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## Memorial rededicated in Shattuck Park

By Chris Lusvardi  
NEENAH NEWS

A ceremony Sunday in Shattuck Park highlighted efforts to continue providing a lasting tribute to local military veterans and current service members.

The flag memorial was rededicated, with flags raised to the top of nine poles in the front of the park along Wisconsin Avenue. Each branch of the military is now represented with the flags, including the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard.

“It’s a beautiful memorial for all to enjoy,” said Bob Borszich, a local Viet-

nam War veteran who led efforts to raise \$175,000 to pay for the project.

The monument previously included a memorial plaque and three flags: the American flag, Wisconsin flag and a POW/MIA flag. Veterans said parts of the memorial were looking rundown, saying it was time for a revamp with construction beginning in April to add the six new poles.

With the construction finished, Borszich said it was an honor to see so many veterans in attendance at the cere-



Bob Borszich looks on as Neenah Mayor Jane Lang reads from a 1949 newspaper article about the original dedication of the flag memorial in Shattuck Park.

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Photo from Rankin Photography

## Concert season kicks off

The Future Neenah Summer Concert Series started June 11 with a kickoff concert downtown featuring The Glam Band. The series, which is in its 20<sup>th</sup> season, continues all summer long with live music Wednesday evenings in Shattuck Park.

# Children’s Giving Tree grows its mission of hope

## Nonprofit offers help to families, seniors

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

What began as an act of kindness to help a struggling waitress has grown into a lifeline for hundreds across the Fox Valley – children battling cancer, families drowning in bills and isolated seniors finding hope through the Children’s Giving Tree.

Founded in 2010 by sisters-in-law Bonnie Manski and Vicki Hermans, the nonprofit reached more than 170 people

through its holiday gift program last year alone.

The organization’s origin story is deeply personal.

“I worked with a lady who owned a Mexican restaurant. She had a waitress named Amber – a single mother with three children,” Manski recalled.

Manski described Amber as a dedicated mother who “walked to work, got out of work, went

home, never sat at the bar, never drank, never smoked.”

The restaurant owner wanted to adopt Amber and her children for Christmas. Manski joined the effort and, with help from Hermans, raised \$2,000 to buy gifts for Amber’s family.

“We spent the whole \$2,000 on those kids,” Manski said. “We’d never done anything like that before. The money came in, and

that was the day the Children’s Giving Tree was born.”

Each holiday season, children, families and senior citizens are up for “adoption” for Christmas through the Children’s Giving Tree Facebook page. Supporters choose who they’d like to adopt and purchase gifts for their adoptee, which are dropped off at a central location. Volunteers wrap the presents and deliver them – sometimes secretly at night – placing them by the family’s door.

Manski said the goal is to provide a per-



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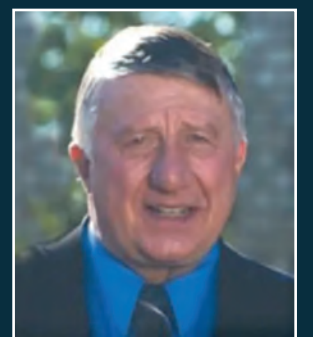
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## UW-Oshkosh Fox Cities campus public forum scheduled for June 25

Neenah News

Winnebago County will be hosting a public forum to hear from community members and community organizations regarding the future of the UW-Oshkosh Fox Cities campus, 1478 Midway Road, Menasha. Winnebago County will be taking over ownership of the former UW Fox Cities campus on July 1.

The meeting will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at United Way Fox Cities, 1455 Midway Road, Menasha.

In addition to hosting academic classes since 1960, then known as UW Fox Valley, the campus includes the Barlow Planetarium, Weis Earth Science Museum, Communication Arts Center theater and gallery, a branch campus building for

UW-Platteville, the University Children's Center, a community garden, a fieldhouse, an art studio, a library and offices.

As Winnebago County assumes ownership of the campus following the UW-Oshkosh decision to close its two-year campuses, county officials said it is important to hear from stakeholders regarding the future prospects for reinvigorating, repurposing or redeveloping the buildings and outdoor spaces.

Considering the deep connections that many in the community have to the programs and facilities housed within the campus, county officials said the public meeting offers the opportunity to share ideas regarding the county's direction forward on the site.



Neenah Historical Society photo

## Neenah Pool

The Neenah Pool in Recreation Park in 1978 offered swimmers a clear view of Lake Winnebago on summer days, a view that swimmers still enjoy today.



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### Friday, June 20

Riverside Players presents The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Saturday, June 21

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

Art Mercantile, 9 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

Riverside Players presents The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Sunday, June 22

Riverside Players presents The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Tuesday, June 24

Strolling Photo Workshop, 6 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Neenah Community Band Children's Concert, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Wednesday, June 25

Future Neenah Summer Concert Series featuring Avenue 55, 6 p.m., Shattuck Park

### Thursday, June 26

Out to Lunch Concert featuring Tim Dorsey, 11:30 a.m., The Plaza in Gateway Park

Art After Dark: Renaissance Faire, 5:30 p.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

### Friday, June 27

Governor James Doty's Friends and Family Days, noon, Doty Cabin, 701 Lincoln St., Neenah

### Saturday, June 28

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

Repair Café, 11 a.m., Neenah Public Library

Governor James Doty's Friends and Family Days, noon, Doty Cabin, 701 Lincoln St., Neenah

### Sunday, June 29

Summer Fun Run, 6 p.m., Memorial Park

### Thursday, July 3

CommunityFest Parade of Lights, 9 p.m., Commercial Street

### Friday, July 4

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

### Saturday, July 5

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

## Correction

**JUNE 13, Page 10:** The incorrect photo was published with the Senior Standout story on Julia Rangel. The photo was of Elsa Gruber.

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Photo from St. Gabriel Church

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church is shown in Neenah. St. Gabriel Elementary, which is attached to the church, is planning a 4,500-square-foot expansion that will add four new classrooms.

## St. Gabriel Elementary plans expansion

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

St. Gabriel Elementary School is planning to expand its campus with a new addition, following a unanimous recommendation by the Neenah Plan Commission to approve a special use permit for the project.

