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## Community development director retiring

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Neenah's community development director Chris Haese is retiring in March but will continue assisting the city in a limited part-time capacity, according to a city memo.

Mayor Jane Lang and human resources director Amy Fairchild wrote that the community development director position will be posted for job applications within the month.

The Community Development department is responsible for local economic development, long-range planning, real estate and personal property assessment, building inspections, weights and measures, grants administration and land use

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## County seeks options for homeless

### Homelessness issues draw collaborative ideas

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

As communities across the country continue to grapple with a lack of affordable housing and a surge in homeless residents, Winnebago County officials and nonprofits are collaborating to come up with creative solutions.

A meeting on the topic last week pre-

sented by the Winnebago Land Housing Coalition is the second in the past three months after the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors in October considered two ordinances targeting the homeless that would ban camping and loitering on any county right of way or property.

The ordinances were introduced by District 26 Supervisor Conley Hanson and supported by county sheriff John Matz and deputy district attorney Christian Gossett, who said unhoused people were camping on the west side of the Or-

rin King building in Oshkosh and causing challenges by using drugs and relieving themselves in public.

It followed an ordinance passed by Neenah early last year that bans camping on city-owned property and prohibits outdoor cooking and recreational fires in rights of way, passed in response to concerns that unhoused people were camping in the right of way in front of businesses in the 900 block of South Green Bay Road.

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## Galloway celebrates major expansion

### New evaporator will double local production

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

Leading national dairy products producer Galloway Co. celebrated completion of an expanded facility during a "momentous day" Tuesday that included a ribbon cutting, tours and a send-off of the company's first tanker filled with sweetened condensed milk made in a new custom-built evaporator.

Galloway's \$70 million expansion of its building at 601 S. Commercial St. will nearly double the industrial sweetened condensed milk being distributed throughout the United States.

Construction began in late 2023 and included the addition of a 12,800-square-foot, four-story building with a state-of-the-art evaporator, logistics area and offices on the third floor. The company has also added a semitrailer parking area on the west side of the property.

Galloway produces sweetened condensed milk, ice cream mix and beverage bases used commercially in other food and beverage manufacturing. The condensed milk is commonly used to make caramel, pumpable syrups, cream-based pies and other confections.

"Our ingredients are used in products that put smiles on people's faces, and not just because of the cream liqueur," chief officer Tim Galloway said.

Director of communications Annika Galloway said the company has had to turn away new customers, though not due to a shortage in manpower or supplies, but due to an equipment shortage.

As the nation's leading supplier of sweetened condensed milk for industrial purposes, the new evaporator will increase production by 150 million pounds annually, allowing the company to accept new customers for the first time in years.



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A celebration at Galloway Co. in downtown Neenah included a send-off for a tanker truck carrying the first load of sweetened condensed milk produced in the company's new evaporator that was added as part of a \$70 million expansion.

"Over the last four years, we've seen growing constraints from the bakery and confectionery markets, with extended lead times and maxed-out production capacities," said director of industrial sales Mike Hasler. "This expansion ensures we can not only meet the demand of our existing customers, but also welcome new business."

The company will have greater customization of products and the ability to serve clients of all sizes, from full tanker trucks to smaller batches packaged in

totes and 5-gallon pails.

The system includes updates to minimize energy consumption and reduce environmental impact. It has advanced quality-control measures, high-efficiency motors and precision-engineered valve systems, with a fully automated homogenization process, advanced lactose seeding technologies, and state-of-the-art cooling systems.

The company, which started as a dairy in Neenah in the 1920s, has been owned

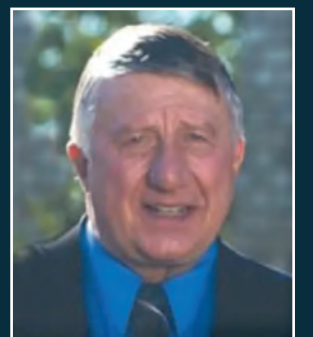
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# Veterans groups gain funding for flag memorial

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Funding has been secured to develop a Veterans Flag Memorial recognizing all six branches of the military that will replace the current memorial monument at Shattuck Park in Neenah.

Miron Construction has joined forces with Neenah-Menasha veterans associations in cooperation with the city to provide construction expertise, labor and equipment for the project.

Demolition of the existing monument is scheduled to begin in April with the new memorial set for completion before the first Future Neenah Farmers Market in June. The current monument was de-

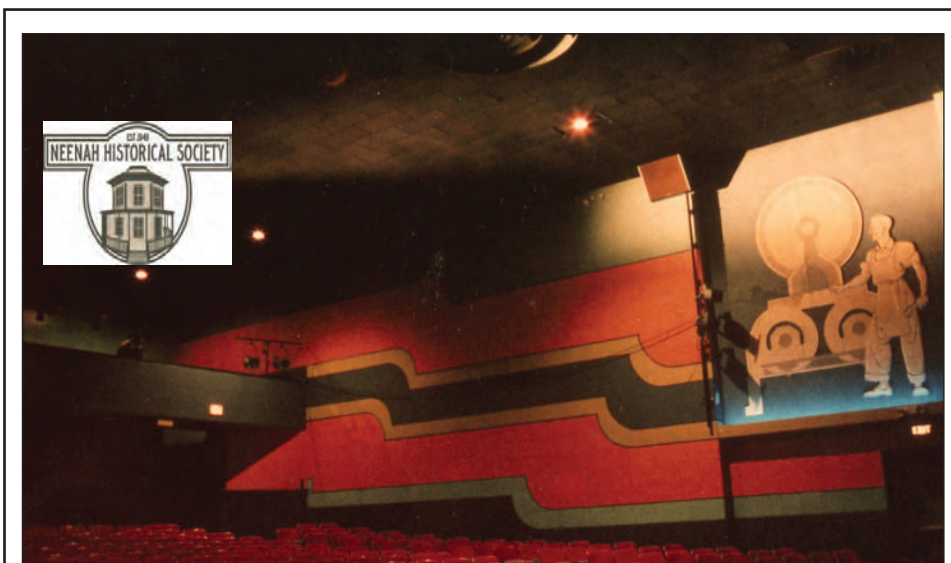
termined to have deteriorated beyond repair and will be replaced with nine new flag poles (United States, state of Wisconsin, Missing in Action, and the six service flags), a new foundation and color concrete with medallions representing the six service branches that are being provided by Neenah Foundry.

