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Mickey Mueller took over as director of the Neenah Animal Shelter in September.

Compassion continues at Neenah Animal Shelter

Nonprofit starts new year under new leadership

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Animal Shelter (NAS) is stepping into the new year and a new chapter under the stewardship of a new director.

Mickey Mueller, who became director in September, brings a background in animal welfare that includes five years leading

the Dunn County Humane Society in the early 2000s. She also has experience training dogs and operated a dog day care and grooming business.

Mueller said she has been assessing the shelter's needs following the holidays, a period when donations and adoptions typically slow. She noted that running an animal shelter today is very different from 25 years ago.

"You didn't have all these supporting

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County moved 10 people to ICE during 2025

Program limited to inmates in custody

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) reported that 10 people were transferred to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody in 2025 under federal immigration enforcement protocols, according to annual statistics presented at a Judiciary & Public Safety Committee meeting earlier this month.

In addition, four other individuals with immigration detainers were sent to other law enforcement agencies, and three remained in the Winnebago County Jail at the end of the year.

An immigration detainer is a request that the jail hold a person for up to 48 hours beyond their scheduled release so ICE can take custody. According to the ICE website, immigration detainers are only requests and don't impose any obligation on law enforcement agencies to comply. An ICE transfer is when local authorities hand someone over to federal immigration authorities for review of their immigration status and potential removal from the country.

The Winnebago County Jail recorded 4,893 total bookings in 2025, including 228 individuals born outside the United States, or less than 5%. Jail staff made 151 notifications to ICE during that period, resulting in 17 immigration detainers, the data shows. Not every person born outside the U.S. and booked into jail triggers

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County hopes housing figure encourages new development

By Jonathan Richie
NEENAH NEWS

Winnebago County officials are on the precipice of spending millions of ARPA dollars to get housing built across the county while leaving questions about where these are going to be built and who is going to be building them.

Winnebago County needs 10,000 housing units over the next 10 years, according to county executive Gordon Hintz and housing grant specialist Lu Scheer. The county has been using that figure for the last three years.

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved a new program last month – the revolving loan fund. The idea is that the county puts in millions of dol-

lars of American Rescue Plan Act money into this fund for more housing units.

"The reality is that if we want to drive down rental and purchase costs, and reduce homelessness for the long term, we need a dramatic increase in the supply of housing," Hintz said after signing the RLF resolution. "The RLF has the potential to play a role in doing this. We look forward to working with partners to move this forward."

The county will now put a request for proposal out for non-profits to bid on becoming the agency that runs the RLF program. The county has put in \$4.5 million, mostly of ARPA funds, and hopes a

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Shady Lane Estates is a proposed development in Fox Crossing that will add 69 new lots to the village. This is after the village spent \$1 million constructing Sand Point Pond along Shady Lane between County Road CB and Cold Spring Road.

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Historical Society names new director

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The Neenah Historical Society has a new leader after executive director Erica Suchyta resigned.

Suchyta joined the historical society four years ago. Miranda Ridener will assume the interim executive director role, and all events and programming will continue as scheduled.

Suchyta will continue to support the organization during the transition.

"I have worked hard to ensure that the longevity and vitality of the organization is secure," Suchyta said. "Significant in-

vestments have been made in restoring our historic buildings, updating technology, reviving programming and managing the collection and archives."

Suchyta said she is proud of what has been accomplished since joining the organization in 2022.

"Never did I imagine that I would be able to go to the top of the clocktower (safely and legally with multiple firefighters) or help restore the oldest headstone in Oak Hill Cemetery," she said. "Sharing Neenah's history with the community has been such an honor and privilege."



Neenah Historical Society photo

The Toboggan Slide

In 1945 the Kiwanis Club of Neenah erected a wooden toboggan slide on top of the boys changing room at the Neenah Pool. The slide launched sleds and toboggans full of kids out onto a frozen Lake Winnebago. It operated for about 30 years until closing and being removed in the 1970's.



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Friday, Jan. 23

Snowshoeing and Animal Tracking Hike, 1 p.m., Fox Crossing Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive, Grades 1-5

Winter Skate Night, 4 p.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee, 229 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Batsu Dinner and Comedy Show, 6 p.m., Bridgewood Resort Hotel, 1000 Cameron Way

Saturday, Jan. 24

Start Your Adventure, 10 a.m., Neenah Public Library

Thursday, Jan. 29

History Neenah-Nodaway Yacht Club presentation, 6:30 p.m., Emprize Brew Mill

NHS Rocket Players presents "The Snow" by Finegan Kruckemeyer, 7 p.m., Neenah High School Black Box Theater

Friday, Jan. 30

Fox Crossing Parks & Recreation Daddy Daughter Winter Formal, 5:30 p.m., Bridgewood Resort, 1000 Cameron Way

Z Cabaret, 7 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

NHS Rocket Players presents "The Snow" by Finegan Kruckemeyer, 7 p.m., Neenah High School Black Box Theater

Saturday, Jan. 31

Monster Piano Concert, 3 p.m., Lawrence Memorial Chapel

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Class provides information about recycling

Neenah News

For those who want to brush up on what they know about recycling, Tri-County Recycling is offering a Recycle Right Master Class.

The free introductory program will provide tools participants need to teach their family, neighbors, friends and coworkers how to recycle right. They will be able to learn what should go in a recycle bin, what stays out and get their recycling questions answered.

Topics include why recycle, a deep-dive through the Tri-County Recycling Facility, local recycling basics, common contaminants and what happens to recyclable materials after they leave the sorting facility.

The class will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the James P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y in Oshkosh. Registration information for the free event is available at recyclemoretricity.org/classes.

Celebration launches new chapter for Neenah library

Neenah News

The Neenah Public Library will host “Start Here, Neenah” from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday inviting community members to celebrate the launch of a new chapter for the library.

After months of behind-the-scenes work, library staff will unveil a brand-new logo, new library merchandise and a renewed vision for welcoming the community.

At the open-house style event, attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a raffle for prizes and hear a performance by the Neenah Public Library ukulele group.

Community members will also have first access to the new 2026 Adventure Guides, in which they can win prizes while exploring and learning about library services, resources and programs.

