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## Road work continues into new school year

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Ongoing road construction projects along Larsen Road near Neenah High School could impact traffic to and from the school into the start of the school year.

A project to reconstruct a portion of the road in the Town of Neenah is proceeding but will not be open to the public as originally planned on the first day of school, which is Tuesday, town clerk Ellen Skerke said.

“It is coming along and starting to look like a road again, so I’m very pleased with the work,” Skerke said. “We’ve had some delays due to private utility work that needed to get done, and they have been delayed in completing their portion, and that in turn is holding up our project.”

The reconstruction project is taking place between the County CB and Oakridge Road roundabout and Clayton Avenue. The road work is expected to im-

prove pavement conditions and safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists, widening the shoulders, adding a trail along the south side of Larsen Road and creating new drainage swales on the north side.

County Road II remains the primary entrance in and out of the school, but Larsen Road is often used as a secondary option when it is open.

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Photo by David Hall

## Season opening win

The high school football season kicked off last week with fans and marching bands back in the stands and game action on the field. On Friday, the Neenah High School football team celebrated a 14-13 season-opening game victory over last year’s Division 1 state runner-up Muskego.

## City takes steps to acquire properties for redevelopment

Community Development backs \$2.3 million in new investments

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

The city’s Community Development Authority (CDA) moved forward with three major property acquisitions Monday, aiming to spur redevelopment and deal with environmental concerns in key corridors.

The first acquisition at 1225 S. Commercial St. next to Auto Zone is the former Trio Refrigeration building, which the city is planning to purchase for \$100,000 using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The property is assessed at \$80,000 and appraised at \$150,000, but

the city negotiated a lower price.

Community Development Director Kelly Nieforth said the property has been vacant for over a year. To the south of the parcel are two city-owned properties.

“We believe that it is a good purchase because it will create a larger developable site where we combine all of the parcels into one and have a larger area for somebody to come and develop,” Nieforth said.

The site’s future could include multi-family housing, offices or retail development. The city plans to issue a request for proposals to developers after the building on the parcel is demolished.

The second acquisition is a warehouse at 135 Millview Drive located near Arrow-

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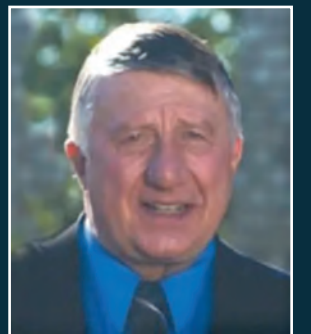
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The vacant building at 1225 S. Commercial St. will be demolished by the city to make way for new development.

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## New wellness, tanning business opening

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Mary Hildebrandt has developed an interest in tanning that she now wants to be able to share with the community by opening a new business.

"I have been an avid tanner since I was roughly 16 years old with my mom who always had a deep love for a good tan," Hildebrandt said. "I have had the luck of being a stay-at-home mom for the last 20 years and providing in-home day care as well."

Hildebrandt is turning her attention next week to opening a comprehensive wellness and tanning center Nourish Your Groove Wellness and Tanning, 794 Winneconne Ave., which is currently Total Tan.

"When the current owner of Total Tan mentioned she was selling, I knew it was my chance to not only save this gem in our city but start a new adventure," Hildebrandt said. "I am so excited to be able to bring this to the community."

Hildebrandt was inspired to not only

honor her mom, who passed away in 2021, but offer customers "the tanning they love so much" along with new services.

The business will offer a full range of services including UV bed tanning, spray tanning, red light therapy, infrared sauna sessions, along with personalized fitness and nutrition coaching.

"Our goal is to provide our neighbors with a welcoming space to prioritize their health and wellness while achieving that perfect glow," said Hildebrandt, who has been certified in personal training and nutrition.

A grand opening event is planned for 6 p.m. Thursday. The event will offer new and existing clients a chance to tour and see the new services, meet the staff and enjoy complimentary kombucha from the kombucha lounge.

Information about the business can be found on Facebook at Nourish Your Groove Wellness and Tanning and Instagram @nygwllnessandtanning.

## Area Labor Day activities scheduled

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The Neenah-Menasha Labor Day parade begins at 10 a.m. Monday at Curtis Reed Square in Menasha. The route continues through to Downtown Neenah.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Labor Fest sponsored by Fox Valley Area Labor Council will follow the parade. Labor Fest is held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Neenah Labor Temple,

157 S. Green Bay Road.

Activities include a corn roast, food, beverages, raffles, paddle wheel, rummage sale, live music featuring classic rock from the 1960s through 1980s by The Time Machine and more. Family-friendly activities include Jake's Jumpers and Awtum the Clown, face painting, slushies, balloons, popcorn and more. Admission is free.

## Neenah-Menasha Intertribal Powwow returns

Neenah News

A celebration of Indigenous culture, community and tradition will be hosted in downtown Neenah.

The eighth annual Neenah-Menasha Intertribal Powwow is slated from 2 to 6

p.m. Sept. 13 at Shattuck Park with a rain location at Boys & Girls Brigade, 109 W. Columbian Ave.

All are welcome to attend in the spirit of connection, learning and community. The event is free and open to the public.



Neenah Historical Society photo

## School teacher

After being widowed at just 31, Jennie Jamison attended the Milwaukee Cooking School and would be hired by the Neenah School District to create and teach the first domestic science courses. Jennie (front, center) is pictured here with her students in 1896.

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### Saturday, Aug. 30

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

Glass Blowing Demo by Mini Glass Works, 9 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee

### Monday, Sept. 1

Labor Day Parade, 10 a.m., Menasha's Curtis Reed Square to Downtown Neenah

Labor Fest, 11 a.m., Neenah Labor Temple, 157 S. Green Bay Road

### Thursday, Sept. 4

Author David Jones Meet and Greet, 4 p.m., Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.

### Friday, Sept. 5

Riverside Players Theater presents Chicago, the Musical, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Saturday, Sept. 6

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

Art Activity Day, 10 a.m., Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Riverside Players Theater presents Chicago, the Musical, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Sunday, Sept. 7

Riverside Players Theater presents Chicago, the Musical, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Tuesday, Sept. 9

Riverside Players Theater presents Chicago the Musical, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Wednesday, Sept. 10

Riverside Players Theater presents Chicago, the Musical, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Thursday, Sept. 11

Brigade Open House, 4 p.m., 109 W. Columbian Ave.

