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State judges gain privacy protections

Threats, violence against judicial officers cited

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Three new laws in Wisconsin intended to shield judges from disgruntled litigants will have far-reaching consequences, with

Winnebago County officials unsure about the broader implications.

Last March, Gov. Tony Evers signed a series of bills in response to concerns about the safety of judges, with reports of judicial officers receiving threats of violence, harassment and doxxing, which is when private information is published on the internet with malicious intent.

In June 2022, retired Juneau County Circuit Judge John Roemer was shot and killed by a man he had sentenced to six years in prison in 2005. The gunman, Douglas Uhde, had a list of targets “related to the judicial system,” Attorney General Josh Kaul said at a news conference at the

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Photo from Valley VNA

Undercover adventure

Residents of all ages participate in a recent Storytime for Everyone program at the Valley VNA community center that has been presented by the Neenah Public Library since 2022 to the delight of participants and organizers. See a story about the program on Page 3.

Girls on the Run combines physical fitness, emotional growth

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

When Girls on the Run Northeast Wisconsin began in 2012, it started with a single team of girls at Roosevelt-Alliance Elementary in Neenah. Today, the program serves 650 children annually throughout northeast Wisconsin.

A nonprofit organization, Girls on the Run features fun, evidence-based programs that inspire participants to recognize their inner strength, increase their level of physical activity, imagine their possibilities and confidentially stand up for themselves and others.

During the 10-week program, students meet with their volunteer coaches twice a week to participate in lessons blending physical activities and life skill development, including managing emotions, fos-

tering friendships and expressing empathy.

The program ends with a community impact project and a fun 5K run where “girls feel a tangible sense of accomplishment,” said Kathy Olson, program and outreach coordinator for Girls on the Run Northeast Wisconsin, whose office is in Neenah.

Girls on the Run teams usually meet at schools, but churches and the Boys and Girls Club have also hosted teams. The program is designed for students in third to fifth grade while Heart & Sole is designed for girls in sixth to eighth grades.

“Heart & Sole considers the whole person — body, brain, heart, spirit and social connection — and is specifically designed for girls in middle school,” Olson said.

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Photo from Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run participants finish a practice 5K run for the Tullar Elementary and Neenah Middle School girls club.

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City attorney case files ordered turned over

Prosecutors are seeking internal records on Rashid

By Bethanie Gengler
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The Neenah Police Department will be required to turn over human resources investigation files to attorneys and the prosecutor in an ongoing criminal case involving city attorney David Rashid, according to a proposed court order.

Rashid, 61, was hired by Neenah in August 2022 and was previously an assistant district attorney for Winnebago County. He is accused of sexually assaulting his ex-wife while they were married during incidents between 2017 and 2022.

Neenah police and city officials received an anonymous email in August 2023 alleging that Rashid was being accused of “domestic abuse and violence” by his wife, who had recently filed for divorce.

It was later determined the email was sent by Rashid’s predecessor, former Neenah city attorney Adam Westbrook, who recently pleaded guilty in federal court to recording and distributing child pornography in an unrelated case.

Appleton police investigated the tip and Rashid was charged in April with two counts of third-degree sexual assault and one count of fourth-degree sexual assault. Documents say that during one alleged assault the victim told Rashid she was not consenting and during the other two inci-

dents she pretended to be asleep.

The city placed Rashid on paid administrative leave while Neenah police conducted an investigation at the request of the city’s human resources department. About three months later, Mayor Jane Lang issued a press release stating that Rashid would be resuming his duties in the office after the city’s investigation found no violations pertaining to matters of the workplace.

The city declined a Neenah News open records request to release the findings of the investigation, stating that it is considered open until the criminal complaint is closed.

Documents say the city also denied turning over records to Rashid’s attorneys and the prosecutor, Portage County District Attorney Cass Cousins.

Cousins wrote in a letter to the judge that he requested the records months ago and renewed his request once Rashid was reinstated and the city refused to provide them.

“I disagree with this position and continue to try and obtain these records,” he wrote.

According to the proposed court order, the city will be required to provide complete and unredacted copies of the entirety of the investigation, including reports, media and recordings.

Also at the court hearing last month, a judge ruled against a defense motion to sever the three criminal counts and try them separately, with Rashid’s attorneys arguing that trying all three counts together would prejudice the defense and make it difficult to get a fair trial.

In a limited scope, the judge ruled the state will be allowed to admit other acts evidence pertaining to allegations that Rashid engaged in a pattern of nonconsensual sexual intercourse with the victim.



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Storytime for Everyone engages its active participants

Neenah News

Families have been sharing their children's developmental milestones through an ongoing storytime program offered by the Neenah Public Library that has been a learning experience for both its participants and organizers since it started in the winter of 2023.

Storytime for Everyone has been welcoming residents to the Valley VNA community room to see if the experience fits their family and schedule. Neenah library director Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm calls it "an easy, warm, drop-in experience for the comfort and joy of all."

"We see developmental changes in their engagement, attention, following simple directions, taking turns, movement and group cooperation," she said.

Hardina-Wilhelm and a Valley VNA representative made a presentation at the Wisconsin Library Association's recent state convention sharing their experience and the popularity of the Neenah sessions open to all ages.

"We started with a 30-minute story-

time plan focused on storybook readings, rhymes, music and movement. Now we see a core group of participants each week and have developed our own flow of storytime activities," she told the WNA audience. "With this flow, we can all anticipate the next activity together and request our favorites again and again."

Hardina-Wilhelm said participants have become comfortable sharing feedback about their favorite things about storytime and new ideas to consider.

Children and residents anticipate the finale puppet play or flannel board guessing game each week, according to Hardina-Wilhelm, who said the unique back-and-forth rapport is different from other storytime programs at the library that often draw larger audiences.

Hannah Schraufnagel, assistant librarian in the youth services department, facilitates the program with Hardina-Wilhelm and Kristi Branchford, Valley VNA senior living adviser. She said they first learned about intergenerational storytimes from librarians at Hedberg Public Library in

Janesville at the Wisconsin Library Association's fall conference in 2021.

