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City approves development on Doty Island

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Common Council unanimously approved a housing development on Doty Island for ThedaCare Regional Medical Center last week, a project supporters say will help revitalize the community and deal with a critical need for housing.

During a public hearing Oct. 1, residents and local leaders spoke in support of the project, which will convert the former Roosevelt School site at 215 E. Forest Ave. into a 56-unit multi-family housing complex to support ThedaCare's new physician residency program.

"So this is a very good development, and I'm fully in support of it, and believe this is a great development for our community,"

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Housing boom reflects growing demand

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

After several years of modest home construction, Neenah saw a significant increase in new housing units in 2024, according to city data.

A total of 125 housing units were built in 2024, the highest annual number since 2020, when 167 units were added. The bulk of the new construction came from 81 single-family homes and a 48-unit townhome development.

Deputy Director of Community Development Brad Schmidt said the primary driver was the increased supply of newly platted single-family lots, particularly in the Freedom Acres and Homes at Free-

dom Meadows subdivisions north of County Highway G.

"In fact, 90% of all new single-family permits issued in 2024 were in these two subdivisions," he said. "Combined with the city's continued strong demand for single-family housing, the availability of these lots significantly boosted new construction."

As of late last month, the city had approved permits for 76 new single and two-family homes and 16 new multi-family units so far this year. In comparison, 71 units were built in 2023 and 27 units in 2022.

City data shows that multi-family housing and townhomes have played a fluctu-

ating role over the past decade. While 97 units were built in 2021, none were added in 2022. In 2023, a building with 31 multi-family units was added.

In total, the city has added more than 1,300 housing units since 2010, with single-family construction consistently accounting for a large share of annual growth.

Schmidt said the city's Housing Study and Needs Assessment projected a need for approximately 960 additional housing units over the next 10 years.

"Meeting this need requires a range of housing types to serve households with

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Homelessness hits local cities

Coordinator provides insight to housing issues

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Growing up in Neenah and later returning as director of St. Vincent de Paul, Jeremy Pingel has both lived through and witnessed poverty firsthand. Now, as a homeless outreach coordinator for Green Bay, he sees a stark difference in how cities respond to homelessness.

Pingel's commitment to the issue is deeply personal.

"Growing up, it was me and my mom, and we sometimes had a really rough time getting through. We had to rely on services and food share programs and so on to get by," he said. "While I was growing up in Neenah, I didn't know anyone else that was going through that like I was. I'm sure there were, but I thought I was the only one."

With World Homeless Day today, Pingel reflected on what he has learned about supporting people in need, and what communities can achieve when they rethink how they respond to homelessness.

A shift in attitude

Pingel resigned from his position in Neenah in April to take the Green Bay role, where he says the city is taking a collaborative approach to helping residents experiencing homelessness.

"Homelessness here is obviously more visible," he said. "The population's bigger, but the city also recognizes that there are homeless individuals here, whereas Neenah had some legislation that was aimed at the homeless folks."

Neenah passed an ordinance last year that banned camping on city-owned prop-



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Jeremy Pingel, who grew up in Neenah, works as a homeless outreach coordinator for Green Bay.

erty and in rights-of-way in response to complaints about unhoused people camping in front of businesses on South Green Bay Road. More recently, the city installed signs in the bathrooms at city hall prohibiting shaving, bathing or laundering.

Neenah Mayor Jane Lang said in a televised interview in August that during the most recent Point-in-Time homeless count, only two people were identified as

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Fox Crossing clerk takes job in Oshkosh

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Darla Salinas has been hired as the next city clerk in Oshkosh starting next month.

Salinas was recently the Fox Crossing Village Clerk, handling elections, licensing and staff supervision. She previously worked for the Berlin City Attorney's Office as a paralegal and office manager.

Salinas has achieved certification as a Wisconsin Certified Municipal Clerk from the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association, as well as Certified Municipal Clerk certi-



Salinas

fication from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

"I am excited to serve as the Oshkosh City Clerk," said Salinas, who will start the job in Oshkosh on Nov. 4. "Oshkosh is a great community, and I look forward to working with elected officials and city staff to serve the residents and community partners."

Salinas will manage operations within the City Clerk's office, oversee elections, issue city licenses, maintain legislative records for the Oshkosh Common Council and a plethora of other tasks within city hall.

The previous clerk Diane Bartlett retired from the position at the end of August.

Neenah Rotary organizing Pints for Polio

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Neenah Rotary is hosting a fundraising event Pints for Polio in an effort to help eradicate the disease.

The event will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 22 in the Greene Room at Greene's Pour

House, 134 W. Wisconsin Ave. It will feature live music by Typsy Gypsy, along with raffles, food and a cash bar.

For more information and to donate, go to raise.rotary.org/John-Winters/fundraiser.



Neenah Historical Society photo

T.B. Blair Job Printing Circa 1905

T.B. Blair operated his commercial job printing shop out of 210 W. Wisconsin Ave. In addition, Blair served on the board of the Neenah Public Library. He retired in 1926, and his business evolved into what was known as Neenah Printing.

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Friday, Oct. 10

The Hallows: A Haunted Trail Walk, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Park

Six: Teen Edition, 7 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Saturday, Oct. 11

Fox Crossing Electronics Recycling, 8 a.m., Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive

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

Build A Scarecrow, 10:30 a.m., Riverside Park Pavilion

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

Clayton Fire Rescue Open House, 11 a.m., Station 43, 8348 Hickory Ave., Larsen

Meet and Greet Authors Kristin Brelen and Ben Alexander of Death at the Paper Palace, 1 p.m., Lyons Fine Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Six: Teen Edition, 2 and 7 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

The Hallows: A Haunted Trail Walk, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Park

Sunday, Oct. 12

Six: Teen Edition, 2 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Emily Bennett Pop-Up Art Show, 6 p.m., The Ballroom at The Reserve

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Meet and Greet Author David McGlynn of Everything We Could Do, 4 p.m., Lyons Fine Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Emily Bennett Pop-Up Art Show, 6 p.m., The Ballroom at The Reserve

