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Visitors happy with new changing facility at Blue Lotus retreat



Ian Kooi plays on a swing at Blue Lotus Farm and Retreat Center this summer.



Kristen and Katelyn Koenigs during a recent visit to Blue Lotus Farm and Retreat Center. BLFRC recently added a changing facility complete with a hydraulic lift and sanitizing station.

Completed earlier this summer

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WEST BEND — Blue Lotus Farm and Retreat Center (BLFRC) welcomed a new changing facility this summer, allowing those of different abilities and their caregivers access to a private space complete with a hydraulic lift and sanitizing station. In the weeks since it was completed, visitors have been appreciating the changing facility. "It is wonderful. Visitors were happy to see the respectful accommodation available," said BLFRC Executive Director Jacqueline Janz. "We are thrilled with it and looking forward to highlighting it with all our visitors next year."

BLFRC received the hydraulic lift table in July after a slight order delay.

Beginning this spring, seniors from the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) senior design class, with the assistance of their professor Mark Rounds, built an accessible changing room at BLFRC.

Students began constructing the facility in April of this year with help from contractors for the installation of electrical, concrete base and roofing. Companies also donated some of their services for the project.

The wooden walls were constructed on campus and transported to BLFRC for installation, followed by the addition of a medal roof.

The new facility serves as a private space for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers, ensuring quadriplegic individuals and those who use wheelchairs have dignity and appropriate facilities to change clothes or attend to other needs.

Michelle's Action Angels Community Outreach (MAACO) sponsored a hydraulic lift table. The lift can accommodate more than 400 pounds and is adjustable for those of different heights or who use a wheelchair.

This lift will allow those visiting BLFRC to visit the facility for a longer period of time without worrying about what they will do if they need to switch their clothes or need a change.

Rebecca Stelmack, board member and vice president of MAACO, told the Daily News in April that the lift is similar to a baby changing station found in restrooms, but for adults. Stelmack herself knows how important a hydraulic lift is for those with different abilities and their caregivers. Her little sister is unable to use a toilet. When the family is out of the house, her mother would need to spread her jacket on the bathroom floor or go to the family's van when she needed a change.

MAACO also donated a sanitizing station for the facility. The hydraulic lift and sanitizing station make up a sponsorship of about \$43,000.

BLFRC provides ways for individuals of different abilities to enjoy the outdoors. Located on 64 acres, the day camp features hiking trails, an in-ground pool, a four-acre pond, kayaks and canoes, pavilion space, a campfire for roasting marshmallows and more.



A hydraulic lift and sanitizing station were provided to Blue Lotus Farm and Retreat Center through a sponsorship by Michelle's Action Angels Community Organization. The facility helps provide privacy and accommodations to those with different abilities and their caregivers if they need a change or have to switch clothes at any point.



Methasa and Seja Kularatna play in the pool at Blue Lotus Farm and Retreat Center. The facility offers a wide variety of outdoor activities for those of different abilities, businesses and organizations.

Schools hit with Devious Lick TikTok challenge

Students stealing signs, hand sanitizers, clocks, microscopes, more

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WEST BEND — Teens across the nation have been taking part in a TikTok challenge in which students are challenged to steal the most ridiculous items from their schools. This challenge has struck West Bend in the first few weeks of the school year.

Videos under the Devious Lick Challenge hashtag, also known as the Dubious Lick, Diabolical Lick or Devilish Lick Challenge, often show students pulling various stolen items out of their backpacks, including wet floor signs, microscopes, soap dispensers, hand sanitizer dispensers, security cameras, clocks, fire extinguishers and even small lockers.

Due to the nature of the challenge, students attempt to take larger items or those with greater risk.

In addition to stealing items, school property has been damaged in the process. Some videos under hashtags and searches relating to the challenge show

other students' frustrations as they walk into the bathroom to find it missing soap or dispensers.

The Devious Lick Challenge has made its way to West Bend East and West high schools, the school district confirmed on Friday. High school principals sent a newsletter to families about the challenge on Friday.

"While the TikTok challenge may seem like an innocent prank to students, it has serious consequences. Not only are the stolen items expensive, but they are difficult to replace during the pandemic," said West Bend West Principal Ralph Schlass and East Principal John Graf.

Students who are caught participating in the challenge could be subject to fines and other penalties.

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Winery and distillery use approved for Slinger business park

By Melanie Boyung
Special to the Daily News

SLINGER — The Plan Commission has paved the way for a new winery and distillery to come into the community, as they approved a conditional use permit for Aspen Sky this week.

The Plan Commission met Wednesday evening, and approved the conditional use permit for Aspen Sky at 860 Enterprise Drive, a lot of about 4.25 acres in the business park area. According to the use application from Amy Bridgeo, the facility will be roughly 13,000 square feet, where bulk wine and spirits product will be brought in for blending, conditioning and bottling on-site. The building will include a café, and there will be an outdoor patio space for customers as well.

"The commission was very supportive of it," Village Administrator Margaret Wilber said. "We're very excited about it."

The site plan for the winery, distillery and event space is expected to come before the Plan Commission

in October. Wilber said in most cases a site plan will be considered for approval before a CUP is applied for, but the business wanted to know that its plan was viable before committing resources to the site plan process.

"The developer wanted to be assured they had rights to the use... before they brought it (the site plan) to the Plan Commission," she said.

The site plan will have to be approved before site work and construction of the new facility can begin.

According to Bridgeo's plan of operation for Aspen Sky, "Aspen Sky is a gathering place where people come to spend time with family, celebrate life events or enjoy a drink with friends. Our wines and spirits will be accessible — both from a taste perspective and from a cost perspective."

Bridgeo wrote that the café in the business will serve simple dishes, and Aspen Sky will pursue a Class B liquor license to serve beer in addition to the wine and spirits to be processed by the business.

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Healing Elements being featured in SBA project

By Melanie Boyung
Special to the Daily News

WEST BEND — Healing Elements Day Spa, a local West Bend business, is being recognized in a SCORE project about Wisconsin businesses who partnered with the Wisconsin Small Business Administration to weather the COVID-19 pandemic last year.

Nicolette Kearns, owner of Healing Elements, recently did an interview for a SCORE video highlighting small businesses in Wisconsin that survived the challenges of shutdowns and regulations caused in 2020 by the pandemic. SCORE is a nonprofit partner of the Small Business Administration, which offers mentoring and workshops to small businesses.

Kearns said the interview focused on local businesses, the challenges she faced during pandemic shutdowns and SBA programs that helped her overcome those conditions.

“We were closed for about eight weeks,” she said.

Kearns said that when she contacted Commerce State Bank for the loan to build her current facility a few years ago, the representatives she worked with at Commerce told her about SBA loans. The loan she took out was half through Commerce, and half through the SBA.