Riverside Players Theater presents Chicago, the Musical, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Friday, Sept. 12

Riverside Players Theater presents Chicago, the Musical, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

### Saturday, Sept. 13

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

Fox Crossing Fire Department Open House, 10 a.m., Fire Station 40, 1326 Cold Spring Road

Fox Valley Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention, 10 a.m., Memorial Park

Antiques Appraisal with Mark Moran, 11 a.m., Neenah Public Library

Author Christine Calhoun Meet and Greet, noon, Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Riverside Players Theater presents Chicago, the Musical, 1 p.m. Riverside Park

Neenah-Menasha Intertribal Powwow, 2 p.m., Shattuck Park

### Tuesday, Sept. 16

Nutman Sale, 10 a.m., ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah

### Wednesday, Sept. 17

Nutman Sale, 9:30 a.m., ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah

### Thursday, Sept. 18

Art After Dark: Renaissance Fair, 5:30 p.m., Bergstrom Museum of Glass

Neenah Neighborhoods: East Wisconsin Avenue, 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

# Riverside Players to present Chicago

Neenah News

The Riverside Players is set to present Chicago, the Musical, a story set in “Roaring Twenties” Chicago.

The production is about chorine Roxie Hart, who murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband, Amos, to take the rap...until he finds out he’s been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another “Merry Murderess,” Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of the “American Dream”: fame, fortune, and acquittal.

This sharp-edged satire features a score that sparked immortal staging by Bob Fosse.

“Bob Fosse’s signature style of dance that is sharp, seductive and stylized is on full display in this show,” said Lauren Kobs, who plays Roxie. “The choreography is a visual spectacle that enhances the storytelling and makes this show any dancer’s dream. It is ultimately a visual treat for experienced performers and audience members alike, as it is not a style many will witness elsewhere. It is a guiding light to this theatrical legend of a show.”

The show is directed by Susan Rabideau, an emeritus professor of communication and theatre arts at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

“Chicago remains one of Broadway’s most iconic musicals, and we’re thrilled to share our own high-quality community production,” said Miki Wise, who plays Velma. “The story’s themes of ambition and corruption resonate just as much today as they did a century ago. That, and all of the fabulous singing, dancing, comedy and drama make it both a thrilling and



Submitted photo

The Riverside Players cast for the upcoming production of Chicago, the Musical includes Lauren Kobs as Roxie Hart, Joel Goodness as Billy Flynn and Miki Wise as Velma Kelly.

timely experience for audiences.”

The approximate run time is 100 minutes with a suggested rating of PG-13.

Show dates are Sept. 5 to Sept. 7 and Sept. 9 to Sept. 13. All shows are at 7 p.m. with the exception of Sept. 13, which is at 1 p.m. Shows take place in the outdoor

park shelter at Riverside Park.

Admission is \$20 and tickets can be purchased through the Neenah Parks & Recreation Department, 211 Walnut St., by calling 920-886-6060 or by visiting [ci.neenah.wi.us/departments/parks-recreation/riverside-players](http://ci.neenah.wi.us/departments/parks-recreation/riverside-players).

## Local author to hold book signing

Neenah News

Local author David Jones will be holding a book signing from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave. in Neenah.

Jones, who lives near Appleton, said all of his books take place in the Fox Valley.



Jones

His new book, No Perfect Wife, is part of his Fox Valley Homicide Series.

Jones said he has another local series, Guardians of Rockport, which is a dystopian thriller set on the shores of Lake Winnebago. The sixth book in that series will be out next month, he said.

Jones is a retired Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI). During his career he conducted hundreds of criminal investigations, counterintelligence and anti-terrorism operations across the globe.

With eight deployments to the Middle East and serving several years in Europe, his writing is shaped by his real-world experience. Since retirement, Jones has served as a Wisconsin chief of police, a university criminal justice program chair and the author of law enforcement training articles and a novelist.

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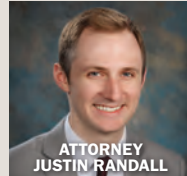
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# Union Star Cheese set to open new downtown store

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Union Star Cheese is preparing to open The Cheese Table in the space that was once home to The Natural Boutique.

Cheesemaker Ethan Nielsen said Union Star is wrapping up construction and expects to open sometime in September, though an exact date has not been set.

The Cheese Table will feature a variety of Union Star and Willow Creek cheeses, along with gourmet cheeses, olive oils, wine, crackers, honey and other specialty items, rounding out the growing mix of food and specialty stores in the area.

“Most of it will be just showcase one and two pound blocks of cheese,” Nielsen said. “We’ll also have a small cut and wrap section for some of those specialty cheeses.”

The store at 125 W. Wisconsin Ave. will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



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A new specialty cheese shop is set to open this September in downtown Neenah.

# Short-term rental rules revised after recent court ruling

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

The city’s rules for short-term rentals, known as tourist housing, are set to change following a recent court decision.

Deputy Director of Community Development Brad Schmidt wrote in a memo to the city’s Plan Commission that in 2017 the city adopted an ordinance requiring that tourist housing properties be the primary residence of the applicant.

“The original intent of the ordinance was to strike a balance between permitting some tourist housing while maintaining reasonable protections for neighborhoods,” he wrote. “The primary residence requirement was included to prevent homes from being used exclusively as

short-term rentals.”

The ordinance aimed to permit limited short-term rentals in neighborhoods without letting them overwhelm local residents’ communities.

“These restrictions have worked well in protecting residential neighborhoods,” he said.

The ordinance faced legal scrutiny when the Wisconsin Realtors Association filed a lawsuit in 2022 over certain requirements. One issue was whether the city could regulate the residency status of tourist housing owners. A Circuit Court judge initially ruled in the city’s favor, but the decision was later overturned on appeal.

Schmidt said that as a result the city

must amend the ordinance to remove the residency requirement. The Community Development Department is reviewing the full tourist housing ordinance and plans to propose additional modifications at a future meeting.



