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UW Oshkosh to close Fox Valley campus in 2025

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The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh will close its Fox Cities campus in Menasha in June 2025 after its merger with the four-year institution failed to stem shrinking enrollment and budget challenges on a campus that saw a 65% drop in students over the past five years.

The decision comes as UW-Oshkosh Fond du Lac permanently ended in-person classes after this spring semester. UW-Fond du Lac and UW-Fox Valley merged with UW Oshkosh in 2018 in a UW System initiative to expand access to four-year degree programs and deal with declining enrollment and limited state aid.

“We reach this decision after spending a year analyzing UWO Fox Cities enrollment, the region’s and state’s changing demographics, student participation rates, the regional higher-education landscape, potential for new and unique academic offerings and economic trends

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City enacts moratorium on new signs

Court ruling restricts ordinance enforcement

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Following a recent judicial ruling, the Neenah Common Council voted to enact a 90-day moratorium that temporarily restricts certain signs, effectively halting new installations or modifications.

The moratorium doesn’t affect residents who want to put up a temporary yard sign or political sign and allows for exceptions. It restricts ground signs, wall signs,

changeable message signs, canopy signs, projection signs and off-premise signs.



Haese

Under the moratorium, any new signs falling within the disputed categories will be put on hold until the city revises the ordinance to align with constitutional standards.

The decision comes in response to a circuit court judge’s declaration that certain segments of the city’s sign ordinance are unconstitutional, not nar-

rowly tailored and impermissibly vague.

Community Development director Chris Haese said the city is awaiting a transcript of the judge’s May 13 ruling.

“Our hands are tied until we start to see that information and then have a conversation with our attorney, then we can start to craft modifications to the ordinance that are hopefully compliant with or address the concerns of the court and are compliant with the constitution,” he said.

He added the city’s concern was that in theory a commercial sign could be con-

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Students lined up sailboats from Fox Valley Sailing School along the pier in Rec Park last Friday before setting off in Lake Winnebago.

School offers smooth sailing for students

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

In the harbor of Rec Park, amidst the sway of sailboats in Lake Winnebago, two brothers have forged a bond while helping the next wave of sailors get onto the water.

Twin brothers Harry and Teddy Higgins have a passion for sailing. The 17-year-olds are a staple at Fox Valley Sailing School each summer where they teach youth and adults how to harness the power of the wind to propel a vessel across water.

At last week’s class, the majority of the students used Optimist Prams (Optis)

sailing dinghies, and four of the older students used Club 420 dinghies, named because of the size – 420 centimeters long. Both are commonly used in teaching.

Students as young as 7 were attaching masts, sails and rudders and manning the sailboats in pairs during a class that began on the lakeshore behind the Neenah pool. Some giggled and sprayed water at each other while setting up their boats, after only about 12 hours of instruction spread throughout the previous four days.

After about 45 minutes of preparation, the 12 student sailors and four youth in-

structors set out on the lake, the colorful flags of their sails billowing as they traveled into the horizon out of view.

The young sailors are part of a storied tradition on Lake Winnebago. Over the past 61 years, thousands of children and adults have tested out their sea legs at the Fox Valley Sailing School, which traces its roots to 1958, became official in 1963 and established as a nonprofit in 1979.

The late John Galloway of Neenah Milk Products – now Galloway Co. – was in-

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Fox Cities visitor spending grows in 2023

Neenah News

Visitors to the Fox Cities spent \$571 million in the area in 2023 with direct visitor spending up 2.3%, or \$13 million, over 2022, according to the Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The spending pushed the total economic impact of tourism in the Fox Cities to an estimated \$748 million. That spending supports 4,947 jobs in the region's tourism industry with employee income of \$147.1 million. State and local tax revenue generated by visits to the Fox Cities totaled \$64 million.

"It's exciting to see strong growth continue in the Fox Cities tourism economy," said bureau executive director Pam Seidl. "The growth is a testament to the Fox Cit-

ies lodging and hospitality industries and the incredible experiences available to visitors at our attractions and events."

Wisconsin's tourism industry saw another record-breaking year in 2023, generating \$25 billion in total economic impact that topped the previous record of \$23.7 billion set in 2022.

Winnebago County was part of that surge as it reported a 5.5% jump in its tourism impact with \$553 million spent last year compared with \$524 million in 2022.

Visitor spending is based on lodging, food and beverage, retail, recreation and entertainment, and transportation. Spending increased in four of the five categories, with only lodging showing a slight decline in spending from the previous year.

The state posted a historic year, with the total economic impact of tourism in the state rising to \$25 billion in 2023. Statewide tourism supported more than 178,045 jobs and generated \$1.6 billion in state and local tax revenues.

Annually, the FCCVB commissions a custom local impact report from a study conducted for the State of Wisconsin by Tourism Economics, an Oxford Economics Company. Local spending data covers the 19 communities served by the FCCVB - Appleton, Kaukauna, Menasha, Neenah, Combined Locks, Fox Crossing, Harrison, Hortonville, Kimberly, Little Chute, Sherwood, Buchanan, Clayton, Freedom, Grand Chute, Greenville, Vandenbroek, Woodville and Town of Neenah.

Watershed cleanup day notes trash removal

The annual Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup effort that involved more than 1,700 volunteers at 70 sites throughout the region May 4 helped remove 3.9 tons of trash, according to a cleanup report from its organizers.

Organized by the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, the group reported that 181 bags

of recyclable material was removed from local waterways, as well as 95 dangerous syringes and 33 discarded tires.

The organization's year-round efforts are focused on protecting and restoring the water resources of the state's Fox-Wolf river basin. Learn more at fox-wolf.org.