Last year, she contacted the bank during the shutdowns, when she had no income from Healing Elements to help make payments, and discovered the SBA loan offered assistance. “The SBA actually took away our payments for six months, so we only had to pay the Commerce State Bank half of the loan. That was a huge relief, being closed for eight weeks with a new building,” Kearns said.

After the first six months, the SBA extended the benefit for another six months due to economic conditions continuing to be depressed from the pandemic. Kearns says the information shared with her by the SBA indicated those 12 months of payments were forgiven, so



Daily News file photos

Reflected in one of the mirrors, Dawn Koch of West Bend, left, and Terri Johnson of Hartford work on checking the sound for a jazzercise class at Healing Elements Day Spa in West Bend.

they will come off the loan without needing to be paid later, but she is still gathering information.

She said she hadn't known anything about the loan program before Commerce set her up with it, or the benefits available through it.

“Not being aware of something so beneficial... It really saved us,” Kearns said.

Having to pay only half the normal loan amount, the business was able to make its payments in spite of the lost months, and last until Healing Elements reopened last summer. Kearns said that since then, the business has gradually gotten back on its feet with the financial relief offered by the SBA loan and other programs.

She noted that last summer remained slow even after reopening, as COVID-19 conditions and distancing made people hesitant to receive spa treatments that involve being in contact with spa personnel, but business began to pick up over the winter and into this year.

“We feel like we're back where we were, before the pandemic. We have waiting lists for most services most



Manicurist Eliza Winkler of West Bend works on the nails of Lindsay Fellers of Jackson, left, and Jessica Esteves of Grafton with a mural of Greece behind them at Healing Elements Day Spa in West Bend.

days,” Kearns said.

The video Kearns was interviewed for will be premiered next week at a reception for Healing Elements and other featured businesses. It will be hosted at Commerce State Bank at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

SCORE joined with other SBA Resource Partners statewide, including the Wisconsin Small Business Development Center; the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation; Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council

and Wisconsin Business Development, Inc., in selecting six small businesses across the state that used the financial resources and technical assistance of the SBA during the ongoing crisis, according to a press release from SCORE.

Other businesses receiving recognition this year are JB's on 41 in Milwaukee; Sunnyside Décor in Eau Claire; Reynolds Packaging, Green Bay; Orthdx Natural Fitness, Madison; and Cozy Inn Restaurant, Janesville.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Increased pay for some Samaritan staff proposed

WEST BEND — It has been difficult to be part of the health care field during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to attract and retain staff at Samaritan Campus, a proposed pay increase for some staff will be brought to the Human Service Committee on Wednesday.

“Samaritan Campus continues to struggle, alongside the health care across the nation to attract and retain qualified Certified Nursing Assistants and Registered Nurses,” according to agenda information. “In response to our staffing struggles the Washington County Compensation Team recently reviewed the pay for nursing positions against updated data from counties in our market and determined an adjustment may be necessary to the CNA and RN pay range, in order to keep us at the 75th percentile of the market.”

The proposed changes are

as follows:

— Effective Oct. 1, increase Certified Nursing Assistant pay 2.5%. This would bring starting pay to \$16.20 an hour instead of \$15.82 an hour.

— Effective Oct. 1, increase Registered Nurse pay by 3.8%. Starting pay would be \$30.61 an hour instead of \$29.50 an hour.

Samaritan has also taken other steps to address staffing challenges.

According to agenda information, “Samaritan has consolidated units in the skilled nursing facility and now serves the residents on two floors instead of three. This has helped to reduce labor and increase efficiencies, while remaining budget neutral,” according to the agenda information.

The meeting starts at 4:30 p.m. and will be available online at Youtube.com/washcowi.

Red Cross seeking donors to help sickle cell disease patients

MILWAUKEE — American Red Cross has launched an initiative to grow the number of blood donors who are black to help patients with sickle cell disease.

According to a press release from the Red Cross, over 100,000 people in the U.S. have sickle cell disease, the most common inherited blood disorder, and the majority of patients are of African descent. Despite the discovery of the disease more than a century ago, there have been fewer health resources available to help those currently suffering from sickle cell crisis in comparison to similar diseases. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people with sickle cell disease experience worse health outcomes than with comparable diseases.

“Many patients with sickle cell disease will require regular blood transfusions to help manage their disease,” reads the release. “Unfortunately, these patients may develop an immune

response against blood from donors that is not closely matched to their own. Many individuals who are black have distinct markers on their red blood cells that make their donations ideal for helping patients with sickle cell disease.”

The Red Cross is asking members of the black community to join in helping to address this health disparity and meet the needs of patients with sickle cell disease. Donors can take action today by scheduling a blood donation appointment at RedCrossBlood.org, by downloading the Blood Donor App or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS. To help tackle the need for blood in September — Sickle Cell Awareness Month, all donors who come to give with the Red Cross Sept. 13-30 will receive a limited-edition football-themed T-shirt, while supplies last.

A Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Sept. 29 at the Jackson Community Center, 1165-W20330 Hickory Lane, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

By the numbers: Washington/Ozaukee County COVID-19 cases

Confirmed cases

- Current: 26,591
- Washington County: 16,964
- Ozaukee County: 9,627

Deaths

- Washington County: 192
- Ozaukee County: 103

Cases per 100,000 population

- Washington County: 12,470.4
- Ozaukee County: 10,790.1
- State average: 11,914.8

Case fatality percentage

- Washington County: 1.2%
- Ozaukee County: 1.2%

■ State average fatality percentage: 1.2%

Wisconsin

- Deaths: 7,827
 - Positive tests: 693,734
 - Negative tests: 3,255,875
- Source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services

MARRIAGES

Recent marriage license applications

Ryan J. Shmauz, West Bend, and Johanna A. Koller, West Bend. Wedding Sept. 18.
Christopher H. Peszko, West Bend, and Heather N. Pfeifer, West Bend. Wedding Sept. 18.

HUHS Class of 1971 to host 50-year reunion

HARTFORD — The Hartford Union High School Class of 1971 will be having a 50-year reunion for classmates, teachers and staff from Oct. 1-3.

The weekend-long event kicks off with a bench dedication and tour of HUHS at 10 a.m. on Oct. 1, followed by the homecoming parade, bowling at pool at Dave's Lanes, the Hartford versus Homestead football game and dinner at The Mineshaft.

The following day will include golf at the

Washington County Golf Course and pickleball at Willowbrook Courts at 9 a.m. There will be another tour at HUHS at 10 a.m., a trip to the Wisconsin Automotive Museum from 3-6 p.m. and a class photo and reunion at the Schauer Arts Center at 6 p.m.

The reunion ends with brunch at the Perc Place at 11 a.m.

See the schedule and RSVP at <https://www.huhs.org/beinformed/alumni.cfm>.

