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WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY

New plan reduces Minooka station's height

Change to appease New Berlin homeowners could increase price by \$2M-plus

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NEW BERLIN — In a bid to appease property owners near the site, the Waukesha

Water Utility has submitted a new plan for a pumping station and twin reservoir tanks at the southeastern edge of Minooka Park.

Submitted to the city of New Berlin last week, the plan, which calls for lowering

the height of the pumping station to two nine-gallon water tanks by 10 feet — to 32.5 feet and 35 feet respectively — is expected to increase the overall cost of the already \$40-\$50 million project by somewhere

between \$2 and \$5 million.

The move comes after the New Berlin Plan Commission voted against a permit submitted by the utility to construct the pumping station and reservoirs.

Commissioners rejected the

permit after New Berlin aldermen passed a resolution on Aug. 27 recommending that the commission find that the project did not fit the definition of an essential service.

That recommendation came after residents near the

project site, planned for an 8.57-acre parcel near the corner of Swartz Road and Racine Avenue, circulated a petition trying to stop the development.

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STANDING BY ELLIE

Man's loyalty to dog defies rare illness



Associated Press

In this Aug. 16, 2019 photo, Greg Manteufel pets his dog Ellie at his home in West Bend. Manteufel lost parts of his arms and legs, as well as the skin of his nose and part of his upper lip from capnocytophaga, a bacteria commonly found in the saliva or cats and dogs that almost never leads to people getting sick, unless the person has a compromised immune system. He was perfectly healthy when he got sick in June of 2018.

WEST BEND (AP) — It's hard to regard Ellie as a menace. When Greg Manteufel is frustrated or feeling down, she sits by him. At night, she sleeps under his covers. At dinner, she's there next to him, knowing he'll throw something her way. She belies the stereotype of the vicious pit bull.

"We love her like she's our daughter," he said of the dog.

And yet, Ellie may be the reason Manteufel, 49, nearly died.

Gravely ill, he lost parts of his arms and legs, as well as the skin of his nose and part of his upper lip. The cause was capnocytophaga, a germ from Ellie's mouth or from another dog he encountered.

Capnocytophaga is commonly found in the saliva of cats and dogs and almost never leads to people getting sick, unless the person has a

compromised immune system. But Manteufel was perfectly healthy. In fact, he doesn't think he'd ever used his health insurance before he fell ill.

The case is extremely rare and doctors at his hospital, Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin, had no explanation for why he got so sick. But over the last 10 years there have been at least five other healthy people who have had severe reactions to the germ. A team of researchers connected with Harvard Medical School has developed a theory on why — a gene change in all the victims.

And their finding means doctors can't rule out the capnocytophaga bacteria could strike Manteufel and other victims again.

More than 20 surgeries

Greg Manteufel thought he was get-

ting the flu in June of 2018. He had a fever, vomiting and diarrhea. But when he started getting confused, his family took him to the hospital.

Doctors did blood cultures and found capnocytophaga, which caused sepsis, a severe blood infection that led to his blood pressure dropping and many of his organs shutting down.

"Do what you have to, to keep me alive," he told the doctors.

He had so much to live for — foremost, his wife of 16 years, Dawn, and 26-year-old son, Mike. He was just starting to get really good at his day job, painting houses. He cherished his Harley Davidson Electric Glide. He was in the middle of fixing up his '66 El Camino. And of course there was Ellie, the pup.

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Fatal Waukesha fire deemed suspicious

Police search for missing vehicle

WAUKESHA — The death of a person in an early Thursday morning fire on University Drive has been deemed suspicious, according to the Waukesha Police Department. A missing vehicle is also being sought.

Waukesha Police and firefighters were called to the single-family home at 619 South University Drive just after 5 a.m. on Thursday, according to a Waukesha Police Department press release.

Upon arrival Thursday, firefighters were met with an active fire with heavy smoke.

Fire crews made an aggressive interior attack, extinguishing the fire and locating the body of a deceased victim inside the home within eight minutes of arrival, a release stated.

During the investigation of the fire, the body has not been identified. However, the Medical Examiner's Office is working to identify the body, according to the



Submitted photo

Police are searching for information regarding a red/burnt orange 1969 Pontiac Firebird soft top convertible with a black top missing from the scene of a fire in Waukesha which is being investigated.

police department.

A vehicle is missing from the residence and has been entered as a stolen vehicle. It is a red/burnt orange 1969 Pontiac Firebird soft top convertible with a black top.

