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CODING for the **FUTURE**

Kettle Moraine School District using coding to develop 21st century thinkers, workers



Dousman Elementary students Santino Alexander (left) and Caleb Howden (right) share their coding and design thinking skills with parents and grandparents during the school's Epic Build event.

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ALES — Gone are the days of sitting in class and working on the same worksheet as everyone else. Nowadays, school districts are faced with the task of preparing students for the workforce of the future, while many future jobs have yet to be defined. The skills students learn now should make them adaptable to whatever job path they follow in the future. The Kettle Moraine School District believes that integrating coding into the everyday curriculum of students, from grade school on up, will mold them into the successful 21st century thinkers the future workforce will need them to be. "They love the engagement, and they see it very much as something that is preparing them for the future," said Pat Deklotz, superintendent of KMSD. "I think it's important that we are addressing all of their needs.' The KMSD believes technology is part of everything we do and in today's digital world, computer science is a language everyone should happening. There are differspeak. Last year, the district ent areas of interest within piloted the coding curricu- the category of computer



"The very nature of computer science is debugging and solving problems," said Myhre, "So, problem solving, critical thinking, persistence — is a huge one – collaboration and communication are all things they're learning.'

At the high school, computer science has been around for years, but the program itself is evolving with each new group of students. Students participate in a pathways course, which gets to the heart of personalized learning. Different groups can spend time learning about their particular areas of interest withcomputer in science, whether it be IT networking or web design, and then they can get an actual certification from industry partlike Cisco and ners Microsoft "We are not doing this to create 400 programmers every year," said Deklotz. We are really trying to and a lot of choice in what equip our students to be successful in a digital society, so regardless of the She explained that KM is occupation, their need to understand design thinking and be comfortable with the tools of technology is extremely important to

WAUKESHA

Council to vote on Milwaukee water contract Tuesday

Closed-session discussion will precede vote in open meeting

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WAUKESHA — The Waukesha Water Utility's plan to obtain Great Lakes water will face its last test from a municipal body on Tuesday during a Waukesha Common Council meeting. Aldermen will start discussions in closed session while they meet with an attorney to go over the water contract between Milwaukee and Waukesha.

Residents can provide comments at the outset of the meeting before the 14 city aldermen vote on the deal, which has already gained approval from elected officials in Milwaukee. After meeting in closed session to review stipulations in the contract, aldermen can speak about it on public record before they vote.

in closed session many times Waukesha Common Council to discuss negotiations with President Aaron Perry to Milwaukee Water Works after the group submitted an chase Lake Michigan water unsolicited proposal in May, but they have not yet discussed it publicly at a full

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council meeting.

During Milwaukee's Common Council meeting on Nov. 28, that city's aldermen didn't discuss the contract at all before approving it 14 to 1.

Waukesha's Water Commission and Milwaukee's Steering and Licensing Committee both approved the contract unanimously.

The entire water diversion project is expected to cost \$286 million, about \$40 million less than if Waukesha had tapped Oak Creek. Waukesha Water Utility General Manager Dan Duchniak held a press conference in late October with Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Wauke-Council members have met sha Mayor Shawn Reilly and announce the intent to from Milwaukee.

Kettle Moraine School District students share their coding and design thinking skills with KM School Board members.

lum and now, design thinking and coding are incorporated into the K-6 classes through a partnership with Code To The Future. In the younger grades, students are learning block-based, text-based and robotics-coding while having it tied into their normal content plans. "It could be a mathemat-

ics expression or a game to demonstrate their knowledge of literature or the characters or that sort of thing," said Deklotz.

While students are learning the same skill set, personalized learning is still

sciences, and varying degrees of difficulty.

'Personalized learning is our highest priority at KM and the very nature of computer science is that a student can learn a skill set and apply it in any way they choose," said Holly Myhre, director of digital learning. "They have a lot of voice they choose to do with what they're learning.'

attempting to build a generation of students who think and design differently, but there are also some bigger picture life skills students get as a package deal when learning coding.

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their success."

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Senate OKs tax bill as Trump, GOP near big legislative win

WASHINGTON (AP) -Republicans moved a nearly interview, shrugging off \$1.5 trillion tax bill through the Senate early today after a burst of eleventh-hour horse trading, as the party took a giant step toward giving President Donald Trump one of his top priorities by Christmas.

"Big bills are rarely popular. You remember how unpopular 'Obamacare' was when it passed?" Senate Majority Leader Mitch

McConnell, R-Ky., said in an polls showing scant public enthusiasm for the measure. He said the legislation would prove to be "just what the country needs to get growing again."