"They talked about the benefits for children, for parents, for senior residents, and for staff," Schraufnagel said. "And they offered their support via email communication and resource sharing after the conference."

"With the enthusiastic support of the VNA staff, this storytime is an easy, warm, drop-in experience designed for the comfort and joy of all ages."

The library organizers also look forward to spending time with families each week as everyone benefits from the intergenerational experience.

"Valley VNA storytime is one of my favorite parts of my job and week," Hardina-Wilhelm said.

The program is taking a holiday break and returning at 10 a.m. Jan. 7 at Valley VNA, 1535 Lyon Drive. Schraufnagel said the library welcomes questions and comments from interested librarians and program facilitators at schraufnagel@neenah-library.org.



Submitted photo

Storytime for Everyone presented by the Neenah Public Library at Valley VNA resumes sessions Jan. 7.



Photo from Valley VNA

Girls are shown doing a cheer during a practice at Horace Mann Elementary School in Neenah.

Girls program

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She said Girls on the Run was started to help girls who begin losing their confidence and have lower self-esteem at around age 9.

"We want the girls to be their own unique selves," Olson said.

When a school signs up to be a part of Girls on the Run, they receive the necessary curriculum and support to help the volunteer coaches and girls to be successful.

"The program has an impact as we see an emotional and social boost in girls who participate and we also see them build relationships with the other members of their team and coaches," Olson said. "It definitely works."

The volunteer coaches are usually school staff members, parents or both. There are also some community members dedicated to the program who also sign up to coach.

Girls on the Run offers a spring and fall season and a one-week camp each summer. Some girls may sign up for just one program while others may sign up for multiple ones.

Olson reaches out to school social

workers, guidance counselors and principals to provide them information about Girls on the Run and how their schools can get involved.

"I share with them the benefits and how we provide them with everything they need for the program," she said.

While there are a lot of activities available for girls, whether it's dance or a sport like basketball, Girls on the Run brings that added social and emotional component that other sports activities may not have, Olson said.

"It's a unique program as we blend the physical activity with the social and emotional growth," she said. "I've had coaches tell me they can tell which athletes were in Girls on the Run in elementary school."

While there is a fee to join Girls on the Run, Olson said it can be waived due to financial situations.

"We don't want anything to be a barrier for girls who want to be in the program," she said.

For more information on starting a Girls on the Run program or volunteering to coach, contact Kathy Olson at 920-209-5866 or kathy.olson@girlsontherun.org.

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Judicial privacy

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time. Uhde died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Following the incident, Chief Justice Annette Ziegler requested that the Legislative Committee of the Judicial Conference develop bills to improve judicial protection. That resulted in three acts, two of which are already in effect and one that goes into effect in April.

Ziegler noted that in the 12 months prior to the bills' introductions, the Supreme Court Marshal's Office documented 142 threats against judges and justices in the state, 44 of which were direct threats of physical harm or death.

"No one should face threats or violence for carrying out their role in the legal system—a system intended to serve as a forum for resolving disputes peacefully, according to the law," she wrote.

More than 80 judges and court commissioners in the state signed onto or submitted written testimony in favor of the bills. Many outlined their own issues with disgruntled litigants.

"While on the circuit court bench in Waukesha County, I and my colleagues have been the subject of threats, one of which (that was eerily ambiguous) was mailed to me at my home, and I spent one Thanksgiving weekend with local law enforcement making safety drive-bys of my home," Court of Appeals District 2 Judge Maria Lazar wrote.

Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Michelle Havas said she has received threats from citizens via social media and specific threats from defendants.

"This has necessitated increased patrols to my home," she wrote. "While this is appreciated, it is certainly not foolproof nor is it forever. I am concerned for my safety as well as the safety of my husband and children."

Sheboygan Circuit Judge Rebecca Persick described an incident where a litigant entered the courthouse and attempted to leave a pound of meat leaking a red substance along with a message on the pack-

aging that she could burn the meat "like you burned me."

During another incident, she said a past litigant made a perceived threat to kill her or her family. The litigant, Alfred L. Hudson, was convicted in September of felony battery or threat to a judge.

Sheboygan Circuit Judge Angela Sutkiewicz wrote that there have been several instances of unhappy litigants appearing at her residence including one who paced back and forth "yelling complaints aggressively" while her teenage children were home and refused to leave until law enforcement arrived.

"Another time, a litigant came to my address and began taking photographs of my home in what I perceived as an attempt to intimidate me," she wrote.

The Picketing and Parading bill (2023 Wisconsin Act 234) makes it illegal to demonstrate near the residence of a judge "with the intent to interfere with, obstruct or impede the administration of justice or influence any judge," punishable as a Class A misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$10,000 and nine months of imprisonment.

The Judicial Officer Privacy bill (2023 Wisconsin Act 235) creates safeguards for the personal privacy of judicial officers and outlines a process to submit a formal request to protect their own and their immediate family members' personal information.

The law makes it a Class G felony punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000 and up to 10 years imprisonment to knowingly publicly post personal information about a judicial officer or their family on the internet "to increase or create a threat to the health and safety of a judicial officer or a family member, and bodily injury or death of the judicial officer or a family member of the judicial officer is a natural and probable consequence of the posting or display."

The third bill (2023 Wisconsin Act 236) withholds judicial security profiles from public access under the public records law. Judicial security profiles include personal details of a judge and family members and are used by law enforcement to create safety measures to protect judges from potential threats.

Of the three bills, the Judicial Officer Privacy bill is most similar to Daniel's Law, a New Jersey statute signed into law after the July 2020 death of Daniel Anderl.

Anderl was the son of New Jersey Judge Esther Salas and Mark Anderl, who was fatally shot by a former litigant who found the judge's personal information on the internet and came to the family's door posing as a deliveryman. Mark was also severely wounded in the shooting.

