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ThedaCare housing plan moves forward

Former school site to host residency program

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Plan Commission advanced a major housing development for ThedaCare Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, approving a series of measures that will allow the health system to build a

56-unit multi-family housing complex on the former Roosevelt School site.

The project is designed to support ThedaCare's new physician residency program. Deputy Director of Community Development Brad Schmidt said it's a key step in the ongoing evolution of the ThedaCare campus and the surrounding neighborhood.

"It's really about the final product, and the final product is a housing develop-

ment on the former Roosevelt School site," Schmidt said.

The 100-year-old Roosevelt School permanently closed after the 2022-23 school year as part of the Neenah Joint School District's restructuring plan. Local businessman John Bergstrom and other community members purchased the site at 215 E. Forest Ave. for \$1 million in 2022

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Photo from Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Art after dark

A variety of entertainment was on display including glass blowing, music and magic Sept. 18 during Art After Dark: Renaissance Faire at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass. Attendees could witness the sword fighting prowess of skilled knights and the young ones were entertained with art making games.

Council approves property purchase for turn lane

Saucy Kitchen owner shares safety concerns

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Common Council last week authorized the purchase of property for up to \$70,000 to build a new southbound right turn lane on Commercial Street at Winneconne Avenue, despite concerns from a local business owner about its impact.

Jennifer Kornowske, owner of Saucy Kitchen, which opened at 105 Winneconne Ave. last November, spoke at the Personnel and Finance Committee and Common Council meetings last week, stating she is worried about the safety and

financial effects of the current plan.

"My business is going to be significantly impacted by the turn lane," Kornowske said. "And I'm not against the turn lane. I'm against the plan to not shift the parking lot into a real safe place because currently, the parking lots are narrow."

The city has been planning the turn lane since 2022 and intends to complete it alongside this year's ongoing South Commercial Street construction. The lane is expected to reduce vehicle merge conflicts. To accommodate the new lane, the city will purchase part of the land where Saucy Kitchen is located.

Kornowske explained that the new right turn lane and related changes will make

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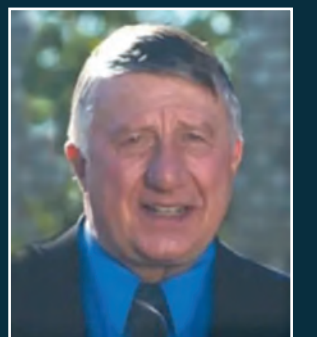
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Celebrating homecoming

Neenah high school students gathered at the Angermeyer home on Chestnut Street to create the float that would represent their class in the 1962 homecoming parade.

Library to hold Dragon Boat, Mooncake Festival

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The Neenah Public Library and L.E.A.P Cultural Community are organizing an hour-long family-friendly event celebrat-

ing Chinese dragon boat races and mooncakes.

Bringing together elements of sport, cuisine and cultural heritage, this event is designed for families and patrons of all ages. The event will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Neenah Public Library.

Participants are invited to explore Chinese traditions with limited samples of rice dumplings and mooncakes. Several crafts and hands-on activities like paper zongzi and origami dragon boats will be available.

Attendees will be able to participate in dry land dragon boat racing. No reservation is necessary.

Parks & Rec Junk in the Trunk event nixed

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Neenah Parks & Recreation canceled a Junk in the Trunk event scheduled for Saturday in the City Hall parking lot.

The department said the reason for the cancellation is due to low vendor registrations.

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Calendar of events

Friday, Sept. 26

Neenah High School Homecoming Parade, 5 p.m., Downtown Neenah

Saturday, Sept. 27

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park

Neenah Joint School District Hall of Fame Induction, 9:30 a.m., Bridgewood Resort and Conference Center

Author Deb Biechler Meet and Greet, 11 a.m., Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Dragon Boat and Mooncake Festival, 1 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Freestyle Fest FMX Show, 5 p.m., Cavanaugh Carriages, 3910 Fairview Road

Sunday, Sept. 28

American Legion Family Post-Unit 33 Gold Star Luminary event, 3 p.m., Shattuck Park Pavilion

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Strolling Photo Workshop, 6 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Thursday, Oct. 2

Suburban Homesteading: All About Apples 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Friday, Oct. 3

School For Seniors, 8:45 a.m., St. Mark's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 140 S. Green Bay Road

First Friday Concert: Christopher Gold, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Taylor Swift Album Release Party, 7 p.m., Layla's Place, 218 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park

Howl-O-Ween, 9 a.m., Neenah Dog Park

Future Neenah Old Fashioned Saturday, noon, Downtown Neenah

Thursday, Oct. 9

Howl-O-Week Treat Trail, 5 p.m., Fritsch Park

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin Dream Big Gala 2025, 5:30 p.m., Bridgewood Resort and Conference Center

Saturday, Oct. 11

Fox Crossing Electronics Recycling, 8 a.m., Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park

Build A Scarecrow, 10:30 a.m., Riverside Park Pavilion

Repair Cafe, 11 a.m., Neenah Public Library

Clayton Fire Rescue Open House, 11 a.m., Station 43, 8348 Hickory Ave., Larsen

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Emily Bennett Pop-Up Art Show, 6 p.m., The Ballroom at The Reserve

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Nathan Baurain accepts the Citizen Life Saving Award at a Neenah Common Council meeting from Police Chief Aaron Olson (left) and Assistant Police Chief Jeff Bernice for his actions in helping an injured bicyclist.

Menasha resident honored for saving bicyclist's life

Neenah News

A local resident was honored at a Neenah Common Council meeting last week for his quick thinking and actions that helped save an injured bicyclist.

Nathan Baurain, who lives in Menasha, received the Citizen Life Saving Award and a challenge coin from the Neenah Police Department for his response to a serious accident May 15.

"A vehicle versus bicyclist accident occurred on Winneconne Avenue and Isabella Street within the city of Neenah. The bicyclist sustained major injuries and was losing blood from his right arm," Assistant Police Chief Jeff Bernice told the council during the award presentation.

Baurain saw the incident while driving by and quickly joined other community members in assessing and responding to the situation.

"Seeing the heavy loss of blood, Nathan thought outside the box and created a makeshift tourniquet by removing his T-shirt and applying a nearby tree branch," Bernice said. "Once applied, this application lowered the loss of blood."

Bernice praised Baurain's calm demeanor and ability to reassure the injured cyclist while waiting for emergency responders.

