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Common council approves capital budget

Panel leaves out council chambers remodel

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Common Council carefully went through the 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan during its Sept. 2 meeting, adjusting road projects, facility improvements and new equipment purchases.

Last month, city departments outlined their projects — the streets and water departments had the most — for the next five years. Aldermen then had an opportunity to propose amendments to the plans.

Alderman Tami Erickson made a request to remove a planned council chamber remodeling project from the capital improvement plan at the cost of \$190,000.

Mayor Brian Borchardt added the request to the budget, explaining the council room needed a larger screen people can view it more clearly and to also make the room ADA accessible. The slope in the room is a little steep, making it a challenge for people using wheelchairs and walkers. The project would also allow the city to broadcast its meetings.

“How can you not say this is a vanity project? Why is this something we need to do now?” said Alderman Marc Neuman.

Borchardt said the project would im-

prove room accessibility but also increase transparency by giving the city the ability to broadcast meetings.

“As for why we are doing it now, it fit in with the facilities plan,” he said.

The measure passed and the project was removed from the capital improvement plan.

Alderman Brian Defferding originally presented 14 amendments related to road projects as he tried to free up capital and staff so street upgrades on Congress Street and East Forest Avenue could be completed in 2027.

“These streets are in terrible condition and if there’s anything we can do to move

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Photo from Fox Valley Area Labor Council

Labor Fest

The Fox Valley Labor Day Parade and 43rd Annual Labor Fest took place on Monday. Labor Fest activities at the Labor Temple on Green Bay Road included food and beverages, live music, children’s activities and entertainment, indoor rummage sale and inside/outside snack stands and paddle wheel games and raffles. Donations were collected to support Fox Valley tornado relief efforts.

City of Neenah moves closer to ending Flock Safety contract

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

The City of Neenah is one step closer to ending its contract with Flock Safety.

The Public Services and Safety Committee at a meeting Tuesday approved a motion to end the contract with Flock for the 12 license plate reader cameras the company operates in the city. The Common Council will make the final decision at its Sept. 16 meeting.

At the committee’s Aug. 25 meeting, Police Chief Aaron Olson recommended the city end its contract with Flock. Olson

said he was notified by Sheboygan Police Department’s chief that Flock offered to sell five year’s worth of traffic data that the city’s cameras could record — a violation of Flock’s Master Services agreement.

Olson said Flock helped the police department solve multiple crimes but that the new information led him to recommend the contract be canceled. The contract originally expired in November 2028.

“We turned off our cameras at noon last Friday and once the council approves ending the contract, we will have them

bagged,” he said.

Since late spring, Flock cameras have been discussed on and off at both the Public Services and Safety Committee and the Common Council with dozens of community members speaking against the license plate reading cameras during public comment sessions.

At Tuesday’s meeting, residents again spoke against Flock cameras, expressing relief that they may soon be coming down but expressed concern Neenah might soon jump into an agreement with another automated license plate reader (ALPR)

company.

“Flock lied so much to us. I don’t think ALPR cameras have any place in our community,” said Tanner Mann of Appleton.

Nathaniel Miller of Neenah said he was not frustrated committee and council members took a while to educate themselves on Flock and ALPR technology and that it took them awhile to act.

Rather, “I’m frustrated how we’ve been met. We were portrayed as being a fraction of a fraction of community residents

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FVTC, UWO create business degree transfer agreement

Students pursuing business-related degrees at Fox Valley Technical College now have four new opportunities to continue their education at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh through newly signed articulation agreements.

Designed to streamline the transfer process and maximize earned credits, the agreements establish transfer pathways for graduates of FVTC’s Associate of Applied Science degree programs in Accounting, Finance, Business Management and Marketing.

“Strong articulation agreements remove barriers for students,” said Scott Borley, FVTC Dean of Business and IT. “By aligning our programs with UW-Oshkosh, we’re helping students begin their education at FVTC, transfer efficiently, save time and stay focused on achieving their long-term career goals.”

Under the agreements, students can transfer 60 or more credits into corresponding Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) programs at UW-Oshkosh’s College of Business, Arts and Communication.

Specifically, FVTC Accounting graduates can transfer into UW-Oshkosh’s BBA accounting major, FVTC finance graduates can transfer into the BBA finance major, FVTC business management graduates can transfer into the BBA management major with an entrepreneurship emphasis and FVTC marketing graduates can transfer into the BBA marketing major.

“These agreements take the guesswork out of transferring,” said Joshua Garrison, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at UW–Oshkosh. “Fox Val-

ley graduates can move into a UW–Oshkosh business degree with a clear plan and full credit for the work they’ve done. And the region gains the skilled, local graduates it depends on.”

The new agreements build on a long-standing partnership between FVTC and UW-Oshkosh. The institutions already offer many general transfer pathways as well as program specific pathways for students in aviation management, education, engineering technology, fire and emergency response management, and nursing.

Together the colleges continue to expand opportunities that help students move efficiently from an associate degree to a bachelor’s degree while meeting the workforce needs throughout the region.



Photo from Neenah Historical Society

School days

From the Hoover School scrapbook of principal Blanche Mc Intyre, the first day of school in October 1963.

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Calendar of events

Friday, Sept. 11

Riverside Players Theatre in the Park presents Neil Simon’s Rumors: A Farce, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Saturday, Sept. 12

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
Fox Crossing Fire Department Open House, 10 a.m., Station 40, 1326 Cold Spring Road
Author Tammy Borden of “The Harvest Keeper” Meet and Greet, 10:30 a.m., Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Neenah-Menasha InterTribal Pow Wow, 2 p.m., Shattuck Park
Riverside Players Theatre in the Park presents Neil Simon’s Rumors: A Farce, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Sunday, Sept. 13

Riverside Players Theatre in the Park presents Neil Simon’s Rumors: A Farce, 7 p.m., Riverside Park

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Fox Crossing Grandparents and Me Craft Night, 5:30 p.m., Fox Crossing Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive

Thursday, Sept. 17

Neenah Historical Society presents History of the Neenah-Menasha YMCA, 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Friday, Sept. 18

Neenah Police Benevolent Annual Benefit Concert, 6 p.m., Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort and Hotel

Saturday, Sept. 19

Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
Neenah Parks and Recreation Junk in the Trunk, 8 a.m., City Hall Parking Lot, 211 Walnut St.
Fox Crossing Intergenerational STEAM Workshop, 9 a.m., Fox Crossing Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive
Neenah Animal Shelter Furry Flurry, 10 a.m., Batley’s Grill and Bar
Author Michelle Schneider of “Pollie Patootie” Meet and Greet, 11 a.m., Lyons Books, 127 W. Wisconsin Ave.
JRAAR After Dark: An Evening Market and Community Night Under the Stars, 8 p.m., J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Campfire with the Cops, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Park



Submitted photo

Production underway

Riverside Players opened its production of Neil Simon’s Rumors on Thursday at Riverside Park. Performances continue at 7 p.m. today through Sunday. The comedy production is directed by Laura Frelich.

Fire department hosting open house

Neenah News

The Fox Crossing Fire Department will hold an open house with activities for youth and adults.

The open house will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Station 40, 1326 Cold Spring Road.

Activities include meeting firefighters, emergency vehicle display, junior firefighter course, kids’ inflatables, station tours, live fire demonstration, local resource booths, adult education and face painting.

Free lunch will be available while supplies last.

Fire department offers rides in fire truck

Neenah News

The Town of Neenah Fire Department is offering students a chance to ride to school in a fire truck.

A child’s name can be entered into a drawing for the chance to be picked up at home in a fire truck. Those entering multiple eligible children in kindergarten through fourth grade should complete the form for each child separately.

The third annual event is part of the fire department’s recognition of Fire Prevention Month in October.

For any questions about this activity, contact Fire Chief Dan Osero at FireChief@tn.neenah.wi.gov.

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Nonprofit group formed to support planetarium

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

A new organization has launched to help fund the Barlow Planetarium.

The Future Barlow Foundation recently received its Internal Revenue Service paperwork allowing the organization to accept donations. The foundation’s goal is to help the planetarium become financially self-sufficient to maintain its operations long term.

Rick Beal, the president and treasurer of the Future Barlow Foundation, said when the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh announced it was closing the Fox Cities campus that planetarium supporters began discussing ways to support it. They decided launching a foundation was the best decision.

In July 2025, Winnebago County took over the campus, including the planetarium.

The foundation is working in partnership with NEWSTAR (Northeast Wisconsin Stargazers), said Beal, a member of

NEWSTAR.

“The Barlow needs new equipment and without the new equipment, we can’t have new content,” he said. “The equipment is so old that if something breaks, I don’t know if we can find a part to fix it.”

The foundation’s next steps include finding additional board members, setting up a website that can accept donations and fill out grant applications to earn funds for the planetarium. Beal said the Future Barlow Foundation will also work on a comprehensive fundraising and community engagement strategy, including identifying an experienced consultant who can assist the organization in establishing a sustainable long-term development program.

