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By Patti Lee
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity may be part of a global organization, but its mission remains firmly rooted in serving the local community, according to marketing and communications director Eric Cernjar.

Habitat builds modest single-family homes around 1,200 square feet that are then sold to low-income families with affordable financing terms. The families agree to contribute time to help build the home, referred to as “sweat equity.”

Cernjar arrived at Habitat a little over four years ago, fresh off a six-year stint with the Experimental Aircraft Association.

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Council to vote on outdoor drinking district

Plan would permit
open drinks downtown

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The city of Neenah is moving forward with plans to establish a permanent Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, or DORA — a downtown district where patrons could carry and consume alcoholic beverages in public spaces during set hours.

Plans for a permanent DORA have been in development for two years. The proposal,

brought forward by the nonprofit Future Neenah, is modeled after a similar program in Oshkosh.

In 2023, Neenah implemented a temporary DORA downtown, which allowed outdoor alcohol consumption only during specific permitted events.

Last year, the Public Services and Safety Committee considered making the DORA permanent but tabled the discussion due to concerns about state law — which prohibits individuals from entering establishments with open containers of alcohol — and uncertainty over whether an ordinance or resolution was the proper mechanism.

Oshkosh addressed that issue by requiring patrons to finish their drinks before entering another business. Neenah’s resolution includes a similar requirement.

Under the resolution, patrons may purchase alcoholic beverages in special cups from licensed businesses within the DORA and carry them outdoors, as long as they stay within the DORA boundaries. Drinks must be consumed before entering a different bar or restaurant.

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Photo by Santiago Sanchez

Special Olympics athlete Lexi Galarowicz (left) holds the torch with Neenah community policing coordinator Joe Benoit at the annual Special Olympics Wisconsin Law Enforcement Torch Run – Fox Valley held May 21. The event covered three sections in Appleton, Fox Crossing, Menasha and Neenah, ending at Riverside Park. Law enforcement volunteer participants raise money for Special Olympics Wisconsin through the event.

Benoit better local policing efforts

Officer Joe serves as
mentor, role model, hero

By Brennan Wendt
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

When Officer Joe Benoit puts on his uniform each day, he is viewed as more than just an officer of the law. He is viewed as a mentor, a role model and a hero.

To many he’s simply Officer Joe, an informal moniker to also show that he’s a friend that somebody can feel comfortable talking with.

Those around him see his compassion-

ate, friendly smile and kind eyes as being able to light up a room, while his salt-and-pepper beard is full of wisdom and his 5-foot-5-inch stature belies his authoritative appearance.

As Neenah’s community policing coordinator, Benoit is seen as bringing empathy and positivity to a field that often sees the opposite.

Whether he’s hosting a presentation to the elderly about scams, chatting with kids while on foot patrol or just posting on the city’s social media page, he simply wants to ensure the community he has sworn to

protect feels seen and heard.

“My primary duties are to strengthen relationships within the community,” Benoit said. “I would be like that bridge between our patrol units and police department and the rest of the community to try and connect the two to build up a stronger, more trusting relationship.”

He also said that he rarely feels uneasy about speaking to a group, no matter the size, because he knows he’s providing the audience with useful information.

“There are many topics that I’ve done

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Jobless rate falls slightly throughout county in April

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The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rates dip from 3.1% to 2.8% between March and April, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

The April 2024 jobless rate in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA and Winnebago County was at 2.5%.

Preliminary April unemployment decreased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month. Jobless rates increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the year.



Neenah Historical Society photo

Floral and Greenhouse

The garden was in bloom at Neenah Floral and Greenhouse located at 1001 Main Street between Green Bay Road and Denhardt Avenue. It was operated by Henry and Gertrude Shoman until they retired in the 1950's and sold it to Earl Kramer.

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Jobless rates decreased in 31 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month, increased in three cities and stayed the same in one city, Fitchburg. Rates increased in 33 cities over the year, remained the same in New Berlin and decreased in Fitchburg.

Preliminary April 2025 jobless rates decreased in 69 counties over the month and increased in the remaining three counties. Unemployment rates decreased in four counties over the year, stayed the same in two counties and increased in the remaining 66 counties.

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

Calendar of events

Saturday, May 31
Author Meet and Greet, Jeanne Gehrke, 10:30 a.m., Lyons Books, 127 Wisconsin Ave.

Sunday, June 1
Family Day at the Octagon House, 11 a.m., Neenah Historical Society, 343 Smith St.
Summer Fun Run, 6 p.m., Memorial Park

Tuesday, June 3
Ambassadors and Friends Band Concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Saturday, June 7
Learn to Sail, 10 a.m., Riverside Park
Art Activity Day, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass
Author Meet and Greet, Michael Hopkins, 11 a.m., Lyons Books, 127 Wisconsin Ave.

Tuesday, June 10
Nutman Sale, 10 a.m., ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah
Children's Entertainer Randy Peterson, 6 p.m., Schildt Park
Neenah Community Band Concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Wednesday, June 11
Nutman Sale and Adirondack Set Raffle, 9 a.m., ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah
Summer Kickoff Concert featuring The Glam Band, 6 p.m., Downtown Neenah

Thursday, June 12
Out to Lunch concert featuring Isiah, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Saturday, June 14
Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m. Shattuck Park
Doty Island Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.
Udderly Euro Car Show, 1:30 p.m., Shattuck Park

Sunday, June 15
Father's Day Cannonball Contest, 3 p.m., Neenah Pool
Summer Fun Run, 6 p.m., Memorial Park

Wednesday, June 18
Future Neenah Summer Concert Series featuring A-Town Unplugged, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Thursday, June 19
Out to Lunch Concert featuring Barefoot Americans, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Saturday, June 21
Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
Art Mercantile, 9 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Sheep arrive at Carpenter Preserve

Flock will graze on invasive plants

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A flock of sheep has arrived at Carpenter Preserve, kicking off a new pilot program aimed at controlling invasive plant species through natural grazing.

The city of Neenah has partnered with Woolly Green Grazers, an Appleton-based company owned by Roxie Emunson, to manage vegetation over a six-acre section of the preserve. The grazing program, approved unanimously by the Parks and Recreation Commission in February, is set to run through the end of September and includes three grazing sessions of about five days per acre.

Parks Director Michael Kading said at a Common Council meeting last month that sheep were chosen for the Carpenter Preserve project because the area is mostly low, turf-like vegetation. Goats are typically used for taller growth or brush that requires climbing.

The city and Woolly Green Grazers have access to goats and may bring some in later if taller invasive plants become an issue.

