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Neenah police chief retiring in April

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

Neenah Police Chief Aaron Olson plans to retire next April.

Olson, who has served Neenah for 11 years including nearly nine years as police chief, said his last day will be April 2. He joined the Neenah Police Department as a captain on Nov. 30, 2015. He was appointed chief on June 1, 2018.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Neenah's Police Chief," Olson said. "I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together, and I am confident the department will continue to thrive in the years ahead."

Olson began his law enforcement career in 1998. Before moving to Neenah, he previously worked in law enforcement in Fort Meyers, Florida.

In looking back at his role as chief, Olson said he's had the privilege of watching the department achieve numerous notable accomplishments. He said each success reflects the steadfast commitment, professionalism and quiet dedication of the department's sworn and non-sworn staff.

Olson highlighted the police staff members' willingness to support one another, respond with compassion in difficult moments and serve the community with

a level of devotion that often goes unrecognized.

The police chief expressed appreciation for the police commissioners, mayors, city staff and the majority of aldermen he's worked with through the years. He said he was grateful to Neenah residents, noting the community's longstanding support for the police department.

"Neenah is an extraordinary community," he said. "The trust and support of our residents have meant more than I can express. Serving this community has truly been an honor."

He also thanked his family for their "understanding and encouragement."

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Photo from Fox Crossing Parks and Recreation Department

Spooky season

Students aged six and up could participate in a Cookies and Canvas event Oct. 1 at the Fox Crossing Municipal Complex. Participants were provided with step-by-step instruction on how to make ghost paintings on a canvas while enjoying cookies with root beer or water.

Neenah News named Newspaper of Record for City of Neenah

In 2022, the Oshkosh Herald expanded into Neenah by launching a community-focused newspaper in response to residents who asked us to bring the same quality local news and community coverage we were providing in Oshkosh to Neenah.

After a year of publishing the weekly Neenah News, we were able to become state-certified to accept legal, or public, notices for publication. From the beginning, our goal was to increase transparency in our community by becoming the Newspaper of Record for the City of



Neenah.

Why does that matter?

Because when a free newspaper featuring local news is delivered to every household, residents have access to important information they might otherwise miss

simply because they did not know they needed to look for it.

Although the City Council met after this week's Neenah News went to press Wednesday, we are confident that Resolution 2026-09 designating the Neenah News as the City of Neenah's official newspaper was passed by the Council, following its approval the previous week by the Personnel and Finance Committee.

We are proud of what this means for Neenah.

Public notices are an important part of

an informed community. Governments have relied on newspapers to make public information available for generations, creating a permanent record of government actions while giving residents an opportunity to stay informed and engaged.

Now, those notices will appear in the newspaper that is delivered each week to Neenah households.

That is an important distinction.

The Neenah News was created specifically to serve this community. Our

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Meet Keira Karrmann Vyshnyakov

A proud Neenah graduate, Keira is grateful for the opportunity to serve the community she grew up in and loves calling home. She is passionate about helping others and building meaningful connections with the people and families who make Neenah such a special place.

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Homecoming parade scheduled for today

Neenah News

The Neenah High School homecoming parade will be at 5 p.m. today.

The parade will feature around 26 community and school groups, including the high school and middle school bands.

Spectators are encouraged to gather along the route early to find a spot to cheer on the participants before the high school football game, which begins at 7 p.m.

The parade route starts at the corner of High and North Commercial Street and will head toward West Wisconsin Street to Main Street.

Sunday concert features The Driftless Plowboys

Neenah News

The Neenah Public Library welcomes The Driftless Plowboys for an afternoon of vintage music.

The quartet blends the sounds of early hillbilly, Hawaiian steel guitar, jazz, Western swing and classic country. The concert will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 11.

The Driftless Plowboys draw inspiration from the 1920s and ‘30s, when Hawai-

ian music was sweeping the country and musicians began adding the exotic, sliding sound of steel guitar to hillbilly string bands and blues. Their repertoire brings that distinctive sound to life while incorporating the jazz of Django Reinhardt, the Western swing of Bob Wills, and country favorites from the 1940s and ‘50s.

The free hour-long concert will take place in the Shattuck Community Room.

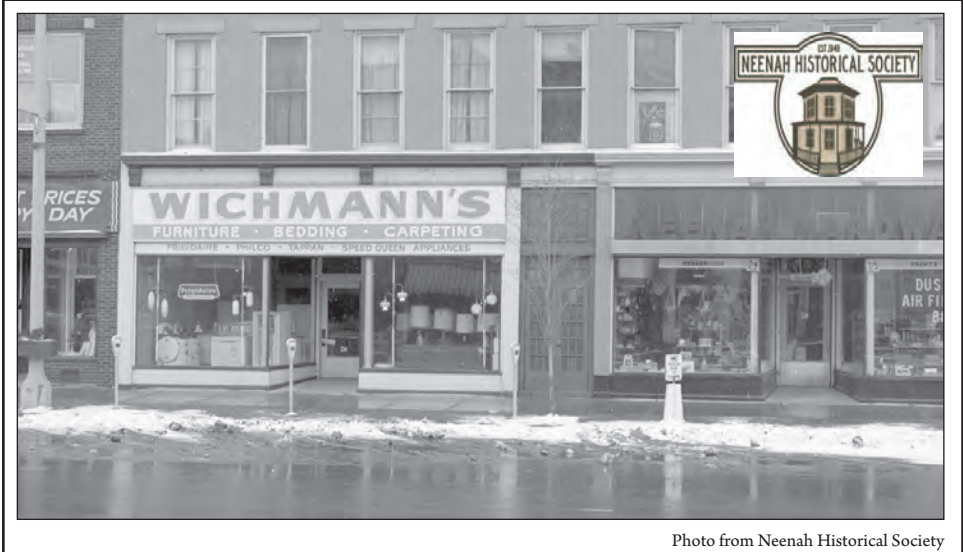


Photo from Neenah Historical Society

Downtown Neenah

Street scenes from Wisconsin Avenue in 1962. Wichmann Furniture (132) and Neenah Hardware Company (134). Greene’s Pour House is currently in the building that once housed Neenah Hardware.



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Calendar
of events

Friday, Oct. 9
The Hallows, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Park

Saturday, Oct. 10
Future Neenah Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Shattuck Park
Neenah Joint School District Hall of Fame Induction, 9:30 a.m., Bridgewood Conference Center
Build a Scarecrow, 10:30 a.m., Riverside Park Pavilion
Repair Cafe, 11:30 a.m., Neenah Public Library
The Hallows, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Park

Thursday, Oct. 15
Fame in Neenah, 6:30 p.m., Neenah Public Library

Tuesday, Oct. 20
Fox Crossing Trick or Treat Trail, 5 p.m., Fritsch Park

Wednesday, Oct. 21
Senior Citizen Dinner Theater, 5:30 p.m., Neenah High School Performing Arts Center
Fall Musical “Little Shop of Horrors,” 7 p.m., Neenah High School Performing Arts Center

Thursday, Oct. 22
Fall Musical “Little Shop of Horrors,” 7 p.m., Neenah High School Performing Arts Center

Friday, Oct. 23
Fall Musical “Little Shop of Horrors,” 7 p.m., Neenah High School Performing Arts Center
St. Mary Catholic Middle School Musical: The Wizard of Oz Youth Edition, 6 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Saturday, Oct. 24
Pumpkin Fest, 10 a.m., The Plaza and Globe Coffee
Monster Mash All Ages Dance Party, 10:30 a.m., Neenah Public Library
St. Mary Catholic Middle School Musical: The Wizard of Oz Youth Edition, 6 p.m., Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center
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Community support helps to provide local journalism

By Karen Schneider
NEENAH NEWS

The Neenah News is free. The journalism isn't.

We have something we think is pretty special in Neenah: a local newspaper that shows up at your door every week.

Since August 2023, the Neenah News has been delivered to every door in the 54956 ZIP code. Before that, we launched as a subscription newspaper in February 2022 and built nearly 1,600 subscribers. When we made the decision to move to free, every-door delivery, we wanted to make sure everyone in Neenah had access to local news.

Looking back, we also realize we could have done a better job explaining what that change meant.

Because the newspaper kept coming, many of you understandably assumed you had paid for it — or that someone else was paying for it.

The truth is, the newspaper is free. But producing the journalism inside it is not.

Every week, there are people attending meetings, talking with sources, taking photographs, writing stories, editing pages and making sure the news of Neenah gets to your mailbox.

And we're not just talking about the big stories.

We want to be there for the school accomplishments, the local businesses, the community organizations, the high school games, the people doing good things for their neighbors and the decisions being made at City Hall.

We want to tell the stories that might never make the evening news but are important to the people who live here.

That's what a community newspaper is supposed to do.

Advertising makes Neenah News possible, and we are incredibly grateful to the businesses that support us. But the

costs of producing and distributing the newspaper continue to grow, and those costs can't simply be passed along to our advertisers.

So, we're trying something new.

We're asking the people who value having a local newspaper in Neenah to become part of the **Founding 5,000**.