Saturday, Oct. 18

Meet and Greet Author Kimberly Warner of Unfixed: A Memoir of Family, Mystery and the Currents That Carry You Home, 10:30 a.m., Lyons Fine Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Boo Bash, 1 p.m., The Dome

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Trick or Treat Trail, 5 p.m., Fritsch Park

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Senior Dinner Theater, 5:30 p.m., Neenah High School Performing Arts Center

Pints for Polio, 6 p.m., Greene's Pour House - Greene Room

Rocket Players presents Mary Poppins, 7 p.m., Neenah High School Performing Arts Center

Thursday, Oct. 23

Authors Ginny Gillman and Emily Bennett Meet and Greet, 4 p.m., Lyons Fine Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Prohibition and The Temperance Movement in Neenah, 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Rocket Players presents Mary Poppins, 7 p.m., Neenah High School Performing Arts Center

Friday, Oct. 24

Rocket Players presents Mary Poppins, 7 p.m., Neenah High School Performing Arts Center

Saturday, Oct. 25

Craft Fair, 9 a.m., St. Gabriel Parish, 900 Geiger St.

Craft Sale, 9 a.m., Congregational United Church of Christ, 1511 Nicolet Boulevard

Meet and Greet Author Jessica Schwarzbauer of Bilancia Wellness, 11 a.m., Lyons Fine Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.



Photo from ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah

ThedaCare held a mock drill Oct. 2 to enable team members to put their skills into practice to prepare for a potential pediatric mass-casualty event.

ThedaCare drill prepares for pediatric mass-casualty event

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ThedaCare recently practiced its readiness to respond to a pediatric mass-casualty event – by staging one.

ThedaCare coordinated a mass casualty drill on Oct. 2 at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah. It was held in collaboration with local law enforcement and first responder organizations.

The mock exercise featured a simulated bus crash, complete with about 20 Cub Scouts from Pack 3177, Greenville, acting as injured or seriously distressed passengers and about 10 adults serving in similar roles. Kobussen Buses provided the school bus for the exercise.

ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah is pursuing certification as a pediatric-ready emergency department. The recent mock casualty event is part of that process, said Audrey Rosin, a registered nurse and manager of Emergency Services at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah.

The certification is a program under the auspices of the Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for Children, led by the Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin.

"High levels of pediatric readiness in emergency departments are associated with better outcomes for sick or injured children," Rosin said. "This exercise allowed our team members and community collaborators to put their skills into practice while helping build confidence for real-life emergency situations. The exercise helps ensure we are thoroughly ready to meet the unique and varied emergency medicine needs of children."

Hospitals play a critical role in ensuring children receive the highest quality emergency care when they need it most, she explained.

"Children's health needs are unique from adults," Rosin said. "They aren't just small adults, they have physiologic differences that make them more vulnerable in emergencies, such as smaller airways and higher respiratory rates. Our drill served as a reminder that pediatric patients require specific care, different from what we typically provide adults."

Emergency departments across the U.S. typically are designed to treat adults. Many are not fully equipped to care for critically ill or injured children who require specialized care and equipment.

The drill provided an additional opportunity for ThedaCare to confirm its preparedness to care for its youngest emergency department patients, Rosin said. Other steps have included:

- Requiring emergency department nurses and providers to participate in annual pediatric-specific emergency drills.
- Requiring ThedaCare's emergency department registered nurses to take Pediatric Advanced Life Support every two years and an Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course every four years.
- Adding a pediatric emergency care coordinator nurse to ensure pediatric standards of care are met and high quality care is delivered.
- Fundraising to purchase Bedside Buddies – teddy bears given to pediatric patients to provide comfort and anxiety reduction in the emergency department.

"Our pursuit of pediatric-readiness certification is to help ensure that we continue to provide the highest quality care to our patients and people in the communities we serve," Rosin said. "It will also help us as we work to better align with state policies and strive to enhance our overall emergency preparedness."

ThedaCare has submitted its request for certification to the Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin and aims to have the review complete by the end of 2025.

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resident Scott Becher said during the hearing.

Lisa Strandberg, executive director of the local housing and homelessness nonprofit Pillars, also spoke in favor of the project.

"I was very excited to pick up my copy of the Neenah News last week and see a housing project above the fold, very excited for any and all housing, which is exactly what the community and region needs," she said.

Mayor Jane Lang also voiced her approval.

"I have to say that I am thrilled for this moving forward, so I appreciate everyone's support for it," Lang said at the meeting. "I think it will be a very positive thing for our community."

The project is planned in two phases. The first phase includes two townhouse-style buildings, scheduled to break ground this fall and be completed by next summer. The second phase is expected to start in late 2026 and will add two more buildings. Each two-story building will include 14 units with garages, landscaping, stormwater management and off-street parking.

The 100-year-old Roosevelt School permanently closed after the 2022-23 school year as part of the Neenah Joint School District's restructuring plan. Local businessman John Bergstrom and other community members purchased the site for \$1 million in 2022 and donated it to the adjacent ThedaCare.

The 2.2-acre property was razed and turned into green space that remains vacant. Early discussions considered housing on the site, but those plans were set aside after the ThedaStar helicopter began using a new helipad near the Emergency Department entrance in 2023. The helipad and

hangar near the W.G. Bryan Bridge also continue to be used.

Bergstrom said this week that the proximity of the helipad is no longer a concern for the housing development because the property is owned by ThedaCare and the helipad has been in place prior to the development of the new housing. He said prospective residents, who are all medical professionals affiliated with ThedaCare, will be fully aware of the helipad's operations and are accustomed to the demands of emergency care.

Bergstrom said the housing development will be a tremendous addition to the community.

"It's just going to be a wonderful add on, because we're going to have all these smart young doctors here in our community, maybe because they've gone through medical school and now they're going to take the residency program, which is how they're going to specialize," he said. "And I hope a bunch of them, after they finish school, decide they want to stay here."

