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## County unveils first strategic plan

### Four-year outlook aims at housing, development

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved the county's first four-year strategic plan last week, setting a detailed direction for the future.

Last year the County Board approved a request from the County Executive's Office for \$175,000 for assistance with strategic planning and priority-based budgeting. The money came from the county's Spirit Fund, which is what the county renamed its ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)

funds awarded by the federal government for pandemic relief.

The county partnered with EverStrive Solutions to complete the plan. EverStrive co-founder Meredith Hauck, who presented the plan to supervisors last week, said it was developed through three key phases: insight gathering, board and staff workshops and the plan development and approval process.

During insight gathering, the consulting firm sent a survey to the full Board of Supervisors, conducted individual interviews with some board members and county leadership, and held focus groups with department leaders, community leaders and economic development organizations.

"The information collected during the insight gathering phase is used to provide context during the workshops and it also gives us a starting point to begin our conversation," Hauck said.

After the insight gathering phase, two workshops were held – one with the Board of Supervisors on March 1 and another with county department leaders March 3. Hauck said the workshops included brainstorming tactics and identifying top priorities.

Based on the insights and feedback, the consulting team drafted the 22-page strategic plan presented last week.

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## Trail connection to High Cliff moves forward

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

Plans for a bike and pedestrian path that will connect the Fox Cities to High Cliff State Park are moving forward after the city of Menasha and village of Harrison recently approved feasibility studies for the High Cliff Connection, paving the way for fundraising, design and construction.

The proposed trail will extend from the Trestle Bridge in Menasha, which is part of the local Friendship Trail and connects to Neenah and Fox Crossing. It will cut through Jefferson Park, Heckrodt Nature Area and the Menasha Conservancy Area, briefly following U.S. 10 around

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The Flower Alley in downtown Neenah is adorned with wooden and metal flower sculptures created by Neenah High School students and includes light projections Thursday through Sunday evenings each week.

## Spring blooms bright in downtown alley

Neenah News

The alley next to the Future Neenah office on West Wisconsin Avenue has bloomed into a flowery display of spring.

Students from Neenah High School's Woods Manufacturing & Metal class created giant flowers that decorate the alley, brought to life with colorful lights and visuals as part of the Last Light: Neenah outdoor video projection experience.

Last Light: Neenah is a permanent art projection event that transforms the alley, the back of the Future Neenah office building and side of Greene's Pour House on South Church Street with images and

videos, turning regular surfaces into three dimensional, interactive canvases.

Future Neenah spearheaded the project, contracting with Optical Productions of Appleton to create the light installation, which uses projection mapping to display animation, videos and images onto surfaces such as buildings and monuments.

Sponsored by Boldt and Bildt, the wood and metal flower sculptures made by the students are complemented by insects created by Future Neenah staff member Mike Cannon. The light display operates Thursday through Sunday from dusk to 10 p.m. with content changing monthly.



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# LWV chapters express national concerns

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League of Women Voters chapters in Winnebago County and Appleton-Fox Cities presented an open letter Tuesday to the region's congressional representatives expressing "strong concern about Congress' abdication of its duty and authority under Article I of the United States Constitution."

Addressed to 6th District U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman, the chapter leaders' letter noted President Trump's series of executive orders and other actions that they say are illegal and overreaching in the executive branch's authority. Letters also were addressed to U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin, and Rep. Tony Wied.

"The things that are happening in our government now are being challenged in the courts, but it's Congress that is the missing actor here," Appleton-Fox Cities LWV president Linda Bjella said at a Tuesday morning press conference at the Elisha D. Smith Public Library in Menasha. "So that is what the league is doing is just asking people to – as you're supposed to in a democracy in a constitutional system and a republic – is to ask your elected representatives to act on your behalf."

Among the president's actions cited were seeking to end birthright citizenship, pause allocated federal funds, dismantle federal agencies without congressional

input and give private citizens access to sensitive government systems.

"We urge you to exercise your authority to protect the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and end the overreach by the executive branch of government, which is leading to harm for millions of Americans," the letter states in part.

Winnebago County LWV president Margy Davey and Bjella co-signed the letter representing more than 250 members in the region of the nonpartisan membership organization. A similar letter has been sent by the U.S. League representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

## Officer charged with child pornography

Neenah News

A Neenah police officer has been terminated after being charged with two counts of possession of child pornography.

Owen Halls, 22, was booked Wednesday into the Outagamie County Jail after multiple search warrants that resulted in the two criminal counts. He had been employed with the Neenah Police Department since last March and was still in his probationary period, an initial phase of employment before becoming a permanent officer.

Neenah police chief Aaron Olson released a statement after the arrest, calling Halls' actions "shocking and dishearten-

ing."

The investigation began after the Kaukauna Police Department received an Internet Crimes Against Children tip implicating Halls. Olson said he met with Kaukauna police Tuesday where he reviewed the evidence and came up with a plan to detain him.

"As your police chief, I am sorry," he wrote. "We conduct very thorough background (checks), but somehow, Mr. Halls was able to deceive all of us. I understand this will and should cause concern. In my seven years as your police chief, nothing has disappointed me more than the reported actions of this former officer."

Halls' probationary period was set to end in November. Olson said he was terminated this week and police are following the process to have him decertified as a Wisconsin law enforcement officer.



Halls



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## 1980s from above

This aerial view from 1982 features the water plant, the Neenah Pool, Rec Park and Quarry Park.



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### Friday, March 28

Melissa Chakar Trio, 7 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive

### Saturday, March 29

Outagamie County Master Gardener Association spring garden conference, 8 a.m., Bridgewood Resort Hotel, 1000 Cameron Way

### Sunday, March 30

Erin Krebs Trio, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library

### Monday, March 31

Big Band Reunion, 7:30 p.m., Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.

### Friday, April 4

First Friday Concert Series: Steven Paul Spears and Linda Sparks, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Marty Robinson Trio, 7 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive

### Saturday, April 5

Art Activity Day, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Remember & Rejoice, 12:30 p.m., St. Gabriel Parish, 900 Geiger St.

The Rocke Brothers, 6:30 p.m., Faith Global Methodist Church, 1025 Tullar Road

### Sunday, April 6

Lawrence University Piano Jazz Trio, 2 p.m., Neenah Public Library

### Monday, April 7

Big Band Reunion, 7:30 p.m., Cranky Pat's, 905 S. Commercial St.

### Saturday, April 12

Neenah Lions Club Super Spring Sale, 9 a.m., The Dome, 1338 S. Commercial Ave.

## Correction

**MARCH 21, PAGE 3:** A caption with a photo of people fishing on a bridge over the Neenah Creek misidentified the location, which was on Main Street in Neenah.

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# Home assistance program keys on grant opportunities

## County HELP initiative keeps residents housed

By Jonathan Richie  
NEENAH NEWS

A county program designed to keep people from losing their homes is seeking grant funding for support after seeing the success the program has had in its first two years.

The HELP (Homeless, Eviction, and Loss Prevention) program's primary focus is prevention as it leverages other resources, grants and donations to provide assistance.

The Winnebago County executive's office is exploring options to keep the program funded with the help of grant money. The county is looking for a yearly grant between \$400,000 and \$500,000 and was searching for a potential nonprofit community partner to take over but recently abandoned that plan.

The funds would mostly be for staffing costs, including one supervisor and four case workers.

A resolution was approved by the county board with no opposing votes after a lengthy discussion in February about turning the five project positions into permanent Human Services employees. The five project positions work for the county but do not receive the same benefits as county employees such as salary raises and bonuses.

The resolution submitted to the board at the Feb. 25 meeting by the Human Services board and Personnel and Finance Committee stated the program has a 96% success rate. The Herald has learned that figure is not accurate and the success rate is closer to 73%.

Ethan Hollenberger of the county executive



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Ethan Hollenberger (right) and Jon Doemel explain HELP program successes to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

utive office said he did not know where the 96% data point came from but said the data showed that some cases don't need intensive care management.

Sometimes the HELP program only needs to make a simple intervention such as calling a landlord to get information on a potential eviction.

Hollenberger said that may have led to the 96% success rate being in the material for the meeting.

County Executive Jon Doemel explained to the board March 18 that HELP is a pilot program in place since February 2023 that he hopes to make permanent if the funding is secured. He said the focus of the resolution was to help Winnebago County residents.

"There's a lot of people out there struggling with housing insecurity," Doemel said.

The county reported that in 2024 the program received 1,911 referrals, includ-

ing 241 walk-ins. This was a 475% increase from 2023. Out of all those referrals, 713 individuals received intensive case management as they were people at risk of losing current housing and unhoused residents

Board Supervisor Conley Hanson said he supported the program and its goals but expressed concerns that making the employees full time could raise issues come budget season if the count cannot find grant money to fund the project.

Supervisor Koby Schellenger noted the resolution allows these employees to apply for grants. He said after the meeting that having the program available to residents is important.

"It has filled a critical gap in our housing programs across public and private entities and has kept many people in their homes," Schellenger said.

Supervisor Lucas Reinke expressed similar thoughts on the program and its poten-

tial.

"I do want to stress how important I feel the HELP program is to our community. People are struggling, and this program helps fill in some of the cracks in existing housing assistance programs and prevents small financial struggles from spiraling out of control," Reinke said. "It is being looked at by local governments nationwide who are trying to address the housing crisis as a successful model."