The goal is 5,000 community members who contribute \$50 a year to help build a sustainable future for local journalism.

That's \$4.17 a month. Less than a dollar a week.

And here's the important part: **You don't have to become a member to receive the Neenah News.**

It will remain free.

Becoming a member simply means you're choosing to help support the journalism that comes through your door every week.

Today, about 500 people across the communities served by Winnebago Media Group are already members of the Founding 5,000. We're hoping to grow that number to 5,000.

Why 5,000?

Because we believe thousands of people giving a little can make a meaningful difference. Combined with the advertising support that has made the Neenah News possible, those memberships can help create a stronger, more sustainable foundation for local journalism.

And that matters.

In April, the Neenah News became part of nonprofit Winnebago Media Group along with the Oshkosh Herald and Winneconne News. The goal is to create a future for these newspapers that doesn't depend on one person or one family carrying the responsibility for keeping them going.

We believe communities deserve a local newspaper.

We believe Neenah deserves a local newspaper.

And we believe the best way to make sure the Neenah News is here for the long term is to build it with the community it serves.

So, if you read the Neenah News, clip a story for your refrigerator, look for your kids' teams, check what's happening at City Hall, enjoy the community calendar or simply like knowing what's happening around town, we hope you'll consider becoming one of the Founding 5,000.

Not because you have to.

Because you believe local news matters.

Join the Founding 5,000 at winnebagomediagroup.com/the-5000/.

We appreciate every reader. We appreciate every advertiser. And we appreciate every person who believes Neenah is better when its stories are told by people who live here and care about this community.

The newspaper is free.

The journalism isn't.



Newspaper record

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newsroom covers Neenah government, schools, businesses, organizations, events and, most importantly, the people who make Neenah their home.

Adding public notices to that local coverage brings another important piece of community information directly to readers.

It also means residents do not have to know where to look for public notices. It will be part of the newspaper arriving in their mailbox.

And for those who prefer to read online, the full newspaper is available digitally without a subscription. Public notices published in the Neenah News are also available through WisconsinPublicNotices.org.

Public notices serve several important functions in our community:

- Transparency - Public notices help ensure that government actions are visible to the community, fostering accountability.
- Accessibility - They provide critical information in a format that is readily available to the public.
- Community engagement - Public notices give residents information about issues and decisions that directly affect their community.

Our goal in publishing the Neenah News has always been to provide relevant local news that helps create a better-informed community. Becoming the Newspaper of Record gives us another way to fulfill that mission by publishing public

notices that affect the Neenah community — notices intended to *notice* the public.

The Neenah News has an audited readership of approximately 80% of our distribution, according to the Circulation Verification Council (CVC), as well as a market survey conducted last year by a local marketing firm.

We have invested in providing news to and for Neenah, and we believe bringing public notices into that same publication will strengthen transparency, accessibility and community engagement.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve Neenah in this additional way.

Because at the end of the day, this isn't really about a newspaper being named the Newspaper of Record.

It's about making sure Neenah residents know what is happening in their community — and have the information they need to be part of it.

That is good for the City of Neenah, and it is good for the people who call this community home.

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Three candidates vying to replace Kaufert in District 53

Neenah News

Democrat Becky Nichols, Republican David Daniels and Independent Rachael Dowling are vying for the State Assembly District 53 seat to replace Republican state Rep. Dean Kaufert, who is retiring.

District 53 covers all of Neenah and parts of Menasha, Fox Crossing and Appleton.

Neenah News sent the same questions to each candidate and are printed here as part of the preview coverage leading up to the election. Some of the responses are edited for style and clarity.

For more information on voter registration, what will be on the ballot and where to vote, go to myvote.wi.gov.

David Daniels

Age: 60
Occupation: Business owner
Highest level of education: Associate degree in financial management
Relevant experience: National board member, vice president and president of American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists. Business owner/ employer, job creator for



Daniels

30 years.
Why are you running for the State Assembly?

I felt called to serve just as I did when I joined the Air Force. I'm semi-retired now and have the proper time to dedicate to the position.

There are some big goals for Madison. We need people that are willing to work across party lines to get things done for the benefit of Wisconsin's and our district citizens. Running two different businesses and having employees over the span of 30 years gives me a lot of insight on managing money and being a leader working with different personalities and perspectives to

accomplish goals.
How did the July 27 tornado affect your campaign, including any areas of focus?

I immediately called the headquarters in Madison and told them that we're going to put our campaign on hold. There were more important things to do at that point.

We decided to hold off for about two and a half weeks before getting back to knocking doors. And we certainly weren't going to knock any doors in the affected areas. We personally donated time and money to the cause. I just didn't publicize it or post about it for political gain.

The focus is really the same. The things that need to be accomplished in Madison haven't changed. It did give me laser focus on making sure we get a proper natural disaster fund established. It's a shame that they couldn't get the bill passed in the spring with the surplus.

There would have been millions of dollars that could have been used to help the citizens in our district regarding the tornado. Lastly, I am fully supporting Habitat for Humanity to get the damaged homes winterized before snow comes. I also support the goal to construct 30 homes they need to build next year.

Rising costs seem to be a concern to many. What role in Madison do you think you could play in helping to lower them?

My main goal from day one has been to lower property taxes.

My second goal is to end property taxes for people 65 and older on a fixed income that is below a certain income level. I think we can find money elsewhere and help them out. You shouldn't have to worry about losing your home because you can't afford to pay the property taxes.

I also believe if we can help people bring more of their paycheck home that it would greatly help. I would like to see taxes ended on tips and overtime. I'm also in complete agreement with getting each and every state agency audited. We need to see exactly where the money is going and end all fraud, waste and abuse.

We should use what we find to reallocate taxpayers' money to help fund schools and re-establish the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. This program helped maintain trails, parks and conservation in Wisconsin. Eliminating wasted funds will help lower taxes overall.

Rachael Dowling

Age: 38
Occupation: Multi-small business owner (Drone Lady Productions, Crown Roofing Services and My Spotless Move) and Winnebago County Board Supervisor

Highest level of education: Some college; FAA Part 107 Certified Commercial Drone Pilot

Relevant Experience: I'm a mom of four, small business owner since 2007 and three-term Winnebago County Board



Dowling

Supervisor. I'm an FAA-certified drone pilot, member of the Winnebago County Health & Human Services Board, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission appointee, former Northeast Wisconsin Technical

College academic advisor, Valley Home Schoolers Board Member and Hart Park Neighborhood Group Admin.

Why are you running for the State Assembly?
I'm running because I believe our community deserves a representative who answers to the people who live here, not a political party.

My approach to public service has always been simple: I see a problem, ask questions, find the experts, do the research, listen and then ask, "What's the next move?" I've used that approach as a small business owner and County Board Supervisor, and I want to bring it to Madison.

Good ideas don't belong to one political party. I'm running as an Independent, so I have the autonomy to work with or disagree with either side when the betterment of our community is on the line.

How did the July 27 tornado affect your campaign, including any areas of focus?

I'm thankful I was able to pause my campaign after the July 27 tornado and focus on my community instead.

I used my personal Facebook page to create educational videos connecting residents with recovery resources and explaining programs that were often difficult to navigate. I also created and launched the Neenah-Menasha Angel Tree, connecting residents directly with neighbors who wanted to help.

To date, we've helped more than 80 households, with another 20 plus still to go. The experience reinforced my focus on emergency communication, government accessibility, infrastructure, insurance and recovery resources, and making sure help actually reaches the people who need it.

Rising costs seem to be a concern to many. What role in Madison do you think you could play in helping to lower them?

We can't simply ask for a raise or pull more money from our savings accounts every time our property taxes, utilities, groceries or fuel costs increase, and the government shouldn't assume we can. Working or retired: We're all on a fixed income.

In Madison, I would look for practical ways to reduce those pressures. I support eliminating Wisconsin's minimum mark-up requirement on gasoline, scrutinizing utility increases, protecting the independence of the Public Service Commission, returning more state dollars to local communities for infrastructure rather than pushing those costs onto property taxpayers, and carefully reviewing state spending.

As a small business owner, I work with budgets every day. Taxpayers aren't an unlimited source of revenue. Government has a responsibility to stop making it worse.

Becky Nichols

Age: 49
Occupation: Educator
Highest level of education: Bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh



Nichols

Relevant experience: Menasha City Council, 12 years; Winnebago County Board, 2 years

Why are you running for the State Assembly?

I'm running for State Assembly to make people's lives better by

focusing on long-term solutions that deliver real results.

Menasha has been my home for over 20 years. Having served 12 years on the Menasha City Council, I've sat at countless kitchen tables and listened to your stories – your victories, struggles and your hopes. Your stories guided me in making decisions that helped people and strengthened our community.

I learned that listening to each other and finding ways to work together gets things done and improves the quality of life for everyone. Now, I'm listening to folks in Appleton, Fox Crossing, Menasha and Neenah and learning what's most important to you, and I want to be a voice for all of you in Madison.

How did the July 27 tornado affect your campaign, including any areas of focus?

Our communities have experienced something that was once unimaginable, and we are grateful for the outpouring of support that continues to be received from so many.