In response, President Biden signed the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Priv-

acy Act in December 2022. Several states have passed similar legislation.

In Wisconsin, the Judicial Officer Privacy bill allows for the exemption of judicial officers' records from disclosure under the public records law, as well as from public access through county register of deeds offices and county land records websites. It exempts judicial officers from including their home address on nomination papers or candidacy declarations.

Judicial officers include supreme court justices, court of appeals, circuit, municipal, tribal and temporary or permanent reserve judges and circuit, supplemental or municipal court commissioners.

Winnebago County corporation counsel Mary Anne Mueller, who gave an overview on the act at the December Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting, said it also protects retired judges, minor children, foster children, adult children whose permanent address is with a judicial officer, and their parent, spouse and any other person who resides at the judicial officer's residence.

Under the act, judicial officers must submit a request for protection and it must be renewed every 10 years. A government must remove any publicly accessible information within 10 business days, with penalties imposed on individuals who knowingly breach the law.

Mueller said there are unresolved issues with the act, citing the example of geographic information system (GIS) programs. If a judge's property is shared on a plat with other properties, "how are you going to shield that and not impact the rest of the property?" she asked.

Other challenges include a judge asking for information to be shielded and then selling their home and there's no record of the sale. If a judge submits a request for privacy protection to one office such as the register of deeds, Mueller was unsure if that request would encompass other departments.

Mueller said there are many questions about the act and the county is anticipating clarification from the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Director of the Wisconsin Justice Initiative Margo Kirchner, who is also a Village of Shorewood municipal judge, is mostly supportive of the new laws.

"It's a real concern for people who are thinking of running for judge, for people who are judges, to think that their family members could be in danger just by the virtue of them having that position and serving in that role," she said. "I think it

can be a very big concern and even deter somebody from running."

Of the three laws, Kirchner said the picketing and parading bill may infringe on people's rights.

"Personally, if somebody were to picket outside my house, it wouldn't bother me," she said. "It would be somebody expressing their opinion. I don't want them necessarily on my front porch, but if they were on the sidewalk walking by, across the street walking by, I don't have such a problem with that."

She noted other judges may feel differently, adding that the law is likely in response to protesters upset about the decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* who targeted the home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

The law, which is already in effect, states that people may not picket, parade, or demonstrate "at or near any residence occupied or used by a judge."

Kirchner questioned how "near" is defined.

"Is near the sidewalk in front of the house? Is near around the corner? Is near in front of the Village Hall when I live in a village that's 1.5 miles square?" she asked. "That's the one that causes me some concern about the First Amendment and people's ability to complain about their government – and that's their right under the First Amendment."

Notably missing from privacy protection under the judicial security package are lawyers, district attorneys who prosecute cases and law enforcement officers, though Mueller opined that law enforcement may gain similar protections in the future.

"Given what has been happening across the country, it's going to happen sooner than later," she said.

District Attorney Eric Sparr said prosecutors see their share of threats, though he was unaware of statistics on the frequency of threats or acts of violence against prosecutors, and whether those numbers are significantly different from the number of incidents against judges.

"I do think it could make sense for prosecutors to have protections to their privacy beyond what is currently in place," he said.

Kirchner said the legal system depends on individuals respecting the outcomes of cases, and when they react with anger and resort to disruptive behavior, safeguards must be in place to ensure the security of the judiciary.

"I think that's the same if it's the judge versus the prosecutor or a probation officer after someone was sentenced," she said. "If we allow the people who are serving in these roles to be in danger, we're impacting the effectiveness of the entire system."



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A look back at the most significant local stories from 2024

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As a new year begins, it's an ideal time to reflect on the events, businesses, people and developments that shaped the news cycle throughout the past 12 months. The 2024 overview includes the key issues that made headlines, sparked debate and influenced public policy.

January

Delivery tragedy: Chandra Zimmer, an Amazon delivery driver, was fatally struck by a truck while delivering in the Village of Harrison. The 2002 Neenah High School graduate was employed by delivery service partner (DSP) Excelerated Delivery of Appleton for the Amazon Distribution Center in Greenville. The incident raised questions about the safety of delivery drivers and Amazon's DSP program, which uses third-party drivers to deliver parcels. Critics say the DSP program is a way for Amazon to control employees while dodging responsibility for serious incidents.



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Galloway Co. completed work this year on a 12,800-square-foot addition on the south side of its existing facility on South Commercial Street.

Galloway growth: Construction was underway at Galloway Co., the country's leading manufacturer of sweetened condensed milk for industrial purposes, on a 12,800-square-foot addition on the south side of the existing building at 601 S. Commercial St. The 78-foot-tall, multi-story building includes a state-of-the-art evaporator, logistics area and offices on the third floor.

February

School restructure: The Neenah Joint School District announced it was moving forward on plans to close Hoover Elementary and combine schools at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year as part of a restructuring to deal with shifting populations and declining enrollment. Meanwhile, a search was underway for a new district superintendent to replace Mary Pfeiffer, who announced she would be retiring in June.

New fire chief: Travis Teesch began a new position as chief of Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue, succeeding Kevin Kloehn, who retired in January. Teesch was most recently chief of the Watertown Fire Department and previously spent about 23 years with the Kaukauna Fire Department as a firefighter, driver, lieutenant and assistant chief.

Ex-city official charged: Neenah's former city attorney Adam Westbrook was arrested on a federal charge of distribution of child pornography and police executed a search warrant at his Neenah home in connection with videos discovered during an investigation into now-former Racine County sheriff's deputy Preston Kite, who allegedly exposed himself in a public restroom while on duty Feb. 3. Westbrook resigned from his city attorney position in 2022 and was employed as Outagamie County's human resources director at the time of his arrest.

He subsequently resigned. Two more Fox Valley men connected to Westbrook – Jacob Boudreau, 30, and Noah Thiel, 21 – were later arrested and charged.

