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Funding added to support high school projects

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Joint School District's Board of Education unanimously approved borrowing up to \$5 million at its meeting last week to cover additional costs over the referendum amount for the new high school in Fox Crossing.

In 2020, voters approved a \$114.9 million referendum, with a total cost of \$155 million, to build the new high school, make safety and security upgrades throughout the district and renovate the existing high school to create an intermediate school for grades 5-6 and a middle school for grades 7-8.

Over the past three years, a number of expenses and inflation have increased the cost of the high school. The addition of a geothermal system and a fourth gymnasium court was approved in late 2020 at a cost of \$6 million. In July 2021, the rising cost of steel added another \$7 million to the project. Supply chain issues and con-

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New state law affects protest ordinance

Affordable housing efforts gain legal boost

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Gov. Tony Evers signed a series of bills into law last week to promote affordable housing, including a law that will impact Neenah's protest petition ordinance, a topic of debate at recent city meetings after it was used last year to prevent the Shattuck Middle School site from being redeveloped.

Earlier this month, the Common Coun-

cil approved a directive authorizing the city attorney and community development director to examine the city's protest petition ordinance and come up with a recommendation.



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That measure was put on hold at last week's council meeting, based on the state Legislature's approval of Assembly Bill 266. Evers signed the bill into law the day after the council meeting.

Under Neenah ordinance, a rezoning requires a supermajority vote of three-fourths of council members if at least 20% of the owners of the properties in the vicinity of the rezoning submit signatures in a protest petition.

Wisconsin Act 243 repealed the protest petition process at the state level in 2017, but allowed municipalities to create an ordinance outlining a similar process. In recent years, several municipalities have made changes to their ordinances to remove the ability for residents to submit a

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Local kids brought sculpture to life

'Playing in the Rain' was created 30 years ago

By Susie Brautigam
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

As thousands flock to enjoy the sights, sounds and summertime tastes of the annual Neenah Community Fest, so too will they take in the "Playing in the Rain" sculpture in Riverside Park.

This July 4th marks the 30th anniversary of the dedication of "Playing in the Rain," the bronze sculpture created by Neenah native Dallas Anderson, who worked as a sculptor throughout the United States and Europe before returning home in 1988. It was his dream to create a sculpture that would be a celebration of childhood.

Neenah's iconic sculpture is made of bronze castings and a concrete water basin and is situated at the southwest corner of Riverside Park along East Wisconsin Avenue. It is Neenah's first major work of art in an outdoor setting.

The sculpture depicts 10 children frolicking on or near six columns in a gentle rain shower surrounded by a shallow pool collecting and recirculating water. Anderson's remarkable attention to detail is evident in the children's carefree expressions and their joy over something as simple as playing in the rain. It is a feeling most everyone can relate to.

"Playing in the Rain" is a beloved symbol of Neenah along with the old City Hall clock tower and Kimberly Point Lighthouse.

This wasn't always the case.

In 1991, nearly 100 people packed City Hall to discuss the future of the privately funded sculpture. Opponents argued the sculpture would replace valuable green space, be subject to vandalism and disrupt the neighborhood along East Wisconsin. Residents also complained about the height of the sculpture and the fact that it



Photo by Connie Schroeder

Kara White and daughter Anna sit in front of the Riverside Park fountain.

would be illuminated at night.

Many argued for scaling the sculpture down and relocating it to another area such as Shattuck Park. In the end, proponents outnumbered opponents and the sculpture and fountain were built.

Extensive fundraising efforts through a community campaign from individuals, businesses and foundations raised the \$450,000 needed to build the structure.

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Neenah set to receive extra state aid

Municipalities, schools gain state funding

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Neenah and other municipalities across Wisconsin will see an increase in state shared revenue after bipartisan votes in Madison and the governor's signature.

Last week Gov. Tony Evers signed Assembly Bill 245, which is estimated to bring an extra \$645,028 to the city and bring the total state aid the city receives from \$1.51 million to \$2.15 million in 2024.

The supplemental aid numbers were released last week in a memo from Legislative Fiscal Bureau director Bob Lang.

The bill states, "The supplemental county and municipal aid may be used only for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency response communications, public works, and transportation."

Winnebago County annually receives \$2.1 million in existing aid and in 2024 that figure will almost double as the county is slated to get \$1.7 million in supplemental aid. The county will receive an aid increase of 81% for a total of \$3.9 million next year.

The Village of Fox Crossing and towns of Neenah, Clayton and Vinland also will receive supplemental funds outlined in the

bill. Fox Crossing will see a 113% increase from \$328,201 to \$781,307 in state aid to for next year, the Town of Neenah is set to receive a 197% increase from \$46,602 to \$138,683, Clayton will get a 306% increase from \$33,727 to \$137,083 and Vinland is set to receive a 263% increase from \$22,665 to \$82,441.

"This is great news for the city and is long overdue," Neenah Mayor Jane Lang said in an email. "This aid hasn't increased for municipalities for the past 23 years, so we appreciate it happening now and thank our state legislators for recognizing the challenges we all have been facing."

"Our portion will most likely be applied towards our operating budget expenses. As everyone is aware, rising inflation, increased costs of supplies/materials, and labor market constraints have made it increasingly difficult to cover our ongoing expenses."

Evers said with shared revenue being stagnant for so long local municipalities across the state have had to make decisions about essential services to provide to residents having to "choose between paying for first responders, addressing PFAS, fixing the roads, and other critical priorities that affect the health, safety and well-being of Wisconsinites everywhere."

Every county and municipality is slated to receive at least a 20% increase in aid

from the bill, except the cities of Madison and Milwaukee, which will receive an increase of at least 10%. In 2023, funds to counties and municipalities topped just over \$753 million.

Next year is set to increase by 36.5% with the supplemental aid approved by the state Legislature raising it by almost \$275 million. AB 245 will result in the state allocating more than \$1 billion to counties and local municipalities in 2024.

Evers also signed Senate Bill 330, which will bring shared revenue to schools. K-12 investments include:

- Providing more than \$1 billion in spendable revenue for K-12 education while maintaining two-thirds funding, including a \$325 per pupil increase in each fiscal year on revenue limits.
- Setting aside \$50 million to improve reading and literacy outcomes for K-12 students (details for exact implementation of the funding have not yet been determined).
- Providing a per pupil aid increase for choice and independent charter schools.
- Investing \$30 million over the biennium to continue the governor's initiative to support school-based mental health services.
- Reaching 33.3 percent reimbursement for special education.
- Increasing the low revenue ceiling from \$10,000 to \$11,000 per student.

New pier adds to Arrowhead Park offerings

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

After months of construction, the pier at Arrowhead Park is substantially complete, offering residents a place to sit near the water, take a break while walking the Loop the Little Lake Trail, or launch a kayak into Little Lake Butte des Morts.

The new pier features a 14-foot wide and 150-foot-long gangway leading to an 832-square-foot gathering area with six benches. The pier will also include a quiet water boat launch, suitable for kayaks, canoes and paddle boards.

Neenah Parks & Recreation posted on social media last week that the pier is 95% complete, with only the quiet water launch and a gateway sign still requiring installation. The gangway and launch cost \$47,000, with the entire structure coming in at about \$619,600.

The project was funded using grants from the National Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) and the David L. and Rita E. Nelson Family Fund. The NRDA funds were awarded due to the high level of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the water, caused by paper mill waste.



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Arrowhead Park now features a 150-foot-long pier for the public to enjoy.

Construction of the pier began in February with a portion of the Loop the Lake Trail temporarily closed while work was underway. The trail spans 3.5 miles and connects Fox Crossing, Menasha and Neenah. The pier project is part of the city's redevelopment plans for 30-acre Arrowhead Park.

The city has been working with a design firm to develop a new master plan for Arrowhead to turn it into a popular destination.

Future development includes plans for amenities with local and regional draws, connecting Arrowhead to downtown Neenah.

Jobless rate shows increase for May

Neenah News

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County saw an increase in its unemployment rate from 1.8 percent to 2.4 percent between April and May, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Last May's jobless rate in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA and for Winnebago County was at 2.5 percent. Neenah as a city showed a jobless rate increase from 1.6 percent to 2.3 percent for the month.

Unemployment rates rose in all of Wisconsin's 34 largest cities in May while 64 of those 72 counties had jobless rates decrease or stay the same compared with a year earlier.



Neenah Historical Society photo

Floating festivities

The Venetian Parade has been part of the city's Fourth of July celebrations since 1954 when Chief of Police Irving Stilp organized the first event.



Habitat for Humanity photo

Rock the Block focuses on home repairs and community projects in a selected neighborhood.

Habitat's Rock the Block set for Doty Island

Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity is coming to Doty Island in September to Rock the Block.

