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City approves funding for new police dog

By Dave Gill
NEENAH NEWS

It's been two years since the Neenah Police Department's K-9 police cruiser has had a furry friend barking orders from the back seat, but that's about to change in the coming weeks.

The Neenah Common Council on Feb. 18 approved spending \$19,000 to purchase a new dual-purpose K-9 and provide

the necessary training for its handler, said NPD Captain Tom Van Sambeek, who oversees the department's K-9 program.

"Dual-purpose K-9s serve both narcotic sniffing and patrol operations roles," said NPD Assistant Chief Jeff Bernice.

This week both Van Sambeek and Officer Bryce Sweeney, a fully trained K-9 handler, were scheduled to travel to Jessifany Canine Services in the Village of

Iron Ridge in Dodge County to begin the process of selecting the department's next deputy dog.

The department has been without a K-9 program following the passing of K-9 Bobby in early 2024 and the medical retirement of K-9 Cam a couple of months later.

"We have selected Jessifany Canine Ser-

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Photo from Neenah Joint School District

Champion fair

Neenah High School students spent time last week getting advice about life after high school with a Champion Fair that featured over 60 sessions hosted by community professionals. The sessions ranged from information for college and scholarship planning, building resumes, interviewing skills, applying for jobs and handling finances. The event also featured presentations by numerous local professionals about career opportunities and a career fair with local employers in the gym.

Cavanaugh's react to losing barn in Valentine's Day fire

By Jonathan Richie
NEENAH NEWS

Cavanaugh Carriages experienced a devastating fire in the early hours of Valentine's Day. A barn that had been on the property for over 50 years was destroyed.

But the Cavanaugh family says it is committed to the farm, and the community is showing it has their back.

The Cavanaugh family posted on Facebook last week to provide the community an update on the aftermath of the fire.

"The most important thing we want all of our friends, family and community to know is that everyone in our family is OK," the family said in a Feb. 19 post. "We also want everyone to know that all of our immediate needs have been met. Horses and animals all have shelters, food, etc. With the communities' help, we have had

the need for farm supplies and horse tack taken care of."

The barn was built in the 1970s and housed a number of harnesses and saddles that were collected over the years. Roger Cavanaugh built the barn with his wife, Jan. Their son Cody Cavanaugh now runs the business with his wife, Jessica. Cody, Jessica and Jan signed the social media post.

"That building shaped our family's future and our business over the last 50 years," the family said in the post. "We sold tickets for events out of it, allowed people to meet animals up close, get spooked with haunted hay rides, share refreshments, learn about animals, how to care for them, watch the team of horses



Cavanaugh Carriages photo

A barn built in the 1970s is fully engulfed in flames on the morning of Valentine's Day at Cavanaugh Carriages.

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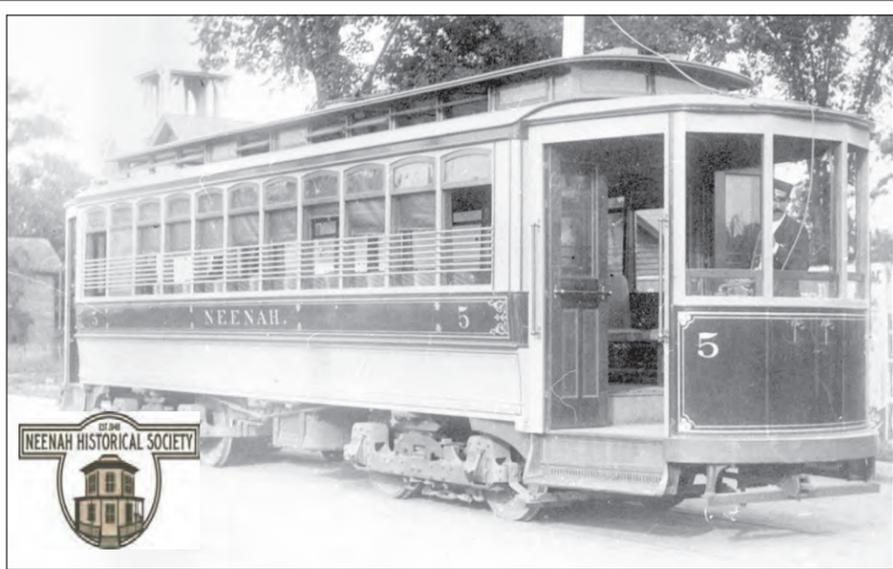
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Neenah Historical Society photo

Interurban trolley car

An interurban railway ran from Oshkosh to Kaukauna from 1898 to 1928. Different cities along the route had cars labeled for that city, like this one, which is labeled Neenah. For about a quarter, passengers could ride from Commercial Street in Neenah to Main Street in Oshkosh.

Community members gather to celebrate Neenah's heritage

Neenah News

The Neenah Historical Society announces the success of its annual fundraiser, "A Night at the Old Valley Inn," held on Saturday at The DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Neenah.

The event raised over \$36,000 to support the society's ongoing mission to preserve and share Neenah's rich history.

More than 100 guests attended the event, which showcased decorations reminiscent of an old nightclub, historical artifacts and stories, live jazz music, and curated food

and drinks inspired by actual historical Valley Inn menus. The evening emphasized the importance of preserving local objects and stories for future generations.

"The generous support of sponsors and individuals demonstrates how much this community values its history," said Miranda Ridener, Executive Director of the Neenah Historical Society. "We're excited for these proceeds, the highest since we elevated the event four years ago. The funds raised will directly support operating costs. That includes upkeep of our historic buildings, detailed research, biennial exhibits focused on Neenah history and educational programming."

Community members interested in supporting future efforts or becoming members can visit neenahhistoricalsociety.com or the historic, 170-year-old Octagon House located at 343 Smith St.

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Calendar of events

Saturday, Feb. 28

Northeast Wisconsin Chinese Association Spring Bazaar for Chinese New Year, 3 p.m., Neenah High School
Child Care Resource and Referral presents Fairy Tale Ball "Magical Memories," 6 p.m., DoubleTree by Hilton, Neenah

Crystal Ball Gala for Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, 7 p.m., The Ballroom at The Reserve, 116 S. Commercial St.

Wednesday, March 4

Senior Safety and Scam Prevention Education Session, 3:30 pm, Valley VNA Senior Care, 1535 Lyon Drive

Thursday, March 5

Downtown Neenah Blood Drive, 8 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 123 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah

St. Mary Catholic High School Theatre Department presents Into the Woods, 6:30 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Friday, March 6

St. Mary Catholic High School Theatre Department presents Into the Woods, 6:30 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Saturday, March 7

Viva Bowl Vegas Fox Cities Bowl for Kids' Sake, noon, Rolling Thunder Lanes

St. Mary Catholic High School Theatre Department presents Into the Woods, 6:30 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Sunday, March 8

St. Mary Catholic High School Theatre Department presents Into the Woods, 2 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Fox Crossing Mother and Son Bowling, 9:30 a.m., Rolling Thunder Lanes

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St. Mary Catholic students prepare for upcoming production

By Pamela Hart
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

A remarkable group of seniors who have spent years performing on the St. Mary Catholic High School stage will take their final bows together at the theatre department's production of "Into the Woods" in March.

"For these young women, it is more than just another show," assistant director Holly Rutchik said. "It's a final chance to share the stage, blending their vastly different talents into one powerful piece of storytelling focused on the human condition, while celebrating years of growth and collaboration. It's truly magical to watch them develop characters and make creative choices that not only transform them as young women but will also resonate with every audience member."

Among these seniors are high academic achievers, dedicated athletes, passionate community service volunteers and students preparing to pursue the arts beyond high school. Each brings her own unique gifts, perspectives and strengths to the stage.

"Into the Woods" provides the perfect opportunity to highlight these vast different young women as it is full of complex and layered characters who wish, love, fail and learn, just like we do.

Director Lindsay Dahlberg selected "Into the Woods" to feature as many of the talented students as possible interested in theatre.



Submitted photo
Mary McCurdy (Cinderella) and Tessa Rutchik (Witch) rehearse for upcoming performances of "Into the Woods" at St. Mary Catholic High School.

"Sondheim's composition provides a great challenge for them musically, and the book offers an excellent opportunity for them to hone their acting skills as an ensemble to tell a complicated story," Dahlberg said.