The expansion includes a 4,500-square-foot addition at 900 Geiger St., adding four new classrooms to St. Gabriel Elementary, which is part of St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church. The proposed structure will stand 12 feet tall, matching the height of the existing classroom wing. A sidewalk will also be added along the perimeter of the addition.

Deputy Director of Community Development Brad Schmidt said during last week's Plan Commission meeting that the proposed addition meets and exceeds city zoning requirements, including a 21-foot setback from the southern property line — more than double the 10-foot minimum required. That side of the property borders a residential area.

Plan Commission member Frank Cuthbert asked whether the addition would re-

quire more parking. Schmidt said a review of the current parking lot showed no need for changes.

Public Works Director Gerry Kaiser noted the city has occasionally received drainage complaints along the north lot line of adjacent Town of Neenah properties and asked staff to be mindful of grading near property lines.

St. Gabriel Elementary is part of St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) and serves about 240 students, offering preschool for 3-year-olds through grade five. In addition to core instruction, students have access to music, art, physical education, Spanish, computer, band, library, and school counseling.

SMCS President Dan McKenna was not immediately available to comment on the construction timeline or provide additional details.

The St. Gabriel property is located in a single-family residential district, which requires city approval of a special use permit for a private school expansion. The Common Council was expected to vote on final approval at its meeting Wednesday.

## Battery recycling set at farmers market

Neenah News

Lithium-ion batteries can be recycled from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Neenah Farmers Market in Shattuck Park.

First United Methodist Church Neenah-Menasha is working with Redwood Materials to offer the service. Rechargeable devices that can be recycled include laptops, smartphones, tablets, electric toothbrushes, power tool batteries, rechargeable vacuum batteries, wireless headphones and any other lithium-ion

battery powered devices.

The groups recommend resetting devices to protect personal data.

Lithium-ion batteries will be taken separately or as part of the device they are in. If a whole device is brought to be recycled, Redwood said it will remove the batteries and the rest of the device will go to secondary recyclers.

Alkaline, Nicad, lead acid and damaged or defective batteries should not be brought to the event.

## Local college graduates

Lilla Birch of Neenah graduated from Western Technical College in La Crosse from the digital marketing program.

Samuel Peters of Neenah received a

bachelor of science degree in environmental engineering from Iowa State University during undergraduate commencement ceremonies held May 15-17.

# Council rejects motion to consider term limits

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Common Council voted down a motion to formally consider implementing term limits for local elected officials, rejecting the measure by a 7-2 margin during a recent meeting.

Aldermen Mark Ellis and Flo Bruno brought forward the proposal, which Ellis said during the June 4 meeting was intended to start a conversation and explore the issue.

Alderman Tami Erickson said she values fresh leadership and new perspectives in local government but also appreciates the institutional knowledge longtime council members bring.

"I think that's what makes a very strong council — to have those types of experiences," she said.

Alderman Dan Steiner noted that the city has already seen significant turnover,

with seven of nine council members replaced in the past four years. He suggested that term limits could lead to fewer candidates running for office, making it harder to fill elected positions.

Alderman Cari Lendrum also opposed the measure, pointing to the difficulty of finding candidates for city council.

"We already have term limits," she said. "If you don't like Alderman Cari Lendrum, don't vote her back in. So to me, that is term limits."

City Attorney David Rashid confirmed that state law does not prohibit municipalities from enacting term limits and noted that some neighboring cities have adopted such policies.

With the motion's failure, the council will not pursue formal discussion on the issue, and the current system will remain unchanged.

## Business news roundup

**Union Star Cheese** plans to open a retail shop at 125 W. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah. The Natural Boutique, which closed in February, was previously located in the building. Renovations started earlier this month to prepare for the new store. No opening date has been set.

**Root & Runner Creative Space**, owned by Emily Runnerstrom, has opened at 1131 S. Commercial St., Neenah. The business is located in the old Cre8Lab space. Root & Runner will be focused on

art classes that foster community through making, including a book arts club that meets on the last Thursday of each month. For more information, visit [rootandruncrcreative.com](http://rootandruncrcreative.com).

**McMahon**, a full-service, professional engineering, architectural and consulting firm, has added Jodi Gennirch as its new risk and benefits manager. The firm, which has over 150 employees, is based in Neenah with Illinois and Indiana regional offices.

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## Jury trial set in trailer-ramming case

Neenah News

A jury trial has been scheduled for an Appleton man accused of ramming his truck into a stolen trailer during a property dispute earlier this year.

Barry M. Frederick, 54, is accused of intentionally striking another vehicle with his truck during a dispute involving a trailer reported stolen from a location on Dixie Road in Neenah.

According to the criminal complaint, the owner of the trailer noticed it was missing on April 4 and later spotted it parked outside a residence on Prospect Avenue in Appleton. He and another person went to retrieve the trailer, but when they attempted to leave, Frederick arrived in a truck, blocked their exit and stated that the items on the trailer belonged to him. The trailer's owner said he told Frederick that the trailer was stolen and that he was free to follow them to retrieve his belongings.

The situation escalated when Frederick allegedly began following the pair along Prospect Avenue, attempting to pull alongside them. As they turned south onto Northern Road in Fox Crossing, Frederick reportedly drove along the shoulder and rammed his truck into the side of the trailer and vehicle, causing damage.

Responding officers observed red paint transfer on the truck and trailer, consistent with damage to Frederick's vehicle. Police also recovered debris from the scene, including a ripped-off fender.

Fox Crossing Police initiated a traffic stop on Frederick's vehicle and he was arrested. The complaint notes he had a suspended driver's license and was out on bond for three separate cases in Outagamie and Waupaca counties, including charges of felony bail jumping, misdemeanor theft and possession of methamphetamine.

In Winnebago County, Frederick faces two counts of felony second-degree recklessly endangering safety, two counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping, receiving stolen property, criminal damage to property, and resisting an officer. All charges include a repeater modifier.

Frederick pleaded not guilty to the charges during a May 28 hearing. He remains in jail on a \$4,999 bond – reduced by \$1 from the original \$5,000 by Judge Scott Woldt to make him eligible for a kitchen work program at the jail. He is scheduled to return to court Aug. 11 for a plea and sentencing hearing, with a jury trial set for the following day.