A rededication of the new memorial is set for June 15.

An endowment fund is being established for continuous flag replacement in which donors can contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 920-886-6060. Those who contribute by March 28 will be recognized on a donor board.



An artist's rendering shows the new proposed flag memorial to be built at Shattuck Park in Neenah.



Neenah Historical Society photo

## Cinema murals

The papermaker murals on the walls of the Neenah Cinema have been lost to time but remain a memory for many residents. Originally constructed as the Neenah Opera House in 1902, the building transitioned into a movie theater. It was demolished in 1998 to make way for the Neenah Towers.

## Red Cross blood donations sought

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The American Red Cross is urging donors to give lifesaving blood or platelets to help keep the blood supply strong during this National Blood Donor Month.

Those who donate through Jan. 26 will be entered for a chance to win a Super Bowl LIX giveaway. Details are at RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

Upcoming Red Cross blood drives in the area:

Monday: 1-6 p.m., Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1140 Tullar Road, Neenah

Jan. 23: 2-6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W. 9th Ave., Oshkosh

Jan. 24: 1-6 p.m., YMCA Downtown, 324 Washington Ave., Oshkosh

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# High school teacher turns experience to diplomacy

## Social studies instructor joining State Department

By Dan Roherty  
NEENAH NEWS

A longtime social studies teacher in the school district is taking his experience along with his family to an overseas assignment serving the U.S. government as a public diplomat.

Neenah High School teacher Eric Thiede was recently selected, along with more than 100 applicants nationwide who annually join the U.S. Department of State, after an almost two-year process that tested his background and resiliency to clear all the necessary hurdles.

Thiede will be promoting the United States as a public diplomacy officer in a yet-to-be-determined part of the world after choosing that focus from among other options that include consular, economic, management and political tracks.

"I chose public diplomacy because it was the closest to a lot of my experiences in teaching," said Thiede, who taught for 13 years at Neenah High and 12 in Kaukauna.

"I thought my experience and knowledge in a lot of the classes that I've taught, as well as other places I've traveled to on the globe, could come in handy too with experiences that I could lend and bring to it."

The extensive process for his selection as a foreign service officer started with the initial application, testing of his general knowledge, essay writing and a leadership portfolio, an all-day interview in the nation's capital, background and

security checks, medical and financial clearance, another interview with a panel of diplomats, and finally getting on a job list.

"They pull from that job list four times a year based on how many diplomats they need and how many openings there are, so it took a long time and it was a lot of waiting, little excitements and celebrations each time we made it from one step to the next stop, not knowing if that would be the end or what would happen," Thiede recalled.

He made it on that list in March and picked in October, leading to a swearing-in ceremony this week. Now it's on to six weeks of training, 12 more after his job track is identified, and anywhere from six to 10 months of language training depending on location and difficulty.

"We would be happy in most places," Thiede said, noting that Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa or Asia are some of the common locations for new diplomats.

"We agree to serve anywhere globally that the Department of State needs us to, and entry-level officers like myself don't get a huge amount of say to where we're going to end up. We can make a few priorities known, like wanting a good school for my youngest who will be coming with us and going to school over there."

Thiede is also bringing along foreign travel experience, having taught in Scotland, and his wife Stacey, an English language teacher in the Oshkosh Area School

District, previously was a teacher in Mexico. Their oldest of two children will be off to college after this school year and staying stateside, while their high school-age son will be along for the new living experience.

"I want to give him sort of a global outlook and get some life experiences and adventures for him at a young age there as well, to get a chance to do some things and meet some people he otherwise wouldn't," he said.

Teaching involves dealing with people from different backgrounds, reaching consensus and helping people, skills that Thiede hopes to bring to the new career.

"It's kind of service and education like in teaching, just in a different kind of way than being in a classroom every day," he said.

"Eventually I will be doing things like helping run and manage exchange programs between whatever country I'm in and the U.S. (or) when athletes or entertainers come to visit, doing cultural diplomacy with them that we will be organizing around the country, doing some media on behalf of the embassy or consulate."

Discussion of the diplomacy opportunity among the family started during the pandemic as they thought about what they wanted to pursue as their children were getting through school.

Thiede knows his career shift will impact his family in different ways such as Stacey dealing with reciprocal work options depending on his assigned country.

"She's definitely giving up a lot to do this as well," he said. "It's something that impacts our whole family, not just me getting a new job because she's giving up or

at least putting a pause on her career for a while."

Neenah High School Principal Brian Wunderlich said Thiede has been a great colleague who supported, collaborated with and inspired other staff, and often could be found at school events supporting all students.

"In his classrooms he always went the extra mile to make his classroom welcoming, fun, engaging and challenging," Wunderlich said. "As a social studies teacher he inspired his students to be curious about the world. Students who had Mr. Thiede in class understood how our past has an influence on our future and he did a great job helping students understand they play a vital role in making the future whatever it becomes."

His announced departure from the high school also brought congratulations and praise from students and parents.

"Eric Thiede, year in and year out, has been recognized by my powerlifters as one of their most influential teachers," Neenah High powerlifting coach Joe Lewis said in a Facebook post. "I have so much respect for this man and obviously our country does too."

Parents of Thiede's students past and present were also quick to note the social studies teacher's impact here.

"My kids both benefited greatly from having Mr. Thiede as a teacher during their freshman year," Teri Fields Meylink wrote in a Facebook post. "He helped set them up for success in high school and with AP classes and tests. So grateful for his high expectations and compassionate support for students."