Carpenter Preserve contains invasive species including buckthorn, honeysuckle, thistles, garlic mustard, motherwort, Siberian elm, cattails and reed canary grass, according to the city's 2023 Carpenter Preserve Master Plan. The preserve also has dead ash trees, likely killed by the Emerald Ash Borer.

The sheep are expected to reduce invasive growth through controlled rotational grazing — a chemical-free alternative to herbicide use. City staff wrote in a memo that the use of grazing animals for managing invasive species has historically been well received by nearby property owners and noted the city believes the approach



Photo from Neenah Parks and Recreation
A flock of sheep arrived at Carpenter Preserve at 1590 Breezewood Lane on May 20 and will remain through September to graze on invasive plants.

would be positively received at Carpenter Preserve.

However, at a Public Services and Safety Committee meeting Tuesday, a neighbor raised concerns about the sheep, stating they are only eating the leaves of the buckthorn. She also cited issues with manure and odor, which she said are attracting flies.

Kading said the sheep are being moved to another section this week and will no longer be in the resident's backyard. He said the animals have made progress in reducing buckthorn, but noted it's just the first step in a process that will require multiple grazing cycles.

Emunson, who oversees a similar successful program on Renard Island in Green Bay, told the Parks Commission that studies show that only 7-10% of the buckthorn seeds eaten by the sheep remain viable.

Emunson will monitor the sheep daily, care for them, maintain fencing and provide public updates on the project's progress through city social media channels.

The total cost for the grazing services is \$7,092, funded through the city's 2025 Capital Improvement Plan. If the program proves successful, it could serve as a model for future projects across Neenah's park system.

Appleton airport adds new airline, routes to docket

Neenah News

A new carrier will begin offering flights at Appleton International Airport, becoming the fifth airline to offer service at the airport.

Sun Country Airlines will launch non-stop seasonal service to Fort Myers, Fla. (RSW) from Jan. 30, 2026 to April 13, 2026. Flights will depart twice weekly, with service increasing to four times a week starting in late March.

With the addition of Sun Country, the Appleton airport will offer a total of six nonstop flights to Florida. The new flights will be on a Boeing 737-800, which has 186 seats.

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Honoring those who served

American Legion Post 33 member Bob Borszich joins Paula Jansen (right) and her daughter, Tara, in a tribute May 23 at Neenah City Hall to Paula’s father, Al Jansen, who passed away in 2008. Al was a World War II veteran who built Neenah’s ceremonial flag disposal box, which has been used since 2003. A plaque was recently added to recognize Al’s craftsmanship and his gift to the city. Hung above the repainted flag box, the display now shares his picture and a phrase for each flag place as a reminder that service isn’t always loud, but it is always felt.

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Board member takes executive assistant job

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Newly elected Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz has hired Koby Schellenger – who served as a County Board supervisor until his recent resignation – as his assistant, filling the vacancy left when the former executive assistant resigned following the transition from the previous administration.

Schellenger served on the County Board for about seven years. He was first elected in 2014 and served through 2015 before moving to a new district. He was elected as the District 23 supervisor in 2020 and was re-elected in 2022 and 2024.



Schellenger

Outside of his work on the board, Schellenger led and developed civic engagement and political programs at Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin over the last 12 years and ran as a Democratic candidate for the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2012.

When asked what motivated him to transition from an elected supervisor to the executive’s assistant, he said it seemed like a good opportunity.

“I was in a position where I knew the issues that the county was facing,” he said. “I knew a lot of the county staff and a lot of the board members and felt like I could be really helpful to the new executive.”

As part of the transition, Schellenger submitted a statutory resignation to the county sheriff and county board chair, a procedural requirement for board members stepping down. The process to fill his vacant county board seat is underway, with a potential appointment expected at the June 17 board meeting.

Hintz was elected county executive on

April 1, defeating incumbent Jon Doemel with 52.78% of the vote. He was sworn in on April 15 and initially started the position without an assistant.

The decision to hire an assistant with previous political experience is similar to an earlier move by Doemel, who, after running for the nonpartisan executive seat as an Independent, appointed Republican communications specialist Ethan Hollenberger to an assistant role he created shortly after taking office. The move drew criticism at the time for bypassing County Board approval.

Hollenberger resigned after Doemel’s election loss and chose not to stay on with the new administration.

When asked about hiring Schellenger for the position, Hintz noted that he was well regarded by County Board members across the political spectrum for his preparation and thoughtful questioning.

“His hiring has been well-received by staff and supervisors alike precisely because he is not a divisive person and because he understands how government works,” Hintz said. “Koby has a record of non-partisan governance on the Winnebago County Board.”

Although the position was publicly posted and other applicants were considered, Hintz said Schellenger was ultimately selected due to his familiarity with Winnebago County government and existing relationships with board members and staff. Several board members had also recommended him for the role, and Hintz noted the need to fill the vacancy quickly given immediate challenges.

“Koby brings broad policy experience and familiarity with the responsibilities and operations of county government,” he said. “He has served on numerous committees over his seven years on the board and demonstrated an attention to detail on the rules and process of Winnebago County government. He is a good listener and has incredible attention to detail.”

Schellenger said he plans to build on his existing relationships with county staff and supervisors.

“I know I’ve worked with a lot of the supervisors in the time that I was on the board and have seen a lot of new supervisors come in, so I think moving forward I’ll also have some of those shared experiences to help us build relationships and work together,” he said.

Schellenger will play a key role in day-to-day operations and help implement the executive’s policy agenda.

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Man charged for November homicide

NEENAH NEWS

A Neenah man previously charged with theft from a corpse and possession of THC in connection with a man’s death is now facing a more serious charge after prosecutors dismissed those counts last week and filed one count of first-degree intentional homicide.

Rodney Franklin, 52, is accused in the Nov. 24 death of 73-year-old Keith Rieskamp, who had been living in area parks and was found unconscious outside an apartment building on East Doty Avenue. He was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The medical examiner’s office determined Rieskamp’s cause of death was multiple blunt force injuries and hypothermia.

Franklin lived in the apartment building where Rieskamp was found outside. Although he denied knowing him, police searching Franklin’s unit discovered Rieskamp’s blood-covered watch and bracelet in a dresser drawer, along with his wallet and identification in another part of the apartment.

Franklin was initially arrested on charges of theft from a corpse and second-offense possession of THC and has remained in custody since.

Winnebago County Judge Michael Gibbs had earlier reduced Franklin’s cash bond from \$500,000 to \$35,000 but denied a request to lower it further to a signature bond.

