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Dive team, off-duty cop rescue dog from river

Sunburst SOLD



After being rescued from the ice on the Milwaukee River, Bear is happy to be home with his owner, Amy Jacobs. Bear is pictured here with Jacobs' son Dylan. Please see article on page 4.

Statesman photo by Gay Griesbach

Area newspapers are reporting that Kewaskum's Sunburst Ski Area has been sold. Patrons of the winter recreation center noticed no changes and it was business as usual.

The Business Journal of Milwaukee reported that details were made official on Monday, Dec. 31. Jim and Kim Engel are reported to have sold the 77-acre Sunburst Ski Area to Rob and Jen Friedl, of Cedarburg, who will continue operating the facility.

The Engels have operated the popular recreation destination for 28-and-a-half years.

"We're just very pleased to be blessed with the quality buyer that came to our doorstep," Jim Engel told *The Business Journal*.

The almost 400 part-time seasonal workers at Sunburst will continue working there under the Friedls, Engel said. He said the deal came together after the Friedls approached the Engels about three months ago.

Terms of the sale have not yet been disclosed.

According to Statesman archives, Sunburst got its start as Wunderburg Ski Area.

The Sunburst Ski Area, with 45 acres of ski hills and about 20 acres of snow tubing tracks, is at 8355 Prospect Drive.

Editor's note- Due to the timing of the sale of Sunburst we were unable to provide a more complete article. It is our intention to have a complete article with information about the new owners in next week's edition. We wish the Engels the best in their retirement.

Enright retires as chief in B-ville, Fechter, firefighter of the year

By Gay Griesbach
Statesman Correspondent

BOLTONVILLE- During the fire department's annual meeting the membership said goodbye to a long-time chief, welcomed its new leader and announced its Firefighter of the Year.

First Assistant Chief Ken Ramthun will take retiring Chief Joe Enright's place.

"Joe is a fun guy to be around and I would like to carry on that camaraderie," says Ramthun. "He's made belonging to the department fun."

Enright knows he is leaving the department in good hands.

"Ken's been with me so many years, he knows what he's got to do," says Enright.

Enright's son, Lt. Brad Enright, also earned his 25 year pin, which was presented at the meeting.

"I was very honored for my dad to hand me the plaque," says Lt. Enright.

Brad Enright joined the department on Nov. 5, 1987 and has served

as a lieutenant for the past 12 years.

Dennis Fechter was named Firefighter of the Year.

"He got picked for what he does for the community and as a firefighter," said Joe Enright.

"I was at a loss for words, and I'm never at a loss for words," said Fechter. "I'm honored to get it."

Enright says Fechter has always been a very active member as firefighter, first responder and working on social and fundraising efforts.

"He's there for everything and I'm very proud of him for getting this award," explains Joe Enright.

Fechter says he joined the depart-



Chief Ken Ramthun

ment on July 1, 1976 out of desire to help the community.

He's been on the Boltonville Rain Days picnic committee "for as long as I can remember." Fechter also lines up entertainment for the annual Christmas party and tries to keep track of department flubs in order to produce a gag gift that keeps everyone laughing year after year.

"It keeps everybody on their toes," says Fechter.



Dennis Fechter

See related story: **Enright retires, page 5**
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Rescue Calls



On December 20, Kewaskum Rescue and Boltonville First Responders were dispatched to the town of Farmington for an infant with difficulty breathing. No transport was made.

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On December 20, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person that was unresponsive. No transport was made.

On December 21, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to town of Kewaskum for a person having an asthma attack. A transport was made.

On December 21, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the town of Barton for a person that fell. No transport was made.

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patched to the town of Auburn for a motor vehicle accident. A transport was made.

On December 22, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person that had hip pain. A transport was made.

On December 22, Kewaskum Rescue and Boltonville First Responders were dispatched to the town of Farmington for a motor vehicle accident. A transport was made.

On December 23, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person with flu like symptoms. A transport was made.

On December 23, Kewaskum Rescue and Boltonville First Responders were dispatched to the Town of Farmington for a person that fell. A transport was made.

On December 24, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a motor vehicle accident. Three transports were made by ambulances and one by Flight for Life.

On December 26, Kewaskum Rescue was requested for mutual aid by Campbellsport Rescue Squad to respond to the Village of Campbellsport for a person that fell. A transport was made.

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Anyone with information on this person's whereabouts should call the Washington County Sheriff's Department at 262-335-4411 or Washington County Law Enforcement Tip Line at 800-232-0594. Residents should not attempt to apprehend this suspect.



DANIELS - A son, River, was born to Lisa Watson and Cory Daniels of Kewaskum on December 4, 2012 at Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls. River weighed six pounds, three ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins a brother, Bryce 8, and a sister, Autumn, 5.

DOLL - A daughter, Olivia Lou, was born to Chandra and Micheal Doll of West Bend on November 17, 2012 at Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls. Olivia weighed nine pounds, six ounces and was 22 1/2 inches long.

MATHE - A daughter, Piper Maria, was born to Jennifer and Steven Mathe of West Bend on December 3, 2012 at Community Memorial

Hospital, Menomonee Falls. Piper weighed eight pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. She joins sisters, Reagan, 6, and Quinn, 3.

SCHMIT - Twins, a son, Ruben Thomas and a daughter, Stella Ray, were born to Jeanne and Rodger Schmit of West Bend on December 3, 2012 at Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls. Ruben weighed six pounds, two ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Stella weighed five pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. They join a sister, Josie, 20.

PICKERING - A daughter, Alaina Jean, was born to Laura (Maedke) and Jason Pickering of Campbellsport on December 25, 2012 at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac.

January's Waiting Child

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Janasia

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Janasia is a beautiful 3-year-old African American girl. She has had many challenges in her short life. Janasia needs a family who is qualified to provide the total care that she needs. Janasia has recently been diagnosed with MRSA and needs a family willing and able to provide the care that is needed for this diagnosis. She receives 20 hours of nursing care a day, but is qualified for more. Janasia also receives physical and occupational therapy through Birth to Three each week. Her potential developmental progress is not known at this time.

Janasia responds well to touch and massage. She will often smile when someone talks to her.

Janasia's typical schedule involves receiving medications several times a day and G-tube feedings every four hours during the day and every eight hours at night. She suffers from seizures and some cortical blindness and deafness due to significant brain damage at birth. She also has a tracheostomy and is on an apnea monitor.

Janasia's central and peripheral vision is compromised but she is able to see some things at a 60 degree angle in stripes. She is at the beginning stages of being able to pull herself up and roll over and use her arms to steady herself on the floor. Janasia can bring great joy to a family who has the skills necessary skills to care for her high needs. She does need to stay in the state of Wisconsin and it would be beneficial to have a two-parent home, as Janasia requires full time care. A potential family would also have a strong support system in place to help them.

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Five injured in Farmington crash



Rescue personnel push Steven Steinke's Chevrolet pick-up truck away from Gregory Lackey's car after the two collided on State Highway 144, Dec. 22. A total of five were injured in the crash.

By Andrew Kuehl
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FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP- A two-vehicle crash brought out Boltonville Firefighters and First Responders along with Flight for Life.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office was notified of the crash at 2:04 p.m. on Saturday, Dec., 22, at State Highway 144 at Pine Lane.

Kewaskum EMS along with West Bend Paramedic Intercept also responded. Upon arrival at scene it was determined there were five patients and assistance was requested

from Random Lake EMS as well as West Bend EMS.

The Sheriff's Office stated their investigation revealed a northbound vehicle driven by Gregory W. Lackey, 20, of Elk Mound was driving on State Highway 144, approaching Pine Lane. A vehicle in front of him was slowing or stopping to wait for a southbound vehicle to pass so they could turn onto Pine Lane. Lackey swerved into the southbound lane of traffic to avoid rear ending the stopped car and was struck by the southbound pickup truck was driven by Steven J. Steinke, 51, of Plymouth.

Statesman photo by Andrew Kuehl

Four occupants in Lackey's vehicle were injured as well as Steinke. Flight for Life transported a 20-year-old female to Froedtert Medical Complex with non-life threatening injuries. The other four patients were transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in West Bend with non-life threatening injuries.

Lackey was cited for Operating Left of Center. Everyone involved in the accident was wearing safety belts according to a Sheriff's Office press release.

The third vehicle in the crash did not sustain any damage or injury to the occupants.

Xmas crash kills W.B. woman, brings homicide charge to W.B. man

By Gay Griesbach
Statesman Correspondent

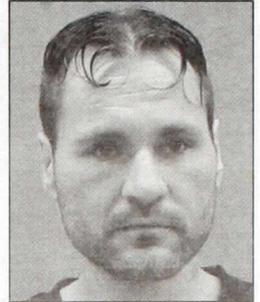
KEWASKUM- A 34-year-old man is facing a homicide charge after a Christmas Eve car crash resulted in the death of Pamela Matenaer.

Charges were brought against Keith Lawrence Wiedmeyer, West Bend, for homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle, two counts of causing injury/operating under the influence and one count of first degree recklessly endangering safety during an initial appearance in Washington County Court Dec. 28. A \$250,000 cash bond was set and a hearing is scheduled for Feb. 13.