People with information regarding this vehicle, are asked to contact Detective Andy Jicha at ajicha@waukesha-wi.gov or call 262-524-3929.

TOWN OF WAUKESHA

Capital plan includes buying land for new \$1.6M municipal building

Doerr says plan fails to identify revenue for about \$3M in future projects

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TOWN OF WAUKESHA — In what could be seen as a sign of its aspirations to become a village, the Town Board voted 3-1 on Thursday to approve a five-year capital

improvement plan that calls for spending \$347,800 to purchase two 2.2-acre parcels of Highway 164 and Big Bend Road as the potential site of a new, but as of yet unapproved, \$1.6 million municipal hall.

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Fun Things To Do This Weekend

"Crown Jewels of Jazz," 7:30 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sunset Playhouse, 700 Wall St., Elm Grove. Box Office No. 262-782-4430, <https://sunsetplayhouse.com/>

Greyhound Gala, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Waukesha County Expo Center, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha. Free (donations accepted at the door). www.gpawis-consin.org/gala/

Children's show: "Our Place in Space," 11 a.m.; general show: "Out There: The

Quest for Extrasolar Worlds," 1 p.m., both today, Horwitz-DeRemer Planetarium, Retzer Nature Center, S14-W28167 Madison St., Town of Genesee. \$5 admission. <https://sdw.waukesha.k12.wi.us/planetarium>

Oktoberfest, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, Old Falls Village, N96-W15791 County Line Road, Menomonee Falls. Half-priced beer until it's gone.

"The Little Prince," 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday, Waukesha

Civic Theatre, 264 W. Main St., Waukesha. 262-547-0708, www.waukeshacivictheatre.org

Waukesha Oktoberfest, 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. today, Frame Park. Sprecher products, food, music, games.

Waukesha Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to noon today, Waukesha State Bank employee parking lot, corner of Madison Street and St. Paul Avenue, Waukesha. www.waukeshafarmersmarket.com

WEATHER



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U.S. stocks fall; S&P 500 ends with 2nd straight weekly loss

By Alex Veiga
AP Business Writer

Wall Street capped a choppy week with a second straight weekly loss for the S&P 500 Friday as worries about a potential escalation in the trade war between the U.S. and China erased early gains.

Technology companies led the broad slide as investors weighed a report saying the Trump administration is considering ways to limit U.S. investments in China. Bloomberg cited unnamed people familiar with the administration's internal discussions.

The possibility that the U.S. is weighing another way of applying pressure on China dampened investors' already cautious optimism that the world's

two biggest economies might make progress as their representatives resume negotiations next month.

"Here we are, just two weeks out, and now we're doing things to sort of ruffle feathers again," said Randy Frederick, vice president of trading & derivatives at Charles Schwab. "That kind of spooked the market."

The S&P 500 index fell 15.83 points, or 0.5%, to 2,961.79. The benchmark index finished the week with a 1% loss. Even so, it remains 2.1% below its all-time high set in July.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 70.87 points, or 0.3%, to 26,820.25. The Nasdaq, which is heavily weighted with technolo-

gy stocks, lost 91.03 points, or 1.1%, to 7,939.63.

Investors also shifted money out of smaller company stocks, which pulled the Russell 2000 index down 12.85 points, or 0.8%, to 1,520.48.

Bond prices were little changed. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note held at 1.68%.

The Commerce Department said that spending by U.S. consumers rose just 0.1% in August, the smallest gain in six months, even as incomes increased at a solid pace. A separate report showed orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods showed a slight increase in August, though a key sector that tracks business investment plans declined.



Photos by Alex Nemeo/Freeman Staff

Willkommen zum Oktoberfest

WAUKESHA — The threat of rain wasn't enough to stop people from heading to Frame Park Friday evening to celebrate Waukesha's Oktoberfest and receive their free glass of beer from the first tapped keg. Mayor Shawn Reilly tapped the keg with Sprecher Brewing Company Business Development Event Manager Michelle Heffron.



Mayor Shawn Reilly hands a beer to Jack Greco.



Members of D'Oberlandler Bavarian Folk Dancing Group, from left to right, Max Siebert, Jason Chilicki and Darlene Behr, walk with their steins into Oktoberfest in Frame Park.



Erich Adam plays the accordion during Oktoberfest Friday night.

Forget me not

You can be forgotten online, but only on European search engines. Google won a major victory this week when the European Union's highest court ruled that the U.S. search giant did not have to extend "right to be forgotten" rules outside the bloc.

