Cataloging made easy

La Crosse libraries implement new user friendly system to streamline finding books

By GERI PARLIN
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Finding that copy of the newest John Grisham novel is about to get easier.

The La Crosse Public Library, along with the Winding Rivers Library System automation consortium (WRLS:Web), is upgrading to Illuminar, a new catalog and checkout system, on Monday.

To do that, the library will be closed Sunday to transfer all the data from the old system to the new system.

Library Director Kelly Krieg-Sigman said staff will begin the work as soon as the library closes on Saturday. But in truth, this new program has been a long time coming.

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STOP AND SMELL THE FLOWERS

PETER THOMSON/LA CROSSE TRIBUNE

A bumblebee is seen on a zinnia flower Tuesday in Sparta. Bumblebees feed on flower nectar and gather pollen to feed their young.

AREA ROADWAYS

Black Hawk bridge reopens

Mayor says closure did lasting damage to local businesses

By JESSICA LARSEN
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The Black Hawk Bridge is back open a week after state officials closed it for emergency repairs.

But the thousands of dollars lost in business and tourism will put a damper on Lansing for the rest of the year, Mayor Dave Peters said.

The bridge was closed Aug. 17 after an 18-inch crack was found in a floor beam during a routine inspection.

Some Lansing workers missed work for two days while officials scrambled to set up a boat shuttle. Business at some local shops dropped 50 percent. Streets sat nearly empty over the weekend during what is typically the busiest time of the year.

"It's going to hurt some for the whole year," Peters said. "Even one week really affects income."

For a lot of businesses, Peters said, the summer months are the main source of the year's earnings.

"It affected us big time — every business in town, whether it's a restaurant or bar or store," he said. "It's just dead here without (the bridge) open."

The bridge re-opened at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, lifting the spirits of residents and

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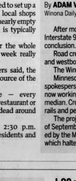

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The Black Hawk Bridge in Lansing, Iowa.

I-90 construction wrapping up

By ADAM VOGE
Winona Daily News

After months partial closure, road work on Interstate 90 south of Winona is creeping toward its conclusion.

Road crews have re-opened both the eastbound and westbound outside lanes of the highway today.

The Winona exit has also been reopened.

Minnesota Department of Transportation spokesperson Kristin Kummveller said crews are now working to remove the crossover lanes in the median. Crews are also working on installing guard rails and performing cleanup.

The project is expected to wrap up in the first week of September. The goal for completion was set affected by the Minnesota state government shutdown, which halted work on the project for three weeks.

Armed robber sentenced to 5 years probation

By ANNE JUNGEN
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A La Crosse man who robbed a drug store at knifepoint dodged a prison sentence Tuesday when a judge sentenced him to five years on probation.

Stylen

Robert Stylen, 30, must enroll in the county's drug treatment court under the sentence recommended by attorneys and adopted by La Crosse County Circuit Judge Elliott Levine.

"It is a tough program," Levine warned. "It's going to be a long journey for you."

Stylen on April 24 robbed the Walgreens at 900 S. West Ave. of a DVD player and cigarettes after threatening a cashier with a knife, according to the complaint. He pleaded guilty to armed robbery with threat of force as a repeat offender, his first felony conviction.

"This is not who I am at all," Stylen said. "I am sorry more than I can express."

His attorney called him "a good kid with an addiction problem he can't beat on his own." Stylen vowed to give drug court "110 percent." The program will provide structure and Stylen will be subject to random drug and alcohol testing, attorneys said.

"I recognize that a drug court disposition here gives some of the facts in the complaint and some of Mr. Stylen's history is unusual," La Crosse County Assistant District Attorney Jessica Skemp said. "But not for drug court, this would be an absolute prison recommendation."

The judge also sentenced Stylen to six months in jail, though he receives credit for 121 days.

FROM TRIBUNE FILES AUG. 24, 1986

■ A battle for the electronic-appliance market in the Coulee Region is about to move to the sales floor as Best Buy is opening in the East Towne Plaza this week. ■ In the classifieds: Join the line on the way to the Polka Mass and Chicken Q.S. Plus X Church.

I-90 ramp to reopen today

The I-90 eastbound ramp to I-94 westbound will reopen at 10 a.m. today after it was closed Tuesday evening for repairs, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. During the closure a signed detour will instruct I-90 eastbound traffic to use exit 48 at Oakdale and follow signs to I-94 westbound.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Jerry Anderson and Neil Durasky, and **Dave Kerska**, 5:30 p.m., Boot Hill Pub, 1501 St. Andrew St., (608) 317-4512.