The foundation plans to hold events to raise awareness. It will host a free public presentation at the Neenah Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2 on the Star of Bethlehem.

Besides Beal, other board members include attorney Kathryn Blom as secretary and Matt Zimmerman as director.

Intertribal powwow to be held in Shattuck Park

Neenah News

The ninth Neenah-Menasha Intertribal Powwow will bring community members together for a special gathering.

The event will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Shattuck Park. It will include an afternoon of culture, community, music and dancing. The event will feature invited drums, a Men’s Fancy Dance Competi-

tion, an All Women’s Competition Dance, Indigenous arts and crafts, food vendors and community organizations.

During intertribal dances, everyone is encouraged to dance by listening to the instructions from the emcee. Participants do not need to be an expert dancer to participate.

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City takes next step in zoning code adjustment

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

Most City of Neenah residents may not think often about zoning, but it plays a role in their daily lives.

“Every house in your neighborhood is set back 25 feet back from the road and you may think it’s coincidence, but it’s actually zoning,” said Brad Schmidt, Neenah’s deputy director of Community Development.

The city is in the process of rewriting its zoning code — the first major rewrite in 50 years. The process began earlier this summer with stakeholder meetings, a public workshop and survey.

Last week, Ben Rohr of Vandewalle & Associates, Inc., which is helping Neenah with rewriting the zoning code, presented a report on key issues and recommendation to the Plan Commission and the Committee of the Whole.

“We are setting the stage and setting the direction for drafting the code,” Rohr said. “We’ve identified key issues, provided recommendations and introduced new policy decisions and approaches that will be evaluated.”

The key issues the city needs to address with the new zoning code include modernizing land uses and creating hybrid zoning codes.

“Right now, with our zoning code, we have a hard time accommodating the missing middle housing, such as duplexes and townhouses,” Schmidt said. “Land in our community is a limited resource so redevelopment will be something we’ll need to pursue.”

The zoning code changes will address multiple issues including promoting infill development and redevelopment, establishing building design and landscaping standards, expand housing opportunities, reform parking standards and overhaul

the sign ordinance.

“We want to reduce ambiguity with the zoning codes and make it more user-friendly,” Rohr said. “The code will provide greater options and choices and help move the city away from conditional use permits.”

The next step is drafting the new zoning districts and preparing the draft zoning code and the draft zoning map. The Vandewalle & Associates team will refine draft ordinances with city staff, plan commission and common council next spring before sharing a draft review of the code next summer with the public. The code should be adopted next fall.

Members of the Plan Commission and city aldermen and Mayor Brian Borchardt commented that they want the new zoning code to be easy for residents and developers to understand.

“When residents ask a question, we want to be able to give an explanation why,” Borchardt said.

Rohr said the changes will be communicated in a way that’s easy for people to understand and there will also be an executive summary and a frequently asked questions section.

“The new zoning code is a living, breathing document and changes can be made,” he said.

Flock cameras

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and that we were astroturfing while at the same time, the salespeople, who came into this community and lied to you, were not met with any skepticism,” he said.

Alderman Scott Weber said he did not recall any public speakers being disrespected and apologized if anyone felt that way.

Alderman Dan Steiner thanked community members who came out and spoke about Flock cameras.

“It takes us a minute to catch up and learn,” he said.

Alderman Brian Defferding voiced his frustration that he was unable to get a mo-

tion on Flock cameras on the committee’s agenda several months ago.

“But I guess it’s easier for staff to get an item on the agenda than an alderman,” Defferding said.

The police department does not plan to look for another company to replace Flock, Olson said. He pointed to Assembly Bill 576, which is being considered by the Wisconsin Legislature. If that bill passes, it will significantly change the regulatory landscape for ALPR technology statewide.

Neenah is just the latest municipality to act against Flock. On Tuesday, Menasha’s city council and Sheboygan voted to end their contracts with Flock, joining Appleton, Winnebago County, Oshkosh, Kaukauna and Grand Chute.

Sheriff’s office to end use of Flock cameras

Neenah News

The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office announced Friday the immediate suspension of all Flock cameras that the agency uses.

“This decision follows recent information obtained that Flock Safety released data in bulk in response to FOIA requests in other states, where public records laws are different than public records laws in Wisconsin,” Sheriff John Matz said in a statement. “Protecting the integrity of investigative data, safeguarding personally identifiable information, and maintaining public trust are paramount for the Sheriff’s Office.”

Flock, a privately owned tech company, has automatic license plate reader cameras in communities across the country. But it has recently been hit with an abundance of criticism over the last few months regarding privacy.

“In light of this recently discovered information, the Sheriff’s Office is conducting an internal review of any investigations that

may have been affected,” Matz said. “We are also evaluating internal security measures to ensure continuity of operations without compromising the privacy of Winnebago County motorists.”

The Sheriff’s Office has also contacted other agencies in the county, all of which are ending their use of Flock. This includes Neenah Police, Menasha Police, Fox Crossing Police, Winneconne Police and the UWO Police Department.

“The Sheriff’s Office is in communication with other partnering agencies to gather additional information,” Matz said. “Pending the outcome of those discussions and our internal assessment, all Flock Safety related services will remain suspended.”

Business news roundup

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for **7 Brew Neenah** was held Tuesday. The drive-thru beverage brand is open at 900 Winneconne Ave. It offers over 20,000 unique drink combinations. The business is known for its upbeat atmosphere, expansive menu and speedy drive-thru times. As part of its opening, local 7 Brew franchisee Tommy Pennington presented a \$1,000 donation to Children’s Wisconsin.

Apple Valley Pancake House has opened a location in Fox Crossing. The business, which is located at 1370 Jacobsen Road, is known for its family restaurant atmosphere. It has been part of the Fox Valley community since 1990 with other locations in Neenah and Appleton.

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School district announces 2026 Hall of Fame selections

By Eric Endres
NEENAH NEWS

Tickets for the 2026 Neenah Joint School District Hall of Fame induction are on sale at the District Administration Building and online.

Six individuals will be honored for their contributions to the district. Those honored will be George Christoph, Lisa Drew, Frank Eparvier, Edward Krause, Lori Shepard and Kevin Wasco. This is the 11th year of the event and brings the total number of members of the Hall of Fame to 67.

The event is set for 9:30 a.m. Oct. 10 at the Bridgewood Conference Center. For the second straight year, the event will feature a brunch. It will be followed by a brief interview with each of the inductees.

Christoph, Class of 1920, was the captain during Neenah's first appearance at the WIAA state boys basketball tournament. He went on to later lead the Rockets to a state tournament appearance as their coach in 1925.

In 1926, Christoph started Neenah's summer recreation program and later went on to serve as the Neenah High School Dean from 1941-1964. Later, he spent 15 years on the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors and was active in the community until he passed away at age 80 in 1981.

While in high school, Drew, Class of 1957, served as president of the thespians group and wrote a regular column for the school paper. She would take that writing experience to a new level as editor-in-chief at Doubleday, later becoming a senior editor at William Morrow and Company and starting her own imprint — Lisa Drew Books.

She co-edited Alex Haley's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Roots: The Saga of an American Family* and books for Barbara Bush and George H.W. Bush. Drew now resides in Greenport, N.Y.

Eparvier, Class of 1982, was a member of computer club and participated in drama productions while in high school. He'd go on to graduate from UW-Madison in 1985 with physics and mathematics degrees and is now a senior research associate at the University of Colorado-Boulder Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics.

He's supported several NASA missions and now has instruments in space collecting data on solar variability and the response of atmospheres to that variability.

A standout in athletics, music and drama while in high school, Krause, Class of 1935, went on to a highly decorated military career. He led 150 paratroopers in the only successful mission of the 82nd Airborne Division during the D-Day Invasion in 1944 and participated in the Battle of the Bulge and the invasion of Sicily, earning a Silver Star and Distinguished Service Cross.

After WWII, Krause led the 1st infantry training regiment in Mobile, Ala. He passed away at age 53 in 1970.

As a member of the Class of 1980, Shepard played three sports and excelled at each, holding the Neenah High School high jump record for over 30 years. She carried that athleticism with her to Taylor University in Indiana, winning the NAAIA high jump national championship and earning a spot in the Taylor University Hall of Fame.

She later served as head coach for the women's track and field team at Vanderbilt

and was the USA head coach at the indoor world championships in 2014. Shepard now works as a personal trainer in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Wasco, Class of 1986, has been a partner and vice-president of Surgical Associates in Neenah since 2002 as a Board-Certified General Surgeon. His career has seen many awards across his decades of experience, most recently last year with the Forward Award from the UW-Madison Department of Surgery.

While in high school, he was a standout

Retired educators to meet in Winneconne

The Winnebago County Retired Educators' Association invites all retired school employees who live in or worked in Winnebago County to their next meeting.

