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Report reveals details on sexual assault inquiry

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A 40-page internal investigation report that led to the reinstatement of city attorney David Rashid amid sexual assault proceedings indicates a Neenah police investigator visited the home of a sitting alderman to attempt to facilitate a recorded phone call aimed at exonerating Rashid from al-

leged misconduct.

When questioned by Neenah News in August about the allegation, Neenah Police Chief Aaron Olson declined to comment.

The criminal investigation was conducted by the Appleton Police Department, and last April Rashid was charged with third- and fourth-degree sexual assault of his former wife. The woman, who is not named in the report, told an investigator that Rashid sexually assaulted her while they were married during incidents between 2017 and 2022.

The city placed Rashid on administrative leave after the criminal charges but reinstated him in August after an internal personnel investigation conducted by the Neenah Police Department found “no violations pertaining to matters of the workplace,” according to a press release issued by Mayor Jane Lang.

The city denied three open records requests from Neenah News for the investigation report over the course of eight

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Photo by David Hall

Spring in the air

Area residents got outdoors last weekend to enjoy some sunshine and recreation trails, including the Trestle Trail Bridge connecting Fox Crossing and Menasha as part of the Loop the Lake. Warmer temperatures were in the forecast for this weekend that will draw out even more people outside.

Departing St. Vincent de Paul director reflects on impact

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) of Neenah-Menasha director Jeremy Pingel is preparing to transition to a new role as a homeless outreach case coordinator with the city of Green Bay, leaving the organization and community stronger through his advocacy.

Pingel's tenure was marked by significant changes over the past three years that helped improve the lives of those in need. Most notable is the expansion of the organization's food pantry in Neenah, which just five years ago was operating out of a church closet in Menasha.

In 2021, the pantry was relocated and expanded to a portion of the SVDP thrift store at 1425 S. Commercial St. What started with about 50 families quickly grew to support more than 2,000 fami-

lies, and the pantry began running out of space.

With Pingel at the helm, SVDP took over 91% of the mini-mall on South Commercial in 2023, acquiring the 27,000-square-foot space next door that previously operated as a day care. After about five months of remodeling, the newly expanded Vinnie's Pantry opened to the public that November.

“That’s probably my greatest accomplishment,” he said. “When I joined the organization, they had not even purchased the property yet, so they had started some negotiations, but then I was involved in the purchase and some of the redesign and all the bumps and bruises that come with expansion, renovation, permitting – all that sort of thing.”

Pingel, who lives in De Pere, is a 1994 Neenah High School graduate with a

background in psychology. Having visited food pantries with his mother as a child, his compassion and understanding of the struggles facing those who are food insecure is evident in the design of Vinnie's Pantry, which is set up like a grocery store with a room of bread, produce, dry and canned goods and refrigerated items, and a separate hygiene room for toiletries, menstrual products and other supplies.

There is a front desk and reception area with coffee and couches, and a private waiting area to provide dignity to pantry users who previously had to wait in line inside the thrift store. On especially cold days, it is not uncommon to see an unsheltered resident bundled up in blankets sitting in the reception area as a sort of makeshift warming shelter.



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Jeremy Pingel, director of St. Vincent de Paul of Neenah-Menasha, is shown outside the food pantry last week.

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Purple-Up recognizes military children

Neenah News

Children of military service members will be honored nationwide Tuesday, including locally by the American Legion Hawley-Dieckhoff Post 33 in Neenah with the annual Purple-Up for Military Kids Day.

Support is shown for children of those in all military branches represented with the color purple that combines the green, blue and red of those branches. Residents will be wearing purple and displaying purple ribbons on doors and porches.

April is month of the military child, with the Legion noting that children must endure separation from parents during times of deployment, loss of friends, families, familiar places and changing schools frequently because of military personnel orders.

Mary Koslowski, chaplain for the Auxiliary, Winnebago County and District 6, said wearing a purple ribbon shows support for those whose parents have served or are currently serving in the military, and honors those who've passed. There are five military children in the local unit.

"These kids need our support," she said. "Often, they're not with their parents. They're with grandparents, aunts, uncles or friends, and they're lonesome. We've got to give them the support they need,



Submitted photo

Sons of the American Legion member Mason Mauthe (from left), chaplain Mary Koslowski, president Jill Fritsch and poppy chair Patti Julius were at the St. Gabriel parish fish fry last Friday to promote the month of the military child.

just to let them know we're thinking about them."

Legion auxiliary members promoted month of the military child and Purple-Up Day, which is Tuesday, at St. Gabriel's parish fish fry last Friday, decorating tables, handing out information and purple ribbons, and offering a coloring activity for

children. Auxiliary members will also be at the final Lenten fish fry and bingo to-night.

Donations received from the St. Gabriel's fish fry and other contributions will go toward military children in the community through the help of the Hawley-Dieckhoff Post.

Town of Neenah sets its annual meeting

The Town of Neenah is holding its annual meeting starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Town Hall, 1600 Breezewood Lane. The meeting can also be viewed online through Zoom with a link available at

townofneenah.com.

Town officials will swear in newly elected officials, review 2024 accomplishments and this year's goals, and approve the treasurer's report and annual report.

Retired county education staff set meeting, program

The Winnebago County Retired Educators' Association invites all retired school employees who live in or have worked in Winnebago County to its April 17 meeting at Jeff's On Rugby in Oshkosh.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. followed

by a short business meeting at 11:30 before lunch. The program will feature Cori Laux, resident coach at Tiny House Village in Oshkosh.

Those interested may email rolson3430@aol.com by Friday.

Warning sirens back on Saturday noon schedule

Winnebago County's outdoor warning sirens are being tested starting this month at noon Saturdays through September, designed to warn people who are outdoors that a severe weather situation is occurring or likely to happen soon.

Tests will be canceled if severe weather and other serious conditions are imminent.

For more information, contact the Winnebago County Office Emergency Management at 920-236-7463.



Neenah Historical Society photo

Island Park anglers

Fishermen line up along water at Island Park on First Street in this undated image.