Lawn Chair Concert Series with Jack Olson and Time Travelers, 6 p.m., Hoedown Grounds, Houston. Mins., bring lawn chair or blanket, (507) 896-3511.

Dave Kerska, 6 p.m., Bluffs Sports Bar, 4329 Mormon Coulee Road, (608) 788-7415.

Guitar Logic, 6 p.m., Jack's Beach Shack, River Jack's, 1835 Rose St., (608) 783-7070.

North Side Jam, 6 p.m., Mi Second Home, 2104 Georgetown.

Dance, with music by Dave Kiral, 7:30 p.m., Harry J. Olson Center, 1607 North St., (608) 781-2122.

Line dancing, 7:30 p.m., and **free beer and karaoke**, 8:30 p.m., Hog Wild Bar, 3230 Hwy. 35, Holmen.

Sunshine's Okie Dokie Karaoke & DJ Service, 6 p.m., DeWitt's Wildcat Saloon, 202 Main St., Ontario, (608) 487-6367.

Karaoke with Big Brown Entertainment hosted by Ryan "Farmboy" Fuchsel, 8:30 p.m., Great River Tavern, 426 Second Ave. S., (608) 782-3578.

DJ Dustin and Entertainment, 9 p.m., Chapter 2, 411 Third St. S., (608) 457-3091.

Rose Sobotta, Smokey's Bar, 9 p.m., 112 Mill St., Holmen.

Party Pro DJ's at Hubbush and free beer and naked karaoke, 9 p.m., National City Limits, 3264 George St., (608) 386-8081.

Dave Orr, 10 p.m., Popcorn Tavern, 308 Front St. S.

Spotlight Karaoke with Sarah, 10 p.m., Impulse, 214 Main St., (608) 782-6010.

The Dan "B3" Collins Jam, 10 p.m., Nightmares Tap, 401 Third St. S.

Jimbo and Chooch, 10 p.m., Del's Bar, 229 Third St. N.

HEALTH

Blood drive, BloodCenter of Wisconsin, 7 a.m. to noon, Gundersen Lutheran Green Bay Building, 618 Rose St., (608) 775-4143.

Blood drive, American Red Cross, noon to 5:30 p.m., Armory, 441 Hwy. 54 W., Black River Falls, (800) 733-2767.

Blood drive, American Red Cross, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., La Crosse Blood Donation Center, 1427 Hwy. 16, (800) 733-2767.

FAMILY

Nifty Nature Camp, 8:30 a.m., ages 4 through 7 learn about bugs, how to adopt a caterpillar, and make a worm farm to help the environment, Children's Museum, 207 Fifth Ave. S., (608) 784-0652.

Holmen/Onalaska Play Shoppe, 9:30 a.m., Oak Grove Family Learning Center, 1607 Hwy. Z, Onalaska, (608) 784-8125.

Pokemon Club, 3 to 5 p.m., for school age children, South Community Library, 1307 16th St. S., (608) 789-7122.

FARMERS MARKETS

Bridgeview Plaza, parking lot, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2500 Rose St.

Holmen, 3 to 7 p.m., Festival Foods, 600 Holmen Drive.

West Salem, 2 to 6:30 p.m., Pleasant Ridge and Mill streets.

Gays Mills, 3 p.m., Lions Park, Main Street near the bridge.

FOOD

Food pantry, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Oak Grove Family Learning Center, W7608 Hwy. Z, Onalaska, (608) 783-9393.

GOVERNMENT

Onalaska Common Council, 7:30 a.m., City Hall, 415 Main St., Onalaska.

West Salem Finance and Personnel Committee, 8 a.m., Community Center, 175 S. Leonard St.

La Crosse Community Development Committee, 4:30 p.m., Village Hall conference room, City Hall, 400 La Crosse St.

La Crosse Fire Department Management and Operations Review Committee, 5:30 p.m., fifth-floor conference room, City Hall, 400 La Crosse St.

Holmen Economic Development Committee, 5:30 p.m., Village Hall conference room, 421 S. Main St.

MEETINGS

Breakfast Optimist Club of La Crosse, 7 a.m., People's Food Co-op, 315 Fifth Ave. S., second-floor meeting room, guest speaker Steve Mau on Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center's "Nicaragua Project."

Vets for Peace, 4 to 5 p.m., West Avenue and Market Street.

RECREATION

Signup for fall Coroholo League, 9 a.m., Neuse's Varsity Club, 1920 Rand Ave., $50 per two-member team for Sept. 6 to Dec. 6 season, www.coulereecorocontrole.com.

Cards, euchre and 500, 12:45 p.m., Southside Senior Citizens Center, 1220 Denton St., (608) 782-2444.

