“The city’s been fairly decent, as long as they keep bringing water. I’ll be OK with a new 250-foot well,” Vogel, who is a retired city employee, said. “I’m not going to buy a new home near a former city gravel pit that accepted liquid industrial waste between the early 1960s and early 1970s.”

Testing last fall showed harmful volatile organic compounds in the three properties’ wells exceeded accepted federal standards. Luann Yindra’s well, across the road from the Vogels, showed the amount of vinyl chloride coming out of her tap was more than 400 times the allowable level.

“Jeff Yindra, living in the home they grew up in, has had a well dug at city expense. But their yard was torn up and they await landscaping to get rid of gravel piles. They were OK with a new 250-foot well for Harmony Road home he shares with his sister, Jeff Yindra hopes landscaping will be done soon to restore the grassy area of their front yard,” Bronson/MAINESPIKE/WATERS

By Suzanne Weiss
The Manitowoc County Sheriff’s Department is expected to go through the ranks and ended up in the corner office, from where he oversees more than 100 people, a fleet of about 30 vehicles and a 215-bed jail.

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