"His words were a force multiplier in generating a survival mindset with the in-

capacitated subject," Bernice said.

Baurain, who was present to accept the award, told the council that he completed CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) training in 2011.

"I'm really honored for this award," Baurain said. "I'm really glad I could be there at that time."

The bicyclist was transported to the hospital for further treatment and has since recovered.

"Nathan is a true credit to our community and praised for his performance," Bernice said.

The council and community members gave Baurain a round of applause in recognition of his actions.

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District 28 seeks Supervisor

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Winnebago County Board Chairman Thomas Egan is accepting applications for Winnebago County Board Supervisor, District 28. To be eligible for the position, applicants must be a qualified elector and reside in District 28.

District 28 is comprised of part of the Village of Fox Crossing – Wards 3-6 and 19. The seat has been held by state Rep. Nate Gustafson.

For a map of the district, contact the Winnebago County Clerk's Office at 920-232-3430.

Eligible applicants (18 years old and eligible to vote, living in Winnebago County District 28) can apply by submitting their resume before the end of the day on Oct. 10 to Chairman Thomas Egan, Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, 112 Otter Ave., P.O. Box 2806, Oshkosh, Wis. 54903-2806.

Library to host strolling photo workshop

The Neenah Public Library will host Appleton's Photo Opp for a walking photography workshop at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Attendees are asked to bring any camera (smartphone, digital, analog, instant, etc.) and take a casual stroll outside the library's premises.

They will be able to take snap photos of

the fall colors while learning photography tips from Photo Opp's photography experts.

This is a relaxed drop-in workshop meant to provide a bit of instruction and inspiration. No reservations necessary.

The workshop will last approximately one hour. Participants should meet outside the library's front entrance.

Business news roundup

The Allchillakill ice cream shop at 1001 Winneconne Ave. will close on Oct. 26. The owners of the shop, the Ramirez family, said in a Facebook post the decision came as its lease is being terminated with the Krueger True Value hardware store closing where the shop has been built. The business can still be booked for events and customers can visit Frio Mexican Treats in Appleton.

A to Z Auto Sales has signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer to serve the Neenah community. A to Z Auto Sales at 910 Main St. will offer essential services like U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment and moving supplies. Nor-

mal business hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Reserve U-Haul products at this dealer location by calling 920-521-9690 or visiting uhaul.com/Locations/Truck-Rentals-near-Neenah-WI-54956/012412/.

Carolyn Desrosiers has been appointed as **Volunteer Fox Cities'** new CEO. Desrosiers steps into the role as the organization continues to expand its impact across the Fox Valley region. Her leadership will guide Volunteer Fox Cities in strengthening its programs, deepening community partnerships and enhancing volunteer engagement across Winnebago, Calumet, Outagamie and Waupaca counties.

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Council approves fire station remodel

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The Neenah Common Council has approved a remodel of Fire Station 31, moving forward with a multi-million-dollar construction project.

At a meeting last week, the council voted 8-1 to award the Station 31 remodel project to Milbach Construction Services Co. for \$5.9 million, with an additional 10% contingency allowance for unforeseen costs.

The project will update the fire station on Breezewood Lane including a new roof, exterior walls and a complete gut-to-framing rebuild of the fire station quarters. The work will take place alongside construction of a new \$1.2 million training

tower and storage building, which is funded separately from the remodel.

Fire Chief Travis Teesch said the remodel will deal with aging infrastructure and better serve the community's needs. However, Alderman Bill Pollnow Jr. has argued the Common Council should weigh new construction more seriously.

The motion to award the contract passed with only Pollnow's dissenting vote. Construction is expected to begin this fall and be completed within 330 days of the contract being signed.

Fire department staff will continue utilizing the station while renovations are underway. Teesch said residents won't see any disruptions in service.

Pet cemetery blessing ceremony planned

Neenah News

A pet blessing ceremony will take place next week to honor animals whose remains were relocated from the former Neenah Animal Shelter grounds last year.

The event is at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Forrest Run Pet Cemetery, W5123 Natures Way in Sherwood, offering the com-

munity a chance to remember beloved companions and celebrate their new permanent resting place.

The Memorial Pet Cemetery had been at 951 County Road G for 60 years. About 338 marked graves and an estimated 700 unmarked plots were relocated to Forrest Run last year and reinterred in a mass burial following the shelter's relocation to a new facility on Progress Court.

Patrick Fahrenkrug, owner of Forrest Run and Kessler-Fahrenkrug Funeral Home in Neenah, donated a one-acre parcel for the permanent resting place.



Photo from Town of Neenah Fire Department

A crew from the Town of Neenah Fire Department participated in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Lambeau Field.

Neenah represented at memorial stair climb

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The Neenah Police Department and Town of Neenah Fire Department were among the groups participating Saturday in the annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Lambeau Field.

The annual event is a tribute to the 343 firefighters who gave their lives on Sept 11, 2001 during the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center.

The teams joined other members of the community in climbing the equivalent of

110 stories - the height of the fallen World Trade Center towers - on the steps of Lambeau Field.

Each climber is given a badge with the name and photograph of one of the fallen firefighters to symbolically complete the climb with one of the fallen.

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The Neenah Police Department team Saturday for the annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Lambeau Field included Officer Joe Benoit, his wife Angie, Assistant Chief Jeff Bernice, his daughter Raven and Officer Dakota Raatz. Officer Kellen McCarthy, the team captain, was unable to attend this year due to working a patrol shift.

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ACLU files lawsuit to end county jail cooperation with ICE

Winnebago jail among those with ICE partnership

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Wisconsin has filed a petition with the state Supreme Court asking that the practice of county jails honoring federal immigration detainers be declared unlawful.

The legal challenge was filed Sept. 18 on behalf of immigrant rights group Voces de la Frontera. It names Walworth, Brown, Kenosha, Sauk and Marathon counties as respondents.

If successful, the case could impact jails statewide, including Winnebago County, where Sheriff John Matz entered into a formal 287(g) agreement with U.S. Immi-

gration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in March.

Thirteen Wisconsin counties had entered into 287(g) agreements with ICE as of July. Under the agreement, ICE trains, certifies and authorizes local law enforcement to serve and execute administrative warrants and detainers on noncitizens in jail.

An ICE detainer is a request asking local sheriffs to hold individuals for up to 48 hours beyond their release date under state law, so federal immigration agents can take custody. They are not criminal warrants and do not require a judge's signature.

