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Winnebago County Treasurer

## Gunderson plans facility in Neenah

\$10 million project coming to Southpark

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

Menasha-based linen and uniform rental company Gunderson plans to build a new \$10 million headquarters and industrial laundry facility in Neenah's Southpark Industrial Center, according to a proposed development agreement.

Kelly Nieforth, Neenah's director of Community Development, said at a meeting Monday that the project will bring over 100 employees to the city's industrial park, with an additional 50 employees added within five years.

"So we'll have a lot more folks working in that new facility, and they are really looking to decrease the cost to produce the laundry by using new efficient processes, machinery, and there's a lot of technology ... and it sounds like they're

definitely on the forefront," she said.

Gunderson has provided linen and uniform dry cleaning, laundry and fabric restoration since 1952. The company serves health care facilities, restaurants, hotels, resorts, automotive shops and manufacturers, and employs 150 people in the Fox Valley and Milwaukee metro area.

According to the Gunderson website, the company added the industrial plant at

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## Heart transplant recipient pushes for organ donation

Neenah resident shares message of hope

By Eric Endres  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Tom Van Lieshout has described himself as an ordinary guy who went through an extraordinary event. It's an event Yale Medicine stated that only around 3,700 people per year go through in the United States: a heart transplant.

On the other side of it, Van Lieshout discussed wanting to give hope to others who may be handling health crises and bring awareness to the need for organ donation.

"For me, it was just a whole life-changing episode," Van Lieshout said.

When he was 58, Van Lieshout suffered a serious heart event that would lead to living

with a pacemaker and perpetually dealing with congestive heart failure concerns.

Van Lieshout credited one of his cardiologists and his late brother for helping set the tone for how he would approach this and what came next: He could either look back and lament or look ahead to the next chapter.

Van Lieshout chose the latter. He was advised that a future heart transplant may be necessary, but it wasn't top of mind as he returned to his life. Although he was able to carry on for about eight years after that, his heart health would take a turn for the worse.

In 2022 at age 66, Van Lieshout's congestive heart failure progressed. He had difficulty breathing and couldn't walk from his car to a grocery store entrance without needing to stop. His heart was at its worst,

and he had a new reality to face.

"It hits you when you see the admittance statement that says 'late-stage heart failure,'" Van Lieshout recounted about his visit to the hospital. At that time, he estimated that he had "at best a week to live."

Van Lieshout remained hospitalized for what ended up being seven weeks. A heart transplant was possible, but not certain. Still, he pushed through it, walking twice a day and getting up to eat in the morning rather than taking breakfast in bed.

During this time, Van Lieshout found solace in what he refers to as his three Fs: faith, family and friends. He took comfort in Bible passages, especially Philippians 1:21-23, verses which have been interpreted as accepting the possibilities of life or



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Tom Van Lieshout has returned to an active lifestyle, including playing tennis, after receiving a heart transplant in 2022.

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# Attic Theatre set to present Kiss Me, Kate

## Seven shows to be at Neenah High School

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The Attic Theatre will be presenting seven performances of Kiss Me, Kate at a new venue this summer.

Showings will take place at 7 p.m. July 17 to 19 and July 23 to 25 along with a 2 p.m. show July 26 in the Performing Arts Center at Neenah High School.

The play is based on the book by Bella and Sam Spewack and paired with music

and lyrics by Cole Porter. The show is described as a lively and comedic metadrama about a theatre troupe performing a musical version of Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew. Drama ensues when two bickering — but secretly smitten — ex-lovers are both cast as leads in the musical.

"With music, dancing, romance, misunderstandings and behind-the-scenes chaos, Kiss Me, Kate is a hilarious and high energy show," said Pam Saulnier, head of marketing for Attic Theatre. "It originally premiered on Broadway in 1948 and has been successfully revived several times over the years."

The performances are part of the theater troupe's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. In recent years, it has performed on the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Fox Cities campus, but with uncertainty surrounding UWO's recent closing of the campus and sale to Winnebago County, shows this summer are taking place at different venues.

The Attic Theatre presented The Book of Will in June at Xavier High School in Appleton.

Tickets for Kiss Me, Kate are \$25 and available on the group's website, attictheatreinc.com.



Neenah Historical Society photo

## Summer dancing

Teenagers at Riverside Park dance during the summer of 1951. Park dances were an important part of many teenagers' summers in Neenah. Weekly dances were held in the pavilion at Riverside from 8 to 11 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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### Saturday, July 12

- Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
- Filthy Kids Fun Run, 8:30 a.m., O'Hauser Park
- Long Hot Summer Fight wrestling, 4 p.m., Wrestle Dome, 1338 S. Commercial St.

### Sunday, July 13

- Summer Fun Run, 6 p.m., Memorial Park

### Tuesday, July 15

- Campfire with Cops, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Park
- Neenah Community Band "Oldies but Goodies," 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Wednesday, July 16

- Future Neenah Summer Concert Series featuring Jet Pack Stereo, Shattuck Park

### Thursday, July 17

- Out to Lunch Concert featuring Jacob Fannin, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park
- Attic Theatre presents Kiss Me, Kate, 7 p.m., Neenah High School

### Friday, July 18

- Attic Theatre presents Kiss Me, Kate, 7 p.m., Neenah High School

### Saturday, July 19

- Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
- Art Mercantile, 9 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee
- Attic Theatre presents Kiss Me, Kate, 7 p.m., Neenah High School

### Wednesday, July 23

- Future Neenah Summer Concert Series featuring STEEM, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park
- Attic Theatre presents Kiss Me, Kate, 7 p.m., Neenah High School

### Thursday, July 24

- Out to Lunch Concert featuring Seth Brown Duo, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park
- Brigade Music Academy Concert, 4 p.m., Doty Cabin's front lawn, 701 Lincoln St.
- Cemetery Walk, 6:30 p.m., Oakhill Cemetery
- Attic Theatre presents Kiss Me, Kate, 7 p.m., Neenah High School



# New Boys & Girls Club slated to host open house



Neenah News

Work continues at the New Boys & Girls Club of Neenah on Marathon Avenue as the club prepares for a ribbon cutting and community open house July 19.

## Neenah News

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley will hold a ribbon cutting and community open house at the new Boys & Girls Club of Neenah from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 19. The new Club is located at 2065 Marathon Ave., between Marathon and Byrd Avenues.

A brief ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 10:15 a.m. Afterward, the club will open its doors and invites community members to see the new facility. The club said the community open house event will be an opportunity for youth, families and donors to see the new building, participate in activities, enjoy a treat and build excitement for the club to officially open its doors to serve youth at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Attendees will receive a giveaway to commemorate the day and can enter to win a door prize.

Spanning 35,000 square feet, the Boys & Girls Club of Neenah is expected to serve as a catalyst for its members, sparking their creativity and encouraging their

dreams with spaces such as a Life & Workforce Readiness Center, dance studio, sensory room, trio of learning centers, family conference room, dining area, playground, gymnasium, modern teen lounge and state-of-the-art Makers Lab, among others.

The club is expected to serve over 1,000 youth and their families annually.

Miron Construction and architectural firm Gries Architectural Group Inc. built the Boys & Girls Club of Neenah. Construction began following a groundbreaking event held in September 2024.

John and Tim Bergstrom led the campaign to build the new Boys & Girls Club facility, securing contributions thus far of over \$16 million toward a goal of \$17.6 million, which includes the construction, equipment and start-up costs.

The Boys & Girls Club of Neenah will be the 16th club location in the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley family, which provides support for youth in Outagamie, Calumet, Northern Winnebago and Manitowoc counties.

## Gunderson

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41 Main St. in Menasha in 2010. Nieforth said the project will benefit both cities, as Menasha will have a vacant downtown waterfront property for redevelopment.

Gunderson plans to construct a 75,000-square-foot facility on a 13-acre parcel at 1712 Dixie Road that the company will purchase from the city for \$390,000. The city has owned the parcel since 2003 as part of future planning for

the industrial park.

When questioned on her confidence in the Gunderson development being the best use of the parcel, Nieforth said the company is regulated by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency, and she feels confident they will be good stewards of the land.

“Their processes don’t include what we think of where we have these environmental contaminated sites,” she said. “The industry has come a long way in technology, so what they’re using is even more steam

and different ways to clean things without using those harmful chemicals.”

Under the proposed agreement, the city will provide up to \$1.7 million in Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) assistance to support the project, which is located in TIF district 13. The assistance will be paid annually over 13 years, based on new tax revenue generated by the devel-

opment. Gunderson has committed to a guaranteed minimum property value of \$5.5 million.

The city’s Finance and Personnel Committee voted to recommend approval of the development agreement at its meeting Monday.

The Common Council will vote Wednesday on approving the agreement.

According to the development plan, Gunderson plans to acquire the property by Sept. 1, with construction starting in October and taking about two years to complete.



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# State approves compromise budget with local benefits

By Chris Lusvardi  
NEENAH NEWS

Funding for projects in the Neenah area was approved in the two-year state budget lawmakers and Gov. Tony Evers agreed upon last week.