“Adventure Guides are perfect for those who are new to the library, yet even frequent library visitors will be surprised at the vast number of offerings to be discovered at NPL once they have an Adventure Guide in their hand,” library director Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm said.

The event is free and open to all ages. No registration necessary.

Library offers workshop on DIY headshots

Neenah News

A workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to learn how to take their own headshot or high-quality photo using just a phone.

The program will be at 7 p.m. Monday in the Shattuck Room at the Neenah Public Library.

Adam Shea, a local photographer, will

guide participants through the steps of how to pose, edit and style a photo. This will be a hands-on workshop, perfect for beginners.

Participants are asked to bring a smartphone with a working camera and Shea will provide help to get started.

No registration is necessary for the free event.

Daytime warming shelter opens on cold mornings

Neenah News

The Daytime Warming Shelter at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church located at 200 N. Commercial St. across from the YMCA will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily when the morning temperature is 10 degrees or colder.

A sign will be out when the shelter is open. Guests are asked to enter through the doors of the building, go downstairs and to the left.

The shelter is staffed with volunteers and has a maximum occupancy during open hours of 25. It provides coffee, hot cocoa, tea, water and snacks to anyone that comes in.

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Fire station renovations, training tower project on track

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Construction at Neenah's Fire Station 31 and its new training tower is on track and moving smoothly, Fire Chief Travis Teesch said.

Even with snow and cold temperatures, a construction worker was on scaffolding last week, working on the exterior of the station, which currently has boarded-up windows and construction debris around the site.

The \$6 million renovation of the Breezewood Lane station and the construction of a new \$1.2 million training tower are both on schedule, with project completion expected in September.

"It's going as planned," Teesch said. "We're trying to work around the weather, which is good and bad. The cold snap in early December meant the bricklayers were able to catch up quickly, doing a week's worth of work in two days. Timelines should all still be holding."

The station was built in 1994 and has undergone limited updates over the years. A 2020 study by Five Bugles Design and a 2023 Keller analysis noted that remod-



Neenah News

A construction worker works on the exterior of Neenah's Fire Station 31 last week as renovations continue on the building on Breezewood Lane.

eling the existing building could meet the department's needs while addressing deficiencies like cramped dorms, undersized fitness space, outdated restrooms and the lack of a decontamination area.

The station renovations include a new roof, exterior walls, and a complete gut-to-framing rebuild of the living quarters. The training tower site has been prepped, and concrete work has been completed

where the hose tower will be installed. Teesch said crews have plenty of time to finish the remaining work as temperatures warm in spring.

"There's no changes to the scope, there's no changes to the funding," Teesch said. He added that the department also applied for a state grant that could provide up to \$2 million in additional funding. Decisions on the grant are expected this summer.

The Neenah Common Council approved the project last year, awarding the Station 31 remodel to Milbach Construction Services Co. for \$5.9 million, with an additional 10% contingency allowance. The work will take place alongside the new training tower and storage building, which is funded separately by a combination of county, state and city funds.

Teesch said staff continue living and responding out of Station 31 during the renovation.

"A couple guys have to live with a few inconveniences for a couple months, and then they'll have a really nice station to be living out of and working out of," he said.

Area unemployment rate increases slightly

Neenah News

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rate increase slightly to 2.5% in November from 2.4% at the same time last year, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

The preliminary November unemployment rate decreased in four of the state's 13 metropolitan areas over the year. Rates increased in four metro areas over the

year, and rates stayed the same in five metro areas over the year.

Jobless rates decreased or stayed the same in 25 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the year. Unemployment rates increased in 10 cities over the year.

Preliminary November 2025 jobless rates decreased or stayed the same in 55 of Wisconsin's 72 counties over the year. Unemployment rates increased in 17 counties over the year. Rates increased in 44 counties over the year and stayed the same in the remaining 17 counties.

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Solutions Recovery secures funding for peer response team

By Anya Kelley
NEENAH NEWS

Solutions Recovery ended 2025 on a high note after securing stopgap funding for the peer response team from the Winnebago County Board.

In September, Solutions Recovery executive director Megan Edwards presented at the county board's special orders meeting to announce a \$322,050 deficit for 2026 specifically related to the peer response team (PTR).

The PTR runs the recovery center, open 365 days a year offering drop-in-style meetings with recovery coaches. The PTR also runs the Sober Living program and the peer support team.

Funding troubles began in February 2025 when the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) grant was removed from the federal government's website. According to Edwards, the federal government is reevaluating the criteria of eligibility for COSSUP and eventually, it will be reposted.

"This stopgap funding that we received for 2026 is really for us to be able to have a little bit of breathing room," Edwards said. "It helps us not to disrupt any of our service delivery while we try to come up with a long-term sustainability plan for the program, find more grant funds, things like that."

The Winnebago County Board voted to supply Solutions with the full amount for 2026. Along with the stopgap funding, Solutions has also engaged in fundraising efforts to support the PTR and recent developments to Wisconsin State Statue could potentially make securing funding easier in the next year.

Chapter DHS 72 Overdose Treatment Provider Certification and Covered Services was passed late in December of 2025 and will allow certain types of peer response services to become reimbursable through Medicaid. That is set to start in April of this year.

"We have been actively pursuing that and trying to gain an understanding of how becoming state regulated, essentially, will impact our day-to-day operations,"

Edwards said. "A majority of what we do should, in theory, become billable."

In 2026, Solutions' goal is to continue maturing as an organization, putting an emphasis on gaining stability.

Over the last five years, the programs at Solutions have grown exponentially due to the high need throughout the county. Sober Living had four beds in 2020 and is now up to 77.

"We're really trying to work on the balance between we want to sustain our services so that we can remain a reliable resource for people in the community, while also trying to understand how we can continue to expand our reach, enhance our mission, strengthen our mission and reach as many people as possible," Edwards said.

City attorney jury trial begins

Neenah News

A jury was selected and trial was underway Wednesday in the criminal case against Neenah City Attorney David Rashid, who faces sexual assault charges.