Photo by David Hall

Construction work shown earlier this month at the corner of Larsen Road and Rocket Way is expected to continue into the start of the school year, closing one of the entrances into Neenah High School.

## Larsen Road

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“We do understand that Larsen Road has been a popular entrance and that people will have to plan accordingly,” Skerke said. “It will take them a little bit longer to get to school. I suspect the first week of school will probably be the hardest.”

The roundabout at Wisconsin Highway 76 and Larsen Road also remains under construction and will be closed part of the first month of school. Work on the \$1.7 million project started at the beginning of July, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is expecting the intersection to be closed until at least Sept. 19.

According to WisDOT, the project includes excavation, asphalt paving, laying aggregate, concrete curb and gutter, concrete truck aprons, culvert, storm sewer, lighting, permanent signing and pavement markings.

The project at the intersection could also impact the normal routes drivers take to and from the school, Skerke said.

“The end result is going to be phenomenal, so we just need a little more patience and we understand the impact to the parents, students and staff, we do understand that,” Skerke said. “We want the best final product in the end and with that utility delay we just needed to postpone; we just can’t get in to do our work until they’re finished.”

The town currently expects the Larsen Road project to be finished by Oct. 1.

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# Therapy dog Brie reports for duty with medical examiner's office

By Chris Lusvardi  
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office this week welcomed a special new member to its team.

K9 Brie, a one-year-old Goldendoodle, will be working with Deputy Medical Examiner McKenzie Repinski to respond to calls throughout the county.

Repinski spent a week with Brie earlier this month, and Brie has already responded well to different situations. They've visited events such as the Winnebago County Fair and Fox Crossing Police Department's National Night Out event as part of introductions to the community.

Brie's primary job will be to help bring comfort to people in some of the most tragic and difficult situations as they begin to grieve the loss of a loved one, Repinski said.

"She will be an incredible asset," Repinski said. "Sometimes people don't want to talk to us, but they will sit with a dog. This gives them the time and space they need when they don't want to talk. We can give them comfort when they need it."

Brie will support the Medical Examiner's Office as well as police officers throughout the county as she brings comfort to individuals, groups and communities impacted by a traumatic event. The therapy dog will work full time at the office and in the community under the care and supervision of her handler. The handler is ultimately responsible for the care, training and wellbeing of the dog.

Outside of the office, K9 Brie will reside at home with Repinski and continue to be socialized with not only her family but the community.

"We think she will do wonderful things," Repinski said. "These situations are hard. She can help bring emotions down. I can't wait to see what she's going to do."

Brie has spent time training with Dawgs at Work in Saukville, completing four good citizen certifications. Executive director Amanda Zavadil said dogs in the program need to meet certain criteria, such as not being shy. She said they would be more of a "Goldilocks" as they're taught socialization and how to be calm even in stressful situations.

"It's all real-world training as they're exposed to everything they will be in their working environment," Zavadil said. "We want to get them in situations so they're 100% prepared."

Not many agencies have trained emo-



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Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz and Deputy Medical Examiner McKenzie Repinski talk about how K9 Brie will be used as a therapy dog in high stress situations.

tional support dogs such as Brie. Zavadil is looking forward to seeing what she can do.

"I couldn't be more proud of her," Zavadil said. "She will have an active role in the community to do good. It's just so incredibly special. We hope to get more dogs placed to help more people."

Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz said the sheriff's office has a similar dog working in the county's jail through its Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) program. He's excited for the new addition, having seen how successful such an asset can be for an agency.

"Now she's here and is going to be here for a long time," Matz said. "She's got a long time ahead of her to make things a little better for everybody."

Matz said the community has stepped up since efforts were announced earlier this summer to raise \$25,000 through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to support Brie. He said additional funding is needed to support her continuing expenses.

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.



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A dog day care will be opening in the former Neenah Animal Shelter at 951 County Road G.

## Former animal shelter to become dog day care

By Bethanie Gengler  
NEENAH NEWS

The building that once housed the Neenah Animal Shelter is getting a new purpose.

Jeffrey Coulthard Jr. of Neenah has purchased the property at 951 County Road G and told the Town of Neenah Plan Commission last week that his daughter is preparing to open a dog day care, with future dog boarding services in the works.

"Basically my daughter wants to run a dog day care out of it and being the building is set up for that, it was kind of ideal," he said. "She wants to down the road possibly do a little bit of boarding, but for now just dog day care."

The animal shelter had operated out of the building since 1962 before moving to a new location at 2475 Progress Court last year. Following the move, the remains of

about 1,000 animals interred at an on-site pet cemetery were excavated and reinterred in a mass burial at Forrest Run Pet Cemetery in Sherwood.

The former animal shelter was listed for sale last year. The parcel was sold on May 7 for \$62,000. It includes 1.74 acres zoned non-residential where the animal shelter operated, and 1.84 acres zoned heavy industrial which is primarily a pond.

The perimeter of the dog day care will be fenced in with 6-foot fencing and some areas with 4-foot fencing for smaller dogs.

A new driveway will be added to the southeast side of the property connecting from Arco Avenue to the existing rear garage.

That area and an area to the side of the building will be used for construction storage, with the existing driveway extended for access to the side.

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# Kimberly-Clark evaluating production changes

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Kimberly-Clark is considering changes that could result in moving some production overseas.

The company said in a statement last week the changes could impact the Neenah Cold Spring Facility.

“Kimberly-Clark is evaluating potential changes to its Kotex supply chain strategy at the Neenah Cold Spring Facility as part of our ongoing efforts to better serve employees, customers and consumers,” the statement from the company’s media re-

lations said. “We are committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to serve the best interests of our employees and the communities we operate in while strengthening our competitiveness and impact.”

The company said the proposed changes do not include job loss but did not provide further details about its plans.

This is the latest in a series of questions raised about the future of the Cold Spring facility and the company’s long-term commitment to operations in Wisconsin.

A similar situation occurred in 2018 when Kimberly-Clark announced plans to close both its Cold Spring and Neenah Nonwovens facilities, which would have eliminated over 600 jobs. The situation at that time was resolved with concessions from the United Steelworkers union and a taxpayer-funded incentive package from the state.

