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Photo by Michael Cooney

Volunteers sort fish by species on a counting table as DNR fisheries technician Jason Kohls records the data.

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Lake fish survey trawls for insight

Annual assessment taps invaluable data

Neenah News

Lake Winnebago's annual checkup in the form of a bottom trawling assessment was completed last week, giving biologists and anglers an extensive long-term data set for monitoring the Winnebago System fish community.

The Calumet trawler, a Department of Natural Resources boat purchased with private funds in the 1980s for research on Lake Winnebago, is one of three operated by the state DNR. The other two are

on Green Bay. The Calumet is crewed by DNR staff and volunteers, with more than 200 on the list to work on the survey.

Each net opening is met with great interest as to what the trawl produces. DNR fisheries biologist Angelo Cozzola said that after each net pull the contents are counted and game fish are quickly identified and moved to a holding tank before they are measured and released.

While most of the fish netted are drum (sheepshead), there is also a mixture of walleye, white bass, perch and an occasional catfish, according to Cozzola. On last Tuesday's trawl two adult and three juvenile sturgeon were netted along with

seven large carp.

Cozzola said they never get a muskie, northern pike or large walleye and suspects they can easily outswim the slowly pulled net.

The survey samples 46 standardized GPS waypoints during the first week of August, September and October. Each sample involves towing a 27-foot-wide trawl along the bottom of the lake for five minutes at 4 miles per hour, equating to about an acre sampled per pull. The trawl survey effectively captures data on year-class strength for highly valued species

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Football is way of life in Jung family

By Tim Froberg
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

They don't claim to be the Mannings, or the first family of football in the Fox Cities.

They're just another football-centric family with multiple siblings honoring the surname on the gridiron.

Meet the Jungs. And if you're carrying a football, be prepared to be tackled.

Football is more than just a game to the Neenah family. It's a way of life.

The Jung's starting lineup looks like this: four boys who are high-level football players and a father who ranks among the area's best prep coaches.

It all starts with Steve Jung, Neenah's head football coach since 2013. Three of his sons play college football. Joe – the oldest son of Steve and his wife, Dr. Wendy Hill – is a senior starting strong safety at Division 3 St. Norbert College. Sam, a junior, is a backup safety and special teams leader at Division 1 North Dakota State, while Matt is a cornerback and a redshirt freshman at Minnesota State, a Division 2 school. The youngest



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Steve Jung has guided the Neenah Rockets football team to a 7-1 record so far this season. Three of his sons are playing football at the collegiate level, while a fourth is a starter on the Rockets' defense.

Jung, Luke, is a sophomore and a starting safety-outside linebacker for Steve's high-powered Rockets.

Steve has college football experience as well. Before launching his coaching career, he was a starting safety at Lawrence

University from 1986-89.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time playing college sports," said Steve, a science teacher at Neenah High School. "The high intensity level you're playing at, the

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Regional recycling efforts noted

Neenah News

Since 2002, Winnebago County has been in an agreement with Brown and Outagamie counties to use the tri-county facility in Appleton, which processes about 16% of the state's overall recycling from this region.

Since entering the agreement, the counties have saved nearly \$50 million in services, according to Jessica Hanson, Winnebago County Solid Waste Management's communications and program development specialist.

In Winnebago County alone, about 15,000 tons of recycled materials are processed out of its transfer station in a year, not including Neenah and Fox Crossing, and 90,000 tons of trash.

"There's always room to improve getting the most value out of the materials that come to our facility," Hanson said.

In a 2020-2021 state waste characterization study, it was found that about 19% of all municipal solid waste was recyclable material, and 13.5% in the northeast region.

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Council marks retirement, projects

By Bethanie Gengler
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The Neenah Common Council's regular meeting last week praised the city's finance director upon his retirement as well as the community support behind two recent charity events.

Mike Easker attended the Oct. 5 meeting as finance director for the last time after 23 years in the position. Easker's retirement is effective this week.

The position is one of 10 senior management positions within the city and requires almost daily contact with the mayor. District 3 Alderman Todd Stevenson thanked Easker for his time with the city and the many projects he was involved with.

"When it comes to Mike Easker, every time I call Mike and ask him a question about anything, his response would be quick, straightforward and direct, and I re-

ally appreciated that," Stevenson said.

Mayor Jane Lang said she enjoyed working with Easker for more than eight years.

"You are just a wealth of knowledge and information and so willing to share it, so I appreciated that so much, and thank you so much for helping me transition into this role after serving on council," she said. "You are going to be so missed."

Also during the meeting, Lang said she appreciated the turnout for the first annual Mayor's Charity Run/Walk held Oct. 1. Proceeds benefited the Neenah-Menasha Firefighters Local 275 Santa Float, which needs updates.



Lang



Photo by Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue

Fire displaces family

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue responded to a house fire Monday night at 836 Cecil St. in Neenah that caused extensive smoke and structural damage but no injuries to members of the displaced family. Firefighters were at the scene within about 5 minutes of the 8:30 p.m. call, according to Fire Marshal Adam Dorn, and it was determined the fire started in the kitchen due to a grease fire. The family, who are also dealing with their young son's brain cancer, have an ongoing fundraiser at gofundme.com/f/chance-van-stippen-family along with one to deal with their fire losses.

County recycling

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Oshkosh's recycling also had a 13.5% contamination rate with non-recyclable materials, such as actual trash (53%) and non-recyclable plastics (29%).

Hanson said her main focus remains consideration of proper disposal of all types of plastic bags. She also noted that residents are able to dispose of rechargeable batteries, car batteries and boat batteries at the Winnebago County solid waste facility, 100 County Y.

Failure to properly dispose of various types of batteries can result in equipment damages or even structure fires.

For more information, visit recyclemoretricity.org. The site's Waste Wizard program can help figure out proper means of disposing recyclables.

The Solid Waste Management Board also released an app for all three counties called BetterBin, which allows residents to "recycle effectively while taking the guess work out of where items need to go."

BetterBin allows users to scan barcodes of items into the app that will inform how to dispose of it in the area. The app has a large database compiled through research and communication with municipalities and businesses.

The app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

The Santa Float is a tradition dating back to the 1950s. Firefighters design and build a lighted musical float that carries Santa to various streets in Neenah and Menasha on evenings in late November through early December. The float is operated by off-duty volunteer firefighters and is funded by donations.

Lang also thanked Police Chief Aaron Olson for organizing a donation drive Oct. 5 at the Fox Point Plaza Pick 'n Save for those affected by Hurricane Ian.

The community filled two semitrailers with donations and raised more than \$8,000 that was used to purchase several generators and other items that arrived in Fort Myers, Fla.

Lang said it was a joy to see the community supporting those who are suffering in the Florida area. "I was blown away and so proud of the community," she said.

