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Horseshoe Beverage seeks to expand

By Dave Gill
NEENAH NEWS

Trilliant Food and Nutrition is preparing for an expansion at its Neenah Horseshoe Beverage facility following the recommendation of the City of Neenah's Finance and Personnel Committee to sell city land near Horseshoe Beverage to the company for \$428,700.

The Neenah Common Council is scheduled to consider the recommendation at its next meeting on Wednesday.

The committee's agenda stated to "recommend Council approve the Development Agreement and Offer to Purchase with Horseshoe Beverage, LLC, to support the company's future expansion plans in the city's Southpark Industrial Center."

"We're really excited about this development," said Deputy Director of Community Development and Assessment Brad Schmidt. "First, we have property to sell, and we want to see it get developed

and back on the tax rolls."

A portion of the summary of the development agreement, according to a memorandum to the committee from Kelly Nieforth, Neenah's Director of Community Development and Assessment, states:

Horseshoe will purchase the 17-acre site from the city for a sale price of \$428,700 with the closing occurring no

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Photo by David Hall

Springtime symphony

The Neenah Community Band, under the direction of Matthew Thiel, filled the Performing Arts Center at Neenah High School with a selection of classical and contemporary works Sunday during its annual Spring Concert. The performance brought together musicians of all ages from across the Fox Cities to celebrate the season. The Summer Concert Series at Riverside Park kicks off June 9.

Name of townhouse development honors former school

By Dave Gill
NEENAH NEWS

The 56-unit set of townhouses under construction on Forest Avenue on Doty Island in Neenah for ThedaCare Regional Medical Center's new 56-unit townhouse project officially will be named Roosevelt Commons.

"ThedaCare can confirm the name of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) townhouses for medical residents will be Roosevelt Commons," said Lynn Detterman, president of the North Region of Froedtert ThedaCare. "We look forward to welcoming our first residents in 2026,

preparing physicians to serve across ThedaCare sites, extending medical education and improving patient care access throughout our region."

The construction project is being built by ThedaCare to house the hospital's new physician residency program. The first phase of 28 units is scheduled to be finished by this summer while the construction of the remaining 28 units is expected to begin this fall.

The decision to name the townhouse development came after some residents attended last week's City of Neenah Common Council meeting in support of the

idea. Neenah Mayor Jane Lang said grassroots efforts like this one are always the best way for residents to effect change in any community.

Lang said before the announcement that, although it is up to ThedaCare to name their new facility, she welcomed citizens to become involved in the history of Neenah and express to ThedaCare that the century-old Roosevelt Elementary School should be memorialized in some way that reflects the site's history.

In public forum comments at the common council meeting March 18, interested residents, neighbors and former

Roosevelt alumni supported the idea of "Roosevelt Commons" being the name of ThedaCare's townhouse project.

"They should be contacting ThedaCare as well," Lang said of the public forum speakers.

She added there's nothing stopping them from reaching out and pleading their case.

"If the community supports it, then I support it," Lang said.

The residents' efforts paid off with the decision by ThedaCare announced

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Company renews commitment to support young professionals

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Jewelers Mutual Group has renewed their commitment as a Fox Cities Chamber Pulse Champion of Young Professionals for 2026.

The designation honors organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to fostering an engaging, supportive workplace for young professionals.

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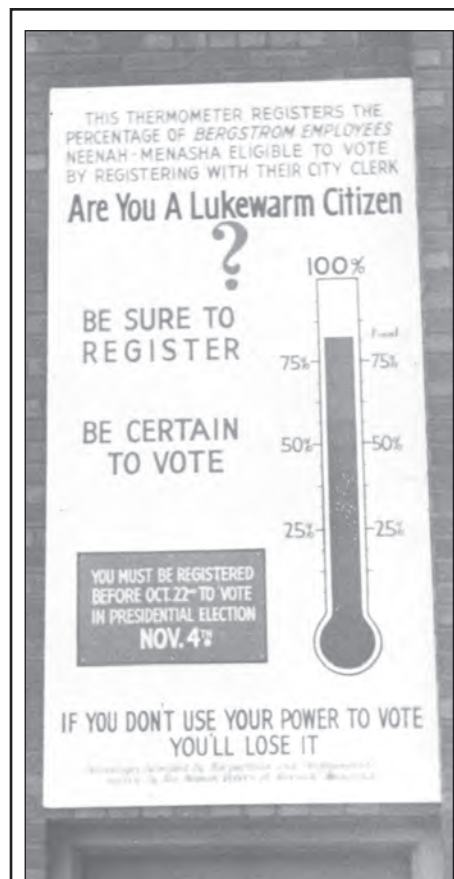
For more information about Pulse Young Professionals and the Champion of Young Professionals Program, visit foxcitieschamber.com/pulse-young-professional-network.

Business news roundup

Goodwill North Central Wisconsin (Goodwill NCW) has appointed Kayla Countney as partnerships and development manager, a newly created role focused on strengthening community partnerships and expanding philanthropic support for its mission of Elevating People by Eliminating Barriers to Employment across north central Wisconsin. In her role, Countney leads donor engagement and stewardship, cultivates corporate and community partnerships, and supports fundraising initiatives such as the annual Goodwill Starts with You Gala presented by Capital Credit Union, which expands the reach and impact of Goodwill NCW's mission services - helping

increase access to training, job readiness support, and employment opportunities throughout the region.

Verve, a Credit Union, has named Jamie Van Wagoner assistant vice president of experience and growth - digital branch. In this role, Van Wagoner will lead Verve's Digital Branch, overseeing video tellers, phone service and sales, chat, and video banking. Van Wagoner will be responsible for delivering a consistent, high-quality member experience across all remote channels, driving digital growth and ensuring operational excellence as Verve continues to evolve how members engage with the credit union.



Neenah Historical Society photo

Voter registration

In 1953, Bergstrom Paper Company took count of its employees registered to vote in the upcoming election. According to the chart, over 75% were registered.

