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Walker rolls out \$100-per-child tax rebate in Sussex



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Gov. Scott Walker visits Shopko in Sussex on Tuesday afternoon to promote his tax-rebate program and back-to-school sales tax holiday.

Touts sales tax holiday at local business

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SUSSEX — Gov. Scott Walker stopped at Shopko in Sussex Tuesday afternoon to spread the word about his \$100-per-child tax rebate program and sales tax holiday that he said could boost the economy while supporting families as they send their children back to school.

The one-time tax break was proposed in January and shortly thereafter, it was approved by Walker's fellow Republicans who control the Legislature. The rebate, which Walker signed into law in mid-April, also includes a one-time sales tax holiday that runs from Aug. 1 to 5.

As of Tuesday, families have the opportunity to sign up for the child tax rebate program, which awards parents, grandparents and legal guardians who qualify with \$100 per child. Sales taxes will be waived during the first week of August up to a fixed price point on school-related expenses including clothing, computers and computer accessories, said Walker.

"It's always a challenge for parents and grandparents when kids head back to school," Walker said. "This will give them a little bit of a boost."

The tax break measure



The back-to-school sales tax holiday in the first week of August waives the five percent state sales tax to make back-to-school shopping more affordable for parents, Walker said.

comes at the heels of a projected \$385 million-dollar surplus for the 2018 fiscal year, according to the \$100-Per-Child Tax Rebate & Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday fact sheet. But Walker said the projected surplus is just another way he's fulfilled his promise to become a responsible steward of taxpayers' dollars and keep money in the pockets of Wisconsinites.

"As I promised in the past, I'm going to send it back to hardworking taxpayers of Wisconsin," Walker said.

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue estimates that approximately 671,000 households will receive the

rebate, and 1,221,000 children will be eligible for purposes of claiming it. The tax holiday will provide approximately 14.8 million in tax relief in the fiscal year 2019.

Rebate will have broader impact, Walker says

Walker also said the hope is that parents will take the rebate and spend it on school supplies during the August back-to-school sales tax holiday to support brick and mortar locations such as Shopko. He said the sales tax holiday not only supports families, but businesses around the state.

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How to sign up for child tax rebate, eligibility and additional info

- Apply at <https://childtaxrebate.wi.gov> or call 608-266-5437 to sign up.
- The rebate can be claimed for children born before Dec. 31, 2017. They must be Wisconsin residents and U.S. citizens.
- Parents have until July 2 to sign up for the tax rebate.
- Parents will need their Social Security number, the dependent's Social Security number and date of birth. For direct deposit of the rebate, parents will need the routing and account numbers from their bank.
- Those who qualify can expect a check or an electronic bank deposit this summer.
- Many who receive the rebate will not have to report payments as income when they file their 2018 taxes, according to the state Department of Revenue.

Sales tax

All Wisconsinites can take advantage of the sales tax holiday across the state from Aug. 1 to 5. The 5 percent state sales tax will be waived on individual items of school supplies \$75 or less, clothing items \$75 or less, computer supplies \$250 or less, and computers \$750 or less.

TOWN OF IXONIA

Permit for large dairy operation raises concerns

Municipalities worry about water quality



Kelly Smith/Special to The Freeman

One of the large barns at the Tag Lane Dairy in Ixonia. Some local officials are concerned about the impact on water quality and aquifers of the large dairy operations.

By Kelly Smith
Special to The Freeman

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TOWN OF IXONIA — Local government officials in Oconomowoc, Lac La Belle, and Delafield are expressing concerns about the renewal of a water pollution discharge permit to the Tag Lane Dairy on Gopher Hill Road in the Town of Ixonia in Jefferson County. "The increased land spreading of manure generated from the Tag Lane Dairy operation, if not done

properly, could negatively impact the water quality of the area lakes and rivers," according to a resolution adopted by the city of Oconomowoc and the village of Lac La Belle, which is supplied with Oconomowoc water.

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WAUKESHA COMMON COUNCIL

Aldermen approve return flow rate

Water users could see \$7.44 increase on next bill

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WAUKESHA — Waukesha water customers will see a new charge on their next quarterly bill, under a plan approved Tuesday by the Common Council. Alderman voted 14-0 to add "return flow" charges to water and sewer bills next month. The new charge, part of the Lake Michigan diversion project, is expected to increase the average residential bill by \$7.44 per quarter. Starting June 1, water customers will be charged an

additional 62 cents for every 1,000 gallons of water consumed. The charge is being assessed to pay for a \$125.6 million pipeline that will return water back to Lake Michigan.