Registration for the meeting starts at 11 a.m. Sept. 17 in the Winneconne Public Library's meeting room. The library is located at 31 S. Second St.

Following a short business meeting at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served at the library at noon. The menu is a welcome back lunch featuring chicken salad with a

on the 1985 state champion soccer team and participated in forensics and Science Olympiad. Last year, Wasco suffered a stroke but is on the road to recovery and working on phase two of his career.

Tickets are \$30 each and will be on sale through Oct. 5. Tickets may be purchased in person at the administration building from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or online through the NJSD website. A fee will apply to online orders. Table sponsorships are also available for purchase through the online ticket link.

fruit, meat and cheese platter.

At approximately 1 p.m. the program will feature Sandy Toland, community engagement librarian from the Oshkosh Public Library, covering the topic of banned books.

In addition, school supplies are being collected for the Teachers' Closet.

Potential new members or visitors are always welcome. Anyone interested may email Lisa at rolson3430@aol.com no later than Monday for more information.

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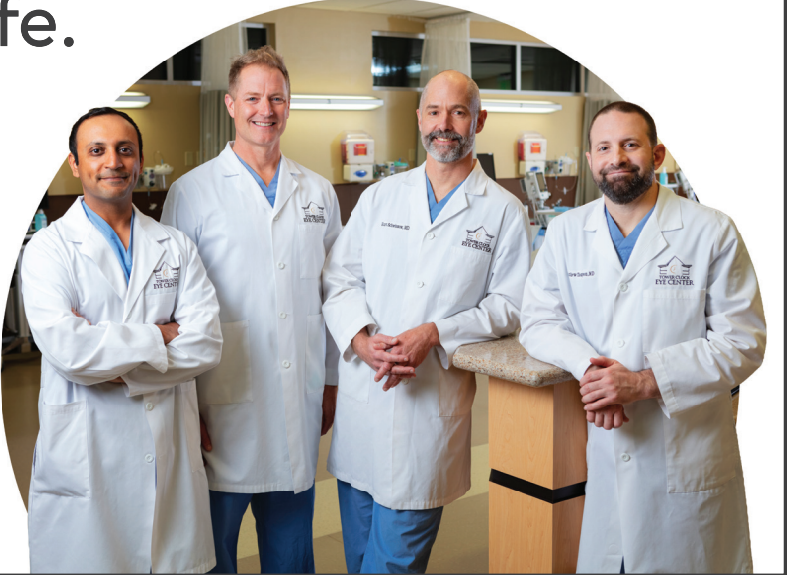
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District seeks community help to keep schools safe

When the Neenah community came together to support our middle school and high school campuses, it was a beautiful testament to what we value most: our children, their education, and our shared future.

Our incredible facilities belong to all of us, and are a point of immense pride for the entire Fox Valley. With such a wonderful, expansive space comes a deeply important responsibility and chief among them is keeping the nearly 4,000 students who learn at our middle school and high school safe and focused.

Lately, we have noticed an increase in community members utilizing our middle school and high school grounds during the school day and after school while our teams are practicing. While we love how much our community appreciates our beautiful campuses, please remember that school grounds are dedicated to student learning and are not open as a public park. While the campuses at both

Neenah students named National Merit semifinalists

Neenah News

Two Neenah High School students are among the students nationwide named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Resa Goethel and Rebekah Thomas have an opportunity to continue in the competition for about 6,700 National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$24 million that will be offered in the spring. More than 16,000 semifinalists were selected to compete in the program. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist



Dr. Steve Harrison
NJSD Superintendent

schools are vast, the spaces are designed entirely for education, student growth and school-sanctioned activities rather than open public recreation.

It is important to remember that our outdoor spaces are used throughout the school day by our students and staff. With that in mind, recent incidents have made clear why enforcing these boundaries is so vital. Staff have frequently had to clean up pet droppings in areas specifically designated for student use.

More critically, last year, our high school had to prepare for a potential secure hold when an individual in hunting attire was spotted near the cross-country trail and

level of the competition. About 95% of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2027 will be announced starting in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join over 395,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

outdoor learning spaces during the school day. Regrettably, we have even experienced individuals using our outdoor educational spaces as personal restrooms.

Beyond the obvious health and security issues, these incidents, along with ongoing vandalism on school property, carry a significant financial burden. Every dollar spent repairing damages, deep-cleaning facilities and addressing preventable safety hazards is a dollar diverted away from classroom instruction.

Over the past two years, the district spent thousands of dollars repairing damage caused by unauthorized vehicles on the high school cross-country course and walking trails. As good stewards of our community's resources, we are committed to eliminating these unnecessary costs for our taxpayers and ensuring our public funds directly support student success.

These safety expectations at our middle school and high school are no different than what is already in place at all of our other schools across the Neenah Joint School District. Just as we maintain secure boundaries at our elementary schools, we must extend those same standard protections to our middle and high school campuses.

To help keep our learning environments secure and predictable, we are working to reinforce these standard access practices

and board policy. Neighbors and visitors will notice clear updated signage outlining district property guidelines in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute § 943.13. Consistent with our practices at every other district facility, all visitors are asked to report directly to the main entrance to check in immediately upon arriving during school hours.

Our goal is not to build a barrier between our schools and the community we love. Rather, we are asking for your helping hand. True school safety is a shared effort that relies on the care and cooperation of the entire Neenah community.

We kindly ask our residents to partner with us by respecting these boundaries. If you are looking for a place to walk your dog, jog or play a pickup game, we encourage you to utilize our city's fantastic public parks rather than our school grounds. Our administrators and local law enforcement partners always prefer conversation over citations, and we are confident that our community will help us maintain the secure environment our kids deserve.

As Rockets, we have a long, proud history of looking out for one another. Thank you for your understanding, and your continued partnership in keeping Neenah Middle School and High School, and all of our district schools, a safe, welcoming place for our students to thrive.

Area unemployment rate remains steady

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area (MSA) and Winnebago County saw their unemployment rate stay the same at 3.3% in July as it was in June but up from 3.1% a year ago, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Preliminary July 2026 unemployment rates increased in one metropolitan area over the month: Appleton. Rates decreased in four metropolitan areas over the month and stayed the same in the remaining eight metropolitan areas. Rates increased in 12 metropolitan areas over the year and stayed the same in one area: Fond du Lac.

Preliminary July 2026 unemployment rates increased in 10 of Wisconsin's largest cities over the month. Rates decreased

in 19 cities over the month and stayed the same in the remaining six cities. Unemployment rates decreased in four cities over the year. Rates increased in 26 cities over the year and stayed the same in the remaining five cities.

Preliminary July 2026 unemployment rates increased in 22 counties over the month. Rates decreased in 25 counties over the month and stayed the same in the remaining 25 counties. Unemployment rates decreased in 10 counties over the year. Rates increased in 51 counties over the year and stayed the same in the remaining 11 counties.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Concert benefits police benevolent association

Neenah News

An upcoming concert will benefit the Neenah Police Benevolent Association. The Fortunate Sons – The Ultimate Tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival (CCR) will perform during the concert. Doors open with general admission seating at 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel, 1000

Cameron Way. The concert starts at 7 p.m. The event supports officers, their families and community initiatives throughout Neenah and the surrounding area.

Admission is a \$20 donation per person at the door the night of the show. Tickets can also be obtained by email at neenah-pba@gmail.com or call 920-967-0676 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday–Thursday.

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Night market features spooky, magical activities

Neenah News

Something strange is coming to Neenah after dark.

J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue (JRAAR) will host JRAAR After Dark: An Evening Market & Community Night Under the Stars from 8 to 11 p.m. Sept. 19 at J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue in Neenah.

Admission is free as JRAAR After Dark invites the community to step into the strange, spooky, magical and creative side of the Fox Valley for a nighttime market unlike the rescue's traditional events.

Guests can expect an evening featuring food trucks, live music and performers, local artists and makers, tarot and oracle readers, crystals and metaphysical

vendors, oddities and handmade goods, spooky and Halloween-inspired creations, ambassador animals from J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue and more surprises throughout the evening.

Whether visitors love fantasy, goth culture, paranormal themes, local art, witchy aesthetics, unusual animals or simply want something different to do on a Saturday night, JRAAR After Dark is designed to bring those interests together in one community event.

"We wanted to create something that feels completely different from a traditional fundraiser," said John Moyles, Director of J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue. "JRAAR After Dark is about giving people a fun place to come together, discover local artists and small businesses, enjoy the strange and unusual, and meet some incredible rescued animals.

At the same time, every person who comes through the door is learning a little more about the work we do for exotic pets in Wisconsin."

The outdoor evening will celebrate community, creativity, small businesses and rescued animals while providing local makers and performers with an opportunity to reach new audiences. The event is family friendly, but organizers say the atmosphere is designed primarily as an older teen and adult nighttime market experience.