I was home with my kids that day. We sheltered together in our basement while the storm passed, and when we came upstairs, we realized what happened. The roof was torn off our house and we sustained a lot of water damage to our second floor and attic. Like so many of you, we are unable to live in our home right now.

Regular campaign activities paused for four weeks while we focused on finding a new place to live, helped our neighbors, organized and supported clean-up efforts, and provided resources and information to people through our social media. We chose to resume door-knocking efforts outside impacted areas and have since expanded district-wide.

I am walking this road with you, and I promise to be a fierce advocate for you and our communities as we continue this journey to rebuilding and recovery because I know how important it is to have a fighter walking alongside you who knows exactly what you've been through.

Rising costs seem to be a concern to many. What role in Madison do you think you could play in helping to lower them?

The rising cost of living is the No. 1 issue I hear about from my neighbors.

As a mom and public school teacher raising two kids in Menasha, I personally understand how difficult it's gotten to afford gas, groceries, health care, our property taxes and utility bills. People deserve to know they'll be able to pay the bills, put food on the table and have money left over at the end of the week.

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Photo from Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue
Students from Neenah and Menasha are learning about fire safety with programming this year using a clown theme.

Program shows serious, fun side of fire safety

Neenah News

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue kicked off its annual Fire Prevention Education Program this week for students in grades one, two and three.

This year’s clown theme is bringing plenty of smiles while helping kids learn important lessons that could save a life.

Throughout the presentations, students learn about knowing two ways out, having a family meeting place and practicing stop,

drop and roll.

Each student receives a Smoke Detector Contract to complete with their family. When they return it to school, they’re entered into a drawing for prizes — a day at the fire station or a brand-new bike.

The fire department’s goal is simple: make sure every child leaves with the knowledge and tools they need to stay safe, be prepared and know what to do in an emergency.

Universities of Wisconsin send out Direct Admission offers

Neenah News

The Neenah Joint School District, along with the Universities of Wisconsin, are encouraging students and their parents to review the Direct Admission offers they receive and fill out the Direct Admit form to help them connect with universities for fall 2027 enrollment.

During the past several weeks, 40,000 students across Wisconsin, including 3,000 in the Fox Valley, received letters admitting them to one or more UW school.

During an event at the Neenah Joint School District Performing Arts Center, Universities of Wisconsin Interim President Renée Wachter said students who received a letter need to take the next step and fill out the Direct Admit form if they are interested in attending a state university next fall. The form does not commit students to attending a UW school.

Under the Direct Admit Wisconsin program, qualified, participating students entering their senior year of high school are automatically admitted to participating UW schools without ever having to fill out an application. The decision is made based upon a student’s grade point aver-

age and coursework.

For the class of 2027, UW-Madison, UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse are not participating in Direct Admit. UW-Eau Claire will begin participating with the Class of 2028.

“For a student who has not imagined themselves attending college, receiving an admission letter can be a powerful moment,” said Julie Edstrom, interim vice chancellor for enrollment management at UW-Oshkosh. “Direct Admit Wisconsin is more than a simpler admission process; it’s an invitation to see new possibilities. Our goal is to ensure that every student has the encouragement, information and support to explore their options and pursue a future that’s right for them.”

The Direct Admit program began in 2024 with the Class of 2025.

“Our success is measured by student success,” said Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents President Kyle Weatherly. “Direct Admit Wisconsin helps more young people see themselves in college, discover their potential, and pursue the goals they have for themselves and their future.”

Lithium-ion batteries to be collected at farmers market

Neenah News

A lithium-ion battery collection will take place again Saturday during the Future Neenah Farmers Market.

The farmers market takes place from 8 a.m. to noon in Shattuck Park. It is the last farmers market of the season.

The First United Methodist Neenah Menasha’s Green Team started the effort

to collect and recycle lithium batteries last year. The group works with Redwood Materials to recycle the items.

The company provides collection boxes and return shipping labels to help with the process. Alkaline, Nicad, lead acid and damaged or defective batteries should not be brought to the event.

The group will also be collecting at the Neenah Recycling Day on Oct. 24.

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Submitted photo
Essity held its second annual Careers in Manufacturing Day by hosting a group from Neenah High School.

Tour provides glimpse at manufacturing careers

Neenah News

Essity, a global health and hygiene company, hosted its second annual Careers in Manufacturing Day. In the Fox Cities, Essity manufactures the Tork brand of toilet paper, napkins and paper towels. Students from Neenah High School were joined by Essity leadership Tuesday to experience firsthand the innovations in modern manufacturing and how these advancements work. The students also explored the many opportunities a career in manufacturing can offer. Essity has approximately 790 employees in the Fox Cities, including nearly 610 between its Menasha Mill and Neen-

ah converting facility. “Essity is a proud employer in the Fox Cities community, and we’re excited to welcome students and show them the possibilities available in modern manufacturing,” said Samantha Monday, Essity HR manager. “Building strong relationships with local high schools and colleges is important to us, and Careers in Manufacturing Day gives students a chance to see firsthand the skills, technology and career opportunities available right here in their community.” Careers in Manufacturing Day took place across Essity’s manufacturing sites in North America, as the company recognizes National Manufacturing Day, which this year was on Oct. 2.

Rocket Players prepare for upcoming performances

By Pamela Hart
News Contributor

Neenah High School’s Rocket Players will present the Broadway hit “Little Shop of Horrors” from Oct. 21 through Oct. 25. The production brings together an experienced cast and crew with many new faces joining the program. The mix of experienced performers and fresh talent creates dynamic energy both on stage and behind the scenes, making this a memorable year for the theater program.



Sawall

“Little Shop of Horrors” centers around Seymour Krelborn, a nerdy orphan, working at Mushnik’s Flower Shop on Skid Row. He discovers an unusual plant in the shop during a total solar eclipse, which he names Audrey II after his adoring co-worker, Audrey. Mr. Mushnik wants to close the shop due to lack of sales. Audrey convinces him to display the unusual plant to draw customers into the store. Trouble ensues when the unusual plant becomes an unruly one. The musical is a horror comedy with elements of science fiction and features doo-wop, rock and roll, and early Motown numbers. “We selected ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ for its compelling story and the unique theatrical challenge of bringing a talking

carnivorous plant to life through music and puppetry,” said Claire Sawall, the show’s director. “It’s the perfect show for the Halloween season, combining horror comedy and suspense in a way that engages audiences of all ages.” The Rocket Players’ production features an ensemble with five seniors leading the cast. Sawall acknowledges how the entire cast and crew get excited working together to bring the show to life. Watching students collaborate during rehearsals as they work out complex scenes, songs and dances is truly inspiring, Sawall said. “The enthusiasm and dedication across the entire cast has been remarkable, and the leadership from the seniors to guide the newcomers has been so helpful,” Sawall said. “Little Shop of Horrors” runs Oct. 21-25 at Neenah High School. Performances are at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 through Oct. 24 and 2 p.m. Oct. 25. The night of Oct. 21 also includes a special Senior Dinner event for seniors 55 and older. The evening features a full dinner (entree, salad, dinner roll, dessert and beverages) in the high school cafeteria, accompanied by live music from the high school’s Touch of Class orchestra. Tickets for the Senior Dinner event include admission to the 7 p.m. performance and can be purchased at the main office during school hours. Reserved seat tickets for all performances are available online at cur8.com/projects/RocketPlayers or at the box office an hour before showtime.

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Local chiropractor earns international honor

Neenah News

A Fox Valley chiropractor earned recognition from Palmer College of Chiropractic on Sept. 18 as one of its distinguished young alumni from around the world.

Dr. Grant Larie, an Oshkosh native who now lives in Neenah and serves as clinic director at Chiropractic Health in Appleton, was named a 2026 recipient of Palmer College of Chiropractic's 10-Under-10 Award. The honor recognizes a select group of professionals for their accomplishments, leadership and contributions to the chiropractic profession during their first decade in practice.

The recognition comes exactly 10 years after Larie graduated from Palmer's main campus in Davenport, Iowa. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2016 and was

Neenah Public Library field trip storytimes set to return this fall

Neenah News

The Neenah Public Library Field Trip Storytime returns to four new locations this fall.

Library youth staff will offer a short storytime followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of a local business.

Theisen's Hardware Store is the first stop at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 14. Participants can

Fall series allows tweens to spark imagination

Neenah News

The Tween Create Lab: Tuesday Fall Series at the Neenah Public Library started this week.

In the fall series, tweens will have an opportunity to spark their imagination with whimsical, silly or spooky, one-of-a-kind creations.

The Tween Create Lab programs are for

the only member of his class recognized in all three of the college's hallmark areas of Academic Excellence, Clinical Excellence and Philosophy.

Following graduation, Larie returned to Northeast Wisconsin, where he has spent the past decade caring for patients throughout the Fox Valley. During that time, he has played a key role in growing Chiropractic Health into a four-location practice while building collaborative relationships with medical and other health care providers throughout the region.