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# Habitat home completed in Fox Crossing

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A family selected to purchase a Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity home made it official with a dedication ceremony last week to celebrate the sale with ThedaCare employee volunteers who served as crew members, site hosts and meal providers.

Family members were handed the keys to their new home at 1011 Wheeler Road in Fox Crossing.

Living in an overcrowded home led Yer and her two adult sons to apply for a Fox Cities Habitat housing opportunity. The trio had been living with a third son, along with his wife and their six children.

Yer was born in Laos and has been living with disabilities since she was young. After fleeing her country during the Vietnam War, she spent 14 years in a refugee camp before immigrating to the United States. She came to the country as a single mother with four small children.

The family's acceptance into the program illustrates the connection between



Photo from ThedaCare

Volunteers help in the earlier stages of building a new home in Fox Crossing.

housing and health and well-being, a tenet of ThedaCare's "Inspired to Fight for Healthy Housing" initiative. The initiative

seeks to expand access to safe, stable, affordable housing for community members.

## Beaming acquires Town of Vinland space

Neenah News

A nonprofit organization that specializes in equine-assisted learning and therapeutic horsemanship has purchased property in the Town of Vinland near Neenah.

Beaming, which has rented its ranch at 2692 County GG for 14 years, is now the owner of the 16.5-acre property and plans to bring in a broader range of community organizations, businesses and individuals to participate in its services which focus on equine-assisted therapy.

Programs are led by clinical director Janet Hagen and chief executive Katie Samuelson and supported by board members and a team of certified staff members.

Beaming facilitated 4,014 equine experiences in 2023, serving seniors with dementia and Alzheimer's, children and adults with diverse abilities, veterans and at-risk youth. It became the second organization in the nation to offer the Riding in the Moment program for individuals with dementia and memory loss and partnered with the University of Wisconsin-Madison to develop an implementation manual and trademark the program.

Beaming Ranch is expanding its services for veterans this year with free overnight equine experiences in its bunkhouses and other monthly free veterans events.



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## Holiday celebration

Clayton Elementary School's holiday concert was pushed back to this month to allow families to enjoy the holidays in December. The Jan. 8 concert showcased several students from all grade levels in Neenah Middle School's Pickard Auditorium.



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# Fox Cities Chamber awards announced

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The Gus A. Zuehlke Distinguished Service Award is being presented to John Hogerty, executive vice president, general counsel, secretary and treasurer of the Bergstrom Corp. The award honors an individual who has made outstanding contributions through leadership in the business community and service during their years as a chamber member.

The Joyce Bytof Exceptional Mentor Award goes to Richard Parks, a financial representative for Modern Woodmen of America. The award honors an individual

who is proactive in the advancement of others by sharing time, talent and business experience.

The Athena Leadership Award will be given to Coreen Dicus-Johnson, president and chief executive for Network Health. The award recognizes a woman who has achieved the highest level of professional excellence.

The Fox Cities Business Leader Hall of Fame is recognizing John Schmidt, chairman of the board at U.S. Venture.

The Legacy Award is going to Paul Shrode, a retired educator, college administrator and community service volunteer. The award recognizes a chamber member with enduring dedication and visionary contributions.

# Fox Travel promotes anti-trafficking efforts

Neenah News

Fox World Travel is taking proactive steps to raise awareness about human trafficking ahead of the 2025 NFL draft, anticipated to be one of northeast Wisconsin's largest-ever events.

A media event at Fox World Travel's headquarters last Friday in Oshkosh shed light on human trafficking and how people can identify and prevent trafficking. Fox World Travel also lit up its headquarters Saturday in blue in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Day, recognized nationally Jan. 11.

"Education is the most powerful tool we have to stop human trafficking," said Kelly Chartre, vice president of marketing and lead for community engagement and philanthropy at Fox World Travel. "As travel professionals, we are extremely passionate about this cause."

Fox's Protect All Children from Trafficking (PACT) committee created a Pre-

vent Trafficking Toolkit with education and accessible resources to help individuals identify and stop trafficking.

According to Shared Hope International Institute for Justice & Advocacy's 2023 Wisconsin Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking, Wisconsin received an "F" grade for its laws combatting trafficking. Fox World Travel is raising awareness and providing prevention tools ahead of major events like the 2025 Draft that is expected to bring hundreds of thousands of visitors to the region.

While built for travel managers and their teams, the toolkit offers practical resources to travelers and citizens to raise awareness and provide guidance on the topic.

Key features include links to educational resources, a downloadable and printable informational pocket card for travelers and social media graphics for organizations to raise awareness.



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# Off the road

A car submerged in Lake Winnebago near Kimberly Point Park last Friday sparked dozens of calls to the Neenah Police Department who said the driver left the roadway and drove across the ice into open water the previous night and was not injured. Arrangements were made to have the vehicle removed from the lake.

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# Beer drinkers look to healthy options as new year begins

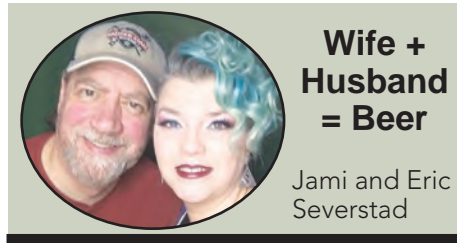
One year ago, Wife and Husband, the authors of this column, participated in Dry January, an increasingly popular annual challenge to restrict or limit alcohol intake. We found it to be somewhat enlightening and actually quite fun because we tried many alternative beverages we never would have otherwise, including non-alcoholic beer, which we wrote about here in Neenah News.

While Dry January is a relatively recent phenomenon, New Year's resolutions are nothing new. Many people are regularly inspired by a calendar flip to make a change or two to improve physical, mental or spiritual health. Eating healthier, exercising more, quitting smoking, traveling more. These are all worthy goals entering a new year.