The three-car crash occurred at about 9:50 p.m. in the village of Kewaskum, on Fond du Lac Ave. near the Gateway Cafe.

Wiedmeyer's 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix was traveling northbound on Fond du Lac Ave. when his vehicle crossed the centerline, hitting a 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt in which Matenaer was a back-seat passenger.

Witness accounts stated Wiedmeyer was traveling at a high rate of speed and a press release from the Kewaskum Police Department states that



Keith Wiedmeyer

alcohol and speed are believed to be factors in the crash.

After striking Matenaer's vehicle, Wiedmeyer's car hit a pickup truck behind the Cobalt and the truck had to be towed from the scene.

Matenaer was flown via Flight for Life to Froedtert Memorial Hospital in Milwaukee and died Christmas day from her injuries.

The Kewaskum Police Department was assisted on scene by the Washington County Sheriff's Department's Accident Reconstruction Unit.

Kewaskum Fire Department and Rescue Squad was assisted by Campbellsport Rescue Squad and West Bend Paramedic Intercept.

Young at Heart Club

Family Promise of Washington County will be using the church hall at St. Francis Cabrini during the week of January 6-13th; therefore, there will be no Young at Heart

Social on Thursday, January 10th.

The next Young at Heart Social will be Thursday, February 14th.

-Share Your News-

- Does your organization have an upcoming event that needs to be publicized?
- Does your church, club, school or sports team have news to share with the community?
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Dog breaks through river ice, saved by dive team members



Kewaskum Fire Chief Mark Groeschel is shown rescuing a dog that broke through the ice of the Milwaukee River in the Village of Kewaskum on Dec. 21.

Statesman photo by Andrew Kuehl

By Gay Griesbach

Statesman Correspondent

Cats may have nine lives, but one dog in Kewaskum has at least two.

Kewaskum Fire Chief Mark Groeschel donned an ice rescue suit to wade into the Milwaukee River and rescue Bear, a 6-year-old Lab/husky mix after he fell through the ice.

"I'm very thankful," said owner Amy Jacobs.

Bear ventured onto the ice after straying from Jacobs' son Hunter and a friend as they were sledding at River Hill Park Dec. 21.

"They thought he was with them, but then he was watching something across the river," says Jacobs.

Kewaskum Police Officer Chris Janich was on his way to work and noticed Bear as he headed across the ice toward a cat on the opposite bank.

"I pulled over and saw the dog fall through the ice - he was holding onto the edge of it by its two front paws," says Janich.

He called dispatch and Groeschel, Lt. Jeff Buechel and Firefighter Craig Garbisch were on their way.

Village Board Trustee Mike Berger happened to be out shoveling snow on his back porch when he saw Bear break through the ice.

When Groeschel arrived, Berger helped hold the guide line the chief wore while wading into the icy current.

"That river is mucky on the bottom. He (the chief) really worked to get that dog out of there - it wasn't an easy task," says Berger.

"You can't keep him down - he loves the water and is still out playing in the snow," said Jacobs.

Groeschel says the ice has been insulated by recent

snows and isn't very thick.

"I slid down the bank and tried crawling out, but I broke through. Then I started to walk but kept breaking through. Then I broke the ice in front of me and walked out to make a path," says Groeschel.

By the time he got near the dog, about 30 yards from shore, the water was up to his chest.

"He was struggling, hanging on to the edge of the ice for dear life," Groeschel described.

Groeschel cradled the 80-pound dog in his arms and carried him to safety while the current dragged and the cold swirled around him.

"The dog was really exhausted. He was like a limp noodle," stated Groeschel.

Near shore, Bear was

reunited with a relieved owner.

Jacobs said the icy dip slowed Bear down for the evening, and after contacting the vet, they kept him warm and watched for signs of frostbite. The stress of the incident did take a toll, and even though it's only been a few days, Bear is a bit grayer than before, Jacobs says.

This is the second time Bear has been rescued from a watery grave. Jacobs' son Dylan first acquired Bear as a pup after an Arkansas man prepared to drown the dog in order to thin down his pack.

While Berger hasn't seen anyone fall through the ice, he does worry about their safety.

"People are not safe on the ice now - there's no doubt about it," warned Groeschel.

Community Events

JANUARY 4 - SEASONS GO ROUND NATURE STORYTIME - 9:30 - 10:30 am, Ice Age Visitor Center. Winter, spring, summer, fall... Every year the seasons go round and round. Learn about why we have four seasons in Wisconsin. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

JANUARY 6 - KOHLVILLE KRUISERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB BRAT FRY & FISHEREE - Jug's Hitching Post, 5781 Main St., Kohlsville. Brat fry 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fisheree on Kohlsville Pond, 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.

JANUARY 10 - AN EVENING WITH NATURE - GENESIS OF THE KETTLE MORAINES - 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Ice Age Visitor Center. Presenter: Dr. David Mickelson, Geology Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison. The glaciers of the last Ice Age gave us the gift of the Kettle Moraine. Learn what processes actually created these world renowned hills. This program is most appropriate for adults and youth over the age of 10 years.

Women's Club to celebrate 100 years

The Kewaskum Women's Club will be celebrating 100 years of service to the community at their Founders Day Luncheon on Saturday, January 12. A German meal will be served at Hon-E-Kor Country Club at 12:30 p.m.

Members will be dressing similar to the vintage era of 100 years ago with prizes awarded. Legislative personnel are also

invited to attend. Jane Goffin of the Washington County Historical Society will show vintage clothing and other items of 100 years ago.

The club, which was founded January 14, 1913, extends an invitation to anyone to attend the event. Please contact Kathy Spaeth prior to January 7 at (262) 626-4599 for reservations.



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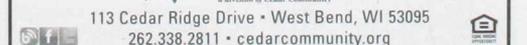
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Boltonville firefighters reflect on Enright's 52 years of community firefighting



Retired Boltonville Fire Chief Joe Enright, is shown in uniform with his sons, Brad, left and Jay right. Enright retired January 1 and handed the reins to his assistant chief Ken Ramthun.

By Gay Griesbach
Statesman Correspondent

A Boltonville firefighter since age 16 and chief for 40-plus years, Joe Enright ended 2012 by retiring as the department's chief.

As a member of the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association, Joe attended every annual convention.

"At the first one, he was the youngest chief. When we went to the last one this year, he was the oldest chief," says his wife Ann.

"If I could go back to being 19 years old, I would stay on another 40 years, I love it so much," says Joe Enright, who joined the department in May of 1960.

Joe was raised on a farm a mile south of Boltonville, and attended the town's two-room school house. In 1966, he and his wife Ann moved to the hamlet.

"He wanted to be in sight of the firehouse so he could make a quick dash," says Ann.

When they wed 48 years ago Ann knew what she was in for - her father was a volunteer firefighter in Kewaskum.

"It was a natural thing, to marry a fireman," says Ann.

When Joe was putting out fires or taking care of others during ice storms, Ann learned to be very self reliant.

She made her own contributions to department welfare, carrying on when holiday meals were interrupted, finding a ride home when the pager sounded during church services and keeping her cool when late night calls interrupted their sleep.

Although his dedication to the community kept him away from home, Ann is proud of his service as a member of the town board, plan commission and fire department.

"We don't live in an isolated world; we live in a community and Joe is very dedicated to the community," says Ann.

Joe learned the art of firefighting from friends and former chiefs Elmer Belger and Lawrence Staehler.

"We did everything ourselves. You'd find something new, nozzles or whatever, and go out and build it," says Joe.

Since joining the department in May, 1960, he has seen the department grow.

"When I first started, we were trained by our brothers and friends. We still have practice twice a month at the fire station, but now you've got to pass a state exam to become a firefighter."

But Joe adds the extra work shouldn't deter people from signing up.

"It's a wonderful profession - I would recommend it to anybody," says Joe.

"I am so fortunate for all the friendships I have made throughout my tenure. Being a fireman means you belong to a brotherhood, and creates a life-long bond," boasted Joe.

One initiative Enright began will be implemented after the first of the year as Boltonville launches a cadet program that will allow hopefuls to get state-required training before joining.

Joe says their 15-year-old grandson will be among the first to receive the early training, becoming the third generation of Enright firefighters.

First Assistant Chief Ken Ramthun recalled not only acquisitions the department made during Enright's tenure, but the emphasis he put on fundraising through the department's fall street dance and Boltonville Rain Days.

Joe spoke with Norm

Bandler, urging him to start a First Responder team.

"He made a joke with me, saying 'I need somebody to get it going so if something goes wrong, I'll have somebody to yell at,'" says Bandler.

Kevin Fay says Joe pushed for the purchase of the department's first tanker, which was acquired in 1972.

The BFD now has two pumpers - one with compressed air foam that makes dousing blazes more efficient and the company is equipped with tankers that can leave the station with 8,000 gallons of water.

Ramthun also credits Joe with the physical expansion of the department, moving from four to eight bays and adding a larger meeting room to the fire house.