The musical intertwines famous fairy tales such as The Baker and his wife who wish to have a child, Cinderella who wishes to meet the prince at the King's Festival, and Jack who wishes his cow would give enough milk.

What would a fairy tale be without an evil twist or two? They meet Little Red in the woods being pursued by a big bad



Submitted photo
Graduating seniors that are part of "Into the Woods" production include Bethany Ruppert, Anna DeWitt, Izzy Strande, Tessa Rutchik, Ava Hoger, Mia Pable and Mary McCurdy.

wolf, and Rapunzel who is imprisoned by the witch. A visit from an angry Giant leads the community to come together to save themselves and their kingdom, but not without making sacrifices.

Dahlberg acknowledges that the cast is a mixture of students from grades 8-12 with varying levels of theatre experience. Her favorite part of directing has always been the light bulb moment when students "get it" and they make the connection in their singing or acting to the character they are portraying. Several of them are now performing with a high level of artistry and focus that is elevating the work of the entire cast.

"It has been a joy to see them collaborate and support one another to grow as an ensemble, and I'm incredibly proud of the work they're doing," Dahlberg said.

Ava Hoger, one of the seniors, remarked,

"When rehearsals run late, we encourage each other to keep pushing until the scene is perfected. When someone forgets their script, another person is always willing to share. And when we are feeling disheveled, our castmates push us to reach our full potential. Theatre at SMCS has taught me about perseverance, kindness, and growth as a performer and person. Working alongside so many talented individuals during my high school career has been such a blessing, from which I have learned extremely valuable lessons that I will carry with me forever."

"Into the Woods" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. March 5, 6 and 7 along with a 2 p.m. March 8 performance at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. Tickets are available online at onthestage.tickets/st-mary-catholic-schools or at the door before each performance.

Auditions scheduled for summer productions

Neenah News

Auditions have been scheduled for this summer's Riverside Players summer productions.

Auditions will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. March 7 at The Brigade for the 70th

season of "Theatre in the Park."

This year's lineup features two productions: "The SpongeBob Musical" and the comedy "Rumors."

Find all the audition details at ci.neenah.wi.us/.../parks.../riverside-players.

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City to upgrade parking enforcement technology

By Dave Gill
NEENAH NEWS

It's been 10 years since the City of Neenah launched an automated license plate reading system to enforce parking regulations to replace the longtime "chalk guy," but that aging technology has become seemingly less effective in recent months than marking tires with chalk on a stick.

"There are sporadic days when the (License Plate Reader) equipment is functional, but more often than not, time-limit

parking enforcement is non-existent, and permit parking is extremely difficult and inefficient," said Director of Information Systems Matthew Schroeder in a memo to the Public Services and Safety Committee earlier this month. "Police staff is seeing a 3-fold decrease in permit enforcement, and a 10-fold decrease in time limit enforcement due to these issues when compared to a year ago."

To address this issue, the Neenah Common Council voted unanimously on Feb.

18 to approve spending up to \$45,000 to install a new License Plate Reader (LPR) system for its lone parking enforcement vehicle.

According to Michaela Bedora, the police department's community service aid supervisor, the department was planning to upgrade the 10-year-old license plate reader hardware soon anyway, "but it's really gone downhill in the last couple of months," she said, necessitating the need to expedite the upgrade.

"Official support for the existing LPR hardware was discontinued in November 2025," Schroeder's memo to the board stated. "However, we have been having numerous issues with the hardware for at least six months. Issues include the computer freezing and shutting down unex-

pectedly, GPS not working reliably, LPR cameras not connecting, and loose connections to the computer."

Without the LPR, Bedora said, "We have some capacity to enforce parking." But the biggest challenge is timed parking enforcement when the LPR and GPS systems are down.

Now that the council has approved the \$45,000 expenditure, Bedora said the actual replacement of the existing T2 Systems hardware will take place in the next few weeks, depending on the scheduling timeline of the installation subcontracting vendor.

Bedora said that parking enforcement in Neenah is conducted from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday for time limit enforcement and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for permit lot enforcement.

Enrollment opens for kindergarten programs

Neenah News

Enrollment is open in the Neenah Joint School District's four-year-old kindergarten program.

Students must be four years old on or before Sept. 1 and door-to-door bussing is available to those who qualify, including bussing to day care centers within the NJSD boundaries. Slots are available in both the half-day AM and PM sessions.

For the first time in 2026-27 there is a cap on the number of students being ac-

cepted into the 4K program in order to plan for staffing. The district asks families to submit their registration as soon as possible.

Additionally, registration is open for five-year-old kindergarten. The 5K program is full-day instruction. Those children already in the 4K program are automatically enrolled for 5K. For more information on all of the programs and to enroll, visit neenah.k12.wi.us/prospective.../enroll-in-njsd.

First Friday concert features vocalist, pianist

Neenah News

The Neenah Public Library First Friday Concert Series continues from 2 to 3 p.m. March 6 with a concert featuring vocalist Steven Paul Spears and pianist Linda Sparks.

Spears, an internationally experienced performer and longtime faculty member

at Lawrence Conservatory, joins Sparks, a Fox Valley pianist, education and collaborative artist with an extensive background in performance and teaching.

Now celebrating 18 years of musical partnership, the duo will present an afternoon of vocal and piano repertoire as part of this community series.

Chinese New Year celebration features immersive experience

Neenah News

The Northeast Wisconsin Chinese Association is holding the 2026 Chinese New Year Celebration Saturday at Neenah High School.

The event, which runs from 3 to 7 p.m., is the largest annual Chinese New Year celebration in Wisconsin, bringing the community together for a fully immersive cultural experience.

This all-ages celebration features a lineup of traditional and contemporary cultural performances, including Chinese dance, singing, live instrumental music and the traditional Lion and Dragon Dances that symbolize good fortune, prosperity and renewal for the new year.

Guests are invited to a Chinese New Year-style dinner, explore a cultural market featuring local vendors and artisans, and engage with community organizations offering educational resources and cultural learning opportunities.

The event is designed to be highly interactive, with a wide range of hands-on cultural activities for all ages, such as dumpling making, lantern decorating and lantern puzzles, cultural crafts and games, and interactive treasure hunts.

This celebration goes beyond entertainment — it is an opportunity to learn, connect and experience Chinese culture firsthand, while celebrating diversity, community and shared traditions.

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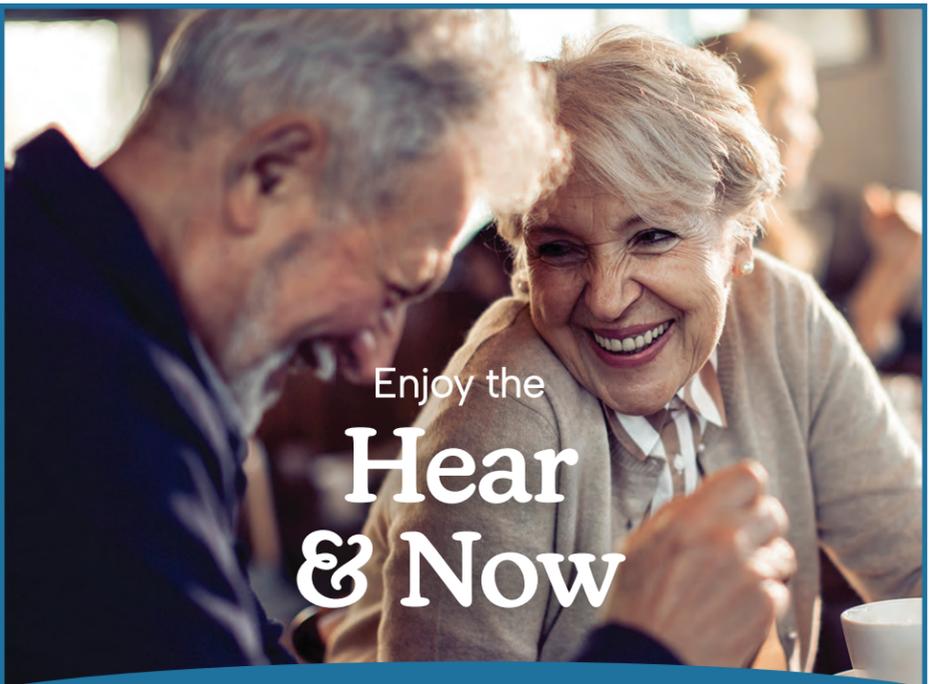
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Mayoral candidates share priorities ahead of election

Neenah News

With Mayor Jane Lang not seeking reelection, Scott Becher and Brian Borchardt are vying for a four-year term as Neenah's mayor in the April 7 election. The Neenah News asked each candidate a few questions about their priorities and vision for the city. Their responses follow.