JRAAR is inviting local businesses, artists, makers, performers and food vendors that fit the event's strange, spooky, magical or creative atmosphere to get involved.

Those interested in participating can learn more through the JRAAR After Dark Facebook event at facebook.com/events/1057679563340807.



Neenah News

Riverside Park was one of the parks in the City of Neenah that experienced extensive tree damage in the July 27 tornado.

Bergstrom donates \$30,000 to Neenah tree fund

Neenah News

The Bergstrom Automotive Group donated \$30,000 to the City of Neenah to replant trees at Riverside Park following the July 27 tornado.

City staff is placing the funds within the existing Tree Trust Fund.

The trees are expected to be planted

this fall, said Michael Kading, director of Neenah Parks and Recreation. He said anyone interested in supporting tree planting in the city's parks can donate to the Tree Trust Fund.

In four city parks — Doty, Riverside, Fresh Air and Kimberly Point — Neenah lost 120 trees during the tornado.

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Furry Flurry benefits animal shelter

Neenah News

The Neenah Animal Shelter will be holding its Furry Flurry featuring the 16th annual Benefit 2K Walk for Pets.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 19 at Batley's Grill and Bar, 1010 Cameron Way in Neenah.

The price is \$30 for adults and \$10 for children. Lunch is included in ticket pricing.

Activities include a 2K walk with your pet, raffle baskets and 50/50 raffle, vendors, online auction, playground and outdoor games. Participants do not need to be present to win raffle baskets.

Well-behaved, vaccinated pets are welcome to attend.

More information is available at neenahanimalshelter.org/2026-furry-flurry.html.

Reach Counseling planning to host open house

Neenah News

Reach Counseling is holding an open house celebration at its Neenah location.

The event will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at 1509 S. Commercial St. It will include food trucks, drinks, hand-

made items, community connection and more.

A percentage of proceeds from each vendor will be donated back to Reach Counseling, supporting its mission to heal lives and transform communities.

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Sheriff's candidates disagree on ICE, THC during forum

By Jonathan Richie
NEENAH NEWS

The two candidates for sheriff that are currently both working for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office recently shared their views on the position with the public.

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County hosted the candidate forum Sept. 2 at Oshkosh City Hall with Republican Darin Rice and Democrat Jason Rippl.

Voters will go to polls to cast their ballot for several partisan races on Nov. 3, including sheriff. John Matz is not seeking reelection after being sheriff for the last 16 years in Winnebago County.

Rippl currently serves in the patrol division of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office while Rice is the field services captain.

Rice said the sheriff's budget is \$32 million, which is approximately 68% of the

City of Oshkosh's total budget. One of the first topics during the forum that there was a clear disagreement on with the two candidates was the sheriff's contract with the federal government's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The sheriff's department currently has a 287(g) agreement with ICE that puts a detainer on individuals in the Winnebago County Jail.

Rice stated in 2025 the department had over 4,800 bookings into the jail and 17 had ICE detainers placed on an undocumented individual.

"It is a relatively small portion of the people brought into our Winnebago County Jail," Rice said.

"I believe the warrant service officer should remain in place," Rice added about the 287(g) agreement.

Rice said he was not in favor of adding any agreements with ICE. He stated bluntly that he was not in favor of street



Winnebago County Sheriff's candidates Darin Rice (left) and Jason Rippl participated Sept. 2 in a League of Women Voters of Winnebago County forum at Oshkosh City Hall.

level enforcement of immigration agents in the county and did not support turning the county jail into an ICE holding facility.

Rippl disagreed and stated the office involvement in the 287(g) program should end.

"I would end it on day one," Rippl said.

One question posed to the candidates was the possibility of decriminalizing marijuana. Wisconsin remains one of the few states with marijuana prohibition laws in place as states in the region have legalized the substance for medical and recreational purposes.

Rippl called marijuana prevalent and that it can be devastating to young people caught with it.

"To criminalize that and have that crime follow them for the rest of their life isn't necessarily appropriate," Rippl said of young people that get caught with marijuana.

Rice pointed out that the county board is not in favor of decriminalizing marijuana.

"I don't know if decriminalization is a reality that were going to see," Rice said. "Our county board has not been in favor of decriminalization in the past and quite honestly decriminalization would put our local ordinance in conflict with state law."

Rice and Rippl agreed that when children or young people get caught with marijuana there is an opportunity for the deputy to use discretion and possibly not make an arrest and write a ticket and instead have the child's parent handle the situation.

Another issue facing the county is the homeless population. Rice and Rippl were asked about the potential for designating a place for people that are living in their cars to safely park their cars overnight.

Rippl was in favor of the initiative and said there is an opportunity for a pilot program in the county to see what works and what doesn't.

"I think this is a relatively low-cost opportunity," Rippl said.

Rice disagreed and had some concerns with how the staffing worked and questioned if it was effective.

"I don't know if the parking opportunity is the end all be all solution the homeless issue that we have within Winnebago County," Rice said.

The candidates were asked about retention and how they will keep employees at the sheriff's office. Rice said that every time an employee leaves the department, it's the training that Winnebago County has paid for that is walking out the door.

"Retention has been an issue in the past," Rice said. "We made some internal changes and addressed our disciplinary procedures and not have as many full internal investigations occur which helped alleviate some of the stress for the employees."

He added that a coaching mentality was put in place for "simple mistakes."

Rippl countered that leadership is the solution to the retention problem facing the department.

"I think that leadership that focuses on each individual deputy goes a long way to staff retention," Rippl said. "And staff retention is the key to everything."

Dani Falsenik also ran a campaign for sheriff but ended it three days before the forum. As an independent, her name will still appear on the ballots in Winnebago County.

The forum is available to view on the Oshkosh YouTube channel. For more information about what will be on the Nov. 3 ballot, go to myvote.wi.gov.

County budget to be presented Thursday

Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz will share the proposed county budget in two public presentations on Thursday at the Sunnyview Expo Center.

The presentations will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. The same information will be shared at both presentations.

Hintz and county department staff members will discuss their proposed budgets for next year. After Sept. 17, county committees will take a closer look at department budgets, discuss and make changes.

The County Board of Supervisors will approve a final version of the budget this fall.



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Organization recognizes mentorship throughout month

Neenah News

Every September, Big Brothers Bigs Sisters of East Central Wisconsin recognizes the impact of its programming, mentorship and matches during Big Brothers Big Sisters Month.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin (BBBSECW), will kick off its commemoration during Big Brothers Big Sisters Month, celebrating matches at every stage. With a roster of over 540 local volunteers and more than 500 youth served annually across Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet and Waupaca Counties, the impact and breadth of BBBS’s mission is expansive.

These individuals make up the foundational stories that are at the heart of BBBS’s mission.

This September, BBBSECW is shifting perceptions of mentorship and redefining the little everyday moments that can make a big impact on the lives of young people — time already spent going to a movie, sharing a slice of pizza and getting coffee.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin is hosting “Bingo & Burgers” to celebrate current volunteers (Bigs) and engage prospective volunteers. The event will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at Batley’s Grill & Bar 1000 Cameron Way.

BBBS will honor Cherly Sina, a long-term member and advocate for BBBS, with the 2026 Mentor Champion Award. This award is provided each year to a mentor who is an ambassador of BBBS.

Sina has been a significant champion of the BBBS mission, recruiting mentors, participating in events, spreading awareness and advocating for the agency and local youth.

To learn more about becoming a mentor and bridging the gap between people and possibility visit bbbsecw.org/become-a-big or contact Jill Grambow at 920-383-4904 or jgrambow@bbbsecw.org.

Library card sign-up celebration taking place

This September, Neenah Public Library invites patrons to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month and discover how an adventure awaits in every page and every connection.

With a library card, patrons can do more than check out books. From free classes and job resources to homework help, streaming media and cultural events, today’s libraries connect communities to information, inspiration and each other.

An initiative of the American Library Association, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September since 1987 to mark the beginning of the school year, combat illiteracy and encourage communities everywhere to explore all the offerings that having a library card unlocks. Today, thousands of public libraries and schools nationwide participate in the month-long celebration each fall.

This year, the Neenah Public Library provided a reminder that libraries offer something for everyone — no matter their age, background or goals. Whether they’re checking out a classic story or try-

ing something new, finding community at a library program, finding their focus in a study room or enjoying a view with their newspaper, there is something at the library for them, and a library card is the ticket.

At Neenah Public Library, patrons will find:

- Movies and books available the day they are released
- Free passes to local museums and attractions
- Puzzles, crafts, and cake pans to checkout
- Free legal clinics and notary services
- Programs and events for all ages— from storytimes and book clubs to exercise classes and tech help

Getting a library card is free, easy and empowering. For students, it’s a key to academic success. For adults, it’s a gateway to lifelong learning. For everyone, it’s a smart way to stay connected to their community.