## Library to host strolling photo workshop

Neenah News

The Neenah Public Library is hosting Appleton's Photo Opp for a walking photography workshop at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Participants should bring any camera (smartphone, digital, analog, instant, etc.) and take a casual stroll outside the library's premises while snapping photos and learning photography tips from Photo

Opp's photography experts.

The library said this is a relaxed drop-in workshop meant to provide a bit of instruction and inspiration. No reservations necessary.

The workshop will last approximately one hour.

Participants should meet outside the library's front entrance.



Submitted photo

Docent Bill McBride entertains fourth grade students in the second floor foyer on a recent field trip as they prepare to view the exhibit in the Native American room, one of four upstairs rooms in the Doty Cabin.

## Doty Cabin to host Friends and Family Days

Neenah News

The Friends and Family Days on June 27 and 28 at the Doty Cabin is an event to better acquaint people in the area with the retirement home of Gov. James D. Doty, Wisconsin's second territorial governor.

According to curator Jann McBride, the original log cabin was built on the east shore of Doty Island in 1847, then moved in 1925 to its current location, 701 Lincoln St.

"The structure is well-preserved after being restructured in 1948, when it fell into disrepair," McBride said. "It has been decorated and furnished with artifacts of local history and private Doty treasures

and has found its way onto the national, state and local historic registers. It is, by far, the gem of Doty Island."

McBride said to make the event informational and fun, it will include an optional historic scavenger hunt. Upon completion, she said a ticket is awarded, which can be placed in a basket for a drawing at the event's conclusion. Area businesses have contributed to the activity.

"What a great way to spend a summer's day, taking a peek into the past and enjoying free cookies and lemonade on the lawn," McBride said.

The cabin is open from noon to 4 p.m. The museum is "admission free."

## Doty Island history tour scheduled to begin

Neenah News

Doty Island Community Partners (DICP) is organizing this year's Doty Island self-guided historical tour starting Saturday through July 6.

"We are proud to support the effort of private property owners and the public sector in the preservation of our community's historical architecture," DICP president Flo Bruno said. "We invite you to discover or rediscover Doty Island history and what makes the island a place to call home."

Bruno said board members worked

with both the cities of Neenah and Menasha to bring the Doty Island history tour back with all historical properties in one large event. More than 50 buildings will be on the tour this year, she said.

Information is available at dotyisland.net, including a downloadable map and the list of all the buildings. A large yard sign at each designated location will include the main building's historical facts, Bruno said.

She added the event is a "sidewalk tour" only, meaning no one will be entering homes or private property.

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# Lakeside Packaging Plus changes name to Remarkable

Neenah News

Lakeside Packaging Plus, which has locations in Neenah and Oshkosh, is re-branding with a planned name change to Remarkable.

The organization said the rebrand means more than a name change as it represents a renewed commitment to elevating the lives of people with diverse abilities. Chief Operating Officer Jennifer Ven Rooy said the name Remarkable captures the spirit, talents and potential of the individuals the organization serves every day.

“Our mission at Remarkable is simple and powerful: to elevate the lives of people with diverse abilities,” Ven Rooy said. “We believe every person has unique strengths, and our purpose is to foster an environment that realizes the potential of everyone we serve. This new name is a tribute to the resilience, creativity and value of every individual in our community.”

The organization invites the public to a Summer Solstice Celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 100 W. Fernau Ave., Oshkosh.

The event will feature a Maker’s Market, food trucks and family-friendly activities, offering an opportunity to gather, connect and celebrate together.

Remarkable is unveiling its new logo this week, which Ven Rooy said provides a fresh visual identity that reflects the organization’s vibrant spirit and forward-looking mission.

The nonprofit organization was originally founded as Work Adjustment Services before transitioning to the name Lakeside Packaging Plus in 2000.



Neenah News

Flags are raised during a rededication ceremony in Shattuck Park to recognize each of the branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

## Flag ceremony

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mony on Father’s Day.

“This is a powerful visual reminder of what veterans stand for,” said Commander Jim Johnson from the American Legion. “Freedom isn’t guaranteed. It’s protected by those willing to defend it.”

Johnson said the memorial shows respect, gratitude and inspiration while providing unity.

“It’s more than a memorial,” Johnson said. “It holds a special place in our heart. This is not just something for one day we get to have. It shows a long-term commitment to remembrance for generations to come.”

Having places for remembrances for those who have served the country is important, said Del Volpel, a retired Army Major who was in the Medical Service Corps for over 20 years.

“We don’t want to forget,” Volpel said.

“It’s so easy to forget as time moves on. We always want to remember the sacrifices that have been made.”

Neenah Mayor Jane Lang is proud of the city with its history of support for veterans. She read from a newspaper article printed in 1949 when the original memorial was dedicated.

Lang said the memorial continues to show one of the reasons why Neenah is such a “wonderful place to call home.”

The Neenah Community Band provided music for the ceremony.

During the ceremony, Borszich drew attention to a newly unveiled monument located in the center of the flag poles. He thanked all the sponsors who contributed to the project.

The memorial was developed in cooperation with the Neenah-Menasha Veterans Associations and the City of Neenah.

Borszich encouraged veterans and those who want to support them to donate to or join veterans groups and organizations.



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Master of Ceremony Bob Borszich explains the work that went into placing flag poles in Shattuck Park to recognize local military veterans and current service members.

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5:30–9:30 p.m.

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# Medical examiner's office looks to purchase therapy dog



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Deputy Medical Examiner McKenzie Repinski is working with Brie to become a certified therapy dog.

By Jennifer Parmley  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office is seeking funds to purchase a facility K9 specially trained to support the mental health and well-being of employees, families and visitors.

Deputy Medical Examiner McKenzie Repinski said in the past year or so she has noticed a need for additional support, not only for staff but also the families they work with on a daily basis.

"The need is apparent and prevalent in our line of work due to the burnout rate in our profession along with the mental health effects that follow," Repinski said in a funding request letter.

