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Hintz, Doemel advance for executive

April 1 election now set for state, local officials

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Incumbent Jon Doemel and former state Assembly representative Gordon Hintz will face off in the April 1 election for Winnebago County executive after Sheriff John Matz was eliminated in Tuesday's primary voting.

Hintz led the three candidates with 7,127 votes, according to unofficial results, with Doemel getting 3,912 and Matz with 3,281. While the county executive position is nonpartisan, Doemel and Matz both had Winnebago County Republican Party support that is expected to coalesce

around Doemel for the general election. Hintz is a former Democratic minority leader in the state Legislature.

"I would like to thank John Matz for having the courage to run for office," Doemel said in an online statement. "We should always have a choice, and I am glad to have you as our sheriff. I would like to congratulate Gordon Hintz on making it to the general election.

"I pledge to keep this a clean campaign and never make it personal. Let's commit to a campaign that people deserve."

Hintz also acknowledged his opponents in the primary after advancing to face the current county executive.

"I'm happy to see that our message of better communication and engagement resonated across the county with so many voters," he said. "We will need to continue our hard work in the weeks ahead to be successful on April 1.

"I want to thank Sheriff John Matz for running and creating a competitive pr-



Doemel



Hintz

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Photo by David Hall

Big sound

Members of the Big Band Reunion perform Monday night at Cranky Pat's in Neenah for their weekly session that draws from a 17-member group of veteran Fox Valley musicians. The mix of music educators, professionals and hobby players have performed at jazz festivals throughout the state.

Houses Into Homes program expanding its reach in city

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah's Houses Into Homes (HIH) program, which launched last March, is broadening its reach to help eligible homeowners throughout the city improve their property.

Originally focused on the Doty Island area, the program will now be available to homeowners anywhere in Neenah who need support with both cosmetic and structural home improvements.

HIH was first launched by the city's

Community Development department last year to help improve single and two-unit residential properties. The program has seen completion of successful projects including garage builds, new roofs, painting, window replacement, front porch repairs, tree removals and interior remodeling of kitchens and bathrooms.

HIH includes two subprograms: "Curb Appeal" and "Refresh and Renew." Curb Appeal is a grant program aimed at enhancing the outdoor aesthetic of homes, while Refresh and Renew is a loan pro-

gram for larger, more extensive projects such as roofing or major interior renovations. Both subprograms require matching funds – 50% for owner-occupied homes and 75% for investment properties.

This year, the market value of properties eligible for the program has increased by \$3,000 to include one-unit structures valued at \$211,000 or less and two-unit structures valued at \$270,000 or less.

Community Development specialist Samantha Jefferson said at a Common Council meeting earlier this month that

the program is designed to maintain the city's housing stock with quality affordable housing.

"We wanted to attract investment to these neighborhoods," she said. "We all know that if a neighbor makes an investment in a property, the other neighbor is more likely to want to invest in their property, and so it goes throughout the neighborhoods. We also wanted to reduce municipal code violations, which we also did

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Community support helps keep us going

Early Tuesday I received a text with a photo of the first issue of Neenah News from Feb. 18, 2022.

The 30-something reader wrote, “Three years ago that came to the house and I finally felt like an adult getting the newspaper. All your work helping the community inspired me to get involved and stay involved. You being part of the 10% that does 90% of the work pushed me to be part of the 10%, too.”

Hearing how our community newspaper made an impact on someone who is not supposed to be a traditional newspaper reader reinforces why we do what we do – even on the tough days.

Unlike many of the newspapers you may be familiar with, Neenah News is a small, independent “mom-and-pop shop.” Just like so many small businesses today – coffee shops to machine shops – we check our balance in the bank every morning to make sure whatever we’ve sent out is going to be covered. We dip into our own personal resources to make payroll, to make sure the printer is paid and the postage covered so when you grab your mail Friday, we are there to greet you.

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Law enforcement agencies reaccredited

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Two area law enforcement agencies were recently awarded reaccreditation for its policing standards through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) at the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association Conference.

The Neenah Police Department received its third award for accreditation, which is assessed every three years, while the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department earned its fourth award for full accreditation at the Feb. 11 conference. There was an independent review of the county’s 911 Communication Center this cycle.

Departments must comply with 262 standards to maintain accreditation through WILEAG that requires compli-



Karen Schneider
Neenah News
Publisher

printed.

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Recycling class offered by Tri-County group

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Winnebago, Brown and Outagamie counties, working together as the Tri-County Recycling Partnership, are offering a recycling seminar to give participants the tools needed to teach family, neighbors, friends and co-workers how to recycle correctly.

Recycle Right Master Class: 101 is set from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the

Historical trade fair weekend set at Sunnyview

One of the Midwest’s largest indoor historical trade fairs returns to Sunnyview Expo Center on Saturday and Sunday.

The Brian Bradley Memorial Echoes of the Past Historical Trade Fair presented by the Fox Valley Muzzle Loaders features period costumes and trade goods that are bought and sold. Merchants and crafts-

men offer historical clothing, books, patterns, tinware, pewter, beads, leather, fur, forged iron, pottery, firearms and knives among other items.

The 42nd annual event runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 and children under age 10 get in free with an adult.

Only 46 of the approximately 550 law enforcement agencies in the state are accredited by WILEAG.

“As only one of four sheriff’s offices in Wisconsin to achieve WILEAG accreditation, we are particularly proud of this accomplishment,” the sheriff’s office posted on Facebook.



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Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Y. Attendees learn what goes in their recycle bins, what stays out and how get their recycling questions answered. Specific topics include why we recycle, a deep dive through the Tri-County Recycling Facility, recycling best practices, common contaminants and what happens to recyclable materials after they leave the sorting facility.

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Calendar of events

Friday, Feb. 21

Michael O’Connell: Down in the Boonies art show, The Hang Up Gallery, 204 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Fox Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines, 2 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Church St.

Monday, Feb. 24

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

Friday, Feb. 28

Jig Jam in concert, 8 p.m., Bridgewood Resort Hotel, 1000 Cameron Way

Jason D. Pettit, 9 p.m., Cranky Pat’s, 905 S. Commercial St.

Saturday, March 1

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

Retro Video Game Tournament, 1 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

Downtown Neenah blood drive, 8 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 123 E. Wisconsin

Thursday, March 6

Books Are Fun sale, 8 a.m., ThedaCare Regional Medical Center

Friday, March 7

First Friday Concert Series: Steven Paul Spears and Linda Sparks, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Books Are Fun sale, 9 a.m., ThedaCare Regional Medical Center



Neenah Historical Society photo

Stormy history

The ice storm of Feb. 22, 1922, was one of the worst natural disasters to occur in Neenah, ravaging trees, power lines and making roads impassable. The corner of Ninth and Forest on Doty Island was no exception.