Calendar of events

Sunday, March 29

Photos with the Easter Bunny, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Monday, March 30

Spring Break Program - Anywhere Art, 10 a.m., Neenah Public Library

Tuesday, March 31

Spring Break Program - Tinker Tuesday, 10 a.m., Neenah Public Library
Movie Talks: The Night of the Hunter, 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library
Suburban Homesteading: Introduction to Seed Starting, 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Wednesday, April 1

Spring Break Program - Bingo, 10 a.m., Neenah Public Library

Thursday, April 2

Spring Break Program - Scavenger Hunt, all day, Neenah Public Library

Friday, April 3

First Friday Concert: Christo Rupenthal, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Saturday, April 4

Art Activity Day - Hop Into Spring Suncatcher, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Youth Egg Hunt, 10:30 a.m., O'Hausser Park, Fox Crossing

Monday, April 6

Adult Afternoon Program: Hooked on History! Early Wisconsin Fishing Lures, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Class Fiddles Concert, 7 p.m., NHS Performing Arts Center

Saturday, April 11

Brews with the Bunny, 5 p.m., Fritsch Park, Fox Crossing

Adults-Only Egg Hunt, 7:45 p.m., Fritsch Park, Fox Crossing

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Health officials seek to counter falling vaccination rates

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

It's a trend Jaci Grignon isn't happy to see — declining immunization rates in the county.

In 2025, 69% of 2-year-olds received their prescribed vaccines in Winnebago County. Statewide, the average is 67%. Both continue a steady decline.

"Vaccinations are trending down, and we do what we can to support community members and providers so they can have access to vaccines and encourage people to make sure they receive their vaccinations on schedule," said Grignon, Winnebago County's public health nurse and communicable disease supervisor.

There are several reasons why children do not get their vaccines on time, Grignon said. Some parents are busy and struggle to get their children into the doctor on time while other parents are misinformed about vaccine dangers.

"Vaccines are safe for children — they are low risk, high benefit," she said. "If parents have questions about vaccines, they should ask their child's doctors what they recommend for their child."

Kori Krueger, MD, MBA, senior vice president and president of Froedtert ThedaCare North Region Physician Group,

agreed a child's medical provider is the ideal person to turn to with questions about vaccinations.

Vaccinations are a fundamental cornerstone of health," he said. "They help stop the spread of diseases and keep our communities healthier. For children, especially young children, getting their immunizations on schedule helps them build their own immunities against these diseases and is critically important to their health."

By age 2, children should be vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (known as DTaP); polio; measles, mumps and rubella; Haemophilus influenzae type b (known as HiB); hepatitis B; chicken pox; and pneumonia and meningitis.

Winnebago County offers free or low-cost vaccines for children who do not have health insurance, are enrolled or eligible for Medicaid, have health insurance that does not pay for vaccines or are an American Indian, through its Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

The county also has a Vaccines for Adults Program, which provides free or low-cost vaccinations to uninsured or underinsured adults.

Community members can call 920-232-3000 for more information on both

programs and to schedule an appointment.

Preparing for possible measles outbreak

While vaccines protect people against a variety of illnesses, measles attracts the most attention and concern. That's because the disease is highly contagious and other parts of the country have already been hit hard by measles outbreaks, Grignon said.

"So many bad things can happen when you have the measles," she said, adding some people can be hospitalized after coming down with the measles. "You can develop pneumonia, you can get encephalitis, ear infections or even hearing loss."

Common measles symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes with the red, blotchy rash

starting three to five days after the first symptoms appear.

Grignon encourages people who have not been vaccinated against the measles to get their immunization now to protect themselves.

The health department has held multiple planning sessions with the local health systems and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to prepare for a potential outbreak. They've looked at different scenarios, such as how to safely test people with potential measles cases so they don't encounter others and risk infecting others, help people recognize measles symptoms and make sure specimens can get quickly to the state hygiene lab for testing.

"We want to iron out any issues before we have a case," Grignon said. "We are bracing and preparing for if and when a measles outbreak happens in Winnebago County."

New restaurant planned for Doty Island

Neenah News

Plans were announced last week for a new Diablo's Tacos restaurant to be named The Islander Bar and Grill.

The new restaurant will consist of wings, burgers, brunch and drink specials. According to Diablo's Tacos, plans have been in the works for the past year.

"We have finally got everything ap-

proved," a Diablo's Tacos Facebook post read. "We are very thankful for everyone's support. This is something unique and one of a kind. We can't wait open our doors."

Islander Bar and Grill will be located at 240 First St. next to ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah on Doty Island. The restaurant is expected to open this summer.

County board approves facility design study funding

Neenah News

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved using \$2.6 million in Spirit Funds to design an expanded highway department building and move the county facilities department to the same complex.

The board approved the measure during its March 17 meeting.

An expanded highway building would

have more room for the county's equipment, including its three-axle trucks, a new truck wash, a larger salt shed and a larger conference room. Moving the facilities department to the same location will be more efficient since it will put it closer to more of the county's buildings.

The county will look at including the construction in its 2027 budget.

Fox Crossing police department adds two officers

Neenah News

Two new officers have joined the Fox Crossing Police Department.

Officers Dani Jo Burns and Isaiah Coblentz were welcomed to the force Monday during the village board meeting.

Burns has worked for the Oshkosh Police Department. Coblentz has a military background and worked for the Oshkosh Correctional Institution. Both were honored to have a loved one pin on their new FCPD badge.

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Match day welcomes inaugural class of resident physicians

Neenah News

ThedaCare marked a milestone in the Graduate Medical Education (GME) program by celebrating the first Match Day last week, welcoming the inaugural class of resident physicians who will train, care for patients and build their careers within the communities ThedaCare serves.

Match Day is an annual event, held nationally on the third Friday of March, when most soon-to-be graduating medical students across the country, and many physicians in practice, learn where they will complete their residency training. This experience is the hands-on, post-graduate clinical education that shapes the next generation of physicians.

“This moment represents more than an academic achievement,” said Lynn Detterman, president of the North Region of Froedtert ThedaCare. “It reflects a long-term commitment to the future health and vitality of the region. This first Match Day is the culmination of years of intentional planning and collaboration to build a sustainable physician workforce for the future.”

ThedaCare’s future residents were selected from nearly 2,000 applications. They completed several interviews with ThedaCare physicians and allied health professionals, and being ranked based on their accomplishments, interpersonal skills and fit for the health care organization.

The GME program received accreditation in September 2025 and will welcome the first internal medicine residents on July 1.