The housing development will also support ThedaCare's workforce needs and mission to continue providing healthcare to the community.

"We're going to educate young people, and they're going to be talented employees that are going to make the medical care for our community much better and for a longer period of time," Bergstrom said.

He said medical care plays an important role in making the community a great place to live.

"It's one of the absolute keystones, and we have our hospital as a centerpiece for the quality medical care that we provide," he said. "So we have the facility, we have the equipment, and we have the people. So it's a tremendously important part of the quality of life for our valley."

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Chefs face competitive cooking at Farmers Market

By Chris Lusvardi
NEENAH NEWS

Facing the pressure of cooking outside with limited time and supplies, a group of culinary students prepared dishes for a competition Saturday during the Future Neenah Farmers Market.

Seven students in the Local, Sustainable and Organic Cooking class at Fox Valley Technical College were given \$20 to spend in 20 minutes while shopping for ingredients from vendors to prepare risotto and salad. The students in the class are working to earn a Culinary and Baking associate degree.

The three teams had one hour to cook using two small gas burners under the shade of the Shattuck Park Pavillion before judges evaluated the dishes and samples were served to curious onlookers, some of whom had been watching and asking questions as the chefs were preparing their dishes.

"Everything was done on the fly," said Ethan Boehm, who worked on the Chefs To Be team along with Adam Delfosse and Haley Strandberg to win the competition. "We had no time for planning. We had to just come and cook with confidence. The feedback was priceless."

Chef Cody Cottrell of Cannova's Pizzeria and Chef Alex Little of Zuppas Cafe and Catering served as the judges, evaluating the final dishes on the use of mystery ingredients, presentation and overall taste of the dish.



Chefs (from left) Haley Strandberg, Ethan Boehm and Adam Delfosse conferred before starting to shop and cook Saturday at the Future Neenah Farmers Market.

FVTC Culinary Arts Department Chair Mike Balistrieri said the teams, which were randomly chosen, were given two mystery ingredients: honeynut squash and honeycrisp apples. The teams then used the ingredients they had bought from the farmers market vendors ranging from mushrooms to kale and microgreens to put together their dishes.

"It's up to them in this moment to figure

it out," Balistrieri said. "It's a difficult task to judge."

The chefs had to make sure everything got done and the food was ready to serve within the allotted time as Balistrieri cautioned at one point, "Four minutes. You're going to want to seriously think about plating."

Balistrieri has been taking classes to Neenah to hold a Farmers Market Throw-down since 2016. The event provides what Balistrieri said is a fun and memorable learning opportunity for the students.

"It's one of the highlights of the class," Balistrieri said. "The course itself is built around the farm to table movement and



The Fox Valley Technical College students picked out ingredients for risotto and salad from vendors at the Future Neenah Farmers Market.

Chef Alex Little of Zuppas Cafe and Catering and Chef Cody Cottrell of Cannova's Pizzeria sample the dishes that the teams of students prepared for them.

is set up to teach our culinary and baking students how to cook with the seasons and utilize local products in creative and sustainable ways."

The competition came as the Farmers Market is winding down for the season. The last Farmers Market of the year is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon Saturday in Shattuck Park.



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The Cheese Table opens in downtown storefront

By Bethanie Gengler
NEENAH NEWS

Visitors to downtown Neenah have a new reason to smile and say “cheese” with the opening of The Cheese Table this week.

The shop at 125 W. Wisconsin Ave. will celebrate its grand opening Saturday with a ribbon cutting at 9:45 a.m. The event will include opportunities to meet the owners and learn more about the selection of cheeses.

The Cheese Table is owned by Jon and Kelsey Metzger, who also own Union Star Cheese in Zittau and Willow Creek Creamery in Berlin.

The downtown Neenah location is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through

Saturday. The business features a variety of Union Star and Willow Creek cheeses, along with gourmet cheeses, olive oils, wine, crackers, honey and other specialty items.

Cheese monger Jonathan Jensen said future offerings at the shop may include high-end cheese curds and charcuterie boards to go during the Future Neenah summer concert series.

On its second day open earlier this week, the shop saw a steady stream of customers. Jensen said popular offerings include Union Star cheese curds and bloom cheese, a soft cheese similar to cream cheese, which pairs well with jam, honey, hot sauce or smoked salmon.



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Cheese monger Jonathan Jensen offers a sample to shoppers at The Cheese Table, which opened in downtown Neenah this week.



Submitted photo

Educational scavenger hunt

Students from Valor Classical Christian Academy gather outside the Neenah Public Library to complete an American History Scavenger Hunt, locating the various American sculptures and symbols that adorn the downtown area. Their teacher created the activity to underscore the seventh and eighth grade students’ study of history that spans from the first native Americans to the Civil War.



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Housing boom

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different preferences and incomes," he said. "Not every household wants or can afford a large single-family home, while others prefer ownership opportunities over renting."

He added that the city's role is to respond to market conditions and encourage developments that can succeed in Neenah.

"A diverse housing mix supports both attraction of new residents and retention of existing residents seeking alternative options," he said. "While single-family homes remain dominant, demand for rental housing has been strong in recent years, as demonstrated by projects such as 201 West, Solaris on Main, Pendleton Park Apartments and Cobblestone Creek Apartments."

Schmidt said the Future Land Use Map in the city's Comprehensive Plan guides long-term decisions about where housing types are most appropriate. The Zoning Code and Zoning Map regulate what is permitted on specific sites, with zoning changes only allowed if consistent with

the Comprehensive Plan.

"When evaluating a proposal, the city considers several locational factors, including accessibility, impacts on the transportation network, availability of public utilities and compatibility with surrounding land uses," he said. "Together, these tools ensure new housing aligns with the city's broader vision."

For larger multi-family developments, Schmidt said the process typically begins with a neighborhood meeting to introduce the project and gather feedback.

"While neighborhood change can be difficult, early engagement often allows developers to adjust their plans to address concerns," he said. "The Zoning Code also requires buffering measures between more intense uses — such as multi-family or commercial — and existing single-family neighborhoods. On the infrastructure side, the city evaluates capacity and ensures that roadways, utilities and storm-water systems can adequately support new growth."