Rashid

Green Lake County Judge Mark Slate is presiding over the Winnebago County trial after Rashid's attorneys requested a substitution last year. Rashid, a former Winnebago County assistant district attorney, was hired as Neenah's city attorney in 2022. Portage County District Attorney Cass Cousins is prosecuting the case as the appointed special prosecutor.

Rashid was charged in April 2024 with two counts of third-degree sexual assault and one count of fourth-degree sexual as-

sault, all with domestic abuse enhancers. Court documents indicate the alleged non-consensual acts occurred from 2017 to 2022 during his marriage, which ended when the alleged victim filed for divorce in July 2023. Rashid pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The allegations first surfaced in August 2023 via an anonymous email to city officials, later traced to Rashid's predecessor, former Neenah city attorney Adam Westbrook. Following a criminal investigation by the Appleton Police Department, Rashid was charged and placed on paid administrative leave from his city attorney position in April 2024. He was reinstated four months later after a city personnel investigation found no workplace violations.

The trial was scheduled for three days and was expected to conclude today, with jury deliberations likely to begin either later today or early next week.



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Animal shelter

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roles," she said. "The executive director was the shelter manager. They were cleaning cages, they were doing volunteer orientations, they were doing everything. And now, fortunately, most shelters, including Dunn County, do have a lot of supporting roles."

Mueller relocated to Neenah for the position. She said she was drawn to NAS because she wanted to get back into animal welfare, "and it needed to be an organization that aligned well with my values."

Mueller said her top priorities include building stronger community support and partnerships. She hopes to work with the City of Neenah to launch a community cat program, which would involve trapping, neutering or spaying, and releasing local cats.

"The other communities that have been able to do that, I do think it's been very helpful because you have a lot less reproduction," she said.

Rising veterinary costs, however, are creating challenges for both NAS and lo-

cal pet owners. NAS must spend more to care for the animals it takes in, while some owners are surrendering pets because they cannot afford routine or emergency veterinary care.

"We've had animals that were brought in to surrender because a person couldn't afford their medical care, and you can tell they love their animal, but they can't afford it," Mueller said.

She plans to pursue grants to help pet owners meet veterinary costs.

Mueller began her role after the shelter relocated to 2475 Progress Court in 2024. The transition included challenges such as heat problems in the community cat rooms, a heater motor failure in the dog area, and other unexpected maintenance issues.

Though the shelter has faced capacity challenges in the past, Manager Brittany Collette said the number of animals was at a "comfortable" level last week, with some in foster homes.

"We've had a lot of medically needy animals in the last six months," she said. "So then we're more focusing on the care of the special needs animals, so then we haven't taken in as many."

Mueller also noted that the shelter's

intake is influenced by agreements with specific municipalities, which limits the number of strays received compared with other areas. NAS only accepts strays from the City of Neenah and the towns of Winneconne, Vinland, Oshkosh and Winchester.

Residents can support NAS by volunteering, with orientations offered twice a month, participating in the shelter's membership drive, or donating items such as cleaning supplies, Purina One dog and cat food, towels and blankets. Shelter staff said the dogs are also in need of durable stuffed toys. A donation link and wish list are available at neenahanimalshelter.org.

Monetary donations to NAS can be designated for general shelter operations, the "Help Me Heal" fund for medical care, the holiday appeal, sponsoring specific pets, or making a legacy or memorial donation.

Upcoming events include the NEW Top Dog contest, which opens for entries Monday. Dog owners enter a photo of their pup, rally votes from friends and family, and compete for prizes and a spot on a custom beer can from local breweries, with proceeds going to the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club and five local animal shelters. Appleton's Stone Arch Brewpub partnered with NAS for the event. Details are at newtopdog.com.

NAS will also have a booth at the Love Your Pet Expo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Oshkosh Arena. The event features 70 pet-focused vendor booths, educational workshops, pet fashion show and indoor dog park. Attendees who bring in a pet food donation will receive a discount on their entry fee, with the donations supporting NAS, Oshkosh Area Humane Society and Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services.

Among the special residents at NAS last week were Scrumps and Gloria, large mastiff-mixes that were transferred from Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC). Several cats and kittens of different sizes and colors lounged in enclosures.

Mueller is especially fond of Vincent, a senior cat who was surrendered to NAS after his owner died.

"He was grieving when he was brought in and didn't adapt well, was very isolated, was almost in a shutdown kind of state," she said. But thanks to foster care, "he's really come out of his shell."


Vincent began to play with toys and even learned to fetch. The foster home also did paw print painting with him, which helped him become more comfortable and interactive. He was recently returned to the shelter due to the foster family having another commitment and Mueller hopes to find him a home soon so he can continue to thrive and not remain in the shelter longer than necessary.

Reflecting on the bond between people and their pets, Mueller said: "I think animals leave such big paw prints on our hearts, and when you lose an animal, it's tough to go through, but it's very valuable to share your life with another. Don't give up on giving that love."



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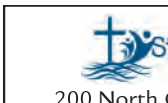
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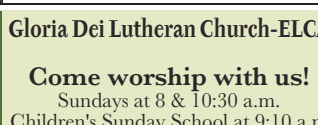
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Housing issues have been discussed by some municipalities over the last couple of years. Oshkosh, Neenah and Menasha have all had these discussions when publishing housing studies and have set goals for new housing units.

Other communities like Fox Crossing have space and are working with developers on a new subdivision and other projects.

Although county officials have stated there is a need for 10,000 new housing units by 2033, Scheer said the county has not set this figure as the goal it hopes to complete over the next seven years.

"We're hoping that this revolving loan fund encourages developers to build here," she said.

Figures for municipalities throughout the area show how many housing units have been built in Winnebago County in the last three years and whether the county is on track to build 10,000 housing units by 2033.

In Oshkosh, 406 housing units have been built over the last three years or are currently under construction. This includes the Red Earth development being built just off Lake Butte des Morts and the Mill on Main project still under construction.

Oshkosh has been focused on building

housing units since a housing study was done in 2022. Since 2020, there have been 1,814 housing units built, under construction or approved by the council. Those are all units located in multi-family residential buildings.