March

Homeless ordinance: The Neenah Common Council voted to approve an ordinance banning camping on city-owned property, introduced in response to an increase in police calls targeting the homeless population, particularly in the 900 block of South Green Bay Road. A first-offense violation is punishable by a fine of between \$10 and \$500 plus costs; with subsequent violations increasing to \$25-\$1,000. The ordinance was strongly opposed by leaders of several local nonprofits who noted there are few resources available for homeless people in the city.

April

Pantry moves: The Hope Fridge, a community initiative with locations in Neenah and Oshkosh that countered food insecurity by offering a refrigerator and pantry free for anyone in need, temporarily suspended operations in Neenah after pausing its two locations in Oshkosh. The Hope Fridge later reopened at 332 Broad St. in Menasha.

New school leader: Appleton assistant superintendent Steve Harrison was chosen to lead the Neenah Joint School District as its new superintendent starting in July with the retirement of Mary Pfeiffer after 15 years in the role. Harrison had been assistant superintendent for assessment curriculum and instruction for the Appleton Area School District for the past five years and was the district's continuous school improvement coordinator for math, science and health starting in 2015.



Harrison

Spider adventure: A black widow spider was found in Neenah after hitching a ride with a batch of crickets. Entomologist and University of Wisconsin Green Bay professor Michael Draney confirmed that the spider was a black widow but said residents need not be concerned as the spiders are rarely inside homes, shy and aversive to biting, and there are no documented cases of a person being bitten by a black widow in Wisconsin.

May

City attorney charges: Neenah city attorney David Rashid was charged in Winnebago County with two felony counts of third-degree sexual assault and a misdemeanor count of fourth-degree sexual assault for allegedly sexually assaulting



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Police Chief Aaron Olson stands inside the firing range at the new Neenah Police Training Center.

his ex-wife while they were married. The city placed Rashid on paid administrative leave through August and then reinstated him after a personnel investigation found no violations pertaining to the workplace amid ongoing criminal proceedings.

Judicial complaint: The Wisconsin Judicial Ethics Commission (WJC) released its annual report detailing judicial misconduct investigation results. Among the complaints received by WJC was one submitted by Oshkosh attorney Matthew Goldin, who accused Winnebago County Circuit Judge Scott Woldt of threatening to retaliate against him and his clients for supporting Woldt's opponent in the 2023 election. It was unclear whether WJC took any action against Woldt, who was previously sanctioned in 2021 for crude, sarcastic and undignified comments, intemperate remarks and twice displaying a handgun in the courtroom as a "prop."

Federal fund outlays: Several months had passed since the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved awarding nearly \$7 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to 18 municipalities and local nonprofits, but those entities still hadn't received the funds. After a Neenah News article on the topic, the county began issuing the funds and County Executive Jon Doemel said he expected all of the entities to receive them by the end of July.

June

Campus closure: UW Oshkosh announced it would end classes at its Fox Cities campus in Menasha in June 2025 and permanently close next December after its merger with the four-year institution failed to stem shrinking enrollment and budget challenges on a campus that saw a 65% drop in students over the past five years. With the property co-owned by Winnebago and Outagamie counties, both are tasked with determining what will become of the facilities.

Corporate HQ update: Miron Construction recently wrapped up a complete interior remodel of its corporate headquarters at 1471 McMahon Drive in Fox



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Modern office space with new flooring and furniture were part of the renovations completed at the Miron corporate headquarters in Fox Crossing.

Crossing, marking a significant investment in the company's future. The renovations encompassed 112,000 square feet and included new flooring, updated furniture, a new color scheme and the addition of a two-story conference room, employee focus rooms, communal area and cafe.

July

Police, shelter facilities: The community was given a first look at the city's new modernized police training center and state-of-the-art animal shelter. The \$5.8 million Neenah Police Training Center at 2111 Marathon Ave. is 10,000 square feet and includes a firing range, armory, conference room, defense and arrest tactics room, gym and virtual 3-D training room. A mile and a half away at 2475 Progress Court, the new 6,000-square-foot Neenah Animal Shelter includes spacious indoor and outdoor kennels, a veterinary exam room and surgical suite, "catio" space for cats to safely enjoy the outdoors and adoption rooms.

Cold case solved: The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office announced that the murder of Wayne Pratt, who was stabbed to death in a gas station between Neenah and Oshkosh in 1963, has been connected to William A. Doxtator, who died in 2022, through modern DNA technology. The case had eluded investigators for 61 years, with the District Attorney's Office saying it has sufficient evidence to pursue a homicide case against Doxtator if he were alive.

Pet cemetery move: The Neenah Animal Shelter proceeded 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 60-year-old Memorial Pet Cemetery at the former shelter location at 951 County G was excavated and the remains interred in a mass burial at Forrest Run Pet Cemetery in Sherwood.

August

Dark store lawsuit: The city of Neenah faced its fifth lawsuit from Walmart in an effort to lower the retailer's assessed property value by \$5.07 million for 2023. Walmart argued its storefront at 1155 W. Winneconne Ave. is valued at no more than \$6.5 million, just over half of the \$11.6 million value assigned by the city assessor's office. As part of the retailer's "dark store" strategy, it files lawsuits across the country to reduce property tax assessments by arguing the value of active stores should be based on the value of "dark" storefronts, including closed and vacant properties in unpopular areas.

Tribal traditions: Menominee tribal elder and Vietnam Navy veteran Dennis Kenote, 78, who was born on the Menominee Indian Reservation, was featured in a story that described his life



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Dennis Kenote (right) is shown with tribal dancers at last year's Neenah-Menasha Intertribal Powwow at Shattuck Park.

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steeped in education, oversight, sharing and celebration of Menominee heritage in advance of his invocation at the Neenah-Menasha Intertribal Powwow that returned to Riverside Park on Sept. 14.