Enright also pushed Bandler to write Homeland Security and other grants, which netted the department new turnout gear, a thermal imaging camera, a positive pressure fan, a new pumper, (2365), SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus,) a compressor and other equipment.

Bandler says the chief dealt with the final sale.

"He's a sharp cookie," says Bandler. "He'll get every dime out of those sales people."

Ramthun says Joe was meticulous about keeping the department in good order.

"Joe liked to make sure everything in the department was well taken care of - from equipment to his men," says Ramthun.

After the first of the year, Ramthun will take over as department chief.

"Joe is a fun guy to be around and I would like to carry on that camaraderie," says Ramthun. "He's made belonging to the department fun."

Joe knows he is leaving the department in good hands.

"Ken's been with me so many years, he knows what he's got to do," says Enright.

And in those 40 years, Joe taught lessons to all that will be carried on by his colleagues.

"He taught me - taught everybody - simple dedication, whether it was to the fire department or in their lives," says First Responder and Lt. Kevin Belger, who admires Joe's sense of community. "I've always looked up to him because of that."

According to his men, Joe is a combination of a knowledgeable, no-nonsense and considerate leader who can take a joke as well as give one.

Enright inspired his son, Lt. Brad Enright, to join the department 25 years ago.

"I wanted to work alongside my father," says Brad. "He's an excellent commander and an excellent dad."

"On a fire call, Joe knows where everyone lives. He knows the roads, the addresses and the people," says Bandler.

Second Assistant Chief Kevin Fay has served under

Enright as an officer for 40 years.

"Joe taught me how to take charge," says Fay. "If he wants to get something done, he'd find a way; he doesn't take 'no' for an answer."

"He's very easy to talk to and always had an open door policy," commented Bandler.

"If he didn't like the way you were doing something, he'd chew you out and then be your friend ten minutes later," says Fay.

"Even though he's retiring, we want him to come in and give us the beans the same way we'll give him the beans," added firefighter Dennis Fechter.

While Joe is stepping away, he won't be entirely out of the picture.

He'll still have to clean his shed every year.

For the annual picnic, Ann Enright says firefighters from Kewaskum and other areas line up in the Enright yard and enjoy a few refreshments while they are waiting to step off.

"Every year he's had to clean the shed so they wouldn't tease him," Ann concluded.



Joe Enright is shown in front of the Boltonville Fire Station in the 1970's.

Submitted photos

Happy Birthday!

Jan. 3:	Mari Bindrich	
Jan. 8:	Kelly Nerat	Dick Kuehl
Jan. 9:	Bob Buddenhagen	

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Dirks' knitted mittens warm hands and hearts throughout state, country



By Gay Griesbach
Statesman Correspondent

KEWASKUM- Over the past 11 years, Kewaskum's Joan Dirks has kept more than 4,000 pairs of hands warm - one mitten at a time.

A lifelong resident, Dirks started her pair-a-day habit crocheting mittens for the less fortunate through the Christian Mothers group at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kewaskum.

"I grew up in family with eight children. I can remember pulling my sweater sleeves

over my hands to keep me warm," says Dirks. "Every child should have a pair of mittens."

Through Renee Wenzlaff and others in the community, Dirks' mittens have been distributed to schools, churches, at Children's Hospital gift drives, women's shelters and Fr. Carr's Place 2B in Oshkosh and other charities.

"These mittens have gone all over," explains Wenzlaff.

Dirks once heard the woollens had been sent to nun in Alaska.

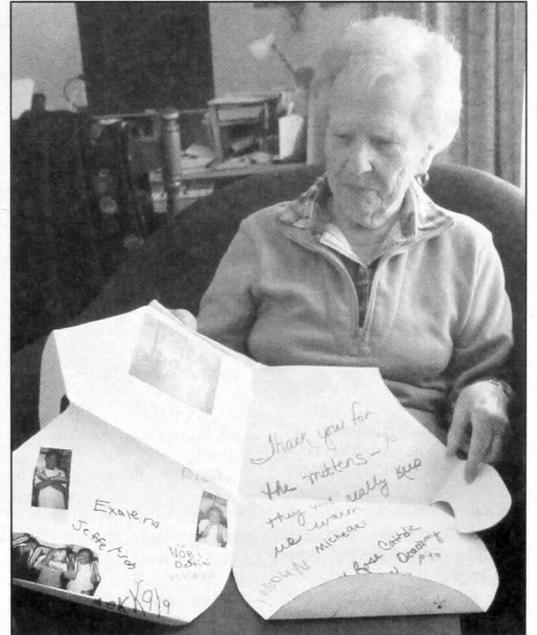
"My mittens travel," she says.

Dirks' grandmother taught her how to crochet.

"I started out making doilies and then got into afghans. When I had grandchildren, I started making sweater sets. Then I started making for other people's grandchildren, for friends - all my nieces and nephews have afghans or a baby sweater set I've made," says Dirks.

She started crocheting mittens for the Christian Mothers drive using leftover yarn from her afghans.

"At end of week, I had a pair for every day of the week,"



LEFT: Dirks crochets a pair of mittens. **ABOVE:** Dirks with a Thank You card she received.

Statesman photos by Gay Griesbach

says Dirks. "Then people started giving me yarn. If it wasn't for their generosity, I wouldn't be able to do it."

Not one to sit and watch television, Dirks prefers to keep her hands busy crocheting while listening to Milwaukee Bucks games. It takes her about three hours to make one pair and many days, she makes more than one.

From time to time, Dirks has heard from the recipients

of her handiwork, including schools in Milwaukee's central city that have sent photos of students wearing Dirks' mittens.

"I want her to know people appreciate it even if she doesn't get thank you card," says Wenzlaff.

But Dirks' reaction is modest.

"I'm not doing it for the recognition - I'm just doing it for people who need mittens," she says.

Genesis of the Kettle Moraine

The Evening with Nature Series at the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit continues in January with "Genesis of the Kettle Moraine." The program will be held on Thursday, January 10, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center. The Ice Age Visitor Center is located off Hwy 67 half mile west of Dundee. The program is free, but donations are always gratefully accepted.

Thanks to the glaciers of the last Ice Age, we have the hills of the Kettle Moraine running more than 100 miles through eastern Wisconsin. This remarkable glacial landform draws people from all over the world who want to study it as well as enjoy the beauty of the area. Did you know that the Kettle Moraine hills are one of the only Wisconsin landforms visible from space?

Dr. David Mickelson is a geology professor emeritus from UW-Madison. Over his career and now in retirement, he has studied the impact of the last Ice Age on Wisconsin. He co-authored a paper on the genesis of the Kettle Moraine and will be sharing what is now known about the creation of these world-renowned hills.

For further information or directions to the Ice Age Visitor Center, please contact the staff at (920) 533-8322. The Center's winter hours are Wednesday

through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bridget Center CUP to be acted on this month

EDITOR'S NOTE- Last week's cover featured a story on *Bridget Center in Wayne Township*. We published it with significant errors so we are re-running a corrected version of the story here.

Faith and love have lead Peggy and Brian Kober to follow a divine calling to open Bridget Center. After a long wait, Bridget Place received their 501(c) 3 for not-for-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service on December 5.

Supervisors at the Wayne Township board meeting on October 17, did not take action on a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Bridget Center (it was printed that it was denied). Action on that CUP is expected at the Weds., January 16 town board meeting according to town chairman Carl Klemme. Klemme also stated the town's

building inspector was granted permission to issue a building permit to the Kobers during the December 18 meeting.

Until the building has the renovations required, the American Legion Post in the Village of Kewaskum has offered the use of their building. The center has programs in spiritual practices and contemplative prayer, expressive arts, holistic health, and sustainable living.

Until the CUP is issued, Bridget Center is not open to guests (We reported it would be open Wednesdays).

Bridget Center is located on 9003 Townline Rd in Kewaskum. For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.bridgetcenter.org> or contact Peggy Kober at (414) 333-3689.

Kron joins Specialty Clinics at St. Joseph's Hospital

Medical College of Wisconsin infectious diseases specialist Michael Kron, MD, has joined the Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin Specialty Clinics at Froedtert Health St. Joseph's Hospital. He is now seeing adult patients in West Bend for diagnosis and treatment of communicable diseases and transmissible diseases, as well as serving as the hospital's infection control officer.

Dr. Kron's patient focus is general infectious diseases, illness in returning travelers, parasitic infections and refugee medicine.

Dr. Kron is board-certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases. His doctor of medicine was completed at Northwestern University School of Medicine, Chicago. He completed his residency at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, and a fellowship in infectious diseases at University Hospitals, Cleveland.

Patients may make an ap-

pointment with Dr. Kron by calling 262-836-7300.