Physician shortages

ThedaCare is one of the first health sys-



Photo from ThedaCare

ThedaCare marked its first graduate medical education match day as part of a program to prepare to welcome the first cohort of residents to address the increasing need for physicians.

tems in northeast and central Wisconsin to offer an accredited GME program. The program was created to help address physician shortages across Wisconsin, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

Data from the Wisconsin Hospital Association shows Wisconsin needs between 2,000 and 4,000 additional physicians by 2035. Studies show nearly 55% of individuals who complete residency training remain in the community in which they train to practice medicine. Further, 70% of physicians stay in the state when they complete both their GME and residency

in the same state.

“By establishing a locally based program, ThedaCare is strengthening the pipeline of physicians who understand – and are committed to – the unique needs of the region,” said Dr. Paul Bergl, Internal Medicine Residency Program Director. “By training physicians here at ThedaCare, we are investing directly in the long-term health of our patients, our communities and our organization.”

Froedtert ThedaCare is working in concert with the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals for the GME

program to advance knowledge and train future medical professionals. The effort strategically supports the health system’s mission of advancing the health of the communities through excellence and discovery.

“The GME program is a strategic investment in a more resilient and accessible health care system,” Detterman said. “We’re proud to welcome this cohort group of residents who will serve an essential role in caring for patients today and leading the future of medicine. Over time, the GME program will play a critical role in expanding access to care, strengthening rural health and ensuring more physicians choose to live and practice in Wisconsin.”

Community engagement

In 2025, the health care system announced the development of townhouses for future medical residents. The on-campus housing for residents and fellows can allow residents to focus more on training, while caring for patients and families.

The property is adjacent to ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah at the corner of First Street and East Forest Avenue on Doty Island. Approximately 56 townhouses are being built in two phases. The first phase consists of two buildings and 28 units on the west half of the property. Construction began in October 2025 and is expected to be complete this summer.

The second phase consists of two buildings and 28 units on the east half of the property, with construction beginning in fall 2026. Plans call for 32 one-bedroom and 24 two-bedroom townhouses. Each unit would have an attached one- or two-car garage.

Expansion sought

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later than June 30, 2027.

If construction of the agreed upon Phase I improvements, including an addition to their existing facility at 590 Enterprise Drive and construction of a parking lot on the west side of Schultz Drive, does not commence by Dec. 1, 2028, the city may choose to purchase the previously sold land back from Horseshoe.

Phase I improvements shall be completed by Dec. 1, 2030.

Phase II construction, according to the implementation plan, is scheduled to begin in February 2032 with completion set for February 2035.

At the Horseshoe Beverage plant, Trilliant Food and Nutrition produces shelf-stable, ready-to-drink coffee, cold

brew, and functional beverages, according to its website.

It continues, “From bean to bottle, we focus on vertically integrating our operations to have full control of product quality. Our state-of-the-art agitating retort processing equipment and team of thermal processing experts enable us to deliver consistent, high quality shelf-stable products.”

These product brands currently include Nurri protein milk, protein creamer and milk shakes as well as Victor Allen’s coffee pods in light, medium and dark roasts.

According to Trilliant, “We source our own beans from over 25 countries, roast, grind, and package them.

Each step of our high quality and consistent coffee production process takes place in our state-of-the-art precision roasting system and time-tested roasting procedures.”

New state law expands access to breast cancer screenings

Neenah News

A new state law in honor of a Neenah woman will expand access to breast cancer screenings for women throughout Wisconsin.

Gov. Tony Evers signed “Gail’s Law” last week requiring health insurance policies, including BadgerCare, to fully cover medically necessary supplemental breast screenings or diagnostic breast examinations for those with dense breasts or who are at an increased risk of breast cancer.

The legislation honors Gail Zeamer, who passed away in 2024 after a late-stage diagnosis caused by undetected cancer in dense breast tissue. The governor signed “Gail’s Law” at the Wisconsin State Capitol March 19, surrounded by Gail’s husband, Steve, as well as Gail’s daughters, Sophie and Claudia, among others.

Like many others, Gail was diligent in attending her yearly mammograms, but she was not made aware of the increased risk of dense breasts, causing her to receive a delayed, Stage III breast cancer diagnosis in 2016.

As a result of her experience, in April 2018, Gail advocated for and helped pass 2017 Wisconsin Act 201, which requires facilities that perform mammograms to pro-

Clayton fire rescue receives electric vehicle plug

Neenah News

The Town of Clayton Fire Rescue received a grant from Georgia-Pacific for an Emergency EV Plug.

The tool allows the department to safely engage brakes and secure systems in electric vehicles during crashes, giving it an extra layer of safety and control on scene. The department has received the equip-



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Gov. Tony Evers signed “Gail’s Law,” which honors Gail Zeamer of Neenah, who advocated for expanding access to breast cancer screenings. Zeamer passed away in 2024 at the age of 56.

vide notice to patients about dense breast tissue and its increased difficulty to detect breast cancer.

Gail continued to fight and advocate for supplemental screenings for individuals with an increased risk of breast can-

cer throughout her treatment, but in June 2024, Gail passed away at the age of 56. In her honor, Gail’s husband and daughters, along with many other family members, friends, loved ones and community members, continued to advocate for “Gail’s

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ment, trained with it and officially put it into service for the community. Georgia-Pacific’s Bucket Brigade program supports the department’s mission of “Prevent, Respond, and Minimize harm to the people we serve.”

With the increase in electric vehicles, the department said this will certainly be put to good use.

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Law” to help Wisconsinites by enhancing early detection and aiding in the mitigation of health disparities.

“Our mom’s wish was simple, but powerful: that women have access to necessary breast cancer screenings without cost standing in the way,” said Sophie and Claudia Zeamer. “Today, that wish becomes law. Seeing Gail’s Law signed is incredibly meaningful for our family, and we are deeply grateful to the advocates, healthcare providers, and lawmakers who worked together to honor her legacy and help save lives.”

To give ample opportunity for early diagnoses, according to the American Cancer Society, it is recommended that women at average risk for breast cancer should get mammograms every year between the ages of 45 and 54, and women aged 55 and up can switch to a mammogram every other year or choose to continue getting yearly mammograms.

Additionally, it is recommended that women who are at high risk for breast cancer based on certain factors should get a breast MRI and a mammogram every year, typically starting at age 30.

