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City officials, environmental group clash over alternate water plan

Duchniak: Alternative more harmful than Lake Michigan diversion

By Matt Masterson
Freeman Staff

WAUKESHA — Weeks after Waukesha's Lake Michigan water diversion application took its first meaningful step forward in years, a group of local environmental nonprofits opposed to the plan offered its own alternative built around the city's current water source.

But the city's Water Utility claims that alternative puts cost before effectiveness and would be more harmful than its proposed diversion.

In a press briefing Thursday morning, the Compact Implementation Coalition called on the state Department of Natural Resources to deny Waukesha's request for Great Lakes water.

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The group also offered its own alternative — centering on additional treatment to the city's radium-contaminated groundwater — that members say would have no environmental impact on surrounding wetlands and save taxpayers "tens of millions" of dollars.

"The alternative being proposed would rely on the abundant water supplies that Waukesha has available to it," said Peter McAvoy, an attorney for the CIC. "It would utilize, importantly, its existing infrastructure and distribution system and it would add in additional treatment where it's needed to deal with any health issues related to the water quality that is being pumped out."

Dan Duchniak, general manager of the Waukesha Water Utility, said the CIC alternative is not only nothing new, it's also inconsistent with Wisconsin water supply planning laws.

"As the coalition indicated, they have repeatedly made these same suggestions to the DNR during its five-year review," he told The Freeman. "Their water supply proposals were analyzed and found to be inadequate, causing significant adverse environmental impacts to groundwater, wetlands and surface waters."

The coalition retained GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. and Mead & Hunt, Inc. to evaluate the city's water alternatives included in its diversion application, as well as other alternatives

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Heroin, opiate deaths appear to be declining in county

Seven so far this year

By Matt Masterson
Freeman Staff

WAUKESHA — A new study found there are almost 300,000 more heroin users nationwide now than a decade ago, but the number of opiate-related deaths in Waukesha County appears to be

trending downward through the first half of 2015.

According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released this week, nearly three in every 1,000 Americans said they had used heroin in the past year. That's up from under two per 1,000 about a decade ago —

a 62 percent increase which translates to hundreds of thousands more people — government researchers said.

While total usage is rising across the country, the number of overdose deaths appears to be slowing down, at least locally.

Through the first half of 2015, Waukesha County has seen seven drug-related deaths, according to data provided to The Freeman by

the county Medical Examiner's Office.

Of those, two cases involved heroin and four were related to other opiate medications. The other death was attributed to a "non-opiate medication combined with alcohol."

While those are the official totals, the medical examiner's

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United Way entities FULLY INTEGRATED

Next fundraising campaign to be launched Aug. 25

By Katherine Michalets
Freeman Staff

WAUKESHA — With time to spare before the launch of the annual fundraising campaign, United Way in Waukesha County and the United Way of Greater Milwaukee have successfully integrated operations.

Mary Lou Young, CEO of the new United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County, said the two non-profit entities were fully integrated from an operational standpoint by the start of the fiscal year on July 1.

To run an efficient campaign, Young said it was crucial to have everything in sync first.

"As difficult as it was, over time we have to demonstrate to all of the counties where we have a footprint to show them that (merging) was the right thing to do," Young said.

She believes that a successful campaign and allocation cycle will reinforce that combining the United Way entities was the right decision.

To also signify the importance of the two organizations working together, an ad campaign will be launched featuring billboards supporting the United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County, including photos of Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow with Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele.

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Marquette University students Rocco Danna and Sam Cannon repair a shaken baby syndrome awareness banner at the Association for the Rights of Citizens with Handicaps on Thursday as part of a United Way volunteer day.



College-age volunteers work with the ARCh youth team to build promotional mailings for the Association for the Rights of Citizens with Handicaps during a United Way volunteer day on Wednesday.

What you need to know about Walker's presidential announcement Monday in Waukesha

WAUKESHA — With Gov. Scott Walker set to make his presidential announcement Monday at the Waukesha County Expo Center, here is all the information those planning to attend need to know.