Neenah has added over 300 housing units since 2023. The city is planning on building 960 housing units over the next 10 years, which would mean just under 100 new housing units every year.

In Menasha, the city has been building on a smaller scale with a housing study in place that calls for new housing on a timeline reaching 2040. The city has built 87 new housing units since 2023.

It's a total of 812 new housing units since 2023 in the cities in the county. If the housing units that have been built since 2020 are added, the number grows to 1,356.

Jennifer Sunstrom, director of public relations and government affairs for the Realtors Association of Northeast Wisconsin, said the housing problem has reached crisis level in the area and the biggest contributor to that is the lack of supply in the market.

"That is the result of significantly underproducing housing since the last recession, especially one and two-family homes, especially smaller homes and lots," Sunstrom said. "Given that the price of new construction has basically doubled in the last five years, we also need more diversity of home options like townhomes, condo, duplexes that are more affordable."

Sunstrom added Wisconsin needs to build approximately 227,000 new housing units in the next decade if it wants to grow its working-age population. She said not keeping up with the housing needs will be met with a number of effects, including people buying houses later in life.

"There is a whole list of consequences as

a result of the housing crisis that is a subject all onto itself," Sunstrom said. "For instance, the average age of the first-time homebuyer has increased to 40 years old, almost 10 years older than historic average of late twenties-early thirties."

When asked if it was possible for Winnebago County to add 10,000 housing units from 2023-2033, Sunstrom admitted it's a hard question to answer.

"So far, even with the housing crisis gaining attention and with regulatory reform, we are still producing about one-half of the housing units we need to meet demand and with that, each year we are digging a deeper deficit," Sunstrom said.

She said it was important to look at predictors like building permits with the county and planned subdivisions or expansions.

The county reported 208 building permits issued in 2023 and 330 in 2024. From January to August 2025 the county issued 188 building permits for a total of 726 over that time.

A number of cities have set housing goals based on their own studies.

Oshkosh officials had a housing study done in 2022. It states that Oshkosh's population will continue to grow by over 3,200 permanent residents. Based on U.S. Census data, Oshkosh would have a population of around 70,000.

The study states that due to the forecasted population growth the city will need to build 1,700 new housing units by 2030, or approximately 160 units annually.

Neenah completed a housing study in early 2025 that has similar goals to Oshkosh despite having less than half the population of the county seat.

The Neenah Housing Study and Needs Assessment states the 10-year target for new housing units in Neenah is 960, which would be 96 units annually.

In Fox Crossing, the village has not done a recent housing study. However, the village is currently working with developers on a new subdivision off of Shady Lane.

The Shady Lane Estates could add as many as 69 single-family homes to Fox Crossing. According to the village's annual comprehensive financial report, the village built Sand Point Pond, a retention pond, to help with area flooding and to "allow for the urbanization of Shady Lane."

In Menasha, the city's 2024 housing study states Menasha is projected to need between 1,000 and 1,300 new housing units by 2040. The study's executive summary breaks down the need for single-family homes, apartments and housing for seniors.

Those municipalities alone are hoping to build almost 4,000 new housing units in the coming decade. But there is still a huge gap between what is being planned by the cities compared to what the county is anticipating.

"We need more residents and business owners to understand the extent of the problem and the consequences of not addressing it," Sunstrom said. "This will mean we have to do housing very differently than we have done in the past to get the number of units we need and make them affordable to even middle-income individuals. We also need more people who are struggling to find affordable housing to speak up during hearings for regulatory reform and for development projects."



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Rockets skate past Stars in Badgerland showdown

By Joe Matzek
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Locked in a battle for the top spot in the Badgerland Conference race, the Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha boys' hockey team faced a two-goal deficit for all of 20 seconds.

After Parker Janssen gave the Fox Cities Stars a 2-0 lead in the second period, the Rockets' Mark Sutton responded just seven seconds later, firing a shot into the top corner of the net. And 13 seconds after Sutton's goal, August Weinholzer popped in a goal to erase the deficit.

The Rockets controlled the rest of the second period and broke the tie with the first two goals of the third on the way to a 5-3 victory at the Champion Center Tuesday evening.

"It took us a while to stave off the push they had there, but the boys fought back and when we tied it up, I thought we were in a good place to get momentum going our way," Rockets coach Jeff Lindemann said.

The teams both entered the battle for

the Tri County Cup with 5-0 conference records, giving the winner an edge heading into the Badgerland playoffs in a few weeks.

It was also a matchup of teams sharing the Champion Center for the first year, with the Stars moving over from the Tri County Arena this season after the Rockets moved in 2020.

"Obviously it's a big game, sharing a rink with them and being in the same conference, but we kind of just had the mentality that it's a regular game, treat it like a regular game and go out and play our game," said Sutton, a forward who had two goals and an assist.

Still, Sutton acknowledged that getting a win was a boost considering the Rockets had lost two of their last three games, to University School and Notre Dame.

The senior from Hortonville gave the

Rockets a 3-2 lead four minutes into the third period when he tipped home a pass from Mason King.

Freshman Vinny Scholl made it 4-2 on a power play goal with five minutes to play.

Fox Cities (16-2) cut the lead to 4-3 with just over a minute to play after pulling goaltender Elliot Reichenbacher for an extra skater, but Cartyr Simonson scored into an empty net with 12 seconds remaining for the final margin.

While the Rockets' top-scoring line of Sutton, Scholl and Simonson provided energy in the offensive zone, Lindemann praised the starting line of Weinholzer, Cole Rothermel and Liam Kelley, who received the players of the game award from the captains for their defensive work against a Fox Cities team averaging more than seven goals per game.

"Those guys were all over their top guys all night, banging bodies, making sure they had to go 200 feet to get down in our end and get shots on goal," Lindemann said.

The Rockets (15-3), ranked fourth in Division 1 in the Wisconsin Prep Hockey

rankings, outshot Fox Cities 35-23.

They tested Reichenbacher with constant pressure in the opening period, but had nothing to show for it because the senior from St. Mary Catholic made 13 saves.

"The first period, I thought we controlled the puck, we were down in their end," Lindemann said. "We couldn't get anything past Reichenbacher. He had a heck of a game. He was on his game early on."