Calendar of events

- Friday, April 11**
Booras, 7 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive
- Saturday, April 12**
Neenah Lions Club Super Spring Sale, 9 a.m., The Dome, 1338 S. Commercial Ave.
- Sunday, April 13**
Palm Sunday Donkey Walk and Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 809 S. Commercial St.
Lawrence University Piano Jazz Trio, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library
- Monday, April 14**
Big Band Reunion, 7:30 p.m., Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.
- Friday, April 18**
Jazz for '90s Kids, 7 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive
- Sunday, April 20**
Lawrence University Piano Jazz Trio, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library
- Monday, April 21**
Big Band Reunion, 7:30 p.m., Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.
- Tuesday, April 22**
Film Series: "National Lampoon's Vacation," 1 p.m., Neenah-Menasha YMCA
- Saturday, April 26**
Earth Day program, 10:30 a.m., Neenah Public Library
Last Light Neenah launch, 7 p.m., 135 W. Wisconsin Ave. and Green's Pour House

Correction

APRIL 4, PAGE 3: The Growing Up Neenah exhibit will be at the Neenah Historical Society at 343 Smith St. on the first floor of the Octagon House. The location was listed incorrectly in the story.

Camp Invention coming to Neenah

Neenah News

Camp Invention, a national nonprofit summer enrichment program, is coming to Neenah the week of June 16.

A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame in partnership with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Camp Invention challenges children in grades K-6 to tap into their curiosity and creativity to solve problems. The program promotes STEM learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness while encouraging entrepreneurship.

The program features a new curriculum each year inspired by some of the nation's most notable inventors who are in the National Inventors Hall of Fame. This year's Discover program offers hands-on experiences including:

- In Control: Campers take control of

their innovation journey as they head out on the ultimate road trip.

- Illusion Workshop: Children discover the mesmerizing world of illusions, where things are not always as they appear.
- Claw Arcade: Campers use their creativity and engineering skills to construct a functional claw arcade out of cardboard.
- Penguin Launch: Children embark on an eco-expedition to investigate penguins and the ice and snow of Antarctica.

All local programs are facilitated and taught by qualified educators in the community. Camp Invention serves 140,000 students every year and partners with more than 2,600 schools and districts. For more information or to register, visit invent.org/camp. Since 1990, the programs have served more than 3 million children, and 297,000 teachers and leadership interns.

Hands-on Earth Day activities at Public Library

Neenah News

Children and their families are invited to attend a free Earth Day program sponsored by the Northeast Wisconsin American Chemical Society and Neenah Public Library.

This year's theme is Glaciers: Hot Topic, Cool Chemistry with hands-on activities from 10:30 a.m. to noon April 26 at the library.

Free copies of an Earth Day edition of

Celebrating Chemistry will be available for participants.

Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) is a community-based program of the American Chemical Society (ACS) during the week of Earth Day, which is April 22 and administered by the ACS Office of Science Outreach. The ACS joined the Earth Day celebration in 2003. Other activities and events can be found at acs.org/ccew.

Museum of Glass reports successful fundraising

The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass reported a record evening of fundraising at its Feb. 15 Night at the Museum: Baccarat event, which celebrated the museum's collection of Baccarat glass.

With 150 friends and supporters in attendance, the museum raised \$101,000 for its exhibitions and educational programs, and another \$20,000 for its Collections Fund through the sale of museum-quality paperweights.



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Parrot participation

A Jimmy Buffet tribute drew musicians and singers recently to the Neenah Public Library.

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Kristen Minster holds her book "School of Kindness" that was released last month.

'School of Kindness' shows kids the way

Neenah News

Children's book author Kristen Minster has published "School of Kindness," which shares the impact that acts of kindness can bring to a community.

Minster is an early childhood educator with 11 years of teaching experience in the United States and internationally, and currently a teacher at Lake Edge Learning Center in Neenah where she said her 3-year-old students discuss and practice kindness on a daily basis.

"Everywhere I have taught, I have always put empathy and kindness at the forefront

of building classroom community," she said by email. "The practice of being kind to others through words and actions is so important to instill in young children."

The Neenah resident will be selling her book, which was released March 15, at Lyons Books in downtown Neenah and hosting a meet-and-greet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 3.

The book is also available at payhip.com/schoolofkindness.

She is also planning to organize a book event at the Neenah Public Library at a date to be determined.

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Living options, limitations reviewed by council

Housing study details need for new dwellings

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A housing study presented to the Neenah Common Council last month highlighted the ongoing need for diverse and affordable housing options in the city.

The study conducted by Stantec Consulting between late 2024 and early 2025 indicated Neenah needs about 960 new housing units over the next decade – about 100 per year – to meet growing community needs.

Urban planner Spencer Cox with Stantec said that the city faces housing shortages across multiple demographic segments, with housing production consistently failing to meet growth.

“So as Neenah has continued to add new households to the community, housing production has not went up, and the gap between housing units and households that have been added have continued to shrink, not just within Neenah, but also within the broader region,” he said. “And that constriction within the housing market, between new demand from households moving in and the lack of new supply that’s being added to the market, means that housing costs are going up, and that’s both true in the rental market and in the ownership market.”

Cox identified three primary housing

demand drivers: entry-level ownership housing, affordable rental options and diverse senior and post-ownership housing.

The study included details on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on housing and rental availability and prices. Notably, from 2019 to 2021 there was an 8% increase in renters, while median rent jumped by 27% between 2019 and 2023. The median price for a home in January 2020 cost \$188,200, compared with \$252,560 two years later, representing a 34% increase.

Home prices across the board have accelerated in price, with the median home increasing by 125% since 2014, according to the study.

