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County groups gaining project help

Post-pandemic federal funds coming through

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Months after the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved the allocation of millions in Spirit Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to municipalities and nonprofits, the distribution process is underway, with most recipients having received their disbursements.

At a meeting in June, County Executive Jon Doemel emphasized the need for signed grant contracts before the funds

could be disbursed, ensuring responsible fund utilization and allowing the county the opportunity to use projects that were financed by the Spirit Fund if needed.



Doemel

Some initial confusion surrounded the grant contracts, a new requirement that entities such as the Omro Community Center weren't required to follow before disbursement. Other concerns included that some entities were required to complete the funded projects and then

be reimbursed by the county.

In addition, director of administration Mike Collard, who retired earlier this year, said in 2022 that the purpose of designating the entirety of the county's \$33 million in ARPA dollars as lost revenue from the pandemic and transferring it to a newly created Spirit Fund was to remove federal requirements for the money.

"Our objective is to free ourselves from those entanglements, which is perfectly in accordance with the law and regulations that they have for use of ARPA money," he said at a meeting in 2022. "So if we just call

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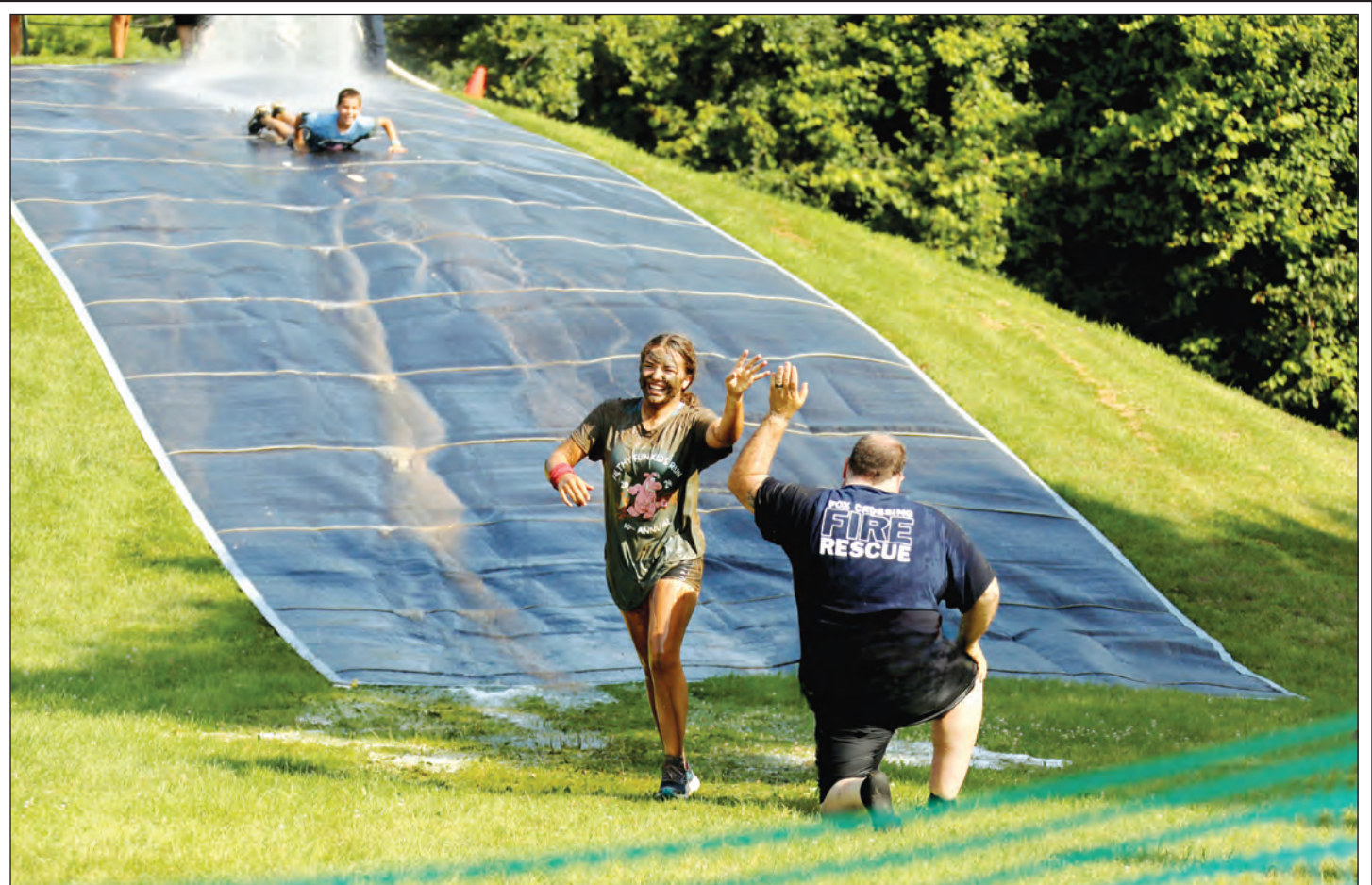


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Sliding session

It got wet and dirty at the Filthy Fun Kids Run at O'Hausser Park in Fox Crossing last Friday with the assistance of Fox Crossing Fire Department members and other volunteers for the annual event. Kids were challenged to navigate a slippery obstacle course.

City to increase attorney hours amid criminal proceedings

Interim help needed for ongoing legalities

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The city of Neenah is struggling to meet its legal needs as City Attorney David Rashid remains on paid leave amid sexual assault allegations.

Rashid, who served as the city attorney

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for about two years, was placed on leave in May after he was charged with two felonies and a misdemeanor on allegations that he assaulted his ex-wife during incidents between 2017 and 2022 while they were married.

In the interim, Neenah has hired retired Appleton city attorney Jim Walsh to provide eight office hours per week at \$125 per hour and to attend city meetings as requested by Mayor Jane Lang.

The transition has not been seamless as Walsh faces the task of handling legal matters that require specialized knowledge and experience. The issues are currently tracked and managed through the city's paralegal, but Lang wrote in a memo that

some of the legal needs are not being dealt with due to lack of time.

That includes reviewing the city's sign ordinance and transcript from the most recent court case, the proposed downtown outdoor refreshment area (DORA) and its legality, easements, property contracts and claims.

"Current issues are being handled

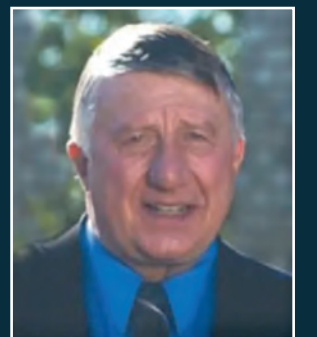
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Fun with Charlie

More than 50 law enforcement agencies from around the state, including the Neenah Police Department, rode with motorcycles to the Iola Car Show last weekend where the group was greeted by comedian Charlie Berens (center), shown with Neenah officer Joe Benoit and his wife, Angie. The ride started in Green Bay as part of the 2024 Police Lights of Christmas – Ride With the Lights.

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I-41 ramp closures around Neenah bring detours

Neenah News

Ramp closures at the southbound Interstate 41 on-ramp from Winneconne Avenue and the southbound off-ramp to Main Street in Neenah got underway Thursday and will continue through Aug. 9.

The state Department of Transportation's Northeast Region said southbound I-41 will be reduced to two lanes throughout that work zone. The ramp closures and lane reductions are part of the interstate rehabilitation project between Breezewood Lane and State 96 in Appleton.

The designated detour for the Winneconne Avenue on-ramp to I-41 closure keeps drivers on Winneconne to Tullar Road to Breezewood Lane, then on to I-41. The detour for the Main Street off-ramp is for drivers on I-41 to continue to Winneconne Avenue to northbound I-41 to Main Street.