Eligible homeowners who participate in Rock the Block are offered up to \$10,000 free to go toward repairs to improve the health and safety of their home. Any repairs that exceed \$10,000 may be eligible for Habitat's Home Repair program, which offers a 0% deferred loan.

"Whether you need brush removal, your gardens weeded, your windows replaced or your whole siding redone, members of your community are excited to beautify your home," construction volunteer coordinator Angie Demers said.

Rock the Block focuses on critical home repairs and community projects to keep the home and neighborhood safe and beautiful. Eligible projects include landscaping and yard cleanup, painting and staining decks and porches, roofing, siding, window and door replacement, porch repairs and other exterior and interior repairs.

Homeowners on Doty Island interested in participating in September's Rock the Block can find more information by visiting foxcitieshabitat.org/dotyrtb, calling 920-954-8702 or emailing rocktheblock@foxcitieshabitat.org.

Town of Neenah names new fire chief

Neenah News

The Town of Neenah Board has named Dan Osero as new fire chief for the fire department, effective immediately.

He replaces Chad Dolphin, who announced his retirement from the fire chief position due to family and other work commitments.

"I appreciate my time with the Town of Neenah Fire Department and all of the opportunities I have been provided," Dolphin said in a statement. "I will miss the people, camaraderie, helping others, and climbing on the truck heading out to a call. It has been an honor and privilege to serve alongside a dedicated group of volunteers."

Osero has been with the department since 2011 and has worked in various roles, including captain and emergency medical responder.

Neenah teen crowned Miss Rural Winnebago

Neenah News

Neenah High School student Josie Voigt is the 55th Miss Rural Winnebago after she was crowned recently at the annual Waukau Youth Days Chicken BBQ event.

She was crowned alongside candidates Olivia Beardsley of Omro; and Alexis Montalvo and Chloe Smith, both of Oshkosh.

Voigt, 17, wants to major in biology to become a small and large animal veterinarian.

She is captain of the varsity lacrosse team at Neenah and plays club lacrosse, club volleyball and tennis. She is a National Honors Society student, a 2023-24 school blood drive coordinator, involved with key club and ecology club, and has more than 150 hours of volunteer activities.

Voigt said she is passionate about rural Winnebago County because it reminds her of comfort and love while providing her with the knowledge, experience and connections to help her prosper in her future career.

With help from the community, she wants to learn more about the needs of this area, carry that knowledge with her during college, and then return to support the community.

Miss Rural Winnebago is a yearlong position for young ladies 13 to 17 years old. Throughout the year, she attends local events to learn and promote the rural life



Submitted photo

Josie Voigt wears the crown of Miss Rural Winnebago.

of Winnebago County.

She also has the opportunity to work alongside the reigning Winnebago County Fairest of the Fair to promote agriculture in the county.

To request Miss Rural Winnebago to attend an event, email missruralwinnebago@gmail.com.

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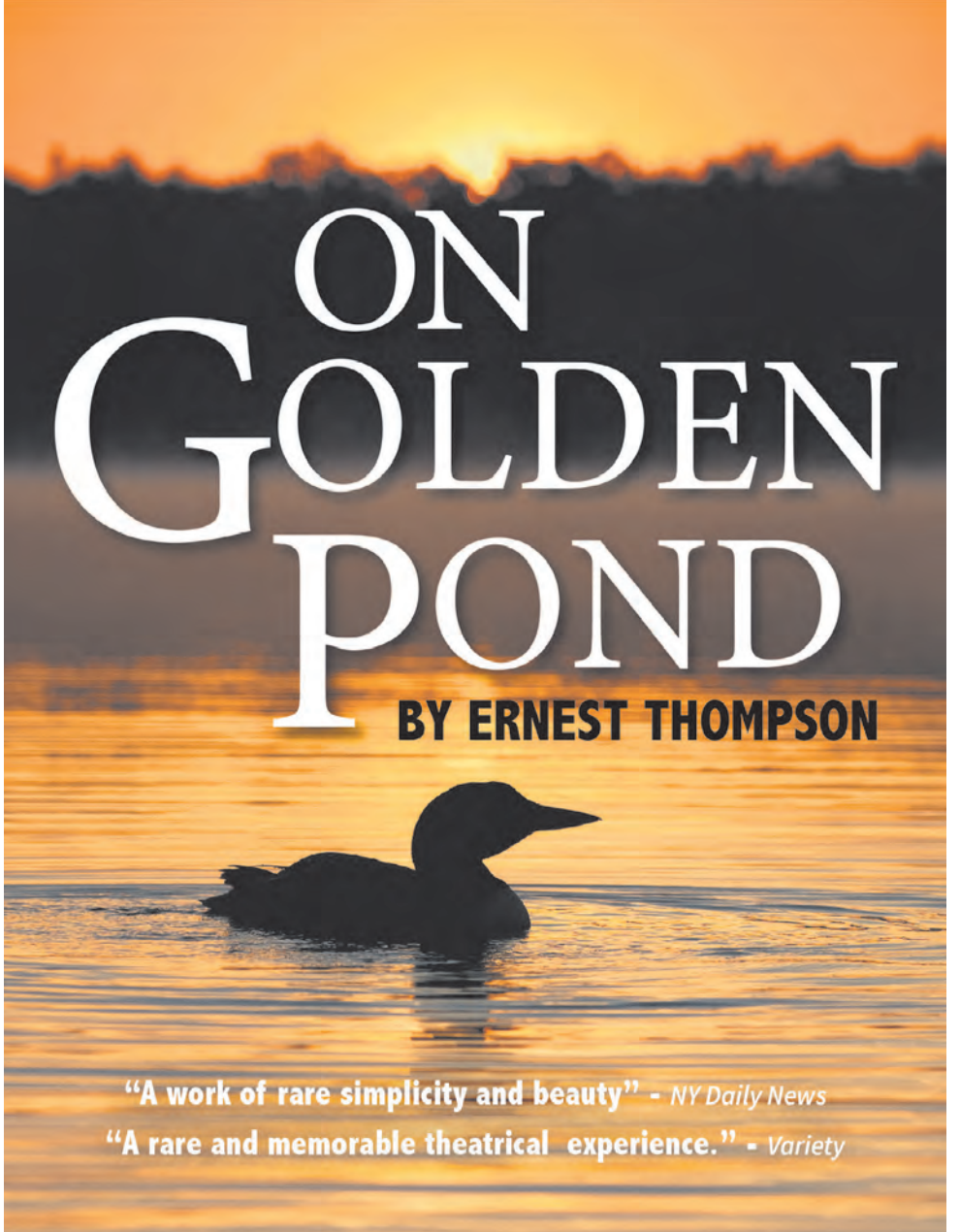
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Holiday noise is no party for some pets, owners

Police say complaints are difficult to resolve

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Fourth of July holiday is a celebration for many residents, but for some, the fireworks that accompany the festivities are a nightmare.

Wendy Szczepanski, who lives on Oak Street, spoke at the Neenah Common Council meeting last week about the issue of private illegal fireworks used in her neighborhood.

“There is always that one or two neighbors that think they don’t have to obey the laws and currently, they’re right, because all they get is a warning,” she said. “I know it can’t be fun for the officers fining these neighbors, but it is literally their job to enforce.”



Olson

Under Neenah ordinance, locals who shoot off their own fireworks are violating the law. The city’s ordinance follows state law, indicating that no person may possess or use fireworks without a permit from the mayor or other designated city employee.

Wisconsin’s definition of fireworks includes anything “manufactured, processed or packaged for exploding, emitting sparks or combustion which does not have another common use.”

Police Chief Aaron Olson said anything that explodes or leaves the ground is illegal to own or light off without a permit.

Legal items that aren’t considered fireworks include sparklers, poppers or streamers, snaps, cap gun caps, fountains that sit on the ground and emit sparks and smoke, smoke bombs without an external flame, toy snakes and model rocket engines.

“If they follow our city ordinance, then

they can’t go wrong with that, and be respectful to their neighbors,” Olson said.

He added the police department’s policy is to respond to fireworks calls and issue a verbal warning. Continued fireworks use after a verbal warning results in a written warning. If police respond a third time, the party is issued a citation.

The penalty for possessing or lighting off fireworks is a fine of up to \$1,000. Parents or legal guardians who allow a minor to use fireworks may also be fined.

The Fourth of July week is one of the busiest of the year for Neenah police, with upwards of 50 calls per day for fireworks alone.

“It’s more than our officers can respond to and if we were to give everyone a citation and confiscate everyone’s fireworks, we wouldn’t have enough people to do that,” Olson said, “so our goal is to educate first before we give citations.”

Olson referenced a 2018 survey that showed Winnebago County divided at about half of residents in favor of increased enforcement of fireworks violations, and half opposed.