The candidates will be answering additional questions during a League of Women Voters of Winnebago County forum at 8 p.m. March 12 at Neenah City Hall, 211 Walnut St.

For more information on what will be on the ballot and where to vote, go to myvote.wi.gov.

Scott Becher

Can you briefly describe your background and experience?

I was chief of staff from 1999-2009 for Appleton's Rep. Steve Wieckert. I spent seven years with UW-Platteville as a consultant. I have earned Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and UW Health recognition awards. I have also worked as a nonprofit communications consultant for YMCA of Dane County and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Dane County, which received second place in the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Best Significant Impact Award in 2014. I earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1991. I also served four years on the Village of McFarland Urban Forestry Com-



Becher

mittee.

Why are you running for mayor?

Affordability and accountability. We need a prosperous Neenah, like the one I grew up in, living on Henry Street in the 1970s. Fourteen percent tax increase in two years and 71% increase in borrowing in one year is unsustainable. Right now, residents aren't being involved in decision-making, basic information is being limited and 24-hour notice for city public committee hearings and city council meetings is unacceptable. Drug houses, violent crime and sex offender halfway houses a block from downtown is not the Neenah I grew up in. I will focus on resident needs first, instead of wants.

What are the top priorities or issues you hope to address if elected?

Make Neenah more affordable by returning fiscal restraint to the city budget, focusing city government on needs over expensive wants, because budgets are choices. I will listen to all residents by building community consensus on city issues by holding regular town halls and office hours in the community. I want to represent all of Neenah, not just some of Neenah, by putting citizens first for city services, fixing our city roads that have fallen into disrepair, restore Neenah to the community we all love and revitalize our five business districts by being a full-time mayor.

Brian Borchardt

Can you briefly describe your background and experience?

I am a 30-year Neenah resident. I started my career in business, then moved into education. I've taught in the Neenah

Joint School District for 16 years. I hold degrees in communication and education, and a master's in educational leadership and administration. I've served as an alderperson since 2020, city council president since 2022, and on committees for Public Services & Safety, Personnel & Finance, Joint Fire, and Parks & Recreation. Additionally, I've served as a director on the Verve Credit Union board since 2014 and have volunteered for decades with the Boys' and Girls' Brigade.



Borchardt

Why are you running for mayor?

I'm running for mayor because I am a servant leader at my core. My professional and personal experience with the city and school district makes me the ideal candidate for mayor. Serving as an alderperson and city council president have shown me the importance of listening to residents,

asking hard questions, and explaining decisions clearly. I want to bring a steady, collaborative approach to the mayor's office, ensuring financial responsibility and open communication. I will preserve our welcoming, thriving community so the next generation of families and businesses will choose Neenah.

What are the top priorities or issues you hope to address if elected?

My top priorities are fiscal responsibility, public safety, transparency, and open, two-way communication with residents. Neenah should take good care of the streets, utilities, parks, and public facilities we already own, while planning smart, balanced growth that fits our character and tax base. We need to leverage key relationships and technology to make this happen. I want people to understand where their tax dollars go. Neenah has a rich history; my goal is to celebrate that history while looking to the future, where people want to live, work, and visit Neenah for the next hundred years.

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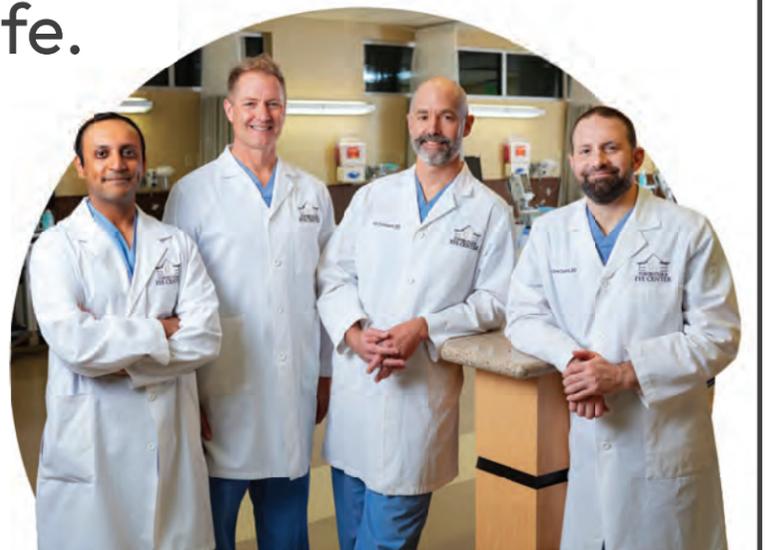
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- Amelia Novy
- Evan Numrich
- Kaden O'Brien
- Jameson Oldenburg
- Emeline Olkowski
- Jillian Ostrom
- Morgan Otting
- Michelle Patra
- Rayleigh Pearson
- Mason Peitersen
- Marcos Perez-Gonzalez
- Hudson Peters
- James Pfeifle
- Brenna Pickett
- Ella Pingel
- Kaytlyn Pitzer
- Oliver Posegate
- Samuel Printz
- Jacob Pritzl
- Michael Raasch
- Diem Reddick
- Sedalia Reid
- Jonah Rittner
- Ally Rivet
- Will Romso
- Kaden Roth
- Joclyn Roundtree
- Kathleen Russell
- Ezra Saint
- Caden Sarauer
- Dempsey Saylor
- Cole Schaefer
- Payton Schaefer
- Cooper Schalow
- Spencer Schiederemayer
- Brendan Schilke
- McKenna Schilling
- Alyssa Schlesner-Smith
- Karter Schmalz
- Mason Schmidt
- Henry Schultz
- Lauren Schultz
- Lily Schultz
- Aidan Schumacher
- Brody Searl
- Macsen Selch
- Chester Shaffer
- Liam Sieck
- Madyson Simonis
- Arena Sorani
- Janet Sorto
- Kaitlyn Spilski
- Henry St Clair
- Sophie Stachurski
- Angelina Star
- Oliver Steiner
- Eliana Stier
- Ezra Strasman
- Violet Swardenski
- Emily Syring
- Phong Tang
- Lazam Useini
- Anastasia Valentine-Robinson
- Coleton Van Thull
- Lyja Vang
- Malachi Vang
- Yu Peng Vang
- Joseph VanHandel
- Elias Vargas
- ReShawn Vaughn
- Zachary Verhagen
- Trent Vogelsang
- Zachary Waite
- Leila Walter
- James Weiland
- Braden Wendt
- Taytum West
- Lincoln Westman
- Mara Westphal-Dorow
- Kaden Weyenberg
- Levi Weyenberg
- Jacob White
- Trey White
- Audrey Wilgreen
- Natalie Willes
- ShuaNha Yang
- Miley Young
- Alyssa Yun
- Manning Zehner
- Lauren Zeier
- Teegan Zemialkowski
- Tim Zhao
- Layla Zilisch
- Cooper Zinda

