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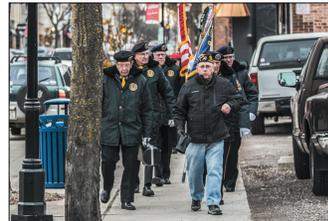
VETERANS DAY 2017



Waukesha — Joe Stocking Jr. of the VFW Post 721 places his headgear back on after the prayer during the service at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Waukesha on Saturday.



Five-year-old Aiden Verhalen stands strong in the color guard formation with members of the Sons of the American Revolution during the Veterans Day service in Waukesha on Saturday.



Members of the American Legion make their way to Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Waukesha for a Veterans Day memorial service on Saturday.

Hamilton School Board meets without suspended students' parents

District confers with lawyer

By Kelly Smith
Special to The Freeman
TOWN OF LISBON — The Hamilton School Board met behind closed doors with its attorney for a little more than an hour Monday night but without the parents of four seniors who were suspended for three days for "inappropriate behavior" during a homecoming pep assembly skit. The parents had requested — and expected — an opportunity to meet with

the board in an effort to persuade board members to launch an investigation into the disciplinary process at Hamilton High School. Two of the parents — Anthony Rieder and Tammy Vance — said they were surprised when they learned early Monday morning that the board would not be meeting with them. Before the meeting, School Board President Gabe Kolesari and Superintendent Paul Mielke said they could not discuss why the board was not meeting with the parents because the topic was going to be the subject of a closed session of the board. According to the agenda, the meeting was closed for the "purpose of discussing and considering parent concerns regarding a student disciplinary matter." Kolesari would not comment whether any action was taken during the approximately 72-minute meeting. The board had previously scheduled the special meet-

ing to put the final touches on the wording of a \$38.9 million referendum in the Feb. 20 primary election. The closed session was added to the agenda after the board received a Nov. 6 letter from the four parents of the "purpose of discussing and considering parent concerns regarding a student disciplinary matter." The parents are Edward and Rebecca Berg and Brenda and David Kornacki as well as the Rieders and the Vances. The parents requested the meeting after Mielke rejected their appeals of the boys' suspensions. See HAMILTON, PAGE 8A

WAUKESHA WATER PLAN

Minooka Park eyed for water booster pumping station

Water Commission will discuss Milwaukee route study on Thursday

WAUKESHA — As part of an ongoing study to select the preferred water pipeline route between Milwaukee and Waukesha, the water utility is looking at a portion of Minooka Park, southeast of the city, for a new booster pumping station. Though a final pipeline route hasn't been set, the utility, with the help of Greeley and Hansen, a water and wastewater engineering firm, has narrowed the options to three lines between Milwaukee and Waukesha with the final report's release scheduled for April 2018. They will all utilize consistent start and end points at the intersec-

If you go

What: Waukesha Water Commission
When: Thursday at 6 p.m.
Where: Water Utility Conference Room, 115 Detlefeld St., Waukesha (seating is limited)

tion of 84th Street and Cold Spring Road in the city of Milwaukee and the booster pumping station that will be located at Minooka Park at the intersection of Racine Avenue and Swartz Road, according to a water utility memo. See WATER, PAGE 8A

How will UW Colleges' restructuring affect students?

They shouldn't expect major changes, say system officials

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WAUKESHA — Leadership within the UW College system says students shouldn't expect any major changes in their day-to-day routines after the Board of Regents' approval last Thursday of a resolution that allows the restructuring of all 13 two-year colleges. The resolution permits UW System President Ray Cross to enter into the planning and implementation stage of his restructuring proposal with the help of a steering committee. The plan would merge the system's two-year colleges with its four-year campuses. It would, for example, see UW-Waukesha integrated into UW-Milwaukee. The news that two-year colleges like UW-Waukesha will be restructured left students wondering how their educations could be affected by the changes. See MERGER, PAGE 8A



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WEATHER

Tomorrow:
Partly sunny
High 40 / Low 34

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From the Waukesha police blotter:

5:27 p.m. Friday — A man was standing outside in the 1500 block of Summit Avenue "watering his driveway." When a neighbor asked why, he said "Crucify me, I am Jesus." He was not home when police arrived. The caller's husband said the man was washing his car and rinsing soap off the driveway, but also reported the man's odd behavior >> **More police blotter on 7A**

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST

TONIGHT
 Rain likely
 41

TOMORROW
 Chance of rain
 48/29

THURSDAY
 Partly sunny
 40/34

FRIDAY
 Rain
 47/34

SATURDAY
 Rain and snow
 38/22

REGIONAL FORECAST

Superior 38/25
 Ashland 38/25
 Eau Claire 38/24
 La Crosse 44/27
 Beaver Dam 45/27
 Madison 48/28
 Rockford 51/28