Larie has also remained connected to enjoy free popcorn, a reading of "Let's Go to the Hardware Store" and a tour. Observant children (and adults) may even spot some of the tools from the book in the store and the original Krueger's model train running above the toy department.

Additional field trips will be held 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays on the following dates: Oct. 21 at Great Harvest Bread Co., Oct.

ages 9-14 years. The series started Tuesday with Spinning Ghosts with Plexus.

Upcoming programs include Oct. 20: Eyeball Plants, Nov. 3: Wall Art and Nov. 17: Light-Up Dioramas.

This is a drop-in program starting at 3:45 p.m. and lasting for 45 minutes. The last arrival time will be at 4 p.m. to allow time to be create the projects.

Palmer and the next generation of chiropractors through student mentorship, shadowing and preceptorship opportunities. Several students he has mentored have gone on to attend the institution.

"Ten years into practice, I've come to realize that the most meaningful measure of a career isn't simply what you accomplish, but the people you impact along the way," Larie said. "I'm incredibly grateful for the patients who have trusted me with their care, the colleagues and mentors who have helped me grow, and the students I've had the opportunity to encourage. To have Palmer recognize that body of work at this point in my career is incredibly meaningful. I'm extremely proud of what we've built, but I'm even more excited about what lies ahead."

28 at Nicolet Bank and Nov. 4 at American Animal Hospital.

No registration is necessary.

For more information, contact Daniel Higgins at 920-886-6335 or higgins@neenahlibrary.org.

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Business news roundup

SECURA Insurance promoted Adam Piette to Vice President-Commercial Lines Underwriting. Piette, who joined the company in 2010, steps into the role previously held by Steve Miller, who will be retiring in early 2027. Piette and Miller will work together over the next several months to ensure a smooth transition. In his new role, Piette will focus on developing talent, enhancing the agency experience and driving profitable growth to position Commercial Lines for continued long-term success.

Fox Communities Credit Union has promoted Andrew Opicka to VP of IT - Information Governance, Risk & Security. Opicka joined Fox in 2020 and advanced to AVP IT - Information Security & Risk. The VP of IT - Information Governance, Risk & Security serves as the credit union's Information Security Officer (ISO) and is responsible for leading the organization's information governance, technology risk management, information security, physical security and resilience programs.

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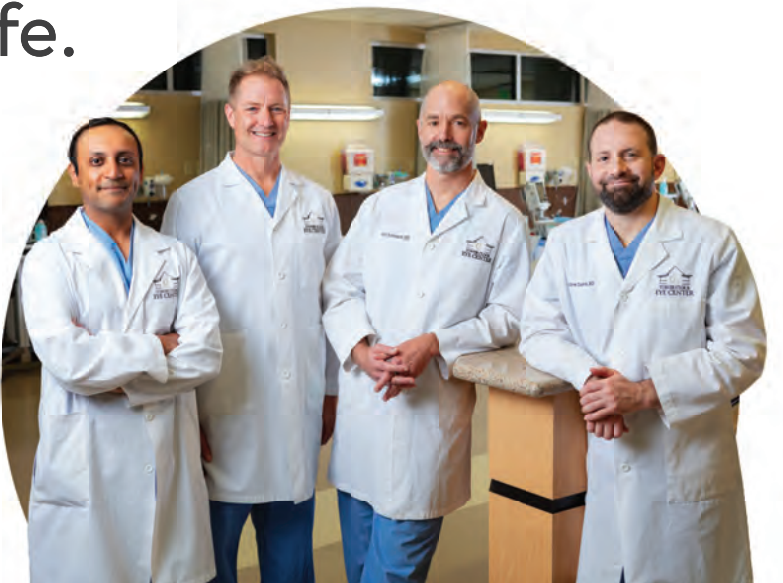
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Neenah’s legacy: Who belongs in the next Hall class?

Every community is built on the shoulders of individuals who inspire, mentor and uplift those around them. Here in Neenah, that spirit of excellence has been woven into the fabric of the Neenah Joint School District (NJSD) for generations. Since spring 2014, the NJSD Hall of Fame has stood as a tribute to the remarkable people who have shaped our schools and enriched our community.

As excitement builds for the upcoming Hall of Fame Celebration on Saturday, we are already looking toward the future and asking the community to help identify the next class of honorees.

While the Hall of Fame routinely recognizes high-profile success stories, its mission extends far deeper than headlines or athletic trophies to capture the full spectrum of dedication that defines Neenah. It celebrates distinguished alumni who graduated at least 20 years ago and have achieved career excellence, served their communities or demonstrated extraordinary character.

Nominees may also include former



educators, administrators and mentors whose guidance left an indelible mark on generations of students. Equally vital are the steadfast friends of the district, such as the community members, boosters and volunteers whose behind-the-scenes efforts have strengthened Neenah’s schools from the ground up. Whether it’s a nationally recognized leader or a quiet champion, every contribution shapes the heart of our community.

Community members are strongly encouraged to nominate deserving individuals for the Class of 2027, with a special focus on those humble heroes who rarely seek the spotlight themselves. Nomination forms can be filled out online or downloaded at Neenah.k12.wi.us/alumni/hall-of-fame with paper copies

available to mail directly to the District Office. While nominations are welcome year-round, all submissions for the Class of 2027 must be received by Nov. 30.

By shining a light on these extraordinary journeys, the Hall of Fame does something vital for the community’s future: it offers current students tangible proof of what integrity, perseverance and service look like in action. When a young person sees the story of a soft-spoken mentor or a dedicated civic leader honored alongside celebrated public figures, it redefines what it means to succeed. It shows them that true impact isn’t always

measured on a scoreboard or in news headlines but in the lives we touch and the doors we open for others.

Ensuring that Neenah’s quietest heroes are remembered alongside its most famous names requires all of us. Every untold story represents an opportunity to inspire the next generation to lead with character and purpose.

If there is someone whose quiet dedication helped shape your journey or enriched our schools, take the time to submit a nomination before Nov. 30. Your voice ensures that their legacy continues to light the way for years to come.

ThedaCare looks to add more townhouses

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

ThedaCare is seeking to build two 16-unit townhouse buildings as part of its Roosevelt Commons development across from the ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah.

The housing is intended for ThedaCare’s physician residency program and will be similar to the two buildings on the west side of the property at 215 E. Forest Ave., which opened earlier this year.

Roosevelt Elementary School originally sat on the site, but after the Neenah Joint School District closed the school, it was demolished. ThedaCare and ThedaCare Foundations purchased the site to use as housing for residents in its Graduate Medical Education program.

The proposed townhouses are oriented on the north side of the site along E. Forest Avenue and the south side of the site along E. North Water Street. Each townhouse building includes seven units on both the

first and second floors. The townhouses are designed with building access along the front with one-car garages in the rear.

The building design is consistent with the townhouses already on the site and the houses on E. Forest Avenue and the surrounding neighborhood. The exterior façade is constructed with several materials including stone veneer, panel and plank siding and different color schemes to be consistent with the neighborhood.

The development includes two existing access points, one along E. Forest Avenue and one along E. North Water Street. Those driveways were previously used to access the school’s parking lots.

According to the city’s zoning code, the site requires a minimum of 50 off-street parking stalls. The site plan includes a total of 64 off-street parking stalls, including 34 garage stalls and 30 parking stalls within the site’s parking areas.

The Common Council was expected to consider it at its meeting on Wednesday.

Drivers fined for failing to stop for school buses

Neenah News

Kobussen Buses, Ltd. reached out to the Neenah Police Department in late September to report multiple eastbound vehicles in the 700 block of Main Street were not stopping for an afternoon westbound bus stop.

Recorded video by the bus showed ve-

Man, woman dead in murder-suicide

Neenah News

A man and woman are dead after what the Neenah Police Department is calling a murder-suicide.

At about 4:55 p.m. Sunday, police officers responded to a residence in the Freedom Acres subdivision for a report of shots being fired. Officers found a deceased 57-year-old female and a deceased 59-year-old male.

The police said preliminary information and evidence at the scene indicated the male shot the female and then shot himself. The situation was isolated to the residence, and no further details will be released.

The Neenah Police Department thanked the Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue, Gold Cross Ambulance and the Winnebago County Medical Examiner’s Office for their assistance.

hicles did not stop for the bus’s flashing red lights.

On Sept. 30, several police officers monitored the location and cited several drivers for not stopping for the bus. The violation fine is \$610.

Wisconsin Statute 346.48 requires motorists to stop not less than 20 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the red flashing lights are turned off.

The statute does not apply to vehicles proceeding in the opposite direction on a divided highway. Although four lanes, Main Steet is not a divided highway.

The Neenah Police Department shared the video from the bus and information about the traffic stops on its Facebook page to remind drivers about the rules for stopped school buses.



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Sheriff’s Department seeks new dive system, trailer

By MaryBeth Matzek
NEENAH NEWS

The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department is seeking to purchase a new dive surface air system and dive trailer with its remaining 2026 capital budget dollars.

Sheriff John Matz said the dive system and trailer was originally part of the department’s 2027 budget request but under the advice of the county executive’s office, the purchases were moved to 2026 to make use of the unspent dollars.