Check the I-41 Rehabilitation Project construction website for traffic impacts.

Calendar of events

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

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

Sunday, July 21

Neenah Summer Fun Runs, 6 p.m., Memorial Park

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

Zephyr Community Theater's "Beauty and the Beast," 2 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Wednesday, July 24

Evening Concert Series: The Pocket Kings, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Thursday, July 25

Out to Lunch Concert Series: Olsen & Evenson, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Live Music Series: Pat & Kolby Duo, 5 p.m., Batley's Grill & Bar, 1010 Cameron Way

Annual Cemetery Walk, 6:30 p.m., Oak Hill Cemetery

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

Friday, July 26

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Bridgewood breaks ground on hotel expansion project

Neenah News

Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel & Conference Center in Neenah officially launched its expansion project with a groundbreaking Thursday to begin expanding to 133 guest rooms, as well as adding meeting space and a new fitness center.

The work includes 39 new guest rooms and two new elevators while increasing the size of the Cabana Room and expanding the arcade and game room. Current guest rooms will receive bathroom upgrades, including quartz countertops and new walk-in showers. The hotel lobby will also be redesigned.

The \$7 million project is expected to be completed by the end of February and the hotel ready to host guests attending the 2025 NFL Draft in Green Bay.

Neenah's Common Council approved a development agreement with TIF assistance from District 12 for the hotel expansion at 1000 Cameron Way, which will increase the capacity of the 94-room facility

by about 42%.

Bridgewood requested TIF funding to assist in the project due to unsuitable soil conditions and the need to mitigate wetlands and floodplain challenges.

The three-story addition will extend east from about the midpoint of the building and include a small addition to the Batley Grill & Bar, a secondary elevator, remodeling of the hotel lobby and additional parking.

A 5-foot-wide sidewalk will also be constructed from the hotel adjacent to Cameron Way to the Jeweler's Park Drive Trail.

Before the start of the new expansion, Batley's Bar & Grill was redesigned and expanded with the outdoor patio adding a swing set, year-round bean bag toss and two elevated pickleball courts.

"We are committed to exceeding our guests' expectations and will always be looking for ways to enhance our guests' hospitality experience," stated general manager Ryan Batley.



From Best Western Premier Bridgewood

A rendering shows the expansion of the Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel & Conference Center.

Graveyard preservation group coming to Oak Hill

Neenah News

Atlas Preservation has chosen Neenah's Oak Hill Cemetery as the Wisconsin location for its Saving America's Graveyards event on its 48-state tour.

A provider of cemetery restoration products and services, Atlas Preservation will be in Neenah from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 29 for a public demonstration on its cemetery restoration products and techniques, offering attendees demonstrations and educational sessions.

Saving America's Graveyards raises awareness about the importance of pre-

serving and maintaining historic graveyards across the United States. The event will feature guest speakers, including local historians and preservation experts, who will share insights into the history of Oak Hill Cemetery and importance of cemetery conservation.

Common gravestone and monument repairs will be discussed and demonstrated.

Light refreshments will be provided and sponsored by Kessler Fahrenkrug Funeral Home and Westgor Funeral Home. A hands-on cleaning event is sponsored by Forrest Run Pet Cemetery.

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Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass seeks volunteers to become museum docents, who guide tours and help visitors connect with the museum's collection. Volunteers complete a training program focused on art and cultural history, arts education, and the museum collection. Contact Jayme at eisch@bmmglass.com for more information.

TheDaCare Regional Medical Center - Neenah is seeking lab kit assemblers with flexible times between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Minimum age is 16. Contact Sara at sara.reybrock@thedacare.org or 920-454-5571.

J&R Animal Aquatic Rescue is seeking volunteers to care for the animals in their care. This is a flexible opportunity. Minimum age is 14. Contact John at adoptions@jraar.org or 920-419-8839.


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Pet cemetery relocation efforts will soon be underway

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Animal Shelter is proceeding with plans to relocate the remains of about 1,000 animals interred at an on-site pet cemetery after the shelter's recent relocation to a new facility.

The nonprofit shelter is working with Calnin & Goss to excavate the 60-year-old Memorial Pet Cemetery at the former shelter location at 951 County G and reinter the remains in a mass burial at Forrest Run Pet Cemetery in Sherwood.

The project is a significant undertaking, with about 338 marked graves and an estimated 700 unmarked plots holding the remains of beloved family pets including dogs, cats, guinea pigs, a rabbit, a parakeet and a monkey.

The excavation has been delayed by significant rainfall, impacting conditions at both the current site and at Forrest Run.

Shelter board treasurer Craig Fisher said depending on weather conditions, the project is expected to begin in mid-August and take three days at a cost of about \$65,000.

Fisher said a couple of people have made significant donations toward the effort but the animal shelter is also paying a large portion.

"So if anybody would like to make a donation to that, please contact me," said Fisher, whose email address is craig@neenahanimalshelter.org.

Fisher said the shelter will have a reverend bless the graves during a ceremony before relocating them and will also bless the new location.

"It's a delicate matter and we want to be as respectful as we can," he said.



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Animals interred at the former Neenah Animal Shelter location will be relocated to a pet cemetery in Sherwood.

Along with the remains, the headstones from the former pet cemetery will also be buried. Fisher said if anyone wishes to collect and relocate their late pet's remains or headstone, there's still time to do that before excavation begins.

Forrest Run is owned by Patrick Fahrenkrug, who also owns Kessler-Fahrenkrug Funeral Home in Neenah. Fahrenkrug has two family pets buried in the Neenah pet cemetery and is donating a one-acre section at Forrest Run for the remains.

Fisher said those with pets at the Neenah cemetery who don't want the remains to be included in the mass burial may contact Fahrenkrug to make different arrangements, though it would be at the owner's

expense.

At Forrest Run, the remains from Neenah will be in a dedicated memorial garden.

The location is protected and deeded as a pet cemetery so it won't be used for anything else.

"It's a beautiful place," Fisher said. "It's got perpetual care so it's not going to fall into ruins. With this situation we have now, it's a much prettier place and it is designed as a cemetery."

The shelter is also in discussions regarding a monument or other marker at Forrest Run to honor the animals.

"Whether it's got all the animals on it – all the animals that had headstones – or one that's just dedicated to all of the animals that were there; we're still working on that," he said.

With completion of a new shelter at 2475 Progress Court earlier this month, the former site has been listed for sale.

Late last year, residents whose pets' remains are in the former site's cemetery expressed concerns about what would happen to them and if the remains would be abandoned.

"They're definitely not being abandoned," Fisher said. "They'll be in a much better place."



Neenah Historical Society photo

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Housing for violent offenders completed

By Jonathan Richie
NEENAH NEWS

Winnebago County now has housing available for violent sex offenders and just needs some furniture.

The county was one of the first in the state to move quickly when counties were put in charge of housing released individuals. The original trailer in Oshkosh has been joined by three newly constructed units but won't be furnished until they have a person moving in.



Hollenberger

Chapter 980 housing is designed for the most violent sexual offenders and Wisconsin moved the burden from the state to counties in 2018 to house these formerly incarcerated people. Guidelines state they can't live within 1,500 feet of a child care center, school, house of worship, youth center or nursing home.

Counties that don't find housing options can be fined \$1,100 per day or more than \$400,000 annually.

Each unit is 12 by 28 feet with a kitchen and living room area, full bathroom, bedroom and laundry facilities. There is now capacity for five of these individuals, two to live in the trailer that has been on County Y since 2018, and one person can occupy each of the three new units.