County employees said last year that there are four things the HELP program is based upon: collaborating with agencies to make all resources accessible, helping people wherever they are at, making people aware so they know to reach out for assistance before they're evicted or lose their home, and having a follow-up process.

Those connections are what allowed the HELP program grow. Other communities have taken notice and Winnebago County is becoming a model for nationwide prevention.

"Our staff have discussed with fellow colleagues and have had discussions with state officials on the success," Hollenberger said. "More frequently other communities (are) asking about the programs. Local organizations are amazed at the collaborative success of the program. Prevention is becoming the model nationwide."

He said he recently returned from a national conference where he spoke with other administrators from Oregon, Texas and Michigan.

Supervisors approved the five project positions for the HELP program through the end of this year. The positions were in the 2025 budget and funded through this year.



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## New rescue boat

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office recently purchased a new ice rescue boat for the Oshkosh Fire Department as a replacement and will be operated by both the sheriff's office and city. It has updated electronics, including GPS, radar and forward-looking infrared (FLIR, or thermal imaging) cameras.

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Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel opened its new North Tower expansion last weekend.

# Bridgewood tower addition officially opens

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Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel & Conference Center officially opened its new North Tower expansion last weekend featuring 39 guest rooms, a fitness center and meeting room.

Hotel general manager Ryan Batley gave details on the \$7 million expansion as well as other updates to the overall Bridgewood facility that have been ongoing.

The expansion project started in July to begin expanding to a total of 133 guest rooms. The North Tower project added

two new elevators while increasing the size of the Cabana Room overlooking the aquatic center, expanding the arcade and game room, and redesigning the hotel lobby.

Before the start of the expansion, Batley's Bar & Grill was redesigned and added 375 square feet next to an outdoor patio that added a swing set, year-round bean bag toss and two elevated pickleball courts among other game activities.

The aquatic center has also been resurfaced and remodeled with an updated

pool balcony, climate-controlled spaces and arcade area.

Neenah's Common Council approved a development agreement with TIF assistance from District 12 for the hotel expansion at 1000 Cameron Way after the hotel sought assistance in the project due to poor soil conditions and the need to mitigate wetlands and floodplain challenges.

Batley said there will be an open house for the expansion at a date to be announced.

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# County executive candidates cite their priorities

Neenah News

The two candidates for Winnebago County executive answered questions posed by Neenah News ahead of Tuesday's election to choose the top elected leader in charge of county departments, policies, programs and services.

Incumbent and former restaurant owner Jon Doemel is seeking a second term as he faces former state legislator Gordon Hintz for the administrative seat. Hintz most recently represented Oshkosh and parts of Winnebago County for 16 years in the Wisconsin Assembly.

## Jon Doemel

Age: 46

City where you reside: Oshkosh

Occupation: Winnebago County executive

**What motivated you to run for county executive and what qualifications do you bring to the position?**

To continue the work we are doing to increase effectiveness and efficiency of our county government. As the sitting county executive of the last four years, we have done a lot to analyze the fiscal, situational and operational health of the county. We are in a good position to streamline government and maximize our programs by serving people and meeting the needs of our county.

**What are your top three priorities for the first year of your term?**

Solving the UWO Fox Cities campus closure issue while prioritizing how to keep the day care operational throughout the transition. We were very close to an agreement. I was disappointed that Outagamie County pulled back at the 11th hour.

Locking in our housing development pro-

gram in the Industrial Development Board to speed up the much-needed development of all types of housing in our county. We are behind in inventory and the cost of housing and affordable options are paramount to our success.

Scoring all of our programs by our strategic pillars through priority-based budgeting to define what we do and why we do it. This process will allow us to start reallocating our local dollars to ensure our ability to sustain the programs most needed by our residents.

**Given that your campaign is receiving support from various political parties, how do you plan to remain nonpartisan in your role as county executive and ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of all residents, regardless of political affiliation?**

I have a track record of being nonpartisan. Nothing will change. We need to put people above parties and make local government stay nonpartisan. With the way politics have gone, a candidate in a race with the area as big as a county stands no chance without the infrastructure of one of the two main parties. I believe your readers would have appreciated a policy question more than another attempt to question my independence and neutrality as a leader.

## Gordon Hintz

Age: 51

City where you reside: Oshkosh

Occupation: director, Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust for the Wisconsin Laborers

**What motivated you to run for county executive and what qualifications do you bring to the position?**

I care deeply about our community and be-

lieve I have experience and a skillset that can bring leadership that positively impact people's lives in Winnebago County. In addition, I was encouraged to run by several community leaders concerned about the current leadership in the county and the need for more stability.

I have spent the past two-plus years working on workforce development and marketing issues that benefit the Wisconsin Laborers and their union construction contractor partners. Before that, I spent more than 20 years in public service, most recently serving 16 years in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Earlier, I was a management assistant and municipal budget analyst for the City of Long Beach, CA, and hold a master's degree in public administration from UW Madison.

**What are your top three priorities for the first year of your term?**

Improving communication: Communication is at the heart of my decades of public service and will be a core part of my time as county executive. We get more done when we work together, so I will prioritize direct and frequent communication with other elected officials (the county board), other government entities (towns, cities, villages and the state), and most importantly with the community. Effective public engagement by government officials is crucial for fostering a responsive and accountable administration.

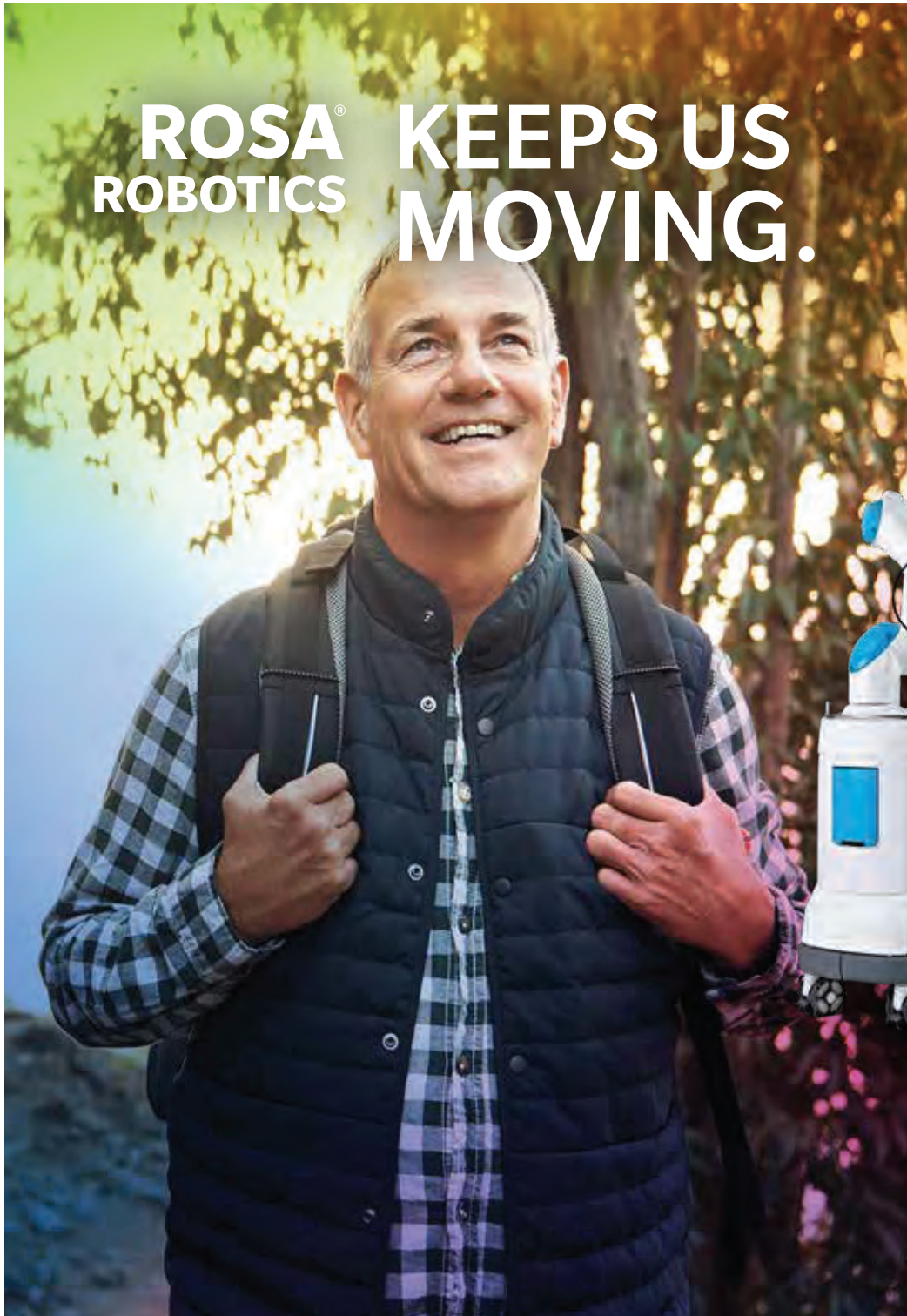
Budget transparency: Restore trust through proactive transparency, especially when it comes to the county budget. We need to do better than providing endless financial data that makes it impossible for the public to follow. Winnebago County has budgeted more in expenses than it receives in revenue for several years, only balancing their budget using existing fund balances and one-time money. Despite these budget deficits, the actual budget

ends up with funds left over. The most recent budget had a structural deficit of almost \$6.8 million.

