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McKinley Academy Success
Through Empowering Experiences
and Hope STEER student Mariah
Rich waters the flowers around
the outside of the greenhouse.
Students in the STEER program take care of
the plants and water the plants
according to the weather.

Growing plants, pride

Manitowoc
McKinley Academy
students build and
maintain greenhouse



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The peas at McKinley Academy's greenhouse are
waiting for STEER students to water them on
Wednesday.



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McKinley Academy STEER program students Kimberly Southwell,
left, Delaney Hutchinson, Mariah Rich and Aaron Newby pose
Wednesday in the greenhouse the students built this semester. Ten
students in the STEER program are responsible for caring for the
plants every day, and they are proud of their first year's success.

Local woman facing animal neglect charges



COURTESY OF MANITOWOC POLICE DEPARTMENT

A Manitowoc landlord found two dogs that appeared to be malnourished.

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A 26-year-old Manitowoc woman is in trouble after leaving her pet dogs alone for two weeks.

Officers were called at about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday to a residence in the 400 block of North Fifth Street after a landlord noticed his tenant appeared to have been away for an extended period of time and the dogs inside were malnourished.

Both large dogs appeared as though they did not have sufficient food or water for some time, according to the Manitowoc Police Department. They were brought to the Manitowoc Humane Society and are expected to survive.

Officers obtained a search warrant for the residence and additional evidence of animal neglect was found within the residence.

The property renter told officers she had moved out of the residence temporarily and was living at her mother's home.

Misdemeanor charges of failure to provide proper shelter and failure to provide proper food or drink to confined animals were referred to the District Attorney's Office.

Police did not release the woman's name since she has not yet been formally charged.

Avery case scrutiny keys on sheriff's office

JOHN FERAK
USA TODAY NETWORK WISCONSIN

The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office could have avoided worldwide scrutiny in the wake of the "Making a Murderer" series if it had just stayed away from the Avery Salvage Yard in November 2005.

But sheriff's officials never steered clear even though Manitowoc County was tangled up in a messy \$36 million civil rights lawsuit that seemed destined to make Steven Avery, then 41, a



Petersen

multi-millionaire. Sheriff Ken Petersen's son-in-law, retired Sheriff Tom Koczurak, was being accused of framing Avery for a beachfront rape that had cost Avery 18 years of freedom.

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Wisconsin's extensive review of court transcripts and the investigative case file compiled by the Calumet County Sheriff's

Department shows that Manitowoc County played a major role in gathering evidence at the Avery Salvage Yard despite the lawsuit. That potential conflict of interest is a theme that has emerged in the wake of the Netflix docuseries that has drawn wide interest and has brought heavy criticism on Manitowoc County investigators from those who question the validity of the convictions of Avery and his nephew, Brendan Dasia, in the killing of Teresa Halbach.

On July 29, 1985, Petersen,

working on the investigation into the rape of Penny Beers, son, entered Avery's residence and stated, "You're under arrest for suspicion of attempted murder," records show. Besides Petersen, another Manitowoc County deputy who converged on Avery's residence to carry out what proved to be a wrongful arrest was Deputy Mike Bushman.

Fast forward 20 years. The missing person's

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AVERY TRIAL COURT

A team of Manitowoc County Sheriff's deputies identified this barrel near Steven Avery's trailer as containing remnants of a charged cellphone and a camera believed to belong to Teresa Halbach.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Johnson a man with Wisconsin values

Citizens of Wisconsin will be choosing their senator for Congress in November. The choice is a stark contrast. Ron Johnson is a man with Wisconsin values. He started a business in our state, provided many jobs and is aware of the burdens of regulators from the fed-

eral government. He is a fervent supporter of our veterans and is using his chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to get to the bottom of the real problems at the VA, like the deaths in Tomah. He has also been a consistent voice for fiscal sanity and reform in our debt-ridden, fiscal and abuse in the federal gov-

ernment. On the other hand, Sen. Russ Feingold served for 18 years in Washington, is steeped in D.C. values, a fan of big government and its regulations such as the "Clean Power Plan," which will destroy Wisconsin's manufacturing base and jobs. He ignored a plea regarding the Tomah VA to help our veterans while a senator. Instead of staying

in Wisconsin, he chose to go to California and become involved in academia and West Coast values. This man shouldn't be representing Wisconsin. Approximately 70 percent of the funding for Feingold's campaign is coming from out-of-state contributions. Do not let someone financed by out-of-state money, with Washington and West Coast values rep-

resent the citizens of our state. We need a voice for "us" in Washington. Support Ron Johnson—he has Wisconsin values. Not someone, like a liberal fisherman—another out-

standing Wisconsin value. Thank you to Carl and the team that assisted. Facility Maintenance crew members of Manitowoc

Avery

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Investigation surrounding Halbach was in danger of reaching an impasse. Bushman, who had retired earlier that year and was now considered a part-time reserve deputy, showed up at the police command center on the morning of Nov. 7, 2005, eager to prove Avery killed the missing freelance photographer from the Halbach area.

Even though there was no shortage of police officers from other agencies not connected to the Avery lawsuit—at Avery Salvage that day, that didn't deter Manitowoc County from sending a large contingent of its own deputies: Lt. Detective Jim Leuk at 7:15 a.m., Sgt. Andrew Colborn at 7:16 a.m., Detective Dennis Jacobs at 7:16 a.m., Bushman at 7:28 a.m., Lt. Todd Hermann at 7:28 a.m., Sgt. Jason Just at 7:45 a.m., Deputy Dave Sanders at 7:45 a.m. and Sgt. Scott Sengsbush at 7:54 a.m.