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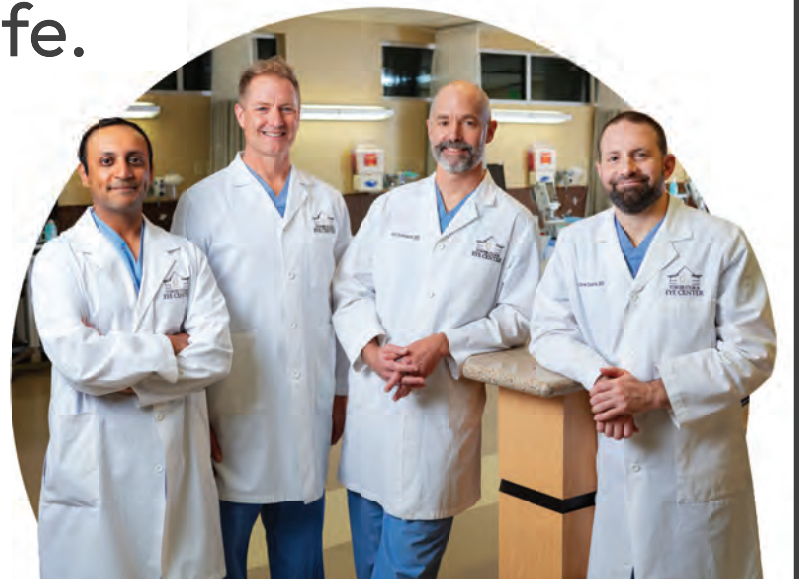
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Candlelight service honors life-saving organ donors

By Pamela Hart
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Life can take an unexpected turn, which was the case for Amy Hopfensperger, who experienced liver failure a few years ago.

Although her liver enzymes were normal, swelling in her legs, feet and abdomen was cause for concern. A visit to the gastroenterologist led to six liver biopsies.

The results were not what Hopfensperger wanted to hear. Severe cirrhosis and liver disease. She was quickly referred to Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee. Hopfensperger's mom accompanied her to the hospital on June 23, 2022, where the doctor told her she needed a full liver transplant, then looked at her mom and said her daughter would be gone by the end of the year without it.

Hopfensperger was added to the UW Organ and Tissue Donation wait list in August 2022. Timing was crucial as her health was declining. She lost over 100 pounds due to loss of appetite, which led to heart failure causing fluid retention and shortness of breath. Then her kidneys began to fail. Hospital stays became more frequent during the fall months as her health continued to worsen.

The call she had been waiting for came on Jan. 3, 2023. Driving through an ice storm, Hopfensperger and her mom arrived at UW Health University hospital later that day. Tests were performed to ensure her body would receive the new liver. Her kidneys failed requiring dialysis. On Jan. 5, she underwent transplant surgery. After 11 days in the hospital, she was back home and happy to be alive.

Since the transplant, Hopfensperger is



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Above: Remember & Rejoice is an event held annually in April to honor all donors (organ, tissue and eye) and their families who selflessly chose to save lives through donation.

At right: Remember & Rejoice includes a one-hour service with a candlelight vigil, music and guest speakers.



no longer able to work as a nurse practitioner due to ammonia toxicity leaving her with brain issues, neuropathy in legs, feet and hands, chronic kidney disease and mild heart failure.

"I have every right to complain about how I feel every day," Hopfensperger said. "I have a lot of issues. But I refuse

to do that so I like to be busy to help others moving forward. I volunteer a ton as a head coach for Special Olympics in the Appleton area. At church, I found a lot of people were praying for me there and they definitely helped me get through the journey, which is a continual journey. It's something that will continue for the rest of my life, but I hope that the worst of it is over and that now I'm living my life again."

The recovery process includes ongoing counseling to cope with the job loss and a new normal. Asher, a Yorkie, has become her emotional support dog who goes everywhere with her. Gardening in the summer also helps to keep her optimistic as she adjusts to this new life.

"I keep telling everybody everything happens for a reason, but I just haven't found my reason because it feels like I'm doing a lot of stuff paying it forward but at the same time when you're used to working 16 hours a day it never feels enough and yet you have to be okay with that being enough right now," Hopfensperger said. "I'm used to saving lives at the hospital, so it's hard for me. Why am I here? Why am I alive? I'm still trying to figure that out."

One reason she is here is to honor organ donors and celebrate recipients through the Remember & Rejoice event held annually in April. A service honoring all donors (organ, tissue and eye) and their families who selflessly chose to save lives through donation.

It also celebrates those who have received the special gifts from donors. The event includes a one-hour service with a candlelight vigil, music and guest speakers. This year's speakers are a specialist from UW Organ and Tissue Donation, a medical director from SSM Health Wisconsin and a heart transplant recipient. A meal is provided after the service as a time to share stories from both the donor families and recipients.

The greatest blessing for Hopfensperger is the organ donor, a 36-year-old wife and mother of two children from West Bend. Hopfensperger was fortunate to meet her family and stays connected with them, especially the 12-year-old daughter.

"The first time I met the daughter was at our event," Hopfensperger said. "She put her hand on my abdomen and said my mommy is in you. That gave me goosebumps and I wanted to cry. We lit a candle together in her mom's honor. She definitely knows I'm alive today because of her mom's choice to be a donor."

Remember & Rejoice will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. April 11 at St. Gabriel Parish, 900 Geiger St. in Neenah. RSVP to Amy Hopfensperger at 920-419-4008 to help prepare for the meal. The event is sponsored by local businesses who provide the food. Everybody is welcome whether they are an organ recipient, family member or friend of an organ donor or want to find out more about organ donation. More information about organ donation is available on the UW Organ and Tissue Donation website at uwotd.org

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Program adds two new drivers, one big milestone

Neenah News

The Go Baby Go! Fox Valley program celebrated a major milestone last week as it delivered its 99th and 100th customized ride-on cars to two Neenah brothers with special health care needs.

Go Baby Go! is a partnership between Children's Wisconsin and Fox Valley Technical College that provides free, modified electric ride-on cars to children with mobility challenges. Each car is uniquely adapted by FVTC Engineering Technologies and Occupational Therapy students. They work alongside faculty and Children's Wisconsin physical and occupational therapists to meet each child's specific mobility needs.

"We take a base car and then we do things like change the wiring up a bit," student Jackson Hoerth said. "We can add a little box, which is a relay that comes with a controller, so the parents can control the car as well as the child. Instead of having the foot pedal, we also have a big button on the steering wheel which makes it easier for them to use. We add protective padding and harnesses to keep the child safe."