State Rep. Dean Kaufert, R-Neenah, said the local funding includes \$200,000 for the Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue training facility improvement project in Neenah. Kaufert said the project is a vital investment in local public safety infrastructure for Neenah-Menasha and the entire region that will be used by fire departments and emergency services throughout the Fox Valley.

It adds a state contribution to \$1 million in local funds that have already been allocated to the project, Kaufert said.

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Chief Travis Teesch said Tuesday the department has received the funding to support the training grounds improvement project at Station No. 31. He said it builds on existing commitments from Winnebago County and the cities of Neenah and Me-

nasha to modernize and expand the department's training facility.

Teesch said the project includes construction of a new NFPA-compliant training tower, expanded fireground infrastructure and the conversion of the existing tower into a dedicated fire investigation training prop. He said these upgrades will strengthen firefighter readiness, improve interagency coordination and support compliance with modern fire service training standards.

"This project is an outstanding example of what can happen when different levels of government – local, county and state – come together to prioritize public safety," Teesch said.

Teesch thanked Kaufert, state Sen. Kristin Dassler-Alfheim, Evers and lawmakers for making the investment in regional infrastructure needs.

Construction is expected to begin later



Teesch

this year, Teesch said.

Kaufert also said the state is planning to make a \$137 million investment in the Polk Library and Learning Center renovation at UW-Oshkosh.

Area lawmakers on both sides of the aisle praised the funding for UW-Oshkosh that is part of what they called a compromise budget deal.

"UW-Oshkosh and the greater Oshkosh community will directly benefit from the Polk Library project for years to come," said state Sen. Rachael Cabral-Guevara, R-Fox Crossing. "I am proud to support this in the state budget, and I want to thank the local leaders who brought the need for this critical investment to our attention."

State Rep. Lori Palmeri, D-Oshkosh, said she was glad to see items included in the budget that will benefit her district, including the funding to renovate and rebuild the over 60-year-old Polk Library.

The budget also includes \$256 million for the UW System, which Palmeri said is the largest increase for the system in nearly 20 years.

Lawmakers, including Palmeri, said the process to approve the budget deal moved more quickly than in the past once a deal was reached.

"A provision in the state budget will allow Wisconsin's hospitals to use their health assessments to supplement the state's Medicaid resources by expanding the dollars they are able to tax from 1.8% to 6%," Palmeri said. "However, this opportunity will likely be restricted for states under the federal budget bill once signed into law," which she expected was very likely to happen by the end of last week.

"This provision will secure over \$1 billion in additional Medicaid funding for the state ahead of potential cuts at the federal level."

Cabral-Guevara and state Rep. Nate Gustafson from Fox Crossing said the budget also invests a \$500 million increase in special education funding, \$30 million for school based mental health services for children, \$110 million in direct payments to childcare providers, school choice for 4K, and \$123 million to ensure affordability for low-income families.

Cabral-Guevara said the budget deal includes tax cuts, which include making more people eligible for the second tax bracket, where most taxpayers will benefit. They also include a retirement income exemption up to \$48,000 for couples filing jointly.

"This will greatly benefit our seniors on fixed incomes, which I was proud to lead the fight on," Cabral-Guevara said.

"No budget is perfect, but the one I voted for today will ensure we live within our means while providing necessary investments in special education, health care and our community," Cabral-Guevara said.

Dassler-Alfheim, D-Appleton, who voted in favor of the budget, said, "It's not the budget that I would have written, but it's a step forward."

"This budget isn't great, but that's to be expected when a compromise budget is negotiated. Ultimately, I voted in favor because of the investments it makes right here in our community that alleviate the burden on local taxpayers," Dassler-Alfheim said. "I look forward to doing even more during the next budget cycle to address these issues."

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# Common Council approves use of federal grant funds

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Common Council moved forward with allocating nearly \$200,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for 2025, supporting public service agencies, housing efforts, neighborhood improvements and initiatives aimed at benefiting low- and moderate-income residents.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides CDBG funds to cities, counties and states to support local community development projects.

The funding includes \$27,000 in the public services category, which will be distributed among several nonprofit organizations:

- Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services is set to receive \$7,000 to provide safety, basic needs, trauma recovery and support to individuals experiencing domestic violence.
- Advocap Nutrition Program will receive \$7,000 to assist in delivering meals to low-income seniors and frail elderly individuals both at a congregate meal site and through home delivery.
- Pillars will receive \$7,000 to support shelter and case management services for

individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Neenah.

• Reach Counseling Services is allocated \$6,000 to offer sexual assault counseling to qualified Neenah residents at a reduced cost.

The city plans to spend \$129,278 on housing and economic development, with \$97,000 set aside for property acquisition, demolition, redevelopment, and commercial facade improvement projects, and partnerships with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together Fox Valley. The remaining \$32,278 will fund neighborhood improvement projects in low- to moderate-income areas.

Fair Housing Center of Northeast Wisconsin was granted \$12,000 to provide services to households encountering discrimination in the housing market and to provide technical assistance to housing providers and the city.

A total of \$25,000 went to assist with the costs of planning and administering the CDBG program.

The city expects to receive \$10,000 from housing rehabilitation, small business and homebuyer assistance repayments from last year, which will be reinvested into the pro-

gram aimed at maintaining affordable housing stock and supporting first-time buyers.

In advance of the vote on the CDBG funds, Alderman Bill Pollnow Jr. spoke against awarding the money.

“The reasoning being is that I don’t think federal tax dollars should be utilized in any manner with whether money comes to nonprofits, because then as a government body you’re in the role of picking winners and losers with nonprofits,” he said. “I’ve never

been an advocate for that.”

Pollnow criticized how the city has used the funding over the years, saying it has limited Neenah’s tax base. He said the city has used the money to buy blighted properties that then sit vacant and unmarketed, drawing a comparison to the federal government’s \$37 trillion debt.

The resolution to approve the CDBG funding passed on an 8-1 vote, with Pollnow opposed.

## Lithium-ion battery recycling at farmers market

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Lithium-ion batteries can be recycled from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Neenah Farmers Market in Shattuck Park.

First United Methodist Church Neenah-Menasha is working with Redwood Materials to offer the service. Rechargeable devices that can be recycled include laptops, smartphones, tablets, electric toothbrushes, power tool batteries, rechargeable vacuum batteries, wireless

headphones and any other lithium-ion battery powered devices.

Lithium-ion batteries will be taken separately or as part of the device they are in. If a whole device is brought to be recycled, Redwood said it will remove the batteries and the rest of the device will go to secondary recyclers.

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# Plan targets Little Lake Butte des Morts cleanup

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

An initiative involving several local municipalities is taking steps to improve water quality and manage aquatic plants in Little Lake Butte des Morts.

The lake begins at the outflows of the Neenah and Menasha dams, covering 1,200 surface acres. With a maximum depth of 18 feet, the lake has over 12 miles of shoreline.

The project, initiated in 2023, involves the cities of Neenah and Menasha and village of Fox Crossing, with support from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Winnebago County Land and Water, and the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance.

Katie Woodrow of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance gave a presentation on the Little Lake Butte des Morts Aquatic Management Final Report at a Neenah Common Council meeting last month.

Woodrow said there were three public meetings over the past year to build awareness, share field results and kick off a public comment period. The meetings attracted more than 250 attendees.

Last July, a stakeholder survey was sent to each of the 366 property owners around the lake, with 150 recipients replying with submitted surveys. An additional 291 submissions came from people who live near the lake and recreate on it.

Woodrow said the community surveys revealed significant local investment in the lake.

“The general public has been visiting the lake for over 26 years,” she said. “It tells you what kind of longevity, what kind of interest there is locally; these folks are visiting more than 20 times a year to Little Lake.”

She added that those who live nearby enjoy using the trail system. Loop the Little Lake is a 3.5-mile path that connects Fox Crossing, Menasha and Neenah. The Fox Cities Trestle Bridge also crosses the lake. There are public access boat launches at Fritse Park in Fox Crossing and Ninth Street in Menasha.

“But both property owners and the general public enjoy Little Lake for the trails and parks, for bird watching, paddle sports and fishing,” she said, “and everyone collectively kind of saw an opportunity here for collaboration and to look at where do we go forward with the lake.”

Community concerns included algae blooms, excessive plant growth, poor water quality, shoreline erosion, water level fluctuations and habitat loss.

Data collection efforts included a shoreline erosion inventory, aquatic plant baseline assessment and water quality monitoring.

The aquatic plant baseline showed significant vegetation, with an average of 2.05 rake fullness, indicating substantial plant



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Anglers fish from a boat on Little Lake Butte des Morts near Doty Island. A new aquatic management plan aims to improve water quality in the lake.

growth. Woodrow explained that aquatic plants are important in lake ecosystems by taking up nutrients like phosphorus, which can help limit the growth of algae.

“So we do want to see aquatic plants growing in the lakes, but we also want to make sure that we’re making ways for folks to continue to use the water in a beneficial way, and keep aquatic invasive species out,” she said.