The added line item, which previously received the backing of the Waukesha Water Commission and the Board of Public Works, is expected to put \$700,000 of revenue into the Waukesha Water Utility budget for the remaining seven months of the year, explained Dan Duchniak, the utility's general manager.

Although construction on the 15-mile pipeline is not expected to begin until 2020, utility officials are in the early stages of designing and permitting the return flow

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WEATHER



Tomorrow:
Mostly sunny
High 75 / Low 50

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TONIGHT

Clear

51

TOMORROW

Mostly sunny

75/50

FRIDAY

Mostly sunny

74/53

SATURDAY

Chance of thunderstorms

77/52

SUNDAY

Partly sunny

67/48

REGIONAL FORECAST



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Statistics for yesterday

High/Low, Waukesha 72/60
High/Low 70/52
Normal High / Low 65/46
Last year's high for date 68
Last year's low for date 47
Precipitation, Waukesha 0.00"
Precipitation 0.00"
Precip. month to date 5.32"
Precip. year to date 13.91"
Snowfall yesterday 0.0"
Snow season to date 46.7"

* Precipitation source: Gen. Mitchell International, Milwaukee. Precipitation is the liquid equivalent of snow, ice and rain.

May 21 First Q **May 29 Full** **Jun. 6 Last Q** **Jun. 13 New**

Sunset today 8:11 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:26 a.m.

WIND CHILL TOMORROW

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

8 a.m. 52
Noon 67
4 p.m. 74
8 p.m. 65

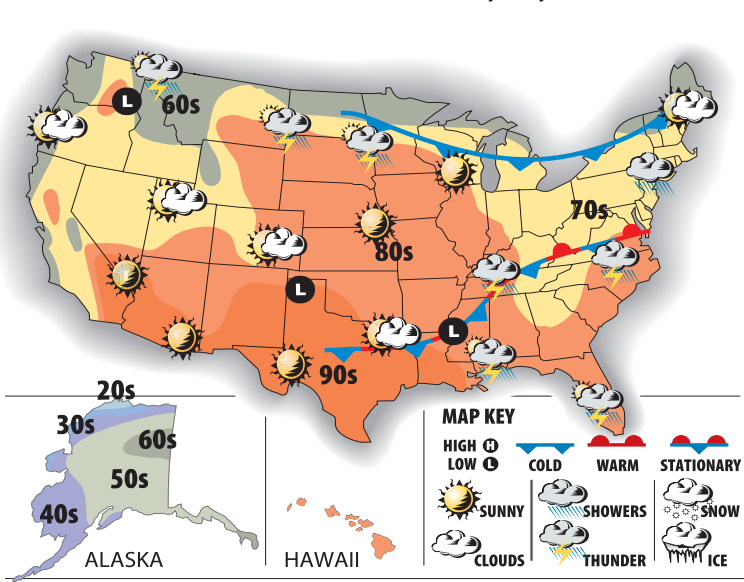
HEATING DEGREE
An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.

Yesterday 4
Month to date 109
Season to date 6421
Normal season to date 6681

Moonsrise tomorrow 6:41 a.m.
Moonsset tomorrow 10:46 p.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Thursday, May 17, 2018



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Tonight: Clear. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds up to 5 mph shifting to the north after midnight. Thursday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-70s. East winds up to 10 mph.

MARINE FORECAST

Lake Michigan near shore forecast:
Tonight: South wind 5 to 10 knots backing north early in the morning.

Lake Michigan water temperature is 49 degrees.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX FORECAST

The UVi forecast for Thursday is **10**

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: 81 Low: 67	CHICAGO High: 77 Low: 54	DALLAS High: 94 Low: 73
DENVER High: 82 Low: 57	LOS ANGELES High: 65 Low: 57	MIAMI High: 84 Low: 74
MINNEAPOLIS High: 83 Low: 61	NEW YORK High: 76 Low: 60	PHOENIX High: 98 Low: 67
SEATTLE High: 69 Low: 52	ST. LOUIS High: 85 Low: 65	WASHINGTON High: 73 Low: 64

Holiday

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“It’s efficient and effective and it can have an impact on not only the economy and individual homes, it’ll have a larger impact because in addition to these rebates of \$100 per-child, the Legislature has joined with us to pass a sales tax holiday for back to school items,” Walker said.