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Please be advised the Neenah News will have early deadlines for the July 5th issue:

Space and copy deadline: 6/28, Friday NOON (instead of Tuesday, July 2, Noon)

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Calendar of events

Saturday, June 22

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
Fox Valley Pride event, 1 p.m., Riverside Park

Tuesday, June 25

Movie Talks: "The Towering Inferno/Earthquake," 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library
Bill Jamerson's "Dollar a Day: A Musical Tribute to the CCC," 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Wednesday, June 26

Evening Concert Series: Smart Mouth, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

Thursday, June 27

Out to Lunch Concert Series: Grey Fedora, 11:30 a.m., Shattuck Park
Neenah Police Department Training Center open house, 4:30 p.m.
Neenah Community Band, 7 p.m., Riverside Park Pavilion
Live Music Series: Scott Dercks, 5 p.m., Batley's Grill & Bar, 1010 Cameron Way

Friday, June 28

Barefoot Americans, 6 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive, Fox Crossing

Saturday, June 29

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
Udderly Euro Car Show, 1 p.m., Shattuck Park
Author meet-and-greet: "Ultrasound" by Conor Stechsulte, noon, Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Melissa Chakar with Grey Fedora, 3 p.m., Xe 54, 1350 W. American Drive, Fox Crossing

Wednesday, July 3

Parade of Lights, 9 p.m., Riverside Park in Neenah to Main Street in Menasha

Thursday, July 4

CommunityFest, 11:30 a.m., Riverside Park

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Public invited to tour new, improved animal shelter

Neenah News

Excitement is in the air as the Neenah Animal Shelter prepares for a ribbon cutting and tours of its brand-new facility next Friday.

A private ceremony and tours will be held earlier in the day June 28 and the public is invited to tour the new shelter at 2475 Progress Court starting at 2 p.m.

The state-of-the-art building is situated on a 3.5-acre parcel donated by John Bergstrom of Bergstrom Automotive, who also contributed to the shelter's \$2 million capital campaign.

The new animal shelter is about 6,000 square feet with zone-controlled air exchange to improve heating and cooling efficiencies and prevent cross-contamination among animal spaces.

The shelter includes an exam room, surgical suite, quarantine spaces, expanded indoor areas for dogs and cats, adoption

rooms, conference room, office space and about 900 square feet of indoor/outdoor covered kennel space for dogs. Cats will enjoy an enhanced outdoor patio space and free-roam rooms for well-socialized cats.

The new shelter is considered more advanced and comfortable than the previous facility at 951 County G in the Town of Neenah.

Shelter board president Mary Setton said a new facility was greatly needed.

"For the community, the animals, the staff and volunteers, it's great that we're finally turning a long-held vision into a reality," she said.

In a press release, the shelter expressed gratitude to key supporters including the Boldt Co., Bergstrom Automotive, Plexus Corp., the Galloway Co., and other foundations and private donors.

The shelter will begin operating out of the new facility in mid-July.



Neenah Animal Shelter photo

The new Neenah Animal Shelter will open mid-July and is offering public tours starting at 2 p.m. June 28.

Local college graduates

These Neenah area residents recently received college degrees from various universities:

- At Marquette University's 143rd commencement, among those receiving degrees were Sophie Brandt, bachelor of arts in criminology and law studies; Anika Cheney, bachelor of science in biomedical sciences; Brianna Fochs, bachelor of science in nursing; Maddie Parks, bachelor of science in accounting; Sam Snyder, bachelor of arts in advertising; and Katey Solowicz, bachelor of science in nursing.

- At the University of Alabama's spring commencement Nathanael Rohlwing received a bachelor of science degree and Makenzie Van Dyke received a bachelor of arts degree.

- Meghan Born graduated from Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences with a doctor of osteopathic medicine, and was nominated by other students for membership in the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

- Megan O'Keefe graduated summa cum laude from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy.

- Mason Freund graduated from Western Technical College in La Crosse with an associate degree from the criminal justice program.

- Benjamin Jones earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio.

- Brendan Marston earned a master's in professional studies in organizational leadership from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan., during its spring commencement.

Neenah Middle School names new principal

A familiar face to Neenah Middle School students and staff has been named its principal for the 2024-25 school year.

Jenni Koenecke, who served as the school's associate principal for the past two years, replaces Jackie Munoz-Ellmann, who was recently named the district's assistant district administrator for leadership and engagement.

"Jenni brings an unwavering commitment to supporting all students and staff at Neenah Middle School to reach their full potential," said incoming Superintendent Steve Harrison. "Her belief that all students can achieve at high levels as well

as her desire to collaborate with staff will serve her well as she leads the largest middle school in the state of Wisconsin."

Koenecke has organized community outreach events and implemented a systematic approach to reducing truancy and attendance issues in leading the school of more than 1,900 students. She also led opportunities for staff to experience professional development

from the nationally recognized Ron Clark Academy.

Koenecke was a founding member of the Fox West Academy in the Hortonville Area School District and taught in the school for 12 years. She also coordinated staff mentoring programs in the district from 2010-20 and previously taught seven years at Greenville Middle School.

Koenecke has a degree in elementary education from UW Oshkosh and master's degrees from National Louis University and American College of Education. Her husband, Nate, is a math teacher at Neenah High School.



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Miron Construction transforms corporate headquarters

Fox Crossing updates include health clinic

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Miron Construction recently wrapped up a complete interior remodel of its corporate headquarters in Fox Crossing, marking a significant investment in the company's future and further solidifying its longstanding presence in the industry.

Located at 1471 McMahon Drive, the revamped headquarters now boasts a design that aligns with the company's commitment to innovation. The project began in late 2021 and spanned two years.



Bauer

"Investing in upgrades to our corporate office is a way for Miron to outwardly express our commitment not only to our employees, clients and partners, but to this community," said Jen Bauer, senior vice president of marketing and culture.

Bauer declined to disclose the cost of the renovations that encompass 112,000 square feet and included new flooring, updated furniture and a new color scheme with artwork and environmental graphics throughout.

A two-story conference room was added in the heart of the facility with technological updates to meeting and conference room spaces. New employee focus rooms offer privacy for phone and video conferencing.

In a communal area, an eco-friendly living wall with more than 800 plants con-



Photo from Miron Construction

Modern office space with new flooring and furniture were part of the renovations recently completed at the Miron corporate headquarters in Fox Crossing.

nects employees and guests with nature and boasts environmental benefits including evaporative cooling, air purification and acoustical control.

The addition of Cafe 1918 provides a gathering space that is used during the day to both eat and work in, and as a socializing space after work hours.

Outdoors, Miron's corporate office includes seating, a grill, TVs and multiple patio games such as shuffleboard, ping pong, corn hole and foosball.