Water testing by the DNR found that Little Lake Butte des Morts exceeds the threshold for good water quality, with elevated levels of phosphorus and sediment. The lake did not show an abnormal presence of invasive species.

With feedback from the public and a data baseline, Woodrow said the next step was to look at the aquatic plants and develop a management plan for the city of Neenah. The pilot aquatic plant management plan will target the area near Arrowhead Park and Herb and Dolly Smith Park.

Scheduled to begin in June 2026, and led by Neenah Parks and Recreation, the plan involves mechanical harvesting, a process similar to mowing, where floating equipment cuts plants below the surface and removes them from the lake. The permit for harvesting aquatic plants in the lake extends five years and is renewable on

a three to five year cycle. The process will be overseen by the DNR.

“Plants are usually cut two to six feet deep, and then they are composted or landfilled or put somewhere else,” she said. “There is a likelihood that there will be aquatic invasive species in there, so disposal is important to make sure that it’s not re-contaminating any areas.”

Lanes will be cut in to provide access and navigability for non-motorized watercraft and improve aesthetics.

Alderman Mark Ellis noted the lake’s historical context, recalling a time when “Little Lake Butte des Morts was considered dead” due to PCB contamination. Woodrow confirmed ongoing DNR monitoring, stating there have been no reports of fish deformities or significant environmental concerns.

Another recommendation from the project is the establishment of a lake association. Woodrow said the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance has committed to facilitating the lake association’s formation, and held a kickoff meeting last month.

“We’re really excited to see that enthusiasm continue to grow and see what’s next for the lake,” she said.

The full project details are available on the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance website.

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## Colorful playground

Taft Elementary's playground is getting a colorful addition with murals painted last week by Neenah High School art students. The murals are intended to spread positive and calming messages to students while playing with peers. The project is being funded by a PBNJ mental health grant.

## High school students earn podcast awards

Neenah News

Neenah High School had two winners and two honorable mention entries among the over 1,600 submissions nationwide in the eighth annual New York Times student podcast contest. The contest had 10 overall winners, 12 runners up and 15 honorable mentions.

Lily Gahl won for her entry, "Loves Me, Loves me Not" and Aubrey Strosahl and

Rebecca Shauger won with, "Weevil Never Plead Guilty."

Honorable Mention awards went to Jaxen Berkley and Drew Drach for "Explicit Science" and Olivia Bushman for "Out of Size, Out of Place."

High school English teacher Jennifer Cormier coordinated the entries with assistance from technology coach Amanda Devries.

## Campfire with Cops planned for Tuesday

Neenah News

The Neenah Police Department is planning a Campfire with Cops event beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Memorial Park.

Police officers will be performing skits

with other performances lined up. S'mores will be served for all attendees during intermission.

The event takes place on the south side of the park at the firepit by the woods. Parking is available near the sled hill.

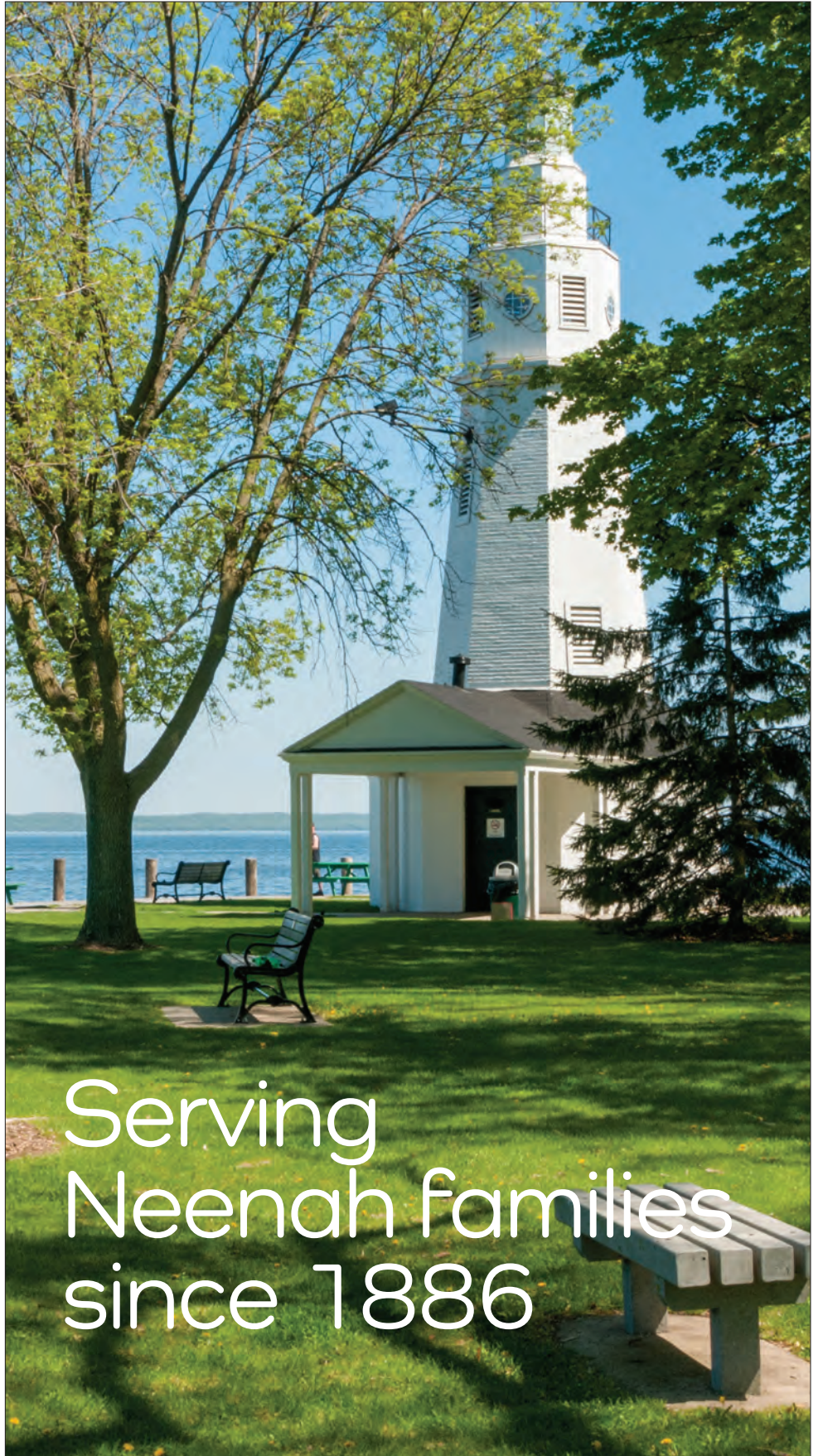
## Local college graduates

Matthew Roh of Neenah was among the more than 350 students who graduated June 15 from Lawrence University in Appleton.

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 700 undergraduate students for the spring of 2025. Students from Neenah who graduated include Douglas Karker, construc-

tion management and Parker Kirklewski, history.

Tess Jankowski of Neenah graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of fine arts in musical theatre from Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. Jankowski was one of more than 270 graduates recognized May 18 during the 2025 Spring Commencement ceremonies.



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Benjamin Franklin, portrayed by Todd Stevenson, led the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence.



Neenah News

The Rotary Club of Neenah organized a Kid's Parade to start off CommunityFest activities last Friday in Riverside Park.

# Celebrating CommunityFest

Neenah News

The Neenah and Menasha area came together over two days last week to celebrate CommunityFest to start the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Events began last Thursday with the

Parade of Lights through both cities and continued until a fireworks show last Friday evening.

In between, activities took place at Riverside Park in Neenah and Jefferson Park in Menasha. The activities at Riverside Park

throughout the day included food vendors, Rotary Club of Neenah kid's parade, kids' music and games, a stunt show, water skiing show, Neenah Community Band concert, Venetian boat parade, various other entertainment options and more.



Neenah News photos

At left: Motor bike riders perform stunts during shows that included jumping over people who were laying down on the ground.

Above: Members of the Neenah Lions Club grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and more to serve as part of the selection of food options during the event.

At right: A petting zoo provided children and adults of all ages a chance to interact with animals such as goats.



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Alta Resources has listed its fulfillment center at 2435 Schultz Drive in Neenah for sale at \$14 million.

# Alta offers Neenah spaces for lease, sale

## Company continuing operations in city

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

Alta Resources has listed its fulfillment center in Neenah's Southpark Industrial Center for sale at \$14 million, and the company has also put an entire floor of its downtown headquarters up for lease.

Alta is a business process outsourcing company that provides call center operations, sales, e-commerce, back-office support and fulfillment services to industries including retail, healthcare and automotive.

The company has had a presence in Neenah for 30 years and employs more than 1,100 people across the Fox Valley. Alta also has locations in California, Florida, Central America, Southeast Asia, South America and Mexico.

Alta constructed its \$20 million corporate headquarters at 120 N. Commercial St. in downtown Neenah in 2005 on land that is leased from the city's Community Development Authority.