"We regularly deal with grieving families who experience a range of emotions from sadness to frustration to disbelief to absolute anger. The presence of a therapy dog will greatly reduce some of those outbursts due to the calming effect that they have on others. Furthermore, the facility dog will help myself and my coworkers cope with the difficult situations we deal with on a daily basis."

The medical examiner's office employs four staff members who work closely with all law enforcement agencies in Winnebago County along with hospital staff, funeral and nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospice companies.

The nature of work there, and in law enforcement organizations in general, involves frequent exposure to death, trauma and grieving families. As such, several law enforcement agencies and court systems

in the state including Dane, Racine and Waukesha counties, the Oshkosh Police Department and the Winnebago County Jail STAR Program have adopted similar programs.

Repinski said she researched organizations that train and place dogs for this type of work.

Dawgs at Work LLC, Saukville, was chosen because she said "their mission aligned with our mission, and we felt that the fit would be perfect."

The cost of the specialized training through the organization's Steppin' Out Program is \$25,000, Repinski said.

The program includes more than 1,000 hours of hands-on, real-world training. Each dog learns and reliably performs more than 50 verbal and visual cues, Repinski said.

Following the completion of her training, Brie will be certified in all 4 levels of

the AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC), which includes Advanced Community Canine (CGCA) and Urban Canine Good Citizen (CGCU) along with the AKC S.T.A.R Puppy certification. In addition, Brie will be required to pass a custom-designed Public Access Test.

Repinski said Brie will be at the medical examiner's office Monday through Friday during business hours and available after hours if needed. Brie will also accompany her when on calls to be an additional asset for the families during the grieving process.

The office is actively working to raise enough funds to purchase Brie so she can start her working career.

If interested in contributing to the fund, visit the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation's website [oacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list](http://oacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list) and search for Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office K9 Fund.

## County overdose deaths down nearly 50%

### Annual review notes fatalities, prevention

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Winnebago County reported a nearly 50% decline in overdose deaths in 2024, according to the county's Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team, which released its seventh annual report this week.

The county recorded 24 fatal overdoses last year, a 49% drop from a record-high 47 deaths in 2023. The county's 2024 overdose death rate was 1.4 per 10,000 people. The cities of Oshkosh and Neenah had higher rates than the county, at 2.1 and 1.8 per 10,000 people, respectively.

OFR Project Manager Jennifer Skolaski said the significant decrease in overdose deaths reflects the ongoing work happening across the county.

"Each of those lives mattered deeply," she said. "Our work is far from over because even one life lost is one too many."

Fentanyl remains the most frequent cause of overdose deaths, involved in 46% of the 2024 fatalities. The synthetic opioid was also commonly found in combination with other substances, such as methamphetamine and cocaine.

The OFR team noted a continued shift in the age of those who fatally overdosed, with 62% of those who died last year between the ages of 35 and 64, suggesting that overdoses are increasingly affecting older adults.

Most victims had a documented history of substance use, and nearly two-thirds had a prior mental health diagnosis, including conditions such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, or post traumatic stress disorder.

Formed in 2018, the OFR team includes representatives from 35 local organizations that review overdose deaths in the county. The team examines each person's life and circumstances, identifies risk factors, explores system gaps and looks for opportunities to improve policy and practice.

Since its formation, the OFR team has

made 62 formal recommendations and helped launch 12 pilot projects, including efforts to expand harm reduction education, increase access to medication-assisted treatment and improve data sharing among agencies.

In Neenah, a data-driven pilot project was launched at the OFR team's recommendation to address the city's high overdose rates. The effort, led by Neenah Police, Fox Crossing Police, Winnebago County Public Health and Apricity, involves monthly meetings to review data, share information and coordinate responses across agencies.

Another project highlighted in the report is the installation of two outdoor public health vending machines in Oshkosh and Neenah. The machines provide free access to overdose prevention tools such as Narcan and fentanyl test strips, along with items like drug deactivation bags, gun locks, and menstrual supplies.

"We're incredibly grateful for our dedicated OFR partners who never give up," Skolaski said. "They show up every day with compassion, meeting people where they're at and working tirelessly to close the gaps in our community that lead to overdose deaths."

The report outlines critical gaps between systems, including poor integration between mental health care, substance use treatment and primary care, which often leads to fractured support and missed intervention points.

Social isolation was common among those who overdosed, with LGBTQ individuals and people of color facing greater challenges. The team also highlighted the need for integrated care and more trauma-informed support services for children who lose caregivers to overdose.

The OFR team's priorities for 2025-26 include closing communication gaps between service systems to ensure continuous care, supporting children affected by overdose-related loss, and strengthening prevention efforts, particularly among high-risk groups.

The report outlines several ways to get involved and support the team's work, including connecting to the We Heart You app at [weheartyou.org/app](http://weheartyou.org/app), referring those in need to the Solutions Peer Response Team at 866-465-0010, volunteering with Breakwater at [breakwaterwi.org](http://breakwaterwi.org), or participating in events like the Rethink Addiction Run/Walk on Sept. 25 in Oshkosh. Supporters can also donate to recovery-focused organizations or help raise awareness by sharing resources on social media.

The full report can be found at [wchd.pub/2024OFRannualreport](http://wchd.pub/2024OFRannualreport).

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A group of protesters held signs to draw the attention of passersby Sunday afternoon at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Commercial Street in downtown Neenah.

## Downtown demonstration draws attention to political issues

By Chris Lusvardi  
NEENAH NEWS

Holding signs and with music playing in the background, a group of protesters held a demonstration Sunday afternoon at a busy intersection in downtown Neenah.

About 25 people from the Peaceful Patriots group based in Oshkosh stood at the southeast corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Commercial Street drawing the attention of passersby, with many waving or honking in support.

“We want to spread awareness to the public and our representatives to stand up for democracy,” organizer Danny Schierl said. “Democracy has been under attack. We’re getting people to be aware and interested when they see the signs. It gets them to ask questions.”

Schierl said the group has been holding similar demonstrations since February, primarily in Oshkosh but also traveling throughout the area. He said part of the goal has been for local residents who can’t

travel to places like Madison or Milwaukee to be able to participate in the rallies.