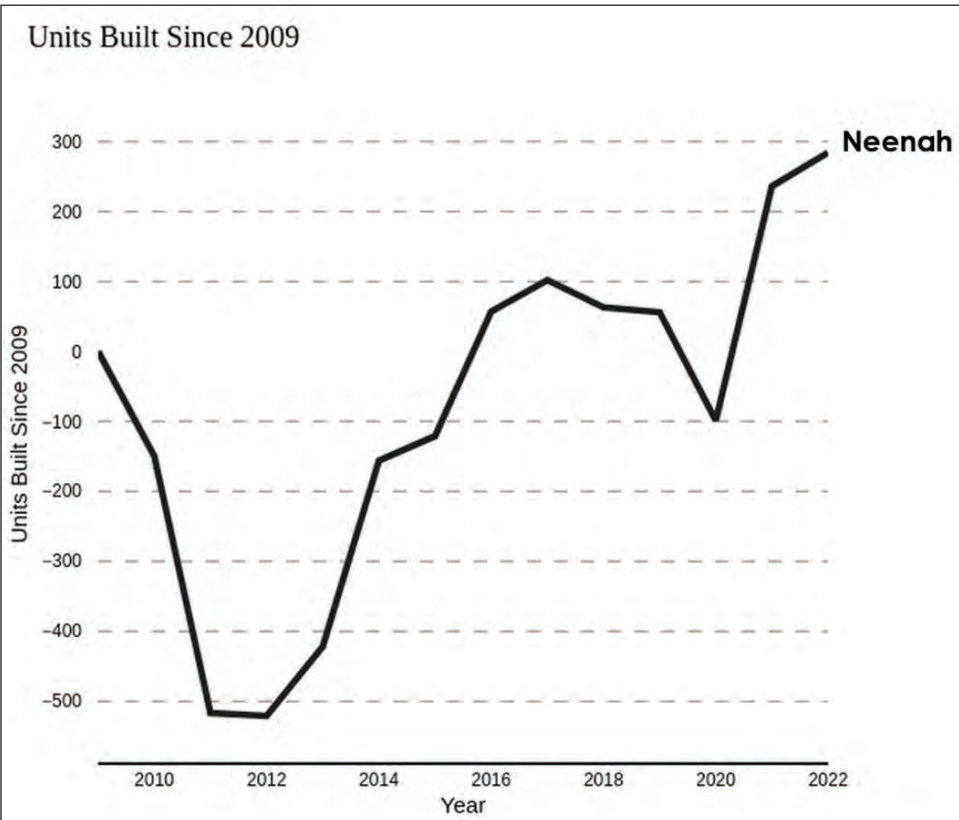
Cox pointed out the significant impact of interest rates on the ability to purchase a home, noting a shift from about 3% to 8% in interest rates increases the income required to purchase a home “by \$30,000 or about a third.”

Additionally, he said construction costs have skyrocketed, making it “extremely difficult to build a new single-family home for less than \$350,000.”

The supply shortage has direct consequences for housing costs, with Cox noting that Neenah has a high percentage of cost-burdened households, with 37% of residents spending more than 30% of their income on housing.

“Of those that are earning \$50,000 or less, which is a large amount of occupations of single-income earners, the vast majority of them are cost burdened when they’re renting,” Cox said. “There’s a strong demand for rental housing, in particular.”

The largest proportion of households within the community still remain people



above 55 years old who live alone in smaller households, Cox explained. This trend aligns with a broader national shift toward single-person households, with projections suggesting nearly 50% of all households could be single-person by 2030.

The study notes low-income housing tax credits remain the most dependable path to creating affordable multifamily rental housing. But getting those projects approved and built has become the main obstacle.

The development of a mixed-income housing neighborhood at the former Shattuck Middle School site that would include low-income tax credits was rejected due to neighborhood resistance. The Shattuck site has sat vacant for two years after the Common Council voted against rezoning the parcel so that a developer could construct 89 apartments inside the building and 49 single family homes at the site.

Cox said the Shattuck situation indicated to developers that the community has resistance to adding affordable housing “and makes it riskier in terms of the developer coming into a project to build multifamily housing, so that sends the wrong signals to developers about ... the needs within the community. And that was very clear in many different housing

interviews.”

The recommended solutions focus heavily on zoning code modifications.

“But one of the things that were kind of the lowest hanging fruit, and that have already been talked about from the people that were speaking earlier, were adjustments to the zoning code, and in particular, developing a zoning code that lowers the risk for new development, that allows for increasing middle density homes, so townhomes against plexes, and lower, smaller, multifamily homes within different neighborhoods within the community,” he said.

Stantec produced a range of zoning revisions to increase the supply of infill development and new development.

“And the main emphasis that I want to put here is that while zoning remains one of the major aspects, a big aspect of attracting new development is creating a level playing field that’s very clear to developers what their costs will be going in up front, and knowing that if they’re starting to develop a project, that they won’t face community resistance when it comes to developing the kind of housing that’s been developed within the community,” he said.

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Housing study

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Other strategies to increase housing include using local housing trust funds (LHTFs) established by a local government to fund projects. Several cities in Wisconsin have adopted LHTF tools, including La Crosse, which capitalized at \$1.2 million to gap finance or renovate affordable housing through low-interest loans.

Changing Neenah’s zoning restrictions to allow accessory dwelling units, such as an above-garage unit, standalone cottage or converted garage, was another suggestion, as was turning city-owned parcels or land into housing and using vacant or dilapidated lots for infill redevelopment.

Brad Schmidt, deputy director of community development, told the council he’s happy with the strategies that were developed.

“We all know we need different types of housing, and obviously housing affordability has become an issue,” he said. “But what can we do as a city? We are not home

builders. Cities don’t build houses. We help facilitate and encourage housing to be built. So we have to look at ourselves in the mirror.”

Jennifer Sunstrom, director of public relations and government affairs for the Realtors Association of Northeast Wisconsin, praised the housing study as well done and unbiased, and emphasized the responsibility that the Common Council has in facilitating development.

“To all of you, the buck stops here, and whether housing gets created or not comes down to your decision making,” she said. “The wheels can come off right here, and so what I’m hoping is that this housing study provides you with the backing that you need to make sometimes very difficult decisions on housing, but that are needed to serve the best interests of the entire community, not just now, not just today, not just for the next three years, but for future generations. That’s what I believe this housing study can provide you.”

The full Neenah Housing Study and Needs Assessment is available on the City of Neenah website.



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An infill development project on a double lot that was split to build a new home is shown on Edward Street while under construction.

Neighboring opposition often impacts housing developments

Neenah News

An infill development project proposed last year for a home and attached garage on a portion of a double frontage parcel was met with opposition referred to as “NIMBYism,” short for “not in my backyard.”

Several neighboring homeowners spoke at Common Council and committee meetings in opposition of dividing the lot, which fronts on Main Street, to create a second lot fronting on Edward, calling it “a crazy idea,” voicing frustration over existing challenges with neighbors, and stating there isn’t enough room to build a house on such a small lot.