Visit the Neenah Public Library or go online at neenahlibrary.org to sign up for a free card.

Library hosting birding walk, workshop

Neenah News

The Neenah Public Library is hosting an all-ages “Birding 101” program presented in partnership with the Winnebago Audubon Society.

Participants will gather at 6 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Shattuck Room for a short workshop covering essential equipment, modern birding apps and tips on how to get

started identifying local feathered friends.

Following the discussion, the group will head outside for a guided birding walk to practice new skills in the natural environment.

Participants are invited to come discover how to identify, enjoy and protect area birds and their habitats through an evening of education and outdoor recreation.

Luedtke wins Fox-Wolf IMPACT Award

Winnebago County farmer Jim Luedtke has received the 2026 Fox-Wolf IMPACT Award.

Luedtke, a fourth-generation farmer just north of Larsen, is a founding member and president of the Muddy Bottom Farmers Producer-Led Watershed Group. He has spent years proving that conservation and productive farming go hand in hand through no-till and cover-crop practices on his NRCS Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farm.

As leader of Muddy Bottoms, Luedtke has helped build culture of farmers learning from farmers, turning real questions into on-farm research that protects the soil and water of the Fox-Wolf Basin.

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Impact Award is presented by the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance to recognize individuals, organizations, businesses and communities that make significant contributions to clean water, conservation and environmental stewardship in the Fox-Wolf River Basin.

Library holding all-staff in-service training this month

Neenah News

The Neenah Public Library will be closed on Sept. 18 for the annual all-staff in-service training.

This year’s sessions will feature staff visits to local libraries, along with training on Microsoft Teams and SharePoint.

The library resumes regular hours at 10 a.m. Sept. 19. Library materials can be returned in the outside book drop at any time.

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City to pay Stantec overage bill for Arrowhead Park work

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah Common Council at its Sept. 2 meeting approved paying Stantec Consulting Services \$66,850 in overage charges for work it completed in Arrowhead Park.

The council tabled the decision at its Aug. 19 meeting, providing time for Community Development Director Kelly Nieforth and City Attorney David Rashid to look at the contract to see if there was a way to get the company to lower its cost.

Neenah originally contracted with Stantec last fall to implement the park's methane plan and oversee necessary soil borings to meet requirements set by the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR required the borings and methane

monitoring because the park sits on a former landfill. The council approved the \$57,350 to complete the project.

Earlier this year, Stantec came back to the city stating the final cost was \$124,200 — an increase of \$66,850.

The company said the higher costs were due to increased requests from the DNR.

Several aldermen asked at the Aug. 19 meeting what would happen if the city declined to pay the increase. Rashid indicated a lawsuit was likely.

Rashid looked at the contract and said there was “no language that gave us a way out. This is something we have to pay. Part of what Director Nieforth and I are working on together is making this a non-repeatable event.”

Nieforth said Stantec already gave the

city a discount on the overage charges and that going forward, the company knows it needs to inform the city that cost overages are happening.

Future contracts will state that explicitly.

The Neenah Common Council delayed a vote at its Aug. 19 meeting on paying cost overruns on environmental monitoring at the Arrowhead Park property.

Stantec said the higher costs were for

several reasons including the DNR requesting a revised PCB sampling plan, a geologist had to spend more time in the field to oversee dike borings and elevated methane reading required additional sampling, which led to more time on site and coordinating and communicating the results with the DNR and city staff.

Nieforth said Stantec originally came back with a higher price, but she was able to get them to lower it to \$66,850.



Nieforth



Rashid

Budget passed

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them up, I want to try,” he said.

Since Defferding kept some of the road projects on the list for 2027, interim Public Works Director Mark Rohloff of McMahon Associates said the city would not have enough capacity to take on the additional work. For example, it would need to hire out some engineering work, which would lead to higher costs.

Rohloff said putting smaller projects together allows the city to get a better overall price, which is why several nearby courts are included in the 2027 plan.

Alderman Flo Bruno said while she understands East Forest Avenue and Congress Street need work, she “doesn’t want to spend money that the city doesn’t have.”

Alderman William Pollnow, Jr. said adding the new roads Freedom Acres subdivision into the capital improvement plan pushed several projects back.

“That was something I warned you about when we discussed that topic,” he said. “Everyone with a bad street that is

now waiting longer to get their street fixed is paying for that decision.”

Defferding also proposed removing several equipment and vehicle purchases from the 2027 capital improvement plan back a year, stating the projects could wait. For example, he said a plan for a new inspection vehicle for Community Development was a “want vs. a need.”

Community Development Director Kelly Nieforth said the current vehicle, a 2018 Ford Focus, was not good for construction sites and is having transmission issues. In the budget, she requested \$35,000 for a small SUV type vehicle but said that did not include the trade-in value from the Focus so the actual price would likely be lower.

“We wanted to invest in it now before having to replace a transmission,” Nieforth said.

The council rejected Defferding’s motion.

Defferding said he introduced the different amendments so the city would not have to borrow as much money.

“We need to make sacrifices for debt management,” he said.

Director’s salary sent back to committee

Neenah News

The Neenah Common Council sent a motion back to the Finance & Personnel Committee to negotiate and extend an offer for the Director of Public Works position with a salary range of \$125,000 to \$140,028.50 during its Sept. 2 meeting.

The salary range is higher than other positions, but Alderman Tami Erickson said it was necessary to help attract and retain high-quality employees.

Alderman Mark Ellis said he hoped the council could put together a plan that shows “respect to other department heads and their employees” when it comes to

their pay.

He said raising the pay for the public works position would lead to “an exodus of staff” as he made the motion to send the proposal back to the Finance & Personnel Committee. A majority of the council agreed with his motion.

Mayor Brian Borchardt said the move would delay hiring a full-time public works director and require the city to spend more funds on using Mark Rohloff from McMahon Associates as the city’s interim director.

“I’m disappointed by this move,” Borchardt said.

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Fleege finds footing leading Rockets’ offensive attack

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Kolton Fleege didn’t hesitate when asked what he likes most about the sport of soccer.

“Scoring goals,” the Neenah High School senior said while flashing a noticeable grin. “It just feels so good to score goals.”

The only thing he doesn’t have is a go-to celebration.

“I think about them a lot,” Fleege said. “But in the moment, it just never happens.”

Fleege has had plenty of opportunities to celebrate finding the net and will likely having a slew more as the 2026 season progresses.

The forward has developed into a staple of Neenah’s offensive attack and has gotten off to a strong start this season.

Through the first four games, Fleege has totaled three goals and has a pair of assists as well and ranks second on the team in points. Last season, Fleege finished second on the team in goals with 10, while sharing the team-lead in assists with six

He was a first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection at forward last year.

In his career, Fleege has scored in just about every way possible and has a simple theory of how he likes to the ball in the net the best.

“However, the ball goes in the goal,” Fleege said before a practice earlier this week. “Scoring one in a really close game is an amazing feeling but (how the goal is scored) doesn’t matter to me.”

As a newcomer to the varsity level last year, Fleege figured to play a role in the Rockets attack but was suddenly thrust into a more prominent role when injuries hit the squad.

Although it was a change of plans, Fleege – who has been playing soccer since age five – adjusted to the new role and immediately found his place.

“Obviously, I had to take a bigger role (with the injuries),” Fleege said. “I just had to step up a lot and it’s helped me this year.”

The experience of last season helped Fleege mature as a player and he has taken on a leadership role for the Rockets this season.

“Most of these guys this is their first time on varsity so I am trying to help them out and still improve my game,” Fleege said. “I have also been a smarter player this year. I used to act on impulse a lot and this year, I think I’m calming down and just playing smarter.”

Fleege also has a new partner in the Rockets attack in junior Ian Baetke, who missed the majority of last year because of injury.



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Neenah senior Kolton Fleege stepped into a key offensive role for the Rockets last season and has carried it over into the 2026 campaign.

The duo has combined for all but two of Neenah’s goals so far this season and are developing into a formidable 1-2 punch that FVA opponents will have to deal with.

“We work really well together up top,” Fleege said. “We are starting to read each

other’s minds almost a little bit. I can always rely on him to score when I can find him or he can dish off to me.”

With the offensive potential the Rockets have, Fleege believes that this group will once again compete with the top teams in

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the FVA – one of the better soccer conferences around the state.

Fleege likes the competition the league provides on a game-in, game-out basis and enjoys the reward provided when Neenah can pull out a win.

“It means more when you win if you beat a quality opponent,” Fleege said. “I think playing in the FVA is great. It helps everyone get better and it makes for some really great games.”

Fleege also believes there is a road beyond the conference season for this group.

A path that could potentially lead to a trip to Uihlein Soccer Complex and the WIAA State Tournament.

“Everyone has the same goal. We have all talked about it before. We just have to take it game-by-game,” Fleege said. “We have to play together as a team and as an offense, we have to score a little more. We can’t leave any goals just sitting on the table.”