Looking forward, Schmidt said demand for downtown housing in Neenah is expected to remain strong, driven by the success of projects such as 201 West and Solaris on Main and the overall vibrancy



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Housing growth continues in Neenah with developments like the Bridgewood Luxury Apartments contributing to a recent increase in new units.

of the downtown area. Single-family housing demand is also projected to stay high, but Schmidt said maintaining an adequate supply of lots will remain a challenge because of the costs and risks tied to subdivision development.

"The City of Neenah is willing to explore creative partnerships with developers to help de-risk these projects," Schmidt said, noting a 2020 partnership that helped

make the Freedom Acres and Homes at Freedom Meadows subdivisions possible.

Schmidt said the city also anticipates more infill development on vacant or underused sites within existing neighborhoods. He said such projects can be more cost-effective since infrastructure is already in place and can encourage "missing middle" housing types such as duplexes and townhomes, which can help improve affordability.

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Homeless Day

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homeless in the city. When asked to verify that number, Lang said last week that she was still awaiting official figures from Pillars, the nonprofit that organized and carried out the local count.

Pingel was skeptical of the number, noting that criminalizing homelessness often drives people to hide, making accurate counts difficult.

During his time in Neenah, Pingel said he sometimes allowed people to stay in their cars in the St. Vincent de Paul parking lot, advising them to rotate every couple of nights to other lots, such as Walmart's, to respect property rules and city regulations. He added that the city would occasionally call to check whether individuals had permission to be on the property.

Pingel said he sometimes let homeless people use the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry reception and waiting area as a warming shelter. St. Vincent de Paul also provides food and other supplies to homeless residents.

His role in Green Bay allows him to work within a more coordinated system. The city has dedicated outreach programs, partnerships across departments and resources to tackle homelessness proactively rather than reactively.

"Here I'm able to have a more collaborative effort to try to combat homelessness," he said. "The city's invested. They have two positions that are directed at that, and they're involved with the housing initiatives."

Barriers to housing

Pingel said the need for more housing is clear.

"Housing is always going to be an an-

swer," he said. "There always needs to be more housing; that's always part of it."

But other barriers make it difficult for people to find stable places to live.

"Homeless people, if they get a municipal ticket or a trespassing charge, in some cases, that alone will withhold them from housing opportunities," he said.

Criminal records and past evictions are also a challenge.

"The hardest one is the (sex offender) registry," he said. "They can't get into any types of shelters."

The lack of a year-round homeless shelter in Green Bay is another obstacle. Local shelters only operate from Nov. 1 through April 30, leaving residents without overnight options during the rest of the year.

The homeless population is also aging.

"Our growing population of elderly and disabled folks is the next big event on the horizon," he said. "We're seeing older and older folks with no support systems, with mobility issues, with physical issues, with cognitive issues, out on the streets."

Advocacy and casework

Advocacy is a crucial part of Pingel's job.

"We choose to go with them to as many medical appointments as we can for our folks, just to make sure there's an advocate making sure that the proper things are addressed," he said.

The case coordinators keep small case-loads of about 10 to 12 each to provide individualized support.

"We're meeting people on an individual basis and figuring out the steps that that individual needs to take to get off the streets," he said.



Pingel

Pingel recounted the story of "Jim," an elderly Green Bay man whose name has been changed to protect his identity. Jim retired at age 73 and received Social Security, but a series of medical challenges left him homeless. With no family to support him, he lost his apartment and car during a 14-month stay in hospitals and rehabilitation centers and was released to a shelter with few resources.

"When I came across him, he had absolutely no clue how to be homeless, which was good, because I was just starting and figuring out how to help people that are homeless," Pingel said.

Pingel's support for Jim included helping him keep doctor's appointments and securing the documents he needed to access housing. When the shelter closed, Pingel helped Jim move into a transitional house, but his health soon declined again, and he was hospitalized.

At one point, the hospital prepared to discharge Jim to the streets despite his severe illness and inability to care for himself. Pingel contacted Adult Protective Services, which intervened and required a proper discharge plan. Jim remained in the hospital overnight, and the next day he was diagnosed with a potentially deadly bacterial infection. He spent two weeks in the hospital followed by six weeks in a rehabilitation center.

"But think of the people that I haven't been there for," Pingel said. "I mean, this isn't the only story."

Programs and collaboration

Green Bay's Homeless Response Team (HRT) is one example of innovative collaboration. Pingel explained that when a citizen or officer encounters a homeless person who doesn't require police intervention, they notify the HRT, which is a team of 20-30 members, including Pingel.

Members of the team then respond to see how they can assist them.

"It's cut down on police calls, and it's improved the relationship between the police department and homeless individuals," he said.

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

Stigma and misconceptions

One persistent challenge is the stigma surrounding homelessness. Pingel said that most people do not choose to be homeless.

"Most people are there for a multitude of factors, mental health, substance use, all those things are part of it," he said. "But most of the folks that I come into contact with on the streets don't exactly know what the next step is to get off the street."

Despite the challenges, Pingel remains hopeful.

"Collaboration is the key, and I just want to see more collaboration, less stigma, to improve these communities, the parks, the cities that we're in," he said.

When asked how the public can help, Pingel said it's important to reduce personal stigma.

"I'm not asking you to go find the first homeless person and give them a hug, but some empathy goes a long way; some sympathy goes a long way," he said. "Understand that that person asking you for money probably could use a water or a meal more than that dollar, and then really donate to those services in your community that are really making a difference."



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Defense delivers as Rockets remain unbeaten in FVA

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

There are impressive defensive performances every week around the state on the high school football level.

Then there is what Neenah's unit accomplished last Friday night.

Not only did the Rockets notch their first shutout in 15 games but it came against perennial state powerhouse and state-ranked rival Kimberly in a 7-0 victory. It was the first time the Papermakers failed to score a point in a regular-season game in more than two decades.