Froedtert Health St. Joseph's Hospital is an acute care hospital serving residents of West Bend and Washington County and is a member of Froedtert Health. Froedtert Health is a regional health organization made up of Froedtert Hospital, Milwaukee; Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls; St. Joseph's Hospital, West Bend; and Froedtert Health Medical Group. Joining the capabilities of an academic medical center affiliated with the Medical College of Wisconsin, two community hospitals and a primary and multi-specialty physician group, Froedtert Health delivers highly coordinated, cost-effective health care to residents of southeastern Wisconsin and beyond. In fiscal 2011, combined adult patient admissions for the three hospitals exceeded 41,500. For more information, visit froedterthealth.org.

KMS Honor Roll

The following is the first trimester honor roll from Kewaskum Middle School.

HIGH HONORS (3.7-4.0) -

GRADE 8: Seth J. Bartelt, Sarah M. Benz, Zackary Brogaard, Dana Buschmann, Mikayla Dogs, Hailey L. Herringes, Nicholas P. Hetebrueg, Rachel L. Holt, Zachary Hutchins, Mekenzie T. Lehn, Madisyn E. Longdin, Haley Plachinski, Hannah Preder, Andrew H. Ries, Molly M. Schulteis, Erin E. Sette, Lexie M. Steiner, Gina L. Taylor, Jaime R. Taylor, Breana Trepes, Brittany R. Williams.

GRADE 7: Lily A. Bergeron, Luke Bindrich, Austin R. Cheeseman, Hannah K. Coman, Taylor L. Cook, Gavin Curtin, Tyler R. Degnitz, Sydney M. Donath, Sundance M. Duchow, Brent Goeden, Logan C. Goettl, Emily Gonnering, Ariahna Grosenbacher, Kallie K. Hoelt, McKenna P. Jens, Berit Kirkegaard, Krystl Krakowski, Amanda Krolski, Megan R. Marx, Jake W. Moser, Cade Peterson, Brandon Prim, Cody M. Resop, Breanna Rice, Alaina L. Rosenthal, Amanda Schaller, Brandon T. Sielski, Lydia J. Stern, Maxwell C. Stowers, Robert Walls, and Kaylee Wiskirchen.

GRADE 6: Genna P. Alexander, Samwise H. Baker, Jayna G. Bartel, Dawson M. Bastian, Kyle C. Bath, Eric Bauer, Tina Bolek, Jillian C. Braatz, Nicole Brzozowski, Bradley D. Buechel, Samantha Damrow, Carson Dogs, Samantha Donath, Christopher Ellefson, Tyler Gildemeister, Tanner Goeman, Robert Heinan, Teagan J. Herman, Kirk Johnson, Cassandra Kissingner, Noah F. Lawniczack, Kennedy Lehn, Kyle Loehr, Grace M. Marchello, Kaitlyn Miller, Kelli L. Oelke, Brenden Rice, Saylor L. Schultz, Alex R. Sette, Brandi K. Siefken, Ellee Spalding, Leah E. Theusch, Kyle J. Toth and Taylor E. Zuehlke.

HONORS (3.0-3.699) -

GRADE 8: Adrienne Adornato, Courtney N. Aker, Jacob H. Alexander, Mason M. Amerling, Abby Ashauer, Elisabeth Bauer, Nicholas Beine, Dinara N. Beth, Kyle J. Beth, Mikayla R. Bigelow, Alexis J. Bolinger, Derek J. Brock, Morgan E. Chesak, Ashley A. Chmielewski, Cynthia A. Cruz-Spoerl, Caleb J. DeYoung, Connor D. Enright, Amber J. Feger, Ivette Garcia Perez, Kaitlyn E. Gaudysnski, Aleksandr Gerhartz, Dalton W. Hadley-Dei, Brady J. Hanson, Abbey R. Hardy, Alexandria A. Heiser, Zachary S. Herriges, Scott T. Hiltunen, Jakob C. Hrica, Stephanie K. Juech, Jensen A. Kapla, Abigail N. Kelln, Peter C. Kurer, Cassidy A. Lange, Mikaela R. Leitheiser, Emma L. Lubbert, Natalya Luedtke, Breanna M. Mielkie, Kendra Otten, Kyle J. Pamperin, Dalton T. Poole, Madison F. Rafter, Melissa L. Schneider, Allison M. Thill, Kayla T. Toivonen, Alexander M. Vogt, and Marissa M. Zarda.

GRADE 7: Paige Airaudi, Adam B. Bruss, Itzel Camarillo, Jordan A. Carlton, Jared M. Chesak, Gabriel R. Christenson,

Emma Debelak, Sylar R. Donath, Faton Elmazi, Kiera J. Fischer, Brandi M. Geldnich, Thomas P. Gill, Declyn S. Gurrath, Tyler Harteau, Austin M. Heberer, Morgan D. Kappler, Donald R. Keaton, Frances A. Kemp, Logan A. Kertscher, Lauren R. Kirschbaum, Dillon Knoeck, Daniel Kreis, Greta Kreuzer, Patrick Krieger, Destiny N. Kudelko, Michaela M. Kunkel, Elizabeth Lightner, Connor MacFarlan, Hailey Martin, Allyana Noelle Marx, Brice J. Matthies, John May, Emilie G. McNabb, Blake A. Miller, Cody J. Oelhafen, Samantha Ostranger, Jerod P. Otto, Kristy J. Peters, Alexia Polzin, Justin Reck, Mackenzie L. Reklau, Sirius M. Richards, Paige M. Rochwite, Dylan Romaine, Hailey R. Schiebel, Hailey Schladweiler, Alexa Schmidt, Donald L. Schmidt, Devin Schneider, Stefanie R. Schneider, Bowe E. Starzman, Anthony J. Steger, Kelly N. Steger, Gabriel J. Stern, Leroy I. Strowig, Cole J. Surprenant, Mackenzie N. Turk, Kaitlyn Valley and Morgan N. Wittig.

GRADE 6: Cailey Aker, Mykayla R. Baertschy, Brandon M. Belanger, Andrew Biertzer, Nicole S. Bruss, Courtney Butzlaff, Lucas E. Christenson, Brecken F. Cross, Angela B. Cruz, Alexander Deheck, Cameron Dodge, Charles F. Dreher III, Austin Eder, Elliot Eutsey, Austin D. Fischer, Nathaniel P. Galeske, Madeline Geidel, Travis M. Grieseimer, Tyler Heus, Amanda Rae Hutchinson, Melinda Janesch, Cole A. Kissingner, Abby Lee Matthies, Faith I. McNabb, Colten J. Miller, Brittany R. Neumann, Jack M. Paul, Cole R. Poole, Emma Preder, Ryan Prochnow, Gabriel T. Rafter, Talon D. Ralph, Jacob D. Schlosser, Hunter W. Schmitt, Abigail N. Schneider, McKenzie Schneider, Nicholas M. Smith, Derrick J. Strack, Nicholas E. Thill, Ashley J. Trapp, Sierra Vanourkerk, Brooke N. Weiss, and Nicholas A. Zangl.

Holy Trinity Honor Roll

The following is the first quarter honor roll from Holy Trinity School, Kewaskum.

HONORS -

GRADE 8: Michael Boettcher, Angel Eichstedt, Nicholas Ellenbecker, Shania Etta, Zack Geidel, Justin Limberg and Blake Lorenz.

GRADE 7: Sarah Butschlick, Kathy Kumrow, Andrew Neu and William Walters.

GRADE 6: Danny Breuer, Grace Kober, Jon Leister, Isaac Rohlinger, Zach Van Beek, and Dominic Zillmer.

HIGH HONORS -

GRADE 8: Kelsey Herriges, Katie Kurer, Jacob Loehr, and Sydney Rosenthal.

GRADE 7: Katie Breuer, Keegan Gruss, Samantha Heltemes, Kambria Jaeger, Brooke Lisko and Rebecca Meltz.

GRADE 6: Matthew Krautkramer.

Community Memorial Hospital and Foundation offer scholarships to area students

Community Memorial Foundation and the Froedert Health Community Memorial Hospital medical staff are offering scholarships to provide financial assistance to area high school and undergraduate students pursuing careers in health care. The deadline for submitting an application is March 1, 2013. Complete details and the application are available online at www.securecommunitymemorial.com/scholar.

Community Memorial Foundation and Community Memorial Hospital medical staff offer scholarships to high school seniors and undergraduate students pursuing health care or medical careers who reside in the hospital's ser-

vice area (Waukesha County, Washington County and the northwest side of Milwaukee County). The students are selected by a scholarship committee based on their academic excellence, interest in health professions, scholarship need and enrollment in an accredited university or college.

"The generosity of our donors allows the Foundation to invest in the future of health care," said Rick Binzak, volunteer chairman of the Board of Directors of Community Memorial Foundation. "Our annual scholarship program helps students in the community pursue their medical and health care careers, so they may enrich the health care field and community in the

future." The scholarships are made possible because of donations to the Foundation.

Community Memorial Hospital medical staff provides scholarships to area high school seniors planning for a career in a medical or healthcare field. "Our hospital medical staff proudly supports the scholarship program," explained James Hackett, MD, president of the Community Memorial Hospital Medical Staff. "A portion of our dues is allocated to fund scholarships for deserving students. It is the Medical Staff's way to give back to the community through educational support of the next generation of healthcare professionals."

