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Stories with Santa



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HARTLAND — Sandy George hangs onto her daughter, Natalie 4, as her sister, Penelope, 2, takes a peek at Santa Claus at the Hartland Public Library on Saturday. Members of the Library Board and patrons brought cookies and the big guy in the red suit read stories at the library.



Santa came to the Hartland Public Library on Saturday to read stories and pose for photos.



Chloe Pollack of North Shore Middle School Girl Scout Troop 6201 gives candy canes to those who came to the event.

Nominations sought for Freeman Citizen of the Year

Do you know someone extraordinary from Waukesha County who is dedicated to helping others and strengthening our community?

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■ Send a note to The Freeman with the nominee's name, address and

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■ All nominations are due Dec. 28.
■ By mail: Send to: The Freeman, Citizen of the Year, c/o Bill Yorth, 801

N. Barstow St. Waukesha, WI 53187.
■ Or email byorth@conleynet.com. Please put Citizen of the Year in the message line.
■ Freeman staff members will examine the nominations and pick a winner. We will announce the Citizen of the Year early next year.

WAUKESHA WATER PROJECT

City seeks to buy parcel at Minooka Park for project

Undeveloped agricultural parcel would be used for booster station, reservoirs

By Cara Spoto
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Duchniak

WAUKESHA — A piece of agricultural land at the southeastern edge of Minooka Park could one day be home to a key piece of infrastructure needed to bring Great Lakes water to taps across the city of Waukesha.

When the Waukesha County Board gathers this evening, it will consider selling the 8.57-acre parcel to Waukesha for \$223,000 for use as the future site of a booster pumping station and water storage reservoirs.

Located near the corner of Swartz Road and Racine Avenue, the land had originally been eyed as a site for a golf course, states a Waukesha Water Utility memo, but

the county no longer plans to increase the number of golf courses it owns. County staff also feel the parcel is too small for other types of development, the memo states.

According to Waukesha Water Utility General Manager Dan Duchniak, the booster station and reservoirs will be a benefit to the city because they will give the utility greater control over the quality and amount of water that enters Waukesha's system.

"When we went through everything, it was determined that it would be best

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Wisconsin's early voting limit challenged in federal court

MADISON (AP) — The fight over restricting early voting in Wisconsin returned to federal court Monday, three days after Gov. Scott Walker signed into law a new limit passed during a lame-duck legislative session.

A coalition of liberal groups, with the support of former Democratic U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, asked a federal judge to block implementation of the early voting restrictions. The same judge in 2016 struck down a similar two-week early voting limitation as unconstitutional.

Walker signed the new limits into law on Friday, just over three weeks before he is replaced by Democratic Gov.-elect Tony Evers, who defeat-

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ed him in November. Other bills Walker signed that passed during the lame-duck session would limit the powers of Evers and the incoming Democratic attorney general.

Michigan's Republican legislators also are weighing legislation resembling Wisconsin's that would dilute the authority of incoming elected Democrats. The efforts in both states mirrors tactics employed by North Carolina Republicans in 2016.

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From the Waukesha police blotter

8:45 a.m. Friday — Police spent just over an hour pursuing a black SUV that was driving over 100 mph and blew through several stop signs in the area near Infinity Fields. Officers lost sight of the vehicle, but it later was spotted before a residence in the 1800 block of Marliz Drive. Two men jumped out of the car and ran down Richard Street toward Grand Avenue. One of the front tires of the vehicle was shredded, a witness observed. A K-9 was called in to assist with the search. The subjects were later arrested near Walmart, 2000 S. West Avenue. Police checked the plate of the SUV and it listed to a stolen Pontiac Montana minivan out of Milwaukee.



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WEATHER



Tomorrow:
Cloudy
High 41 / Low 34

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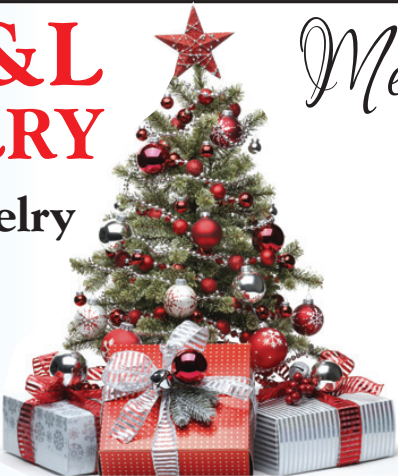
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST

TONIGHT

Increasing clouds

29

TOMORROW

Cloudy

41/34

THURSDAY

Showers

39/30

FRIDAY

Cloudy

34/24

SATURDAY

Partly sunny

32/22

SUNDAY

Partly sunny

REGIONAL FORECAST

TEMPERATURES SHOWN ARE TOMORROW'S HIGHS AND LOWS.