The deal with the state included a \$28 million tax incentive package requiring the company to keep the Cold Spring facility open and retain at least 388 jobs

through 2023.

Despite the agreement to save the Cold Spring facility, the Neenah Nonwovens plant still closed, and 74 employees were laid off in early 2019.

In May, the company announced a \$2 billion investment over the next five years in its North America business, with the building of a new manufacturing mill in Warren, Ohio, serving as a hub for the Northeast and Midwest regions, and expanding a distribution center in Beech Island, South Carolina.



Left: A property at 135 Millview Drive in Neenah’s downtown redevelopment area is slated for transformation, possibly into multifamily housing or a mixed-use development. Right: The former dry cleaner site at 110 W. Cecil St., soon to be acquired by the city for \$1, will undergo environmental remediation and serve as a parking lot for Cranky Pat’s Pizza under a new lease agreement.

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## Property deals

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head Park and the Solaris apartments at a price of \$2.2 million.

The parcel is located in Tax Incremental District 10. The city will use Capital Improvement Project funds to purchase the property next year, and future increment generated in TID 10 will be used to pay the debt obligation

The property, assessed at just under \$1.7 million, was last sold for \$2.2 million on Aug. 4 to JFB RE Holdings 1, an LLC connected to businessman John Bergstrom, according to Wisconsin real estate

transfer records.

Nieforth said the property is seen as a catalyst for downtown growth.

“The site has always been another key acquisition that city staff has looked at,” she said. “So there is an opportunity to purchase the property, and from a city standpoint, it is a lot of money, but it also has the potential to create a lot of increment and value in our community.”

The site is 1.8 acres. Nieforth said that when combined with two other adjacent city owned parcels, the property would be about three acres.

“We believe the purchase of it will allow us to have a nice, large developable site right in our redevelopment area,” she said.

The city has already received interest from developers and will seek proposals to maximize the site’s potential. The Neenah Next Downtown Reimagined Plan calls for a mixed-use development which could include retail, office and multifamily housing.

The third acquisition at 110 W. Cecil St. will be purchased for \$1. City attorney David Rashid said the site was formerly a dry cleaner and has been the subject of lengthy negotiations with the Department of Justice due to contamination issues.

The city will work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to secure liability exemptions and ensure proper remediation. The CDA also approved a

parking lot lease agreement with Cranky Pat’s Pizza to use for patrons. Cranky Pat’s will invest up to \$10,000 in capping the site, repaving the parking lot and making environmental improvements. The business will lease the site from the city for \$1 per year under an initial 10-year agreement.

All three acquisitions were approved unanimously, though the purchases will still need to be voted on by the Common Council.

“We’re going to try hard to get these sites going now that we’re getting some larger, developable sites that a developer can actually work with and develop on,” Nieforth said.

## Jobless rate remains steady throughout county

Neenah News

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rates remain the same at 3.1% over the year, while slightly increasing from 3.0% between June and July, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

The preliminary July unemployment rate decreased in one metropolitan area over the month: Sheboygan. Unemployment rates increased in seven metropolitan areas

over the month and stayed the same in the five remaining metropolitan areas. Jobless rates decreased in three metropolitan areas over the year, increased in four metropolitan areas and stayed the same in the six remaining metropolitan areas.

Jobless rates decreased in 11 of Wisconsin’s 35 largest cities over the month, increased in 14 cities and stayed the same in the remaining 10 cities. Rates decreased in 16 cities over the year, while increasing in 15 cities and staying the same in the remaining four cities.

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# Rockets gear up for another tough challenge

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah head football coach Steve Jung liked the way his team controlled the line of scrimmage in its season opener against Muskego last Friday as well as the way they matched the Warriors' physicality.

He also highlighted the game plan and adjustments made by defensive coordinator Nick Braemer as a positive from the contest.

Oh yeah, he was also pretty proud of his group knocking off the defending state runner-ups, 14-13, at Rocket Stadium.

Things don't get any easier for the Rockets this week as Neenah will travel to face second-ranked Arrowhead on Friday night as it looks to go 2-0 in the nonconference season.

"Arrowhead has a lot of speed and they will throw the ball. It's going to be a big test for us," Jung said following a practice earlier this week. "We're going to need to score some points to beat Arrowhead. They are going to provide some different challenges than Muskego did."

The Warhawks rolled up a 53-22 victory over Marquette University, racking up nearly 450 yards of offense, while forcing four turnovers against the Hilltoppers.

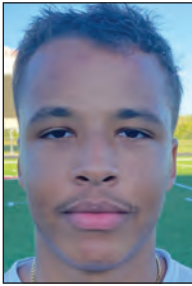
But coming off the win over the Warriors, the Rockets know they can play with the state's best teams.

"We learned a lot against Muskego," senior Matthias Charles said. "Even against tough teams we can work as a team and stay strong. Trust the guys around us to get the job done."

Charles scored both touchdowns in the win for the Rockets and finished with 77 total yards of offense. He caught a 14-yard pass from Ashton Van Beek in the first quarter to get the Rockets on the board, while his 8-yard run in the second quarter provided the winning margin.

Neenah finished with 261 yards of total offense in the game and had the chance to add to its total but couldn't convert a couple of second-half trips into the red zone.

"We just need to execute a little better and not give up opportunities in the red zone," Jung said. "We did a really good job controlling the line of scrimmage. We had opportunities to maybe get four scores and came up with two."



Charles

With the first game under their belts, though, the Rockets expect to be even more crisp against the Warhawks.

"We had some miscues so we are going to fix some things up," said Van Beek. "Make smarter decisions with our throws and runs."

Van Beek was a starting receiver for the Rockets last season, but returned to the quarterback position this season. He played there at the varsity level for the Rockets as a freshman.

Having that varsity experience certainly was a benefit for Van Beek, who threw for 102 yards and a score, while also rushing for a team-high 97 yards on 22 carries.

"The experience has helped me get the nerves away," Van Beek said. "Then I can come out on Fridays and play full speed this year."

The Rockets had to replace a number of key players from last year's squad but Jung was pleased to see how the new faces performed last Friday.