Brad Schmidt, the city's deputy director of Community Development, said the reason for the lease and similar arrangements with other developments downtown is due to the underlying environmental soil conditions.

"The ground lease has a term of 99 years and during that time Alta pays real estate taxes on the land and improvements (building)," he said.

In 2008, Alta expanded its local footprint by purchasing a warehouse at 2435 Schultz Drive and constructing an addition, which serves as the company's fulfillment center. The warehouse was originally constructed in 1997 by Dunsirn Industries.

In 2017, Alta acquired the vacant former Bank Mutual building at 101 W. Wisconsin Ave. next door to its corporate headquarters. A media report at the time indicated Alta was evaluating what to do with the building. Alta recently agreed to allow the city to convert the former bank drive-thru into a small public park.

Now, both the second floor of the downtown headquarters and the Southpark Industrial Center warehouse appear in commercial real estate listings, signaling a potential shift in how Alta is using its physical space.

According to a real estate listing on LoopNet, the second floor of the Alta headquarters, which has about 64,000 square feet of space, is available for lease. It includes built-in private offices, a break room and restrooms.

"This flexible space is ideal for a variety of business needs and offers the infrastructure to support both large-scale operations and growing teams," the listing

states.

In addition to the downtown lease listing, Alta is also seeking a buyer for its Southpark Industrial Center warehouse, which is being marketed by commercial real estate firm NAI Pfefferle. The nearly 200,000-square-foot building is on 11 acres near Interstate 41. It includes more than 6,000 square feet of office space, 14 loading docks and 90 parking spaces.

Shanna Smith, executive assistant with Alta, said business operations are still ongoing at the fulfillment center location. She also confirmed the company continues using the former Bank Mutual space but did not provide any additional details.

"We recently launched a new client program in Neenah and continue to grow our presence in the area," she said in a written statement. "We remain focused on expanding our services and capabilities here. Utilization of our office and fulfillment



Photo from Alta Resources

The second floor of Alta Resources' downtown Neenah headquarters is available for lease.

space fluctuates over time, and we regularly re-evaluate our real estate footprint."

The real estate listings come as many of Alta's employees continue to work remotely following the pandemic, according to Smith.

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# Fireworks complaints surged during holiday weekend

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

A haze hung over downtown Neenah on the Fourth of July as fireworks lit the sky late into the night, prompting some residents to call and report the noise.

The Neenah Police Department received 36 complaints related to fireworks from July 1 through 6 and issued 14 warnings. The city did not issue any citations.

Neenah is considered by some residents to have lax enforcement of fireworks violations. A couple who lives on Oak Street said their dog died last year after suffering a heart attack during the Fourth of July and described the city's fireworks enforcement as "a joke."

In the past three years, only two citations have been issued by Neenah Police, both for continued fireworks use after prior warnings.

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Chief

Travis Teesch said that during the same time period, the fire department responded to 40 calls, but none of the fire or emergency medical calls directly tied to incidents involving fireworks.

"Everything went fairly smoothly," he said.

Meanwhile, the Fox Crossing Police Department responded to nine fireworks calls over the holiday weekend. Two of those calls resulted in citations, one for a first offense, which carries a \$224.80 fine, and one for a repeat offense, which carries a \$313 fine. The remaining calls were handled with warnings or closed after officers were unable to locate the source.

"We hope that our public education from both the police and fire departments, combined with social media reminders about fireworks legality and safety, played a role in the relatively low volume of calls for service in regards to fireworks this

year," Fox Crossing Community Liaison Officer Dan Wiechman said.

Fox Crossing Fire Chief Todd Sweeney confirmed the department also had a quiet weekend in regards to fireworks. The department received one report of children lighting fireworks in the street, which caused some debris to catch fire. However, the fire burned out on its own and the emergency response was canceled.

"Our law enforcement dealt with a few fireworks infractions, but we experienced no injuries or property loss over the holi-

day weekend," he said.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office responded to 14 fireworks-related calls during the same time period, issuing two warnings and no citations.

Communications Capt. Lara Vendola-Messer said in most cases, deputies were unable to locate the source of the fireworks. That's often the case in rural areas, she said, where callers can usually only provide a general location, unlike in cities where specific addresses are more common.

## Teen convicted in apartment shooting

Neenah News

An 18-year-old Neenah man has pleaded no contest to charges for a shooting last year that seriously injured his 11-year-old brother and another man.

Anthony Hendricks entered no contest pleas and was convicted June 30 of second-degree reckless injury and maintaining a drug trafficking place. Four other felony charges were dismissed as part of the plea deal but read in to the record, meaning the dismissed charges may be considered at sentencing.

Police were called to an apartment complex on Bell Street on Nov. 29 after Hendricks shot an adult male who was at

the apartment and accidentally shot his younger brother. The man was shot above the groin and three times in the thigh, while the 11-year-old boy was shot in the lower back. Both survived their injuries.

Police found more than 1,000 grams of marijuana and THC products during a search of the apartment.

Hendricks' mother, Elizabeth Johnson, who also lived at the apartment, was convicted in February of maintaining a drug trafficking place as a party to the crime and sentenced to three years of probation.

Hendricks' sentencing hearing is scheduled for Sept. 8 in Winnebago County Circuit Court.

## Air National Guard to be highlighted at EAA AirVenture

Neenah News

The U.S. Air National Guard will be the featured service component at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2025, which is scheduled to be held July 21-27 at Wittman Regional Airport.

"Each year, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh selects an aviation military command to recognize during the event," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. "The Air National Guard is an important part of the country's capabilities in every state and maintains impressive levels of expertise and experience within the entire spectrum of military aircraft."

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National Guard units from at least seven states are scheduled to participate at Oshkosh with either flying demonstrations or aircraft displays.

## Structure fire displaces apartment residents

Neenah News

A structure fire early Monday morning displaced some residents in the 400 block of First Street in the City of Neenah.

According to Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue assistant chief Jerry Mavroff, firefighters responded to a multi-family residential structure fire at approximately 5:34 a.m. The first arriving unit found smoke coming from the roof of the structure, Mavroff said.

He said firefighters were able to control, contain and extinguish the fire within a few hours of arriving on the scene. Engine companies remained on the scene for an

additional hour to observe for possible rekindles, Mavroff said.

Numerous apartments suffered extensive water damage, which Mavroff said led to displacing some residents. The Red Cross was assisting displaced residents, he said.

Mavroff said no cost estimate of the damage was available, and no injuries were reported.

The Winnebago County Communication Center, Neenah Police Department, Appleton Fire Department, Town of Neenah Fire Department, Town of Vinland Fire Department and Gold Cross Ambulance assisted with the incident.

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# Heart transplant

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death with equal contentment.

Van Lieshout also thought of his family: his wife, children, grandchildren and in-laws. Conversations with his wife looked forward, not backward.

“Just having the positive attitude and forward thinking while I was in the hospital those seven weeks, my wife and I talked about what we wanted to do at home,” he said. “We didn’t talk about what we were going to miss; we were talking about what we wanted to do. So, it was always forward thinking.”

Something else that lifted his spirits: listening to ‘60s and ‘70s music on Spotify, a distinctly modern comfort.

After weeks in the hospital, Van Lieshout was put on the heart transplant list and only spent eight hours there before a donor was found.

Larry Sobal, MBA, MHA, FACMPE and CEO of Heart and Vascular Institute of Wisconsin, noted that Van Lieshout’s short time on the transplant list was unique.

“The average wait time for a heart transplant can vary significantly, but generally, it’s often more than six months, and some individuals may wait for a year or more,” Sobal said.

After the heart was approved, Van Lieshout still had to wait 18 hours since the donor was healthy enough to give additional organs. The procedure took six hours. From there, Van Lieshout spent three days in intensive care, followed by five days of observation before his release home, where short-term and long-term adjustments were needed but would be taken in stride.

Van Lieshout’s story took a positive turn, but not everyone is so fortunate. Sobal said



Submitted photo

Larry Sobal and Tom Van Lieshout discuss the importance of organ donations during a recent visit at the Heart and Vascular Institute of Wisconsin.

15-20% of patients on the transplant list pass away while waiting, and according to the Health Resources & Services Administration’s [organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov) website, 90% of adults in the U.S. support organ donation, while 60% are signed up as donors.

It’s statistics like these that helped fuel Van Lieshout’s desire to tell his story and spread awareness about the need for organ donation, which isn’t just about placing a sticker on a driver’s license.

“The big need is the live donors, and a lot of people don’t know about that,” Van Lieshout said. “You can do it while you’re living.”

Kidneys, portions of a liver and other organs can be given by living donors. Around 6,500 living donation transplants are performed each year according to [organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov). Those curious about considering living donations can visit the website for more details.

When asked what he would say to anyone who’s hesitant to be an organ donor, Van Lieshout encouraged considering the life that could be provided to the recipient, even though the procedure may be a fright-

ening thought at first.

“You have something — a gift — that could help somebody live,” he said. “It is probably the best way to show your love for

humanity.”