Juniors

- Sofia Alatorre
- Clara Allmers
- Aylin Altan
- Hailie Anderson

- Samuele Angeli
- Cecilia Anschutz
- Isaac Babbitts
- Braydn Baker
- Carli Baltus
- Brady Baumann
- Aiden Belter
- Anna Benthein
- Jaxen Berkley
- Kaya Berkenna
- Julianna Betker
- Xavier Bezares
- Barrett Bjornstad
- Nina Blaszczyk
- Mitchell Bond
- Oliver Bontorno
- Elise Braaten
- Kieren Brennan
- Ramsey Briones
- Hunter Brown
- Faith Brubaker
- Willy Brucks
- Ella Buchta
- Finleigh Burton
- Olivia Bushman
- Evelyn Buss
- Oliver Castro
- Matthias Charles
- Kianna Conard
- Dominic Conroy
- Henry Coulman
- Preston Davies
- Cain Davis
- Lexington Davis
- Maxwell Delene
- Sophia Diaz
- Camryn Dickey
- Cameron Diekfuss
- Emma Doiron
- Alissa Ebel-Anklam
- Evelyn Eichman
- Eli Erck
- Laila Evans
- Henry Farrell
- Carson Feest
- Kolton Fleege
- Anasyia Fox
- McKenna Freier
- Peyton Gafner
- Lily Gahl
- Ryer Gearhart
- Celia Gentile
- Maxwell Gerken
- Braylon Glennon
- Gretha Goethel
- Resa Goethel
- Savanna Goggin
- Teagan Goodson
- Donovan Gordon
- Peyton Gorham
- Luke Grassl
- Amelia Groom
- Adler Gutbrod
- Macie Hall
- Sydney Hansman
- Cole Harris
- Kayra Harris
- Delilah Hein
- Devon Hensel
- Lukas Herrick
- Chi Ho
- Georgia Hodges
- Paige Hoelzel
- Tyson Huss
- Maxwell Ives
- Brielle Jackels
- Elizabeth Jahnke
- Bryce Janikowski
- Mitchell Jenkins
- Gage Jensen
- Sophie Johnson
- Gavin Keepers
- Samuel Keepers
- Natalie Keepler
- Myles Kelch
- Liam Kelley
- Jillian Kennedy
- Madison Kerker
- Nicholas Khang
- Ayva King
- Nathan Knick
- Brooklyn Kohlbeck
- Justin Kokocki
- Ava Kostka
- Elaina Kramer
- Levi Kroes
- Bryna La Chance
- Clayton Laabs
- Brode LaBarge
- Ella Larsen
- Adilyn Larson
- Jillian Lauer
- Mae Lauer
- Miaja Laury
- Madalynn Lautenschlager
- Yingva Xiong
- Hailyn Jahr
- Ryker Zarda
- Kaitlyn Zarling
- Lawson Zehner
- Elizabeth Zickler
- Grace Ziegert
- Hannah Zilm
- Carter Zoz

Sophomores

- Haylie Acker
- Makayla Amsler
- Makaila Anschutz
- Annie Aykens
- Ian Baetke
- Korbin Baltus
- Caleb Barczak
- Dylan McNamara
- Grant McNamara
- Logan McNamara
- Akmaral Mederbekova
- Brooke Meier
- Morgan Mena
- Anna Mika

- Leah Milewski
- Kaylyn Miller
- Leah Milske
- Gabriella Motto
- Josephine Mroczkowski
- Elye Mueller
- Benjamin Munson
- Beau Murphy
- Urijah My
- Christian Nguyen
- Chase Nitz
- Paige Norstrom
- Lydia Novy
- Dawson Oberer
- Teyla Ocacek
- Mariana Oeftger
- Adriane Oitzinger
- Kira Olds
- Ann Ollanketo
- Miranda Cowling
- Aleesha Oosterhous
- Norah Paider
- Emerson Papendorf
- Kohen Perron
- Lawton Pester
- Cheyanne Pierce
- Sierra Pitzrick
- Ty Pleshke
- Emily Pliska
- Lilly Plungy
- Joseph Polley
- Ryan Porsche
- Daniel Priest
- Lillian Quella
- Skye Rajotte
- Emma Reddick
- Vera Reiter
- Rolentz Remy
- Ellen Farrell
- Arlo Ferguson
- Emma Fitzgerald
- Christian Flees
- Lauren Forbes
- Elam Ford
- Owen Fox
- Josie Frisch
- Emerson Gaerthofner
- Ziva Gagliardi
- Cecilia Garcia
- Elise Geiger
- Kaiden Gerrits
- Riley Geschrei
- Kole Gilman
- Kelvin Gjerstad
- Josephine Glisczinski
- Connor Gloudeans
- Shelbey Gonnering
- Aiden Gonwa
- Aliza Gramer
- Hudson Grater
- Ava Gregg
- Klaire Gregorius
- Rivers Gregory
- Emily Grube
- Alina Grycowski
- Max Gunderson
- Lukas Hamer
- Tessa Hammerschmidt
- Jacob Hang
- Harper Springborn
- Aiden Stark
- Levi Steckling
- Cassidy Steinberg
- Any Steiner
- Oliver Stier
- Gretchen Strande
- Jasmine Tanner
- Kendall Tech
- Noelle Ten Haken
- Mason Tenor
- Teryn Theisen
- Emerson Thompson
- Charlie Tiedt
- Ava Van Wie
- Owen Van Zeeland
- River VanAlstine
- Everett VandenBranden
- Lylah Vanevenhoven
- Clara Voigt
- Clayton Walters
- Andy Wang
- Samia Warsame
- Macy Weber
- Elsa Weiland
- Parker Wentzel
- Jack Werner
- Amelia Westbrook
- Kira Westbrook
- Oliver Westman
- Olivia Whitty
- Eleanor Wild
- Anders Wilgreen
- Jolene Wilson
- Vincent Wilson
- Malina Zhang

- Ian Luedtke
- Leveeson Ly
- Kendra Lynch
- Charles Maas
- Andrew Malchow
- Isabelle Malloy
- Nolan Manteufel
- Esme Marie Marcin
- Evelyn Marose
- Annabel Marsh
- Jude Marsh
- Victoria Martinez Tamayo
- Carter Mathe
- Ian McAvoy
- Allison McGlin
- Jonathan McInnis
- Henry Menchl
- Liam Meyer
- Sydney Michalkiewicz
- Brinley Miller
- Matthew Moderson
- Jackson Monroe
- Lydia Mrotek
- Madeline Muller
- Sidney Mullins
- Kate Murphy
- Lauren Nelson
- Brittin Neuman
- Leah Oldenburg
- Kendra Oliver
- Lewis Orchar
- Taylor Otting
- Shivani Patel
- Jacob Perry
- Constance Phelan
- Isabella Pickett
- Alva Plotz
- Tegan Pohlman
- Selah Posegate
- Cecelia Preman
- Logan Price
- David Pupp
- Isaac Rangel
- Stella Ratliff
- Xander Reddick
- Trevin Rettmann
- Emmaxia Rockweit
- Lecia Rodriguez
- Jacob Ross
- Bella Rougeux
- Zacheriah Saint
- Briley Sauer
- Michael Schlafman
- John Schmidt
- Sophie Schmidt
- Connor Schmitt
- Kyle Schroeder
- Camdyn Schulz
- Ashley Schweitzer
- Connlis Seegmiller
- Emma Severson
- Rune Severstad
- Alexander Siettmann
- Zofia Siettmann
- Megan Slabbert
- Cassandra Smith
- Ian Sparks
- Chloe Sprague
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- Oliver Westman
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- Eleanor Wild
- Anders Wilgreen
- Jolene Wilson
- Vincent Wilson
- Malina Zhang

Freshmen

- Avery Alba
- Braxton Alden
- Eleanora Apa
- Alex Arndt
- Sukhmani Arora
- Matt Rohan Atienza
- Andrew Baker
- Micah Baker
- Gregorio Baldran
- Xander Bangart
- Maclain Barber
- AnTHONY Barbieri
- Maxim Bauer

