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Flag system raises air quality awareness

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

Those that have driven by the Fox Crossing Fire Department recently may have noticed a new flag out front.

It's an air quality flag letting members of the public know how clean the air is that day and — based on the color — if they should change their outdoor activity plans.

The flags are part of a summer program

being run by the Winnebago County Public Health Department to educate people about air quality and how it can limit their activities.

“Air quality affects all parts of your health, and everyone is affected,” said Shelley Brown-Giebel, emergency preparedness specialist with the Winnebago County Health Department.

Smoke from western and Canadian wildfires has had a negative impact on

regional air quality, especially during the summer.

The county received a Wisconsin Department of Health Services Data in Action grant to purchase Purple Air Sensors, which measure particulate matter, such as dust, smoke and soot in the immediate neighborhood. Some sites, including the two fire stations, Menasha Public Health

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Photo by Jennifer Much

Setting sail

The Fox Valley Sailing School and the Neenah-Nodaway Yacht Club held their annual open house Saturday at the harbor at Riverside Park. The free community event featured sailboat rides, family-friendly activities, boating safety demonstrations, sailboat tours and information.

Musician brings talent to statewide summer program

By Hope Hahn
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Singing, dancing and acting are just some of the many gifts that Lawton Pester of Neenah possesses.

“I’ve been doing theater since third grade,” Lawton said. “I’ve never once gotten tired of it. I couldn’t be more grateful for the opportunities I’ve found within Neenah High School and from all my teachers or directors. Music and dance have always been how I express myself. I couldn’t imagine where my life would be without them.”

Lawton first started acting in musicals in third grade with the Jubricosa theater group. He continued acting but realized he had a passion for the singing and dancing aspect of the shows.

While he continued acting in musicals, he also grew to love high school choir and auditioned for the advanced chamber choir. He was one of two sophomores accepted last year.

Choir members participate in Solo Ensemble each year, and Lawton was recognized with the exemplary performance award last year for his musical theater piece. This year, all three of his pieces made state.

He was involved with Neenah Show Choir Act 2, which is the freshman and sophomore group, and Vintage the group for juniors and seniors. He plans on participating in Vintage again in his senior year.



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Lawton Pester will be bringing his musical talents around the state this summer as part of the Kids From Wisconsin program.

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Program highlights local museums

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Area residents are invited to learn more about the community's indigenous, pioneer and city history while visiting six local museums before Labor Day.

The museums are Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, 165 North Park Ave.; Doty Cabin Museum, 701 Lincoln St., Hiram Smith Octagon House, 343 Smith St. and R. Harder Gallery of Gems & Minerals (Jewelers Mutual Group), 24 Jeweler's Park Drive, in Neenah, along with Bridge Tower Museum, 98 Center St., and Mena-

sha Historical Society, 640 Keyes Street, in Menasha.

To get started, obtain a passport from one of the museums - or download one. Visit the participating museums to receive a stamp on the passport and a free 3" sticker. Collect all six.

Obtain stamps from at least four of the participating museums to enter for the grand prize drawing at noon Sept. 10. Stop by Neenah Parks & Rec office or email a photo of the completed passport with contact information to parkrec@neenahwi.gov.



Photo from Neenah Historical Society

Fire department visit

Cub Scouts learn about fire safety while exploring a circa 1925 fire truck.

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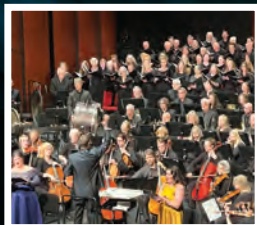
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Saturday, June 20

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

Tuesday, June 23

Neenah Community Band Concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Wednesday, June 24

Future Neenah Evening Concert featuring Grand Union, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Saturday, June 27

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
Volunteer Buckthorn Removal, 8 a.m., Carpenter Preserve
Meet Author Philippa Mors, 9 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Our Time to Shine Community Celebration, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Roosevelt School Statue Celebration, 10:30 a.m., Doty Park

Meet and Greet with Author Kathryn Gahl of "Yes, No, I Don't Know: Stories," 2 p.m., Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Sunday, June 28

Neenah Summer Fun Run, 6 p.m., Memorial Park

Tuesday, June 30

Children's Singer Tom Pease, 6 p.m., Fritsch Park, Fox Crossing

Wednesday, July 1

Future Neenah Evening Concert featuring Copper Box, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Friday, July 3

Community Fest Parade of Lights, 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 4

Community Fest, 11:30 a.m., Riverside Park

Correction

June 5, Page 4. In the article "Three vie to replace Matz as sheriff," the other county-wide race on the ballot this fall is Clerk of Courts.



Community Celebration Saturday, June 27

Come to Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass on Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and help us celebrate our glassy new and refreshed spaces. Enjoy art activities, food trucks, and exciting new exhibits. As always, admission is FREE!



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Yard signs will be posted to show the houses on the self-guided Doty Island History Walk tour.

Doty Island History Walk offers glimpses of area's past

By Eric Endres
NEENAH NEWS

Area history buffs and those interested in learning more about the heritage in their own backyards have a chance to get a glimpse of the past with the Doty Island History Walk starting Saturday through July 5.

Back for another year after kicking off in 2020, the history walk is presented by Doty Island Community Partners (DICP) and is a self-guided tour across the island, which is split between Neenah and Menasha, where people can navigate through neighborhoods using a downloadable map from the organization's website (dotyisland.net/events).