Road funding gets distributed to local governments

Neenah News

The state Department of Transportation and Gov. Tony Evers announced last week that more than \$132 million will be distributed to municipalities as part of aid payments toward maintaining Wisconsin roadways.

For calendar year 2022, local governments will receive more than \$515 million in General Transportation Aids financial assistance to support transportation-related projects, a 2% increase over 2021 allocations provided by the 2021-23 biennial budget.

"These payments help local governments make necessary improvements to the roads in their communities and help our state build the quality transportation system Wisconsinites deserve," Evers said in a statement.

Fourth-quarter payments at the start of October include \$270,859 for the city of Neenah, \$21,980 for the Town of Neenah and \$51,214.13 for the Town of Clayton.

General Transportation Aids help cover the costs of constructing, maintaining and operating roads and streets under local jurisdiction. Connecting Highway Aids reimburse municipalities for maintenance and traffic control of certain state highways within municipalities.



Photo from Neenah Historical Society

Funeral history

This horse-drawn hearse is an early example of how caskets were transported. Join us at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Neenah Public Library for "Dearly Departed, A History of Neenah/Menasha's Family Owned Funeral Homes." The journey through the development of family-owned funeral homes will include stories about the Sorenson, Kessler, Westgor and Laemmrich families.



Fashion career journey finds its way home

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

A local woman aspires to bring high-end Hollywood fashion to the Fox Valley with the opening of Fashion Fit Alterations in Neenah.

PaKou Xiong officially opened the clothing alteration business at 1024 S. Commercial St. in August.

Born in Thailand, Xiong's father passed away when she was 3 years old. In 1993, her mother brought Xiong and her siblings to the United States to chase the American dream.

Arriving in a foreign country with seven children and no knowledge of how to speak English, Xiong's mother worked multiple jobs to support the family.

"I remember when I was around 6 years old, I told myself to work really hard to be able to achieve my goals, dreams and to be able to help my mom," she said.

From a young age Xiong had a love for fashion and was known for her style. In high school, she was encouraged to consider her future career.

"I like to construct things, but I don't want to build a house, so I thought maybe I'll try fashion design because it's kind of like constructing," she said.

When Xiong was 20 she went against her mother's wishes and moved to Los Angeles to attend the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM). She told her mother, "I'm going to follow my dreams."

She landed in LA with two suitcases and \$200. For weeks she ate only corn dogs and ramen noodles, sleeping on the floor. Eventually she upgraded to an air mattress



Neenah News photo by Bethanie Gengler

PaKou Xiong has her clothing alteration business at 1024 S. Commercial St.

that she slept on for two years.

"All I wanted was to pursue fashion, sew, follow my dreams and be optimistic and someday I'll make it reality," she said. "Life isn't easy but I stayed positive and worked really hard."

Xiong attended FIDM for a year and then attended Los Angeles Trade Technical College. During her senior year fashion show she was awarded second place for evening-wear from rapper and fashion designer Kanye West. She lived in LA for a total of 10 years, working as a stylist and manager for Nordstrom, where she would often work with celebrities. She also designed and sewed garments for clients on the side.

Xiong moved to Minnesota in 2019,

where she met her husband, Kenji. In late 2021, she and Kenji moved to her hometown of Appleton. She worked at Mor's Alterations there for about eight months before opening Fashion Fit Alterations. She said her late father was the inspiration behind opening her own business.

"From what I've heard from my family he was a businessman and we had a store back in Thailand and he liked to start up small businesses, so I think I got that from him," she said.

She chose Neenah to open her shop because she fell in love with the area and the location, which has big windows that let in lots of light while she works.

Customers who enter the business are greeted by Xiong's bright smile and bub-

bly personality. The front window of the beautifully decorated shop showcases an intricately made wedding dress that she designed and sewed.

"That's what I'm known for and I like to be positive," she said. "I want to feel inspired when I come in here."

After two months in business, she said she's been staying busy with wedding and bridesmaid dress alterations, hemming pants, replacing zippers and repairing holes. She's especially excited about a few customers who asked her to sew patterns, which involves tracing clothing patterns, cutting them out and assembling them. She's also had a few requests to repurpose wedding dresses into daywear.

"What makes me different than other alteration (businesses) is that I have the fashion background," she said. "I'm also younger so I know the trends."

Xiong shared that she enjoys making her own clothing patterns. She has goals to branch out and offer classes to teach others how to make patterns and sew.

Fashion Fit Alterations is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. The community has welcomed the new business with open arms.

"This is what I missed about small cities; compared to LA, everybody is so personable and welcoming, versus a big city where you're just a number," she said.

As the first generation of her family from Thailand to grow up in America, Xiong said she has made her mother proud.

"I hope to inspire young people of all backgrounds to chase their dreams and overcome any challenge in life," she said.

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Byrd Avenue site converted into apartment complex

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A former assisted living facility on Byrd Avenue has been reconfigured into studio and one-bedroom apartments.

The Bantr apartments are located at 125 Byrd Ave. in the building that formerly housed Vallhaven Care Center and later Atrium Post Acute Care. The Neenah Atrium location closed in 2019.

Remax property records show the four-acre site was sold in 2015 for just under \$2.3 million. The site was resold in 2019 for \$200,000. The site was vacant for a year after the sale.

The city's Plan Commission reviewed a site plan for the location in 2020. The proposal at that time was to reconfigure the existing rooms inside the building into 58 one-bedroom and studio apartments.

The reconfiguration also included adding tenant amenity areas and offices for staff.

The commission approved the site plan, with certain conditions including that the developer obtain all necessary building permits, submit a landscape and lighting plan, provide details for a refuse collection area and parking lot layout, and consider installing a 6-foot fence along the West property line.

The Bantr website shows the former nursing home has been transformed into 61 furnished apartments that include access to a large pool, hot tub, gym, yoga studio, co-working lounge with private offices, a conference room, outdoor area and a laundry room with beer on tap.

The cost to rent a furnished apartment at the location starts at \$999 with utilities and Wi-Fi included.



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Bantr apartments at 125 Byrd Ave. has 61 units, according to its website.



Grainworks Old and New photo

The warehouse of Grainworks Old and New on Jeske Road is shown. The company will have a Main Street storefront in November.

Business news roundup

Grainworks Old and New/Wisconsin Whiskey Barrel Co. is opening a storefront in downtown Neenah at 200 Main St. in November that will offer barrels, barrel products and gifts in the 3,000-square-foot retail space. The company currently has warehouse space on Jeske Road that it will maintain.

Acre Vintage clothing store has opened its doors at 128 W. Wisconsin Ave. Current hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, and also open by appointment. Email acrevintage@gmail.com for more information on private appointments.