Presiding over the Senate, Vice President Mike Pence announced the 51-49 vote to applause from Republicans. Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn.,

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Christmas at the Inn, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Sunday, Hawks Inn Historical Society, 426 Wells St.. Delafield.Watch fireplace cooking and rug hooking, taste hot drop donuts and popcorn. Free will donations appreciated. www.hawksinn.org

A Little House Christmas at the Inn, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dousman Stagecoach Inn, 1075 Pilgrim Parkway, Brookfield. Tour the historic Stagecoach Inn decorated for a Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas. Scavenger hunt, bake sale, holiday music, make a holiday craft, sample homemade soup, muffins and cookies, visit with Santa (today only). Adults \$6, children 3-12 \$3 and 2 & under free. Cash/check only. Free parking on site. www.elmbrookhistoricalsociety.org

Fun Things To Do This Weekend Oconomowoc Christmas parade, starts 5 p.m.

today at Fowler Park and goes south on Oakwood Avenue to the roundabout, then west on Wisconsin Avenue to the First Bank Financial Centre's parking lot. Food items collected for the food pantry.

Waukesha Art Crawl, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. today, downtown Waukesha.

www.waukeshaart.com/waukesha-art-crawl

Pewaukee Christmas tree lighting, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. today, Clark House Museum, 206 E. Wisconsin Ave., Pewaukee. Hosted by Pewaukee Area Historical Society and sponsored by Pewaukee Kiwanis Club. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 2:15 p.m. Take pictures with Santa (bring your own camera).

Santa's gift shop will be open for the little ones to purchase a \$2 gift for mom or dad, wrapping included or they can make a craft. Caroling from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the tree will be lit at 5 p.m. Bring donations of non-perishable food for the food pantry. www.pewaukeehistory.org

Breakfast with Reindeer, 8 a.m. to noon today, Delafield Fish Hatchery grounds, 417 Main St., downtown Delafield.

Brookfield German Christmas Market, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. today, Civic Plaza Center, 2000 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield. Food, music, vendors, children's activities, hayrides, tree lighting.



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Delavan woman charged in Elm Grove chase incident

Allegedly stole two cars, struck others, showed 'excited delirium'

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WAUKESHA — A Delavan woman was ordered held on \$40,000 cash bail Friday, a day after she allegedly stole two cars, tried stealing others, and led police on a chase in which she struck other vehicles before she was arrested while running through an Elm Grove neighborhood.

Christine Faytus, 22, was charged with two counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, operating an auto without consent, attempted operating an auto without consent, criminal damage to property, obstructing an officer and resisting an officer. She faces more than 33 years in custody if convicted.

Woman

mom

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Defense attorney public defender Sam Benedict could not be reached for comment Friday.

A criminal complaint said the incident began near Highway 100 and Interstate 94 at about 7 a.m., where Faytus allegedly stole a vehicle. crashed it on I-94, and then stole a white pickup truck at a construction site in the Zoo Interchange, which she drove into Elm Grove.

She crashed the truck into a BMW parked in a driveway on Lone Tree Road, the

Faytus was complaint said. She tried to hysterical and was ramget into that car, but then fled in the truck and kept driving to Greenway Terrace, where she drove into a yard and tried to steal a sobriety and Mercedes not to drive there, it ad Benz parked there, it added. а

On Greenway Terrace near Westover Road, she struck another car. the driver of which stopped to write down her license plate number, causing Faytus to "aggressively pursue him." He reported she appeared to be trying to strike his car

again, the complaint said. She eventually drove the vehicle over a curb and ditched it in a yard in the 2300 block of Rockway Lane East, where officers caught and handcuffed her as she resisted, the complaint said. A police sergeant said "the defendant appeared

bling and in his opinion displayed signs of excited delirium and cocaine psy-

chosis," the complaint said. It added a Milwaukee County sheriff's deputy arrived at the scene of her arrest with Faytus' purse, which contained ID, her wallet, used needles, drug paraphernalia, pills and a silver metal cooker. Faytus identified the purse as hers. The truck sustained a shredded tire and cracked windshield, the complaint said.

At the time of the incident, Faytus had her license suspended due to an unpaid fine in Rock County, and also was wanted on a warrant through Jefferson County for failing to appear in court on a disorderly conduct charge, the complaint added.



The Youmans Residence at 200 Grand Ave. in Mukwonago.

