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WAUKESHA — The cities of Waukesha and Milwaukee are being recognized by a nonpartisan government watchdog group for the cooperation they showed in reaching the Lake Michigan water deal.

The city announced in a press release on Thursday that the Wisconsin Policy Forum was award-

ing the two cities with its Intergov- ment between Waukesha and Milernmental Cooperation Award. The award is part of the nonprofit's "Salute to Local Government" Awards.

The awards recognize "governments and school districts for innovative problem solving, effective use of technology, partnership, and cooperation," the release states.

"Last year, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and I made a historic announcement of a water agree-

waukee," stated Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly in the release. "This was an important collaboration for the common good of our residents and businesses. We are proud to receive this award, which we hope will lead to additional partnerships in the future."

Waukesha's current groundwater supply contains natural contaminants, including the carcinogen radium. The agreement to

obtain Lake Michigan water pro- intergovernmental cooperation vides a new water supply for Waukesha at a lower cost than other suppliers. It also provides a new source of funds for Milwaukee, providing mutual benefits for decades to come, according to the release.

The tentative deal was announced by Reilly and Barrett on Oct. 30, with a ceremonial toast of Lake Michigan water. At the event Barrett called the new partnership "the most significant kee.

agreement in southeastern Wisconsin history.'

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The deal became official on Dec. 20, as the mayors were joined by leaders from both cities to sign the regional cooperative agreement. Construction on the project is anticipated to begin in early 2020.

The Wisconsin Policy Forum award presentation will take place on June 19 at the Italian Community Center in Milwau-

# UW System to consider stricter background checks to prevent harassment

MADISON — The Univer- were able to get jobs at other will continue to work tiresity of Wisconsin System campuses because reference lessly to assess our policies announced Thursday afternoon that President Ray Cross and the Board of Regents will consider a more in-depth hiring and reference check process related to sexual harassment, which would be implemented at all UW System schools, at the June board meeting.

A press release sent by the system explains that Governor Scott Walker requested such processes be vetted out.

The proposed change was prompted after investigations revealed that some employees who'd left their positions following sexual harassment

checks didn't include harassment history.

On the recommendation of Cross, Board of Regents President John Robert Behling and Vice President Drew Petersen, the Board of Regents will consider policies that will require all UW institutions to share the personnel files of current or former employees with employee's personal file." other UW institutions or state agencies as part of a hiring review, the release explained. "The UW System has zero

tolerance for sexual harassment. There is no room for compromise on that comallegations mitment," said Cross. "We

and revise them as necessary to ensure that our campus communities are safe and welcoming places to live, learn and work.'

Some of the recommended polices to be discussed will also require that all UW schools "appropriately document any allegations of sexual harassment in an Such files would need to carry records of any allegations or investigations, including what consequences befell the employee. The next Board of Regents meeting in on June 7.

- Freeman Staff



### West juniors score big on ACTs

WAUKESHA - A group of juniors from Waukesha West High School scored a 30 or better on their ACT tests. The highest possible score on an ACT test is a 36.

Top row (left to right) John Schellhase, Elizabeth Karpowitz, Jared Dutelle, Christian Brantner, Superintendent Todd Gray, Rocco Boggio, Elena Muntz, Lauren Yoder and



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New Berlin student Kaitlin Tadlock stops to say hello to an Orchard Lane student who is intrigued by her royal blue graduation robes.

### Senior Walk

NEW BERLIN — Around 400 New Berlin Eisenhower and New Berlin West seniors returned to their previous elementary schools in their caps and gowns for the annual Senior Walk event Thursday morning.

The hope is elementary students will be inspired to someday be like the students they see walking before them, to instill an importance in the graduation process and to motivate students to strive for success during their years in the district.

For many of the students doing the walk, and the staff members who helped get them to this point in their lives, the walk gave



Heather Peterson (left), Haley Fleckenstein (back middle) and April Kronshage (right) high-five Orchard Lane Elementary students as they take their Senior Walk.

them a chance to take a "stroll through memory lane," and regain an appre- and experiences.

ciation for their elementary schools, classmates

Waukesha North students take



Anabelle Bonilla. Seated (left to right) Sydney Kyzar, Kayleigh Little, Naveen Albert, Mary Hopper, Tayler Kozlowski, Samuel Thompson and Tyler Norem. Not pictured: Jackson Beidel, Maxwell Dykowski and Jacob Jahnke.



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## Wisconsin Heat **Awareness Day**

WAUKESHA Wisconsin Heat Awareness Day is Wednesday. The day is a reminder that hot conditions due to warmer temperatures in the summer months can turn dangerous auickly.

In the past five years, 39 people in Wisconsin have died of heat-related conditions. Thousands more have fallen ill or been hospitalized for the same reason. There are an average of 618 deaths nationwide due to extreme heat, according to the Center for Disease Control and Protection.

Major General Don Dunbar, Wisconsin's adjutant general and Homeland Security advisor, said people must know about threats posed by extreme heat.

Those at higher risk include socially isolated individuals, very young children, the elderly, and people with heart disease or high blood pressure. Overweight people or people on certain medications might be more susceptible to illness caused by extreme heat events.

Wisconsin residents are encouraged to stay cool, stay hydrated and stay informed by checking forecasts weather and extreme heat alerts. Individuals can also follow Ready Wisconsin on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay up to date.

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### part in day of service

WAUKESHA Last week, during their day off from school, all 1,100 Waukesha North High School students participated in community service projects across the city.

From mulching and garden work to helping in senior centers and elementary schools, students selected the type of work that interested them. Getting out of the classroom and making a difference in the community was the goal for the day.

"I believe service is impactful because it's Mcquire explained that helped me appreciate the differences and the need that is found in our own community in Waukesha," said North senior Ben Bartley. "Being able to designate an entire day as a school to do so many different types of service around the community really does inspire a wave of change, and I believe opening this opportunity as available to every student is an inspiration to go



Ben Sorge, a junior at Waukesha North High School, helps remove invasive garlic mustard at Minooka Park during the school's community service day last week.

out and help those who often go unnoticed in our own school community, and the Waukesha community as a whole."

North senior Emily one of the best parts of North's service day was being able to drive throughout the city and see her peers on almost every corner.

"It creates a great example for other schools and even other community members to see such a magnitude of love and support for others at one time," said Mcquire.

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