"We lost some big-time players but we picked up where we left off and played really well and I think it gives the confidence we can play as well as last year's team," Jung said. "We had some kids step up and play for us and were really good. I think they watched some of our past players play well and now they are looking at it like it's our turn."

A win over Arrowhead would certainly boost that confidence further and the team is focused on entering the FVA slate with two wins under their belts.

"Our first two opponents are really good so if we can beat them, it builds our confidence," Charles said. "We just need to know our calls and get better on that this week, and just take care of every opportunity we get to the fullest."

No matter how Friday's game turns out,

playing this high-level of opponent will prepare the Rockets for when the Kimberlys, Kaukaunas and Appleton Norths pop up on their schedule.

"(Getting two wins) would give us all the confidence in the world," Van Beek said. "All these games do is get us more ready for conference."

After Friday's game, the Rockets will dive into the FVA slate with a trip to Appleton East next Thursday. Neenah's first conference home game will be in Week 4 when it hosts Kaukauna. Neenah, Kaukauna and Kimberly shared the FVA title last season.

## St. Mary Catholic

The Zephyrs also faced a perennial state power in its season opener, but came up short in a 47-14 loss to Amherst.

St. Mary Catholic will look for its first win of the season at home on Friday, when the Zephyrs host Manawa. St. Mary Catholic shut out the Wolves, 30-0, for its lone win of the season last year.

The Wolves lost their season-opener, 14-0, to Pacelli.

The Zephyrs will try to take advantage of a Manawa defense that allowed more than 200 yards on the ground against Pacelli last week. St. Mary Catholic averaged 5.7 yards per carry against the Falcons, with Jacob Ernsting leading the way with 60 yards on 10 carries.

Elliot Reichenbacher had a rushing touchdown in the game for St. Mary Catholic.

Zephyrs' quarterback Maddox Dwyer finished 7-of-16 for 69 yards in the game, while Mason Wagner led the team with three receptions.

The St. Mary Catholic defense was paced by George Voss, who finished with nine tackles, while Reichenbacher, had 5.5, and Wagner and Dominic Osgood each finished with six.

Following Friday's game, the Zephyrs will open up the Eastern Wisconsin Conference slate at Valders.

## Prep roundup

### GOLF

### Quella paces Neenah in a pair of wins

Lilly Quella turned in the low score of the Rocket in a pair of dual meet wins this week.

Quella shot a 45 at Butte des Morts Country Club on Monday as Neenah shot a 197 to finish 20 strokes ahead of Appleton North.

Adrienne Oitzinger and Jordyn Brockman each added rounds of 50, while Alex Guden chipped in a 54.

On Tuesday, Quella secured medalist honors with a score of 46 at Ridgeway as the Rockets bested Oshkosh North, 204-234.

Brockman added a 50 for Neenah and Oitzinger finished with a 51, with Paige Keck rounding out the scoring golfers with a 57.

### Nagel leads Zephyr golfers

Olivia Nagel shared medalist honors with Winneconne's Emma Cegielski as St. Mary Catholic took third among four teams at the Bay South Conference Meet

at Shamrock Heights.

Nagel turned in a round of 47 to lead the Zephyrs.

Martha Peters added a round of 61, while Ainslie Liddy and Kieran Bergstrom added scores of 61 and 68, respectively.

The Zephyrs also finished sixth at a full Bay Conference meet held Tuesday at Golden Sands Golf Club.

The Zephyrs finished with a team score of 227, coming in just six shots behind Winneconne for fifth place among the 10 complete teams.

Nagel led St. Mary Catholic with a round of 47, which placed seventh overall. She was one shot out of earning a top-five finish.

Scarlett Reichenberger added a round of 58 for the Zephyrs followed by Kristen Wautlet with a 59 and Liddy with a 63.

### TENNIS

### Zephyrs sweep way to dual wins

St. Mary Catholic did not drop a set in posting 7-0 wins over both Appleton West and Appleton East earlier this week.

Against East, the No. 1 doubles team

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# Rockets ready to rely on talented hitters for FVA run

Neenah News

Opponents of the Neenah High School girls volleyball team can expect to experience a plethora of spikes raining down on them when they take the court against the Rockets. The only question will be where they are going to come from.

Neenah returns four hitters who tallied at least 100 kills, including two that earned all-Fox Valley Association recognition last season, as the Rockets look to once again contend for a top spot in the talent-rich FVA.

“Our team has all the talent to be successful in the FVA,” commented head coach Nate Leitermann. “These girls play with a chip on their shoulder every day and they will not be satisfied until

they are on top. ... This group is very talented and I know that we are going to make some noise this season.”

The clamor will start at the net where the Rockets bevy of hitters will keep opponents on their toes.

Senior Ella Nigl led the team with 174 kills last season despite not playing in every contest for Neenah, while juniors Lily Romjue (162 kills), Elaina Kramer (148) and Paige Hoelzel (114) are all back after anchoring the attack last season.

Sophomore Leah Oldenburg also saw considerable action as a freshman hitter last season.

Hoelzel, who also paced the team with 89 blocks, was a first-team all-FVA selection last season while Romjue garnered honorable mention accolades.

“We have elite hitters returning. This will make our team very successful and very hard to gameplan for as we are well

rounded at all positions,” Leitermann commented. “This group will improve every day as they are pushing one another to get better. This is a very talented group who loves to play with one another. They are all selfless and want the team to be great.”

Getting the ball to the hitters may be the biggest question mark as the Rockets’ top two setters from last year both graduated.

Leitermann will turn to junior Maddy Lautenschlager – who saw limited action at the varsity last year – sophomore Finley Kelley and freshmen Sena Messner in the role this season and believes that the Rockets won’t skip a beat offensively.

“They are all very talented setters that can take this team to the highest level,” commented Leitermann. “I have full confidence in all of them and no matter who is on the court, I know they can

step in and run an offense.”

One spot that isn’t a question mark for the Rockets will be at libero where senior Ella Lindgren returns for another season.

Lindgren was a second-team all-FVA selection a year ago and led the Rockets with 380 digs.

The Rockets finished in a three-way tie with Kaukauna and Oshkosh West for second place in the FVA last season with Kimberly edging all three for the top spot in the league.

