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## KHS music students receive training of a lifetime



Kewaskum High School students work with members of re:Voiced during their recent visit to Kewaskum. A complete article can be found on page 9 of this week's edition.

Statesman photo by Gay Griesbach

## KHS Jazz Band to play at state competition

On Tuesday morning Kewaskum High School Band Director Josh Michlig was preparing band and choir members for their March 19 trip to Disney World, but not far from his thoughts are preparations to be made for the jazz band's first-ever trip to state competition.

The jazz band was chosen at an eight-school solo and ensemble competition at Sheboygan Falls March 15.

Michlig said the pieces they played carried a "most difficult rating," but he felt confident that band could handle it.

"When they played, it was the best ever - the kids played exceptionally well," said Michlig.

"I've never gone to state," said Kayla Oelhafen, a senior who plays alto saxophone.

Neither has Michlig, who has been at KHS for seven years.

Suzanne Zuba, a senior who plays tenor saxophone and has been in jazz band two years is excited at the prospect.

"We made it," Zuba said.

"I think we've got a really good shot," junior and trumpet player Hunter Demmon said.

They will be playing the same difficult pieces - Gershwin's "Embraceable You" and Oscar Pettiford's "Blues in the Closet" - at state competition April 26 at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

In addition to the jazz band, the school is sending solo, quartet and trio musicians.

Before returning from Florida March 24 to concentrate on state competition, band and choir members will stay busy, catching the fireworks and electric parade at Magic Kingdom and attending workshops at the Epcot Center.

## Breathing apparatuses out for Fire Dept.; new squad rifles in for Police Dept.

By Andrew Kuehl  
andrew@thestatesmanwi.com

The Kewaskum Village Board met Monday evening and approved the donation of old firefighter equipment to a Third World country and heard plans for updating rifles in Village police vehicles. The board also approved a plan to update lighting in village buildings to save on utility costs.

Fire Chief Mark Groeschel asked for permission to donate formerly used self-contained breathing apparatuses that were purchased in 1990 and replaced because they no longer meet set standards. Groeschel said by law they cannot be sold so he has been looking into nonprofit organizations who would accept them and

send them to Third World countries. Groeschel recommended a group sending them to Guam, founded by a Grafton firefighter.

Groeschel stated the firefighter would come pick them up and handle transportation to Guam at no cost to the village. The alternative was to sell them for scrap. Board members agreed salvaging the metal would not yield a great return so they voted in favor of the donation.

Groeschel also explained the replacement ambulance has been ordered. He explained the replacement would be an exact replica of the ambulance the department received in June 2013. He did not know when the new ambulance would arrive.

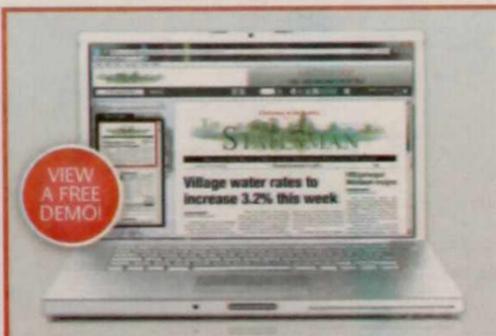
Chief of Police Tom Bishop told the board the Police Department would be updating their squad rifles. He stated during range training this fall one rifle had a serious malfunction.

Officer Luke Wilhelm, the department's officer's trained armorer took the rifle to a conference where professionals took the rifle apart and deemed it unfit for use.

Bishop reported in the past that department weapons were not properly maintained. Wilhelm now inspects weapons every six months. Bishop wanted to purchase a replacement rifle for the marked squad

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a big shadow.



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## POLICE BLOTTER

### Thursday, March 6

12:28 am: Traffic stop on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 9:49 am: Checked the welfare of a subject on Timbin Dr.  
 3:54 pm: Issued a warning for speed on Prospect Dr.  
 4:55 pm: Issued citations for operating after suspension, 12th offense, not having insurance on Edgewood Rd. Subject was also arrested on two warrants from the West Bend Police Department.  
 6:00 pm: Report of theft of a cell phone on Brooklane Dr.

### Friday, March 7

9:44 am: Report of subjects blocking a driveway on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 10:05 am: Checked the welfare of a resident on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 4:00 pm: Student ride along.  
 4:44 pm: Issued a warning for speed on Hwy. H West.  
 4:57 pm: Signed off on a 15-day warning.  
 5:20 pm: Met with a subject regarding a parking ticket.  
 5:35 pm: Report of a suspicious item on Main St.  
 7:52 pm: Issued a warning for a defective headlight on Fond du Lac Ave.

