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Setting sail

The Fox Valley Sailing School along with the Neenah-Nodaway Yacht Club held an annual open house event Saturday at Riverside Park in Neenah. The event featured free sailboat rides, activities for kids and more.

Outdoor refreshment area approved

Open containers allowed in select downtown areas

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Strolling downtown with an alcoholic beverage in hand is now allowed during certain hours year-round, after the Neenah Common Council voted last week to establish a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, or DORA.

The resolution passed despite opposition, with some residents expressing concerns about public intoxication and the risk of more alcohol-related incidents.

Resident Michael Sturn was among those who opposed establishing a DORA.

"I'm a recovering alcoholic, and when I first heard the news about the DORA, it was just very disheartening to me, knowing that that's one more thing that's going to prevent me from enjoying my downtown by walking past people drinking open intoxicants," he said.

Resident Scott Becher warned of potential safety risks.

"We have a total of 15,300 trucks and cars in a small, compact few blocks," Becher said, arguing that combining traffic with potentially impaired drinkers could create dangerous conditions.

Neenah implemented a temporary

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Rotary Club of Neenah celebrates 100-year anniversary

Anniversary gala includes changing of the guard

By Eric Endres
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The Rotary Club of Neenah, also known as Neenah Rotary, turns 100 this year, and the organization is holding a special gala later this month to celebrate the milestone.

"It's really a celebration for anyone who's been a member — both current and past members of the club," said Pam Seidl, a Neenah Rotarian of 20 years and one of the organizers of the event. "It's kind of a fun walk down memory lane, and we're hoping that that's what the celebration is about for the club."

If it were a real street, Memory Lane would be a long and winding road for Neenah Rotary, which was founded in April 1925 as part of Rotary International, an organization based in Chicago that has



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Neenah Rotary members helped last year with projects such as repainting and reconstruction of tool and storage spaces at Twin Oaks Gardens.

now dedicated 120 years to serving communities around the globe while supporting peace, environmental causes, economic stability and more.

Neenah Rotary initially had 23 charter

members, with Dr. T.D. Smith serving as the club's first president. The club included a dash of green and gold to kick things off, as former Green Bay Packers player Howard "Cub" Buck also served as one of

the first members and was instrumental in bringing the Rotary to Neenah.

From the start, the club set its sights on

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Woolworth Store

The Woolworth Store was located at 102 E. Wisconsin Ave. The building itself was constructed in 1912 by the Anspach's after their department store was destroyed in a fire. Jandrey's Department Store briefly took ownership and eventually leased it to Woolworth's from the mid 1930s until its closing in 1968.

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Doty Island Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.

Sunday, June 15

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

Tuesday, June 17

Family Program: Blast Off into Fun with EAA, 1:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

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
Riverside Players presents The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Friday, June 20

Riverside Players presents The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Saturday, June 21

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
Art Mercantile, 9 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee
Riverside Players presents The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Sunday, June 22

Riverside Players presents The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Wednesday, June 25

Future Neenah Summer Concert Series featuring Avenue 55, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Thursday, June 26

Out to Lunch Concert featuring Tim Dorsey, 11:30 a.m., The Plaza in Gateway Park

Saturday, June 28

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Riverside Players hoping to convey important message

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The Riverside Players is back for the 69th season of theater in the park with upcoming performances of *The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble* by Beth Graham.

The story is about one woman's diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's disease and the very different reactions of her three adult children.

Director Laurie Friedman Fannin wants the audience to be focused on the story that is being told.

"This is a memory play told through the eyes of Iris, a young woman losing her mother bit by bit," Fannin said. "There are no props, no sets, nothing to distract you from the story itself."

The play is described as Iris Trimble, played by Laura Frelich, trying to hold it all together after her 59-year-old mother Bernice, played by Donna McVey, is diagnosed with Alzheimer's. In an effort to cope with the stress, Iris makes her mother's *Everything That Is Bad For You Casserole*, a childhood favorite.

Her older sister, Sarah played by Lisa Witmer, irately demands a second opinion, while younger brother, Peter played by Joshua Altshuler, seems completely

unfazed.

Fannin said the play shows the reality many families face in similar situations.

"Alzheimer's is a thief," Fannin said. "It robs those who have it of their reality and slowly steals them away from everything and everyone they love. This show reminds us there is no right way to behave in a situation like this. We can only hang on for dear life."

The actors are also hoping the show conveys an important message.

"Playing Bernice reminds me how delicate life is," McVey said. "Memories fade; love doesn't. This play has reminded me how deeply we lean on love and each other, especially when facing impossible choices. It invites us to sit with the hardest questions and still find grace in the answers."

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. daily from June 19 through June 22 at Riverside Park, 500 E. Wisconsin Ave. The rating for the show is considered PG-13 for strong language.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Neenah Park and Recreation Department at 920-886-6060 or visiting ci.neenah.wi.us/departments/parks-recreation/riverside-players/.



Submitted photo

Cast members Lisa Witmer, Donna McVey, Joshua Altshuler and Laura Frelich are preparing for the upcoming Riverside Players performances of *The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble* by Beth Graham.

High school students awarded scholarships

Neenah News

The Neenah Joint School District has awarded a total of \$72,450 in scholarships to 58 Neenah High School seniors. These scholarships are supported by donors and funds held and stewarded by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation (OACF).

"This generosity has made a significant impact on my life, so I hope to pay it forward in the future by supporting aspiring students like me," said Marie Dums, a recipient of multiple awards from Neenah High School.

Recipients, who were honored during a ceremony in May, were chosen by a volunteer committee from the school district.

OACF stewards more than 250 scholarship funds established by individuals, families, businesses and organizations who believe in opening doors to education.

In partnership with school districts and education advocates throughout their service area, OACF administers scholarship programs for public and private schools



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Students receive scholarships from the Neenah Joint School District provided with the support of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

in Neenah, Oshkosh, Green Lake, Omro, Princeton, Ripon, Wautoma and Winnebago. A total of 305 area high school and college students were awarded \$978,714 through the OACF and their regional education partners to pursue post-secondary education.

A complete list of 2025 scholarship recipients and the funds that make these awards possible is available at oshkoshareacf.org.