The new dive trailer will cost \$52,793 and the dive system will cost \$24,999.44. The Judiciary & Public Safety Committee approved the purchases Monday, forwarding the final decision to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

The department’s dive rescue/recovery team currently uses recreational self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA) systems when conducting dive training and operations.

Matz said out-of-air emergencies are a concern for public safety divers and often occur due to SCUBA equipment failure or diver entrapment or entanglement. The current system uses a single 80-cubic-foot aluminum tank and due to several issues, the dives are often limited to 20 minutes per tank.

Matz said Surface-Supplied Air (SSA) systems are the industry standard for professional dive rescue and recovery teams. The systems are either compressor-based or compressed tank-based air

systems in which the air is supplied to the diver through an umbilical cord/tether, allowing the diver to stay under water for an indefinite amount of time.

The department would purchase the SSA system from American Diving and Marine Supply for \$24,999.44.

In addition to the SSA system, the sheriff’s department wants to purchase a new 24-foot by 8.5-foot heavy duty dive trailer, which includes built-in cabinets and cubbies.

Matz said the current trailer is overweight and many items cannot be properly stored because adding proper storage would add more weight. The trailer also lacks the ability to properly rehabilitate divers and equipment after exposure to extreme temperatures, particularly during ice diving operations. The current trailer is heated with portable propane heaters, which pose both a fire and carbon monoxide risks.

Matz said the new trailer will have insulation for temperature control, emergency lighting and a generator to allow for a temperature-controlled environment. The new trailer, with all its components, would cost \$52,793.

The leftover dollars in the 2026 capital budget came from new squad cars and a van coming in under budget and a remodeling project that included a sink and industrial garbage disposal could not be completed and moved to the facilities budget.



Photo from Fox Crossing Fire Department
Fox Crossing Fire Department Lt. Tim Raddatz and Chief Todd Sweeney stand in front of a fire engine that was recently purchased from the Butler Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire engine arrives for rebuilding process

Neenah News

The Fox Crossing Fire Department has added a fire engine to help while it rebuilds from the July tornado.

The engine was recently purchased from Butler Volunteer Fire Department following that department’s closure.

Lt. Tim Raddatz drove the 2014 engine from Butler to Fox Crossing.

Fox Crossing purchased the engine for \$285,000, using money from the village’s

equipment replacement fund.
Station 41 was damaged in the tornado with two engines and a rescue truck either needing to be repaired or replaced.
The Fox Crossing Fire Department said more work needs to be done on the engine before it officially goes into service, but receiving it is part of the piece-by-piece rebuilding process. The department is planning for the engine to serve the community for years to come.



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Diekfuss sets Rockets up for success on volleyball court

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

Cam Diekfuss clearly remembers what it was like stepping on the volleyball court as a freshman on the Neenah High School volleyball team.

“Everything looked so big and everyone was huge and could jump out of the gym,” Diekfuss recalled before a practice last week. “It was really intimidating. It was definitely scary. Playing against teams like Appleton North and Kimberly as a freshman, that’s hard to go against.”

For Diekfuss, though, the most knee-knocking aspect of playing as a freshman against some of the best boys volleyball teams in the state at nothing to do with what he was doing physically.

It centered around what he wanted to accomplish and the level of play he felt he should bring to the court.

“The scariest thing about it was not the actual playing but the expectations I set for myself that I thought I had to live up to,” Diekfuss said. “I was lucky I had some older guys on the team and that helped me out.”

Diekfuss, who has played the setter position for nearly the entirety of his high school career, was able to navigate his freshman season and has blossomed into one of the top players in the talent rich Fox Valley Association. He earned honorable mention all-conference honors as a sophomore and graduated to second team last season.

This year, he leads the team in assists, blocks and aces while ranking second in digs and fourth in kills. He has helped the Rockets get off to a 15-3 start, including a 7-0 mark in the FVA where Neenah is tied for first place with perennial powerhouse Appleton North – a team they will face on Thursday in what could be a showdown for the league crown.

“I love the competitiveness of the big matches,” Diekfuss said. “The best thing about volleyball is playing a tough team because the rallies are super hard and they get your heart racing. I feel like they just don’t end.

“The mindset you have to bring is like that grit and hustle and that extra power you have to find in yourself.”

Diekfuss’ development into one of the elite players in the conference has a lot of different aspects but one of the most identifiable is his physical stature.

Diekfuss was 5-foot-9 when he began his career at Neenah – “My hands barely got above the net when I was blocking,” he said – but now stands a lanky 6-foot-6 and has no trouble reaching above the netline now.

“I can’t even explain how much (the height) helps,” Diekfuss said. “It’s not just my height that I’ve seen improve-



Neenah News
Cam Diekfuss has played four years on the Neenah boys volleyball varsity squad and hopes to lead the Rockets to an extended postseason run in his senior season.

ments in. The last year or so I’ve seen a lot of improvement in my vertical jump ability, too. That’s helping me out a lot.”

He’s developed his skills over his four years at Neenah as well as playing club volleyball for the Milwaukee Sting.

Diekfuss admits that when he started to add his height, he was able to use it effectively.

“(As a junior) I was taller, but my skills weren’t there to apply the height I had,” Diekfuss said. “As a blocker, I have improved with the height but also as I have improved my skill level.

“There are tons of times where we play teams with short setters, but they still

have to block so I will set outside a lot so my hitters can just hit over the block. That’s not the case with me.”

Diekfuss, whose father and older brother both played volleyball, started at the 13U level in club volleyball and immediately gravitated to the setter position.

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“I think I just had the most ball control of anybody on my team,” Diekfuss said. “I was at least familiar enough with the game to know enough and I think my coaches saw that and said I would be the setter and I just stuck with it ever since.”

Diekfuss took to the sport and the position right away and was ready to make the jump to the high school level when he got to Neenah as a freshman.

But along with the players he was facing, he also had to adjust to playing with much older teammates.

“One of my hitters on the varsity level was 6-foot-5 and jumping really good and that was nothing I had ever played with before,” Diekfuss said. “That setter-hitter connection is really important and it does take a while to build plus I was also not as skilled as a setter so my connection wasn’t always perfect.”

As the setter, Diekfuss is responsible for orchestrating the Rockets attack – sometimes swinging or dump setting as well – and that means delivering sets to Neenah’s bevy of hitters.

The Rockets have a very balanced attack with a handful of hitters capable of rocketing spikes down on opponents. Diekfuss said having all of the hitters around him makes his job a lot easier.

“It is truly amazing. I really do love it,” Diekfuss said. “I can trust my entire team. It makes the game slower for me. As a setter, I need to make split-second decisions and it lightens the pressure in making that decision because we have so many guys who can hit.”

Diekfuss will be a freshman on a volleyball team again next fall when he attends Lewis University, a NCAA Division I program in Romeoville, Ill.

He visited the university last January, meeting the team and legendary coach Dan Friend.

“I’m super, super excited. I can’t even put into words how excited I am,” said Diekfuss, who plans on having a career in engineering. “It also motivates me to keep working hard. I know that I have to

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Dramatic win keeps Rockets in running for FVA crown

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

It's a situation the Neenah football team has done in practice plenty of times this season.

Last Friday, the Rockets put all of that hard work to good use. Neenah drove 93 yards in the final 2½ minutes to score the go-ahead touchdown with two seconds left in a dramatic 22-20 win over Fond du Lac that keeps the Rockets' hopes of a Fox Valley Association title alive.

"We rep that drill every week multiple times and it paid off," Neenah head coach Steve Jung said. "A lot of kids made big plays, and not just physical plays, but mental plays that allowed us to use that time well."

Jung cited plays by Cooper Sieck and Dylan Foat during the drive that were key

to saving time on the clock as well as Matthias Charles powering his way to a first down that allowed the Rockets – who did not have any timeouts for the drive – to spike the ball and stop the clock.

It was also Charles that hauled in the touchdown pass that capped the drive, hauling in a 21-yard reception from Owen St. Clair on a fade pattern in the back corner of the end zone.

"I saw that with the inside receiver, there was no way to get him the ball so I just thought I would give it to the best player on the team," said St. Clair, who was making his third straight start for the injured Ashton Van Beek. "I think it was just a lot of hard work and time put in and it all came down to one moment. When I saw the ref put his hands up it was amazing."

Jung was impressed with the way his young quarterback handled the situation

Week 8 games

Fox Valley Association

(records reflect FVA games)

Hortonville (2-3) at Neenah (4-1)
Oshkosh West (2-3) at Kaukauna (4-1)
Fond du Lac (2-3) at Kimberly (3-2)
Appleton North (3-2) at Appleton East (0-4)

and led the Rockets to the score.

"Owen managed the clock really well," Jung said. "The moxie that St. Clair showed as a sophomore and the back-up quarterback to will us to that victory was pretty impressive."

St. Clair, who was 19-of-31 for 232 yards and three touchdowns, is 3-0 as a starter leading Neenah to wins over Oshkosh West – in a downpour – and Appleton North.