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Board approves mask mandate for Fort Atkinson schools

FORT ATKINSON (AP) — The Fort Atkinson School Board has implemented a mask mandate for all students following the death of a middle school student whose mother said died Tuesday after contracting COVID-19.

Parents on both sides of the issue addressed school officials Thursday night. Some parents cried as they demanded a mask mandate, saying their children now fear dying from the virus after losing a classmate.

The mask mandate will be in effect until the board's next meeting on Oct. 26, the State Journal reported. Until now, wearing a mask was optional in the Fort Atkinson district.

The death of the 13-year-old Fort Atkinson student is under investigation by the Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office, which said it could take months before a cause of death is known.

A GoFundMe fundraiser organized by the student's mother said he was positive for COVID-19 when he died.

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DoodyCalls pet waste removal to scoop poop in area

Service region includes Washington County communities

CEDARBURG — DoodyCalls, a nationwide leader in pet waste removal services, is growing its footprint in the pooper scooper industry with the opening of an office in Cedarburg, that will service the northern Milwaukee region.

DoodyCalls was founded in 2000 by Jacob and Susan D'Aniello in the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. In 2004, the company began franchising its pet waste removal business nationwide and established corporate headquarters in Charlottesville, Va. DoodyCalls currently cleans up in over 57 territories across 23 states and has been named the number-one pet waste removal

franchise in the United States by Entrepreneur Magazine's annual Franchise 500 list.

A lifetime Wisconsin resident and a franchise owner for 20 years, Chris Lanagan is ready for a new challenge. Working with his wife and daughters through his three franchise locations of The Cleaning Authority, he learned of the DoodyCalls opportunity through parent company, Authority Brands. Lanagan plans to run both franchise operations with support from his family and their four canine companions. As a former veterinary assistant, his daughter Mackenzie will directly help take care of the Cedarburg DoodyCalls franchise.

"My work with The Cleaning Authority has given me a true sense of pride in a providing every customer with a clean space and I am excited to expand that cleanliness to the outdoors and help human companions best care for their pets," said Chris Lanagan, owner and operator of DoodyCalls of Cedarburg. "My family and I are excited for this next poop scooping journey to take care of customers in our own neighborhood."

Lanagan's DoodyCalls franchise will service Cedarburg, Grafton, Lakefield, Thiensville, Colgate, Germantown, Hubertus, Menomonee Falls, Mequon, Port Washington, Richfield, Saukville, Sussex,

Jackson and the Northern Milwaukee area.

With over two decades of experience taking care of over 100 employees across three different offices, Lanagan plans to bring his background from The Cleaning Authority to his new entrepreneurial journey. Chris and his family are passionate not only about improving the lives of their customers, but also their employees by providing a positive and fulfilling work environment across all of their businesses.

"We are excited to see another one of our parent company franchise owners succeed in our own business," said Jacob D'Aniello, COO and founder of DoodyCalls.

"We know that Chris' work ethic and strong franchise background will help him grow the Cedarburg market and we are optimistic about this new endeavor."

The scoop on what DoodyCalls offers:

■ For residential dog owners, DoodyCalls provides dog waste pickup, brown spot treatment and deodorizing services

■ For communities and parks, DoodyCalls provides common area cleanings and designs, sells, installs, services and maintains pet waste stations, equipment and supplies.

To learn more about the Cedarburg franchise location, visit www.doodycalls.com/cedarburg.

SCENES FROM THE PAST IN WEST BEND'S HISTORY



Photo courtesy of the Research Center at Tower Heritage Center

Warnkey Tin Shop interior, downtown West Bend, 1925

The Warnkey Tin Shop was located at 115 S. Main St. and was well known for their high quality galvanized steel row boats. The men in the photo are, from left: Lavern Warnkey, William Warnkey, Jr., and William Warnkey, Sr. Today, the Norbert Restaurant is housed in this space.

Man charged for beating inmate to death withdraws self-representation request

Victim allegedly hit 31 times, choked, kicked in head

WEST BEND — George Telford, Jr., who allegedly killed another inmate in the Washington County Jail, withdrew his request for self-representation in Washington County Circuit Court Friday, court records show. He also asked for the first-degree intentional homicide charge to be dismissed.

Telford is charged with first-degree intentional homicide and battery by prisoners.

The state bound the case over for trial and Telford will appear for an arraign-

ment on Oct. 6 at 8:30 a.m.

A Code Red Fight was reported in the jail on Aug. 17 after a corrections officer went to remove another inmate and observed the victim crawling out of one of the cells. She also observed Telford allegedly using his heel to stomp on the victim's head.

A detective later reviewed security footage showing that Telford entered the victim's cell within a pod at 1:22 p.m., touched his right arm while the victim was lying in bed and returned to his

cell.

Telford paced the upper tier balcony for two minutes before entering the cell and allegedly assaulting the victim.

Telford allegedly struck the victim 31 times and used what appeared to be a chokehold. The victim dragged himself onto the upper tier balcony where Telford then allegedly kicked him in the head. A total of 28 foot strikes were directed at his head.

The family later identified the victim as 23-year-old Jalen Proft.

West Bend man charged with sexual assault of a child

Complaint: Plamann live-streamed his crime

WEST BEND — A West Bend man is charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child under 12 and two counts of sexual exploitation of a child-filming after he allegedly sent videos of himself sexually assaulting a child.

Patrick Plamann, age 21, faces up to 200 years in prison upon conviction.

According to a criminal complaint, a Washington County sheriff's deputy received a call from a detective with a police department in New Jersey on Aug. 6.

The detective informed the sheriff's deputy that he obtained information that an individual, later determine to be Plamann, had sent videos involving child pornography on March 2 via Facebook Messenger to a subject who lives in New Jersey.

On Sept. 15, the Washington County sheriff's deputy made contact with Plamann and asked him about the video.

Plamann allegedly first stated that the girl in the video was someone he was dating at the time. The complaint says that the sheriff's

deputy could tell from the video that the girl was a minor, so he asked Plamann to "be truthful with him."

Plamann allegedly confessed that the girl in the sexually explicit video was 4 years old. The complaint says Plamann admitted that there were incidents involving him sexually assaulting the child.

He allegedly told the sheriff's deputy that he recorded a video the first time and sent it via Facebook Messenger, and the second time he made a video call through Facebook Messenger and live-streamed it.

West Bend man suffers 'significant' injuries after accident at MATC in Mequon

Climbing student was on a pole when base snapped

By Lisa Curtis
Special to the Daily News

MEQUON — A 21-year-old West Bend man was seriously injured after falling from an electric pole during a climbing class at the Milwaukee Area Technical College Mequon campus on Wednesday.

While the initial call to 911 reported that the man was dangling from live wires, Mequon Deputy Fire Chief Kurt Zellmann said that police officers were first on the scene shortly after 10 a.m. and noted that no live electric wires were ever involved.