The original plan was for the county to build 11 units on County Y with a

budget just over \$1 million. The county ended up building three units for around \$820,000, or about \$273,000 per unit.

There are a lot of factors that led to the cost being high for these units, according to county executive assistant Ethan Hollenberger, such as being Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, single-occupancy units and the city of Oshkosh not wanting the units to be trailers.

"The city didn't want a trailer park out there," he said.

Another cost was site preparation and installing utilities in the area. Hollenberger said the county followed the state bidding process for public works projects.

The county will provide the furniture as part of the agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Hollenberger said this allows the county, as the owner of the units, to charge the state more for rent.

"The state pays the rent and provides other services, often medical, to the people living in the units," he said.

Mike Elder, county director of facilities, reported to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee in June that the housing was completed except for the furniture.

"Houses are habitable and ready to go," he said.

Elder told the committee there is one person living in the trailer on County Y with the new units still empty.

County Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke said she was confused by the decision to not buy furniture at this time.

"Things aren't going to get any cheap-

er," she said.

Hancock-Cooke said the county has been informed that someone will be moving into one of the new units sometime around September or October and furniture will need to be purchased.

The furniture going into the units will be on the low end and nothing like a \$5,000 couch, Elder said.

Hollenberger said Winnebago County has been at the forefront of Chapter 980 housing in the state. The process for finding out about these offenders begins with an official notice, which starts a 120-day timeline for the county to find housing.

"Most counties take much longer than 120 days," he said. "We have a place for them as soon as they are set to be released. With these units we are giving these people some dignity and privacy while also providing public safety with the sheriff's office being able to be at the units in 45 seconds. We're also maintaining these people's constitutional rights under 980 laws."

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The Rotary Club of Neenah recently elected its board of directors for the 2024-2025 year.

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Club officers are Aaron Olson, Neenah Police, president; Matt Brehmer, Brehmer Law, president-elect; Dana Kohlmeyer, Hawkins Ash CPAs, secretary; and Dave Kohlmeyer (retired), treasurer.

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Variety of classes help martial arts specialist expand

Fortitude Krav Maga adds to active offerings

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Fortitude Krav Maga expanded this spring into an adjacent space in downtown Neenah to meet the growing demand of its customers.

Developed for the Israeli Defense Forces, Krav Maga is a martial art that pulls from Aikido, boxing, judo, karate and wrestling techniques and focuses on real life situations. Despite its background, Krav Maga can be modified for anyone to learn – men, women and children, according to Tamrah Ellenbecker, co-owner with husband Joel.

The Ellenbeckers were introduced to Krav Maga while studying another form of martial arts. Tamrah said they instantly enjoyed it and in 2018, they purchased the Krav Maga business from the studio and opened Fortitude Krav Maga. She estimates the business started with about 50 students who were already practicing at the studio.

The business continued to grow and in 2020 opened at 111 E. Wisconsin Ave. Suite 201 and began expanding its offerings. Earlier this year, Fortitude added about 3,000 square feet, bringing its total size to 8,000 square feet. Fortitude now has three training floors where it provides classes.

“People like Krav Maga because it’s very intuitive, practical and helps people learn ways to protect themselves,” Ellenbecker said. “While it was designed to help Israelis learn to fight, it was created in such a way that anyone can do it. It can be modi-



Submitted photos

Fortitude Krav Maga offers classes that range from martial arts to fitness.

fied to fit the person’s needs.”

Fortitude offers the highest level of Krav Maga training available in Wisconsin, she added.

“People are attracted to Fortitude for many reasons. Some want to learn how to defend themselves while others are looking for an activity that they can do year-round,” Ellenbecker said. “Others want to be part of the community we have here. People get to know each other and develop bonds.”

Fortitude offers a variety of classes in addition to Krav Maga, including Brazilian jiu-jitsu, a martial art focusing on ground fighting techniques; kids’ jiu-jitsu; Muay



Thai, the art of stand-up fighting; and three fitness classes — bags where participants strike Lewy bags, strength and conditioning and KravFit, which combines the two classes.

“People like the variety of classes we offer and love that the classes change. We vary the routines so they’re not always the same,” Ellenbecker said.

Shortly after Fortitude opened in its new space in 2020, the pandemic hit. Like many other business owners, the Ellenbeckers got creative to continue serving customers. They began offering nutrition counseling and online classes. Adding the nutrition classes to their fitness regiments made sense since the two fit well together, Ellenbecker said.

“We have some people who join our classes to lose weight, which is great, but it

needs to be more than exercise. You need to focus on nutrition as well,” she said.

The 12-week nutrition counseling course begins with an assessment and is designed to help people lose weight or build strength. Fortitude also offers an online community where anyone can ask nutrition questions or share recipes.

Community is important at Fortitude. “We are community focused and offer private events or will help at community events,” said Ellenbecker, adding that Fortitude will host the snacks and cocktails portion of Future Neenah’s Ultimate Ladies Day in September.

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Neenah teen faces armed robbery and meth drug charges

Three are accused in Oshkosh incident

By Jonathan Richie
NEENAH NEWS

A 17-year-old allegedly robbed a teenager in Oshkosh at gunpoint and is facing up to 50 years in prison stemming from the robbery and a traffic stop where the teenager tried to get rid of more than 300 pills containing methamphetamine.

Keyontae J. Harris is charged with armed robbery, physical abuse of child – intentionally causing bodily harm, burglary and misdemeanor obstructing an officer.

Harris remains in custody on a \$50,000 cash bond after his initial appearance July 5 in front of Court Commissioner Eric Heywood.

According to the criminal complaint, Oshkosh police responded to a home in the 600 block of West 6th Avenue on June 4 around midnight. The 15-year-old victim told officers they had been pepper sprayed and robbed. They could not provide any description of the suspect other than a Black male wearing all black and a ski mask.

The day before the victim was trying to sell a sweatshirt online. Police learned that an individual entered the residence to buy the sweatshirt, then Harris allegedly came into the room holding a handgun. Harris said something about taking the victim's personal things and then pepper sprayed him.

The victim was dragged through the kitchen of the home where he was pepper sprayed more and kicked.

The suspects allegedly returned to the

home around 10:48 a.m. on June 4. A city garbage collector called police saying he had seen three young Black men wearing hoodies and face masks pull up to the residence and then came running out of the home "carrying an armful of items."

The victim reported being pistol whipped and that the suspects stole multiple pairs of shoes and a gray safe.

An Oshkosh officer found a vehicle matching the description the garbage collector gave in a parking lot on North Sawyer Street.

The officer saw a sweatshirt matching the description of the one the victim was trying to sell online in the front passenger seat of the vehicle.

When the police re-interviewed the victim they identified Harris and Jaysean Bridges as the ones that pepper sprayed him and kicked him.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Jaysean L. Bridges, 17, who is facing felony charges of armed robbery, child abuse-intentionally causing harm and burglary.

A third teenager is named in the complaint but has not been charged yet. The three suspects had been identified during the investigation.

On July 2 a Neenah police officer made a traffic stop after observing a car going 92 mph on Interstate 41 near Breezewood Lane. Harris was in the car and allegedly gave a fake name to the officer before being detained and identified through a fingerprint scan.

In a separate case, Harris has been charged with felony possession with in-

tent to deliver methamphetamine and receiving a stolen firearm. He is also charged with misdemeanor counts of possess/illegally obtain prescription, possession of a dangerous weapon by a person under 18 and two counts of obstructing an officer.

Court documents in that case allege Harris was a passenger in a vehicle during a traffic stop for a registration violation in January in the 700 block of West 5th Street in Oshkosh. During the stop Harris was reaching around in the car and an officer told him to stop and had him step out of the car.