Philip and Barbara Gallow

Barbara and Philip Gallow are celebrating 68 years of marriage with a party on Saturday, June 14th at Van Abel's of Hollandtown, hosted by their children.

The former Barbara Danke became Philip's wife on June 15, 1957 in Readfield, Wisconsin. They have 5 children; Leanne Gallow, Tammie (Charles) Romborg, Randy Gallow, Mark Gallow and Beth Gallow; 6 grandchildren; Jeffrey Seidling (Sara), Chanon Gallow, Adam Romborg, Rebecca Underwood (Dave), Amy (Nate) Hoida and Angela (Aaron) Nelson and 8 great grandchildren; Elliott Seidling, Aubrey Underwood, Owen Underwood, Elowen Hoida, Vera Hoida, Eilee Nelson, Ada Nelson and Laine Nelson.

Congratulations Mom and Dad. Enjoy your party it's well deserved.



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Please be advised the Neenah News will have **early deadlines** for the June 20th issue:

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Fire chief earns international designation

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Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Chief Travis Teesch has earned the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation from the Commission on Professional Credentialing.

According to the fire department, Teesch joins a group of 32 fire service leaders in Wisconsin who have earned

this international designation. The award recognizes excellence in leadership, education, community involvement and technical competence.

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Jury trial scheduled for Neenah city attorney

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A jury trial has been scheduled in the criminal case against Neenah City Attorney David Rashid, who is accused of sexually assaulting his then-wife over several years.

Rashid was charged in early 2024 with two counts of third-degree sexual assault and one count of fourth-degree sexual assault with domestic abuse enhancers. Rashid's defense team previously filed two separate motions to dismiss the case under different judges, but both were denied. He has pleaded not guilty.

According to the criminal complaint, the alleged non-consensual acts began in 2017, with additional incidents in 2020 and 2022. The incidents took place while Rashid and the victim, who is not named in the complaint, were married. Their divorce was finalized in December 2023, several months before he was charged.

The allegations first surfaced publicly following an anonymous tip in August 2023 emailed to city officials accusing Rashid of "domestic abuse and violence" toward his former wife.

It was later determined that the tip came from Rashid's predecessor, former Neenah city attorney Adam Westbrook. In a separate case, Westbrook, who was the human resources director for Outagamie County at the time, was arrested in connection with a child pornography ring. He pleaded guilty in federal court in September to a distribution of child pornography charge and is awaiting sentencing.

Rashid was charged in April 2024 following a criminal investigation conducted by the Appleton Police Department. The city initially placed him on paid administrative leave but reinstated him in August after the conclusion of a personnel investigation conducted by the Neenah Police Department.

Neenah Mayor Jane Lang stated in a press release that the personnel investigation found "no violations pertaining to matters of the workplace." However, a copy of the investigation report obtained by Neenah News shows the review largely mirrored the criminal investigation and did not appear to include interviews with coworkers or an independent examination of Rashid's conduct within the workplace.

The Neenah police officer who conducted the personnel investigation wrote that he found it "extremely unlikely" that

Rashid would be convicted of the charges, which may have played a role in the city's decision to reinstate him. Such reinstatements are uncommon while criminal charges are pending. In similar cases, public officials are typically placed on administrative leave until the legal process is resolved.

Rashid's three-day jury trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 21 in Winnebago County, with Green Lake County Judge Mark Slate presiding. The next court hearing is Sept. 8 for a status conference.

Traveling dentist's sexual assault sentencing moved

Neenah News

The sentencing hearing for a traveling dentist convicted of sexually assaulting a coworker has been rescheduled after his attorney filed a motion to withdraw from the case – the same day that prosecutors filed a motion to hold him in contempt for allegedly violating a court order.

A jury convicted Eric J. Meeker, 56, of Greenfield, of a misdemeanor count of fourth-degree sexual assault after a one-day trial in May, following allegations that he groped a coworker during a shift at a Fox Crossing dental office last year.

Meeker's attorney filed a motion to withdraw from the case on May 28, a week after the guilty verdict, stating their working relationship was "irretrievably broken" and that Wisconsin Supreme Court rules allow withdrawal when a client makes representation unreasonably difficult. The court granted the motion at a hearing Monday and scheduled sentencing for July 7.

The Winnebago County District Attorney's Office also filed a motion May 28 asking the court to find Meeker in contempt for allegedly violating a court order related to discovery materials in his criminal case.

According to the motion, Meeker posted content on his website that included a police report, victim information and other materials protected under a court order that prohibits him from copying, disseminating, or publishing any police reports or related documents from the case.

District Attorney Eric Sparr said the post was taken down shortly after the contempt motion was filed. At Monday's hearing,

Meeker acknowledged the post. The judge, however, denied the contempt motion.

The criminal case stems from an April 1, 2024, report to police, when a coworker alleged that an incident occurred in an exam room at the clinic in Fox Crossing, where Meeker had been working for about a week as a temporary dentist through a staffing agency, according to the criminal complaint.

The victim, who is not named in the complaint, said she was discussing her limited work hours with Meeker when he hugged her, grabbed her breast over her clothing, tried to kiss her and suggested they could have sex in his office. She said she pushed him away, declined his advances and immediately reported the incident to coworkers and management.

When contacted by police later that day, Meeker admitted to hugging the woman and asking her to visit his hotel room to "hook up," but denied touching her breast. He claimed the hug was consensual and alleged the woman had pressed her chest against him. Meeker stated he was wearing a coat and magnifying glasses used in dental work at the time and could not have touched her as described.

The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board suspended Meeker's license last June, and he agreed to stop practicing in Wisconsin during ongoing disciplinary proceedings. The suspension remains in place. A previous dental license he held in Florida has expired.

Meeker faces up to nine months in jail and a fine of up to \$10,000 at sentencing next month.

Eagle Nation hostage lawsuit dismissal upheld

Neenah News

A federal court has upheld the dismissal of a civil rights lawsuit filed by five men held hostage during a 2015 standoff at the former Eagle Nation Cycles in Neenah.

The plaintiffs sued the city and five officers, alleging they were wrongfully detained during a standoff started by Brian Flatoff, who took them hostage at gunpoint. The police response led to a four-hour standoff and a shootout during which officers mistakenly shot and killed hostage Michael Funk.