### Saturday, March 8

2:08 am: Arrested a subject for operating while intoxicated and issued a citation for operating left of center on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 6:15 am: Assisted a resident with a water issue.  
 10:15 am: Responded to a residence on Prospect Dr. for a life alert alarm.  
 1:08 pm: Assisted Kewaskum Ambulance with a call on Hillside Dr.  
 4:46 pm: Issued warnings for displaying unauthorized plates and not having a front plate on Prospect Dr. Also issued two 15-day warnings for a defective exhaust and having a non-red tail-light.  
 4:47 pm: Dogs at large on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 6:18 pm: Issued a citation for failure to stop at a red light on Fond du Lac Ave. A passenger was arrested for an outstanding warrant from Winnebago County.

### Sunday, March 9

1:34 am: Issued a warning for operating left of center on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 4:30 am: Issued winter parking tickets.  
 8:48 am: Issued a warning for speed on Riverview Dr.  
 8:58 am: Issued a traffic warning on Riverview Dr.  
 9:21 am: Issued a citation for failure to stop at a stop sign on Riverview Dr.  
 9:50 am: Assisted Kewaskum Ambulance with a call on Stark St.  
 11:43 am: Issued a warning for speed on Hwy. H West.  
 1:59 pm: Issued a warning for speed on Roseland Dr.  
 6:48 pm: Attempted to locate a reckless driver.  
 7:09 pm: Arrested a subject for operating after revocation, operating while intoxicated related, on Prospect Dr.  
 8:50 pm: Issued a warning for a defective headlight and not having proof of insurance on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 10:30 pm: Notified DPW of a water main break on Roseland Dr. and Prospect St.

11:15 pm: Issued a warning for expired registration on Main St.

### Monday, March 10

12:00 am: Issued a warning for a defective headlight on Hwy. H West.  
 8:06 am: Issued a ticket for parking in a yellow zone on Reigle Dr.  
 9:55 am: Lost keys on Main St.  
 10:08 am: Assisted Kewaskum Ambulance with a call on Braatz Dr.  
 12:16 pm: False med-alert alarm on Roseland Dr.  
 4:00 pm: Student ride-along.  
 4:59 pm: Issued a warning for not having a front plate on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 5:18 pm: Traffic stop on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 5:33 pm: Report of an intoxicated male on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 8:21 pm: Domestic complaint on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 9:22 pm: Assisted Kewaskum Fire Department with a chimney fire on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 10:04 pm: Issued a citation to a subject who disregarded traffic control on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 10:11 pm: Arrested a subject for criminal trespassing on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 11:00 pm: Transported a subject to detox at St. Joseph's Hospital and then to the Washington County jail.

### Tuesday, March 11

7:35 am: Vehicle lock-out on Bilgo Ln.  
 9:10 am: Found property on Fond du Lac Ave.  
 10:37 am: Delivered a citation.  
 11:15 am: Domestic complaint on Timblin Dr.  
 4:00 pm: Student ride-along.  
 4:55 pm: Arrested a subject for operating after revocation, and issued a municipal citation for failure to stop at a stop sign and a 15-day warning for not having insurance on Badger Rd.  
 5:42 pm: Issued a 15-day warning for not having insurance and a warning for failure to stop at a stop sign on Badger Rd.  
 5:49 pm: Vehicle lock-out on Knights Ave.  
 6:37 pm: Traffic stop on Hwy. H.  
 7:01 pm: Signed off on a 15-day warning.  
 9:00 pm: Monitored traffic at Hwy. 45 and Badger Rd.  
 9:36 pm: Checked the welfare of a subject on Midland Ave.

### Wednesday, March 12

8:00 am: DARE classes.  
 10:00 am: Harassment complaint on Reigle Dr.  
 11:19 am: Domestic complaint on Timblin Dr.  
 3:34 pm: Signed off on a 15-day warning.  
 4:50 pm: Vehicle lock-out on Riverview Dr.  
 5:44 pm: Issued a warning for failure to stop at a stop sign on First St.  
 6:16 pm: Issued a citation to the driver for violation of probationary restrictions, 2nd offense, passenger, and issued a 15-day warning for not having insurance on Parkview Dr. The front passenger was issued a warning for failure to wear a seat belt and the rear passenger was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 9:26 pm: Suspicious person on Fond du Lac Ave.

## Ambulance Calls



On March 10, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person with a breathing problems. A transport was made.