Instead, the student was

strapped to a pole, about three-quarters of the way up, when the pole snapped at the base, Zellmann said. He said the student was strapped to the pole with a belt.

"He just rode the pole in, and he hit the ground first, with the pole on top of him," Zellmann said.

The student's classmates lifted the pole off of him before rescuers arrived. The man had some "pretty significant" injuries that were caused by both the fall and the force of the pole landing on him, Zellmann said.

Mequon Police Capt. Mark Riley said the man was about 30 feet up in the

air when the pole snapped.

Zellmann said the man was initially knocked unconscious, but was alert and "in good mental shape" when first responders were treating him. He was taken to Froedtert Hospital by ambulance.

Diane Fechter with Community Church in West Bend confirmed that a prayer chain among parishioners had been started for the man. His family attends the church. She said she is unaware of any fundraising campaigns that are often common following an accident or injury. On Friday, Fechter said she was unaware of the man's current condition.

WISCONSIN U.S. SENATE ELECTION

Barnes paid no income tax, was on BadgerCare in 2018

State treasurer paid no taxes for two years, Bucks executive took tax breaks in two states

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes paid no income tax in 2018 and was on BadgerCare while he was unemployed and running for lieutenant governor.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported Friday that he didn't file a state or federal income tax return that year. Barnes is one of 11 Democrats running for U.S. Senate in 2022. Republican Sen. Ron Johnson has not said yet whether he will run for a third term.

Barnes' campaign told the Journal Sentinel that he left his position as a deputy director with State Innovation Exchange in December 2017 and did not have a paid job while running statewide in 2018. The state says those who made under \$11,280 in 2018 did not have to file a Wisconsin return,



Barnes

and the federal figure was \$10,400 for single individuals under 65.

Barnes was on the state's Medicaid program BadgerCare Plus for his health insurance that year, but did not receive food stamps or unemployment compensation, the Journal Sentinel said.

His campaign said Barnes tapped personal savings, including family money from an estate sale,

to purchase two condos that year, one in Madison and one in Milwaukee.

"Like millions of Americans, Lt. Gov. Barnes was a non-filer in 2018 as he committed himself to being a full-time candidate and taking his message of equal opportunity to every corner of Wisconsin," Barnes' campaign manager Kory Kozloski said.

State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski, also a candi-

"Like millions of Americans, Lt. Gov. Barnes was a non-filer in 2018 as he committed himself to being a full-time candidate and taking his message of equal opportunity to every corner of Wisconsin."

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Campaign manager for U.S. Senate candidate Mandela Barnes

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— Irene Lin,
Campaign manager for U.S. Senate candidate Tom Nelson

date for Senate, paid no state income taxes for two years. Another Democratic candidate, Alex Lasry, got nearly \$24,000 in property tax breaks in New York and Wisconsin that are supposed to be applied only to a primary residence. He is

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on paid leave from his job as an executive with the Milwaukee Bucks.

"Let me get this straight," said Irene Lin, campaign manager for Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson, another Democratic candidate for Senate. "One candidate took an illegal property tax deduction; another didn't pay any state taxes for two years; and now we learn the lieutenant governor didn't bother to file income taxes."

Germantown proposed 2022 budget includes 5-cent tax rate decrease

\$3 million slated for utility infrastructure and planned upgrades to park facilities

GERMANTOWN — The Village Board will go over the proposed 2022 budget during its meeting on Monday at 7 p.m.

According to agenda information, the key themes of the 2022 budget include controlling the tax

burden, updating village systems, investment in infrastructure and helping village employees.

The proposed tax levy for 2022 is \$13,762,806, which is a \$93,605 (0.7%) increase over the 2021 budget.

The proposed tax rate is \$4.74, which is a decrease of 5 cents since 2021.

A home worth \$250,000 would pay \$1,185 in taxes in 2022, which is about \$12 less than the previous year.

General fund highlights in the 2022 budget include an 11-percent increase to village employee health insurance and a 2.5-percent pay adjustment for employees.

There is also money earmarked for updating the village's financial

management software, a total of \$3 million designated for utility infrastructure and planned upgrades to park facilities.

Monday's meeting will be in the Germantown Village Hall Board Room, N112-W17001 Mequon Road.



WARING FINCKE

Delta means business

The delta coronavirus variant is on the rise here and across the country. It recently killed six prominent conservative anti-vaccination, anti-mask talking heads and is overwhelming our national hospital system where over 90% of those hospitalized by it are unvaccinated. The nightly news showcases people in intensive care units struggling with COVID who regret not getting vaccinated when they had the chance.

Locally, we have county, municipal and school district officials bowing to pressure from the false-flag freedom believers and embracing refusals to adopt mandatory vaccinations and mask requirements. Washington County has some of the lowest vaccination rates in Wisconsin. When last I checked, our local hospital had just one open ICU bed.

In the midst of this avoidable phase of the pandemic, there are small rays of hope. Government officials who are trying to keep up with and follow science-based recommendations from those who are studying the data on infection rates, vaccine efficacies and newly emerging variants of the disease are stepping up the pressure.

The federal government is starting to impose vaccine and mask mandates for its employees and contractors, those who travel on transportation systems, employers with more than 100 employees, military personnel, and many other segments of the society. The goal is to reach 70%-80% vaccination rates as quickly as scientifically reasonable.

Many in the business sector, often resistant to governmental mandates, are embracing these new requirements. Some offer incentives for getting the shots. Others have imposed penalties on employees who refuse to get vaccinated such as increasing premiums for employer-based health insurance or withholding coverage for health care costs associated with COVID-caused hospitalizations or deaths. Some have gone so far as to require vaccination against the virus as a condition of continued employment. All of these measures should be applauded and encouraged.

Unions are embracing employer vaccination requirements without even going back to the bargaining table. They recognize that a fully vaccinated workplace is a safer workplace for their members.

Other economic pressures are being brought to bear on those who refuse to follow the science and protect those under their umbrellas. School districts which refuse to require staff and student vaccinations or measures such as mandatory mask requirements and other recommended mitigation strategies are beginning to get warnings from their insurance carriers that coverage may be denied for COVID-related lawsuits. School boards listening to the rabidly unvaccinated anti-mask crowds may find themselves unprepared and financially unable to defend lawsuits from parents of children who catch COVID at unprotected schools.

Our Legislature and governor recently implemented a limited liability shield for schools from COVID-related lawsuits, but it does not provide protection for intentional acts or omissions, such as refusing to follow government-mandated measures to keep kids safe.

Local businesses are stepping up by requiring masks in public establishments and vaccinations as a condition of employment. Entertainment venues are starting to require proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID test as a condition for entry. All means of public transportation are under mandatory mask orders for all passengers and drivers. Airlines and cruise ships are starting to require vaccinations for travel, no exceptions.

