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WAUKESHA — Noah Burke, 12, loosens the dirt on a small succulent at the Waukesha Public Library, while friend and fellow Les Paul Middle School student Max Camarillo, 12, looks on. The seventh-graders were among about a dozen students that took part in a terrarium building activity hosted by the library, 321 Wisconsin Ave., on Tuesday afternoon.

MENOMONEE FALLS

2020 proposed budget includes money for fire chief, new engine

Also includes 30 new full-time positions

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MENOMONEE FALLS — The Menomonee Falls Fire Department has spoken and village officials are listening. Following Menomonee Falls Professional Firefighters Local 3879 President Kevin Myers saying an ongoing staffing shortage within the Falls Fire Department had led to a "frightening" situation this May, village officials have taken the first step towards crafting a 2020 proposed budget that includes not only funding for 30 new fulltime firefighters over the next four years, but the addition of a fire department chief and the purchase of a new aerial platform fire truck.

"At a high level, fundamental-

ly, we all agreed and the budget is a very reasonable budget. I would say as a village board, we were unanimous in the 2020 plan," said Village President David Glasgow.

Adding the new full-time firefighter positions will take place from 2020-2023; six positions will be added in the first year, followed by nine in the second year, nine in the third year and six in the final year. The new aerial platform fire truck will cost the village approximately \$1.4 million and is scheduled to be purchased in 2020 pending Village Board approval of the budget.

The length of the hiring process for the new positions is hard to predict, Glasgow explained.

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Business alliance backs pumping station proposal

Sends letter to New Berlin, urging cooperation



A new rendering shows the latest design for a pumping station and twin reservoir tanks planned for the southeastern edge of Minooka Park. The Waukesha Water Utility has submitted new plans for the project calling for the height of the reservoir tanks to be lowered by 10 feet at an estimated cost of \$2 million to \$5 million.

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NEW BERLIN — As Waukesha Water Utility officials prepare for a public hearing on their request to construct a pumping station and two nine-gallon reservoir tanks at the southeastern edge of Minooka Park, the Waukesha County Business Alliance is urging New Berlin city officials to show regional cooperation by supporting the project.

The letter, sent to the city late last month, comes as residents near the proposed site an 8.57-acre parcel near the corner of Swartz Road and Racine Avenue — have expressed vocal opposition to the develop-

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Evers declares Columbus Day is Indigenous Peoples' Day

Students at Indian Community School in Franklin fought for day

By Kent Wainscott Courtesy of WISN 12 News

FRANKLIN — Columbus Day is now officially Indigenous Peoples' Day in Wisconsin, but not everyone is celebrating.

The governor signed an executive order marking Indigenous Peoples' Day the second Monday in October, but that order is already drawing some criticism.

Students at the Indian Community School in Franklin have fought for three years to have Wisconsin recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

On Tuesday, in front of those students, Gov. Tony Evers made it happen with an executive order.

"Declaring the second Monday in October to be Indigenous Peoples' Day in Wisconsin," Evers

The students took up the cause, they said, after learning in school about the first people in America.

"Not too long into the subject, we found out that it wasn't Columbus. It was our ancestors," said Indian Community School seventh-grader Annabelle

Jaworski. Having Indigenous Peoples' Day coincide with Columbus Day is important to the tribal nations, but it is not setting well with evervone.



In this Sept. 24 file photo, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers speaks with reporters at an event in Madison.

"I think it's political correctness run amok," Milwaukee Alderman Bob Donovan said.

Donovan said he thinks the two days should be observed separately.

"I am not at all opposed to recognizing Native Americans, indigenous peoples to the Americas. No problem whatsoever. But I do have a problem when it's done at the expense of Christopher Columbus and Italians," Donovan said.

"I really think it is about clarification. There's a misconception in the founding of the United States that we were discovered. And clearly there were people here that are now called Native Americans," Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill said.

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"Recognizing them does no disservice to anyone else, it's just long overdue," Evers said.

The students went to Madison a couple of years ago to try get a law passed declaring Indigenous Peoples' Day.

They were not successful but kept pushing.