Bushman agreed to lead a four-member evidence search party consisting of fellow Manitowoc County sheriff's officials. It wasn't long before Bushman's team made a fortuitous discovery as they canvassed the north-east edge of the Avery Salvage Yard near an open cornfield. "I came across a burning barrel, which was in my section of searching," Sanders would testify. "It appeared to be the parts of a cellphone that were actually melted inside the burning barrel."

Remnants of a Motorola smartphone for a cellphone and debris from a camera were identified. Authorities believed the charred debris was Halbach's camera and cellphone. Despite the burn barrel, Manitowoc County Sheriff's deputies would steer clear of inspecting Avery's burn pit area, which was roughly 20



Sgt. Jason Just of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office alerted others that he found human bones in this burn pit near Steven Avery's business on the afternoon of Nov. 4, 2005, the fourth day of a massive police presence at the Avery property. However, not all sheriff's officers did not take any part in the search of the bones were spotted and recovered.

yards from his bedroom window. Around 4:35 a.m., the sun went down. Another fall day had passed without any discovery of Halbach.

The next day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, Avery Road was again snowed with police. Wisconsin State Patrol, Calumet County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation, Two Rivers Police Department and Kaukauna Police Department. Sheriff's Office continued to play a role. At least a dozen sheriff's officials came out to the Avery property that day, legs reeling. Among them: Deputy Inspector Greg Seltzer at 8:40 a.m. and Sgt. Jason Just at 8:52 a.m. Seltzer and Colborn checked in together at 8:52 a.m. Seltzer at 8:52 a.m. Just at 8:56 a.m. Todd Hermann's older brother, Under-sheriff Bob Hermann, arrived at 11:17 a.m.

The most important clue in the Halbach investigation surfaced shortly after 1:38 p.m. Once against the evidence was found by a Manitowoc County sheriff's deputy. Just pointed out a large piece of bone believed to be a spinal column and was a smaller bone that was gray in color. "It did not appear as if anybody had previously dug into or moved anything from within the pile," stated

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What's more, authorities at the Avery Salvage police command center chose not to call in a forensic pathologist or a forensic anthropologist, records show. Manitowoc County Coroner Deb Kakalath first learned about the discovery while watching the night video from the scene. Sheriff Tom Petersen and two other top public officials from Manitowoc County, the county executive and the corporation council, ordered her to stay away from the Avery Salvage Yard after hearing that human bones

were discovered by Just. Trial testimony showed that about 60 percent of the human bones were never found and additional charred human bones had been discovered about a quarter mile away at the Michaels Materials quarry reports show.

"And, unlike the Sheriff's Department, neither Ma. Kakalath nor the official coroner, nor anyone in the coroner's office, had any prior involvement in Steven Avery's civil lawsuit. Just informed the judge. "And yet the sheriff's office apparently assisting Manitowoc County law enforcement offices was walked off entirely from performing legal duties, in connection with discovery of human remains."

In the end, Manitowoc County Circuit Judge Patrick Willis ruled that the jury would not hear any testimony from Kakalath. "I think it has much more potential to mislead the jury, and I don't see how anything the coroner would have done would

have somehow contributed to a less biased investigation in this matter," Willis pronounced. She was subsequently excused from the courtroom. Here's a more in-depth examination of crucial evidence used to convict Avery—most of it was evidence the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office found that has raised a flag of interest questions due to the then-pending lawsuit.

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office. Key personnel: Sgt. Jason Orth, Detective Dave Remiker and Lt. Todd Hermann. Circumstances: Pamela Sturm, a cousin of Halbach, notified Calumet County that she found Halbach's vehicle on the Avery Salvage Yard property. Manitowoc County tracked to the scene, returned control of the RVA for four hours. Remiker testified that the VIN

matched Halbach's vehicle. At Avery's trial, Leuk denied he had cleaned Avery's blood in the front of the vehicle.

Leg restraints and handcuffs, novelty sex toys from Intimate Treasures. Found: Nov. 5, 2005, recovered by Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office. Key personnel: Colborn, Remiker and Calumet County Sgt. Bill Tyson. Circumstances: During an evidence search that lasted 26 hours, Colborn found the sex toys in Avery's small bedroom and had them confiscated as evidence. "I stopped what I was doing. I informed Sergeant Tyson, he found some long torso restraints and handcuffs in boxes," Colborn later testified. There was no evidence presented that the restraints were ever used to restrain Halbach, but special prosecutor Ren Krutz convinced a jury otherwise.

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5-Day Forecast for Manitowoc
Today: Partly cloudy, 60-70
Friday: Partly cloudy, 60-70
Saturday: Partly cloudy, 60-70
Sunday: Partly cloudy, 60-70
Monday: Partly cloudy, 60-70

Manitowoc Forecast Today
Air temperature: 60-70
Chance of precipitation: 10%
Wind: 4-10 mph
Humidity: 60-70%
Sunrise: 5:58 a.m.
Sunset: 7:52 p.m.

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In Loving Memory of Bill "Duke" Ducat
October 7, 1948 - May 27, 2015
It's been a year that you've been with us. A day that never goes by that you weren't in our thoughts and prayers. As you now rest in peace, we pray for you. If you could hold a minute and someone a time, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again. Dad, just remember I love you to the moon & back and always will!
Love, Jason, Horace & Chris

