

Oshkosh's early runs were too much for the Neenah Legion Post 33 to overcome Tuesday night as they fell on the road, 8-2.

Oshkosh grabbed the early lead with three runs in the first inning, one in the second and two more in the third before taking a 7-0 lead after the fourth inning.

Neenah put runners on base in each of the first three innings but were unable to generate any scoring opportunities. The Legion was then retired in order in the fourth and fifth frames.

But in the sixth, Neenah finally got on the scoreboard.

Isaac Verbruggen drew a two-out walk off Oshkosh hurler Max Dorn before Owen Martin ripped a base hit - Neenah's first hit of the game. Adam Lorrig followed with a double to center field that plated both runners to trim Oshkosh's lead to 7-2.

Oshkosh would answer with a run in the bottom of the sixth and Neenah was retired in order in the seventh to end the game.

Blake Griesbach went the distance for Neenah, scattering eight hits while striking out one. Only four of the eight runs he allowed were earned.

Neenah started the week with a 6-1 loss on the road at De Pere on Monday.

Neenah scored its lone run in the fourth inning after De Pere jumped out to a 4-0 advantage.

Lorrig scored Neenah's run as De Pere committed three straight errors to allow the run. Lorrig, Ayden Bartz and Ryan Schnabl each reached base on the misplays, with Schnabl's at bat allowing the run to score.

Griesbach followed the three errors with a base hit but Bartz was thrown out at home plate trying to score. Hunter Hilgers then singled to load the bases but Neenah was unable to push any more runs across.

Six different players finished with one hit in the game as Will St. Clair, Brayden Wendt, Bartz and Schnabl joined Griesbach and Hilgers in registering the hits.

Lorrig was saddled with the loss for Neenah allowing four earned runs, while striking out one in four innings. Hilgers pitched the final three innings, surrendering just one hit, while striking out three.

Neenah is still searching for its second win of the season and will host Waupun at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The Legion then plays host to Bay Port on Monday before traveling to play Green Bay Southwest on Tuesday and the Appleton Doubledays on Wednesday.

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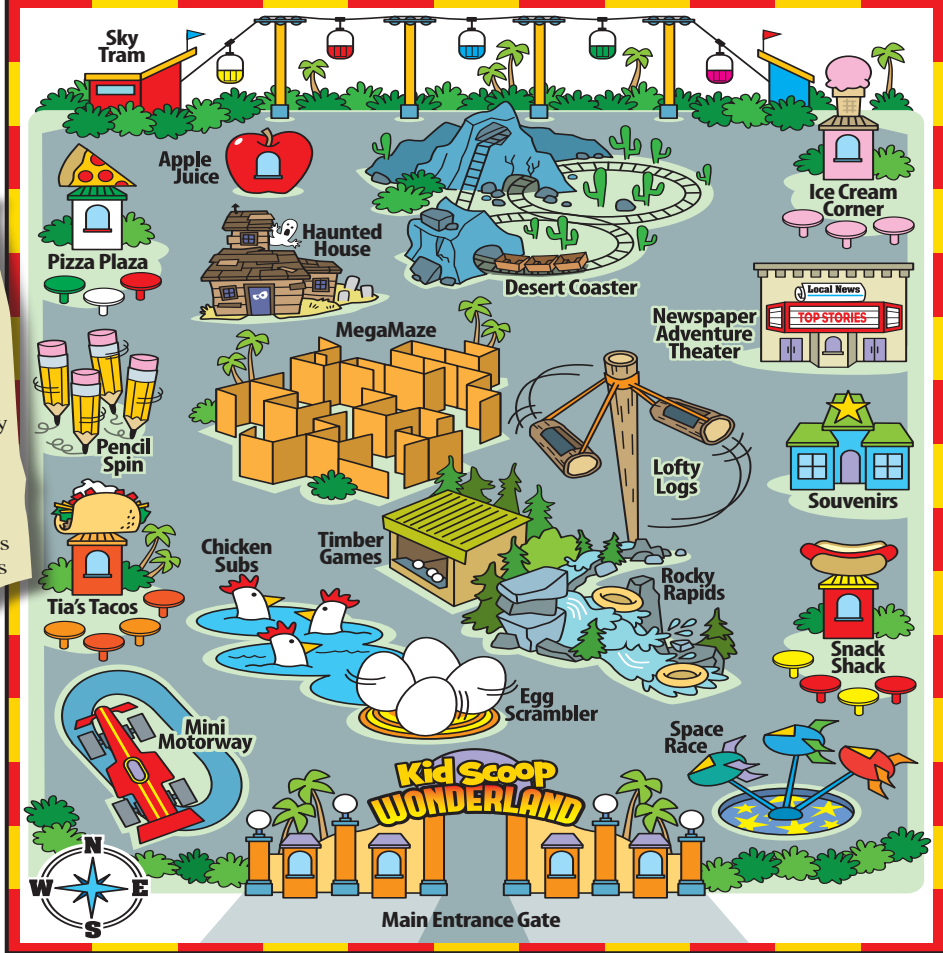
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Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

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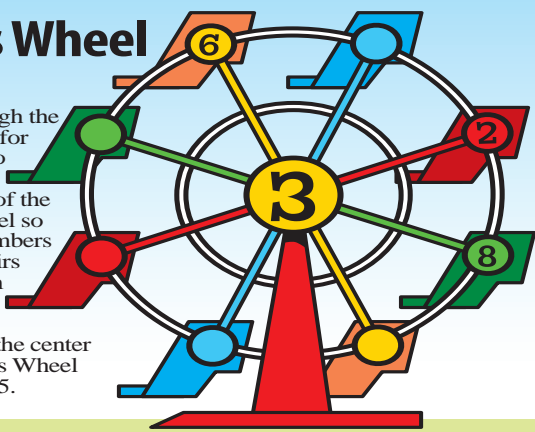
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