This was the second time the group has held a demonstration in Neenah, Schierl said. With highly-attended No Kings demonstrations held nationwide Saturday, including one in Oshkosh, Schierl said interest in the issues has been high.

The group aims to hold non-partisan, grassroots, action-based rallies, Schierl said.

He said the group doesn’t restrict what can be on the signs in favor of free speech but hopes it can be done in a way that doesn’t distract from the intended message. One of the top goals for the group is to reclaim the American flag, Schierl said.

“That’s why you see us waving all the flags,” he said. “It’s just as much our flag as anyone else.”

Schierl said planning is underway for future demonstrations, which are based on gathering information about what those wanting to attend the rallies are most interested in.

## Information meeting planned for road construction project

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An information meeting is set for officials to share details about upcoming construction at the Wisconsin Highway 76 and Larsen Road intersection in the Town of Clayton.

The live, online meeting at 4 p.m. Monday will discuss the scope, schedule and traffic impacts for construction of a single-lane roundabout. Attendees can access the Microsoft Teams meeting via the new project website [projects.511wi.gov/wis76larson/full-project-overview/](https://projects.511wi.gov/wis76larson/full-project-overview/). For audio-only, call 608-571-2209, phone ID

439 058 046.

Project engineers plan to share construction maps, road closure information, detour displays, schedule of operations and temporary signing permits for businesses impacted by the road construction.

Construction is tentatively set to begin June 30, after which the intersection is expected to be closed until late September. Highway 76 traffic will be detoured using Interstate 41 and U.S. Highway 10. Access to local residents, businesses and emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

## Highway ramp to close until early August

Neenah News

The southbound Interstate 41 loop ramp to eastbound U.S. Highway 10/Wisconsin Highway 441 was set to close beginning at 9 p.m. Thursday in Fox Crossing.

The ramp is expected to be closed until early August, according to Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)

Northeast Region officials.

WisDOT said work will include removing and replacing the structure approaches as part of the Highway 441 maintenance project.

The recommended detour will take southbound Interstate 41 traffic to westbound Highway 10 to County Highway 10. Access to local residents, businesses and emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

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# Giving Tree

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sonalized, dignified Christmas experience for children and families in need.

As the organization grew, its mission expanded to provide year-round support to families – particularly those affected by cancer or financial hardship – and low-income or isolated seniors.

Manski is drawn to those battling cancer, whose families she said need extra support.

“Cancer has no borders,” she said.

In Oshkosh, the organization provides support to a mother named Christine, who has terminal cancer. With three children – one in college and two still in school – Christine is often traveling to medical appointments and separated from her family.

“She’s going to Milwaukee for special treatment, just to keep her alive,” Manski said.

The organization has sent Christine gas cards to help with medical travel expenses.

But Manski’s commitment to Christine goes beyond temporary assistance.

“If you pass, we will take your children,” Manski promised Christine, offering to make sure her kids get Christmas gifts each year. “We’ll never let them – until the day they can walk alone – cry.”

A partnership with the Children’s Cancer Foundation has been particularly impactful. The Children’s Giving Tree adopts families with children battling cancer, provides financial support and helps with everyday needs like gas and food.

“These families are so dirt poor,” Manski recounted about those recommended by the foundation for support. “The moth-



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Volunteers for the Children’s Giving Tree are shown last year wrapping presents to distribute throughout the Fox Valley.

ers are running ragged taking their child to chemo every day. Do I buy a loaf of bread, or do I put gas in the car?”

The organization’s approach goes beyond simple gift-giving. They work closely with families to ensure sustainable support.

“If we paid for your children’s Christmas, you can pay your gas and light bill, because if you don’t pay it and use the money for Christmas, they’re going to shut you off in April,” Manski said.

They’ve supported families through unimaginable challenges, including the loss of four children last year.

“We lost a 24-year-old two days after Christmas, and she got her gifts, loved her presents, and she died of a brain tumor,”

Manski shared.

Manski said the organization understands the importance of normalcy for children facing extraordinary circumstances.

“Let’s say you have a son, and on Saturdays, your boy and his friends meet at Hardee’s at 10 o’clock. And you can’t go. Your son can’t go. You have no money. His sister has cancer,” she said.

By providing gift cards, they ensure these children can still participate in normal childhood experiences.

The organization now operates a food pantry next to St. Paul’s Church in Combined Locks, near Janssen Elementary School. Managed by a volunteer, the pantry is stocked with essentials like beef, chicken, cereal, milk and even toilet paper, serving families across the Fox Valley. The Children’s Giving Tree also provides winter clothing for the nearby elementary students.

“There hasn’t been a child at the school who’s gone hungry in the last three years,” Manski said.

The organization’s Facebook group has grown from 50 to over 1,200 members, with support coming from various local businesses and community members.

“We are one hundred percent member funded and rely on what the community gives us,” Manski said.

With an upcoming fundraiser from 1 to 6 p.m. on July 19 at Tanners Bar & Grill in Kimberly with a live band, raffles and donation opportunities, Manski said the organization hopes to continue its mission of supporting families in need.

Supporters of the Children’s Giving Tree have a variety of ways to get involved. Financial contributions can be made online at thechildrensgivingtree.org/donate.

Donors can also drop spare change in collection cans at local businesses or purchase raffle tickets for \$10 each. The group accepts gift cards for gas, groceries and restaurants, new books for hospitalized children and food items for its pan-



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The Children’s Giving Tree operates a food pantry next to St. Paul’s Church in Combined Locks, which is kept stocked by volunteers.

try.

The Children’s Giving Tree also operates Booth 15 at Antique UP in Kimberly, where items are handmade by members and the profits go to the nonprofit.

Ally De Jardin, a volunteer serving as marketing director, is leading efforts to transition from small-scale grassroots initiatives to a brick-and-mortar location and organizing bigger events.

The organization’s success relies entirely on volunteers and community donations. Members contribute their time and resources, driven by a shared mission of supporting families during their most challenging times.

As Manski puts it, “It’s not about us; it’s about them. You don’t realize what you’re doing today. You just don’t know the power you have in your hands.”

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# All-conference roundup

## SOFTBALL

### Mathe, West top Rockets' all-FVA selections

Juniors Kyleigh Mathe and Taytum West highlighted the all-Fox Valley Association selections for Neenah.