- Marit Lettau
- Lilly Linderman
- Huxley Lipski
- Hazel Loehrke
- Erin Lutz
- Connor Lynwood
- Lyla Mariahazy
- Tyson Martin
- Dumont Mason
- Amelia McCauley
- Alexander McGraw
- Kinley McIntosh
- Westley McLaughlin
- Brennan Meck
- Eric Melbye
- Sena Messner
- Lukas Meyer
- Lawsyn Michalkiewicz
- James Miles
- Braelyn Milewski
- Charlotte Morrissey
- Nolan Morrow
- Mercer Moss
- Ella Mueller
- Jovany Muniz
- Lillian Musick
- Brooklyn Myers
- Brayden Neabling
- Roger Ni
- Joseph Nieto
- Noah Nitz
- Avayln Noie
- Edwin Oliphant
- Hudson Oliphant
- Tahlia Olongo
- Brady Olson
- Kayden Otte
- Logan Paine
- Pierce Painton
- Easton Papendorf
- Farah Pester
- Easton Phernetton
- Sarah Pliska
- Andrew Potokar
- Joshua Powell
- Henley Pruchnoski
- Lilly Quackenboss
- Emily Raasch
- Heidi Radlein
- Christian Ramirez
- Olivia Rasmussen
- Benjamin Reimer
- Hadley Reinhardt
- Easton Remington
- Reece Rettmann
- Cash Riley
- Aviel Rintamaki
- Evan Roberts
- Christopher Rogers
- Lily Rutowski
- Noah Sabatke
- Asher Sajdak
- Lily Sampson
- Delaney Sauer
- Kaitlyn Saylor
- Jaelyn Schafer
- Ada Scharenbroch
- Wyatt Schilling
- Finley Schmidt
- Vincent Schneider
- Vincent Schell
- Aiden Schulz
- Addison Schwab
- Elliot Seidling
- Aiden Shannon
- Eleanor Sherman
- Kyllian Shine
- Emma Soderberg
- Jaxon Spranger
- Owen St Clair
- Abigail Stacey
- Ryan Stamm
- Abigail Stevens
- Isabella Stevens
- Marin Stier
- Miles Stuck
- Madalynn Studzinski
- Dayla Talayumptewa
- Katelyn Taylor
- Landon Tennessee
- Zane Thao
- Leland Tharp
- Christian Theys
- Rachel Thomas
- Kayden Timm
- Ella Ulrich
- Daphne Vande Slunt
- Evelyn VandenBranden
- Noah VanHandel
- Page Vickman
- Kase Vogelsang
- Charlotte Wagoner
- Isaac Wallander
- Elias Wartgou
- Noelle Wautlet
- Grayson Weber
- Emmett Weisbrod
- Savannah Wendrick
- Abigale Wesley
- Lilyana Whetstone
- Alyssa Whitty
- Eva Whitmer
- Rayne Willems
- Gavin Winiacki
- Chandler Winters
- Caden Woosencraft
- Jordan Workman
- Harriet Wunderlich
- Owen Wypiszynski
- Phenix Yahr
- Lola Yang
- Valerie Yang
- Gage Yoder
- Jake Zeinert
- Nicholas Zenzick
- Samantha Zilm
- Ainsley Zirbel
- Ella Zoz

Seniors	Izabella Marcks Ellery Marsh Mackenzie McClement Ty McNeely Denea Means Dylan Missall Garrett Nedens Ethan Nelson Ella Nigl Savannah Pagel Annabelle Perry Nolan Pettit Lorelai Piepiorka Coltin Potter Nathan Putala Zavier Rogers Jack Runnerstrom Corde Russell Braidon Schilling Zander Schmeichel Olivia Smillie Evan Smith Savannah Spade Suriya Thao Joelle Torres Reay Max Trzcinski Hailey Van Wie Eleazar Vargas Jaden Vondracek Andreas Walgenbach Kal El Wallenfang Oscar Waters August Weinholzer Hunter Weinke Mikayla Westbrook Kaleigh White Jamel Wigfall Larrence Wilber Brayden Willes Titus Xiong ShuaCua Yang Elias Yoder	Juniors Braulio Alvarado Zarate Kady Aubin Brehea Beauchaine Hunter Bessette Breleigh Biro
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Neenah High School

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

Elliot Bluemke Brenton Bruder Arianna Bunnell Saphira Bunnell Urijah Carlson Valerie Chang Brylee Clark Tyler Clark Hope Clow Amalia Corrigan Eli De Deker Klaralynn DeMars Drew Drach Isis Dunn Elijah Featherston Arianna Ferguson Madison Ferguson Jackson Florek Talon Fluette Addison Fritz Wilson Garrity Harrison Gerdin Joshua Gomoll Alexandra Grady Jackson Graham Dillon Groelle Lydia Grosskopf Alexandra Guden Addison Harttert Sky Hedtke Ethan Hellingreen Diana Hernandez Velazquez Jackson Herres Bela Hirschberg Mai Ho Cailey Janssen Yashnoor Kaur Paige Keck Owen Kieler Dylan Kimball Maliky Krissoff	Ashton Krutz Mya Langenfeld Ryland Lapean Arwyn Lautenschlager Kaden Leiton Caleb Lenz Parker Licht Benjamin Linsmeyer Jayden Lo George Loechtenfeldt Katelyn Lucas Makenzie Ludwig Melody Lujano Ethan Matson Jackson Mayer Sage McMahon Brandon Melewski Kobi Meyer Bella Meyer-Goldberg Tyler Meylink Charlotte Morales VanDaalwyk Liam Neubauer Jessyn Newman Cameron Nichols Kevyn Obiala Tayla Palagyi Devin Pasic Owen Pire Lydia Rich Bella Richard Jackson Rindt Kayla Rodriguez Lydia Ryan Isabella Sack Paityn Schafer Brooke Schwersenska Cartyr Simonson Oliver Smedema Alexandra Sous Caleb Tarmann Daisja Tessen	Cashtin Tiedt Thomas Tollard Ashton VanBeek Jaslyne Vang Burke Wendell Hayden Willems Mataya Wiltsey Jackson Witte Sophia Wypiszynski Karissa Xiong Emily Zak Alexander Zuehlsdorf	Sophomores Summitt Abel Jett Barber Bristol Beschta Autumn Blaney Sadie Blank Da'Moni Broadway Tyler Broker Aiden Bucholtz Weston Cartwright Aylan Castro Layla Cleveland Haddijatou Corr Preston Craft Vincent Daun Adelyn Dehling Samuel Driscoll Makayla Ehlke Asia Espinoza Eliza Finch Tyler Geschrei Jacob Gillig Eli Goodacre Natalie Grebe Mason Gretebeck Oliver Gruber Eli Grunwald Olivia Hackfort	Jaden Harmon Keegan Hartel Landon Hawley Jacob Hazaert Skylar Hibben LuElla Hirakawa Sebastian Hurtado Saracual Baylin Ihde Cullen Johnson Jake Johnson Oliver Johnson Olivia Justinger Elijah Kaul Raymond Kaziukewicz Hannah Kempen Connor Klementz Brock Koepke Cooper Landrath Magdalene Lo Jackson Loechtenfeldt Kristin Manteufel Tyler Marta Eva Mathers Awki Medina Medina Laynee Miller Audriana Morales Bryce Olsen Dylan Olson Joel Ostermeier Ty Peskie Oliver Peterka Marcus Peterson Bronwyn Reilly Deaken Rittner Kaylee Rooyakkers Kellen Roth Jackson Schaefer Ethan Sina Mack Stallbohm Mirella Taschner Andy Thao
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Dominic Torelli Mide Useini Mollie Van Dyke Miley Van Zummeren Charlotte VanNuland Rayna Walgenbach Peyton Wautlet Aubri Wied James Wiles Kaylee Williams Toua Yang Landon Young Austin Ziebell	Freshmen Juan Alvarado Mata Natalia Alvarez Skyler Bendixen Emma Boettcher Zinnya Brightman Halia Burroughs Elias Calkins Julia Castro Remi Castro Heidi Cook Emma Coultas Aiden Davis Addalyn Dederling Michael Fibiger Autumn Germain Eliza Gerrits Evan Glennon Olivia Grimins Diland Guaman Guayllas John Gurrola Steve Hansman Addison Hanusa Jason Harris Ava Heid-Krutz Caeden Heimerl Hayden Heise Owen Hildebrand Aiden Hoier Aaron Hurley-Vance Nicholas Koehnke Dane Krutz Landon Kuss Oliver Lawrence AnBrianna Lenz	Xiomara Liriano Rueda Brooklyn Loy Andrew Mach Braden Maguire Jay Mainville Gabriel Martin Isabella Martynowski Troyce Mattes Owen Mayer Noah Meverden Leif Mickelson Ryleigh Misevitz Addisyn Monfort Harvick Moore John Munson Aiden Nawrot Izabel Neubauer Jonah Olson Kendall Ortiz Agostino Pannuzzo Cylas Parker Sydney Pasch Colton Pelant Landon Perron Emilio Robles Keily Saucedo Sienna Schiedermayer Payton Sessions Liliyanna Sickler Isaiah Sparks John Stress Hana Thao Madelyn Thao Chase Thomson Addilyn Turner Piper Van Sambeek Phoenix Vanesky Ginseng Vang Brooklyn Waitrovich Chloe Watson Caroline Weber Quincy Weller Tristan Westover Zander Witte Hannah Xiong Viviana Xiong
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Seniors Highest Honors Ethan Auer Zachary Beyer Erin Blaney Norah Boehm Madeleine Breen Sean Brennan Isabella Dupont Ethan Gustafson Owen Hansen Ava Hoger Maria Johnson Vivian Koski Mary McCurdy Redvers Muggleton Olivia Nagel Mia Pable Breelyn Pauly Ella Robertson Teresa Rutchik Adel Schneider Joanne Walsh Audrey Weber Samantha Weiss	Kaden Mielke Sean Osland Elliot Reichenbacher Mason Uhlenbrauck Mason Wagner Madeline Weninger David Young	High Honors Samantha Danen Maddox Dwyer Nazarae Guyette Hailey Kane Jesus Leon-Vera Nicholas Miller Carter Nicholson Maxwell Osgood John Pirillo Bethany Ruppert Kaylee Sommerfeld Isabella Strande Isabella Woodbridge
Higher Honors Wyatt Birling Anna DeWitt Ana Emenecker Jacob Hall Kailynn Hammond Isaiah Hennessy McKenna Lau Meagan McCune Kristina McNulty	Honors Camden Collins Brennan Rollo	Honors Alec Peirick Autumn Crowe Elizabeth Mccauley Maxwell Vosters Ema Feniková Jacob Post Kieran Bergstrom Nicholas Campbell Halle Janssen Mina Jackson Miles Treep Cora Epping
Higher Honors Wyatt Birling Anna DeWitt Ana Emenecker Jacob Hall Kailynn Hammond Isaiah Hennessy McKenna Lau Meagan McCune Kristina McNulty	Juniors Highest Honors Cadence Kohel Jost Kroutil Wiktorija Mielech Luke Fairweather Claire Higgins Ainslie Liddy Luci Nackers Esther Pingel	Higher Honors Elijah Boehm