With what Neenah has returning, Leitermann believes that the Rockets could be the ones standing atop another close conference race this season. Neenah last won an FVA title in 2015.

“This season is very promising. We have a lot returners and a lot of girls that want to compete at the highest level,”

SEE **Girls volleyball** ON PAGE 9

# Setter Diekfuss expected to lead new-look Neenah squad

Neenah News

It’s not hard to see the holes that last year’s graduation left in the Neenah boys volleyball team.

The Rockets graduated its top three hitters, all of whom earned all-conference recognition last year, including the Fox Valley Association Player of the Year in Miles Weaver.

Neenah head coach Jake Coenen doesn’t dismiss those losses as being easy to replace but he also knows that the upstart crew he will send to the floor this sea-

son will again be one to watch.

“We understand we won’t replicate the numbers that they put up, however, we believe we will be a more balanced team this season. We have many guys who on any given night can lead us along with being a better defensive team,” commented Coenen. “The exciting aspect of each year is we know we are going to get tested every single match.”

The foundation for this year’s squad will fall on the shoulders of junior setter Cam Diekfuss, who will enter his third year starting at the position for the Rockets.

Diekfuss racked up nearly 800 assists last season and was an honorable men-

tion all-FVA selection – one of only three sophomores to garner all-conference recognition.


“He is a very experienced player who has played a lot of volleyball which allows him to be a great leader for our team this coming season,” Coenen said. “Cam returning for his third year on varsity as a setter is a huge luxury to have. ... Having a player and leader like Miles last year really helped Cam learn to be the player he is now and how he helps lead his teammates this year.”

Junior Trevor Ricketts also begins his third year as a varsity starter who will anchor the net for the Rockets at one of

the middle hitter spots, while sophomore Levi Steckling emerged as a starter at libero midway through last season and will fill a variety of roles this year.


Also returning are seniors Eli Yoder at outside hitter, Sam Printz at middle hitter and Malachi Vang at libero/defensive specialist. Vang missed all of last year because of injury but started at libero as sophomore and will bolster the Rockets’ defense this season.


A trio of players that Coenen will also be expecting contributions from this season are juniors Alex Locke – who saw limited varsity action last season at right-side hitter – Sam Keepers and Colin Martin.



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Sep 11	7:00 PM	@ Reedsville Reedsville Elementary School
Sep 18	7:00 PM	@ Elkhart Lake- Glenbeulah Elkhart Lake – Glenbeulah High School
Sep 30	7:00 PM	Mishicot St. Mary Catholic High School Gym
Oct 2	7:00 PM	@ Kohler Kohler High School
Oct 7	7:00 PM	Manitowoc Lutheran St. Mary Catholic High School Gym
Oct 14	7:00 PM	Lourdes Academy St. Mary Catholic High School Gym
Oct 16	7:00 PM	@ Weyauwega-Fremont Weyauwega-Fremont High School



### NEENAH


Sep 4	7:00 PM	Hortonville Neenah High School
Sep 8	7:00 PM	@ Appleton West Appleton West High School
Sep 16	7:00 PM	@ Oshkosh North Oshkosh North High School
Sep 18	7:00 PM	Oshkosh West Neenah High School
Sep 25	7:00 PM	@ Appleton East Appleton East High School
Sep 30	7:00 PM	@ Fond Du Lac Fond Du Lac High School
Oct 2	7:00 PM	Kaukauna Neenah High School
Oct 9	7:00 PM	Kimberly Neenah High School
Oct 16	7:00 PM	@ Appleton North Appleton North High School

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# St. Mary Catholic will take new-look lineup to the field

Neenah News

With a strong nucleus of returning players, the St. Mary Catholic soccer team has a strong foundation to build around as it once again looks to challenge in the Big East/Eastern Wisconsin Conference this season.

The Zephyrs will have five returning starters to lead the way this season, including senior Zachary Beyer who will once again see the majority time in goal. Beyer allowed less than two goals per game last season for the Zephyrs.

## Girls volleyball

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Leitermann commented. "We have huge goals that we know are achievable. The girls are hungry to be successful and we are very excited to get after it."

### St. Mary Catholic

The Zephyrs will have to replace some key positions from last season but do have a strong nucleus to build around entering the season.

Senior setter Sammi Weiss begins her fourth season playing at the varsity level and led the team in assists a year ago and she will have a pair of familiar hitters on the outside in juniors Autumn Crowe and Luci Nackers. Crowe led the team in kills last season with 233, while Nackers finished with 131.

Head coach Mike Mauritz will be counting on a trio of newcomers to help bolster the hitting corps.

Sophomore Aaron Ruppert is also expected to see action in net for St. Mary Catholic.

Senior Jacob Hall is the top returning goal scorer for the Zephyrs from last year, while juniors Carlos Verhoff, Blayke Daczyke and Alexei Quinonez.

Head coach Michael Kerwin is also expecting contributions from a cast of newcomers, including junior Aiden Tines and sophomores Dylan Brenn, Bryce Heimann and Rhett Probst.

"Overall, we are a young team with a lot of new faces this year mixing with a strong core of returning players," Kerwin com-

mented. "With a young team, we are focusing on improving and growing quickly to be able to play at our potential and compete with many of the tough teams we go up against in the Big East/EWC Conference. For our season to be successful, we will have to rely on and focus on playing as a team and outworking our opponents which I believe we can accomplish."

Senior Bethany Ruppert, who will be one of the team's co-captains along with Weiss, junior Paige Neubauer and sophomore Adele Brennan are all expected to contribute at the net this season. "We have a strong core of returning players that will allow us to be competitive but as we are replacing (some key players from last season), I expect we'll have some growing pains to work through," commented Mauritz. "The key for us is passing and serving so we can maximize our opportunities while reducing the opponents."

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### Neenah

First-year head coach Kevin Baetke inherits a squad that shared the Fox Valley Association title last year and returns some key faces off that squad.

Topping the list of returning players is senior Mason Peitersen, who was a unanimous first-team all-FVA selection last year and voted the Player of the Year in the conference. Petersen leads an explosive offense that was one of the best in the FVA

last season, which includes sophomore Ian Baetke, a second-team all-conference selection last season.