Two-year-old Levon and five-year-old Isaac Piasecki were spinning around the room at FVTC shortly after they sat down in their new set of wheels. Their parents have big plans for the boys and their vehicles.

"Because neither of the boys are able to walk yet, we plan for them to use their cars to get out of the house and explore," their mother Mindi Piasecki said. "We have a long driveway and are very close to a nice bike path. I foresee lots of trips in the cars."

This delivery highlights the growing impact for the Go Baby Go! Fox Valley program. It hit the 100th-car milestone in just under three



Submitted photo

A team of FVTC Engineering Technologies and Occupational Therapy students worked with faculty and Children's Wisconsin physical and occupational therapists to get customized ride-on cars ready for children with mobility challenges.

years, after launching in June 2023.

"This milestone reflects the incredible collaboration between our therapists and the talented students and faculty at Fox Valley Technical College," says Amy Van Donsel, therapy manager for Children's Wisconsin in the Fox Valley. "Thanks to our donors who make it possible to give these cars free of charge to families, children have the opportunity to explore their world more independently while bringing so much joy to families."

The Piasecki family is grateful for Go Baby Go! and honored that Isaac and Levon were the recipients of milestone vehicles.

"The entire crew connected to Go Baby Go! has been amazing. Such a fast process and so perfect for our family," Mindi said. "We have five children, four of them with special needs. Our son Isaac will take his Jeep to Milwaukee with him when we live there temporarily while Isaac undergoes a kidney transplant."



Submitted photo

Five-year-old Isaac and two-year-old Levon Piasecki were spinning around the room at Fox Valley Technical College shortly after they sat down in their new set of wheels.

County to test outdoor warning sirens

Neenah News

Winnebago County's outdoor warning sirens will be tested at noon every Saturday starting March 28 and will continue through September, possibly longer, depending on weather.

Tests will be cancelled if severe weather or other serious conditions are imminent.

The Winnebago County Office of Emergency Management reminds citizens that the outdoor warning sirens are designed to warn people who are outdoors that a severe weather situation is happening or is likely to happen soon. They should then seek shelter immediately inside a sturdy

building. Everyone should remain alert to the potential for rapidly changing weather conditions.

Citizens will enhance their severe-weather readiness by purchasing a NOAA Weather Radio. Weather radios may be available from local retailers. These handy radios turn on automatically when the National Weather Service issues weather warnings.

Winnebago County will participate in the statewide mock tornado drill on April 16.

For more information, contact the Winnebago County Office of Emergency Management at 920-236-7463.

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Violinist set to perform with Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

By Eric Endres
NEENAH NEWS

A Neenah High School sophomore was recently recognized for being selected to perform with the Civic Symphony of Green Bay and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Malina Zhang was introduced by her orchestra teacher, Philip Smyth, at the March 3 Neenah Joint School District Board of Education meeting. Smyth listed some of Zhang's accomplishments as a violinist and noted in his written speech that it's difficult to get into the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (MSO) even for paid professionals.

Last fall, Zhang auditioned for her chance to perform with the Civic Symphony of Green Bay for their Brushstrokes & Bowstrokes concert, playing a piece from the late 1800s called Zigeunerweisen by Spanish composer Pablo de Sarasate. Smyth noted that when he was in college, he had a chance to work on this piece but decided it was too hard. Zhang,

on the other hand, stuck with it.

That concert took place on Feb. 20. Six days earlier, Zhang auditioned for a chance to perform as a soloist with the MSO in their Audrey G. Baird Stars of Tomorrow concert competition, which sees auditions by talented young musicians from across the state. Zhang and two others were selected.

The Civic Symphony noted on Facebook that Zhang has practiced with Dr. Yuliya Smead at the Lawrence Community Music School for 11 years, and that she won first place in the Fox Valley Music Teachers Association's Young Artist Festival Junior String Competitions in 2022 and 2024, the Senior String Competition in 2025 and the Small Ensemble Competition in 2024.

And those are just a few of her accolades.

"She is a special student and performer," Smyth said later in an email. "She is an example of what hard work and dedication can accomplish."



Photo from Neenah Joint School District

Conductor Seong-Kyung Graham and violinist Malina Zhang rehearse for a February concert with the Civic Symphony of Green Bay.

Teen artwork on display at glass museum

Neenah News

The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass is presenting the "Teen Voices in Glass: 2026 Area High School Glass Exhibition" presented by Jewelers Mutual featuring glass art created by students at 12 regionally located high schools.

After creating glass art at area high schools and in the museum's Glass Studio as part of a museum enrichment experience called Glass Experience Day, students have the opportunity to share their work in this annual exhibition. The exhibition opened Thursday and closes May 3.

"We are delighted to encourage the creativity of talented young artists in the area with this annual exhibit," museum executive director Amy Moorefield said.

"This event is a unique opportunity for students to share their artistic endeavors in glass with family and friends, in a museum known worldwide for its glass art collection."

The museum is grateful to the over 100 student artists and their supportive teachers for their creativity and dedication to produce these innovative works. With this exhibition, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass hopes to encourage the creativity of talented young artists living in the Fox Valley Region to learn and make art in the medium of glass.

Teacher Emma Santiago from Neenah High School is among those the museum thanks for encouraging their students to participate in this year's exhibition.

Altrusa scholarship available to local students

Neenah News

High school seniors along with undergraduate or graduate students with a permanent address in Winnebago County can apply for the Altrusa 2026 Scholarship.

Altrusa is awarding five \$1,500 scholarships to students ready to take the next step in their educational journey. Whether students are heading to a university, technical college or institute, this scholar-

ship puts flexible funding directly in their hands.

Information and the application can be found at districtseven.altrusa.org/oshkosh/. The application deadline is April 4.

Winners will be announced in May and honored at the June 17 Altrusa International Club meeting to receive their award and have an opportunity to share a short presentation about their path forward.

Fraud school aims to prevent becoming scam victims

Neenah News

Winnebago County has recently seen an increase in fraud related victimization.

The steady rise in technology as well as its ease of access creates a breeding ground

for criminals to take advantage of others, according to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

To help prevent residents from becoming victims of scams, the sheriff's office is offering a new and updated version of its Fraud School. The meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 7 at the sheriff's office, 4311 Jackson St. in Oshkosh.