J. J. Keller & Associates is ranked No. 61 on Deloitte's Wisconsin 75 as one of the largest private companies in Wisconsin, based on sales revenue. J. J. Keller chief executive Rustin Keller credits ongoing innovation and a compelling purpose with the company's accomplishment. Wisconsin 75 award winners are selected based on annual sales revenue and must

have a majority ownership by individuals, family, employee stock ownership plan or private equity firm.

Engineering and architectural firm **McMahon** has hired Tori Nider as a plan room employee and Paul Boening as a public management specialist. Nider is beginning her career at McMahon before she continues on in higher education with a plan to obtain a degree in an engineering or architecture-related field.

ThedaCare announced it has received two recognitions from Vizient Inc. ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah was named a top performer in the 2022 Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Ranking. ThedaCare has also been recognized as a top performer in the 2022 Supplier Diversity Excellence Ranking.

North Star Asset Management, based in Neenah, is ranked No. 34 on the 2022 CNBC Financial Advisor 100 list. The firm also appeared as No. 8 on last year's Financial Advisor 100 list.



Neenah News photo by Bethanie Gengler

Fox Crossing townhomes

A new apartment development is coming together on Golf Bridge Road in Fox Crossing. Construction of the Westwood Apartments by CR Structures Group began this spring on a 10-unit building that will be complete in December and a 12-unit building that will be complete in February. The buildings will contain 15 two-bedroom and seven one-bedroom apartments. Fox Crossing associate planner Daniel Dieck said the development is being completed in phases and will consist of 46 townhome-style units.

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Going wild with birds, store owner plans next chapter

By Rob Zimmer
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

As Marie Rohrer, owner of The Wild Perch and Paw, prepares for retirement and worldly travel, her legacy remains open for limited hours to help serve her passionate customers.

Rohrer, whose business began as a home-based hobby consisting of mixing her own special blend of wild bird food, reflected on many years of serving customers, as well as birds, at Go Wild with Birds, with a name transition to The Wild Perch and Paw a few years ago.



Rohrer

Go Wild with Birds quickly became a shopping destination with a move to Neenah, first downtown, then to the current location – with the new name – at 216 W. Cecil St.

Shoppers found one-of-a-kind and unusual bird and nature themed gifts, garden art, bird feeders of all types and styles, as well as top-of-the-line, exclusive bird food mixes and pet food. Shoppers were also treated to Rohrer’s personalized care and extensive knowledge of wild birds, the foods they like and other tips.

Rohrer says the bird that started it all and inspired her passion for birds and nature was the Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Witnessing these birds in her own backyard ignited a fire.

“I just couldn’t believe that a bird that exotic lives and nests right in our own backyard trees,” she said.

The sight of this amazing bird inspired her to mix a special wild bird blend of the foods she noted the grosbeaks really enjoyed that would attract these beauties,



Photo from Wild Perch and Paw

The Wild Perch and Paw is winding down its hours with the pending retirement of its owner.

while at the same time keeping away pest wildlife such as squirrels, house sparrows and blackbirds.

From there, the legacy was born.

From a hobby of selling bird feed from her garage and basement to storefronts in Menasha, then Neenah, Go Wild with Birds took off and Rohrer found great joy in sharing her love for birds and wildlife.

With demand for healthy and reliable foods for pets and animals such as dogs and cats ramping up, Rohrer began carrying those items as well, with several top brands available. A name change was needed as

customers began to rely on Rohrer’s shop for these pet food choices. Therefore, The Wild Perch and Paw was christened.

Rich conversations with her regular customers, as well as helping new customers to become their own experts, are things she will miss most about life once retirement arrives. Rohrer notes that many times, customers shared deeply and richly personal stories of their experiences with wild birds and with life, and she became a shoulder to lean on, or cry on, for some of her longtime visitors.

With retirement quickly looming, The

Wild Perch and Paw is still open limited hours during the week. Check the website for details.

Rohrer teases it is a great time for those looking for bird and nature themed gifts and art, with great prices and some special pieces available.

Australia beckons once the business is sold and retirement becomes official.

“I’ve become obsessed with these tiny, happy birds called fairy wrens,” Rohrer said, previewing her post-retirement to enjoy them in the land down under, “so that is where I am off to!”

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Nominations are open through Oct. 31 for Fox Cities Chamber Lifetime Achievement Awards, which recognize individual professional excellence in the region.

The Athena Leadership Award, which is sponsored by Bergstrom Automotive, recognizes a woman who has achieved the highest level of professional excellence.

The Fox Cities Business Leader Hall of Fame recognizes a retired individual who has demonstrated personal and business success and is a role model for future generations.

The Gus A. Zuehlke Distinguished Service Award is designed to honor an

individual who has made outstanding contributions through leadership in the business community and service during the years as a Chamber member.

The Joyce Bytof Exceptional Mentor Award is given to an individual who is proactive in the advancement of others by sharing time, talent, and business experience for the purpose of promoting growth and opportunity in our community.

Award recipients will be announced in early December and honored Jan. 26 at the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley in Appleton.

Learn more at business.foxcitieschamber.com.



Photo from FVTC

Morna Foy (from left), Wisconsin Technical College System president; Jackie Anhalt, ThedaCare chief nursing officer; Maggie Lund, ThedaCare chief human resources officer; Rodney Pasch, WTCS Board president; FVTC President Chris Matheny attended an awards ceremony honoring FVTC and WTCS' partnership with ThedaCare.

FVTC honors ThedaCare as a partner

FVTC COMMUNICATIONS

Fox Valley Technical College joined the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board in recognizing ThedaCare with the Futuremaker Partner Award.

The award was given to Maggie Lund, chief human resources officer of ThedaCare, and Jackie Anhalt, chief nursing officer of ThedaCare.

The Futuremaker Partner Award is presented four times a year by the WTCS Board to recognize longstanding connections among the state's employers and local technical colleges.

ThedaCare has been a long-term partner of the FVTC Foundation with total donations approaching \$100,000, investing in student scholarships, primarily through the FVTC Foundation Golf Outing and other event sponsorships.

In 2016, ThedaCare made a lead gift of \$25,000 to help FVTC establish a Promise Program that allows recent high school graduates from low-income

households to attend FVTC tuition free.

Spanning 17 counties and serving more than 250,000 patients, ThedaCare was chosen for its ongoing partnership with FVTC to improve lives through skills development, workforce expansion and innovative programming.

"Fox Valley Technical College is privileged to have this partnership with ThedaCare and it is richly deserving of this award," FVTC president Chris Matheny said. "ThedaCare is integrally involved with the college in many capacities, but most importantly, the training of our health care students. As an organization, ThedaCare has hired nearly 140 graduates in the past three years, making it the single largest hiring partner of FVTC students."

Additionally, 17 ThedaCare practitioners advise the college's curriculum as members of advisory committees. The health care system also hosts 19 clinical or internship courses across FVTC health disciplines.