The map features areas of interest, each of which will have a yard sign explaining the historical significance of that site. New this year, said DICP president Florence Bruno, are QR codes for some of the sites that will direct users to more information online. Seven additional houses will also be participating this year.

The organization is using the phrase "Behind the Walls Stories" to describe what can be learned about the sites on the tour.

"The history walk is not only about architecture, but also about the families who built the houses, lived and worked here to make Neenah and Menasha the cities they are today," Bruno said. "It is about industrialists and business success stories on the island."

The tour consists of 48 buildings, and Bruno said the DICP Facebook page will post a fun fact, historic photos or other history items about Doty Island every day throughout the tour.

"Visitors and readers can expect to gain a really better understanding of our rich heritage and our community through the families who lived on Doty Island before 1900," Bruno said. "They will learn why these industrialists started their companies in Neenah and Menasha and why they decided to live here."

DICP is also organizing a "Roosevelt School Statue Celebration" at 10:30 a.m. June 27 at Doty Park behind Doty Cabin. This is a free event to remember the island's old Roosevelt Elementary School, which was demolished in 2023 (the site will now be home to the new ThedaCare housing development for physicians in training). Refreshments will be provided.

Neenah begins rezoning process

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

The City of Neenah is redoing its zoning ordinance for the first time since the 1970s and is seeking the community's help to do it.

The city held an open house Monday to solicit opinions about different building options.

At the open house, poster boards showed examples of neighborhood commercial designs, signage, fence types, industrial building design, multi-family residences, downtown buildings, single-family homes and more. People put stickers by the designs they liked and responded to general use questions.

For those unable to attend the workshop, there's an online survey community members can take. City staff will also be at the Future Neenah Farmers Market where they hope to gather information from residents, too.

Brad Schmidt, Neenah's deputy director of community development, said it is important to gather feedback from community members and those involved in building, such as developers.

"We've already had some focus groups with targeted groups who interact a lot

with the zoning code, such as developers," he said. "Zoning affects how the city looks."

Community input plays a critical role in the update process with the workshop providing participants with an opportunity to learn about zoning, discuss opportunities and challenges with the current code and share ideas about how future regulations can better serve residents, businesses and neighborhoods.

The city is working with Vandewalle & Associates as its planning consultant.

Zoning regulates land use mix, location of new buildings, the size and dimension of new lots, building heights, setbacks and design, signage and landscaping.

Developing the new zoning code will take about 18 months, Schmidt said. A draft document will be developed this fall and winter. By next spring, it should be refined and reviewed by city staff, the planning commission and common council. Next summer, a draft review will be available, and another open house will be held to gather public input. The plan will be finalized and prepared for adoption in the fall of 2027.

Visit surveymonkey.com/r/NeenahZoningWksp to take the online zoning survey.

Businesses partner for self-defense seminar

Neenah News

Globe Coffee and Fortitude Krav Maga will be partnering to host a free self-defense seminar for members of the community.

The event at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday is designed to give people practical, real-world safety skills they can use immediately, regardless of age, size or experience level. The class will be held at the Plaza and Globe Coffee, 229 W. Wisconsin Ave.

"One of Fortitude's core values is being a force for good in our community," said Tiffany VanBoxtel, Muay Thai program director with Fortitude Krav Maga. "This event is an opportunity to make self-defense education accessible to anyone who may benefit from it."

VanBoxtel said they're excited to partner with Globe Coffee to create something that brings people together while providing valuable skills and awareness.

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Literacy council receives grant supporting programs

Neenah News

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) recently awarded Winnebago Area Literacy Council a \$10,000 grant to support adult literacy.

The funds from the retailer contribute to a record-setting, single-day total of nearly \$16 million in grants nationwide — supporting adult, family and summer literacy programs in the 48 states where Dollar General operates. The milestone surpasses the Foundation's previous record of more than \$13.2 million granted in May 2025.

WALC provides free adult literacy programs designed to help individuals strengthen reading, writing, English lan-

guage and workplace skills in a supportive, learner-centered environment. The organization serves more than 400 adult learners each year across three physical sites.

WALC offers a variety of adult literacy programs ranging from group ESL classes and one-on-one tutoring to onsite workplace literacy and civic literacy initiatives such as Monthly Immigration Learning Circles, which recently received the Statewide Civic Visionary Award from the Wisconsin Alliance for Civic Trust.

The Foundation plans to launch its seventh annual The Yellow Glasses Project campaign on July 20, in which customers can purchase yellow sunglasses at Dollar General stores for \$2 each to benefit the DGLF.

Grant to support employment opportunities

Neenah News

Remarkable is using a grant to connect its clients who want to work with businesses in the community that need employees.

Remarkable (formerly Lakeside Packaging Plus) received the \$15,000 from the O'Reilly Automotive Foundation, the philanthropy arm of O'Reilly Auto Parts.

Remarkable serves about 200 people who have diverse abilities and need extra help learning things like self-confidence, workplace communication and hands-on skills. Along with enrichment programs, clients can also work onsite at Remarkable in the production department, which provides assembly, warehousing and material handling services.

Beyond that opportunity, Remarkable also helps participants land meaningful

jobs within local businesses by providing on-the-job training and professional support.

Remarkable's grant is part of a year-end round of giving for the O'Reilly Automotive Foundation, which awarded nearly \$1.5 million across 50 nonprofits nationwide in 2025. It's the largest distribution of funds from the foundation since its founding in 2020.

Along with its employment initiatives, Remarkable also offers youth services, including after school, summer and weekend programs. All of its initiatives create inclusive spaces where individuals can develop life skills and build connections.