FES Girl Scouts get lesson from WB Dolphins



On Wednesday December 26, Farmington Junior Girl Scout Troop #8522 participated in a workshop with the West Bend High School Dolpin team. The high school girls volunteered their time to help the girl scouts learn all about synchronized swimming. The group learned a synchronized swimming routine by buddying up with a high school girl to enjoy the Kettle Moraine YMCA aquatic park. Front row, left to right, Kayden Eichmann, Amayah Thomas, Brianna Banovich, Jilian Rettler, Shelby Werbelow, Brianna Augustin, Taylor Peterson. Back row, the Dolphins, Hanah Christiansen, Trina La Susa, Laura Kreuzer, Ashley Geenen, Allie Johannes, Emma Ponath, and Corryn Birkeland.

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MERLIN E. LUEDTKE

Merlin E. Luedtke, 96, of Kewaskum, passed away on Tuesday, January 1, 2013, at his home. Funeral services are pending at the Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum, 626-2185, www.millermartinfh.com. A complete obituary will be published in next week's paper.

SUSAN KOLB

Susan J. Kolb, 59, of the town of Wayne, passed away on Friday, December 28, 2012, at her home, with her family at her side.

She was born on June 5, 1953, in Wausau, the daughter of Donald and Elaine (Heidemann) Utecht, and on September 29, 1973, she was united in marriage to Thomas Kolb at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Kiel.

Susan touched the lives of many people as minister, artist, mentor, guide and friend. She lived with uncommon faith in God's abiding love and confidence in the possibilities of the human spirit. Susan joined Cedar Community as the Retreat and Education manager for Cedar Valley, while seeking and being granted full ordination as a U.C.C. minister. She most recently served as the Director of Ministry at Cedar Community, influencing the lives of residents, leaders and staff. She lived her life with intention and integrity. Susan knew how to create fun and reverence. She believed in grace and she lived in grace. Those who love her will recognize her in the song of the birds and the vision of a rainbow.

Those Susan leaves behind to cherish her memory include her husband, Tom; two daughters, Megan (David) Clark of Wauwatosa and Corrie (Kedrick) Strutz of West Bend; a granddaughter, Madeline; her parents, Donald and Elaine Utecht of Green Bay; two brothers, Bill (Terry) Utecht of Howard and Allan (Pat) Utecht of Kiel, other relatives, co-workers and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at Peace United Church of Christ, Kewaskum, at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2013, with Rev. Eric Kirkegaard officiating. The family will greet guests on Friday beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the church until the time of the service.

Memorials to Cedar Community or Peace United Church of Christ are appreciated.

There will be an additional memorial service for Susan at Cedar Community in the next few weeks. For more information please call or look on their website.

The Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum has been entrusted with Susan's arrangements. Additional information and guest book may be found at www.millermartinfh.com.

MARILYN BALES

Marilyn L. Bales (nee Timm) age 69 of the Town of Auburn died Friday, December 28, 2012 at her residence.

She was born September 11, 1943 in West Bend to the late William and Bernice (nee Kuester) Timm and married Kenneth H. Bales on February 13, 1965 at St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Marilyn was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend and was known for her kindness, selflessness and spirit. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family. She loved nature and animals. Marilyn had a kind word and positive outlook.

She will be missed by all who had the honor to know her.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 47 years, Ken; her two children, Chris (Carrie) of Kewaskum and Jennifer (Daniel Woodie) Bales of Fond du Lac and four grandchildren, Bailey, Braden, Kenlynn and Anyanka. She is further survived by her brothers-in-law, Ronald (Bonnie) Bales of West Lafayette, IN, and Allen (Sue) Bales of West Bend, a sister-in-law Mary Jane Moths of Turlock, CA and nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Bernice Timm and her parents-in-law, Ray and Loretta Bales.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 31, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Schmidt Funeral Home in West Bend with burial following in Holy Trinity Cemetery in Kewaskum. The visitation was Monday, at the funeral home from 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

MARK SHAW

Mark Shaw, 73, of Kewaskum, passed away on Saturday, December 29, 2012, at Gables of Waldo in Waldo, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on March 23, 1939, in Kewaunee County, the son of the late Raymond and Mildred (Hunsader) Shaw and on October 24, 1959, he was united in marriage to Donna Fameree at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Maplewood. Donna preceded Mark in death on July 3, 2003.

Mark was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in St. Michaels and served his country in the U.S. Army. Mark was an avid hunter of any kind of game. He collected outdoors and hunting items at flea markets that he enjoyed going to. Most of all, he loved his wife, Donna very dearly.

Those Mark leaves behind to cherish his memory include four children, Colleen (Scott) McKay of Kewaskum, Monty (Jennifer) Shaw of Chicago, IL, Marty (Teresa) Shaw of New London and Miles (Terese) Shaw of the town of Greenbush;

14 grandchildren, Dustin (Jenny), Mindy and Cory McKay, Nicholas (Maria), Melissa, Matt, Emily, Jessica, Wendy, Lily, Oliver, Jordan, Jared and Jack Shaw; two great-grandchildren, Vanessa and J.J. Jackson; three brothers, Bernard (Janet) Shaw of Luxemburg, Gene (Faith) Shaw of Algoma and Clayton (Sue) Shaw of Janesville; two sisters, Carolyn (Don) Chike of Kenosha and Janet (Fenton) Wierich of Sloan, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mark was preceded in death by his parents-in-law, Nora and Evangeline Fameree; a brother, Jim Shaw; a niece, Jennifer Gilbert and a nephew, Benjamin Shaw.

Memorial services for Mark will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at the Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum with Deacon Ralph Horner officiating. Military honor rites by members of the Robert G. Romaine American Legion Post 384 Kewaskum will follow the service. Inurnment will be at a later date in St. Michael's Catholic Church Cemetery in St. Michaels.

Mark's family will receive visitors at the funeral home on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until the time of services.

Additional information and guest book may be found at www.millermartinfh.com.

ADELINE SCHOOF

A faithful and humble servant of God has passed into eternity. Adeline Elizabeth Schoofs, of Kewaskum, who served Christ in her vocation as a wife and mother passed into eternity on Wednesday, December 19th at the age of 90.

Adeline was born the first of two children to the late Henry and Anastasia Laatsch on November 5, 1922, in the town of Farmington. She attended Boltonville Elementary School from which she drew her basic academic education that served her well.

On June 1, 1946, she was united in the sacred bond of Holy Matrimony to Theodore Henry Schoofs at St. Michael's Catholic Church in the town of Kewaskum. With steadfast fidelity and faith she went forth to serve her husband and children amidst the many vicissitudes of farm life that she shared with her husband until the time of their retirement.

Adeline was loved for her meekness, her unassuming humble nature and engaging personality that graced her being. Those who knew her loved her for making the best of what she had in this life. Akin to farm life from her childhood, she loved nature and was gifted in the arts of sewing and crafts that she enjoyed as hobbies. She had

time for everyone and lived out her life in the shadow of God's goodness with a proper fear of the Lord. A longtime member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kewaskum she found peace and solace in the prayer of the Holy Rosary, weekly Mass attendance and later in the reception of Holy Communion brought to her home. She died as she had lived, with a conviction of Christ's promise to raise her mortal body on the last day. We now give her back to God, entrusting her soul to His care, who in love gave her first to us along with the great blessing to call her our mother unto eternity.

Adeline is survived by her five children, Mark (Konnie) Schoofs of Germantown, Rita Schoofs and Lyle Schoofs both of Kewaskum, Lee Ann Schoofs of Campbellsport and Caroline (Patrick) Cain of Texhoma, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Jackie (Dean) Pipes, Christopher Schoofs, Angie (John) Stemberg, Clarice and Clayton Cain; two great-grandchildren, Sage Pipes and Jacob Kufeldt-Schoofs; a nephew, three nieces, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Adeline was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore and her beloved sister, Marjorie (Merlin) Degnitz.

Visitation for Adeline was held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kewaskum on Saturday, December 29, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. A prayer service was held at noon followed by a Mass of Christian Burial with Father Edwin Korath officiating.

The mortal remains of Adeline will be reverently laid to rest in the blessed grounds of the parish cemetery to await the sound of Gabriel's mighty trumpet announcing the great day of the Resurrection. Then every tear will be wiped away and the faithful will proclaim the greatness of the Lord who Himself

died that we might have eternal life in His glorious company with all His faithful ones.

The Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum has been entrusted with Adeline's arrangements. Additional information and guest book may be found at www.millermartinfh.com.

RITA ZEHREN

Rita O. Zehren, 96, of Kewaskum, passed away on Sunday, December 23, 2012, at Kettle Moraine Gardens in Kewaskum, where she has been a resident for 20 years, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on November 17, 1916, in Campbellsport, the daughter of the late John and Eleanor (Gremminger) Miller, and on November 24, 1942, she was united in marriage to Eugene Zehren at St. Kilian Catholic Church in St. Kilian. Eugene passed away on July 30, 1989.

Rita was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kewaskum for 66 years.