This was made especially evident to Van Lieshout when he participated in the Wanna Have a Catch Living Donor Awareness Softball Game with his daughter-in-law in Iowa in May. She’s a kidney donor, and Van Lieshout met other players who have benefited from organ donation or who have donated an organ themselves.

While he’s had to adjust to such circumstances as a heart rate that’s always 100 beats per minute or the ever-present possibility of his body still rejecting the new heart, Van Lieshout said he doesn’t want to dwell on it, preferring instead to carry on with life.

“I didn’t get this heart just to stay at home and be afraid,” he said, later saying with a laugh, “My joke with everybody is, I’m on an extended warranty. So ... bring it on. Whatever else you’re gonna bring me, bring it on.”

NMES members collaborate with both the Neenah and Menasha school districts to reach out to children in need. Children are identified by schools, social service agencies and other sources.

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Diem Reddick  
Jonah Rittner  
Ally Rivet  
Will Romsons  
Kaden Roth  
Kathleen Russell  
Ezra Saint  
Caden Sarauer  
Dempsey Saylor  
Cole Schaefer  
Payton Schaefer  
Spencer Schiedermayer  
Brendan Schilke  
McKenna Schilling  
Mason Schmidt  
Lily Schultz  
Brody Searl  
Macsen Selch  
Chester Shaffer  
Liam Sieck  
Madyson Simonis  
Olivia Smillie  
Areena Sorani  
Janet Sorto  
Savannah Spade  
Oliver Steiner  
Eliana Stier  
Ezra Strasman  
Phong Tang  
Joelle Torres Reay  
Anastasia Valentine-Robinson  
Conolast Van Thull  
Lyja Vang  
Malachi Vang  
Yu Peng Vang  
Joseph VanHandel  
Elias Vargas  
Zachary Verhagen  
Trent Vogelsang  
Zachary Waite  
Andreas Walgenbach  
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James Weiland  
August Weinholzer  
Braden Wendt  
Brode LaBarge  
Mya Langenfeld  
Ryland Lapean  
Ella Larsen  
Jillian Lauer  
Mae Lauer  
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Madeline Lee  
Caleb Lenz  
Jackson Lichty  
Preston Liedke  
Benjamin Linsmeyer  
David Linstedt  
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Pajailia Lo  
Shouana Lo  
Alexander Locke  
Daemen Logterman  
Kennedy Loudon  
Kelsi Loveless  
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Kyle Marshall  
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Ethan Matson  
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Josephine Mroczkowski  
Elye Mueller  
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Urijah My  
Jessyn Newman  
Christian Nguyen  
Chase Nitz  
Lydia Novy  
Dawson Oberer  
Teyla Ocasek  
Mariana Oeftger  
Adrienne Oltzinger  
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Ty Pleshek  
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Ryan Porsche  
Daniel Priest  
Caleb Danz  
Skye Rajotte  
Emma Reddick  
Vera Reiter  
Davison Rhodes  
Trevor Ricketts  
Jackson Rindt  
Victor Rodriguez  
Lillian Romjue  
Lydia Ryan  
Drew Sabatke  
Miles Sauer  
Savannah Schilling  
Jonah Schilt  
Averie Schneider  
Payten Schneider  
Benjamin Schoepke  
Isaac Scholl  
Madeline Schoonover  
Natalie Schultz  
Nathan Schwandt  
Brayden Schwerin  
Brooke Schwarsenska  
Sofia Seager  
Oliver Searles  
Lainey Seelow  
Rebecca Shauger  
Landen Sheppard  
Liam Sheppard  
Emily Sickels  
Cooper Sieck  
Molly Snider  
Matthew Soderberg  
Jada Somerhalder  
Alexandra Sous  
Lani Storm  
Aubrey Strosahl  
Connor Stuckel  
Rebeka Thomas  
Natalia Topinka  
Elias Valero  
Isabelle Van Dyke  
Aubrie Vanevenhoven  
Audrie Vang  
Jennifer VanHandel  
Samuel Verbruggen  
Lynnea Vien  
Azriel Volpe  
Braedyn Waitrovich  
Jenny Wang  
Ava Wasmer  
Logan West  
Amya White  
Wyatt Williams  
Mataya Wiltsey  
Elizabeth Wise  
Elizack Witte  
Jayden Woodard  
Spencer Wozniak  
Sophia Wypiszynski  
Hailyn Yahr  
Ryker Zarda  
Kaitlyn Zarling  
Lawson Zehner  
Ellie Grace Zickler  
Grace Ziegert  
Hannah Zilm  
Carter Zoz  
Alexander Zuehlsdorf

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Haylie Acker  
Makayla Amsler  
Makaila Anschutz  
Annie Aykens  
Ian Baetke  
Korbin Baltus  
Caleb Barczak  
Samuel Barczak  
Aria Bartlett  
Alexis Bauman  
Oliver Bentz  
Sadie Blank  
Megan Blattner  
Martin Bleier  
Audrie Blenker  
Bridget Bloomhuff  
Mara Bogan  
Samuel Bontorno  
Keira Borchert  
Cara Bosovic  
Keira Braemer  
Kasen Briones  
Claire Broeders  
Jeremy Bruder  
Elizabeth Buttron  
Joseph Buttron  
Meredith Buttron  
Courtney Cain  
Jack Carstens  
Sonny Chang  
Tehya Clark  
Natalie Coffey

Caitlin Collier  
Hannah Corbin  
Miranda Crowing  
Preston Craft  
Brennen Cummings  
Jackson Custer  
Isabella Cvetkovs  
Clara Dahlke  
Alecia Daniels  
Caleb Danz  
Vincent Daun  
Grace DeMenter  
Margaret Destree  
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Allison Downey  
Bella Doyle  
Liam Dungan  
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Luceille Edwards  
Makayla Ehlke  
Abigail Ellenbecker  
Paisley Elter  
Abram Engelhardt  
Declan Epley  
Brielle Farmer  
Ellen Farrell  
Arlo Ferguson  
Carson Finch  
Emma Fitzgerald  
Christian Flees  
Lauren Forbes  
Elam Ford  
Owen Fox  
Josie Frisch  
Emerson Gaerthofner  
Ziva Gagliardi  
Cecilia Garcia  
Elise Geiger  
Kaiden Gerrits  
Riley Geschrei  
Tyler Geschrei  
Kole Gilman  
Josephine Glisczinski  
Kendra Gloude mans  
Shelbey Gonnering  
Aiden Gonwa  
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Rivers Gregory  
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Alina Grycowski  
Max Gunderson  
Olivia Hackford  
Lukas Hamer  
Tessa Hammerschmidt  
Jacob Hang  
Kenzie Hang  
Jaden Harmon  
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Joseph Herrin  
Griffin Heth  
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Jada Hoehne  
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Baylin Ihde  
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Reagan Janichek  
Alexander Johnson  
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Olivia Justinger  
Nya Kametler  
Liliana Kamps  
Olivia Kappell  
Ava Kasten  
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Gloria Keith  
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Owen Klawikowski  
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Reese Kohler  
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Jenson Kurszewski  
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Tarah Landskron  
Grayson Lee  
Katherine Lenninger  
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Aubrey Lindgren  
Magdalene Lo  
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Ian McAvoy  
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Henry Menchl  
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Sydney Michalkiewicz  
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Luceille Mullins  
Gabriela Munoz  
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Lauren Nelson  
Brittin Neuman  
Leah Oldenburg  
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Bryce Olsen  
Lewis Orchard  
Taylor Otting  
Asher Patel  
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Jacob Perry  
Ty Peskie  
Marcus Peterson  
Constance Phelan  
Isabella Pickett  
Nicholas Pitzer  
Alva Plotz  
Tegan Pohlman  
Selah Posegate  
Cecelia Preman  
Logan Price  
David Pupp  
Isaac Rangel  
Stella Ratliff  
Xander Reddick  
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Aiden Stark  
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Benjamin Bell  
Madison Bell  
Gina Bellin  
Charles Bellows  
Drew Benthein  
Morgan Bernhardt  
Claudia Bjornstad  
Ryan Blank  
Carter Blaylock-Schmitz  
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Elias Bowman  
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Jack Brown  
Carter Buch  
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Brynna Butler  
Christian Campbell  
Evan Cardoza  
Andrew Carlson  
Alessandra Chandik  
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Allison Corrente  
Avery Cowell  
Paedyn Dahms  
Joseph Daun  
Madeline Delene  
Amaree Derke  
Ethan Dietz  
Marie Dums  
Kennedy Dupont  
Eliza Egonut  
Carter Epley  
William Fisher  
Tyler Fitzgerald  
Mason Flees  
Harrison Flint  
Hannah Forbes  
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Eliza Fritz  
Drew Gaerthofner  
Caitlyn Gafner  
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Nathan Johnson  
Seth Johnson  
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Luke Jung  
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Lillian Kimball  
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Jack Klundt  
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Sienna Murphy  
Kali Nelson  
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Mazie Olkowski  
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Harmon Posegate  
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Bianca Quinonez  
Daanya Qureshi  
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Avery Ramos  
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Kathryn Rasmussen  
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Lily Rhode  
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Isabel Ricketts  
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Jensen Rodriguez  
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Hailey Schultz  
Joseph Schultz  
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Isabella Shell  
Samuel Shopbell  
Hannah Slabbert  
Ella Smedema  
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Nolan Smith  
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Norah Spanbauer  
Emily Stadler  
Kacie Stamm  
Isabella Stindt  
Jonathan Stolen  
Bennett Stuckel  
Bridget Sullivan  
Keane Sullivan  
Helen Suprise  
Logan Topinka  
Jaden Torres Reay  
Brayden Tyynismaa  
Mackenzie Uecker  
Autumn Utley  
Skyler Van Buren  
Lillian Vande Corput  
Madalyn Vandenberg  
Cyan Vandermuss  
Evan Vanevenhoven  
Brooke Veith  
Emmalee Verbrick  
Carson Verhagen  
Seth Vickman  
Elsie Voigt  
Grayson Vollmer  
Jacob Waite  
Annie Wang  
Amelia Wasco  
Miles Weaver  
Ila Reese Wentzel  
Lauren Werner  
Meredith Werner  
Lilyanna Wesley  
Madison Wild  
Trystan Witt  
Jacob Wockenfus  
Ava Yoblonski  
Joshua Youngwerth  
Calvin Zinda  
Andrew Zoglman