The organization is always in need of volunteers, donations and business partners. To find out more, visit remarkablewi.org.



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Volunteers participated last year in collecting lithium-ion batteries during the Future Neenah Farmers Market as part of a cooperative effort between First United Methodist Church of Neenah-Menasha and Redwood Materials.

Lithium battery collection dates set

Neenah News

A lithium-ion battery collection will take place for a second year during the Future Neenah Farmers Market.

The first collection is set for Saturday. The farmers market takes place from 8 a.m. to noon in Shattuck Park.

The First United Methodist Neenah Menasha's Green Team started the effort to collect and recycle lithium batteries last year. The group hosted seven booths at the farmers market, along with an E-recycling event in Menasha, collecting 350 pounds of lithium batteries or devices containing lithium batteries that were recycled by Redwood Materials.

The company provides collection boxes

and return shipping labels to help with the process.

"We were pleasantly surprised by the number of local residents that brought their batteries and/or devices," said organizer Jerry Tribbey with First United Methodist Church Neenah-Menasha. "There seems to be a real desire in the community to dispose of these items responsibly."

Alkaline, Nicad, lead acid and damaged or defective batteries should not be brought to the event.

Other collection dates that are set at the Farmers Market include Aug. 29 and Sept. 12 with Winnebago County Solid Waste along with Oct. 10.

Grant funding supports programs for women, girls

Neenah News

The Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region has awarded more than \$72,000 in grant funding this year. These funds will directly support local nonprofit programs dedicated to improving the health, safety and economic security of women and girls across the Fox Valley.

This year's investments target systemic challenges and provide resources to help women and girls thrive. By funding focused, community-based initiatives, the Women's Fund continues its mission to build a more equitable community where

everyone can reach their full potential.

The \$72,000 in funding was distributed among several key area organizations, including CAP Services, Casa Hispana, COTS, First 5 Fox Valley, HeadsUp Fox Cities, Long Cheng Community Center, Safe Families for Children, Samaritan, SiSTAR Society Academy of Excellence and Wisconsin Early Childhood Association.

For more information about the Impact Grants or how to get involved, visit womensfundfvr.org or contact Stacie Hazlett-Rothe at srothe@womensfundfvr.org or 920-702-7616.

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Rendering of Evergreen Fox Crossing Lake Homes



Air quality

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Department and Winneconne Elementary School, display flags corresponding to the air quality levels developed by the U.S. Environmental Air Protection's Air Quality Index.

Oshkosh Fire Chief Tim Heiman said the department got involved in the project since protecting public health is a core part of its mission.

"Air quality can have a real impact on residents, especially children, older adults, and people with asthma, heart conditions or other respiratory concerns," Heiman

said. "By displaying the flags, we can give the community a simple, visible reminder about current air conditions and help people make informed decisions about outdoor activity. It's a practical way for us to support prevention, awareness and overall community safety."

Brown-Giebel said the flag colors have different meanings.

Green and yellow mean the air is relatively clean, and activities should not be affected while an orange flag means the air is unhealthy for those with breathing issues, such as allergies, asthma and emphysema. They should take it easy outside and head indoors if they begin to have symptoms such as coughing, wheezing, chest

tightness or shortness of breath.

Once the red flag goes up, everyone should reduce their outdoor activities and head indoors if they begin to have symptoms.

If the purple flag goes up, everyone should stay inside if possible.

Brown-Giebel said the idea to get the Purple Air Sensors and flags came from a Winneconne Elementary School nurse. She contacted the health department a few times to inquire if a certain day's air quality would be good for an outside field trip. She was thinking about students and staff members with breathing issues.

"All great ideas come from somewhere and I'll admit that's where this one came

from," Brown-Giebel said.

As part of the project, Traeger Middle School in Oshkosh received a PurpleAir PIXEL to measure air quality. It can be moved to different locations in case students want to compare indoor and outdoor air quality, for example. The school also has a set of flags.

The county program runs through the summer, but the sites will still have the sensors and flags and can continue their participation. The schools will continue to use their materials for educational purposes.

The local air quality can be viewed by going to map.purpleair.com and zooming in on Winnebago County.



Photo from Neenah Police Department

Signed cards

Neenah Police Chief Aaron Olson was excited to have his Neenah Police Department trading cards signed by Green Bay Packers players Micah Parsons and Jordan Love. The police department has the cards available at community events throughout the year. The cards are sponsored by Rosenow Customs.

EAA WomenVenture to honor aviation innovation

Celebrating women involved in aircraft design, building and testing will be highlighted at EAA WomenVenture 2026 during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

The 73rd edition of the Experimental Aircraft Association's fly-in convention is July 20-26 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

"This year, we wanted to focus on the 'Design, Build, Test' theme, as these women are at the forefront of new developments in the ever-expanding aviation industry," said Margaret Brill, Vice President of the EAA Aviation Foundation, who coordinates WomenVenture programming.

Activities on July 22 will include a group photo, lunch and evening program. The keynote speaker Xyla Foxlin is an engineer, pilot and YouTube content creator.

In addition to the July 22 activities, the EAA WomenVenture Center on the AirVen-

ture grounds will be open all week, featuring 12 aviation organization exhibitors, daily forums and social gatherings on the covered patio. The center is located on Knapp Street between EAA Press Headquarters and the Forums and Workshops area.