City attorney criminal proceedings move forward

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

An ongoing court case surrounding allegations that Neenah city attorney David Rashid sexually assaulted his former wife while they were married is moving forward after the city turned over human resources investigation files to both the prosecutor's office and defense attorneys.

Rashid appeared by video at a hearing Monday where his attorney, Rebecca Castonia, told the judge there is additional information and evidence that stemmed

from reviewing the city's investigation files and scheduled a status conference for March.

The investigation files have not been made public. They outline the Neenah Police Department's inquiry into Rashid at the request of the Human Resources department, which cleared him of violations pertaining to matters of the workplace. The city's investigation resulted in Rashid's reinstatement to his position at City Hall after being on paid leave for about three months while on bond amid

the criminal proceedings.

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.

The city also denied a request to turn over records to Rashid's defense attorneys and the prosecutor. The defense argued that the investigation conducted by the city is material in the case because it was related to the same claims and found no wrongdoing by Rashid.

Portage County District Attorney Cass Cousins, special prosecutor assigned to the case, obtained a court order compelling the city to turn over the records.

Rashid was charged last April with third- and fourth-degree sexual assault after his ex-wife told an investigator that he assaulted her while they were married between 2017 and 2022. The couple's divorce was finalized early last year. His attorneys have twice moved to have the case dismissed under different judges, both motions that failed.

Cre8lab makerspace closes doors

Neenah News

The nonprofit community makerspace Cre8lab recently announced it is permanently shutting down operations.

In a statement posted online Feb. 8, Cre8lab founders Eric Brehm and Adam Waite explained that the increasing demand for workshops had become unsustainable for the volunteer-driven organization, while also noting the growth of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education within the community.

Brehm and Waite are Neenah High School graduates who opened the makerspace in December 2019 out of a building at 1131 S. Commercial St. The location had a full wood shop, CNC machine, 3D printers, laser engraver, paint booth, Cricut and a heat press.

Cre8lab volunteers offered public STEM workshops on weekends, private STEM workshops for area schools and youth groups, or a monthly membership with access to the space, tools and equip-

ment.

Weekend workshops included classes on basket weaving, woodworking and soldering circuits. More than 1,000 youth attended the workshops over the past five years.

Specifically mentioned in the announcement are the growing STEM opportunities in the community, including the Boys & Girls Club in Neenah under construction at Marathon and Byrd avenues that will open later this year, and the Elisha D. Smith Library in Menasha, which reopened earlier this month after renovations that included a SMITHworks makerspace.

"These organizations are better equipped to provide sustainable programming, with greater funding and staffing than we could achieve as a small nonprofit," Brehm and Waite wrote on the Cre8lab website. "Seeing these initiatives flourish is a sign that our work – and the work of many others – has helped push STEM forward in our community."



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Night at the museum

The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass held a special event Saturday celebrating its Baccarat paperweight collection with an evening of entertainment, auctions, exhibition tours and studio art projects that visitors could take part in.

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Local man charged with burglarizing construction sites

By Bethanie Gengler
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A former Oshkosh man has been charged in connection with a string of thefts from construction sites in Fox Crossing, Neenah and Oshkosh.

Joshua Worm, 35, whose current address is in Menasha, was charged in January with targeting construction sites after hours and stealing tools, equipment and materials. Some of the stolen items were believed to have been sold online or to a local scrap metal dealer.

According to the criminal complaint, a construction site on Dixie Road in Neenah was burglarized on Dec. 13. The suspect cut the locks off a trailer and storage container and stole employees' tools, personal property and copper wire with a total value of more than \$35,000.

On Dec. 18, police searched a residence on South Sawyer Street in Oshkosh and recovered a concrete saw, grinder and batteries. The residence was that of an acquaintance who said Worm gave him the items but suspected he had not paid for them.

On the evening of Dec. 19, a construction site on West 6th Avenue in Oshkosh was burglarized. The suspect removed the locks from two large construction containers and stole more than \$10,000 worth of construction equipment and supplies.

That same night, the lock was cut on a box truck parked in the 1000 block of Valley Road in Fox Crossing and \$7,500 worth of tools were stolen.

Worm's truck was believed to be connected to construction site burglaries in the area and Fox Crossing police obtained a court order to install a GPS tracking de-

vice on it. GPS data showed Worm's truck was at the Dixie Road construction site around the time of the burglary. Documents say Worm used his girlfriend's car while burglarizing the construction site in Oshkosh.

On the night of Dec. 20, an officer tracked Worm's truck to Cameron Circle in Neenah where he parked at the Bridgewood Resort Hotel construction site. The officer observed the door of a building that had pry or tool damage near the locking mechanism, but the door was secure and the officer couldn't determine if Worm gained access.

On Dec. 22, Oshkosh police were surveilling Worm's truck through the GPS device as he drove slowly behind closed businesses in Fox Crossing. Worm parked in front of a business on Valley Road and then entered the same box truck that was vandalized three days before. Officers found him inside the truck with a methamphetamine pipe in his pocket.

Worm was booked into the Winnebago County Jail and his truck was seized. Officers found bolt cutters, a blower, several battery banks and a chainsaw with the name of one of the burglarized businesses on it, among other tools and items in the truck.

That same day officers executed a search warrant at an apartment on County Y in Oshkosh that Worm shared with his girlfriend and her 8-year-old child, who were home at the time.

Officers found a significant amount of items in the apartment believed to be stolen. Documents say that due to the volume of items recovered from the residence, officers had to rent a large U-Haul

truck to transport them.

Also located in the home were 68 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and a suspected drug ledger. On a small table in the living room at a height "easily accessible" to the child living in the residence was a mirror with methamphetamine on it and a pipe.

Worm's girlfriend, who has not been charged in connection with the burglaries or drugs, told police that a couple of nights a week Worm would leave and come back with tools or other items. She acknowledged selling a spool gun for \$1,000 on eBay and said she went with Worm twice to Green Bay to sell scrap wire, making about \$1,000.

She also gave police the unit number and lock code to a storage unit in her name, where officers recovered pieces of steel rebar tagged with the name of a construction company, a ladder, ratchet straps, concrete saw and tools.

Worm was already facing seven felony

and three misdemeanor drug, concealed weapon and bail jumping charges in three open cases when he was charged with an additional seven felony and three misdemeanor counts in connection with the construction site burglaries.

He is due in court this Monday on the newest charges, which include theft of movable property, burglary, bail jumping, receiving or concealing stolen property as a party to a crime, possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possess drug paraphernalia and neglecting a child.

In an impact statement, one of the construction companies targeted wrote that it has had to take additional steps to secure job sites and employees are worried about keeping personal tools on job sites.