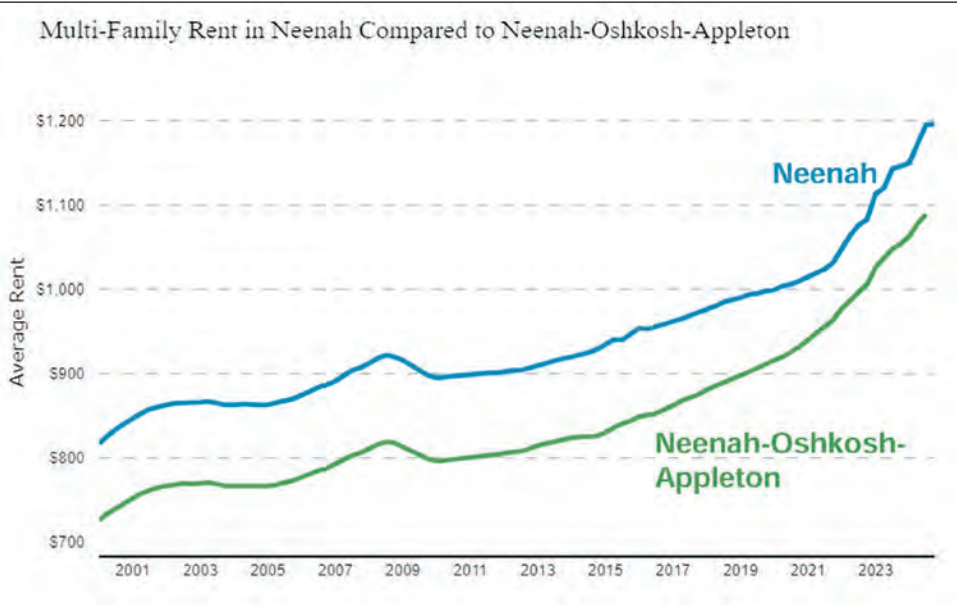
The parcel required city approval because the size of the two lots would be less than the 60-foot width and 7,200-square-foot area required by city ordinance, though developer Duane Murphy of Expert Real Estate Partners told the council at the time that within a block of the home are

18 properties under the ordinance size requirement, including the neighboring lot.

Murphy decided to use infill development to construct a home on the parcel “to try to, again, fulfill a need for that affordable housing that is just nonexistent in today’s market, and then to build on lots that are not bringing in any tax dollars and not really serving us,” he told the council last year.

The council ultimately gave the development the green light. A year later, construction of the single-family home and garage is substantially completed.

Lot splitting, tiny houses and accessory dwelling units are some of the trends that residents can expect to see as developers work to meet housing needs, according to Jennifer Sunstrom, director of public relations and government affairs for the Realtors Association of Northeast Wisconsin, who said nimbyism is often one of the biggest hurdles in new housing.



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Rocket debaters capture state titles in dominant style

By Jami Severstad
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

This year’s Wisconsin Debate Coaches’ Association (WDCA) state tournament in West Bend resulted in Neenah High School winning the first-place team award, a state championship and several individual place winners.

Kale Hildebrandt was also one of three winners of a \$500 WDCA scholarship for excellence in debate and academics.

Individual Rocket varsity debaters (and their records) include state champion Aidan Lishner (6-0), state runner-up Drew Benthein (5-1), semifinalist Jack Brown (4-2), semifinalist Caroline Hodges (6-0) and quarterfinalist Kale Hildebrandt (4-2).

“It was a great tournament against the best in the state, and I think that everybody I went against really helped me grow as a debater,” said Lishner.

“It was a great end to a very fulfilling season,” said Hodges.

Benthin added, “We fought tooth and nail. This year we went so hard, (and) they couldn’t keep up.”

Although no strangers to competition at the state level – all Neenah competitors participated at state last year – the Rockets were especially proud of their overall performance.

“It was a long weekend of blood, sweat and tears. We managed to dominate the rest of the competition and come out on top,” said Lishner.

His choice of “dominate” isn’t used lightly. Perhaps the most impressive result for Neenah was its first closeout ever for every spot in the elimination bracket. Closeout means all placegetters are mem-



Neenah High School’s state place winners were (from left) Blake Bornemann, Jack Brown, Drew Benthein, Aidan Lishner, Caroline Hodges and Kale Hildebrandt.

bers of one team, blocking every other team from the podium. Neenah’s block was five deep and occurred at the close of the six preliminary rounds — before quarterfinals even began.

According to Benthein, “I don’t think they (judges) have ever seen one team close out all the spots.”

“Closeouts have happened ...” said Brown, and Benthein finished his thought: “But not to that degree, though.”

Hodges chimed in, “Yeah, I don’t think there’s ever been a closeout for all elimination rounds, except for this year. Maybe for finals.”

“Plus,” added Lishner, “no Neenah kids have been to finals in what, seven or eight years?”

In addition to debate success, coach Linda Dums was awarded the Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Coach Champion award for that format.

Lincoln-Douglas debate is a values-based format focusing on moral reasoning and ethical judgment. Debaters argue for or against a resolution by establishing a value and a value criterion. All students from Neenah participated.

“I think they give (the award) when your team does really well,” Dums said. “I think it’s just because I’m the coach of a good team ... our team is pretty amazing, and they do a lot of work on their own. When they’re working on cases, it’s kind of a teamwork effort. People work on their own cases, but there’s a lot of collaboration.”

Lishner said as he displayed a thick binder, “Drew and I, we had so much prep. We had 46 pages on Aff(irmative) ... and then Neg(ative), this is all the stuff. We had 200 pages on Neg(ative).”

“They helped me work on (a) case that’s actually impenetrable, it was so good,” Hodges added.

To qualify for state, students must have

posted winning records at two previous WDCA-sanctioned tournaments. In addition to awards for best records, the tournament presents Speaker Awards for especially impressive performances. Neenah won five of the six awarded, including First Speaker (Brown) as well as Benthein, Hildebrandt, Lishner and Hodges.

“I was surprised to get First Speaker, because I don’t usually get good speaks,” Brown said.

These speaker points were a determining factor between Lishner and Hodges’s identical 6-0 records.

In junior varsity, semifinalist Blake Bornemann took fourth with a 4-2 record and sixth in Speaker Awards, and Kylee Marshall was eighth in Speaker Awards. It was Bornemann’s first year in the sport.

Hodges prodded Bornemann, “You kept saying you thought you weren’t going to do good.”

“I didn’t think so, because I didn’t know who was going to be in the pool, and I hadn’t gone against a lot of them,” Bornemann explained. “But once I did the six prelims, I felt better. I’m happy with how far I got. I wish I would have won semi(finals) because I had already beaten that girl ... but I was content.”

Other teams participating included West Bend combined, Homestead, Brookfield East, Marquette University High School and Sheboygan South.

The team now heads to the Harvard National Speech and Debate Tournament for the third time; the Wisconsin Forensics Coaches Association State Tournament; the National Catholic Forensics League Grand Nationals; and National Speech and Debate Association National Speech and Debate Tournament, capping off the year in June.

While debate may not be as popular as sports or other high school activities, it provides a strong foundation for students interested in building a successful future.