All these efforts are meant to help protect those like children under 12 who cannot yet get the vaccine. They are meant to help the immunocompromised like transplant patients and the elderly. They are meant to stop deaths, not compromise anyone's freedom.

Pretty soon, we will be divided into the protected and unprotected. Those who choose to be unprotected and unwilling to protect others will pay the ultimate price with their lives as they crowd into hospitals without space, beds, or staff able to treat them. Once you get the virus and have to turn to the scientists to save your life, it is too late to get the vaccine.

Worse yet are those who spread misinformation about the disease and promote fake claims of cures like horse dewormers and gargling with anti-bacterial solutions. Google is not competent to provide medical care and advice, especially to those who have consumed too much of the COVID hoax Kool-Aid. Perhaps this is just the latest form of natural selection, weeding out the weakest members of the population and preventing them from contributing to the gene pool.

It is time for those who refuse to get vaccinated or wear a mask to take a step back and reconsider. Either you will need to get the shots and wear that mask or you will face further ostracization, not to mention a substantially increased risk of needing hospitalization or death.

If you get terribly sick and die, your freedom to choose won't mean very much.

(Waring Fincke is a retired attorney who serves as a guardian for the elderly and disabled for a Sheboygan County nonprofit agency.)

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TODAY'S INSPIRATION

"Fear clogs; faith liberates."

— Elbert Hubbard

GUEST OPINION

Biden's vaccine mandate goes too far

By Rep. Dan Knodl



Knodl

We live in interesting times. Last week, the president of the United States demonized millions of unvaccinated Americans with language he has refused to extend toward the Taliban.

First, let me be clear: As someone who contracted COVID-19 prior to vaccination, believe me when I say that this is not something you want to get. I encourage all who are able to get the vaccine to consider doing so. By all measures, the vaccines developed under President Trump's Operation Warp Speed provide protection from severe illness and help reduce transmission. They are doing exactly what they are supposed to do.

With that in mind, the whiplash messaging coming from Washington has been astonishing. In his recent speech, President Biden said, "we're going to protect vaccinated workers from unvaccinated coworkers." Guidance from the federal government previously focused on promoting vaccines to protect the vulnerable and minimize community spread. Vaccines are largely doing their job in this respect, and recent reports indicate that among vaccinated individuals hospitalized with COVID-19, 57% happened to test positive with mild or asymptomatic cases while admitted for unrelated issues.

Most astonishingly of all, these actions are unconstitutional. These orders constitute an attempt to exercise unconstitutional authority. They also contradict previous promises. As recently as July of this year, the Biden

administration admitted that such mandates were "not the role of the federal government; that is the role that institutions, private-sector entities, and others may take." In this respect, Biden is taking a page out of our own governor's play-

book. I anticipate that the judicial branch will slap down this order just like the state Supreme Court struck down the governor's stay-at-home order.

Sadly, personal liberties are under attack worldwide. Australia is now enforcing curfews by helicopter, and the government has taken to texting quarantining individuals at random times, whereupon they must respond with a selfie within 15 minutes to verify that they are at home. In Europe, some countries are requiring private businesses to discriminate against people who cannot or will not provide medical information proving that they are complying with public health directives.

This madness has to stop. Elsewhere, we have seen public health laws used to shut down protest movements, target political opponents, and erode constitutional rights in places like Hong Kong, Thailand, Algeria, and the Philippines. These governments are using a crisis as an opportunity to acquire and solidify their power. Constitutional protections are never more important than in times of crisis.

That is why it is especially alarming when the American president justifies his overreach by saying, "This is not

In my 12 years in the Legislature, I have never seen the public as passionately engaged about any issue as much as the abuses of power that we have witnessed over the past year.

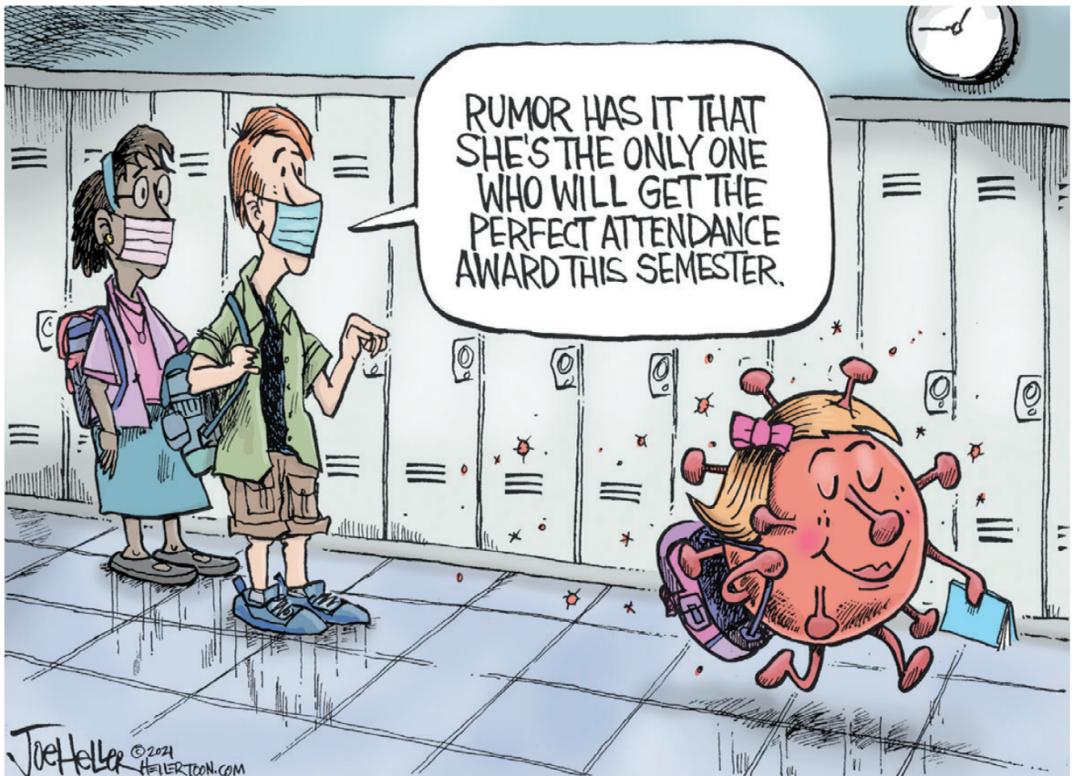
about freedom or personal choice." In my 12 years in the Legislature, I have never seen the public as passionately engaged about any issue as much as the abuses of power that we have witnessed over the past year. Vaccine mandates, attempts to govern by decree, and forced shutdowns have inspired a new generation of citizens to fight back against this slide into tyranny. Republicans, Democrats, and independents ought to unite in opposition to these actions and fight for a return to constitutional government.