"It is very traumatic for a trades person to show up to work one morning only to find out that someone has stolen all of the tools that they have personally purchased and that they use daily to make a living," the company wrote.

Probation ordered in apartment shooting

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The mother of a 17-year-old who shot his 11-year-old brother and another man last November in an apartment complex in Neenah was sentenced last week to three years of probation.

Elizabeth Johnson, 39, pled no contest and was convicted of a felony count of maintaining a drug trafficking place as a party to the crime. As part of the plea agreement, felony counts of neglecting a child and possession with intent to distribute THC as a party to the crime were dismissed but read into the record. A misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer was dismissed on the prosecutor's motion.

Winnebago County Branch 5 Judge John Jorgensen also ordered a stayed sentence of 120 days in jail with 65 days credit for time served, meaning Johnson could be required to spend 55 days in jail if she violates the terms of her probation.

According to the criminal complaint, Johnson's son, 17-year-old Anthony Hendricks, shot an adult male who was at her apartment and accidentally shot his 11-year-old brother Nov. 29. The adult was shot above his groin and three times

in the right thigh, while the child was shot in the lower back. Both were seriously injured but survived.

While executing a search warrant at the apartment, officers discovered more than 1,000 grams of marijuana and THC products. The criminal complaint notes that Johnson was questioned about people hanging out at her residence using and selling drugs and she indicated she thought Hendricks had stopped doing that.

Hendricks has been charged as an adult with felony counts of first- and second-degree reckless injury, aggravated battery, maintaining a drug trafficking place as a party to the crime, possession with intent to distribute THC as a party to the crime, and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. His case is scheduled for a plea and sentencing hearing April 21.

Another 17-year-old in the apartment, Lamell Matthews, has been charged as an adult with harboring or aiding a felon-falsifying information and an arraignment hearing was scheduled for May 2.

Johnson is due back in court April 17 for a restitution hearing.

First 5 group gains \$250,000 state grant

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Community education resource and advocate First 5 Fox Valley was selected for \$250,000 in funding from the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. The group was one of nine community organizations awarded grants statewide.

The grant will support the organization's Help Me Grow program that has expanded to serve more than 6,500 children up to age 5 and conducted more than 12,500

developmental screenings while listening to parents during the pandemic through the Together for Families – Fox Valley Family Resource Center, set to open in 2026 in downtown Appleton.

First 5 Fox Valley became Wisconsin's affiliate to the Help Me Grow National Center in 2020 and now serves 18 counties, with new affiliates in Kenosha and northeast Wisconsin.

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Winnebago ice report

By Jim Nobbe
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We have our main road plowed to 5 miles on the north side of our tree line. At 4 miles we plowed southeast to Brickyard Fishing Club's one-mile marker. We have a road plowed to Grundman Lane boat launch where our truck bridge is.



We also plowed south to the east side of Garlic Island. Please give the plows space when they are plowing it's hard to see at times.

Don't be afraid to shovel off the bridges if they are snow covered. We have three truck bridges and an ATV bridge 0.3 miles out from our landing on the main crack and a truck bridge and an ATV bridge on the crack out from Grundman boat launch.

Don't forget to support your local fishing clubs and remember the ice is never 100% safe.

Hoopla service caps announced by library

Neenah News

Neenah Public Library will be implementing a daily budget cap on its Hoopla digital media service beginning March 1 due to its increasing popularity.

Once the library's costs meet a set amount, patrons will not be able to check out any more items until the next day, allowing the library to provide continued access to hoopla for all patrons.

"We realize hoopla is a popular service with our patrons who enjoy checking out

and downloading ebooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, streaming videos and music," the library said in a press release. "To make the service sustainable within the Neenah Public Library's budget, we need to set this new daily budget cap."

Libraries pay a fee for each item checked out that averages around \$2.30, and in 2024 a total of 24,179 items were checked out. Services like these are enhanced by donations that can be made at neenahlibrary.org/donate.

Economic survey finds mixed optimism

Neenah News

The Fox Cities Chamber's economic outlook survey for 2025 found a generally positive but cautious anticipation of growth with workforce challenges and housing concerns expressed by area businesses that could impact long-term expansion.

The chamber released the annual expectations and insights from 140 businesses and organizations across Outagamie, Calumet and northern Winnebago counties that included business performance and expectations, economic vitality and business climate, challenges and opportunities, and perceptions of the Fox Cities.

A majority of businesses reported stable or growing sales and profits in 2024, with expectations for continued growth in 2025. Most also anticipate maintaining or increasing employment levels.

About 55% of respondents believe the Fox Cities economy will grow this year, while 39% expect stability and 6% foresee a decline. There was cautious optimism about the national economy with some concerns about a potential recession.

Businesses continue to note a struggle finding qualified talent, which remains a top concern in the surveys, and rising costs pose challenges for some industries. Limited affordable housing and proximity to larger markets also were cited as obstacles for growth.

Most respondents rate the Fox Cities as a good or excellent place to live and do business. Strengths cited include a strong work ethic, municipal partnerships and a balanced cost of living.

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Influential people have changed how we enjoy craft beer

Every era of history, every industry and every sport has its heroes. Pioneers who have redefined how people see that particular activity. Some use the metaphor of Mount Rushmore to choose just four individuals who rose above all others and tower as outstanding examples. It's an age-old discussion that we're about to have in our own unique way.

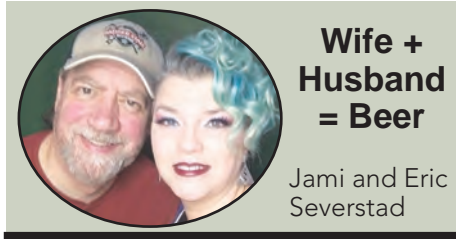
Of course, for the monthly Wife + Husband = Beer column, we're talking about our favorite subject: beer!

We could cover "Beer Heroes" overall and go back hundreds of years (or thousands ... we're talking to you, ancient Sumerians). However, since we usually discuss craft beer and supporting local breweries, we'll keep the focus somewhat narrow and share Heroes of American Craft Beer. Believe us, there are plenty of incredible people worthy of mention.

Fritz Maytag, often considered the father of modern craft brewing, is known for buying and transforming the Anchor Brewing Co. in San Francisco. He purchased the brewery in 1965 just before it was to close and revived Anchor Steam Beer, which inspired many other brewers to follow.

Yes, his name is familiar because Fritz was the great-grandson of Frederick Louis Maytag, founder of Maytag Corporation. Rumor is that he put up his inheritance in order to revive Anchor. Truly inspirational.

Another familiar name, Michael Jackson, may share his name with a pop icon, but his dedication was to beer, pure and simple. An Englishman, Jackson was the definition of a beer connoisseur, and his enthusiastic writing makes readers want



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to travel the world and try every beer possible.