On March 10, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a medical alarm activation. No transport was made.

On March 11, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the Town of Kewaskum for a person that had weakness. A transport was made.

On March 13, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person with weakness. A transport was made.

On March 15, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the Village of Kewaskum for a person with back pain. A transport was made.

### KEWASKUM SENIOR DINING MENU

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Monday, March 24 -- Seasoned pepper steak over brown rice, Oriental blend veggies, chilled pineapple, nine grain bread, strawberry ice cream.

Tuesday, March 25 -- Ring bologna, hot German potato salad, broccoli florets, rye bread, birthday cake. Alt: pears.

Wednesday, March 26 -- Garlic and herb chicken breast, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrot coins, whole wheat dinner roll, apple cobbler. Alt: applesauce.

Thursday, March 27 - Pot roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed corn, multigrain bread, cherry pie. Alt: diet pie.

To make reservations, please call (262) 335-4497 or 1-877-306-3030, one day in advance by noon.



**HERRIGES** - A son, Noah Roy, was born to Matt and Amy Herriges on February 20, 2014. Noah weighed seven pounds, six ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Roy and Mary Anderson of West Bend and paternal grandparents are Dennis and Joann Herriges of Kewaskum. Great-grandparents are Richard and Audrey Herriges of Kewaskum and Betty Schrauth of Campbellsport.

## Birth Submission Policy

We encourage our readers to submit their own birth announcements in a timely matter. All birth submissions must be legibly written or preferably typewritten. Photos can also be submitted at no charge and are encouraged. Actual photos as well as digital jpeg or tiff files are recommended. Information should include, name of child, name of parent(s), residence, height, weight, siblings/ages, grandparents - maternal and paternal. Submitter must provide a name and telephone number where he/she can be reached.

Submissions can be emailed to [nicole@thestatesmanwi.com](mailto:nicole@thestatesmanwi.com) Mailed to: PO Box 98, Kewaskum WI 53040 or Faxed to: (262) 247-0610

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## Washington County's Most Wanted

The Washington County Sheriff's Department is seeking:



**Name:** Robert Joseph Friedel  
**Age:** 39  
**Race:** White  
**Sex:** Male  
**Height:** 5'10" **Weight:** 145  
**Hair:** Blue **Eyes:** Brown  
**Last known address:** Appleton  
**Warrant Entry Date:** 3-3-14

### Wanted for child neglect.

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.

## TUESDAY NIGHT SHEEPSHEAD WINNERS

Five handed winners on Tuesday, March 11 were: Dick Kohn, 73-11-62, 18-8-10; Bernie Robers, 63-6-57, 20-4-16; Frank Krueger, 58-2-56, 21-1-20; Jerry Wiedmeyer, 62-6-56, 21-4-17; John Fleischman, 63-7-56, 20-5-15; Darlene Walls, 62-7-55, 21-4-17; Sy-lester Stern, 56-9-47, 20-5-15; Dale Kufahl, 19 most losses; Dave Dayton, 7 low points.

The next five handed call-ace will be March 25 at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

## XYZ CARD RESULTS

The winners at cards played at the Municipal Building Annex on Wed., March 12 were:

**SHEEPSHEAD:** Allen Reindl, Tom Kissinger, Dolores Eder, Isabelle Muckerheide, Ruth Kern, Barbara Schneider, Dolores Mielke, Marilyn Marten, Leon Schmidt.

New members are always welcome. Cards are played from 8:30-11:15 a.m. every Wednesday.

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DPW continues to urge residents to run water

## Water main breaks may continue as village thaws

By Amy Kumrow

Statesman Correspondent

Kewaskum has not seen a winter season as cold as this year's since 1983-84. With the cold, came more water main breaks, but the impending spring thaw still poses risks for more.

"We're certainly not out of the woods this season," warns Chad Cook, public works coordinator.

According to Janet Knops, village treasurer, 12 water main breaks have occurred this winter season. In 2013, the village had seven.

"Typically we see them in older infrastructures, but it's more a product of a cold winter," Cook said about the increase number of breaks this season.

The breaks in 2013 had an average cost of \$5,600 each for the village and includes complete pavement repair done in

the summer. Expenditure totals for 2014, available at this time, are based only the first nine of the 12 but an average of \$3,150 each and does NOT include complete pavement repair, only a cold mix, temporary patch.

Roseland Drive between Midland and Prospect had the last four breaks in 2014 and with a history of breaks in the past, Cook stated, "We do not have a determined schedule when we will replace it, but it is definitely on our priority list."