Photo by David Hall

Scaring up donations

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STEM event focused on high school girls

In an effort to inspire more young women to engage in local STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs, the Fox Cities Chamber and Walbec Group have teamed up to present Smart Girls Rock on Nov. 2.

About 100 freshman, sophomore and junior female students from Fox Cities area schools will attend the one-day event at Walbec Group in Greenville to experience speed mentoring with women in STEM-related professions, as well as participate in other interactive activities that will expose them to in-demand

careers.

Smart Girls Rock allows young girls to set career goals and start taking steps to realize the realities of those goals. During the speed mentoring sessions, small groups of students will move through interactive stations composed of panels of professional women as well as hands-on activities that include experimenting with encapsulation, creating graphite circuits and working with 3D models.

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Football family

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friendships you make and the bonding you do with teammates while working together for a common cause is really special.

"I'm happy my boys are getting to experience that. I know how much I enjoyed it. In a world where you can get caught up in so many other things, they're doing something that makes them better human beings."

Neither Steve nor Wendy pushed their children into football. It's just a sport the boys gravitated toward. Football has always been a major part of every-day daily life

in the Jung family. The Jung boys attended Neenah football practices and games as children and eventually played for Steve with the Neenah Rockets.

"My dad didn't push or force us to do anything," said Sam, who is majoring in civil engineering. "We always wanted to be involved with football. We'd ask him things like, 'When can we go to practice? When can we go to the away games. Can we be on the sidelines?'"

"I think all of us really looked up to our dad. He was a great influence on all of us. Football was something he loved to do and we kind of followed in his footsteps."

"I used to really look up to the varsity players. When my brother, Joe, started playing varsity, that was really cool. He set a really good path for me to follow."

Joe – a team captain at St. Norbert and an accounting major – was introduced to Neenah football before he even took his first steps.

"Joe was born on a Wednesday and went to his first game on a Friday," Steve said. "Wendy took him in a little pouch."

The Jung house often doubled as a youth recreational center while the boys were growing up. Neighborhood children playing ball – whether it was football, basketball, baseball or soccer – with Joe, Sam, Matt and Luke was a constant. Steve often joined in the fun.

"Our family has always really been into sports – and not just football," Steve said. "The kids played youth soccer when they were younger and different levels of basketball. Sports has just been a big part of

our lives. My wife is a very avid runner and triathlete and I've always tried to keep myself in good shape, so I could do those type of things with my kids.

"We're just a super active family. We're also big into waterskiing, wakeboarding and hiking. We play bags, spike ball, you name it."

Sibling rivalries are common in many families and the Jungs are no exception. When the boys are all home from college, it doesn't take long for a basketball or broomball game – on a frozen pond on their property during the winter – to break out.

"We were all competitive with each other growing up and now we're super competitive," said Joe with a chuckle. "We just go at it. We play a lot of basketball and it gets physical. We're all football players, so we fowl nonstop playing defense."

Sam added: "Yeah, it gets really competitive. I mean, you're talking about football players trying to play basketball, so there's a lot of pushing and shoving. Fights break out because we're all so physical and competitive. There's a lot of trash talking. But it's all fun and games."

Roughhousing aside, the Jungs are a close family. The brothers exchange texts regularly and follow one another's college football games – watching contests online that are livestreamed – along with Steve's and Luke's Rockets. Joe, who is just a 30-minute drive from Neenah, gets to as many Rockets games as possible.

"I've seen all but two of their games," Joe said. "It's fun to go back and not only see my brother play, but watch my dad's team."

Supporting three sons who play college football has been challenging for Steve and Wendy, who works as a pediatrician for Ascension Wisconsin in Neenah. Attending Joe's St. Norbert home games on Saturdays is easy, but Sam's North Dakota State games require a seven-and-one-half-hour drive. Steve and Wendy also attend many of Joe's SNC road games, which are usually two-to-four-hour road trips.

"The Fargo trips are tough on us," said Steve. "It's 15 hours of driving. 'After the game, we usually take Sam and his friends out for dinner and have breakfast with him the next morning. We're on the



Joe Jung



Sam Jung



Matt Jung



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Luke Jung (15), a sophomore on the Neenah football team, makes a tackle in a game against Oshkosh North earlier this season.

road by 8:30 (a.m.) because I need to be back for our team meetings on Sunday.

"Wendy really helps me pull it all off. She'll do most of the driving so that I can break down film and talk to our coaches while I'm in the car. We really like it when we can go to one of Joe's home games on Saturday."

Sam appreciates having supportive parents who are road warriors.

"It's special having them drive so far to see me play," Sam said. "You definitely miss your family when you're so far away and it's really cool they take the time to do this."

One plus for Steve and Wendy in having three of their sons attending college: the weekly grocery bill required to feed four hungry football players has plunged.

"When everybody was home, our grocery bill was massive – three or four hundred a week," said Steve with a chuckle.

"It wasn't just our kids. It's all the kids they'd bring to our house. Matt was the one. He'd bring four or five kids home for lunch. Since Matt went to Mankato, we've really noticed a drop in how much we have to shop. But it is odd having just one boy in the house."

Steve had different experiences coaching his four sons at Neenah High.

"Well, they all have their own personality," Steve said. "Joe and I did a fair amount of fighting. He wasn't afraid to say what he thought. Sam was really quiet and didn't respond well to me, so I usually had my other coaches do most of the coaching for Sam."

"Matt was the one who really loved to sit down and watch game video with me. He was probably the easiest to coach and was our late bloomer. He grew 7 inches his last two years of high school and now he's our biggest kid."

"Luke – he just gets the job done. He has a good sense of football and I think he's learned that from getting beat up by his older brothers all his life."

As football players, the four Jungs aren't exactly clones of one another, but share a common family trait which has allowed them to succeed in sports: their highly competitive nature. Add good athleticism and physicality to the mix and you have four tough-as-nails defensive players.

"It's hard to play college football, no matter what level you're at," Joe said. "I think having three of us playing college ball shows that we're all hard-working and committed, hard-nosed dudes. We just like to compete and put our bodies on the line and go all out."

"I definitely take a lot of pride that we're all playing football. I'm proud of all my brothers."