As beer lovers, how can we – or even should we – moderate our drinking habits as 2025 gets rolling? While Wife and Husband don't have answers for everyone, join us as we explore how beer affects health, and it starts with some recent headlines.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a landmark advisory statement that was powerful enough to affect the stock values of large brewing companies (more on that later). "Alcohol and Cancer Risk" is a 22-page report that contains statistics, research findings and recommended actions, many of which surprised us. While we wish we could offer counter claims or rebuttals, science is real, and we health-conscious beer drinkers should listen.

Husband: Let's start with stats. One or more drinks containing alcohol are consumed each week by 72% of Americans,



yet fewer than half of U.S. adults (45%) are aware of the relationship between alcohol consumption and cancer.

Wife: That's quite the discrepancy. Personally, I've seen more articles hinting at the link between alcohol and cancer, but nothing quite so unavoidably pointed as this. It's not on the level of secondhand smoke causing cancer, but still.

Husband: Alcohol use contributes to nearly 100,000 cancer cases and 20,000 cancer deaths each year. It's the third leading preventable cause of cancer, behind tobacco and obesity.

Wife: That's an unexpected gut-punch of a number. What types of cancer are we talking about? Liver seems obvious.

Husband: The U.S. Surgeon General advisory states seven types of cancer: liver, mouth, throat, voice box, esophagus, breast, colon/rectum. It gives examples. For people who consume one drink daily compared with those who don't drink, the odds of mouth cancer increased by 40%, and the risk of breast cancer in women increased by 10%.

Wife: I don't have words for this. I'm well read and consider myself an informed person. This seems too important and far-reaching for me to have missed all this completely. Are they just processing the data? What other observations did they make? For instance, are some types



Photo by Eric Severstad

Many breweries are offering health-conscious options and special events, such as N/A (non-alcoholic) Night at Lion's Tail Brewing Co. last week.

of alcohol more harmful than others?

Husband: I did see the advisory specify that the increased cancer risk is not associated with a particular type of alcohol, such as beer, wine or liquor. That surprised me a bit. I would've guessed that certain types would be more harmful than others.

Wife: We've discussed other alcohol-related issues in this column, too, like alcohol-related traffic deaths. How do those numbers compare?

Husband: The number of annual alcohol-associated traffic crash fatalities is 13,500. So, the cancer numbers are quite a bit higher at 20,000 per year.

Wife: That's shocking. Is the government going to embark on a publicity campaign to educate people? Are they going to go the way of tobacco products with warning labels?

Husband: The U.S. Surgeon General is saying that alcoholic beverage labels should include a statement about the connection of alcohol consumption and cancer. So, yes, a warning like on cigarette labels.

Wife: Well, that isn't groundbreaking, at least. We have labels on alcohol already. It impairs your ability to drive a car. Pregnant women shouldn't drink alcohol. This feels like a natural progression, actually.

Husband: Right. This should be no surprise, but the advisory simply states, "Cancer risk increases as you drink more alcohol."

Wife: Moderation, right? We're supporters of that.

Husband: With only 45% of adults aware of alcohol's connection to cancer, and the death numbers being so high, having warning labels on alcohol packaging will increase awareness.

Wife: A revised warning label seems logical, yet if people will actually read it is debatable.

Husband: The advisory actually addresses this! It claims that health warning labels are "well-established and effective approaches to increasing awareness of health hazards and fostering behavior change."

Wife: I don't know the stats on that, but people do need constant reminding. You mentioned stock prices dropping.

Husband: The day after the advisory

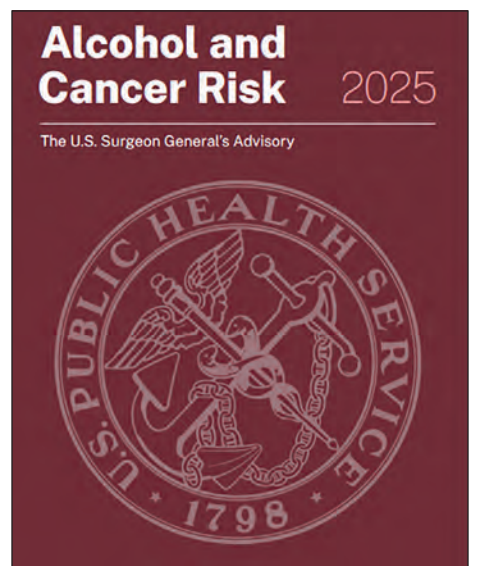


Image from Office of the Surgeon General

The U.S. Surgeon General released a 22-page advisory this month explaining how alcohol can increase the risk of seven types of cancer.

was released, stock prices of major alcohol producers dropped: Sam Adams by 3.83%, Molson Coors by 3.3% and Jack Daniel's by 2.5%. That's not the bottom dropping out, but it signals a concern.

Wife: OK, beyond a new label on packaging that could happen, what immediate health improvements can beer drinkers make for 2025?

Husband: We should each evaluate our alcohol consumption and how that relates to health. Other than drinking fewer beers, or no beer as in Dry January, what else is there?

Wife: What about NA beers? I heard that's the biggest trend in the industry right now. We covered that last year, but it continues to grow.

Husband: It does. We tasted some good ones, and now there are even more. Neenah's Lion's Tail Brewing hosted an N/A Night last week, with 14 different non-alcoholic beers to try, including two on tap: the brewery's hop water, and Athletic's Run Wild IPA, both of which were fine. I like how refreshing a good hop water is.

Wife: Will Lion's Tail have an NA beer on tap all the time now?

Husband: They don't plan on it, although the can selection is extensive and will remain that way. They said if the hop water sells well, they'll make more. That's

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# Beer health

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much easier to make than an NA beer.

Wife: Unless the beer is a rich and flavorful porter or stout, or a really fruity New England IPA, I often think of beer as a source of empty calories. In other words, calories that don't provide many nutrients.

Husband: Yes, one gram of alcohol contains about 7 calories.

Wife: A low-calorie and low-carb beer could be an option for me if it tastes decent. It's flavor or nothing for me.

Husband: I keep hearing how the brewing industry is developing beers that save on calories but don't sacrifice on taste. I'm just not finding ones I like.

Wife: Let's keep exploring, for our own health. Well, this article isn't the most positive way to begin the year, is it?