“It’s a way to access other topics not taught in school,” said Brown. “It’s incredibly helpful for college. You’re 38% more likely to get into a good college.”

As Benthein explained, “We do a lot of research, and we learn how to talk and work through problems.”

“And make new friends,” Lishner added. “It’s fun. It’s good for understanding other people’s viewpoints and becoming more informed about how other people exist. It makes you a more informed citizen.”

Brown’s earlier statistic proved true for the four seniors on the varsity squad. Benthein, Brown, Hildebrandt and Lishner all notched acceptances — and large scholarships — from elite institutions around the country. Three of the four have decided to double-major, and in departments drawn from their debate experiences: philosophy, political science and sociology.

Will the future hold more debate opportunities for the graduating seniors? Lishner and Benthein exclaimed simultaneously, “Yes!” and Benthein qualified, “The only schools I applied to have debate.”



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It is with great pride that I share exciting news about the outstanding achievements of our students with disabilities. Their dedication, perseverance and teamwork continue to inspire our entire school community, and this year, their efforts have earned well-deserved recognition.

Earlier this year, Neenah Middle School and Neenah High School were once again honored as Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools. This prestigious distinction reflects our students' exceptional commitment to fostering an inclusive school culture – one where every individual is valued, respected and empowered to succeed.

This honor is not new to us; both schools have received this recognition in the past. In fact, in 2020, Neenah High School was named to ESPN's list of the top 30 National Banner Schools in the country.

Later this year, Special Olympics will announce its top five schools nationwide, and we are hopeful Neenah will once again receive national recognition.

Earning National Banner School status is a testament to the strength of our stu-



dents and staff. Schools achieving this distinction must demonstrate excellence in three key areas: Inclusive Youth Leadership, Whole School Engagement, and Sustainability. These pillars ensure that our schools not only create opportunities for students with disabilities to participate in activities but also cultivate a lasting culture of acceptance and belonging. Neenah Middle School and Neenah High School stand out as the only two schools in Wisconsin to receive this recognition – a reflection of the dedication of our students, educators and community members who work tirelessly to make inclusivity a way of life in our district. Adding to this incredible news, Neenah's Special Olympics basketball team is making history. For the first time since 2019, the team

is heading to the state tournament after securing a regional tournament victory in Stevens Point on March 16. The Rockets showcased remarkable skill and teamwork, earning wins over Barron County and River Valley to claim their spot at the state tournament, which will take place at UW-Oshkosh this weekend. Additionally, Neenah had four teams competing in the regional meet, further demonstrating the talent, dedication and spirit of our students with disabilities. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the incredible students and staff who have made these accomplishments

possible. You exemplify one of the best qualities of being a Neenah Rocket – fostering a school culture built on collaboration, engagement and respect for all. As we celebrate these milestones, let this serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of inclusivity and the strength found in perseverance. When we work together, support one another, and embrace our differences, we create a school community where every student can thrive. Let's continue to champion these values and set an example for schools across the state and the nation. Go Rockets!



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Drivers urged to be patient amid road work

The Wisconsin State Patrol's April Law of the Month encourages drivers to help create a safe space for crews who work on and alongside the road as construction season ramps up. "Construction crews and county highway personnel often work within feet of traffic," said Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "These people need to be able to rely on drivers to do their part to ensure

a safe work zone. The Wisconsin State Patrol is working to combat unsafe driving in work zones with the help of troopers on the road and overhead with our Air Support Unit. Last year, we issued over 7,000 citations and warnings for traffic law violations in work zones." There were 2,174 state work zone crashes in 2024, resulting in 10 fatalities and 779 injuries.

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The **Wisconsin Safety Council**, the state's leading provider of safety training and products, announced the **Neenah Foundry's** Neenah operations as one of the winners of the organization's 31st annual Workplace Safety Awards in the manufacturing mega category. The pro-

"It showcases our high quality of life, thriving business environment and the welcoming nature of our communities, no matter the audience: a relocating professional, an entrepreneur seeking new opportunities, a corporate executive evaluating potential business sites, or a curious prospective resident," stated Renee Torzala, New North's vice president of marketing and investor relations. "They should find great value in the in-depth insights it

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City attorney

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months. Then this week after consulting with outside legal counsel, the city reversed course and released the internal investigation to the media.

Documents show investigator Craig Hoffer with Neenah police began the personnel investigation in early May, reviewing the criminal complaint and a transcript for a domestic violence restraining order injunction hearing. The restraining order was filed by the victim in both Outagamie and Winnebago counties and denied by both courts.

According to the report, Hoffer's first objective in the investigation "was to establish the origin of the allegations against David Rashid."

It was Rashid's predecessor, former city attorney Adam Westbrook, who sent an anonymous email to city officials in August 2023 accusing Rashid of "domestic abuse and violence" toward his former wife, which resulted in the criminal sexual assault charges filed last year.

When questioned by investigators, Westbrook said he got the information about Rashid from Jacob Boudreau, a former Menasha dog groomer. Westbrook, Rashid and his wife were patrons of Boudreau's grooming business.

In an unrelated case, Westbrook pleaded guilty in September to a federal felony charge in connection with a child pornography ring involving Boudreau, who was recently sentenced to 15 years in prison, and Racine County Sheriff's Deputy Preston Kite, who was recently sentenced to 65 years in prison. An Appleton man, Noah Thiel, was also recently sentenced to a year in jail for sex crimes against animals in connection with the pornography ring.

Westbrook indicated he believed the information he sent to city officials in the email was accurate because he saw protective order paperwork on the court server before it was sealed in the victim's attempt to get a restraining order.

Hoffer asked Westbrook about a previous conversation he had with the Neenah mayor where he mentioned he would be interested in getting his job as the city attorney back.

"I then explained to him that one could find it very suspicious that he had sent the anonymous email about the current city of Neenah attorney being involved in allegations of abuse, right around the same time that he had expressed interest to Mayor Jane Lang about coming back to work for the city," Hoffer wrote. "He acknowledged that he could see what I was saying, but then stated that it seemed from the beginning like the city of Neenah was more worried about finding out who sent the email than finding out if the allegations were accurate."

In July, Hoffer traveled to the home of then-alderman Kathie Boyette, who did not seek re-election earlier this month, and interviewed her. The report notes animosity between Boyette and Rashid and believes Boyette was "talking regularly to Adam Westbrook about city of Neenah related issues, even since Adam was federally indicted on child pornography charges."