Calendar of events

Friday, Oct. 14
Rocket Players present "Anastasia," 7 p.m., Pickard Auditorium

Saturday, Oct. 15
Future Neenah Farmers Market (Kids' Day), 8 p.m., Shattuck Park
Fox Cities Book Festival, 11 a.m., The Brigade, 109 W. Columbian Ave.
Rocket Players present "Anastasia," 7 p.m., Pickard Auditorium

Sunday, Oct. 16
Rocket Players present "Anastasia," 2 p.m., Pickard Auditorium

Tuesday, Oct. 18
Trick-or-Treat Trail, 5:45 p.m., Fritsch Park, 1651 Sandys Lane, Fox Crossing

Thursday, Oct. 20
Dearly Departed – History of Neenah/Menasha's Family-Owned Funeral Homes, 7 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Friday, Oct. 21
"The Lion King Jr.," 7 p.m., St. Mary Catholic High School

Saturday, Oct. 22
Electronics Recycling Event, 8 a.m., Neenah City Garage, 1495 Tullar Road
St. Gabriel the Archangel Craft Sale, 9 a.m., 900 Geiger St.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church Bake Sale, 9 a.m., 140 S. Green Bay Road
Monster Mash Dance Party, 10:30 a.m., Neenah Public Library
Photo Walk with Photo Opp, 4 p.m., downtown Neenah
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Rockets aiming to bounce back against Patriots

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

For the first time this season, the Neenah football team got back to work this week following a loss.

The Rockets entered the final week of the regular season coming off a 31-10 road defeat to perennial powerhouse Kimberly and head coach Steve Jung admitted that getting the team to put the hard-fought loss behind them will be one of the things he and his coaching staff stress this week.

"Trying to regroup and get our kids back with a positive mental attitude is the challenge this week," Jung said. "That's a challenge and we feel like that's a big deal. The Kimberly game was hard on our kids."

Neenah, which has not beaten Kimberly since 2005, could never get the offensive really clicking against the Papermakers. The Rockets had an early turnover with the chance to score first, but it was Kimberly that bolted to a 17-0 lead in the matchup of the two Fox Valley Association leaders.

Jase Jenkins, who finished with 100 yards rushing on 23 carries, scored on a 3-yard run in the third quarter and Liam Wasco's 21-yard field goal narrowed the gap to 17-10 later in the period, but the Papermakers responded with a pair of fourth-quarter scores to pull away.

Grant Dean added 116 yards on just eight carries for the Rockets, who did rack up 248 yards rushing in the game. But Neenah could muster just 11 yards passing and completed just two passes, while Kimberly racked up 366 yards of

Week 9 games

Fox Valley Association

(all games at 7 p.m., unless noted)

Neenah (7-1) at Appleton East (1-7)

Kaukauna (5-3) at Kimberly (7-1)

App. North (6-2) at Oshkosh North (3-4-1)

Oshkosh West (1-7) at Fond du Lac (4-4)

total offense to secure the win.

"We had an expectation going into that game and in some instances, we didn't feel like we played well," Jung said. "Along the same lines, we thought Kimberly had a nice game plan against us and they are a very well-coached, talented team."

The loss means that both Neenah and Kimberly enter the final week of the regular season with 5-1 records in the conference and the Rockets can earn at least a share of the title with a win Friday against Appleton East.

It would be the program's first conference title since it shared the 2017 VFA South crown with Fond du Lac in 2017, and the first FVA title since 1999 when the Rockets and Oshkosh North were co-champions.

Facing the Patriots looks like the perfect "get right" opponent for the Rockets on paper – Appleton East is winless in conference play and just 1-7 overall this season – but Jung said they do raise some concerns entering the contest.

The Patriots run a unique option offense that will certainly be a test for the Rockets to deal with.

"They definitely have an offensive system that's hard to defend," Jung said. "That gives us quite a bit of a challenge

because we don't see that type of offense very often. We only see that once a year."

Despite their record, Appleton East has only been shut out once this season and are coming off one of their best games of the season.

Last week, the Patriots went into halftime tied with Kaukauna, only to have the Ghosts put up a big third quarter en route to a 42-21 win.

Quarterback Chase Nelson leads the Patriots in rushing, while also throwing for 763 yards and seven touchdowns this season, while Appleton East is averaging about 270 yards of offense over its last two games.

"They are a good football team," Jung said. "If they are in a number of other conferences in the state, they are fighting for the playoffs. They are just in a conglomeration of really good football teams in the FVA. We can't take Appleton East lightly."

The Patriots have struggled defensively this season having held just one conference opponent to fewer than 24 points this season, while surrendering at least 35 points four different times.

That could mean a big night for Jenkins, Dean and quarterback Evan Vanevenhoven, which would be a big boost in the final week of the regular season.

"As we are going into the playoffs, we want to go in feeling good about ourselves," Jung said. "We've talked a little bit about (the postseason), but for the most part we are focused on Friday night. And if we win that, then we'll worry about that afterward."

Neenah has already secured its eighth

straight WIAA playoff appearance and as the fifth-ranked team in Division 1, are likely to get a top seed with a win Friday. The Rockets will find out their playoff road, including their opening-round opponent, on Saturday.

Jung said the team has begun preparing for the postseason already in some respects, although their focus does remain on capping the regular season with a win first.

"There are some things we have been doing to get ready (for the playoffs)," Jung said. "We are trimming down practices a little bit this week to make sure we aren't turning the guys into dust because we expect a lot of them. It's that point of the season where we start to taper off a little bit with what we do."

One good thing for the Rockets as they look ahead to the postseason is that the lineup is pretty much intact health-wise, which is a big difference from last year at this time.

Injuries were a big obstacle to overcome last year in the playoffs and if Neenah can get through this Friday's game in good shape, they could be as healthy as any team in the state entering the postseason.

"One good thing that came out of the game is that we came out healthy. We are running our best kids out there," Jung said. "Last year, we were bit by the injury bug quite a bit and we were putting kids in different spots and pulling kids up from the JV team. Fortunately, that hasn't happened this year and hopefully that continues."

Zephyrs secure second straight conference title

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Two seasons under head coach Josh Young and his staff have resulted in two conference championships for the St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian football team.

The Zephyrs secured at least a tie for a second straight title with a 56-26 win over Abundant Life/St. Ambrose on Friday night and can claim the championship outright with a win against Williams Bay on the road on Friday.

"The kids were pretty excited after the game on Friday," Young said. "It was something that was important for them to get, especially for the seniors."

Now the focus is to finish the season undefeated and Young believes that it

won't be too difficult keeping the players focused on that goal.

"Since we don't have the playoffs, finishing undefeated is what the guys are looking to do now," Young said. "These will be the last two games for our seniors and I'm sure they want to finish with two wins, so we start with keeping them focused and let them keep the rest of the team ready to play."

These last two games will mark the final two games the Zephyrs will be playing in 8-player football, at least for the foreseeable future. The program will make its return to the 11-player game next fall.

The season will also mark the end of the co-op between St. Mary Catholic and Valley Christian, and Young said that means "another eight or nine guys" are in their

last games in a Zephyr uniform.

"A number of guys will be playing their last football games," Young said.

But the season is not over yet, and it continues Friday against Williams Bay. Although the Bulldogs come in without a win this season, Young said they do have the most passing yards among all of the schools in the conference.