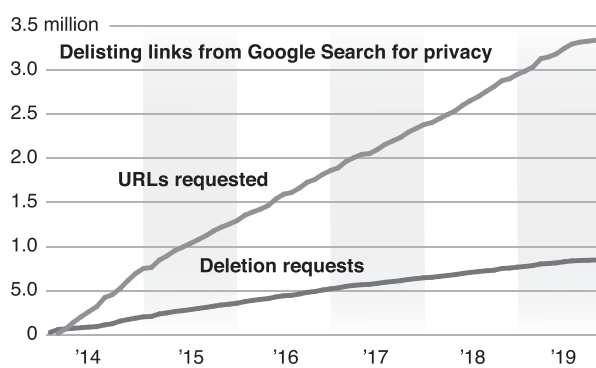
Those rules, in place since 2014, give people in Europe the right to ask Google and other search engines to delete links to outdated, embarrassing or otherwise personal information, even if it's true.

But when France's

privacy regulator wanted to apply that rule to all of Google's search engines, even those outside Europe, the European Court of Justice said there's no obligation to do so.

The number of takedown requests has been steadily growing over the past five years, but Google doesn't always say yes.

Reasons for rejecting a request include information that is of strong public interest such as a public figure's criminal record, journalistic content or government documents.



Source: Google

Kelvin Chan; J. Paschke • AP

Water

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Many of those residents were concerned about the height of reservoirs.

The new plan for the project reflects those concerns, Waukesha Water Utility General Manager Dan Duchniak said this week, while seeking a permit for the project as a conditional use as opposed to an essential service.

"We heard what the public was saying, and we responded to the public's concerns and have lowered the pumping station and tanks by 10 feet at a significant cost to the city," he said.

While they are still analyzing how the price increase could affect water utility customers, Duchniak said staff are confident there will be no additional impact on quarterly bills, which are expected to increase three-fold by the time the city is required to have its new water supply in 2023.

If there are more delays,

however, there could be a bigger impact, he said.

Easier route

While the Plan Commission rejected its application for an essential services permit, Duchniak believes the utility will easily be able to meet the requirements of a conditional use permit.

New Berlin Mayor Dave Ament agrees.

Ament said the advantage of obtaining a conditional use permit, as opposed to receiving a rezoning permit for "essential services," is that the Plan Commission's ruling is the final say on the matter.

In theory, the Plan Commission is designed to be comprised of appointees with expertise in land use, construction and finance. Commissioners are supposedly shielded from politics so they can make difficult decisions on residential and commercial projects and land use with little fear of citizen backlash.

Ament, however, is an elected official and chairman of the commission.

Not political, Ament says

Ament said he disagreed with the utility's use of "essential services" as the reason the city should grant it construction and use permits. But he stressed that his decision was not political, despite receiving pressure from residents near the project to move it away from New Berlin.

"It was purely about definition and strictly interpreting the code from a legal standpoint," he said. "There was nothing tawdry going on there. We try to follow the same process for everyone."

At first blush, using essential services seems logical because water and utility are listed in its ordinance as permitted uses. But the city's codes are more complicated, meaning the water towers and pump station do not qualify, he said.

A public hearing on the conditional use permit is slated for Nov. 4 before the Plan Commission.

Town

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All told, the five-year plan calls for about \$8.57 million dollars in spending — just under \$860,000 in 2020, and another \$7.7 million for the following four years.

But while Town Chairman Brian Fischer and Town Supervisors David German and Bob Stigler were largely in support of the plan, Supervisor Mike Doerr was not.

Doerr, who voted against the spending plan, sent out a statement on Friday expressing his frustration with the plan, which he said fails to identify revenue streams for about \$3 million in future projects.

"This essentially pushes almost \$3 million of capital projects out for someone or some other board to worry about," Doerr wrote.

"This kind of reckless spending is rampant at

many levels of government but has typically been avoided by the Town of Waukesha," he said.

Spending a concern

Reached Friday by phone, Doerr clarified that he is not only concerned by the board's failure to identify revenue streams for all of the projects, but the level of spending itself.

Asked if he would have been in favor of the plan if it had identified revenue streams for the projects, such as borrowing or increasing taxes, Doerr said he likely would not have been.

"I would probably be against anything we would have to do to raise this kind of money," said Doerr, adding that he disagrees with plans to purchase the parcels off Highway 164 and Big Bend Road.

"I believe in expanding where we currently are," he said.

Not set in stone

Fischer said Friday that while he understands Doerr's concerns, the capital improvement plan is meant to provide a broader vision.

