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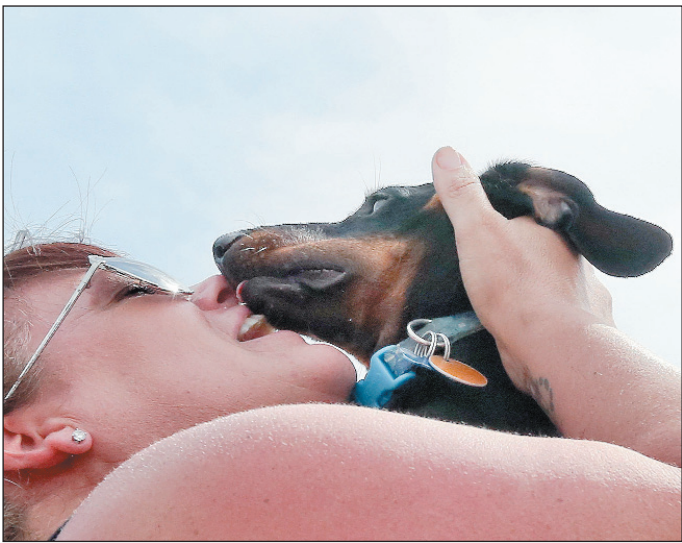
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Wiener dogs run wild in derby



OCONOMOWOC — Wisconsin Harley-Davidson in Oconomowoc sponsored the 5th Annual Wiener Dog Derby and Dog Days of Summer on Saturday. Dachshunds raced down the track and sought their owners at the finish line.



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Left: A dachshund on the run during the 5th Annual Wiener Dog Derby at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson on Saturday.
Right: Fifteen-month-old Max gets a congratulatory hug from owner Patti Stindt after he won first place in a young adult heat during the Wiener Dog Derby on Saturday at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson.

WAUKESHA WATER PROJECT

Tariffs make steel unlikely option for lake pipes

With costs up as much as 30%, utility leaning toward more common materials

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WAUKESHA — Rising prices brought on by U.S.-imposed steel tariffs mean the pipelines used to carry Lake Michigan water to and from Waukesha aren't likely to be made from the metal, Waukesha Water Utility General Manager Dan Duchniak said Monday.

But the situation could actually end up saving the utility money in the long run.

Waukesha aldermen voted in December to approve a 40-year contract for the purchase of Lake Michigan water from Milwaukee.

The deal allows Waukesha to draw up to 8.2 million gallons of Lake Michigan water per day, but to get the water from Milwaukee to Waukesha — and return the treated water back to the lake via the Root River — the utility must build 35-40 miles of pipeline.

Spiking prices

Looking ahead to next year, when the utility hopes to get the permits for those pipelines,

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ELMBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Athletic facilities projects on track for fall completion

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BROOKFIELD — Students returning to Brookfield Central and Brookfield East high schools this fall will be able to utilize some new outdoor amenities. An Elmbrook School District proposal approved earlier this year allowed for the construction of new tennis courts at both schools and a reconstructed softball diamond at East, as well as the reorientation of Central's diamond. A project update to be provided to the Finance and Operations Committee this week shows that all projects will be completed

within a September to October time frame, just in time for back to school.

"We did have a few days of rain that slowed us down but it hasn't been too bad," said Director of Facilities Randal Johnston.

Tennis courts will be ready for use at East High School later this month. For Central High School students, courts will be completed by mid-September.

Work at both softball diamonds is underway, with project completion slated for October.

The total project scope will see the removal and replacement of nine tennis courts at both schools and the replacement of two

softball diamonds. New storage at East High, new bleachers, storm drainage and irrigation for the diamond outfields are anticipated for completion this fall.

At the Dec. 5, 2017 Board of Education Meeting, the board approved the BCHS & BEHS tennis and softball projects at an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000 and began the design process.

The original schedule for the construction work saw the paving of the tennis courts begin in June, with the courts ready for use by July.

Work on the softball diamond had a more general starting date of any time within June through

August. The schedule predicted that the softball diamonds would be ready for use by the end of this summer.

Proposals to update facilities at both Brookfield Central and Brookfield East had some residents concerned earlier this year. Brookfield Central's athletic fields bump up against a residential neighborhood and homeowners expressed concerns that increased lighting, a reoriented softball field and extended game hours — cut off at 10 p.m. — will impact them.

Some Brookfield aldermen also expressed con-



Photos courtesy of Thomas Juran

A drone captured the ongoing athletic facility work at Brookfield Central High School last week. A new softball diamond and new tennis courts are underway.

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WEATHER

Tomorrow:
Partly cloudy
High 82/ Low 64

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From Waukesha's weekend police blotter

3:27 a.m. Saturday — A man in a white T-shirt and no pants was seen walking in the middle of the road in the 1300 block of East Main Street, asking for help. He seemed drunk.