While the officer was searching another person on the scene, Harris allegedly threw a small baggie that landed on the sidewalk making a loud noise. Harris was

searched and officers found a prescription bottle that Harris said belonged to a relative. Officers also reported finding a loaded 9mm handgun.

The plastic bag Harris allegedly threw contained 304 MDMA pills. The gun was reported stolen out of Neenah in December.

A random selection of 12 of the MDMA were tested, and the results returned positive for the presence of methamphetamine. In that case Harris was given a \$2,000 cash bond.

The charges of armed robbery and possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine both carry a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison.

Harris is scheduled to be back in court Thursday for further proceedings in front of Heywood.

Man facing trial in death of fellow inmate at prison facility

By Jonathan Richie
NEENAH NEWS

An inmate at the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) who allegedly punched and stomped a man's head until he was unconscious and later died is now facing a life sentence after being charged with homicide.

Jumal L. Lipscomb, 41, is charged with first-degree intentional homicide after the incident at the WRC in May when he allegedly struck the man more than 40 times in an attack that lasted just over two minutes.

The WRC at 1505 North Drive is a facility that provides state prison inmates specialized mental health services. It was established in 1983 and is accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

Oshkosh police responded to the WRC around 2:30 p.m. May 21 after a report that Lipscomb had attacked another inmate in a courtyard. The attack was captured on video and reviewed by officers.

The video showed the victim and Lipscomb sitting at a picnic table when Lipscomb abruptly got up and put the victim in a headlock, appearing to strangle him.

The victim was able to get away and began running up a ramp when they fell to the ground. Lipscomb punched and later kicked the victim in the head repeatedly as the victim was on the ground. At one point Lipscomb appeared to check the pulse of the victim and continued beating him.

The attack ended when WRC staff members entered the courtyard. One employee told police they heard Lipscomb say the victim was plotting to attack him and Lipscomb needed to protect himself. Lipscomb said he was not taking his medication and was not doing well.

The complaint continues, "(Lipscomb) stated, 'I ain't been sleeping. I told you all that and all I'm getting is melatonin.' As

Lipscomb was being put into handcuffs, he stated, 'Staff's good around here. Ya'll are good.'"

A WRC employee was unable to identify the victim due to the severity of the injuries. He was transported to ThedaCare Regional Medical Center, where doctors reported his injuries were life threatening with both orbital bones fractured.

Officers spoke to other inmates who said Lipscomb had been acting strangely on the day of the incident. They said he and the victim seemed to have a friendly relationship and were seen eating, talking and watching TV.

Inmates reported Lipscomb's mental health had recently declined and he had been giving away personal items in the days leading up to the event and had shaved his head.

Lipscomb had been at WRC for about two weeks and the victim had been there for an extended period.

Medical records show that on June 5 a doctor at ThedaCare said the victim was in a persistent coma and not expected to recover. Two days later the victim was removed from sedation and remained in a persistent comatose state before dying June 10.

Lipscomb pleaded guilty to first-degree reckless injury, robbery with use of force and forceful abduction of child in 2017 in Milwaukee County and was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Fox 6 TV news in Milwaukee reported at the time Lipscomb stabbed his father with a screwdriver before carjacking a woman. The woman's 3-year-old daughter was in the vehicle and prompted an Amber Alert.

Lipscomb also plead guilty to robbery with use of force in 2018 in Milwaukee County and was sentenced to 12 years in state prison. He is scheduled to have his initial appearance Aug. 5 in front of a court commissioner.



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Child porn case against ex-city attorney moves forward

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah's former city attorney Adam Westbrook will not be allowed to obtain employment or leave his relatives' Kaukauna home unsupervised for two hours each weekday while on pretrial release on a federal distribution of child pornography charge – at least for now.

A judge made the ruling last month in response to Westbrook's request to amend his conditions that include remaining at the residence at all times while being monitored with GPS and a prohibition on accessing the internet



Westbrook

An assistant federal attorney argued against Westbrook's request, noting that working may give Westbrook unsupervised access to co-workers who have personal cell-phones and if he drives himself to work he would be unsupervised during the commute.

District Judge James Peterson stated that the court would allow Westbrook to work during his pretrial release so long as the employment did not endanger others.

"But the employment-related request is premature without details about the proposed employment," Peterson wrote. "The court would allow limited relief from the curfew to allow defendant to attend a job interview; the probation officer already has authority to allow that under the current release order."

The judge stated that he will not allow Westbrook two hours of daily relief for

recreation and other unspecified activities. Three other men charged in connection with Westbrook's case remain in jail ahead of the trial.

The investigation began in February when law enforcement received a report that Racine County Sheriff's Deputy Preston Kite, 37, masturbated and exposed himself to someone in a public bathroom while in uniform.

Westbrook and Kite were close friends who met in college, according to the criminal complaint. Investigators reviewed Kite's phone and located four videos that Westbrook allegedly sent to Kite through Snapchat of a prepubescent naked male child.

Westbrook, 34, was arrested Feb. 16 and police executed a search warrant at his Neenah home. A review of Westbrook's Snapchat records revealed messages and images that he received from Jacob Boudreau, 30, containing alleged child pornography and references to sexual activity with the minor depicted in the videos.

Boudreau, owner of a Menasha dog grooming salon that has since closed, was arrested March 6 and a search warrant executed at his home and the salon. Documents say he acknowledged to law enforcement that Westbrook was a client of his and the men exchanged pornographic images. He denied discussing sexual activity with a minor and said he was referring to Westbrook in the messages and not the child.

Boudreau is facing 12 felony counts of possession of child pornography. A review of his cellphone led to the arrest and three criminal bestiality charges against 20-year-

old Noah Thiel.

Westbrook was Outagamie County's human resources director at the time he was arrested and resigned the next day. While he was in custody, an investigator seized an iPad, e-reader and three thumb drives from Westbrook's office at the Outagamie County Government Center.

Documents say authorities later obtained a warrant authorizing them to search the electronic devices and the iPad contained one image of suspected child pornography that Kite sent to Westbrook and two items of suspected child pornography that Westbrook sent to Kite.

Westbrook's attorney filed a motion this month to suppress the evidence re-

covered from the iPad, arguing the device was seized without a warrant and that the extended time it was possessed violates the Fourth Amendment's prohibition on unreasonable seizure.

It is unclear whether the iPad was an Outagamie County-owned device or if it is Westbrook's personal device. County Executive Tom Nelson did not respond to a request for comment.

Winnebago County has dealt with a similar challenge and adopted a policy last year outlining consequences for county supervisors who misuse county-owned electronic devices after it was discovered that a supervisor was using a county-owned iPad to access pornographic websites.

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Bowler man identified as suspect in 1963 murder

Neenah News

An unsolved 61-year-old murder in Winnebago County has been connected to a man who died in 2022 through modern DNA technology, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office announced this week.

Wayne Pratt was found stabbed to death in a gas station between Neenah and Oshkosh on June 12, 1963, and the case has eluded investigators until now with the District Attorney's Office saying it has sufficient evidence to pursue a homicide case against William A. Doxtator if he were alive.



Pratt

After several leads and interviews the case went cold in the late 1960s before it was formally reopened in 2011 and evaluated for potential DNA evidence. The Sheriff's Office received tips on Doxtator in 1968 and 2009 but it wasn't until 2018 that a warrant was signed to obtain his DNA.

Doxtator's DNA was submitted for testing among those of others using advanced technology that linked him to DNA recovered from a blanket that was covering Pratt's body at the crime scene.