However, recent studies suggests tax rebates and tax holidays have a limited impact on economic growth, according to a study conducted by the UW-Madison Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy. The study also suggests that 30 to 66 percent of the tax rebate will be consumed. The research has also shown that such tax holidays tend to increase the overall level of spending by 30 to 40 percent.

In total, the proposed policies should lead to an increase in consumption in Wisconsin of roughly \$370 million over the next year, which could lead to an increase in output of approximately the same size, according to the CROWE study.

Some Democrats have said the rebate and sales tax holiday are simply election-year bribes.

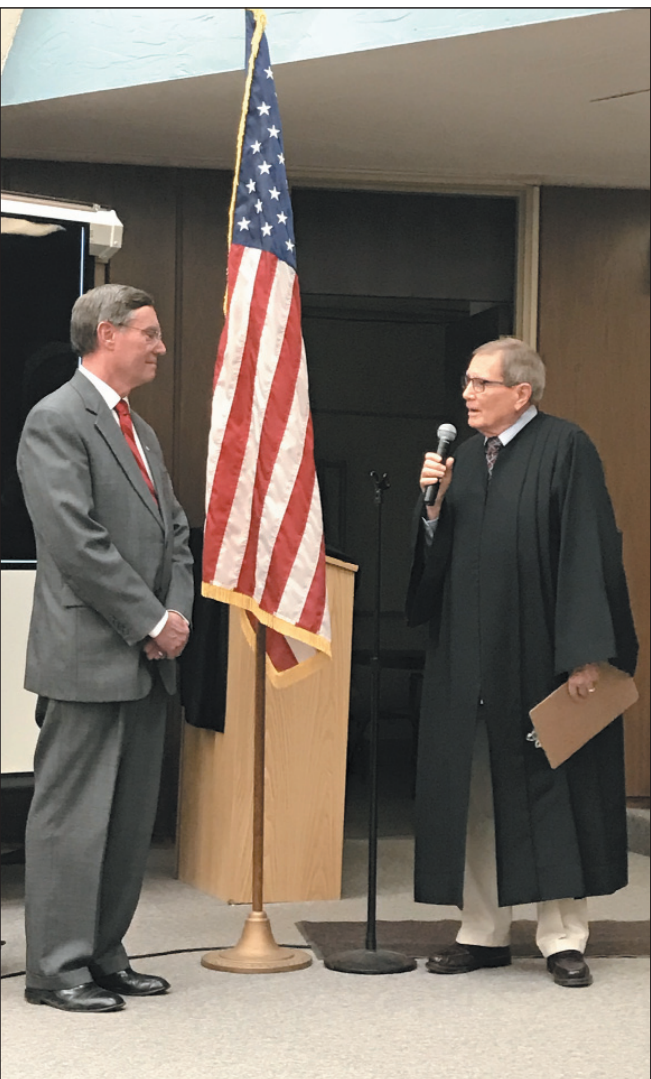


Photo courtesy of Alderman Joe Pieper

Wimmer swears in Wimmer

WAUKESHA — Waukesha’s new Municipal Judge Steve Wimmer is sworn into office Tuesday evening during the Common Council meeting at City Hall by his dad, retired Waukesha County Circuit Judge Joe Wimmer. The younger Wimmer was elected municipal judge in April.

Rate

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infrastructure. Last month the utility took out \$16.6 million in anticipation notes to fund the improvements.

Utility staffers have said the intent is to implement rate increases in a series of gradual steps so users are not met with a sizable wallop all at once.

According to utility projections, the return flow charge is expected to increase to \$1.84 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed next year, or about \$22.19 per quarter for an average residential user. Regular sewer and water rates are also expected to increase gradually over the next five years, with average quarterly bills for water, sewer and return flow charges projected to total \$324 by the year 2023.

Discussing those projections on Tuesday, Duchniak noted that the numbers don’t take into the account the potential for federal aid that could end up reducing the burden on ratepayers.

“This assumes that all of the money will be spent over that time period; that we won’t see reductions in the cost of the program itself. And it assumes that there is no other federal assistance associated with this,” he said.

Mayor Shawn Reilly has expressed optimism about the city’s chances of being approved for at least some assistance through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act.

The city and utility plan to apply for aid through the WIFIA program, which provides low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water infrastructure projects.

