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‘We’re not stopping,’ says Bristol Hospital president

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BRISTOL — A year removed from posting a \$7.5 million loss, Bristol Hospital expects to be

back in the black at the conclusion of this fiscal year, with plans to open its long-awaited outpatient facility in the heart of the city’s downtown area sometime

next spring.

“There’s tremendous change and we’re not stopping,” Bristol Hospital President and CEO Kurt Barwis said at one of his

quarterly forums where he speaks about the state of the hospital.

Barwis said the hospital, just days away from the end of its

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Dead man found in reservoir

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BRISTOL — Police are investigating a death after a body was found in one of the city’s reservoirs Tuesday morning.

Police were called to Bristol Reservoir No. 1, near the Water Department’s treatment plant on Route 6, around 6:45 a.m. after the body was found.

The male victim has not been identified. Police said an autopsy will be performed.

Police said firefighters were called to remove the body from the water.

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu issued a statement on the incident after an inquiry from The Bristol Press.

“At this time, the Bristol Police Department has determined that there does not appear to be a criminal aspect,” the statement said. “There is no threat to the public or to the public water

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Grille gone



No one was injured, but the front end of this car was in bad shape after a collision at the intersection of Summer and Center streets in Bristol Tuesday. The accident happened around 10:30 a.m.

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Hospital officials paint rosy picture

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current fiscal year, is looking at a \$1 million to \$2 million bottom-line profit, with its operations budget roughly breaking even.

Hospital officials are looking to draw new doctors to the area, using the three-story, 60,000-square-foot Ambulatory Care Center as an attraction.

Construction crews are in a race against the calendar to get the facility "locked in" so they can work inside during the winter, said Brian Cich, of Florida-based Rendina Healthcare Real Estate, the developer of the project.

"Now it's all about winter," Cich said. "We're trying to beat the snow flying."

Despite heavy rain recently, Cich said, crews are on schedule for a spring finish. Depending on how winter plays out and some other factors, the timetable for completion could be anywhere from the beginning of the season to the end.

"You're going to start to see the skin on the building," Cich said



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Bristol Hospital President and CEO Kurt Barwis offers his analysis of the state of the hospital at a quarterly forum Tuesday.

of the coming weeks and months.

When asked by Barwis why Rendina decided to go along with developing the project despite knowing of the hospital's \$7.5 million loss, Rendina's Stephen

Barry said "We wanted to stand by you."

Barry added that Rendina "believed in the vision" that hospital officials had.

"This project was about look-

ing forward," said Cich. "We saw the vision."

Cich and Barry added that they never got the impression that the loss the hospital took was something to be concerned about. They said it always felt as though it was a step back to take a leap forward.

"Numbers only tell part of the story," Barry said.

The Ambulatory Care Center will house a number of subspecialties, including cardiology, neurology, orthopedics and rheumatology, as well as space for laboratory and physical and occupational therapy services. Hospital officials said it will provide residents of Bristol and surrounding towns with more convenience for being a central location for all their health care needs.

"We're not stagnant," said John Lodovico of the Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group. "This hospital is moving forward."

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Body found in reservoir

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supply. The investigation is ongoing pending notification of family."

The Bristol Water Department did not return a request for comment.

This is not the first time human remains have been found in a reservoir supplying water to the city. In March 2017, Water Department workers found the body of a baby boy in Bristol Reservoir No. 4, off Route 72 in Harwinton.

A city man was later arrested by state police for allegedly disposing of the body for his girlfriend. An autopsy determined that the child had been stillborn.

At the time, a Water Department official said the reservoir where the baby's body was found would be cut off from the city's water supply for a few days to determine if further tests would be needed.

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The Bristol Water Department's treatment plant off Route 6.

BRISTOL POLICE BLOTTER

Bristol police report the following:

Lynne Frechette, 52, of 196 Frederick St., was charged on Sept. 18 with violation of conditional discharge.

Jose Diaz, 30, of 200 Blakeslee St., was charged on Sept. 19 with violation of probation.

Rebecca Bobola, 47, of 423 Willis St., was charged on Sept.

20 with operation while under the influence and restricted turns fail signal.

Jerome Manning, 36, of 8 Kimball Drive, was charged on Sept. 20 with third-degree criminal mischief and second-degree breach of peace.

Steven Charette, 55, no certain address, was charged on Sept. 21 with use of highway by pedes-

trians.

Kenneth Elyosius, 65, of 42 Andrews St., was charged on Sept. 21 with second-degree harassment and second-degree breach of peace.

Olga Frejlich, 19, of no certain address, was charged on Sept. 21 with first-degree criminal trespassing and violation of a protective order.