Funding for HELP Program and Park View: We need to find a way to fund the Homelessness, Evictions and Loss Prevention (HELP) program whose federal funding is expiring to help keep people housed and assist those in need of housing. And we need to staff Park View Health Center, so we can fully utilize the much in demand bed space that is not available due to low staffing.

**Given that your campaign is receiving support from various political parties, how do you plan to remain nonpartisan in your role as county executive and ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of all residents, regardless of political affiliation?**

I strongly believe in being nonpartisan in my role as county executive. Political affiliation or ideology often have to do with beliefs on the role of government. I am someone who believes that government has a positive role to play in creating opportunity in people's lives. While I was elected as a Democrat to the Assembly, I have never considered myself an ideologue or partisan incapable of understanding opposing opinions or beliefs. I have witnessed the worst impacts of partisanship on governance firsthand and recognize the corrosive effects it has on decisions and public trust. A large part of my campaign is about the importance of engaging the public. The accountability that comes with being an elected official comes from being responsive to the public. Engaging the public not only builds trust but also enhances the legitimacy of governmental actions. By continuing to put people first, my administration will ensure decisions are being made in the best interests of all Winnebago County residents.



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# Boys & Girls Club fundraising goal in final stretch

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

As a new Boys & Girls Club begins to take shape in Neenah, so too is the momentum behind the fundraising campaign to support it.

The Neenah club will be the 16th location for the Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley, which serves youth ages 6-18 in Outagamie, Calumet, northern Winnebago and Manitowoc counties. Among its Fox Valley clubs, the organization provides an estimated 16,000 young people with free or low-cost services each year.

With spaces including a gymnasium, dance studio, sensory room, trio of learning centers, family conference room, dining area, playground, teen lounge and makers lab, the facility is expected to be finished by July 4 and begin seeing youth at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley chief executive Greg Lemke-Rochon said unlike the Appleton and Menasha locations, the Neenah club will have a dedicated art

studio and a Life & Workforce Readiness Center to help older youth with career development and life skills.

Local philanthropist John Bergstrom of Bergstrom Automotive and son Tim Bergstrom led the fundraising campaign for construction of the club, raising an initial \$10.5 million in 90 days. The family has a history of supporting the organization, with John Bergstrom credited with helping to bring a Boys & Girls club to Appleton and Menasha.

John Bergstrom said that as of last week just under \$14.7 million had been raised for the Neenah club, which is enough to cover costs to build the building, buy the land and equipment.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley purchased the land at Marathon and Byrd avenues from Park Place Holdings for \$967,000 last year, according to Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer records. The acreage was part of the parcel holding the former Kimberly-Clark office building which was transformed into senior apartments.



Neenah News

Progress is being made on a Boys & Girls Club across from the Neenah Police Department on Marathon Avenue.

Lemke-Rochon said there will be a ribbon-cutting in July and other events leading up to the official opening to give the public ample opportunities to see the club.

“The whole community, in some manner, has been part of this journey to helping this club get off the ground, so we want to make sure everybody who wants to see what it looks like on the inside can experience it,” he said.

With construction moving forward, fundraising efforts are also steadily progressing.

“This is another demonstration of what a wonderful, generous community we have,” Bergstrom said. “And people – everywhere from \$50 to a lot of money – have donated to make this all happen and it’s going to

make an incredible difference for our community.”

He estimated that about another \$2-\$3 million is needed for operational expenses.

“Now we’re in the process of raising the money for the startup costs of operating, training the people, salaries, to get going,” he said.

Donations to support the club can be made at [bgclubfoxvalley.org/neenah-club-capital-campaign](http://bgclubfoxvalley.org/neenah-club-capital-campaign).

“These young people are going to have a place where they can come and have mentors, they’re going to be safe, they are going to have a meal, and have beautiful, quality facilities and a staff that cares about them,” Bergstrom said. “It’s going to be a tremendous asset for our community.”



Photo from Boys & Girls Club

A digital depiction shows what the Boys & Girls Club is expected to look like when completed.

## Five named to NJSD Hall of Fame

Neenah News

Five individuals will be inducted into the Neenah Joint School District’s 2025 Hall of Fame class during fall homecoming festivities: Tom Bachhuber, Rick Carlson, Ron Fedenko, Wayne Fetters and Kathy (Monard) Sahli.

The group will be honored Sept. 27 at Bridgewood Conference Center, bringing the total number of inductees to 61 over the event’s 10-year history.

Bachhuber (class of 1967) is co-founder and executive director of the Center for Life Transitions that provides services, programs and resources for adults in career and retirement transitions. He lettered in football, basketball and track and field in high school, and was a member of the Rockets’ undefeated football team in 1966. He currently resides in Wauconda, Ill.

Carlson spent 31 years in the district in a variety of capacities, including high school principal and superintendent. He was hired in 1964 as a social studies teacher, moved to an administrative assistant position and left the district before returning in 1977 as the Neenah High School principal. He served as an assistant superintendent from 1984-92 and then began an eight-year stint as superintendent. Since his retirement, Carlson has helped other districts with administrative transitions, working with Don Stevens and Associates. Carlson still resides in Neenah.

Fedenko taught science for 34 years in

Neenah at Horace Mann, Shattuck and the high school. He has coached nearly 60 years in Neenah in basketball, cross country, football and track and field. He coached the girls cross country team to three straight WIAA state championships from 1981-83 and state runner-up finishes in 1984 and 1993. He coached freshman boys basketball for three decades and continues to serve as an assistant coach with the freshman football. Fedenko has been a director of the Neenah Summer Fun Runs since the event started in 1996.

Fetters was a decorated World War II veteran, earning a Silver Star, for his leadership at the Battle of the Bulge. He was in the first platoon of the invasion of Sicily as a paratrooper and was wounded in action in Holland, earning two Purple Hearts. Fetters was the first Neenah High student to earn four varsity letters in one year, excelling in football, basketball, tennis and track and field. He died in 1994 at age 78.

Monard was a key contributor for three state girls cross country championship teams and placed second individually at the 1984 state meet. She won the Big Ten track title in the 5000 meters in 1987 for Ohio State was inducted into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame last fall. Monard now serves as a financial advisor with Johnson Financial Group in Appleton and is an active member of the Women’s Fund of the Fox Valley Region. She currently lives in Neenah.

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Neenah News

Ollie's Bargain Outlet held its grand opening in Neenah on Thursday, opening in the former Big Lots location.

## Bargain store holds grand opening

Neenah News

Local discount shoppers have a new destination as Ollie's Bargain Outlet held its grand opening in Neenah this week.

The discount retail chain sells food, housewares, toys, flooring, books, pet supplies, clothing, bed, bath and personal care items. Ollie's has 568 stores in 31 states, with seven other Wisconsin locations.

Ollie's opened in the former Big Lots location next to Planet Fitness on South Green Bay Road that was vacated after Big Lots closed in October, a year after opening. Before Big Lots, the site was occupied by Shopko, which went out of business and permanently closed in 2019.

Big Lots filed for bankruptcy last year and listed an estimated 600 locations for sale while entering into an agreement with Gordon Brothers Retail Partners to purchase the company. As of Feb. 27, Ollie's had acquired 63 former Big Lots store leases from Gordon Brothers to use for Ollie's locations.

The Ollie's motto is "Good Stuff Cheap" and the company advertises on its website that customers save up to 70% off "fancy stores" name-brand items and inventory that's "constantly changing."

The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays.

## Jobless rate increases throughout county

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rates jump from 2.5% to 3% between December and January, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

The January 2024 jobless rate in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA and Winnebago County was at 2.4%.

Preliminary January unemployment rates increased between 0.4 and 1.1 per-

centage points in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month; rates increased in all the same areas over the year.

Jobless rates increased in all but one of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month (Mequon).

Rates increased in all 35 cities over the year.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Native plant sales promoted for spring

Native plant sales are offered across Wisconsin this spring as local nonprofit organizations and governments host online preorders and in-person sales.

Wisconsinites have a chance to buy plants in advance while benefiting local organizations. While most sales occur in May and June, some require orders in advance that are due in March or April.

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) notes that planting native plants in outdoor spaces can support the entire ecosystem by providing the most beneficial food for pollinators.

The DNR has compiled a list of this year's native plant sales on its Native Plants webpage at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/endangeredresources/nativeplants](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/endangeredresources/nativeplants).

## Canary Fund grants awarded to groups

Neenah News

The Canary Fund, a nonprofit organization based in Green Bay, awarded \$16,000 in grants to changemakers across northeast Wisconsin, including two groups in Winnebago County.

Laura Kuehl, who runs Heads Up Fox Cities, was awarded \$2,500 for efforts to support foster youth and former foster youth ages 16-24. Its mission is to remove barriers with resource navigation, individualized goal setting and personalized mentorship. The funding will increase available pantry hours, help purchase essential

items not typically provided through donations, and buy plants for raised garden beds.

Paul Van Auken of Urban Ecology Oshkosh also was awarded \$2,500 to support its ecological literacy efforts through hands-on learning for young people guided by adult mentors. The all-volunteer organization will use its Canary Fund grant to hire a part-time manager to help plan environmental education programs for economically disadvantaged students and develop partnerships in collaboration with Winnebago County Parks.