The ACLU's petition argues that honoring detainers amounts to making a new arrest without legal authority.

"We believe that state and local law enforcement are overstepping their authority under Wisconsin law by honoring

ICE detainers, regardless of whether they operate under a 287(g) agreement with ICE that purports to delegate certain immigration enforcement powers to local law enforcement," said Tim Muth, senior staff attorney with the ACLU of Wisconsin. "This is an important issue that must be addressed quickly, as our immigrant neighbors are living in fear and constantly at risk of being unlawfully held and apprehended by ICE."

Christine Neumann-Ortiz, executive director of Voces de la Frontera, said immigrants committing minor infractions like driving without a license can be detained or deported.

"It diverts scarce public-safety resources away from truly urgent community needs, and it doesn't make us safer; it instead spreads fear and dehumanizes our immigrant neighbors," she said. "Wisconsin should be investing in keeping families together and strengthening communities, not working with ICE to exploit and intimidate people who are essential to our state's economy and social fabric."

Matz said at a Judiciary and Public Safety committee meeting in August that the person has to have committed a jailable

offense for Winnebago County to notify ICE.

According to the ACLU, more than 1,000 people were detained by ICE in Wisconsin under 287(g) agreements between January and June. In Winnebago County, from Jan. 1 to July 18, 126 foreign-born people were booked into the jail. ICE was notified about 88 of them, placed detainers on eight, and ultimately took custody of six. The other two were transferred to another agency.

Winnebago County has also received a total of nearly \$80,000 in federal funds from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) between 2021 and 2024 in exchange for sharing jail data with federal authorities, according to a July 2025 ACLU report.

The ACLU lawsuit comes as the state legislature considers Assembly Bill 24, which would require sheriffs to investigate citizenship status and comply with ICE detainer requests or risk losing state funding. Rep. Nate Gustafson of Fox Crossing, who represents Assembly District 55, is a cosponsor of the Senate version of the bill. The ACLU says the bill will fuel the "jail-to-deportation pipeline."

Children's book author to visit Lyons Books

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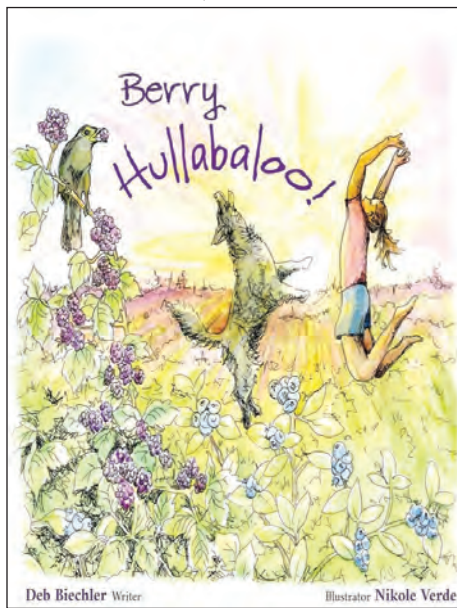
Appleton native Deb Biechler will be visiting Lyons Books to discuss her children's books.

The books are Berry Hullabaloo and Fishing Hullabaloo. Biechler said both books are for ages 3 to 8 or 9.

The first book was inspired by her berry picking chocolate lab. The second was mostly written on Carroll Lake in northern Wisconsin while out in a canoe.

Biechler will be at Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Biechler is a retired kindergarten teacher and freelance writer. She has had stories published in US Kids magazine, Chicken Soup for the Soul and is the Juneau County editor for Our Wisconsin magazine.



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Photo from City of Neenah

A digital rendering shows the planned 56-unit multi-family housing development on the former Roosevelt School site in Neenah, designed to support ThedaCare's new physician residency program.

Housing plan

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and donated it to the adjacent ThedaCare Regional Medical Center.

The 2.2-acre property, which fronts East Forest Avenue, First Street and East North Water Street, was razed and turned into green space and currently sits vacant. Early discussions considered housing on the site, but proximity to the hospital's helipad initially raised concerns.

Plans call for the project to be completed in two phases. The first phase would include two townhouse-style buildings with a total of 28 units, scheduled to break ground this fall and finish in summer 2026. The second phase, expected to begin in late 2026, would add two more buildings, bringing the total to 56 units.

Each two-story building would contain 14 units with garages. Landscaping, stormwater management and off-street parking are also part of the site plan. The housing is intended primarily for medical residents, with some units available at the discretion of ThedaCare.

Schmidt compared the ThedaCare housing project to the Cobblestone Creek

housing development on Winneconne Avenue.

"Great effort was really put into making sure that this building really met the characteristics of the neighborhood, so you have this vertical articulation of buildings, so it's not just one flat wall," he said. "You have different materials which really match and are consistent with the neighborhood and also the different coloring schemes of the building."

Schmidt noted that the proposal is consistent with Neenah's comprehensive plan and surrounding land uses. The Community Health District was established in the 1980s to guide hospital-related growth while preserving nearby residential neighborhoods.

Mayor Jane Lang noted the project's potential to attract and retain medical professionals in Neenah.

"I was extremely happy to hear about this," she said. "When ThedaCare made their announcement of the \$100 million expansion that included starting a residency program, that was huge because ... if we have doctors serving residency here, we can potentially recruit them to stay here in our community."

The plan now heads to the Common Council for final approval on Wednesday.

Property purchase

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it difficult for vehicles, especially larger ones, to safely navigate around her building. She proposed that the city invest in a new parking lot behind her building to improve safety and access.

"Put a parking lot between my building on the north side, in the back where there currently is the back of the building," she said. "It would save everybody a lot of hassle."

She also highlighted the lack of compensation for small business owners impacted by the South Commercial Street road work.

"I might have to shut my business down for a period of time," she said. "I have no compensation, no protection. I'm going to need extra marketing. I have no support from the city to do extra marketing."

Kornowski, who rents the corner space that was most recently occupied by Boost Mobile, said she was not fully informed about the proximity of the road work when she signed her lease.

"My landlord didn't have a clear understanding of how close that construction would come," she said. "It wasn't until in winter of last year that I discovered exactly how close that came."

Public Works Director Gerry Kaiser explained the appraisal and negotiation process, saying the city's final offer was based on updated assessments. The city initially offered \$50,400. The building's owner countered with \$95,850, and the city responded with \$67,203. Kaiser said any delay in authorizing the purchase could prevent the turn lane from moving forward this year.