"To hold them scoreless and to hold them to 140 yards of offense is a pretty amazing feat considering how talented they are offensive-line wise and with the weapons that they have," Neenah head coach Steve Jung said. "(Defensive coordinator Nick) Braemer does a great job preparing the guys for the schemes they are seeing each week. All

of our defensive coaches are doing a great job developing our players."

The last time Kimberly failed to score in a game was in a 26-0 loss to Appleton North in 2003. The Papermakers went winless that season.

This year, Kimberly – which was ranked seventh in Division I heading into the game – was averaging 37 points per game and had topped the 40-point mark in all four of its previous Fox Valley Association games.

"We kept getting our name called and we kept going out there and had to stay with it," said junior Connor Stuckel, who led the defense with 10.5 tackles, a sack and a forced fumble. "I'm really proud of the way the guys performed."

The win vaulted Neenah into sole possession of first place in the FVA as the Rockets jumped to No. 6 in the rankings.

They will carry that into Friday's home matchup against Fond du Lac, where Jung



Kramp



Stuckel

Week 7 games

Fox Valley Association

(records reflect FVA games)

Fond du Lac (2-3) at Neenah (5-0)

Kimberly (4-1) at Kaukauna (3-2)

Appleton North (4-1) at Appleton East (1-4)

Oshkosh West (1-4) at Hortonville (0-5)

said it's vital that the team avoid a letdown.

"I think that is definitely a concern as we go forward," Jung said. "We've always remained true to ourselves in wanting to go 1-0 all of the time and we will have that as our focus. We know Fond du Lac is a very good football team. ... That's a talented team coming in here. We have to have a great week of practice, we have to have a great game plan and the kids have to be ready to play."

That's certainly what the Rockets' defensive leaders are focused on.

"I think we have to go out there with the same mindset that we did with Kimberly and we have to keep practicing the way we have been," said senior Nate Kramp, who posted five tackles and recovered a fumble against the Papermakers. "It's just got to be hyping each other up. If we aren't talking and communicating on the field, none of us will know what's going on and we won't be able to play to our ability."

Fond du Lac enters the game off of back-to-back wins where the Cardinals scored 35 points in each contest.

They are led by senior running back Mason Henschel, who is nearing 1,000 yards on the season and has eight touchdowns, and sophomore quarterback Eli Michalkiewicz, who has rushed for 359 yards and four scores, while throwing for 254 yards and five touchdowns since taking over as the starter.

The Cardinals also enter the game with the motivation of playing for the postseason. Fond du Lac comes in needing to win its last two regular-season games to automatically qualify or the WIAA playoffs and that will likely give them an added boost.

But Neenah is playing for something, too. "We want to keep that conference title to ourselves. It's one of our biggest goals," Stuckel said. "They are really physical and we know they are playing for a lot. It's going to be a very physical matchup. That's what we have to prepare for the most."

The Cardinals' defense has been solid at times this season, holding five of their seven opponents to 20 points or less, including a shutout win against Appleton East two weeks ago.

But in losses to Kimberly and Kaukauna, Fond du Lac surrendered a combined 85 points and Neenah's offense – which is led by quarterback Ashton VanBeek – will try to exploit that unit.

VanBeek continues his torrid season with 166 yards rushing on 24 carries against Kimberly – including the game's only touchdown – while also throwing for 78 yards. For the season, the junior quarterback topped the 1,000-yard milestone on the ground last week and now has 1,012, while he has also thrown for 663 yards and eight scores.

Neenah's offense continues to be strong in the second half of games, too, outscoring its last four opponents by a combined 55-21 over the final two quarters.

"I think we are mentally strong in the fourth quarter and we have shown that all year," Jung said. "I like that mentality and I think what that shows is the kids have confidence in themselves, they trust each other and they trust their coaches."



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Zephyrs aim to bounce back against talented Brillion

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

One of the goals for the St. Mary Catholic football team this season has been to protect its homefield.

So far, the Zephyrs have accomplished that task – St. Mary Catholic is 3-0 at home so far this season. But the toughest hurdle to complete that goal will come on Friday when Eastern Wisconsin Conference co-leader Brillion comes to Zephyr Field.

“Our (home field) is important to us. Right now, we’re undefeated at home and want to finish the season that way,” St. Mary Catholic head coach Rob Detterman said. “We want to send our seniors out with a win.”

A victory would not only complete an unbeaten home schedule, but would add another piece to the prize for the Zephyrs.

St. Mary Catholic is one victory away from becoming playoff eligible and it would mark the first time since 2002 that a Zephyr program made the WIAA playoffs.

“I really want to win this week – last week on the homefield,” said senior Mason Wagner. “That would be really special.”

The Lions will likely come in with a little extra motivation, too, having suffered their first EWC loss of the season last week against New Holstein.

Brillion features a handful of offensive weapons in its ground-oriented attack and the Zephyrs will need to be ready for an offense that has scored at least 35 points three times this season.

“Brillion is a lot of smash-mouth football. They are going to run the ball, we know that,” senior Elliott Reichenbacher said. “In previous games we’ve struggled stopping the run. But if we just plug the gaps and don’t let them run outside and tackle, I think we have a solid chance to beat Brillion.”

Detterman said the team’s run defense has been good near the end zone but there are concerns with Brillion’s potent attack.

“We have had flashes throughout the year but that is one place we’ve struggled a bit,” Detterman said. “We can stop teams



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Week 7 games

Eastern Wisconsin Conference

(records reflect EWC games)

Brillion (4-1) at St. Mary Catholic (3-2)

New Holstein (4-1) at Kiel (3-2)

Roncalli (4-1) at Valders (2-3)

K/L/C (0-5) at Chilton (1-4)

in the red zone – we do a really good job of that – but between the 20s, we have trouble getting off the field.”

The Zephyrs allowed an average of 6.1 yards per carry in a hard-fought 27-24 overtime loss to Roncalli last week that snapped the team’s three-game win streak.