During that hearing, Franklin’s attorney, Danielle Gorsuch, cited her client’s serious health problems and the lack of a plea offer, arguing he had remained incarcerated for an extended time without movement in the case.

Assistant District Attorney Tracy Paider told the court that Rieskamp had been severely beaten and was found with injuries so extensive “his face was not really able to be recognized.”

Paider said no plea offers had been made because prosecutors were awaiting

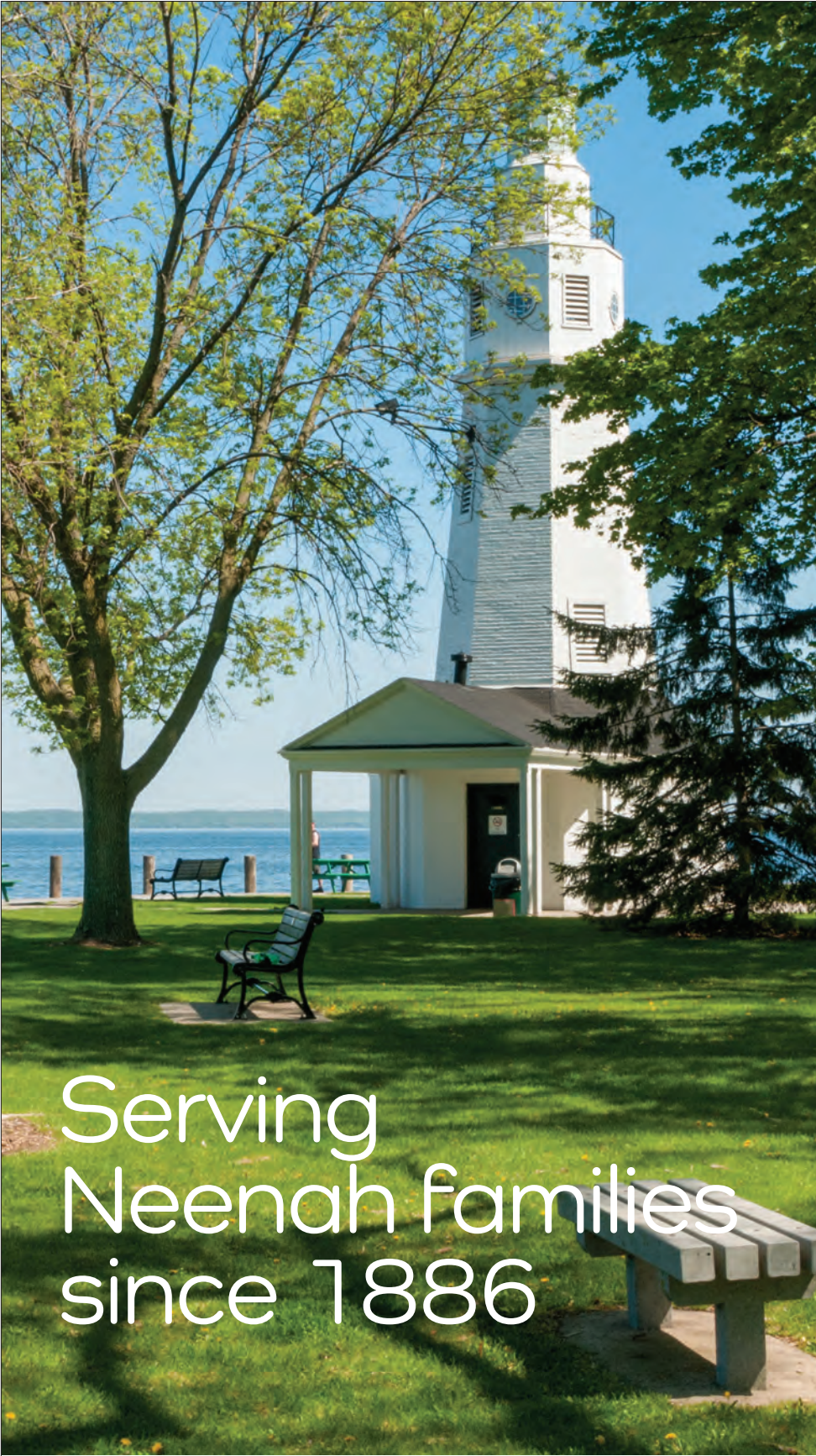
DNA test results from the State Crime Laboratory — results she said would determine whether homicide charges were appropriate.

A May 20 report from the crime lab showed DNA from a blood-covered brick found at the scene contained both Franklin’s and Rieskamp’s DNA. A reddish-brown stain on a shoe found in Franklin’s apartment was also tested and revealed a four-person mixture of DNA that included both men.

Franklin’s previous court proceedings will now be replaced by hearings related to the new homicide charge. He is due back in court June 9 for a preliminary hearing. If convicted of the first-degree intentional homicide charge, he faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison.



Rodney Franklin, charged last week with homicide, is shown leaving the courtroom following a hearing in March.



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Habitat’s focus

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tion (EAA). When asked what drew him to Habitat, he said it’s important that the organization’s work means something.

“And most of the people here at Habitat came to us for those same reasons: helping others and making a difference. These are the things we care about.”

Using a sports analogy, he described the Habitat approach as “playing every game” — showing up ready to work every day, no matter the challenges. And lately, Cernjar said those challenges have been significant, including supply chain issues and the uncertain landscape for nonprofits.

“What’s really changed between pre-COVID and today, is pricing and appraisals in real estate,” he said.

In 2020, the average appraisal, which determines the mortgage amount for partner families, was about \$160,000. Today, those same homes are appraised at about \$275,000. That jump in price means many families are being priced out of home ownership.

Cernjar said Habitat continually looks for ways to reduce costs.

“Having a stable, safe place to live where residents can build some equity is one of the fast tracks out of poverty,” he added.

The Fox Cities affiliate’s journey began with rebuilding one house a year. President and CEO John Weyenberg has been part of the organization for nearly 30 years, starting as the first employee. Weyenberg brought on Jody Isom as volunteer

services manager in 2000.

“What you see in nonprofit work is people who tend to wear many hats,” Cernjar said.

This year, Neenah is slated for four builds, including homes on Franklin Avenue, Wheeler Road, Winnebago Heights and another site that has not yet been named. The Neenah builds are part of a broader effort across Calumet, Winnebago, Outagamie and Waupaca counties.

There was a “Rock the Block” event in west Appleton last week, with additional events planned this year in Chilton, Brillion, New London, Seymour, Menasha and Neenah.