"The District Attorney's Office commends the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office for its ongoing investment in this case over a long period of time, showing dedication to securing some sense of final-

ity and resolution for the families impacted," District Attorney Eric Sparr said in a statement.

The Sheriff's Office credited the Wisconsin State Crime Lab, Sorenson Forensics in Utah and Cybergenetics in Pennsylvania for their work on the DNA evidence, as well as the reporting work of former Post-Crescent reporter Andy Thompson.

Pratt, 24, owned and managed an Enco gas station near U.S. 41 and 45 and lived in a home about 50 feet away with his wife and young son. Media reports said the station was robbed and Pratt was hit on the head with a shovel and stabbed 53 times.

Three years before Pratt was killed Doxtator was convicted of burglarizing a drug store and country store in Stockbridge and stealing gasoline from area farmers and the Stockbridge Machine Co, according to historical news archives. He also spent nine months in jail in 1968 for a charge involving statutory rape of a 14-year-old girl.

His daughter confirmed on social media last weekend that Doxtator, who was 27 at the time Pratt was killed and died at age 86, was considered a suspect from the start of the investigation and was identified as the source of DNA recovered from the crime scene.

Doxtator was born in Fond du Lac and spent time in Hilbert, Oshkosh and Menasha in the 1960s before later moving to Bowler. He was employed for many years as an auto mechanic, according to his obituary.

No-wake emergency responds to high waters

Neenah News

A flood emergency remains in place for Little Lake Butte des Morts and the Fox River from the mouth of the river in Menasha and Neenah to the north county line among other county waters.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office said the declaration imposes a slow-no-

wake zone within 500 feet of any permanent structure for those navigable waters and was in effect until further notice. Boaters are strongly encouraged to check the status frequently during periods of high water for updates.

Local ordinances, DNR regulations, and Coast Guard maritime rules remain in effect.



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Food manufacturers and importers have been offered new industry compliance tools by J. J. Keller.

J. J. Keller offers new set of food standard services

Neenah News

Food manufacturing facilities and food importers will benefit from three new services introduced by J. J. Keller & Associates to help ensure compliance with industry regulations and standards.

The new onsite consulting services include:

- Third-Party Food Safety Audit Gap Assessment, which prepares a facility for a successful Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), Good Distribution Practice or Good Manufacturing Practices audit. It focuses on the same standards used during an audit and provides recommendations for improvements.
- Food Safety Plan Development or Review that ensures a company's plan would pass a regulatory inspection or safety audit. If no plan exists, J. J. Keller develops a facility-specific plan on the company's behalf.
- FSVP Plan Development or Review, which helps companies that import Food & Drug Administration (FDA)-regulated products into the U.S. comply with Foreign Supplier Verification Program plan

requirements. This includes reviewing an existing plan for compliance and creating a custom plan.

These requirements include those set by organizations such as the FDA, GFSI, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and state and local agencies.

"Because of how important safe food practices are to the public, food manufacturers and importers face an especially demanding set of requirements to stay in business," said J. J. Keller food safety consultant Francesca Vesce, who has spent 30 years in compliance and quality assurance roles. "To help these companies get, and keep, their operations in compliance, we've developed a series of consulting services that can assess their current level of compliance and provide clear recommendations for addressing areas of opportunity before an audit or incident occurs."

The Neenah-based company's consulting services expertise includes food safety, transportation, workplace safety, environmental compliance, hazardous materials, human resources and health care.

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Beer without alcohol has the U.S., and Neenah, buzzing

Why do you drink beer? For many, it's the variety of flavors, the social aspect and the warm mood-altering change it can provide.

What about removing the buzz that beer brings? Would you still drink it? Or – with alcohol out of the picture – would you rather drink a soda, lemonade, iced tea or just plain water?

Americans are choosing nonalcoholic beer more and more often. In fact, as overall beer consumption has dipped in recent years, the sales of beer without alcohol is growing; up 32% in the past year alone, according to NielsenIQ data. Worldwide, nonalcoholic beer sales could top \$37 billion in 2024, according to Statista.

There are other offerings made by breweries – hop water, soda, etc. – that don't contain alcohol, but in this article we'll focus on malt-based, beer-flavored beverages.

Your "Wife + Husband = Beer" column authors couldn't discuss this topic without trying some beverages ourselves. After all, it's 90 degrees today; a perfect example of summertime weather that demands proper hydration. We decided to try the industry-leading beer brand, Athletic Brewing (San Diego) and also Untitled Art out of Waunakee.

Athletic Brewing holds 19% market share of America's nonalcoholic beer industry, and it was recently valued as an \$800 million company – double what it was just two years ago, according to the Wall Street Journal. How big is that? The Brewers Association ranks Athletic as the 10th largest U.S. craft brewery overall, which is one spot above Wisconsin's New Glarus Brewing.

Husband: Athletic Brewing did some polling and claims that 41% of Americans are trying to "moderate their alcohol consumption" in 2024, which is a 7% increase over last year. That number is backed up by a January 2023 survey from NCSolutions.

Wife: You completed "Dry January" earlier this year and wrote about it in this column, so you're part of that 41%.

Husband: That's true. OK, it's time to try some Athletic. They offer a decent variety, from Golden Ale to Hazy IPA to Stout and more, but how does it taste?

Wife: This Golden Ale is surprisingly good; it's crisp and well-balanced. It is definitely sweet. I think someone who doesn't drink much beer would like this, too. It's approachable and far better than O'Doul's or those old NA beers.

Husband: I'd like to put this beer side by side with Spotted Cow. I think it's that similar.

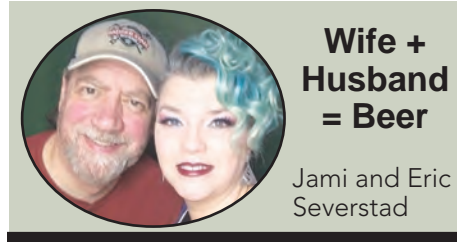
Wife: It's effervescent up front and doesn't linger too long, and there's no aftertaste. It's not crazy good, but I could drink this regularly.

Husband: Next, let's try a Wisconsin brewery, Untitled Art. Their nonalcoholic series is extensive, with seven core styles, five seasonals, and five "gone but not forgotten" beers

Wife: Oooh, I love Untitled Art! A January story on Wisconsin Public Radio shared that Untitled Art is a national leader in this category, selling various styles across the country. Yea, Wisconsin!

Husband: I almost bought the "Non-alcoholic Mix Pack" with four different styles, but I went with just one: the West Coast IPA.

Wife: Slightly darker than the Golden Ale and a bit more hop aroma. Its taste is far more complex, with some hops and honey flavors, but that doesn't make it



Wife + Husband = Beer

Jami and Eric Severstad

overly sweet, thankfully.

Husband: I'm disappointed. Not because it's a bad beverage, but because it doesn't deliver on the name. I was expecting serious piney hops from this, and it's lacking in bitterness. It also has twice as many calories as the Athletic (90 versus 45), if that's something you care about.

Wife: I'm not disappointed with the beer, but you're right about it not living up to the West Coast IPA style that we've come to enjoy. As it is with regular beer, I'm more apt to try a nonalcoholic beer from an independent company, not the huge macrobrewers.

Husband: Me, too. Why support companies that try to crush craft? Yet, on shelves now you'll see nonalcoholic versions of Blue Moon, Corona, Heineken, Samuel Adams, Budweiser (Bud Zero) and many more.

Wife: Didn't you receive Bud Zero as a gag gift a while back?

Husband: I did! I tried one but couldn't finish it. According to Food Dive, there are currently 150 nonalcoholic beer brands.

Wife: What about our local breweries? Are they offering nonalcoholic versions of their beers?