Boyette expressed frustrations with how the city was handling the internal investigation, stating she was shut down by the mayor, community development director, police chief and the Menasha city attorney filling in for Rashid.

"She said that 'all away around the block' she has been told to keep her mouth shut and that she cannot discuss the situation while it was being investigated," the report states.

Hoffer noted that during the course of the

conversation he told Boyette that he suspected Westbrook was telling Rashid's ex-wife what to say and do in the criminal case.

"It sounds very much like a lawyer told her exactly what to say," he wrote of the victim. "Adam Westbrook would have the experience to know what to have her say."

Hoffer asked Boyette to make a recorded phone call to Westbrook, to which she hesitated and then never contacted him back to say if she would or would not make the call.

The bulk of the investigation appeared to be interviews with associates of Rashid and his ex-wife, many of whom attacked the credibility of the victim, while the investigator described Rashid as a "good person and a gentleman."

"Although David has made mistakes with relationships in the past, most seemed to think that he has since improved who he is as a person," Hoffer wrote.

He noted that the only people he found

who believed the allegations against Rashid were the victim's family members, though no interviews with any of them were documented in the report.

Some of those interviewed by Hoffer criticized the Appleton Police Department's handling of the criminal investigation, including Alderman Cari Lendrum, who said the investigator was as "unobjective as possible."

Among Hoffer's statements in the personnel report were that he has "never seen a criminal complaint with only a victim's statements as the probable cause for charges being filed," and believes "a successful prosecution of this case at a jury trial will be a very difficult, uphill battle for the state."

Rashid's defense attorneys have twice attempted to have the case dismissed under different judges, both motions that failed. He's due back in court for a status conference in June.

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Pantry director

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“Working for this organization allowed me to pinpoint and help this community, and I really appreciated the fact that I could see the people and I could feel the direct impact that we were having here that really intrigued me,” he said.

One success story involves a young mother who, after leaving an unhealthy home situation, used the food pantry’s services. Within two months she secured employment and no longer required assistance.

“I mean, the whole point is to be here when somebody’s down, and then to just grab their hand and pull them as they’re coming along, and then saying, ‘Here, this is all yours,’ and watching them become what they’re going to become,” he said. “I just love that part of it.”

The organization’s direct support also includes emergency financial assistance, a program to provide mattresses to those in need, and vouchers for clothing and furniture. A significant portion of the expenses for the food pantry and other programs are funded by proceeds from the thrift store.

“The impact that I feel we’ve had in the time that I’ve been here has grown and has really affected and changed people,” Pingel said. “It’s given them that little leg up, that little boost to kind of keep going and keep fighting the good fight.”

He has also overseen a digital update to the organization’s website and a new Face-



Pingel

book page, formed a close partnership with the Winnebago County Health Department and branched out in programing and public outreach.

“As St. Vincent de Paul continues with the current services they provide, who knows what the future will hold when it comes to addressing homelessness, mental health and addiction,” he said.

His leadership has not been without challenges. There was a \$115,000 Community Development Block Grant from the city of Neenah that fell through, and a \$500,000 grant from the county’s Spirit Fund that required significant time and advocacy for approval and receipt. There was the disappointment of finding few local resources for a growing number of homeless residents.

“I had hoped that I would have been able to have or create more communication and collaboration with the city of Neenah, itself,” Pingel said. “We want to be partners in solving the things that are going on in Neenah.”

It’s not lost on Pingel that his departure is at a time when food insecurity is greater than ever, while federal funding for social welfare programs is being cut.

SVDP has been impacted by cuts to The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the farm-to-table program, which connected local farmers to food pantries. Feeding America, which partners with food banks across the country to distribute food, is facing similar setbacks.

“The organization is in a position to weather the ups and downs, the challenges that come along with our current political climate,” he said. “Where uncertainty seems to reign, we just kind of want to be that bedrock here that people can rely on, and that’ll continue and grow as this organization moves in the future.”

Pingel has no concerns about the organization continuing to operate smoothly without him and encourages people to continue visiting the thrift store, donating and volunteering.

“I just really want to say thank you for the dedication, support and hard work that the community, both inside the store and outside the store, have given to me in my growth here, and into the organization,” he said.

With his position in Neenah wrapping up this week, the board of directors is set to begin the search for a new director.

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Veteran Rocket squad aims to return to state title match

Neenah News

Neenah came within about six minutes of winning the inaugural WIAA boys state lacrosse championship last June.

The Rockets should certainly be in the hunt to bring the sport’s second state title back to Neenah this season.

Neenah brings back a strong foundation from last year’s state runner-up squad and head coach Eric Marsh believes this group will be in the state mix once again.

“Our overall outlook for us this season is making a deep run at the state title again,”

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Marsh commented. “We lost a few good pieces but overall we should be a stronger team than last season. It’s a great group of boys that are unselfish and truly play for each other out on the field. It’s hard to beat a culture like that when it’s paired up with a lot of talent.”

Marsh, whose team lost to Middleton, 7-6, in the state championship match last season, believes the experience of getting to the title game will help the team.

“Over the last three years, the boys have had the chance to play in big games and be ranked very high in the state. The more experience we have at that high of a level, the more comfortable they’ll be in understanding they should be there and they can win those games,” Marsh commented. “Playing in the state championship, while nerve-racking, was an experience they will have always have. And they can understand and believe they can compete at that high of a level. The next time we get there, they can play with

confidence and hopefully bring back the title.”

The Rockets will return their leading scorer from last year in senior Jackson Brown, who finished with 51 points last year, including a team-high 26 assists. Brown was a first-team all-Bay Valley Conference selection last season and had a goal and an assist in last year’s state title game.

Junior Hunter Weinke joined Brown on the all-conference first team, and will help anchor the team in the field.

“(Hunter) is arguably the best long stick midfielder in the state,” Marsh commented. He’s a groundball machine and difficult to dodge against.”

Seniors Keane Sullivan in the midfield and Alex Alatorre on defense were second-team all-conference selections last year, while face-off specialist senior Cole Fenske was an honorable mention all-league selection a year ago.

Neenah will also bring back senior defensive midfielder Ty Laabs, who is coming off a stellar season for the Rockets’ hockey team and was a key factor in the team’s state run in lacrosse last season.

Marsh is counting on sophomores Cooper Sieck and Jackson Herres to bolster the team’s lineup this season. Sieck had a strong freshman season on defense but will have an increased role with the team this year, while Herres saw limited action in midfield as a freshman but will also be counted on to step up his play.