Reichenbacher finished with 29 saves and Rockets goalie Matthew Nelson had 20.

The Rockets play at second-ranked Stevens Point Friday evening and host De Pere next Thursday before playing in the conference tournament at Fond du Lac the following week.

"I think we're doing pretty well," Sutton said. "I think if we keep playing our game and trusting our teammates, we can win a couple more before playoffs and get some momentum going into it."



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Paider notches milestone for UW-La Crosse

Former Neenah High School standout JJ Paider reached a career milestone for the UW-La Crosse men's basketball team on Saturday.

Paider scored a career-high 29 points to reach 1,000 points in his career with the Eagles. He becomes the 20th player in program history to accomplish the feat.

Paider, who is averaging 16 points and 9.1 rebounds this season, is a two-time first-team all-WIAC selection who has started every game the past two seasons for La Crosse. He was named the Division III Co-Newcomer of the Year by the WBCA as a freshman.

Paider was a member of Neenah's 2022 State Championship team where he averaged 11.7 points per game.

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hot-shooting Rockets down Stevens Point

Neenah knocked down 14 3-pointers and shot 70 percent from behind the arc to spark a 72-57 win over visiting Stevens Point in a nonconference contest on Tuesday.

It was the 300th career victory for Neenah head coach Lee Rabas. He is also three wins away from having 200 career wins at Neenah.

The win snapped a two-game losing skid for the Rockets, who had dropped five of their last six games entering the contest.

Jackson Rindt led the barrage for Neenah, hitting 7-of-9 of his 3-point attempts to finish with a season-high 21 points. Nick Schultz added four 3-pointers and totaled 14 points to go along with six assists in the win.

Jacob Jungwirth also reached double figures with 10 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds in the win.

The Rockets led 33-23 at halftime.

Neenah was coming off a tough loss to Appleton North where it was held to a season-low point total in a 44-26 loss last Friday. Schultz led the team with 10 points.

Zephyrs lock down Hilbert for win

St. Mary Catholic pulled away in the second half to earn a 59-45 win at Hilbert on Monday night.

The game was tied at 27 at halftime, but the Zephyrs held the Wolves to just 18 points in the second half to earn the win.

Mason Uhlenbrauck paced St. Mary Catholic with 18 points, while Dylan Brenn finished with 15 points and nine rebounds.

The Zephyrs were coming off a 72-64 loss at home to fourth-ranked Reedsville last Friday.

Uhlenbrauck finished 7-of-7 from the

free-throw line and tallied 26 points in the win.

Luke Fairweather added 12 points and Tarver Trinkner finished with 11 points for the Zephyrs.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rockets collect FVA win over Lightning

Three players finished in double figures as Neenah toppled Appleton North 64-53 in a Fox Valley Association contest last Friday.

Rowan Klesmit led the Rockets with 17 points, while also leading the team with seven rebounds. Ellie Buss and Farrah Danforth each added 15 points in the win.

Neenah had a strong night at the free-throw line in the win, finishing 25-of-30 in the contest.

The Rockets suffered a 66-50 loss to Waunakee on Monday afternoon in a matchup of teams ranked in the top 10 in Division 1.

Klesmit hit four 3-pointers and finished with 16 points to lead the Rockets. She also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Danforth added 13 points and Alissa Ebel chipped in seven points and three assists.

Zephyrs bounce back from first loss

St. Mary Catholic had no trouble dispatching Hilbert on Tuesday night, collecting a 73-12 win over the visiting Wolves in a Big East Conference game.

The Zephyrs led 53-10 at halftime and then held Hilbert to just two points in the second half.

Autumn Crowe scored 18 points to lead the way for the Zephyrs, who had 11 different players score in the game. Luci Nackers added 13 points, while Bitsy McCauley and Piper Neubauer each finished with eight.

The win came after the Zephyrs suffered a 73-57 loss to Oostburg in a Big East

crossover game. The undefeated Dutchmen are ranked No. 1 in Division 3, while the Zephyrs are the No. 2 ranked team in Division 4.

Crowe had a huge game against Oostburg, totaling 34 points, while also leading the team with six rebounds.

Gabby Guerrero also reached double figures with 10 points, while McCauley finished with seven points for St. Mary Catholic.

BOYS HOCKEY

Rockets fall on road to Tritons

Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha surrendered a couple of early goals and never recovered in a 7-4 loss to Green Bay No-

tre Dame, in a matchup of two of the top teams in the state.

The Tritons scored twice in the first two minutes and led the entire way.

Cartyr Simonson finished with two goals and an assist to lead the Rockets, while Vinny Scholl and Liam Kelly also found the net for the Rockets. Preston Liedke also picked up an assist in the game for Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha.

Matthew Nelson made 21 saves in the game.

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Rockets dominate dual meet with Spartans

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Wrestling has unique impact on Rockets' Ennis

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Jaxon Ennis' story with the Neenah wrestling team isn't that different than many of those who have taken the mats before him.

He wrestled in the lighter weights as a freshman and struggled against some of the more experienced opponents. As he grew in the program, the more mat time improved his wrestling skills, while his dedication in the weight room added to his strength and physicality.

And now that his senior season has rolled around, he's entrenched in the lineup at one of the middle-weight spots, has already cranked out more than 20 wins on the year and is serving as one of the team's captains.

It's not an unusual route for the majority of wrestlers in the program. Except for one detail.

"I started high school as a freshman when I was 13 years old and I'm going to graduate in a couple months at age 16," Ennis said before a practice earlier this week. "I've been advanced academically my whole life."

Ennis made the jump from kindergarten to second grade at the start of his schooling days and then spent five years at the Odyssey/Magellan Magnet School in Appleton.

He returned to the Neenah school district for eighth grade and then transitioned to high school the following year.

"I don't remember 100 percent how I saw myself, but I knew my parents and my teachers thought my brain was different," Ennis said. "I don't think I fully understood what was going on when they had me skip a grade. I just thought it was a cool thing I could brag about."

But, returning to a public school – especially one with the size of Neenah –



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Neenah senior Jaxon Ennis will graduate from Neenah High School at age 16 and has developed from an undersized freshman into a team captain for the Rockets.

wasn't the easiest of transitions.