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An old-fashioned Sunday afternoon



Sue Boyer/Special to The Freeman

WATERTOWN —Take a sunny summer Sunday afternoon, add some cake and ice cream, throw in the music of a bygone era and you have a relaxing and entertaining moment away from the daily grind. Such was the afternoon at Watertown's historic Octagon House and the music of the 1st Brigade Band on Sunday. The band is made of members from around the state and some from Illinois as well. The music they play has its origins in the Civil War era and is played on original instruments from those years as well. Above, The historic Octagon House in Watertown hosts the 1st Brigade Band for a concert as part of the Historical Society's Ice Cream and Cake Social on Sunday afternoon.



Civil War re-enactors Jason Reinholz, left, Dave Gerow, center, and Jim Schumann, right, relax in the shade as the 1st Brigade Band performs a concert at the Octagon House in Watertown on Sunday afternoon.



Bill Frey of Wauwatosa secures his music prior to the start of the concert of the 1st Brigade Band at the Octagon House in Watertown on Sunday. Frey has been with the band for 42 years.



1st Brigade band member Don Neverman explains the history of an antique E-flat tuba that was rescued from becoming jewelry and rebuilt with original parts. Neverman is a member of the band that performed Sunday as part of the Watertown Historical Society's Ice Cream and Cake Social held at the Octagon House.

County beaches will soon be ‘swim at your own risk’

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WAUKESHA — As summer is drawing to a close, Waukesha County beaches that are currently being staffed by lifeguards will soon make the transition to becoming “swim at your own risk” locations.

Swim at your own risk beaches will be open daily from sunrise to sunset and county staff will continue to conduct daily maintenance. All swimmers must stay within the shallow water section only, marked by rope and buoys.

The schedule is as follows:

Menomonee Park, W220-N7884 Townline Road, Menomonee Falls
■ Staffed with lifeguards from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.
■ Swim at your own risk: daily, sunrise to sunset, Aug. 15 through Oct. 7

Muskego Park, S83-W20370 Janesville Road, Muskego
■ Staffed with lifeguards from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.
■ Swim at your own risk: daily, sunrise to sunset, Aug. 17 through Oct. 7

Naga-Waukee Park, 651 Highway 83, Hartland
■ Staffed with lifeguards from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

through Aug. 20 at 7 p.m.
■ Swim at your own risk: daily, sunrise to sunset, Aug. 21 through Oct. 7

Fox Brook Park, 2925 N. Barker Road, Brookfield
■ Staffed with lifeguards from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Aug. 26 at 7 p.m.
■ Swim at your own risk: daily, sunrise to sunset, Aug. 27 through Sept. 3

Swim at your own risk beaches will continue through Oct. 7
■ **Minooka Park**, 1927 E. Sunset Drive, Waukesha: daily, sunrise to sunset
■ **Mukwonago Park**, S100-W31900 Highway LO, Mukwonago: daily, sunrise to sunset

Pipes

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engineers have been considering what materials to include as possible options for them.

While ductile iron is the most common material used in water pipes, Duchniak said the utility wanted other options for pipeline material — such as prestressed concrete and fiberglass — to create more interest in the project, and make the bids more competitive.

The utility had been considering including steel in that mix of options, Duchniak said, when the ballooning prices for the commodity made them take a step back.

“With the tariffs we have seen an increase of about 25 to 30 percent in the cost estimates of the pipe, and that basically tipped the scales to where we are not considering it anymore,” he said.

No setbacks

The situation hasn’t created any real glitches, Duchniak said, because the utility never considered steel to be the ideal option for the pipeline anyway.

“It was on the edge of the size of where it would be cost-effective (for the pipelines),” he said. “And we don’t have any steel pipes in our system currently, so we would have to train our guys how to maintain it. And if we can’t train, we have to hire.”

Designing for a steel

pipeline was also expected to cost the utility close to \$1 million, Duchniak added, so not hiring an engineer to do that work saves the utility money on the front end.

“With the ductile iron pipe, and the concrete pipe, and potentially fiberglass pipe (options), we’ll generate enough competition that we’re not worried about getting good pricing. And we eliminate all those concerns with regards to steel,” Duchniak said. “We are trying to be cost effective for our customers.”

If steel prices suddenly plummet, the utility could always ask for contractors to give them a price on a steel pipeline as an alternative bid, he noted.

Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in late 2019 or early 2020.

SWALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board approves lower-cost \$8.3M referendum question

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HARTLAND — The Swallow School District Board of Education approved on July 23 putting a lower-cost \$8.3 referendum option on the ballot for the November 6 election. Last month, following a community survey gauging interest for supporting various funding levels for a referendum question, the board was presented with a lower-cost facility improvement plan. The survey sent out earlier this year asked residents if they would support a \$9.98 million referendum question. It also sought feedback on whether taxpayers would be willing to tack on extra support to the tune of \$11.08 million. While 53 percent of the 484 survey respondents said they would either “definitely” or “probably” support the first option, only 34 percent said they would support the second option for sure.