MiCare Clinic is a new onsite clinic that was added to the facility during the renovation and serves non-union office and yard operations employees covered under Miron's insurance and their spouses and children over the age of 13. A nurse practitioner and certified medical assistant are

available three days a week. MiCare, an umbrella of clinics offering free services, is a new healthcare benefit for non-union Miron employees and their families.

Miron was founded in 1918 and provides preconstruction, construction management, design-build, industrial and general construction services nationwide. It is considered the largest Wisconsin-based building contractor completing work in the Midwest and reported \$1.7 billion in revenue in 2023.

The company employs about 1,700 team members between its corporate location in Fox Crossing, yard operations facility in Menasha, project sites throughout the nation and its seven satellite offices in Eau Claire, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee and Wausau; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Marquette, Mich.

Miron ownership includes president and chief executive officer David Voss Jr., vice president and chief operating officer Tim Kippenhan, executive vice president of field operations David Voss III and executive vice president of industrial operations Dan Voss.

Significant Neenah and Fox Crossing projects the company constructed include the Neenah High School, St. Mary Catholic High School, modernization of the ThedaCare Neenah campus, Neenah Police Training Center, Plexus Global Headquarters, The Plaza at Gateway Park, Bergstrom Lincoln showroom and service center, Bridgewood Resort Hotel & Conference Center and Galloway Co. material packaging and new corporate office.

In the larger Fox Valley area, Miron constructed the Fox Cities Exhibition Center, Menasha High School addition and renovation, Menasha Corp. corporate headquarters, City of Appleton Erb Park & Pool, Boys & Girls Club of Menasha and Fox Valley Technical College's Public Safety Training Center.

Bauer shared that in 2023, Miron contributed \$4.3 million in sponsorships and donations and \$1.3 million in in-kind services to the community.

"We are proud to play an active role in our communities by contributing to projects that make them wonderful places in which to raise families, find meaningful work and enjoy local entertainment and recreational activities," she said.

The Miron corporate office was constructed in Fox Crossing in 2002 and previously renovated in 2008. Bauer said the company wanted the space to remain a relevant and real-time example of trends

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Carpenter apprenticeships cited by Miron Construction

Neenah News

Miron Construction Co. signed on four high school graduates last week to be carpenter apprentices with the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters through the state Department of Workforce Development.

Career Signing Day is when high school and college graduates officially begin employment with a construction contractor who will sponsor them throughout their apprenticeship and provide on-the-job training. They also will receive classroom instruction from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

The four, who are all finishing their one-year and 500-plus hours youth apprenticeships, were recognized with more than 20 other high school students committing to Miron's Youth Apprenticeship Program.

The program has grown more than 45% in the last year and now extends to Miron satellite offices.

Jack Fenili graduated from Kimberly High School and is working on projects at the Neenah Police Training Center, Appleton Area School District Kaleidoscope Academy and Kaukauna Pool.

Charlie Goss graduated from Menasha High School and is working at Miron's Yard Operations and the Maplewood Middle School project in Menasha.

Jack Knaebe graduated from Kimberly High and is working at Bellin Health and Tiletown Fit projects.

Matt Sweere graduated from Hilbert High School and is working at the Outagamie County 911 Communication Center and Fabick Cat Green Bay Facility projects.



Miron Construction photo

Jack Fenili signs his documents at Miron Construction Co. last week as one of four who finished their youth apprenticeships.



Photo from Miron Construction

The revamped atrium at Miron's corporate headquarters includes historical and modern tools, equipment and imagery that symbolize the construction company's traditions.

Miron

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in the industry.

"We wanted to use our building as a teaching tool to explain the many facets of our business," she said.

She added that like many organizations, the pandemic pushed the company to change its way of thinking.

"When we began our latest remodel in 2021, our main goal was to create an environment that elevated our team member experience and illustrated the critical role culture plays in our day-to-day work."

The updated corporate office space also tells a story.

"There is an extensive and dimension-

al historical timeline in our atrium that traces Miron's humble beginnings as a masonry contractor to the largest general contractor in the state," she said. "We feature tools and imagery of equipment from yesteryear, as well as items that symbolize traditions we still hold dear to this day."

Murals and framed photos throughout the office show team members working in the field, highlighting equipment operation, steel and precast erection, millwright services, concrete, carpentry and masonry. A unique three-dimensional and digital display lists Miron's core values.

With the renovations complete at the corporate office, Bauer said, "Team Miron is excited to continue building our legacy in Fox Crossing, northeast Wisconsin and beyond."

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Urban invaders can be controlled with awareness, action

By ROB ZIMMER
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

This is Invasive Species Awareness/Action Month in Wisconsin and even right in the heart of our urban areas, invasive species have taken a hold and continue to dominate certain areas, even in our own backyards.

It is designated as a month to gain awareness and take action against invasive species on your own property, or by volunteering at your favorite parks, nature centers or other wild places to clean up and help slow down the spread of the worst invasive species found in our area.

Thankfully, right here in Neenah, Wild Ones Native Plants, Native Landscapes organization has several resources available for those interested in removing in-

Parks program

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announced the first annual Invasive Species Awareness Day across Wisconsin State Park properties Saturday with several events to bring awareness to the impact of invasive species on natural resources. Events will include guided hikes, education programs, fieldwork to remove invasive species and a 5k run/walk. Go to dnr.wisconsin.gov under Events for more information.

vative species and replacing them with preferred native plants.

As an organization that promotes the use of native species, they are equally



Photos by Rob Zimmer

Urban invasive plants to watch for include the purple Dame's Rocket, bell-shaped Lily of the Valley and the green and white leaves of the goutweed or Snow on the Mountain.



committed to control and eradication of invasive plant species that destroy native landscapes. That includes right at home.

Visit them online at the Wild Ones Fox Valley Chapter or visit their national headquarters on Butte des Morts Beach Road along the northwest shore of Little Lake Butte des Morts.

Here, you can stroll among a variety of restored native landscapes, including an oak savanna, wetland, shade garden, rain garden and prairie.

All of these give wonderful suggestions for plants to replace invasive species in our backyards.

You'll also find excellent printed materials and books that provide education on invasive species, native species and how to transform properties large and small.