The city’s application is due July 9, and Reilly said the city could find as early as September if it will be approved for aid.

Grandview Square outlot

In other items, aldermen spent more than 90 minutes focused on what turned out to be an unsuccessful proposal to amend a planned unit development (PUD) for the Grandview Square subdivision.

City staff had recommended that the PUD be changed to potentially allow a developer to place a single-family home on a long-vacant outlot at the subdivision.

The change would only allow him to develop the site, however, if he is able to get a deed restriction barring such development legally removed.

Residents of the subdivision, a handful of whom spoke during a lengthy public hearing on the issue, balked at the idea, however, saying they wanted the land to remain vacant.

City Attorney Brian Running urged the council to consider the city’s position regarding the parcel, which he noted has been inconsistently maintained.

In the end the proposal to permit an amended PUD failed 4-10.

Council proposal postponed

Aldermen did not discuss a proposal to reduce the 15-member Common Council to nine seats and make the mayor’s job a part-time position.

With Tuesday’s meeting having rounded into its third hour, one of the sponsors of the item, Aldermen Aaron Perry, put forward a successful motion to have the discussion tabled to the council’s June 5 meeting.

1 dead, 3 hurt in Southern California building explosion

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An explosion that rocked a Southern California medical office building on Tuesday, killing a woman and injuring three other people, is being investigated as intentional and investigators believe the blast may have come from a package, a U.S. official told The Associated Press.

North Korea threatens to cancel U.S. summit over drills

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Wednesday canceled a high-level meeting with South Korea and threatened to scrap a historic summit next month between President Donald

Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un over military exercises between Seoul and Washington that Pyongyang has long claimed are invasion rehearsals.

South Korea’s Defense Ministry said the drills will go on as planned.

CIA nominee toughens interrogation stance, picks up support

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump’s CIA nominee appeared to be on a path toward confirmation as she picked up support from key Democrats Tuesday and toughened her public stance against harsh inter-



Haspel

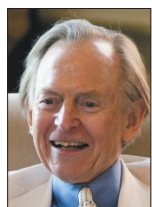
rogation. “With the benefit of hindsight and my experience as a senior agency leader, the enhanced interrogation program is not one the CIA should have undertaken,” Gina Haspel said in written answers to more than 60 questions released by the Senate intelligence committee.

Haspel, who was involved in supervising a secret CIA detention site in Thailand, wrote that she had learned “hard lessons since 9/11.”

The Senate intelligence committee is expected to vote today to recommend that the full Senate confirm her.

Tom Wolfe, pioneering ‘New Journalist,’ dead at 88

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Wolfe, the white-suited wizard of “New Journalism”



Wolfe

who exuberantly chronicled American culture from the Merry Pranksters through the space race before turning his satiric wit to such novels as “The Bonfire of the Vanities” and “A Man in Full,” has died. He was 88.

His hyperbolic, stylized writing work was a gleeful fusillade of exclamation points, italics and improbable words. An ingenious phrase maker, he helped brand such expressions as “radical chic” for rich liberals’ fascination with revolutionaries; and the “Me” generation, defining the self-absorbed baby boomers of the 1970s.

Pain at the pump

Oil prices crossed the \$70-a-barrel threshold last week, after President Donald Trump announced he would pull out of a 2016 agreement over Iran’s nuclear program. The rise in oil prices means more pain at the pump for car-driving commuters, as gasoline prices hit levels not seen in nearly four years.

Crude oil prices have been climbing steadily since July 2017, going from a little more than \$40 a barrel to \$70 a barrel in 10 months. The last time oil traded above \$70 a barrel was late 2014.

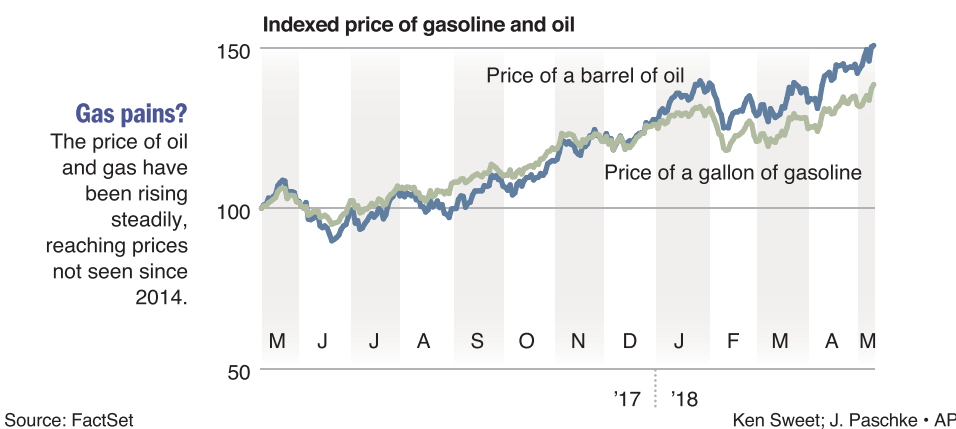
The rise in crude oil prices has multiple causes. Economic growth across the