In goal, the Rockets have to replace

all-conference goalkeeper Jack Romsos, but will have sophomore Isaac Scholl stepping in after seeing limited varsity action last season.

“We return almost every part of a high-powered offense and in year three of our system, we should be able to produce a lot of scoring. Paired with a deep, young defense, we should be able to run with just about anyone,” Marsh commented. “Depth will also be a strong part of our team this season.”

Girls

First-year head coach Michael Babbitts returns an experienced group for the Rockets and looks to improve on last year’s inaugural WIAA season.

The Rockets will have a handful of players who earned all-conference recognition return, anchored by seniors Birkley Janichek and Lillian Vande Corput on defense. Both players are three-year varsity players and were second-team all-conference selections a year ago.

Senior Elliott Pershing also returns after earning honorable mention all-conference honors at goalkeeper.

In the midfield, junior Ellery Marsh and Ainsley LeClair are both returning from season-ending injuries a year ago and should lead a talented group. Seniors Ella Olson and Izzy Ricketts join the group after earning second-team all-conference honors a year ago, while sophomore Skye Rajotte also returns to

the mix. Seniors Autumn Utley and Jadyn Juedes also will see action in the midfield and bring three years of varsity experience to the field.

Senior Rae Schoultz, the team’s leading scorer a year ago with 22 goals, returns to lead the attack after earning honorable mention all-conference honors a year ago. Schoultz is also the program’s first NCAA Division I recruit signing with Austin Peay University.


Senior Ellie Hammerschmidt and sophomore Josie Mroczkowski will join Schoultz as key attackers for the Rockets.

Neenah’s varsity roster will also be bolstered by sophomores Delilah Hein on defense and Kennedy Loudon, Isabelle Van Dyke and Payten Schneider in the midfield. Senior Fiona Sickler will also be making the move up to varsity to help strengthen the defense.

“Our team boasts a dynamic blend of experienced upperclassmen and talented underclassmen, creating a balanced roster with depth in key positions,” Babbitts said. “The leadership from our seniors, combined with the enthusiasm and skill of our newer players, positions us to be competitive in conference.”

Babbitts also hopes to make an imprint on the squad in his first season at the helm.


“My goal is to cultivate a culture of positivity and celebrating our successes, resiliency and excellence that Neenah athletics is known for,” Babbitts said. “We anticipate a season of growth and achievement. ... With a focus on teamwork and continuous improvement, we aim to build upon past successes and strive for a strong standing in conference.”



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Apr 15	@ De Pere	7:30pm
Apr 18	@ Kimberly	7:30pm
Apr 21	@ Notre Dame	6:00pm
Apr 24	@ Waunakee	7:00pm
Apr 26	Hamilton	3:00pm
Apr 29	@ Pulaski	5:15pm
May 1	@ Sun Prairie East	7:30pm
May 5	@ Appleton East	6:00pm
May 7	Kimberly	7:30pm
May 10	Superior	12:00pm
	Bay Port	4:00pm
May 12	De Pere	7:30pm
May 15	Wausau East	7:30pm
May 20	Bay Port	6:00pm

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April 8	@ Brookfield Central	7:00pm
April 10	Kimberly	7:30pm
April 15	Middleton	7:30pm
April 18	@ De Pere	7:30pm
April 21	@ Notre Dame	7:30pm
April 26	@ Arrowhead High School	1:15pm
	@ Arrowhead High School	3:15pm
April 29	@ Pulaski	7:15pm
May 1	Oneida Nation	7:00pm
May 3	@ Badger Spring Invitational	9:00am
May 5	@ Appleton East	8:00pm
May 8	Waunakee	6:30pm
May 10	@ Hudson	4:00pm
May 13	Wausau West	7:30pm
May 17	Verona Area	1:00pm
May 20	Bay Port	8:00pm

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Brown not running on empty for Neenah lacrosse

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah’s version of Jackson Brown isn’t going to grab a guitar and croon out some classic rock music.

But he is not going to shy away from the limelight.

Brown has been a standout in Neenah’s perennially strong lacrosse program during his high school career and was a key player in the Rockets’ state runner-up finish last year. He was a first-team all-Bay Valley Conference attacker and was the team’s top point scorer, while also leading the squad in assists.

Yet, the fact he does share the pronunciation of his name – the singer’s last name ends with an ‘e’ – with the rock-and-roll hall of famer has been something he has dealt with growing up.

“I heard it a lot from my fifth-grade teacher because he was big into rock music so he would hit me with it the most,” Brown said following a lacrosse practice earlier this week. “I haven’t asked my parents about it. I know they listened to him but I don’t think there is any motivation to it. I think it kind of just flowed.”

And what does the lacrosse playing Brown think of the musician Browne?

“I’ve heard a couple of Jackson Browne songs,” Brown said. “He’s not bad. It’s that old classic rock stuff.”

Brown would rather focus on lacrosse than music though as the Rockets kick off the season as one of the top teams in the state and in the conversation to return to the state title game.

Although high school lacrosse has been around for decades, last season was the first year that it was recognized as a WIAA sanctioned sport. Neenah played in the inaugural WIAA state title game last June – falling to Middleton, 7-6, – and Brown said it was important to the Rockets to be a part of that game.

“I think it was a pretty big deal because it marks a point in history,” Brown said. “Lacrosse is a growing sport and it’s going tremendously throughout the whole country. For it officially to become a (WIAA sanctioned) sport in Wisconsin and for us to be a part of the first state title game, it was pretty important.”

Brown tallied a goal and an assist in the state title game – a goal he considers the most memorable of his career – and hopes to lead Neenah back again this year.

“I think we want to get back there more than anything. These guys fight like dogs. We all love each other and that’s our top

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priority to get back to state,” Brown said. “We didn’t go into last year expecting to make it to state. We kind of set little goals and little milestones for our team. We achieved those little by little. This year, the motivation for us to go to state is pretty high because of last year.”

Brown was born in Denver and relocated with his family to Neenah when he was in third grade – and that’s when he started playing competitively.

He had been around the sport growing up in Denver watching his cousins play and brought that interest in lacrosse with him when he arrived in Neenah.

“I always looked up to my cousins and I thought it looked cool,” Brown said. “When I moved to Wisconsin and I heard they were starting a youth program (in Neenah) I immediately jumped on it because I knew it was a sport I would want to play.”

When he started playing, Brown gravitated to the defensive side of the field but has since moved forward and now holds down an attacker role with the Rockets.