## Business news roundup

A yoga, pilates and meditation studio called **Atha: A Wellness Studio** is holding its grand opening April 14 with a focus on strengthening the mind and body together. Owner Jessica Fagan said they have been holding some pop-up events for pilates and other activities before it officially opens at 1526 S. Commercial St. Go to [athawellness.studio](http://athawellness.studio) for more information.

**Amcor** was awarded two Silver Flexible Packaging Achievement Awards in the category of Sustainability by the Flexible Packaging Association (FPA). The awards, which have showcased packaging industry innovation since 1956, had 226 entries this year and 20 honored. Amcor was cited for its Moda Vacuum Packaging for U.S. Beef Exports and its Once Upon a Farm CheerCircle PE Recycle-Ready Spouted Pouch.

**Women at Work**, a storytelling project of Graham Images based in Neenah and advocacy group empowHER Wisconsin, is currently seeking 10 women interested in being a part of the project to shine a light for other wom-

en seeking to follow a similar career path. All project participants will be interviewed and photographed by July with a release date for the final Women at Work project to be ready in fall. The final product includes an in-person gallery that will be on display throughout northeast Wisconsin, a photo-journal book, a series of poster boards, and a website showcasing the stories. For more information contact [morgan@grahamimages.net](mailto:morgan@grahamimages.net).

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## Community music

The Neenah Community Band performed its spring concert Sunday afternoon at Neenah High School to an appreciative crowd with selections from American composer John Mackey along with "Jersey Boys" and "Pirates of the Caribbean."

## UWO library project in governor's budget

Neenah News

Gov. Tony Evers' 2025-2027 capital budget released earlier this month includes a \$137.5 million allocation for renovation of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Polk Learning Commons.

The renovation and construction plan endorsed by the UW Board of Regents would modernize Polk's 1969 wing and demolish and rebuild the 1962 north wing in a project that would preserve print collections and traditional library functions.

Polk would continue to house UWO's University Archives, a partner to the Wisconsin Historical Society, and be a meeting and digital research epicenter open

to the campus and community. The new commons would also have a 30% smaller footprint, moving from 232,000 to 163,000 square feet.

The governor's budget proposal also includes \$61.2 million to refurbish utility and service tunnels at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute; \$3.9 million to design heating and chiller replacements at UW-Oshkosh; emergency medical services grants that could be used to modernize the Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Training grounds; child care grant funds that could support second-shift child care spaces in Oshkosh; and permitting positions for Lake Winnebago.

## Public library calendar

### April 1

Adaptive Storytime (all ages) 9:15 a.m.  
 Toddler Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 10 a.m.  
 Storytime for Everyone at Valley VNA (all ages) 10 a.m.  
 Special Event: Spring Break Program--Tinker Tuesday 1 p.m.  
 Powered by Yarn 6:30 p.m.

### April 2

Baby Time Storytime 9:15am  
 Musical Movers Storytime (all ages) 10 a.m.  
 Special Event: Spring Break Program--Wildlife Wednesday 1 p.m.  
 Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.

### April 3

Special Event: Spring Break Program--Scavenger Hunt all day  
 Fox Tales Storytime (all ages) 9:15 a.m.  
 Wee Read Storytime 10 a.m.  
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.  
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

### April 4

Special Event: Spring Break Program--Film Friday 9:30 a.m.  
 First Friday Concert: Jeff Pockat 2 p.m.

### April 5

Introduction to Ancestry.com 10:30 a.m.

### April 6

LEGOs in the Library 1 p.m.  
 Lawrence University Piano Trio 2 p.m.

### April 7

Stitching Group 1 p.m.  
 Adult Afternoon Program: The Life and Conquests of Alexander the Great 2 p.m.

### April 8

Adaptive Storytime (all ages) 9:15am  
 Toddler Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 10 a.m.  
 Storytime for Everyone at Valley VNA 10 a.m.  
 Tech Talk Tuesday: A Guide to Digital Security 1:30 p.m.  
 Legal Assistance Clinic 4:30 p.m.

### April 9

Baby Time Storytime 9:15am  
 Musical Movers Storytime (all ages) 10 a.m.  
 Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.

### April 10

Fox Tales Storytime (all ages) 9:15am  
 Wee Read Storytime 10 a.m.  
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.  
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

### April 11

Footloose Friday 10 a.m.

### April 13

Lawrence University Piano Trio 2 p.m.

### April 14

Monday Matinee: Wicked 1 p.m.

Short Story Night at Lion's Tale 7 p.m.

### April 15

Adaptive Storytime (all ages) 9:15am  
 Toddler Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 10 a.m.  
 Storytime for Everyone at Valley VNA 10 a.m.  
 Tween Create Lab-Upcycled Animal Art, ages 9 and up 3:30 p.m.  
 Cookbook Book Club 6:30 p.m.

### April 16

Baby Time Storytime 9:15am  
 Musical Movers Storytime (all ages) 10 a.m.  
 Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.

### April 17

Fox Tales Storytime (all ages) 9:15 a.m.  
 Wee Read Storytime 10 a.m.  
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.  
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.

### April 18

Fitness Friday: Boot Camp 9:15 a.m.  
 Chair Yoga 10:30 a.m.

### April 20

Library Closed

### April 21

Memory Cafe: Baseball 1:30 p.m.  
 Special Event: Draft Week Kick-off Party 6 p.m.  
 Not Quite Cozy Mystery Book Club 6:30 p.m.

### April 22

Adaptive Storytime (all ages) 9:15 a.m.  
 Toddler Time Storytime (ages 12-24 months) 10 a.m.  
 Storytime for Everyone at Valley VNA (all ages) 10 a.m.  
 Pat Zietlow Miller Author Visit 6 p.m.

### April 23

Baby Time Storytime 9:15am  
 Musical Movers Storytime (all ages) 10 a.m.  
 Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.

### April 24

Wee Read Storytime 10 a.m.  
 Open Chess 5:30 p.m.  
 Ukulele Open Jam 6 p.m.  
 Adult DIY Design Workshop 6:30 p.m.

### April 26

Special Event: Glaciers: Hot Topic, Cool Chemistry! 10:30 a.m.

### April 27

Lawrence University Piano Trio 2 p.m.

### April 28

Monday Morning Book Klatch 10 a.m.  
 Try Something New: Cognitive Stimulation 6:30 p.m.

### April 29

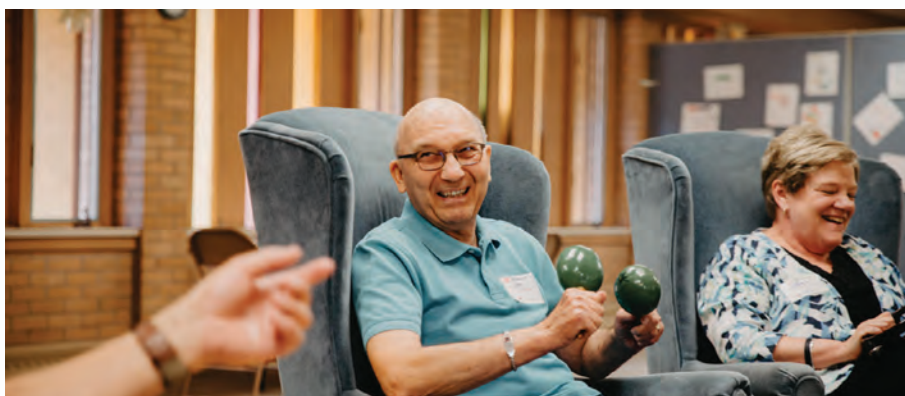
Movie Talks: "Blade Runner" (1982) 6:30 p.m.

### April 30

Mah Jongg Meet Up 5:30 p.m.



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# Trail connection

FROM PAGE 1

Lake Winnebago, tying into Old Highway Road, State 114 and Pigeon Road into Sherwood.

The connection will link several Fox Valley communities to High Cliff, a popular 1,200-acre destination for outdoor enthusiasts with limestone cliffs, hiking trails, Native American effigy mounds and an observation tower overlooking Lake Winnebago.

The Fox Cities Trail Summit identified the High Cliff Connection as a regional priority in 2020 and planning for the trail has been in the works since. After the feasibility studies recently presented to Menasha, Harrison and the village of Sherwood, grant applications and design work is set to begin.

Lynda Fink, trail coordinator and owner of Trail Strategies, said there are some areas of the High Cliff Connection that are already built. The feasibility studies identified six segments that will need to be constructed at a total estimated cost of \$9.86 million, which includes real estate acquisition, design, construction and inflation.

For local roads, a 1.8-mile segment in Harrison along Old Highway Road will

stretch from Lake Park Road to State 114. Another segment of just under a mile will be built along Pigeon Road from 114 to Blue Heron Court in Sherwood and Harrison.

A trail along 114 east will start where the Friendship State Trail ends along County N in Harrison and terminate at Pigeon Road, totaling just over 1.5 miles.

Three sections along 114 west in Harrison and Menasha amounting to just under 1.5 miles, referred to as Conservancy West, Conservancy East and Woodlands West, will connect the Lake Park Trail to Kernan Avenue, Kernan Avenue to the Conservancy, and the Conservancy to the Province Terrace Trail. The Province Terrace Trail is an extension of the Paper Trail, a 50-mile loop through 11 Fox Valley communities.

