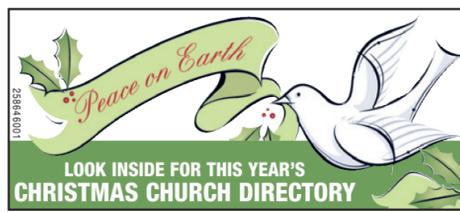




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Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly, left, and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett make it official and sign the contracts for a water supply agreement at the Waukesha County Business Alliance office on Wednesday.

Reilly, Barrett sign water agreement

WAUKESHA — Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett signed what they call a historic agreement for the sale of Lake Michigan water at the Waukesha County Business Alliance headquarters Wednesday.

The cities have been in negotiations since May to produce a water sale contract and intergovernmental agreement that will ensure Waukesha has clean and safe drinking water for at least 40 years.

"It's a historic day and another milestone in obtaining Lake Michigan water for the city of Waukesha," Reilly

said Wednesday afternoon.

Several aldermen and regional officials attended the signing Wednesday and spoke about the significance of the contract for both cities.

District 4 Alderman Joe Pieper tweeted after the signing, "A great day for @CityofWaukesha ensuring a safe and long-term water supply. Plus regional cooperation and putting politics aside. Proud to play a part over 11 years on the Common Council."

The Waukesha Water Utility is now working on obtaining necessary per-



Waukesha County Business Alliance President and CEO Suzanne Kelley talks to the guests during the event at the Waukesha County Business Alliance office on Wednesday.

mits and lines of funding \$286 million. for the project, which will eventually cost an estimated

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Sex offender arrested after alleged late-night peeping

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WAUKESHA — A registered sex offender was arrested early Wednesday after an investigation led by Waukesha patrol officers found the suspect had allegedly been peeping into windows late at night in Waukesha neighborhoods.

Police tracked the 36-year-old — who is registered in Waukesha but suspected to

live elsewhere — through his GPS bracelet over several weeks and mapped his movements in the early morning hours as he allegedly walked onto private properties and went up close to houses, said Waukesha Police Captain Dan Baumann.

"Once we developed him as a person of interest for snooping around, we tracked his GPS and whereabouts," Baumann said. "We found it

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SLENDER MAN CASE

'Fear and pain'

Victim's mother writes to judge before defendants' sentencing

WAUKESHA — In a letter to Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Michael Bohren submitted Monday, the mother of the Slender Man stabbing victim recounted the disastrous effect her daughter's attack has had on her family over the last three and a half years.

Payton Leutner was stabbed 19 times after her two classmates, Anissa Weier and Morgan Geysler, lured her into the woods near a park in Waukesha during May 2014. The girls attacked her to appease a fictional internet character named Slender Man.

Both girls, now 15, were found to have been mentally

ill at the time and are awaiting sentencing to state mental health facilities. Weier will be sentenced today at the Waukesha County Courthouse in room C219 at 1:30 p.m.

Leutner's mother Stacie wrote about the pain and fear her family has regularly experienced since the stabbing.

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Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign behind by \$35,000

Shortage of bell-ringers blamed for shortfall as drive winds down

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WAUKESHA — The Waukesha County Salvation Army has fallen behind on its Red Kettle Campaign goal by \$35,000

with just three days left in the charity event, according to Salvation Army Corps Officer Major Nelson De La Vergne.

De La Vergne said the shortage of funds is a result of local Salvation Army Corps that have been

unable to recruit full-time ringers, or even part-time volunteers to take two- and three-hour or half-day Red Kettle shifts since the campaign kickoff seven weeks ago.

"Those who have given this year have been very generous," said De La Vergne. "So clearly, the 2017 shortfall is caused by our not having been able to

secure enough full-time ringers to bring those donors to the county's 50 Red Kettle locations."

Typically, the Waukesha County Salvation Army raises around \$700,000 in its Red Kettle Campaign each year. However, reaching this goal will be difficult since the day that brings in the most donations, Christmas Eve, falls

on a Sunday — a day on which bell ringers do not collect donations, according to Salvation Army Communications Director Andy Smith.

Donations can be made by texting the word WAUKESHA to 71777, writing a check to the Waukesha Salvation Army's mailing address or by dropping off cash or a check at the

second floor of the Corps offices at 445 Madison Street, Waukesha, WI 53188.

Waukesha County Red Kettle Collections will remain open until 8 p.m. on Saturday, according to a press release.

The Waukesha Salvation Army's Corps offices are open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

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Fun Things To Do This Weekend

Senior skating, 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Naga-Waukee Ice Arena, 2699 Golf Road, Delafield. 262-646-7072.

Caroling for a Cause, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, downtown Waukesha.

Horse-drawn carriage rides, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, downtown Waukesha.

Pictures with Santa, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Fruits of the Spirit Candles, 349 W. Broadway, Waukesha. Free.

Cookie decorating, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Martha Merrell's Books & Toys, 231 W. Main St., Waukesha.

Breakfast with Santa, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, Martha Merrell's Books & Toys, 231 W. Main St., Waukesha. 262-547-1060

"Our Place in Space", 11 a.m. and **"The Stargazer"**, 1 p.m. both Saturday, Retzer Nature Center, S14-W28167 Madison St., Town of Genesee. \$5 per person.

"The Art of the Gift" holiday exhibit, through Dec. 31, Almont Gallery, 342 W. Main St., Waukesha. Arts and crafts by 19 local artists. 262-542-1522 or gaffey@gmail.com.

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Tomorrow: Slight chance of snow
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