Organizers are emphasizing community engagement by involving local businesses and their employees in volunteer efforts. This approach helps fill a gap created by the pandemic, which saw a lot of work move remote.

Cernjar said culture and camaraderie among fellow employees isn’t what it used to be.

“This kind of volunteering builds team bonding, and you feel it,” he said. “Often-times, you’re working alongside the family who is ultimately going to be in that home. They’re working with you, side by side. It’s a neat, unique opportunity for folks to experience.”

Habitat carefully matches build sites with families. A small, fenced lot on Main



Photo from Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity

During a recent Rock the Block event in Appleton, volunteers assisted with gardening and other exterior home improvements.

Street, bearing a Habitat sign, has sat vacant for some time, illustrating the challenge of using limited land. Cernjar sees unique parcels such as the Main Street lot as an opportunity.

“I don’t know if (building a) tiny home is an answer, but it’s an example of coming up with something unique to fit a property so it could work for a family, where they could manage the mortgage payment,” he said.

Land scarcity and cost are major hurdles. Historically, Habitat purchased infill lots — parcels less desirable to developers — in established subdivisions. Developers handled infrastructure, making these lots more accessible. Much of the land suitable for housing in Neenah, Menasha and Appleton, however, has already been claimed.

“It’s challenging,” Cernjar said. “And we’re looking at different ways of acquiring land because while we’re getting pinched on accessibility ... the line of people needing our services is just getting longer.”

Cernjar said Habitat is always looking for volunteers from organizations and the general public who want to make a difference. Although not everyone can swing a hammer, climb a ladder or afford to donate, Cernjar said there are still other ways to help.

“We regularly have meal providers who bring a lunch or a snack for the crew,” Cernjar said. “We have office work for people who are computer savvy or want to lend a hand with some administrative help. For the person concerned about physical labor, rest assured that there are plenty of opportunities to be a part of it all. We’re trying to build 20 houses in a year. We will find something of value for you to do.”

Families interested in the Habitat home-

buyer program must meet eligibility criteria, including credit, debt and budgeting requirements. Many have never owned a home or had a mortgage before, which can be overwhelming. To support them, Habitat has an “Almost Home” program focused on improving credit, budgeting skills and debt management — helping families prepare for homeownership.

Looking ahead to this year’s builds, Cernjar is optimistic but realistic.

“Most of our raw building materials are local, which helps to some extent,” he said.

Barb Hall, director of finance, is preparing for uncertain economic conditions, including tariffs and supply chain disruptions.

“We’re doing our best to plan and counter plan, but there are some unknowns that we’ll have to react to as we can,” Cernjar said.

Despite the challenges, Habitat’s staff and volunteers are committed to bringing more housing to the area.

“Because affordable housing is such a hot button issue on all sides of the political spectrum, everybody is pretty eyes wide open,” Cernjar said. “In my lifetime, this is the worst this problem has ever been.”

Cernjar is passionate about the people Habitat serves.

“These people often get a bad rap and it’s unfounded,” he said. “We serve the people who continue to be there for the community. They’re essential workers, like bus drivers, nurses, office clerks and builders. In the end, we can’t have a society without them.”

He added that “a good, safe place to live that’s affordable ... it’s everybody’s dream. So it’s good for you, better for your kids and best for the community. Everybody wins.”

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Officer Joe

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repeatedly that I don't get anxious or nervous about going into it," Benoit said. "I think it's a valuable service to the community, and I think it's a useful function of their tax dollars to have that as crime prevention and community education."

Benoit's entrance into law enforcement came later in life, though it was something he had always considered as a viable career choice.

"I didn't start in law enforcement until I was 26 years old," he said. "But it was always in the back of my mind as something I wanted to do."

Having a family at such a young age forced Benoit to grow up, so he took a job that, while unfulfilling, supported his family.

"We had our first baby when I was 17, and we got married about a year after that," he said. "Right after I turned 18, I got a job at a local factory. I still had thought about law enforcement. I mean, the mill job was a good paying job, but it wasn't really what I always wanted to do. It was just something that I did out of necessity."

Despite how taxing it would be, Benoit's wife encouraged him to go to college to ultimately pursue a career in law enforcement. He says it was hard, but it likely led him to where he is today.

"I credit my wife because she was fully supportive of me going back to school," he said. "I worked third shift at the mill, and then I would head up to Fox Valley Tech and have my classes for the day, then go home, sleep and go back to work. I'm glad I did it, but it was a tough thing, especially married with three kids at home."

Being the community policing coordinator is a full-time position for Benoit, yet he's always willing to go above and beyond for his department, covering patrol shifts if needed.

"I also work extra shifts just on regular patrols, so I still stay fresh with that," he said. "If I work a patrol shift, that would be in addition to the 40 hours a week that I do this."

Amy Wagner, the captain of operations for the Neenah police department, said that Benoit never shies away from helping out his fellow officers.

"He also will sign up for patrol overtime when we've been a little bit short-staffed here," she said. "He will take patrol shifts, especially on the weekends, to help the patrol division out so they don't get burnt out from their shifts."

Wagner also said that Benoit's willingness to lend a hand extends deep into the community.

"He is always willing to help out," she said. "If he has the time, he's there to help you. I don't think he says no to extra projects or people."

Interpersonal skills are a crucial asset to law enforcement, and Wagner said that Benoit's do not go unnoticed by herself or the Neenah police department.

"Joe doesn't shy away from walking up to strangers on the street and having a conversation with them, which is a huge bonus for us," she said. "Again, some officers aren't comfortable doing that."

Benoit's younger sister, Lucy Stenner, says that he is approachable and is the picture of all that is good with law enforcement officers.

"He is like that spokesperson for all of the reasons why you would not be afraid of law enforcement," she said. "And I think that Joseph really is the epitome of that person to be out there and explain to the community how law enforcement is there to help and there to provide resources."

Benoit's rapport with people is certainly treasured and his consistently positive attitude is appreciated by those he works with, according to Wagner.

"He's always got a good attitude," she said. "He's always positive. That's huge because this is a stressful job, and some people you can tell. They walk by and you can tell they had a bad day. Not Joe."

Additionally, Wagner said that Benoit is a devoted family man but is able to keep his personal and professional lives separate.

"If he's got problems at home, he does not bring it to work, not at all," she said. "He's got a big family. He has a lot going on, but you would never know that."

Stenner also said while that separation has led to Benoit's ability to do his job with ease, his personal life has given him the tools needed to succeed.

"He's able to keep work and home separate, but he uses all his experience from having a family at a young age," she said. "He has a lot of real life, hard experiences, and I think that makes him so compassionate in law enforcement."