Two Williams Bay quarterbacks have combined for more than 2,200 yards through the air and that will be something the Zephyrs will be focused on stopping. Yet, he doesn't envision having to change much of what the Zephyrs already do.

"For us, it's really about execution," Young said. "We feel like if we execute we should be fine. We don't have to add anything to the playbook just do what we have been doing all season."

What the Zephyrs have done all year is feature a balanced offense, an opportunistic defense that has just obliterated opponents.

Against Abundant Life, Ashton Post had another big game with 239 yards rushing and three touchdowns, while quarterback Danny Griffith threw for 140 yards and three scores, two to Atticus Johnson.

The defense also got into the fun when Sam Todd returned an interception 47 yards for a score.

But there is room for improvement in at least one aspect of the game.

Young said the team has struggled of late with their two-point conversion plays and that's something he hopes the team improves on this week.

"We're going to see what we can do there and be creative," Young said. "It's a little thing but it is something we can do better."

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Local players make state tennis tournament field

By Steve Clark
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Neenah sophomore Izzy Murray admitted she had some nerves when she stepped out onto the court to face Cedarburg's Libby Plante in the sectional final at No. 2 singles last week.

At stake was an automatic bid to the WIAA State Tennis Tournament, which was something that Murray had on her radar since the start of the season.

"I had a little bit of nerves because (Plante) was really good," Murray said. "I just tried to stay confident."

As it turned out, Plante was the one who should have been nervous.

Murray rolled to a straight-set victory, 6-1, 6-4, to claim the sectional title and earn her first trip to the individual state meet, which began Thursday at Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison.

"It was such a relief. I feel like I have been working so hard for this," said Murray, Neenah's lone entrant in the state tournament field. "I'm really excited to be going (to state) and just really happy."

Murray was slated to open the tournament against Ava Erickson of Eau Claire Memorial, with the winner landing a matchup with sixth-seeded Caroline Raster of Brookfield East.

Murray said she was just looking forward to the chance to compete at state, knowing that she is going to there with the best tennis players in the state.

"The goal is just to play my best and do

the best I can and have fun," Murray said. "I just need to stay aggressive."

Neenah head coach Dan Grassl was happy to see Murray earn her trip to the state tournament and believes she can be competitive in Madison.

"Izzy grinds. She gets to every ball, and she fights for every point so the biggest thing for her is her serving to keep them from pounding on her that way," Grassl said. "Izzy has a great mindset. She's always thinking positive and about winning and doing everything she can. There is a lot of top competition down there, but she's ready. I wouldn't count her out of anything."

For many tennis players, the first trip to the individual state tournament can be a bit overwhelming.

Nielsen Tennis Stadium is a unique venue from what many players are used to and all of the talent in the building and fans watching can be a bit intimidating for first-timers.

Although it is Murray's first trip to the individual state tournament, she won't be making her initial trip to compete at Nielsen. Murray was a member of Neenah's state championship team last fall, playing at No. 4 singles, and went 2-1 to help the Rockets win the title.

Grassl believes that experience will be something Murray can bank on.

"For sure it will help. With us going as far as she did last year, she got three good matches and so she knows the environment, she knows the feel of it," Grassl said. "It's a little different being at individual state, but it's still the same building."

Murray said last year's experience has helped her during the season.

"(Playing at team state) definitely helped me in pressure situations this year," Murray said.

The biggest difference Murray will have to deal with is that she won't have her teammates on the courts with her during the tournament.

But, she won't be alone in Madison either.

"It will be a little weird being out there alone," Murray said. "But I know my teammates will be there to cheer me on."

Zephyrs advance two flights into state field

St. Mary Catholic will have two flights competing in the Division 2 state tournament.

Freshman Adel Schneider will be competing in the singles portion, while seniors Olivia Bergstrom and Eva Schneider will take part in doubles competition. It will be the first trip to the individual state tournament for all three players.

"We are very excited for Eva, Olivia and Adel. All three have been playing tennis and working at their games since they were little kids," St. Mary Catholic head coach Lizzy Auth said. "Adel will get to go with her sister, who is a senior, so that's pretty neat to have happen, that they get to go together."

Adel Schneider had to wait to find out that she would be advancing to state. She lost in the first round at the Kohler sectional and didn't know she had earned the berth until the special qualifiers were announced.

She is one of eight singles players in the bracket to get a special qualifier berth.

"We weren't sure if she was going to

make it, but we weren't expecting it," Auth said. "It is exciting and will be a good experience for her."

Adel Schneider was slated to face another special qualifier in her first match in Brittany Martin of Regis/McDonnell Central. The winner of that match would draw third-seeded Lauren Lindow of East Troy in a second-round match on Friday.

"Adel is a competitive individual and in a high-pressure situation, she can hang tough," Auth said. "I think that's her biggest strength."

Bergstrom and Eva Schneider also drew a special qualifier in the first round as they were slated to face Emma Larson and Emily Gronholz of Luther on Thursday night. The winner was slated to play third-seeded Sophia Rondeau and Katie Metcalf of East Troy in the second round.

"It is exciting for them because they both have put in so much work that it's nice that it pays off and they get to be a part of the state experience and finish off their high school careers that way," Auth said. "I think they play their best when they are calm so if they can keep their emotions in check, they will do well."

Although neither flight is seeded for the Zephyrs, that doesn't mean that the possibility of having success is out the window. Getting past that first match is key and then it's a matter of getting on a good roll.

In 2019, St. Mary Catholic's Mallory Moen advanced to state as a special qualifier and ended up finishing sixth in the field. Auth would love to see something like that happen again ... twice.

"It can happen for sure. We have seen it," Auth said. "We're hopeful they will do their best."



Murray



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Stamm making her mark slamming volleyballs

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Carly Stamm has seemingly always found herself in the middle of things on a volleyball court.

Tall for her age growing up, Stamm gravitated to the middle hitter position and just stayed there. And other than some play as a right-side hitter, the middle of the court has been home for the senior who has developed into one of the key figures for this year's Rockets.

"I've always pretty much played as a middle because I've always been one of the tallest on my team," the 5-foot-10 Stamm said after a practice earlier this week. "To be a good middle, you have to have good transitions and good footwork and you have to have patience."

Like many middle hitters, Stamm rotates through the front row, which can limit her opportunities to swing away at an opponent.

She just tries to make the most of the chances she gets and help the team as best she can the rest of the time.

"Sometimes it is tough to wait for your sets, but there are things we can do," Stamm said. "We have multiple jobs on the team. We have to block, pick up tips and then also cheer for our teammates."

Entering the final week of the regular season, Stamm ranked second on the team in kills with 157, trailing only fellow middle hitter Marissa Corso.

Although the two play the same position, they both rotate in and out through the front row and will root for each other rather than compete against one another.