St. Mary Catholic will have to try to bounce back from that gut-wrenching de-

feat. But the Zephyrs don’t see that as an issue.

“I think it’s a lot easier this year because we know we have it in us,” Wagner said. “We know we have the skill and mindset to win games now and that makes it easier to bounce back.”

Reichenbacher, who rushed for 158 yards and two touchdowns against the Jets and also tied for the team lead in tackles with 9.5, agreed that the team will be ready to go on Friday.

“I don’t think anyone is too stuck on the loss,” Reichenbacher said. “Everyone put every ounce of effort we had to beat Roncalli. They are a good team and we lost in OT to them, but the boys are motivated. They want to beat Brillion.”

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Gruber helps carry on Neenah's running tradition

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Make no mistake about it, Elsa Gruber is not a fan of running.

That hasn't stopped the Neenah senior from having run at the last three WIAA State Cross Country Meets with her teammates as well as being a state qualifier in track and field.

But as much as she isn't big on the physical act, she definitely has her reasons for putting her body through it.

"Surprisingly, it's not the running at all that I like, it's the people," Gruber said before a cross country practice earlier this week. "I don't like putting myself in pain, but for them I will. Any day. Everyone on this team makes me want to show up here every day."

Gruber has been a stalwart on Neenah's cross country team since her freshman season.

She was the Rockets' third finisher at the state meet that first season when the Rockets took 11th overall and then led Neenah with a 20th-place finish as a sophomore when the team finished second in the Division 1 standings.

That set the stage for last year's team to win the state title with Gruber placing seventh overall.

"When I came on the team as a freshman, I really didn't know how good we were. I just kind of showed up," Gruber said. "It was awesome (winning the state title). It was the best team I could have imagined. To be able to bring that home was really cool."

The Rockets have also won the last two Fox Valley Association titles and will go for a third straight championship – and 23rd in the program's history – in a less than a week.

This is when things get a little more intense for all runners and Gruber admits she will be cranking up the focus as conference, sectionals and, likely, the state meet hits.

"For me personally, I start to take it more seriously because I know it matters more,"



Elsa Gruber has been a stalwart on Neenah's girls cross country team having run with the Rockets at the last three state meets.

Gruber said. "I feel like each meet early in the season is more of a personal thing – like, what do you want to achieve personally. And then, when we get to the end, it's less of what we can do personally but what we can bring home for everyone."

Gruber credits her mother for getting her started running cross country in sixth grade.

Well, sort of. "Yeah, I kind of got peer pressured in by my mom," Gruber said with a laugh. "She had always told me that she had run cross

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country and she liked it. I had a lot of fun in middle school but I took it pretty lightly."

Gruber became more serious about the sport when she joined the Neenah program as a freshman mainly because she discovered she had talent.

"I found out I was actually decent, so I stuck with it," Gruber said. "The coaches are great. They are super accommodating and super welcoming for everyone and I have made so many friends here."

Gruber said that she didn't play any other organized sports growing up but she does believe one of her interests has helped her succeed.

After taking ballet classes as a young girl, Gruber discovered Irish dancing when she was seven years old and was hooked. She participated through the Kinsella Dance Studio's space in Neenah and has competed around the world.

"That was definitely where I thrived for a while," Gruber said. "It's a whole different world from running but I think some of my running strength came from that for sure."

Performing as a solo dancer, Gruber said her best finish at a regional competition was second place, while she competed in the world competition in 2021 after finishing 12th at nationals in the Girls U13-A Division.

She said the Kinsella Dance Studio used the same space where she was taking ballet to practice and kept seeing them after her classes.

"I would see the girls there every afternoon and I tried it for a couple of days and was hooked," said Gruber, who stopped competing in dance after her sophomore year at Neenah. "The second I tried Irish

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Zephyrs come up short against state-ranked Lancers

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

There were plenty of moments where St. Mary Catholic stood toe-to-toe with fourth-ranked Manitowoc Lutheran on Tuesday night.

There just weren't enough of them for the Zephyrs to pull out the win.

In a matchup of two teams who were undefeated in the Big East Red Division volleyball standings, it was the Lancers that were able to outlast the Zephyrs 27-25, 25-16, 25-21.

"It was a good match," St. Mary Catholic head coach Mike Mauritz said. "It's disappointing and the kids are disappointed, but we played tough. We battled."

The Zephyrs had a chance to grab a set from the Lancers, rallying from as many as seven points down in the first set.

Luci Nackers served five straight points,

including an ace, as St. Mary Catholic tied the first set at 16 and then later pulled ahead of the Lancers, taking a 22-21 edge for their first lead of the set.

A spike through a block by Nackers and a Manitowoc Lutheran hitting error got the Zephyrs to set point at 24-21, but the Lancers rattled off the next three points to tie the score and eventually pulled out the win.

Mauritz said winning the first set didn't guarantee St. Mary Catholic would have won the match but it certainly could have made a difference.

"Momentum is a big thing and it really flips the confidence," Mauritz said. "If you have some success, it's easier to have more success."

St. Mary Catholic scored the first two points of the second set and then won six of seven points during an early stretch to take an 8-6 lead. An ace by Emmy Weiss

pushed the advantage to 10-7, while the Zephyrs maintained their three-point edge on Adele Brennan's kill that made the score 11-8.

But Manitowoc Lutheran would seize control of the rest of the set. The Lancers ran off eight straight points to take the lead and then – after an ace from Piper Neubauer and a back-row spike by Amber Crowe – had a string of seven straight points to take a 24-15 lead before closing out the set.

St. Mary Catholic never led in the final set but pulled within 14-12 aided by back-to-back kills from Crowe and an ace by Nackers and later had a run of five straight points to pull within a point at 21-20.

The Zephyrs were able to only add one more point – a spike from Brennan, who finished with six kills in the match – as the Lancers were able to secure the victory.

"There are a couple of things we need to do

better," Mauritz said. "We missed a couple of serves tonight which we normally don't, but we were trying to serve more aggressive to take them out of system a little more. Our serve receiver also struggled but (Manitowoc Lutheran) serves tough, which is one of the reasons why they are successful."