His book, "The World Guide to Beer," was groundbreaking, using descriptive language similar to how wine books were written then (1977) and elevating beer to a new level of appreciation. Incredibly, "beer styles" were never a thing until Jackson invented the modern taxonomy to categorize beer styles. Often called the King of Beer Writers, his work shaped the industry and inspired the craft beer revolution.

While attending the Great British Beer Festival in London circa 1981, Jackson met our next beer hero, Charlie Papazian, who had already founded the American Homebrewers Association in 1978. Their discussion led to the formation of the Great American Beer Festival, which has grown into the largest festival of its kind anywhere.

That also inspired Papazian to create the Brewers Association in 1983 and write perhaps the most famous book in craft beer history, "The Complete Joy of Homebrewing," published in 1984. Known as the Father of Homebrewing (whoa, do all of these heroes have a cool nickname?), Papazian has no doubt played a crucial role in popularizing homebrewing across the country.

Hold on a minute. There would be no legal homebrewing whatsoever without



Michael Jackson, aka "The Beer Hunter," was an author who influenced the craft beer industry enough to be named one of our beer heroes.

our next beer hero, Jimmy Carter. As president of the U.S., Carter's legislative action in 1978 – signing H.R. 1337 into law – included an amendment that legalized homebrewing at the federal level.

By legalizing homebrewing, Carter empowered beer-lovers to explore brewing as a hobby and, for some of the ambitious ones, as a steppingstone to commercial ventures (their own breweries). It could also be argued that the new legislation helped transform beer from a mass-produced commodity to a "craft" product, which emphasizes quality, variety and authenticity.

There is no doubt that people have brewed beer and other alcoholic beverages at home (in the basement) for decades. However, a law change is another level of acceptance. People can openly experiment with recipes, discuss processes and widely share findings. Many homebrewers have opened their own breweries, and our next beer heroes are just a few of them.

Larry Bell opened a homebrew supply shop in downtown Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1983. As his love of beer expanded, and he dialed in his own recipes, he followed his dream of opening a commercial brewery, and in September 1985 he sold his first beer. Bell's Brewery produced 135 barrels in that first year. By 2021, under Larry Bell's leadership, Bell's grew to be the nation's sixth largest craft brewery.

Not just a brewer, Bell helped pass legislation in Michigan in 1993, allowing breweries to sell beer by the glass. This action also helped reduce tax burdens on brewers and set a precedent for craft brewery operations nationwide. Bell's Eccentric Cafe was Michigan's first onsite brewery taproom and pioneered a business model now common in the craft beer industry.

Far from the Midwest, yet whose influence stretched across the country, a brewer in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, needs to be recognized as our next beer hero. Sam Calagione, founder of Dogfish Head Brewery in 1995, reshaped how brewers thought of craft beer, constantly pushing the limits of what beer could be. In order to do that, he had to lobby Delaware legislators – just weeks before the planned grand opening of the brewery – to change state laws and allow his

brewery to even exist.

With an affinity for history and brewing traditions, Calagione resurrected forgotten beer styles and even brewed a beer according to residue found on drinking vessels inside King Midas' tomb that he named "Midas Touch." The ingredients list had to be determined by a biomolecular archaeologist. Who else brews like that?

His brewery's 90-Minute IPA, a staple for hop heads, was released in 2001, yet it is concoctions such as World Wide Stout (pushing 20% ABV) that beer geeks remember and anticipate every year. Calagione won the 2017 James Beard Award for Outstanding Wine, Beer or Spirits Professional, and he was featured in the documentary "Beer Wars" and the Discovery Channel series "Brew Masters."

Closer to home, our final beer hero has stamped his name across the entire state of Wisconsin. Dan Carey is co-founder and brewmaster of New Glarus Brewing Co. With "Only in Wisconsin" as a tagline, the brewery has built incredible local support and made a legend out of Spotted Cow, a pre-Prohibition farmhouse ale.

But, that was not by luck. He was valedictorian of his Siebel Institute of Technology class (the oldest brewing school in North America) in Chicago, and was recognized as the Association of Brewers' Small Brewer of the Year award in 2003, the Mid Size Brewer of the Year award in 2005 and 2006 and the Russell Schehrer Award for Innovation in Craft Brewing in 2006.

Covering Dan's career and influence wouldn't be complete without mentioning his wife, Deb. She is the president of New Glarus and incredibly influential, helping grow the brewery to be the 11th largest craft brewer in the country. Not only was she the first woman to found and operate a brewery in the U.S., she was honored by President Obama as a Champion of Change for her entrepreneurship and was invited to the State of the Union Address in 2013.

Join us in toasting the heroes who made our craft beer industry what it is today. Cheers!

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Home program

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get done with a few of our projects.” Alderman Cari Lendrum spoke on home improvements gaining traction in her neighborhood following implementation of the program.

“You are not kidding about it being contagious,” she said. “I just think when somebody sees, in a modest neighborhood, if somebody sees somebody really putting forth some investment into their home, they’re like, ‘Oh, well then it would be worth it for us to do it, too,’ and that’s exactly what happened. And so we saw many dumpsters outside of houses that weren’t even in this program. So not only does it work in the program, it’s catching, so it worked perfectly.”

Funding for HIH was derived through a tax incremental financing (TIF) extension called the “Affordable Housing Extension,” which allows for a municipality to hold open TIF districts that are closing for an additional year to capture increment to use for affordable housing. The city’s closure of TIF districts 5 and 6 in 2023 provided \$850,000 for the program.

The city budgeted \$200,000 for HIH last year, with 20 projects completed at a cost of just under \$87,000. About half that amount is loans that will be returned to



Submitted photos

A house on 4th Street in Neenah is shown before and after updates were made through the Houses Into Homes program.

the program.

Alderman Dan Steiner said he sees the value of improving the quality of housing but questioned whether there was an element of the plan that incentivizes increasing the overall quantity of housing.

Community Development director Chris Haese said the city has considered utilizing HIH funds to expand housing availability but has yet to identify a viable opportunity.

“I don’t think we’ve found the project or projects that will help on the quantity side, but as those opportunities come

forward we’d certainly explore, if they’re close but unable to bring the project to fruition because of a gap, perhaps,” he said.

With HIH expanding throughout the city this year, it was noted at the meeting that eligibility will increase to about four or five times as many properties. Details and HIH applications are on the Community Development webpage.

“I heard many times that people could not have done these projects without this program,” Jefferson said. “It just wouldn’t have happened.”

County election

FROM PAGE 1

mary election, and congratulate County Executive Doemel for advancing to the spring general election.”

County voters will also select local officials, a new Wisconsin Supreme Court justice and the state superintendent of schools, which was narrowed to incumbent Jill Underly and Brittany Kinser in the primary over third candidate Jeff Wright.