Construction of the first segment of the High Cliff Connection along Old Highway Road is expected to begin in 2027. Bike lanes will be removed and the roadway will be shifted slightly to the north to make room for a new off-road trail on the south side of the road within the current right of way.



Fink

Work on the Woodlands West segment is expected to begin in 2029, followed by Pigeon Road in 2030. All six segments are expected to be completed by 2035.

Fink noted that the timeline is contingent on securing the necessary funding through grant applications and donations. Land acquisitions for property abutting the proposed trail through donation or purchase is also a significant part of the project. Residents can stay informed online at [highcliffconnection.org](http://highcliffconnection.org).

"I would add that the High Cliff Connection is a truly collaborative partnership and the excitement with this long-term vision becoming a reality is tremendous," she said.

The project has already received significant support, with the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region donating \$100,000 for the master plan and pledging \$2 million toward the entire project.

"Those funds help with the local matching, hire me as the part-time trail coordinator, website, etcetera," Fink said. "They have pledged to match local municipal match at one to two level. What that means is, for every \$200 the city or village puts in, they'll put in \$100. They

will be covering 100% of the design costs for the State Highway 114 Woodlands West segment, and just last year secured an additional \$210,000 toward the project."

State government support for the High Cliff Connection included a \$100,000 Department of Natural Resources grant to Menasha to rehabilitate the Jefferson Park trail, a total of \$113,600 in Department of Transportation (DOT) grants for the feasibility studies, and a \$935,489 DOT grant for design and construction of the trail along Old Highway Road.

Dennis Kittel of Neenah is president of Fox Cities Greenways, a nonprofit celebrating its 30th anniversary this year with a mission of fostering trails and greenspaces in the region. At last week's meeting, he told the Menasha Common Council that Greenways and its members support and encourage the development of the High Cliff Connection.

"We speak favorably about the High Cliff Connection feasibility," he said. "We're looking forward to this. We think this is a very positive advancement for trails in the area. We're excited about the connection with Friendship Trail and just a fantastic asset for the city of Menasha and also the Fox Cities region."

# County planning

FROM PAGE 1

"So at the core of this strategic plan is a vision for a strong, sustainable future, one where Winnebago County is a place where residents thrive, businesses succeed, and investments are made with a long-term impact in mind," Hauck said.

The plan outlines five key focus areas:

**Housing:** Supporting the development of diverse housing to meet the needs of the county's growing and changing population.

**Transportation:** Supporting an integrated, accessible and sustainable transportation network that connects communities, supports economic development and ensures safety for all.

**Economic development:** Fostering a thriving business climate that drives economic growth, supports innovation and attracts long-term investment.

**Efficient government:** Operating a streamlined, transparent and modernized government that effectively serves residents and businesses.

**Quality of life:** Fostering a vibrant community by preserving natural resources, expanding recreational opportunities and supporting cultural and social well-being.

Each of the five pillars includes specific goals, initiatives and measurable outcomes.

The housing pillar focuses on ensuring safe, quality housing options for residents at all income levels.

Under the transportation pillar, the plan calls for conducting a countywide transportation audit to identify gaps and guide future infrastructure investments. The economic development pillar emphasizes supporting workforce development programs and strengthening partnerships with local businesses.

The efficient government pillar includes goals of modernizing services, increasing public engagement and ensuring public funds are used wisely. Under quality of life, the plan focuses on parks and recreation, arts and culture, and public health and safety.

The discussion leading up to the final decision was not without debate. Some supervisors advocated for delaying the vote to allow more time for public input, while others felt the current priorities reflected the needs of their constituents.

Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cook noted that Neenah's city government was not involved in the strategic planning process "and I think that they probably might be interested in what we're looking at and want to give some feedback."

With the county executive position up for election Tuesday, Supervisor Chuck Farrey introduced a motion to delay approval of the plan until May.

"I think it's proper to let the residents of this county decide who the next county executive will be before we take this up," he said. "...if we have a different county executive, they might have a different opinion on this."

Supervisor Andy Buck noted one of the pillars under efficient government was enhanced transparency and community engagement.

"We're not really enhancing transparency and community engagement if we haven't engaged the community in the strategic plan yet," he said.

Supervisor Rachael Dowling disagreed, noting that who is in the position shouldn't impact the strategic plan, which represents the community.

"It doesn't matter who the county executive is, we speak for our people," she said.

The motion to delay approval of the plan failed and the board ultimately approved adopting the 2025-2029 strategic plan with a vote of 32-0 with two abstentions.

County Executive Jon Doemel said by email that he is excited that the board is working together on common goals.

"Now that our priorities are set, we can score our programs based on them and bring forward actionable policy decisions for them to decide on," he said. "I am very happy with the direction we are going and look forward to building on this momentum with the board to make Winnebago County the very best it can be."

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# Rockets' Carlson proving to be a hit on diamond

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Andrew Carlson's junior varsity experience with the Neenah baseball program lasted all of two games.

After that, he found himself in the batter's box for the Rockets staring down one of the best pitchers in the Fox Valley Association. Not an ideal spot for a freshman.

"I'll never forget, Thomas Burns (of Hortonville, now pitching at the University of Texas) was one of the first pitchers I faced in a varsity game, so it was pretty scary," Carlson said. "Being a freshman (on varsity) isn't easy, but it is a lot of fun. I felt like I was kind of playing with house money because you didn't really have any expectations for success."

Carlson will enter his fourth season as a starter when Neenah opens the season on April 3 and is certain to be one of the key cogs in Rockets' baseball machine.

The senior third baseman is coming off a season where he batted .316 as a stalwart in the middle of the Rockets' lineup. He finished second on the team with 22 RBIs, while smacking seven doubles and drawing 14 walks to just 10 strikeouts.

Carlson was one of the few underclassmen on last year's squad that finished second in the FVA and advanced to the Division 1 sectional semifinal and enjoyed playing a key role in the team's success.

"I played up with those guys growing up and I knew that was a good group. I knew the people behind me (in the lineup) could get the job done, too, and the people in front of me would consistently get on so it was a lot of fun last year," Carlson said. "I'll miss that group but I'm really excited to be out there with this team this season."

Carlson will take on more of a leadership role with all of the new faces set to take the field for the Rockets and it is a role he looks forward to filling.

"I want to be a good leader. I take pride in it," Carlson said. "A lot of it is just leading by example. I don't need to be a vocal leader with this group but being a four-year varsity starter I have been able to see how it should be done so I just try to lead by example."

Head coach Aaron Nelson knows that Carlson is someone he can rely on with the inexperienced group.

"He's been here and he's done that and this is our third year together so he knows



what to expect," Nelson said. "With the younger kids we have, he knows what we want to do and he knows how we want it done. That's huge. Championship teams are player led teams and we are hoping to have a good year out of Andrew."

Having four years of varsity experience isn't common in the talent-laden FVA and it came with some rough days for Carlson. Not so much when he was a wide-eyed freshman, but more so the following year.

Having played varsity as a freshmen, Carlson said he entered his second season with "unrealistic expectations" and struggled at the plate.

"I felt I was really immature as a sophomore. Sophomore year, I was unrealistic and really wanted to be the guy and be something I wasn't," Carlson said. "I knew the physical tools were there but on the mental side, I was just too high and too low. That was a big priority in the offseason (of my junior year) to work on my mental game."

There was another change that took place his junior season that also helped him on the diamond.

Carlson did not play football at Neenah as a sophomore, choosing instead to play travel baseball in the fall and build off the success he had as a freshman.