Some of the most damaging invasive plant species found in city yards and gardens are creeping bellflower, garlic mustard, goutweed, or snow on the mountain, buckthorn, Japanese knotweed and others.

Each of these has become established in our area because just a few decades ago they were widely sold as ornamental plants for gardeners.

Many escaped cultivation and began to spread voraciously through backyard gar-

dens, as well as into city parks.

Eradication of invasive species at Wilderness Park has been ongoing for many years. Garlic mustard, buckthorn – even invasive cattails and others – are treated or pulled annually by volunteers. The battle is one for the long term.

Controlling invasive species, even at home, is not an easy battle. There is no one-term magical solution to eradicate, destroy or get rid of invasive species. For most of these, it requires a long-term, dedicated effort of hand pulling, cutting and treating, year after year, to keep control of many of these plants.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources maintains an online resource library of invasive species, including identification and control measures.

You'll find hundreds of fact sheets and information on all the species regulated or prohibited, as well as recommended control measures by doing an online search for "Wisconsin DNR invasive species."

NEENAH COMMUNITY BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN 2024

We need your help to provide backpacks, school supplies and school appropriate clothing for the coming school year.

NMES members collaborate with both the Neenah and Menasha school districts to reach out to children in need. Children are identified by schools, social service agencies and other sources.

The Fair is held in August of each year. Each child receives a backpack containing supplies for them to start the school year prepared to achieve academic success and a certificate for a pair of shoes redeemable at Rogan's.

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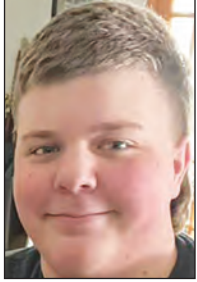
Alternative high school path finds quicker career route

Neenah student gains construction expertise

By Dan Roherty
NEENAH NEWS

A Neenah teenager's shift to online education amid the pandemic in 2020 put him on a career path that is connecting him to the many aspects of the construction industry through a state and national program.

Alex Swiontek, son of Brad and Julie Swiontek and a senior this fall, started attending Wisconsin Virtual Academy (WIVA) in the eighth grade as COVID was disrupting the lives of students and families.



Swiontek

In his own family, a grandmother's cancer diagnosis influenced his decision to stay distanced from the general public during that time and be less exposed to illness to protect her and be able to safely visit.

After shifting from Shattuck Middle School to WIVA's online education option, its partnership with Destinations Career Academy (DCA) of Wisconsin introduced him to more specific career opportunities after his freshman year.

"It was an unfortunate chain of events that turned into something very, very good for me," Swiontek said.

DCA connects students in grades 9-12 with career pathways in high-demand fields. A pressing need for construction workers in Wisconsin and nationwide generated a partnership with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 139 and caught Swiontek's interest in the wide-ranging field.

Last year Swiontek was introduced to the construction world through class simulations and hands-on demonstrations at the Local 139's training center

in Waushara County. He has been building his skills and is on track to finish the pre-apprenticeship program next year.

"The construction pathway is broken into different sections," he said. "There is the heavy equipment operating side, which is where I want to go into. There is a welding pathway, there is a construction business and math pathway, for which I'm taking all those classes next year."

About three months ago he attended a spring externship at Local 139 where they toured the Coloma facility, ran some of the equipment and checked out the simulators.

WIVA, DCA and Insight School are all public charter schools based through the McFarland School District and operating statewide through k12.com, which manages the schools and offers its curriculum expertise and oversight.

"DCA is really more of a career academy model," said Jen Wegner, its principal and academic administrator. "All students are in a pathway and that pathway doesn't necessarily mean that is what they are going to do for the rest of their lives, but it can be a way to contextualize their learning and to allow them to try some things on for size and find out what they don't want to do as much as they might want to do."

"In Alex's case he has kind of found what he wants to do, which is awesome. And now he can go deep."

Swiontek credits DCA instructor Danielle Krueger for helping him with his career interests.

"DCA's goal is to get you as prepared and get you as much knowledge on those topics that you want to pursue before you are graduated from high school," he said.

"Every year I have taken as many classes to get as versed as I can in the construction pathway, all the different ins and outs of construction, the different job choices that you have."

Despite not attending a traditional school with other students, Swiontek said he stays socially connected with high school friends along with co-workers at his part-time job at Scheel's.

"There's no reason why you can't go out and meet people and do stuff doing online school. That's the biggest question I get from people," he said. "If you're willing you can go to any of the local high school games and no one cares. You're just another teenager that's there and wants to have a good time."

"Really if you put yourself out there, you don't lose out on the social aspects at all."

Local 139 has multiple regions in Wisconsin, which Wegner said allows DCA to connect its construction education students to work sites around the state. Other pathways such as health sciences and agricultural/natural resources develop similar relationships with companies in those fields.

Wegner said that outside the coursework DCA brings in speakers who are experts in their fields but also want to get students more directly connected to the work environments they are learning about.

"We want to get students started on that particular path a little earlier," she said. "We just need to make sure that kids are aware of all of those possibilities."

Swiontek's senior year with DCA will include an English credit and other construction classes that include mechanics, early commercial driver's license (CDL) training, construction math courses and a GPS guidance class.

There are live classes Tuesdays and



Submitted photo

Alex Swiontek has been on a construction career path in high school through Destinations Career Academy.

Thursdays with self-paced learning on the other weekdays that allows him to work, for which he also gets education credit.

He noted that a couple of his friends have also pursued the DCA program for the construction pathway and are enjoying it.

After high school, Swiontek said he looks forward to completing his apprenticeship with Local 139 and starting his career as an excavator operator.

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Sign update

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structed and erected without any permit or inspection to ensure compliance with building code, electrical code and design standards.

“There’s a potential public safety issue there without the ability to issue permits and follow up inspections,” he said.

Any sign impacted by the moratorium that complies with building code, electrical code and design standards and is reviewed by the city building inspector is exempted from the requirement, provided the sign complies with standards and the sign is not an off-premises sign.

The moratorium is “to provide sufficient time for staff to present recommendations for modifications to the sign code to ad-

dress the issues identified by the court while preventing the erection of signs that are not in the compelling interests of the city,” Haese wrote in a memo.