Locally, seats on the Neenah Common Council, Board of Education, Town of Neenah and Village of Fox Crossing will be on the April 1 ballot.

Council seats held by District 1 Alderman Kathie Boyette, District 2 Alderman Dan Steiner and District 3 Alderman Lee Hillstrom are up for election. Boyette, who has been on the council for nine years, and Hillstrom, who has been on the council for 18 years, are stepping down and Steiner is running unchallenged.

Flo Bruno is running unchallenged for Boyette’s seat, while Jeffrey Linski and Frank Cuthbert will vie for Hillstrom’s seat.

Three Neenah Joint School District Board of Education seats with three-year terms will be contested. Vice president Sarah Moore-Nokes is not seeking another

term, while treasurer Tara Brzezinski and member-at-large Lauri Asbury are seeking re-election. Challengers include Eric Fredrickson, Tom Hanby and Kenneth McNeil.

Town of Neenah positions on the ballot include chairman, two town supervisors and Sanitary District No. 2 commissioner. Incumbent Robert Schmeichel is running for chairman and incumbents Brooke Cardoza and Tom Wilde are running for the open supervisor positions, all unchallenged. Sanitary District 2 commissioner Steve Coburn is not seeking re-election, with Edmund King and Matt Schmeichel vying for the position.

Three Fox Crossing trustee positions, village president and municipal judge will be on the ballot with all incumbents

running unchallenged: president Dale Youngquist, Judge Timothy Hogan, Trustee 2 Kris Koeppe, Trustee 4 Kate McQuilgan and Trustee 6 Barbara Hanson.

Wisconsin Supreme Court candidates Susan Crawford, a Dane County judge since 2018, and Brad Schimel, a Waukesha County judge since 2019 and former Wisconsin attorney general, are seeking the court’s open seat.

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Rockets crown trio of champs at WIAA Division 1 regional

By Joe Matzek
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The 144-pound division at the Kaukauna wrestling regional on Saturday was, at first glance, a bracket-buster.

The top seed, Fox Valley Association champion Ben Hilbert from Appleton West, lost his semifinal match, while second-seeded Jaxen Lloyd of Oshkosh West dropped an 8-0 major decision to Neenah's Landen Sheppard. That meant Sheppard faced fourth-seeded Breck Ritchie of Kaukauna in the regional final.

Sheppard took the lead early in the match and added a near fall in the third period for a 7-1 win over Ritchie.

"I feel like I did pretty good," Sheppard said. "The match plan was to stay in good position, get the moves I know I'm good at, just wrestle smart."

Sheppard was one of three champions at the WIAA Division 1 regional hosted by Kaukauna High School. Declan Koch (157) and Jacob Herm (165) also claimed titles for the Rockets, who finished second to defending state champion Kaukauna in the final team standings.

Both Sheppard and Neenah coach Kyle Klueskens said the seedings didn't mean much.

"Coming in here, seeds mean nothing," Sheppard said. "Everyone's 0-0 and you've just got to take one match at a time and wrestle hard."

Sheppard, a sophomore, is now 38-11 on the season. He started the regional with a pin in 1 minute, 47 seconds over Dominic Wyrwicki of Oshkosh North.

Klueskens said the Rockets expected Sheppard to win his division.

"That was the expectation coming in, to set him up for next week, to have that num-

Rockets fall at team sectional

Neenah ran into a powerhouse in Wisconsin Rapids and dropped a 59-23 decision in a WIAA Division 1 sectional semifinal at Stevens Point on Tuesday.

The Red Raiders won the first seven matches of the dual meet to take control before the Rockets posted wins in four of the final seven weight classes.

Declan Epley (165) and Kaden Roth (215) earned pins for Neenah, with Roth needing just 20 seconds to stop Ashton Johnson. Declan Koch added an 18-3 technical fall win over Mason Tritz at 157 pounds.

Jacob Herm picked up the remaining team points for the Rockets with a forfeit at 175 pounds.

ber one seed from the regional," Klueskens said. "At the regional, they just use your season record, so (wrestlers) have different strengths of schedule that might make a difference in their seeding. He wrestled really well today, got the job done, but now we're moving on and looking to accomplish the next step this postseason."

Koch improved to 47-0 by capturing the 157-pound title. After receiving a bye in the quarterfinals, the junior pinned Appleton East's Xander DeMatteo in 49 seconds. He took the regional title by medical default over Kaukauna's Ryan Schmidt.

Herm (48-1) opened with a pin in 18 seconds over Menasha's Lance Lor and pinned Abdelrahman Zeineldin of Appleton West in 1:10. Like Koch, he won the championship by injury default, over Kolin DeGroot of Kaukauna.

The senior is happy with his progress.

"My assistant coach and I have been working hard in the (wrestling) room, so we're going every day like it's a new day," Herm said.

Neenah advanced 12 wrestlers to Saturday's Menasha sectional. Joining Neenah's three regional champions were three runners-up and six who finished third or fourth.

One of the second-place finishers was Jackson Lichty, a relatively new addition to the Rockets' lineup. Lichty, who improved to 9-4, moved up to varsity after Sheppard dropped down to 144 and took third at the FVA meet.

"He's done really well the last two weeks," Klueskens said of the sophomore. "Just excited to have him in our lineup. He's doing a great job."

Lichty opened with a win by technical fall, 17-2 over Oshkosh West's Eskander Koko. He was pinned by Peyton Lee of Kaukauna in 3:01. In the third-place match, Lichty took another technical fall win, 19-2, over Kimberly's Anthony Magliaro, then he took second with a pin in 4:52 in wrestlebacks over Henry Gugala-Reinders of Menasha.

Joining Lichty as second-place finishers

Neenah girls send 11 to sectionals

Neenah News

The Neenah girls wrestling team put on a dominant display at last Friday's WIAA Regional Meet hosted by Cedar Grove-Belgium High School.

The Rockets claimed the regional title by nearly 90 points over second-place Chilton/Hilbert and advanced all 11 wrestlers to Friday's sectional tournament in Menasha.

Neenah had five wrestlers capture individual regional championships and had eight wrestlers in the finals overall at the meet. No other team had more than four wrestlers in finals.

The Rockets won four straight titles starting with Ashlynn Scheidermayer at 107 pounds. Scheidermayer, who is eyeing her first trip to the state meet, pinned her first two opponents before topping Campbellsport's Irelyn Woolhether, 8-2, in the title match.

Kylee Kurszewski also went 3-0 at the tournament and improved to 41-4 on the year as she seeks a third trip to state. Kurszewski needed just 40 seconds to pin Oshkosh West's Kaylee Beck in her first match at 114 pounds before scoring a 15-0 win over Wesnaytha Benish of Sheboygan North in the semifinals. The junior then pinned Plymouth's Megan Schuenemann

were Jaxon Ennis at 120 and Kaden Roth at 190.