Mathe was one of the top pitchers in the conference again this season as she earned first-team honors for the second straight year. She was a second-team all-FVA selection as a freshman.

West was selected to the first team as a utility player, having played both infield and pitcher for the Rockets this season. She also helped ignite the offense from the lead-off position in the batting order.

The Rockets had a pair of players garner second-team honors in junior catcher Carson Harwood and freshman designated player Natalie Coffey. It was Harwood's second straight selection to the second team, while Coffey was one of two freshmen to earn a spot on the 17-player second team.

Earning honorable mention honors for the Rockets were senior infielders Olivia McNulty and Kaylee Marhefke along with sophomore flex player Carli Baltus.

Kaukauna senior infielder Karly Meredith was named Player of the Year in the conference for the fourth straight season and helped lead the Ghosts to the WIAA Division 1 state title.

### Vogel, Weiss honored by Big East North

A pair of St. Mary Catholic players garnered recognition on the all-Big East North teams.

Senior infielder Emily Vogel and junior outfielder Sammi Weiss were both named to the eight-player second team.

Weiss was a repeat selection on the second team this season, while Vogel earned honorable mention honors a year ago.

Senior pitcher Kiran Sanford, who helped lift Mishicot to the WIAA Division 4 state title, was named the Player of the Year in the conference.

## SOCCER

### Neenah's Wasco named top player in FVA

Rockets senior Mia Wasco was named Player of the Year in the Fox Valley Association after helping lead the Rockets to a third-place finish in the rugged conference.

The midfielder was honored by the conference for the third straight season, notching first-team honors for the second time. She was also a first-team choice as a sophomore, while earning second-team honors last year.

Wasco was one of five midfielders named to the 13-player first team.

Junior forward Annabelle Perry joined Wasco on the first team as one of four forwards selected for the squad.

Senior defender Emily Snider was Neenah's lone second-team honoree, while senior midfielder Hannah Henry and junior defender JB Kennedy were named on the honorable mention list.

### McCauley lone Zephyr honoree in Big East

Sophomore Elizabeth McCauley was named to the honorable mention list for

the all-Big East Conference.

McCauley was the only player for the Zephyrs to earn recognition.

Cora Erickson and Olivia Bahr, both of Cedar Grove-Belgium, were named Offensive Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, respectively, in the conference.

## BASEBALL

### Neenah lands pair of players on first team

The Rockets had two players garner spots on the all-Fox Valley Association first team.

Juniors Mack Krause and Gus Weinholzer each earned spots on the 20-member first team.

Krause, a second-team selection last season as an outfielder, was one of two shortstops named to the first team. He led the Rockets with a .403 batting average overall this season, while collecting two home runs and 13 RBIs.

Weinholzer was one of five outfielders named to the first team and led the Rockets with 13 runs scored and 20 RBIs while batting .313 for the season.

Junior first baseman Cal Juckem was named to the second team, while senior catcher Tyler Fitzgerald and senior third baseman Andrew Carlson were named to the honorable mention list.

Kimberly senior Sawyer Deering was named the Player of the Year in the conference, while Hortonville junior Braylen Brantner earned Pitcher of the Year honors.

### Pirillo, Ernsting lead Zephyrs' selections

Senior outfielder Joe Pirillo and sopho-

more pitcher Jacob Ernsting were named to the nine-player first team in the Big East North.

Both players earned conference recognition for the first time, with Pirillo being one of six unanimous selections for the first team.

Pirillo finished the season with a .444 batting average, with five doubles, a home run and 10 RBIs.

Ernsting allowed just two earned runs in 22 2/3 innings and finished with 25 strikeouts in conference play. He was 3-0 in four starts.

The Zephyrs did not have any second-team honorees but junior catcher Mason Wagner garnered honorable mention honors. Wagner earned second-team honors last season.

Mishicot senior Nolan Sand was named Player of the Year in the conference.

## TENNIS

### Rockets' lineup lands on all-FVA teams

All seven flights for Neenah earned either first or second team all-Fox Valley Association honors.

Neenah was the only school to have all seven flights earn all-FVA recognition.

The Rockets entire singles lineup landed on first team. Senior Carl Hein was the lone No. 1 singles player in the conference to earn a first-team nod, while sophomore Hunter Brown at No. 2 singles, senior Josh Youngwerth at No. 3 singles and senior Seth Vickman at No. 4 singles each shared their first-team spot with another player.

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Neenah's No. 2 doubles team of sophomores Henry Farrell and Luke Grassl joined the singles group on the first team as one of two pairings named to the squad.

Making the second team were senior Andrew Werner and junior Brady Lawatsch at No. 1 doubles and seniors Joe Schultz and Harry Tanger at No. 3 doubles.

## Auth, Miller lead St. Mary Catholic honorees

Senior Wesley Auth and junior Nicholas Miller earned first-team honors at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles slots, respectively, to lead a host of Zephyrs to garner all-Eastern Wisconsin Conference recognition.

Senior No. 4 singles player Gabe Groom earned second-team honors along with the No. 2 doubles team of senior Jack Osland and junior Sean Osland and the No. 3 doubles pairing of senior Dan Harness and sophomore Dominic Todd.

Earning third-team all-conference honors for the Zephyrs were junior Zach Beyer at No. 3 singles and the No. 1 doubles pairing of senior Harry Bergstrom and sophomore Aiden Tines.

St. Mary Catholic was one of two teams in the conference to have all seven flights garner recognition along with Kohler.

## GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

### Gentile headlines host of Rocket honorees

Sophomore Celia Gentile led a wealth of Neenah athletes on the all-Fox Valley Association first team, earning spots in four events.

All-conference honors were based on the finishes at the FVA meet.

Gentile earned first-team honors in all four events she participated in at the meet, placing first in the 100 meters, 200 meters, long jump and triple jump.

Both senior Mazie Olkowski and fresh-

man Emma Severson earned first and second team honors in events. Olkowski was first team in the 3,200 meters and second team in 1,600 meters, while Severson was first team in the shot put and second in the discus.

Neenah also had first-team honorees in three of the four relays.