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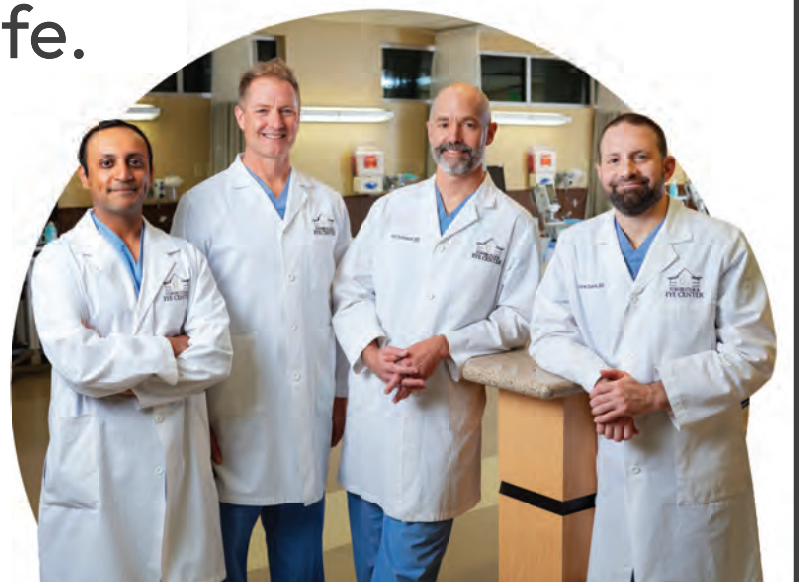
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Altrusa Club of Oshkosh selects students to receive scholarships

Altrusa Club of Oshkosh has selected area students as recipients of \$1,500 scholarships.

Evan Numrich's goals include graduating from UW-LaCrosse with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and then attending graduate school to earn either a master's degree or PhD.

Numrich, who is from Neenah, hopes to become a clinical biochemist. Clinical biochemists work in hospitals and laboratories where they study blood, urine, and other samples to help doctors find and un-

derstand diseases.

Kyria Taillon of Neenah is a second-year Flight Operations major who is minoring in Aviation Management. She is working towards becoming an airline pilot and has the ultimate goal of becoming a captain at United Airlines.

Area students interested in applying for 2027 scholarships should check for information at districtseven.altrusa.org/Oshkosh or the Fox River Scholarship Center at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation in January 2027.

Fox Crossing collecting food drive items

The Village of Fox Crossing is collecting donations for a food drive.

The food drive is with St. Joseph's Food Program and will support local residents in need.

The most needed food items include peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned chick-

en, canned tuna, soup, oatmeal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, rice and pasta.

Items can be dropped off through June 26 at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive. Donation bins will be in the lobby and Parks and Recreation hallway.

Local college graduates

Kaden Miller and Luke Peel, both of Neenah, graduated this spring from Cedarville University in Ohio with undergraduate degrees.

Sylvia Walentowski of Neenah graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Wisconsin Lutheran College.

The following students from Neenah graduated in May from Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Gabby Belke, Bachelor of Science, nursing

Ellie DeWitt, Bachelor of Science, biomedical sciences

Sophie Henning, Bachelor of Science, speech pathology and audiology

Anna Jamroz, Bachelor of Science, elementary/middle education

Mia Kinayman, Bachelor of Science, human resources

Dayne Newman, Bachelor of Science, computer science

Elizabeth Rosiejka, Master of Science, speech language pathology

Henry Werner, Bachelor of Science, marketing

Musical talent

FROM PAGE 1

"Lawton does not miss an opportunity to learn new choreography and steps," said Lawton's mother, Linda Pester. "His precision and enthusiasm make watching him dance truly feel like a gift."

This summer, Lawton's talents will be on display throughout the state as part of the Kids From Wisconsin program.

Lawton checked into the production camp on the evening of the last day of high school this month. He will participate in a vigorous but fulfilling schedule from sunrise to sunset to prepare for the two-hour show.

The tour begins with the first performance in Whitewater on June 25. The performers are running free, interactive workshops throughout the tour that grow singing, dancing and playing instrumental skills for children ages 7-14.

For the past five decades, Kids From Wisconsin groups have toured across the Midwest performing a live, two-hour Broadway-style revue of song, dance and live band for more than 100,000 people each year. They have also provided free, hands-on performing arts Realize Your Dreams youth workshops around the state, as well as two sensory friendly shows each season.

The group showcases Wisconsin's brightest musicians, singers and dancers, whose ages range from 15-20. This age group has been called "Wisconsin's Premiere Musical Ambassadors."

"I decided to audition for Kids from Wisconsin because of the opportunity to extend myself and grow as a performer," Lawton said. "As I plan for my future, I've realized that Kids from Wisconsin is an amazing way to prepare me for music education, dance or whatever I decide to pursue. I couldn't be more excited for this summer and wherever it leads me after."

Kids from Wisconsin, an organization that was founded in 1969, continues to inspire audiences statewide through its touring productions and educational outreach programs, including music residencies in underserved communities. The organization uses the power of music and performance as a resource for positive change.

This year they are honoring the 250th anniversary of the United States with their "America's Soundtrack - The Pulse of a Nation" production. This show reflects the organization's mission to empower Wis-



Submitted photo

Junior Lawton Pester has performed with various groups, including ones at Neenah High School.

consin's youth through performance and music enrichment experiences. This will be a high-energy musical journey featuring the sounds that have shaped generations of Americans. The group is made up of 22 singers/dancers and 14 musicians.

The show is family-friendly and will be showcasing their 58th season this year in over 30 cities in Wisconsin. The group will be ending its season performing every day at the Wisconsin State Fair in August.