Ennis opened with a bye before pinning Yylah Yang of Oshkosh West in 1:27. Ennis dropped his first-place match to Andy DiPiazza of Kaukauna on a 19-2 technical fall.

Roth pinned Quinn Meyers of Appleton West in 1:26 in the quarterfinals and pinned Appleton East's Cian Braun in 4:55 in the semifinals. In the first-place match, Roth lost a major decision, 10-2, to Kaukauna's Brady Sprangers, but he came back to pin Zach Bartels of Oshkosh West in 1:27 in a wrestleback.

Rockets finishing third were Marcus Peterson at 113, Garrett Nedens at 132, Khalid Williams at 215 and Brayden Milbrodt at 285. Fourth-place finishers were Cashtin Tiedt at 126 and Dane Granditzke at 138.

Neenah travels to Menasha for the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet Saturday.

Klueskens said the Rockets used a great week of practice to succeed at regionals. He guessed that the team flipped four matches from losses at the FVA meet to wins in the regional meet.

"I was really happy with our wrestling today," Klueskens said. "Our week of preparation was our best week of practice all season. Our kids did an unbelievable job in the practice room, and it showed."

in 2:48 in the title match.

Rayleigh Pearson made it three titles in a row by claiming the 120-pound title with a 5-2 decision win over New Holstein's Brooklyn Neumann in the semifinals and a 7-4 win over Abigail Ksioszk of Campbellsport in the tiebreaker period of the title match.

Amari Richard, who also made it to state last season, claimed the 126-pound title with a pin of Evaleigh Popp of Chilton/Hilbert in the semifinals and a 13-0 major decision win over Emma Batzler of Campbellsport in the championship bout.

Rounding out the regional champions for the Rockets was Ava Armatti, who pinned both opponents she faced to claim the 145-pound crown. Armatti stopped both opponents in the first period, including a win over Natalie Rojas of Chilton/Hilbert in 1:27.

Maya Ives (100), Jenson Kurszewski (138) and Janet Sorto (152) each finished second at their respective weights after finishing 1-1 on the day. Ives and Sorto posted pins for their victories.

Julia Rangel (132) and Emma Verbrick (235) each placed third with Lluvia Carrillo taking fourth to round out the Rockets sectional qualifiers.

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Neenah swimmers eye earning hardware at state meet

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

When the Neenah High School boys 200-yard medley relay team broke the school record last season, it seemed like it would be a mark that would stand for a while.

Well, it lasted all of one year.

Drew Gaerthofner, Tanner Trustem, Julian Kuehn and Burke Wendell started off last Saturday's WIAA Division 1 sectional by breaking the mark set at last year's sectional meet and carried the momentum from the race over the course of the day as the Rockets will again send a large contingent to the state meet.

"When we did it last year, we were like that's never coming down because it's so fast but here we are again," said Kuehn, who joined Gaerthofner, Trustem and Braden Loudon on the previous record-holding foursome. "It was a great feeling, especially because that was the last time I will swim (in a meet) in this pool, so it was great to go out with a bang. Get on the (record) board one more time."

The 200-yard medley relay was one of two relays to qualify for this year's state meet as Gaerthofner, Trustem, Kuehn and Joshua Youngwerth also advanced with a sectional win in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Gaerthofner and Kuehn also advanced to state in two individual events, while Trustem returns to the state meet in one.

Yet, it was the record-setting relay that stole the day for the Rockets.

"It's always exciting to start off sectionals with a new pool and team record. That really sets a good tone for us," Neenah head coach Carrie Raeth said. "I know they think they can still drop more."

Gaerthofner started the relay with the backstroke leg before turning it over to Trustem and the breaststroke.

Then he turns from swimmer to cheerleader.

"Starting off the relay is fun and I really like to start the meet off in a good way and hand it off to Tanner," Gaerthofner said. "After I'm done, I just want to cheer on my teammates as much as I can and get them



Neenah News

The Neenah High School boys swimming team will again be well represented at the WIAA Division 1 state meet Saturday with two relays and three individuals in five total events competing. Making the trip for the Rockets will be (front, from left) Drew Gaerthofner, Julian Kuehn, Tanner Trustem; (back) Joshua Youngwerth, Burke Wendell and Gideon Benner.

hyped up before they dive in. I'm not so much focused on our time at that point. I'm more focused on the race and just wanting to win."

Trustem turned a strong swim in his leg that gave the Rockets a sizable lead when Kuehn hit the water for the butterfly. But he is used to his turn coming with a large gap to the next team.

"They are both such good swimmers and usually when they go out, we are so far ahead," Kuehn said. "I'm just thinking, I can't blow this. I have to play my part and pull my own weight."

Kuehn did that and then some.

"Julian was the one that made sure we got there with what he swam in the (butterfly)," Trustem said. "He was the big reason the record got broken again."

Kuehn turned the race over to Wendell and the anchor leg of freestyle and the sophomore finished it strong to give the foursome the new mark.

The relay is seeded fourth heading into Saturday's Division 1 state meet at Waukesha South and it's possible the group could drop their record time even lower.

"I think we can for sure go faster," Gaerthofner said. "Some of us had good splits but we can also improve. It will be more compet-

itive down there and the adrenaline of the state meet should help."

Neenah's 200-yard freestyle relay team enters the state meet seeded fifth and is only a little more than a second behind the fastest qualifier.

That leads Raeth to believe both relays have the chance to make the podium.

"We're definitely hoping for that," Raeth said. "We know we have to drop time if we want to be on the podium down there, but we definitely think we are capable of it."

Gaerthofner, who will continue swimming at the University of Wisconsin next year, finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke and 10th in the 50-yard freestyle last year and has qualified in those same two events this season. He won both races at the sectional meet and is seeded third in the 100-yard breaststroke and fifth in the 50-yard freestyle.

The senior hopes to win an individual

state title in one of the events but knows it is a tall order to sit atop the podium.

"That's always been one of my goals to win at state and I think it's an equal shot in both," Gaerthofner said. "It would be super awesome to bring back a state title for Neenah. Having Neenah Rockets on your cap and representing that is huge for me and winning for the city would be awesome. If I don't win, I'm not going to beat myself up over it and I kind of have to go into the meet with that mindset."

Kuehn is making his first trip to the state meet in an individual event and will compete in both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle Saturday.

The senior, who finished second in both races at sectionals, is seeded 10th in each event and is hoping to improve on that.

"It's always the goal to get on the podium. Especially with the races I'm swimming, the sprints, anything can happen," Kuehn said. "It felt really good because that was my goal (to qualify as an individual). I worked really hard in the summer and it really paid off."