Brynn Fox, Kristin Manteufel, Janae Rodriguz and Kobi Meyer made up the 400-meter relay team that earned first-team honors, while Fox, Rodriguez, Meyer and Molly Snider were on the first team 800-meter relay squad.

The 3,200-meter relay team also earned first team honors with a foursome of Elsa Gruber, Izzy Mallow, Natalie Willes and Anna Benthien.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Julia Rangel, Elsa Weiland, Snider and Payton Schaefer earned second-team honors.

## Davel, Anderson lead Zephyr honorees

Freshman Ellie Davel earned first-team honors to lead the St. Mary Catholic honors on the all-Big East Conference teams.

Davel was first team in both the 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles, while also picking up second-team honors in the 200 meters.

Senior Nolie Anderson added first-team honors in the discus and picked up honorable mention honors in the shot put.

Senior Lauren Ripley also earned honors in three events, earning second team honors in the 800 meters and honorable mention in the 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters.

The Zephyrs also had a pair of relays earn honorable mention honors. Claire Higgins, Audrey Wanless, Moorea Steckling and Maria Marti made up the 1,600-meter relay squad, while Higgins, Marti, Madeleine Breen and Daphne Dwyer were on the 3,200-meter relay team.

## BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

### Four individuals, relay honored for Neenah

The Rockets all-Fox Valley Association

honorees were led by Ben Donaldson in the 300-meter hurdles and the 1,600-meter relay team of Donaldson, Matt Machacek, Ayden Weisbrod and Rylan Mendoza, with both events earning second-team all-league honors.

All-conference honors were based on the finishes at the FVA meet.

Earning honorable mention honors for the Rockets were Nathan Johnson in the 800 meters, Finn Lettau in the 3,200 meters and Will Kirkman in the shot put.

## GOLF

### Simonson garners first-team recognition

Neenah sophomore Cartyr Simonson made the top team on the all-Fox Valley Association squads.

Simonson, who earned honorable mention honors as a freshman, finished third in the conference with 76.5 points to land one of the five first-team spots. He is the first first-team golfer for Neenah since John Callahan in 2022.

Junior Mason Peitersen and sophomore Carson Seitz each earned spots on the honorable mention with Peitersen missing a second-team spot by one point.

Neenah and Appleton West were the only two schools to have three underclassmen on the all-conference teams.

## Birling represents Zephyr golfers

Junior Wyatt Birling was the lone St. Mary Catholic golfer to earn all-Big East recognition this season.

Birling, who led the Zephyrs at the Big East Conference Meet, garnered a spot on the honorable mention list.

## BOYS LACROSSE

### Neenah lands four on Bay Valley first team

Senior Jackson Brown and junior Hunter Weinke each repeated as first-team all-Bay Valley Conference selections.

Brown was chosen as an attacker for the second straight season after finishing with a team-high 63 points. He tied for

the team lead in goals (39) and assists (24).

Weinke helped anchor the defense for the Rockets, while also chipping in 12 goals and six assists on the season.

Joining the duo on first team was short stick defensive midfielder Ty Laabs and midfielder Drew Green, who joined Brown in scoring 39 goals, while finishing with 50 points.

Earning second-team honors for the Rockets was junior defenseman Reshawn Vaughn, while senior attacker, senior midfielder and senior face-off specialist Cole Fenske earned honorable mention honors.

Senior defenseman Aiden Eckes of Appleton was named Player of the Year in the conference.

## GIRLS LACROSSE

### Neenah lands trio on Bay Valley first team

Three seniors capped their prep careers by earning first-team honors in the Bay Valley Conference.

Attacker Rae Schoultz and defenseman Lillian VandeCorput and Emily Stichman each garnered spots on the 12-member first team.

Schoultz, an honorable mention selection last season, led the Rockets in goals (36), assists (11) and points (47) this season. VandeCorput was a second-team selection last year and along with Stichman anchored a strong Neenah defensive unit.

Senior attacker Savannah Blocksom, senior goalkeeper Elliot Pershing and junior midfielder Ellery Marsh were all named to the second team for the Rockets. Both Blocksom and Pershing were honorable mention selections last season.

Earning honorable mention honors for the Rockets were senior attacker Ellie Hammerschmidt and sophomore defenseman Delilah Hein.

Notre Dame senior Emily Bill was named Player of the Year in the conference.

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# Neenah tennis team knocked off in state semifinals

Neenah News

The Neenah boys tennis team pulled off an upset in the first round of the WIAA Division 1 Team State Tournament but the Rockets were knocked off in the semifinals on Saturday at Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

Neenah, making its 22<sup>nd</sup> appearance at the team state tournament, opened the tournament with a hard-fought 4-3 win defending state runner-up Marquette.

The Rockets, who were seeded fifth to the Hilltoppers fourth seed, posted wins

at the top two flights in both singles and doubles.

Carl Hein scored a 6-1, 6-2 win over Spencer Holly at the No. 1 flight, while Hunter Brown beat Jeff Russell at No. 2 singles. Andrew Werner and Brady Latsch also won in straight sets at No. 1 doubles, earning a 6-2, 6-3 win over Luke McCormick and Jimmy Barry.

At No. 2 doubles, Neenah's Luke Grassl and Henry Farrell won the closest match of the dual meet. The Rocket pairing beat Colin More O'Ferrall and Conrad Red-

den, 7-5, 4-6, 11-9.

Joshua Youngwerth also played a close match at No. 3 singles but lost in a third set to Cole Egelhoff, 3-6, 6-3, 10-7.

It was Neenah's first win at the team state tournament since the Rockets finished as the state runner-up in 2022.

Neenah ran into defending state champion and top seeded Brookfield Central in Saturday's semifinals and were ousted by a 6-1 margin.

Brown collected the only win for the Rockets, topping Noah Weitzer at No. 2

singles, 3-6, 6-2, 10-2.

Seth Vickman also played a close match at No. 4 singles winning the first set against Henry Hyde, but lost the next two in a 1-6, 6-2, 10-7 defeat.

Brookfield Central went on to win the state title for the second straight year with a 5-2 win over second-seeded Middleton.