Art Club, bring own medium and art supplies, 1 to 3 p.m., Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose St., (608) 789-8298.

Team Rold'em-Midwest Poker League, 5:30 p.m., Breakaway Bar, 107 N. Oak St., Sparta.

Ultimate Frisbee pick-up game, 5:30 p.m., for all ages and skill levels, wear white or black shirt, Weigert Park, 16th and Cass streets.

Zumba dance fitness, 5:45 p.m., Moonlight Dance Studio, 501 Third St. S., (608) 519-1995.

SALES/SHOWS

Cellular Device Workshop, 7:30 p.m., learn how to get most out of cell phone for free, U.S. Cellular, Suite G, 224 W. McCoy Blvd., Tomah, (608) 372-0600.

SPEAKERS/PROGRAMS

"Wine Down Wednesday," wine discussion, 5 p.m., Maggie's Restaurant and Lounge, 205 Main St., Onalaska, (608) 738-6882.

COURTS

La Crosse County Circuit Court:

ACCUSED

■ Zachery Copuos, 25, of Dakota, Minn., was charged Tuesday with two counts of felony hit and running, obstructing an officer and hit-and-run. Copuos hit a car in a parking ramp Sunday, then fled from police after the crash, according to the complaint. He also violated his bond by drinking alcohol and committing a new crime, according to the complaint.

■ Edward Tracy, 30, of 4411 Oak Drive, No. 4, was charged Tuesday with two counts of manufacture/delivery of cocaine, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping as a repeat offender and operating a motor vehicle after revocation. Tracy sold cocaine Aug. 16 and 17, according to the complaint. He violated conditions of his bond by committing a new crime and driving.

CATALOG

From B1

"We've been working on this for years," said Kristen Anderson, executive director of Winding Rivers Library System. "And really, for the past six months we've had our noses to the grindstone."

The result should be a smooth switch over, Krieg-Sigman said.

"We're pretty confident. This is a fantastic vendor; they've worked in library land for many, many years."

"The first thing our customers are going to notice is something that looks a lot less clunky and a lot more like a webpage. It's going to behave a lot more like a Google search. It's going to look sharper and more current and more contemporary," Krieg-Sigman said. "And for our early adopters and savvy users, there are a whole bunch of new things they can do with their personal account, including have the system remember what they have checked out."

But even those with less sophisticated online habits will appreciate the new system Krieg-Sigman said, because it will be easier to use.

The system can create reading lists, recall past searches and find books across the area's library network.

Krieg-Sigman says the system is also child-friendly.

"There is an option known as kids catalog and that has a totally kids look," she said. Kids and parents can also search for books under categories such as animals or places.

"It's much more user-friendly," Anderson said, and it links to more library catalogs and does everything the old software did but better and faster.

Krieg-Sigman said the library intends to constantly update its Facebook for tips on how to use the new online catalogs. Or visit the library's website at www.lacrosselibrary.org/to ew for user guides and videos.

The Sunday closure affects all three La Crosse Public Library buildings, and online access to the catalog will not be available during the upgrade period. Other features of the library website will remain available.

Normal hours will resume Monday.

JEROME

From B1

bigger or smaller gulps.

It's the taking part that always gives me a rush.

One of them relieved a lady of a C-note in the time it took me to relieve myself.

That's more fun than I could afford to have.

So I found the corner where they kept the machines that still took singles — and like McDonald's of old, would give change back for your dollar.

I fed a bill into a slot like the one on the office pop machine, but got no soda, just a flashing message that I had too credits to dispose of as I pleased.

What followed was as exciting as a slow day at work — watching images and numbers flash up on a computer screen. The primary difference being that, at work, I get paid to watch; there, it was costing me roughly a buck every two or three minutes.

As a good time, it was taking second place to trimming my toenails.

Then I hit it big.

I cashed out my winnings and headed for home. In my pocket was 53 cents where $5 had been an hour before.

If that's luck being a lady, I'd better seek my fortune in a monastery.

At least I'd gotten to use the restroom.

BRIDGE

From B1

business owners.

"People say they didn't realize how much the bridge affected the place," Peters said. "Everyone is real happy. People are overjoyed."

Crews will work this week to strengthen 18 beams similar to the one where the crack was found. The work is expected to be done by the end of the week, said Pete Hjelmstad, field services coordinator with the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Traffic is restricted to one lane while crews are working. Both lanes are open at night.

Lightning starts fire at La Crosse garage

By Tribune staff

One person was hurt after lightning sparked a small fire at a South Side garage Tuesday morning, according to the La Crosse Fire Department.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire at 2501 Barlow St. about 5:15 a.m. One person was treated at the scene by paramedics.

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