“Every single year we go through this,” he said. “People are very upset on both sides. They’re upset if we give tickets and they’re upset if we don’t give tickets.”

Last week, the Town of Neenah issued a public service notice, indicating that fireworks impact and pollute waters and must be properly disposed of. No part of fireworks are recyclable and should be treated as garbage.

The town recommended soaking used fireworks in a bucket of water overnight before placing them in a garbage bag and disposing of them.

As a dog owner, Szczepanski said she’s fed up with inconsiderate neighbors lighting off fireworks.

“We shouldn’t have to drug our pets because they’re terrified,” she said. “But not to mention, along with that, because it’s so many days in advance, nobody knows when somebody is going to shoot one off.”

Neenah Animal Shelter executive direc-



Photos by David Hall

Fireworks are heard and seen this time of year beyond the confines of CommunityFest, where the annual fireworks show launches from Tuesday. A display is shown from last year.

tor Cindy Flauager said she also has a dog that hates fireworks.

“I can relate to that person,” she said. “Sometimes we have pet owners who end up resorting to giving a medication from their vet to calm them.”

Flauager said animals – dogs in particular – have acute sensory receptors including hearing and smell; with the ability to smell things up to a mile away. That makes the loud booms and scent of fireworks terrifying to some animals.

“If they’re scared, they’re going to take off and try to hide somewhere,” she said.

To help anxious pets feel more comfortable during fireworks, Flauager suggested trying over-the-counter calming tools with natural ingredients that help animals relax. If those aren’t strong enough, she added pet owners should talk to their veterinarian about getting their pet on a prescribed medication.

“We tend to respond to their anxiety which actually reinforces to them that there’s something to be scared of,” she said. “It’s also recommended that you just try and be really matter of fact with your animals like it’s no big deal, because they’ll feed off your energy.”

Keeping animals inside while playing music, keeping the windows closed and turning on the air conditioning may lessen the sound of fireworks. Another suggestion is to work with a professional trainer or try a Thundershirt, which is a version of a weighted blanket.

“Some people find that weight is calming to animals,” she said. “Just try different things and try and be prepared beforehand and not wait for the day of fireworks.”

The animal shelter also recommends having updated ID tags and having pets microchipped.

“That’s going to help us, as a shelter, get your pet back to you much more quickly,” she said. “The tags are helpful, but sometimes a dog comes in and they’ve pulled off the leash and somehow broke their collar. With a microchip, it’s fail proof. They can’t lose it on their travels.”

Pet owners whose pet runs away during fireworks should report it by calling the police department’s non-emergency number and contacting the animal shelter.

Additionally, Flauager recommended uploading a picture of the lost pet to a new online database called Petco Love Lost. The database is a central location that creates and shares digital lost pet alerts to animal shelters and on social media.

Residents who enjoy fireworks can attend the show in Neenah’s Riverside Park and Menasha’s Jefferson Park on Tuesday evening.

Police noted that residents who ignore the ordinance are liable for property damage or bodily harm caused by illegal fireworks.

“Some people are very concerned about their dogs and people are concerned about veterans with PTSD, so be respectful, be smart, and do the right thing,” Olson said.

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ThedaCare opens updated catherization lab, therapy areas

ThedaCare marked two milestones this month in its \$100 million investment to modernize ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah.

Specialized teams are now caring for patients in the Cardiac Catherization Laboratory (cath lab) and Special Procedure Suite that is integrated into the surgery department. The physical, occupational and speech therapy space is also open for care.

A cath and specials lab is an area with diagnostic imaging equipment and technology to care for cardiovascular and stroke conditions. Teams can provide minimally invasive tests and advanced cardiac procedures to diagnose and treat cardiovascular disease. Teams also provide pacemaker and defibrillator implants, pulmonary embolism treatment and other interventional radiology procedures.

Since 2019, ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah has been accredited as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by DNV, which provides accreditation programs to deal with regulatory requirements for hospitals, and provide guidance and best practices.

The new cath and specials lab space allows teams to provide emergency stroke care, such as surgical thrombectomies, clot removal, coil procedures and other neurological treatments.

“We are pleased the Cardiac Catherization Laboratory and Special Procedure Suite were included in the Modernization plans,” said Dr. Todd Peebles, neurointerventional radiologist and co-medical director of the ThedaCare Stroke Center. “Because of the time-critical nature of stroke events, hospital systems must have the best teams and resources available,



ThedaCare photo

Specialized teams are now caring for patients in the modern Cardiac Catherization Laboratory (cath lab) and Special Procedure Suite that is integrated into the Surgery Department at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah.

and also the ability to act with efficiency.”

One of the updated pieces of equipment in the cath and specials lab is biplane imaging, which uses fluoroscopes or a “live X-ray” to produce detailed images of blood vessels, soft tissue and blood flow. It can also be used to help identify precise locations of a condition a patient might be experiencing, such as a blockage or aneurysm.

The next milestone in the modernization project includes updates to the physical, occupational and speech therapy space. Care teams began seeing patients in the updated space June 19. The therapy

area moved from the first floor to the third floor of the medical office building.

Updates to the therapy space include expanded care space, additional private treatment rooms, a walking harness for patients to work on gait and balance, and an updated driving simulator that allows teams to evaluate if a person can return to driving. The simulator also provides an opportunity for patients to practice their driving skills before they are cleared.

“The investment to these spaces will allow teams to meet the growing demand for convenient, specialized services and provide more comprehensive and coor-

dated care,” said Melissa Schaefer, program manager.

Much of the therapy care provided at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah focuses on neurological conditions and rehabilitation.

“Providing patients with comprehensive care can help aid in a person’s recovery,” Schaefer said. “For example, if someone experiences a stroke and then needs physical, occupational and speech therapy services, they can manage that seamlessly throughout our system.”

Team members helped design the space and select updated equipment. Schaefer said the new technology allows skilled teams to provide advanced treatment for patients.

The next areas of focus for the modernization project, expected to be completed in 2024, include:

- Relocate the ThedaStar Air Medical Program Helipad adjacent to the ED entrance, allowing patients to be rapidly transferred for Trauma Services.
- Create a modern physical therapy and occupational therapy suite to help patients improve ability to move and perform daily activities.
- Develop a new women’s center, which includes mammography, diagnostics and imaging, and bone density testing.
- Improve and expand access for behavioral health services by redesigning the inpatient space.
- Create Main Street, where key diagnostic outpatient services will be located on the first floor of the hospital.
- Design a new dining area on the main floor.
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Courtney O'Keefe
Lizbeth Ortega
Jacob Ostrom
Matt Pack
Kendra Pagel
Tessa Pagel
Karolina Perry
Emily Pilzak
Elaina Plankey
Madison Plungy
Michael Printz
Lukas Quinones
Allison Raber
Coy Rajotte
Elizabeth Ramaeker
Luis Ramirez-Mendoza
Eduardo Rangel
Garett Rathsack
Lydia Reeves
Kaitlyn Fleege
Elliott Richards
Lawrence Riehl
Elizabeth Risgaard
Lucy Rogers
Samuel Rohlwing
Emma Rollefson
Mason Romzek
Shelby Roth
Matthew Rowe
Sophia Rundquist
Milo Runnerstrom
Jordan Rusch
Hannah Sabel
Eric Schaufelberger
Jackson Schlomann
Allison Schmidli
Nicole Schmidt
Samantha Schneider
Carson Schroeder
Kyle Schultz
Connor Schwartz
Brenden Selch
Selia Shelley
Jayden Sheppard
Hayden Smith
Ethan Snider
William Sorensen
Charlise Sorenson
Carly Stamm
Shea Sullivan
Emlyn Swardenski
Lauren Tears
Keira Tech
Stella Teckam
Paige Thomaschfsky
Dylan Thurber
Carson Timm
Brooklyn Van Domelen
Madeline Van Zeeland
McKenna Vande Hei
Braden Vulgamore
Christian Vulgamore
Joshua Waite
Sophia Walter
Eric Wang
Kaelyn Weinke
Bridger Wenzel
Benjamin Wesley
Ryan Westphal

Maria Wierzba
Charlie Winters
Dominic Young
Jack Zemlock
Jadon Ziebell
Madison Ziegert
Molly Ziegert
Julie Zimmerman