U.S. District Judge William Griesbach ruled the officers acted reasonably under the circumstances and had qualified immunity, stating the plaintiffs weren't enti-

led to punitive damages and dismissing the lawsuit. It was the third such case to be dismissed in federal court.

The plaintiffs appealed, arguing the lower court erred in siding with the defendants on claims that their rights were violated. They also said it was wrong to dismiss a sergeant from the case and argued that the officers should not have been granted qualified immunity. Additionally, they claimed they should be allowed to seek punitive damages.

In a judgement filed June 2, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit affirmed the district court's ruling, writing that no constitutional violation occurred.

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New book calls for Gen Z to lead global change

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Neenah resident and former Kimberly-Clark chief scientist Pete Dulcamara released a new book Tuesday titled "High-Tech Heroes: Why Gen Z Is Our Last and Best Chance to Save the Planet."

Rooted in ideas from Dulcamara's TEDxOshkosh talk, the book presents Dulcamara's vision: "we should redefine a 'billionaire' not as someone who earns a billion dollars, but as someone who improves a billion lives."

Aimed at Gen Z graduates and early-career professionals, High-Tech Heroes invites readers to pursue purpose-driven work and leverage exponential technologies — such as AI, biotechnology and renewable energy — to address the planet's most pressing problems.

Dulcamara draws on nearly four decades of experience in science and innovation, including 17 years at Kimberly-Clark, 18 years at Dow Chemical and advisory roles with global organizations.

"This book was born out of a personal mission," Dulcamara said. "I've always believed the true measure of success is the positive impact we have on others. Gen Z has the mindset, tools, and urgency to lead transformational change — we just need to equip and inspire them."

The book introduces the concept of hu-



manity-centric innovation: aligning business strategy with environmental stewardship and social well-being in a way that delivers broad-based value.

Through a mix of storytelling, science and optimism, High-Tech Heroes encourages readers to think boldly and act ethically.

High-Tech Heroes is available in English worldwide through Armin Lear Press and retailers including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Target and Books-A-Million.

Business news roundup

North Valley Precision, an Oshkosh-based industrial services company, has bought a manufacturing warehouse at 1725 Racine Road in Menasha for \$1.6 million. The company is planning to expand its footprint in the Fox Valley. North Valley Precision provides quality assurance and control service, specializing in on-site inspections, data collection and supply chain quality control for manufacturing customers.

Lynn Detterman will serve as the president of **Froedtert ThedaCare Health's North Region**. Detterman will be responsible for the overall leadership, management and strategic direction of the North Region. The North Region of Froedtert ThedaCare Health encompasses the Fox Valley region and five surrounding rural markets, as well as the Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Manitowoc and Sheboygan areas.



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Superintendent reflects on first year, looks ahead

As I wrap up my first year serving as superintendent of the Neenah Joint School District, I'm filled with gratitude, humility and a deep sense of purpose.

This has been a year of listening, learning and building relationships — all in service to the incredible students, staff, families and community members who make Neenah such a special place to call home.

From my very first day, I've made it a priority to be visible in our schools and responsive to the needs of those we serve. Whether it was visiting classrooms, attending events or engaging in hallway conversations, I've been continually reminded that the heart of our district is its people. I've seen firsthand the dedication of our educators, the kindness of our students and the unwavering support of our families. Those moments have affirmed for me that Neenah is not just a district — it's a community committed to growth and excellence.

This year has also been an opportunity to listen — deeply and honestly — to the feedback from staff, students and families. Through surveys, forums and one-on-one conversations, I've heard recurring themes that are now shaping our path forward: the importance of smoother transitions between grade levels and buildings, the need for consistency in our implementations and processes, and a call for better support to address social, emotional and behavioral needs.



Dr. Steve Harrison

NJSD superintendent

We've already begun responding. For example, we are laying the groundwork to implement the "Character Strong" framework across all schools — a proactive, strengths-based approach to social-emotional learning and student leadership. We've also begun the process of establishing a clear, multi-year approach to implementing professional development that will increase our focus on key areas based on staff input while also reducing the number of initiatives being placed onto our staff.

Looking ahead to the 2025-26 school year, we will focus on a several key priorities:

- Continued English Language Arts (ELA) program evaluation: Reviewing curriculum materials, analyzing student achievement data, gathering feedback from teachers and stakeholders and identifying areas for improvement.
- Universal social, emotional and behavior framework: Implementing a K-12 district wide, research-based approach that aligns with our district values, promotes social, emotional and academic

growth, and offers consistent, responsive programming.

• Staff support and retention: Expanding professional growth opportunities, examining compensation structures, and finding ways to restore joy and sustainability in the work of teaching.

• Stronger connections: Deepening community partnerships and improving communication so that our families feel more connected and heard.

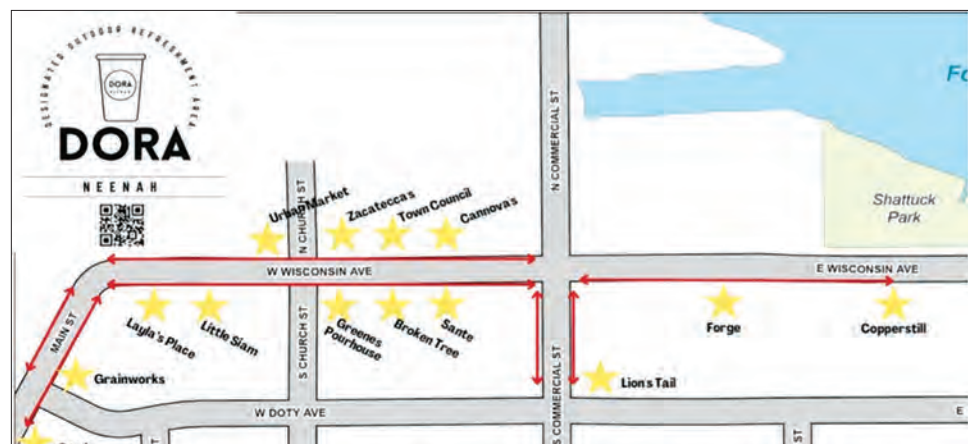
• Continuous school improvement: Implementing a process that addresses school improvement by design rather

than by chance so that all schools collectively contribute towards a common goal.

