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## Council approves new private school

By MaryBeth Matzek  
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Common Council last week approved a request by the Fox Valley Islamic Society to open a private school at its building at 2680 Marathon Ave.

The society, which operates a mosque on the 7-acre site, submitted a special use permit to establish the school, which would have one classroom that would house up to 10 students in kindergarten

and first grade. Two teachers would be hired to work at the school.

The school would be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no planned exterior site improvements associated with the school proposed at this time.

A special use request was needed since the property is zoned single-family residence district. When the mosque opened in 2019, it was also approved through a special use permit.

The zoning committee and common council would need to approve any site improvements related to the school or if the school expands.

**Flooding aftermath:** Heavy rains and rising water levels that closed North Water Street drew discussion near the end of the May 6 council meeting.

Alderman Brian Defferding pointed out

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Photo from Neenah Joint School District

### Fun and games

Over 100 students from all levels of the Neenah Joint School District with adaptive PE or other student disabilities participated in the fourth annual Neenah Applauding Student Abilities (NASA) event May 6 at Neenah High School. High school student volunteers ran games and activities and served as student champions for their peers. The day began with an opening ceremony inside the Performing Arts Center and then moved out to the track and football field.

## Optometrist seeks to relieve ailments with vision therapy

By Jill Trotter  
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Dr. Linda Dejmek has long been passionate about vision therapy and has won several awards in the field of both optometry and neuro-optometry.

She is the owner of ABSee Vision Therapy in Neenah, which opened in 2004.

Vision therapy consists of exercises for the eyes and brain to resolve vision problems. The exercises are guided by a trained therapist to improve visual skills and abilities. This can include, but is not limited to, lazy eyes, double vision, crossed vision, as well as injuries due to car accidents, strokes and concussions.

Patients have seen success that translates to better sports performance, better reading ability, a reduction in ADHD symptoms and more, said Dejmek, who became an optometrist in 1978.

Early in her career, she saw the tremendous need for vision therapy in Northeast Wisconsin. This led her to go back to school in her 40s to become a board-certified neuro-optometrist.

She then opened ABSee Vision Thera-

py, one of currently only six vision therapy clinics in Wisconsin. Dejmek strongly believes that vision therapy can resolve a variety of ailments, and she sees success stories in her practice on a daily basis.

She continues working long past many of her optometry cohorts due to the rewarding nature of her work.

"We help our patients improve the functioning of their entire visual process," Dejmek said. "When we change this processing, we change our patient's lives. It may mean a child becoming an A student, rather than falling behind and hating school. It may be a traumatic brain injury patient from a car accident, being able to

walk, maintain balance and be able to read again."

The treatment plan begins with a thorough evaluation by Dejmek. From there, if therapy is recommended, the treatment plan will include therapy sessions in groups of 10 sessions tailored to each individual patient and their needs.

Each in-office session lasts for 30-60 minutes. Treatment also includes 30 minutes of daily vision exercises to be completed at home in between therapy sessions. After 10 sessions, Dejmek re-evaluates each patient to determine

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Dejmek

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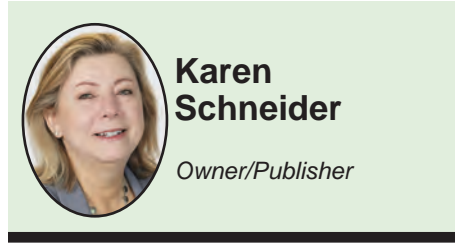
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**Karen Schneider**  
 Owner/Publisher

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The truth is, I did not do a very good job

communicating how important that support is when we transitioned, and many former subscribers may assume they have continued their support because every week like clockwork (thank you USPS) the Neenah News shows up.

Or when we transitioned from a paid subscription model to free community-wide delivery, many readers understandably assumed the need for support had gone away. It did not. Local journalism still depends on community investment.

Reporting on local government, schools, businesses, sports and community events takes time, effort and resources. Advertising alone has never covered the full cost of producing the quality local news in the Neenah News.

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## Elwers Pharmacy 1953

Elwers Pharmacy stood on West Wisconsin Avenue until 1988. What started as Kimberly & Henry Drug House eventually came under the ownership of Fred Elwers, who worked and supervised his store for 70 years. From the Munroe Studios photograph collection in 1953.

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### Friday, May 15

Campfire with the Cops, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Park

### Saturday, May 16

- Volunteer Sign Installation, 8 a.m., Carpenter Preserve
- Treasure in the Trunk, Medical Benefit Rummage Sale, 8 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 1228 S. Park Ave., Neenah
- Garden Party, 9 a.m., Neenah Animal Shelter, 2475 Progress Court
- Safety Around Water, 10 a.m., Neenah-Menasha YMCA
- K-Pop Dance Party, 10:30 a.m., Neenah Public Library
- Boots and Bags Luncheon, 11 a.m., Beaming Ranch
- Neenah Street Party, 2:30 p.m., Greene's Pour House

### Sunday, May 17

Grand Opening and Take Your Parents to the Playground, 10 a.m., O'Hauser Park, Fox Crossing

### Tuesday, May 19

Educators Appreciation We The People Preview, 4 p.m., Doty Cabin Museum

### Friday, May 22

Commencement Liturgy, 9 a.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

### Monday, May 25

Neenah-Menasha Memorial Day Procession, 9 a.m.  
 Car Show, 10 a.m., Lucky Dogz, 157 S. Green Bay Road

### Wednesday, May 27

Graduation Parade, 11 a.m., Neenah High School  
 Graduation, 7 p.m., Neenah High School

### Saturday, May 30

Art Mercantile, 11 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

# City to observe Poppy Days in honor of veterans

Neenah News

As Memorial Day approaches, the community will once again come together to honor service members through the observance of Poppy Days.

American Legion Neenah Post 33 will celebrate Poppy Days May 21-22, distributing red paper poppies – symbolizing the blood shed by soldiers on the battlefield – at local businesses throughout the city.

Mayor Brian Borchardt signed the official Poppy Proclamation at the Common Council meeting on May 6.

Poppy Days dates back to the aftermath of World War I and was inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields,” written by Lt.

Col. John McCrae while serving on the front lines, to honor soldiers killed in battle.

National Poppy Day is observed each year on the Friday before Memorial Day. Veterans organizations across the country distribute thousands of crepe paper poppies – handmade by hospitalized and disabled veterans – in exchange for free-will donations. Proceeds are used to support veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

Residents are encouraged to wear a red poppy during Poppy Days as a symbol of gratitude and remembrance.

# Changes to recreational program bring communities together

Neenah News

City of Neenah, Village of Fox Crossing and City of Menasha residents will be able to participate in this year’s Log Your Loops program.

The Neenah Parks and Recreation Department is working with the Fox Crossing and Menasha Parks and Recreation Department to administer the program.

The community initiative encourages residents to stay active by logging their loops on the Loop the Lake Trail.

Future Neenah has hosted the program over the past seven years, helping to make it a cornerstone of community Wellstone. City officials said their dedication has paved the way for the next chapter.

ThedaCare is sponsoring the program.

Registration is free through the partnering Parks and Recreation Department. Participants are encouraged to log their loops from May 25 through Sept. 7. Successful loop loggers will receive a free Log Your Loops T-shirt.

A friendly competition is being introduced this year between community partners. The communities will be competing to see which one can register the most participants and which one can celebrate the most “50 Loopers” – the participants who complete 50 loops during the program.

Organizers said the new challenge is designed to foster camaraderie, encourage participation and make staying active even more fun.



Photo from St. Mary Catholic Schools

## Cardboard carnival

St. Mary Catholic Schools middle school students took the show on the road Tuesday, visiting with students at St. Margaret Mary elementary. Students were giving a preview of the upcoming Middle School Cardboard Carnival. This annual, free event will take place this Saturday on the Middle School campus.

## Armed Forces Day event honors veterans

Neenah News

The military groups of Neenah and Menasha will have a special event to honor veterans on Armed Forces Day.

The event will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Isle of Valor, which is located in Smith Park.

The annual event saluting all veterans

includes music by the Neenah Community Band. Joseph Scala will also be singing songs during the event.