A complete water pipe replacement on Roseland Drive between Clinton and Prospect was completed in 2009.

Roseland will not be done in 2014 due to the Highway 28 project scheduled to start March 24 to replace water and sewer lines from the intersection with Highway 45 to the eastern village limits.

This winter's frost went down seven and a half feet, so Cook cautions residents, "As the thaw occurs and it starts warming up, it's possible we are at the beginning of water main breaks."

When the frozen ground thaws around old pipes susceptible to cracks, a shift in the ground could cause a break in the pipe.

On a side note, the village dealt with more frozen laterals or water service lines to individual homes this winter as well.

"That is what we were trying to alleviate by having water run regularly," Cook said about a previous press release urging residents to run water three times a day. "There have been six properties with the service freezes. Last year we had two."

## Hwy. 28 reconstruction set to begin March 24

By Gay Griesbach

Statesman Correspondent

Detour signs were slated to be installed this week and state Department of Transportation contractors are expected to begin work on Highway 28 Project March 24.

The \$8 million project will include reconstruction, paving, adding curb, gutter sidewalk and street lighting on Main Street (Highway 28) from the intersection of Fond du Lac Avenue to Highway 144.

The village will take the opportunity to replace sewer and water mains along the route.

Village Administrator Matt

Heiser said the DOT approved the use of granular backfill rather than slurry at a meeting at the village hall last week.

That allowance will save the village about \$200,000, Heiser said.

Work will likely be completed in December, weather permitting, WisDOT Project Manager Tony Minto said in an earlier interview.

Approximately 92 properties will be affected by construction.

**EDITORS NOTE:** Follow *The Statesman* on Facebook for information on the project as it is released. Updates will also be published in future editions.

## Village board

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immediately with funding from his current budget and then budget money in 2015 to replace the rifle in the unmarked squad.

Wilhelm investigated bids for replacing the weapon in the marked squad immediately and found Bravo Company, of Hartland had the best pricing. The rifle is expected to cost \$1,700 each. It includes a new optic sight which the current weapon lacks. Bravo Company said it would take between four to six weeks for the rifle to be delivered.

Bishop explained the department would sell the rifles as they are replaced. He figured the rifle they are replacing this year could be sold to a gun enthusiast who would want to rebuild the gun. The other squad rifle is in working condition and has no trouble.

Department of Public Works Coordinator Chad Cook stated the department addressed their 12th water main break of the season on Roseland Drive. This was the fourth break on a quarter-mile stretch of Roseland this year. Cook also reported the DPW had three additional water service freeze ups last week.

Cook urged residents to continue using water to keep laterals flowing. The cause of the freeze-ups were residents who used very little water.

"We're still in the danger zone. Residents should continue to run water to avoid freeze-ups," Cook said.

Cook also reported that during February, 11 building permits issued, however none of them being new construction. He expected some new home starts this month and into the spring.

Trustee Mike Berger re-

ported circulation was down at the library. Its believed this is partly due to the cold weather as it's a trend throughout Washington County. He did say that wireless Internet at the library continues to rise. The Library Board is also still looking for a library board member, those interested should speak with Director Steev Baker.

Trustees reviewed an amended quote from Lynch and Associates of New Berlin. That firm will handle inspection duties for the Main Street project that is set to begin next week. Village Administrator Matt Heiser explained the quote was amended because of increased inspections being required by the department of transportation after they allowed the village to use granular backfill for their utility project. The firm will now charge \$23,496, more than \$3,000 over their January proposal.

The use of granular backfill saves the village \$200,000 however, even with that savings the project is still \$300,000 over budget from what McMahon and Associates, the village's engineering

firm on the project, estimated when they put costs together.

Trustees unanimously accepted a proposal from Wasmer Company of New Holstein to reduce the village's energy costs. The village will spend \$19,736.29 to implement new energy devices, retrofit bulbs and lighting systems in all village buildings. They are expected to reap an annual energy savings of \$12,392.81.

Wasmer offered a 48-month payment plan. The village will receive a return on their investment after 19 months Heiser explained.

Heiser announced the Village would hold their spring bulk trash collection Tuesday, April 22. Watch *The Statesman* for additional details.

Village resident Bob Kirst urged citizens to pick up trash and debris found after recent snow thaws.

Fire Chief Mark Groeschel wished to remind residents that the Fire Department's annual Soup Sampler fundraiser is Saturday at the fire department from 4 - 8 p.m.