A full list of cities and workshops can be found on the Kids from Wisconsin website at kidsfromwi.org. Though Lawton lives in Neenah, the closest show will be De Pere, where he hopes to see Neenah representation.

Linda is hoping the Kids from Wisconsin Program is a great opportunity that will help Lawton continue his future in music and performing and allow him to learn new skills.

"Lawton is so passionate when he sings and dances that you can see it on his face and feel his energy," Linda said. "He loves it so much that this past school year he gave up his free period to go to the middle school to help teach their choirs. He has always loved singing classical pieces and pieces from musicals, but this year he was blessed with being invited to perform 'Fire' by Jimi Hendrix at Neenah's end of the year coffee house talent showcase. He has shown that no matter what he sings, he puts his whole heart into it. He also dances every second he is awake."

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Nearly \$1 million in scholarships awarded to area students

Neenah News

A total of 321 area high school and college students were awarded \$991,960 through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation (OACF) and its valued regional education partners to pursue post-secondary education.

These scholarships, made possible by the generosity of local donors, businesses and organizations, will support students as they pursue higher education and career training opportunities.

This year's recipients represent a diverse group of high school seniors and continuing education students.

Scholarship award criteria range from academic excellence to leadership and community involvement. Scholarships were awarded to students throughout the OACF service area, which includes Winnebago, Green Lake, and Waushara Counties, as well as the City of Ripon. Awards range from \$100 to \$12,000 and include one-time and renewable awards for one to four years.

The Foundation stewards more than 250 scholarship funds established by individuals, families, organizations, and area businesses such as Alliance Laundry Systems and Badger Mining. In partnership with school districts and education advocates throughout our service area, OACF administers scholarship programs for public and private schools in Green Lake, Neenah, Oshkosh, Omro, Princeton, Ripon, Wautoma and Winneconne, as well as select scholarships for regional higher education institutions.

A complete list of 2026 scholarship recipients and the funds that make these awards possible is available at oshkoshareaacf.org.

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Badges program celebrates fourth year providing connections

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin (BBBSECW) began the Bigs with Badges program in Oshkosh in the 2022-2023 school year with only nine matches.

In the 2024-2025 school year, the program expanded to Manawa and has expanded to both the Neenah and Grand Chute Police for the 2026-2027 school year. The program currently serves 15 matches.

Law Enforcement Officers ("Bigs") and local youth ("Littles") together, in

the Bigs with Badges program, aim to create mentoring relationships and establish positive attitudes towards others in their community, including police officers. For some youth, they recognize law enforcement to mean that someone is in trouble, has done something wrong, or will be incarcerated.

Through this program, youth can find a safe, positive adult that creates real change in the communities. Littles in the Oshkosh Bigs with Badges program this spring flexed their creativity by making cards for the Oshkosh Area United Way.

It is a tradition to celebrate the end of the school year with a party, inviting Littles' families to meet the Bigs. This year, Oshkosh Bigs with Badges Littles, Bigs, and families toured the Oshkosh Police Department and viewed a K9 demonstration.

The party ended with Littles pinning a silver "B" on their Bigs, thanking them for their service to their community and the Big Brothers Big Sisters mission.

In addition, BBBSECW congratulates

the class of 2026 and recognizes 44 youth graduating out of the program.

For the 2026 graduating class, BBBSECW awarded \$20,000 to the indicated Littles and High School Bigs. Scholarships are available to former Littles and High School Bigs for up to five years after graduation, in hopes of supporting the future of our community.

Two scholarships in 2026 were awarded to alumni. The graduates will be celebrated by BBBSECW this month.

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ThedaCare expert lists summer safety tips for kids at play

Simple steps can reduce injuries

ThedaCare

Play and recreation are vital to children's well-being and development, according to an expert with ThedaCare.

"Spending time outdoors benefits kids in so many ways," said Dr. Elizabeth Ermatinger, a pediatrician with ThedaCare Physicians Pediatrics-Appleton. "From exploring the world to encouraging physical activity to engaging in imaginative play, outside time is a win."



Ermatinger

Ermatinger shared some safety reminders for kids and parents alike.

"Don't let a warm day go sideways," she said. "Simple safety steps like applying

sunscreen when planning to stay out in the sun and wearing a bike helmet when cycling can go a long way in reducing the likelihood of accidents and injuries."

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends kids wear a sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

"It's important to wear sunscreen outdoors, regardless of the season," Ermatinger said. "That applies to overcast and sunny days."

For best results, people should apply sunscreen between 15 and 30 minutes before going outside, she said. She also encouraged people to:

- Cover all exposed areas, including the often-overlooked body parts of the ears, hands, feet, bridge of the nose and beneath swimsuit straps.
- Protect their lips with an SPF 30 lip balm.
- Apply sunscreen generously.
- Reapply every two hours or more, especially if swimming or sweating.

- Keep babies younger than 6 months old out of direct sunlight.

"If we teach our children to always wear sunscreen when they're young, it can set up good health habits for the future," Ermatinger said. "Ask your child's doctor if you have questions about which sunscreen is right for them."

Bike helmets

Bike helmets can help prevent serious head and face injuries during a fall. Wearing one may decrease the risk of head injuries by about 85%, according to the AAP.

"Helmets and bike riding should go hand in hand for people of all ages," Ermatinger said. "Kids watch what adults do. Set a positive example by wearing a helmet whenever you bike."