The city was sued last year by Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC), a combined state chamber of commerce and manufacturers’ association, on behalf of residents Gail and Margaret Minks, and Gary and Kim Novak.

The Minks received a notice from the city to remove political signs they had in their yard for months. WMC asserted that the city’s sign ordinance violated the First Amendment right to free speech.

Haese said early in the process the city offered to sit down with WMC and discuss the concerns to come to a resolution that was satisfactory to both parties.

“They rejected that offer and chose to continue with the lawsuit, which ultimate-

ly ended up costing us the city, its taxpayers and its businesses that are members of the Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce more money,” he said.

It closely followed a federal lawsuit filed by the Wisconsin Institute of Law and Liberty (WILL) on behalf of residents Tim and Megan Florek in response to the city’s efforts to have signs removed from yards in the Shattuck Middle School neighborhood protesting rezoning efforts for the closed school.

The city repealed and recreated sections of the ordinance in October and the federal lawsuit was subsequently dismissed as moot in March. The circuit court lawsuit continued, with a judge ruling in favor of the plaintiffs last month.

During the council meeting this month where the moratorium was unanimously approved, there was discussion as to why the sign code rewrite satisfied the federal court case but not the state case.

Haese said the conflicting judicial rulings complicated things.

“That is quite confusing for (the city) and challenging us to try and figure out exactly how we can address the concerns of the circuit court,” he said.

Executive director of the WMC Litigation Center Scott Rosenow said in a press release that the ruling was a victory for freedom of speech and for businesses who rely on signs for advertising.

“In order for businesses and free enterprise to thrive, businesses need to be able to advertise and exercise their right to free speech,” Rosenow said.

Haese said the city hopes to have changes to the ordinance in place before the end of the 90-day moratorium.

“When these things happen we are certainly reasonable (and) willing to discuss concerns and make changes where necessary,” he said. “That’s just the way we do business here as a city.”

A hearing is scheduled for July 8 where a judge is expected to rule on awarding more than \$94,000 in nominal damages, costs and attorney fees to the plaintiffs.

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Who owns the Neenah News?

Neenah News is family-supported by Jeff and Karen Schneider of Oshkosh. Karen is the sole owner of Oshkosh Herald LLC, parent company for both the Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News. She has worked at several newspapers since the mid-1980s where she got her start in the A/R department of the Arizona Republic.

We are locally owned and operated and not affiliated with any other media organization, nor are we a rebranded News-Record.

Why Neenah?

Schneider likes to say that after receiving many requests to expand the Herald, which debuted in January 2018, in different communities over the years one writer from Neenah/Fox Crossing “caught me at a weak moment” and the expansion to Neenah began in February 2022.

Why did I start receiving it every week in the mail?

Our mission began as a quest to have better-informed communities by filling the void of local news.

Originally launched as a subscription model, Neenah News increased its distribution using bulk mail to every address in ZIP code 54956 in August 2023 with a special issue featuring the new Neenah High School.

Nearly 1,000 families and several local businesses supported Neenah News from the beginning, knowing community news is vital for a healthy community. What the businesses learned is that “print is not dead” as an advertising vehicle and requested Neenah News to follow the bulk mail model of the Herald.

How many newspapers get mailed every week?

We now mail just over 21,300 copies in ZIP code 54956 of the Neenah News. The Herald has a mailing of 32,000. Together we reach more than 53,000 homes and 88,000 readers in Winnebago County.

Is a weekly newspaper sustainable?

Great question! One thing to understand is the Schneiders’ investment is in paper and postage. Unlike brick-and-mortar stores that may put their capital in equipment and inventory, our investment’s value is in the information we share – which isn’t something you can take to the bank.

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Stately home

One of the largest homes constructed in Neenah was at 507 E. Wisconsin Ave. (corner of Pine and Wisconsin). The home was built by Welsh-born John Stevens, who came to Neenah in his youth and quickly found success in flour milling. The Queen Anne home was constructed in 1885 and featured a bowling alley in the basement. Stevens’ yacht “Cambria” was docked across the street. The home was demolished in 1940.

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Sailing school

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strumental in its formation. The Galloway family continues their support, with the school's website noting that at one time or another, all of Galloway's children played a role in sustaining and strengthening the school.

Though a separate entity, the school is closely affiliated with the Neenah-Nodaway Yacht Club. The sailing students receive a complimentary 2024 associate membership to the yacht club which includes training and experience to become certified to rent the club's sailboat "Where Next" for day sailing on Lake Winnebago.

Harry and Teddy estimated that each year more than 300 children attend the school's youth and teen lessons that take place for two and a half hours during two sessions five days a week in June, July and August.

Adult students attend classes Monday and Wednesday evenings at Riverside Park, with Harry noting that as a teen himself, it's especially rewarding to introduce adults to sailing.

"It's awesome to share something with a 60-year-old, being able to share an experience they've never had before and then being able to take experiences that they've had and being able to access their wealth of knowledge," he said.

The school also offers private lessons and new this year is introduction to sailboat racing classes for adult sailing lesson graduates scheduled through August.

Harry and Teddy's parents are Jim and Heather Higgins of Neenah who also have an older son, EJ.

The brothers' journey into the world of sailing began in childhood, when at 6 they



Neenah News

Teddy (left) and Harry Higgins are twin brothers and student instructors who have become staples at Fox Valley Sailing School each summer.

were sailing with their father in Neenah Harbor. They both agreed that at first, they didn't like it.

"I always dreaded the nights when my dad was like, 'You're coming sailing with us today,'" Teddy said.

He explained that it's common for children to dislike sailing at first. Particularly with high winds, the experience can be frightening.

But as the brothers grew older, they began to enjoy it and at age 9 began classes at Fox Valley Sailing School. Their shared love for sailing united them in a mission to impart their knowledge onto others and in a few years were teaching the classes themselves.

Harry noted Neenah is an excellent location for sailing lessons, with Lake Win-

nebago a close second to the Great Lakes when it comes to ideal conditions. That's because sailboats don't have motors and their speed and power comes from using sails to capture the wind.