The next meeting of the Village Board will be Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

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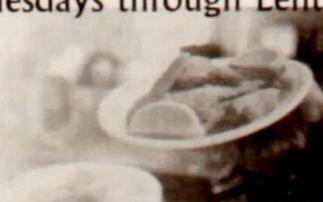
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To The Statesman-

I've attended most school board meetings this past year trying to understand why teachers and students have been leaving our schools. It's unfortunate, that I haven't seen more residents there, because one learns much about the way this board runs. I cannot fathom why half of the board was elected, when I've witnessed small offenses like petty bickering to reprehensible remarks that are demeaning to women.

Some of these meetings last three or more hours, twice a month, with little accomplished. Board members are putting politics ahead of our schools, when this is supposed to be a non-partisan position, as Sue Miller correctly pointed out at the candidate forum.

Tim Ramthun, the current president, lacks the leadership needed to conduct a respectful, efficient and cooperative board. He has shown time and again that he has little regard for public opinion. He asked at one meeting, "How much information would we have to give the public in order for them to have an opinion?" When he didn't like public comments at a meeting this December, he altered meeting minutes written by the clerk, calling the speakers "hostile." With the election looming, he's suddenly changed his mind about public comments.

I've also learned that Mr. Ramthun feels it's within his duties to visit schools, talk to teachers during their teaching hours and even intrude into parent meetings that he should not have attended. This is not the role of a board member, and could be viewed as bullying.

I've learned he will consistently put politics and self-interest ahead of our schools. This was evident in his "no" vote on approving a minimal increase for teachers this year, even after the offer had been made and approved by the school board months before.

This micromanaging, over-reaching and unethical behavior is damaging the morale in our schools, causing both students and teachers to leave. Not only does this directly impact our children, it costs our district money- your tax dollars. April 1st, I hope you'll join me in putting students and education first by electing advocates for education.

Robyn Bindrich  
Kewaskum

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To The Statesman-

My first contact with Timothy Ramthun occurred in October, 2011. I had reached out to every member of the Kewaskum School Board but it was only Mr.

Ramthun who responded to me. At the time, I had serious concerns with regard to protections afforded to school children and the actions put into place when policies around a "Drug Free Zone" are violated. There had just been a drug possession arrest of a second grade parent-chaperone during a field trip that originated from Wayne Elementary School.

Timothy Ramthun understood my concerns, took the situation seriously, and got involved. He was an active participant throughout numerous court hearings that took place in Ozaukee County. I'm convinced that without the participation of Mr. Ramthun, presiding Judge O'Malley would've made his sentencing decision focused solely on the first-time arrest and would have overlooked the circumstances of where and when the chaperone was found unconscious and in possession. Timothy Ramthun also ensured that both the judge and district attorney, through two very effectively written communications, were reminded of the chaperone's primary responsibility - which was to supervise children and ensure their safety for the duration of their field trip.

Timothy Ramthun continues to impress. I am not a resident of the Kewaskum School District, but it is my aim to express to those within the district how fortunate they are to have such a dedicated public servant. Mr. Ramthun is a collaborative leader who takes his role seriously, seeks to understand the multiple sides of issues, puts time into continuous self-learning, challenges status quo, consistently acts with integrity, and takes action without fear. Timothy Ramthun is committed to the students, parents, and employees of the District. The people of Kewaskum are truly fortunate having Mr. Ramthun in their service.

Most Sincerely,  
Gayle Deringer  
Mount Prospect, IL

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To The Statesman-

My name is Jay Fisher and I am running for Kewaskum School Board. Please take time to read my advertisement in this week's paper. I look forward to adding a new perspective to the board.

Jay Fisher  
Kewaskum

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To The Statesman-

We would like to encourage the community to make an informed decision in the April 1 school board election. We have reviewed the candidates responses and statements from the March 3 candidate forum to determine who reflects the vision we hold for our children and our district.

Here are the questions we asked and the results we found: How often did the candidate refer to "students" or "kids" as the reason for action or decision making?

Jay Fisher:	25
Troy Hanson:	6
Sue Miller:	4
Tim Ramthun:	1

How often did the candidate make statements valuing our Kewaskum School District staff?

Jay Fisher:	16
Troy Hanson:	15
Sue Miller:	12
Tim Ramthun:	4

How frequently did the candidate express student success and/or academic achievement as a goal?

Jay Fisher:	19
Troy Hanson:	20
Sue Miller:	21
Tim Ramthun:	4

We found that those candidates whose responses reflected what we hope for for our children were also consistently concerned about the budget and had great ideas for alternative revenue generation.