globe has been increasing, and so has the demand for commodities like metals and oil. The U.S. dollar has been weakening, and since oil is priced in dollars, that has caused oil prices to rise.

Lastly, there have been the rising tensions with Iran. OPEC member Iran is one of the world’s

largest oil producers, and had been selling its oil more broadly on the global market because the U.S. had suspended some of its sanctions.

Drivers can expect higher gasoline prices particularly as the summer driving season takes off. Wholesale gasoline prices are also trading at four year highs.



Farm

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“The aquifer recharge area for the city of Oconomowoc’s drinking water is located near the dairy operations and fields being used to spread manure,” the resolution continues.

The resolution asked the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to “take the appropriate steps necessary to protect the water quality of area lakes and rivers” when consider renewing the permit.

Delafield City Administrator Tom Hafner told The Freeman he may testify about the dairy’s liquid manure spreading practices at a permit renewal hearing later this month.

He said dairy operators endangered some local residential water wells and stormwater drainage when they spread liquid manure on farm property located in the city.

He said the potential danger and strong smell from the manure prompted the Common Council to approve an ordinance that prohibits the spreading of manure in the city unless it is from farms located in the city.

The DNR has scheduled a public hearing about renewal of the permit for the dairy for on May 31, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Oconomowoc Common Council chambers at City Hall, 174 E. Wisconsin Ave.

The dairy produces an estimated 16,000 to 17,000 gallons of milk a day, according to its owners.

The dairy has 2,633 acres. About 325 acres are owned by the dairy and another about 2,300 are controlled through contracts and agreements, according to the DNR.

The farm has 1,290 milking and dry cows and 470 heifers and 350 calves, according to the DNR.

An additional approximately 1,000 milking and dry cows are expected to be added to the herd by 2020, according to DNR.

The dairy will generate about 10.4 million gallons of manure and process wastewater and 16,600 tons of solid manure during its first year of operation under the renewed permit.

An additional approximately 6 million gallons of manure and process waste water and an additional approximately 10,000 tons of solid manure will be added when the expansion is completed, according to the DNR.

The dairy is owned by the Griswold family.

Family members have told The Freeman they are making improvements in farm operations and expanding the dairy herd as part of an ongoing effort to grow the business while complying with state and federal regulations.

“If you are standing still you are going backward in today’s economy,” said Kevin Griswold.

Griswold said his family has chosen the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) style of farming because they believe it allows them to operate a profitable farming business while maintaining a lifestyle suitable to the family.

Environmental and animal advocacy groups have criticized CAFOs.

The environmental groups argue the massive amounts of manure and wastewater generated by the operations pose a threat to the surface and ground waters near CAFOs.

The animal advocacy groups argue confining large numbers of dairy cows in giant barns rather than allowing them to graze in pastures is treating the animals inhumanely.

Griswold family members maintain they have operated

the dairy and liquid manure spreading in compliance with state and federal regulations intended to protect the environment.

They say the animals are treated humanely because they are in large ventilated barns where food and water are always available to them.

They say pasturing large herds of dairy cows during the winter in Wisconsin is not practical because of the state’s weather conditions.

The existing permit was issued in 2008 and it expired in 2013.

Federal and state law allows the dairy to continue operating on the 2008 permit until it is renewed or replaced by state and federal authorities.

James R. “Mike” Carlson of the DNR said state officials have waited to complete the process of renewing the permit until the United States Environmental Protection Agency finished working with the farm to comply with standards in the 2008 permit.

The federal EPA is the primary permitting authority for CAFOs, according to Carlson.

Carlson explained the DNR is the state authority responsible for permitting and enforcing the federal regulations.