To our students: thank you for inspiring us every day with your curiosity, creativity and resilience. To our families: thank you for your trust and involvement. And to our staff: thank you for your tireless commitment to our mission.

We have much to be proud of — and much more to do. I remain honored to serve this district and look forward to continuing this important work together.

Here's to a strong finish to this year — and an even brighter year ahead.



A map shows the boundaries of Neenah's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), where patrons 21 and older can carry and consume alcoholic beverages during permitted hours.

DORA approved

FROM PAGE 1

DORA downtown during select permitted events in 2023 and 2024, which was considered a success.

The permanent DORA will operate from noon to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. It begins at 210 Main St., near Gord's Pub, and continues along West Wisconsin Avenue to Copperstill Bourbon Bar at 211 E. Wisconsin Ave. A second route starts at Lion's Tail Brewing Co., 116 S. Commercial St., and runs to the intersection of N. Commercial Street and Wisconsin Avenue.

Patrons age 21 and older 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.

Future Neenah, a nonprofit that supports downtown development, brought

the proposal forward. Executive Director Brent Bowman said the DORA will boost foot traffic, support local businesses and create a more vibrant downtown atmosphere.

"A DORA isn't about beverages, it's about creating a destination," he said. "It encourages people to spend more time exploring downtown, attending community events, supporting local shops and enjoying Neenah's public spaces. It enhances the quality of life for residents, while making our city more appealing to visitors and prospective businesses."

Alderman Cari Lendrum has repeatedly stated that she thinks the DORA hours should be limited. At last week's council meeting, Lendrum proposed an amendment that would reduce the hours to a start time of 4 p.m. instead of noon and to only allow it from May 1 to Aug. 31.

In explaining her amendment, Lendrum said that starting at noon was not "family friendly" and limiting the hours would protect the community's character.

"We have a long history that our forefathers and foremothers decided, way back when, that alcohol doesn't have to be everywhere," she said.

The amendment failed on a 3-6 vote, and the DORA resolution was approved as originally proposed, 6-3, with Lendrum, Flo Bruno and Tami Erickson voting against it.

The newly approved DORA resolution went into effect immediately and will remain in place for one year. The council would need to pass a new resolution to extend it beyond that. Council members noted that the DORA is not permanent and can be rescinded if issues arise.

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Rotary Club

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bettering the community and making a difference, and the Rotarians have remained steadfast in their commitment throughout the last century.

“The club just isn’t about a group of people getting together for meetings,” said Seidl, who has held numerous positions within the club, including president. “We’re really focusing on doing things in the community.”

One of the main focuses for Neenah Rotary is youth services, demonstrated by its youth exchange program and its close relationship with the Boys & Girls Brigade, which is still a priority today. The club also formed a band in the 1950s and eventually hosted fundraising theatrical performances that led to the construction of Pickard Auditorium, which is named after Rotarian Sam Pickard.

Some of the main historical points in Neenah Rotary’s first 100 years include:

- Providing transportation for Neenah children with disabilities to an Appleton school in 1929 prior to provisions made by Neenah’s Board of Education.
- Producing a film about safe driving called “Safety is No Accident” in 1959 after an automobile accident took the life of charter member Toby Kuehl.
- Planting trees throughout downtown Neenah.
- Establishing the Strive program with Neenah High School guidance counselors in 1998 for students who may benefit from additional assistance with life after high school.
- Presenting thousands of dollars in scholarships since the 1960s.

Some Fox Cities residents may have visited a local attraction that Neenah Rotary had a hand in bringing to the public. In 1953, then-Rotary president Forrest Werling assembled a committee of community leaders to discuss opening a museum in the city. Mrs. J.N. Bergstrom offered her home as a public art center, eventually leading to the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass.

Today, Neenah Rotary members are frequently working on projects to help enrich the city. Late last summer, Rotarians helped with the repainting and reconstruction of tool and storage spaces at the Twin Oaks Community Gardens site. Members have also helped with rebuilding efforts at the Riverside Rocket Playground and Fritze Park.

This is a small sampling of the club’s efforts as members say the Rotary’s history, achievements and current activities could fill a sizable book.

The Neenah Rotary 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. June 26 at Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel and Conference

Center. In addition to cocktails and dinner, on the agenda are presentations of notable moments in the club’s history, a changing of the guard acknowledging current president Aaron Olson and president-elect Matt Brehmer and the presentation of the Jack Casper Community Service Award.

The celebration is open to current and past Neenah Rotary members and their families, and tickets are required. See neenahrotary.org/events/neenah-rotary-100th-anniversary-celebration-dinner for registration information.

While this celebration of history will take a look back, Rotarians are putting their heaviest focus on the future.

As the Neenah Rotary president-elect, Brehmer plans to carry on with the club’s efforts to diversify membership when he begins his tenure.

“By having more members, we can continue to make an impact in our community,” he said.

Some of Brehmer’s other plans include partnering with Future Neenah to add what he calls “a very exciting piece” to the Very Merry Christmas event this coming winter. But like presents wrapped under the tree, residents will have to wait until the holiday season to see exactly what surprises await.

Over the coming years, he said traditions of selflessly serving the community aim to continue to solidify Neenah Rotary’s decorated legacy.

“Rotary allows people from all aspects of the community to come together for a common purpose — putting service above self,” Brehmer said. “Our club does so many things for our local community, from highway cleanup, to helping with the growing food insecurities among our youth, to raising money for scholarships for local students.”

Seidl said the Rotary has faced the headwinds of change over the past decade. Membership has become more flexible with activities and includes more varied demographics while staying true to the core mission.

“I really want this club to succeed on the key tenets of Rotary — giving back to the community, focusing on food insecurity, world peace, economic development and the environment,” Seidl said.

Seidl also encourages even more participation in the future since membership is open to anyone who lives and works in the community.

“The club is available to anyone, and we’d love to have them be a part of it,” she said.

As the incoming Neenah Rotary president, Brehmer has hopes for a long future for the organization.

“I hope my impact as president this next year allows our club to continue to grow so that we can continue to serve this community for another 100 years and beyond,” he said.