We feel our decision making process has been simplified by this review. Our desire is to have a great school for the kids of our community.

The candidate forum is available for your review on YouTube, just search un-

der "Quality Education for Kewaskum Students" and click on the school board candidate forum.

Please make the most of your opportunity to vote on April 1.

Sincerely,  
Dan and Jennifer Gerhartz

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To The Statesman-

Running for a second term on Kewaskum School Board is not a "political" campaign for me. My primary goal as a school board member centers around the grass roots notion that school board membership and it's leadership should be grounded in one very important task...doing great things for our kids every day.

Frankly, I'm not running for school board to air and promote my own political beliefs, to debate politics or to take part in political rhetoric. I certainly do believe that as a district we should have high expectations

for every grade level and for every student. I think it takes a strong and centered individual to put aside political beliefs and simply do what's best for this school district, it's taxpayers and most importantly...it's children.

I believe I have the strength and leadership skills to move this school board in a direction that brings focus back to where it should be. My vision for Kewaskum and our school district centers around bringing our community together for the benefit of our children, not dividing one.

I share these hopes for our district with my fellow candidates Sue Miller and Jay Fisher and ask for you to support us by voting on April 1. I'm for the kids, it's just that simple.

Troy Hanson  
Kewaskum

(Continued on page 15)

**April 1**

# Vote

**JAY FISHER**

**For Kewaskum School Board**

**An advocate for the youth of Kewaskum**

*Dear Voter -*

*I bring 25 years of experience working with youth through the Boys and Girls Club of America. I have been the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County since 1998. Seven years ago we opened a club in Kewaskum to provide after school activities for children. We started with 12 members and have since served close to 2,000 kids to date.*

*I plan to bring my experience working with tight budgets, board of directors, finding alternative funding and helping organizations succeed under difficult circumstances to the board.*

*A new perspective is needed on our school board which emphasizes professionalism and respect. Please consider my expertise to serve our community and vote for me on April 1.*

-Jay Fisher

AABFP Jay Fisher

## ELECT

# SUE MILLER

### Kewaskum School Board

**April 1**



*I have proudly served as your representative on the Kewaskum School Board. I am pleased with what we have accomplished. I believe with the right leadership, our district will have a great future and would be honored to continue to serve our community.*

**QUALIFIED LEADERSHIP:**

- ✓ Wife and mother with two children in Kewaskum schools: I have a vested interest.
- ✓ Management Executive at Commerce State Bank: I have a strong financial background to help guide budgeting and spending decisions for our district.
- ✓ Chairman of the District's Insurance Committee & member of Negotiations Committee.

**FOCUSED LEADERSHIP:**

- ✓ I believe in allowing administrators to lead, teachers to teach & students to learn.
- ✓ I believe honest & ethical communication is mandatory for a healthy board.
- ✓ I believe in finding ways to generate revenue with grants & corporate partnerships.
- ✓ I believe we have effective staff who can make our schools exceptional with positive attitudes, rigorous academic performance, parental involvement & community outreach.

**LEADERSHIP IN ACTION**

- ✓ I devoted my expertise in finding affordable, quality benefits for our staff.
- ✓ I supported the initiatives of our staff to bring our test scores up.
- ✓ I am committed to hear both sides of Common Core Standards WITHOUT political motivations.

AAPFB Sue Miller

## TROY HANSON

for

### KEWASKUM SCHOOL BOARD



*Running for a second term on Kewaskum School Board is not a "political" campaign for me. My primary goal as a school board member centers around the simple notion that the school board and it's leadership should be grounded in one very important task...doing great things for our kids every day.*

- Three children currently in the school system, one a 2013 graduate
- Supported School Administrators/Teachers in raising test scores
- Supported School Administrators in improving open enrollment figures
- Three years experience on the Finance Committee, Two years as treasurer
- 20 years of public accounting experience
- Vast experience working with large businesses like a school district
- Understands the school district's economic impact on taxpayers

*Frankly, I'm not running for school board to air and promote my own political beliefs, to debate politics or to take part in political rhetoric. I certainly do believe that as a district we should have high expectations for every grade level and for every student. I think it takes a strong and centered individual to put aside political beliefs and simply do what's best for this school district, it's taxpayers and most importantly...it's children. I believe I have the strength and leadership skills to move this school board in a direction that brings focus back to where it should be...I share these hopes for our district with my fellow candidates Sue Miller and Jay Fisher and ask for you to support us by voting on April 1st.*

AABFB Troy Hanson

### REMINDER

• Letters pertaining to elections will NOT be published the week of an election except in such cases where a rebuttal is warranted.