Committee members acknowledged Kornowski's concerns but noted the city's limitations.

"If there's a culprit in the system here, it's the landlord, quite honestly ... and in my opinion, what is being requested from the city from the tenant should be requested to the landlord," Alderman Mark Ellis said at the committee meeting. "They have the responsibility to make that the right place



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Jennifer Kornowske, owner of Saucy Kitchen, speaks during a Neenah Common Council meeting last week about concerns that a new Commercial Street turn lane could impact her business.

for any business to come into, and the city can only go so far with what we can do but making concessions to tenants versus concessions to the landlord ... is opening up a spot that I don't think that any city would want to get involved with."

The council also discussed financial assistance options for Saucy Kitchen, including county and city loans and Community Development Block Grant funds. Community Development Director Kelly Nieforth noted that eligibility for these programs would require coordination with both the business tenant and property owner.

The city was initially preparing to vote last week to use eminent domain to acquire the property if negotiations with the owner failed, but the process became unnecessary when the owner accepted the city's counteroffer. As of last week, the city was awaiting the property owner's signature on the formal purchase offer to finalize the agreement.

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Teacher charged with assault failed to report prior incident

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A former Appleton West High School teacher charged this year with sexually assaulting a student in 2018 was previously accused of violating state law and district policy by failing to report a statutory sexual assault involving another student that same year.

Rebecca Ryan, 43, of Fox Crossing, resigned from Appleton West in 2018. She later taught in Larsen, Chilton and Neenah. According to court records, she is now charged with three counts of sexual assault of a student by school staff for incidents that allegedly occurred while she was teaching at Appleton West.

Court records say the victim, who was 17 at the time and is now 25, reported to police in March that he had sex with Ryan on several occasions between Sept. 2017 and Jan. 2018. In a recorded phone call on April 15, Ryan told the former student she did not remember the encounters and later denied the allegations when questioned by investigators.

Separately, a different incident occurred in 2018 while Ryan was teaching at Appleton West. Records obtained by Neenah News show that Ryan repeatedly gave students keys to a secured bathroom without supervision. On Jan. 31, 2018, an 18-year-old student used the keys to access the bathroom and a statutory sexual assault occurred between the 18-year-old and a 15-year-old.

According to records from the Appleton Area School District (AASD), a student told Ryan about the assault the next day. Wisconsin law requires educators to immediately report suspected abuse to Child Protective Services or law enforcement.

Documents say Ryan told colleagues, withheld the information from administrators and waited until the victim's foster parent went to police.

An AASD investigation concluded that by providing the student with keys to a secure area and not checking on the student's whereabouts for 27 minutes, Ryan gave the student access that directly led to a statutory sexual assault. The report also states that Ryan's failure to immediately report the incident violated mandatory reporting laws and district policies. Records show she voluntarily resigned about a week after the assault occurred.

"In light of resignation, the district will not implement discipline for any investigation pending prior to the resignation," the resignation agreement states.

Since the passage of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015, states have been required to adopt policies aimed at preventing educators with a history of misconduct from quietly moving to new jobs, a practice referred to as "passing the trash." That provision does not apply to cases where a teacher fails to report misconduct between students.

In Wisconsin, such situations fall under the state's mandatory reporting law, which requires educators to report suspected child abuse, including sexual assault, and under the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) authority to investigate whether an educator's failure to report amounts to professional misconduct.

Chris Bucher, director of communications for DPI, said school districts are required to report if there is reasonable suspicion that an employee engaged in "immoral conduct" and resigned. Immoral conduct is defined under state statute

as "conduct or behavior that is contrary to commonly accepted moral or ethical standards and that endangers the health, safety, welfare, or education of any pupil."

"An allegation in and of itself does not result in an automatic investigation," Bucher said. "We launch investigations on educator licensure in accordance with state law."

Bucher said DPI conducts background checks on all applicants for educator licenses. Applicants are asked about past resignations, terminations, or non-renewals, and DPI reviews whether they have faced disciplinary action on a license issued in another state.

It is unclear whether AASD reported the 2018 findings of its investigation to DPI. Kylie Harwell, communications coordinator for AASD, said that "in situations involving misconduct, the district consults with legal counsel and follows the reporting requirements of Wisconsin state statute."

Ryan was hired by the Neenah Joint School District (NJSD) in Oct. 2022 and resigned in June 2023. NJSD Communi-

cations Director Jim Strick said the district was unaware of any investigations involving Ryan at the time of her hiring, and that she did not disclose the information herself, nor did her references.

Strick said before hiring any employee, NJSD conducts supervisory reference checks.

"If a former supervisor does not disclose any employment concerns, that information may not come to light," he said. "In addition, every candidate is asked on their application to confirm whether they have ever resigned under such circumstances. While it is possible for a candidate to be untruthful, providing false or incomplete information on an application constitutes valid grounds for dismissal if discovered."

Ryan currently holds a lifetime teaching license in Wisconsin for cross-categorical special education, which remains active, but the DPI lists the license status as "under investigation." She is due in court Monday for a pre-trial conference in connection with the felony sexual assault charges.

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Rockets survive scare from Wildcats, gear for Lightning

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Following last Friday's 28-24 come-from-behind win over winless Oshkosh West, the bulk of Neenah's defensive unit met and talked about what the team can do to avoid a rough outing like that moving forward.

According to senior Hunter Weinke, just about all of those at the meeting agreed on at least one thing.

"Almost everybody's response is that this (Fox Valley Association) and there is not going to be any easy games," Weinke said. "We just have to keep working every day to be successful."

Still unbeaten in conference play, the Rockets will face another FVA co-leader in Appleton North at home on Friday and Neenah will have to put the work in to earn another win over the Lightning.

The Rockets have won the last three meetings against Appleton North, including a 25-14 victory at Paul Engen Field a

year ago, but all three victories have been close, hard-fought battles and Neenah coach Steve Jung is expecting the same type of game.

"The last few years have just been battles," Jung said. "We have been able to finish those games and that does give us confidence. We know we can be as physical as they are and we know that defensively we have been successful in the second half against them."

The Lightning, whose lone loss this season was to Kenosha Bradford in Week 2, are averaging 23 points per game in conference play and enter the game off a 26-14 win last week over Hortonville.

Quarterback Grant Hardy has rushed for six touchdowns this season and thrown for three more, with his two receiving targets being Keegan Muchow and Alijah Valeri. Darcel Wilson is the team's leading rusher, while Anthony Reischl is averaging more than 10 yards per carry.