Juniors

Lauren Aaholm
Max Archambo
Olivia Archambo
Wyatt Armock
Emily Aykens
Makenna Baker
Wilson Baltus
Aiden Barr
Amelia Bart
Korianna Bartman
Taelyn Bauer
Adelaide Benner
Kyra Berry
Alexandra Blattner
Nicholas Bloomhuff
Genevieve Bom
Emma Bottensek
Allie Bradshaw
Gabrielle Brazee
Grace Brazee
Tess Brazee
Connor Briones
Rhyann Brockman
Asher Brotherton
Nathaniel Brotherton
Derick Brown
Sarah Brunel
Sophie Buel
Zoe Callahan
Aidan Carey
Benjamin Carey
Gideon Christensen
Hayley Clark
Nathaniel Cleveland
Aidan Colby
Brady Corso
Naomi Cortina
Isabella Coulman
Ethan Coulthard
Izabella Czerniejewski
Samuel Davies
Lydia Delene
Allison Denzin
Irati Deperrrest Azcarate
Alfredo Elias Diaz
Kaitlin Dibelius
Julianna Dickey
Rachel Dietrich
Emma Donahue
Alexis Dorner
Ava Drach
Emma Dumbleton
Chloe Dwyer
Brayden Eckes
Genevieve Ellis
Carson Erbrecht-Willard
Filip Eyer
Della Ferguson
Abigayle Fischer
Kaitlyn Fleege
Bret Fredrick
Charles Fredrickson
Saba Gagoshidze
Julianne George
Hudson Gerdin
Tyler Gillig
John Gilmour
Jackson Glaeser
Lillian Granditzke
Graham Grassl
Morgan Grosek
Owen Grotenhuis
Ava Gunderson
Elijah Hallman
Brianna Halvorson
Evan Hans
Gables Hansen
Rowan Hansen
Madeline Harris
Annasophia Hein
Hilary Heroux
Brady Hildreth
Paige Hilgers
Kirsten Hilton
Anabelle Hodges
Noah Huguet
Madysen Janichek
Justin Janssen
Sawyer Janssen
Kayden Jazdzewski
Madison Jensen
Marta Jimenez Llop
Amaya Jones
Hannah Karker
Jonathan Kasten
Timothy Keberlein
Sarah Keene
Carly Keesler
Luke Keller
Leia Kersten
Ella Kirchman
Evan Kirkman
Samuel Kleisner
Titus Kollell
Elliot Krajnik
Elliot Krueger
Kate Krueger
Alyssa Lamb
Sienna LaTonzea

Harrison Lauer
Hope Lawton
Jaden Leal
Sonja Leist
Madelyn Lewis
Addison Liedtke
Alliyah Lima
Lauren Linstedt
Shingyeng Lo
Haeley Logterman
Braden Louden
Emma Mantel
Preston Marnocha
Owen Martin
Berkley McInnis
Avrie McKenna
Gabriela Medina
Claudia Merizon
Caleb Ashton Meyer-Hill
Ethan Meylink
Zander Moore
Alexia Nelson
Sofia Newsome
Keira Nickel
Aubrey Oitzinger
Elizabeth Oldenburg
Ana Sofia Ottani Pavao
Vespa Pacheco
Katie Poquette
Austin Price
Amara Pruchnofski
Natalie Quella
Will Radies
Tavian Ramos
Carter Randall
Peter Ranger
Henry Ratliff
Jensen Reffke
Ella Reiter
Blake Rhodes
Alyssa Ross
Christian Ross
Zachary Ryan
Ellie Sabel
Ava Schalow
Skyler Schilt
Katelyn Schmidt
Macy Schmidt
Cole Schrage
Ann Marie Schumann
Abigail Searl
Finnar Severstad
Sophia Sheikh
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Jesse Skelton
Lucien Slattery
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Hudson Tamulion
Carmen Tanem
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Mykayla Tharp
Alexander Thayer
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Gaelle Tronche
Mackenzie Ullrich
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Isaac Verbruggen
Reid Vogelsang
Josie Voigt
Zsofia Voko
Brendan Wallenfang
Quinn Wehner
Sadie Wendell
Myah Wenzel
Kayla White
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Sierra Wirth
Owen Wise
Charles Wunderlich
Tristin Yun
Sean Zeier
Keira Zemialkowski
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Allie Ziebell

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Aidan Apa
Madielyn Armstrong
Augustus Austin
Logan Balensiefen
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Anastasia Basler
Rylie Bauman
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Charles Bellows
Drew Benthein
Morgan Bernhardt
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Claudia Bjornstad
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Evelyn Bleier
Savannah Blocksom
Lily Bosovic
Elizabeth Bowman
Katelyn Brandt
Matthew Brennan
Kayden Brewster
Brooke Broeske
Kylie Broeker
Carter Buch
Joseph Buchta
Carly Callahan
Christian Campbell
Andrew Carlson
Alessandra Chandik
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Jenna Clark
Destiny Clohessy
Allison Corrente
Avery Cowell
Katelyn Danish
Maxim de Montigny
Grant Dean
Madeline Delene
Amaree Derke
Ethan Dietz
Benjamin Donaldson
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Andrew Dunning
Kennedy Dupont
Carter Epley
William Fisher
Tyler Fitzgerald
Tyler Flaten
Mason Flees
Harrison Flint
Taniya Franzke
Zachary Freund
Eliza Fritz
Drew Gaerthofner
Caitlyn Gafner
Evelyn Geiger
Avery Gentile
Aria Giddings
Emily Glasheen
Claire Gloudemans
Riley Goodson
Myla Gostas-Sims
Trystan Green
Henry Gretebeck
Julia Gross
Paul Grotenhuis
Allison Grube
Madelyn Gruber
Mason Grycowski
Isadora Hagenow
Elise Hammerschmidt
Hannah Hartman
Shaylee Harttert
Carl Hein
Elise Hendrickson
Fiona Hendrickson
Hannah Henry
Jacob Herm
Erin Heyes
Kale Hildebrandt
Aspen Hilgers
Mason Hubner
Tyler Huss
Sue Ellis Jacob
Birkley Janichek
Seth Johnson
Jady Juedes
Luke Jung
Nicholas Kaiser
Abigail Kandler
Lillian Kane
Sam Kane
Taylor Kappell
Maggie King
Braedy Klawikowski
Jack Klundt
Sienna Kodama-Forget
Marley Koepfel
Rebecca Konkle
Grace Koszowa
Brooke Kottwitz
Ava Kreger
Sophia Krema
Julian Kuehn
Sabrina Kuenzi
Caitlyn Kufahl
Ayden Larson
Kaden Lee
Brenna Leiton
Zachary Liebeskind
Aidan Lishner
Jalisa Lopez
Elizabeth Lorrig
Landin Lukasavage
Jacob Machacek
Aidan Magadanz
Sienna Manteufel

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Kaylee Marhefke
Anthony Marose
Emma Marsh
Reese Martin
Artemio Martinez
Jillian Matheny
Abigail Matson
Callie McElroy
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Kaegan McIntosh
Alison Medina
Violet Megale
Rylan Mendoza
Ethan Mertes
Ella Meunier
Tate Mickelson
Austin Miller
Jonathan Miller
Annilee Molchany
Jack Morrissey
Bridget Munson
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Jayden Nau
Kali Nelson
Izabela Newsome
Cindy Nguyen
Wendy Ni
Karac Nutile
Madison Oeftger
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Ella Olson
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Elliott Pershing
Austin Peterka
Nora Pfister
Elaina Pilzak
Talen Pitterle
Johnathan Plier
Harmon Posegate
Aviv Pradhananga
Brandon Price
Ahtziri Quinones
Daanya Qureshi
Tate Rajotte
Olivia Ramaeker
Avery Ramos
Julia Rangel
Jacob Reckner
Lily Rhode
Isabel Ricketts
Janae Rodriguez
Jensen Rodriguez
Grant Romjue
Braeden Ross
Ty Samp
Zane Sano-Giles
Caleb Schaefer
Preston Schamens
Ashlynn Schiedermayer
Emerson Schlomann
Caleb Schloss
Izabel Schmidt
Ryan Schnabl
Isabella Schoonover
Raeleigh Schoultz
Hailey Schultz
Joseph Schultz
Annika Searles
Isabella Shell
Samuel Shopbell
Fiona Sickler
Hannah Slabbert
Ella Smedema
Nolan Smith
Callie Smithlin
Arthur Smurawa
Edith Soto
Norah Spanbauer
Emily Stadler
Kacie Stamm
Emily Stichman
Isabella Stindt
Jaxson Strauch
Bridget Sullivan
Keane Sullivan
Helen Suprise
Harrison Tanger
Jaden Torres Reay
Brayden Tynysmaa
Mackenzie Uecker
Autumn Utley
Tanner Van Zummeren
Lillian Vande Corput
Madalyn Vandenberg
Evan Vanevenhoven
Brooke Veith
Carson Verhagen
Seth Vickman
Elsie Voigt
Annie Wang
Amelia Wasco
Ashton Wayne
Miles Weaver
Ayden Weisbrod
Ila Reese Wentzel