Seniors Trey White and Liam Sieck join Peitersen in the midfield, while senior Ben Mainville returns to anchor the backline for Neenah. Varsity newcomer Owen Pire, a junior, will join Mainville on defense.

Senior Pierce Hanson will be in goal for the Rockets this season and earned a shut-out in the season opener.

"We lost a bunch of key players and experience from last year but the varsity returners (along with some new faces) will all contribute to fill those holes," commented Baetke, who previously coached in the FVA at Oshkosh North. "Despite those losses, we will feature a talented team which should cause a lot of problems for any opponent."

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# Talented Peitersen spearheads Rockets' attack

By Steve Clark  
NEENAH NEWS

Sometimes, things just click. Mason Peitersen had been playing soccer from a young age but spent much of his time as a youth player taking the field as a defender. Prior to the start of his freshman season at Neenah High School, Peitersen transitioned to the midfield where he played on junior varsity as a freshman and split time between varsity and junior varsity as a sophomore.

His first full season at the varsity level as a junior saw him take on an attacking role for the Rockets and his production took off. His playmaking helped fuel Neenah's push to earn a share of the Fox Valley Association title and he was named the Player of the Year in the league.

"It just fit as a midfielder," Peitersen said following Tuesday's 3-0 season-opening win over Menomonee Falls. "I was totally fine as a defender but I just fit as a midfielder and excelled and got going from there."

Once Peitersen started experiencing success, his confidence on the field just soared.

"It just skyrocketed. I was just playing off of instinct and confidence was through the roof," Peitersen said. "I was just trusting in my teammates and working hard every day and showing my talent."

First-year Neenah head coach Kevin Baetke, who was close to the program last season before taking over, saw Peitersen blossoming as a player his junior season.

"Since he found a home in the last year-and-a-half playing in the midfield, he's really flourished," Baetke said. "It was fun watching him in his role last year and I'm counting on him even more so this year."

One of Peitersen's biggest strengths on the field isn't necessarily his elite physical skills.

It's more how he understands the flow of the game, sees things before they happen and has a knack for finding a team-



Mason Peitersen, celebrating after scoring a goal against Menomonee Falls on Tuesday night, is the reigning Player of the Year in the Fox Valley Association and helped the Rockets win a share of the conference title last season.

mate at the perfect time.

"Definitely my awareness (is a strength)," Peitersen said. "Just knowing where everybody is and making the right

pass at the right time."

Peitersen is happy setting up a teammate for goals or starting an attack that leads to Rocket tally, but make no mistake about

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it – there is nothing better than finding the back of the net, too.

"Assists are good, but it always feels better scoring," said Peitersen, who had a nifty header goal in Tuesday's season-opening win. "Scoring, you just get the excitement out."

But whether he scores 50 goals or just one, the only thing truly on Peitersen's mind this season is the Rockets' success.

Neenah is coming off a season when it claimed its 31<sup>st</sup> FVA title – sharing the top spot with Kimberly – and won a regional title before falling in the sectional semi-final to powerhouse Brookfield. Peitersen believes this year's squad can surpass those accomplishments.

"I know, and the team knows, that we can go all the way to state and win it this year," Peitersen said. "We just need to work hard every practice and then come out and show people what we can do."

Neenah hasn't reached the WIAA state tournament since 2019 and last won a state title in 2007.

But the Rockets have played in the state soccer tournament 17 times – the third highest total of appearances among all Wisconsin high schools – and Peitersen said that its special being part of that tradition.

"Ever since I was a little kid I've always wanted to play here and play on that big field. Playing here is such a great experience, being able to step on the field is an honor," said Peitersen, who hopes to play soccer on a collegiate level next year. "There's not much pressure (with the tradition). Just go out and play as hard as you can and show what we can do."

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of Vivie Auth and Adel Schneider led the victory with a perfect 6-0, 6-0 win in their match, while singles players Erin Blaney, Ella Chier and Haile Janssen each dropped only one game in their matches at the top three flights, respectively.

Elsa Rossmeyssl rounded out the four singles wins for the Zephyrs, while Lorelai Miller and Nadia Alexander at No. 2 doubles and Bree Pauly and Kaylee Sommerfeld also won for the Zephyrs.

St. Mary Catholic had a pair of 6-0, 6-0 wins against West with Chier at No. 2 singles and the No. 2 doubles pairing of Miller and Alexander each win without dropping a game.

Blaney at No. 1 singles and Auth and Schneider at No. 2 doubles each dropped only one game, while Janssen at No. 3 singles, Rossmeyssl at No. 4 singles and the No. 3 doubles team of Sommerfeld and Pauly also won for the Zephyrs.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

### Neenah posts three wins at home quad

The Rockets finished 3-1 as hosts of a

season-opening quadrangular meet on Tuesday night at home.

Neenah's lone loss of the night came to Bay Port as the Rockets dropped a 25-19, 25-21 decision to the Pirates.

Neenah would sweep its final three opponents to finish off the night beating Green Bay Notre Dame (30-28, 25-12), Freedom (25-11, 25-19) and Luxemburg-Casco (27-25, 25-21).

The Rockets will travel to the Homestead Invitational beginning on Friday.

## SOCCER

### Rockets open season with shutout win

Pierce Hanson needed to make just two saves to earn the shutout as a strong defensive effort lifted Neenah to a 3-0 win in its season-opener on Tuesday.

Liam Sieck opened the scoring in the first half by knocking in a free kick for the first goal of the season for the team.

The Rockets then got a goal from Trey White, who headed in a pass from Kolton Fleege as Neenah took a 2-0 lead into half-time.

Neenah's final goal came off a header from Mason Peitersen with Miles Hesselthaler picking up the assist.

by one shot.

"Golf is a lot of fun. I really love it," Peitersen said. "It's more than just a hobby, but soccer is still (my favorite sport)."

And that's a problem for the other FVA schools and every team on Neenah's schedule.

"He sees the game very well and everything done isn't flashy, but it's the right move," Baetke said. "Sometimes you don't see it right away but then after the fact, it's like, I see what he was doing now and he is in the right place."