Any community member interested in learning about what types of fraud and scams are currently being used, how to proactively protect themselves from these scams and what someone needs to do if they fall victim is welcome to attend.

Participants will be given a handout at class to utilize when they get home to take the steps necessary to avoid victimization.

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Prep sports roundup

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Rockets finish first at Stevens Point

Celia Gentile and Emma Severson each won individual events to help lead Neenah to the team title at the Stevens Point Invitational last week.

The Rockets scored 64 points to finish comfortably ahead of Kimberly, which finished with 52 points in the 24-team meet.

Both Gentile and Severson posted wins in field events at the meet as Gentile finished well ahead of the field in the long jump and Severson took first in the shot put.

Gentile was also part of Neenah's other victory on the day, joining Brynn Fox, Molly Snider and Kobi Meyer to win the 800-meter relay.

Sam Zilm scored a second-place finish in the 1,600 meters, while Fox took fourth in the 60 meters to highlight the day for the Rockets.

Also earning top-10 finishes at the meet were: Elsa Gruber, fifth in the 3,200 meters; Lexi Davis, sixth in the shot put; Cecelia Preman, eighth in the 3,200 meters; Anna Benthein, ninth in the 400 meters; and Kate Lenninger, 10th in the high jump.

Neenah added a second-place finish in the 3,200-meter relay with a foursome of Izzy Malloy, Lizzy LaPlant, Natalie Schultz and Elise Braaten, while the team of Lenninger, Kendall Freier, Benthein and Malloy finished fourth in the 1,600-meter relay.

Severson posts win at large-school meet

Emma Severson won the shot put title by more than eight feet as the Rockets

finished third at the UW-Oshkosh Large School meet last week.

Severson posted a throw of 44-feet to win the title, while runner-up Allison Abel of Menasha finished with a mark of just under 36-feet.

Aubrey Murwar led three finishers in the top 10 with a second place in the high jump, with teammates Mirella Taschner tying for fourth place and Kate Lenninger taking seventh. Neenah also had three top 10 finishes in the 400 meters with Abigail Hirschi taking sixth and Kaitlyn Zarling and Libby Wise placing ninth and 10th, respectively.

Brynn Fox in the 60 meters and Anna Benthein in the 800 meters each scored third-place finishes, while Elise Braaten was fourth in the 3,200 meters and Natalie Schultz in the 1,600 meters and Resa Goethel in the pole vault were each fifth.

Brynn Jackels added a ninth place in the triple jump and Brooklyn Kohlbeck was 10th in the shot put.

Neenah's best finish in a relay came from the team of Celia Gentile, Molly Snider, Gabriella Motto and Aubrey Strosahl, who finished second in the 1,600-meter relay. Fox, Snider, Kobi Meyer and Lenninger were third in the 800-meter relay while Elsa Gruber, Eme Olkowski, Kat Russell and Natalie Willes was fourth in the 3,200-meter relay.

Gentile leads Rockets at Ripon indoor invite

Celia Gentile won the 200 meters to highlight Neenah's performance on Tuesday at an indoor meet at Ripon College's Willmore Center.

Gentile's finish was one of five top 10 individual finishes for the Rockets.

Payton Schaefer finished fourth in the 400 meters, while Lizzy LaPlant in the 1,600 meters and Natalie Schultz in the 3,200 meters each took sixth. Lexi Davis added an eighth-place finish in the shot put.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Steiner collects win to lead Rockets

Oliver Steiner finished first in the 1,600 meters to lead the Neenah finishers at the UW-Oshkosh Large School Invitational last week.

The Rockets' next highest finish came in the 1,600-meter relay where the team of Luke Johnston, Spencer Schiedermayer, John Munson and Owen Fox placed fourth.

Elliott Drake added a fifth place in the 3,200 meters, while Fox added a sixth place in the 60-meter hurdles.

Other top 10 finishes for the Rockers were: Daemen Logterman, seventh in the triple jump; Oliver Peterka, eighth in the

long jump; Connor Schott, ninth in the 800 meters; Isaac Rangel, ninth in the 3,200 meters; Drew Sabatke, 10th in the 800 meters; and Nate Kramp, 10th in the shot put.

Neenah finished ninth among the 16 teams that scored points in the meet.

Rockets notch relay win at indoor invite

Neenah's 3,200-meter relay team of Gideon Benner, Drew Sabatke, Zach Verhagen and Oliver Steiner dominated the race to claim a win at the UW-Stevens Point invite last Saturday.

The foursome was the only team to finish in under nine minutes and were 30 seconds ahead of the rest of the field in claiming the win.

Owen Fox added a fifth place in the 60-meter hurdles, while Oliver Peterka tied for eighth in the long jump.

Arlo Ferguson in the 400 meters, Elliott Drake in the 1,600 meters, Daemen Logterman in the triple jump and Nate Kramp in the shot put each took 10th.

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Zephyrs' Brenn takes shot at state 3-point contest

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

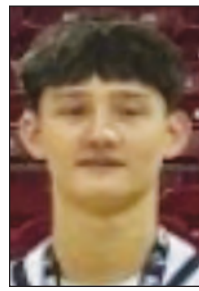
It wasn't the quantity of 3-pointers Dylan Brenn hoisted this season but rather the quality of those attempts that earned him a trip to Madison.

Brenn, a sophomore on the St. Mary Catholic boys basketball team, competed in the state 3-point shootout at the WIAA Boys State Basketball Tournament at the Kohl Center last Saturday morning earning a spot in the 10-player field with just enough attempts from behind the arc during the regular season.

"You needed 100 attempts (to qualify) and I was exactly at 100," Brenn said in a phone interview earlier this week. "I didn't know I was that close, but it was pretty cool I got to that threshold."

Brenn may not have had the number of attempts as some of the other competitors but he certainly had the accuracy. He made 45 of his 3-point attempts this season to finish the year shooting 45 percent from behind the arc.

That was the third highest percentage in all of Division 4 with the top two shooters in each division qualifying for the state 3-point shootout. However, players on teams that advance to state are not eligible for the competition so when Regis won its sectional final – the Ramblers' Blake Risler was the No. 2 shooter in Division 4 – it opened the door for Brenn.



Brenn

"After we saw Regis won, everyone was texting me that I was in and to get ready," Brenn said. "When my brother (Braeden) was in high school, I had heard about it but I really didn't know

how you got in or anything like that."