Fleege played most of his youth soccer with the Neenah Soccer Club until playing for a couple seasons with the Oshkosh United Soccer Club.

He took to the sport right from the start and humbly admits that even as a youth he had a knack for finding the net.

“Yeah, I think I was pretty good,” Fleege said after a pause. “(Scoring goals) has been pretty natural I feel. Just playing all of these years, it’s just kind of grown with me and I feel like I’m pretty strong.”

Soccer isn’t Fleege’s only sport at Neenah as he also plays a key role on the Rockets’ basketball team.

He averaged 8.7 points per game a year ago and was a second-team all-FVA selection.

“You see the game differently in both sports so that helps,” Fleege said. “If you play only one sport, you see the game only one way. But if you play two sports, you can look at them through two lenses and that helps.”

But it can be a tough transition going from one to the other.

“Once you go to basketball, you haven’t touched a basketball in a while and you kind of have to learn how to play again,” Fleege said. “Same for soccer, too. Basketball is a little bit longer of a season so that’s even a longer time that you’re not playing soccer.”

Fleege always imagined himself don-

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State experience will help bolster lineup for Neenah swimmers

Neenah News

With four athletes returning with state meet experience leading the way, the Neenah High School girls swimming looks to once again make some waves around the Fox Valley Association this season.

Swimming PREVIEW

Head coach Carrie Raeth said that the team will rely on a strong senior class to bolster the lineup heading into the season.

“We have a large senior class that is providing great leadership and motivation,” commented Raeth. “We have better depth and versatility this season and look to place in the top two teams at the con-

ference meet.”

The Rockets have a pair of seniors who participated in the state meet in Sydney Hansman and Breleigh Maurer.

Hansman is the only returning athlete who competed in an individual event at the state meet. She finished 12th in the diving competition in her second trip to the state meet. She finished 18th as a sophomore.

Hansman will lead a stable of divers this season for the Rockets. Fellow seniors Sophia Diaz and Resa Goethel will joining Hansman in diving along with juniors Meredith Buttron and Stella Ratliff and sophomore Nadia Diaz.

Sophia Diaz and Buttron also competed at the sectional meet last season.

Maurer has also competed in the last two state meets as part of relays. She was joined by junior Bridget Bloomhuff and sophomore Elisabeth Hang on the state qualifying 400-yard freestyle relay team that qualified for state last season.

Maurer will also compete in the butterfly and individual medley, while Bloomhuff is a freestyler and Hang excels in both freestyle events and the backstroke. All three posted top seven finishes at sectionals last season.

Freshman Kirsten Brygger is also expected to contribute in the pool this season in the breaststroke, individual medley and butterfly.

“They are a hard-working, cohesive group that will continue to improve and grow each week,” commented Raeth.

Third-set rally sparks Zephyrs to sweep of Panthers

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

After breezing through the first two sets against Reedsville on Tuesday night, things got a little off track for the St. Mary Catholic volleyball team.

The Panthers grabbed the lead early in the set and built a 19-11 advantage causing Zephyrs’ head coach Mike Mauritz to call his second time out of the set.

“He just told us we needed to focus and have a better approach on our side of the net because something wasn’t working,” senior middle hitter Piper Neubauer said. “He was just being encouraging and said we had to focus on us and that we needed to put a ball away.”

Neubauer did just that.

Coming out of the timeout, Neubauer capped off a long rally with a big kill to spark a big comeback as the Zephyrs rallied to take the third set and finish off a 25-13, 25-8, 25-21 victory inside McClone Gymnasium.

“We just had to play better,” Mauritz said. “They served us aggressive and we couldn’t get any swings in. Credit to them, they played really well in that third set. We just got a couple of things going our way and the momentum came back on our side.”

St. Mary Catholic scored 14 of the final 16 points in the third set to finish off the sweep, keeping the Zephyrs’ perfect record intact. Not only did St. Mary Catholic improve to 10-0 on the season, but the Zephyrs have reached that mark without dropping a set.

Mauritz said having to stand tall in the third set and overcome the adversity is something he was pleased to see his team accomplish.

“We have a really nice record but we really haven’t been pushed. They pushed us pretty good there,” Mauritz said. “That was the first time this year where we really lost it – where the other side was outplaying us with momentum. It’s an experience we can build on.”

Plus, putting together a charge like that is always a good feeling.

“I love a good comeback,” Neubauer said. “It felt awesome when we started swinging back. It felt great.”

Neubauer finished with five kills, two blocks and four aces to help lead the Zephyrs.

“She’s been pretty consistent all year in the middle for us,” Mauritz said of Neubauer. “It’s not always flashy but she works really hard so it’s nice to see when things go right for her.”

Neubauer’s tide-turning kill to start the comeback was followed by two kills from Luci Nackers and then an ace by Emily Weiss. A block from Neubauer brought the Zephyrs to within three before Reedsville stemmed the tide with a kill for a 20-16 advantage.

St. Mary Catholic responded right back as Neubauer and Autumn Crowe ripped spikes off through Reedsville blockers for back-to-back points before Nackers rattled off an ace.

Adele Brennan, who led the team with seven kills, then tied the score at 20 after she drilled a spike off a Reedsville dig attempt.

Following a Panther hitting error, Neubauer notched a block at the net for a 22-20 lead, forcing Reedsville to call its second timeout in a span of seven points.

“I think it swings the momentum a lot on a block. Not just that point, but blocks in general swing momentum a lot,” Neubauer said. “We all just realized that if we keep doing what we are doing, we got this.”

Nackers recorded her second ace of in



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Above: Adele Brennan goes up for a spike against a pair of Reedsville blockers during Tuesday’s Big Easy Conference match.

At right: Rayna Brelage (16) and Autumn Crowe (7) combined for a block against a Reedsville hitter on Tuesday night.

string of eight points to get the Zephyrs to match point when a hitting error gave a point and the served to the Panthers.

But on the ensuing point, Brennan put the game away with a big kill and St. Mary Catholic had its victory.

Not only did the Zephyrs step up their play at the net in the comeback, they also made things miserable for Reedsville with their serves.

St. Mary Catholic notched five aces in the final set – two by Nackers and one each from Weiss, Crowe and Bitsy McCauley – but also had Reedsville struggling to mount any offense.

“We work a lot on (serving) and it’s a big part of our game. Playing defense isn’t as hard when you can get them out of system,” Mauritz said. “All year we have done a good job of keeping teams out of system and we have to continue to do that for us to continue to be successful.”

The Panthers scored the first three points of the match but once the Zephyrs took the lead in the first set, they never looked back.

Kills by Crowe and Rayna Brelage helped the Zephyrs build a 10-7 lead in the opening set before McCauley rattled off seven straight points to put St. Mary Catholic in charge.

A couple of more kills from Brennan helped St. Mary Catholic maintain its lead before a kill from Brelage and an ace from McCauley finished off the set.

The Zephyrs then scored the first seven points of the second set and pulled away to an 18-8 advantage. Neubauer then served out the final seven points to give the Zephyrs a 2-0 lead.

“We came out of the huddle (between sets) and it seemed like everything just stopped clicking for us,” Neubauer said. “It wasn’t that we lost focus, the balls weren’t going our way like they were before. I think sometimes when we get down, we just put the ball back in play because we don’t want to risk it – we all do that sometimes. And I think, sometimes you have to risk it when you are down, and I think that’s what we did and that’s how we battled back.”



Wisconsin Herd to hold open tryout in October

Neenah News

The Wisconsin Herd will host an open tryout from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 3 at the Oshkosh 20th Avenue YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Tryout players will have the opportunity to showcase their talents in front of the Herd’s basketball operations personnel. Top prospects can earn an invitation to the Herd’s training camp, which will tip off in late October.

Interested players must submit the required registration form and a \$250 (plus fees) non-refundable payment at gofevo.

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Participation is limited to the first 75 individuals who submit their completed forms and payment. Players must be at least 18 years of age and will be required to complete a registration form, eligibility form and health waiver before the tryout.

Those interested in attending should go to gofevo.com/event/WiHerdTryouts for complete eligibility and registration information.

The tryout will be closed to public viewing.

Rockets cruise to first win, gear for showdown with Ghosts

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah got the win it needed last Friday night.

After opening the season facing off against two of the top teams in the state, the Rockets jumped into Fox Valley Association action and corralled a 40-2 win over Appleton East.

The win righted the ship a bit for the Rockets, who now will face a strong Kaukauna squad that is coming off a 14-7 win over Kimberly.

“We’ve had some battles with them over the years. They are always ready for us. I



Foat



Fox

expect it to be a super-physical game,” Neenah head coach Steve Jung said. “They have a mobile quarterback and a real good running back and they run a zone scheme, which in my opinion is really tough to defend.”