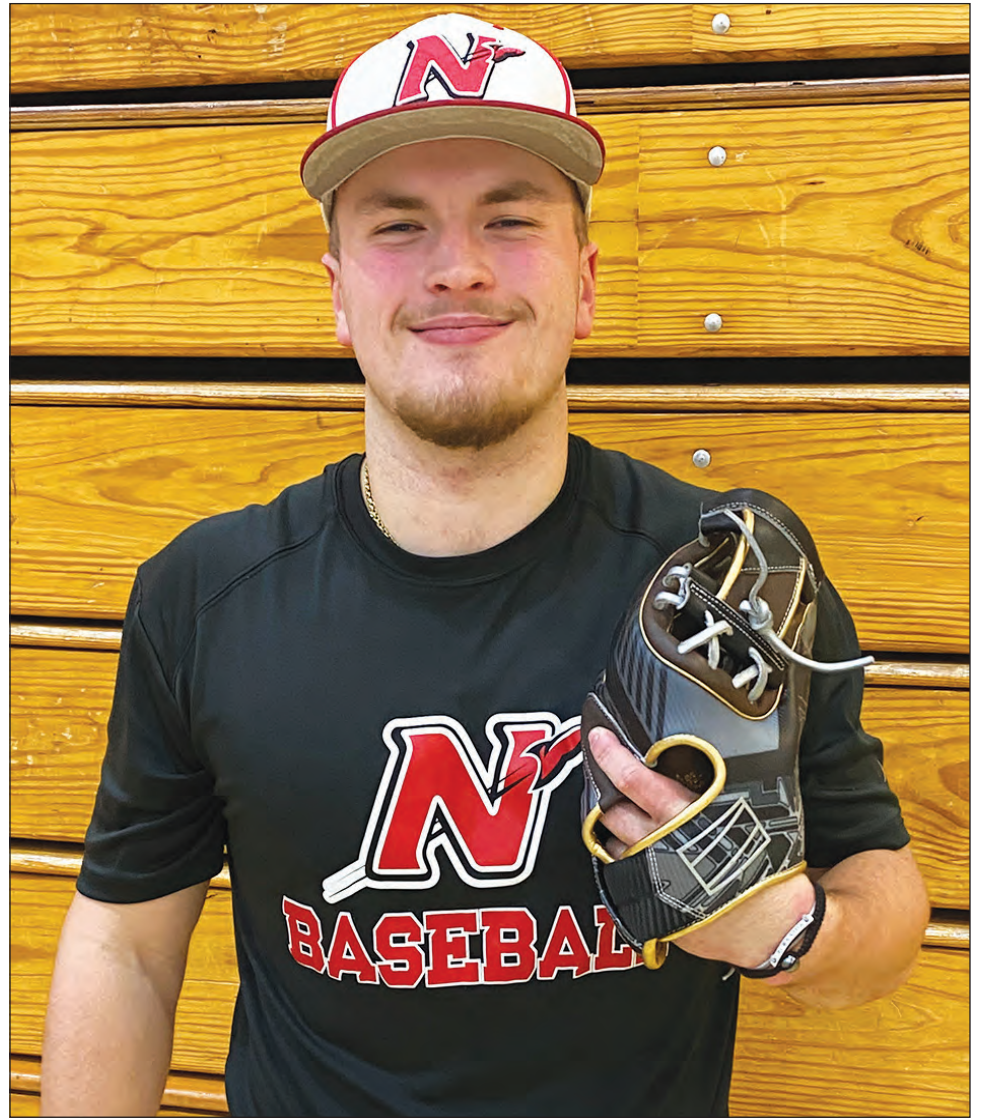
But he returned to the gridiron for his junior year and he believes that it was the return to playing football that benefitted him on the baseball diamond.

"I'm so thankful I came back to football," said Carlson, who was a second-team all-FVA inside linebacker for the Rockets last fall. "That slowed everything down for me. That obviously got me in the weight room more, got me using different athletic patterns and becoming a better all-around athlete, which is something I still need to do. I am forever indebted to Neenah football."

Excelling as a linebacker isn't the only type of defense where Carlson stands out.

Outside of a little time at catcher as a young player, Carlson has anchored the Neenah infield at third base and shows

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Andrew Carlson is entering his fourth year as a starter for the Neenah baseball team and a returning all-conference selection.

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# Neenah girls bring talented, veteran team to track

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The Neenah High School girls track and field team enters the 2025 season ready to run ... and jump and throw and relay.

The Rockets return a wealth of athletes who competed at the sectional and state meets last season and bolster their lineup with newcomers who have head coach Kelly Ellington dealing with a roster that numbers more than 100.

Although Neenah will be balanced and deep, the Rockets have a pair of standouts that will be spearheading the charge again this season.

Senior Mazie Olkowski finished in the top seven in both distance events at the state meet a year ago, while versatile sophomore Celia Gentile returns after finishing runner-up in the long jump competition.

Olkowski, who is looking to become a four-time state qualifier, leads a strong group of runners in the distance and middle distance events – a group that put on a dominant show in winning the Division 1 state cross country title last fall.

Junior Elsa Gruber also competed in the 3,200 meters at the state track and field meet, while Gruber, junior Natalie Willes and senior Brook Veith ran at state on last year's 10<sup>th</sup>-place 3,200-meter relay team.

Junior Eme Olkowski, sophomore Natalie Schultz and freshman Izzy Malloy, all members of the state cross country team, will add to the depth in the distance events.

In addition to her finish in the long jump, Gentile led a pair of Rocket relays to the state meet. She could again add her talents in the sprint relays or could compete

in the sprints and jumps as an individual.

Junior Brynn Fox qualified for state in the 100 meters and ran a leg on the state-qualifying 400-meter relay team, while senior Nadia Marchionda was an alternate on the relay squad and adds to the strength of the Rocket sprinters.

Senior Julia Rangel also ran at state as part of Neenah's 1,600-meter relay team and could add to the depth on multiple relays as well as an individual in the middle-distance events.

Another returning contributor for the Rockets will be senior Avery Gentile, who will likely be a consistent point scorer in the high jump.

In addition, the Rockets return sophomore Gabriella Motto in the 400 meters, senior Bella Chandik in the 300-meter hurdles, sophomore Kobi Meyer in the 200 meters and senior Janae Rodriguez in the triple jump, who each advanced to the sectional meet last season. Rodriguez missed most of last year due to injury, competing only at regionals and sectionals, but has returned healthy this season.

Sophomore Lani Storm is back and will join freshman Resa Goethel in the pole vault to give the Rockets some scoring potential in that event.

Neenah will also benefit from an influx of freshmen to the roster, highlighted by thrower Emma Severson – who finished first and second in the shot put in the first two indoor meets of the season – Elsa Weiland and Kate Lenniger in the sprints

The Neenah boys team will have a much different look this season as the bulk of last year's consistent point scorers were

lost to graduation.

The Rockets return a handful of athletes who qualified for sectionals last season, while senior Bly Wheeler returns after running on Neenah's state-qualifying 3,200-meter relay team.

He will be a part of a strong crew of distance runners that includes seniors Aiden Apa, Nate Johnson, Braedy Klawikowski, Finn Lettau, Harmon Posegate, Nolan Smith and juniors Oliver Steiner and Zach Verhagen.

Steiner and Posegate were sectional qualifiers in the 1,600 meters a year ago, while the bulk of the distance runners were part of Neenah's state-qualifying cross country team.

Other seniors returning to the squad this season include Evan Cardoza, Jake Machacek and Ben Donaldson in the hurdles, Luke Jung in the throws, Matt Machacek in the sprints and Khalid Williams in the high jump. Williams did advance to sectionals last season.

Head coach Kurt Krueger does have strong numbers in the program which will help the Rockets compete, but with the youth and inexperience on the roster, it will likely take some time to sort out what the strongest lineup is for the team.

"I am hoping we are able to become competitive in all aspects of the team," Krueger commented. "We certainly have a long way to go in terms of our training but the team is working hard each and every day and we will take it one day, one meet at a time. The season is long and we have some time before the meets that really matter."

## St. Mary Catholic

The Zephyrs boast a former state champion among its ranks as Nolie Anderson returns for her senior season and will be one of the athletes to watch on the squad.

Anderson won the 2023 state title in the Division 3 discus and took third in the event last year, while also qualifying for state in the shot put. She will be one of the top throwers in the area and will likely be competing at the state meet once again in June.

Fellow senior Lauren Ripley is also a returning state qualifier having advanced in the 1,600 meters, where she placed 10<sup>th</sup> last year. She was also a part of the Zephyrs' state-qualifying 3,200-meter relay team along with senior Maria Marti and sophomore Claire Higgins.

Higgins will also be a strong competitor in the distance events having advanced to the state cross country meet as an individual last fall.

Head coach Chad McCartney also highlighted freshman Ellie Davel in the hurdles as a top newcomer for the girls.

The boys squad will be led by senior middle distance runner Nathan Seiske, while juniors Jacob Hall in the jumps, Maddox Dwyer in the sprints and Isaiah Hennessy in the throws are also returning to the Zephyr roster and will be counted on to score points.


Freshman Brenden Huelsbeck in the jumps has a strong debut for St. Mary Catholic in the season-opening meet at UW-Oshkosh and will also be counted on for the Zephyrs this season.




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# 2025 Softball Schedules





## ST. MARY CATHOLIC

Apr 1	Manawa	4:30pm
Apr 3	Xavier	4:30pm
Apr 4	@ Peshtigo	4:30pm
Apr 7	@ Hilbert	4:30pm
<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>Hilbert</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Reedsville</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
Apr 16	@ Howards Grove	4:30pm
<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Shiocton</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
Apr 24	@ Reedsville	5:00pm
Apr 28	@ Mishicot	5:00pm
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Mishicot</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
May 5	@ Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah	5:00pm
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Iola-Scandinavia</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
May 9	@ Winneconne	4:30pm
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Manitowoc Lutheran</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>Wittenberg-Birnamwood</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
May 15	@ Manitowoc Lutheran	5:00pm
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Oakfield</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>

Home games in bold. All home games played at St. Mary Catholic High School Softball Diamond.



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Apr 4	@ Milton High School	5:00pm
<b>Apr 8</b>	<b>Oshkosh West High School</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Apr 10	@ Kimberly High School	4:30pm
<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>Stevens Point Area Senior High School</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Oshkosh North High School</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Apr 17	@ Hortonville	4:30pm
<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Appleton West High School</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Apr 24</b>	<b>Kaukauna High School</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Apr 25	@ Appleton East High School	4:30pm
Apr 26	@ Cedarburg Triangular	10:00am
<b>Apr 29</b>	<b>Appleton North High School</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
May 1	@ Fond Du Lac High School	5:00pm
May 2	@ Oshkosh West High School	4:30pm
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Kimberly High School</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
May 8	@ Oshkosh North High School	4:30pm
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Hortonville</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
May 10	@ Ashwaubenon Invitational	10:00am
May 13	@ Appleton West High School	5:00pm
May 15	@ Kaukauna High School	4:30pm
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Appleton East High School</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
May 17	@ Oakfield MS/HS Invitational	10:00am
May 20	@ Appleton North High School	4:30pm
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Fond Du Lac High School</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>


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# Winter sports all-conference roundup

## BOYS HOCKEY

### Calvin Zinda garners top Badgerland honor

Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha defenseman Calvin Zinda was named the Player of the Year in the Badgerland Conference to lead the list of all-conference honorees for the Rockets.