A local veteran will deliver a short speech. At the end of the event, new service flags will be raised. The Neenah-Menasha Honor Guard will perform a rifle salute and taps will be played.

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# Addressing spring allergies early may lessen challenges

ThedaCare

Getting outdoors and enjoying the warmer weather conditions may require a bit of extra planning for those managing seasonal allergies. ThedaCare medical experts have advice on how to do so more effectively this spring.

“If not managed properly, allergies may cause challenges for people trying to enjoy the seasonal change,” said Katie Harris, a nurse practitioner with ThedaCare Physicians-Darboy. “Finding effective treatments and lifestyle changes can help reduce allergy symptoms.”

Allergens such as spores, grass and tree pollen in the air and molds may trigger symptoms.

These include itchy and watery eyes, stuffy and runny nose, congestion and post-nasal drip, throat scratchiness or tickle and coughing.

“These symptoms occur when your immune system recognizes allergens as intruders,” Harris said. “Your immune system will release chemicals that are meant to fight off the supposed pathogen, but it instead results in triggering your allergic symptoms.”

Making matters more complicated, allergies and common cold viruses share many symptoms.

“Sometimes it’s hard to tell whether you’ve got a virus or you’re experiencing seasonal allergies or both,” Harris said. “Because colds and allergies call for different treatments, it’s important to know which you’re dealing with.”

Certain signs might signal a cold, not allergies or vice versa. Sore throat and cough are more common in colds than allergies.

Allergies also do not typically cause a fever, while colds often do. People with allergies might experience puffy eyelids or dark circles beneath their eyes.

To find the exact cause of a person’s symptoms, a health care provider may recommend a skin or blood test to determine which allergens are impacting them, Harris explained.

“It’s important to treat seasonal allergies to help relieve bothersome symptoms, and because they can worsen other conditions such as asthma,” she said. “Talk to your doctor because they can offer ways to help you manage your symptoms if over-the-counter medications aren’t sufficient. Ideally, that conversation happens before allergy season begins. Addressing allergies early may help head off the challenges they can bring.”

While treatment goes a long way in alleviating symptoms so does prevention.

## Building connections

Members of the Autism Society of Wisconsin, Fox Valley (ASFV) gathered Saturday in Riverside Park for a day of community and inclusion. Following a landmark year in 2025 where event participation topped 600 attendees, the all-volunteer organization hosted its latest fundraiser to support families across Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Fond du Lac and Waupaca counties. All proceeds from the day’s activities — including raffles, bounce houses, and a community walk — directly fund monthly social outings, safety scholarships and parent support groups for over 200 local families living with autism.

## Children’s Wisconsin hospital expands infant care unit

Neenah News

One of the treatment units at Children’s Wisconsin Fox Valley Hospital in Neenah has undergone an expansion.

The hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is increasing patient capacity from 22 to 28 with the addition of a new six-bed pod, Children’s Wisconsin announced Monday.

The new bedspace will allow the NICU to meet high demand for elevated, specialized newborn care in communities across northeast Wisconsin. As a Level III NICU, the unit regularly receives patient transports from other medical centers across northeast Wisconsin, helping to keep families closer to home.

“This expansion strengthens our ability to care for newborns in the Fox Valley and beyond, especially those who need critical care,” said Sarah Pouzar, executive director of the Northeast Region at Children’s Wisconsin. “We’re proud to offer a space



Submitted photo

Artist Kelly Wyngaard hopes the mural in the Children’s Wisconsin Fox Valley Hospital NICU helps create a sense of comfort and familiarity, giving the NICU a feeling of “home” because she said in many ways, it is a baby’s very first nursery.

that not only reflects the expertise of our staff but also supports the needs of our tiniest patients and their families.”

The updated space offers family-centered amenities, including more bedside space for bonding, an expanded private lactation room with more natural lighting and a private room designed for families to practice caring for their babies before going home.

Each bedspace features a custom jungle-themed mural by a local artist, Kelly Wyngaard. Wyngaard is a former NICU parent herself and painted murals in the NICU’s existing pods more than a decade ago.

As part of this renovation project, two pediatric rooms have also been remodeled to create a better patient and family experience while receiving IV infusion treatment and neurological monitoring.

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# Roosevelt School memorial celebration planned in June

Neenah News

Efforts to remember Roosevelt School with a display at Doty Park are underway.

An original cornerstone from when the school was built was placed May 5 close to the statue after having been restored thanks to sponsor Pat Farhenkrug. The cornerstone placement is the latest step in the project, DICP President Flo Bruno said.

A statue, which is named Rosie, was installed in October and a plaque was installed a week later, Bruno said. Board members decided to honor the school, which no longer exists, and agreed to finance a memorial statue.

The plaque explains the history of the school, Bruno said.

“For over a century thousands of students read, learned, laughed and played at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and E. Forest Ave.,” the plaque reads in part. “Dedicated teachers and staff provided island students with an education for their journey of life.”

Roosevelt School, which was named for Theodore Roosevelt, was built in 1923 and greeted students for 100 years.

The next step is a community celebration with Rosie planned for 10 a.m. June



Submitted photos

Above: A cornerstone was recently added to go along with the statue to remember Roosevelt School.

At right: The Doty Island Development Council team installed a statue in October at Doty Park to remember Roosevelt School. The statue is named Rosie.



27. Bruno said Rosie will provide refreshments and cookies while showing off the 1923 cornerstone.

Doty Park is located at 701 Lincoln St. behind Doty Cabin.

## League holding gerrymandering presentation

Neenah News

The League of Women Voters has written a proposal to take redistricting out of the hands of the legislature and make it the responsibility of an Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC).

The proposal includes stipulations to ensure every vote counts and no party benefits at the expense of another. One of the authors of the proposal will present the

details of the proposal followed by a Q&A session at 7 p.m. May 21 at First United Methodist Church Neenah Menasha.

The presentation and Q&A are expected to be about an hour.

Gerrymandering has been in the news nationally with partisan redistricting in several states. Governor Tony Evers called a special session of the state legislature on April 14 to make it illegal in Wisconsin.

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# Settlement reached in Neenah Foundry air pollution case

Neenah News

A settlement has been reached in a case involving alleged air pollution violations by Neenah Foundry.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) on Monday announced the \$200,000 settlement with Neenah Foundry. The settlement resolves a civil environmental enforcement action alleging violations of air pollution control permits and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and U.S. Environmen-

tal Protection Agency (EPA) regulations for the company's two foundry plants in Winnebago County.

The state's complaint contains 18 total violations related to the company's failures to maintain and operate air pollution control devices and monitors, inadequate recordkeeping and failures to report deviations from permit requirements to DNR.

Ten of the violations are for failing to maintain minimum air pressures, pressure differentials, water pressures, water

and scrubber flow rates, and temperatures necessary of the control devices to operate properly. Another two violations are for failing to maintain output analyses of the control devices.

One violation is for failing to maintain records on leak alarms on control equipment. Two violations are for failing to timely submit documents about the proper operation of control devices.

Another violation is for failing to perform yearly calibrations of an air pollution monitor. An additional violation is for

failing to maintain a log of steps taken to control dust. One violation is for a failure to notify DNR of deviations from permit requirements.

The company did not respond to a request for comment about the proposed settlement.

The proposed agreement requires the company to pay a total of \$200,000 in forfeitures, surcharges and court costs. The Order for Judgment was signed by Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 3 Judge Bryan Keberlein on May 7.



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Neenah Parks and Recreation hosted Touch A Truck May 6 at Memorial Park. Participating companies helped to create smiles for the kids in attendance as they got to see vehicles of all sizes up close.



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# Wrong way driver hits four vehicles, injures five people

Neenah News

Five people were injured in a crash Friday involving a wrong way driver on Interstate 41 in Fox Crossing.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office reported shortly before 10:30 p.m. a vehicle traveling south in the northbound lanes of Interstate 41 near Winneconne Avenue in Neenah.

Deputies attempted to stop the pick-up truck near Breezewood Lane. The driver continued traveling south before making an emergency turnaround. The truck then headed north in the southbound lanes of the interstate.

The sheriff's office said deputies engaged in a pursuit with the pick-up truck, but the driver did not comply.