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MUKWONAGO — The

future of the Youmans Resi-

dence on 200 Grand Ave. will

Administrator John Weidl.

pecome a hot-button issue in

WAUKESHA — A Greendale woman was ordered held on \$10,000 cash bond Friday after being charged for allegedly stealing her parents' identity on credit accounts and stealing thousands from her widowed mother while acting as her power of attorney.

Denise Bilton, 50, was charged Friday with 13 counts of identity theft, one count of theft, one count of theft in a business setting. and one count of illegally accessing computer data.

Her attorney could not be reached for comment after the close of business hours Friday.

A criminal complaint said Bilton lobbied her mother to name her and her brother as

demolition pending if we don't have a building to the developer to identify By Brandon Anderegg show them, then its hard to

Youmans Residence

pull the trigger." In other words, Jentzch said, he cannot find a tenant for a development project unless renters can imagine be determined at a Plan what their business would Commission meeting on Dec. 12, according to Village look like in the property. Since the property is zoned commercially, Jentzch plans The Colonial Revival to build office spaces for a house on Grand Avenue has chiropractor or a dentist. However, he said that a retail what's best for downtown space is also possible and what's best for myself because of its proximity to the main drag. Nonetheless, several residents have expressed contion, including consulting cern that the downtown area will lose its small village "feel" if too many older buildings are demolished. While the home is not historical in the legal sense, it is a community landmark since it was built by Albert Grutzmacher, a local carpenter who also helped con-Plan Steering Committee, struct Ten Chimneys in Genesee Depot.

areas with asbestos and lead paint as well as petroleumcontaminated soil from the gas station that predates Walgreens, said Jentzch. The cost to renovate the home is just too high, he said.

Submitted photo

"It's a great idea but financially it doesn't work, it doesn't work," said Jentzch. "I want to make sure what's hest for the community

Weidl said village staff

have also explored renova-

with experts for opinions on

the building's structural

integrity and cost. The find-

ings were forwarded to the

Village Board; however, the

board declined to get

involved and instead waited

on the recommendations of

the Downtown Strategic

Weidl said he encourages

residents to weigh in on the

redevelopment of the

Youmans Residence by con-

according to Weidl.

as an investor.'

IN BRIEF

Dump truck strikes Racine Avenue overpass

WAUKESHA — Racine Avenue over Interstate 43 was closed for an hour and a half Friday afternoon after a dump truck, driven by a male subject with no passengers, struck the Racine Avenue overpass.

According to a release from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, the dump truck was travelling northbound on I-43 with its dump box in the upright position when the box detached and became lodged underneath the Racine Avenue bridge at 1 p.m. The truck then rolled over and stopped in the southbound lanes of I-43. The northbound lanes of I-43 were shut down for approximately 2 hours while southbound was closed to one lane. Racine Avenue was closed over I-43 for about 90 minutes until the Sheriff's Department could determine that the bridge was safe. The Wisconsin State Patrol contacted _____ before reopened. an inspector to check the it was

No other vehicles were involved and no other people were injured other than the driver. He was transported to Froedtert Hospital.

Ex-Muskego man sentenced for child porn

WAUKESHA — A former Muskego man was sentenced to three years in prison Friday for possessing child pornography.

Richard Gomes, 61, now of Summit Lake, pleaded guilty Oct. 11 to one count of possessing child porn in a plea agreement that dismissed four other such counts as well as one charge of exploit- the complaint said.



Photo courtesy of Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

A dump truck was travelling northbound on Interstate 43 with its dump box in the upright position when the box detached and became lodged underneath the Racine Avenue bridge at 1 p.m. Friday afternoon.

ing a child. Circuit Court Judge Michael Maxwell sentenced him to three years in prison and three more on supervision. Gomes must register as a sex offender for 15 years, forfeit his computer equipment and pay \$500 in surcharges.

A criminal complaint said police were notified of suspected child pornography shared over the internet, which led to Gomes' Muskego home in June. Police found several images of children in either sexual activity or explicit poses, the complaint said.

Gomes told police he often posed as a female in lesbian chatrooms, and he had downloaded 50 to 75 images of child porn, depicting children up to age 10, and shared the images on the internet,

BUSINESS NEWS

Local agreement with **Foxconn signed Friday**

MOUNT PLEASANT (AP) – Foxconn Technology Group executives and officials from Racine County and Mount Pleasant are signing a local development agreement that seals the deal on the company's \$10 billion manufacturing complex.

The county and village boards approved the development agreement earlier this week. It outlines the responsibilities for the parties involved and includes guarantees and protections for taxpayers. The agree-

bear factory after news broke that Foxconn Technology Group was building a massive facility nearby.