"When I get a good kill, she's always my No. 1 supporter, jumping up in the air and screaming and the same goes for me when she gets a good hit," Stamm said. "We do motivate each other."

Stamm does more than just rain down spikes on opponents, too.

She has the second-best serve percentage on the team, and is fourth on the team in aces, while also totaling 111 digs so far this



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Senior Carly Stamm leads the Neenah volleyball team in blocks from her middle hitter position.

season.

Stamm said its important that she contribute as much as she can.

"As a middle, you're rotations are cut short because you don't get to play as much or get set as much, so working on serving and other parts of the game are really important," Stamm said. "You are still able to get some points for the team, even if the sets aren't there."

Another way Stamm can score on the court for the Rockets is by shutting down opposing hitters.

She leads the team with 69 blocks, making her nearly as much as a defensive force at the net as she is on offense. If given a choice of blocking at the net or hitting, though, Stamm has a definite favorite.

"It is way more fun to hit," Stamm said. "But getting a good block is amazing. I do

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feel a good stuff block really raises our momentum and really brings down our opponents."

Stamm said that playing in the Fox Valley Association offers plenty of challenges as year after year the league is stocked with some of the best teams and players the state has to offer.

That means that it isn't often easy to go out and collect wins, but the high level of competition sure makes it fun.

"I like the challenge of going against a higher-level team and there is a lot of competition in the FVA," Stamm said. "Every game is a little nerve-wracking but once you get out there and start going, it's so fun and so exciting."

Playing in the FVA also means she often is competing against girls she is teammates with during the club season.

Stamm plays for the Impact Volleyball Club of Oshkosh, which includes players from other FVA teams. She said it is always fun going up against someone you know and that there is a certain level of competition when she sees a former teammate.

"Oh yeah, if you get a good one, there is always a little eye contact that goes on," Stamm said with a laugh. "It's fun to play against those girls that you know so well."

With her senior season winding down – the Rockets start WIAA Tournament play next Thursday at home against Fond du Lac – it does mean that Stamm's prep career is in its final stages.

But her volleyball playing days are certainly not over.

Stamm is set to play for the UW Oshkosh volleyball team next fall and is looking forward to continuing to take to the court.

"I'm really excited. Before I committed, I wasn't sure I was going to play in college and it was really sad to think about never playing volleyball again," Stamm said. "Now that I'm going there, I'm excited to keep training and working and looking forward to playing more."

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Prep sports roundup

TENNIS

Rockets finish second at Division 1 sectional

Neenah claimed three sectional singles titles as well as a second-place finish to take second behind powerhouse Cedarburg at the Oshkosh West sectional last week.

Topping the list of sectional champions was sophomore Izzy Murray, who claimed the No. 2 singles title to earn a trip to the state meet.

At No. 3 singles, Meredith Werner posted both of her sectional wins in three-set matches to claim the title. The sophomore overcame a first-set loss to beat Manitowoc Lincoln's Jordin Popp 4-6, 6-1, 10-7 and then knocked Cedarburg's Lauren O'Leary 6-1, 3-6, 10-3.

Nora Spanbauer cruised to a 6-4, 6-2 win over Dana Yedica of Sheboygan North in her semifinal match at No. 4 singles, but lost the first set against Meri O'Leary of Cedarburg 6-0 in the finals. She came back to win the second set 6-3 and then scored a 10-6 win in the super tiebreaker third set to earn her title.

The Rockets' No 3 doubles team of Ava Motto and Cecelia Alexander topped a Germantown duo in straight sets, but finished in second place after losing in the final to Sarah Curran and Zoey Schiek of Cedarburg 7-5, 6-2.

Both No. 1 singles player Annalise Zenick and the No. 2 doubles team of Gabby Hackbarth and Sophie Hodek lost their semifinal matches.

Doubles teams lead Zephyrs at sectionals

The top two doubles teams for St. Mary Catholic each posted wins at the Division 2 sectional hosted by Kohler last weekend.

The top pairing of Olivia Bergstrom and Eva Schneider rebounded from a loss in the first set to rally past Lauren Liethen and Anna Willis of St. Mary's Springs, 5-7, 6-0, 10-6 to clinch their trip to the state meet. The duo lost to Kohler's top pairing in the semifinals but bounced back to beat Sophia Smallwood and Ava Potokar of Sheboygan Falls to take third on the day.

At No. 2 doubles, Emily and Chloe Vogel also needed a third set to win its first match, beating the Sheboygan Falls pairing of Brynne Carroll and Angel Grady 3-6, 6-0, 10-6. The Zephyr duo then won the first set against a Xavier pairing in the final but lost the next two sets to miss out on the automatic berth to the state tournament.

Adel Schneider dropped her only match at No. 1 singles, but earned an at-large bid to the state tournament, while Kasadi Calmes placed third at No. 4 singles, losing her first match, before cruising to a victory over Clare Kautzer of Kohler in her second.

SOCCER

Zephyrs register big win over Lions

Emiliano Romero scored a pair of goals and AJ Groppe picked up a goal and three assists as St. Mary Catholic toppled Lomira 6-0 on Tuesday.

Kieran Barrientos, Romero and Alex Campbell all scored in the first half for a 3-0 lead, while Romero, Groppe and William Lawniczak scored in the second half.

Barrientos chipped in a pair of assists, while Grant Bergstrom had one.

Hunter Schreiber needed to make just one save to earn the shutout.

SWIMMING

Slabbert, Cortina post wins in dual meet

Hannah Slabbert and Naomi Cortina each won individual events, while Neenah's 400-yard freestyle relay team also posted in a win but the Rockets came up short against Appleton North, falling 113-73 in a dual meet on Tuesday.

Slabbert's first-place finish came in the diving competition, while Cortina finished first in the 100-yard freestyle.

The Rockets' winning relay team consisted of Cortina, Anna Mulroy, Alliyah Lima and Emma Bottensek.

Adding second places for Neenah were: Bottensek in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke; Lima in the 200-yard individual medley; and Rylie Bauman in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke.

Neenah takes second at Oshkosh West Invite

The Rockets finished behind only Appleton North at the eight-team invite, which was made up of some shorter events than a usual meet.

Rylie Bauman posted the lone individual win for the Rockets, placing first in the 25-yard freestyle, while Neenah also finished first in the 100-yard freestyle relay with a team of Anna Mulroy, Emma Bottensek, Alliyah Lima and Naomi Cortina.

The Rockets were helped by two events where they had three finishers in the top 10.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Cortina finished second, Mulroy was fourth and Kacie Stamm placed eighth, while in the 25-yard freestyle, the Rockets backed up Bauman's win with a ninth place from Amara Lisowe and a 10th place from Kaitlyn Burt.