Mauritz said there will be plenty to take from this match as the team starts looking ahead to the WIAA Tournament.

The Zephyrs, who were led by Crowe with seven kills and eight digs and Weiss with 13 assists, have a couple more non-conference matches following Saturday's Big East Conference Tournament before the postseason begins.

"I think this match sets the bar for where we need to get to," Mauritz said. "We know where it's set and we know we can play there, now we just have to do it for a whole match."

Prep roundup

TENNIS

Rockets dominate FVA tournament

Neenah made things look very easy against a tough Fox Valley Association tournament field.

The Rockets won conference titles at all seven flights and dropped only one set the entire day as they cruised to their 14th straight conference title and 35th FVA title overall.

Celia Gentile had the most dominant performance of the day for Neenah, winning her three matches at No. 1 singles without dropping a game. The junior posted three straight 6-0, 6-0 wins, the last coming against second-seeded Elise Schreiber in the championship round.

Ella Motto claimed the No. 2 singles title while dropping just one game in three matches, while the No. 1 doubles team of Sydney Michalkiewicz and Rebekah Thomas dropped only two games in three matches, while winning two of the matches by 6-0, 6-0 margins.

Evelyn Buss and Josie Kohlbeck lost only three games over the three matches to win the No. 2 doubles title, while Ava Motto and Cecilia Alexander won three straight-set matches to earn the championship at No. 3 doubles.

Rounding out the singles winners for the Rockets were Rachel Thomas at the No. 3 flight and Lauren McDonald, who dropped the first set of her title match at No. 4 singles but came back to claim a 4-6, 6-3, 11-9 win over Kimberly's Sarah Reider.

Neenah also went 5-0 at the WIAA Division 1 sub-sectional tournament on Tuesday in Manitowoc.

Ella Motto, Rachel Thomas and McDonald in singles and the doubles pairings of Ava Motto and Alexander and Buss and Kohlbeck all won their matches in straight sets.

The top flights, Gentile in singles and Michalkiewicz and Rebekah Thomas in doubles, did not play a match.

All seven flights were set to be in action at Thursday's sectional tournament at the Fox Cities Racquet Club.

Zephyrs have perfect day at sub-sectionals

St. Mary Catholic went 6-0 and all seven flights advanced as the Zephyrs hosted the WIAA Division 2 sub-sectional tournament on Monday.

The Zephyrs' No. 1 doubles team of Vivie Auth and Adel Schneider did not have a match to advance to sectionals.

Singles players, in flight order, Erin

Blaney, Ella Chier, Halle Janssen and Kaylee Sommerfeld each won in straight sets to advance as did the No. 2 doubles team of Nadia Alexander and Lorelai Miller and the No. 3 pairing of Elsa Rossmessl and Bree Pauly.

The sectional tournament was held Wednesday at Kohler; however results were not available by deadline.

GOLF

Neenah takes seventh at sectional

The Rockets shot a team score of 388 to take seventh among the eight teams at the WIAA Division 1 sectional tournament held at Thornberry Creek earlier this week.

Bay Port won the team title with a score of 318, while fellow Fox Valley Association member Hortonville grabbed the second place spot – 14 shots ahead of Kaukauna.

Adrienne Oitzinger led the Rockets with a round of 89, tying for 15th place overall.

Jordyn Brockman was the next Neenah golfer to finish with a 93, followed by Lillian Quella with a 96 and Paige Keck with a 110.

Neenah qualified for the sectional meet after taking fourth at regionals, which was held at Winagamie Golf Course. The Rockets finished with a team score of 386, one shot behind Appleton North.

Quella led the Rockets at regionals with an 89, while Brockman posted a score of 96. Keck and Oitzinger finished with rounds of 100 and 101 to complete Neenah's scoring foursome.

Nagel competes at sectional tourney

St. Mary Catholic senior Olivia Nagel advanced to the WIAA Division 2 sectional tournament on Tuesday where she posted a top-20 finish at Crystal Springs Golf Course.

Nagel tied for 19th overall with a round

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of 100, but fell short of advancing to the state meet.

Nagel earned her spot in the sectional tournament after firing a 95 in the regional meet at Mid-Vallee Golf Course. She finished ninth overall in the field.

St. Mary Catholic finished sixth as a team at the regional tournament with a score of 428.

Scarlett Reichenbacher and Ainslie Liddy carded rounds of 107 and 108, respectively, for the Zephyrs, while Izzy Callan added a 118.

SWIMMING

Mauer, Mulroy pace win for Neenah

Breleigh Maurer and Anna Mulroy each won two individual events as Neenah picked up a 105-76 win over Fond du Lac on Tuesday.

Maurer finished first in both the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard breaststroke, while Mulroy posted her wins in the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle.

Neenah also got wins from Elisabeth Hang in the 50-yard freestyle, Bridgett Bloomhuff in the 100-yard backstroke and Sydney Hansman in diving.

The Rockets also finished first in both

the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays. Mulroy and Sophie Wypiszanski swam on both quartets, with Maurer and Anna Benthein completing the 200-yard freestyle relay team and Bloomhuff and Hang swimming on the 400-yard freestyle relay team.

CROSS COUNTRY

Neenah girls second at Wheaton North

Maddie Schoonover finished first among the No. 5 runners in the field to help Neenah take second at the unique Wheaton North girls invitational held in Warrensville, Ill., on Saturday.

The meet awards points for where each runner on a team finishes compared to the other runners at each lineup spot. Schoonover was the only Rocket to win her flight as Neenah finished with a total of 19 points – four behind Hersey (Ill.)

Sam Zilm at the No. 1 spot and Natalie Willes as the No. 6 runner each finished second, while Izzy Malloy (No. 3) and Natalie Schultz (No. 4) were each third. Elsa Gruber in the No. 2 runner spot added a fourth place as did Elsa Weiland at the No. 7 spot.