This means all letters pertaining to the April 1 election will NOT be run in the March 27, 2014 edition.

## School Board race has three incumbents, one challenger

By Gay Griesbach

Statesman Correspondent

Respect and revenue are two challenges the next Kewaskum School Board will face, according to candidates vying for Kewaskum School Board in the April 1 election.

Incumbents Sue Miller, Tim Ramthun and Troy Hanson will compete with challenger Jay Fisher for three seats on the seven-member board.

Fisher said building relationships, open communication and honesty need to be forged between school board members, administrators, staff and teachers.

"I would respectfully listen to all of the school board member's and administrator's opinions and make decisions that are in the best interest of the students in the Kewaskum School District," Fisher said.

Ramthun cites incivility at meetings, comments made in social, print media and emails to school staff expressing individual disagreement as contradictory to the board's mission.

"Standard and structured processes, with accountability in execution for all employees is required to ensure expectations are met. The board needs answers to its questions to better perform this primary duty more effectively. Having board members share common levels of obligation and commitment to balance approach, understanding and communication capabilities will help greatly," Ramthun said.

Miller wants to see a solid board that maintains high ethical standards and leads the rest of the district by example.

"It is no secret that productive teams have trust and respect to keep progressing forward. Winning teams in business and sports trust their teammates - support, respect, challenge, face adversity, motivate, have fun and build lasting friendships," Miller said.

Hanson is an advocate for community input at all board meetings and views the board as a facilitator when it comes to answers sought by the public.

"We, as a district, must be able to educate every child that enters our doors and do it well. That takes effort from all of us, including staff, parents and children," Hanson said. "Seven people can not see all sides to an issue and we need to accept what the public has to say. Part of listening is also knowing where to direct issues because we, as board members, don't always have the answers."

Hanson said the board's role is to review results, analyze the level of success and decide on a direction for the district.

"We have a staff of highly-educated specialists and they have made their life work education and helping children. We need to listen to their plans and trust their initiatives for our children and our district," Hanson said.

Candidates said student attraction and retention, grants and community partnerships

are methods they would like to employ to maintain a reasonable budget.

Miller and Hanson emphasized staff retention, and Fisher said if elected, he would like to play a part in the retention of quality staff and building morale in the district.

Miller and Hanson also said grants may be a component in keeping a balanced budget.

"Administration, teachers and school board must take a proactive approach in seeking and writing grants to bring more dollars to the district and enhance education. The school district and community needs to build partnerships where support is reciprocated," Miller said.

She said that reciprocity can be achieved through the community and its businesses, by enlisting support and using each other as a resource.

Ramthun and Hanson said student retention and attraction was also an important budget component.

Hanson said each student that comes to, or stays in the district, effectively increases revenue at a rate of \$6,500 per student.

Ramthun said he is exhausting all options to reduce expenses in the face of yearly declines in state subsidies.

He would like to continue efforts with representatives in Madison to improve the subsidy funding formula.

"Each dollar spent needs to be qualified to ensure the return on investment," Ramthun said.

Hanson would like to encourage district residents to write state representatives and express their concerns over the state education formula and how it negatively affects the district.

"No one person can make that change, but all of us together can," Hanson said.

Board members are paid \$262.50 monthly and receive reimbursements incurred while performing board business during their three-year terms.

### Jay Fisher

District resident: Two years, 16 years in Washington County

Family: Fiancé, Kathleen Christenson; children Kaylee Fisher and Jayson Fisher and Kathy's children, Gabriel, Lucas, and Annie Christenson.

Occupation: Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County

Board, organization, committee and other affiliations: Rotary Club of West Bend, 15 years, BGCA Wisconsin Alliance six years and past president and treasurer,

United Way of Washington County board member, two years.



### Troy Hanson

District resident: 14 years

Family: Wife Katrina, children Jordan, 18, Jason 16, Brady 14 and Katrina's daughter Ellie, 15.

Occupation: CPA, Kieckhafer Dietzler Hauser Hanson LLP. Staff accountant, 1993-2001, partner, 2002 to the present.

