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DOGS HAVE THEIR DAY



Dogs were able to play fetch, splash around, swim (well, dog paddle), and generally hang out at the pool during the second annual Dog Day on Wednesday at the Witter Park Aquatics Center in Wisconsin Rapids. The pool is opened for dogs on only one day, at the end of the season, so don't worry, the wet dog smell won't be a continuing feature at the pool.

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For more photos from the Dog Day event at the Witter Park Aquatics Center, please visit wisconsinrapidstribune.com.

Changes in student loans are on the way

Biden looks to forgive up to \$20,000 for some, will end payment pause

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APPLETON – The student loan payment pause has been extended until the end of the year, Dec. 31, President Joe Biden announced Wednesday.

Additionally, Biden announced the government will forgive up to \$20,000 in student loans for those who make less than \$125,000 a year.

"In keeping with my campaign promise, my administration is announcing a plan to give working and middle-class families breathing room as they prepare to resume federal student loan payments in January 2023," Biden announced via Twitter.

Students who went to college on Pell Grants will have \$20,000 in debt forgiven, while those who didn't receive Pell Grants will have \$10,000 forgiven.

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Judge to rule on disabled voters' ballot assistance

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MADISON – A federal judge signaled he would require election clerks to allow friends and family to hand in absentee ballots for voters with disabilities – a move that, if taken, would protect disabled voters' rights following a state Supreme Court ruling that barred voters from having others return their ballots to clerks.

U.S. District Judge James Peterson proposed an order Wednesday that would ensure disabled voters are allowed assistance in voting, whether by mail or in person, ahead of his ruling in a lawsuit brought by four Wisconsin

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