Those Rita leaves behind to cherish her memory include three children, Judy (James) Jaeger of Campbellsport, David (Carole) Zehren of the town of Auburn and Mary (Dennis "Whitie") Larsen of West Bend; three grandchildren, Jesse Jaeger, Jeanne Jaeger and Joel (Elise) Larsen; two great-grandsons, Miller and Cabot Larsen; a brother, Francis Miller of Baraboo; a sister, Florence Simon of Campbellsport; a brother-in-law, Al (Marge) Zehren of (Continued on next page)

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Kewaskum, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, Rita was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Julie Jaeger; two brothers, Benno (MaryAnn) Miller and George (Bob) Schenk and Julia (Norbert) Broecker; three brothers-in-law, Linus Simon, Leo (Madeline) Zehren and Florentine (Dorothy) Zehren.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Rita was held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28, 2012, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kewaskum. Father Edwin Korath officiated and burial was on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the parish cemetery.

Relatives and friends called at the church on Friday from 1:00 p.m. until the time of Mass.

Memorials to KEYS (Kewaskum Youth Scholarship), Holy Trinity Catholic Church or Grace Hospice are appreciated.

The Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum has been entrusted with Rita's arrangements. Additional information and guest book may be found at www.millermartinfh.com.

The Zehren family extends their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Kettle Moraine Gardens and Grace Hospice for the compassionate care provided to Rita.

ALAN J. JANESCH

Alan J. Janesch, age 65, of Kewaskum, found peace with the Lord on Thursday, December 20, 2012.

He was born on December 11, 1947 to Joseph and Ethel (nee Weinand) Janesch. He graduated from Messner High Class of '66 and served in the US Army during Vietnam. He retired from Continental Can. Al loved bowling, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family.

He is the beloved husband of Mary (nee Kunkel); loving father of Michael, Andrew, and Patrick; proud grandpa of Tyler, Samantha, Melinda, and Kimberly; brother Michael (Marge) and sister, Judy Goetsch; best friend to Buddy.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

The Memorial Service was held on Saturday, December 29, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Phillip Funeral Home, West Bend, with Deacon Ron Schneider presiding. The visitation was held at the funeral home from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service at 5:00 p.m.

PAMELA R. MATENAER

Pamela R. Matenaer (nee Nothem) age 56 of West Bend died unexpectedly in an auto accident on Tuesday, December 25, 2012 at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Wauwatosa.

She was born May 9, 1956 in Port Washington to Harold and Dorothy (nee Didier) Nothem. When she was 17 her mother died and she assumed the motherly duties for her younger siblings. Her father then married Arlene Karoses (nee Helmettes) who became Pam's closest friend.

Pamela married Michael L. Matenaer on July 1, 1978 at St.

Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in West Bend.

Pam graduated from West Bend East High School with the class of 1974. She then earned a degree in psychology from UW-Milwaukee in 1978. Following her marriage she focused her time and energy into raising their five sons. Once her children were in school she earned her degree in Early Childhood Education and began teaching in the West Bend School District as an Early Childhood Special Needs teacher and enjoyed tutoring at St. Frances Cabrini School.

She was a very active volunteer with many church and community organizations. She was active in the Special Needs Religious Education program and the Holiday Food Basket and Giving Tree programs.

Pam's Catholic faith was very important to her and she was proud to share that faith with her family. She was involved in the Women of Christ Conference, devoting time in the Adoration Chapel and cooking for the priests. She lived her faith daily by attending Mass.

In addition to being a devoted wife, she cherished her children and their spouses and her grandchildren. While her children were growing she could often be found pitching to them in the back yard and cheering them from the bleachers at their games. She enjoyed walking and listening to Brewer games on the radio and liked cross country skiing, bicycling, gardening and organizing family events.

She will be deeply missed by her husband of 34 years, Michael; her five sons, Matthew (Rachel) of McFarland, James (Mary Beth) of LaCrosse, Paul (Meg) of Madison, Mark (fiancée Vanessa) of West Bend and Peter (special friend Elise) of West Bend and nine grandchildren, Lucia, Lauryn, Audra, Monica, a grandchild due in May, Sophia, Augustine, Felicity and on the day Pam was born to Eternal Life, her grandson Ignatius was born into this world. She is further survived by her parents Harold and Arlene Nothem of West Bend; her siblings, Steve (Peggy) Nothem of Kiel, Wanda (Joe) Gindt of Green Bay, Gus (Leann) Karoses of Kewaskum, Guy (Robin) Nothem of Maple Grove, MN, Laura (Steve) Nigh of Wauwatosa, Dawn (Dan) Mayer of LaCrosse, Mary (Craig) Hernikl of Menomonee Falls and Sherry Weissman of Wauwatosa; her sister-in-law, Sherry Nothem of Sheboygan; her father-in-law, Norman Matenaer of West Bend; a brother-in-law, Dale (Debbie) Matenaer of West Bend; her sister-in-law, Cheryl (Aunts) Beistle of West Bend and Steve, Uncles, nieces, nephews other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Nothem, her mother-in-law, Genevieve Matenaer, and her grandparents, Leonard and Ella Didier and Mathias and Clara Nothem.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, December 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in West Bend with Rev. Nathan Reesman presiding. Burial was Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in St.

Mary's New Cemetery. The visitation was Friday, at the church only from 3:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Frances Cabrini Parish are appreciated.

MICHAEL J. FRY

Michael J. Fry, age 62, of Eden, passed away on Sunday, December 30, 2012, at the Aurora Medical Center in Hartford.

Mike was born on December 7, 1950, in Tomahawk, to the late Harold and Isabelle (nee Gavin) Fry, Sr. In 1960, he moved to West Bend with his family. On April 11, 1970, he was united in marriage to Kathleen Boylen at Pilgrim Ev. Lutheran Church in West Bend.

Mike formerly worked as a welder for Charter Steel in Saukville. He enjoyed deer hunting and working on cars.

Mike is survived by six children, Howard Fry of Eden, Steven (Rachel) Fry of Eden, Suzanna Skorbier of Eden, Jamie Rose of Campbellsport, Lloyd Fry of Eden, and Michael A. (Cindy Bird) Fry of West Bend; 12 grandchildren, Stephanie, Emilee, Derik, Paige, Austin, Devon, Anna, Caleb, Kailey, Tyler, Kali, and Ashley; four sisters, Carol (Lloyd) Duranceau, Gloria (Rich) Netband, Sandy (Butch) Malzon, and Tammy (Francis) Svec; six brothers, Harold (June) Fry Jr., Milton Fry Sr., Charles Fry, Howard (Ann) Fry, Richard Fry, and Francis Fry, Sr.; two sisters-in-law, Mary Gadouas and Marcia (Jack) Gadouas; seven brothers-in-law, Dale Ponath, Fred Rogers, Steven (Cheryl) Boylen, James (Cindy) Boylen, Danny (Lisa) Boylen, David (Denise) Boylen, and Randall Boylen; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Tessa Rogers; brother and his wife, Herbert and Gloria Fry; two sisters-in-law, Susie Boylen and Donna Ponath; and one brother-in-law, Michael Boylen.

Funeral services in remembrance of Mike will be held on Saturday, January 5 at 4:00 p.m. at the Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home, West Bend. Rev. Joseph Fisher from Pilgrim Ev. Lutheran Church will officiate. Visitation will be Saturday at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service.

Memorials to the family are appreciated.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.myrhum-patten.com

RUTH W. MYRHUM



Ruth W. Myrhum, 86, of West Bend, passed away on Saturday, December 22, 2012, at The Kathy Hospice in the town of Polk with her family by her side.

Ruth was born on February 25, 1926, in La Crosse, the daughter of the late Arnold and Leona (Bartz) Weber, and on December 1, 1945, she was united in marriage to Ole Myrhum at English Lutheran Church in La Crosse. Together they moved to West Bend in 1950.

She was a member and Past Matron of the West Bend Chapter #73, Order of Eastern Star, Adrian Neubauer V.E.W. Post #8658 Ladies Auxiliary. Ruth enjoyed playing cards, especially bridge and sheephead, knitting, reading and traveling. Ruth also enjoyed spending winters at Seven Lakes Golf and Tennis Club in Fort Meyers FL for the past 25 years. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those left behind to cherish her memory include three children, James (Jacqueline) Myrhum of West Bend, Charles (Deb) Myrhum of West Bend and Susan (Steven) Volm of Kewaskum; six grandchildren, Laura (Paul) Urbaniak of New Berlin, Jamie (Tracey) Myrhum, Rebecca (Richard Haughton) Myrhum, Sara (fiancée, Paul Roemer) and Matthew (Nicole) Myrhum all of West Bend and Steven (Nicole Shoppach) Volm Jr. of Kewaskum; seven great-grandchildren, Adam Urbaniak, Jacob, Grace and Lily Myrhum, Richard and Samantha Haughton, and Nathan Myrhum; a sister, Elizabeth (Theodore) Jacobson of Racine; a sister-in-law, Lorraine Weber of Indian Hill Park, IL; a cousin, Carol Dobrunz of Menomonee, as well as other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Ole, and a brother, Robert Weber.

