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Members of the Casper family, left, greet dignitaries following the dedication of the Kiel Post Office in memory of Trooper Trevor J. Casper, Aug.15 in Kiel. PHOTOS BY GARY C. KLEIN/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

‘We can never repay such a debt’

Kiel post office renamed in honor of late State Trooper Trevor Casper

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KIEL – The city of Kiel celebrated the name change to the U.S. Post Office on Fremont Street on Aug. 15, now called the Trooper Trevor J. Casper Post Office Building.

State Trooper Trevor Casper was a Kiel native who died at 21 years old in a shootout with a bank robbery and murder suspect in Fond du Lac on March 24, 2015, while on his first solo assignment.

He was the youngest police officer killed in the line of duty in Wisconsin history.

During the renaming ceremony Aug. 15, U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman said the

memorial will ensure Casper’s story will live on to inspire future generations.

“We can never repay such a debt, but we can honor it by renaming the Kiel Post Office in his memory,” Grothman said. “We ensure that every letter sent, every package received will carry with it a reminder of a local hero, a young man who represented the very best of Wisconsin.”

Fond du Lac District Attorney Eric Toney thanked Casper’s parents for allowing Casper’s legacy to be honored through the naming of the post office.

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Casper



The sign that will officially dedicate the Kiel Post Office in honor of Trooper Trevor J. Casper, sits on a table Aug. 15 in Kiel.

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MANITOWOC SCHOOLS
What’s the latest on repairs?

Voters approved \$25M in borrowing in April

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MANITOWOC – Three months of summer has provided the Manitowoc Public School District a chance to get a jump on addressing critical facility repairs, like repairing the roof at Lincoln High School.

The repairs were made possible after voters approved \$25 million in borrowing in the April election to address critical facilities repairs and maintenance.

The need for such repairs became apparent when a 2024 facilities audit identified more than \$47.5 million in urgent building repairs and projects throughout the district.

“We knew this summer would be a little bit lighter because we didn’t have permission to borrow the funds until after we knew the outcome of the referendum on April 1,” Manitowoc Superintendent Lee Thennes said in a recent interview with the Herald Times Reporter.

So, months after voters approved that borrowing, and before school starts this fall, here’s what the district has been able to do.



Thennes

What repairs have been done this summer?

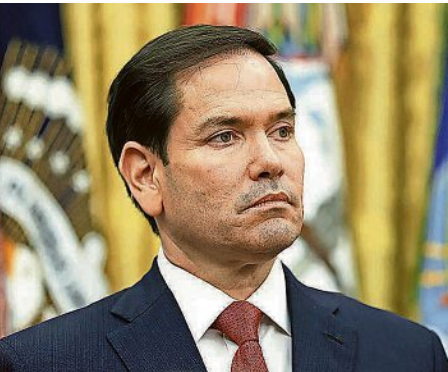
The roof at Lincoln High School will be completed by the time students return for the 2025-26 school year. The project has costs reaching approximately \$1 million.

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Graduates march down to the next step in their lives on June 13 at the Manitowoc Lincoln High School Commencement Ceremony in Manitowoc. Lincoln High School, seen in the background, was due for repairs. GARY C. KLEIN/ USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

U.S. scales back human rights report



In April, Secretary of State Marco Rubio wrote an opinion piece saying the State Department’s Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor had become a platform for “left-wing activists,” and vowing that the Trump administration would reorient it to focus on “Western values.”

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump’s administration has scaled back a key U.S. government report on human rights worldwide, dramatically softening criticism of some countries that have been strong partners of the Republican president.

Among such nations are El Salvador and Israel, which rights groups say have extensive records of abuses.

Instead, the widely anticipated 2024 Human Rights Report of the U.S. State Department sounded an alarm on the erosion of freedom of speech in Europe and ramped up criticism of Brazil and South Africa, with which Washington has clashed on a host of issues.

Any criticism of governments over

their treatment of LGBTQ+ rights, which appeared in Biden administration editions of the report, appeared to have been largely omitted.

The report’s section on Israel was much shorter than last year’s edition and contained no mention of the severe humanitarian crisis or death toll in Gaza. More than 61,000 people have been killed in the Gaza Strip, the Gazan health ministry says, as a result of Israel’s military assault after an attack by Palestinian militant group Hamas in October 2023.

The report was delayed for months as Trump appointees altered an earlier State Department draft dramatically to bring it in line with “America First” values, said government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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