Sign dispute: A circuit court judge ordered the city of Neenah to pay legal expenses to the plaintiffs in a lawsuit that struck down portions of the city's sign ordinance as unconstitutional. The circuit court lawsuit was filed in April 2023 by Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) on behalf of four residents who received a notice from the city to remove political signs they had in their yard for months. The city subsequently repealed and recreated sections of the ordinance and Judge Daniel Bissett granted summary judgment to WMC in May. A separate federal lawsuit filed by the Wisconsin Institute of Law and Liberty on behalf of two residents who received notices to remove signs from yards in the Shattuck Middle School neighborhood protesting rezoning efforts was dismissed as moot by a federal judge in March.

September

New club for kids: A groundbreaking for construction of a Boys & Girls Club on Marathon Avenue brought together city leaders and excited families to celebrate the new community asset expected to open in July 2025. Local businessmen John Bergstrom and son Tim spearheaded fundraising and raised \$10.5 million for the club in 90 days.

Beer sales OK'd: A longstanding prohibition on the sale of alcohol at convenience stores in Neenah was overturned

by a 7-2 Common Council vote which paved the way for gas stations to sell beer and other malt beverages, effective immediately. Representatives of Kwik Trip were among those urging the council to overturn the ban, with its location on South Green Bay Road the first in the city approved to sell beer.

Narcan access: Officials unveiled Winnebago County's first ever public health vending machines in Neenah and Oshkosh aimed at combating the opioid epidemic by increasing access to the overdose-reversing medication Narcan. Bringing the vending machines to Winnebago County was more than a year in the making, with the County Board of Supervisors initially failing to pass a resolution in January to accept an \$80,000 grant to fund them.

October

Suicide prevention: Winnebago County is seeing an increase in suicides this year, with 19 deaths to date. Brianna Adamski, whose brother Matthew Ilsley attempted to end his life by jumping from the East College Avenue bridge in Appleton in August, spoke about Matthew's mental health challenges and his road to recovery. Sarah Bassing-Sutton, community suicide prevention coordinator with N.E.W. Mental Health, outlined recurring themes that could contribute to reducing suicide rates.

Hardware legacy: After 158 years in the community, the local Krueger's True Value hardware store announced it isn't going anywhere, despite recent news that True Value is filing for bankruptcy and selling business operations to industry competitor Do It Best by the end of the year. Brothers Jim and Brian Webb are fifth-generation owners of Krueger's

True Value and continue its day-to-day operations.

November

Shoring up funds: Neenah will receive \$1 million in state funding to assist with renovation and reconstruction of shoreline areas at Doty Park through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program among 12 projects statewide. The funds will go toward 1,362 linear feet of vertical seawall and 565 linear feet of habitat-enhanced riprap shoreline at the park.

Garden delights: News contributor Patti Lee took readers on a tour of The Garden at 833 E Cecil St., owned by Toby Gable. The Garden has a greenhouse and outdoor garden, sells retail, has a food truck and a 25-member Community Supported Agriculture program. Gable envisions working with catering and private chefs, creating an opportunity to play with myriad lesser-known, rarely used flavors.

Paying for streets: The Neenah Common Council voted to raise property taxes to cover the cost of street reconstruction, resurfacing and sidewalk projects that would have been funded by a transportation assessment replacement fee (TARF), which was suspended after Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce served a notice of claim to the city, arguing the TARF is an illegal tax and threatening a lawsuit unless it was repealed. The average homeowner with a home valued at \$275,000 will see an annual overall savings of \$40 on their utility bill due to the removal of the TARF, while their tax bill will increase by \$124.

County leadership: At least three people will be seeking the Winnebago County executive position this spring, with former state Assembly Rep. Gordon Hintz and Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz announcing they were joining the race against incumbent Jon Doemel,

which will lead to a primary vote Feb. 18 to narrow the race to two.

December

Football focus: The NFL Draft set for April 24-26 will attract more than 450,000 unique visitors to Green Bay, and the Fox Cities and Oshkosh will play a vital role, providing hotel rooms and places to eat for thousands of attendees. Among the businesses gearing up for the draft is Neenah's Bridgewood Hotel, which plans to finish its expansion project in early March. The Bridgewood North Tower includes an additional 39 rooms, a fitness room and meeting room. The hotel's lobby is also being remodeled to create more seating, a second elevator is being added and the pool mezzanine area expanded. The hotel's restaurant also added a new seating area called The Endzone with room for 24 more guests.



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Vinnie's Pantry volunteers package donations in the hygiene room last month in advance of the holiday season.

Pantry progress: A year after moving to a new larger location at 1421 S. Commercial St., director Jeremy Pingel provided an update on Vinnie's Pantry, which serves food insecure residents in Neenah and Menasha. The pantry is primarily supported by proceeds from the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store next door. Vinnie's is seeing more people in need of food, while donations are down.



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Brothers Jim (left) and Brian Webb are fifth-generation owners of Krueger's True Value and continue its day-to-day operations.

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GIRLS WRESTLING

Duo lead Rockets at Bi-State Classic

Neenah had a pair of top three finishers in finishing 11th overall at the Bi-State Classic held last weekend in La Crosse.

Kylee Kurszewski was the runner-up at 120 pounds in the tournament, while Amari Richard was third at 126 pounds.

Kurszewski finished 4-1 at the tournament, pinning her first three opponents – all in the first period, including a 19-second win – before scoring a 6-3 win over Bay Port's Dakotah Athey in the semifinals. She lost to Manitowoc Lincoln's Emjay Neumann in the title match.

Richard posted a 5-1 record in the two-day event, posting four of her wins by pin, with her fastest match lasting only 25 seconds. She beat Sevanna Hoyer of Brillion by a 15-3 major decision in the third-place match.

The only other wrestler to place for the Rockets was Ashlynn Scheidermayer, who finished 4-2 with three pins and finished seventh at 114 pounds.

Maya Ives (107), Janet Sorto (138) and Lluvia Carrillo (165) each posted a win at the tournament but did not place.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Zephyrs finish 1-1 at Holy Buckets tourney

St. Mary Catholic used a fast start to rout Lourdes Academy, 52-30, on Saturday as the Zephyrs went 1-1 at the Holy Buckets Tournament held this year at St. Mary's Springs.