The governor said he would have preferred to see legislation passed but was happy to sign the executive order to make it hap-



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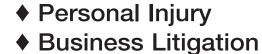
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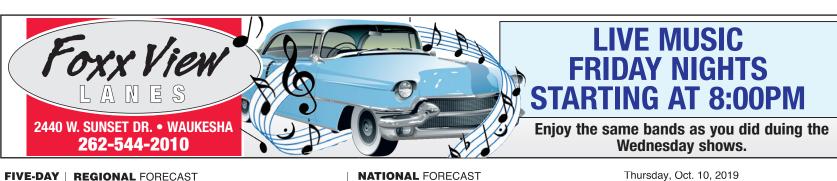
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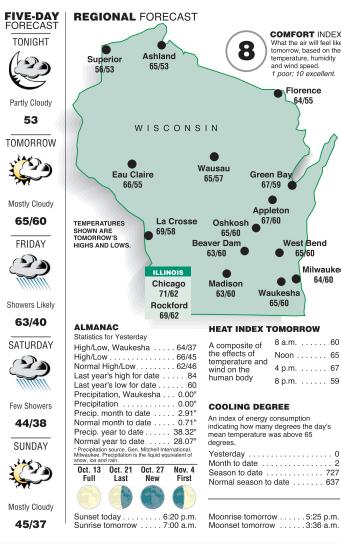
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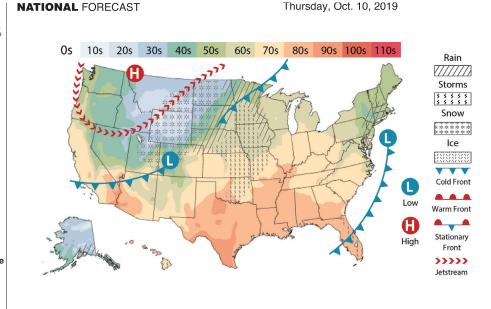
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Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds up to Thursday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 5

MARINE FORECAST

Lake Michigan near shore forecast: Tonight: SE wind around 10 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 2 to 3 ft Thursday: SE wind 10 to 15 kt. A slight chance of showers after 1pm. Waves around 3 ft.

Lake Michigan water temperature is 62 degrees **ULTRAVIOLET INDEX FORECAST** The UVI forecast for Thursday is 3

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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Johnson & Johnson said it was confident that the award would be overturned, calling it "grossly disproportionate" with the initial compensatory damage award and "a clear violation of due process."

Judging antiques at a county fair

Last month I judged the antiques competition at the Walworth County Fair in Elkhorn. It was a two-day event with over — believe it or not -1,100 items and an extremely attentive crowd. The judging criteria included authenticity, condition, rarity, historical significance, comparison to a standard and scope of local, regional, national and/or global interest. County fair judges never assign a value.

A small army of dedicated fair volunteers cataloged and numbered each item; no personal information was revealed. The team expedited a proven check-in method and synchronized the process like a Henry Ford assembly line.

Today's column exhibits a small sample of division ribbon winners. It was a wonderful privilege to be immersed in rural history and to taste heavenly homemade lemon pie!

George Washington is always the winner

Silk souvenir bookmarks were products during the centennial celebration of America's Independence. Woven on Jacquard looms at the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition in 1876.

keepsakes Sentimental have been discovered folded away in sewing tables, baskets and drawers of greatgrandmothers' iron seam-(treadle sewing machine). A family member discovered this memorial ribbon in such a place and had it framed. Some antiques give up their secrets more readily than others. Visual clues on silk are naturally occurring split edges, shredding and uneven color fading. The interest in patriotic items continues to this day.

A pecking order

Roosters became a symbol of service way before the 20th century. High-pitched, harsh crowing at the break of dawn was more reliable than



BARBARA EASH

Antiques Appraised

clocks. Tin silhouettes tacked over the henhouse door were viewed as architectural novelties in rural communities. Many of these tin signs were made by a traveling tinsmith (tinnier) at a cost of 15 cents and supper. The yellow reflective paint on the arched feathers — a penny more. Most simple-cut rooster signs were eaten by rust then discarded, but today are favored by folk art collectors. Following the judging competition, the owners of this strutting rooster introduced themselves and gave permission to be featured. Steve and Darlene Pinnow are now fourthgeneration farmers at Wisconsin Lamb Farms. As a small boy when visiting his grandparents' farm, Steve pelted the 15-inch-by-15-inch sign with stones.