"In addition to being a lot younger, I didn't really know anybody. I didn't have a strong friend group in eighth grade," Ennis said. "Wrestling was the only way I knew people."

For Ennis, wrestling was not only a sport he had a passion for but also a beacon of comfort in the challenging social

arena of being in high school.

He was immediately accepted on the Neenah wrestling mats and he credits the seniors and captains on the squad for helping him feel comfortable.

"The seniors, especially the captains did a good job of keeping me involved and making sure I didn't feel discluded from the group," Ennis said. "The team,

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they kind of became friends. I had people outside of the team I was friends with as a freshman, but no one I would consider my second family like the wrestling team. If it wasn't for the seniors and captains that year, I'm not sure it would have been like that."

The comfort he felt with his teammates pushed him to want to compete for the Rockets.

There was an issue, though. Ennis admits he was small for his age then – which was about two years younger than a usual freshman. So when he was taking the mat that season, he was doing so at a sizeable disadvantage.

"I was under 80 pounds when I was freshman," said Ennis, who wrestled in the 106-pound division his first season. "I was giving up quite a lot of weight back then. It gave me a lot of adversity but in the end, it made me a lot stronger of a person mentally and physically. I wouldn't change it if I had a choice."

Ennis finished his freshman season with a 7-19 record but there would be brighter days ahead.

Still wrestling at 106 pounds as a sophomore, Ennis posted 28 wins and earned a trip to the sectional tournament, but lost his first match. He added another 26 wins to his career total last year while wrestling at 120 pounds and finished third at the sectional tournament – one place away from advancing to the state

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tournament.

Now, as a senior, making it to Madison and getting a chance to compete inside the Kohl Center at the state tournament is something he is focused on.

“My end season goal is to place at the state tournament, not just qualify. I think I’m on a trajectory to do that,” Ennis said. “Age wise, I am still not fully as old as the upperclassmen. Physically, in the off-season I spent a lot of time in the weight room and that helped me put on some of the physical muscle I was lacking. Even though I’m younger, I tend to be stronger than most of the kids I wrestle.”

Just as important as what he’s doing on the mat, Ennis is proud to be one of the captains of this year’s team.

With the appreciation of those who were captains when he was a freshman as well as the last two seasons, Ennis wants

to excel in that leadership role as much as he wants to rack up wins.

“It’s meant a lot,” Ennis said of being a captain. “That was my goal even before I ever thought I would be able to be a state-level wrestler. I wanted to be a captain, seeing how they impacted me.”

Ennis, whose sister Greenlee is wrestling for the Neenah girls team, had actually hoped to be a two-year captain for the squad but was not selected as a junior last season.

It didn’t deter him from seeking the role this season.

“That was a hard moment for me but it let me know where I had to be as a leader and I realized I wasn’t quite there yet. It helped me take the steps to improve my leadership,” Ennis said. “It was a good thing I wasn’t one last year so I could be as good as I can this year.”

Ennis’ background could certainly serve as an inspiration for the younger wrestlers on the team.

“I’m fairly certain everyone in here

knows (my age),” Ennis said. “Maybe there is one or two freshmen that don’t know me well enough but I’ve tried my hardest to get to know everyone and through that, they have gotten to know me.”

Even though his high school wrestling career is coming toward the end, he’s not ready to step away from the sport.

Although he hasn’t fully committed yet, he’s leaning toward attending UW-Stevens Point next fall and joining the Pointers’ wrestling team.

“I think I will always find a way to get back to the sport in whatever way possible,” Ennis said. “If I’m still in the Neenah area, I would definitely hope to be a part of the Neenah program when I’m older – I’m not sure in what way – but I don’t ever plan on leaving the sport behind.”

While attending UW-Stevens Point, Ennis is also planning on starting down the difficult career path of becoming a medical professional.

From a young age, Ennis envisioned

being a surgeon – and that may be its landing spot – but wants to explore the options the medical field has to offer.

“Now that it’s getting closer to the time to make these decisions, I’m not 100 percent being a surgeon is what I want,” Ennis said. “But I do want to be some kind of doctor or health care professional so I can help people and save lives.”

Becoming any type of health care professional is no easy task and there are plenty of obstacles that Ennis will have to overcome to get there.

However, the hurdles he’s overcome to get to where he is in the Neenah wrestling room will certainly give him the strength for what awaits him in the future.

“Work ethic, dedication and mental toughness are the biggest things I can take from wrestling. I don’t think I’ve had to work as hard at something in my life as much as I’ve worked at wrestling,” Ennis said. “I think that will transfer over for the rest of my life.”

Obituaries

Beverly Kathryn Wintheiser

Beverly Kathryn Wintheiser was born July 11, 1931 in Milwaukee, WI. She graduated from Marquette University with a B.A. degree in Early Education. She taught in elementary school briefly but enjoyed teaching continuing education classes later in life. She adored



poetry and was an avid reader and writer. Her interest in antiques led to a retirement hobby and a cookie cutter collection that led to many sweet memories at the holidays. Being a lifelong resident of Wisconsin, she enjoyed a good brandy old fashioned with friends and family. She met her husband, Tom, when they were cast opposite each other in a high school play their sophomore year. After 7 years of dating, they were married on August 22, 1953 and have spent 72 wonderful years together. She lived a beautiful life with Tom, including multiple trips to Europe, cruises in the Mediterranean, down the Mississippi River and the eastern seaboard, and many excursions throughout the United States. Their love and commitment to each other is an inspiration to all.

Bev often said her greatest joy was being a homemaker and raising seven children: Paul (Sue), Cathy (Fred) Maslow, Mark (Linda), Carl (Jody), Steve (Robin), Dan (Joan) and Jan (Brian) Bernhardt. She was preceded in death by her son Mark, her brother Harold, and her parents, Nicholas and Clara. She used to laugh and say that her epitaph should be “Charge Ahead!” Her strong, assertive and loving personality was an inspiration to her 7 children,

14 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. She was well loved and will be deeply missed.