Husband: I haven't tried any local nonalcoholic beers, and I don't think I've seen any. I wasn't looking for them until now, but a quick online search uncovered nothing.

Wife: The market seems to be saying that there's an opportunity, and people will buy it. Similar to hard seltzers a couple years ago; every brewery jumped on that train.

Husband: I did read that there are three ways to remove alcohol from beer – reverse osmosis membrane filtration, arrested fermentation, and vacuum distillation – and they're all expensive.

Wife: That could give the edge to larger brewers that can take on those expenses.

Alex Wenzel, founder of Lion's Tail Brewing in Neenah, says that he's exploring nonalcoholic beers.

"We're definitely doing some R&D, but don't have any plans for production at this time," he said. "There are several really good NA beers out there now that have evolved and improved over the last few years. We've sampled most of the available options and selected our favorite ones to offer our customers (in our taprooms)."

Bill Shufelt, co-founder of Athletic Brewing, says that in overall beer category sales, nonalcoholic beer accounted for only 0.3% of the total when the brewery launched (2018), yet now it's around 1.5%. Those aren't huge numbers, but the increase is what's impressive. Sam Green, lead brewer at Untitled Art, said the market for nonalcoholic beers is "on fire right now."

Growth within this industry niche brings with it another interesting question: Should minors be allowed to purchase and consume beer, wine or canned cocktails with less than 0.5% alcohol by volume (the limit for nonalcoholic drinks established by the Food and Drug Administration)? This varies by state, yet in Wisconsin it's legal for someone under 21 to purchase and drink nonalcoholic



Photo by Eric Severstad

The first thing shoppers see in the walk-in cooler at Cellars Wine & Spirits is a sign promoting the store's nonalcoholic beers.

beverages, including nonalcoholic beer (source: nabeerclub.com).

Individual retailers can choose to check IDs if they want, however. The chain store Target, for instance, cards for the purchase of nonalcoholic drinks. Locally, Dustin Davies, manager at Cellars Wine & Spirits in Neenah, directs his staff that "even though it is nonalcoholic, it does contain 0.5% (alcohol) in most cases, so ID if you're questioning it."

Overall, we're impressed and intrigued by nonalcoholic beers, and we'll keep trying them. Our expectations have risen

a bit, right along with the quality of these products. Let us know what you've experienced and share your favorites. Email us at wife.husband.beer@gmail.com.

On a far less jovial note, our Neenah beer-making community was saddened by the death of Jeff Eaton, the head brewer at Lion's Tail Brewing, after his 18-month battle with leukemia. Nicknamed "Willie Woo," his love of beer blossomed as an award-winning member of the Society of Oshkosh Brewers (SOBs) homebrew club and expanded to a professional brewing career at Lion's Tail (the brewery's first official employee in 2015).

Wonderful stories about Jeff were shared at his memorial service July 13, both beer-related and simply being a unique and wonderful human being. Thank you, Willie Woo, for your contributions to our local beer scene and for just being a fine person. You will be missed!

What beer-related topic should we tackle next? Let us know: wife.husband.beer@gmail.com.

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New county software aimed at better government access

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County executive's office recently completed installation of new software aimed at modernizing the county's digital infrastructure and improving transparency.

The installation process was finalized in March, with County Executive Jon Doemel expressing optimism about the software's potential to streamline operations and enhance user experience.

"I wanted to make sure that people have a right to know what we're working on and what we're discussing," he said.

The new CivicPlus software is commonly used by local governments for website management, online payments, community engagement and emergency notifications. The integration is expected to simplify access to government services and foster greater participation in local

governance.

"You can actually go in and instead of having to watch a two-hour committee meeting or three-hour committee meeting, you can click on the agenda item, and it'll bring you to that conversation," Doemel said. "So as far as transparency and figuring out what government is doing and what the conversation was about, it's so much easier for somebody to follow."

At last month's county board meeting, Supervisor Thomas Swan questioned Doemel on why the county executive's office implemented and administered the software rather than the internet technology (IT) department.

"Would you consider this a one off or is this going to be an ongoing purview of the executive to ... essentially get out ahead or take control of such software implementation that would normally be the purview of IT?" Swan asked.

Doemel told Neenah News that the IT department works at his direction and along with the county clerk were involved in the process.

Supervisors said when they called the IT department to inquire about challenges with the software, they were directed to the county executive's office and the issues weren't tracked, a system that IT departments use to resolve technical problems.

Doemel said that executive assistant Ethan Hollenberger and deputy county clerk Cassie Gregor "were really on the ground floor" of implementing the software and that's why calls were directed to his office.

"They are the most versed of the actual technical aspects of the software, not so much where it is, just how does it fit in our network; how are the data connections applied; but the actual ins and outs of using it," Doemel said.

He added that the IT department wouldn't be a part of that because "that's not their purview" and his office didn't track issues because they were resolved immediately.

When asked who in his office has experience in installing software, Doemel said CivicPlus has the expertise.

"We work with the vendor, we work with IT, we work with the clerk, we work with the administration to make sure that the whole flow process flows together," he said. "And it is my job to ensure that we are working together as a team, which we did."

Looking forward, Doemel said the county will continue to evaluate its digital presence, with plans in the works to update its website.

"I'm excited for the future that people will have an easier time following government," he said. "That is important. We need to turn the lights on."

City attorney

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through a triage basis dependent upon the level of importance," Lang said.

Lang wrote that although Walsh is doing an excellent job, the hours he is providing are not sufficient for the needs of the city and asked to increase those hours to 16 per week in addition to attending meetings as requested.

"This will address the minimum standard of providing the city with a temporary solution to addressing the legal issues that it is currently facing, along with legal questions that may arise in the future by staff," she wrote.

The Common Council was expected to

vote on approving the increase in Walsh's hours at its meeting this past Wednesday.

Over the past four years, the city has defended itself against six lawsuits and various miscellaneous claims, amounting to just under \$249,000 in outside legal expenditures. Though the majority of the lawsuits have since been resolved, the city is still litigating some of the claims including:

- A circuit court lawsuit filed by Walmart that alleges the city inflated the assessed property value of its Winneconne Avenue storefront resulting in the retailer paying excessive property taxes. The case is scheduled for a January hearing.

- A federal lawsuit filed by parties held hostage during a standoff at the former Eagle Nation Cycles alleging their con-

stitutional rights were violated when they were detained and arrested after the accidental police shooting of fellow hostage Michael Funk. A judge dismissed the lawsuit last year, but the plaintiffs are currently appealing the dismissal.

- A circuit court lawsuit filed by Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce on behalf of residents Gail and Margaret Minks and Gary and Kim Novak alleging the city's sign ordinance is unconstitutional. A judge ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in May, but litigation over whether the city is liable for paying \$94,000 in nominal damages, costs and attorneys fees is ongoing, with the next hearing set for Monday.

Meanwhile Rashid, a former Winnebago County assistant district attorney, continues to navigate the legal system, with his criminal case being prosecuted by a Portage County district attorney.

Judge Michael Gibbs, who presided over Rashid's divorce from the victim and her dismissed attempt at obtaining a restraining order against him in October, declined to dismiss the sexual assault case shortly after it was filed in May, though he stated on the record "it's going to be, most

likely, what one person said versus what another person said."

Rashid's attorneys filed a motion for substitution of the judge in June and a Green Lake County judge has been assigned to preside over the case. Rashid's attorneys then filed a second motion to dismiss, this time alleging a lack of plausible or competent evidence. A hearing on that motion is scheduled for Aug. 5.