Eastern Star services in remembrance of Ruth will be held on Friday, December 28, at 1:30 p.m. with a funeral service immediately following at the Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home in West Bend. Pastor Bill Dush-ek will officiate and burial will follow in Washington County

Memorial Park in West Bend. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home from noon until the time of service.

Memorials to the Shrine Hospital or the American Red Cross are appreciated by the family.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.myrhum-patten.com.

FLORENCE E. RAMEL



Florence E. Ramel, 88, formerly of Random Lake, passed away on early Wednesday Morning, December 26, 2012 at Kindred Hearts in Plymouth where she had been a resident for seven months.

Florence was born on September 8, 1924 in the town of Scott, a daughter of the late William and Ida (Miske) Weber. She attended Town of Scott Area Grade School.

On June 7, 1947 she married Melvin E. Ramel at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the town of Scott. After marriage, the couple farmed the Ramel Homestead until 1958.

Florence was employed at the West Bend Factory for 34 years until her retirement in 1987.

Her husband preceded her in death on August 19, 1999.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Town of Scott.

Survivors include a Brother, Vernon (Delores) Weber of Adell; a sister-in-law, Lavern Weber of West Allis; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Funeral Services were held on Sunday, December 30 at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the town of Scott. The Rev. Kurt Ziemann, Pastor of the church officiated. Entombment was in the Gardens of Peace Mausoleum in the town of Sheboygan.

Friends called at church on Sunday from 12:00 Noon on until the time of services. A memorial fund is being established in Florence's name.

The Suchon Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Plymouth served her family.

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Julie A. Kriewaldt
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Julie A. Kriewaldt
Clerk

Days Gone By 25 Years Ago

November 6, 1987

The newest business in Kewaskum, "Thee Avenue," 1139 Fond du Lac Avenue, formerly Brigadoon, (now home to Rain Dance Car Wash) opened Wednesday, providing area residents with another fine restaurant offering a wide and varied menu for dining. The property was purchased earlier this year and, after extensive remodeling, has opened under the management of Bert Ernisse of Newburg, who formerly managed No-No's in Newburg. The Avenue will feature noon lunches and sandwiches as well as fine evening dining and Sunday brunch.

The new self-serve car wash located in Kohn's U.S. Self-Serve gas station and Mini-Mart, 516 Main Street, Kewaskum, is now open for business. The new car wash features indoor wash bays, foaming brush, high pressure hot water wash and last alert timing mechanism. Coin operated vacuums are also available for your convenience.

Roy Esser of Kewaskum has been nominated to receive the National FFA Organization's Honorary American Farmer Degree. Esser was nominated for the degree by the Wisconsin FFA Association and the nomination was approved by the National FFA Board of Directors at their recent meeting in Alexandria, Virginia. The Honorary American Farmer degree is the highest honorary award presented by the FFA. Esser has been involved with the Wisconsin State Association for 35 years.

Gerald Zimmel, President of Valley Bank, Kewaskum, has announced plans to open a new office site in West Bend at a location west on Highway

33. The proposed facility will be approximately 3700 square feet, with two drive-in lanes, an automated teller machine, convenient customer access and parking. The new facility will be designed for expansion in the future.

The Turkeys Are Coming!! The Kewaskum Area Chamber of Commerce members are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway Promotion from November 6 through 18. Each participating business will be giving away one turkey for each of the two weeks. All you have to do is register by clipping the coupons featured in this issue and drop them off at the business places.

With a super effort on the part of all its' members, the entire Kewaskum Special Olympics Team will be heading to the state winter meet to be held in Milwaukee on November 13 and 14. The team consisting of Kim Fresquez, Brian Hanrahan, Lisa Loomis, Blythe Malvick, Tim Moody, Julie Morgan, Stacy Mueller, Justin Petermann and Joanne Stautz will attend the two-day meet to compete in bowling matches, cheer each other on and participate in workshops and clinics.

The Kewaskum Indians boys basketball team can look to better things in the future with the return of nine lettermen this year. With the help of a few juniors and sophomores, the Indians season looks promising after coming off the 1-20 mark they suffered last year. Returning letterwinners from last year's squad are Joel Fleury, center, who was the second leading scorer and rebounder this year; David Harju, forward; Ted Anderson, center; Eric Pearson, forward; Gregg Dean, guard/forward; Rob Baitinger, guard; Steve Johnson, guard/forward; Noel Stollenwerk, guard/forward, and junior Randy Krell, forward, who finished the end of the year on varsity.

A son, Stuart Roy, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Van Ess, Kewaskum, on October 31. Stuart has two sisters, Gretchen and Kathryn. A son, Jonathan Donald, was born to Jeff and Tracey Swords, Vero Beach, Florida. Tracey is the daughter of John and Patty Coulter, Kewaskum. A son was also born to Gail and Gerry Schmidt, Campbellsport, on October 30.

November 13, 1987

On behalf of the Kewaskum Area Chamber of Commerce, President Larry Williams welcomed Jeanne Griep, owner of the General Store Antique Mall, to the Kewaskum business community during the week-long celebration marking the formal introduction of the store to the area. The mall, which had its unofficial opening this summer, houses the antiques and collectibles of 32 dealers from throughout the state. The store, which is located in the former Rosenheimer Department Store building at 1227 Fond du Lac Avenue is open seven days a week.

The "Academic Letter" concept was instituted at Kewaskum High School two years ago. Its intent was to recognize and honor those students who distinguished themselves academically. Eligibility

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for the letter is based on a four point system determined on a stringent grade point average. The following students will receive awards during the ceremony: Steve Gerhartz, April Wulff, LeeAnn Winninghoff, David Homuth, Nicki Kulcinski, Kristopher Follman, Pamela Amerling, Craig Hubbell, Pamela Oelhafen, Diana Muench, Curt Ayer, Mitch Geibheim, John Markus, Michele Becker, Brett Witz, Daryl Landvatter, Christine Kirchner, Laurie Blum, Carla Anderson, Becky Falk, Angela Port, Julianne Reha.

Pam Amerling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Amerling of Kewaskum and Joel Fleury, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fleury of rural West Bend, have been chosen as Kewaskum Kiwanis Students for the Month of November.

Kewaskum FFA officers Dave Steger, Dallas Wodse-dalek, Bob Friedemann and Dave Schmidt were selected to attend the 60th Annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, November 12-14. They joined more than 22,000 other FFA members, advisers, supporters and guests representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands at the world's largest annual student gathering. One of the keynote speakers will be Vice President George Bush.

On Thursday evening the Girl Scouts of Kewaskum held their investiture and rededication ceremony at the Labor Center. The special event of the evening was when Tammy Staehler and Joan Fellenz were presented with the Silver Award for the first time in Kewaskum. The two scouts have spent countless amount of hours in order to achieve this award. The community is proud of these girls.

Kewaskum Indians boy's basketball coach Dave Wieter handed in his letter of resignation last week, thus ending his stint as head coach before it even got started. Wieter, who cited personal, as well as career reasons for his stepping down, now passes the job of rebuilding this year's squad to Dale Schatz, who previously had been the junior varsity coach.

The Kewaskum Indian wrestling squad, under head coach John Nell and assistant coach Kevin Chambers, looks very strong this season. With the loss of only two seniors from last year, the Indian grapplers have five returning lettermen, three of which are Eastern Wisconsin Conference Champions. The returning lettermen are: junior Bob Castro, who was one of the EW conference champs at 105; senior Steve Kapp, who was a sectional qualifier at 119; junior Chris Charland, also an EW conference champ at 126; sophomore Dan Heisdorf who wrestled at 132 as a freshman

and ended with a respectable winning record, and HWT Dennis Aupperle, who was an EW conference champ and a sectional qualifier.

Some wrestlers from the JV squad are also looking forward to filling in some spots at the varsity level. Those wrestlers are juniors Chad Schmidt and Shane Megonigle; sophomores Noel Stradtman, Dave Kuphal, Shaun Techtman and David Yogerst.

50 Years Ago

November 2, 1962

Monty, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Belger, Route 2, Kewaskum, was struck by an auto on First Street, about 25 feet west of the Bilgo Lane crosswalk on Tuesday while out with a group of children on Halloween "trick or treat" night. The driver of the vehicle told Chief of Police Roland Pledd that the boy darted out into the street directly in front of her car. The child was wearing a mask and dark clothing and she was unable to see him in time to avoid striking the boy. Monty escaped with a bump on the head and was back in school Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bohn of Kewaskum have opened a liquor store in the theatre building on Fond du Lac Avenue in that part of the building formerly occupied by Jack's Appliance. The business will be known as the Kewaskum Liquor Mart and opened for business on September 2.

August E. Koch, longtime resident of Kewaskum, has been appointed a registered representative for Link, Gormon, Peck and Company, a Chicago investment house.

After apparently having "the wind knocked out of him," during football practice last Wednesday, Allen Bingen, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bingen of Route 2, Campbellsport, a KHS student, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in the Kewaskum firemen's ambulance when his condition became worse. Examination revealed that the youth had suffered a ruptured kidney, which necessitated immediate surgery.