It's important to buy bike helmets that meet the safety standards of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Ermatinger said. They should fit snugly, include a chin strap and be replaced if damaged during a crash.

"Make sure kids also wear helmets for other warm-weather activities like rollerblading, skateboarding, horseback riding and all-terrain vehicle riding," she said.

Swim safety

Swimming offers a great way to get active and beat the heat. At the same time, it's important to follow precautions to ensure everyone stays safe, Ermatinger said.

Drowning is a leading cause of death among children, especially for kids between the ages of 1 and 4 years, according to the AAP.

"Enrolling your child in swimming lessons is a great first step," Ermatinger said. "It's also important to stay vigilant and en-

sure everyone follows the rules and safety precautions at pools and beaches."

The American Red Cross offers water safety recommendations including but not limited to:

- Swimming in designated areas with lifeguard supervision.
- Avoiding swimming alone.
- Providing close and constant attention to children, even when a lifeguard is present.
- Having young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water.

Take care with trampolines

As many children can attest, trampolines offer hours of fun. While the fun is undeniable, so is the risk. According to the National Institutes of Health, trampolines led to more than 800,000 injuries among kids and teens between 2009 and 2018. That led the AAP to recommend against letting children use trampolines, except in a setting that includes professional coaches and specialized equipment.

"It's easy to understand the draw of trampolines," Ermatinger said. "If you do choose to have one at your home or let your child play on one, consider following safety precautions."

AAP recommends the following: wait until kids are at least 6 years old before allowing them to use a trampoline, adult supervision at all times, only one child on the trampoline at a time, no somersaults or flips, no jumps from rooftops or high places onto the trampoline, and take the ladder down when no one is bouncing.

"A few simple steps today can protect a whole summer of fun," Ermatinger said. "Start before you step outside."



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New playground surface

The Fox Crossing Parks and Recreation Crew this week was planning to spread nearly 400 yards of engineered wood fiber at park playgrounds. Unlike ordinary wood chips, engineered wood fiber is specifically designed for playground safety and contains no dirt, bark, sawdust, chemicals or treatments. While engineered wood fiber remains the standard at most playgrounds, the parks department said to keep an eye on Schildt Park. The brand-new playground being installed later this summer will feature 100% poured-in-place rubber surfacing, providing an accessible, durable and low-maintenance play surface for years to come.

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Rockets fall in quarterfinals of team state tennis tourney

Neenah News

The Neenah boys tennis team bowed out in the quarterfinal round of the WIAA Division 1 Team State Tennis Tournament last weekend at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison.

The Rockets fell to Marquette, 4-3, on Friday in a rematch of a quarterfinal round match from last year which Neenah won by an identical margin.

Neenah split the four singles matches against the Hilltoppers.

Hunter Brown won a straight-set match at No. 1 singles over Marquette's Spencer Holly, 6-3, 6-3, while Nicholas Zenzick bounced back from a second-set loss to beat Henry Mooney, 7-6, 2-6, 10-8.

Neenah nearly added another victory at No. 3 singles as Mercer Moss won the first set of his match against Mark Coury but ended up falling, 5-7, 6-2, 13-11 in a marathon match.

The Rockets final victory came at No. 1 doubles where Brady Lawatsch and Luke Grassl posted a 6-3, 6-2 win over Marquette's Colin More O'Ferrall and Conrad Redden.

The appearance at the team state tournament was Neenah's 23rd trip to the event, which is the second most in WIAA history behind only Eau Claire Memorial's 25 appearances. Marquette was making its 22nd appearance at the team state tournament.

Marquette lost to Whitefish Bay, 5-2, in the second round as the Blue Dukes went on to claim its first Division 1 state title. Whitefish Bay had won five state titles in Division 2.

Neenah's lineup for the team state tournament included only two seniors - Lawatsch and No. 2 doubles player Tim Zhao - while the Rockets was one of just two teams in the field with multiple freshmen in its singles lineup in Moss and Zenzick.

Spring sports all-conference teams

SOFTBALL

Rockets' Mathe earns fourth all-FVA nod

Neenah High School senior Kyleigh Mathe capped her career by earning All-Fox Valley Association recognition for the fourth straight season.

Mathe was one of three pitchers named to the all-FVA first team this season, marking the third straight season she earned a spot on the top team. She was a second-team all-conference selection as a freshman.

Mathe was joined on the 20-member first team, by junior infielder Libby Jahnke. Jahnke, who transferred to Neenah this season, was a first-team all-East Central Conference performer last season with Winneconne.

Sophomore infielder Natalie Coffey earned second-team honors for the Rockets, while senior pitcher Taytum West and junior outfielders Norah Paider and Carli Baltus were honorable mention selections.

Trinkner leads Zephyr honorees

Sophomore Paxtyn Trinkner was the lone St. Mary Catholic player to earn first team all-conference honors in the Big East North.

Trinkner was tabbed as an infielder after batting .297 and leading the Zephyrs with 19 RBIs, nine doubles and two home runs.

Senior outfielder Samantha Weiss and freshman catcher Breanna Neubert were named to the second team, while sophomore infielder Emily Weiss and sophomore pitcher Gabby Guerrero were named to the honorable mention list.

BASEBALL

Rockets land four players on all-FVA first team

Neenah's bounce back season in the Fox Valley Association was rewarded with a foursome of players being named to the

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All-conference

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all-league first team.

Senior first baseman Cal Juckem and junior outfielder Ethan Hellengreen were both unanimous selections to the 21-player first team. Juckem was a second-team all-FVA selection last season.