Zinda, who was also a finalist for the state player of the year, was the top scoring defenseman in the conference, finishing the season with 11 goals and a team-leading 33 assists. He finished tied for second



Ca. Zinda

on the team in points with 44.

Zinda was one of two unanimous selections on the six-member first team. He was one of two defensemen named to the list.

Joining Zinda on the first team was senior forward Mark Sutton, who led the Rockets with 34 goals on the season and finished the season with 44 points.

The duo was joined on the first team by the St. Mary Springs trio of forwards Austin Westergaard and Gabe Braun and defenseman Teigue Wagner along with Fond du Lac goalkeeper Spencer Shober, who was also a unanimous selection.

Earning second-team honors for the Rockets were senior forward Ty Laabs, junior defenseman Cooper Zinda and senior goalkeeper Owen Debbert. Laabs led the Rockets with 47 points, including 28 assists, while Cooper Zinda added 10 goals and 17 assists. Debbert led the conference with a .929 save percentage during the regular season.

Earning honorable mention honors for Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha were sophomore forward Cartyr Simonson and junior defenseman Keagan Krueger.

The Rockets also had four players earn the league's scholar-athlete award, which is given to seniors, in Calvin Zinda, Laabs, miles Burger and Yamil Darwich.

### Reichenberger honored by Badgerland Conference

St. Mary Catholic junior Elliot Reichenbacher earned honorable mention all-league honors in the Badgerland Conference this season.

Reichenbacher plays for the Fox Cities Stars and was one of three netminders to earn honorable mention honors.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Vogel named top player in Big East North

St. Mary Catholic senior Emily Vogel was named Player of the Year in the Big East North after helping lead the Zephyrs



Vogel

to a share of the conference title and a runner-up finish at the state tournament in Division 4.

Vogel, who plans to continue her playing career at UW-La Crosse, finished the season averaging a conference-leading

17.4 points per game, while shooting 46 percent from the floor and 31 percent from 3-point range. She also averaged 7.8 rebounds per game, 2.5 assists and 2.7 steals.

Also earning unanimous first-team

honors for the Zephyrs was senior Nolie Anderson, who averaged 13.4 points per game as well as leading the team by grabbing 8.9 rebounds per game – the second-highest mark in the conference.

Vogel was a repeat first-team selection, while Anderson was an honorable mention choice last season.

Earning second-team honors for the Zephyrs was sophomore Autumn Crowe,

who finished second on the team in scoring at 13.6 points per game.

### Klesmit leads Rockets on all-FVA teams

Junior Rowan Klesmit led a quartet of players to be recognized on the all-Fox Valley Association teams by garnering first-team honors.

Klesmit, a second-team honoree last season, finished second in the conference in scoring average at 22.7 points per game, while making 89 3-pointers and shooting nearly 39 percent from behind the 3-point line. She was also a 91-percent shooter from the free-throw line (119-of-131) and led the Rockets in assists at 2.3 per game.

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## Public Notice

### Notice of Spring Election of School Board Members

(Sec. 120.06 (8)(c))

April 1, 2025

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Neenah Joint School District that on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, a spring election of school board members will be held. Candidates for the school board are as follows.

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Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025

/s/ Michelle Swardenski  
School Board Clerk

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# All-conference

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Neenah's Ellie Buss was named to the seven-member second team after finishing second on the team, averaging 13.7 points per game, while knocking down 91 3-pointers this season.

Senior Rae Schoultz and sophomore Celia Gentile earned honorable mention all-conference honors, while Gentile was also named to the conference's all-defensive team.

Hortonville senior Rainey Welson was named Player of the Year in the conference.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Jung is top all-FVA honoree for Rockets

Senior Luke Jung earned a spot on the all-FVA second team to lead a trio of Rockets who were recognized by the conference.

Jung led the Rockets in scoring (14.2 ppg) and rebounding (7.4 rpg) this season, while shooting better than 57 percent from the field on the year. Jung was also named to league's all-defensive team for the second straight season.

Joining Jung on the all-conference lists were senior Joey Daun and junior Nick Schultz, who earned honorable mention honors.

Oshkosh North standout Xzavion Mitchell was named Player of the Year in the conference for the second straight season.

### Zephyrs' Fields, Uhlenbrauck net honors

St. Mary Catholic senior Preston Fields and junior Mason Uhlenbrauck each garnered honors from the Big East North.

Fields earned second-team honors for the second straight season after averaging 12.7 points per game for the Zephyrs, while leading the team in rebounds (6.7 rpg), assists (6.5) and steals (1.4).

Uhlenbrauck was named on the honorable mention list.

Howards Grove senior Trent Grunewald was named Player of the Year in the conference.

## BOYS WRESTLING

### Herm, Koch lead Neenah honorees

State finalists Jacob Herm and Declan Koch landed on the all-FVA first team to lead a host of Neenah honorees.



Herm

Herm, a senior who became the first two-time state champion in school history, was named Wrestler of the Year in the conference and garnered the first-team spot at 165 pounds.

Koch, a junior who has earned first-team honors all three years at Neenah, was the first-team honoree at 157 pounds. Koch took second at the state tournament.

Sophomore Landen Sheppard, a first-time state qualifier this season, at 144 pounds, and junior Kaiden Roth at 190 pounds were second-team honorees for the Rockets.

Earning honorable mention honors for Neenah was sophomore Jackson Lichty.

## GIRLS WRESTLING

### Six Rockets earn first-team honors

Neenah had six wrestlers represent the program by earning first-team honors on the inaugural all-conference girls wrestling list.

Seniors Ashlynn Schiedermayer (114), Julia Rangel (132), juniors Kylee Kurszewski (120), Ava Armatti (138) and Janet Sorto (145) along with sophomore Amari Richard (126) garnered spots on the 11-member first team.

Schiermayer, Kurszewski, Armatti and Richard were all state qualifiers for the Rockets as well, with Kurszewski finishing second at the state tournament at 114 pounds.

A total of 11 Neenah wrestlers received all-conference recognition.

Senior Emma Verbrick and sophomore Maya Ives earned spots on the second team, while juniors Joelle Reay and Lluvia Carrillo as well as freshman Cassidy Steinberg were on the honorable mention list.

Neenah's Maddie Ruckdashel was named Coach of the Year in the conference, while Hortonville junior Hannah Huza was named Wrestler of the Year.

## BOYS SWIMMING

### Gaerthofner, Raeth honored by conference

Neenah senior Drew Gaerthofner was one of three swimmers to share Swimmer of the Year honors, while the Rockets' Carrie Raeth was named Coach of the Year as the FVA honors were doled out.

Gaerthofner, who earned Swimmer of the Year honors for the third straight season, earned first-team all-conference honors in four events. The University of Wisconsin recruit earned first-team honors in the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breaststroke, while also being selected as part of the 200-yard medley relay and 200-yard freestyle relay.

Gaerthofner shared Swimmer of the Year honors with Fond du Lac senior Sebastian Aguilar and Appleton West Co-op senior Tyler Van Gompel. Oshkosh North junior River Reeves was named Diver of the Year.

Junior Tanner Trustem and sophomore Burke Wendell were also a part of both relays, while senior Julian Kuehn was a member of the 200-yard medley relay and senior Joshua Youngwerth rounded out the first-team honorees for the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Kuehn also earned first-team all-FVA honors in the 50-yard freestyle.

Trustem in the 200-yard individual medley, Wendell in the 500-yard freestyle and sophomore Ryker Zarda in the 100-yard backstroke earned second-team honors along with 400-yard freestyle relay team of Zarda, Kuehn, Youngwerth and junior Gideon Benner.

Youngwerth in the 200-yard individual medley, Kuehn in the 100-yard butterfly, Benner in the 500-yard freestyle and Trustem in the 100-yard breaststroke all earned honorable mention honors.

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Raeth earned Coach of the Year honors for the sixth straight season.

## Senior Standout

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that he can do more than just shine in the batter's box.

"He's probably one of the best third basemen defensively in the state. I'd put him up there," Nelson said. "Obviously, the kid has put the work in. He's as prepared as you can be in this game."

Playing third base on grass and dirt in-fields in April in Wisconsin is no easy feat – spring ground can create all manner of wicked hops.

Carlson said that one of the keys to being a good third baseman is being light on the feet to be able to move quickly. However, the most important thing he does in fielding his position is being able to make things easier on himself.

"You have to be able to read hops, I think that's the biggest thing. You want the big hops or the short hops and understanding, which hops to get is important,"

Carlson said. "One of the things I'm working on this year is positioning – knowing where to position myself in regard to the best way to get an out."

Carlson already has his post-high school baseball plans set as he is committed to attend Bryant & Stratton College next fall and play on the Bobcats baseball team.

Regardless of what happens on the diamond this season, Carlson is sure to take many memories from his days in the red and white.

And there are the lessons he's learned on the baseball field that can carry over away from the game.