Bottensek in the 50-yard backstroke added a second-place finish, while Bauman in the 50-yard breaststroke was third, Cortina in the 50-yard freestyle and Bottensek in the 50-yard butterfly were fourth and Mulroy in the 50-yard freestyle, Stamm in the 50-yard backstroke and Lima in both the 50-yard butterfly and the 100-yard individual medley were each fifth.

Hannah Slabbert also placed fourth in the diving competition for Neenah.

The Rockets added a second-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay and a third place in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Zephyrs roll to win over Lourdes Academy

Lauren Fischer finished with eight kills and eight digs, while Eliana Brenn added five kills as the Zephyrs knocked off the Knights 25-18, 25-17, 25-17 in a non-conference match.

Sammi Weiss finished with nine assists and Olivia Noel picked up a team-high 11 digs in the match.

Over the weekend, St. Mary Catholic went 1-2 at the Big East Tournament according to online reports.

St. Mary Catholic opened the tournament with a 25-20, 27-25, 25-20 win over Random Lake, with Fischer tallying a whopping 17 kills in the match. Brenn had the next highest total with sixth kills, while Stella Virlee had 12 assists and Noel had 11. Fischer also had 20 digs, while Kate Laemmrich had 16 and Audrey Norville finished with 15.

The Zephyrs then lost to Manitowoc Lutheran 26-25, 25-23, 25-18 despite 12 kills from Fischer and nine from Brenn, and to Oostburg 25-18, 25-15, 25-20.



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Fisheries technician Jason Kohls works with volunteers preparing to scan for an implanted tag while measuring an adult sturgeon.

Lake Winnebago

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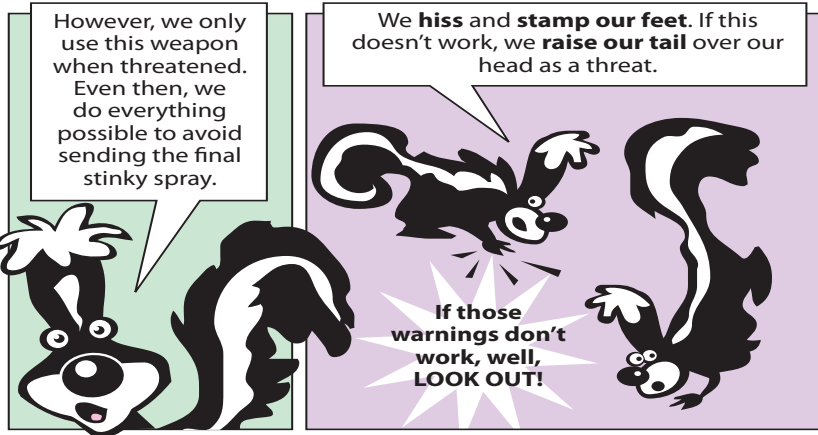
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Oops! Someone put some of the capital letters in the wrong places. Read the article below. Circle the mistakes and underline the letters that should be capitalized.

This interview really stinks! Skunks Tell All!

What if you could ask a skunk any question you wanted? What would you ask? Kid Scoop spoke with skunk authority P.U. Stenchmuch to learn about these smelly creatures from a safe distance.



How many kinds of skunks are there?

There are three kinds of skunks. Do the math problems to match the name of each kind of skunk with its description.

- STRIPED SKUNK**
 $17 + 4 + 2 =$
15. It has a broad, hairless muzzle, like that of a pig. The back and tail are white.
- SPOTTED SKUNK**
 $21 - 11 =$
10. The smallest of all skunks, it has a dot in the middle of its forehead. The stripes go in lots of different and wiggly directions.
- HOG-NOSED SKUNK**
 $7 + 6 + 2 =$
23. The face is black except for one white stripe that runs from the nose to the shoulders. At the shoulders, the stripe splits in two parts, one running down each side of the body.

Standards Link: Life Science: There is variation among individuals of one kind within a population.

Extra! Extra! Black & White and Read All Over
Select a page of the newspaper. Find all of the words you can read, and if you know what they mean, circle them in red.
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context to understand meaning.

Skunk's Answer Grid

To find each answer, start at the compass square each time and follow the directions.

Q: How far can skunks spray?
A: Start at compass. Go 1 square north, then 1 square west.

Q: Do skunks ever run out of stinky spray?
A: Start at compass. Go 3 squares north, then 1 square west, then 1 square north.

Q: Where is the skunk's secret weapon?
A: Start at compass. Go 3 squares north. Next, go 1 square east. Then go 1 square south.

Q: What color is the musk skunks spray?
A: Start at compass. Go 4 squares north. Then go 1 square west. Next, go 1 square south.

Q: What are baby skunks called?
A: Start at compass, go 2 squares north.

Q: What is another name for a skunk?
A: Start at compass and go 1 square north. Next, go 1 square west. Then go 2 squares north and then 1 east.

Q: A skunk is about the same size as a _____.
A: From compass, go 2 squares north. Then, go 1 east and 1 south.

No	25 feet	On its feet
Yellow	Polecat	Wolf
Green	Kits	Under its tail
15 feet	Stinker	Cat

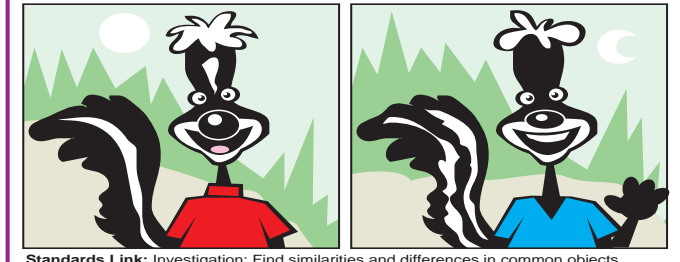
NORTH
 WEST ← ● → EAST
 SOUTH

Standards Link: Social Science: Students use map skills to find the absolute locations of places.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

No need to hide! Lots of animals have bodies that blend into the world around them. This is called *camouflage*. But the bold black and white markings on a skunk make them easy to spot. They don't need to hide. Other animals know to leave them alone.

Find the differences between the two pictures.



Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

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STRIPES

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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M	Y	T	S	U	M	D	E	L	S

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

Chi Ca Go

an Ojibwa legend Tells the story of a Hunter and his wife who lived on the Shores of lake michigan.

one day, the hunter's wife caught a Beaver by the Tail and called to her husband to come and kill it before it could escape. but the hunter refused. He had already killed many beaver in his Traps and said if he killed Another one, The others would all run away.

she let the beaver go but she was very Angry and that Night, When her husband had gone to sleep, she ran away.

the next morning the Hunter saw her Tracks in the snow and feeling badly about their quarrel, decided to follow them. as he followed the tracks, They gradually changed and became the tracks of a Skunk. the trail ended in a Marsh where there were many skunks.

he turned and went home but called the Place, "The Place of the Skunk" and it is where chicago now stands.

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