Senior shortstop Mack Krause and senior outfielder Gus Weinholzer each earned first-team honors for the second straight season. Krause was also an honorable mention selection as a sophomore.

The Rockets also had four players named to the all-FVA second team in senior designated hitter Henry St. Clair, junior catcher Levi Boivin, junior second baseman Owen Pire and junior third baseman Landen Sheppard.

The eight selections on the first two teams were the most for any team in the conference. Fond du Lac, Kaukauna and Kimberly each had six players on the first two teams.

Senior outfielder James Weiland was the lone honorable mention selection for the Rockets.

Ernsting earns top honors in the Big East North

St. Mary Catholic junior Jacob Ernsting was named the Player of the Year in the Big East North after helping the Zephyrs win the conference title this season.

Ernsting was a first-team all-conference selection as both a pitcher and an infielder. On the mound, Ernsting posted a 1.48 earned run average with 50 strikeouts in 33 innings pitched this season. At the plate, he racked up a .443 batting average with a team-high 26 RBIs.

Ernsting was joined on the first team by freshman infielder Caleb Vogel, who led the Zephyrs with a .500 batting average in his first varsity season, while leading the team in runs scored (27) and doubles (8) and ranking second on the Zephyrs in RBIs (19).

St. Mary Catholic had a pair of second-team honorees in senior pitcher Ethan Plutz and senior catcher Mason Wagner.

Junior outfielder Tarver Trinkner was named to the honorable mention list.

SOCCER

Jones headlines Neenah's all-FVA selections

Senior midfielder Mea Jones was the lone Rocket named to the 13-player all-Fox Valley Association first team.

Jones was one of five midfielders named to the first team and one of six players to receive recognition from the league for Neenah.

Earning second-team honors for the Rockets was junior forward Madi Schoonover, while picking up honorable men-

Editor's Note

The area all-conference teams for track and field will be in next week's edition.

tion honors were senior forward Anabelle Perry, junior midfielder Lilly Romjue, sophomore defender Isla Jones and freshman midfielder Brooklyn Myers.

Both Perry and Romjue earned all-conference nods for the second time. Perry was a first-team selection last season, while Romjue was on the honorable mention list as a freshman.

Zephyrs have pair of players honored

St. Mary Catholic's top two scorers each earned recognition on the all-Big East teams.

Junior Bitsy McCauley was named to the all-conference second team after leading the Zephyrs with eight goals this season.

Sophomore Brecken Britzke earned honorable mention honors for St. Mary Catholic.

TENNIS

All seven flights honored for Rockets

Neenah's conference championship and state-qualifying tennis team once again had its entire varsity lineup garner all-Fox Valley Association recognition.

Freshman Mercer Moss was the first-team award winner at No. 3 singles for the conference and was joined on the first team by the No. 1 doubles pairing of Brady Lawatsch and Luke Grassl.

It was the third straight year Grassl has earned first-team honors at his flight, while Lawatsch garnered first-team honors as a freshman and was second team the past two seasons.

The rest of Neenah's singles lineup all landed on second team in junior Hunter Brown at the No. 1 flight, junior Henry Farrell at the No. 2 flight and freshman Nicholas Zenzick at the No. 4 flight.

The Rockets' No. 3 doubles team of sophomores Charlie Perry and Eric Hein also earned second-team honors, while Neenah's No. 3 pairing of senior Tim Zhao and junior Max Gerken were honorable mention.

Moss and Zenzick were the only freshmen to receive all-FVA recognition this season.

Eight Zephyrs garner recognition from EWC

Four singles players and four doubles players were recognized on the all-Eastern Wisconsin Conference teams for St. Mary Catholic.

Leading the list was a trio of first team selections in senior Nicholas Miller at sin-

gles and senior Sean Osland and junior Dominic Todd in doubles.

Junior Aiden Tines in singles and freshman Colin Osland in doubles were named to the second team, while third-team honorees were senior Zach Beyer and freshman Jameson Tines in singles and freshman Frederic Staner in doubles.

GOLF

Four Rocket golfers garner all-FVA honors

Four members of Neenah's golf team were recognized on the all-Fox Valley Association list.

The awards are based on points accumulated during the season and the Rockets had four of their players earn honorable mention all-league honors.

Junior Carson Seitz was the highest finisher in the conference rankings for the Rockets, while seniors Zach Schneider and Mason Peitersen and junior Cartyr Simonson also joined him on the honorable mention list.

Duo leads Zephyrs on all-Big East list

Two members of St. Mary Catholic's sectional qualifying golf team were recognized for their play in the Big East Conference this season.

Sophomores Charlie Whaley and Brady DeLeeuw each earned a spot on the all-conference second team this season.

BOYS LACROSSE

Rockets' Vaughn earns top honors in Bay Valley

Neenah senior defender Reshawn

Vaughn was named the 2026 Bay Valley Conference Player of the Year and highlighted the Rockets' all-conference selections.

Vaughn, who was a second-team all-league performer last year, anchored Neenah's stellar defense and also finished with six goals and 11 points.

Vaughn was one of two first-team selections for the Rockets and was joined by sophomore Jude Marsh on the top squad. Marsh led the conference in assists (27) and points (58) while ranking third in the lead with 31 goals this season.

Earning second-team honors for the Rockets were senior midfielder Bayden Willes, junior defenseman Clay Laabs and junior goalkeeper Isaac Scholl.