"It's been a crazy, roller-coaster of emotions," St. Clair said. "I have had to face a lot of adversity with a couple of last-minute times when I have been starting. I'm just happy I've been able to show up for

the team and get a couple of wins."

Charles finished with 10 catches for 119 yards in the game, while Foat added 98 yards on six catches. Each receiver also had a touchdown catch, with Chase Kramer notching the other score.

Coming off such an emotional win against a rival can leave some teams in letdown mode the following Friday. Add in the potential distractions of it being Homecoming week at Neenah High School, and keeping a team focused can be a task for a coaching staff.

But not for the Rockets this week.

Neenah is gearing up to face Hortonville on Friday, still feeling the pain from last year's 17-14 loss to the Polar Bears that kept the Rockets from winning the FVA title outright. So there will be plenty of motivation and intensity when Neenah hits the field on Friday.

"I think that game still stings with the coaching staff and our kids," Jung said. "This is a big game to us. Hortonville is re-

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Zephyrs focus on Raiders with big goals in reach

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

The St. Mary Catholic football team found itself in some unfamiliar circumstances last season.

After having not qualified for the post-season in more than 20 years, the Zephyrs were suddenly playing in meaningful games with plenty on the line. Lessons had to be learned and experience in those situations had to be accrued.

Heading into Friday's showdown at Kiel, playing in a big game is nothing new for this crew and they will be ready for intensity of the matchup.

"We feel like a more veteran team this year with that experience from last year," senior Dominic Todd said. "We aren't going to underestimate (Kiel) because they are a very good team and also well-coached. But we feel like we are going to want it more."

The Zephyrs have just one loss in conference play this season and getting a win over Kiel would set the stage for a matchup with Brillion for the Eastern Wisconsin Conference title in the regular-season finale.

Although the team knows what is out there for them, their sights are solely on the Raiders.

"We control our own destiny, really. We have to win this one first and then we have an opportunity – and it doesn't matter if Brillion wins or loses – if we can go into that week and win, we are going to be conference champs whether it's shared or not," St. Mary Catholic head coach Rob Detterman said. "We talked about the playoff experience that this is basically the playoff experience starting now. We have to remember what the playoffs felt like and what it takes to be successful."

Detterman believes that the team is confident it can be successful against quality opponents, which was something that the

Week 8 games

Eastern Wisconsin Conference

(records reflect EWC games)

St. Mary Catholic (4-1) at Kiel (3-2)
Chilton (2-3) at Brillion (5-0)
Valders (3-2) at Roncalli (1-4)
Two Rivers (0-5) at New Holstein (2-3)

group took from last year's success.

"We have a lot of seniors and that helps and just knowing we can win is a big deal," Detterman said. "Some teams when they struggle, they just don't think they can win. They are waiting for the other shoe to drop. Now we are waiting for something to go right because we know it's going to if we keep playing hard. Having that mentality is huge."

The Zephyrs are entering Friday's game off a win over Roncalli in which the offense racked up a season-high 56 points.

St. Mary Catholic racked up nearly 300 yards on the ground and averaged 8.8 yards per carry in the game, with Todd leading the way with 151 yards and two touchdowns.

"Our o-line played really well and I was just focused on following my blockers," Todd said. "Everybody did their 1/11th and it worked out well."

The Zephyrs' offense also got a little help from the defense in rolling over the Jets as Finnley McClone contributed an interception return for a touchdown in the game.

But it wasn't just an ordinary pick-6. This one covered nearly the entire football field as McClone raced 99 yards for the score.

"It was a long way," McClone said with a smile. "We called the coverage, I stuck with my guy and saw the ball in the air and went for it. I took off, I felt him hit my foot but I stayed up and was gone from there."

"I started running and my whole goal was just not to get caught because I'd probably get yelled at in the film room."

McClone said the defense will face a tough challenge with the Raiders, who are led by dual-threat quarterback Brady Kienbaum and the versatile Mason Schaefer, who has scored both rushing and receiving and has even thrown a touchdown pass this

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Prep roundup

TENNIS

Rockets rack up another FVA title

After an undefeated dual meet season in the Fox Valley Association, Neenah dominated play at the conference tournament last week, winning titles at six of the seven flights.

All three doubles pairings for the Rockets rolled to the championship in their respective brackets.

Ella Motto and Evelyn Buss at No. 2 doubles highlighted the day for Rockets. The senior duo did not drop a game in their three matches en route to claiming the crown. Rebekah Thomas and Sydney Michalkiewicz won their first two matches by scores of 6-0, 6-0 before topping Rosie and Nomie Whitlinger of Appleton North 6-1, 6-1 in the finals.

At No. 3 doubles, Mollie VanDyke and JB Kennedy posted a 6-0, 6-0 win in their first match before adding straight-set victories in the semifinals and finals to earn the title.

Celia Gentile dropped only three games in three matches to finish atop the No. 1 singles bracket, while Rachel Thomas earned the No. 2 singles crown by losing just two games in her first two matches and then topping Sarah Reider of Kimberly 6-1, 6-3, in the final.

Ellie Grace Zickler was the No. 3 singles champion, posting a 6-1, 6-1 win over Appleton North’s Vivian Meronk in the title match after collecting a pair of straight-set wins.

Megan Slabbert added a third place at No. 4 singles for the Rockets.

Zephyrs’ doubles teams lead tourney showing

The three St. Mary Catholic doubles teams dropped only one game in a combined five matches at the WIAA Division 2 sub-sectional on Monday.

The Zephyrs competed at the sectional tournament in Kohler on Wednesday, but full results were not available by deadline.

Scarlett Bergstrom and Kieran Bergstrom at No. 2 doubles and Faith Bergstrom and Laney Schmidt at No. 3 doubles each posted two 6-0, 6-0 wins to advance to sectionals.

Halle Janssen and Ella Chier won 6-0, 6-1 in their lone match at No. 1 doubles.

Two-time state doubles champion Vivie Auth, who has made the move to singles this season earned a 6-0, 6-0 win in her only match at the sub-sectional, with Nadia Alexander at No. 2 singles and Norah Wroblewski at No. 4 singles also posting a pair of wins at their respective flights to advance.

Wroblewski won both of her matches 6-0, 6-0.

Elsa Rossmeissl won her first match at No. 3 singles but then fell to top-seeded Zoe Hodgkiss of Xavier in a hard-fought 6-3, 7-5 match.

Neenah cruises through sub-sectional tourney

The Rockets advanced all seven flights to sectionals and scored a perfect 24 points on the day at the WIAA Division 1 sub-sectional tournament hosted by Manitowoc Lincoln on Tuesday.

Individual state qualifiers and Neenah’s pursuit of another trip to the WIAA Team State Tournament was determined on Thursday at the Oshkosh West sectional on Thursday. Results of that tournament were not available by deadline.

Both of Neenah’s entrees at the No. 1

flights – Celia Gentile in singles and Rebekah Thomas and Sydney Michalkiewicz in doubles – posted 6-0, 6-0 wins in their only match on the day.

Ella Motto and Evelyn Buss won both of their matches at No. 2 doubles by 6-0, 6-0 margins, while JB Kennedy and Mollie VanDyke lost only one game in winning two matches at No. 3 doubles.

Singles players to advance for Neenah were Rachel Thomas at No. 2 singles, Ellie Grace Zickler at No. 3 singles and Page Vickman at No. 4 singles. Rachel Thomas lost only two games combined in her two matches.

Zephyrs shine in dual meets

St. Mary Catholic capped off a perfect run through the Eastern Wisconsin Conference dual meet season by racking up wins over Fox Valley Lutheran (6-1) and Marinette (7-0) last week.

Halle Janssen and Ella Chier highlighted the win over Marinette bouncing back from a first-set loss to win their No. 1 doubles match 4-6, 6-2, 10-4. The Zephyrs won every other match in straight sets including 6-0, 6-0 wins from Vivie Auth at No. 1 singles and the No. 3 doubles team of Faith Bergstrom and Laney Schmidt.

Auth, Janssen and Chier and Norah Wroblewski at No. 4 singles each won their matches without dropping a game in the win over Fox Valley Lutheran.

GOLF

Neenah’s Oitzinger earns top-15 finish at sectionals

Rocket senior Adrianne Oitzinger competed at the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet at Thornberry Creek Golf Course and tied for 14th overall at the tournament.

Oitzinger carded a round of 89 on the day, which left her in a tie with De Pere’s Janayha Vengrowsky.

Oitzinger was only five strokes behind the final individual state-qualifying score.

CROSS COUNTRY

Neenah girls notch win at Wheaton Falcon Classic

The Rockets became the first Wisconsin high school to win the team title at the Falcon Classic held in Wheaton., Ill.

The unique meet awards points in flighted competition among each of the seven runners for the 13 schools and Neenah finished with just 15 points to edge Hershey (Ill.) by two points and New Trier (Ill.) by seven points.

Earning first-place finishes in their respective races for the Rockets were Izzy Malloy for the No. 2 runners, Elsa Weiland for No. 5 runners, Maddie Schoonover for No. 6 runners and Olivia Landrath for No. 7 runners.