"This year they are throwing it a lot

Week 6 games

Fox Valley Association

(records reflect FVA games)

Appleton North (3-0) at Neenah (3-0)

Kimberly (3-0) at Hortonville (0-3)

Oshkosh West (0-3) at Kaukauna (2-1)

Fond du Lac (0-3) at Appleton East (1-2)

more," Weinke said. "Everybody (on defense) has to play their role. We have to understand what formation they are in and what are the keys to stopping them."

The Rockets defense has been pretty stingy this season, although Neenah allowed a season-high point total in the loss to West last week.

The Wildcats scored seven of the points on special teams when they returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown and made the Rockets play catch-up the rest of the game.

"At halftime (trailing 17-7), we all got

together and said we're down but we're not going to let it keep hold of us. Let's lift each other up and go win this," junior quarterback Ashton VanBeek said. "(The win) shows when we are down, we have to lift each other up."

VanBeek had another impressive game in leading the Rockets to the win, rushing for 166 yards and four touchdowns. He also connected on 7-of-12 passes for 97 yards.

VanBeek leads the team in rushing so far this season with 662 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground, while also completing about 57 percent of his passes with eight touchdowns.

The key to his success so far this season isn't hard to find.

"It's all up front. The coaches are drawing up some great plays and the guys in front of me are just doing their thing," VanBeek said. "Every week we are getting

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Dramatic win over Raiders helps keep Zephyrs on roll

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Finishes to football games don't get much better than what the St. Mary Catholic squad experienced in last Friday's 31-30 win at Kiel.

St. Mary Catholic took its first lead of the game against the reigning Eastern Wisconsin Conference champions with 28 seconds remaining in regulation when quarterback Tarver Trinkner broke free for a 58-yard touchdown run.

That score, with the extra-point kick, gave St. Mary Catholic a 31-24 lead but it was far from ending things.

On the final play of regulation, Kiel converted a hook-and-ladder pass for an 85-yard touchdown that brought the Raiders to within a point from forcing overtime.

The Zephyrs' Elliot Reichenbacher prevented that from happening.

"When I'm on the line, I'm thinking we got to block this kick. I see Elliot fly by me



Fairweather



Hennessy

Week 6 games

Eastern Wisconsin Conference

(records reflect EWC games)

K/L/C (0-3) at St. Mary Catholic (2-1)

Brillion (3-0) at Roncalli (3-0)

New Holstein (2-1) at Chilton (1-2)

Kiel (0-3) at Valders (1-2)

on the play and he blocks the kick. It was crazy," senior Zeke Hennessy said. "It's something I'm going to remember forever. It was awesome."

Zephyrs' first-year head coach Rob Detterman said that the block didn't happen by accident either.

"We practice blocking kicks," Detterman said. "Elliot works his tail off on it. He practices on his own and he gets a lot of them in practice. He made it happen."

Reichenbacher's block insured the Zephyrs second straight win and improved them to 3-2 overall this season as they prepare to face Kohler/Lutheran/Christian in their Homecoming game on Friday night.

The Blue Bombers have yet to win an EWC game this season but are a perennial playoff participant. KLC's three league losses have come against the top three teams in the conference, who are a com-

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TENNIS

Neenah blanks pair of FVA opponents

The Rockets continued their dominant run through the conference posting two more 7-0 wins.

Neenah rolled past Kimberly on Tuesday with Lauren McDonald picking up the team's lone 6-0, 6-0 win, earning her victory at No. 4 singles. Celia Gentile lost only one game at No. 2 singles, while No. 3 singles player Rachel Thomas and the No. 3 doubles team of Ava Motton and Cecelia Alexander each lost only two games.

Ella Motto completed the sweep of singles match with her win at the No. 2 flight, while Sydney Michalkiewicz and Rebekah Thomas at No. 1 doubles and Josie Kohlbeck and Evelyn Buss at No. 2 doubles also posted wins.

Last week, the Rockets breezed past Fond du Lac as the three doubles teams swept their matches without losing a game. Gentile and Ella Motto also added 6-0, 6-0 wins in their singles matches.

Powerful Zephyrs shut down Howards Grove

Erin Blaney at No. 1 singles and Halle Janssen at No. 3 singles led the way for St. Mary Catholic's sweep of Howards Grove.

Blaney and Janssen each dropped only one game in their victories.

Ella Chier at the No. 2 flight and Kaylee

Sommerfeld at the No. 4 flight also posted singles wins.

Vivie Auth and Adel Schneider led the sweep of the doubles matches by posting a 6-1, 6-1 at the No. 1 flight. Lorelai Miller and Nadia Alexander at No. 2 doubles and Elsa Rossmeissl and Bree Pauly at the No. 3 flight also won their matches.

CROSS COUNTRY

Neenah girls, boys collect titles at Winneconne

Both the Neenah girls and boys cross country teams topped their respective fields at the Winneconne Invitational on Tuesday.

The Rockets had all five scoring runners in the top 17 and finished eight points ahead of Kettle Moraine Lutheran for the title.

Lizzy LaPlant led Neenah with an eighth-place finish, followed by Olivia Landrath in ninth and Audrie Blenker in 10th. Elise Braaten in 13th place and Courtney Cain in 17th place rounded out the scoring runners for the Rockets.

For the boys, Zach Verhagen captured the individual title as the Rockets finished comfortably ahead of Winneconne for the win.

Elliott Drake and Gideon Benner finished in seventh and eighth place, respectively, while Jackson Holzheu joined the group in the top 10 in 10th. Jacob Maguire rounded out the scoring runners for Neenah in 33rd place.

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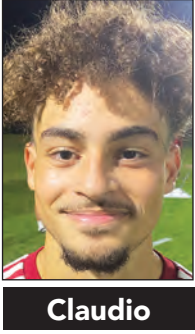
Four-goal first half sparks Neenah to shutout victory

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Logan Claudio didn't intend on taking a shot when he took possession of the ball near the right sideline.

It just ended up that way.

Looking to drop a crossing pass to one of his teammates in front of the goal, the Neenah senior defender lofted what turned out to be a perfectly-placed shot over the hands of the leaping Kaukauna goalkeeper and into the side netting to open the scoring for the Rockets in a 4-0 win over Ghosts in a Fox Valley Association matchup on Tuesday night.