Being in law enforcement can often entail dealing with the same people over and over again, but the ultimate reward is immeasurable according to Benoit.

"I'll tell you it doesn't happen as often as some might think, or as often as some might hope, but when it does it's very rewarding," he said. "The old adage is we deal with 10% of the people 90% of the time. The highs are when you actually realize that you've been helpful to a situation or you've brought relief to a victim, where you have that rare opportunity that you can actually see your work as fruitful and accomplishing a positive good in the community."

While she wasn't very close to her brother in their younger years, Stenner said that she can see his growth and thinks that what he does is inspiring.

"I can't imagine him doing anything else," she said. "As cliché as it sounds, maybe it was his life's calling."

Drinking district

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City Attorney David Rashid said at a Public Services and Safety Committee meeting Tuesday that staff determined a resolution was the appropriate way to implement the DORA, adopting a similar approach to Oshkosh.

"We want to take baby steps," he said. "We do it for one year only. Let's then have a new resolution next year, see how it has gone — good and bad — and then we can make a new resolution next year."

Neenah's resolution also includes a requirement that drinks must be sealed when leaving the establishment. Rashid said the tamper-evident seal requirement was brought to the city's attention by the Department of Revenue's alcohol and tobacco division.

The DORA will begin at 210 Main St., near Gord's Pub, continue along West Wisconsin Avenue and end at Copperstill Bourbon Bar at 211 E. Wisconsin Ave. It will also start at Lion's Tail Brewing Co., 116 S. Commercial St., and conclude at the intersection of N. Commercial Street and Wisconsin Avenue.

The resolution allows alcohol to be carried and consumed within the DORA, but limits consumption to sidewalks and other pedestrian areas not open to vehicle traffic — including crosswalks, pedestrian crossings, Alta Alley and any public rights-of-way or streets temporarily closed for approved special events. That includes the Summer Kickoff Concert, CommunityFest and A Very Neenah Christmas.

Drinks sold for outdoor consumption must have an identifying sticker showing they were purchased at a licensed establishment, served by a licensed bartender and

that ID was properly verified.

DORA hours will be Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. — a 40-hour weekly window. That's broader than Oshkosh's 24-hour schedule, which runs from 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 1 to 10 p.m. on Saturdays.

Alderman Cari Lendrum suggested starting the DORA at 4 p.m. to avoid conflicts with family-friendly events like noon concerts, but the committee did not adopt her suggestion.

Future Neenah Executive Director Brent Bowman said the DORA is not just about alcohol consumption, but about creating a more engaging, economically vibrant downtown experience.

"It's about creating a social environment to invite people to shop and explore," he said.

Businesses that participate in the DORA by allowing outdoor alcohol consumption must obtain a permit and pay an annual application fee of \$350.

City Clerk Char Nagel said most bars and restaurants support the DORA, though one restaurant came forward in opposition, calling it a bad idea. Lee Hillstrom, a former long-time alderman, also submitted a letter opposing the DORA.

Concerns about the DORA becoming a "drunk fest" were mentioned multiple times during the meeting. Committee members noted the community's history of responsible behavior, past successful events and the DORA's broader economic and social benefits.

"It's more like treating everybody like adults and allowing them to have this casual environment that is going to be promoting businesses," Alderman Brian Borchardt said.

The Common Council is expected to vote on the resolution establishing the DORA at its meeting Wednesday.

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June 3 Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m. Powered by Yarn 6:30 p.m.	FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m. Library Board Meeting 4 p.m. Bibliocycle @ the Primrose Apartments 5 p.m.
June 5 Open Chess 5:30 p.m. Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.	June 19 Fox Tales Storytime (all ages) 9:15 a.m. Wee Read Storytime 10 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m. Open Chess 5:30 p.m. Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
June 9 FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m. Short Story Night at Lion’s Tale 7 p.m.	June 20 Sunrise Yoga 6:30 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m.
June 10 Toddle Time Storytime *with ASL interpretation* (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m. Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m. Adaptive Storytime (children of all ages) 10 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m. Special Program: Summer Library Program Kick-Off 1:30 p.m. Legal Assistance Clinic 4:30 p.m. Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m. Special Program: Summer Library Program Kick-Off 6 p.m.	June 21 Tween Craft: Clay Animal Keychains 10 a.m.
June 11 Baby Time Storytime 9:15 a.m. Musical Movers Storytime (all ages) 10 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m.	June 23 Monday Morning Book Klatch 10 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m.
June 12 Fox Tales Storytime (all ages) 9:15 a.m. Wee Read Storytime 10 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m. Open Chess 5:30 p.m. Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.	June 24 Toddle Time Storytime *with ASL interpretation* (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m. Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m. Adaptive Storytime (children of all ages) 10 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m. Family Program: Sensory Exploration 1:30 p.m. Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m. Strolling Photo Workshop with Photo Opp 6 p.m. Movie Talks: Discussion of the Character, “James Bond” 6:30 p.m.
June 13 FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m.	June 25 Baby Time Storytime 9:15 a.m. Musical Movers Storytime (all ages) 10 a.m. Bibliocycle @ the Neenah Pool 10:30 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m. Bibliocycle @ the Primrose Apartments 5 p.m.
June 16 FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m. Memory Cafe: Fishing 1:30 p.m. Not Quite Cozy Mystery Book Club 6:30 p.m. The Amazing World of Pollinators and Flowers 6:30 p.m.	June 26 Fox Tales Storytime (all ages) 9:15 a.m. Wee Read Storytime 10 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m. Open Chess 5:30 p.m. Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
June 17 Toddle Time Storytime *with ASL interpretation* (ages 12-24 months) 9:15 a.m. Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m. Adaptive Storytime (children of all ages) 10 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m. Family Program: Blast Off into Fun with EAA 1:30 p.m. Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m. Cookbook Book Club 6:30 p.m.	June 27 Sunrise Yoga 6:30 a.m. FREE Summer Lunches 11:30 a.m.
June 18 Baby Time Storytime 9:15 a.m.	June 28 Repair Cafe Fox Valley 11 a.m.



Neenah News

Memorial Day procession

The annual Memorial Day celebration put on by Twin Cities veterans’ organizations, which include Neenah American Legion Post 33, Menasha American Legion Post 152, Menasha VFW Post 2126, and the cities of Neenah, Menasha and Village of Fox Crossing, was held Monday. The event included a procession that went through parts of Menasha and Neenah before the celebration moved to Oak Hill Cemetery in Neenah for military honors.