Sam Zilm added a third place among the No. 1 runners, Natalie Schultz was third among the No. 3 runners and Lizzy LaPlant was fifth among the No. 4 runners.

Drake leads Rocket runners at Fond du Lac

Elliott Drake raced to a third-place finish among 111 runners to help the Neenah boys take third place at the Fond du Lac Invitational last week.

Drake edged out Appleton West’s Kegan Philbin by less than a half-second for the spot and was about 20 seconds behind individual winner Jay Weber of Oshkosh



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Neenah senior Paige Hoelzel stuffs a Fond du Lac spike attempt during Tuesday’s Fox Valley Association match.

Rockets can’t find rhythm in four-set loss to Cardinals

By Steve Clark
NEENAH NEWS

It was a bad time for the Neenah girls volleyball team to have an off night.

Outside of the second set, the Rockets never really got things to click against Fond du Lac in a matchup of two of the top teams in the Fox Valley Association. The result left Neenah with its first FVA loss of the season, following the 25-22, 12-25, 25-22, 25-17 loss on Tuesday night inside the Neenah High School Fieldhouse.

“It was just kind of a weird game,” Neenah head coach Nate Leitermann said. “Everything just kind of seemed off tonight. Hats off to Fond du Lac, they played well and they caught us on an off night. We just didn’t really play like our normal self.”

One of the areas that hampered the Rockets in the loss was its serving.

Neenah finished with 14 aces – led by four from Brielle Brown and three from Gloria Keith – but racked up 11 service errors and struggled to put pressure on the Cardinals with their serve.

“We did not serve well. We’ve done well serving-wise this season, but tonight was just an off night,” Leitermann said. “We’re going to hit the gym (Wednesday) and serve for a good amount of time.”

After dropping a tight first set, the Rockets came out firing in the second set and never trailed. The only time the set was even tied was at 1-1.

Back-to-back kills from Elaina Kramer and Paige Hoelzel broke the tie and pushed Neenah into the lead and the Rockets continued to extend the advantage the rest of the set.

A kill by Lily Romjue earned the Rockets an 11-3 advantage before four straight points on Keith’s serve – including two aces and a kill from Leah Oldenburg – kept the advantage at eight points.

The Cardinals would get as close as 18-11, but Brown’s kill ignited a run of six straight points that got the Rockets to set point before Romjue finished things off with a kill to even the match at 1.

“I thought in that second set we got back to the way we play. I thought we competed at a high level,” Leitermann said. “Props to Fond du Lac. They came into set three and they didn’t roll over.”

A kill from Kramer and two aces from Finley Kelley staked Neenah to the early lead in the third set, while a five-point run pushed the Rockets to an 8-3 advantage.

Fond du Lac, though, began to chip away at the Neenah lead and eventually pulled even at 13-13. The score was tied two more times in the set before Fond du Lac took the lead for good at 17-16 and kept the Rockets from stringing any points to together down the stretch.

“It felt like we would get one or two points and then we would lose three or four,” Leitermann said. “I think we kind of got into that mindset of we’re back, we rolled them in set two, here we go and we just kind of took our foot off the gas.”

Neenah never led in the fourth set but was able to keep things close most of the way as Fond du Lac’s lead never topped three points until the Cardinals rattled off the final six points of the set – a run which started with a missed serve by the Rockets.

Romjue finished with 13 kills to lead the Rockets, while Brown chipped in 11 and Hoelzel added nine. Kelley paced the team with 24 assists with Sena Messner adding 14.

Defensively, Hoelzel finished with three total blocks in the match, while Aubrey Lindgren finished with 19 digs and Romjue had nine.

The loss drops Neenah into a tie for second place with the Cardinals. The Rockets were scheduled to face FVA-leading Kimberly on Thursday, before closing out the conference season at home against Appleton North next Thursday.

“I think we’re going to bounce back from this. The girls are going to be hungry and they are going to be frustrated because they know this isn’t our game,” Leitermann said. “We have a lot of season left and we know we can compete at a high level.”

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ally good offensively and they beat us last year so this is a game we are working for.”

The Polar Bears have a number of weapons that the Rockets will be preparing for, including quarterback AJ Pheifer and his top receiver Isaac Behnke. Pheifer

has already thrown for nearly 1,400 yards this season while Behnke has 50 catches through seven games and is averaging 13.4 yards per catch.

Hortonville also controlled the ball against the Rockets last year and dominated the time of possession.

Neenah’s defense – which has allowed more than 20 points just once in conference play this season – knows it has to ex-

ecute to limit the Polar Bear offense.

“We have to be there mentally all game. We have to contain their run but they are a good passing team so we have to have that good pass defense and maybe get some turnovers,” said junior Logan Price, who led the team with 14 tackles against Fond du Lac. “Coaches say (last year’s loss) still stings so we just have to bring it to them this week.”

A Homecoming win would move Neen-

ah one step closer to earning at least a share of the FVA title with a showdown against Kimberly awaiting the Rockets in the regular-season finale.

However, that game will have to wait because the Rockets have some business to take care of on Friday.

“This is a game we have had circled on the calendar just because they beat us last year,” Jung said. “We have worked extra hard for this one. We’re going to be ready.”

Senior Standout

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work hard because there is more after. Once I get to college I don’t want to be waiting until my senior year to play. I’m going to be bringing it hard.”

Before he gets the chance to suit up for the Falcons, Diekfuss has his senior season at Neenah to finish and he hopes to make it a memorable one.

The Rockets haven’t qualified for the WIAA State Boys Volleyball tournament since 2001 and Diekfuss believes that

this year’s squad has the potential to do so. However, he knows that nothing is just going to be handed to the Rockets.

“My goal is to go to state,” Diekfuss said. “I know we are going to go to state so I am going to make it happen. Not like I know we are going to state so I’m just going to sit back and let it happen. I want to make it happen and my team is thinking that way, too.

“Leadership and time management are definitely the two biggest things I’ve learned playing volleyball. I’m not perfect in either one of them but I am trying my best to get better at them.”

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year.

Schaefer was the Kiel player that took a hook-and-ladder pass nearly the length of the field for a touchdown on the final play of regulation before the Zephyrs blocked the game-tying extra point kick attempt.

“We just have to be prepared for everything,” McClone said. “All of their skilled positions are good. Anyone can do anything so we have to be ready because they got everything in their belt. They have the

whole package.”

The Zephyrs are right there, too.

Just like last year, St. Mary Catholic features a strong running game behind a veteran offensive line, big-play potential in the passing game and a staunch defense. But unlike last year, the Zephyrs will have one more asset in their toolbox to use.

“Last year our goal was just to make the playoffs because it had been 20-some years since we had made it,” McClone said. “Because of the experience we got last year, our goals have changed and our standards have changed and we want to keep moving forward.”

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North. Drew Sabatke added a 13th place for the Rockets with Connor Schott scoring a 21st-place finish, followed by Dylan Olson in 33rd and Carson Finch in 35th.

Neenah finished behind only Verona and Kimberly among the 16 teams at the meet.

The Neenah girls finished sixth overall led by Ramsey Green in 17th place. Sarah Melewski was the next Rocket runner to cross in 29th place while the rest of the scoring runners for the Rockets were Courtney Cain in 35th place, Audrie Blenker in 49th place and Corah Holzheu in 51st place.

Higgins, Staner lead Zephyrs runners

Claire Higgins and Fritz Staner paced the St. Mary Catholic runners at the Waupaca Invitational last week.

Higgins finished 19th overall in the girls race followed by Natalie Lee in 31st. Claire Mislinski in 48th place, Chloe Beckett in 58th place and Mary Aure in 59th place rounded ut the scoring runners for the Zephyrs.

Staner finished in the top 10 of the boys race by coming in 10th, with Brady DeLeeuw adding a 22nd place. The remaining Zephyr runners had Brandon DeBraal in 48th place, Leo Gruber in 54th place and Anderson Homburg in 59th place.

SOCCER

Big second-half carries Rockets to win

Ian Baetke finished with two goals and an assist and Neenah responded to a 1-0 halftime deficit by scoring three times in the second half for a 3-1 win over Kimberly.

All three goals for the Rockets came in a span of about five minutes midway through the second half, starting with Baetke’s first tally off an assist from Hunter Brown, which tied the match in the 58th minute.

Kolton Fleege then scored off a Baetke assist about two minutes later to push the Rockets in front, before Baetke added an insurance goal in the 63rd minute off an assist from Brode Labarge.

Neenah was coming off a 4-3 loss to Appleton North last Thursday in which the Lightning scored all four goals in the second half to sting the Rockets.

Neenah had built a 3-0 halftime lead on two goals from Brown and another from Baetke. LaBarge, Owen Pire and Braulio Alvarado Zarate registered assists in the game.

Zephyrs roll to win over Stockbridge

Six different players scored as St. Mary Catholic posted a 6-0 win over Stockbridge last Thursday.

Nathan Jensen, Jameson Tines, Bryce Heimann, Rhett Probst, Henry Thiumann and Dylan Brenn all registered goals in the victory. Rhett Probst added a pair of assists in the win, while Buck Probst, Aiden Tines and Sawyer DeMars each had one.