Neenah remains second behind only Eau Claire Memorial in total appearances at the team state tournament and have posted at least one dual meet in 15 of their 22 trips to Madison.

## Neenah Legion opens season with two losses

The Neenah Post 33 Senior Legion baseball team opened the season with a pair of losses last week.

Neenah dropped a 9-3 decision to Fond du Lac Post 75 Lakers on Wednes-

day and then fell by the identical score the next night against the New London Clippers.

Neenah will travel to Wausau for a doubleheader on Sunday.

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## Kid Scoop Together Funny Fill-In

Ask a family member to give you some nouns, plural nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Write these words to fill in the blanks of this silly story. Then, read it aloud to your family!

### Silly Journal Entry

We came home with many \_\_\_\_\_ memories  
ADJECTIVE  
from our visit to the theme park.

We started by riding the \_\_\_\_\_ boats. We took  
NOUN

lots of photos as we floated down the  
\_\_\_\_\_ canal and through a \_\_\_\_\_  
ADJECTIVE ADJECTIVE

tunnel filled with singing \_\_\_\_\_ animatronics.  
NOUN

Then came the haunted house. My dad began to

\_\_\_\_\_ as we entered the dark hallway. Bats and  
VERB

\_\_\_\_\_ fluttered around us, and a \_\_\_\_\_  
PLURAL NOUN ADJECTIVE

ghost popped out of a dusty \_\_\_\_\_, making  
NOUN

my mom and me \_\_\_\_\_.  
VERB

We decided to ride the huge \_\_\_\_\_ coaster  
NOUN

together. As our train began to \_\_\_\_\_ up the lift  
VERB

hill, we had a great view of the park's colorful

\_\_\_\_\_ and hedges shaped like  
PLURAL NOUN

\_\_\_\_\_. We flew down the first big drop  
PLURAL NOUN

faster than a \_\_\_\_\_! I laughed  
ADJECTIVE NOUN

and screamed at the same time as we swooped around


curving \_\_\_\_\_ and back into the  
PLURAL NOUN

\_\_\_\_\_ station.  
ADJECTIVE


## Journaling

Journaling is like talking to a friend—but on paper!


My grandmother gave me a **journal**. It's a book full of blank pages! What do I do with it?




She said I can write about my day, my thoughts, my feelings, my dreams, or I can even draw pictures!



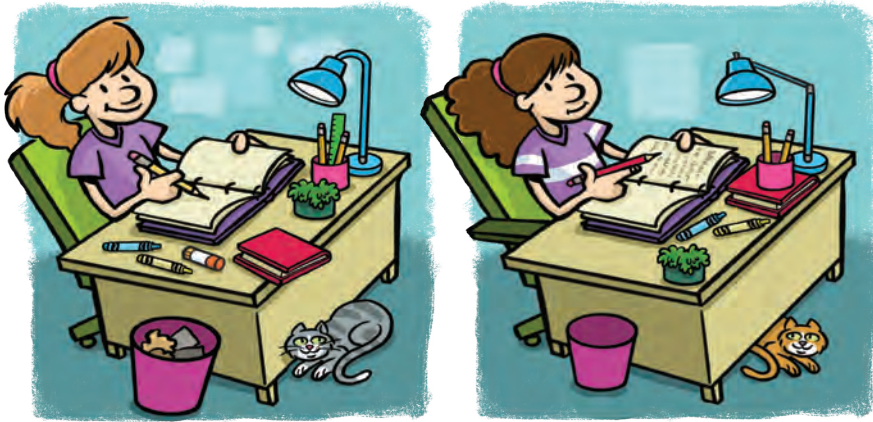
My journal helps me remember fun moments. It helps me understand my feelings. And it's a place to come up with cool ideas, too!



Sometimes when your brain feels full, writing things down can help you feel calm and clear again. Plus, when you get older, you can look back and see how much you've grown!



### Find the differences.



### Journal topic ideas

Three things I am grateful for:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Write about a time you were really surprised.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Replace the missing vowels in Kevin's journal.

I got a B on my m\_th  
+\_st +\_day. Th\_t is  
a b\_g impr\_vement  
aft\_r I got a C- last  
W\_\_k!  
My aunt h\_lped m\_  
last Sund\_y with my  
mult\_plicati\_n tables.  
I think I'll g\_+ an A  
n\_+t week! :-)

Each day, pick a topic to write about. Here are a few examples...



Something fun I want to remember.

Right now I am feeling... I think I'm feeling this way because...

Here's a great idea that I thought of today!

You can use a pad of paper, or staple blank pages together to make a journal.

### Extra! Extra!

### That's Me!

Look through the newspaper for five words that describe you. Write a journal page using each of these words in a sentence about YOU.

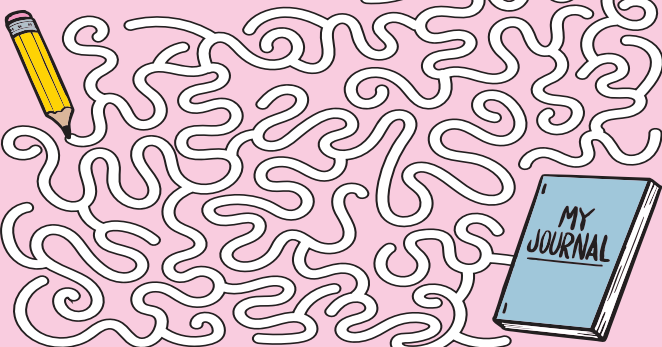
Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Put Pencil to Paper

Connect the paper to the journal.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

- BRAIN
- CALM
- COOL
- DRAW
- FEELING
- FRIEND
- FUN
- GRATEFUL
- IDEAS
- JOURNAL
- PAD
- PAGE
- PAPER
- TOPIC
- WRITE

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

A	C	J	O	U	R	N	A	L	N
N	U	F	W	S	T	S	V	U	F
X	B	E	E	Q	L	A	B	F	R
T	A	G	T	E	G	E	R	E	I
V	O	A	J	I	L	D	A	T	E
M	C	P	W	G	R	I	I	A	N
N	J	A	I	K	L	W	N	R	D
K	R	D	L	C	O	O	L	G	K
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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