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Lauren Werner
Meredith Werner
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Madison Wild
Lauryn Williams
Jacob Wockenfus
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Aljuri Almulhem
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Kaylee Collins
Jacen Cornwell
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Ian Daniels
Jack DeMenter
Marissa Derouso
Gurveer Dhami
Sophie Doyle
Corban Ducommun
Gaven Eaton
Madison Eckhart
Rylee Ehlike
Nicholas Elter
Jack Emenecker
Jaxon Fennis
Aiden Feltz
Sarah Flannigan
Paige Flaten
Brynn Fox
Mason Fraley
Jenna Francois
Simon Galvin
Hope Geiger
Jesse Gostas
Jayden Griesbach
Elsa Gruber
Alivia Haller
Olivia Hanneman
Pierce Hanson
Kaylyn Harmon
Braeden Hart
Carson Harwood
Lincoln Hechimovich
Samuel Henning
Jonathan Henry
Rhiannon Hensel
Eyon Hermesen
Miles Hessenthaler
Brogan Hirschi
Caroline Hodges
Brock Hoehne
Isaac Hoelzel
Peyton Hoffman
Jackson Holzheu
Savanna Hutchison
Dieu Veut Irunkunda
Brynn Jackels
Caitlin Jesse
Kayleigh Johnson
Mea Jones
Callen Juckem
Jacob Kachur
Troy Kahler
Nicole Kavanaugh
Brady Keller
William Kirkman
Rowan Klesmit
Owen Klundt
Rylie Knase
Declan Koch
Roan Koeper
Joselyn Kohlbeck
Katelyn Konig
Nathan Kramp
Mack Krause
Keegan Krueger
Kylee Kurszewski
Joshua Kurtz

Roman Lange
Brady Lawatsch
Christopher Lee
Vincent Lee
Bryce Leneau
Hudson Lewis
Ella Lindgren
Emma Lorbiecki
Elizabeth Lueneburg
Josther Lugo Palermo
Sophia Ly
Benjamin Mainville
Payton Manteufel
Jack Martin
Yulissa Martinez
Kyleigh Mathe
Brady Mayer
Meghan McAvoy
Cade McCallister
Lauren McDonald
Evan McKenna
Meredith Meacham
Greta Meixl
Haojia Miao
Brayden Milbrodt
Maximus Miller
Maxwell Milske
Ava Motto
Cecilia Mulloy
Anna Mulroy
Garrett Nedens
Ethan Nelson
Trista Nelson
Kaelin Nickel
Ella Nigl
Evan Numrich
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Emeline Olkowski
Jillian Ostrom
Morgan Otting
Savannah Pagel
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Mason Peitersen
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Hudson Peters
Brenna Pickett
Lorelai Piepiorka
Ella Pingel
Kaytlyn Pitzer
Oliver Posegate
Samuel Printz
Jacob Pritzl
Michael Raasch
Jonah Ritter
Ally Rivet
Will Romsos
Kaden Roth
Kathleen Russell
Ezra Saint
Dempsey Saylor
Cole Schaefer
Payton Schaefer
Cooper Schalow
Brendan Schilke
McKenna Schilling
Alyssa Schlesner-Smith
Carys Schmidt
Mason Schmidt
Lily Schultz
Aidan Schumacher
Brody Searl
Macsen Selch
Liam Sieck
Madyson Simonis
Janet Sorto
Savannah Spade
Hailey Sprangers
Henry St Clair
Oliver Steiner
Eliana Stier
Ezra Strasman
Violet Swardenski
Phong Tang
Joelle Torres Reay
Tanner Trustem
Lazam Useini
Coleton Van Thull
Brandon Vang
Lyja Vang
Malachi Vang
Yu Peng Vang
Joseph VanHandel
Elias Vargas
Zachary Verhagen
Trent Vogelsang
Zachary Waite
Leila Walter
Audrey Wehner
James Weiland
August Weinholzer
Braden Wendt
Taytum West
Levi Weyenberg
Trey White
Audrey Wilgreen
Natalie Willes
Ella Winiecki
Kara Yang
ShuaCua Yang
Miley Young
Alyssa Yun
Lauren Zeier
Teegan Zemialkowski
Tim Zhao
Layla Zilisch

Seniors	Nolan Juckem
Piper Alberg	Jacqueline Kanhyeba
Ty Anderson	Lauren Kavanaugh
Mitchell Argall	Cal Klesmit
Antonia Balozi	Dyllen Kramer
Richie Bernice	Zachary Kramp
Tucker Brackin	Kaiden Lambert
Vega Brawley	Alicia Langlois
Jason Coates-Sanders	Dalton Liebhauser
Samuel Coulthard	Allison Malcore
Zaylee Davidson	Alyza Martinez
Jordon Donnelly	Ethan McNulty
Casey Driscoll	Brooklyn Mena
Evalyne Dunn	Caeleb Meunier
Jacob Engel	Brooke Micheau
Kaeden Essler	Kaitlin Miller
Jazmine Falkner	Jonthomas Misevicz
Josephine Fisher	Caleb Moore
Ryan Foucault	Charles Ogden
Zachary Fruendt	Lea Perry
Allie Galligan	Tristen Peterson
Maysen Gray	Samuel Portugal-Nellessen
Jasilyn Griesbach	Savina Poulter
Brady Groleau	Nicholas Raasch
Soukeye Gueye	Cal Radies
Connor Halvorson	Grace Radke
Braeden Hankwitz	Madeline Reagan
Charles Hansen	Jonathan Rieger
Blake Hasler	Teagan Sargeant
Jamison Hawley	Trinity Scheffler
Preston Hella	Caleb Shine
Emmanuel Hernandez-Pinacho	Owen Sickler
Mason Herrick	Justin Sina
Trent Higgins	Quinn Smith
Brady Hintz	Jessica Stankevitz
Olivia Holtz	Erika Supple
Sawyer Hopfensperger	Elliot Swanson
Latasha Hudson	Kaiden Talayumptewa
Drake Jesse	Logan Van Zummeren
Brenna Johnson	Madison Vande Berg
Zoya Jones	Cattee VanLinn
Matthew Jousma	Kalia Vanschindel

Neenah High School

Neenah High School has announced its second-semester “B” honor rolls.

Cooper Waldoch	Ethan Jacobs	Nolan Weyenberg	Elizabeth Johnson
Owen Wheeler	Isaac Jacque	Landen White	Nathan Johnson
Isabell Wienandt	Kyle Joneson	Samantha Zehner	Hunter Jordan
Hunter Williams	Seth Keuler	Gracie Zietlow	Dalaena Khang
	Tristan Khang		Ty Laabs
Juniors	Ariel Kissel	Sophomores	Jack Landreman
Korbyn Akstulewicz	Jaxon Kramer	Sergio Aguirre	Finn Lettau
Michael Amick	Michael Landskron	Shae Bartlett	WeiJie Li
Cullen Josiah Arboleda	Mia Lassiter	Keanna Basler	Justin Liriano Rueda
Rebecca Arias-Noll	Willard Lee	Ashley Baumann-Vanprice	Matthew Machacek
Elijah Armatti	Marc Lefebber	Ariel Bayer	Ashiyah McClain
Artion Bekteshi	Kylee Mahner	Madison Bell	Margaret McMahon
Grace Berkholtz	Aleya Manteufel	Melody Birney	Olivia McNulty
Owen Blenker	Jack Meixl	Carter Blaylock-Schmitz	Clark Miller
Mikkiya Botker	Mack Moore-Nokes	Claudia Buch	Luke Moran
Benjamin Broeders	Clementine Mukashyaka	Brynna Butler	Victoria Ochs
Evoryn Brummeyer	Domanic Muma	Evan Cardoza	Derric Odom
Chase Collins	Claire Nichols	James Carpenter	Emma Oehlenschlager
Kaitlyn Daniels	Kess Nickels	Carter Catlin	Jace Ostermeier
Gavin Downs	Evan Olson	Lucas Chapin	Grace Peeters
Hailie Drawenek	Tanner Olson	Sylvia Crouse	Haiden Perkins
Andrew Engel	McKinna Peters	Raziel Dixon	Nathan Rank
Adrian Fifield	Jensen Popp	Joseph Drawenek	Kathryn Rasmussen
Broc Giesen	Nicholas Raasch	Eliza Egonut	Easton Rice
Jenna Granditzke	Caleb Reddick	Orion Erck	Emma Roberts
Blake Griesbach	Kyzel Rivers-Mims	Ashlyn Erickson	Charlotte Robinson
Miriam Hallman	Jack Romsos	Anna Fanelli	Edwin Rodriguez
Tyler Heider	Alayna Sauer	Cole Fenske	Adiques Ryan
Kristian Heyes	Nathan Schraven	Blake Fish	Desirae Sattler
Ethan Hoelzel	Elliana Schultz	Zhynique Fisher	Zayne Schmitt
Sarah Hoffman	William St Clair	Jaycie Gerrits	Alexander Schuchart
Jackson Holinbeck	Paige Stielow	Andrew Gmeiner	Andrew Schumacher
Samantha Hooyman	Ella Suprise	Calvin Gressler	Jaime Selwitschka
Brayden Hujet	Lucas Thiel	Matthew Hang	Avery Smith
Angela Hultman	Kayla Uhlenberg	Aidan Heinrich	Natalie Smith
Aidan Hurlburt	Ethan Van Dyke	Mason Hernke	Emily Snider
Quintin Huycke	Thomas Weis	James Holubek	Drake Swokowski