Stitching horse

In farm and city communities, highly skilled men would be sought out for the making and repair of leather goods, including harness and saddles. Workers would set facing the upright clampjaws that was controlled by a foot petal. Assorted vise sizes were used for precision stretching and stitching. The proud owner of this antique entry attached the below family history to the bench. Good idea — write down your family history!

"Great, great grandpa immigrated from Prussia in the 1830's. He settled in Waterford, Wisconsin working as a harness maker for 50 years. I salvaged this from the old granary on the home-

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column? Let Barbara Eash hear about it!

To have your item or collection considered send the fol- number.

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(Barbara Eash is a mememail: beap- ber of the Certified Appraiconsidered cializing in appraisals of antiques and collectibles and has extensive experience antiques.)

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Some of that outcry has continued despite the utility's recent move to lower the water tanks by 10 feet to 32.5 feet and 35 feet respectively at a projected cost increase of \$2 million to \$5 million dollars.

The pumping station and reservoirs are a critical part of the utility's plan to bring Lake Michigan water to businesses and households in the city of Waukesha by 2023.

Cooperation urged

In their letter, Waukesha County Business Alliance President and CEO Suzanne Kelley and Amanda Payne, the organization's senior vice president for public policy, implore New Berlin officials to back the utilitv's chosen site, noting that moving the structures to another part of the park could be more disruptive to New Berlin residents as well as the park.

the infrastructure needed to transport water from and back to Lake Michigan will occur outside of the city (of Waukesha), those impacts are impossible to avoid. However, Waukesha has worked diligently to lessen those impacts on the public and to provide benefits to other communities when possible," Kelley and "The fact-based Payne wrote. reviews and political cooperation that has brought the project to this point must continue in a timely fashion, for the good of our region. We strongly urge New Berlin officials to meet with Waukesha and determine the best way to ensure approval of this pumping station moves forward. in a timely fashion, to keep this important project on track.'

Timing important

Waukesha Water Utility General Manager Dan Duchniak said Tuesday that he remains confident that the utility will meet all of the conditions set forth in the conditional use meets in December.

"Although many of the impacts of permit required for the project. Plan commissions must follow a strict process when considering conditional use permits, so there is less chance of the project being rejected purely as a result of political pres-

But he stressed that if the utility is forced to find an alternate location outside the park, it could put the utility in danger of not meeting its court-ordered requirement of having a new water supply for utility customers by the 2023 deadline.

'The county does not have an alternative location. We do not have an alternative location. We have gone through all the studies and determined the route (for the water pipeline), and we are moving forward with that process," said Duchniak.

The public hearing on the conditional use permit is scheduled for Nov. 4 before the New Berlin Plan Commission. The commission is slated to vote on the permit when it

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He said if the fire department could find the six new firefighters right away, he suspects they would be integrated pretty quickly, but it could be a few months before that happens.

As for hiring a fire department chief, Glasgow said that closed this year, generating could also take anywhere from a few months to a year due to the specific needs of the fire department and village.

"There are some concerns from citizens and I'm quick to able to do something like this," remind them that this is a very unique position that we have to fill. We need someone for this maintain every year and just role obviously with specific qualifications and experiences. We can't grab them off the store The next step for the proposed shelves, so to speak," Glasgow

sources of revenue that is ber.

allowing the village to fund these changes in 2020 is the increment from the recent closure of two tax incremental financing districts (TIDs) in the village. TID #4, generally located east of Appleton Avenue and expanding north and south of Good Hope Road, and TID #5, generally located at Main Street and Old Orchard Road, both over \$400 million of increment that was distributed among four taxing jurisdictions.

"I think any community would give their left arm to be Glasgow said. "There's so many communities struggling to cover their costs with a very limited, restricted tax levy. 2020 budget is to come forward for Village Board approval on He said one of the main the second Monday of Novem-