

Applause: Neenah Police honored; Girls attend conference

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Neenah Police Department staff honored for service

Several Neenah Police Department employees were recognized for significant acts or service.

The Outstanding Arrest award went to Lt. Kathy Voelker and Officer Wes Bone. Both officers were awarded for their work in recovering more than 10 pounds of marijuana and other drugs during a routine traffic stop in February 2015.

The Exceptional Service award was given to Officer Pat Pedersen, who was recognized for his years of service as a school liaison officer, serving on boards, committees and project groups, and recently being appointed president of the Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association.

Officer of the Year was awarded to Bone, who received the department's highest award for sworn officers.

For 25 years of service at NPD, Lt. Shaun O'Bre and Officer Marly Heiting were recognized.

In addition to the awards, the recent event focused on the naming of the D.J. Forcey Jr. Community Room at the police department. Forcey is a former police chief in Neenah.

Girls attend state Tech Savvy conference

A day-long Tech Savvy conference in Oshkosh recently drew 120 girls in grades 6 through 9, along with 80 parents and guardians.

The conference was hosted by the American Association of University Women Appleton and Oshkosh branches in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Science Outreach Department and the Oshkosh Area School District. Appleton and Oshkosh branches are one of 17 AAUW sites on college campuses nationwide working to increase the number of girls in STEM careers.

Keynote speakers Dr. Trisha Andrew, assistant professor of chemistry at UW-Madison, and Dr. Nicole Zellner, associate professor of physics at Albion College in Albion, Michigan, shared their life stories and research highlights.

During the conference, the girls attended various breakout and learning sessions where they experienced hands-on sessions with women in STEM careers. During the College Savvy time, girls spoke with a variety of college recruiters and participated in mock interviews. The Savvy Skills sections helped the girls learn about topics such as building a budget and getting ready for beyond high school.

Parents who attended Tech Savvy learned about how to help their daughters pursue STEM careers both academically and financially.

For more information, go to www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/tech-savvy or contact apposhtechsavvy@gmail.com.

UnitedHealthcare aids St. Joseph program

UnitedHealthcare will award St. Joseph's Food Program a \$5,000 grant to fund its CHAMP program. CHAMP provides education and services that meet the nutrition and health needs of clientele through community partnerships and engagement, health initiatives, activity and motivation.

The funds will support a revamped CHAMP initiative that will utilize UnitedHealthcare's care management program to change health outcomes and diminish food insecurity. This will be accomplished through a 10-month-long "Life Make-Over." Each participant will work with UnitedHealthcare care managers to understand any chronic diseases, emergency department overuse or new diagnosis.

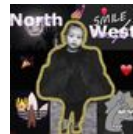
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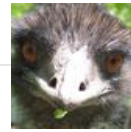
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