Aaron Ruppert made two saves in goal to earn the shutout.

St. Mary Catholic came up short in a Big East Conference game against Oostburg on Tuesday, 5-1.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Rockets post three wins at invite

Neenah earned wins over Stevens Point,

Brookfield East and Mosinee before falling to Kimberly at the Fox Valley Lutheran invitational on Friday.

All three wins for the Rockets came in straight sets.

Lily Romjue led the Neenah hitters at the tournament with 35 kills, followed by Elaina Kramer with 27 and Brielle Brown with 22. Brown also led the team with eight aces.

Finley Kelley led the Rockets with 51 assists, while Sena Messner added 35.

Defensively, Aubrey Lindgren led Neenah with 42 digs, followed by Kelley with 24, Romjue with 23 and Brown with 21.

The Rockets also picked up a 25-18, 25-15, 25-20 win over Kaukauna last week led by 15 kills, six aces and 10 digs from Romjue. Brown added nine kills in the win.

Lindgren paced the team with 19 digs, while Kelley registered a team-high 18 assists.

Zephyrs can’t get past Lancers

St. Mary Catholic ran into a powerhouse Manitowoc Lutheran squad on Tuesday and lost the Big East Conference match-up in three close sets, 25-18, 25-23, 25-18.

Rayna Brelage and Adele Brennan each had five kills in the match. Emmi Weiss finished with 10 assists and Brennan added five.

The Zephyrs finished second at the Wrightstown Invitational on Saturday, falling to the host Tigers in the title match 25-22, 25-21. St. Mary Catholic posted wins, all in two sets, over Sheboygan South, Two Rivers, Wabeno-Laona and Seymour at the tournament.

Ellie Davel led the Zephyr hitters with 20 kills, followed by Luci Nackers with 19, Autumn Crowe with 17 and Brennan with 14.

Bitsy McCauley racked up 35 digs in the tournament followed by Crowe with 26 and Nackers with 23, while Weiss and Brennan finished with 48 and 37 assists, respectively.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Rockets hold off Cardinals in three sets

Neenah remained atop the Fox Valley Association by collecting a 25-13, 25-23, 27-25 win on the road at Fond du Lac on Tuesday.

The Rockets are now 7-0 in conference play and tied atop the conference with Appleton North.

Trevor Ricketts led the Rockets with 10 kills, followed by Colin Martin with eight and Sam Keepers with seven.

Levi Steckling led the team with 11 digs while Cam Diekfuss posted 35 assists in the win.

SWIMMING

Neenah collects dual meet win over Fondy

The Rockets swept the top three places in diving and capped the meet with a 1-2 finish in the 400-meter freestyle relay in collecting a 108-77 win over Fond du Lac on Tuesday.

Breleigh Maurer, Elisabeth Hang, Bridget Bloomhuff and Kirsten Brygger made up the winning team in the 400-yard freestyle relay, with the foursome of Anna Benthain, Emma Doiron, Lilly Karr and Sophie Wypiszynski taking second.

Sydney Hansman led the sweep in diving for Neenah with Meredith Buttron taking second and Sophia Diaz finishing third.

Brygger added a pair of individual wins on the day, taking first in the 100-yard

freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke.

Maurer picked up a win in the 200-yard freestyle and a second place in the 100-yard butterfly, Hang took first in the 500-yard freestyle and was second in the 200-yard individual medley and Bloom-

huff added a win in the 50-yard freestyle and earned a second place in the 100-yard backstroke.

Neenah also won the 200-yard medley relay with a team of Bloomhuff, Brygger, Hang and Ellen Farrell.

Public Notice

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT General Election November 3, 2026

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Voters with a current and valid WI Driver’s License or ID card may now register to vote online at www.myvote.wi.gov.

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing -

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the election. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or email. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application for an absentee ballot by mail, in person, or online at www.myvote.wi.gov. **Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.**

Making an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail -

The deadline for making an application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00 PM on the fifth day before the election, THURSDAY, October 29, 2026.

NOTE: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person -

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person:

Charlotte Nagel, City Clerk City of Neenah 211 Walnut Street, PO Box 426 Neenah, WI 54957-0426 (920) 886-6110 October 20 th – October 30 th 7:30 am – 4:30 pm Mon – Thurs. 7:30 am – 4:00 pm Friday Oct. 23 rd 7:30 am – 5:00 pm Friday Oct. 30 th cnagel@neenahwi.gov	Ellen Skerke, Town Clerk Town of Neenah 1600 Breezewood Lane Neenah, WI 54956 (920) 725-0916 October 20 th – October 30 th 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Oct. 20 – Oct. 23 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Oct. 26 – Oct. 29 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Oct. 30 eskerke@tn.neenah.wi.gov	Chantel Jaenke, Village Clerk Village of Fox Crossing 2000 Municipal Drive Neenah, WI 54956-5665 (920) 720-7103 October 20 th – October 30 th 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Friday Oct. 30th clerk@foxcrossingwi.gov
Kelsey Faust-Kubale, Town Clerk Town of Clayton 8348 Hickory Avenue Larsen, WI 54947 (920) 836-2007 October 20 th – October 30 th 8am-2pm Thursdays 8am-12pm Fridays Or by appointment clerk@claytonwinnebagoi.gov		

***No in-person absentee voting may occur the Monday before the election, November 2, 2026.** To find your voting municipality, contact the Municipal Clerk at the above-mentioned contact information or at www.myvote.wi.gov. The Municipal Clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on **November 3, 2026**. All absentee ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd.

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Must see home 1564 Plummer St., Oshkosh renovated 2019, custom woodwork, doors, kitchen, dry basement, spacious double garage. Beckman Properties 920-428-9669.

Legal Notice

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Mckenzie AnnMarie Sykes By (Petitioner) Mckenzie AnnMarie Sykes Notice of Name Change Hearing Case No. 2026CV000846

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From:
First – McKenzie
Middle – AnnMarie
Last – Sykes
To:
First – McKenzie
Middle – Marie
Last – Meacham
Birth Certificate:
First – McKenzie
Middle – AnnMarie
Last – Sykes

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

Judge's Name: Hon. John A. Jorgensen
Place: 415 Jackson Street, Room 320, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Date: October 5, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-236-4866 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER AND PETITIONER:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the following newspaper Neenah News.

**BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: August 31, 2026
Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 5
Runs: October 2, 2026, October 9, 2026 and October 16, 2026.**

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OCTOBER IS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

LET'S BUILD A "GO BAG"

If you had to leave home quickly in an emergency, what would you need?

A **go bag** is a backpack filled with a few things you might need if that happens. Making one now means you'll be ready to grab it and go in an emergency.

Ready, Set, Go!

Keep your go bag somewhere easy to reach. Take a look at the items on this page that you can put in your go bag. Is there anything else you might need or want in an emergency?

- flashlight
- extra batteries
- notepad
- pencil
- whistle — to attract help if needed

Important Information

Have an adult help you fill out this emergency contact card. Cut it out, seal it in a ziplock bag to keep it dry and place it inside your go bag.

MY EMERGENCY CONTACT CARD

My name: _____

Home address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Another trusted adult: _____ Phone: _____

Out-of-area contact: _____ Phone: _____

Family meeting place: _____

In case of emergency dial 9-1-1

Items to include in your go bag:

- toothpaste
- toothbrush
- wet wipes
- hand sanitizer or soap
- small first aid kit
- two pairs of socks
- underwear
- hat
- t-shirt
- light jacket
- sweatpants
- bottled water
- fruit snacks
- granola bars
- small blanket
- deck of cards
- a favorite stuffed toy

If there is a fire, get outside first. Don't stop to get your go bag!



Kid Scoop Together

Fire Safety 1, 2, 3

Here are three important fire safety rules to remember for you and your family.

1 ALWAYS KNOW TWO WAYS OUT

You should know two ways out of every room. And you need to know where your family will meet outside. Practice this escape plan with your family.



2 HEAR THE ALARM? GET OUT!



When a smoke alarm sounds, leave right away. Go outside and never go back inside until a firefighter tells you it is safe.

3 FIRE IS NOT FOR KIDS TO FIGHT!



Kids should never try to put out a fire. Get outside, tell an adult and call 911 from a safe place. Have a place for your family to meet away from your home.

Choose a place outside your home to meet in an emergency.

Where will your family meet? Write it here and put it on your refrigerator door.

In an emergency, we will meet at:

Extra! Extra! Supply Search

Look through the newspaper to find three items that would be helpful following an emergency. Ask a family member to do the same. Would these be good things for your go bag?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How often should you test your home's smoke alarm?

Circle every other letter to reveal the answer.

A J T X L N E W A V S H
T J O S N M C P E Q A X
M N O M N C T Y H L

A T L

Double Double Word Search

ALARM
BAG
CARDS
CONTACT
DIAL
DRY
EMERGENCY
FAMILY
FIRE
GO
HAT
KIT
MEET
OUTSIDE
SOCKS
WATER

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

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

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Feeling Safe

Write about who and what makes you feel safe.

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



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