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MEMORIAL Day roundup

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Fort James steps up on PCB dredging

Agreement could be first step in comprehensive cleanup plan for lower Fox River

By Dan Wilson

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to finish dredging a hot spot known as site 26-57, considered to be the most contaminated site in the lower Fox River.

As a press conference Thursday afternoon, Frank Lyons, administrator for Region 5 of the EPA, said, "We hope this agreement is the first step in a comprehensive cleanup plan for the lower Fox River."

The project removed only 30,000 cubic yards and exposed several "hot spots" with PCB levels as high as 200 parts per million.

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GEORGE NEVILL, secretary of the state Department of Natural Resources, stands with Fort James Corp. officials during a press conference Thursday in Green Bay.

LAST GRADUATING CLASS OF APPLETON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPBEAT ABOUT END



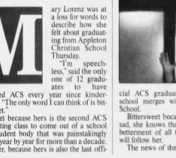
ANN GUSSE laughs with classmate Katie Couillard before Thursday's final graduation ceremony at Appleton Christian School at Appleton Alliance Church. Due to a merger with Oaklough Christian School, Thursday's ceremony was the last for the school. Below, valedictorian Sarah Braun speaks at the ceremony. A dozen students were in the class of 2000.

A NEW START

Class of 2000 marks an end for ACS and a beginning for Valley Christian High

By Kathy Walsh Huber

Mary Letz was at a loss for words to describe how she felt about graduating from Appleton Christian School.



In April, ACS and OCS announced that they would join forces as the new Wisconsin Independent Schools Inc.

Roads beckon, despite rising gasoline prices

Strong economy still outweighs gas prices in holiday travel plans

BOSTON (AP) — Gas prices are soaring, interest rates are rising and stock markets are taking investors for rollercoaster rides.

Tracy Rogers of Waupun is putting her expensive fuel bill on her cutting back on travel plans.

The AAA auto club predicts a record number of Americans will travel this Memorial Day weekend.

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Expect to pay even more at pump

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Gasoline prices in Wisconsin climbed steadily as the Memorial Day travel weekend approached.

The American Automobile Association said its survey of stations Wednesday in the Milwaukee area found an average \$1.79 a gallon for regular unleaded gasoline.

The higher prices have affected diesel fuel as well as gasoline. The

\$5,000 pledged for couple who lost \$11,000 in trash

By Michael King

More than \$5,000 has been pledged to help a couple who lost \$11,000 in their trash.

The heartbreaking story of an Appleton couple who accidentally threw away their life savings of \$11,000 has generated a heartwarming response from the community.

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Pensar bought by Toronto company

By Megan Mulholland

Pensar Corp., an Appleton circuit board designer and manufacturer with 600 employees, has been purchased by a Toronto company.

The employees have asked how much of a change this is, said Stan Pisk, Pensar president. "If a year from now we were to suddenly announce we were acquired the year before, many would say, 'Oh, really?' The type of work will be the same, but opportunities will increase. As a result, all of the job openings we're bringing will remain open."

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### PENSAR: Leaders consider both organizations to be culturally and philosophically similar

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door by Pensar, creating more work, Walker said, though he added it is premature to talk about the number of job creations.

All of Pensar's senior management will remain.  
The companies have not yet established a transition plan. SMTC Manufacturing although the company will continue to use Pensar's brand name.  
Pensar is in the process of adding a new assembly line and will continue to add and improve

the equipment, Plank said. There are no immediate plans to expand the 75,000-square-foot design and manufacturing facility.  
"It's premature to say yes or no," he said. "There are no plans at this time, but there are no plans to expand our geographic reach and engineering."  
SMTC has manufacturing and technology centers in Austin, Texas; Boston; Charlotte, N.C.; Denver; San Jose, Calif.; Toronto, Ont.; Ireland; and Chihuahua, Mexico.

"We can now offer our customers new services as SMTC becomes more global," he said. "The breadth of services, the capability of more than one facility building a product... We wanted to expand our geographic reach and engineering."  
The new design center was our first step in expanding and being acquired) is a very, very good way to expand," Plank said.

The two companies are culturally and philosophically similar and their leaders have known each other for nearly a decade.  
"We're very comfortable with each other as far as our approach to business," Walker said. "Pensar has a lot of product development, front-end design and engineering services. SMTC doesn't have. Walker said."

The services Pensar offers will complement what he has. He can use that expertise to expand in other regions. We were not in the Midwest.  
The industry is consolidating and it's important to find the best partner, Walker said. To be able to consolidate with someone we know as well as Pensar is a unique opportunity," he said.

### DREDGING: Fort James recognized for leadership, coming forward to work on a Fox River dredging agreement

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cubic yards of sediment in a two-phase project.  
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of clean sand in the next 18 months. The consent agreement with Fort James allows the company to be held by contaminants. That area should they meet the requirements of the cleanup in front of the lower courts that were first anticipated. We have never seen a dredging project get to that level.  
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Dennis Halgren, manager of environmental affairs for Appleton Paper Inc. and a spokesman for the FRG, confirmed a more comprehensive agreement could be in the offing.  
"Yes," he said, "we have been talking and hopefully we can come to some resolution that is acceptable to all parties. Our goal was a cooperative approach as well, that is that for everybody and the environment."  
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REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
administrator Frank Lyons answers media questions during a press conference Thursday in Green Bay after announcing an agreement by Fort James to complete dredging projects.

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