Jaidyn Thao	Isabella Krull
Connor Thurber	Matthew Lauer
Arjana Useini	Ainsley LeClair
Skyler Van Buren	Colton Lesselyong
Cyan Vandermuss	Owen Lloyd
Riley Weinholzer	Radamane Lor
Serena Whitby	James Maguire
Alexander Yang	Ty McNeely
Ava Yoblonski	Dylan Missall
Trystyn Young	Charles Moss
	Jocelyn Nelson
	Caroline Neuhoff
Freshmen	Sawyer Newman
Zaid Alhuraishi	Pongkasad Ngampring
Lance Bart	Mason Niemuth
Ayden Bartz	Kaden O'Brien
Cole Bauer	Joscarly Palermo
Michéal Boylan-DeLeon	Marcos Perez-Gonzalez
Daniel Breuer	Annabelle Perry
Zavier Brzezinski	Liam Rennert
Lluvia Carrillo	Anna Ross
Mia Chapman	Cole Rothermel
Leonard Coulman	Jack Runnerstrom
Leonel DeLeon	Caden Sarauer
Noah Dvorachek	Zachary Schneider
Owain Elliott	Henry Schultz
Nolan Fischer	Lauren Schultz
Emma Forman	Olivia Smillie
Drew Green	Angelina Star
Westley Hahnen	Jordan Stevens
Uliana Hannemann	Braden Taylor
Collin Hasenfus	Khiara Trewartha-DeSantos
Collin Herrick	Eleazar Vargas
Kaylee Hoelzel	Jaden Vondracek
Kayleigh Hoelzel	Andreas Walgenbach
Ethan Huynh	Kal El Wallenfang
Emilee Johnson	Oscar Waters
Vincent Jourdan	Mara Westphal-Dorow
Raya Kersten	Kaden Weyenberg
Ella Kirchman	Jacob White
Addyson Klases	ShuaNha Yang
Brook Konrad	Cooper Zinda
Anthem Kotze	

Seniors	Jason Kroll
Highest honors (4.0)	Sophia Lehner
Nicholas Berg	Sophie Lescamela
Lauren Determan	Gabriella Ruback
Catherine Genke	Allie Strande
Kathryn Laemmnich	Owen Swanstrom
Spencer Lynch	Cole Uhlenbrauck
Erika Stencil	Honors
Adela Thiel	Natalie Colon
Higher honors	Maryuri Covarrubio
Lauren Altfillisch	Meggen Deering
Dane Anderson	Daniel Griffith
Maria Argueta Gonzalez	Bianca Hammond
Lainey Becker	Violet (Boyoung) Kim
Olivia Bergstrom	Sahara Lewis
Matthew Betchner	Charlie Nackers
Brianna Beyer	Janessa Puls
Shruti Chakrapani	Connor Riehl
Lily Hansen	Owen Ripley
Julia Kubicki	Emiliano Romero
Paul Kundert	John Romnek
Mari Ladish	Jack Ruelle
Grace Meyer	Mason Talaga
Teagan Miller	
Eva Schneider	Juniors
Nyles Schneider	Highest honors (4.0)
Vanessa Thiede	Ian Albino-Gonzalez
Samuel Todd	Sienna Anderson
Chloe Vogel	Higher honors
Pepton Weis	Braeden Brenn
High honors	Kassadi Calmes
Evan Bengel	Alex Campbell
Michael Fairweather	Nicholas DeBaal
Bryn Korth	Daniel DuVernay
Laura Krausert	Alexander Groppe

St. Mary Catholic High School

St. Mary Catholic High School has announced its honor roll for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year. Highest honors went to students with a grade point average of 4.0. Higher honors went to students with GPAs of 3.75-3.99. High honors went to a GPA of 3.5-3.74. Honors went to those with a GPA of 3.0-3.49.

Haley Gustafson	Honors	Elijah Kutney	Donghwan Cho
Theodore Higgins	Arianna Baker	Emily Vogel	Alejandra Cunillera Fernandez
Audrey Norville	Nathan Bekkers	Higher honors	Carson Emenecker
Ray Pingel	Charles Cedergren	Nicholas Anderson	Preston Fields
Gwyneth Rabbitoy	Paige Danen	Claire Benz	Ruth Gutierrez Obeso
Rhiannon Reichenbacher	Harrison Higgins	Jeremiah Berken	Maria Marti
Benjamin Schoeni	Mackenzie Jaeckels	Grant Brazzale	Addison Moder
Alexander Walsh	William Lawniczak	Eliana Brenn	Kate Nackers
High honors	Sofia Malanchak	Jakob Duquaine	Myles Norville
Elena Altfillisch	Kate Mislinski	Samuel Finch	Lauren Ripley
Mackenzie Barmash-Turner	Ethon Moschea	Daniel Harness	Zach Trudeau
Imola Barta	Nathaniel Pable	Amelia Herzog	Honors
Grant Bergstrom	Ashton Post	John Osland	Jaylyn Akey
Aidan Birling	Hunter Schreiber	Ava Rankin	Joel Alvarez Banales
Jonah DeWitt	Johnathon Schultz	Alex Rice	Nolie Anderson
Addison Dinka	George Staner	Ana Sophia Roub	Pau Bacardit Noguera
Lauren Fischer	Ethan Tines	Katharine Schoeni	Kieran Barrientos
Nicol Hendrichovska	Noah Valentine	Stella Virlee	Harrison Bergstrom
Norah Lee	Lara Winkler	Brityn Voss	Gracie Decker
Evelyn McKenna	Sophomores	Audrey Wanless	Rylee McClone
Isidro Muniz	Highest honors (4.0)	Sandra Zarco Salas	Geneva Miller
Olivia Noel	Giovanni Albino-Gonzalez	High honors	Sean Ortscheid
Tamas Szabo	Alice Cole	Wesley Auth	Joseph Pirillo
Garrett Weninger		Gabrielle Callan	Dawson Radosevich

Jaelyn Reuss-Markley	David Young
Nathaniel Seiske	High honors
Christian Vindhurst	Norah Boehm
Gregory Wheeler	Maddox Dwyer
	Jacob Hall
Freshmen	Isabella Jankowski
Highest honors (4.0)	Meagan McCune
Maria Jimena Argueta Gonzalez	Kaden Mielke
Ethan Auer	Carter Nicholson
Zachary Beyer	Sean Osland
Erin Blaney	Bethany Ruppert
Isabella Dupont	Thomas Siems
Ana Emenecker	Isabella Strande
Ethan Gustafson	Honors
Isaiah Hennessy	Alex Berzowski
Ava Hoger	Wyatt Birling
Vivian Koski	Sean Brennan
McKenna Lau	Jesua Cardenas
Mary McCurdy	Kailynn Hammond
Olivia Nagel	Owen Hansen
Breelyn Pauly	Anthony Hellmer
Higher honors	Nevin Jamison
Madeleine Breen	Hailey Kane
Samantha Danen	Wyatt Kletschka
Anna DeWitt	Garrett Londre
Maria Johnson	Kristina McNulty
Maxwell Osgood	Nicholas Miller
Mia Pable	Haley Miller
Margo Scanlan	Hannah Miller
Adel Schneider	Marcos Muniz
Kaylee Sommerfeld	Madison Radosevich
Anne Walsh	Elliot Reichenbacher
Audrey Weber	Mason Wagner
Samantha Weiss	
Madeline Weninger	

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Archie's Popcorn loses Dairy Queen connection

Neenah News

Pop, pop, pop there goes Archie's Famous Popcorn in all its buttery and salty glory. The fan-favorite snack is no longer available at the Dairy Queen location on Neenah's west side at 910 Gay Drive.

Ownership changed at that Dairy Queen as of June 16. According to Archie's Popcorn, the new ownership is not within the family, resulting in different contracts.

Part of the contract included that all non-Dairy Queen products will not be sold at the west-side location, which includes Archie's Popcorn. Archie's is still available for sale at the Commercial Street Dairy Queen.