ALMANAC

Statistics for yesterday

High/Low, Waukesha 37/29

High/Low 42/32

Normal High / Low 32/19

Last year's high for date 36

Last year's low for date 34

Precipitation 0.00"

Precip. month to date 1.35"

Normal month to date 1.22"

Precip. year to date 44.02"

Normal year to date 33.94"

Dec. 22

Dec. 29

Jan. 5

Jan. 14

Full

Last Q

New

First Q

Sunset today 4:20 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 7:20 a.m.

WIND CHILL TOMORROW

A composite of the effects of temperature and wind on the human body.

8 a.m. 23

Noon 33

4 p.m. 36

8 p.m. 31

HEATING DEGREE

An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.

Yesterday 28

Month to date 575

Season to date 2005

Normal season to date 1986

NATIONAL FORECAST

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018

MAP KEY

HIGH COLD WARM STATIONARY

LOW CLOUDS THUNDER

SUNNY SHOWERS SNOW

CLOUDS THUNDER ICE

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Tonight: Clear early, increasing clouds overnight. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

MARINE FORECAST

Lake Michigan near shore forecast:

Tonight: South wind 15 to 20 knots veering southwest late in the evening, then becoming southwest 15 to 20 knots after midnight easing to 10 to 15 knots early in the morning.

Lake Michigan water temperature is 40 degrees.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX FORECAST

The UVI forecast for Wednesday is 0

UV scale and warnings on possible skin damage: 0-2 low risk, 3-5 moderate risk, 6-7 high risk, 8-10 very high risk, 11-over extreme risk.

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TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

ATLANTA

High: 55

Low: 45

DENVER

High: 52

Low: 25

MINNEAPOLIS

High: 39

Low: 30

SEATTLE

High: 50

Low: 46

CHICAGO

High: 45

Low: 37

LOS ANGELES

High: 72

Low: 55

NEW YORK

High: 42

Low: 34

ST. LOUIS

High: 53

Low: 42

DALLAS

High: 64

Low: 47

MIAMI

High: 78

Low: 69

PHOENIX

High: 72

Low: 48

WASHINGTON

High: 47

Low: 36

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Missouri poacher ordered to repeatedly watch ‘Bambi’

POACHER, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri poacher has been ordered to repeatedly watch the movie “Bambi” as part of his sentence in a scheme to illegally kill hundreds of deer.

David Berry Jr. was ordered to watch the Disney classic at least once a month during his year-long jail sentence in what conservation agents have called one of the largest deer poaching cases in state history, the Springfield News-Leader reports.

“The deer were trophy bucks taken illegally, mostly at night, for their heads, leaving the bodies of the deer to waste,” said Don Trotter, the prosecuting attorney in Lawrence County.

Berry, his father, two brothers and another man who helped them had their hunting, fishing and trapping privileges revoked temporarily or permanently. The men have paid a combined \$51,000 in fines and court costs — but the judge ordered a special addition to Berry’s sentence for illegally taking wildlife.

Court records show he was ordered by Lawrence County Judge Robert George to “view the Walt Disney movie ‘Bambi,’ with the first viewing being on or before December 23, 2018, and at least one such viewing each month thereafter” while at the county jail.

Berry was also sentenced to 120 days in jail in nearby Barton County for a firearms probation violation.

His father, David Berry Sr., and his brother, Kyle Berry, were arrested in August after a nearly nine-month investigation that also involved cases in Kansas, Nebraska and Canada. The Missouri Department of Conservation said information from the investigation led to 14 Missouri residents facing more than 230 charges in 11 counties.

AP sources: Trump plans to create U.S. Space Command

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials say President Donald Trump is expected to sign an executive order soon creating a U.S. Space Command that will better organize and advance the military’s vast operations in space.

Two U.S. officials say that Vice President Mike Pence will make the announcement this morning at Florida’s Kennedy Space Center.

Trump’s order is separate from his oft-stated goal of creating a “Space Force” as an independent armed service branch, but it’s considered a step in that direction. The move will require the Defense Department to pull together various space units and agencies from across the military services into a more coordinated, independent organization.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they aren’t authorized to discuss the plans by name.

Associated Press

In this Dec. 3 file photo provided by the U.S. Air Force, a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, carrying the Spaceflight SSO-A: SmallSat Express, launches from Space Launch Complex-4E at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. President Donald Trump is expected to sign an executive order soon, possibly as early as today, creating a U.S. Space Command that will better organize and advance the military’s vast operations in space, U.S. officials say.