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Neenah junior Hunter Brown controls the ball with a defender on his back during Tuesday night's season-opening 3-0 win over Menomonee Falls.

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Soccer isn't the only sport that Peitersen excels in.

As a member of Neenah's golf team, Peitersen earned honorable mention all-Fox Valley Association honors last spring and helped the Rockets advance to the WIAA Division 1 sectional. He finished tied for 10<sup>th</sup> as an individual at the sectional and missed a playoff spot to go to state

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**Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2025CV000735**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**

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 Last – Jones

To:  
 First – Jaden  
 Middle – Andrew Jones  
 Last – Arguello

Birth Certificate:  
 First – Jaden  
 Middle – Andrew  
 Last – Jones

**IT IS ORDERED:**  
 This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Michael D. Rust  
 Place: 415 Jackson St. Oshkosh, WI 54902, Room 410  
 Date: 09-17-2025  
 Time: 9:45 AM

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LEARNING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD WITH A NEWSPAPER

## Can you save the spaceship Kid Scoop Explorer?

Look through the newspaper and find and cut out a number to glue to each star along the way to an unexplored, hospitable, and friendly planet. If the numbers add up to exactly 72, you have saved the captain, crew, and the Explorer!



### MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN:

We've got trouble. Our ship, *Kid Scoop Explorer*, has only enough fuel to travel **72 hours**. This call for help has been sent out to newspapers on Earth. The crew and I are confident *Kid Scoop* readers will rescue us!



### Captain's Challenge

Choose one page of the newspaper. On that page find and circle one of each of the letters that spell the word "constellation."

Look at the design you have made. What could it be? Give your design a name.

Connect the circled letters like a dot to dot.

Now do the same thing with each of your spelling and/or vocabulary words.

Standards Link: Spelling: Students spell grade-level sight words correctly.

### Alphabet Constellations

Read the above message from the captain. Find each of the letters that spell the word "adventure." Connect the letters with lines. What does your design look like?

### Kid Scoop Together:

#### Make a Scale Model of the Solar System

This activity from NASA explains how to use beads and string to make a model that shows the relative distances between the sun and planets in our solar system. For the full directions go to: [jpl.nasa.gov/edu/resources/lesson-plan/solar-system-bead-activity](http://jpl.nasa.gov/edu/resources/lesson-plan/solar-system-bead-activity)

Start your scale model by cutting a 5.0 meter piece of string and tying the largest "sun" bead to one end using a double knot.

Using the distances in centimeters, measure the distance from the sun on the string to each planet.

Tie a colored bead in place for each planet using a double knot. *Note: The bead colors are rough approximations of the colors of the planets and the sun. However, you can use whatever color of beads you have handy.*

- Sun  
0 cm  
Yellow
- Mercury  
4 cm  
Solid Red
- Venus  
7 cm  
Cream
- Earth  
10 cm  
Clear Blue
- Mars  
15 cm  
Clear Red
- Jupiter  
52 cm  
Orange
- Saturn  
96 cm  
Clear Gold
- Uranus  
192 cm  
Dark Blue
- Neptune  
300 cm  
Light Blue



### Emergency Landing

The *Kid Scoop Explorer* has landed on an unexplored planet. When you open the door of the spaceship, a strange creature greets you.

"Go away!" says the creature. At the same time, it gives you a big hug!

What is going on? As soon as you use the code to learn the name of the planet, you'll understand.

●=A ●=O  
●=C ●=S  
●=M ●=T  
●=N ●=Y

### Open and Shut

Launch yourself into the newspaper and find a word that means the opposite of each of these words:

- over
- cold
- weak
- off
- front
- in
- dark

Standards Link: Vocabulary & Concept Development: Students understand and explain antonyms.

### Extra! Extra!

#### Homonym Search

Homonyms are words that sound the same but mean different things. Look through the newspaper to find a homonym for each of the following words:

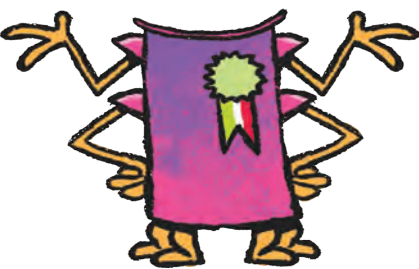
**SUN FOR KNEW TWO SAIL KNOT**

Standards Link: Vocabulary & Concept Development: Students understand homonyms.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Take Me to Your Leader!

Use pictures of people in the newspaper to find and cut out different parts of a person's face. Glue the parts here to create the face of the leader of the planet.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions. Visual Arts: Create collages using a variety of media.

### Double Double Word Search

- CAPTAIN
- CODE
- CREATURE
- CREW
- DESIGN
- DOOR
- FUEL
- HELP
- HUG
- OPEN
- PLANET
- RESCUE
- SEARCH
- SPELL
- SUN

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

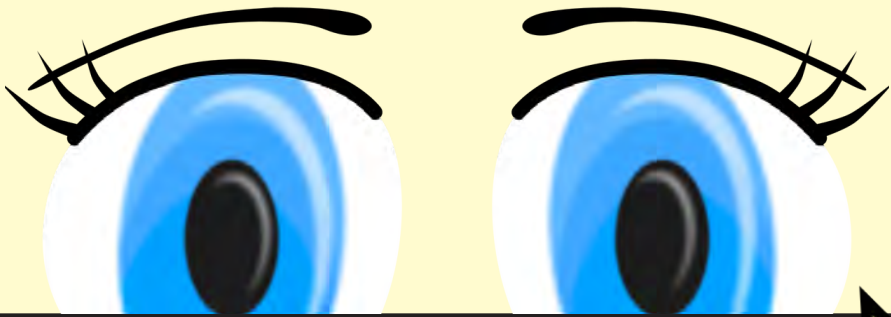
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D	O	O	R	J	R	O	S	H	B
E	Y	P	D	W	J	Y	P	C	C
S	E	L	E	U	C	S	E	R	A
I	U	R	F	N	M	H	L	A	P
G	C	N	G	U	H	K	L	E	T
N	W	C	O	D	E	W	V	S	A
Q	B	T	E	N	A	L	P	Q	I
C	R	E	A	T	U	R	E	J	N

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

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