Father Elroy Pesch, OFM Cap., son of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Pesch, Sr. of Route 2, Campbellsport, had a big day fishing on a recent Monday when he caught a 30-1/2 inch northern in the morning and a 38 inch muskie in the afternoon.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Kittle-son, Kewaskum, on October 27. Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Felten, Route 1, Kewaskum, on October 28, and to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vogt, Kewaskum, on October 31.

Indians come away with five place winners

By Judy Harlow

Statesman Correspondent

OSHKOSH- Finishing in the top 20 and having five athletes place at the 22nd annual On the Waters Tournament was quite an accomplishment for Kewaskum's wrestling team, especially considering it was short three athletes.

Brett Scoles placed fourth at 160 pounds and Joey Seitz wound up sixth at 138, while freshman Zach Heberer took seventh at 106, Derek Aupperle, 11th at 170 and Austin Goeden earned 12th at 145 after two days of rugged action among the wrestlers from 60 teams.

Coleman High led almost from start to finish in the team competition, winding up with 278.5 points, 33 more than runner-up Wittenberg-Birnawood (245.5). Then came Chilton with 221.5.

Neighboring West Bend West finished seventh with 172 points, while the Indians were 19th with 141.5.

"Overall, that was a very good job," KHS coach Dennis Aupperle said, adding, "Individually, Zach Heberer was a pleasant surprise ... the other

guys you expect that from."

Heberer was perfect in his first three matches, starting with a pin in the first round, then posting thrilling 11-10 win over previously unbeaten Justin Lor of West Bend West in the second and a 4-1 decision over Jared Greiten of Laconia.

In the quarterfinals, Heberer was beaten by Curtis Diedrich of Hortonville, 11-2, in a match that was close until midway in the second period.

The freshman bounced back with a commanding 9-0 win over Coleman's Derek Teateak, then he lost a 9-1 match to Shane Lebreck of Fond du Lac before finishing off the meet with a 1-0 victory over Bonduel's Austin Soika.

By going 5-2, Heberer is now 7-8 on the year, and Aupperle said winning his first match at Campbellsport and going 3-0 in the Kewaskum JV Tournament mentally built his confidence.

Aupperle was hoping to have at least one finalist, and it looked like Scoles was making a solid run at a second major title — he won the Marty Loy meet on Dec. 15th — until he lost a tough 3-2 decision

to Braxton Potrykus of Wittenberg-Birnawood in the semi-finals.

The loss was the first of the year for Scoles after 15 straight victories, and he was definitely the aggressor in the match especially in the second and third periods.

With the score at 2-2, Scoles appeared to have a double leg takedown but the referee signaled they were off the mat.

Scoles had to ride in the third period and was doing a good job until 24 seconds remained, and Potrykus escaped for the winning point.

To start off the tourney, Scoles had a second period pin, followed by a 7-0 decision and a tight 1-0 victory over Mohammed Fall of Bradley Tech.

After the loss, Scoles rebounded with a 3-2 victory over Nick Hahn of Hartford, but he suffered a second one point loss (3-2) to Blair Mulholla in the battle for third.

"I am going to work harder than ever now. The ultimate goal remains the same," Scoles tweeted after the tourney.

Seitz had an excellent

tournament, going 3-1 on Friday. His only loss came to Cedarburg's Jason Isparides of Cedarburg, who came into the meet with a 22-1 record. Isparides defeated Seitz 9-2 but the spunky KHS junior roared back with an 8-0 shutout to keep him in the running for a top-four spot.

His hopes stayed alive with a last-second 4-3 win over Kevin Lansin of Coleman and a forfeit win over Reed Matz of Oshkosh West, who failed to make weight Saturday.

One more win and Seitz would have clinched at least fourth place, but it wasn't to be as he lost by tech fall 18-3 to Tyler Sears of De Pere, and in the battle for the fifth spot, he was pinned by Derek Liebergen of Bonduel in 4:14.

After the tournament, Seitz is 12-9 on the year.

This was Aupperle's first appearance since Dec. 1st, and even though he came in at 0-1, was given a high seed because he had finished eighth in the event last year.

After getting a bye, Aupperle posted a 4-3 win followed by come-from behind 9-8 win over Quintin Miller of Oshkosh North. In that match, Aupperle was down 3-6 when he re-injured his ankle in the third period. He roared back with a reversal and near fall in the final seconds for the win.

In the next match, he was pinned in 1:33 and then got pinned again in 2:00 and defaulted in the next match before receiving a forfeit for 11th place.

"I think he's going to be out for a couple of weeks," Aupperle said of his son, adding, "That ankle is shot."

Goeden was 3-1 on day one with a bye, a major decision and a 15-0 tech fall and

the lone loss, a 9-3 decision coming to a wrestler from Arizona.

He started Saturday with a convincing 5-1 victory, but then lost two one-point decisions, one on a very questionable penalty point, and an overtime match in the battle for 11th.

The other KHS wrestlers finished as follows: Nick Bier, 3-2 at 120; Max Vetter, 0-2 at 126; Logan Dreher, 2-2 at 132; Max Maertz, 3-2 at 152; Ted Wollner, 2-2 at 182; and Garrett, 3-2 at 285.

KHS is at New Holstein tonight (Jan. 3rd).

Football academic honor awards given

One of Football Coach Jason Piittmann's favorite awards after the football season is the academic honor.

Piittmann recently announced the following students received certificates for having a first-quarter grade-point-average of 3.5 to 3.999: Derek Aupperle, Nick Banks, Royalan Beupre, Garrett Buth, Hunter Flanders, Miguel Gonzalez, Michael Holt, Tyler Laufer, Josh Limbach, Doug Mohr, Michael Prochnow and Joey Seitz.

One student earned a 4.0 for the quarter, Andrew Bue-low.

The grade-point averages according to level/team and for the overall program:

Varsity: 3.093

JV: 2.633

Freshmen: 2.548

Program: 2.758

Hunting and trapping to be allowed in most state parks beginning in 2013

Hunting and trapping will be allowed in most Wisconsin State Parks from Nov. 15 through Dec. 15 and from April 1 through the third spring turkey period, under a plan the State Natural Resources Board approved Tuesday. In addition deer hunting with a bow will be open Nov. 15 until the end of the archery season in early January.

The board modified and approved a plan the Department of Natural Resources presented to carry out a new state law — Act 168 known as the Sporting Heritage Act — the legislature approved last spring that expanded hunting and opened trapping on state park properties. The law, which goes into effect Jan. 1, 2013, allows the DNR to prohibit hunting and trapping within 100 yards of a designated use area such as a campground, picnic area, or beach, or where there are public safety concerns, or to protect unique habitat.

The final proposal opens more than 62,000 acres, about two-thirds of state park properties, to some form of hunting and to trapping. The plan keeps some smaller parks and ones located in urban areas — such as Lakeshore State Park in Milwaukee, Heritage Hill State Park in Green Bay and Governor Nelson State Park north of Madison — closed to hunting and trapping. It also allows only archery hunting at some parks that receive heavy year-round use, such as Peninsula State Park in Door County and

High Cliff State Park on Lake Winnebago.

A determination to prohibit hunting and trapping in any other areas of a state park, a portion of a state park, or during certain time periods had to be approved by a majority of the Natural Resources Board.

The DNR received more than 2,000 comments on a draft proposal that was presented to the public at five listening sessions across the state. In response to the public comments, the DNR moved back the opening date on additional properties and closed additional areas around popular recreational trails on some properties to protect public safety.

More than 60 people spoke during the public participation portion of the board meeting. In response to concerns expressed, the board voted to further reduce the amount of time open to hunting and trapping, and also closed Governor Nelson State Park north of Madison to hunting and trapping.

The DNR plan proposed opening hunting and trapping from Oct. 15 through the Thursday before Memorial Day on most state properties, with an opening date of Nov. 15 on seven properties with a high volume of late fall visitors and horseback riders. The board amended the plan to open hunting and trapping on Nov. 15 on all properties and to close firearm hunting on Dec. 15, and then reopen hunting and trapping April 1 through

the end of the third spring turkey hunting season, which ends in late April or early May. The board voted to allow archery hunting to continue in state parks through the late archery season, which ends the first week of January and for archery hunting to continue at Buckhorn State Park near Necedah on its historical schedule of mid September through the end of the archery season.

The board also limited the types of traps used at state parks to those that would prevent catching dogs. A representative of the Wisconsin Trappers Association appeared during the public participation portion of the meeting and demonstrated the dog-safe traps and said they were the traps endorsed by the organization for use in parks.

The board also directed the DNR to begin work on an emergency rule that would prohibit shooting across state trails and trails within park boundaries.

For more information search the DNR website for "parks," and click on the link for "hunting and trapping in state parks 2012" or search "NRB" and click on the button for "view agendas" and select December 11-12 meeting and click on the link for "Request adoption of plan for management of hunting, fishing, and trapping in Wisconsin State Parks in accordance with 2011 Wisconsin Act 168 [PDF]."

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