Claudio

"I will say it was meant to be a shot, but maybe nobody else will," a smiling Claudio said of his first goal of the season. "The moment I hit it, I saw it going toward the net and I thought, no way is that going in, but it definitely did."



Hanson

The Rockets scored all four of their goals in the first half and dominated possession in the stanza.

Neenah was able to control the ball through the midfield and generate plenty of offensive chances against the Ghosts with Claudio's goal opening the scoring.

"(The first goal) starts our momentum. It was really what we need," Claudio said. "Everything throughout the middle was nice, quick snappy touches and everybody

was playing well."

Head coach Kevin Baetke said the strong play was a continuation from Saturday's wins over Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield where the team was able to find a rhythm.

"I thought it looked really good tonight. Guys are finding their roles, even with all of the injuries," Baetke said. "I thought the guys did a really good job knocking the ball around and combining to find some really good opportunities."

Claudio's goal may have opened the scoring for the Rockets but Neenah got a little boost to kick the game open from goalkeeper Pierce Hanson.

After not facing a shot for the first 20 minutes of the game, Hanson came up with two huge diving saves – both going to his right on low, driven shots – to Neenah's 1-0 lead in place before the offense could seize control.

"It's the best feeling ever," said Hanson, who finished with five saves in the shutout win. "Bouncing it out and having to run up and go get it, it makes the game for me."

Less than two minutes after Hanson's second save, Liam Sieck converted a free kick from about 25 yards out for a 2-0 lead. Trey White appeared to create a screen dashing in front of the Kaukauna keeper on the shot, which bounced untouched into the goal.

Then, about 30 seconds later, Hunter Brown used a nifty back-heel flick to volley a shot into the net for a three-goal lead for the Rockets.

Both tallies likely traced back to the momentum gained from Hanson's stops.

"When you see a keeper make saves like that when he hasn't been busy in a game, it really inspires confidence (through the



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Neenah's Ian Baetke looks to beat a Kaukauna player to a loose ball in the first half on Tuesday.

team)," Baetke said. "It gives the guys confidence that he's back there and it's going to take a hard chance for them to score so they can push forward."

Ian Baetke, who was seeing his first action since suffering an injury earlier this season, capped the four-goal first half with about six minutes left before intermission when he darted to a loose ball in front the goal and poked one into the net.

The Rockets looked like they may add to their lead early in the second half as they again controlled possession, but were unable to unearth another goal.

"We always try to keep up the gas like coach says but after the first 10 minutes

(of the second half), we did kind of drop off," Hanson said. "After about 20 minutes though we were back to ping-pong shots on net and hoping we could get another one in."

The win keeps the Rockets unbeaten on the season with a 9-0-2 record, while Neenah remains at the top of the Fox Valley Association with a 4-0-2 mark.

The team will wrap up the conference season on Tuesday against Kimberly as it looks to remain on a roll.

"Absolutely it gives us a boost. The way we played in the first half is just a small glimpse of what we can do," Claudio said. "Hopefully, we are able to access that for the entire game and not just the first half."

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Verhagen setting pace for Neenah cross country team

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah boys cross country coach John Morgen doesn't need a question to rave about his top runner Zach Verhagen.

With what the Rocket senior has been through – surgery that erased his freshman cross country season, injuries that kept him out of track and field his first two years and carried over into cross country and hockey as well as illnesses that affected him in cross country and track last season – is something that has simply impressed his coach.

"I think that something that makes Zach truly exceptional is his perseverance. He's had to deal with a lot of adversity," Morgen said. "This is a young man who could have given up many times over. He's a talented young person, great runner, great hockey player but it's his devotion and commitment to being better that defines him as a student and an athlete and it's going to bring him so much success in the future."

It would be one thing for an athlete to overcome what he has and simply be a member of a team, but Verhagen has taken a few steps further.

Last season, he was named the Runner of the Year in the Fox Valley Association after winning the title at the conference meet and leading the Rockets to their fifth straight FVA crown.

He was then the top finisher for the Rockets at the state meet – despite suffering from a severe illness – and went onto play a key role on the Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha hockey team that made it to a WIAA Division 1 sectional final last winter.

And it was his background as a hockey player that eventually led him to the cross country arena as he received a gentle nudge to go out for cross country in middle school.

"My parents made me," Verhagen said about how he started cross country. "They just said you are running cross country



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Zach Verhagen won the boys title at the Fox Valley Association cross country meet last fall and has returned to once again lead a strong Rocket squad.

and so I was like, OK. At first, running was kind of a chore but once you start to meet the people it's kind of fun." The enjoyment Verhagen took from

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meeting his fellow runners as a middle schooler has carried over to his time at Neenah.

He said his favorite aspect of running isn't breaking a personal best time or earning individual conference and state accolades, it's the camaraderie that comes with being a part of a team.

"The community (is what I like best). All of these people working together to do the same thing. Whether it's get in shape, just enjoy it, working to get a better time it's great to be out here with all of these guys," Verhagen said. "You aren't just running for yourself, but you are running for each other. We all want to get that goal."

In fact, Verhagen said he would be happy to sacrifice personal achievement if it meant an honor the entire team could celebrate.

"For me, the team is more important than myself," Verhagen said. "Winning is nice, it's fun, but I also like the team aspect. I would rather not win (individually) and have our team win, rather than I win and have our team lose."

Last year at the FVA meet, Verhagen had the opportunity to experience both in an unprecedented way.

Not only did he dominate the race – he finished more than 31 seconds ahead of the rest of the field – but after crossing the finish line, he got to watch his teammates grab the next five places to put up the first perfect score in FVA meet history.

"I crossed the line and I looked behind me and I just see red jerseys behind me. It was amazing to see," Verhagen said. "Conference is a goal for every year. So is mak-

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Prep roundup

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Staner leads Zephyr runners in New London

Fritz Staner finished 18th overall and was the top St. Mary Catholic finisher at the Bulldog Invite hosted by New London High School on Saturday.

Staner's finish helped the Zephyrs place ninth out of 12 teams at the meet.

Ethan Auer followed Staner in 34th place, with Brady DeLeeuw taking 37th. Leo Gruber in 59th and Brandon DeBraal in 85th rounded out the scoring runners for the Zephyrs.