Husband: I know! Even when I did find an article that claims that beer consumed in moderation has health benefits, it tricked me.

Wife: I've read those articles for years, too. Phenolic compounds have antioxidants that can reduce the risk of cancer. How did you get tricked?

Husband: The source! The "expert" quoted in this article is a "specialist in botanical brewing" and leads Lena Brewing, a craft brewery in Lena, Illinois. He's definitely a biased source.

Wife: Yes, always check your sources.

Husband: Happy New Year, everyone. Enjoy your dry month or NA brew or full-strength beer. It's your choice.

Wife: To your health! Stay safe out there.

*What beer-related topic should we tackle next? Let us know: wife.husband.beer@gmail.com.*



Neenah News

A ribbon cutting Tuesday marked the completion of an expansion project at Galloway Co. on South Commercial Street.

# Galloway growth

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and operated by the Galloway family for more than 69 years and includes four generations, with Annika, who is the fourth generation, joining third-generation family members Todd, Tim, Ted and Pat Galloway in leadership.

Tim Galloway reflected on the history and family during the event, noting his grandfather, Edwin Pierce Galloway, was present the last time the company dedicated a new evaporator in 1988.

"I believe we sat him on a pallet and lifted him up with a forklift so he could see," he said, adding that he wasn't very tall. "But I'm sure his blue eyes were twinkling, and he probably said, 'That's

fine,' which is the highest compliment that you can get."

E.P. Galloway's three sons, Ned, John and Dick, "would be proud today," he said.

About 35 trucks travel to downtown Neenah each day to transport a million pounds of local, family-farmed milk to the company to be made into products. The business operates seven days a week with about 150 employees and plans to add another 20 jobs in the next year.

Tim Galloway said the company will invest another \$100 million in the downtown Neenah facility in the next few years.

"This expansion is a commitment to our industry, company and community, and we'll be here for a long time," he said.



Photo from Galloway

Galloway's expansion project included a four-story building with a custom-built evaporator system.



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## Free fishing weekend lures state residents

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting Free Fishing Weekend this Saturday and Sunday when anglers of all ages can fish in any Wisconsin waters open to fishing without a license, trout stamp or salmon stamp.

All other 2024-2025 Hook and Line regulations including bag limits, size limits and species restrictions remain in effect. While most trout streams are open during the catch-and-release season on Free Fishing Weekend, there are trout streams, spring ponds and lakes that are

closed to fishing.

Before any winter adventure, ice safety should be a primary consideration, as no ice is ever 100% safe. Local bait shops and fishing clubs are good sources for current conditions and fishing tips.

The DNR offers loaner ice fishing equipment at 19 tackle loaner sites around the state. Locations with ice fishing equipment will have an "IF" next to their name. Essential gear is available, although sites do not offer ice augers. Contact the site in advance and create a plan to pick up the gear.

## Haese retiring

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regulation (zoning), according to the city website.

The city has worked out an agreement for Haese to continue his employment in a part-time consulting position as a planning adviser to "ensure the continued success of current projects and agreements," and the ability for Haese "to continue to speak on behalf of the city of Neenah."



Haese

"His professional knowledge and experience as well as the relationships he has developed with current projects make it vitally important for director Haese to remain involved and active until said projects have been completed or the incoming director is able to transition into leadership and establish the necessary knowledge for continued success of these on-going projects," docu-

ments state.

According to the employee advisory agreement, Haese will continue providing consulting and services related to the redevelopment of Arrowhead Park, the Town of Clayton boundary agreement and downtown parking. He will also attend committee and council meetings as needed for special projects.

Haese will retire March 2 and his temporary role will begin March 10 and extend through Aug. 1. He'll be compensated \$1,700 per week and will not receive full-time benefits, according to the agreement. The city will review his services by July 1 to determine continued advisory needs and agreed to provide a 60-day notice before termination of the agreement.

Haese, who has been employed by the city for 34 years, wrote in a Jan. 2 letter to the mayor that the time has come for him to step away and enjoy a new phase of life.

"I am grateful for the opportunities and experiences I've had throughout my career and thankful to have worked with such a dedicated team of elected officials, department heads and city staff," he wrote.

## County homeless

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In response to the ordinances targeting unsheltered people, local leaders, law enforcement and service providers have been gathering to discuss strategies and resources, with a highlight of last week's discussion being the Oshkosh Police Department's announcement of a program set to launch later this year.

Capt. Brian Schuldes said the program includes a dedicated community outreach supervisor, a social worker from Winnebago County and a team who will work out of a downtown Oshkosh building to connect homeless people to resources.

"We are going to be addressing homelessness, unsheltered, and we're going to have a team to help go out and provide resources; identify our unsheltered, so we can get them the resources that they need," he said.

One unique initiative discussed by the group last week was implementing a safe parking program for unhoused people who are living out of their vehicles.

Julia McLester and Kandis Smith with Wise Women Gathering Place provided an overview of the Safe Place Parking program that the organization has operated in Green Bay since 2020. It was started out of a parking lot in an industrial area behind a Walmart and Festival Foods leased from the Oneida Nation during the COVID-19 pandemic using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds.

The program provides a space for people living in their vehicles to park overnight with porta-potties, a mobile washing station, and an RV on site that holds supplies, a microwave, and is used for intake meetings. Volunteers and local organizations also provide meals.

The lot is open from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m., has a capacity of 46 vehicles and is set up with numbered parking spots. There are 18 electrical outlets for plugging in heaters or fans and 11 portable power stations for people who can't reach the outlets.

Those using the safe parking go through

an intake process and sign agreements about program rules and expectations. Visitors, campers or trailers are not allowed on the lot. Three safety monitors work four-hour shifts in the evenings and mornings to oversee the lot, and a program coordinator and supervisor manage the program.

The program has been operating for about four years and relies on grant funding, donations and community support to cover the \$12,500 per month average operating costs, which includes garbage disposal, electricity, internet, security cameras, porta-potties, wash stations, staffing and \$5,000 per month for insurance.