"You can work as hard as you want, but at some point you have to go on the field and make plays. You can work as much as you want in the weight room, but eventually you have to go out and tackle someone," Carlson said. "That sophomore year of baseball, I felt I deserved something for the work I had put in but baseball doesn't care. You have to go out on the field and you have to take it."

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# Prep sports roundup

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Neenah girls take title at Ripon College Invite

Celia Gentile won two events while Mazie Olkowski and Emma Severson finished first in two others as the Neenah girls track and field team finished on top of the 17-team field at the Ripon College Invitational on Tuesday.

The Rockets totaled 80 points to finish five points ahead of Fox Valley Association rival Kimberly. Green Bay Preble was third with 63 points.

Gentile led the way for the Rockets winning both the 200 meters and the triple jump. She won the triple jump by nearly two feet.

Severson picked up a win in the shot put, finishing more than two feet ahead of the field, while Olkowski won the 1,600 meters with Elsa Gruber coming in fifth.

Neenah had two finishers in the top 10 in three events overall. In addition to the 1,600 meters, Eme Olkowski was second and Audrie Blenker was eighth in the 3,200 meters, while Nadia Marchionda took fifth and Kristin Manteufel was sixth in the long jump.

Elsa Weiland in the 400 meters and Lani Storm in the pole vault each took third, while Marchionda was sixth in the 60 meters, Izzy Malloy was seventh in the 800 meters and Addy Tyriver tied for 10<sup>th</sup> in the high jump.

Neenah was also sixth in the 800-meter

relay and ninth in the 1,600-meter relay.

The boys team finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall and were led by Finn Lettau in the 800 meters and Ashton Olson in the pole vault, who were each fifth.

William Kirkman added a sixth place in the shot put, while Owen Fox was seventh in the 60-meter hurdles. The Rockets also took 10<sup>th</sup> in the 1,600-meter relay.

### Rocket girls finish second at Stevens Point

Mazie Olkowski and Celia Gentile each posted individual wins, while the Rockets also got a first place from the 800-meter relay team in taking second among 26 teams at the UW-Stevens Point invite last week.

Olkowski finished first in the 1,600 meters, while Gentile took first place in the long jump. Gentile, Brynn Fox, Julia Rangel and Kobi Meyer teamed up to place first in the 800-meter relay.

Rangel, Gabriella Motto, Molly Snider and Brooke Veith combined to take second in the 1,600-meter relay, while the Rockets were also fourth in the 3,200-meter relay.

Gentile also added a second place in the 60 meters, while Emma Severson was second in the shot put.

Natalie Schultz and Elise Braaten were third and fifth, respectively, in the 3,200 meters, while Elsa Gruber and Natalie Willes were fifth and seventh, respectively, in the 800 meters.

Other top 10 finishers for the Rockets were: Aubrey Murwar, fifth in the high jump; Eme Olkowski, sixth in the 1,600 meters; Lexi Davis, tied for seventh in the shot put; Aubrey Strosahl, seventh in the 60-meter hurdles; Kate Lenninger, ninth in the 400 meters; Resa Goethel, ninth in the pole vault; and Janae Rodriguez, ninth in the triple jump.

Results of the boys meet Saturday were not posted online.

### Zephyrs' Hall posts win at invite

Jacob Hall finished first in the triple

jump to lead St. Mary Catholic at the UW-Oshkosh Small School Boys meet held last week at the Kolf Sports Center.

Hall posted a distance of 37-feet, 6.75 inches to win the Division 3 triple jump competition. He also finished seventh in the long jump.

Brenden Huelsbeck in the long jump and Isaiah Hennessy in the shot put each picked up third places, while Ethan Auer scored a third place in the 400 meters and took ninth in the 800 meters.

The Zephyrs tied for 14<sup>th</sup> place among the 37 schools who scored points at the meet.

## Obituaries

### Brian L. Waterworth

Brian L. Waterworth, age 60 of Neenah, died on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at his



home. He was born on June 19, 1964, in Beaver Dam, the son of Philip and Peggy (Jones) Waterworth. He graduated from Neenah High School in 1983. Brian served in the U.S. Navy for

over 20 years in both active duty and the reserves. He worked at Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton for the last 15 years as a Layout Designer for their vehicles. He was proud of the work he and the company did producing fire trucks and other vehicles. Brian enjoyed playing pool and drinking a cold beverage with friends.

Survivors include his son Alexander

Waterworth of Appleton; his mother Peggy Waterworth of Fall River; two brothers Scott (Tracy) Waterworth of Neenah and Eric (Marie) Waterworth of Fairfax VT; three nephews Nicholas (Brie Bergholz) Waterworth, Jared Waterworth and Sean Waterworth; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Father Phil in 2024 and nephew Cameron James in 1999.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M., with the visitation beginning at 10:00 A.M., on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Jensen Funeral & Cremation, Columbus. Rev. Sang Wook Park will officiate. Inurnment will be in the Fountain Prairie Cemetery, Town of Fountain Prairie with full military honors.

We encourage you to share your online condolences with Brian's family at [jensenfuneralandcremation.com](http://jensenfuneralandcremation.com).

### Paul Allen Taylor

Paul passed away March 20, 2025, after several years of struggling with various health issues, his wife and daughters by his side surrounded him with love.

Paul was born in Glendale, CA on January 14, 1951, to Patricia and Gene Taylor. He lived in the southern California area until he joined the US Coast Guard in 1969. He proudly retired his 20-year career after serving on the Icebreaker Polar Star in Seattle, WA that took him to Antarctica and through the Northwest Passage.

On February 13, 1971, he married Vicky Gunnlaugsson in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Together they and their two daughters enjoyed the Coast Guard life with transfers between the Great Lakes and West Coast. After retiring, Paul held a few different jobs in the Seattle area before moving back to Wisconsin and working within the Bemis Corporation for 15

years. He then went on to fulfill his dream of traveling the U.S. by motorcycle. He has always had a love of going places, rather it be by car, plane, train, or boat.

Paul is survived by his wife Vicky; daughters Dawn Wheeler and Jean Volkmann; grandchildren Austin (Mikayla), Wheeler, Helen Wheeler, Jennifer Volkmann and Patrick Volkmann; sisters, Nancy (George) Jessup and Jody Taylor; nephews Jonathon (January) Jessup and Nolan Taylor; an aunt Darlene (George) Trahern, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gene and Pat Taylor and Uncle Harry Taylor, and his parents-in-law Ken and June Gunnlaugsson.

In accordance with his wishes, private services will be held.

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## Cooking Up Facts and Opinions



Cooking with a recipe that uses measurements everyone understands helps to recreate a food dish that tastes similar each time it is cooked.



Which of the following measurements are always the same factual amount? **Do the math.** Ones with even answers are **facts**. Odd answers are **opinions**.

Standards Link: Math: Identify standard measurements.

**FACTS** are pieces of information based upon things that can be measured, counted or seen by anyone.

**OPINIONS** describe how someone feels or thinks about a thing or event. They can vary from person to person.

### How Much is a Glob?

Ask friends to tell you how big a glob is. Color one space for each person's answer to graph the results.


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|--------------------|----------------|
| 5 + 5 = Teaspoon   | 8 + 8 = Quart  |
| 4 + 8 = Tablespoon | 1 + 2 = Pinch  |
| 2 + 2 = Cup        | 7 + 6 = Dash   |
| 7 + 7 = 1/4 cup    | 1 + 1 = Gallon |
| 3 + 2 = Glob       | 3 + 4 = Morsel |
| 9 + 6 = Smidgeon   | 8 + 2 = Ounce  |
| 5 + 6 = Dollop     | 3 + 6 = Tad    |

## Food Truck Facts

*Heroes on the Go* is a popular sandwich food truck. Read what each customer is saying. Circle the statements that are **FACTS** in **GREEN**. Circle the **OPINIONS** in **RED**.

I think they make the very best sandwiches in the world!

They use organic veggies on all their sandwiches.

The *Heroes on the Go* truck stops at this spot every Tuesday and Thursday.

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The owner has another food truck named *Cool Wheels* that sells smoothies.

The chili and soups they make are even better than the sandwiches!

There's a *Heroes on the Go* buy one/get one coupon in the newspaper each week.

The turkey sandwiches are \$9.95 each.

The prices at this food truck are not bad at all!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Differentiate between fact and opinion.

### Fun Facts

Look through today's newspaper for five facts. List the facts and circle any you think are fun to know. Whether or not the fact is fun would be your opinion.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use different genres to locate facts and opinions.

## Kid Scoop Together Cookie Combos

Work with a friend to draw a line to connect each pair of identical cookies. Can you find the one unique cookie?



Standards Link: Science: Observation: Identify similarities & differences in common objects.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Look at the picture of the ice cream sundae. Write one **FACT** and one **OPINION** about the picture.

**FACT:**

**OPINION:**



Standards Link: Language Arts: Use different genres to locate facts and opinions.

### Double Double Word Search

- BALL
- CHEESE
- COOKIE
- CUP
- FACTS
- GLOB
- GRAPH
- OPINIONS
- QUART
- RECIPE
- SALT
- SAME
- SANDWICH
- TIME
- WORLD

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

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T	L	A	S	C	Q	W	J	A	C
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U	V	A	A	U	W	Q	K	M	E
Q	L	J	C	P	Z	I	M	I	S
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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