## County's 911 system poised for update

By MaryBeth Matzek  
NEENAH NEWS

Winnebago County's 911 dispatch center will receive technical upgrades pending approval by the County Board of Supervisors.

The Sheriff's Office, which runs the 911 center, is seeking to add upgrades that include updated software, updated voice-to-text translations for calls and a new audio recording system. The county's 911 call processing equipment will also be replaced.

"This is a refresh of our existing system with an upgrade of our text translation service," said Lara Vendola-Messer, Winnebago County Captain of Communications. "If someone texts us in a different language, it can be translated, and we can respond."

The upgrades and five-year contract with AT&T Enterprises will cost an esti-

Fox Crossing Fire Department Lt. Graham Stewart said firefighters were dispatched at 10:29 p.m. for the report of a multi-vehicle crash with injuries and entrapment.

When Fox Crossing Engine 40 arrived on scene, Stewart said firefighters found multiple vehicles with heavy damage and three patients from two vehicles requiring extrication.

Fox Crossing and Grand Chute firefighters deployed multiple sets of extrication equipment and jointly extricated the three patients from the two vehicles, Stewart said. In total, he said five patients were treated on scene and transported with help from Gold Cross Ambulance, Theda Star and Flight For Life.

mated \$500,000, with grant dollars covering 90% of the cost. In year one, the county will pay \$45,968.26 for the equipment with years two to five seeing the costs rise from \$120,321.60 to \$130,073.33.

Software maintenance will cost an estimated \$70,000 per year.

For the recording system, the county would enter a five-year agreement with WSI Technologies. The county has been awarded a \$514,513.76 grant, which will be spent in 2027 on the system. The county has a 10% match, which means it will pay \$11,200 the first year and \$31,400 for years two through five.

If approved by the county board, the new system will roll out in first quarter 2027.

AT&T has provided 911 call handling service to Winnebago County since the 2000s.

The Fox Crossing Fire Department remained on scene into the early hours of Saturday to assist the Wisconsin State Patrol with accident reconstruction and incident clean up. Southbound Interstate 41 was closed between Prospect Avenue and the U.S. Highway 10/Wisconsin Highway

441 interchange until shortly after 6:30 a.m. Saturday.

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue, Fox Crossing Police Department, Grand Chute Police Department and Winnebago County Highway Department were among the other agencies assisting at the scene.

## Audiologist helps airport add hearing loops

Neenah News

Appleton International Airport (ATW) is making the flying experience easier for individuals with hearing impairment thanks to new hearing loops in the gate areas.

During the airport's expansion, hearing loops were installed under the carpeting in the new concourse. Individuals wearing hearing aids or cochlear implants can simply push a button on their hearing devices and the gate announcements transmit directly into their devices.

A tiny, copper wire, called a telecoil inside a hearing device detects magnetic signals and converts them into clear, direct sound. The hearing loop at ATW is the first loop installed at a Wisconsin commercial airport.

"Background noise in an airport can be a challenge if you're hard of hearing," said Airport Director Abe Weber. "It isn't about making announcements louder; it's about making them clearer. Before installation, we researched systems, consulted with the Hearing Loss Association of America, and searched for experts."

That's when the search led them to one of the nation's top experts in the application of assistive listening technology who happened to be in their backyard.

Dr. Juliette Sterkens was an audiologist with clinics in Oshkosh, Ripon, Neenah and Appleton. She retired to become the



Sterkens

National Hearing Loop Advocate for the Hearing Loss Association of America. In this capacity she presents at professional conferences and consumer events on the benefits and the use of hearing aids and hearing loops. Her efforts have leveraged over 1000 induction hearing loops in Wisconsin and many more beyond.

"The Americans with Disabilities Act mandates where a PA system is in use, that an assistive listening system shall be installed, but it's been a slow process in airports because of long lead times and most people don't understand the real nature of hearing loss, the limitations of hearing aids and how effective these systems can be at airports," Sterkens said.

She adds that most airports provide little to no accommodations at all.

"I've seen patients for 40 years who think the answer is continually upgrading their hearing aids, but when they hear through a loop, it blows them away," Sterkens said.

She was motivated to go into the speech pathology and audiology fields after her father lost significant hearing in high ranges after World War II. She said that kind of common hearing loss makes it very difficult to understand and even miss important announcements in airports such as gate changes.

"Our goal is always to make air travel accessible for all individuals," Weber said.

At ATW the new terminal was designed with hearing loops at all the new gates. As existing gates are remodeled in the original concourse, hearing loops will also be added.

## County ranks high in deer-related crashes in state

Neenah News

Winnebago County was among the top 10 Wisconsin counties for crashes involving deer in 2025, according to the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Last year, 566 deer-related crashes were reported in the county, up from 532 in 2024.

The State Patrol said 17,795 crashes involving deer occurred in the state last year. It added preliminary data showing six people were killed and 720 were injured in those incidents.

The most crashes involving deer reported in 2025 was in Waukesha County with 1,010 such incidents.

Motorcyclists are at greater risk of injury in a deer crash. In 2025, 223 of the deer crashes involved a motorcycle, resulting in four fatalities and 80 serious injuries.

This means 38% of motorcycle deer crash resulted in a fatality or serious injury, compared to less than 0.1% in auto or light truck deer crashes.

"Drivers should have their full attention on the road ahead to avoid deer crashes," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "Deer are unpredictable, often changing directions and freezing as they cross the road. Motorists should be alert and prepared to respond at all times."

The State Patrol reminds drivers to keep an eye out for deer on roadways this spring to avoid potentially dangerous crashes. It said deer crash numbers typically increase in May and June in Wisconsin when does look for places to give birth and young deer separate from their mothers.

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# WisDOT seeking input on Highway 47 project proposal

Neenah News

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region is providing information about proposed improvements along Wisconsin Highway 47.

The project would run along 2.4 miles of the highway between Ninth Street and the north county line with the cities of Menasha and Appleton and the Village of Fox Crossing.

A new website [projects.hub.wisconsin-dot.gov/pages/46600800](https://projects.hub.wisconsin-dot.gov/pages/46600800) will serve as a central hub for project information. It provides details on the proposed work, countermeasure to increase safety, potential community impacts, schedule, traffic

impacts and opportunities for comment.

The purpose of the project is to fix deteriorated pavement, culverts and storm sewer while addressing vehicle and bicycle crashes in the project limits. Proposed improvements include base patching, milling and asphalt overlay, concrete pavement repair, culvert replacement or repair, curb and gutter, vehicle and bicycle crash countermeasures.

Construction is scheduled in 2031 with possible advancement to 2030.

WisDOT asks the public to review the proposed improvement project's scope, schedule and traffic impacts and provide comments.

## Chamber offers programs for community members

Neenah News

Applications for the 2026-2027 class of the Fox Cities Chamber's Leadership Fox Cities Program are now being accepted, with an application deadline of June 22.

Leadership Fox Cities has shaped community leaders with immersive educational experiences and engagements since 1991. Starting in fall of each year, participants gather monthly for day-long educational sessions in the community focused on topics including business, education, government and media, human services, health and wellness, law enforcement, environment and the arts.

They will also participate in a hands-on project in small groups. A kickoff retreat is held in September and programming starts in October. The experience culminates in May, with a formal graduation

event and induction into the Leadership Fox Cities Alumni Association.

This year's class will be celebrated with a graduation ceremony on Tuesday at Butte des Morts Country Club. The class of 2026 includes more than 40 community members.

To learn more and/or apply for the 2026-2027 program, visit [foxcitieschamber.com/leadership-fox-cities](https://foxcitieschamber.com/leadership-fox-cities).

The Chamber is also inviting community members to participate in a group travel experience to Croatia.

The Chamber will host a free informational webinar at noon on Tuesday, where attendees can learn more about the nine-day Croatia travel package directly from the travel provider.

Register for the webinar at [members.foxc.net/chamber-events/Details/2026-croatia-travel-program-informational-webinar-1729134?sourceTypeId=Website](https://members.foxc.net/chamber-events/Details/2026-croatia-travel-program-informational-webinar-1729134?sourceTypeId=Website).