The famous popcorn got its start in Neenah in 1952; but it wasn't until the 1960s that the late Archie Reiser took over

and propelled the popcorn into a community hit by using his own family recipe. Just a few years later, Archie's Popcorn became a household name in the area, with the two Neenah Dairy Queens the only locations in the national franchise offering it.

In the 1980s, the company trademarked the Archie's recipe and oil blends. It has a popular local following and a Facebook page. The Archie's social media post about the west-side Dairy Queen no longer selling the popcorn was shared more than 300 times.

The popcorn is occasionally dyed different colors for the holidays, including a patriotic theme for the Fourth of July, pink for Valentine's Day, red and green for Christmas and green during certain Green Bay Packers games.

Most recently, the popcorn was colored blue May 18 during National Police Week; with the \$3,300 proceeds from that day's popcorn sales donated to the Neenah, Menasha and Fox Crossing police K-9 units.

Reiser's grandson, Sean Vindhurst, is the now-former owner of the Gay Drive Dairy Queen. He told media outlets in 2021 that the two Neenah locations sold on average a combined total of 25 tons of popcorn a year, amounting to \$250,000 in sales annually.

Archie's Popcorn lovers can still purchase it at the Dairy Queen on 450 S. Commercial St., where it's available in personal sizes all the way up to party-sized bags. That location is now the only place in the country where Archie's is sold.



Submitted photo

Archie's Famous Popcorn started in Neenah in 1952.

Public library calendar

July 4

Library closed

July 5

9:15 am: Baby Time (birth-12 months)
9:30-10 am: Musical Movers (all ages)

July 6

10 am: WeeRead Storytime (2+)
5:30 pm: Open Chess Night (All ages and skill levels welcome)

July 7

9:15 am: Fitness: Boot Camp
10:30 am: Chair Yoga

July 10

1 pm: Matinee: "Maybe I Do" (PG-13)
7 pm: Short Story Night at Lion's Tail Brewing Co.

July 11

10 am: Toddle Time (12-24 months)
10:30 am: Library on the Move at Fritse Park
1 pm: Family Program: Paper Bag Robots
4:30 pm: Free Legal Assistance Clinic
7 pm: The Next Chapter on Facebook Live

July 12

9:15 am: Baby Time (birth-12 months)
9:30-10:30 am: Bibliocycle at Neenah Pool
10 am: Musical Movers (all ages)
12:30 pm: Tween Scene: Rock Painting

July 13

10 am: WeeRead Storytime (2+)
5:30 pm: Open Chess Night
5:30 pm: Mah Jongg Meetup

July 16

1 pm: LEGOs in the Library (5+)

July 17

1:30 pm: Memory Cafe: Mr. Dwight Elmdorf's Grand Tour of the World
6:30 pm: Not Quite Cozy Mystery Book Club: "The Lost Man" by Jane Harper

July 18

10 am: Toddle Time (12-24 months)
10:30 am: Library on the Move at Fritse Park
12:30 pm: Family Program: Anywhere Art at Shattuck Park

July 19

9:15 am: Baby Time (birth-12 months)
9:30-10:30 am: Bibliocycle at Washington Park
10 am: Musical Movers (all ages)
4 pm: Library Board meeting

July 20

10 am: WeeRead Storytime (2+)
5:30 pm: Open Chess Night
5:30 pm: Mah Jongg Meetup

July 21

6:30 am: Sunrise Yoga
9:15 am: Fitness: Balance & Strength
10 am: Storytime for Everyone at Valley VNA Senior Care
10:30 am: Chair Yoga

July 24

10 am: MMBK: "The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue"

July 25

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10:30 am: Library on the Move at Fritse Park
12:30 pm: Family Program: Plein Air for Kids



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Calendar of events

Saturday, July 1

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park

Monday, July 3

CommunityFest, Riverside Park in Neenah and Jefferson Park in Menasha
Parade of Lights, 9:15 p.m., Riverside Park to Main Street in Menasha

Tuesday, July 4

CommunityFest, Riverside Park in Neenah and Jefferson Park in Menasha

Wednesday, July 5

Pegasus, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Thursday, July 6

Out to Lunch Concert with B.D. Greer, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park

Saturday, July 8

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park

Sunday, July 9

Neenah Fun Run, 6 p.m., Memorial Park's George Scherck Shelter

Monday, July 10

Short Story Night, 7 p.m., Lion's Tail Brewing Co.

Monday Matinees, 1 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Tuesday, July 11

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



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Housing protests

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rezoning protest petition.

Neenah's protest petition ordinance was used for the first time in more than a decade in December, in an attempt to prevent Oshkosh-based Northpointe Development from turning the vacant 95-year-old Shattuck Middle School into apartments and construct single family homes at the site.

The ordinance is often referred to by the acronym NIMBY, which stands for "not in my back yard," and is what hundreds of residents who signed the protest petition told the council in December to prevent Shattuck from being rezoned.

Their complaints largely centered around claims, without evidence, that the apartments would be rented by drug addicts, sex offenders and criminals.

Resident Warren Bergmann told the council late last year that the harsh comments and efforts to exclude moderate income families from rental housing in Neenah made him feel unwelcome.

"These comments make broad, unfair assumptions about people like me who need affordable housing," he said. "Should I not be allowed to live here? Am I a threat to your community?"

To pass the council after the protest petition was submitted, the Shattuck rezoning needed seven of the nine council members to vote in favor. Five voted against and four voted in support of rezoning. The failed rezoning resulted in Northpointe backing out of the sale.

Alderman John Skyrms led the initiative earlier this month to issue a council directive to examine the protest petition ordinance. Skyrms told Neenah News that the ordinance is unfair when it comes to rezoning.

"It gives a minority a disproportionate amount of power to block a measure, despite a majority in favor of it," he said.

Skyrms cited Forward Analytics reports that indicate Wisconsin will need between 140,000 to 200,000 housing units in the next six years. Locally, the Fox Cities are projected to need between 11,000 and 18,000 new units by 2030.

"The lack of adequate housing in Wisconsin significantly impacts the quality of life for our citizens, and limits community growth and economic development," he said.

The Shattuck site remains vacant and it's unclear what will become of the 1929 building. The Neenah Joint School District has been in negotiations with Mequon-based Lakeside Development regarding a potential sale, which would require rezoning, but no offer has been accepted.

Lakeside's initial plan was to demolish Shattuck and construct duplexes, townhomes and single-family homes at the site. Northpointe previously eliminated its plans to construct duplexes and townhomes at Shattuck due to pushback from neighboring residents, many of whom now support Lakeside's plan.

AB 266 was one of five bills Evers signed into law last week, aimed at expanding access to safe, affordable housing for working families. It ensures that residents who don't want a housing development in their

back yard will not be able to use a protest petition to delay or terminate the approval process.

The bill limits the supermajority requirement for a zoning ordinance amendment by providing that, with limited exceptions, only a simple majority of a quorum of the members-elect of the governing body of a political subdivision is required to amend a zoning ordinance.

The bill also requires local governments to approve certain permit applications related to residential housing developments that are consistent with specific local requirements and specifies procedures that apply to judicial review of certain local determinations related to land use.

Evers said in a statement that access to safe, reliable and affordable housing in Wisconsin is critical to addressing workforce challenges.

"Housing ensures our kids have the stability to bring their best, full selves to the

classroom, that hardworking folks can live in the communities they work in, which is important for the long-term strength of our economy, that individuals working to overcome substance use disorder have a safe place to focus on recovery, and that folks reentering our communities can do so safely," he said.

Although AB 266 was signed into law, the provision removing the ability for a protest petition to invoke a supermajority vote requirement will not go into effect until January 2025.

Skyrms said the city's efforts to examine the protest petition ordinance will continue, but he noted residents will still be able to voice their opinions on future rezoning efforts.

"The law does not change the requirements for public notice, open meetings, nor public hearings," he said. "Citizens will continue to have the same opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns and be heard."

Sculpture

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The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for its upkeep.

Parks director Michael Kading said "the sculpture is a beautiful and enduring representation of the playfulness of Neenah."

While the sculpture is "dedicated to all children of all time," the children represented in "Playing in the Rain" are not figments of Anderson's imagination. They are based on actual local children who were chosen by Anderson to represent different ages and stages portraying the wonder of childhood.

One of those models, Kara (Schroeder) White, modeled for two of the 10 figures. She remembers being in fifth grade at Lakeview Elementary School when Anderson visited as a guest artist and created a small sculpture of a classmate.

"I was fascinated by how quickly he could turn rectangles of red clay into such a detailed piece of art," she recalled.

White knew that trying out for one of the models was something she wanted to do. After being chosen and posing as a child that was dancing, Anderson asked White if she would be willing to model for

a second child in the fountain.