(Rep. Dan Knodl, R-Germantown, represents District 24 in the Wisconsin State Assembly, covering most of southeastern Washington County, as well as parts of Waukesha, Ozaukee and Milwaukee counties. He can be reached at Rep.Knodl@legis.wi.gov or 608-266-3796.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rudnitzki shows disregard for life

To the editor:

This is in response to the article written by Al Rudnitzki Sept 11.

He wrote about how there is research showing that people are only reading headlines. Research on that subject? Really? Like polls and studies? Please.

Maybe you should look at the research about what really goes on when a baby is aborted. Sometimes at the same stage of development as a premature baby who is kept alive. Babies are humans, too.

And how about the choice of adoption? Young women who have had abortions are deeply wounded long after an abortion. And it is not always what they want, they are forced in to it.

We "so called right-to-lifers" support women's centers that care for and help expectant mothers — not scare them. And yes, after the baby is born as well.

Here in West Bend we have Seed of Hope on Sixth Avenue. In Milwaukee the Womens Center is on Wisconsin Avenue.

Your disregard for life says a lot about your character, Mr. Rudnitzki.

Jennie Chapman
West Bend

Critical race theory is correct

To the editor:

Critical race theory was formulated in the 1970s by Derrick Bell and other black professors at Harvard Law School.

"Racism and disparate racial outcomes are the result of complex, changing, and often subtle social and institution-

al dynamics, rather than explicit and intentional prejudices in individuals." (Wikipedia)

CRT has nothing to do with Marxism.

Slavery was written into the Constitution! Slavery ended with the Civil War, but the South (and elsewhere) enacted Jim Crow laws and segregation. The 1960s civil rights movement purportedly ended discrimination — but it didn't.

Let's see how white supremacy worked in my case. Born of German ancestors in West Bend, I grew up in Glendale in the 1950s. No blacks attended Nicolet High School because the blacks all lived in Milwaukee, America's most segregated city.

Rich Glendale funded Nicolet with the best teachers and equipment. I studied my butt off, got a scholarship to Caltech, then an NSF Fellowship to Princeton. There were no black undergraduate students at Caltech, nor black physics students at Princeton. Why?

Fast-forward to 2021: I have black, Latino and Asian neighbors in West Bend. Jews, Muslims and members of other religions live here.

But virtually all the politicians, police, judiciary, lawyers, business owners, managers, teachers, organizational leaders, and wealth are controlled by whites in Washington County.

Of course none of these people are overtly racist, but what goes on in their thoughts? Do they favor whites when awarding contracts, sales, promotions and grades? Racism could be very subtle.

What does it feel like if my ancestors were slaves, if I must attend inferior schools, if my parents work minimum-wage jobs or are in jail, if the police look at my black face suspiciously, or if I must endure racial epithets?

How do I, a privileged white, develop empathy for minorities?

Ronald S. Rimmel
West Bend

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City workers

I'm very much in favor of paying people an equitable wage for work that's well done. I'm not in favor of paying people (with taxpayer money) for services that may or may not be well-done.

All of the major retailers and fast food places have "secret shoppers" that evaluate the customer service that they received. Have you gone to City Hall recently to get any type of assistance? From personal experience, I would tell you that most of the customer service I've received has been subpar. I also see the same thing in the general condition of our local streets. For example, when was the last time you saw a street sweeper?

If we give big, fat raises to city employees, lets make sure that they're deserving of them!

— Michael Kurtz,
West Bend

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DEATHS

HUBERTUS

Norma Peterson

Jan. 20, 1925 — Sept. 14, 2021

Norma of Hubertus, formerly of Wauwatosa, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on September 14, 2021 at age 96. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry H. Peterson. She is survived by nine children, 28 grandchildren, and 41 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Home, W250-N6505 Highway 164, Sussex, from 11 a.m. until time of funeral service at 2 p.m. Please see schmidtandbartelt.com for full details.

(Daily News — Sept. 18, 2021)

CAMPBELLSPORT

Daniel ‘Schlup’ D. Wanke

Oct. 31, 1956 — Sept. 15, 2021

Daniel “Schlup” D. Wanke, 64, of Campbellsport passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, at his home. He was born in Milwaukee on October 31, 1956, the son of Ervin and Celine (Ellenbecker) Wanke. Dan worked at Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac before retiring. He was a great outdoorsman enjoying hunting and fishing. He was a very talented craftsman and artist. Dan was a very kindhearted and generous man and had a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors include his mother, Celine; siblings Michael Wanke, Diane (Charles) Muckerheide, Marlene (Daniel) Herriges, Doreen (special friend John VanCleve) Burton, Jeannette (John) McLeer, Kevin (Chris) Wanke, Joan (Brian) Brown and Cindy (Todd) Giese; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Dan was preceded in death by his father, Ervin; brother-in-law, Penny Burton, and sister-in-law, Sandy Wanke.

A memorial visitation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Twohig Funeral Home, 109 W. Main St. Campbellsport. A short service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Twohig Funeral Home is serving the family with online guest book and condolences at www.twohigfunerals.com.

(Daily News — Sept. 18, 2021)

Gary S. ‘Waffles’ Wolf

Gary S. “Waffles” Wolf, age 68, passed away peacefully on Sept. 14, 2021, in the company of Shane, his beloved dog. He is survived by his mother, Marion Kachel; his sister, Nancy Wirtz; her five sons, Dwight Roell Jr., Dean (Naomi) Roell, Matthew Goike, Aaron (Rachel) Goike, and Adam (Carlie) Goike; and two great-nephews, Preston and Grayson Roell.

The family extends special thanks to his neighbors and friends who brought him such joy.

At this time, no formal services for Gary have been planned. The family asks that you would please remember Gary in your prayers.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Gary’s name to his favorite charity: Washington County Wisconsin Human Society.

Myrhum-Patten Funeral & Cremation Service has been entrusted with Gary’s arrangements. Online guest book and condolences may be found at www.myrhum-patten.com. Cards addressed to the family may be sent in care of Myrhum-Patten Funeral & Cremation Service 1315 W. Washington St., West Bend, WI 53095.

(Daily News — Sept. 18, 2021)

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Suspect in deaths of 4 found in SUV surrenders in Arizona

Gunshots in all 4 bodies found in Wisconsin cornfield

MENOMONIE (AP) — A suspect in the shooting deaths of four Minnesotans who were found in an abandoned SUV in Wisconsin surrendered to authorities in Arizona on Friday.

Dunn County Sheriff Kevin Bygd said in a statement that Antoine Darnique Suggs, 38, turned himself in to police in Gilbert, Arizona, a Phoenix suburb. He said Suggs had been living in the Phoenix area recently before traveling to Minnesota in the last couple of weeks.