Landing on the honorable mention list for Neenah were senior attacker Leny Coulman, junior midfielder Jackson Herres and junior defender Cooper Sieck.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Defensive duo garners first-team honors

A pair of Neenah defenders led the Bay Valley Conference selections for the Rockets, landing on the 11-player first team.

Senior Ainsley LeClair and junior Delilah Hein were each first-team honorees after helping solidify the Rockets' back line. Hein was an honorable mention all-conference selection last season.

Junior attacker Josie Mroczkowski and junior defender Sofia Alatorre were named to the second team for the Rockets, who also had honorable mention selections in senior midfielder Isabelle Bugge and sophomore goalkeeper Bristol Beschta.

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Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 26CV590

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Middle - Kettenhofen
Last - Werth-Rueckl
To:
First - Anne
Middle - Rose Grace
Last - Kettenhofen
Birth Certificate:
First - Anne
Middle - Carmen
Last - Kettenhofen

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Time: 8:30 a.m.

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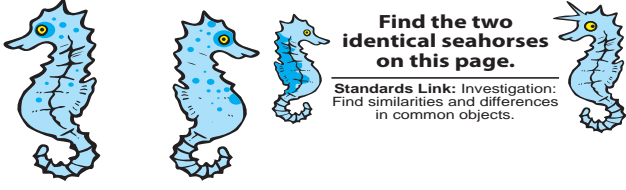
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The Strange and Beautiful SEAHORSE



Whoa, NeLlie!

The seahorse looks like it is made up of many different animals.

Unscramble each word to find out the odd parts of the tiny seahorse. Stuck on some? Keep reading this page and you will find the answers.

It has:

- The head and neck of a **Soreh**.
- The eyes of a **Lacheonme**.
- The pouch of a **noagrako**.
- The Tail of a **yonkem**.
- The armor of an **Liadamrol**.

Wild Eyed

One seahorse eye can look up while the other looks down. One eye can look for food while the other is on the lookout for predators. Another kind of animal that has eyes that can move independently is the chameleon.

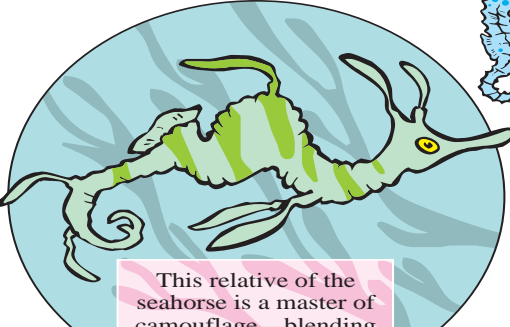
Tough on The OUTSide

Seahorses look like they are wearing armor. Actually they have a shiny external skeleton made up of interlocking bony plates—like an armadillo!

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

Seahorse Heads

The long snout of a seahorse gives the animal its horsey appearance. Unlike a horse, the seahorse mouth does not open and close or have any teeth. The seahorse uses its snout like a little vacuum cleaner, sucking up its favorite foods of brine shrimp, baby eels and other tiny sea creatures.



This relative of the seahorse is a master of camouflage—blending in with its environment. Use the code to discover its name.

Tail Tale

A seahorse's tail is like a monkey tail. Scientists call these **prehensile** tails because they can grasp like a hand. The seahorse's tail helps it to hang onto sea plants while it waits for food to swim by. Seahorses also hang onto each other with their tails.

Extra! Extra!

CreAture CuT-Ups

You can create a new creature from parts of creatures pictured in today's newspaper. Cut out different parts of different people and animals. Use these to create a new creature. Give your creature a name. Invent stories about your creature.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

What a Dad!

In most animals, the female of the species carries the young. Not so with the strange little seahorse.

When the female is ready to lay her eggs, she wraps her tail around a male seahorse's neck. Then, she deposits her eggs into a special pouch on the male seahorse's abdomen. The eggs hatch and grow inside this little pouch and the male's mid-section gets very round and big. When the little seahorses are big enough, the pouch starts to contract and the baby seahorses are pushed into the wide watery world.

Picture This

Number the pictures in order to show how baby seahorses are born.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequence information found in text.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What kind of animal is a seahorse?

Take a guess, then color each box with an EVEN number BLUE and each with an ODD number RED to discover the answer. Did you guess correctly?

8	4	6	8	2	3	6	7	4	8	6	2	2	5	6	7	9	2
4	9	3	7	5	3	2	9	6	7	9	1	9	3	2	1	5	6
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2	7	9	3	1	5	6	5	2	8	2	8	4	3	8	5	7	6

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- SEAHORSE
- SHRIMP
- CHAMELEON
- ARMOR
- POUCH
- WRAPS
- ABDOMEN
- CREATURES
- ARMADILLO
- HATCH
- TAIL
- EGGS
- TEETH
- WILD
- WIDE

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

S	O	S	A	W	I	D	E	N	T
E	H	L	R	R	L	P	O	T	S
R	C	I	L	I	M	E	A	E	H
U	U	A	W	I	L	O	A	E	C
T	O	T	R	E	D	H	R	T	T
A	P	H	M	S	O	A	N	H	A
E	S	A	G	R	G	E	M	R	H
R	H	G	S	R	S	P	A	R	W
C	E	E	N	E	M	O	D	B	A

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

Seahorse Fact & Opinion

A **fact** is something that can be measured and/or proven. An **opinion** tells how people think or feel about something.

Fact: The door is 3 feet wide and blue.

Opinion: The door is pretty.

Review the information about seahorses on today's *Kid Scoop* page. Write three facts you learned:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Write three opinions about seahorses:

- _____
- _____
- _____

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