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## **DECORATING CEDAR CREEK PARK**



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WEST BEND — Tracy Pearson, left, and Kathy Rohlinger of Regal Ware put together snowmen at Cedar Creek Park. Cedar Community Director of Philanthropy Sarah Malchow organized the Thursday event to engage volunteers and function as a holiday team building activity while still following COVID-19 guidelines. She stated that Cedar Community is creating experiences for residents, family, friends and volunteers during these difficult times. She also expressed her appreciation for Regal Ware's generosity and willingness to participate.



## County extends public health emergency to Feb. 10

Facilitates applying for grants, buying supplies, redeploying employees

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WEST BEND — On Wednesday, the Washington County Board of Supervisors approved the extension of the current public health emergency to Feb. 10, 2021, which provides the ability for the county to apply for grants, purchase needed supplies and redeploy employees.

This is the second time the proclamation has been extended since it was confirmed on March 19.

"This resolution is largely operational and allows the county to continue provid-ing services," said Ethan Hollenberger, Washington County public affairs coordinator. "Washington County employees are sick or quarhas not and has no plans to antined, replacements may issue 'orders.' This is not an effort to shut down businesses. In fact, it is the opposite. The resolution gives the county the tools to execute County Executive (Josh) Schoemann's May 14 proclamation declaring the county 'open for business.'



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that, make that purchase, normally there's all kinds of rules and procedures that you have appropriately put in place for how we make that acquisition," said Schoemann. "With the emergency order in place, all of that goes away and we can streamline that process for the purpose of the emergen-CV.

The proclamation also allows employees to be redeployed where they are needed, including nearly a dozen who were redeployed for contact tracing.

"Additionally, when

Luke Knuppenburg, Matt Reigle and Kyle Nelson of Regal Ware in Kewaskum hang lights while decorating Cedar Community's Cedar Creek Park on Thursday.

Dave Lenz, left, and John Ritger hang lights on the tree. The Regal Ware volunteers spent Thursday morning decorating at Cedar Community Cedar Creek Park.

Resolution 37 gives the county flexibility to purchase testing, PPE (personal protective equipment), vaccine, cleaning and other response supplies.

When we went to make a number of purchases — PPE for example, we bought tens of thousands of dollars worth of PPE. For us to do

be redeployed," said Hollenberger. Employees have been redeployed to deliver needed supplies, assist at Samaritan Campus, help with election operations and other tasks.

"In addition to human resources, the resolution also provides flexibility on internal policies such as grant applications or purchasing. This allows us to quickly apply and receive aid from other governments. This allows the county to continue to provide PPE to schools and other organizations so that they

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## Competency exam ordered for man accused of stabbing two family members

stabbed two family members last month has been ordered to undergo a competency examination, Wisconsin circuit court records complaint, the Jackson the home and asked where show

not being identified by the Daily News to protect the family members who are involved.

WEST BEND — A Jack- he signed a \$75,000 cash a towel to her face. son man who allegedly bond on Oct. 29 and was There were three ordered to have no contact in the home, including the with those family members, defendant, who appeared or their residence.

According to a criminal Police Department responded to a residence on Ridge-way Drive on Oct. 27 for a hands in the air and then The 33-year-old man is ed to a residence on Ridgereport of two people being stabbed.

Court records show that they found a female holding additional police arrived,

There were three people him. uninjured.

When the officer entered the knife was, the defenbegan to walk down the stairs. The officer told the Once an officer arrived, defendant to stop and once

After asking the defendant what happened, he explained to officers that he had not eaten or slept in a few days and is verbally assaulted by everyone in the home; he added that he 'did not want to deal with the abuse any more."

The complaint says the defendant was upset and wanted to leave the resi-

they were able to remove dence, so he grabbed a knife with being told that he from underneath his bed and tried to cut his wrist with it.

> When asked how the two were stabbed, the defendant ed. allegedly said he stabbed them intending to kill them both.

One of the victims later told officers that the defendant put a knife to their neck after he became upset could not leave the country because of the coronavirus. The same victim told

police that the defendant is other people in the home schizophrenic but medicat-

The court has expressed concerns over the man's competency, hence the evaluation.

Upon conviction, the man faces over 60 years in prison.

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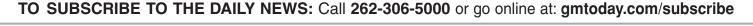
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