St. Mary Catholic High School

St. Mary Catholic High School announced its first-semester honor roll. Highest honors were awarded for a grade point average of 4.0; higher honors for a GPA of 3.75-3.99; high honors for a GPA of 3.5-3.74; honors for a GPA of 3.0-3.49.

Tarver Trinkner Abigail McClone Brandon DeBraul Piper Neubauer Dominic Osgood Ellie Pickering Alexander Klinkhammer Aiden Tines	Gibson Raue Loraine Umugwaneza Dominic Todd Nadia Alexander Molly Murphy Isabelle Callan Moorea Steckling Kiersten Wautlet	Daniel Kutney Molly Nagel Ashlyn Pauly Isaac Valentine Emily Weiss	Alice Troian Mello Chloe Vondra
Higher Honors Brayan De Arriba Hidalgo Alec Peirick Autumn Crowe Elizabeth Mccauley Maxwell Vosters Ema Feniková Jacob Post Kieran Bergstrom Nicholas Campbell Halle Janssen Mina Jackson Miles Treep Cora Epping	Honors Amelia Virlee Mariana Lopez Lopez Blayke Daczyk Lucy Norville Jacob Brigham Emily De Young Zachary Gaab	Higher Honors Vivienne Auth Juliette Bergstrom Maya Birling Brecken Britzke Ethan Charapata Angel Cooper Noelle Davel Margaret Destree Jacob DeWitt Owen DeWitt Brennan Dupont Daphne Dwyer Claire Mislinski Addison Nicholson Morgan Porsche Scarlett Reichenbacher Grace Rice Michael Rodman Paxtryn Trinkner	High Honors Brendan Albers Ella Berzowski Ella Chier Brady DeLeeuw Nicholas Jensen Parker Kolosso Colton Kraft Hailey Lepak Kaydence Neuman Ryan Ruelle Ryker Timmerman Hazel Treep David Voss Roman Wenninger
Higher Honors Wyatt Birling Anna DeWitt Ana Emenecker Jacob Hall Kailynn Hammond Isaiah Hennessy McKenna Lau Meagan McCune Kristina McNulty	Honors Gavin Beck Dylan Brenn Adele Brennan Gabrielle Guerrero Anderson Homburg Alyssa Jahnke	Higher Honors Bryce Heimann Joseph Immel Winston Ogden Emma Pool Rhett Probst Cayden Stoltenow Kennedy Uptagraft	Higher Honors Mary Auer Lucy Berzowski Allison Engelbert Gabriel Hellmer Izabelle Hernke Katelyn Kegley Moir Lewis Illa Moder Claire Nelson Jameson Tines Pedro Troian Mello Caleb Vogel Aubrey Wagner

Freshmen Highest Honors Mary Auer Lucy Berzowski Allison Engelbert Gabriel Hellmer Izabelle Hernke Katelyn Kegley Moir Lewis Illa Moder Claire Nelson Jameson Tines Pedro Troian Mello Caleb Vogel Aubrey Wagner	High Honors Charles Couchene Gloria Groom Beatrice Kubiak Josiah Marston Andres Muniz Juliana Oost Colin Osland Martha Peters Flora Preissner Dain Saringer Milly Scanlan	Honors Antonella Andrade Valbuena Grant Berghuis Will Jon Callies Sawyer DeMars Andrew Ernsting Aksel Giebel Marist Hasenohrl Logan Hehli Nathan Jensen Benjamin Kuffel Oliver McMillan Alisson Medina-Reyes Braelyn Mischler Elsa Rossmeissl Gracie Schmalz Madylin Sokel Reyce Timmerman
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Public library calendar

March 2
 Stitching Group 1 p.m.
 Adult Afternoon Program: Journey of a Thousand Lifers 2 p.m.

March 3
 March Mammal Madness Kick-Off 6 p.m.
 Powered by Yarn 6:30 p.m.

March 4
 Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.

March 5
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

March 6
 Fitness Friday: Boot Camp 9:15 a.m.
 First Friday Concert: Steven Paul Spears and Linda Sparks 2 p.m.

March 8
 Sunday Concert: Kevin Van Ess and the Talk of the Town 2 p.m.

March 9
 Monday Matinee: Now You See Me, Now You Don't 1 p.m.
 Short Story Night at Lion's Tale 7 p.m.

March 10
 Adaptive Storytime (ages 0-5) 9:15 a.m.

Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 10 a.m.
 Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.
 Tech Talk Tuesday: Is That AI? An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence 1:30 p.m.
 Legal Assistance Clinic 4:30 p.m.

March 11
 Baby Time Storytime (birth to 12 months) 9:15 a.m.
 Musical Movers Storytime (ages 0-6) 10 a.m.
 Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.
 Adult DIY Design Workshop 6:30 p.m.

March 12
 Wee Read Storytime *with ASL interpretation (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

March 13
 Tabletop Miniature Painting Workshop 2 p.m.

March 14
 Repair Cafe Fox Valley 11:30 a.m.

March 16
 Memory Cafe: Growing Up Neenah 1:30 p.m.

Women's Health Empowerment Series: Caring for Your Breasts 6:30 p.m.
 Not Quite Cozy Mystery Book Club 6:30 p.m.

March 17
 Adaptive Storytime (ages 0-5) 9:15 a.m.
 Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 10 a.m.
 Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.
 Tween Create Lab: Monoprints 3:30 p.m.
 Cookbook Book Club 6:30 p.m.

March 18
 Baby Time Storytime (birth to 12 months) 9:15 a.m.
 Musical Movers Storytime (ages 0-6) 10 a.m.
 Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.

March 19
 Wee Read Storytime *with ASL interpretation (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.
 History Program: The History of Sturgeon Spearing on Lake Winnebago 6:30 p.m.

March 20
 Fitness Friday: Balance and Strength 9:15 a.m.
 Chair Yoga 10:30 a.m.

March 21
 Volunteens! - Ages 12-18 10:30 a.m.

March 23
 Monday Morning Book Klatch 10 a.m.
 Outdoors with Rob Zimmer: Spring Migrations 1 p.m.

March 24
 Adaptive Storytime (ages 0-5) 9:15 a.m.
 Toddle Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 10 a.m.
 Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.

March 25
 Baby Time Storytime (birth to 12 months) 9:15 a.m.
 Musical Movers Storytime (ages 0-6) 10 a.m.
 Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.

March 26
 Wee Read Storytime *with ASL interpretation (ages 2 and up) 10 a.m.
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

March 30
 Special Event: Spring Break Program - Anywhere Art 10 a.m.

March 31
 Special Event: Spring Break Program - Tinker Tuesday 10 a.m.
 Storytime for Everyone (all ages) 10 a.m.
 Movie Talks: The Night of the Hunter 6:30 p.m.
 Suburban Homesteading: Introduction to Seed Starting 6:30 p.m.

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The Neenah High School Fishing team became the first two-time WIFA Team of the Year award recipient and finished in ninth place during the state tournament last weekend.