"This is going to be revisited every year, and projects may need to be scaled back," he said. "This about planning for projects. These are long-term visions."

If future boards decide they want to keep some projects and perhaps even borrow to make them a reality, that is their prerogative, Fischer said.

"The town is currently debt free," he said. "There are some town residents that are suggesting we borrow some money now to get (some of these projects done)."

While the board approved the 2020-2024 capital improvement plan this week, a final vote on next year's capital improvement budget is slated to take place on Nov. 5.

Dilbert



THE MARKET IN REVIEW

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST						STOCK MARKET INDEXES							
Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg							
AT&T Inc	2.04	5.5	7	37.43	+05	+31.1							
Actuant	.04	2	...	22.05	+22	+5.1							
AMD	...	...	...	28.72	-75	+55.6						
AssocBanc	.68	3.3	11	20.32	-18	+2.7							
BP PLC	2.44	6.4	11	38.26	+01	+9							
BakHutGE	.72	3.0	92	24.04	+11	+11.8							
BkofAm	.72	2.5	10	29.35	+22	+19.1							
BrigStrat	.20	3.4	...	5.93	+53	-54.7							
ChesEng	2	1.40	-01	-33.3						
Chevron	4.76	4.0	16	118.60	-156	+9.0							
Citigroup	2.04	2.9	10	69.46	+35	+33.4							
CocaCola	1.60	2.9	33	54.31	-08	+14.7							
ColgPalm	1.72	2.3	27	73.26	+54	+23.1							
ConocoPhil	1.22	2.1	10	57.90	+22	-7.1							
Disney	1.76	1.4	17	129.96	-131	+18.5							
ExxonMbl	3.48	4.9	16	71.48	+51	+4.8							
Fiserv	44	102.61	-246	+39.6						
FordM	.60	6.6	7	9.08	-06	+18.7							
Generac	23	76.86	-208	+58.7						
GenElec	.04	4	...	9.04	+02	+19.4							
HarleyD	1.50	4.2	12	35.71	+49	+4.7							
HomeDep	5.44	2.4	23	229.86	+07	+33.8							
IBM	6.48	4.5	15	143.24	-31	+26.0							
JohnJn	3.80	3.0	21	128.60	-25	-3							
JohnConfl	1.04	2.4	30	43.67	+08	+47.3							
KimbClk	4.12	2.9	35	142.06	+195	+24.9							
Kohls	2.68	5.4	10	49.64	+47	+25.2							
Koss h	...	...	...	2.05	+02	-7.3						
MangwrGp	2.18	2.6	10	83.00	-98	+28.1							
Marcus	6.4	1.7	29	36.95	+07	+6.5							
Modine	8	11.17	+16	+3.3						
OshKoshCp	1.08	1.4	17	75.00	+39	+22.3							
RockwAut	3.88	2.3	25	168.25	+276	+10.5							
RoyDSHIA	3.76	6.4	90	59.11	+56	+11.9							
SPX Cp	20	40.30	-30	+43.9						
SmithAO	.88	1.8	19	47.66	+17	+11.6							
Snapple	...	...	...	16.02	-98	+190.7						
SnappOn	3.80	2.4	15	155.34	+42	+60.6							
Target	2.64	2.5	18	106.12	-17	+6.9							
3M Co	5.76	3.5	23	164.53	+70	+13.7							
Toyota	...	...	...	136.28	-204	-17.4						
WEC Engy	2.36	2.5	30	94.87	-103	+37.0							
WalMart	2.12	1.8	68	118.45	+15	+27.2							
WellsFargo	2.04	4.0	11	50.71	+184	+10.0							

NYSE		NASDAQ		S&P 500	
12,971.98	-56.76	7,939.63	-91.03	2,961.79	-15.83

COMMODITIES					
Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.	
CORN 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel					
371.50	371.25	373	369.75	371.50	-1
OATS 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel					
270	270.75	272	269.50	270	-25
ROUGH RICE 2,000 CWT- dollars per CWT					
12.155	12.080	12.260	12.050	12.155	+075
SOYBEANS 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel					
883	887.75	889.25	881.50	883	-5.50
SOYBEAN MEAL 100 tons- dollars per ton					
289.90	290.80	291.00	289.30	289.90	-90
SOYBEAN OIL 60,000 lbs- cents per lb					
28.62	29.00	29.03	28.56	28.62	-39
WHEAT 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel					
482.50	486	490.50	482.50	482.50	+3