Wausau 41/24
 Green Bay 48/28
 Appleton 45/28
 West Bend 47/29
 Milwaukee 50/31
 Wauwatosa 48/28

ALMANAC

Statistics for yesterday
 High/Low: Waukesha 42/28
 Normal High/Low: 44/30
 Last year's high for date: 59
 Last year's low for date: -41

WIND CHILL TOMORROW

A composite of the effects of the effects of wind on the human body.
 9 a.m.: -38
 Noon: -42
 4 p.m.: -41
 8 p.m.: -33

HEATING DEGREE

An index of energy consumption indicating how much fuel the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.
 Yesterday: 28
 Month to date: 362
 Season to date: 687
 Normal season to date: 870

MOONRISE TOMORROW
 2:28 a.m.
 MOONSET TOMORROW
 5:29 p.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST
 Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017

Tonight: Not as cool. Cloudy. Chance of light rain through midnight, then light rain likely after midnight. Lows in the lower 40s. Wednesday: Rain likely early, then decreasing clouds. Highs near 60.

MAP KEY

WIND: LOW, HIGH, STATIONARY
 WEATHER: CLOUDS, THUNDER, FOG, SNOW, SMOG, HAZE, MIST, RAIN, SUNNY

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

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TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR DALLAS

ATLANTA High: 60 Low: 42
CHICAGO High: 52 Low: 31
DENVER High: 57 Low: 34
LOS ANGELES High: 70 Low: 61
MIAMI High: 80 Low: 70
MINNEAPOLIS High: 55 Low: 29
NEW YORK High: 50 Low: 44
PHOENIX High: 55 Low: 44
SEATTLE High: 48 Low: 42
ST. LOUIS High: 60 Low: 36
WASHINGTON High: 54 Low: 42

Walker signs bill eliminating Wisconsin's minimum hunting age

MADISON (AP)—Children of any age can hunt in Wisconsin, after Gov. Scott Walker signed a bill that eliminates the state's minimum age.

Walker quietly signed the Republican bill Saturday, exactly a week before the state's nine-day gun deer hunting was set to open. The law took effect Monday. Kids will have to wait five days before they can start shooting deer, but they can participate in several seasons already underway, including bow deer, pheasant, ruffed grouse, rabbit and squirrel.

A Wisconsin resident must be at least 12 years old to purchase a hunting license or hunt with a gun. However, until now children as young as 10 could participate in a mentored hunt.

The program allows the child to hunt with a mentor who is at least 18 and has gone through a hunter safety course or had military training if they're younger than 14. The mentor and student could have only one gun between them, and they had to stay within arm's reach of one another. The new law

allows children of any age to hunt and allows mentor and student to each carry a weapon.

Thirty-four other states have no minimum hunting age. Supporters, including State Rep. Joel Kleefisch, R-Town of Oconomowoc, said Monday that he allowed his 11-year-old daughter to shoot a wild hog on a Michigan game preserve when she was 6.

"This bill will allow responsible hunters to get kids off the couch and off the electronics and into the woods," Kleefisch said. "There's nothing more exciting than seeing the look on someone's face when they harvest their first animal."

Walker signs woodchuck hunting bill

MADISON (AP) — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker has signed a bill setting up an open season on groundhogs.

The governor signed the measure on Saturday. The bill removes groundhogs from the state's protected species list and calls on the Department of Natural Resources to establish a year-round hunting and trapping season with no bag limits.

Supporters argue groundhogs, also known as woodchucks or whistle pigs, are plentiful and that their burrowing destroys gardens and undermines building foundations, sidewalks and roads. The Alliance for Animals, the Humane Society of the United States and Midwest Environmental Advocates all have registered in opposition.

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The memo also asks for the authorization to spend an additional \$1,037,588 to extend work on the Greeley and Hansen pipeline route study through Dec. 31 of this year, instead of Nov. 30 that was budgeted for. A second amendment is expected to come before the commission next month that will outline the scope and cost for the study as it continues into

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The memo goes on to say that all costs were built into the \$286.2 million water project proposal with Milwaukee.

Waukesha Water Utility Manager Dan Duchniak was not available for comment Monday afternoon.

Mayor Shawn Reilly, also a member of the water commission, said he didn't know specifics about the Minooka Park booster station and asked that questions be deferred to Duchniak.

The commission will also go into its second session Thursday to discuss negotiations for the purchase of Lake Michigan water. The city expects to start piping in Great Lakes water by 2023.

— Hannah Weikel, Freeman Staff

Merger
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"I really don't think they will, and I think that's a crucial point to make," said Stephanie Marquis, head of university relations with the UW System.