“We can take care of vital improvements for teaching and learning and the most pressing maintenance needs while also being responsive to the community’s feedback by reducing

the scope of the project to have no tax impact,” said board President John Stahl.

The \$9.98 million option would have had a \$24 effect on taxpayers per \$100,000 of property value. The \$11.08 million option would have had a \$36 per \$100,000 of property effect. The \$8.3 million option is projected to have no effect on taxpayers, while maintaining the core elements of the project.

Some of those elements include creating more collaborative, hands-on learning spaces within Swallow School and maintaining the 1894 section of the school with a new roof, heating system and other upgrades.

“There comes a time when you have to weigh the benefits of replacing the aging sections of the school versus continuing to put money into sections that will only need expensive continuous improvements over the life span of the facility,” said Stahl. “The public expressed concern over losing the history of the older sections of the building but didn’t want to place the financial burden on the school for its upkeep. We are working

with the architect to ensure portions of the existing building, such as the iconic bell, can be repurposed into the design of the replacement portion of the building.”

While the referendum question on the ballot reduces the amount of money the school district is requesting from taxpayers, district administration is emphasizing that the goals of this version still align closely with the district’s values, including placing students first and continuous improvement. The referendum will help the district continue the services expected by parents by allowing the annual budget to provide staffing levels that residents have become accustomed to. Support for personalized learning will also be provided.

An upcoming open house on the master facility planning process is scheduled for Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. at the district office, W299-N5614 County Road E.

Later this month, residents will begin to receive district newsletters and mailings with more information on the referendum question and open house opportunities.

Projects

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cerns with the city’s relationship with school district leaders, saying that at the time the project proposals crossed their desks, it had already been in the works for three years.

In a letter submitted to the Brookfield Common Council at a May 15 meeting, following a public hearing on the then-proposed projects, Johnston acknowledged residents’ concerns in a letter and stated, “we have taken steps since that meeting (public hearing) because we continually work to be a good partner in our community.”

Lottery

WISCONSIN Saturday, Aug. 4	
5 Card Cash	AC-JS-8C-9H-4S
Pick 3	2-6-8
Pick 4	5-2-9-5
Megabucks	4-19-23-32-42-48
SuperCash	5-8-9-14-22-27
SuperCash Doubler:	No
Powerball	3-11-38-44-58
Power Play	2
Badger 5	4-5-13-26-29
Sunday, Aug. 5	
5 Card Cash	JC-AH-4D-9H-8S
Pick 3	2-1-6
Pick 4	0-2-0-1
SuperCash	3-8-16-18-20-23
SuperCash Doubler:	No
Badger 5	9-10-15-17-25
Monday, Aug. 6	
5 Card Cash	JD-QS-AS-3H-4S
Pick 3	8-6-9
Pick 4	0-3-3-5
SuperCash	8-17-27-31-34-35
SuperCash Doubler:	No
Badger 5	5-10-17-25-27

Submit events for Fall Fun Guide

Email the info to news@conley.net by Wednesday. Include the event’s name, where it will be held, times and dates and a brief description, as well as if there is a website or phone number to call for more information.

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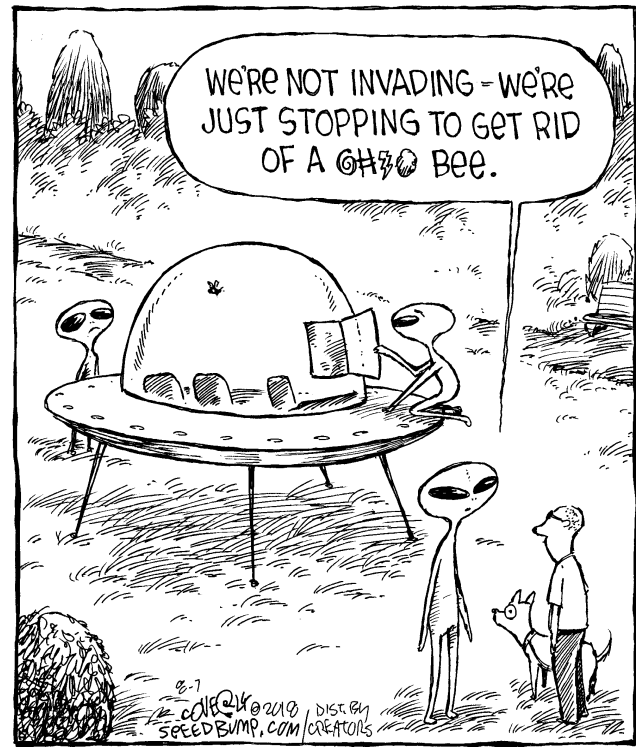
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