The St. Mary Catholic girls were led by Audra Post in 48th place, with Audrey Weber and Claire Misliniski, placing 54th and 57th, respectively. Alice Troian Mello was the next Zephyr runner in 66th place, followed by Chloe Beckett in 70th

SWIMMING

Hansman, Mulroy post wins for Rockets

Sydney Hansman and Anna Mulroy each posted wins as Neenah dropped a Fox Valley Association dual meet to powerhouse Appleton North, 128-58, on Tuesday.

Hansman posted her win in the diving competition with teammate Meredith Button taking second for a 1-2 Neenah finish.

Mulroy picked up her first-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke, while also placing second in the 100-yard freestyle.

Elisabeth Hang in the 200-yard freestyle and Bridget Bloomhuff in the 500-yard freestyle each posted second-place finishes. The Rockets were also second in the 200-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

SOCCER

Rockets net two wins

Neenah knocked off Wisconsin Rapids, 6-3, and beat Marshfield, 4-0, in a triangular on Saturday.

Hunter Brown notched a hat trick and Trey White picked up two goals and an assist in the win over Wisconsin Rapids. Miles Henthaler added the other goal for Neenah and opened the scoring five minutes into the match.

Ben Mainville, Kolton Fleege and Jordy Banda also had assists in the win, with Pierce Hanson finishing with four saves.

In the win over Marshfield, Brown, Fleege, Carter Burns and White each scored goals with Mainville, Liam Sieck and Hunter Krabbe collecting assists. Hanson finished with one save in the shutout.

Zephyrs suffer losses

St. Mary Catholic was shut out in a pair of games over the past week.

The Zephyrs lost 7-0 to Kohler last Thursday and dropped a 4-0 decision to Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian on Saturday.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Zephyrs claim invite title

St. Mary Catholic finished 4-1 and took the title at the Trucker Invitational hosted by Clintonville on Saturday.

The Zephyrs edged Shawano and topped Southern Door, while falling to Valders in pool play and then downed Iola-Scandinavia 25-22, 25-21 in the semifinals. In the title match, St. Mary Catholic topped Laona-Wabeno 25-20, 25-20.

Luci Nackers totaled 25 kills and 33 digs in the tournament, while Autumn Crowe finished with 23 kills and 27 digs. Adele Brennan added 18 kills.

Bitsy McCauley led the team with 45 digs, while Sammi Weiss and Ana Emecker finished with 46 and 22 assists, respectively.

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The Zephyrs also picked up a 25-23, 25-14, 25-18 win over Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah last week with Crowe and Nackers totaling nine and seven kills, respectively.

Sammi Weiss finished with 14 assists and Emmi Weiss added 11.

Rockets net tourney wins

Neenah finished 2-3 at a tournament at the Milwaukee Sting Center over the weekend, topping Franklin and McFarland in the final two matches.

Leah Oldenburg had eight kills and Paige Hoelzel had six in the win over McFarland, while Elaina Kramer finished with three aces and Ella Lindgren had 11 digs for the Rockets.

Oldenburg also led the way against Franklin with seven kills. Finley Kelley added 10 assists and four aces and Lindgren chipped in 11 digs.

The Rockets suffered losses to Oconomowoc, Pewaukee and West Bend West at the tournament.

Before the tournament, Neenah dropped a marathon match at home to Oshkosh West, losing 23-25, 25-16, 20-25, 27-25, 17-15.

Lily Romjue totaled a whopping 18 kills in the match, followed by Oldenburg with 13 and Ella Nigl with 12. Hoelzel chipped in eight kills and three blocks.

Cara Bosovic led the team with four blocks, while Oldenburg finished with a team-high three aces.

Lindgren led three players with double-digit digs notching 26 in the match, while Oldenburg had 14 and Romjue had 13.

Sara Messner had 21 assists to lead the Rockets with Maddy Lautenschlager adding 14 and Kelley finishing with 13.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Rockets go 2-2 at tourney

Neenah picked up a pair of wins on Saturday at a tournament held in Kaukauna.

The Rockets opened the tournament with wins over Pewaukee and Hortonville but fell to Kettle Moraine and Appleton West.

Cam Diekfuss posted seven kills and Levi Steckling finished with 17 assists and four aces in the win over Pewaukee. Sam Printz added four blocks and Colton Kreger had nine digs.

Sam Keepers led Neenah with nine kills in the loss to Kettle Moraine with Malachi Vang picking up five assists.

Josh Gomol had six kills and three aces to pace Neenah against Appleton West. Steckling and Tyler Meylink each had 12 digs for the Rockets, while Steckling also posted 13 assists.

On Tuesday, the Rockets fell to Kaukauna 25-20, 25-23, 25-17.

GOLF

Brockman leads Rockets

Jordyn Brockman earned medalist honors with 40 as the Rockets topped Appleton East 188-208 in a Fox Valley Association dual meet at Reid Golf Course.

Brockman's round was seven shots better than any other golfer on the day.

Lilly Quella added a 47 for Neenah and Adrianna Oitzinger carded a 48. Paige Keck added a 53 for the Rockets.

Nagel paces Zephyrs

Olivia Nagel finished third overall to help St. Mary Catholic finish fifth among 10 teams at the Bay Conference meet held Tuesday at Wander Springs Golf Course.

Nagel fired a 42 on the back nine and finished with a score of 88 to take third.

The rest of the scoring golfers for the Zephyrs were Scarlett Reichenbacher with a 113, Izzy Callan with a 115 and Ainslie Liddy with a 117.

The Zephyrs finished with a score of 433.

Zephyrs football

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bined 8-1 in EWC play.

"They are definitely an air raid style of offense," Detterman said. "It's a different challenge from what we have been facing. We've seen a lot of these power run teams and now we are going to turn around and play a team that just wants to throw the ball. Hopefully we can adjust to that in a hurry."

Blue Bomber quarterback Aiden Oldenhoff has already thrown for 1,137 yards and 14 touchdowns this season while completing nearly 62 percent of his passes. He has only thrown three interceptions in 141 pass attempts.

KLC also has good size on the offensive line to protect Oldenhoff and the Zephyrs will have to figure out how to generate a pass rush despite being out-sized.

"Our d-line has to get some pressure on these guys. The offensive line is big but not real fast so we have to get pressure on the quarterback and stop the air raid offense," Hennessy said. "It is going to be a fun matchup. I'm really excited to see what they got and see what we have got and just put a show on for our fans."

As threatening as the Blue Bombers can be offensively, they have struggled on the defense side of the ball this season.

In the three league games, KLC has allowed an average of 37 points per game. That could open the door for a big night offensively for the Zephyrs, who have topped the 30-point mark in each of the

last two games.