"We know that when you hear restructuring, that's a really unsettling thing to hear."

Marquis says a long-term goal for the UW System is to not only make the services and organizations that students are offered at the two-year campuses, but to actually expand upon them. All UW Colleges will remain open after the restructuring process, and there will eventually be more upper-level course offerings up for grabs at the locations. All credits that two-year students have earned will still transfer to all UW institutions.

"The steering committee will really be looking at how we can make that consistent," said Marquis. "A big goal is, when a student

takes English 101, how will they know that that English 101 will transfer to all these other schools."

Marquis said the steering committee will be searching for viable ways to make transferring credits even easier. As for tuition levels at the two-year campuses, she says there won't be any change to the cost of classes.

The main goal of the restructuring process is to leverage the classes and the other resources four-year campuses have, while keeping all campuses open.

A demographic shift that sees fewer college-aged students in Wisconsin is noted as the reason behind fewer enrolling at the colleges and universities. From 2010-17, UW-Waukesha has seen a 29 percent decrease in the number of enrollments.

"Right now, we're really in the technical aspect of this and how of this is going to work," said Marquis. "What we're looking at right now, we won't see any significant changes in

our class sizes."

UW-Waukesha Campus Administrator and Regional Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Stephen Schmid echoed that students won't have any major changes in class offerings or programming.

"UW-Waukesha and UW-Washington County are currently planning next year's curriculum, and current planning includes maintaining the same curriculum and course offerings of past years," said Schmid. He added that plans for integrating an associate's degree into UW-Milwaukee are just beginning and that any such plans would maintain transferability and require Higher Learning Commission approvals.

"With the Board of Regents' vote taking effect last Thursday, it is too early in the process to determine what programs may change in the future," said Schmid. "Discussions concerning any long-term changes to curriculum are many months away."



House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, left, joined by Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., the ranking member, and Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich., offers his manager's amendment as the GOP tax bill debate enters the final stage on Capitol Hill in Washington last week.

Analysis says Senate bill would hike taxes for 13.8 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Republican tax overhaul would increase taxes for some 13.8 million moderate-income American households, a nonpartisan analysis showed Monday.

Trump also said, "Now how about ending the unfair & highly unpopular individual mandate in (Obama)care and reducing taxes even further?"

Overall, the legislation would deeply cut corporate taxes, double the standard deduction used by most Americans, and limit or repeal completely the federal

deduction for state and local property, income and sales taxes.

Trump and the Republicans have called the legislation a boon to the middle class, bringing tax relief to the people with moderate incomes and boosting the economy to create new jobs.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said "a relatively small minority of taxpayers could see a slight increase in their taxes."

Hamilton
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Mielke said the boys were warned by Dean of Students Mike Goz that the dance routine they performed at a powder puff football game earlier in the week must be the same routine performed in front of the student body at the pep assembly on Sept. 29.

However, the boys admitted they intentionally changed the routine.

"The dance routine performed in front of the entire school included suggestive dancing," Mielke said.

He also concluded that the high school administration

conducted a thorough and impartial investigation, that respected the students due process rights before issuing the suspensions.

However, the parents have contended "inaccuracies, misinformation and intimidation were used throughout this disciplinary matter."

School district officials have emphasized they cannot discuss anything relating to disciplinary matters because of state and federal laws.

They held the closed session in accordance with an exemption in the state's open meetings law that permits closed sessions for the investigation of charges

against an individual that if discussed in public could "have a substantial adverse effect" on the individual's reputation.

They have also cited a section of state law that requires student records to remain confidential except under certain circumstances.

However, the parents argue the issues are not about confidentiality in disciplinary matters but rather how the district has implemented its disciplinary policy.

"They contend the district had failed to follow 'defined and articulated consequences of the school policy'"

New sex assault allegation hits Moore; he calls it false

WASHINGTON (AP) — A second woman emerged Monday to accuse Roy Moore of sexually assaulting her as a teenager in the late 1970s, this time in a locked car further riling the Alabama Republican's candidacy for an open Senate seat. Moore strongly denied it even as his own party's leaders intensified their efforts to push him out of the race.

Senate Majority Leader

Mitch McConnell took a remarkably personal swipe at his party's candidate for a Senate seat the GOP cannot afford to lose. "I believe the women," he said, marking an intensified effort by leaders to ditch Moore before a Dec. 12 special election that has swung from an assured GOP victory to one that Democrats could conceivably win.

"I can tell you without hesitation this is absolutely false. I never did what she said I did. I don't even know the woman," Moore said.

He signaled he has no intention of ending his candidacy, calling the latest charges a "political maneuver" and launching a fundraising appeal to "God-fearing conservatives" to counter his abandonment by Washington Republicans.