The program has faced some challenges with drug use, parties and unauthorized visitors, and staff have had to implement policies such as locking the porta-potties during the day and not allowing property checkouts the first night.

On a more basic scale, the Janesville Police Department offers safe parking and a porta-potty in a municipal lot across from the police department building. Deputy chief Mark Ratzlaff said the safe parking was relocated after initially operating at the public library, which led to significant issues.

"We really haven't had any complaints about it and when we had the parking area at our public library, it became like a tent city and abandoned vehicles ...," he said.

Several attendees expressed interest in learning more about the safe parking program and how it can be replicated in Winnebago County, noting the logistical, funding and coordination challenges involved.

County executive Jon Doemel said there's a public safety and a human services aspect that needs to be considered when implementing services.

"Instead of being at odds, we need to figure out ways to start translating and working together on this," Doemel said.

It was noted at the meeting that discussions on the topic will continue as officials work toward developing a comprehensive strategy to tackle area homelessness.

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# Boldt Group establishes fabrication, modular company

Neenah News

The Boldt Group is reimagining how buildings are planned, designed and delivered in its recently announced launch of Bildt, a new modular and prefabrication manufacturer.

Building on Boldt's 135-year history in the construction industry, Bildt is a response to interest from facility owners, general contractors and architects to reduce project costs and increase speed to market. Vice president of manufacturing Melanie Taylor and vice president of modular Ben Bruns lead the new organization.

"As a general contractor, we recognized the need for our line of innovative, customizable permanent modular and prefabricated products that can cut construction times in half, allowing building owners to occupy and generate revenue months sooner than anticipated," Bruns said.

Bildt manufactures modular buildings and slide-in room and bathroom pods for markets that include health care, industrial, education and commercial. Fabrication takes place in the company's off-site facility in Oshkosh while the site team coor-

dinates construction activities with the project's general contractor or construction manager or Bildt's field teams.

Bildt also manufactures prefabricated panels and components, including headwalls; exterior wall panels and systems; steel wall studs; and tailored interior framing assemblies.

In the evolving health care industry where expansion or modification of facilities can arise unexpectedly, Boldt has emphasized modular construction and will be leveraging that into other industries. The Bildt process also takes up the construction industry's skilled labor shortage by reducing barriers to entry in the field with simplified tasks, mitigating the effects of labor shortages in remote locations and reduces the need for constant presence of specific skilled tradespeople on a job site.

Boldt has been working with prefabrication and modular construction since the 1980s and accelerated that focus significantly during the pandemic when hospitals nationwide needed to add space quickly.

"Rooted in our long history as build-



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A suite of slide-in modular bathrooms for a large-scale hospital project is shown in various stages of completion.

ers, developers, investors and owners of projects, we understand our customers' and the industry's challenges," Taylor said.

"This level of understanding is something that clearly differentiates Bildt in the marketplace."

# EV owners to pay more taxes to recharge on road in 2025

Wisconsin Public Radio

People who recharge their electric vehicles at public charging stations will pay a new tax this year.

Legislators created the new 3 cents per kilowatt tax and Gov. Tony Evers signed it into law last year. Businesses, including hotels that offer EV chargers, will have to register with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

In a release, Revenue Secretary-designee David Casey said the new tax will help maintain the state's roads.

"It will help ensure continued funding for road repairs and construction as Wisconsin drivers increasingly make the switch to electric vehicles, while creating a more equitable system in which all drivers contribute to road maintenance costs," he said.

Revenue officials said the projected revenue from the new tax is about \$3.35 million for 2025 and about \$3.85 million for 2026, much less than the state's gas tax provides to the transportation fund.

The tax will not apply to residential EV charging stations.

"That's where the vast majority of your charging happens. Our day-to-day driving, we are charging in our garage," said Libby Belden of Verona. She and her husband have owned an electric Rivian pickup truck for more than a year.

"Really, the impact on a tax is going to be when we are doing our road trips," she added.

Belden said paying a tax to charge her electric vehicle will be much less than paying for gas and the state's tax on the gas.

"I'm not concerned about this tax. I think

it's our duty to figure out ways that if we're going to continue to switch Americans to driving electric vehicles, we need to make sure we're still supporting our infrastructure in the way we need to," she said.

Electric vehicle owners will still pay much less in taxes to recharge compared with people who pay the state's gas tax. An EV with a battery capacity of 50 kilowatt hours will pay \$1.50 to recharge. Meanwhile, the state's gas tax was 32.9 cents per gallon in 2024, the 20th highest in the nation. The tax to fill a 15-gallon gas tank is almost \$5.

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# Rockets rally to top Tritons on Zinda's goal

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

It's a special moment when a hockey player sees the puck he shot go into the net for a tiebreaking goal late in the closing stages of an high-intensity game.

It's the kind of memory that will stick for a long time and will always be treasured.

For Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha's Cooper Zinda, that moment may be a little cloudy but the result is what he can celebrate.

"At first, I didn't really see it go into the net," the Rockets' junior defenseman said. "But everybody put their hands up and I was like, 'Geez, I guess I just scored.'"

Zinda's goal with 3:44 left in the third period broke a 3-3 tie with two-time WIAA Division 1 state champion Green Bay Notre Dame and helped lift the Rockets to a 5-3 win at the First Community Champion Center on Tuesday night.

Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha rallied from a 3-1 deficit to earn the signature win as the Rockets bounced back from a hard-fought 4-3 loss to University School in a match-up of state-ranked teams.

"We've got 14 wins but we haven't performed the way we've wanted to against some of the top guys so this is a good win," Rockets' head coach Jeff Lindemann said. "We have been knocked out (of the WIAA Tournament) by Notre Dame a lot over the years so anytime we play them it's a great atmosphere."

The Tritons scored a power play goal less than a minute into the second period to take the two-goal lead. Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha would respond with a strong stretch of play in the stanza.

The offensive pressure eventually led to a Drew Drach goal that left the Rockets trailing just 3-2 entering the final period.