Girl’s death shows communication issues on U.S.-Mexico border

Shortly before a 7-year-old Guatemalan girl died in U.S. custody, her father signed a form stating that his daughter was in good health. But it’s unclear how much the man understood on the form, which was written in English and read to him in Spanish by Border Patrol agents.

Jakelin Caal’s father’s native language is the Mayan tongue known as Q’eqchi’. His second language is Spanish. It’s unclear whether something was lost in translation or whether it would have made a difference in saving Jakelin after the two were detained and underwent a health screening along a remote stretch of the U.S.-Mexico border.

All Border Patrol agents are required to speak Spanish, and they receive formal Spanish training. Reading forms in Spanish is often enough to pose basic questions. But some other Spanish-speaking migrants reported signing paperwork that they later said they did

Associated Press

Domingo Caal Chub, 61, holds a smartphone displaying a photo of his granddaughter, Jakelin Amei Rosmery Caal Maquin, in Raxruha, Guatemala, on Saturday.

not understand.

Jakelin and her father, Nery Gilberto Caal Cuz, were part of a group of 163 migrants arrested Dec. 6 near a border crossing in New Mexico. Hours later, they were placed on a bus to the nearest Border Patrol station, but Jakelin began vomiting and eventually stopped

breathing. She later died at a Texas hospital.

Border Patrol officials on Friday said agents did everything they could to save the girl but she had not had food or water for days. An initial screening showed no evidence of health problems, they said, and her father spoke to them in Spanish and signed a form indicating she was in good health.

Attorneys in Texas representing Caal criticized U.S. officials for asking him to sign Form I-779, which asks a series of questions with check boxes of “yes” or “no.” In the “additional comments” section on the form was written “claims good health.”

Jakelin’s family is asking for an “objective and thorough” investigation to determine whether officials met standards for taking children into custody.

Border Patrol officials did not immediately respond to the family lawyers’ statement.

Water

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for any (Great Lakes Water supplier) to just put the water into storage tanks before it comes into the city,” Duchniak said. “That way if there is any (extra treatment) that needs to take place, we can do it in one spot, and then we have control of the pumping of the water into our system. It makes the operations very clean.”

What’s next

The County Board will vote on the sale at 6:30 p.m. this evening at the Waukesha County Courthouse, 515 W. Moreland Blvd.

The Waukesha Water Commission will then consider the Waukesha Water Utility’s recommendation to purchase the property when it gathers at 6 p.m. on Thursday evening at 115 Delafield St.

The Plan Commission will be the next panel to

consider the proposal before the Common Council is asked to cast its vote on the purchase.

Should the deal be approved by all parties, the expectation is that the utility would begin construction on the booster station and reservoirs in the fall of 2020.

Duchniak said the utility hopes to have all the projects associated with the Great Lakes water project bid out by the end of next year.

Voting

From Page 1A

Wisconsin Democrats won election to every statewide office on the ballot in November, including defeating Walker. Republicans, however, maintained majority control of the Legislature and quickly convened the lame-duck session to pass bills Walker could sign before he leaves office on Jan. 7.

In the November election, the overwhelmingly Democratic cities of Madison and Milwaukee allowed for voting six weeks prior to the election, far longer than in smaller and more conservative communities across Wisconsin. In total, more than 565,000 people voted early, the most for a midterm election in Wisconsin history.

Walker and Republicans who pushed for the two-week limit said the time frame for

voting early should be uniform across the state, not left up to each community to determine. Walker argued it was an issue of fairness. Local communities could decide when within the two-week period to offer early voting.

U.S. District Judge James Peterson, in striking down the two-week early voting limitation in 2016, said then that the move was designed by the Republicans who passed it to give them a partisan advantage and limit the ability of African Americans and Hispanics living in Wisconsin’s largest cities to vote.

Peterson rejected the fairness argument in 2016, saying then that “the purported consistency is illusory.” Rather than working to expand early voting in smaller communities, the state limited it in large ones, he wrote in 2016.

The same groups that sued in 2016 — One Wisconsin Institute and Citizen Action of Wisconsin Education Fund — went back to court Monday. Holder’s group, the National Redistricting Foundation, is not a part of the lawsuit but voiced support.

The groups asked the court to act to strike down the early voting change before the next statewide general election on April 2.

They also asked the court to strike down two other provisions related to Wisconsin’s voter ID law that were included in the lame-duck bills but previously struck down by Peterson in 2016.

One would require university and college IDs used for voting to be unexpired. Another would limit the time period — from 180 days to 60 days — that receipts given to people who are seeking a free ID from the state could be used as valid ID to vote.

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