Brenn, who was St. Mary Catholic's first participant in the contest, which was in its 10th year of being held, said he practiced the week prior to competing and got some strategy tips from Zephyrs' head coach Paul Bradshaw.

When he got to the Kohl Center last Saturday, he was more excited than nervous but the butterflies eventually came.

"I definitely felt the nerves when I first started, but once I got going, I felt way better," Brenn said. "I could feel a rhythm picking up."

The nerves may have affected Brenn at the start as he said he didn't get things going right away in his one-minute round. But he did have a perfect rack during his round and finished with a score of 14.

The top four shooters in the first round advanced to semifinals and Brenn fell two points short of moving on.

"If I would have made my last money ball I would have made it to the second round," Brenn said. "When I first got it, I was a little mad at myself. As shooters went on and kept shooting, I was still in it. Finally, I got beat out."

"Even though I only got to shoot one round, it was an awesome experience."

Monroe's Logan Taylor won the contest with a score of 23 points in the final round.



Photo courtesy of Dylan Brenn

St. Mary Catholic sophomore Dylan Brenn competed in the boys 3-point shooting contest at the WIAA State Tournament at the Kohl Center in Madison last Saturday.

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Obituaries

Daryl Richard Jensen

1938 – 2026

Daryl's Heavenly Father called him home on the evening of Friday, March 20th. Daryl left this earth peacefully, surrounded by his family and loved ones, after battles with leukemia and congestive heart failure.

Daryl Richard Jensen was born September 28th, 1938 to Adelbert John and Grace Nancy Ellen (Schindler) Jensen in Neenah, Wisconsin. Since childhood, Daryl loved life on his family's Vinland farm. He and his four brothers played with toys they made from things lying around the farm when they weren't tending to the dairy cattle and hogs. Adelbert ("Del") kept workhorses even after buying a tractor, and Daryl frequently recalled the misadventures he and his brothers shared with the team of black geldings. On Sundays, Del would take the boys down past the railroad tracks by their Aunt Grace, who would then take them to Sunday School.

Known as "Jens" to his school friends, Daryl graduated from Neenah High School in 1956. A tragic car accident between his sophomore and junior year cut short his athletic pursuits, but his enthusiasm for sports never dwindled. After high school, Daryl attended the Chicago College of Advanced Traffic and worked for Consolidated Freight. He then began dispatching at Courtney & Plummer. After continuing employment at 4X Corporation, he joined the Michels Materials team until his retirement in 2002. To the delight of children across the region (including his own grandchildren), Daryl helped initiate the first Quarry Quest Days at the Tullar Road quarry. During his travels as

a salesman, he developed many more lasting friendships throughout northeastern Wisconsin. He had difficulty entering a room where someone didn't know him.

Daryl eloped with Gwendolyn Yvonne Courtney on March 13th, 1962 in Vincennes, Indiana and returned to the Fox Valley after a honeymoon in Florida. The couple bought a home together on Higgins Avenue in Neenah—where they welcomed their two beautiful daughters, Julie and Janine, into the world—before purchasing the Miracle farm back in Daryl's beloved Vinland in 1968.

Ever the farm boy, Daryl raised registered Polled Herefords and cash cropped for nearly thirty years. The red, gambrel-roofed barn eventually emptied of steers, but Daryl kept his love of farming alive by watching his nephews and neighbors work their fields, earning him the nickname "The Inspector." Every August, Daryl made a point to watch his children and then grandchildren show their beef, swine, sheep, and horses at the Winnebago County Fair, and he was known to raise a few bids during the Meat Animal Sale. Daryl's ingenuity and fix-it skills continued to amaze his grandchildren right until the very end.

For many years, Daryl and Gwen took in Wisconsin's beauty from the front seats of their Pace Arrow and later, their Winnebago. Favorite destinations included Boscobel and the Kickapoo Valley, where they acquired McIntosh, Wealthy, and Cortland apples to make their family-famous applesauce year after year. Daryl furthermore looked forward to annual trips to the "Florida House" to avoid the worst of the winters and to the family's "Deer Shack" in Vilas County (where he certainly saw more fouled Smear hands than deer). He had more luck hunting and fishing with his beloved friends Ted Reinke and Ronny Buser and brother Don. After a hard day's

work (or an especially moving sermon), Daryl was always up for a good game of Sheepshead or Smear. NFL Sundays saw him switching rapidly between games (much to his family's dizzying dismay), and he was known to "still be watching" Brewers and Bucks games and NASCAR races, despite the suspicious snores coming from his recliner.

Daryl is survived by his wife of 64 years, Gwen; two daughters and sons-in-law, Julieanne and Doug Selle, Janine and Wayne Krueger; five grandchildren, Nikole (Ryan) Braun, Richard Westphal (special friend Alyssa Ross), David Westphal, Christian Krueger, and Hannah Krueger (special friend Nicholas Goman); four great-grandchildren, Lilliana and Levi Braun, and Sophitia and Corran Westphal; brother-in-law and sister-in-law David and Margie Courtney; sister-in-law Janice Jensen; and many dear nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, Daryl is preceded in death by his four brothers and sisters-in-law, Adelbert Jr. (Betty), William (Mary), Thomas (Georgia), and Donald; and a grandson, Elijah James Krueger.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Monday, March 30th, 2026 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Mueller Funeral Home, 904 E. Main St., Winneconne, and on Tuesday, March 31st, 2026 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church, 108 W. Doty Ave., Neenah. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. at the church with Pastors Dave Easley and Rebecca Henry officiating. Burial will follow in the Brooks Cemetery, 2988 Brooks Rd., Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The family would like to specially thank the doctors (especially Drs. Abbi and Marada) and nurses at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital for their dedication to Daryl in his final years, the staff and caregivers at Senior Stride Home Care—Susan, Deana, Piper, Shelly, Mary, Marlene, and dearest Barb—for the love and compassion they gave Daryl every day, and the care team at Memories Hospice (especially Mary) for helping him meet his Lord and Savior with dignity.



Peter William Hanamann

Peter William Hanamann, 79 died peacefully on March 19th. Born and raised in Neenah, Pete graduated from NHS '65 and served honorably in the Vietnam War while stationed in Japan. He then joined Kimberly Clark, where he worked in electronics and computers until retirement. He was an avid cyclist, an Asian foodie and life-long member of the YMCA.