The Zephyrs jumped out to an 18-1 lead against the Knights and led 31-9 at half-time en route to the easy win.

Preston Fields finished with 12 points to pace the Zephyrs, while Tarver Trinkner added 11 points and Mason Uhlebrauck chipped in nine.

St. Mary Catholic dropped the first game of the tournament, 79-47, to Roncalli. Trinkner was the only player in double figures for the Zephyrs with 13 points.

Daun's buzzer-beater lifts Neenah to victory

Joey Daun banked in a 3-pointer from near the top of the key as Neenah pulled out a 55-52 win over Hudson in a nonconference game on the road last weekend.

Daun's two free throws with about 40 seconds left gave the Rockets a 51-48 lead

before a basket by Hudson trimmed the margin to one point.

Mason Flees then hit one of two free throws with about 20 seconds left to give Neenah a 52-50 advantage but Hudson tied the game with 5.2 seconds remaining.

After a timeout, Neenah inbounded the ball to Daun who dribbled up the court was double-teamed near the 3-point line. He stepped through the two defenders and launched the shot just before the buzzer for the win.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

St. Mary Catholic posts two wins at tournament

The Zephyrs scored a pair of easy wins at the Green Bay Preble Holiday Tournament last weekend, scoring a 71-52 win over Mosinee on Friday and following it up with a 62-42 victory over the host Hornets.

Nolie Anderson and Autumn Crowe each had double-doubles in the win over Mosinee with Anderson finishing with 23 points and 13 rebounds, while Crowe totaled 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Emily Vogel added 22 points in the win for the Zephyrs.

St. Mary Catholic jumped out to a 37-18 halftime lead in the win over Preble on Saturday with Vogel leading the charge with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Crowe added 15 points, while Anderson and Lucy Norville added nine and seven points, respectively.

BOYS HOCKEY

Rockets collect pair of wins at tournament

Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha suffered

its first loss of the season but bounced back to beat Bay Port to finish 2-1 at the holiday tournament played over three days at the Champions Center.

The Rockets opened the tournament with a 4-3 win over New Richmond, with Cole Rothermel notching the overtime tally to lift Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha to the win. Cartyr Simonson, Cooper Zinda and Miles Burger also scored for the Rockets, who built a 3-0 lead midway through the second period before New Richmond rallied.

Preston Liedke, Calvin Zinda, Gus Weinholzer and Ty Laabs racked up assists in the game, with Laabs providing the helper on Rothermel's game-winning goal. Owen Debbert made 35 saves in goal for Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha.

Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha fell to Stevens Point, 4-2, in the second game of the tournament with Simonson and Cooper Zinda scoring the goals for the Rockets, who tied the game at 2 after two periods before Stevens Point score two goals 34 seconds apart in the third. Liedke, Zach Verhagen, Calvin Zinda and Macsen Selch had assists in the game.

The Rockets capped the tournament with a 5-2 win over Bay Port, scoring three goals over the final 10 minutes of the third period after the Pirates had tied the game at 2.

Mark Sutton and Laabs scored in the second period to give Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha a 2-1 lead. After Bay Port tied the game 21 seconds into the third period, the Rockets got goals from Liedke and Cooper Zinda on the power play before an empty-net goal by Verhagen sealed the win.

Laabs, Verhagen, Simonson and Liedke notched assists in the win, with Debbert posting 21 saves for the win.



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Herm, Koch lead Rockets at On The Water

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Even with all he accomplished at the On The Water Wrestling Classic at UW-Oshkosh last weekend, Jacob Herm still had enough energy to pose for an array of photos as workers were tearing down the tournament venue.

The Neenah senior certainly had no trouble finding something to smile about.

Herm dominated the competition in the 165-pound weight class at the two-day tournament to win his fourth straight title at the prestigious event – becoming the first four-time champion since 2011. He also tied Tim McCarthy for the most wins in Neenah wrestling history with his 158th career victory and recorded his 100th career pin.

“It’s hard to put into words but it’s certainly emotional,” Herm said. “It’s my last time here and it’s been a great tournament.”

Herm’s championship run at On The Water started with the 113-pound championship in 2021, when he beat defending state champion Ben Bast of West Bend West in double overtime. He claimed the 126-pound title as a sophomore – topping Campbellsport’s Ostin Blanchard, who would go on to win the Division 2 state title and finish 50-1 – before capturing the 144-pound title last season.

This season, Herm posted two pins and two technical falls to reach the 165-pound final and then bested highly-touted Sullivan Ramos of Kenosha Indian Trail, 15-3, to claim his fourth crown.

It was Ramos’ first loss of the season, while Herm handed Denmark’s Steven Kieplikowski just his second defeat of the year in the semifinals.

“He’s just continued to evolve and learn and grow in this sport due to his drive and commitment and his passion,” said Neenah head coach Kyle Klueskens. “I’m just really trying to enjoy the last ride here, just soak up every minute of it because it has been a pleasure to coach him.”

Despite his past success, Herm admitted he did feel a little pressure entering the tournament knowing he had a chance for four titles.

“For sure. You are always a little nervous before every match,” said Herm, who was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Wrestler. “I never doubt my ability because I know the work I have put in and what I can do and just go out there and wrestle the way I can.”

Herm was one of two Neenah wrestlers to win a title at the tournament with Declan Koch earning the 157-pound title with a dominant display as well.

After finishing third last at last year’s tournament, Koch ran roughshod over his bracket scoring two pins and two technical falls to reach the title bout. In the championship match, Koch trailed early against Sturgeon Bay’s Spencer Madsen but responded by rolling to a 21-5 technical fall win to give Madsen his first loss of



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Neenah’s Jacob Herm controls Sullivan Ramos of Kenosha Indian Trail during the 175-pound championship match at the On The Water Classic on Saturday in Oshkosh. Herm won the match and earned his fourth On The Water title.

the season.