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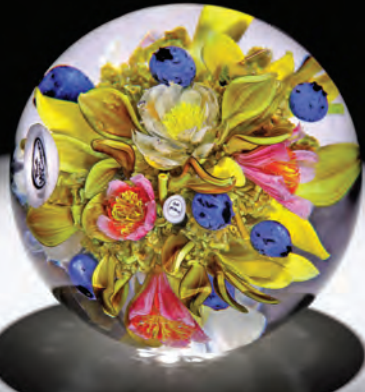
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The Neenah High School girls track and field team finished second in Division 1 at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships last weekend in La Crosse. It was the best finish as a team at state in program history.

Rockets finish second at state meet

Gentile medals in four events to lead Neenah

By Steve Clark
 NEENAH NEWS

Neenah girls track and field coach Kelly Ellington had to deal with a hectic schedule at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships last weekend in La Crosse.

But she certainly didn't mind all of the action.

"If you have one or two events at the state meet, it can be a long two days, especially if they are spread apart," Ellington said. "(This weekend) we were active the entire time. It was pretty exciting."

The Rockets weren't only busy, but successful, too.

Led by Celia Gentile's four-state medal performance, Neenah finished second in the final Division 1 team standings and brought home a silver trophy. It was the highest finish for the Neenah program at a state meet.

The Rockets were in the points lead for much of Saturday before being passed by Arrowhead with three events to go. The Warhawks won the team title with 51 points, while Neenah totaled 46 - a comfortable 10 points ahead of third-place finisher Appleton North.

"A lot of people were checking (on the team scores) throughout the day but once we got passed by Arrowhead, we were really just hoping to secure second place," Gentile said. "It was definitely a goal and being able to bring home a trophy on Saturday was rewarding."

Gentile was one of the key factors that spearheaded the Rockets' finish.

The sophomore won both the triple jump and long jump at the meet, while taking seventh in the 100 meters. She also anchored Neenah's 400-meter relay team which placed fourth.

"Everything we did in the season was to pay off at the state meet so being able to place high in all four events was rewarding," Gentile said. "I was really set on getting on the podium for both of my jumps and the 400 relay team really wanted a podium spot, too."

Gentile, who finished second at the state meet in the long jump last year, posted a jump of 40-feet, 2.5-inches in the triple jump on Friday. She was the only jumper in the field to clear 40-feet.

"It definitely gave me a huge confidence boost knowing I had the gold secured for one of my jumps," Gentile said. "Then there was really nothing to lose on Saturday."



Photo by Doug Sasse

Sophomore Celia Gentile won individual titles in both the long jump and triple jump and medaled in a total of four events to help Neenah to a runner-up finish in the Division 1 team standings.

Gentile's winning long jump was 19-6.5 and she was the only jumper to reach 19-feet in the competition. The jump was one inch longer than her runner-up distance as a freshman.

"Celia is an absolutely incredible athlete," Ellington said. "Not only is she super talented but she has the right mindset. She gets really hyped up for the competition but doesn't seem to get overly nervous. I think she thrives on the energy of competition but she always looks very even with her emotions. She just has a great demeanor to match her athletic ability."

Gentile was one of two Neenah athletes to score in multiple events at the state meet.

Freshman Emma Severson placed fourth in both the shot put and discus in her first state meet. She was the only freshman to place in the top 10 in either event and the only freshman to qualify in both events.

In fact, Severson was one of only two athletes to finish in the top five in both events at the Division 1 level, joining Ashwaubenon's Thea Kral, who placed first in

both events. "Emma had some really high goals and she expects a lot of herself so she struggled a little bit with the fourth-place finishes. She wanted to do even better," Ellington said. "We had to keep reminding her and some of the athletes did too, that if she thinks she had an off day and still finished fourth, that's really good."

Rounding out the individual point scorers for the Rockets was senior Mazie Olkowski, who wrapped out her stellar career with a third-place finish in the 3,200 meters and a sixth place in the 1,600 meters.

It was Olkowski's fourth appearance at the state track and field meet and, after struggling in her first appearances, the second straight year she scored in both events.

"She was pretty happy with her performance," Ellington said. "It shows the progress of getting so overwhelmed you can't race your best to still getting a little overwhelmed but now your being a little overwhelmed gets you third place."

Neenah hopes to serve up more success at team state

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

One state tournament down for the Neenah High School tennis team and now one to go.

The Rockets will return to Madison on Friday to compete in the WIAA Team State Tournament at the Nielsen Tennis Center where they will face Marquette in the Division 1 quarterfinals in a matchup of two of the most storied programs in the state.

“We’re really looking forward to it,” said sophomore Hunter Brown. “Everybody gets to play, which is really fun and I think we can definitely win the first round and then we’ll see how it goes from there.”

Neenah beat Marquette earlier this season but it is the Hilltoppers that have a successful history against the Rockets, especially at the WIAA Team State Tournament.

The two teams – which have combined for 43 team state appearances – have matched up six times at the team state tournament with the Hilltoppers winning each meeting. The last time the two teams played was in 2017 when Marquette won a 5-2 match in the state title match.

The Hilltoppers, who have won 15 state titles, also beat Neenah for the championship in 2016 and 2013.

The Neenah-Marquette matchup is a battle between the No. 4 and No. 5 seeds, respectively, but Rockets head coach Kyle Falk believes his team is playing at its highest level of the season and matches up well with the Hilltoppers.

“I think we are peaking at the right time and we are playing some of our best tennis. I think our guys are playing well right now and we will be looking to continue that into this weekend,” Falk said. “I think there is a lot of parity. I think every team down there has an opportunity that if they play

their game, they could be successful and we aren’t any different.”

Brown, who played No. 1 singles in the dual meet against Marquette earlier this season, will likely be the No. 2 singles player in the lineup on Friday behind Carl Hein. Hein won his match at No. 2 singles against the Hilltoppers. Joshua Youngwerth at the No. 3 flight and Seth Vickman at the No. 4 flight are expected to round out the singles lineup for the Rockets.

The three doubles teams expected to compete are Andrew Werner and Brady Lawatsch at No. 1, Henry Farrell and Luke Grassl at No. 2 and Joe Schultz and Harrison Tanger at No. 3.

The depth of the Rockets team has been a strength of the squad all season and a staple of the Neenah program as a whole.

“Having the depth is arguably better than having just a good No. 1 flight or good No. 1 doubles because every point matters,” Grassl said. “It’s the first who gets to four wins wherever those four (points) come from.”