"We knew we were right on top of it," Cooper Zinda said. "The (second) period we had so many opportunities that we could have buried one on them. We just said to keep doing what we're doing."

It didn't take long for the Rockets to pull even either.

Only 36 seconds into the third period, Cartyr Simonson took a drop pass from Mark Sutton in the high slot and fired a rising shot into the net over the shoulder of Tritons' goalkeeper Anton Widas.

"We knew this goalie was going down every time on every shot so I just caught it and was going high, It worked out," Simonson said. "It's kind of frustrating when we weren't scoring but we knew we had the chances and eventually it would fall."

Lindemann said getting the goal early in the period gave the Rockets the momentum to complete the comeback.

"That's the one we needed. That was big," Lindemann said. "We needed to tie things up and then just feel it out and see where we were going to get the big one from."

Less than two minutes after Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha tied the game, Notre Dame nearly surged back in front.

The Tritons' Drew Heil stole the puck as the Rockets were attempting to clear the defensive zone and skated in alone on net but goalkeeper Owen Debbert thwarted the chance to keep things tied. Debbert finished with 18 saves in the game and blanked Notre Dame over the final 33 minutes of the contest.

"Owen was great. He settled in as the game went on," Lindemann said. "We have been relying on him a lot this season and unfortunately we put him in some spots that aren't the most desirable spots where we leave some guys open and he's come up big for us and made some big saves."

Debbert and the Rockets also stifled the Tritons on a two-minute power play midway through the period before Zinda was able to put Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha ahead.

Ty Laabs had possession of the puck

near the boards and fired a pass to Calvin Zinda at the left point, who held the puck before sending it across ice to Cooper Zinda.

"Calvin did a great job of freezing the defenseman and Mark (Sutton) set a great screen in front of the net and it went in somehow," said Cooper Zinda. "We hadn't had a good win on the year so far. That University School loss took a toll on us, but we went back to practice and worked hard, got in here and got the job done."

Laabs added an empty-net goal for the final margin and finished with two assists in the game, along with Calvin Zinda.

Mark Sutton scored the first goal of the night for the Rockets, before the Tritons scored a breakaway goal to tie the score and then took the lead on a 5-on-3 power play late in the first period.

The Rockets improved to 14-2-1 on the season and will return to the ice Tuesday against Appleton United. Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha also has a matchup against top-ranked Stevens Point on tap before heading into the Badgerland Conference tournament in early February.

"We came out to practice (after losing to University School) and knew we had to work hard to get to the point where we needed to be to beat a good team like Notre Dame," Simonson said. "After a win like that, it's clear we have it. We just have to keep bringing it every night."



Co. Zinda



Simonson

## Prep sports roundup

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Jung's double-double boosts Rockets to win

Luke Jung finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds as the Rockets reached a season-high point total in an 88-62 win over Appleton West last week.

The Rockets jumped out to a 54-33 lead at halftime and cruised in the second half to the win.

Joey Daun added a career-high 20 points in the victory, while Xavier Bezares finished with 18 points and Nick Schultz racked up 16 points and seven assists.

On Tuesday, Neenah topped Oshkosh West, 55-41, behind 18 points from Daun, 15 from Jung and 12 from Schultz.

#### Big second half carries Zephyrs to win

St. Mary Catholic outscored Hilbert 45-19 in the second half to pull away for an

85-49 win in Big East North action Monday.

Luke Fairweather scored 12 of his 17 points in the second half and Myles Norville tallied 10 of his 16 points after halftime.

Mason Uhlenbrauck scored 18 points to lead the five players in double figures for the Zephyrs, with Mason Wagner adding 13 points and Preston Fields finishing with 10.

The Zephyrs dropped a hard-fought 65-63 decision in overtime to Reedsville last

Friday.

Fairweather led the team with 20 points, while Wagner finished with 16 and Fields added 12 points, seven rebounds and eight assists.

### HOCKEY

#### Rockets drop matchup of ranked teams

Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha came

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# Prep roundup

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up short against University School of Milwaukee, 4-3, in a matchup of teams ranked in the top six in Division 1.

University School, which is ranked fifth, scored twice in the first seven minutes of the third period to break a 2-2 tie and the Rockets were only able to get one of the goals back.

Ty Laabs and Preston Liedke each scored goals in the first period for Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha, while Mark Sutton's tally in the third period brought the Rockets to within a goal but they couldn't notch the tying tally.

Cooper Zinda tallied two assists in the game for sixth-ranked Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha, with Clay Laabs, Calvin Zinda, Macsen Selch and Keegan Krueger each picking up one.

Owen Debbert finished with 29 saves for the Rockets.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Rockets' offense erupts in easy win

Alissa Ebel poured in a career-high 20 points and was one of three Rockets to score in double figures as Neenah knocked off Appleton West 85-37 last Friday.

Ebel also finished with six rebounds and six assists in the win and went 4-of-5 from 3-point range.

Rowan Klesmit led the way with 25 points with Ellie Buss chipping in 14 points, while hitting five and four 3-pointers respectively.

Rae Schoultz added eight points and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

The Rockets followed that win with a 71-61 victory over Oshkosh West on Tuesday.

Klesmit led the team with 21 points, including a 7-of-7 performance at the free-throw line. Schoultz added a career-high 13 points and seven rebounds, while Celia Gentile added 12 points and Buss finished with 11.

Neenah led 36-29 at halftime en route to the win.

### Zephyrs roll to easy win over Reedsville

St. Mary Catholic bolted to a 32-19 halftime lead and cruised to a 62-38 win over Reedsville in a Big East North tussle Saturday.

Nolie Anderson scored 18 points to lead three players in double figures for the Zephyrs. Autumn Crowe added 16 points and Emily Vogel finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds in the win.

St. Mary Catholic also used a big first half to knock off Hilbert, 68-21 on Tues-

day as the Zephyrs grabbed a 35-8 lead at intermission.