Friday’s game will be the first game away from Rocket Stadium this season for Neenah and won’t be an easy road trip.

The Ghosts racked up more than 400 yards of offense last week in the win over Kimberly after scoring 69 points in its last two games. Running back Muhammad Jobe rushed for 241 yards against the Papermakers, averaging 7.8 yards per carry, while quarterback Ryan Carrel has

Week 4 games

- Fox Valley Association**
(records reflect FVA games)
- Neenah (1-0) at Kaukauna (1-0)
 - x-Appleton North (1-0) at Fond du Lac (1-0)
 - x-Kimberly (0-1) at Appleton East (0-1)
 - x-Oshkosh West (0-1) at Hortonville (0-1)
- x-denotes Thursday game

rushed for five touchdowns and thrown for two more in the first three games.

“We just have to stay physical. We can’t get sloppy,” said junior defensive back Owen Fox. “It’s the same mindset every week where we have to think we are going to go in and destroy these guys. Just have to stay diligent.”

Fox is one of the few players who returned as starters from last year’s defense but likes how quickly the young unit has gelled so far this season.

“You definitely can tell guys are getting more comfortable,” Fox said. “It seems like guys know what the speed of the game is. They are able to fly around and not second-guess things. They are a lot more confident with what we have to do.”

Offensively, the Rockets have been led by standout quarterback Ashton Van Beek, who threw for four touchdowns and ran for a score against the Patriots.

Cooper Sieck also had a big night on the ground against East, rushing for 114 yards on just seven carries to help give Neenah some offensive balance.

“It definitely helps us out when teams have to prepare for the run and the pass,” said senior receiver Dylan Foat, who caught a team-high six passes for 76 yards

and a touchdown last week. “(When we run the ball) you have safeties coming down and corners are more aggressive and they have to fill the box, which gives us more space to get open and helps out the passing game.”

In addition to his offensive production, Van Beek also played snaps on the defensive side of the ball for the Rockets – something he did not do last season.

He finished with three tackles and an interception and Jung said that he expects Van Beek to continue to see action at line-backer.

“He just loves playing football. He wants to be on the field as much as he possibly can whether it’s offense or defense,” Jung said. “Having him offensively, wherever he is, he’s a threat – whether he’s handing the ball off, running the ball or throwing the ball and defensively he just had a nose for the football.”

Neenah rolled past Kaukauna 35-7 last season after the Ghosts had won the previous two meetings between the two teams.

Although there is plenty of season still left, the outcome of this contest could be a key factor in the race for the FVA title.

“It’s going to be a big game. This game could definitely have an impact later in the year so we have to make sure we get it done,” Foat said. “We were 0-2 (going into last week) and we really needed a win to get ourselves back together. We know we are a good football team, we just didn’t really show it in the first two weeks. That win really showed it.”

Neenah hopes to show it again on Friday.

“They are a very good team and we have to play up to that,” Fox said. “It’s definitely a pretty big game. It’s going to be a battle.”

Zephyrs looking to build momentum off of easy win

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Three weeks into the 2026 season, the St. Mary Catholic football team has already notched an Eastern Wisconsin Conference win and has registered a winning streak.

But after last week’s 37-7 throttling of Two Rivers in the their league opener, the Zephyrs are hardly satisfied with what they have accomplished and are looking for more.

“(The win) feels really good. We just want to keep that momentum rolling and see where that carries us,” said senior lineman Gibson Rause. “It definitely gave us the confidence to know we are a team that can win this conference but it’s going to take a big leap. We face a lot of tough teams down the stretch. It’s just going to get harder from here so we just have to keep our heads on our shoulders and keep working.”

The Zephyrs, who faced Chilton on Thursday night, ended the program’s 20-plus season WIAA playoff drought last year and are looking to build on that success.

“We want to show that it wasn’t just a fluke last year and (beating Two Rivers) was a huge momentum booster and I think we were all super-hyped,” said senior Dominic Osgood. “After these first two wins, we are like this is our time.”



Osgood



Rause

Week 4 games

- Eastern Wisconsin Conference**
(records reflect EWC games)
- x-Chilton (0-1) at St. Mary Catholic (1-0)
 - x-Brillion (1-0) at New Holstein (1-0)
 - x-Valders (0-1) at Kiel (1-0)
 - x-Two Rivers (0-1) at Roncalli (0-1)
- x-denotes Thursday game

“Our defense has been setting the tone the last two weeks and has been outstanding,” Zephyrs’ head coach Rob Detterman said. “Our offense is starting to come around, too. We still have a few things that we need to clean up but we’re definitely going upward.”

Senior quarterback Tarver Trinkner has been the focal point of the offense and played a key role in the win over the Raiders last week.

Trinkner ran for 117 yards and two touchdowns, while also throwing for a score as the Zephyrs built a 37-0 lead after three quarters en route to the win.

St. Mary Catholic put 44 points last week against Manawa, but Rause there was a different feel to last Friday’s scoring outburst.

“The physicality took a big leap from last week. Against Manawa, we put up a lot of points, but we struggled from the start to be physical and dominate on the line,” Rause said. “We made some adjustments getting up to the backers and such, but after that, it was barbecued chicken.”

Detterman figured the showdown against Chilton was going to be a tough matchup for the Zephyrs and things won’t get any easier after that.

St. Mary Catholic plays three of its next four games on the road – with a home matchup against potent New Holstein mixed in – including contests against Roncalli and Kiel.

“We want to keep the momentum rolling,” Osgood said. “Last week’s win was really cool and everything, but now it’s on to next week and we have to keep that mentality throughout the season. Just keep bringing it.”

In other words, keep working.

“We just need to keep bringing it every day in practice,” Rause said. “Inside this team, we have state expectations, so we want to keep on rolling with a full head of steam. We want to bring it harder every week and we don’t want to lose a game from here on out.”

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Prep roundup

CROSS COUNTRY

Neenah girls dominate home invite

The Rockets had three runners finish in the top 10 and held off Appleton North to claim the team title at the Neenah Invitational last Friday.

The two-time defending state champions finished with 43 points as all five scoring runners finished in the top 17. The Lightning finished with 58 points, followed by Kimberly with 91 points.

Sam Zilm led the way by winning the individual title on the Rockets' home course, located on the grounds of Neenah High School. The sophomore was one of two runners to finish under 19 minutes and finished more than 18 seconds ahead of runner-up Eva Busch of Appleton North.

Izzy Malloy finished in third place and was joined in the top 10 by Natalie Schultz, who took 10th. Lizzy LaPlant in 16th place

and Maddie Schoonover in 17th rounded out the scoring runners in the win.

Olivia Landrath (21st) and Elise Braaten (22nd) also finished in the top 25 for the Rockets.

The Neenah boys finished 14th among the 16 teams and were led by Isaac Rangel in 45th place and Drew Sabatke in 49th place.

Connor Schott (55th), Dylan Olson (82nd) and Nolan Moore (108th) were the other scoring runners for the Rockets.

SOCCER

Baetke's goals lift Neenah past Oshkosh North

Ian Baetke scored twice in a nine-minute span to break a 1-1 tie and lift the Rockets to a 3-1 win over Oshkosh North on Tuesday.

Baetke tallied his first goal in the 49th minute off an assist from Jordy Banda, while adding another goal in the 58th minute with Hunter Brown notching the as-

sist.

Cooper Christie registered an unassisted goal six minutes into the second half for Neenah's first score.

Ollie Peterka finished with five saves in goal for Neenah.

Zephyrs notch tie, loss in pair of matches

St. Mary Catholic played to a 2-2 tie with Roncalli last week, while suffering a 3-0 loss to Sheboygan Falls on Tuesday.

The Zephyrs are now 2-2-1 on the season.

TENNIS

Rockets dominate Spartans in dual meet

Neenah dropped a total of six games in the seven matches as it cruised to a 7-0 win over Oshkosh North last week.

Celia Gentile at No. 1 singles, Ellie Grace Zickler at No. 3 singles and the No.

2 doubles team of Ella M otto and Evelyn Buss each posted 6-0, 6-0 wins on the day.

Rachel Thomas and Paige Vickman added singles wins for the Rockets at the No. 2 and No. 4 flights, respectively. Neenah also got doubles wins from the top pairing of Rebekah Thomas and Sydney Michalkiewicz and the No. 3 pairing of JB Kennedy and Mollie Van Dyke.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Rockets collect win over Polar Bears

Neenah bounced back from a third-set loss to topple Hortonville, 25-18, 25-20, 23-25, 25-23 in a Fox Valley Association match on the road last week.

Lily Romjue led the way for the Rocket hitters with 12 kills, while Brielle Brown added eight and Paige Hoelzel and Elaina Kramer each added seven.

Finley Kelley paced the team with 23 as-

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Prep roundup

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sists on the day with Sena Messner adding 10. Brown also led the team with five aces. Defensively, Hoelzel racked up six total blocks in the match to lead the Rockets with Cara Bosvic adding four. Aubrey Lingren paced the team with 29 digs, followed by Brown with 12 and Romjue with 11.