Bygd said investigators don’t know how Suggs traveled back to Arizona. He said they have not interviewed Suggs, so they had no new information to release on a potential motive. The sheriff said Suggs will be held in the Maricopa County Jail in Phoenix while awaiting extradition to Wisconsin.

Authorities said Thursday that Suggs was spotted meeting with one of the victims at a Minnesota bar the night before their bodies were found.

The other suspect, Darren Lee McWright, 56, from St. Paul, Minnesota, was being held in the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul.

A complaint filed Thursday against McWright, who’s charged in Dunn County with four counts of hiding a corpse, said witnesses told police they saw Suggs late Saturday evening in the White Squirrel Bar in St. Paul with one of the victims, Nitoshia Lee Flug-Presley, 30, of Stillwater, Minnesota.

A farmer discovered the bodies of Flug-Presley and three St. Paul residents with connections to her on Sunday in his Dunn County cornfield, about 60 miles to the east. All four had suffered gunshot wounds, authorities said.

U.S. panel backs COVID-19 boosters only for seniors, high-risk patients

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dealing the White House a stinging setback, a government advisory panel overwhelmingly rejected a plan Friday to give Pfizer COVID-19 booster shots across the board, and instead endorsed the extra vaccine dose only for those who are 65 or older or run a high risk of severe disease.

The twin votes represented a heavy blow to the Biden administration’s sweeping effort, announced a month ago, to shore up nearly all Americans’ protection amid the spread of the highly contagious delta variant.

The nonbinding recom-

mendation — from an influential committee of outside experts who advise the Food and Drug Administration — is not the last word. The FDA will consider the group’s advice and make its own decision, probably within days. And the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is set to weigh in next week.

In a surprising turn, the advisory panel rejected, 16-2, boosters for almost everyone. Members cited a lack of safety data on extra doses and also raised doubts

about the value of mass boosters, rather than ones targeted to specific groups.

Then, in an 18-0 vote, it endorsed extra shots for people 65 and older and those at risk of serious disease. Panel members also agreed that health workers and others who run a high risk of being exposed to the virus on the job should get boosters, too.

That would help salvage part of the White House’s campaign but would still be a huge step back from the far-reaching proposal to offer third shots of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to Americans eight months after they get their

second dose.

The CDC has said it is considering boosters for older people, nursing home residents and front-line health care workers, rather than all adults.

The FDA and CDC will most likely decide at some later point whether people who received the Moderna or J&J shots should get boosters.

While research suggests immunity levels in those who have been vaccinated wane over time and boosters can reverse that, the Pfizer vaccine is still highly protective against severe illness and death, even amid the delta variant.

Judge: Prosecutors can’t show Rittenhouse link to Proud Boys

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A judge ruled Friday that prosecutors can’t argue that a man who shot three people during a protest against police brutality in Wisconsin is affiliated with the Proud Boys or that he attacked a woman months before the shootings.

Kyle Rittenhouse is set to stand trial beginning Nov. 1 on multiple counts, including homicide. The 18-year-old argues he opened fire in self-defense after the men attacked him. Prosecutors say they have infrared video from an FBI surveillance plane that shows Rittenhouse followed and con-



Rittenhouse

fronted the first man he shot.

Several nights of chaotic demonstrations came after a white police officer shot Jacob Blake, a black man, during a domestic dispute. Rittenhouse traveled from his home in Antioch, Illinois, about 20 miles to Kenosha on Aug. 25, 2020, in response to a call on social media to protect businesses there.

Rittenhouse shot Joseph Rosenbaum, Anthony Huber and Gaige Grosskreutz with an AR-style semiautomatic rifle, killing Rosenbaum and Huber and wounding Grosskreutz.

During a hearing Friday on several motions, Assistant District Attorney Thomas Binger asked to argue at trial that Rittenhouse followed and con-

Proud Boys’ white supremacist philosophies and violent tactics. Binger pointed out that Rittenhouse was seen at a bar with members of the white nationalist group’s Wisconsin chapter in January and traveled to Miami days later to meet the group’s national president.

Binger also asked the judge to allow evidence that Rittenhouse attacked a woman in June 2020 as she was fighting his sister. He also wants to show jurors video from 15 days before the shootings in which Rittenhouse said he would like to shoot some men he thought were shoplifting from a pharmacy.

Binger said Rittenhouse’s affiliation with the Proud Boys, the fight and the video show Rittenhouse’s propensity toward violence. He

described Rittenhouse as a “chaos tourist” and “teenage vigilante” who came to Kenosha looking for trouble.

Rittenhouse attorney Corey Chirafisi countered that none of the events are relevant to the shootings. Nothing shows Rittenhouse was connected to the Proud Boys on the night of the protest or that the shootings were racially motivated, Chirafisi said, pointing out that Rittenhouse and the men he shot were white.

Kenosha County Circuit Judge Bruce Schroeder agreed with the defense about the June fight and interactions Rittenhouse has had with the Proud Boys. He deferred a decision on the pharmacy video but said he was inclined to exclude it.

Pentagon reverses itself, calls deadly Kabul strike an error

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon retreated from its defense of a drone strike that killed multiple civilians in Afghanistan last month, announcing Friday that a review revealed that only civilians were killed in the attack, not an Islamic State extremist as first believed.

“The strike was a tragic mistake,” Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie, head of U.S. Central Command, told a Pentagon news conference.

McKenzie apologized for the error and said the United States is considering making reparations to the family of the victims. He said the decision to strike a white Toyota Corolla sedan, after having tracked it for about eight hours, was made in an “earnest belief” — based on a standard of “reasonable certainty” — that it posed an imminent threat to American forces at Kabul airport. The car was believed to have been carrying explosives in its trunk, he said.

For days after the Aug. 29 strike, Pentagon officials asserted that it had been conducted correctly, despite 10 civilians being killed, including seven children. News organizations later



AP Photo/Khwaja Tawfiq Sediqi

In this Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021 file photo, Afghans inspect damage of the Ahmadi family house after a U.S. drone strike in Kabul, Afghanistan. The Pentagon retreated from its defense of a drone strike that killed multiple civilians in Afghanistan last month, announcing Friday that a review revealed that only civilians were killed in the attack, not an Islamic State extremist as first believed.

raised doubts about that version of events, reporting

that the driver of the targeted vehicle was a longtime employee at an American humanitarian organization and citing an absence of evidence to support the Pentagon’s assertion that the vehicle contained explo-

sives.

The airstrike was the last of a U.S. war that ended as it had begun in 2001 — with the Taliban in power in Kabul. The speed with which the Taliban overran the country took the U.S. government by surprise and forced it to send several

thousand troops to the Kabul airport for a hurried evacuation of Americans, Afghans and others. The evacuation, which began Aug. 14, unfolded under a near-constant threat of attack by the Islamic State group’s Afghanistan affiliate.