“Last year here, I took a loss and had a bunch of close matches so this year my main goal is to blow them open and leave no doubt,” said Koch, who improved to 24-0 on the year. “I really just wanted to showcase my offense. Scoring a lot of points is my goal lately. I wanted to get a lot of tech falls so that’s what I did.”

It was Koch’s second On The Water title, having claimed a title as a freshman, and will enter the second half of the season with that momentum.

“What a dominant performance by Declan. I’m really proud,” Klueskens said. “He’s put together a great season so far and he’s put himself in a position to stand on top of the podium in Madison in a couple of months.”

Two other Neenah wrestlers made the awards podium at the tournament, with both earning fourth-place finishes.

Landen Sheppard earned his second straight podium finish at the tournament in taking fourth at 150 pounds, while Kaden Roth – who missed out on a medal in his first tournament appearance last year – took fourth at 190 pounds.

Sheppard won his first three matches in dominant fashion, posting a technical fall, pin and major decision to reach the semifinals. He lost in the semis to undefeated

Bryston Scoles of Kewaskum but came back to beat Marek Lisiecki of Lomira, 7-2.

In the third-place match, Sheppard fell behind 4-0 after the second period before notching a takedown late in the third period. But he didn’t have enough time to score again and dropped a 4-3 decision.

“It went pretty good. I knew I was going to have it tough coming in, so I just wanted to battle hard and trust the training,” Sheppard said. “Obviously, I came up a little short of my goal, but at the end of the day it’s about wrestling tough. Now it’s back to the practice room and just keep trying to get better every day.”

Roth had to take even a longer path to his finish, losing in the quarterfinal round after pinning his first two opponents. He came back with two more pins in the consolation bracket and then received a medical forfeit to advance to the third-place match against Florence’s Breyson Kelley.

Kelley scored the only points of the first period with a takedown and Roth trailed 6-2 entering the third period. After picking up a stalling point in the third, Roth nearly turned Kelley for backpoints a couple of times in the period but came up short and lost the 6-3 match.

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Sheppard



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Competitive nature carries Zephyrs' Vogel to success

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

The most successful athletes seem to all have one common trait instilled in their being.

Competitiveness.

Emily Vogel is swimming with it. Raised in a competitive family with an older sister that was a natural adversary in activities, the St. Mary Catholic senior has the pulse of competition pumping through her veins.

"My family is really competitive. When we were playing board games or things like that, it's hard for there to be a winner without there being a lot of fighting," Vogel said. "My sister and I have been competitive in sports, in games, in anything we do. It seems like we make everything a competition even if we try not to."

Even if that competitiveness has resulted in Monopoly boards being swiped off a table or led to shouting matches in the driveway over a game of HORSE at times, in the long run it has been important to her success with the Zephyrs.

"With competition, you always want to win but that's not always the outcome. Having that in my family and with my sister I think was beneficial because we have been able to push each other in anything we do," Vogel said. "Any time we do anything, we competed with each other. We both want to win. It really made us dedicated to what we were doing because you are going to put in your best effort if you want to win."

Vogel has emerged into a three-sport standout at St. Mary Catholic. She is a two-time state qualifier in doubles for the Zephyr tennis team and an all-conference infielder in softball.

But it's on the basketball court where she shines the brightest.

A four-year varsity player, Vogel has earned all-conference recognition each



of the last two seasons, including being a first-team Big East North selection last season when she finished second in the league in scoring at 15.1 points per game.

This season, she leads the fourth-ranked Zephyrs in scoring at 18.5 points per game and has already knocked down 25 3-pointers, while shooting 41 percent from behind the arc. She has scored in double figures in all but one of the Zephyrs' 11 games – and in that game she totaled nine points – and posted a career-high 35 points with seven 3-pointers against Sheboygan Lutheran on Dec. 20.

As impressive as her individual numbers are, though, Vogel takes more pride in the Zephyrs' success as a team and highlights the program's chemistry for the success it has had during her tenure.

"I've loved being a part of this program," Vogel said. "I think my favorite part about being part of the team is just how well everyone has played together and the chemistry we've had that has allowed us to be successful on the court."

Even in her 35-point outburst, Vogel credited her teammates for helping her hit that mark even though she admitted she definitely had the hot hand.

"It's obviously fun when you are making all of your shots but a lot of that is from the team. They realized I was making shots and they got me the ball. That's what we have to realize as a team that whoever is on fire that's who we are getting the ball to," Vogel said. "That's definitely a big part of our success on the team. We've never

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Emily Vogel is a four-year starter for the St. Mary Catholic girls basketball team who recently hit a career milestone by scoring her 1,000th point for the Zephyrs.

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had it where we had one player who had to have a huge game. Our team has never been like that. We've had a lot of players with talent over the years."

Vogel also recently reached a career milestone becoming the fifth player in St. Mary Catholic girls basketball history to score 1,000 points.

What makes the accomplishment even more special is that she shares a spot on the list with her sister, Chloe, who is the school's all-time leading scorer. As competitive as the two siblings may be, there is also a strong bond between them which has helped both succeed.

"I've always looked up to my sister," Vogel said. "We always have been there for each other playing basketball with each other since third grade. We've had to push each other to get to where we are."

Vogel also relied on her sister when she made the jump to varsity basketball as a freshman.

"She helped a lot with me and made it that I fit in and had a place on the team," Vogel said. "I don't think I was necessarily nervous (to be on varsity) because I knew some of the upperclassmen coming in and everyone made a welcoming environment."

Vogel's experience progressing through the program has certainly influenced the way she tries to be a leader for the current crop of Zephyrs.

She also believes the close-knit, family-like atmosphere in the program is the product of being at a smaller school like St. Mary Catholic.

"I think the family aspect does come from being a small school. We have been friends with each other since elementary school and middle school and been able to

play basketball with each other even from people in different grades," Vogel said. "The past seniors have done a great job of setting an example of how we want to have leaders on the team and I have learned from them. Now I'm in the position where I can be a leader and get our team to be successful as it's been. I like that role."