Added Hein: “I think there are a ton of teams that have a very talented No. 1 or No. 2 flights but then their No. 3 and No. 4 are a little bit weaker. Our threes and fours are very scrappy. They practice hard and battle

for it and they get it done on the court.”

Falk likes the depth on Neenah’s roster but he also knows that the Rockets aren’t the only team who will be bringing that asset to state.

“It’s difficult to compete on this final weekend of the season if you don’t have a deep team,” Falk said. “Certainly it’s an advantage to have that, but we aren’t the only team that has that. All eight teams have that depth.”

Hein is coming off a strong finish at the individual state tournament where he finished sixth in the Division 1 singles bracket, three spots ahead of where he was seeded.

He posted straight-set wins in his first two matches – including a victory over Fond du Lac’s Leyton Batchelder in the second round – before knocking off Mukwonago’s Andrew Davies in the Round of 16.

Davies beat Hein earlier in the year and was seeded better than him but it was the Neenah senior who earned the win.

“I had a loss to him earlier in the year and I wasn’t happy with the way I played that match,” Hein said. “I knew it was going to be a good match but I knew I had it in me.

It was nice the match went my way and I was able to make it to the (quarterfinals).”

Hein lost to top-seeded CJ Kryscio of Menomonee Falls in the next round but bounced back to stop Brookfield Central’s Andrey Semin in straight sets to advance to the fifth-place match. He lost that match in straight sets but still finished above where he was seeded.

Hein was one of four Neenah flights to earn their spots in the state tournament and all four won at least one match.

Brown scored a 6-1, 6-0 win over Nate Anderson of Hudson before falling to seventh-seeded Grant Schaefer of Whitefish Bay – the same player that topped Hein in the fifth-place match.

Brown played at the state tournament last year in doubles and that experience inside Nielsen Tennis Center is sure to be an advantage.

“You are always going to have nerves because it is state, but it helps settle you down,” Brown said. “You have to know what you want to do there, you have to come with a plan and having that experience helps settle you down a little bit.”

Werner and Lawatsch were seeded 14th in Division 1 and posted comfortable wins in their first two matches before falling to the bracket’s No. 3 seed.

The first-year duo has been coming on strong at the end of the season, having won a sectional title and will be formidable pairing for the Rockets at team state.

“We are playing some of our best tennis so we’re proud of that for sure,” Lawatsch said. “We feel confident we can beat any team there but we haven’t focused on it too much. Definitely we’ll get at it more as

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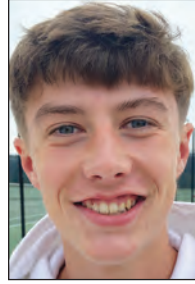
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Zephyrs’ Auth finishes fourth

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

It wasn’t necessarily the medal that St. Mary Catholic senior Wesley Auth wanted to bring home from the WIAA State Tennis Championships.

But it was still another piece of hardware that Auth can add to his collection as he put the final touches on his standout high school career in Madison last weekend.



Auth

Auth marked his fourth and final trip to the state tennis meet by finishing fourth in the Division 2 singles bracket. It’s the highest finish in singles at the state meet for Auth, who earned three singles medals and one in doubles in his four trips.

“I’m very satisfied with (my career),” Auth said. “Obviously, my goal my senior year was to do a little bit better than I did but I had a great four years – I podiomed every year.”

Auth entered the tournament as the No. 4 seed in his bracket and, after receiving a first-round bye, breezed past East Troy’s Michael Busateri, 6-1, 6-0.

The Zephyr senior had a little more of a struggle in his quarterfinal match but bounced back from dropping a second-set tiebreaker to beat Maddox Bradfield of Madison Country Day, 6-4, 7-6, 10-3.

Auth won the first set of his semifinal match against top-seeded Oliver Milleman of Catholic Memorial, but couldn’t

keep the momentum going and lost 3-6, 6-3, 10-3.

“He just outplayed me. He’s a great player and just brought more talent that day,” Auth said. “It was very disappointing because I knew (Milleman) so well and I felt I was capable of beating him.”

Auth then fell in the third-place match to Teddy Busateri of East Troy, 6-3, 6-7, 10-5, capping his tournament with three straight three-set matches.

Auth said that overall he was pleased with his performance and enjoyed the trip to Madison.

“Personally, it went very well. It was a great experience overall even though I didn’t accomplish what I set out to do,” Auth said. “It was a great experience for me, my family, my friends and to support my school in that way was great.”

But Auth admitted it was difficult knowing his high school career was over.

“It was very sentimental,” said Auth, who plans to play club tennis at Marquette University next year. “That night when I got home, I actually played one more time in my backyard in my full jersey just because I didn’t want it to be over yet.”

Auth was one of three flights competing at the state tournament for the Zephyrs as both of St. Mary Catholic’s doubles teams qualified but lost in the first round.

The No. 1 pairing of Harry Bergstrom and Aiden Tines lost 6-3, 7-5 to Tony Wesner and Andrew Berschback of Regis, while John Osland and Sean Osland lost a 6-1, 6-4 match to Edgerton’s Adam Nelson and Vincent Fox.

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Speedy Rangel helps fuel Rockets' relay squads

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Track and field is generally considered an individual sport.

For most events, it is one athlete taking to the track or one of the field events alone with how they finish solely in their own hands. But then there are the four relay events in a regulation track meet where a quartet of teammates work together to earn the group a finish.

Neenah senior Julia Rangel has certainly performed well as an individual plenty of times in her four years as a Rocket. Yet, it's when she takes to the track as part of a four-some to tote the baton that she enjoys the most and has had the most success.

"I love participating in the relays," Rangel said earlier this week. "It puts more pressure on me because I have a team I am racing for. I have three other girls that I'm racing with and that makes me give it that little extra push. I like that more than just being out there as an individual."

Rangel just finished off her third straight trip to the WIAA state track meet as part of a relay.

As a sophomore, Rangel ran on Neenah's state-qualifying 400-meter relay team and was an alternate on the 1,600-meter squad. Last year, she took her place to run a leg in the 1,600-meter relay.

She capped her senior season last weekend in La Crosse by running on both relays, including earning her first state medal with the Rockets' 400-meter relay.