Fishing team receives statewide recognition

Neenah News

The Neenah High School Fishing Team was recognized last week as the 2025 Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association (WIFA) Team of the Year.

The award was presented to Coach Chris Jones during the Friday night dinner and rules meeting prior to the WIFA HS State Championship in Wausau. The team was nominated by several coaches throughout the state, with the team completing the application paperwork in January and being selected by the WIFA board in February.

Neenah's fishing program includes 40 high school members and over 150 students in the Finatics Fishing Club in grades 5-8. Since inception in 2012, over 1,000 students have gone through these programs.

"Our fishing program in Neenah is all about providing opportunities for students to experience the outdoors and for our coaches to 'be the person they needed when they were that age,'" Jones said.

Neenah is WIFA's first two-time Team of the Year award recipient, earning the recognition for the first time in 2018.

The team also competed Saturday in the WIFA Ice Fishing State Championship, finishing in ninth place, with a total 326.5 inches of Wisconsin River fish, all caught and released that day. The team entered 36 fish out of a total 40 possible bag limit, on a challenging day, fishing the waters of

Lake DuBay, the Stevens Point Flowage and Half Moon Lake in Mosinee.

Only three of the 92 teams in the field caught a limit, including Winneconne, which came in first place, earning their first state title. The ninth place finish for the Rockets marked the 10th time since 2012 Neenah has earned a top ten finish in the WIFA HS State Championship. Neenah secured state titles in 2018 in Minocqua and during a statewide virtual event in 2024.

Neenah's 12-student varsity team took to the ice at 6:30 a.m., quickly catching limits of Walleye, Crappie, and Perch on Lake DuBay and Bluegill in Stevens Point before noon and then focused on catching Northern Pike, which turned out to be difficult for the team in this event.

Neenah is led by a senior squad, including Ayden Bartz, Jake Kachur, Roman Lange, Konnor Martin, Brady Mayer, Gage Needler, Cooper Schalow and Braydon Willes. Junior Brandon Melewski and sophomores Korbin Baltus, Brock Koepke and Mason Winkler also contributed to the team.

The team prepares to finish its ice competition season the next two weeks, with tournaments in northern Wisconsin and a team banquet in April, before their open water competition season begins. The team is coached by Chris Jones, Jon Guntow, Parker Sonnabend, Wilson Baltus, Anthony Lange, Dave Sonnabend and BJ Dorschner.

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Rockets skate into sectional final after win over Stars

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Clayton Laabs wasn't looking to score a goal.

He figured his looping wristshot from the right faceoff circle might eventually find the net, but the basic plan was for it to be an assist rather than a goal.

"I was just trying to put it on net," the junior defenseman for Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha said. "I knew the boys were crashing the net and I figured it would find its way in eventually."

Laabs' shot, however, found its way through Fox Cities Stars goalkeeper Elliott Reichenbacher on its own, trickling over the goal line for what proved to be the deciding goal in a 5-3 win in a WIAA Division 1 sectional semifinal at the First Community Champion Center in Appleton on Tuesday night.

"It snuck through," Laabs said of his goal that gave the Rockets a two-goal cushion with 6:33 remaining. "I watched it get across the goal line and I knew I was going to go to the bench and celebrate with the boys."

The Rockets will now face De Pere/West De Pere in a sectional final on Friday night at the Cornerstone Ice Arena. Neenah is looking for its first state tournament berth since 2019 when the team finished as state runner-up.

It is the second straight year the Rockets have reached the sectional final. They lost to Green Bay Notre Dame, 4-2, in last year's game.

"I think the nerves got to us in the first period last year," Laabs said. "We are going to focus on each and not the crowd around us and just take it play by play and shift by shift."

Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha had been knocked out of the WIAA tournament by Notre Dame in three of the last four years, including twice in the sectional final.

This year the Tritons were knocked out of the postseason in the regional final level by the Bay Area Bears meaning the Rockets would be able to avoid Notre Dame on a potential trip to state.

"Obviously, (Notre Dame losing) was a big boost for us coming into tonight," said Cartyr Simonson said. "But we know whichever team we have to play on Friday night is going to be good."

Simonson provided a pretty big boost against the Stars, scoring with two seconds left in the second period to send the Rockets into the intermission with the lead.

Fox Cities had tied the game with just more than two minutes to go in the period but Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha mounted the late attack to regain the lead.

"We said that we had a chance to go get one here so let's not quit and go right to the buzzer and he did it. That swayed some things in our direction," Rockets



Laabs



Simonson

head coach Jeff Lindemann said. "Cartyr showed a lot of patience on that one. We had about three chances to get the puck past (Reichenbacher) before it finally went in."

After some sustained pressure in the Stars' zone, Simonson came up with possession of the puck right in front of the goal and appeared to wait before poking the puck into a open space to the left of Reichenbacher.

"I had no idea how much time was left," Simonson said. "If I had known, I probably would have just shot it right away."

The 3-2 lead the Rockets took into the third period stayed intact until Laabs' goal but Fox Cities didn't make it easy for Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha.

Despite a strong forecheck by the Rockets in the third period, the Stars were able to pull back within a goal with just over four minutes to play.

"I was talking to Keegan (Krueger between periods) and he said we run the forecheck we've run the last few games, we are going to be good," Lindemann said. "Get pucks deep and make them go 200 feet. That's what we did. A couple of times we didn't get the pucks as deep as

we wanted and one of those times they were able to score a goal."

The Stars continued to mount some offensive pressure in the minutes but Rockets' goalkeeper Matthew Nelson – who finished with 16 saves – made a couple of key stops to keep the lead intact.

Then, after the Stars pulled Reichenbacher for an extra skater with about a minute to play, Mark Sutton was able to skate the puck into the Fox Cities' zone and fire a shot into the empty net.

Sutton and Simonson each finished with two goals in the game for the Rockets, who trailed 1-0 after Fox Cities scored early in the second period after a scoreless first stanza.

Simonson scored – firing a wrist shot from the right faceoff circle for a power play goal – to tie the game and then Sutton made it 2-1 forcing one past Reichenbacher on a scrum in front of the goal.

"We have been 0-0 in a lot of games this year and that's when our depth starts taking over," Lindemann said. "Guys get tired and we still have some gas in the tank."

Upcoming bowling event raises money for kids

Neenah News

Fox Cities Bowl for Kids' Sake will feature glitz, glam and good luck with a "Viva Bowl Vegas" for this year's event.

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Rocket wrestlers take aim at state tournament success

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Declan Koch isn't going to sneak up on any opponent at the state wrestling tournament.

The Neenah senior is a four-time state qualifier, who finished second the last two seasons and placed third as a freshman. He's the top seed in the Division 1 157-pound bracket and sports a perfect 47-0 record entering the event.

With being that recognizable, it means that Koch sports a pretty sizeable bull's-eye on his back. For some wrestlers, knowing that target is there can bring overwhelming pressure.

For Koch, though, it doesn't seem that big of a deal.

"I've gotten used to it. I don't feel any pressure," Koch said before a practice this week. "I know guys are going to slow things down. I just have to wrestle my match."

Koch is one of six wrestlers for Neenah competing in the WIAA State Wrestling Tournament, which started on Thursday and is one of two four-time state qualifiers taking the mat for the Rockets.

Kylee Kurszewski, who also finished second at state last year, joins Koch as a four-time state qualifier, while junior Amari Richard is making her third trip to Madison.

Junior Landen Sheppard is returning for the second straight season for the boys, while senior Kaden Roth and freshman Broden Butzke qualified for state for the first time.

Koch, who is committed to the University of Northern Iowa to wrestle next year, said he still has the same excitement making his fourth trip to state but this one will have a different ending.

Not only does he hope to climb to the top step of the awards podium, but he knows that when it's over he won't don the Neenah singlet again.

"It will be tough taking that off for the last time but knowing that wrestling will continue does make it easier," Koch said. "I just have to keep scoring points and



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The contingent of Neenah wrestlers competing at the state meet in Madison are: (front, from left) Kylee Kurszewski and Amari Richard; (back, from left) Broden Butzke, Declan Koch, Landen Sheppard, Kaden Roth.

having fun. Let it fly and it will take care of itself."

Last year was the first state medal Kurszewski collected and her goal is to return to the finals on Saturday night but come away with a golden piece of hardware this time.

She entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed at 126 pounds – the same seed she was last season – and has already racked up 50 wins on the season. She believes she can add to that total in Madison.

"I just feel more prepared this year. My skill set has definitely grown since the last

time I was there. I just feel ready and I'm really excited," Kurszewski said. "I think about (wrestling on Saturday night again) all of the time. That's the end goal and I am going to make that happen."

Kurszewski comes off a surprising second-place finish at last Saturday's sectional meet where she suffered just her third loss of the season.

But that defeat didn't shake the senior's confidence. In fact, it may have put a chip on her shoulder.

"It was a blessing that I lost. It put a fire under me and just motivates me," Kurszewski said.

wski said. "Taking it one match at a time and just having fun is key for me. I wrestle my best when I'm having fun so just letting it fly and make sure I'm having fun down there."

Sheppard is looking to improve on last year's sixth-place finish at state and believes the experience of last year changes his outlook heading into this year's meet.

"My goals have changed from last year. I want to make it to Saturday night," said Sheppard, who entered the state meet with a 46-4 record and was seeded second at 150 pounds. "I just have to take it one match at a time and just wrestle my match when I'm out there."

Richard also has plenty of experience at the state meet and has won two matches in each of her first two trips to Madison. Yet, both years she has come up one win short of reaching the medal matches.

This year, she believes it's going to end differently.

"Obviously the last two years falling a little short has put a fire under me so all year I have been wrestling hard and keeping the goal of placing at state in mind," Richard said. "Going to state is part of the routine now, just bigger and different goals heading down this year."

"I think about (wrestling for a state title) every day and hopefully you will see me down there."

Roth came within one match of making it to state last season and that has served as a burr underneath his motivational saddle for his senior year.

When he officially clinched his spot with a second-place finish at the sectional meet, it was a special feeling.

"It was an exceptional feeling," said Roth, who entered the state tournament with a 41-9 record and is seeded 11th among the 16 wrestlers in the 190-pound bracket. "I fell short of my goal last year but achieving it this year and getting one step closer to my goal of placing at state was great. It was hard to believe it was actually happening."

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Prep sports roundup

SWIMMING

Rockets' Wendell competes at state meet

Neenah junior Burke Wendell finished in the top 20 in both of his events at the WIAA Division state swimming meet on Saturday at Waukesha South High School.

Wendell, who was competing at the state meet for the second straight year but for the first time in individual events, earned his best finish in the 100-yard breaststroke where he placed 14th among the 24 competitors. He finished with a time of 58.93 seconds, which was about seven-tenths of a second away from a top-10 finish.

Wendell also competed in the 200-yard individual medley, where he placed 20th with a time of 2:00.52.

Middleton won its fourth straight Division 1 team title at the meet with Brookfield Central/East taking second.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Neenah duo returning to state meet

Senior Kylee Kurszewski and junior Amari Richard are back in the state tournament field after each placed second in their respective weight classes at the sectional meet in Waupaca last Friday.

Kurszewski, who was the state runner-up last season at 114 pounds and will be making her fourth trip to the state meet, was pinned in the semifinals at sectionals but came back with two dominating wins to take second.

She pinned Valders' Alexandra Trepasso in 1:34 in her first wrestleback match and

then scored a 19-2 technical fall win over Menasha's Taya Johnson to take second.

Richard, who earned her third trip to Madison, pinned her first opponent and then topped Mishicot's Michaely Wotachek by an 18-1 technical fall in the semifinals.

She lost to Menasha's Lilliana Banks – who has just one loss on the year – in the title bout and then avoided a wrestleback to earn her second-place finish.

Joelle Reay added a third place at 114 pounds after finishing 2-1 on the day. Reay pinned her first opponent but then lost to Brinley Miller of Brillion. Reay rebounded to pin Brooklyn Hull-Riggs of New London, but when Miller lost a close match in the finals, the Neenah senior didn't get the chance to wrestleback for second place.

Raleigh Pearson (120) and Lluvia Carilo (185) both competed for Neenah but dropped their first-round matches.

BOYS WRESTLING

Rockets fall at team sectionals

Neenah dropped a tight battle with Bay Port, 37-35, and were eliminated after the first round of the inaugural WIAA Team Sectional tournament last Saturday.

The Rockets won the first three matches of the dual meet with the Pirates as Landen Sheppard (150) and Declan Koch (165) earned pins around a Jackson Lichty decision win at 157 pounds.

Braydon Millbrodt added a pin at 215 pounds for the Rockets while Broden Butzke won by technical fall at 113 pounds. Neenah also got major decision wins from Garrett Nedens (126) and Jax-

potential that lies ahead of him.

"Definitely trying to place this and getting ready for the years to come. Focusing in on every match and wrestle with my heart," Butzke said. "It feels really exciting. It's a feeling I've never felt before. I never thought I would come this far."

Butzke said he's already gotten tips from Koch and Sheppard on what to expect in Madison and he plans to soak up as much knowledge as he can from his teammates.

"They have told me don't worry about the opponents you are going against. Just wrestle with your heart and put in 100 percent effort into every match," Butzke said. "They are definitely going to influence me for the years to come. I'm going to watch them a lot and I can learn a lot from them."

on Ennis (144).

BOYS HOCKEY

Rockets pick up shutout win over West Bend

Matthew Nelson stopped all eight shots he faced and Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha scored six goals in the first half to knock off the West Bend Bears, 8-0, in the first round of the WIAA Division 1 tournament last week.

Cartyr Simonson notched a hat trick in the game, while Preston Liedke added a pair of goals for the Rockets. Max Jablonski, Mason King and Zach Verhagen also scored in the game.

Mark Sutton finished with three assists in the game, while Clay Laabs, Macsen Selch, Zah Verhagen and Keegan Krueger each had two.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Zephyrs wrap up Big East North title

St. Mary Catholic completed an undefeated run through the conference schedule with a 69-36 win over Reedsville in the Zephyrs regular-season finale last Friday.

St. Mary Catholic built a 39-11 lead at halftime and coasted in the second half to the win on the road.

Autumn Crowe finished with 21 points and six rebounds to lead the Zephyrs, who had 11 different players score in the game. Bitsy McCauley also reached double figures with 13 points and added five steals.

The Zephyrs will host Iola-Scandinavia in a WIAA Division 4 regional semifinal on Friday night with the winner advancing to a regional final on Saturday.

Rockets lose regular-season finale

Neenah came up short in a hard-fought

64-50 loss to third-ranked Kimberly in the team's regular-season finale last Thursday.

The Rockets led 29-28 at halftime but couldn't hold off the Papermakers in the second half.

Rowan Klesmit totaled 21 points and hit four 3-pointers in the game to lead the Rockets, while Ellie Buss finished with 13.

Neenah will host Oshkosh West in a WIAA Division 1 regional semifinal on Friday night.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Neenah knocks off Kimberly in OT

Xavier Bezares and Jacob Jungwirth each scored 14 points and the Rockets rallied from a halftime deficit to upend the Papermakers.

Bezares and Jungwirth combine for five of the team's seven 3-pointers in the game, while Jungwirth also grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

Kolton Fleege added nine points for the Rockets, who trailed 24-20 at intermission before tying the game at 47 at the end of regulation.

Zephyrs drop pair of tight contests

St. Mary Catholic lost a pair of games on back-to-back days last weekend, losing to The Prairie School 74-65 on Saturday afternoon after falling to Reedsville, 75-66, the night before.

Luke Fairweather finished with 14 points and six assists against The Prairie School, while Tarver Trinkner and Dylan Brenn each scored 11 points.

In the loss to Reedsville, the Zephyrs hit 10 3-pointers and shot 44 percent from behind the arc in the game.

Brenn finished with 22 points to lead the way, while Mason Uhlenbrauck scored 20 points.

State wrestling

FROM PAGE 10

Roth may be an underdog in his bracket, but the talent around him in Neenah's practice room has helped him learn and he knows he's taking the mat with nothing to lose as a senior.

"Wrestling at sectionals it was really all or nothing – I had no reason to hold anything back. That's the same thing (for state)," Roth said. "I have to stay prepared and not blow it up and make my nerves go crazy. It's just a wrestling match – that's how I have to treat it."

Butzke, who wrestles at 113 pounds and entered the state tournament with a 39-11 record, certainly wants to do well in his first trip to state, but he is also aware of the

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