Neenah High School presents senior academics, athletics awards

Neenah News

Neenah High School’s top senior students in academics, fine arts and athletics were honored May 21 as senior class award recipients for the class of 2025.

Carl Hein was awarded the Outstanding Math Student award, while Wendy Ni and Abigail Matson shared the Outstanding Science Student award. Kale Hildebrandt earned the Outstanding Social Studies Student award and Carter Epley received the Outstanding English Student award.

In world languages, Carson Verhagen received top French student honors, Logan Balensiefen was the top Chinese student and Alex Alatorre won top Spanish student honors. The Outstanding Technology and Engineering student was Sawyer Ollanketo and the Outstanding Automotive Technology Student was Braeden Ross.

Outstanding Family and Consumer Science Student awards went to Brianna Ankerson, Madalyn Vandenberg, Karac Nutile, Madeline Delene and Jordan Barkovich. Outstanding Art Student awards went to Hein, Matson, Anastasia Basler, Violet Megale, Jayden Nau, Mu Nay Paw and Trystan Witt.

In music, Rebecca Konkle received the John Philip Sousa Outstanding Senior Band Student award and Aidan Lishner won the Louis Armstrong Jazz Band award. Harmon Posegate claimed the National Orchestra award and Jake Mach-

acek won the National Choral award. Drew Benthein was named the Neenah Community Band outstanding senior and Maria Dums received the Semper Fidelis Marine Corps Band award.

In athletics, Luke Jung was named Male Athlete of the Year and Mazie Olkowski was named the Female Athlete of the Year. Awards recognizing spirit and competition were presented to Jillian Matheny, who won the Kim Dodge Spirit award, and Braedy Klawikowski, who won the Jerry Gollnick award.

Awards presented to athletes for academic success, character and leadership went to Julia Rangel, who won the Connie Lambert-Jan Wisheart Trophy and Alex Alatorre, who won the Marlon Batterman Trophy.

The Mel Northway awards for hard work and dedication to their teams went to Isabella Schoonover for girls and Andrew Carlson for boys. Grant Dean, Jacob Herm and Drew Gaerthofner were presented with special recognition for their athletic careers that included school records and individual state titles.

Matheny and Alatorre were recognized for their nomination as WIAA Scholar Athletes. Seven students were honored as letterwinners in three WIAA sports: Alatorre, Jung, Rangel, Savannah Blocksom, Seth Johnson, Max de Montigny and Rylan Mendoza.

Author hopes to help others after cancer diagnosis

Neenah News

After being diagnosed with two different types of breast cancer in 2018, Jeanne Gehrke is helping others to understand various treatment options.

Gehrke a year later wrote a book “Fighting Breast Cancer: Navigating Natural Remedies Combined With Chemotherapy.” She wants to help those who were in her same or similar situation to find natural health solutions that could be paired with western medicine.

Gehrke will be signing copies of the book from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave. in Neenah. The book is also available on Amazon.

“Knowledge is power, and I believe everyone should be given the opportunity to make informed decisions when it comes to their health care,” she said. “My vision is to change health protocols in the United States and to empower individuals and families with natural health solutions.”

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Prep sports roundup

TRACK AND FIELD

Neenah girls dominate regional meet

The Rockets powerhouse girls track team was on full display at the WIAA Division 1 regional meet in Beaver Dam on Tuesday night, claiming the regional crown with a whopping 220 points. Oshkosh West had the next highest team total with 107 points.

The top four finishers at the regional meet advance to Friday's sectional meet, which will be held at Neenah.

Celia Gentile led the way for the Rockets earning three individual titles, while also anchoring a relay win. The sophomore finished first in the 100 meters, long jump and triple jump, while joining Brynn Fox, Kobi Meyer and Julia Rangel on the winning 400-meter relay team.

Mazie Olkowski dominated the distance events at the meet, winning both the 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters, while Emma Severson captured both the shot put and discus titles in her first regional meet.

Neenah also got individual wins from Elsa Gruber in the 800 meters and Aubrey Murwar in the high jump.

Advancing to sectionals with second-place finishes were Izzy Malloy in the 800 meters, Natalie Schultz in the 1,600 meters, Kate Lenninger in the high jump and Nadia Marchionda in the long jump.

Adding third places were Fox in the 100 meters, Payton Schaefer in the 400 meters, Eme Olkowski in the 3,200 meters and Madeline Delene in the discus, while taking fourth were Gabriella Motto in the 400 meters, Lexi Davis in the shot put and Lani Storm in the pole vault.

The Rockets also advanced all four relays to the sectional meet, with three of them posting first-place finishes on Tuesday. In addition to the 400-meter relay's win, the foursome of Janae Rodriguez, Molly Snider, Meyer and Rangel won the 800-meter relay, while Malloy, Natalie Willes, Anna Benthien and Gruber finished first in the 3,200-meter relay.

Neenah also finished second in the 1,600-meter relay with a team of Rangel, Elsa Weiland, Snider and Schaefer.

The Neenah boys finished third in the final team standings with 105 points. The Rockets finished behind only Sheboygan

North (126) and Oshkosh West (120.5).

Four individuals posted second-place finishes to lead the way as Finn Lettau in the 3,200 meters, Ben Donaldson in the 300-meter hurdles, Will Kirkman in the shot put and Luke Jung in the discus were each runner-up in their events.

Aidan Apa added a third place in the 1,600 meters, while Elijah Kaul in the 100 meters, Nathan Johnon in the 800 meters, Nate Kramp in the shot put and Jameson Oldenburg in the discus each finished in fourth place.

The Rockets also had three relays advance to sectionals with the 800-meter relay team of Kaul, Jung, Matthew Machacek and Rylan Mendoza leading the way with a second place.

Donaldson, Machacek, Mendoza and Ayden Weisbrod were fourth in the 1,600-meter relay, while Apa, Drew Sabatka, Jace Ostermeier and Johnson were fourth in the 3,200-meter relay.

St. Mary Catholic girls edge Shiocton for title

Nolie Anderson won a pair of events to help the Zephyrs win the WIAA Division 3 regional title at Tuesday's meet, finishing less than two points ahead of runner-up Shiocton.

Anderson won the shot put title by more than a foot and was almost 12 feet ahead of the runner-up in placing first in the discus.

Madeline Weninger also added an individual win in the pole vault, while the foursome of Lauren Ripley, Audrey Wanless, Claire Higgins and Maria Marti finished first in the 3,200-meter relay – winning the title by nearly 1-minute, 20-seconds.

Ellie Davel and Moorea Steckling finished second and third, respectively, in both hurdle events, while Ripley added a second place in the 800 meters.