Photo from St. Mary Catholic Schools

## Saturday school

St. Mary Catholic Schools held its annual STEAM Saturday where students of all ages and families could participate in various science, technology, engineering, art and math activities at SCMS middle school. They learned about a Van de Graaff generator and launched their own parachute creations along with more interactive challenges and demonstrations.

## Vision therapy

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whether the ailments have been resolved or if further therapy is needed.

Dejmek sees patients of all ages, from middle aged golfers to elementary aged students.

Half of Dejmek's patients are individuals who have suffered from head injuries. The other half of her patients are comprised of individuals with turned eyes, ADHD, dyslexia or other vision problems caused by something other than injury.

Patients are often referred to Dejmek from other optometrists, word of mouth, neurologists and occupational therapists. However, she said a referral is not required for treatment.

Christopher and Shannon Greisen's son, Patrick, suffered a concussion in a bike accident when he was 13 years old. A full year after the concussion, they noticed that Patrick was still not fully back to himself and had declined academically.

Having tried unsuccessfully on their own to help Patrick, they sought help from Dejmek. While Patrick's vision itself was fine, the connection to his brain had been damaged and his reading comprehension had fallen to a third grade level.

After completing vision therapy, Patrick

was back to a ninth grade academic level. Furthermore, he returned to the football field and later became the quarterback at West De Pere High School, leading the team to a victory at state in 2025.

Dejmek and her team of therapists also helped Mike Weyenberg, a Menasha resident who started having double vision in his late 60s. This was especially noticeable while he was reading and golfing.

Dejmek diagnosed him with third nerve palsy and told him she could resolve it in six weeks. True to her word, after only five weeks of therapy, Weyenberg was no longer seeing double. Weyenberg describes the therapy as "rigorous and very rewarding."

Jacob Harper, another patient of Dejmek's, had a stroke when he was 28 years old. After completing occupational rehabilitation, Harper was still seeing double. After 12 weeks of vision therapy, Harper's double vision is 100% resolved. His two sons will soon be patients of Dejmek for their own vision deficits.

These patients credit their return to normal functioning to their experience with Dejmek and her therapists at ABSee Vision. Insurance currently does not cover vision therapy. Dejmek hopes to see that change in the future. For more information, call 920-722-2020 or visit [abseevision.com](https://abseevision.com).



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# Council to consider e-bike, e-scooter rules

By MaryBeth Matzek  
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Common Council is expected to vote on ordinances for the operation of bikes, electric bikes and electric scooters at its meeting Wednesday.

The Neenah Public Services and Safety Committee earlier this week approved an ordinance to prohibit electric bikes and scooters on any public sidewalks in any city-owned parking ramp or any roadway, trail, path or property where a sign is erected indicating that bikes, electric bikes or electric scooters are prohibited or otherwise restricted. The fine violation would be \$50 for first offense and \$100 for second offense.

Electric bikes and scooters would also not be allowed on Main Street and West Wisconsin Avenue between West Doty Avenue and Commercial Street. In that area, which has multiple storefronts, the bikes and scooters need to be walked, "with the rider off the device, guiding it along by hand by walking alongside," according to the ordinance.

"The safety of riders using roads and paths is the reason behind this ordinance," said Neenah Police Chief Aaron Olson. "We did not want to make the ordinance

so restrictive that we could not enforce it."

If problems are reported in other areas, signs prohibiting the operation of electric bikes and scooters will be posted, Olson said.

"We don't have the staff to enforce everywhere, so we will put up signs when we can enforce it," he said.

After hearing complaints from residents about electric scooters and bikes last year, the Neenah Common Council asked for an ordinance to address the issue. Olson said since the city wanted to work together with Fox Crossing and Menasha on it that it took a while to bring everyone together.

The communities sought to work together since the Loop the Little Lake Trail goes through all three municipalities.

The rules prohibit the operation of electric bikes and scooters in a reckless or unsafe matter including:

- Towing of people, vehicles or trailers
- Contests or races with other electric devices or vehicles
- Clinging to other vehicles
- Stunt and trick riding
- Speeding
- Carrying passengers



Photo from Neenah Joint School District

## Art display

Students in Neenah High School's fiber arts and creative writing classes worked together with Future Neenah on a kite display in the alley near Future Neenah in downtown Neenah. The display includes wind weavings, kites, poetry and artist statements created by the students. The display will be up through the end of May.

## Team earns top score at math competition

Neenah News

A Neenah High School team captured the UW-Oshkosh high school math competition last month as sophomores Andy Wang, Joey Buttron, Alex Johnson and

Vinnie Wilson finished with the top score on the timed exam.

Buttron was the individual winner in the sophomore division.

The team received a Newton's cradle for their first place trophy.

## Common Council

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the city has an Emergency Management Committee, but it has not met for several years. He wondered if the committee could meet in the next six months.

Mayor Brian Borchardt said the city worked closely with Winnebago County Emergency Management and the City of

Menasha during the flooding.

"The work was getting done," Borchardt said. "We will take a closer look at what triggers an emergency response and see about getting the committee together, see who's on it."

Alderman William Pollnow, Jr., said he walked to Water Street and "I wasn't sure what was going on. I know we got emails, but I still felt I was not informed, and the residents were not happy."



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# Nearly half of UWO students are still in high school

By Miranda Dunlap  
WISCONSIN WATCH

When University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh lecturer Paul Sager logs onto Zoom every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to teach his composition course, he asks his students to paste in the chat what emoji they feel like that day.

If it's cold outside, they might send a snowflake, or if they're feeling motivated, a rocket ship.

"They find that really fun and ice-breaking," Sager said. "Feeling connected to your professor, I believe, is an extremely important part of being invested in a course, especially when it's at the college level."

That's especially important for Sager, who has never met most of his students in the flesh, and likely never will.

At UW-Oshkosh, high schoolers make up nearly half of the student body. Many of them live hours away and never actually step foot on campus, instead taking the college courses from their high schools.

It's an increasingly popular dynamic as dual enrollment classes — where high schoolers simultaneously earn high school and college credit — soar in popularity and the typical college-aged population shrinks. But UW-Oshkosh enrolls more high schoolers than any university in the state, an endeavor that's transforming the college's identity.

The approach has helped UW-Oshkosh combat the big enrollment declines Wisconsin universities have seen in recent years.

But as more colleges tap into the dual enrollment trend, the state's fourth-largest UW campus is facing stiffer competition for these students. On top of that, few of



Photo by Joe Timmerman / Wisconsin Watch

Freshman Hugh Thao of Appleton, left, asks UWO professor Paul Sager, center, a question after a first-year college writing class.

them currently continue their education at UW-Oshkosh after high school. College leaders want that to change.

"As the competitive landscape that we operate in gets more competitive, and as the number of total high school students in Wisconsin continues to go down, it's going to be more important that we get more and more of these students to choose UW-O as their four-year solution, as well," said Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ed Martini.

## A service and a strategy

Dual enrollment is now rapidly taking root across the country, but UW-Oshkosh

was ahead of the curve when it launched its program 50 years ago.

Today, over 6,500 high schoolers get a jump start on college through the university's Cooperative Academic Partnership Program, dubbed "CAPP." In most cases, UW-Oshkosh authorizes qualified high school teachers — typically those with graduate degrees in their subject areas — to teach CAPP courses at their own schools.

Just five UW-Oshkosh professors, Sager included, teach courses to high schoolers virtually. This allows them to reach more rural schools that otherwise lack access to dual enrollment courses, often because they don't have qualified instructors or enough resources.

"Given the opportunity to teach these courses, I jumped on it ... It's definitely a calling," Sager said.

The university charges high schools about half the typical tuition costs for the classes. Students considered economically disadvantaged by the state get added discounts. Each school district decides how it passes the cost of books and tuition onto students.

If students choose not to attend UW-Oshkosh after graduation, their credits can transfer to 200 other colleges.

Over the past decade, the number of students doing dual enrollment through UW-Oshkosh has nearly doubled. While that mirrors nationwide growth, UW-Oshkosh has leaned fully into the trend, hoping to attract as many students as possible across Wisconsin — and, in some cases, beyond.

"The simple truth is, if Oshkosh didn't do it, somebody else would," Sager said. "It's something that I believe at Oshkosh they've really understood as not only a moneymaker, but just an opportunity."