"This lake is such an amazing lake for sailing, because on a lot of lakes the wind is kind of this set direction, every day, all year long," he said. "However, on our lake, Lake Winnebago, it switches every day. So having that variety and never really being the same, it's pretty awesome."

Beyond the technical aspects, the school strives to create a supportive and inclusive sailing community while also showing students how fun the sport can be.

"We really want to make sure they're enjoying it because if they enjoy it and come back we can teach them even more," Harry said.

Teddy shared that sailing is a lifetime sport "so you can get them started as young as you want and then you can sail your entire life and it's awesome to share

an experience they can carry on their whole life."

One common misconception is that the sport is only for the ultra-wealthy.

"That's not completely true," Teddy said. "We have super affordable classes. Having people of all classes and all walks of life join sailing, it's such an awesome feeling."

Harry and Teddy recently graduated from St. Mary Catholic High School and will be attending the University of Montana-Missoula this fall, with Harry majoring in finance and Teddy in business management.

As they chart a course for the future, Harry and Teddy remain steadfast in their mission to share the joy of sailing with others and hope to return to Neenah next summer and continue teaching at Fox Valley Sailing School.

"It's nice to kind of carry on that tradition," Harry said, "because if there weren't people like us out here, sailing might die out."

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Spring sports all-conference roundup

BASEBALL

Price leads Neenah on all-FVA team

Senior outfielder AJ Price was the lone first-team selection on the all-Fox Valley Association lists to lead seven Rockets who received recognition from the league.

Price, an honorable mention all-conference selection a year ago, was the leading hitter for the Rockets this season with a .382 average. He also led the team in stolen bases and tied for the team lead in doubles, while ranking second on the squad in runs scored.

The Rockets had a pair of second-team honorees in senior second baseman Ethan Van Dyke – a repeat selection on the second team – and junior third baseman Andrew Carlson.

Earning honorable mention honors for Neenah were senior pitcher Isaac Vergbruggen, senior shortstop Trevor Stichman, senior outfielder Payton Miller and sophomore outfielder Mack Krause.

Zephyrs land pair of Big East North first team

Seniors Colin Nigl and Fisher Mackenzie each earned first-team all-Big East North honors after helping lead the Zephyrs to a Division 4 sectional final.

Nigl, a second-team all-conference selection last season, led the Zephyrs with .488 batting average, while also topping the team with 16 doubles and three triples. Mackenzie, who earned honorable mention honors last year, batted .481 this season, while leading the team with 31 runs scored.

Both Nigl and Mackenzie were also two of the top pitchers for the Zephyrs, with Nigl registering 58 strikeouts in 48 innings of work, while Mackenzie recorded 47 strikeouts in 30 2/3 innings pitched.

The Zephyrs also had a pair of players on second team in senior Aidan Birling and sophomore Mason Wagner.

SOFTBALL

Mathe lands top honors in FVA

Sophomore pitcher Kyleigh Mathe earned first-team honors from the Fox Val-

ley Association and was one of six Neenah players to garner recognition.

Mathe, a second-team selection last season, was one of four pitchers selected to the first team. She finished the season with a 1.43 earned run average in 88 innings of work, allowing just 65 hits and 19 walks on the year while totaling 101 strikeouts. She also batted .323 this season with nine RBIs.

Neenah had three players named to the second team in senior outfielder Bella Coulman, senior infielder Taelyn Bauer and sophomore catcher Carson Harwood.

Rounding out the honorees for the Rockets were senior infielder Parker Zipperer and junior infielder Olivia McNulty who each earned honorable mention honors.

Saringer nets first team spot in Big East North

Senior Nevaeh Saringer wrapped her high school career by earning first-team all-conference honors from the Big East North.

Saringer, a second-team selection a year ago, was a dual threat for the Zephyrs. At the plate, the senior finished with a .443 batting average, four home runs and a whopping 43 RBIs in 23 games. As a pitcher, Saringer registered a 3.84 earned run average in 82 innings, with 68 strikeouts and just 16 walks.

The Zephyrs had a pair of players named to the second team in senior Rhiannon Reichenbacher and sophomore Samantha Weiss, while junior Emily Vogel was an honorable mention selection.

SOCCER

Five Rockets tabbed for all-FVA honors

Seniors Amaya Jones and Kayla White led a quintet of Neenah players on the all-Fox Valley Association teams by garnering first-team all-league honors.

Jones, who missed all of last season with an injury, was one of four defenders named to the first team. She was second-team all-conference as a sophomore. White was

tabbed as one of six midfielders on the first team. She earned honorable mention all-conference honors as a sophomore.

Junior Mia Wasco was the Rockets lone selection on the second team, while senior Sabrina Kuenzi and freshman Lillian Romjue earned honorable mention honors.

Wanless named to first team in Big East

Junior Audrey Wanless led a quartet of players for St. Mary Catholic to earn all-Big East honors by landing on the first team.

Wanless was the team's leading scorer with 35 points, including 12 goals and a team-high 11 assists. She was a second-team all-conference selection last season.

Earning second-team honors for the Zephyrs this year were senior Audrey Norville and freshman Bitsy McCauley, while senior Erin Bahn was on the honorable mention list.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Voight garners first-team honors in Bay Valley

Neenah senior Josie Voight was the lone Rocket named to the inaugural all-Bay Valley first team,

Voight was one of three defenders tabbed to the first team.

Earning second-team honors for the Rockets were junior midfielders Izzy Ricketts and Ella Olson and junior defenders Birkley Janicheck and Lillian Vande Corput.

The Rockets also had three attackers earn honorable mention honors in senior Lily Schmeier and juniors Rae Schoultz and Savannah Blocksom along with junior goalkeeper Elliott Pershing.

BOYS LACROSSE

Four Rockets earn first-team honors

A quartet of players from state runner-up Neenah earned first-team spots on the inaugural Bay Valley Conference boys lacrosse teams.

Leading the way was Rockets' leading scorer Jackson Brown, who finished with 50 goals and 39 assists in the regular sea-

son. Junior midfielder Evan Hans joined him on first team after totaling 18 goals and seven assists from his midfield position.

Rounding out the first-team selections were senior defender Ben Carey, who notched 10 goals on the season, and sophomore defender Hunter Weinke, who was the only sophomore named on the first team.

