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Mayor Tim Kabat has called for the removal of La Crosse's long-debated Hiawatha statue, pictured here in 2018, from Riverside Park.

'Time to retire Hiawatha'

Mayor calls for removal of controversial statue from Riverside Park

OLIVIA HERKEN
La Crosse Tribune

La Crosse Mayor Tim Kabat Monday asked the city's Board of Park Commissioners to remove the Hiawatha Statue from Riverside Park, after decades of

debating the future of the controversial artwork.

"It is time. Communities across our nation are facing the symbols from their pasts and making decisions about how to heal and move forward," Kabat wrote in a letter to the board.

The roughly 60-year-old statue has received pushback from community members, including individual members of the Ho-Chunk Nation, for depicting exaggerated racial stereotypes of Indigenous communities.

But others have argued that the artwork should remain intact as a piece of La Crosse's history, a towering 25-foot figure that has stood on the north side of Riverside Park since 1961.

"It's interesting to read some of the meeting minutes and some of the discussions from various city officials back in the early

1960s when this was first proposed as a tourist attraction for the La Crosse area," Kabat said of the city's research into the statue's history.

"That leads me to believe that there was controversy even back then," Kabat said, saying he could "read between the lines" of the records, noting that the city council never approved the

removal. "I think it's important to have a conversation about the statue's history and the role it plays in our community," Kabat said.

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COVID-19 IN THE COULEE REGION

27 new cases in 3 days

County officials warn of misinformation about contact tracing

OLIVIA HERKEN
La Crosse Tribune

La Crosse County confirmed 12 new cases of COVID-19 during the weekend and 15 new cases on Monday, bringing its new total to 593.

Eight new cases were confirmed on Saturday and four on Sunday, the La Crosse County Health Department reported, which does not currently report data during the weekend.

Of all the test results reported on Monday, 51.7% came back positive, and 11 of those came from the National Guard testing site hosted in La Crosse Friday.

Four have remained hospitalized through the weekend in the county, and there are still no deaths.

In Wisconsin, 494 new cases were confirmed Monday, on the heels of three record-breaking days last week. There were no new deaths reported in the state on Monday, and 26 new hospitalizations confirmed.

Of the state's overall cases, 20% remain active, compared to the 30% of active cases in La Crosse County.

As cases across the area, state and country begin to climb back up, contact tracing has posed

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Not-guilty plea in homicide

Prosecutors: Holmen woman ran over husband with truck

JOURDAN VIAN
La Crosse Tribune

A Holmen woman accused of killing her husband pleaded not guilty Monday during a preliminary hearing in La Crosse County Circuit Court.

Lori Ann Phillips, 50, was charged last month with second-degree reckless homicide in connection with the incident



Phillips

Judge Elliott Levine ruled Monday that there was probable cause to bind her over for trial.

Phillips' attorney, Chris Zachar, argued Monday that prosecutors did not have enough evidence to charge his client with homicide.

"There are huge problems with causation in this case," Zachar said. "The state of Wisconsin is literally relying on the assumption that this must have happened because they don't have another explanation."

Zachar emphasized that the vehicle wasn't damaged and the only fibers found on the outside of the truck were made of blue cotton — which would match not only Mark Phillips' blue jeans, but many other articles of clothing, he said.

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Organizers cancel Labor Day parade

The annual Labor Day parade and festival in La Crosse have been canceled for 2020 because of COVID-19.

The Western Wisconsin AFL-CIO made the announcement Monday, calling off what would have been the 129th year for the parade. The group hopes to hold a virtual event this year.

"2020 will continue to look different for a lot of Coulee Region residents, but we are com-

mitted to using the tools at our disposal to recognize Labor Day and its meaning," said Tyler Tubbs, president of the Western Wisconsin AFL-CIO.

"It obviously saddens us to make such an announcement, but the cancellation will not hold us back from continuing to develop collective power and solidarity in Western Wisconsin,"

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