To attract students, program leaders call schools to tell them about the pro-

gram and advertise at teacher conferences around the state. But largely, word of mouth and its status as the state's oldest help win school leaders' trust. CAPP is the only Wisconsin program accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships, an organization holding universities accountable to offering dual enrollment courses as rigorous as normal college courses.

"We've had, more than ever, people reaching out to us to get involved," said CAPP Outreach Specialist Sarah Adelson.

Today, 45% of UW-Oshkosh students are high schoolers, a phenomenon more common at community colleges than universities. Statewide, high schoolers are just 10% of university enrollment, compared to 1 in 3 community college students.

The dual enrollment growth has been, in many ways, a saving grace for the college.

Like other Wisconsin universities, UW-Oshkosh has lost thousands of traditional college students — those enrolling after high school graduation — over the past decade. Dual enrollment has helped offset that loss. Overall enrollment is down 9%, but without the high school students, enrollment would be down closer to 36%.

"For us, in part, it is a service. It is something that we're proud of doing and providing these opportunities to students," Martini said. "But we do consider our dual enrollment portfolio very much part of our strategic enrollment management portfolio."

## A shifting college experience

Teagan Massey-Plamann, a senior at Menasha High School, takes UW-Oshkosh's dual enrollment courses from about 20 minutes away but has visited campus only once.

"It may not be the experience of being on campus and everything, but I still kind of get to see what the curriculums will look like, and how much studying I'll need to do," Massey-Plamann said.

As dual enrollment continues to expand, it raises broader questions about what will define the college experience.

## Great colleges think alike?

Most UW-Oshkosh dual enrollment students don't continue their education there after high school. Only about 10% do.

University leaders want to change that. While Adelson said students historically "just come to us," that's changing as other Wisconsin colleges try to ride the dual enrollment wave. At the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, high schoolers now make up about a third of enrollment. Just 20 miles away from UW-Oshkosh, half of the 8,000 students at Moraine Park Technical College are still in high school.

In response, UW-Oshkosh leaders are stepping up recruitment efforts — they're offering classes other universities don't, awarding at least \$1,000 scholarships to those who enroll the following fall and funding more campus visits for high schoolers.

They've ramped up marketing efforts to remind dual enrollment students that "they are Titans," Martini said, mailing them branded T-shirts, banners and posters for teachers to hang in their high school classrooms.

"What we want is them to have a great experience, and then that builds their affinity with UWO," Martini said. "And then they say ... 'Now I want to go to Oshkosh. Now I want to be a Titan.'"









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### Pint-sized prom

The rhythm of the library changed on Saturday morning as the Neenah Public Library hosted its annual "Pint-Sized Prom" for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Dressed in their finest attire, toddlers and preschoolers traded quiet reading time for a high-energy dance floor complete with bubbles, music and a themed photo booth.

### Local college graduates

Lauren Renee Sturgell of Neenah was among the graduates from University of Nebraska-Lincoln taking part in commencement exercises May 8-9. Sturgell earned a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology with high distinction from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Matthew S. Pavletich of Neenah received his Juris Doctor from Michigan State University College of Law on May 8.

Drake Hayward of Neenah graduated May 8 from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a Bachelor of Science, finance degree.

## Area unemployment rate decreases over the month

Neenah News

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rate decrease to 3.5% in March, down from 3.7% in February but up from 3.1% a year ago, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

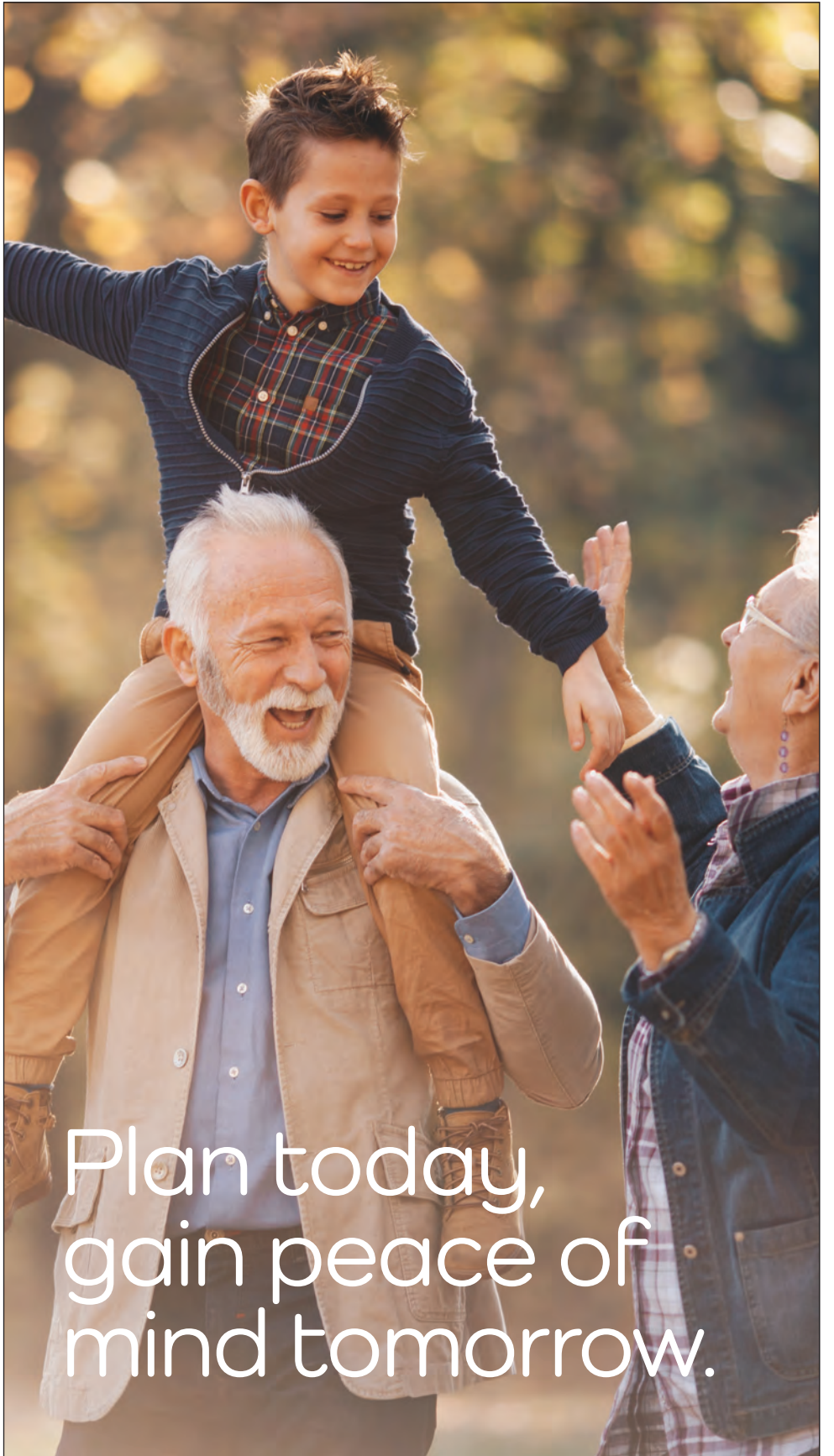
Preliminary March 2026 unemployment rates decreased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month. Rates increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the year.

Preliminary March 2026 unemployment rates decreased in 30 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Rates increased in two cities and stayed the same

in the remaining three cities. Unemployment rates decreased in one city over the year: Superior. Rates increased in the remaining 34 cities over the year.

Preliminary March 2026 unemployment rates decreased in 65 counties over the month. Rates increased in six counties over the month and stayed the same in one county: Douglas. Unemployment rates increased in 62 counties over the year. Rates decreased in nine counties over the year and stayed the same in one county: Vilas.

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# Lueneberg has spent four years getting kicks for Rockets

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Lizzy Lueneberg has covered plenty of ground at the Neenah High School soccer field over the past four years.

Just how much, though, she has no idea. "I hear the statistics a lot, but when you are out there, you don't think about it ever," Lueneberg said before a practice last week. "My first thoughts are always, let's get this ball or let's get into the play. It's never that I'm running so much."