Bev died on January 19th, 2026, at the age of 94. The family wants to thank Jessica, Brooke, Ericka and Cathy of Aurora Hospice at Home who were a comfort to Bev and her family. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral service will be at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 with visitation beginning at 9:30 AM and Mass at 11:00 AM.

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children, Heather, Holly, Stacy, Samantha, Shannon, Megan, Carmen, Caitlen, Gena, Jennifer and Craig; and many great-grandchildren; best friends, Vicky and Ceil; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, David Berrig; special friend, Jack; parents, Elwin and Dorothy; sister, Patricia Nichols; brother, Elwin Elsworth Jr.; grandson, Joshua; and son-in-law, Sam McHugh.

Per her wishes, no formal services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Diabetes Association or planting a tree in her honor.



Pearly Seeley Voigtschild

Pearly Seeley Voigtschild, age 97, passed away on Monday, January 12, 2026, at the Edenbrook Appleton retirement home. Pearly was born on May 2, 1928, in New Lisbon, Wisconsin. She spent much of her life on a small farm near Winchester, Wisconsin, where she



cultivated a sense of independence and resilience. Pearly founded and successfully operated Pearl’s Wishy Washy laundromat and mending business in Winneconne for many years, becoming a valued member of the local community.

Pearly cherished time spent with her family and found joy in home redecorating and sewing projects. She also enjoyed taking bus trips with her friends, embracing opportunities for adventure and companionship. Throughout her life, Pearly was known for her fierce independence and strong spirit.

Pearly was united in marriage to Russell Seeley, with whom she shared 51 years until his passing in 1995. In 2001, she married Willard Voigtschild, remaining together until his passing in 2012. Pearly was preceded in death by her eight-year-

old daughter Minnie Jane, her parents John and Alice Fike and her siblings: Theodore, Stella, Goldie, Art, Chester, Dewey, Leo, Josephine, Acy, and Ethel.

She is survived by her sons: Larry (Gloria) Seeley and Kenneth (Sandra) Seeley; and her daughter, Bonnie (Dave) Reynolds. She leaves behind five grandchildren: Kevin (Julie) and Ryan (Krissy) Seeley, Aaron (Toni) and Amber Brenand, and Crystal Seeley. Pearly’s legacy continues through her four great-grandchildren: Kaitlyn (Rajay) Graham, Tyler Seeley, Warren Seeley, and Ella Seeley, as well as other family and friends.

The Funeral Service for Pearly will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 23, 2026 at Kessler Fahrenkrug Funeral Home, 304 S. Commercial Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956. The Visitation will be held from 2:00 PM until the hour of the Service at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Resthaven Cemetery.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to the staff at Edenbrook retirement home, the nurses from Bristol Hospice, and Oshkosh Family, Inc., for their compassionate care of our mother.



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Marjorie Berrig
Marjorie “Midge” Berrig, 86, passed away in Neenah, Wisconsin on January 18, 2026. She was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on October 1, 1939, to Elwin R.D. Sr. and Dorothy (Clark) Elsworth.
She married David A. Berrig on May 4, 1957, in Oshkosh, WI and together they had 4 daughters. Midge worked at Hoffmaster for 37 years until her retirement. She loved doing cross-stitch, word searches and enjoying a good old-fashioned. She often went to the cabin up north and in her younger years and traveled a lot to Texas, Kentucky, and Tennessee as well as going on casino trips with friends and family.
Midge is survived by her daughters, Patricia Owen, Peggy McHugh, Paula Qualley and Pamela (Doug) Van Ryzin; grand-

ICE transfers

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an ICE notification, as some are legally in the country.

Of the 151 notifications, 62 involved individuals who were flagged for ICE during their initial court appearances at the Winnebago County courthouse. The remaining notifications came from arrests made elsewhere in the county, including 23 by Oshkosh Police, 17 by WCSO, 13 by Fox Crossing Police, and nine each by Neenah and Menasha police. The arrests were for local offenses and the individuals were later identified as potentially subject to federal immigration review.

Immigration detainers can be issued for a variety of reasons, including individuals who are not legally in the U.S., have overstayed visas, are already under removal proceedings, have outstanding federal immigration warrants, or are legally in the U.S. for refuge but may face removal if convicted of a crime.

Ten of the 17 immigration detainers issued in Winnebago County in 2025 involved individuals from Mexico, according to WCSO. Two detainers involved individuals from Nicaragua, two from Honduras, and one each from Romania, Guinea and Sudan.

Seven of the 17 people with immigration detainers were charged with operating while intoxicated (OWI), meaning about 41% of the county's detainers involved individuals whose contact with law

enforcement stemmed from OWI offenses rather than other criminal activity.

The remaining detainers involved people booked for charges that included receiving stolen property, retail theft, disorderly conduct, domestic violence, battery or threat to an officer, resisting or obstructing, fleeing or eluding, probation holds, or warrants from other counties for failure to appear.

The most serious charges among Winnebago County's immigration detainers in 2025 involved two men born in Mexico who were living in Menasha: Alberto Castillo-Serrano, 22, and Fernando Alejo-Tiburcio, 20. They are accused of stabbing one roommate and injuring another during an argument on Dec. 20. Both men are charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, aggravated battery causing great bodily harm, and substantial battery, and are being held on \$250,000 bond.

ICE lodges immigration detainers after officers establish probable cause that someone is removable, often following a criminal conviction, and usually when the person is considered a public safety or national security threat, the agency says on its website.

District Attorney Eric Sparr, however, noted that ICE can technically take cus-



Matz

tody at almost any point after someone is arrested, even while the person is still going through criminal proceedings, and that the timing of deportation is largely out of local control. Sparr said he spoke with a district attorney in another state who was having issues with defendants being deported before trial on fairly serious charges.

"That can sometimes be a problem, because likely a warrant would remain out for the person on the new criminal case, and if the person at some point comes back here, we might have issues being able to prove the case due to witnesses we have lost contact with, or other issues," he said.

On the other hand, Sparr said early removal can reduce the amount of time someone spends in local custody, freeing up resources in the short term.

As of Jan. 16, 19 Wisconsin counties had agreements with ICE under the federal 287(g) program, which allows trained local deputies to perform certain immigration enforcement functions under ICE oversight.