The other court Vogel has experienced success on is the tennis court where she qualified for the state doubles tournament in each of the past two seasons, despite only joining the team as a sophomore.

Vogel admits with a bit of a chuckle that her tennis skills may not be on par with some of the others that have made it to Madison, but she certainly worked to improve her game and now has a sport she can play the rest of her life.

"As a tennis player, I really don't think I had much technical skill at all. It all came from my athleticism and dedication," Vogel said. "I am really glad I joined tennis because I will be able to play it when I am older. I'm glad I learned how to play it and I can continue to play the rest of my life."

The basketball court, though, is where Vogel is at her best and she recently committed to continue her career next year at UW-Eau Claire.

She knows it will be tough taking off the Zephyr No. 4 jersey for the final time whenever that happens – "I try not to think about it," she said – but knows that her accomplishments with the Zephyrs has given her a path to follow to success.

"The biggest thing I've learned is how far dedication and hard work can get you," Vogel said. "Obviously, I have put a lot of hard work into basketball and I have been able to see the results and how much I've improved. I think that's going to help me in any aspect of life. Working hard toward any goal is going to get me to where I want to be."



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Neenah's Declan Koch controls Sturgeon Bay's Spencer Madsen in the 157-pound championship match at the On The Water Classic on Saturday.

Neenah wrestling

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"It was close. It would have been nice to have another minute in the first period. I'm more of a third-period wrestler because my conditioning is generally better than my opponents," said Roth, who was seeded eighth in the bracket. "Third would have been nice. It was a close match but I'm happy with fourth. Getting fourth at On The Water is a pretty significant deal and I think it's going to up my confidence."

Khalid Williams finished 3-3 with a pair of pins to finish eighth at 215 pounds, while Jaxson Ennis scored a 12th place at 120 pounds.

Garrett Nedens (132) won three matches over the two days, while Cashtin Tiedt (126) and Dane Granditske (138) each posted a pair of wins but all were eliminated before the placing rounds.

"We've wrestled a really tough schedule so far. Our guys are battle tested," Klueskens said. "We're trying to get these guys ready for when it really matters. If you get down to the Kohl Center, it doesn't matter the wins and losses you have. What matters is if you are prepared and we've tried to give these guys a schedule that will prepare them to reach their ultimate goal for the season."

"I'm excited to learn and grow with this team. Take it one day at a time and enjoy the process and the journey with these guys."

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NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Jasmine Renee Davies To: Miles Ryden Davies Birth Certificate: Jasmine Renee Davies


IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Michael S. Gibbs Place: Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson St. Oshkosh, WI 54902 Date: January 23, 2025 Time: 1:30 pm

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Neenah News a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin.



BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: December 19, 2024 /s/ Hon. Michael S. Gibbs Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch IV Runs: January 3, 2025, January 10, 2025 and January 17, 2025



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Start 2025 with smiles and laughs with these silly games! Being silly can bring smiles and laughs to your friends and family, too!

New Year Bingo

1. Cut out these bingo cards and give one to each player.
2. Once the game starts, everyone looks or listens for the words on their card.
3. When you see or hear one of these words related to New Year's celebrations, cross it out.
4. After one hour, time's up! The player who crossed out the most words wins!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

RESOLUTION	PARTY	TIMES SQUARE
CELEBRATE	MIDNIGHT	BALLOONS
CALENDAR	CLOCK	2025

TIME	RESOLUTION	CONFETTI
2025	FUTURE	HOUR
PARADE	DAY	EXCITED

MUSIC	HOLIDAY	BALL
PEOPLE	HAPPY	RESOLUTION
LAUGHTER	2025	GOODBYE

Stinky Sock Game

Seat everyone in a circle. Quickly pass a pair of rolled-up socks around as music plays. When the music stops, the person holding the socks leaves the game. The last person left is the 'Toe-tally' Tops!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.



How many socks do you see here?

New Year Guessing Game

Each player chooses something related to New Year celebrations, like balloons or confetti. The other players ask YES or NO questions to try and guess what it is, asking no more than 20 questions. Each time someone asks a question with a NO answer, they have to dance and cluck like a chicken!



Hey, kid! That is NOT how I dance! What the heck?

Double Dancer

Look closely! Only two of these dancers are exactly the same. Can you find them? Have a friend try, too!



Extra! Extra!
Silly Headlines
 Clip newspaper headlines and paste them together to create silly news items. For example:
Spaghetti rocket travels to MOON hotel

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Together Funny Fill-In

Ask a family member for each kind of word below. Then fill in the blanks to create a very silly story to read aloud!

Our Annual Silly New Year Party

My parents like to host a New Year's Eve party every year. And

these _____ parties are hilarious!

Dad likes to wear a party hat made from _____ and _____.

Mom wears a _____ gown covered with sparkly _____.

They greet each of their guests by shouting "_____!"

_____ music plays as everyone begins to dance and _____.

Uncle Ambrose has a _____ voice and likes to _____ loudly.

People bring lots of _____ appetizers and _____ snacks, such as cheesy _____.

sweet _____ and spicy _____ on toothpicks.

Aunt Clara always fills the punch bowl with _____, which the guests look forward to each year.

As the clock strikes midnight, everyone shouts "_____!" and many _____ are

dropped from upstairs onto the surprised and delighted party guests. It's sure a _____ way to start the New Year!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Toilet Paper Tower Toss

Make a tall tower of toilet paper rolls. Take turns trying to knock over as many rolls as you can by tossing a rolled up sock at the tower three times.



Which player knocked over the most rolls? Add up how many rolls they knocked over with each turn to see who won.

Aziz	6	4	2
Carlos	3	2	4
Kendra	4	4	5
Anna	1	4	6
Mia	5	2	3

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

- ASK
- BALL
- CLOCK
- DANCE
- GAME
- HOUR
- MIDNIGHT
- MOON
- MUSIC
- PARADE
- PARTY
- SOCK
- TOSS
- TOWER
- YEAR

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

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

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