"It would be fun to see how much I run in a game. It would probably surprise me. I probably way underestimate how much I run."

Some soccer-related websites report that high school players cover between three-to-six miles in an 80-minute match with midfielders – the position that Lueneberg stars at for the Rockets – often exceed the five-mile mark.

Even with the amount of work she has to put in to play her role, Lueneberg wouldn't want to switch positions to lighten the distance she covers.

"I like midfield the best because I can go on offense or defense and then distribute the ball wherever it needs to go," said Lueneberg, who played a wing position as a freshman. "I used to be more defensive (as a midfielder) but my main position is the attacking midfielder."

In that role, Lueneberg is a key cog in the offense, both scoring goals and setting up teammates.

Although she is not going to pass up a

**Senior Standout**



good scoring chance for herself, Lueneberg would prefer to be the one making the pass that leads to Neenah goal.

"I love getting the assist more than a goal," Lueneberg said. "It makes me feel so better knowing I helped make someone else happy. When it goes in I'm just as excited for them. The team is very good at recognizing the assist as well, which is very nice."

That's not to say that finding the back of the net isn't something she enjoys.

"It is an adrenaline rush," Lueneberg said of scoring a goal. "It's almost like slow motion, the team is coming around you to hug you. You always say you want to do a celebration but your first thought is to hug your teammates."

Lueneberg has found the net plenty during her four years with the Rockets, but there is one goal that stands out for her.

It happened in a match against DC Everest when she lined up to take a corner kick. That would normally lead to an assist, but this time, Lueneberg bent her drive into the net.

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Lizzy Lueneberg has been a four-year varsity player for the Neenah girls soccer program and has shined setting up teammates to score goals.

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# Prep sports roundup

## SOFTBALL

### Rockets roll to pair of lopsided wins

Neenah combined for 25 runs in a pair of shutout wins over Menasha and Appleton West earlier this week.

The Rockets toppled Appleton West, 15-0, in a Fox Valley Association game, scoring eight runs in the bottom of the first inning to key the win.

Norah Paider and Libby Jahnke each belted home runs in the game for the Rockets. Paider finished 3-for-3 with four RBIs in the game, with Jahnke tallying two hits and three RBIs in the game.

Natalie Coffey and Molly Jacquart each added two hits in the game, while Madison Kerker drove in two runs.

Kayleigh Johnson allowed just one hit and struck out seven in four innings to earn the win.

In a 10-0 win over Menasha, Kyleigh Mathe and Hailey Burt each totaled three hits in the game, while Jahnke finished with two hits and three RBIs. Taytum West and Mathe combined on a two-hitter, with Mathe striking out six in three innings.

On Saturday, Neenah went 1-1 at an invitational at Ashwaubenon, topping Mishicot, 5-2, while falling to Fox Valley Lutheran, 6-4.

In the win over Mishicot, West finished 2-for-4 with three RBIs, while Jahnke also had a pair of hits in the game. West pitched all seven innings allowing two hits and striking out five.

In the loss to Fox Valley Lutheran, Neenah rallied from a 4-0 deficit and tied the game with a run in the bottom of the sixth but the Foxes answered with two runs in the seventh to get the win.

Coffey finished 2-for-4 with four RBIs for the Rockets.

Coffey, Olivia Rasmussen and Cori Balthus each had two hits in the win over Appleton West, with Jahnke driving in three runs and Coffey notching a pair of RBIs. West and Johnson pitched for the Rockets and combined to allow just two hits, while striking out nine.

The Rockets picked up an 11-0 win over Appleton West last Friday with Coffey, Olivia Rasmussen and Cori Balthus each collecting two hits in the win. Jahnke drove in three runs and Coffey notched a pair of RBIs. West and Johnson pitched for the Rockets and combined to allow just two hits, while striking out nine.

Neenah was held to just three hits in a 3-1 loss to Hortonville last week, with Jahnke, Paider and Livia Hechimovich collecting the hits in the game.

### Zephyrs rally falls short against Resorters

St. Mary Catholic scored a run in the bottom of the seventh and had the bases loaded with one out but couldn't push the tying run across in a 6-5 loss to Elkhart

Lake-Glenbeulah on Tuesday.

The Zephyrs led 4-3 after three innings before the Resorters tied the game in the fifth and then scored two runs in the seventh to take their first lead and held on for the win.

Breanna Neubert finished 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles, while Paxtyn Trinkner added a pair of hits, including a two-run home run in the first inning. Scarlett Reichenbacher also had two hits in the game for the Zephyrs.

St. Mary Catholic also dropped a 7-1 decision to Xavier last week, with Sammi Weiss tallying a pair of hits and an RBI.

The Zephyrs also lost to Mishicot, 12-0, last week. Weiss had both hits in the game for the Zephyrs.

## BASEBALL

### Rockets pound out win over Spartans

Neenah erupted for 19 hits, including a pair of home runs, and scored 13 runs in the second inning to highlight a 20-1 win over Oshkosh North on Tuesday.

Ethan Hellegreen and Levi Boivin each had two hits and blasted homers in the game. Hellegreen finished with six RBIs, while Bolvin drove in three runs in the game.

Gus Weinholzer, Cal Juckem, Landon Sheppard and Henry St. Clair also each had two hits in the game for Neenah.

Three pitchers combined on four-hitter with Weinholzer getting the win.

The Rockets also posted an 11-1 win over Appleton West last Friday, scoring nine runs in the first two innings en route to the win.

St. Clair, Boivin and Max Miller each

finished with two hits in the game, while Juckem, St. Clarie, Miller John Weiland each drove in two runs for the Rockets.

Connor Amsler struck out six and allowed just two hits in five innings to get the win on the mound.

Neenah also picked up a 4-3 win over Hortonville last week, with Hellegreen going 4-for-4 to highlight the win.

Juckem struck out six in six innings to earn the win, with Amsler pitching a scoreless seventh to earn the save.

### Plutz stifles Resorters in Zephyrs' win

Ethan Plutz threw a one-hitter to lead St. Mary Catholic to a 3-0 win over Elkhart-Lake Glenbeulah on Tuesday.

Plutz did not walk a batter and struck out four in the 66-pitch complete game.

Luke Fairweather went 2-for-3 and Andrew Ernsting drove in a pair of runs for the Zephyrs, who have won nine of their last 10 games.

The Zephyrs split a pair of games in a home triangular on Saturday, topping Appleton West, 4-2, while falling to West Bend West, 12-0.

Jacob Ernsting and Tarver Trinkner each had two hits in the win over the Terrorers, while Carter Nicholson struck out four in 4 1/3 innings to earn the win on the mound.

St. Mary Catholic were held to four hits in the loss to West Bend West.

The Zephyrs also picked up a 3-0 win over Mishicot last week as Jacob Ernsting hurled a two-hitter with 13 strikeouts in the game. He also went 2-for-4 in the game, while Nicholas Jensen drove in two runs in the win.

## SOCCER

### First-half goals lift Neenah to win

The Rockets scored off a pair of corner kicks in the first half and held on to beat Appleton East 3-1 in a Fox Valley Association match on Monday night.

Lizzy Lueneberg took both corners for the Rockets, with Annabelle Perry scoring the first goal in the sixth minute and Ramsey Briones adding the second in the 19th minute.

Maddie Schoonover picked up the Rockets third goal with about 10 minutes to go, drilling home a 20-yard shot off an assist from Perry.

Over the weekend, the Rockets were shut out by a pair of state-ranked opponents, falling 2-0 to Brookfield Central on Friday and 3-0 to Brookfield East on Saturday.

### Zephyrs drop pair of Big East matches

St. Mary Catholic came up short in a pair of Big East Conference matches.

The Zephyrs dropped a 4-2 decision to Kohler on Tuesday, after falling to Ozaukee/Random Lake 9-2 last week.