Neenah also had four players named on the second team in attacker Owen Grotenhuis, junior midfielder Keane Sullivan, junior defender Alex Alatorre and senior goalie Jack Romsos.

Junior defender Cole Fenske completed the Neenah honorees being named to the honorable mention list.

TENNIS

Rockets dominate doubles on all-FVA teams

All three doubles teams for Neenah earned first-team all-conference after helping the Rockets claim the conference title again this season.

Senior Brady Hildreth and junior Andrew Werner at the No. 1 flight, senior Tristin Yun and freshman Hunter Brown at the No. 2 flight and the freshman duo of Henry Farrell and Luke Grassl at the No. 3 flight earned the Rockets the all-conference sweep.

Junior Carl Hein at No. 1 singles, sophomore Brady Lawatsch at No. 2 singles and junior Henry Tanger at No. 4 singles earned second-team honors, while junior Joe Schultz was named on the honorable mention list at No. 3 singles.

Auth, Bergstrom lead Zephyr selections

The state-qualifying No. 1 doubles team of senior Grant Bergstrom and junior Wesley Auth earned first-team all-conference honors in the Wisconsin Combined Tennis Conference.

Joining the first team duo were the No. 2 doubles team of juniors Harry Bergstrom and John Osland who were named to the second team, while junior Ethan Tines and freshman Aidan Tines at No. 3 doubles earned honorable mention honors.

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Campus to close

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in the competitive Fox Valley marketplace," UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said in a statement. "In the end, we made a difficult but responsible decision."

UWO Fox Cities enrollment has declined nearly 67% over the past decade with a five-year average decline of almost 19%, according to university officials, who also projected the potential for fewer than 100 UWO Fox Cities students by 2032.

Outagamie County executive Tom Nelson issued a scathing statement last week after getting notification of the recommendation by UW System President Jay Rothman and Leavitt, saying the officials "betrayed their trust" to the community.

"Had Leavitt and Rothman read 'All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten,' they would have understood the importance of playing fair, taking responsibility, saying sorry when mistakes were made and putting things back as they were found," the county executive's statement read in part. "Instead, Leavitt and Rothman let down the students and families of UW Fox and betrayed their trust — and now it will be up to the rest of us to clean up their mess. Shame on you."

Leavitt said Nelson's criticism was not a fair assessment of how the decision was made.

"We have always had the interests of the Fox Cities campus students in mind and continue to do so," he said at last week's press conference. "As we continue to lose enrollment ... it becomes more difficult to provide high-value services."

Nelson had filed an open records request with the UW System to find out the future of the 41-acre Fox Cities campus formerly known as UW-Fox Valley and originally established as the Menasha Extension Center in 1933. It is home to the Barlow Planetarium and Weis Earth Science Museum, the state's official mineralogical museum.

"The challenges facing the campus, and indeed facing higher education in general, are not of our own making," stated UWO Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ed Martini in a university analysis. "They are reflection of massive changes

in our state, our nation and our world that have increasingly threatened the educational models on which the Fox campus was founded and in which it thrived for many years."

Martini said continuing enrollment declines were the main driver behind the decision to close the campus.

UWO is providing current and new Fox Cities students guidance as they consider their academic options, including a webpage at uwosh.edu/fox/transition. Students who prefer to remain at the Menasha campus through the spring 2025 semester can continue at the Oshkosh campus at the Fox Cities campus tuition rate through 60 credits or graduation until Jan. 1, 2027. If they switch campuses now, the Oshkosh campus tuition rate will apply.

The UW's 13 two-year colleges were matched with seven of its four-year colleges statewide, an alliance that failed to sustain five of the former two-year campuses with UW-Waukesha being the latest set to close in 2025.

Fox Cities campus student numbers fell 65%, from 1,629 in 2018 to 555 last fall, according to the UW System. There was a 27% drop in UW System enrollment reported during the pandemic, from 2020 to 2022, while some schools have seen a rebound, including UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout and UW-Superior.

More than 70 percent of UWO Fond du Lac campus students were set to transition to the Oshkosh campus 20 miles away after this semester along with its eight teachers, the UWO statement noted, and said all 16 faculty members at Fox Cities were expected to continue their service at the Oshkosh campus. A total of 80 employees work at UWO Fox Cities.

"I am saddened by the announcement to close the UWO Fox Cities campus," Winnebago County executive Jon Doemel said in a statement. "This was the institution where I attended, was heavily involved in student government and the television and radio program, and where I met my wife. I have a deep connection with that campus."

He continued, "regardless of my emotions, closing the campus was inevitable with the declining enrollment and projected demographics. The landscape of higher education is changing quickly."

Neenah native on U.S. National football team

Neenah High School alumnus Matt Jung was named to the final 34-man roster for USA Football's U20 U.S. Tackle National Team that will compete in the International Federation of American Football's (IFAF) World Junior Championship from June 20-30 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Jung is a safety for the Bethel University Royals in Arden, Minn., and last season was named a third-team All-American by D3football.com with a nation-leading seven interceptions during the regular season.

USA Football organizes and selects the U.S. national teams for international competition among seven countries, including Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Panama and the United States.

The U.S. National Team's alumni includes former NFL All-Pros Trevon Diggs, Tyrann Mathieu, Jordan Poyer, Jonathan Taylor and Wyatt Teller, and first-round selections Rashod Bateman, Mac Jones, Kenny Pickett, Alijah Vera-Tucker and Chase Young.

All conference

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In singles, senior Alex Walsh and Gabe Groom each earned honorable mention all-conference honors for the Zephyrs.

GOLF

Rockets land pair on all-FVA teams

A pair of Neenah golfers earned recognition from the Fox Valley Association on the all-conference lists.

Junior Calvin Zinda and freshman Cartyr Simonsen each earned spots on

the honorable mention list based on the points the golfers accumulated during the conference season.

Zinda finished with 47 points on the year, the second-highest total on the honorable mention list, while Simonsen finished with 28.5 points.

Moschea earns Big East honors

Senior Ethon Moschea was the lone Zephyr golfer to draw honors from the Big East Conference.

Moschea earned a spot on the second team after earning the team's best finish at the conference tournament where he placed 17th.