Yet, his experience playing in different positions still influences the way he plays.

“I’ve jumped around the field and I like that I have played multiple positions,” Brown said. “I think it gives me a better perspective on the game.”

As an attacker, Brown finished third on the team in goals last season with 25, but it was his 26 assists – 10 more than any other player on the squad – that lifted him to the team lead in points.

“I think setting up a teammate is personally better,” Brown said. “I like to set up my guys and make sure we are all facilitating and being a team because that’s what got us to where we were last year. No one was taking the spotlight, no one was hogging the ball. We were all trying to play with each other.”

Being able to find open teammates to deliver the perfect pass also feeds into his biggest strengths as a player.

His unselfishness certainly helped fuel the Rocket offense but it wasn’t simply that willingness to pass the ball that he relied on the most.

“I think I have great vision. I think I can see the field really well and personally I



Senior Jackson Brown led Neenah in scoring last year and was a first-team Bay Valley Conference selection.

think that’s my biggest (strength),” said Brown, who enjoys snow and water skiing in his time away from the lacrosse field. “I always look for cutters or I can take the open shot if it is there.”

Brown said that the vision he has is a result of just playing a lot of lacrosse. “You have to play the game a lot to get

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Rockets, Zephyrs return talented, veteran squads

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Neenah’s powerhouse of a tennis program isn’t going away any time soon.

With eight varsity players returning from a team that won a sectional title last year, the Rockets will once again be challenging for a Fox Valley Conference title and have an impact at the state level.

“Neenah is excited for another great season on the courts,” commented head coach Kyle Falk. “The team is looking forward to

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traveling on the weekends to play very strong competition from all over the state. We are also looking forward to a challenging year within the FVA. The Rockets will be taking it one day at a time and working for improvement every time we set foot on the courts.”

The Rockets claimed their 24th straight FVA title last season but fell to Kimberly in the quarterfinals of the WIAA Division 1 Team State Tournament.

The Papermakers will once again provide a strong challenge for Neenah, but the Rockets will be building around a talented, veteran foundation.

Seniors Carl Hein and Andrew Werner return to lead the group of returning players. Hein is a two-time state qualifier who played at No. 1 singles a year ago and advanced to the round of 16 at the individual state tournament.

Werner also played in the last two individual state tournaments in the doubles bracket. He advanced to the round of 16 last season with Brady Hildreth, who graduated last season.

Junior Brady Lawatsch in singles and

sophomore Hunter Brown in doubles also return after competing at the individual state tournament a year ago.

Seniors Joe Schultz and Harrison Tanger in singles and sophomores Henry Farrell and Luke Grassl at No. 3 doubles also return after being a part of Neenah’s lineup at the team state tournament.

St. Mary Catholic

Senior Wesley Auth returns to lead a strong roster for the Zephyrs, who could be eyeing another trip to the Division 2 team state tournament this season.

Auth will be playing No. 1 singles for St. Mary Catholic this season after a season at No. 1 doubles last year that ended with a third-place finish at the state meet. Auth finished fifth as a freshman and sixth as a sophomore in singles in his first two high school seasons.

Seniors Harry Bergstrom and John Osland have both advanced to the state tournament in doubles in previous seasons and could form the top doubles pairing for the Zephyrs this season.

Junior Nicolas Miller and sophomores Sean Osland and Aiden Tines played singles last year and will hold down spots in the lineup this season. Miller is slated to play at No. 2 singles.

Moving up to the varsity lineup this season will be senior Dan Harness, junior Zach Beyer and sophomore Dominic Todd, with Harness and Todd expected to fill the No. 3 doubles slot in the lineup.

“We have strong player leadership and a tight group of boys,” commented head coach Lizzy Auth. “We are excited for this season.”

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to know the game,” Brown said. “Your IQ will grow as you play more games. I encourage new players to play as much as they can.”

Whether it is suiting up for the Rockets for a match at Rocket stadium or just simply getting together with a few teammates to take some shots or play a little wall ball, Brown seems to be most happy when he has a lacrosse stick in his hand.

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200 meters, while Ripley took second in the long jump.

Kate Nackers in the 100 meters, Madeline Weninger in the pole vault and Nolie Anderson in the discus also picked up wins for St. Mary Catholic, while Anderson added a second place in the shot put.

Marissa Hahn in the discus and Halle Janssen in the triple jump were each third.

And when this season ends, he hopes to have a trophy to carry back to Neenah along with that lacrosse stick.

“I think the sport of lacrosse really brings the guys together. We have a special connection,” said Brown, who is looking to play lacrosse in college but does not have any set plans as of yet. “I love being a part of this (Neenah lacrosse) tradition. This program has built me from the ground up and into the player I am today. This program is amazing. We’re going to continue to grow and be the best program in the state.”

The Zephyrs won the girls title with 104 points with Manitowoc Lutheran taking second with 85.

The St. Mary Catholic boys team finished fourth among the five teams and got its lone win from Ethan Auer in the 400 meters.

Isaiah Hennessy took second in the shot put with Max Osgood in the 100 meters, Kaden Mielke in the 200 meters and Nathan Seiske in the 800 meters each took third place, while Jacob Hall tied for third in the long jump.


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Ran Momberg Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000317

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Diane Kyung Ran-Momberg To: Diane Kyung Ran Lee-Momberg Birth Certificate: Diane Kyung Ran Henneberry

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Michael Gibbs Place: 415 Jackson St. Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: May 2, 2025 Time: 9:00 AM

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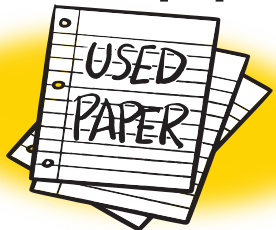


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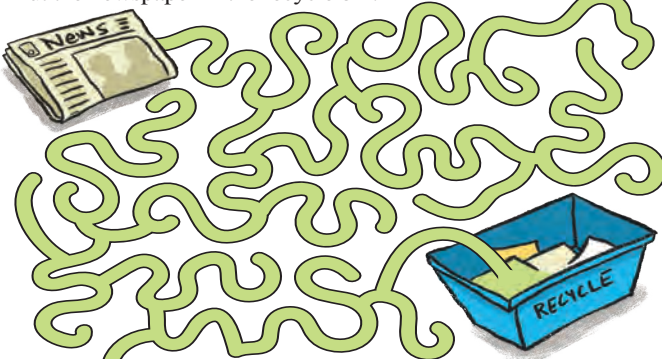


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