Eleven different players scored in the game for St. Mary Catholic with Crowe's 15 points leading the way, while Anderson added 12 and Vogel finished with 10. Luci Nackers chipped in eight points in the win.

## BOYS WRESTLING

### Powerhouse Kaukauna hands Neenah loss

Defending Division 1 state champion

Kaukauna dealt Neenah a 63-13 loss in a Fox Valley Association dual meet last week.

The Rockets picked up three wins to account for their points, collecting the victories at three consecutive weights.

Landen Sheppard scored an 8-0 major decision win over Mason Hansen at 150 pounds with Declan Koch following with a 17-5 major decision win over Peyton Lee at 157 pounds.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Jasmine Renee Davies Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2024CV001172

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:** A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Jasmine Renee Davies To: Miles Ryden Davies Birth Certificate: Jasmine Renee Davies

**IT IS ORDERED:** This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Michael S. Gibbs Place: Winnebago County Courthouse 415 Jackson St. Oshkosh, WI 54902 Date: January 23, 2025 Time: 1:30 pm

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Neenah News a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin.

**BY THE COURT:** DATE SIGNED: December 19, 2024 /s/ Hon. Michael S. Gibbs Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch IV Runs: January 3, 2025, January 10, 2025 and January 17, 2025



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## Sunny Question

Why are sunny winter days COLD, while sunny summer days are HOT? *Kid Scoop's* winter expert Dr. I. Cicle explains it all!

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know that weather can be observed, measured and described; changes in weather and seasons are affected by the Earth's position.

### Experiment Tells All

Try this experiment to understand the difference between indirect and direct sunlight.

Keep track of your work on a separate sheet of paper like the Scientist's Notebook.

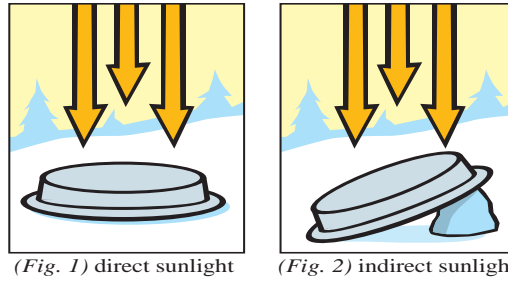
#### Stuff you need:

- 2 metal pie tins or flat pans
- a sunny winter day
- watch or clock
- a rock

#### What to do:

1. Lay one pan flat on the ground in the direct sunlight. (Fig. 1)
2. Tilt the other pan on its side. Lean it against a rock or a shoe. This pan is being hit with indirect sunlight. (Fig. 2)
3. Wait three minutes.
4. Which pan is warmer?

Standards Link: Investigation: Students will make predictions based on observation; answer meaningful questions and draw conclusions.



(Fig. 1) direct sunlight (Fig. 2) indirect sunlight

SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK			
Question	Hypothesis	Observation	Conclusion
Which pan do you think will feel warmer after three minutes in the winter sun?	What do you think the answer to the question is? <input type="checkbox"/> pan in direct sunlight <input type="checkbox"/> pan in indirect sunlight	Which pan was warmer in three minutes? <input type="checkbox"/> pan in direct sunlight <input type="checkbox"/> pan in indirect sunlight	Was your hypothesis correct? What did you learn from this experiment?

**Extra! Extra!**

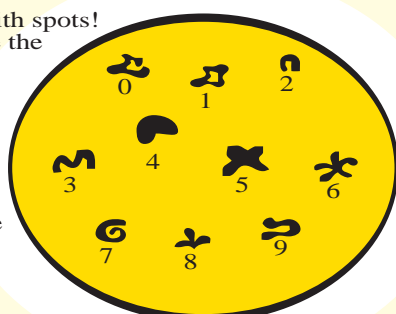
### Without the Sun ...

Without the sun we wouldn't have newspapers because newsprint is made from trees and trees need the sun to grow. Look through the newspaper for other things that need the sun to exist.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Sun Spot Mystery

- The sun is covered with spots! Use the spots to solve the mystery questions.
- How far is the sun from the Earth?  
 million miles (149.6 million km)
- How long does it take the sun to make one complete rotation?  
 Earth days
- What is the diameter of the sun?  
 miles. (1.4 million km)



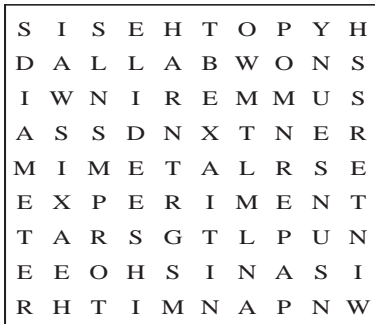
**WARNING!** Never look directly at the sun as this can damage your eyesight!

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know about the sun, planets and stars.

### Double Double Word Search

- SUNLIGHT
- EXPERIMENT
- SUMMER
- MILES
- PAPER
- DIAMETER
- HYPOTHESIS
- METAL
- WINTER
- SAND
- SNOWBALL
- PAN
- AXIS
- SHOE

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



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

### SMART FUN AT HOME

One important thing to understand when you read is **cause** and **effect**.

For example, in the legend of Groundhog Day, when the groundhog sees his shadow, he goes back in his burrow. In this case, the **effect** is that the groundhog goes back in his burrow. That is what happens. What **causes** him to go back in his burrow? Getting frightened by his shadow.



### Try It!

1. With a parent or learning buddy at home, select an article from today's newspaper. Read the headline. Discuss what you think caused the news reported in the headline.
2. The headline usually tells what happened. This is called an **effect**. Read aloud to your learning buddy the first paragraph of the article. Does this tell you the **cause**? Read the rest of the article aloud. After each paragraph, stop and discuss what you have learned about what caused the news reported in the headline.

Complete the following:

HEADLINE (effect):

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CAUSE(s):

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NAME:

NAME OF LEARNING BUDDY:

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Distinguish between cause and effect in text.

### Write On!

## Winter Words

Make a list of words that make you think of winter. Use these words to write a short poem or a descriptive paragraph.



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