Kate Nackers in the 200 meters and Daphne Dwyer in the 400 meters were each third, while Marissa Hahn in the discus and Halle Janssen in the triple jump each placed fourth.

St. Mary Catholic also added a second place in the 1,600-meter relay with a team of Higgins, Marti, Ripley and Wanless, while the foursome of Mina Jackson, Nackers, Lucy Norville and Adel Schneider was third in the 400-meter relay.

The St. Mary Catholic boys were led by

Nathan Seiske and Ethan Auer, who finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 800 meters, while Isaiah Hennessy was third in the shot put.

St. Mary Catholic, which finished eighth in the team standings, also added a fourth in the 400-meter relay with a team of Maddox Dwyer, Jacob Hall, Brenden Huelsbeck and Carlos Verhoff.

TENNIS

Rockets breeze through sub-sectional tourney

Neenah went undefeated and did not drop a set in advancing all seven flights to the sectional meet at Tuesday's WIAA Division 1 sub-sectional hosted by Oshkosh North.

Rockets all won six matches on the day, with No. 1 singles player Carl Hein advancing to sectionals with a bye.

All four singles players for Neenah had first-round byes, while the three Rockets other than Hein had to win a match to advance.

Hunter Brown dropped only one game in beating Ethan Pagel of Fond du Lac at No. 2 singles, while at No. 3 singles Josh Youngwerth topped Oshkosh West's Quenten Prickett, 6-0, 6-4. At No. 4 singles Seth Vickman scored a 6-0, 6-2 win over Appleton East's Ben Salvo to advance.

Andrew Werner and Brady Lawatsch posted a perfect 6-0, 6-0 win over Menasha's Henry Gugala-Reinders and Leo Brown at No. 1 doubles in their only match of the day.

Luke Grassl and Henry Farrell had a first-round bye at No. 2 doubles before topping Oshkosh North's Payton Rockteschel and Quasi Alqawasmi, 6-0, 6-2. At No. 3 doubles, the Rockets' Joe Schultz

and Harrison Tanger opened with a bye and then beat Logan Clark and Jaden Gaskell of Fond du Lac, 6-1, 6-1.

Zephyrs advance seven flights to sectionals

St. Mary Catholic's three doubles teams did not drop a game to lead the Zephyrs at Tuesday's WIAA Division 2 sub-sectional.

All three doubles teams earned a bye in the first round, meaning the No. 1 flight of Harry Bergstrom and Aiden Tines advanced without having to play a match. John Osland and Sean Osland at No. 2 doubles breezed past Owen McGreevey and Keaton McKinley of Xavier 6-0, 6-0, while the pairing of Dan Harness and Dominic Todd topped Isaac Mettelmann and Jaden Tapelt of Xavier, 6-0, 6-0, at the No. 3 flight.

Zach Beyer won a pair of matches to advance at No. 3 singles, beating St. Mary's Springs Reo Huh 6-0, 6-0 in the first round before a 6-4, 6-4 win over Zach Zimpel in his second match.

Nicholas Miller at No. 2 singles and Gabe Groom at No. 4 singles each had to win just one match to advance after earning first-round byes. Miller beat Valley Christian's Ethan Millar 6-3, 6-4, while Groom topped Xavier's Graham Wall, 6-1, 6-2.

The Zephyrs' No. 1 singles player Wesley Auth advanced to sectionals with a bye in his only match.

Rockets' reign over FVA continues

Neenah boys added to their impressive streak of conference championships last

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week, crowning four flight champions in rolling to their 25th straight Fox Valley Association title.

The Rockets have won the conference title outright every year since 2005 – the season was cancelled in 2020 – while winning at least a share of the title every year since 2000. Since 1979, only three teams have won outright FVA titles – Appleton East in 1984, Oshkosh West in 1999 and Neenah, which has won 41 outright titles and shared the crown three times in that span.

Carl Hein did not drop a game in winning his first two matches at No. 1 singles and then topped Appleton West’s Truman Vogel, 6-2, 6-3 in the title match. Hunter Brown dropped only three games in advancing to the final at No. 2 singles where he upended top-seeded Cale Vogel of Appleton West, 6-4, 6-0, to claim the title.

At No. 3 singles, Josh Youngwerth upset top seeded Andrew Nhan of Kimberly in three sets in the semifinals and then edged No. 2 seed Kallum Larson-Poeschel of Oshkosh Nortm 6-2, 7-6 in the title match.

Luke Grassl and Henry Farrell picked up the Rockets remaining title, winning three-set matches in the semifinals and finals to claim the crown, beating Hunter Holschuh and Jackson Lawson of Kimberly in the title match, 2-6, 7-5, 10-5.

Seth Vickman lost a three-set heart-breaker in the title match at No. 4 singles to take second, while Joe Schultz and Har-

rison Tanger added a second place at No. 3 doubles.

Andrew Werner and Brady Lawatsch added a third place at No. 1 singles.

GOLF

Neenah golfers headed to sectionals

The Rockets carded a team score of 317 to finish comfortably in fourth place at the WIAA Division 1 regional meet at Lake Breeze Golf Course on Tuesday.

Neenah came in 11 shots ahead of fifth-place Oshkosh North, placing fourth behind Winneconne (302), Slinger (302) and Fond du Lac (303). The finish will advance Neenah to the sectional meet next Wednesday at Old Hickory Golf Course in Beaver Dam.

Henry Gretebeck and Ryan Geary led the Rockets, tying for ninth place overall after posting rounds of 77.

Mason Peitersen was the next Neenah golfer to finish posting a score of 81, while Cartyr Simonson and Carson Seitz each added rounds of 82.

St. Mary Catholic captures regional title

The Zephyrs had all five golfers place in the top 13 as they captured the WIAA Division 3 regional title at Thornberry Creek Golf Course on Tuesday.

St. Mary Catholic finished with a score of 351, seven shots ahead of runner-up Bonduel. The Zephyrs advance to next Tuesday’s sectional meet at Golden Sands Golf Club.

Charlie Whaley finished in a three-way tie for the low individual score of the tournament with an 81. Whaley finished tied with Jaxon Bogacz and Colin Fischer of Bonduel.

Wyatt Birling finished tied for sixth with an 87, followed by Brady DeLeeuw, who finished 10th with a 90. Rounding out the golfers for the Zephyrs were Mason Uhlenbrauck with a 93 and Alexander Klinkhammer with a 94.

Rockets tie for second place at FVA meet

Cartyr Simonson tied for third place overall and Neenah finished tied for second as a team at the Fox Valley Association meet held at Chaska Golf Course last Friday.