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 Evelyn Bleier  
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 Matthew Brennan  
 Kaydence Brewster  
 Jessa Bricco  
 Jackson Brown  
 Bracken Bruneel  
 Carly Callahan  
 James Carpenter  
 Ivan Cendejas  
 Dominik Clark  
 Ayden Crain  
 Katelyn Danish  
 Owen Debbert  
 Carter Downs  
 Andrew Dunning  
 Orion Erck  
 Cole Fenske  
 Blake Fish  
 Logan Flanner  
 Tyler Flaten  
 Marcus Gallatin  
 Emily Glasheen  
 Cheyenne Angeline Grissom  
 Paul Grotenhuis  
 Drayden Hannan  
 William Hartel  
 Mason Hernke  
 Hunter Hilgers  
 Mason Hubner  
 Sue Ellis Jacob  
 Abbigail Kandler  
 Kylie Kempen  
 Dalaena Khang  
 Sienna Kodama-Forget  
 Caitlyn Kufahl  
 Jack Landreman  
 Jack Lee  
 Allura LeRoy  
 Landin Lukasavage  
 Matthew Machacek  
 Sienna Manteufel  
 Annabelle Mathers

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 Kaegan McIntosh  
 Margaret McMahon  
 Olivia McNulty  
 Alison Medina  
 Rylan Mendoza  
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 Amani Meyer  
 Tate Mickelson  
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 Izaiah Niemuth  
 Derric Odom  
 Ayden Perez- Gonzalez  
 Elliott Pershing  
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 Ahtziri Quinones  
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 Drake Reimer  
 Emma Roberts  
 Caleb Schaefer  
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 Fiona Sickler  
 Keely Sosnovske  
 Edith Soto  
 Emily Stichman  
 Harrison Tanger  
 Morgan Thiel  
 Connor Thurber  
 Tanner Van Zummeren  
 Calvin Vang  
 Elizabeth Waite  
 Ashton Wayne  
 Riley Weinholzer  
 Ayden Weisbrod  
 Andrew Werner  
 Serena Whitby  
 Lauryn Williams  
 Alexander Yang

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 Makenna Akstulewicz  
 Riley Bartizal  
 Alex Berzowski  
 Ronak Bhattacharjee

## Neenah High School

Neenah High School has announced second-semester "B" honor rolls (3.0-3.499 grade point average).

<p>Maranda Bond          Braelyn Boss          Daniel Breuer          Isabelle Bugge          Ella Burns          Elizabeth Buss          Isaiah Castro          Stefano Dell'Anna          Lincoln Derks          Marissa Deroso          Owen Dery          Ivy Ebel          Nicholas Elter          Gabriel Erickson          Gavin Etteldorf          Emma Forman          Jaaziel Garza          Chloe Gold          Clarence Gorski          Jesse Gostas          Elsa Gruber          Westley Hahnen          Collin Hasenfus          Lincoln Hechimovich          Hazel Heil          Rain Hensel          Collin Herrick          Christian Hill          Isaac Hoelzel          Kayleigh Hoelzel          Jackson Holzheu          Layla Huss          Dieu Veut Irankunda          Emilee Johnson          Luke Johnson          Raya Kersten          Anthem Kotze          Isabella Krull</p>	<p>Kylee Kurszewski          Christopher Lee          Radamane Lor          Emma Lund          Sophia Ly          James Maguire          Kyleigh Mathe          Evan McKenna          Ty McNeely          Denea Means          Greta Meixl          Dylan Missall          Gage Needler          Ethan Nelson          Sawyer Newman          Mason Niemuth          Ella Nigl          Kaden O'Brien          Sirena Oakley          Rayleigh Pearson          Mason Peitersen          Annabelle Perry          Kaytlyn Pitzer          Sedalia Reid          Payton Roberts          Cole Rothermel          Joclyen Roundtree          Cooper Schalow          Alyssa Schlesner-Smith          Karter Schmalz          Zachary Schneider          Hailey Sprangers          Henry St Clair          Emily Syring          Liam Taillon          Suriya Thao          Tanner Trustem          Lazam Useini</p>	<p>Hailey Van Wie          Eleazar Vargas          Jaden Vondracek          Kal El Wallenfang          Oscar Waters          Mikayla Westbrook          Kaden Weyenberg          ShuaCua Yang          Samantha Zidarín          Cooper Zinda</p> <p><b>SOPHOMORES</b>          Samantha Barnes          Brady Baumann          Brehea Beauchaine          Xavier Bezares          Kieren Brennan          Brenton Bruder          Arianna Bunnell          Saphira Bunnell          Finleigh Burton          Oliver Castro          Matthias Charles          Kamryn Christensen          Brylee Clark          Tyler Clark          Lukas Copeland          Levi Davids          Eli De Deker          Travis Dubey          Isis Dunn          Alissa Ebel-Anklam          Talon Fluette          Wilson Garrity          Harrison Gerdin          Maddox Glaeser          Greta Goethel          Jackson Graham</p>	<p>Luke Grassl          Adler Gutbrod          Ethan Hellengreen          Owen Heller          Mai Ho          Gianna Jenrette          Yashnoor Kaur          Oliver Keenan          Nicholas Khang          Owen Kieler          Hailee Kissinger          Nathan Knick          Levi Kroes          Adilyn Larson          Kaden Leiton          Ledger Lewis          Parker Licht          Jayden Lo          Sage McMahan          Brandon Melewski          Tyler Meylink          Gabriella Motto          Benjamin Munson          Cameron Nichols          Paige Norstrom          William Okrie          Kira Olds          Chase Olson          Norah Paider          Devin Pasic          Aubrianna Peik          Andrew Picard          Owen Pire          Sierra Pitzrick          Lilly Plungy          Joseph Polley          Lydia Rich          Amari'Yana Richard</p>
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Kayla Rodriguez  
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 Paityn Schafer  
 Carson Seitz  
 Lexus Skenandore  
 Jaden Spang  
 William Stadler  
 Brody Staffeld  
 Reznor Stuckrath  
 Caleb Tarmann  
 Carter Thurber  
 Kiley Turner  
 Ashton VanBeek  
 Jinyu Vang  
 Margo Voelker  
 Brett Walther  
 Burke Wendell  
 Tyler Wied  
 Hayden Willems  
 Karissa Xiong  
 Yingva Xiong  
 Emily Zak

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 Autumn Blaney  
 Gavin Boettcher  
 Aylen Castro  
 Layla Cleveland  
 Kian Cruz  
 Stevenson Czechanski  
 Faith Derber  
 Samuel Driscoll  
 Aiden Evers  
 Eliza Finch  
 Kristen Ann Foltz  
 Preston Gallmeier  
 Jacob Gillig  
 Kelvin Gjerstad  
 Eli Goodacre  
 Natalie Grebe  
 Mason Gretebeck  
 Isaiah Grimins  
 Eli Grunwald  
 Jacob Hazaert  
 Natalie Heidke