White said "the actual experience of modeling wasn't difficult as much as it was very time consuming for my whole family. I had to have an adult family member with me at all times, and each session was about three hours long, so my parents and grandparents took turns going with me."

White estimates that she spent well over 200 hours at the studio holding still.

"Both Dallas and his wife, Kiki, were incredibly kind," she said. "He was a master of his trade and taught us about the process as he worked."

White's own daughter is now the age she was when she modeled for "Playing in the Rain."

"Thinking about that as I chase around to her various activities has made me reflect on how much time my whole family sacrificed to be a part of that project," she said.

Dallas Anderson passed away in Neenah in 2009 at age 78 while his sculpture has been the backdrop for many events, from concerts to art festivals and community celebrations.

"I hope Dallas' intended purpose, being a celebration of childhood, remains the legacy of the fountain both now and in the future," White said.

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Photo from Katie Brucks

Jack Brucks won three racing championships at this month's American Motorcyclist Association flat track championships

Neenah teen leads riders at AMA flat track races

Neenah News

Jack Brucks of Neenah was named Youth Rider of the Year after taking home three championships at the American Motorcyclist Association's (AMA) Flat Track Grand Championships earlier this month.

The 13-year-old son of Katie and Luke Brucks completed seven days of racing in DuQuoin, Ill., for the annual races that draw riders from around the world on four different racetracks to determine championships.

"Jack attends this event annually and had brought home prior championships

but never three," Katie said. "It's quite the feat. This farm kid is the real deal."

Brucks had a serious racing crash in 2020 in Texas that severely broke and dislocated his hip, which his mother said threatened both his racing career and future mobility. Less than a year later, he won his second AMA amateur motocross championship trophy in Du Quoin, retaining his title for ages 7-11 in the 65cc stock class. He also took second in the 65cc modified class.

Last year he topped all racers in the 85cc modified supermini category for the 12-15 group for another national title.

Zephyrs' Lynch garners all-state recognition

Former St. Mary Catholic golfer Spencer Lynch was named to the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin honorable mention all-state list for the second straight season.

Lynch finished second at the WIAA Division 3 tournament in early June after

earning first-team all-conference honors in the Big East.

Lynch was one of 19 golfers in Division 3 to earn honorable mention honors. The GCAW also selects all-state first, second and third teams, which can be made up of golfers from any division.

School funding

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struction changes on the existing high school have now put the project at a total of about \$15 million over budget.

Chief financial officer Jon Joch told the Board of Education last week that currently, the district has \$33 million left in unpaid bills, with funding for \$28 million of those expenses. Joch asked for authorization to borrow up to \$5 million to cover the referendum project, adding that the entire amount may not be needed but the district won't know for sure until fall.

"With any construction project there are ebbs and flows, numerous change orders, challenges, adjustments throughout the project," he said. "To give you an idea, since this project has began, we have dealt with over 200 PCIs, that is Project Change Impacts. Each month that we get closer to this we get greater clarity regarding the final process, regarding the numbers and pricing of what this will cost us."

The \$5 million requested does not include the district's sale of the Shattuck Middle School and 57 acres on American Drive that are currently on the market. Proceeds from those properties will offset the borrowing necessary for the referendum.

Joch said that when the high school is complete, the final cost will be in excess of \$190 million. The district plans to pay off the \$5 million loan in two years at an estimated interest rate of 4%. The school board will vote on approving the final loan



Neenah Joint School District photo

Construction of the new Neenah High School took on added costs over time that necessitated some extra borrowing.

amount and interest rate this fall.

Board president Brian Epley thanked the administration for responsibly managing the added referendum costs.

"Being someone who works in the construction industry, over the last three years things have gone haywire in a number of ways, so I'm thankful that we're in the spot that we're at," he said.

Joch said the district builds a high school in the community once every half a century and it made a commitment to the public.

"We wanted to build a school that our students, our staff and our community would be proud of," he said. "It has not been easy. We have dealt with challenges literally every week, the last 150 consecutive weeks. But come September, I think we will have met that goal of having an educational environment at 500 Rocket Way that our students, staff and community will be proud of."

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Many countries celebrate their independence days in unique and fun ways. This week, Kid Scoop takes a trip around the world to discover how other countries show their love of independence.

Celebrate Independence Around the World!

The Fourth of July in the United States commemorates America's independence from Great Britain. On July 4, 1776, a group of Americans signed the Declaration of Independence. Today, Americans celebrate with parades, barbecue, fireworks shows, and wearing red, white and blue.

Viva México!

Mexicans celebrate "Grito de Dolores" (meaning "Cry of Dolores") on September 15. On that day in 1810, Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a priest in the town of Dolores, made a speech demanding the freedom of Mexico from Spain. Now on this day, the president rings the original bell from Father Hidalgo's church and recites Hidalgo's original speech. The president ends with the cry, "Viva México!" which can be heard the rest of the night during celebrations, fireworks and other fun activities.

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Poland

People in Poland celebrate their independence on November 11 when citizens place flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to commemorate soldiers who have died for their country.



Citizens attend parades and ceremonies, wearing Poland's colors: red and white. In Warsaw, the capital city, thousands of runners participate in the annual Independence Day Run.

Sum It Up!

After reading this page, write three short statements for each country that sum up how independence is celebrated there. Poland is done for you.

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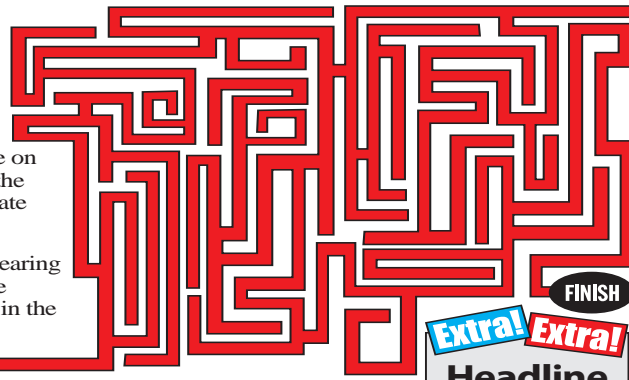
The night before Independence Day in India, the president of the country gives a speech about how the country is doing.

On the day itself, August 15, citizens gather and watch their country's flag being hoisted to the top of the flagpole. This happens at offices, homes and schools. Afterwards, families and friends get together and enjoy delicious food.

Lots of people also fly kites on Independence Day to symbolize India's freedom from the British on August 15, 1947.

Karan's Kite

Karan's kite has stripes. His kite has a tail, but not a short one. Karan doesn't like polka dots on kites. It is not a box kite.



Extra! Extra!

Headline Fun

Look at the headlines in today's newspaper. Rewrite each headline so it means just the opposite.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of formats.

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Fireworks have blasted some of the words out of this article. Can you find where each missing word belongs?

Chinese Cook Has a Blast

Most Independence Day celebrations include setting off fireworks.

The exploding excitement of fireworks had its origins in a in China.

About 1,000 years ago, a Chinese cook three ingredients

found in kitchens at that time. A from the cooking fire his

concoction into a blast of sparks! Some say this was the firework.

The three ingredients were saltpeter (used for pickling)

sulfur (used to make fires hotter) and charcoal (the

wood from the cooking fire).

KITCHEN EXPLODED FOODS FIRST COMMONLY SPARK MIXED COOKING CHARRED WORLDWIDE

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WORLD in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Write On!

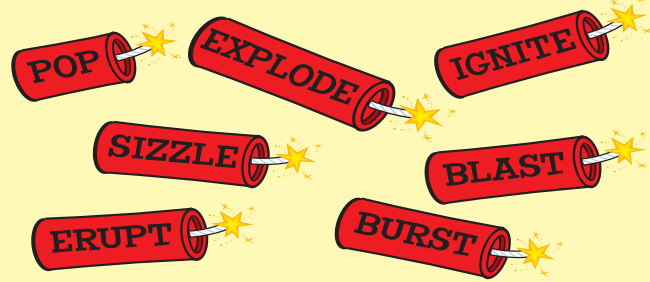
My Best Birthday

What was your best birthday celebration ever?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Loud fireworks can scare pets. Be sure to keep your pets indoors on Independence Day.

Dash through today's newspaper to find the letters that spell the words on these firecrackers. Spelling an entire word "defuses" the firecracker. Can you spell them all in five minutes?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- CELEBRATE
- HIDALGO
- PARADES
- KITES
- MEXICO
- FLAGPOLE
- FREEDOM
- CHURCH
- WORLD
- SPEECH
- POLAND
- TODAY
- INDIA
- BELL
- RED

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

F	I	O	C	I	X	E	M	T	E
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M	O	D	L	R	O	W	T	H	L
S	P	E	E	C	H	C	E	E	F
D	C	H	U	R	C	H	S	A	Y

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

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