Sheriff John Matz said WCSO participates in the 287(g) program through the Warrant Service Officer model, which authorizes deputies to serve federal immigration detainers and administrative warrants on noncitizens already in custody after local charges or sentences have been resolved. Under the program, officers identify and process removable noncitizens in custody.

"What I see in the numbers is not a mass deportation," Matz said at the Jan. 5 meet-

ing. "What I see is a select number of individuals detained by ICE. What happens to them when they're detained by ICE and that deportation process, I don't know. I mean, I don't understand the whole process after that."

Matz said that 16 deputies completed required training and were credentialed as Warrant Service Officers in 2025. The training was completed online during duty hours and carried no financial incentives.

Corrections Captain Amber Rozek said the program came "at no cost" to WCSO because ICE provided the training, but Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke noted at the meeting that 16 officers still spent seven hours each on duty completing the online course, totaling 112 hours.

WCSO also participates in the federal State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), which reimburses states and local governments for certain incarceration costs related to undocumented individuals with qualifying criminal convictions. Rozek said WCSO has participated in the program for more than 25 years.

SCAAP funds are deposited into the county's jail assessment fund and are used for inmate-related expenses such as hygiene products, clothing, linens and recreational items. The sheriff's office reported an average annual SCAAP award of about \$20,196 per year over the past five years.

Matz said that WCSO's immigration enforcement efforts are limited to individuals already in custody and do not involve street-level immigration enforcement.

Prep roundup

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three individual events and rolled to a 130-51 win over Oshkosh North/Lourdes on Tuesday.

Gage Jensen, Owen Klawikowski and Oliver Searles went 1-2-3 in the 200-yard freestyle, followed by a sweep of the top three places in the 200-yard individual medley by Ryker Zarda, Ryland LaPean and Joseph Van Handel, respectively.

The Rockets also grabbed the top three places in the 100-yard butterfly with Gideon Benner taking first, followed by Josh Powell and Klawikowski.

Burke Wendell and Ben Munson added a 1-2 finish in the 50-yard freestyle, while Benner and Crawford Pfeifle finished first and second, respectively, in the 100-yard backstroke.

Zarda in the 100-yard freestyle and Wendell in the 500-yard freestyle also added wins, while Searles picked up a second place in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Neenah also finished first and second in all three relays.

Neenah takes team title as invite hosts

The Rockets finished first in two events and walked away with the team title among the seven teams at the Neenah Sprint Invitational on Saturday.

Ryker Zarda led three Neenah swimmers in the top five in winning the 50-yard backstroke at the meet. Jack Kippa was fourth and Gage Jensen took fifth.

Kippa, Josh Powell, Gideon Benner and Ben Munson then teamed up to win the 100-yard medley relay for the Rockets.

Burke Wendell notched a pair of runner-up finishes, taking second in both the 100-yard individual medley and 50-yard backstroke, while Benner was third in the 25-yard freestyle and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle.

Zarda was also third in the 100-yard freestyle.

Other top finishes for the Rockets

were: Jensen, fifth in the 25-yard freestyle; Owen Klawikowski, seventh in the 50-yard butterfly; Josh Searles, seventh in the Josh Searles; and Kippa, eighth in the 100-yard freestyle.

Neenah was also second in the 200-yard medley relay and fourth in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Kurszewski leads Rockets at challenge

Kylee Kurszewski finished second at 126 pounds to lead the Rockets at the Warrior Women's Challenge meet hosted by Wausau East.

Kurszewski notched two pins and a technical fall to reach the final but lost to undefeated Madilyn Peach of Milton in the title match.

Amari Richard picked up a fourth-place finish at 132 pounds and Ava Armatti was sixth at 138 pounds.

BOYS WRESTLING

Rockets win two duals at FVA quad

Neenah rolled to easy wins over Fond du Lac and Appleton West but dropped a dual meet to powerhouse Kaukauna at a Fox Valley Association event held in Kaukauna last week.

The Rockets scored a 68-12 win over the Cardinals with Carson Finch (106), Broden Butzke (113), Henley Pruchnofski (126), Castin Tiedt (132), Dane Granditzke (144), Declan Epley (150), Declan Koch (175) and Willy Brucks (285) earning pins. Joaquin Quinonez won by a major decision in the match, while Landon Tennessen (120), Landen Sheppard (165) and Kaden Roth (190) each won by forfeit.

In a 77-3 win over the Terrors, the Rockets got pins from Tennessen, Granditzke, Epley, Sheppard (157), Connor Simons (175), Roth, Brayden Millbrodt (215) and Brucks. Jaxon Ennis (138) won by technical fall, while Butzke, Pruchnofski,

Tiedt and Koch (165) each won by forfeit.

Sheppard with a major decision win at 157 pounds and Koch with a technical fall at 165 pounds were the only winners for Neenah in a 64-9 loss to the Ghosts.

Four Rockets win titles at Blackshirt Invite

Neenah crowned four individual champions en route to taking the team title at the 22-team Ken Heine Blackshirt Invitational hosted by Waukesha North on Saturday.

Landen Sheppard finished 4-0 with three pins to win the crown at 157 pounds, beating Ben Lauer of Waukesha North, 7-2, in the title match.

Declan Koch also had three pins in his four victories while capturing the 165-pound title with a 10-6 win over Milton's Gage Gross in the title match.

At 190 pounds, Kaden Roth won the title for Neenah, winning all four of his matches by pin, three in the first period, and stopped Cudahy's Troy Freimark in 1:43 for the title.

Brayden Millbrodt rounded out the Neenah champions by winning the 215-pound division. He stopped Greendale's Deacon Ward in 55 seconds in the title match to finish 3-0 with a pair of pins.

Broden Butzke (113), Steven Czechanski (126), Jaxon Ennis (138) and Willy Brucks (285) each finished second on the day for the Rockets, while Garrett Nedens (126), Cashtin Tiedt (132) and Joaquin Quinonez (157) each placed third on the day.

The Rockets finished with 298.5 points to easily outdistance runner-up Milton, who totaled 179.5 points in the meet.

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