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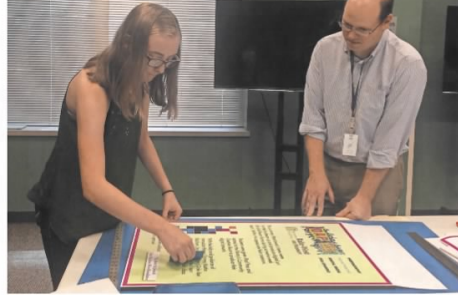
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DIGITAL DEXTERITY

SUMMER PROGRAM CULMINATES IN TEEN EXHIBIT AT MANITOWOC LIBRARY



Greg Vadney, director of the Rahr-West Art Museum, helps Maddie Backhaus prepare an intro panel for the library's art exhibit.

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MANITOWOC - As the culmination of a summer-long program, several teens have put together an exhibit of digital art they created at Manitowoc Public Library.

The exhibit displays photos, digital drawings, original music and two short films created by the group of teenagers who participated in the library's summer digital arts program, a joint effort between the library and the Rahr-West Art Museum.

Greg Vadney, director for the Rahr-West Art Museum, said it has been rewarding seeing the talent the teens have displayed. He taught the teens how to prepare and display

ing, mixing music and film creation during the 12-week course.

"It was just to do something really cool for the teens and to help the community and give them a really interesting outlet," Karchum said. "With art and digital, it gives them experience and knowledge in areas for them that might be useful in the future."

Students primarily used iPads and other materials the library has in its Community Creation room, a recent addition to the library that houses digital arts production equipment.

"We had a lot of technology and we wanted it to be used," said Kaitlin Keichan, the teen library associate. "So, we were bringing the teens in

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Manitowoc visitor bureau agreement approved

Three members each for Board of Directors

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MANITOWOC - A new service agreement that focuses on an equal composition of the Manitowoc Area Visitor Convention Bureau Board of Directors was accepted by the Manitowoc and the Two Rivers room tax commissions during a joint meeting.

The new agreement allows for three business representatives from both cities to sit on the MAVCB Board of Directors. The rest of the seats are filled by council representatives, mayoral appointments and the largest room tax collectors from both cities.

Members of the MAVCB Board of Directors also attended the meeting to dispute the composition requirements that were proposed for the new service agreement. The proposal would have required four business representatives from Manitowoc, while only two would be from Two Rivers.

"The major point that I focused on was putting more structure to the board in writing," Manitowoc Mayor Justin Nickels said.

"According to Nickels, because the City of Manitowoc brings in more money from the Room Tax, the city should have more representation on the MAVCB board than Two Rivers. He said it would also give the board more structure and less room to increase the board's size."

Nickels said he was surprised to create more structure for the MAVCB board when he and the Manitowoc Room Tax Commission found the board had failed to notify them they had added two extra members, making it a 14-person board.

The MAVCB board argued the way they operate, with three representatives from both cities, has optimized the potential for quality representatives to be members of the board, do-

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Defense targets key evidence in Halbach murder case

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MANITOWOC - Charged human bones. A spare key. Blood droplets scattered inside the front of Teresa Halbach's Toyota RAV4.

They are among a slew of clues that resulted in the homicide conviction of Steven Avery in the Halloween 2005 death of the 25-year-old freelance photographer.

Now, 11 years after the murder, "additional testing could once again definitively prove Mr. Avery's innocence and exonerate him for a crime he did not commit," suburban Chicago attorney Kathleen Zellner wrote in a last week's 150-plus page filing in Manitowoc County Circuit Court. Zellner is seeking a judge's permission to order new scientific evidence testing on behalf of Avery, 54, who is serving a life sentence

with no possibility of parole. "We foresee absolutely no problem getting the testing done because, if you think about it, no one's guilty will ever allow this extensive testing to be done," Zellner said.

Here are some of the noteworthy items that Zellner wants to undergo scientific testing:

Spare Toyota key to Halbach's RAV4

Found Nov. 8, 2005, during

the fourth day of searching Avery's bedroom, by Manitowoc Sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Colborn, Sheriff's Lt. James Lenk and "Culane." County Deputy Dan Kucharski. At Avery's trial, Sherry Culhane of the Wisconsin State Crime Lab testified she swabbed the key and developed a full DNA profile of Avery. Culhane testified she found no trace of the murder victim's DNA on her own key.

Zellner's motion: Identify the bodily fluids on the victim's spare key. "Mr. Avery wants to repeat the key for any evidence of solvents or fibers that may have been used to remove the victim's DNA from the key."

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