Walker said Friday Haribo "absolutely" was concerned and he met with company officials to calm their fears.

Haribo is planning a gummy bear factory that will employ 400 people in Pleasant Prairie. Foxconn plans to employ between 3,000 and 13,000 workers at a display panel factory just 13 miles away in Mount Pleasant.

Walker told reporters that Manpower helped make the case to Haribo that despite the close loca-

powers of attorney after the 2014 death of their father. Bilton then posed as her father to have herself added as an authorized user of a credit card, and she used the account to rack up more than \$1,100 in charges in hotel rooms, auto repairs and skin care products, the complaint said.

She also wrote \$24,700 in checks from a money market account, directing them to her business account, hen stole Depression-era glass and collectible pewter sets from her mother's home and stashed them at an aunt's house in Watertown. But she denied knowledge of their whereabouts when her mother asked her about it three times, the complaint alleged.

In the summer of 2015, as her mother was in a rehab facility, she made several unauthorized purchases on her mother's credit card, with \$7,000 being credited back to the card as fraudulent purchases before the account was closed, the complaint said. But then Bilton shut down her mother's fraud complaint on that account and opened another credit card in her mother's name, pretending to be her, and adding herself as an authorized user — after her power of attorney had been revoked, the complaint said.

In fall 2015, after Bilton was incarcerated for a violation of her probation in a 2010 case where she was convicted of transferring encumbered property worth over \$100,000, Bilton signed control of her business over to her attorney, who cooperated as police searched the laptop in Bilton's Bishop's Woods office. Police identified documents and other information stolen from Bilton's former employer, Focused Tax Solutions, when she was a seasonal employee there from May 2014 to April 2015, the complaint added.

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the village as it has come to represent conflicting views of downtown Mukwonago's future. For some, renovating the home means preserving Mukwonago's history. For others, tearing it down is a gateway for much-needed development and growth.

Ulrich Jentzch, owner and developer of the property, recently submitted an application to demolish the home,. He said tearing the building down is matter of business, and a step towards making profit on his investment.

"People want to see a product before they rent it, that's just what it kind of boils down to," said Jentzch. "The problem we're having is that

Coding From Page 1A

Student success is on display throughout the school year when students participate in "epic build" events. Family and friends can see firsthand the coding work their students have done in the classroom.

"We have phenomenal

Water From Page 1A

Duchniak and the Great Water Alliance — the public relations group at the front of Waukesha's efforts to obtain Lake Michigan water - held three open houses this week at Waukesha high schools, allowing residents and ratepayers to ask questions and air their comments and concerns.

Other items on agenda

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the Waukesha Public Library's new director, Bruce Gay, will be introduced. He started work at the library this week, taking over for interim director John Klima, who has returned to his former assistant director post.

Aldermen will also consider the approval of two "dark store" settlements with Target and Farm and Fleet.

Sixth Aldermanic District candidate Jack Wells

'Financially it doesn't work'

However, the home has tacting Plan Commission racked up a \$30,000 bill for members directly.

community turnout," said can take control and challenge themselves. She said Myhre. "The amount of parents engaged in their children's learning is amazing. I think that that's the kind of key to it, that they're not only involved it's exciting to see them but willing to learn as make their own choices. well.

Deklotz says one of the whole mindset of creation, most exciting parts of innovation and inventing introducing coding into the things," said Deklotz. curriculum is that children

will be called up at the end

of the meeting for an inter-

view and possible appoint-

ment. He introduced him-

self at a council meeting

Hall, 201 Delafield St.

last month.

for them to self-select the most challenging project shows the students are indeed growth-minded and "It's just fostered the

"They just keep learning."

Also next week, an ad hoc Downtown Parking Committee will meet to review and discuss parking restrictions and regulations in city lots, parking ramps and street parking spaces.

The council will convene at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the The ad hoc committee will council chambers at City meet at 5 p.m. Monday in room 207 at City Hall.

ment signing Friday morn ing is at Mount Pleasant Village Hall.

The Taiwanese company will construct a 32-millionsquare-foot flat screen and display panel manufacturing complex that could eventually employ 13,000 people east of Interstate 94. Foxconn has given Mount Pleasant \$60 million for land acquisition.

Walker says candy-maker Haribo was concerned with Foxconn

MADISON (AP) — Gov. Scott Walker says German candy-maker Haribo was concerned about its ability to find workers for its planned Wisconsin gummy

tions, the two companies are in different markets for workers.

He says the meeting left Haribo officials with "renewed confidence."





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