The Rockets posted a team score of 319 to finish in a tie with Fond du Lac, three shots ahead of Kaukauna and four ahead of Appleton East. Kimberly won the team title with a 312.

Simonson paced the Rockets with a round of 75, five shots behind medalist Owen Lutes of Kaukauna.

Mason Peitersen joined Simonson in the top 10, tying for ninth place with a round of 79. Carson Seitz added an 81 and Ryan Geary finished with an 84 for the Rockets.

SOFTBALL

Zephyrs knocked out of WIAA Tournament

St. Mary Catholic took the early lead against Algoma but the Wolves plated

four runs in the third inning and went on to hand the Zephyrs a 5-1 loss in a WIAA Division 3 regional semifinal on Tuesday.

Scarlett Reichenbacher scored in the top of the first for the Zephyrs’ lone run with Emily Vogel picking up the RBI. Jaylyn Akey, Paxtyn Trinkner and Addison Moder also had hits in the game for St. Mary Catholic.

The Zephyrs reached the regional semifinal with a 12-2 win over Gibraltar/Washington Island, scoring nine runs in the first two innings en route to the win.

Vogel finished 2-for-3 with a home run, two RBIs and scored three runs to lead the offense. Reichenbacher also chipped in a pair of hits, while Samantha Weiss scored three times and drove in a pair of runs.

Gabby Guerrero struck out eight in five innings, while allowing just five hits to get the win for the Zephyrs.

Rockets split pair to cap regular season

Neenah played a pair of games at two different sites last Thursday, beating Appleton North 5-0 on the road before falling to Fond du Lac, 4-2, at home to finish off the regular season.

The Rockets finished in second place in the Fox Valley Association with a 14-4 conference record. Powerhouse Kaukauna again won the league title with a perfect 18-0 mark.

In the win over the Lightning, the Rockets scored all five runs in the eighth

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inning after the game was scoreless in regulation.

Kayleigh Johnson had a double and two RBIs in the eighth inning to highlight the outburst, while Carson Harwood finished with a pair of hits in the game for the Rockets.

Kyleigh Mathe allowed just two hits and one walk in eight innings, while striking out 10 to earn the win.

The Rockets rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh against the Cardinals but couldn't complete the comeback in the loss.

Mathe and Jillian Matheny each finished with two hits in the game, while Mathe also picked up an RBI.

Taytum West took the loss for the Rockets despite striking out nine and allowing just five hits.

SOCCKER

Neenah ends regular season on win streak

The Rockets closed out the regular season with wins over Oshkosh West and Appleton West to finish the season on a five-match winning streak.

Neenah will play at Sussex Hamilton in the first round of the WIAA Tournament on Tuesday.

The Rockets scored three second-half goals in the 3-1 win over the Terrors. Mad-die Schoonover broke the scoreless tie off

an assist from Lily Romjue, while Hannah Henry intercepted a clearing attempt and drilled a 30-yard shot into the net for a 2-0 lead.

Appleton West answered shortly after to pull back within one, before Neenah sealed the win in the 69th minute when Annabelle Perry ran on to a long ball from Henry and scored.

Perry scored about a minute into the match against Oshkosh West and the Rockets led 1-0 the rest of the first half. JB Kennedy assisted on the tally.

The Wildcats pulled even about five minutes into the second before Mia Wasco took a feed from Romjue and scored in the 59th minute to put the Rockets ahead for good.

The Rockets then added an insurance goal with less than 10 minutes to go on an attack built through the midfield. Riley Acker took a thrown in and fed Mea Jones, who connected with Wasco making a run into the penalty area. Wasco then slipped a pass to Lily Kane who found the back of the net.

Eleanor Wild earned the goal in net with five saves.

Zephyrs fall in nonconference match

St. Mary Catholic dropped a 1-0 decision to Luxemburg-Casco to end the team's regular season.

The Zephyrs will face Providence Academy/Green Bay NEW Lutheran in a WIAA Division 4 regional game on Thursday.

BASEBALL

Neenah drops close contest to Lightning

The Rockets took a three-run lead in the top of the sixth only to see Appleton North rally for five runs in the bottom of the inning to hand Neenah a 6-4 loss in a Fox Valley Association game on Tuesday.

Cal Juckem finished 2-for-3 for the Rockets, who totaled just four hits in the game. Mack Krause and Ethan Hellen-green each drove in runs.

On Saturday, the Rockets dropped a pair of close games to DC Everest losing by scores of 2-0 and 3-1.

Neenah pounded out eight hits in the first game, with Sam Printz, Jack Weinholzer and Jonah Rittner each finishing with two hits but left six runners on base in getting shut out.

Three Neenah pitchers allowed just three hits and didn't surrender an earned run in the game.

The second game saw Neenah take a 1-0 lead in the third inning but the Evergreens scored three runs in the fifth to earn the win.

Neenah dropped an FVA game to Kaukauna, 6-2, on Friday as the Ghosts plated six unearned runs in the fifth inning to earn the win.

Printz finished 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Juckem fanned six in seven innings but took the loss.

Zephyrs blanked by Manitowoc Lutheran

St. Mary Catholic dropped a Big East North game, 2-0, to Manitowoc Lutheran on Friday.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Rockets rally to beat Wausau

Neenah scored three goals in the fourth quarter to pull out an 8-7 win over the Wausau Wolfpack last week.

Savannah Blocksom led the Neenah attack with three goals, while Ellery Marsh chipped in two tallies.

Ellie Hammerschmidt, Izzy Ricketts and Rae Schoultz also scored in the game for the Rockets.

Elliott Pershing finished with four saves in goal for the Rockets.



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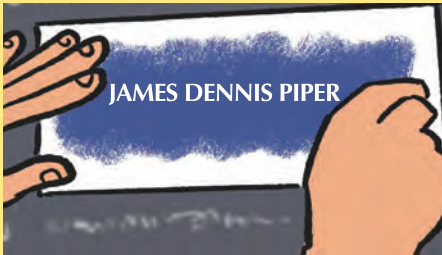


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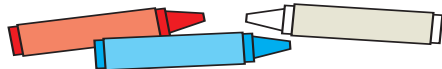
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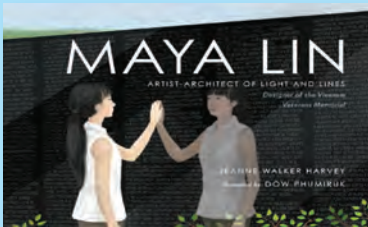
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