Lexus Herides  
 Aidan Hernandez  
 Skylar Hibben  
 Jackson Hook  
 Elisha Houge  
 Sebastian Hurtado Saracual  
 Scott Jakubowski  
 Fernando Japon Reinoso  
 Oliver Johnson  
 Marissa Jones  
 Hannah Kempen  
 Jeremiah Kingsley  
 Janelle Knight  
 Cooper Landrath  
 Gabriel Langlois  
 Annabella Lee  
 Kristin Manteufel  
 Jude Marsh  
 Victoria Martinez Tamayo  
 Beckett Moore  
 Audriana Morales  
 Shane Nelson  
 Dylan Olson  
 Joel Ostermeier  
 Davis Rennells  
 Steele Rennells  
 Deaken Rittner  
 Jonah Rivet  
 Kellen Roth  
 Logan Ryan  
 Zacheriah Saint  
 Reece Sarauer  
 Jackson Schaefer  
 Jameson Sulok  
 Heavenhli Thao  
 Cael Trustem  
 Orion Turner  
 Rayna Walgenbach  
 Amethyst Webb  
 James Wiles  
 Sawyer Willes  
 Kaylee Williams  
 Grayden Wolfe  
 Ambrosia Xiong  
 Luke Young  
 Isaac Zarda  
 Levi Zarda

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**Highest Honors**  
 Giovanni Albino-Gonzalez  
 Nicholas Anderson  
 Claire Benz  
 Grant Brazzale  
 Alice Cole  
 Jakob Duquaine  
 Preston Fields  
 Elijah Kutney  
 Myles Norville  
 John Osland  
 Ana Sophia Roub  
 Emily Vogel  
 Brityn Voss  
 Audrey Wanless

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 Kieran Barrientos  
 Jeremiah Berken  
 Eliana Brenn  
 Gabrielle Callan  
 Carson Emenecker  
 Samuel Finch  
 Daniel Harness  
 Amelia Herzog  
 Rylee McClone  
 Geneva Miller  
 Sean Ortscheid  
 Joseph Pirillo  
 Alex Rice  
 Zachary Trudeau  
 Alyssa Van Buren  
 Madeline Mittelstaedt  
 Jaylyn Akey

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 Wesley Auth  
 Harrison Bergstrom

Gabriel Groom  
 Alexis Lein  
 Kate Nackers  
 Eva Radtke  
 Lauren Ripley  
 Nathaniel Seiske

**Honors**  
 Isaac Cardenas  
 Jack Clark  
 Andrew Herbst  
 Anton Jackson  
 Phoenix Kleinschmit  
 Maria Marti  
 Addison Moder  
 Christian Vindhurst  
 Stella Virlee  
 Jack Vosters

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**Highest Honors**  
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 Zachary Beyer  
 Erin Blaney  
 Madeleine Breen  
 Sean Brennan  
 Isabella Dupont  
 Ana Emenecker  
 Ethan Gustafson  
 Mary McCurdy  
 Olivia Nagel  
 Mia Pable  
 Breelyn Pauly  
 Samantha Weiss  
 David Young

**Higher Honors**  
 Milena Buczkowska  
 Samantha Danen

## St. Mary Catholic High School

St. Mary Catholic High School has announced its honor roll for the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year. Highest honors went to students with a grade point average of 4.0+. Higher honors went to students with a GPA of 3.75-3.99. High honors went to a GPA of 3.5-3.74. Honors went to those with a GPA of 3.0-3.49.

<p>Anna DeWitt          Owen Hansen          Isaiah Hennessy          Ava Hoger          Maria Johnson          Vivian Koski          McKenna Lau          Vaclav Novotny          Maxwell Osgood          Ella Robertson          Adel Schneider          Kaylee Sommerfeld          Joanne Walsh          Audrey Weber          Madeline Weninger</p> <p><b>High Honors</b>          Wyatt Birling          Norah Boehm          Maddox Dwyer          Jacob Hall          Meagan McCune          Kristina McNulty          Redvers Muggleton          Carter Nicholson          Sean Osland</p>	<p>Bethany Ruppert          Margo Scanlan          Hanna Simon          Isabella Strande</p> <p><b>Honors</b>          Jesua Cardenas          Nazarae Guyette          Isabella Jankowski          Hailey Kane          Wyatt Kletschka          Jesus Leon-Vera          Kaden Mielke          Nicholas Miller          Irene Ndutira          Mia O'Toole          Ethan Plutz          Elliot Reichenbacher          Brennan Rollo          Mason Wagner</p> <p><b>SOPHOMORES</b>  <b>Highest Honors</b>          Nadia Alexander          Brandon DeBaal          Luke Fairweather</p>	<p>Claire Higgins          Alexander Klinkhammer          Abigail McClone          Luci Nackers          Piper Neubauer          Ellie Pickering          Aiden Tines          Tarver Trinkner          Carlos Verhoff</p> <p><b>Higher Honors</b>          Kieran Bergstrom          Elijah Boehm          Nicholas Campbell          Autumn Crowe          Cora Epping          Mina Jackson          Halle Janssen          Cadence Kohel          Ainslie Liddy          Elizabeth Mccauley          Dominic Osgood          Alec Peirick          Esther Pingel          Jacob Post          Moorea Steckling</p>	<p>Miles Treep          Amelia Virlee</p> <p><b>High Honors</b>          Jacob Brigham          Isabelle Callan          Brayan De Arriba Hidalgo          Emily De Young          Brady Detterman          Briley Guta          Max Kubicki          Dominic Meyer          Molly Murphy          Gavin Post          Taleeya Smith          Dominic Todd          Maxwell Vosters          Finley McClone</p> <p><b>Honors</b>          Henry Cedergren          Thomas Couchene          Blayke Daczyk          Jacob Ernsting          Abigail Fuhrmann          Zachary Gaab          Marissa Hahn</p>
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Mariana Lopez Lopez  
 Marieliz Median-Reyes  
 Lucy Norville  
 Gibson Rause  
 Kiersten Wautlet

**FRESHMEN**  
**Highest Honors**  
 Gavin Beck  
 Gabrielle Guerrero  
 Alyssa Jahnke  
 Daniel Kutney  
 Grace Rice  
 Alice Mello  
 Isaac Valentine

**Higher Honors**  
 Vivienne Auth  
 Juliette Bergstrom  
 Maya Birling  
 Dylan Brenn  
 Adele Brennan  
 Ethan Charapata  
 Ella Chier  
 Angel Cooper  
 Owen DeWitt  
 Brennan Dupont  
 Daphne Dwyer  
 Anderson Homburg  
 Parker Kolosso  
 Colton Kraft  
 Claire Misilinski  
 Molly Nagel  
 Morgan Porsche  
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 Ella Berzowski  
 Brecken Britzke  
 Noelle Davel  
 Nicholas Jensen  
 Lorelai Miller  
 Addison Nicholson  
 Ashlyn Pauly  
 Aaron Ruppert  
 Gretchen Strande  
 Ryker Timmerman  
 Paxtyn Trinkner  
 Chloe Vondra

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 Rayna Brelage  
 Bryce Burke  
 Brady DeLeeuw  
 Jacob DeWitt  
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# Neenah Soccer Club sets up shop in Fox Crossing

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Soccer Club has found a new home for the younger levels of its group.

The club took possession of a facility in the Village of Fox Crossing in late April and will be using it to house and hopefully grow its youth academy and rec program. Locating the program at the new site opens the doors to reach more potential players and eventually expand on the club's overall numbers.

**Breiztman**



**Oshefsky**

"It makes us a beacon or lighthouse for drawing attention (to soccer) from local communities who have been under served," said Sean Breiztman, the club's director of coaching. "It is our opportunity to spread structured soccer further than Neenah and reach out to new communities."

The new site – located at 1231 Earl Street – includes 11 soccer fields tailored to 8U to 10U levels as well as a building to serve as a concession stand with restroom facilities as well as being a storage facility for the club.



The Neenah Soccer Club has taken over a facility on Earl Street in the Village of Fox Crossing with the hopes of centralizing and expanding its youth academy and rec program.

The site was originally owned and maintained by the Wisconsin United club, which is based out of Appleton.

Breiztman said that Wisconsin United approached them over the winter to see if there was interest in taking over the site and Neenah Soccer Club Board decided

that it would be advantageous.

"To have a facility we could actually own and do with what we want. To have more control with what we do with it as far as field placement, times, everything," Breiztman said. "For us, it was something we've always had in the works but when this opportunity presented itself we had to move forward. It allows us to get into that Menasha, Fox Crossing corridor to be able to expand."

Breiztman hopes that setting up a stable site in the area will allow families to avoid driving to Appleton, Kaukauna, Oshkosh or even Neenah to have their children participate.

"To be a part of a more structured program, yes people were having to go all over," Breiztman said. "If we can centralize that, not only does it help our program as a club, it will help the high school programs. Most of our kids aspire to be a part

of the high school program and be a big part of that."

In previous seasons, the youth academy and rec soccer programs were spread over multiple sites, mostly on the south side of Neenah. According to Breiztman and Academy Director Josh Oshefsky, that limited the potential to bring in numbers at the younger levels.

"It was very Neenah-resident heavy," Oshefsky said. "We did have people from outside of the community but where the academy was set on the south side of the Town of Neenah, people from Fox Crossing and Clayton and Winchester it was a drive. Now we have such easy access. It's going to open up opportunities in the community and give them the opportunity to play soccer."

Added Breiztman: "It doesn't take away

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# Park and Rec tennis champs crowned

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The Neenah Parks and Rec Department has been holding its city tournaments during the summer.