Trustem heads to state after a disappointing sectional meet where he finished tied for third in the 100-yard freestyle and fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The junior qualified in the 100-yard breaststroke but is seeded 23rd among the 24 entrants. He finished 10th in the event at state last year and will have a chance to end the season on a better note.

"I'm hoping to pull it all together at state," said Trustem, who narrowly missed returning to state in the 100-yard freestyle. "Sectionals was probably the worst meet I've had ever in my life. I'm hoping to actually be able to perform but there are higher nerves and higher stress than the last couple of years."

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Daun turns patience into playing key role for Rockets

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Joey Daun spent the summer preparing himself for his senior season with the Neenah boys basketball team.

But he didn't solely spend his time putting up jump shots or working on his handle. There was another area at Neenah High School where Daun spent a significant amount of his days.

"A lot of my confidence for this year was gained through the weight room," the Rockets' senior said. "All summer I tried to dedicate my entire body to the weight room and that just carried my game and elevated it to another level. Giving myself confidence with my body really translated to my game on the floor and gave me a chance to show people what I'm capable of."

Neenah fans certainly have to like what they have seen.

After playing a limited role off the bench for last year's Rockets and averaging just 2.1 points per game, Daun has emerged as a key figure on this year's squad. He ranks second on the team in scoring at 12.5 points per game and is second on the team in 3-pointers with 28. He has scored in double figures 15 times in 20 games, with a season-high 20 point effort in a win over Appleton West earlier this season.

More importantly, the Rockets entered the week tied for third place in the Fox Valley Association standings and primed for another lengthy postseason run.

"We all have to be on the same page and it starts in the defensive end getting stops," Daun said. "With Coach (Lee) Rabas on the sidelines, I feel like we have a good chance to win every game so we just have to stick to the gameplan and play for the name on the front of our jerseys. If we do that, we have a good chance every time."

Daun knew that he would be counted on to contribute to the team's success this season, even though he played a limited role as a junior.

Coming into my senior year, I knew I had to have a large impact on the team. I had to



be a factor who contributed to our winning every night," Daun said. "With the guys I'm surrounded by I knew we had a great chance to be successful."

Daun said waiting for his turn to shine on the court is part of the process of being in a highly successful program like Neenah.

Although there certainly are players who see the court as underclassmen, the majority of players don't hit the floor full-time until they are seniors.

"It's tough (to wait) but I like the way our program does it, developing their players," Daun said. "Watching the groups ahead of me, you know that when it's your senior year, it's your time to go, your time to shine. Putting my head down and waiting my turn was just all a part of the plan. Now, I'm just using my time to the best that I can."

His head may have been down but there was plenty he was able to take in from watching players like Cal Klesmit, Brady Corso and Charlie Wunderlich don the red Rocket jerseys ahead of him.

"Watching those guys ahead of me and seeing how dedicated they were and how seriously they take the game and how much they care, I really started to take notes and watch what they were doing," Daun said. "I just tried to replicate that when it was my time."

Daun may not have been playing loads of minutes last season, but he did play in the Rockets biggest game of the year.

In Neenah's four-overtime loss to Arrowhead in a WIAA Division 1 state semifinal at the Kohl Center last year, Daun got on the court for a few minutes and was able to knock down a shot.

"Playing on that floor was one of the highlights of playing basketball my entire life and



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After seeing limited minutes as a junior, Joey Daun has blossomed as a senior and is the Rockets' second-leading scorer at about 12.5 points per game.

being able to make a shot it's like a sign that all the work you have put in is starting to pay off," Daun said. "Being there is so cool that you know you want to go there again."

If the Rockets are able to make the trip to Madison this season, it will be the program's fourth straight trip to the state tournament.

That's something that is important to Daun and his fellow seniors and he plans

to do whatever he can to continue the state streak.

"Obviously the goal every year stays the same and coach is going to make sure that we know what the goal and expectation is," Daun said. "Seeing the last three teams make trips to the Kohl really just gives us

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rockets tip Polar Bears

Rowan Klesmit hit a driving layup with six seconds left in regulation to send the game to overtime and Neenah held Hortonville scoreless in the overtime period to earn a 58-51 win in a Fox Valley Association game last Friday.

Rae Schoultz hit one of two free throws to open the overtime period and put the Rockets ahead for good.

Klesmit scored off a drive and then hit two free throws, while Ellie Buss' two free throws capped off the win for Neenah.

Klesmit finished with 27 points to lead the Rockets, while Buss notched 11 points and seven rebounds. Alissa Ebel led Neenah with nine rebounds.

Neenah will host Appleton North in a WIAA Division 1 regional semifinal next Friday.

Vogel paces Zephyrs

Emily Vogel scored 15 of her game-high 23 points in the first half to help St. Mary Catholic grab the lead en route to a 75-56 win over Pacelli in the Zephyrs' regular-season finale Tuesday night.

Autumn Crowe knocked down four 3-pointers and finished with 19 points, while Lauren Ripley added 16 points for St. Mary Catholic, which led 35-23 at halftime.

Eliana Brenn chipped in eight points for the Zephyrs, the co-champions in the Big East North.

The Zephyrs, who are ranked third in Division 4, were coming off a 64-47 loss to

Oostburg in the Big East Crossover game last week. Oostburg is ranked No. 1 in Division 3.

Vogel finished with 19 points to lead the Zephyrs, while Crowe added 13.

The Zephyrs will be in action next Friday when they host the winner of Manawa and Coleman in a WIAA Division 4 regional semifinal. St. Mary Catholic is the top seed in its regional.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jung's big night fuels win

Luke Jung finished with 29 points and 15 rebounds as Neenah collected a Fox Valley Association win over Appleton West, 83-63, Tuesday.

Benjy Bell added a season-high 18 points for the Rockets, who outscored the Terrors 48-35 in the second half to pull away for the win. Nick Schultz also reached double figures with 11 points.

Jung also had a big game in a 66-50 non-conference win over Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday, posting a career-high 31 points, while also grabbing 15 rebounds for the Rockets.

Schultz added 10 points and Bell finished with nine for Neenah, which held the Red Raiders to just 15 points in the first half.

Neenah came up short in a close loss to Hortonville last Friday, falling 61-57 after leading by three points at halftime.

Schultz led the Rockets with 17 points, while Jung finished with 15. Joey Daun and Roan Koeper added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Balance lifts Zephyrs

Five players reached double figures, led by Mason Uhlenbrauck's 29 points, as the Zephyrs matched their season high in an 87-72 win over Menasha on Tuesday.

The Zephyrs led by just one point at halftime but outscored the Bluejays 47-33 in the second half to pull away.

Tarver Trinkner added 19 points, while Mason Wagner and Preston Fields each finished with 13. Luke Fairweather also reached double figures with 11 points.