St. Mary Catholic rolls past Hilbert

Luci Nackers led a balanced hitting attack for the Zephyrs in a 25-9, 25-10, 25-11 win over Hilbert last week. Piper Neubauer added seven kills, followed by Autumn Crowe with six and Ellie Davel and Adele Brennan each with five. Brennan also led the team with 14 assists, followed by Emily Weiss with 13. St. Mary Catholic had a strong serving night, notching 19 aces in the match led by Weiss’ seven and four from Nackers. Bitsy McCauley had 13 digs to lead the Zephyrs.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Rockets take down Appleton West

Sam Keepers racked up 11 kills to help Neenah sweep Appleton West, 25-19, 25-19, 25-17 in a Fox Valley Association match on Tuesday. Dylan McNamara and Ashton Olson each finished with six kills for the Rockets. Cam Diekfuss turned in an all-around

effort for the Rockets, totaling 28 assists while also leading the team with six aces and adding four total blocks. Trevor Ricketts led the team with five blocks. Levi Steckling led the team with 16 digs. Over the weekend, the Rockets went 2-2 at a tournament hosted by Sheboygan North. Neenah scored wins over Franklin and Wauwatosa East, but fell to Brookfield East and Kimberly.

GIRLS GOLF

Zephyrs finish second at Bay South mini-meet

Ainslie Liddy finished second overall as St. Mary Catholic took second place by one shot at the Bay Conference South mini-meet held Tuesday at Lake Breeze Golf Course. The Zephyrs finished with a team score of 205, one shot behind Winneconne – which was playing on its home course. Liddy shot a round of 50 to finish one shot short of earning medalist honors, whole Brecken Britzke tied for third with a 51. Scarlett Reichenbacher, Izzy Callan and Paxtyn Trinkner all finished with scores of 52. St. Mary Catholic also picked up a win over Lourdes Academy in a dual meet held at Winagamie Golf Course last week, posting a team score of 199 to the Knights’ total of 220. Reichenbacher earned medalist honors with a 47 with Amelia Virlee shooting a 50 and Liddy and Britzke each had 51s.

Senior Standout

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ning the Rocket red in both soccer and basketball growing up and takes pride in representing his school every time he competes. “I just always imagined that I would be out there for both sports and be like those older guys,” Fleege said. “It’s important to me to continue on the legacy that Neenah has. Continuing that tradition is special.” Fleege – who will play poker, play golf and fish in his spare time and once reeled

in a 40-inch northern pike out of Lake Winnebago – isn’t sure if he will continue playing at the collegiate level but believes that playing soccer will be a part of his future once high school is done. But whether the career continues or not, he knows he can take away a lot of memories of a lot of goals, a lot of wins and all of the benefits of being a Neenah Rocket. “Playing sports (at Neenah) has taught me so much,” Fleege said. “It’s taught me how to make connections and make friends with people. It’s just easier to be with people and work together.”

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LET'S START A COLLECTION!

Collectors are like treasure hunters! They search for things that are colorful, unusual, funny or meaningful. What kind of treasures will you collect?

What Should You Collect?

You can create an amazing collection from ordinary things. A collection of old keys or colorful buttons are fun to collect. You can gather pens given away by different businesses.

More easy-to-find objects that are great to collect include:

☐ state quarters

☐ pencils

☐ toy cars

☐ bottle caps

☐ jars

☐ dolls

☐ erasers

☐ rubber bands

☐ hats

☐ business cards

☐ rocks

☐ seashells

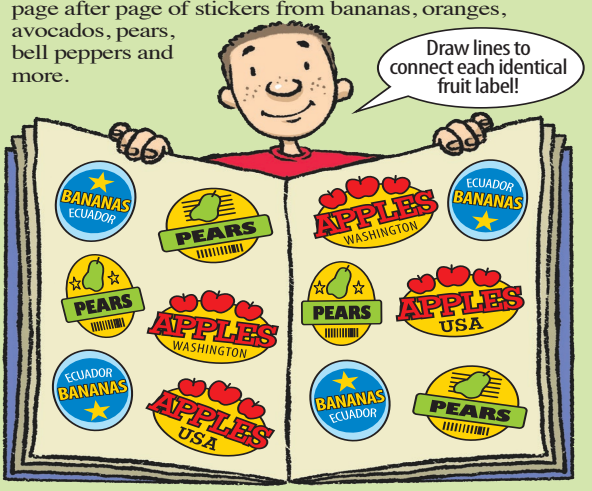


Can you help me find a cool seashell?

START FINISH

Sticker Collections

That sticker on your apple could be the start of a super cool collection of fruit labels. Use a notebook to display page after page of stickers from bananas, oranges, avocados, pears, bell peppers and more.



Draw lines to connect each identical fruit label!

Collect Them All!

Pokémon, baseball players, super heroes and even dinosaurs can all become collectibles.

How can you collect these? Circle every other letter to reveal the answer!

A J S K T N R L A V D Z I H N Y G I C O A Q R M D T S K

A _ _ _ A _ _ G _ _ R _ _

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

Travel Collections

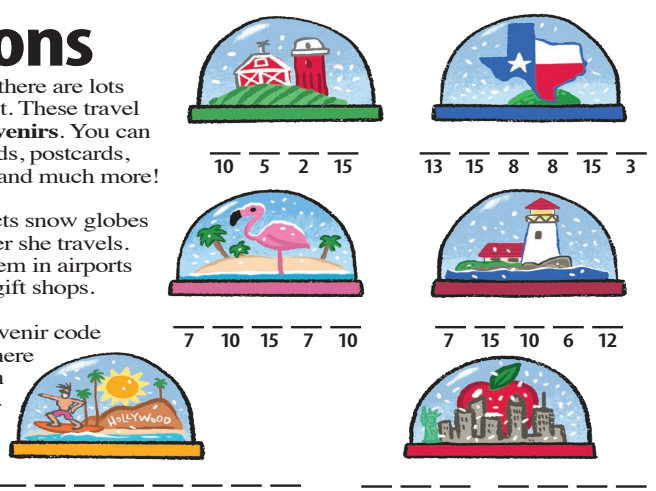
When you travel around town or far away, there are lots of fun items to collect. These travel items are called **souvenirs**. You can collect hotel notepads, postcards, magnets and much more!



Ava collects snow globes whenever she travels. She buys them in airports and tourist gift shops.

Use the souvenir code to reveal where she got each snow globe.

A=15	I=10	O=5
C=14	K=9	R=4
D=13	L=8	S=3
E=12	M=7	W=2
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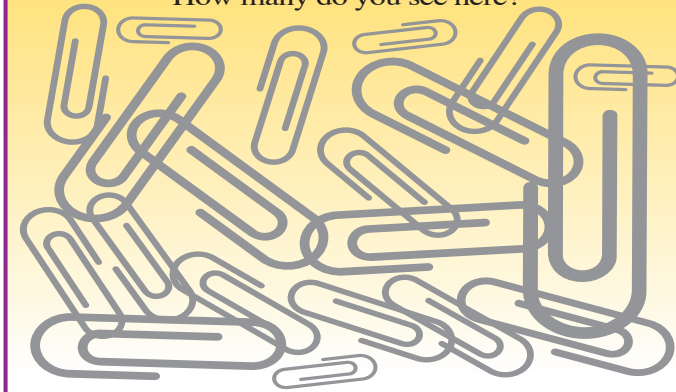
Make a Museum

Museums are places where you can view collections of art, history and science. Pretend you are creating a number museum. Cut out numbers you see in the newspaper and paste them on a sheet of construction paper in an interesting design.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Use art supplies to create displays.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Amelia started collecting paper clips last summer. How many do you see here?



Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally. Then look for them in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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

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



Silly Story

Ask a family member for each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the silly story out loud!

Cousin Evan has a very strange collection.

Believe it or not, he collects _____!

PLURAL NOUN

He likes to display these unusual treasures in a _____.

ADJECTIVE NOUN

Evan even keeps some in a _____.

ADJECTIVE

_____.

NOUN

_____ that way.

PLURAL NOUN

Cousin Evan used to collect _____, but he was tired of having to _____ so far to find them.

PLURAL NOUN VERB

The collection was featured in a newspaper story and many _____ wrote letters to the editor about it. They said the collection belonged in the local _____ museum, next to the _____, the _____, and the rare _____.

ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN PLURAL NOUN

But Cousin Evan is happy to keep his collection at home by his _____.

ADJECTIVE NOUN

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Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using supporting details.



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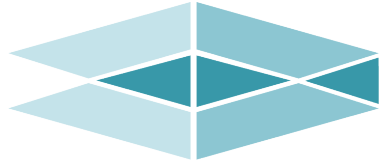
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