The case rests on claims from the victim that during one incident while she and Rashid were married in 2017 he sexually assaulted her after she stated she did not consent. During two other incidents that allegedly occurred sometime between 2020 and 2021, and in 2022, she claims he assaulted her while she pretended to be asleep. The prosecution has not presented that any physical evidence is available.

The investigation into Rashid began last August when former city attorney Adam Westbrook sent an anonymous email to police and city officials alleging his successor was physically abusing his ex-wife.

Westbrook was arrested in February and charged in federal court with distribution of child pornography.

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Spirit Fund

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it the Spirit Fund, we kind of know what that means but the auditors won't look at that and see that it's governed by the federal regulations on grant distributions."

Doemel said designating the money as the Spirit Fund allowed the county to fund projects that wouldn't meet ARPA requirements, citing the \$3.03 million the county allocated for conservation projects.

"We follow the Fed rule to a 'T' to allocate our ARPA dollars based off their purview," he said.

At the board meeting last month, Doemel told the supervisors there has to be accountability and the county can't just cut checks.

"Maybe that's on me, maybe I have too high of a standard on that; I want to make sure that the dollars that we're giving are guaranteed to go where we're making sure it goes," he said.

Supervisor Conley Hanson told Doemel that he doesn't understand the embarrassment the county has gone through.

"We did the Spirit Fund for a specific reason to help facilitate that and I think we've messed it up," he said.

Doemel disagreed, stating the county is doing a fine job but acknowledged that communication could be better.

Concerns arose in late May when it was discovered that some entities were still awaiting their allocations approved in March and April. Prompted by email inquiries from Neenah News, an email was circulated by volunteer ARPA commission member Beth Oswald indicating that 18 nonprofits and municipalities were collectively due nearly \$7 million.

Neenah News spoke with grant recip-

ients who said the delay in receiving the funds hampered their ability to deal with pressing community needs ranging from infrastructure improvements to social welfare programs.

Though he didn't identify the city by name, Doemel alleged at the county board meeting last month that Neenah officials criticized the county's disbursement of Spirit Funds to the media but "shared zero of their ARPA dollars."

"We've shared more of our money with community members and municipalities than they have," he said.

Aside from funding government and individual projects for nonprofits and municipalities, the county also sent \$145,000 to each of the 16 municipalities within Winnebago County.

Neenah was directly allocated just over \$5.5 million in ARPA funds. The city appropriated just under \$4 million for public safety costs; \$750,000 for installing fiber, design and construction of Arrowhead Park; \$225,000 for one-time inflation costs; \$175,000 for the Kimberly Point pedestrian path and parking lot; \$100,000 for Shattuck Park; \$160,070 to fund a behavioral health officer; \$32,680 for an additional 1% increase in employee wages effective this past July 1; \$25,000 for grant writing resources; \$25,000 for the N. Park Ave. sidewalk and \$17,400 for a culture study and logo work.

Neenah Finance Director Vicky Rasmussen said the remainder of the city's ARPA funds will be used to pay audit fees that the city will incur.

Doemel confirmed the cities of Neenah and Menasha have both received their Spirit Fund disbursements that were approved in March - \$300,000 and \$185,000 respectively - to be used for traffic safety barriers for parades and large events.

Assistant Police Chief Jeff Bernice thanked the city of Neenah, Common Council and Winnebago County Supervisors "for approving this additional layer of defense for our citizens."

Vinnie's Pantry has also received the \$500,000 it was awarded for its expansion completed in Neenah last year after concerns that a 2017 state attorney general decision may prevent the county from disbursing the funds.

Doemel said he didn't find out about the attorney general opinion until after approving the funds for the pantry, but said the county is contracting to use the nonprofit's space if needed.

"If we ever have to come up and do program hours at St. Vinnie's, that is the space that we would do program hours in," he said.

St. Vincent de Paul director of operations Jeremy Pingel said Vinnie's Pantry is

grateful to the county board and committee members for the grant.

"This gift will help us in our effort to fight food insecurity for all those that are struggling right here in the Neenah/Menasha communities," he said.

Doemel said Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue should receive the \$500,000 it was awarded for a new training center this week.

Omro, Winneconne and Algoma were awarded a combined total of more than \$1 million for roadwork and infrastructure improvements; while the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, YMCA locations in Neenah and Oshkosh, Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity, NOVA Counseling and Solutions Recovery were among nonprofits awaiting \$500,000 each.

Doemel said he expects the remainder of the Spirit Funds approved earlier this year to be disbursed by the end of the month.

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Local college graduates

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The **University of Wisconsin Oshkosh** celebrated the achievements of more than 1,300 students in two ceremonies May 18. Among those from Neenah:

- Nicholas Anderley, Master of Business Administration, Business Administration
- Haley Aukee, Master of Business Administration, Business Administration
- Caden Baker, Bachelor of Business Administration, Information Systems
- Jason Brewer, Master of Business Administration, Business Administration
- Willie Carter, Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice
- Caleb Dobbratz, Bachelor of Science in Education, Middle and High School English
- Amanda Dorsey, Bachelor of Science, Interactive Web Management
- Hannah Farrell, Associate of Arts and Science, Associate of Arts and Science
- Bailey Freier, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Fine Arts
- Kailey Freund, Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Kit Glogovsky, Master of Science in Education, Professional Counseling
- Meagan Gramins, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing
- Denise Heckner, Bachelor of Applied Studies, Leadership and Organizational Studies
- Grace Iribagiza, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Lauren Jankowiak, Doctor of Nursing

- Practice, Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Charity Jankowski, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work
- Kyle Klein, Bachelor of Arts, Radio-TV-Film and Theatre Arts
- Olivia Kohl, Bachelor of Arts, History
- Olivia Lehrer, Master of Social Work, Mental Health Care Practice
- Dylanger Leibold, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies
- BrookLynn Lenz, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work
- Michael Lichtensteiger, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice
- Andrea Madsen, Master of Public Administration, General Public Administration
- Andrew Magadan, Bachelor of Business Administration, Supply Chain Management
- Mary Maher, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work
- Tara Mansavage, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Jesse Mayberry, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance
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- Alexa Meier, Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice
- Melissa Mitchler, Associate of Arts and Science, Associate of Arts and Science
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- Alyssa Nelson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Emma Nelson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Olivia Ozbaki, Bachelor of Arts, Interactive Web Management; Bachelor of Science, Software Technology
- Lauren Pahlow, Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Science and Medical Laboratory Science
- Mitchell Pamperin, Bachelor of Science in Education, Middle and High School Mathematics

- Ayanna Priestley, Bachelor of Science, Rehabilitation Science
- Cassandra Rae, Master of Science in Education, Professional Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
- Jakob Relien, Bachelor of Business Administration, Human Resources Management
- Miles Schmidt, Bachelor of Science, Radio-TV-Film
- Landon Schmitz, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management
- Jeffrey Schneider, Bachelor of Science, Strength and Conditioning
- Lillian Slivinski, Bachelor of Arts, Radio-TV-Film
- Nina Smiley, Associate of Arts and Science, Associate of Arts and Science
- Todd Smits, Associate of Arts and Science, Associate of Arts and Science
- Kaija Snyder, Master of Public Administration, Public Administration - Non-profit Management and Leadership
- Gabriella Storin, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Carsten Van De Loo, Bachelor of Science in Education, Middle and High School Social Science
- Mallory Vogels, Associate of Arts and Science, Associate of Arts and Science
- Alexsa Walczak, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science (Systems and Theory Emphasis)
- Amy Wang, Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting and Supply Chain Management
- Rachel Zimmerman, Associate of Arts and Science, Associate of Arts and Science

A total of 8,586 students received degrees from the **University of Wisconsin-Madison** on May 10-11, including these students from Neenah:

- Lauri Asbury, Master of Public Affairs
- Josh Brazee, Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Ellie Dimmer, Bachelor of Arts, English, Psychology

- Mya Ellis, Bachelor of Science-Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies
- Emma Jares, Bachelor of Science-Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies
- Colbey Johnson, Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Evan Krook, Bachelor of Science, Data Science
- Allison Larsen, Bachelor of Science-Dance
- Abigail Leavins, Bachelor of Arts-Journalism
- John Levine, Doctor of Medicine, Medicine
- Nicholas Mastorides, Bachelor of Science, English, Philosophy
- Caden Noffke, Bachelor of Business Administration
- Alexander Pahlow, Master of Arts-Mathematics
- Lauren Penn, Doctor of Medicine
- Josh Peters, Bachelor of Science-Theater and Drama
- Evan Pilzak, Bachelor of Business Administration
- Grace Rogers, Bachelor of Science-Materials Science and Engineering
- Elizabeth Rosiejka, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Melissa Srnka, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- Ava Staehler, Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Maya Staehler, Bachelor of Science-Nursing
- Samuel Steigenberger, Bachelor of Business Administration
- Madeleine Wanamaker, Master of Science-Sports Leadership
- Andrew Watt, Bachelor of Business Administration

Lawrence University celebrated its 2024 graduates at a June 9 commencement. Neenah students among the graduates included Sharon Abraham and Mitch Lambert.

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Neenah can't comeback against Southwest

Neenah News

Neenah Post 70 rallied for five runs in the top of the seventh to knot the score but Green Bay Southwest Legion tallied a run in the bottom of the inning to escape with a wild 13-12 win on Tuesday night.

The two teams combined for 19 runs in the final three innings after Neenah trailed 5-1 entering the top of the fifth.

Ayden Bartz, Isaac Verbruggen and Zachary Waite each finished with two hits in the game for Neenah, which also bene-

fitted from 10 walks and seven Green Bay Southwest errors. Trevor Stichman drove in a pair of runs in the game for Neenah.

Trailing 12-7 entering the top of the seventh, Neenah took advantage of back-to-back errors to score a run to open the inning before another run scored on a groundout by Bartz.

Neenah then loaded the bases with two outs, getting a pair of runs when Waite reached on an infield error, while Wilson Baltus scored on a steal of home to tie the game at 12.

Green Bay Southwest answered by drawing two walks to start the bottom of the seventh before back-to-back singles plated the winning run.

Neenah earned its second win of the season last Thursday as the Legion made the most of its three hits in a 3-0 victory over Waupaca.

Bartz finished 2-for-3 and drove in a

run in the win, while Adam Lorrig and Ty McNeely also picked up RBIs in the win. McNeely also recorded Neenah's remaining hit.

Verbruggen earned the shutout victory on the mound for the Legion, allowing just three hits, while striking out three without a walk in hurling the complete game.

Neenah also dropped a 12-0 game to Waupun last week with Lorrig collecting the only hit in the game for Neenah.

Then, on Monday, the Legion came up short against Bay Port, losing a 12-4 decision.

Neenah held a 3-2 lead after five innings. Bay Port evened the score heading into the seventh inning and then erupted for nine runs to hand Neenah the loss.

Once again Lorrig had the only hit in the game for Neenah and also drove in a pair of runs.



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THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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Introducing the STAR of today's Kid Scoop page... YOU!

This week's *Kid Scoop* page stars the one and only YOU! Complete the page and then hang it in your room so that you can remind yourself every day of how wonderful you are!

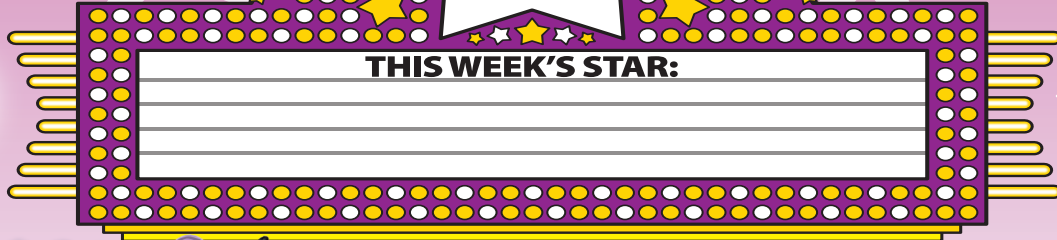
You're the Star!

Paste a photograph or drawing of yourself in this star.

How many stars can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most stars?

Your Name in Lights!

Cut out letters from today's newspaper to spell your name on the theater sign.



Step Into Stardom

For many decades, famous movie stars have put their handprints and footprints in wet cement in front of Hollywood's Chinese Theater in California. After the cement dries, the prints are left for visitors to see.

Wait! Who got in the wet cement? Match these prints to the silly star wannabes.

Standards Link: Students recognize similarities and differences.

The Amazing ME!

Look through the newspaper for adjectives that describe you. Paste them under your name on the sign.

Give Yourself a Hand!

Trace one of your hands on a piece of paper. Cut it out and ask friends and family to write something on the hand that says what's special about YOU! Paste it on this page.

Standards Link: Health: Recognize personal characteristics that contribute to self-esteem.

When You Depend Upon a Star

Wishes made on stars may not always come true. But when you look at what you do every day, you'll find that you are a star who can be depended upon.

Fill in this calendar to show your weekly responsibilities. The idea stars at right can help.



Extra! Extra! Before and After

Look through the newspaper for words that start with each letter in your name. Use the words to write a poem about YOU! Start each line of the poem with a letter in your name. Example:

M magical
I intelligent
A awesome

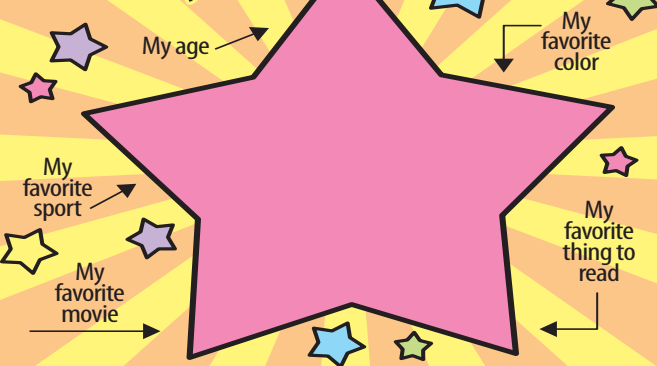
Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

The Star Facts

On each arm of the star, fill in facts about yourself.



Standards Link: Health: Recognize personal characteristics that contribute to self-esteem.

Double Double Word Search

- CALENDAR
- CEMENT
- HAND
- HELP
- HOLLYWOOD
- IDEA
- MOVIE
- POEM
- PRINT
- SIGN
- SPELL
- STAR
- THEATER
- WAIT
- WISHES

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

J D O O W Y L L O H
P W R A D N E L A C
K O N Y W S T A R E
P M E G Z E I V O M
S R L M I H D B T E
P T I J A S E I P N
E M U N H I A L G T
L H D Y T W O I P N
L Y T H E A T E R Q

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

Kid Scoop Together THE NICE LIST

Work with a family member to make a list of nice things you do to help others over the next week. If you run out of lines to fill in, that's awesome!

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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With hundreds of topics, every *Kid Scoop* printable activity pack features six-to-seven pages of high-interest extra learning activities for home and school! Get your free sample today at: kidscoop.com/activity-pages/

Write On! Celebrity Close-Up

You're a celebrity! You are writing your autobiography for *Celebrity* magazine. Tell all about how you became famous.

Standards Link: Write descriptively using main idea and supporting details.

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