"As soon as we finished (the 400-meter relay) and saw we had finished fourth, I started tearing up right away," said Rangel, who was also a regular member on the 800-meter relay team. "It meant a lot. It was really exciting and really rewarding. Over the past three years, we've been trying to do that but just hadn't. I was super excited and it made me feel really happy."

Some regular relay runners often find themselves in the same positions in the



Photo by Doug Sasse

Neenah senior Julia Rangel (second from left) stands with her 400-meter relay team at the state track meet.

running order, meaning they will always lead off because they are strong out of the blocks or anchor the groups because of being good finishers.

For the Rockets' 1,600-meter relay team she was the lead runner, taking the first leg, while running third in the 400-meter relay. For Neenah's 800-meter relay team that qualified for sectionals, Rangel closed things out as the fourth runner.

"I actually prefer being second or third but I'm not the one who makes the order," Rangel said. "That means I'm not starting it and not finishing it but just in the middle trying to just push myself to put the anchor in a better spot."

Rangel said she got her start in track when her parents signed her up for a YMCA team when she was just 6-years old. She had success right out of the gate as a youth which helped keep her interested and involved as she grew up.

Rangel said it was an eye-opening moment when she got to high school and saw the level of competition, however, she continued and by the time her sophomore year hit she was able to make it to state.

"It was honestly really nerve-wracking. I was honestly a little afraid," Rangel said. "But it was a really cool experience and I think going as a sophomore helped me my senior year because I had more experience."

Those early days at the high school level were a bit of a struggle as a team for the Rockets, but Rangel said seeing the program grow to where it is now – Neenah finished second in the team standings last weekend – has been rewarding.

"My freshman year, we were not good and I knew since freshman year we wanted to have a good team so as the years went on it was nice to see us slowly get better and build confidence," Rangel said. "It was really nice and rewarding taking second. It was nice to know the work had paid off. It was a really cool experience."

Rangel was a three-sport athlete at Neenah, including spending the last two years as a member of the Rockets' girls wrestling team.

She started with the grueling sport simply to get in shape for the track season but found out she enjoyed the sport and work-

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ing with a different set of teammates. "It was incredibly fun," said Rangel, who posted 22 wins this season and qualified for sectionals. "I met a lot of new girls and built a lot of new relationships. Wrestling is a sport like no other. I was really happy with the season and team."

When Rangel is not running or wrestling or doing another sport, she has found a unique outlet to relax.

Rangel likes to participate in speed puzzle competitions, an activity she started doing with her family and has continued to participate in events around the area.

"It gives me a good mental break, like a pause from my life. It's really relaxing, I guess," Rangel said. "I don't know (how it started). It's really random. My family likes doing it and I like doing it."

Rangel said that public libraries will often host competitions where teams of four get together and put together a puzzle. Most of the time she competes with her family but has entered events with a group of friends.

"You go out with a team of four and you just try to build a puzzle as fast as you can," Rangel said. "Whenever we do a competition, I always do the edges."

Rangel said alone it would take her about three hours to put together a 1,000-piece puzzle while usually as a team of four, it can be done in a little over an hour.

The largest puzzle she has put together totaled 2,000 pieces.

"Anything over that is a little too much," Rangel said. "At home, if I have two hours I like to get out a puzzle and see how fast I can do it. It's just something I like to do."

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Zephyr relay takes fourth place at state track and field meet

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The St. Mary Catholic 3,200-meter relay team finished its season on the awards podium after placing at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships held in La Crosse this past weekend.

The senior trio of Audrey Wanless, Maria Marti and Lauren Ripley along with sophomore Claire Higgins, who anchored the foursome, placed fourth in Division 3 at Memorial Stadium last Friday.

The foursome finished with a time of 9-minutes, 51.69 seconds to place comfortably in fourth. The Zephyr group was more than a second ahead of fifth place Deerfield.

Kohler won the event with a time of 9:34.41.

It was the second straight year a Zephyr relay team has scored in the event after finishing seventh last year. Marti, Ripley and Higgins were members of that team



Photo by Doug Sasse

St. Mary Catholic's Ellie Davel (left) clears a hurdle during her preliminary race of the 100-meter hurdles at the WIAA state meet last Friday.



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Neenah second baseman Taytum West catches a pop fly in front of right fielder Carli Baltus in last week's WIAA Division 1 sectional final in Oshkosh.

Neenah falls in sectional final, builds for next year

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

First-year head coach Adam Hablewitz believes the future is bright for the Neenah softball program.

But that didn't lessen the sting of falling one game short of making the state tournament.

The Rockets gave up two runs in the first inning to Watertown and those would be the only two runs of the game as Neenah dropped a 2-0 decision to the Goslings in a WIAA Division 1 sectional final at the UW Oshkosh softball complex last Thursday.

"We gave up two in the first inning but the girls stuck in there and battled," Hablewitz said. "We just couldn't figure out how to execute with runners in scoring position today."

Kyleigh Mathe allowed just one hit over the final 6 2/3 innings and finished the game with one walk and four strikeouts, but three of the first Watertown batters reached and two of them scored giving the Goslings all of the runs they would need.

Neenah was able to put runners on base in five of the seven innings against Watertown ace Cali Craig but weren't able to push a run across in the game.

The Rockets stranded six runners on base and had left two runners in scoring position in the game, but never had a baserunner advance past second base.

Natalie Coffey finished with two of the four hits for Neenah, while Mathe and Norah Paider each had one. Taytum West and Olivia McNulty each reached base twice in the game.

The loss ends the Rockets' season with

a 19-10 overall record, while Neenah finished second in the traditionally tough Fox Valley Association.

It was a strong first season for Hablewitz and he was proud of the way the players responded to the coaching change entering the season.

"I give the girls a ton of credit this year for buying into the coaching philosophy," Hablewitz said. "It was a culture change and most of the change was that players had to take accountability in taking softball seriously. I feel like we achieved that here. These girls bought into it and that's why we put ourselves in position to be one game away from the state tournament."

Hablewitz also believes the foundation is set for continued success with the program.

Although the Rockets do lose a handful of talented seniors, Neenah has five players returning who earned all-conference recognition this season and have a strong nucleus to build around.