## GOLF

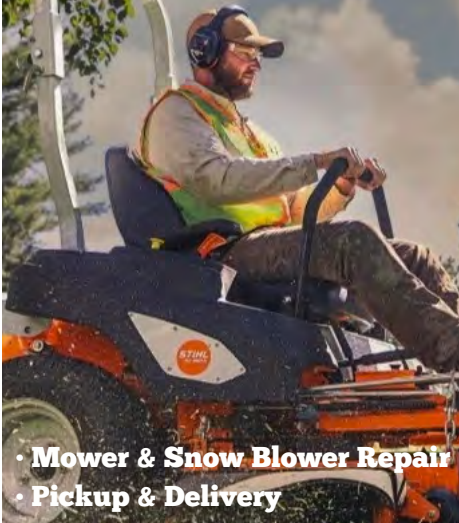
### DeLeeuw leads Zephyrs at mini-meet

Brady DeLeeuw tied for second place to lead St. Mary Catholic at a Big East North Division mini-meet played Tuesday at Winagamie Golf Club.

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"I scored off my own corner kick," Lueneberg said. "I loved that feeling. It shows that you aren't just kicking it as hard as you can, but you are aiming for a spot."

Lueneberg's passion for soccer started at a young age.

Her parents got her into the sport at a rec level at the age of five and Lueneberg immediately took to the game.

"I think it came natural, a little bit, but I definitely put the work in to get to where I am today," Lueneberg said. "I've always had the love to just fight for the ball. Pushing someone off just has always brought me joy. Just winning it and earning what I deserved in that moment."

One of the reasons Lueneberg was able to step onto the varsity team as a freshman is because of the work she put in on her own.

She said that her skills developed by going to camps, working with trainers and

even just going to the park to work on shooting with her friends.

"You can't get better without challenging yourself and you're not going to get better sitting on the couch," Lueneberg said.

Over the course of her high school career, Lueneberg's skills have continued to grow with each season and the work she puts in.

But she also said that her attitude and approach have improved from her first year wearing a Rocket uniform.

"The girls knocking me off the ball my freshman year really built my character and showed me that, they aren't going to give me anything just because I'm a newbie," Lueneberg said. "(Playing varsity my freshman year) helped me to become the person I am today, just the work ethic and then skill-wise as a player."

Lueneberg tries to impart those same lessons to the younger players in the



Lueneberg

Neenah program now.

It falls in line with her role as one of the team's captains, a role she takes a lot of pride in.

"Being a captain is definitely something I wanted and so grateful that I earned it," Lueneberg said. "It makes me feel that I'm part of the base of the team and support them to help that family atmosphere build. My coaches trust me, my teammates trust me to give me the captain band and I'm so incredibly grateful."

Lueneberg hopes to carry on her passion for soccer when she attends the University of Wisconsin in Madison next season with the goal of becoming an elementary school teacher.

She knows that playing with the Badgers isn't in her future, but there are plenty of options to keep her around the game.

"Planning on trying out for the club team or playing intramurals with my friends (at Madison)," Lueneberg said. "Keeping myself active and keep that passion for soccer alive and maybe develop into a coach or trainer."

Sharing her passion for the sport and

her knowledge for the game is something that is important to Lueneberg.

Just as she received guidance growing up in soccer, she hopes to provide those same things to future generations.

"I just want to carry on my love for the sport and pass on my knowledge of the sport down to other generations," Lueneberg said. "With the support that I was given by my dad (Jason) who coached me when I was younger and all of my coaches. I just want to give back to my community and help someone develop a love for soccer or their own passion."

Lueneberg still has a couple of weeks as a Rocket, though, and she is looking forward to ending her career on a high note.

Yet, as much as she would love to keep playing for Neenah, she understands that it will be coming to an end and she is ready for the next chapter.

"The last game will definitely feel weird, but everyone has their time," Lueneberg said. "I will just be glad that I can pass down that jersey and that captain's band to someone new and watch them develop."

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DeLeeuw finished tied with Mishicot's Jacob Wallander, two shots behind medalist, Dane Moore of Mishicot.

Carter Pendergast added a 41, Charlie Whaley carded a 42 and Mason Uhlenbrauck finished with a 45 for the Zephyrs, who finished with a team score of 168 – one shot behind Howards Grove and three behind Mishicot.

### Neenah collects win over Fond du Lac

The Rockets carded the lowest four scores to claim a Fox Valley Association dual meet win over Fond du Lac at Rolling Meadows Golf Club on Tuesday.

Carson Seitz earned medalist honors with a 42 as the Rockets won the meet, 174-195.

Cartyr Simonson, Vinny Scholl and Zach Schneider each added 44s for Neenah.

Neenah also finished second at the Manitowoc Invitational last week, carding a 333 to come in behind only Bay Port's mark of 319.

Mason Peitersen led the Rockets with a 79, tying for second place in the 17-team meet.

Jacob Maguire and Schneider each added rounds of 84 for the Rockets, while Seitz carded an 86.

### TENNIS

### Rockets breeze to win over Fondy

Neenah dropped only six games total in the six contested matches and cruised to a 7-0 win over the Cardinals last week.

Mercer Moss at No. 3 singles and Nicholas Zenzick at No. 4 singles along with Max Gerken and Tim Zhao at No. 2 doubles each won by 6-0, 6-0 margins.

The No. 1 doubles team of Brady Latsch and Luke Grassl and No. 2 singles player Henry Farrell each dropped only one game in their matches. Hunter Brown completed the sweep with a straight-set win at No. 1 singles.

Neenah also won by forfeit at No. 3 doubles.

### COED TRACK AND FIELD

### Neenah sweeps top team finishes at triangular

The Neenah girls and boys track teams each topped Oshkosh West and Appleton West at a home triangular meet on Tuesday night.

The girls nearly doubled the point total of second-place Oshkosh West, while the boys finished nine points ahead of the Wildcats in the final standings.

The girls were led by a strong showing in the field events where the Rockets posted five first-place finishes and swept the top two places in three different events.

Emma Severson led the charge by winning the shot put and discus, with Lexi Davis adding a second place in the shot put. Resa Goethel finished first in the pole vault and added a second place in the long jump.

Aubrey Murwar in the high jump and Brynn Jaeckels in the triple jump each posted first-place finishes, while Addie Tyriver in the high jump and Claire Broeders in the pole vault were each second.

The Rockets were equally successful on the track as six different athletes won individual events.

Kobi Meyer and Brynn Fox finished first and second, respectively, in the 200 meters with Molly Snider taking first and Payton Schaefer coming in second in the 400 meters. Elise Braaten and Kat Russell

added a 1-2 finish in the 3,200 meters, with Avalyn Noie and Abigail Hirschi placing first and second, respectively, in the 100-meter hurdles.

Hirschi in the 300-meter hurdles and Natalie Schult in the 800 meters were also winners, with Celia Gentile taking second in the 100 meters.

The Neenah boys dominated the relay events in the meet placing first in three of the four races – two of which they fielded the two fastest teams.

Oliver Peterka, Eli Liesener and Elijah Kaul were part of wins in the 400-meter relay and 800-meter relay, with Jaxen Berkley rounding out the 400-meter relay team and Owen Fox finishing off the 800-meter relay team.

Fox then joined Spencer Schiedermayer, Evan Mees and Arlo Ferguson in winning the 1,600-meter relay.

Neenah also took second in the 800-meter relay, 1,600-meter relay and 3,200-meter relay.

Fox and Schiedermayer also exchanged 1-2 finishes in the hurdle events with Fox taking first in the 110-meter hurdles followed by Schiedermayer. Schiedermayer then won the 300-meter hurdles followed by Fox.

Peterka in the long jump, Daemen Logterman in the triple jump and Nate Kramp in the shot put also picked up first-place finishes, while Dawson Oberer took second in both the shot put and discus, Ledger Lewis was second in the pole vault, Colton Kreger placed second in the long jump and Urijah My was the runner-up in the triple jump.

Also adding second-place finishes for the Rockets were Kaul in the 200 meters, Ferguson in the 400 meters and Evan McKenna in the 800 meters.

### Zephyr girls take third at invite

The St. Mary Catholic girls won five different events and finished third among 10 teams at the Weyauwega-Fremont Invitational on Monday.

Luci Nackers took first in the 100 meters to lead three Zephyrs in the top 10 in the event. Autumn Crowe finished third and Cora Epping came in ninth.