- **WHERE:** 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha,
- **WHEN:** Doors open at 3 p.m., while the event begins at 5 p.m.
- **PARKING:** Available by entering through Gate 1
- **MAIN ENTRANCE:** Guests with red tickets should enter through Door 4, while those with blue tickets are asked to enter through door 11.

Those wishing to attend must RSVP and bring your registration ticket — available at: www.eventbrite.com/e/announcement-from-governor-scott-walker-tickets-1745067577?aff=website — with you to the event for admittance.

The name on your registration ticket also must match your government-issued photo ID.

All guests will go through airport-like security and are asked to bring as few personal items as possible. Items not allowed inside include: large bags, sharp objects, signs, umbrellas, liquids, aerosol containers, guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, Mace, selfie-sticks, martial arts weapons/devices or knives of any size.

— Freeman Staff

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Fun Things To Do This Weekend

Starry Nights, 6:30 p.m. today, Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, 19805 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield. Free. Music by The Brits. Also classic car show.

Waukesha Friday Night Live, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, downtown Waukesha. Nine stages of live music. www.waukeshafridaynightlive.com

Delafield Block Party, 5 p.m. to midnight today and Saturday, municipal parking lot on Main and Hopkins streets, Delafield. Food and music. www.visitdelafield.org

Free Friday Night Concert, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. today, City Beach, 324 Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc. Music by Andrea and the Mods.

Magic/illusionist show with Glen Gerard, 7:30 p.m. today, SummerStage at Lapham Peak, W329-N846 Highway C, Town of Delafield. 262-337-1560, www.summerstageofdelafeld.org

Ice cream social, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Good Harvest Market, 2205 Silvernail Road, Waukesha. Benefits HAWS of Waukesha. www.goodharvestmarket.com

40th Annual Lake Country Art Festival, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Naga-Waukee County Park off Highway 83, Delafield. Fundraising event of the Lake Country Women's Club. Admission fee is a \$5 per carload donation. www.lakecountrywomensclub.org

Music by Gerry Sloan, 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday,

The Clarke Irish Hotel and Bar, 314 W. Main St., Waukesha. Traditional Irish music.

Oconomowoc Arts Center open house, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 641 E. Forest St., Oconomowoc. Live entertainment by Tom Klubertanz and Andy Zietlow on the patio stage. www.oasd.k12.wi.us

Bluegrass concert, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, SummerStage at Lapham Peak, W329-N846 Highway C, Town of Delafield. Music by Piper Road Band. 262-337-1560, www.summerstageofdelafeld.org

Ice cream social, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Clark House Museum, 206 E. Wisconsin Ave., Pewaukee. Hosted by Pewaukee Area Historical Society.

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— Suzanne Kelley,

Waukesha County Business Alliance president and fundraising campaign co-chair for United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County



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United Way volunteers repair a shaken baby syndrome awareness banner during a volunteer day on Wednesday at the Association for the Rights of Citizens with Handicaps.

United

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Suzanne Kelley, president of the Waukesha County Business Alliance and co-chair of the fundraising campaign for United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County, said she has been calling CEOs of companies that have loyally supported the organization to thank them and gauge their potential involvement in the next campaign.

“Ninety-nine percent of the responses have been ‘thank you,’” Kelley said of the contributors. “We see this as being very responsive to the donors and customers.”

The companies said having one United Way representing both Milwaukee and Waukesha counties will make the process more seamless.

So far, Young said, there’s no indication of anything she should be concerned about even after meeting with numerous business leaders and nonprofit staff.

“It’s a very rewarding experience,” Kelley said about helping chair the

campaign. “It’s incredible to see the way individuals come together from all different industries and walks of life to support an organization whose mission is to help people.”

The fall campaign will be launched Aug. 25 at the Milwaukee County Zoo, which was selected to show unity between the two counties, Young said. The campaign’s closure will be celebrated Dec. 15 at Johnson Controls in Milwaukee.

No goal for the campaign has been set, but Young said the process is that staff goes through past allocations line by line, while examining projections and other research to determine the right amount.

This past year, United Way’s allocations were still based on the previous formula allocation implemented by each entity.

“I want to make sure that in this critical year, it is going to be a very successful campaign that will move forward positively,” Kelley said.

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