"(The key for us) is just staying to what we are – run the ball to open up the pass. If we stick to that we should be able to get the win," said junior receiver Luke Fairweather. "We've gained a lot of confidence at least from Week one. We've been taking strides every single game and showing improvement and I think we can carry the momentum moving forward."

Fairweather, playing his first season of football in high school, had his best game of the season against Kiel.

He finished the game with four receptions for 79 yards and had two of the team's touchdowns.

"It's definitely been a big learning curve since the beginning of the season but being able to breakout feels great," Fairweather said. "Tarver's my quarterback – shoutout to (injured quarterback Maddox Dwyer), he was great – and felt good to connect with him and put a few scores on the board there."

Trinkner finished 8-of-10 passing for 160 yards against Kiel and also added a team-best 129 yards on the ground in helping lead the Zephyrs to the win.

And getting the win was big for the Zephyrs as Detterman looks to continue to build on the team's success.

"Confidence has been a big thing we have been working on this year – believing in ourselves," Detterman said. "This win was about resilience. When we were down 14, nobody panicked. We went out there and we went to work. We loved the way our kids are responding."

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Senior Standout

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ing it to state but conference is always the main goal. We never talked about a perfect score though.”

Last year’s team was a senior-dominated squad where Verhagen was the lone junior to compete at sectionals and state.

This year’s squad is a little different since the bulk of the lineup had to be replaced and a bevy of runners new to varsity competition have been running alongside Verhagen.

“We’re at a stage where a lot of our younger runners need development and that’s an opportunity for our captains, including Zach, to make a monumental difference in their lives,” Morgen said. “Not just as runners but as student athletes and Zach has embraced that opportunity. He’s tried to use his experiences to better the squad as a whole.”

For Verhagen, it’s just part of the strong

tradition in cross country at Neenah and that’s something he’s proud to be a part of.

“Talking to other guys like Matt Meinke and Austin Henderson, some of the greats to ever do it at this school, it’s amazing,” Verhagen said. “I’m associated with them being a part of this program. We are all Neenah Rockets.”

Verhagen, who is planning to be a pre-med major in college, hopes to continue running competitively beyond high school and has long-range goals of running marathons and ultra-marathons.

Because as painful as running can be at times, it is also something he truly enjoys.

“There are days when you are on a longer run and you are out there by yourself or with your friends, it’s fun to be out there,” Verhagen said. “Once I get going on a run, it’s just a lot of miscellaneous stuff. Gratefulness is a lot of what I think about. There are people that don’t have the ability to do this. I am here doing this so at the end of the day, I’m grateful to be here.”

Runners compete in Fox Cities Marathon

Hundreds of athletes participated in the Community First Fox Cities Marathon presented by Miron Construction events last weekend.

Sunday’s marathon finished at Riverside Park in Neenah. Other events included the ThedaCare Half Marathon, ThedaCare Half Marathon Competitive Walk and the Orthopedic & Sports Medicine

Specialists (OSMS) Relay Marathon.

John Thill of Oshkosh won the men’s marathon with a time of 2:39:21, while Relena Ribbons of Appleton won the women’s race in 3:07:00. John Hollister of Neenah won the men’s half marathon in 1:13:45, with Brooke Schemenauer of Kimberly finishing first in the women’s half marathon in a time of 1:20:34.

Rockets football

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better and that’s the goal.”

Jung has been impressed with what VanBeek has been able to churn out this season.

“He’s been playing really well,” Jung said. “He’s been a big reason why we are winning games and able to close games out in the fourth quarter.”

Cooper Sieck has added 284 yards from

scrimmage on 37 touches this season, while running back Brock Hoehne and receivers Matthias Charles and Dylan Foat have helped bolster the offense.

The Rockets will have to be clicking in all facets of their offense against the strong, physical Lightning but the biggest key will be to avoid the big mistakes that can turn the tide in a game.

“We just have to take care of the ball and don’t have any turnovers,” VanBeek said. “If we do that and use our weapons, that will be key.”

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Cuttlefish

Cuttlefish are sea creatures. They are related to squids and octopuses.

Cuttlefish have some amazing skills! Things like bones that float, color-changing skin and loads of arms. Read on and learn!

Can You Cuddle a Cuttlefish?
 Perhaps. They have eight arms and two other tentacles for grabbing food. That makes for a lot of arms to cuddle with!

Cuttlefish Are Smart!
 Cuttlefish have passed a test that many toddlers can't pass. Scientists discovered that cuttlefish will not eat one treat if they know they'll get a better treat later if they wait. Could you do that?

I'm Not a Fish!
 Even though they're called "cuttlefish," they are not fish. They're in the same family as clams and snails. Use the code to discover the name of this family of animals.

Code:
 K = ●●
 L = ●●●
 M = ●●●●
 O = ●●●●●
 S = ●●●●●●
 U = ●●●●●●●

Maze: C U T T L E F I S H

Cuttlefish Cousins Odd Facts

Octopuses and cuttlefishes are in the same family and have a lot in common. Read the list of ways these animals are the same. Some of these are true. Some are not. Do the math to get to the truth. The statements next to a math problem with an **even** answer are **false**. Those that add up to an **odd** number are **true**. These are truly some odd facts!

They both have blue blood. TRUE FALSE $13 + 4 =$

They both have three hearts. TRUE FALSE $16 - 7 =$

They can both walk for miles on land. TRUE FALSE $17 + 3 =$

They both have eight arms. TRUE FALSE $11 - 6 =$

They both can change the color and texture of their skin. TRUE FALSE $14 - 9 =$

They both are in the same family as oysters. TRUE FALSE $10 + 11 =$

They both chirp like birds. TRUE FALSE $15 - 7 =$

Compound Words
 Cuttlefish is a compound word. That means it is made up of two words, *cuttle* and *fish*.
 Look through the newspaper for other compound words. Then look for words that could be combined to make compound words.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences to 30. Language Arts: Identify compound words.

Kid Scoop Together Cuttlefish Combos

Find each pair of cuttlefish twins.

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Cuttlefish can change their skin color and patterns on their bodies in a blink! They use this to hide from predators, talk to other cuttlefish or sneak up on prey like crabs and fish.

Color each cuttlefish to match each background.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions. Visual Arts: Create images using a variety of media.

Double Double Word Search

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

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 F O W M A T D L G L
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