BOYS HOCKEY

Rockets notch victory

Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha scored three unanswered goals to break a 2-2 tie

and claim a 5-2 win over Wausau West in the regular-season finale last Thursday.

Preston Liedke scored in the final minute of the second period to break the tie and send the Rockets into the third period with a 3-2 lead. Calvin Zinda and Mark Sutton picked up goals in the last stanza for the final margin.

Ty Laabs and Clay Laabs scored in the first period for the Rockets.

Cartyr Simonson finished with three assists in the win, while Ty Laabs picked up two.

Owen Debbert stopped 26 shots in goal for the Rockets.

Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha will begin WIAA Tournament play Friday when it hosts Ashwaubenon.

Senior Standout

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motivation and inspiration to make it every year and passing it down as a tradition to the grades below us."

The only thing Daun may have as much interest in as basketball as when he steps into the kitchen to fry up a tasty steak.

Although he can and will flop the slab of meat on a grill, he prefers to create a culinary masterpiece another way.

"I will fluctuate between the two, but I feel like I'm better with the cast iron. I can get a good sear with the cast iron," Daun said. "Nothing too secret (of a recipe). Get it nice and seasoned, butter up the pan and put a good sear on it."

His steak-making talents are something that will stick with Daun the rest of his life but playing competitive basketball may not.

He hopes to have the chance to play basketball beyond high school but that picture has not come into focus yet. However, what he has learned playing basketball – aside from shooting, dribbling and playing defense – will certainly be a benefit as he hopes to extend his career.

"If the opportunity were to come, I would have to take it but I don't know where my path will lead me at the moment," Daun said. "Sports, in general, has taught me that the dedication and work you put in pays off. If you dedicate yourself to it, you are going to see results and anything is possible. If you put your mind to it and you believe you can do it, it's possible."

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Courthouse 415 Jackson St., Room 53, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: February 28, 2025 Time: 8:45 a.m.

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Place: Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson St. Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: February 28, 2025 Time: 11:00 am

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IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Craig Gil Arellano Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000186

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IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Michael S. Gibbs Place: Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson St. Oshkosh, WI 54901, Room 211 Date: April 4, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM

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"I don't know whether you fully understand that I have just been shot," he told the stunned audience. "I give you my word, I do not care a rap about being shot; not a rap."



He completed the 90-minute speech with the bullet still lodged in his chest. Afterwards he went to the doctor and survived the attempt on his life.

President Roosevelt had many nicknames. As you complete each math problem below, those with even-numbered answers reveal one of his nicknames. The ones with odd-numbered answers are not.

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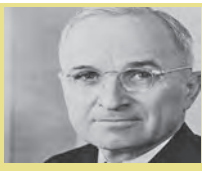
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Our 10th president, John Tyler, had the most children. Color the squares with even numbers RED and the odd-numbered squares BLUE to reveal the answer.

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The "S" in President Harry S. Truman's name doesn't stand for anything. Unable to decide on a middle name for over a month, his parents settled on the letter "S" in honor of his maternal grandfather, Solomon Young, and his paternal grandfather, Anderson Shipp Truman.



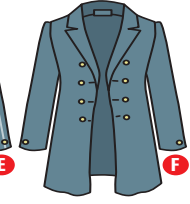
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President Tailor? Andrew Johnson, our 17th president, was trained as a tailor in his youth. He continued to make his own suits—even while president. Can you find the two identical suits?



Presidential Cheer

During his senior year of high school at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., George W. Bush, who would become the nation's 43rd president, was captain of the cheerleading team.



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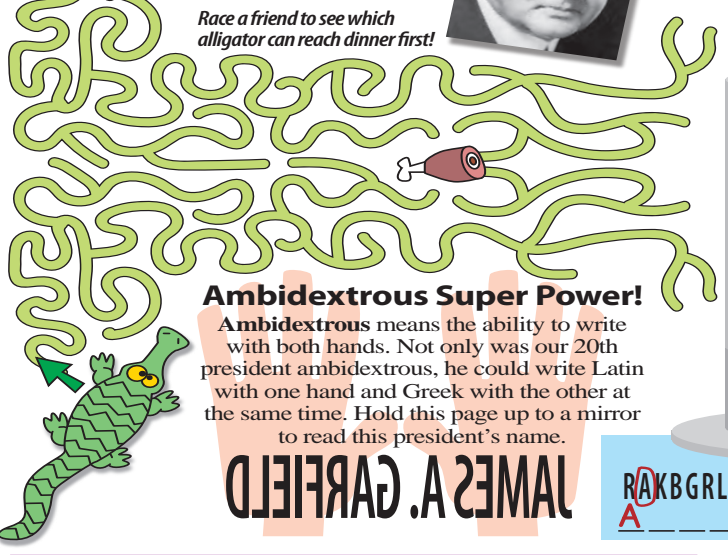
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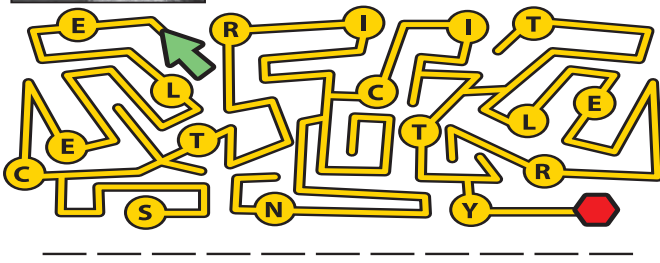
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Not for President Harrison!

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Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- PRESIDENT
- WRESTLING
- ALLIGATOR
- CHILDREN
- FREEDOM
- TAILOR
- SUITS
- LATIN
- WHITE
- HOUSE
- TYLER
- FIRST
- BUSH
- HAND
- BOTH

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

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R	M	W	I	W	O	E	E	N	L
E	F	F	N	R	A	C	N	D	L
N	T	S	G	R	E	L	Y	T	A

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

- The Happy Warrior**
22 + 6 =
- The Trust Buster**
13 + 13 =
- The Rough Rider**
6 + 8 =
- The Old Lion**
21 - 5 =
- Telescope Teddy**
2 + 6 + 4 =
- The Meddler**
17 - 5 =
- The Hero of San Juan Hill**
22 + 8 =
- The Man on Horseback**
24 - 6 =
- Haroun-al-Roosevelt**
12 + 12 =
- The Bull Moose**
36 + 4 =
- The Great White Chief**
17 + 17 =
- The Driving Force**
6 + 8 + 4 =
- Four Eyes**
8 + 8 + 2 =
- The Dynamo of Power**
19 + 21 =
- T.R.**
44 - 26 =
- Teddy**
5 + 5 + 5 + 5 =

ANSWER: They are all his nicknames!

What do you think Roosevelt's nicknames say about him?

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