Most recently he has enjoyed the excellent care provided by the staff of the Emer-

ald Ridge Assisted Living Facility for which he was and his family remain grateful.

Pete is survived by his brother, Steve Hanamann of Chilton, and sister, Lynn Johnson of Saratoga Springs, NY. He had many nieces and nephews but two kept up weekly contact: Eric Johnson from Australia and Dana Poulsen from new Orleans. Pete's eyes lit up at every mention of them. He also left behind his best friend Helen Gloudemans who visited him weekly and was with him to the end.

Pete is remembered as a sweet gentle soul with wry sense of humor. We all felt privileged to know him. He made a difference in our lives. Pete... You are missed!



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Last – Roundtree

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Michael D. Rust
Place: Winnebago Courthouse, Rm 410
415 Jackson St. Oshkosh, WI 54901
Date: April 13, 2026
Time: 3:30 PM

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4811 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER AND PETITIONER:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the following newspaper Neenah News.

BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: March 13, 2026
Winnebago County Circuit Branch I
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School honored

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Wednesday.

"I'm really prideful because I feel so passionate about it," said Neenah resident Rick Neimy, who added that he delivered a letter Friday to Neenah businessman John Bergstrom expressing his desire for the development to be named Roosevelt Commons.

"John Bergstrom called me personally and reiterated that he was very appreciative of my letter," Neimy said.

Bergstrom reached out again to confirm that the decision was made to name the ThedaCare property Roosevelt Commons, Niemy said.

According to ThedaCare, Bergstrom and other community members helped facilitate the transaction of the sale of the former Roosevelt Elementary School in October 2022. ThedaCare and the ThedaCare Family of Foundations later purchased the site. Bergstrom also provided a donation to have the school demolished and convert the property to green space to prepare for future use.

Before the March 18 common council meeting, Neimy – whose daughter graduated from Roosevelt Elementary years ago and was a leading advocate for naming it Roosevelt Commons – said the current tribute to the former school is beautiful but that it is kind of hidden behind a shed at Doty Park.

"The Roosevelt tribute should really be at the new facility," Neimy said. "It shouldn't be at Doty Park."

The old Roosevelt Elementary School stood for 100 years at 215 E. Forest Ave.

"And it should be named Roosevelt Commons," Neimy said.

As it turns out, that is going to be the

case thanks to the efforts of some Neenah residents.

The community was left heartbroken when demolition crews tore down the landmark elementary school in 2023, Neimy said.

But he added it's fitting that after being taken over by the hospital that it'll continue to be used for educational purposes for ThedaCare's program for physician residents in training.

Each two-story building will contain 14 units with garages. The housing is intended primarily for medical residents with some units available at the discretion of ThedaCare.

The housing development will also support ThedaCare's workforce needs and mission to continue providing health care to the community.

Neimy said that there is currently a slab-like monument erected at the site that is a tribute to the volunteers of ThedaCare, but that given the history of the land on which the townhouses are being built it would be fitting to at least additionally pay tribute to the 100-year-old landmark elementary school to commemorate its history in the community.

Roosevelt Elementary School closed after the 2022-23 school year as part of the Neenah Joint School District's facilities plan.

City leaders hope the project will revitalize Doty Island and encourage the medical residents who will live there to establish permanent roots in the community.

"I'm hoping they will become part of the community," Lang has said previously of the future physician residents who will live in the new townhouses. "So, we're really hoping those doctors in training will stick around in Neenah and make Neenah their home."

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Earthlings have created some amazing characters, Yott. I'm reading about a giant farmer named Febold Feboldson!

Sounds like a tall tale to me, Zott!

KID SCOOP AMERICAN LEGENDS
FEBOLD FEBOLDSON
About 170 years ago, thousands of pioneers began heading for rich farmland in Oregon and, later, for gold in California. After crossing the Mississippi River, they came to the wide, flat prairie we now call the Great Plains. From these Great Plains have come tales of a giant Swedish farmer called Febold Feboldson.

Febold Brings Rain to the Plains
Read the story, then number the pictures in order.

The first year Febold Feboldson settled on the Great Plains, it was hot. And it got hotter every day: hotter and drier, drier and hotter. It was so hot that iron pots melted!

When the streams dried up and Febold Feboldson couldn't go fishing, he said, "Enough!"

Febold sat down and cupped his jaw in his giant hand, and thought and thought—until suddenly he came up with a plan.

First he splashed some water on a hot and tired frog and whispered in its ear, "It's raining!"

The happy frog croaked the news to his frog friends. Soon more frogs joined in the song. They got so loud that it sounded like thunder!

Some clouds heard the noise and hurried to join the storm. Seeing there was no storm when they got to the Great Plains, the clouds went ahead and started their own, giving Febold Feboldson a rainstorm and a chance to get back to fishing.

Standards Link: Literary Analysis: Understand the basic plots of fables.

Despite the weather, some pioneers settled in the plains. In the 1920s, a newspaper in Gothenburg, Nebraska, entertained readers with tales of Febold Feboldson, a giant farmer who loved the Great Plains and was determined to control the weather.

Febold Feboldson's Pets
Animals came into Febold's huge house because it offered the only shade around the Great Plains. Soon Febold had a houseful of pets, from rattlesnakes to buffaloes.

Febold had Lizzie the gopher dig tunnels under his house. Febold figured if he could trap the hot air of the summer into the tunnels, he could save it for winter when he would need the warmth.

Help Lizzie tunnel to Febold's house.

Extra! Extra!
Friend Finder
Tales tell that while Febold loved the Great Plains, he had trouble convincing others to stay. He longed for a friend. Look through the newspaper and find Febold a friend. Write a letter to Febold telling him why this person would be a good friend.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write personal

Kid Scoop Together: Comic Character

Comic characters have different character traits. Some are kind, but some are not. Some are courageous, while others are not. What other traits do comic strip characters exhibit?

Select three characters you like from the comics. Complete the boxes below.

Comic Strip: _____
Character's Name: _____
Character Trait: _____
Action that shows the trait: _____

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What's a character trait?
Read this list, and then see if you can think of any other traits.

- responsible
- clever
- persevering
- respectful
- honest
- capable
- compassionate
- hopeful
- generous
- disciplined
- community minded