Ellie Davel and Moorea Steckling produced a 1-2 finish in the 100-meter hurdles and Steckling added a victory in the 300-meter hurdles.

St. Mary Catholic also won the 400-meter relay with a team of Crowe, Davel, Epping and Nackers and the 800-meter relay with a quartet of Crowe, Davel, Nackers and Steckling.

Claire Higgins added a third place in the 200 meters, while Claire Mislinski was fourth in the 1,600 meters and eighth in the 800 meters and Marissa Hahn was fourth in the discus and sixth in the shot put.

Halle Janssen picked up a fifth place in the triple jump and ninth in the long jump, with Daphne Dwyer taking sixth and Gloria Groom finishing seventh in the 400 meters, and Epping added a 10<sup>th</sup> place in the long jump.

For the boys, Ethan Auer had the top finish for the Zephyrs with a third place in the 1,600 meters.

Brenden Huelsbeck and Sean Brennan each had a pair of top-10 finishes at the meet. Huelsbeck took fifth in the 100 meters and sixth in the long jump, while Brennan was sixth in the discus and seventh in the shot put.

Other top-10 finishes for St. Mary Catholic were: Augustus Clark, sixth in the 400 meters; Brennan DuPont, eighth in the shot put; and Isaiah Hennessy, 10<sup>th</sup> in the discus.

St. Mary Catholic also took fourth in the 400-meter relay.

### Davel leads Zephyrs at Hilbert invite

Ellie Davel was a part of three wins as the St. Mary Catholic girls finished second at the Hilbert Invitational on Friday.

Davel won the 100-meter hurdles and the long jump, while also teaming with Autumn Crowe, Luci Nackers and Moorea Steckling to take first in the 800-meter relay. She also took second in the 300-meter hurdles

Marissa Hahn added a first place in the discus and took third in the shot put, while Steckling picked up a third place in the 100-meter hurdles, a fourth place in the 300-meter hurdles and a fifth place in the pole vault.

Norville tied for second in the high jump and Crowe was third in the 200 meters for the Zephyrs.

Other top finishers for St. Mary Catholic were: Claire Higgins, third in the 800 meters; Gloria Groom, fourth in the 400 meters; and Halle Janssen, fourth in the triple jump.

St. Mary Catholic also took third in the 400-meter relay and fourth in the 3,200-meter relay.

The Zephyr boys were paced by Brendan Huelsbeck, who won the 100 meters at the meet.

Isaiah Hennessy was third in the discus and fourth in the shot put, while Sean Brennan added a fourth place in the discus.

St. Mary Catholic also took third in the 400-meter relay and fifth in both the 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

### GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

### Severson leads Rockets at Myrhum invite

Emma Severson posted wins in both throwing events against a stacked field at the prestigious Myrhum Invitational hosted by Arrowhead High School on Saturday.

Severson took first in the shot put with a throw of 47-feet, 4-inches, which was nearly seven feet further than the runner-up finisher. Her winning throw of 152-6 in the discus was more than 11 feet better than the rest of the field.

Celia Gentile added a first place in the long jump and took second in the triple jump for the Rockets, who finished third among the 53 teams that scored at the meet.

Other top-10 finishers for Neenah were: Mirella Taschner, tied for eighth in the high jump; Elsa Gruber, ninth in the 3,200 meters; Lexi Davis, ninth in the shot put; and Natalie Schultz, 10<sup>th</sup> in the 3,200 meters.

### Neenah competes at DeMerit Invite

The Rockets sent a small contingent of athletes to Bay Port High School last Friday for the DeMerit Invitational.

Neenah had two top-10 finishers in both the high jump and pole vault. Addie Tyriver tied for sixth in the high jump with Kaitlyn Zaring taking seventh, while in the pole vault it was Eva Marose taking

eighth and Claire Broeders tying for ninth.

Lizzy Akins also tied for eighth in the shot put and Elise Braaten took ninth in the 3,200 meters.

Neenah also made the top 10 in three of the four relays, placing seventh in the 3,200-meter relay and eighth in both the 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

### BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

### Fox leads Rockets at Spartan Invitational

Owen Fox won both relay events as Neenah placed third among eight teams at the Spartan Invitational last Friday in Madison.

Fox breezed to the win in the 110-meter hurdles and then teamed with Spencer Schiedermayer for a 1-2 finish in the 300-meter hurdles.

Neenah also won the 400-meter throwers relay with a team of Nate Cramp, Dawson Oberer, Liam Neubauer and William Kirkman. Kramp and Kirkman were second and third, respectively, in the shot put with Oberer and Neubauer placing second and fifth, respectively in the discus.

Eli Liesener had a pair of top-five finishes at the meet taking fourth in the 200 meters and fifth in the 100 meters.

Elijah Kaul took third in the 100 meters, while Oliver Steiner in the 1600 meters, Elliott Drake in the 3,200 meters, Ledger Lewis in the pole vault and Daemen Logterman in the triple jump were each fourth. Arlo Ferguson added a fifth place in the 400 meters.

Other individual top-10 finishers for the Rockets were: Gideon Benner, sixth in the 1,600 meters; Oliver Peterka, seventh in the 200 meters and eighth in the long jump; Evan Mees, seventh in the 400 meters; Nyok Ryak, tied for ninth in the high jump; and Urijah My, 10<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump.

Neenah also placed second in the 800-meter relay and third in the 1,600-meter relay.

### BOYS LACROSSE

### Rockets drop match in Illinois

Neenah came up short on the road on Saturday, falling to Libertyville (Ill.), 16-11 on Saturday.

Drew Green had four goals in the game to lead the Rockets, while Jackson Herres had three and Jude Marsh finished with two.

Lenny Coulman and Brayden Willis also scored in the game for Neenah.

Jack Werner and Lukas Hamer each finished with two assists for the Rockets

Isaac School made 10 saves in goal.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

### Neenah drops OT thriller

The Rockets lost a hard-fought 10-9 decision in overtime to Wauwatosa in a non-conference match on Tuesday night.

Neenah was coming off a 3-1 win over Sun Prairie last Friday.

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## Is cheaper always better?

Ethan got a gift card for his birthday. Which of these T-shirts should he buy? Spending money isn't always as simple as it seems.

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**value:**

- worth of something compared to the price paid for it
- importance of something
- usefulness of something



Which shirt would **YOU** choose, and why? Write **your** reasons here to help me decide:

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**Decisions, Decisions**

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**Extra! Extra! Ad Values**

Find three advertisements in the newspaper. Read each one and decide what **value** they are selling. Are they selling something because it is the best price? Or, because it is cool? Or something else?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw the t-shirt that continues the pattern in each row.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

### Double Double Word Search

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

T	F	I	G	P	J	E	F	E	G
Q	E	V	W	F	A	I	R	V	N
B	U	D	G	E	T	I	M	I	I
R	L	A	P	X	C	E	D	S	P
A	A	X	L	V	T	I	H	N	P
N	V	O	D	I	W	X	R	E	O
D	O	S	Y	O	T	J	K	P	H
C	G	M	O	N	E	Y	R	X	S
N	E	P	X	E	D	I	C	E	D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

**Kid Scoop Together: Alphabet Math**

Working with a family member, give each letter of the alphabet these money values:

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|---------|---------|
| A = 1¢  | N = 14¢ |
| B = 2¢  | O = 15¢ |
| C = 3¢  | P = 16¢ |
| D = 4¢  | Q = 17¢ |
| E = 5¢  | R = 18¢ |
| F = 6¢  | S = 19¢ |
| G = 7¢  | T = 20¢ |
| H = 8¢  | U = 21¢ |
| I = 9¢  | V = 22¢ |
| J = 10¢ | W = 23¢ |
| K = 11¢ | X = 24¢ |
| L = 12¢ | Y = 25¢ |
| M = 13¢ | Z = 26¢ |

Using these letter values, add up the "value" of each word in the headlines on the front page of the newspaper. For example:

**SCOOP**  
 19¢ + 3¢ + 15¢ + 15¢ + 16¢  
 "SCOOP" = 68¢

Which word is the **most expensive**? Cut it out and paste it here:

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WORD VALUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Standards Link: Math / Number Sense.

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