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Prep roundup

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Last Thursday, both Neenah girls and boys competed at the Fond du Lac Invitational with the girls finishing first and the boys taking fourth.

The Rockets had four finishers in the top 10 of the girls race with Olivia Landrath taking fourth, Audria Blenker in fifth, Lizzy LaPlant in sixth and Elise Braaten in seventh. Courtney Kain in 12th and Kat Russell in 13th also ran well for Neenah.

The boys were led by Elliott Drake in 10th place, while Gideon Benner finished 12th. Isaac Rangel added a 27th place, with Drew Sabatke and Jacob Maguire rounding out the Neenah scoring runners in 36th and 38th place.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Zephyrs second at invite

St. Mary Catholic finished 4-1 to take sec-

ond place at the Wrightstown Invitational. The Zephyrs posted wins over Menasha, Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Sheboygan South and Seymour, but lost a rematch to Menasha in the final.

Autumn Crowe led the Zephyrs with 20 kills, followed by Adele Brennen with 15 and Luci Nackers with 12. Sammi Weiss finished 32 assists and Emmi Weiss had 29.

Neenah tops Kaukauna

The Rockets rolled past Kaukauna 25-19, 25-21, 25-17 in a Fox Valley Association match last week.

Leah Oldenburg and Lilly Romjue each had six kills in the match for Neenah, with Paige Hoelzel totaling five.

Finley Kelley posted 14 assists and four aces to lead the Rockets, while Ella Lindgren totaled 18 digs in the match.

On Saturday, the Rockets finished 2-2 at their home tournament, posting straight set wins over Appleton East and De Pere, while falling to Stevens Point and Bay Port.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Rockets down Tritons

Sam Keepers and Trevor Ricketts each finished with 10 kills as Neenah downed Green Bay Notre Dame, 25-18, 25-19, 22-25, 26-24 on Tuesday.

Senior Standout

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dancing, ballet was done. “

In addition to her success in cross country, Gruber is also a two-time state qualifier in track and field having competed in La Crosse in the 3,200-meter relay the past two years after earning a trip in the 3,200 meters as a sophomore.

Yet, between the two, cross country remains her preference.

“I love cross country. I like the cold weather, it’s where I thrive, and I like the 5K distance for sure,” said Gruber, who

Colin Martin added eight kills in the win for the Rockets.

Cam Diekfuss finished with 25 assists and 14 digs in the match. Levi Steckling led the team with 23 digs and Sam Printz posted a team-high four blocks in the victory.

would like to run competitively in college but does not have any set plans yet. “I think everyone that does cross country feels like they need to run a marathon so I will probably try that later on, maybe. Running will be a part of my life.”

For now, though, she has a few more cross country races in her Neenah uniform to go and she is focused on making the most of it and enjoy it as much as she can.

Well, maybe not the actual running part. “I get to come here every day after school and talk about whatever. These girls keep me here for sure,” Gruber said. “I wouldn’t say the running part is fun, but the experiences along the way make it worth it.”

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Mystery Animal

1 First Clues

What kind of animal is this? Circle the word you think tells what kind of animal this is:

Fish Reptile Amphibian Bird Mammal

2 Answer these questions to help you decide:

Observations	Yes	No	I don't know
Does it have a backbone?			
Does it have feathers?			
Does it have scales?			
Does it breathe air?			
Does it have fur?			

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

3 Need More Clues?

Read each clue carefully. Find where each of the missing words belongs to complete the clue.

MUSCLES **QUILLS**

FOSSIL **LAND**

BACKBONE **WARM**

It is a _____ animal found in the wild in Europe, Africa and Asia.

This animal has strong muscles that run along its _____ from its head to its tail. When threatened, it uses these _____ to roll into a tight ball, causing its spines to stick out.

This animal is covered with more than 5,000 needle-sharp _____.

This animal is nocturnal—active at night.

_____ evidence shows that these animals have been on the earth for about 15 million years. With their sharp quills, fur and _____ blood, they have changed very little over the centuries.

Can you solve the mystery and figure out what animal I am? Use the clues at left to help you.

13 + 6
PORCUPINE

14 + 17
PIG

12 + 8
MOLE

Which of these animals is a relative of mine? To find out, do the math. The animal whose answer is an even number is a relative.

4 Take a Guess

Now can you guess what kind of animal it is? Use the code to see if you got it right!

□

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SECRET CODE

▴ = A □ = M ★ = S

▾ = D ◻ = N ◻ = T

◻ = L ▾ = R ▾ = W

Now that you know what kind of animal I am, follow the maze. The letters on the correct path spell my name.

5 Making Connections

What do you think of the **hypothesis** (or guess) that some scientists have proposed based on these two observations?

Observation #1: The Mystery Animal sometimes makes a frothy saliva in its mouth and then licks its spines, spreading the saliva all over the spines.

Observation #2: The Mystery Animal can eat some kinds of poisonous plants without harming itself.

Hypothesis: Some scientists think the poison from the plants makes the Mystery Animal even more irritating to predators.

Extra! Extra!

ABC Order

Look through today's newspaper for five or more words that begin with the letter **H**. Cut out these words and glue them onto a piece of paper in ABC order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Quiz a Friend!

Quiz a friend or family member with the following questions. If they don't know the answers, you can use today's Kid Scoop to be the teacher! All the answers can be found on today's Kid Scoop page.

1. The Mystery Animal on today's Kid Scoop page is related to porcupines.

True False

2. The Mystery Animal is nocturnal, which means it:

a. is active during the day.

b. is active at night.

3. Today's Mystery Animal lived 15 millions years ago.

True False

4. The Mystery Animal eats _____ and _____.

5. On which three continents does the Mystery Animal live?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

5. Europe, Africa, Asia
 4. Any three of these: insects, snails, slugs, fruit, frogs, snakes
 3. True
 2. b
 1. False
ANSWERS:

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Demonstrate knowledge by identifying answers in text.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Mysterious 100

Circle three Mystery Animals that add up to 100.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Compute sums to 100.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

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