On June 25, the U14 tournament was held with flights in boys singles and girls doubles.

In the boys singles division, the title went to Ben Nimtz, who beat Isaac Wallander, 4-3, in the finals. In the third-place match, it was Nolan Curtis topping Noah Sabatke, 4-3.

The girls doubles title went to Sloane Desai and Vivian Tanger following a 3-2 win over Margaret Champa and Lane O'Brien in the final. McKenna Hall and Quinn Martin edged Lydia Klarner and Lily Walsh, 3-2, in the third-place match.

The bracket also included the pairings of Lizzy Scott and Mila Walsh as well as Evelyn Kieth and Mila Walsh.

Two days later the tournaments for girls singles and boys doubles in the U14 division were held.

In the girls singles bracket, Catherine Champa won the title over Lane O'Brien in a two-set match, by a score of 6-3, 6-5. Sloane Desai took home third place with a 6-0 win over Lily Walsh.

Other players competing in the bracket were Lizzie Scott, Mila Walsh, Clara Farrell, Margaret Champa and Eleanor Huss.

The boys doubles championship was

won by Noah Sabatke and Bryce Kennedy, who beat Isaac Wallander and Ben Nimtz, 8-2. Nolan Curtis and Charlie Nimtz teamed up for a win in the third-place match, beating Jaden and Aaron Dharmorante, 6-1.

The field had a total of 12 duos in it and also included: Simon Lepp and William Hendries; Liam Scott and Owen Sabatke; Max and Wyatt Motto; Cal and Fritz Weber; Conner Champa and Weston Schimkat; Ben Huss and Lucas Kanel; Elliot Curtis and Caleb Thomas; and Evan Scott and Oliver Ludlea.

The U16 girls singles and boys doubles tournaments took to the court on July 3.

Catherine Champa won the girls singles title by beating Eleanor Huss in the finals, 8-2. Sloane Desai captured third place with a 5-1 win over Lily Walsh.

Also competing in the tournament were Frances Wilson, Emily Schraufnagel, Mila Walsh and Margaret Champa.

The boys doubles championship went to Mercer Moss and Nicky Zenzick after beating Aemin Hartzheim and William Lepp, 8-1, in the title match. Jacob and Micah Post took third place after beating Conner Champa and Carter Wilson, 5-0.

The boys doubles division also included: Ben Huss and Carter Strict; Lucas and Brady Kane; Carter Thomas and Elliot Curtis; Nolan Curtis and Simon Lepp.



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The building at the Neenah Soccer Club's new site will have a concession stand, restroom facilities and be used for storage.

## Soccer club

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from Neenah families, but it does add availability and convenience to families who may not have thought about going to the far end of Neenah.

The youth academy, which is for boys and girls at the 8U and 10U levels, is a program which involves roughly 150 kids, according to Oshefsky. The fall registration for the youth rec program is already at nearly 400 participants.

The club hopes to see those numbers eventually soar even higher.

"We can't project anything right now, but we anticipate growth," Breitzman said. "It may take some time, but we expect to see the numbers in our youth academy and rec programs increase and that's the foundation of everything."

One of the long-range prospects of having the site will be to host tournaments and festivals at the facility to bring in teams and families from outside of the Neenah area.

Hosting such events would bring revenue

to the entire area with the influx of people staying for a weekend.

"That's one of the end goals to have some sort of Academy Festival to host multiple clubs, not just from the Valley, but from the state," Oshefsky said. "We've moved in, gotten settled and now we are ready to grow."

Both Neenah Soccer Club officials credited the Village Board of Fox Crossing, Eric Gebhard with Wisconsin United and the club's own board for making things happen.

"The whole soccer community in the area has been great. Without them, we couldn't do stuff like this," Breitzman said. "To have this facility, it gives us as a smaller club a gauge to see how quickly we can grow. This was a good step in that direction."

The Neenah Soccer Club does have open registrations for its youth academy and its fall rec program available on the club's website at [neenahsoccerclub.org](http://neenahsoccerclub.org). The program is also accepting registrations for its Rocket Soccer Camp slated for Aug. 4-7, which is open to all youth players.

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## Kitchen Creativity

Learning to make snacks and meals can be lots of fun, but the first step to becoming a master chef is to make safety part of your routine.

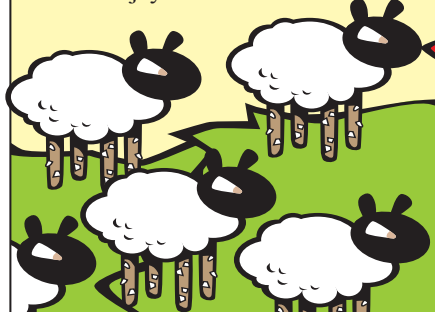
- first, wash your hands
- have an adult present
- get measuring and other tools ready
- clean up spills as soon as they happen
- clean up afterwards



### Field of Sheep

- INGREDIENTS:**
- pretzel sticks
  - black olives
  - lettuce leaves
  - cauliflower florets
  - cream cheese
  - pine nuts

1. Cover a plate with lettuce leaves.
2. Break off cauliflower florets to make the sheeps' bodies.
3. Use pretzel sticks for legs and "glue" with cream cheese or peanut butter.
4. To make the head, slice a small section off the back of an olive and "glue" it onto the cauliflower using cream cheese.
5. Cut tiny slices of olive to make ears.
6. Use pine nuts for eyes, attach with cream cheese. Set out your flock for all to enjoy.

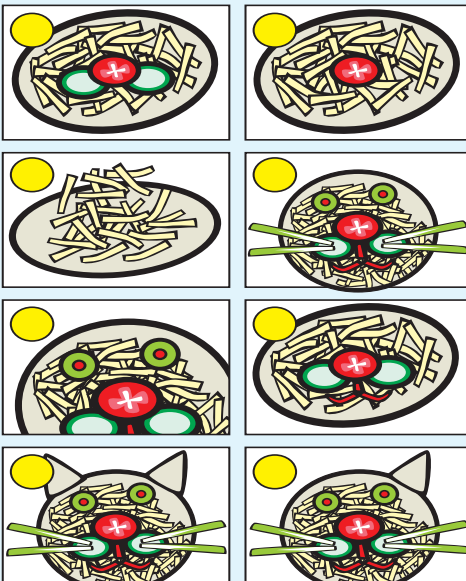


### Cat Face Pizza

- INGREDIENTS:**
- two tortillas
  - green onion
  - stuffed olive
  - shredded mozzarella cheese
  - cucumber
  - red bell pepper
  - tomato

Read the instructions. Then, number the pictures in order.

1. Cover a tortilla with shredded mozzarella cheese.
2. Place a slice of tomato in the center for the nose.
3. Tuck a slice of cucumber under each side of the tomato to form cheeks.
4. Cut a slice of red bell pepper into three parts and place below the tomato to form the mouth.
5. Use a slice of stuffed olive for each eye.
6. For whiskers, place two pieces of sliced green onion on either side of the cucumber cheeks.
7. Cut ears out of another tortilla and place them above the eyes.
8. Lightly press down your ingredients so they stay in position. Then eat and enjoy!



Standards Link: Visual Arts: Students understand and apply a variety of media, techniques and processes.

## EDIBLE CREATIONS

### Simple Caterpillar

Thread green grapes onto a kabob stick. For the head add a large strawberry. Use yogurt as "glue" to add sunflower seeds for eyes.



### Flower Garden

Make a variety of flowers by laying out slices of fruit on your plate. Use round slices of fruit for centers such as kiwi, banana or orange. The petals could be slices of strawberries, apples, raspberries, peaches—experiment with what fruit is available. Use a licorice lace as a stem and make leaves from slices of kiwis or melons.



Find the two identical flowers.

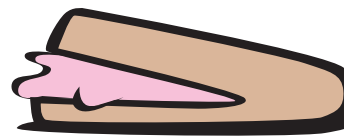
### Kid Scoop Together: French Bread Shoe



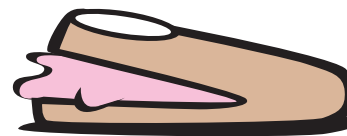
1. Cut a section of French bread about nine inches long.



2. Ask an adult to slice it lengthways, leaving an inch at the rounded end.



3. Fill the inside of the sandwich with a wedge of filling, making it higher at the cut end. The rounded section is the front of your shoe.



4. Spread cream cheese in a circle above the highest part of the wedge.



5. Cut sliced cheese into quarter inch strings and place these in a criss-cross pattern on the top of the shoe for laces.



6. Cut slices of cheese an inch wide and run this all the way around your shoe to look like the sole.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

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2. Eat with your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ not your fingers.
3. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ off the table.
4. Chew with your \_\_\_\_\_ closed.
5. Never \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth full.
6. Don't wear your \_\_\_\_\_ at the table.



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- BELL
- CHEESE
- CHEF
- EAT
- FRUIT
- KIWI
- NOSE
- OLIVE
- ONION
- PETALS
- PRETZEL
- SLICE
- STEM
- STICK
- TORTILLA

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