"I want to thank the seniors for their four years but this is only the beginning," Hablewitz said. "The talent that returning next year is awesome. We're going to be back next year and we are going to be hungry. They all believe. They all know that Neenah softball is for real and we are going to continue to grow."

But what lies ahead doesn't make falling short of the program's first state tournament appearance since 1995 any easier.

"I'm incredibly excited for the future but at the same time, I know how hard it is to get to this position and have this opportunity," Hablewitz said. "That's why it stings so much."

as well.

The relay was one of two events in which St. Mary Catholic scored points in at the state meet.

Freshman Ellie Davel added an eighth place in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing less than two-tenths of a second away from making the podium. Davel grabbed the last qualifying spot in the finals after the preliminaries, edging out Shiocton's Lydia Hofacker by one-thousandth of a second for the spot.

Davel, one of three freshman in the finals, ran a time of 15.67 seconds to place eighth.

The Zephyrs also had a pair of seniors put the final touches on outstanding athletic careers.

Ripley, a two-time state qualifier, placed

10th overall in the 800 meters with a time of 2:20.90. Ripley finished a little more than a second out of eighth place and about three seconds short of earning a spot on the podium.

Nolie Anderson advanced to state in both throwing events but came up short of placing in either. The senior finished ninth in the shot put with a toss of 37-feet, 2.75 inches, while taking 12th in the discus with a heave of 107-2.

Anderson was the 2023 state champion in the discus and placed third at last year's state meet. She finished 10th in the shot put a year ago.

Cochrane-Fountain City edged Lourdes Academy by one point to win the Division 3 team title. The Zephyrs finished in a five-way tie for 37th place with six points.

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Neenah track

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Joining Gentile on the 400-meter relay team that took fourth was senior Julia Rangel, junior Brynn Fox and sophomore Kobi Meyer. The foursome finished eight-hundredths of a second out of third place.

Junior Payton Schaefer made the finals of the 400 meters and finished 10th overall, about two-tenths of a second short of adding to the Rockets' point total, while the 3,200-meter relay team of juniors Elsa Gruber and Natalie Willes, sophomore Anna Benthein and freshman Izzy Malloy finished 20th.

Neenah's 1,600-meter relay team of Rangel, Schaefer, sophomore Molly Snider and freshman Elsa Weiland, was disqualified during the preliminaries for a baton exchange out of the zone.

The runner-up finish may be a sign of



Photo by Doug Sasse

Neenah freshman Emma Severson finished fourth in both the discus and shot put at the state meet last weekend.

things to come for the Rockets, who will return the bulk of their state qualifiers next year.

"I think our team is going to be very strong," Gentile said. "I think with the new incoming class and all of the returning athletes we have, I definitely think (another trophy) is in our vision."

Neenah tennis

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we get into the week we'll get locked in to perform our best."

Both Werner and Lawatsch are veterans of playing at Nielsen Tennis Center even though last weekend was the first time they took to the same court inside the legendary venue.

"We've both played a lot of matches there and the feeling in Nielsen is definitely different. Nerves get to you a little and you can be a little tight, so it definitely does help having played there," Werner said. "We're feeling good and I think the team as a whole is feeling good. We're feeling confident and just going to take it one match at a time."

Farrell and Grassl made their first appearance at the individual state meet as a doubles team last weekend, but played at the No. 3 flight in the team's team-state ap-

pearance last year.

The duo won their first-round match last weekend before losing in the second round but bring a lot of confidence to the court after a very successful season.

"I think there is pressure because we have beaten Marquette before and beaten No. 1 teams at state," Farrell said. "Practices this week will be big. We play a lot of good teams all year at our tournaments and in conference so that's where our confidence comes from."

The winner of Friday's match will face either top-seeded Brookfield Central or eighth-seeded Menomonie in Saturday's semifinal with the winner of the match playing for the title later in the afternoon.

"Obviously it would be awesome (to play for the title) but we have to take it one match at a time," Hein said. "Try to control how you play and how you practice, but at the end of the day you have to surrender the outcome. It's not entirely under your control so whatever happens, happens."



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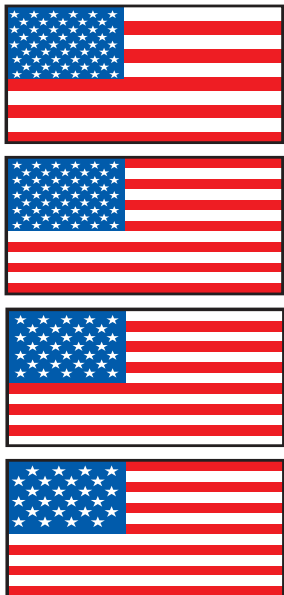
The Stars and Stripes

The flag of the United States of America has red and white stripes and white stars on a blue background.

The first flag was sewn by hand by a seamstress in Philadelphia in the year 1777. Some say that New Jersey Congressman Francis Hopkinson came up with the idea for how the flag should look, and Betsy Ross made it.

The flag was approved by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. Americans celebrate that day as Flag Day each year.

Only one of these flags is the real American flag. Can you find it? Have an adult check your answer.



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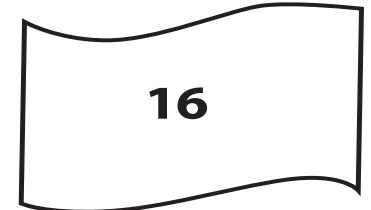
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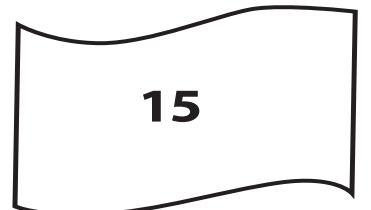
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Color by numbers to discover what each color represents.

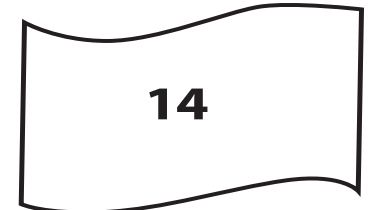
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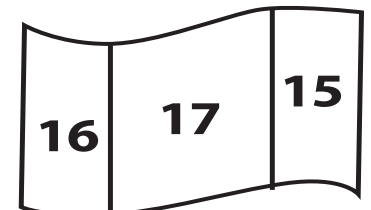
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