Federal court allows for wiggle room in Wisconsin redistricting ruling

By Benjamin Yount

The Center Square contributor

MADISON — Three federal judges in Madison are willing to give Wisconsin lawmakers a chance to draw the state’s new political map, but they are also preparing to do it themselves.

The judges on Thursday laid out a path for Wisconsin’s redistricting process in their ruling on a redistricting lawsuit.

The court ruled that the suit, brought by Democrats and voters, can continue. That lawsuit states it is unlikely that Republican lawmakers and Wisconsin’s Democratic governor will agree on new boundaries for Congress and state-house seats. The lawsuit asks the federal court to draw the map instead.

“The court and the parties must prepare now to resolve the redistricting

dispute, should the state fail to establish new maps in time for the 2022 elections,” the judges wrote.

While the judges set the stage for a possible judicial map, they left open the opportunity for Wisconsin lawmakers to draw their map first.

Wisconsin’s constitution explicitly gives the state legislature the responsibility to draw the new political. The federal judges recognized that.

“As the district court indicated, redistricting matters are primarily the responsibility and duty of the states. We continue to believe that the drawing of Wisconsin’s maps should be resolved by Wisconsin’s political branches and, if necessary, the Wisconsin judiciary,” Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty attorney Anthony LoCoco told The Center Square on Friday.

Wisconsin’s new political map

needs to be in place in enough time for candidates to run in the state’s new districts in next spring’s election.

On Wednesday, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos set a mid-October deadline for suggestions for the new map.

“We recently sent a letter to all representatives and senators inviting input, and to share with their constituents who may be interested. A letter was also sent to the governor’s hand-selected ‘People’s Maps Commission’ for their participation,” Vos said.

“It is the duty of the Legislature to draw new boundaries, not a governor or his unelected appointees. If he or any of the members from his commission decide to submit a plan, we will certainly consider what they produce. With this broad public input, we are confident we will create a map that the governor will sign.”

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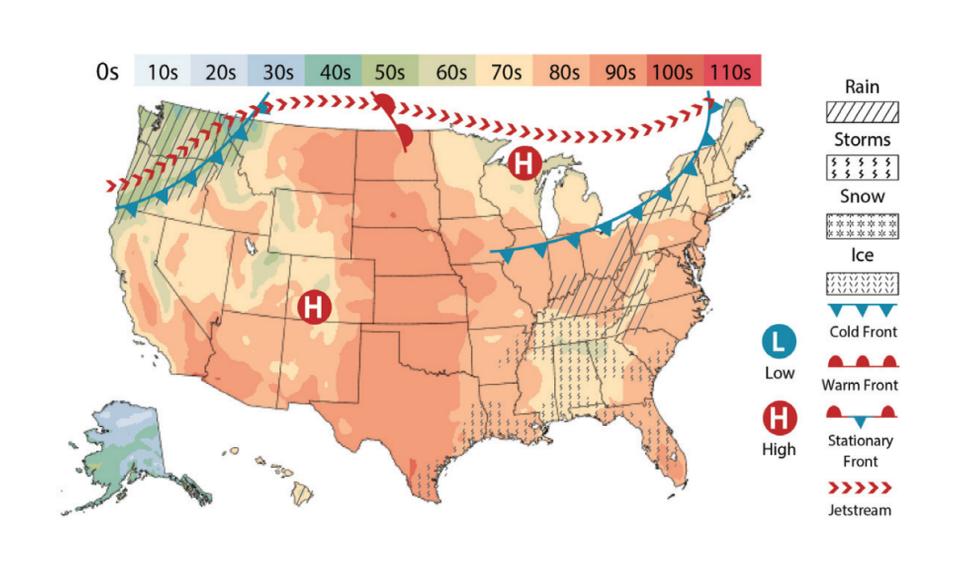
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REGIONAL FORECAST



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NATIONAL FORECAST



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN Today: Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. East winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight: Clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds up to 5 mph.

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TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

Travel advisory for tomorrow listing forecasts for Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Phoenix, Seattle, St. Louis, and Washington.

Protest for jailed Capitol rioters: Police say they're ready this time

WASHINGTON (AP) — Burned before, Capitol Police say they are taking no chances as they prepare for a rally today at the U.S. Capitol in support of rioters imprisoned after the violent Jan. 6 riot.

Biden's victory. Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger said at a news conference Friday it was difficult to say whether threats of violence at the event are credible, but he said that "chatter" online and elsewhere has been similar to intelligence that was missed in January.

not tolerate criminal behavior of any kind," Manger said. "The American public and members of Congress have an expectation that we protect the Capitol. And I am confident that the plan we have in place will meet that expectation."

assistance from nearby law enforcement agencies. The rally, organized by former Trump campaign strategist Matt Braynard, is aimed at supporting people who have been detained after the Jan. 6 insurrection — about 60 people held behind bars out of the more than 600 charged in the deadly riot.

Real Life cartoon by Wise/Aldrich. A man asks a woman if she notices anything spiffier about him. She replies 'NOOOO...'. He says 'I TRIMMED MY NOSE HAIR!'. She replies 'YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HEARING THOSE WORDS MAKES ME FEEL...'. He asks 'ROMANTIC?'. She replies 'NOPE. THAT'S NOT IT.'.

Challenge

From Page 1A "We have investigated several incidents, utilizing camera surveillance outside of restrooms to determine those responsible. Students who are caught stealing or damaging items will receive a ticket from the West Bend Police Department with fines ranging from \$120 to \$440, as well as be responsible for restitution costs to replace damaged or stolen items. In addition, school and athletic suspensions will result," they stated.

Other districts, like the Kewaskum School District, have not been hit with the trend, but are aware of it. "I've heard of the trend, and we've been keeping our ears open, but we haven't had any issues with it," said Kewaskum School District Administrator Mark Bazata.

Comms) took to Twitter Wednesday, stating they will be removing content relating to the challenge as it violates TikTok's community guidelines for criminal activity. "We expect our community to create responsibility online and IRL (in real life). We're removing content and redirecting hashtags & search results to our Community Guidelines to discourage such behavior.

challenge are still being posted, sometimes under a purposefully misspelled hashtag or without a video description and hashtags.

Aspen

From Page 1A The winery and distillery portion of the business are expected to draw between 200 and 250 guests per week, according to Aspen Sky's plan of operation, and will operate from 10 a.m. until bar close Thursday through Sunday when the business launches. "If all goes according to plan, we hope to break ground in November and open late next summer," Bridgeo wrote.

Cedar Creek Estates, which includes 109 residential lots to be added to the village. Wilber said the Plan Commission took no action on that this week, and the matter is expected to come back to the commission in October with additional information. "The amount of excavation they're proposing is going to trigger a mining permit requirement," Wilber said.

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