

IN BRIEF

Multiple items stolen at construction site

MUKWONAGO — Unknown suspects removed more than \$5,000 worth of equipment from a construction site on Edgewood Avenue in Mukwonago between April 18 and April 24, according to a Mukwonago Police Department press release.

Stolen items include a \$300 Milwaukee Hole Hawg drill, an \$800 Honda generator and approximately \$3,000 in various gauge Romex wire.

The suspects forced entry into a locked construction trailer to access the equipment. The theft is still under investigation.

Skate park ramp damaged by small fire

WAUKESHA — A small fire damaged a ramp at the Horeb Springs Skate Park on Sunday afternoon but it shouldn't result in skaters losing access to the park.

According to a Waukesha Police Department dispatch report, firefighters were called to the park, 330 Spring St., just before 3:40 p.m. for a report of a ramp on fire. They found that one of the ramps in the back of the park was smoking, but no flames were visible.

A supervisor from the Waukesha Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry department came over to inspect the damage and a juvenile was released to his parents, the dispatch report states.

MUKWONAGO — A person intentionally rammed a shopping cart into a vehicle at the Pick 'n Save at 1010 N. Rochester St. on April 24 between 4 p.m. and 6:55 p.m., according to a Mukwonago Police Department press release.

Authorities say the vehicle damage was extensive to the point that it couldn't have been from a "runaway shopping cart."

Mukwonago collects more than 160 pounds of drugs

MUKWONAGO — The Mukwonago Police Department and ProHealth Care collected 169 pounds of medications at the ProHealth DNG Clinic on Maple Avenue on Saturday, according to a Mukwonago Police Department press release.

The police department has a permanent collection box in the lobby. However, area residents should dispose of pills in a sealed plastic bag and dispose of their pill bottles at home. This will help ensure privacy and keep the collection box from filling too quickly with bulky, unneeded pill bottles.

Waukesha library to close early on Thursday

WAUKESHA — The Waukesha Public Library, 321 Wisconsin Ave., will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday to participate in the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries Library Conference.

The outside return box will remain open for anyone wishing to return materials.

WAUKESHA — A Waukesha man allegedly drove drunk and struck a car before crawling to his driveway last week.

Paul R. Ruppel of Waukesha has been charged with operating while intoxicated as a seventh offense.

According to a criminal complaint, officers were dispatched to West St. Paul Avenue Friday afternoon for a report of a driver hitting another vehicle and then crawling into his driveway. Officers met with a witness who saw the accident and recorded it on his cellphone.

The witness stated that he was working construction outside an apartment building when he heard a vehicle begin to rev its engine. Upon inspecting the sound, the witness alleged he saw Ruppel appear to attempt to back out of a parking space, but instead hit a car in front of him. The witness claimed Ruppel later ran back to his apartment after the accident.

After watching the cellphone recording and locating Ruppel, the complaint says, police were able to confirm it was him in the video. In the video, Ruppel was unsteady on his feet as he ran back to the apartment.

An officer did observe bleeding on Ruppel's nose and right ear after they located him in his apartment. Ruppel allegedly stated he had blacked out and was possibly involved in a minor accident. He later denied driving and said he only had two shots of vodka. Ruppel also allegedly denied to take any sobriety tests, but told an



Dia de los Niños

WAUKESHA — Abraham Apolinar watches his son, Aron, 2, as he plays with his mother, Maria Galindo. They attended the Waukesha Public Library's Dia de los Niños event Saturday.



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Casey Arnold-Viola, a teacher with the Greater Milwaukee El Sistema Children's Orchestra, student Ben Soto, and several members of the orchestra performed at the celebration.



Allison Hernandez, 2, has a cookie during Dia de los Niños. The Waukesha Public Library's event on Saturday emphasized the importance of literacy for children from all backgrounds.