Obituaries

Sharon Zanders-Osenroth

Sharon passed away on Tuesday, June 11, 19 days before her 90th birthday, at her



home with her daughter, Lynn, at her side after several months of ill health. She was born on June 30, 1934 to Edward and Bernice (Dorn) Wilson of Menasha. Sharon graduated from Menasha High School in

1952 and was immediately hired by Marathon Corporation as a secretary where she worked for several years. She met John (Jack) Zanders and they were married in 1955 at St. Margaret Mary Church in Neenah. They built their new home on Breezewood Lane and raised their children, Mark and Lynn, there. Unfortunately, Jack died of a sudden heart attack at the age of 44. Sharon later married Ted Osenroth and was married to Ted for over 25 years.

Sharon was a wonderful daughter, wife and mother and was well liked by all who met her and knew her. A beautiful person inside and out. She was an avid QVC

viewer/purchaser over the years and knew many of the hosts and hostesses by name. She retired from Neenah Paper Company after 28 years. After retirement, Sharon loved her part time work doing food demos in the local grocery stores. She enjoyed visiting with the customers and especially the children.

Sharon is survived by her daughter Lynn (Wesley Cuebas) Zander, sister Carole All, grandchildren Sterling Parkshurst, Lauren (Alex Zerbel) Zanders, Dane (Carli) Zanders, daughter-in-law Jennifer Zanders (Dave Schultz) sisters-in-law Eunice Wilson, Ellen Wilson, Sandra Wilson and many nieces and nephews. She was so looking forward to her first great-grandchild due in October.

She was predeceased by her parents, husbands John Zanders and Ted Osenroth, son Mark Zanders, brothers Eugene Wilson, Leslie Wilson and Roy Wilson, brother-in-law Gerald All, sister-in-law Sandra Osenroth, nephews Russ Wilson and godson Michael All, and both John and Ted's parents.

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America's Newest National Holiday Juneteenth!

Juneteenth is the newest federal holiday in the United States. President Biden signed the legislation that officially made Juneteenth a federal holiday in 2021.



Juneteenth celebrates the ending of slavery in the United States and was first celebrated by African Americans in 1866.

How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

A Holiday with Many Names

Use the code to reveal some of the other names for Juneteenth.

M	C	N
5	10	1
11	3	7
13	1	15
7	12	11
Y		
4 1		
D	Y	Y
6	14	5
5	4	12
10	4	1
Y		
U	L	Y
8	16	2
7	9	5
5	4	1

1 = A	5 = E	9 = L	13 = P
2 = B	6 = F	10 = M	14 = R
3 = C	7 = I	11 = N	15 = T
4 = D	8 = J	12 = O	16 = U

Juneteenth Celebrations

People celebrate Juneteenth in many ways. Some people have parties and there are parades. Some make memorials thanking the people who fought for the end of slavery.

While Juneteenth celebrates the freedom, or **emancipation**, of enslaved African Americans in the United States, it's a great day for everyone to celebrate their freedoms.

Why is it called Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19th. Juneteenth combines the word **June** and the word **nineteenth**.

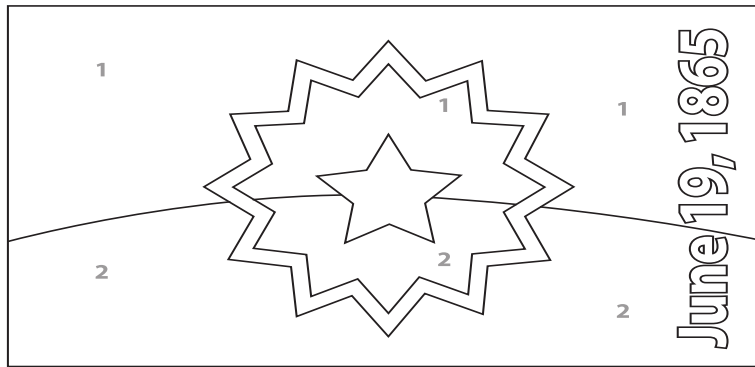
The Juneteenth Flag

The Juneteenth flag was created to celebrate the end of slavery and a hopeful future. Color by numbers to complete the flag.



Each year, the Juneteenth flag is raised in a special ceremony in this city in Texas. Circle every other letter to discover the name of this city.

B G H A F L T V R E W S V T J O L N
G



The Fight for Freedom

Replace the missing words.

Long ago, _____ your great-grandparents were born, some Americans could legally own other people. They called the _____ they owned **slaves**.

Slaves did not have freedoms that people enjoy today. They could not _____ where they wanted. They could not live where they

wanted. They could not work where they wanted. Slavery was cruel and _____.

Even though President Abraham Lincoln _____ the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862 freeing all slaves, it took three _____ and a Civil War to finally make it _____.

Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 that U.S. soldiers took _____ in Galveston, Texas and the last slaves were finally freed.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Juneteenth Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper and find the letters that spell Juneteenth. Cut out the letters and glue them onto a piece of paper and decorate! Post your Juneteenth picture in a window so people outside can see it.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Celebration!

How many balloons can you find?



Double Double Word Search

- BORN
- END
- FEDERAL
- FLAG
- FREEDOM
- GREAT
- HOLIDAY
- HOPEFUL
- JUNETEENTH
- LINCOLN
- PEOPLE
- POST
- STATES
- TEXAS
- WHO

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

S	T	A	T	E	S	J	Y	G	H
E	N	D	J	B	A	U	F	A	O
L	I	N	C	O	L	N	E	L	P
P	F	N	L	P	H	E	D	F	E
O	S	F	O	T	O	T	E	R	F
E	A	S	E	Q	L	E	R	E	U
P	T	X	H	W	I	E	A	E	L
E	A	Q	O	K	D	N	L	D	O
S	A	G	R	E	A	T	S	O	H
N	R	O	B	Z	Y	H	K	M	W

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

Kid Scoop Together Freedom Finder

Work with a family member to write about why each of the freedoms below is important to you.

The freedom to travel where we want is important because:

The freedom to read what we want is important because:

The freedom to live where we want is important because:

The freedom to be friends with who we wish is important because:

The freedom to share our opinions with others is important because:

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