Board, organization, committee and other affiliations: West Bend Rotary Club 2001-2011, Rotary president 2006-2007, treasurer 2008-2011. Rotarian of the Year, 2004. West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce 2003-2010, president 2009-2010. Downtown Bid District Board 2004-12, president 2009-10, 2011-12. Past board member, West Bend Economic Development Corporation. Past board member 4H Trust Fund. Leadership Greater West Bend Class of 1999, past board member Leadership Greater West Bend Alumni. Kewaskum School District Board of Education 2011-present, treasurer, Kewaskum School District negotiations committee chair, finance committee chair, insurance committee member.



### Sue Miller

District resident: nine years

Family: husband, Andrew Miller, children Blake and Amanda Miller

Occupation: Vice-president of marketing and business development for Commerce State Bank

Board, organization, committee and other affiliations: Two years each on the finance negotiations, policy and special education committees; three year member and chair of the insurance committee.



### Timothy Ramthun

District resident: 56 years, with the exception of 12 years when he worked out-of-state.

Family: Wife Carolann of 35 years.

Occupation: Business Management Consultant

Board, organization, committee and other affiliations: Kewaskum School Board, three years; restarted Kewaskum School District in the Eastern Wisconsin Central League Negotiator (EWCLN), district policy, buildings and grants and finance committees, three years; mascot committee, two years; alternate for all Kewaskum School District committees, one year; HERITAGE Foundation, 10 years.



## Respect Awareness Initiative

By James Smasal

Superintendent of Kewaskum Schools

We all have an innate desire for happiness and positivity. We live healthier, think clearer, and accomplish more through this positive energy. When we are harassed, belittled, criticized, or "bullied", our happiness and positivity suffer, resulting in a lowering of our positive energy.

As many of you already know, the school district partners with many community organizations in our mission to help all students become college, career and life ready. For the past eight years, one of these community groups is our local clergy.

As you might imagine, our concentration with the clergy is on life readiness. The most prominent collaborative effort was the Kewaskum Virtue initiative which included posters being displayed by local businesses throughout our communities.

Given the success of this project we have decided it's time to dedicate our combined efforts to another issue that is very relevant in our society. The issue is treating all people with respect, which includes bullying and harassment. Our clergy may say it is simply, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

A more secular message from the school district would be that you treat people with respect because of who you are, not who they are. Consequently, no matter how disrespectful a person's been treated, they do not have the right to be disrespectful back. We all know this is easy to say, but hard to do. Disrespectful, bullying and harassing behavior is not just a concern with our children.

Adult bullying is an ever increasing problem pervasive throughout our society. Data tells us that children who bullied others during their formative years will continue to bully people throughout their lives unless they understand, and appreciate, that their actions are harassing to others. Therefore, we need to educate each other on what bullying and harassment actually means and what factors need to be present when considering a situation where disrespectful behavior is happening. Just as importantly, we need to educate people on appropriate ways to respond, and possible coping mechanisms, to lessen the negative effect of the behavior.

This is the first article of five that will be published in The Statesman. Our collaborative goal is to create an awareness and share thoughts on how to identify and respond to disrespectful, bullying and harassing behavior. This will culminate in a community wide initiative to decrease the amount and severity of inappropriate behaviors between our children and possibly adults as well.

Clearly, we are not naive and believe this issue will no longer exist. Rather, if we give everybody an idea and a common starting point on how to recognize and deal with this type of bad behavior, maybe, just maybe, we can make our little corner of the world a better place to live and work.

On behalf of the school district, I would like to thank all our local clergy members for their willingness to work with us throughout the years. This partnership is one that our entire community can be proud of.

Look for posters in your local businesses the middle of next month.

## Seniors flee their homes!

Men and women age 55 and better are breaking away from home maintenance, repairs and upkeep - including lawn cutting and shoveling. "We can't understand why someone would want to own a home and worry about all that upkeep," say Rich and Mary Miller. "We have a Cedar Community home, where they take care of that for us!"



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## Samantha's Creative K-9 Cuts opens on Main St.



**By Gay Griesbach**  
Statesman Correspondent

Samantha's Creative K-9 Cuts joined Main Street businesses March 17.

While the name emphasizes dogs, cats and their owners are equally welcome.

Bush, a 2012 graduate of Random Lake High School, recently completed an 18-week course at the Wisconsin School for Professional Pet Grooming in Oconomowoc, graduating in December last year.

"I really love animals and feel that I want to make a difference in their world. If I can do that, they'll be happy and they'll make people happy," Bush said.

Bush showed dogs and many livestock animals during her 11 years in 4H.

At her Fredonia home, Bush has quite a menagerie - three dogs a handful of chickens, and with her mother Amy, five horses.

Her aim is to offer quality service and produce a great final product.

Basic packages range in price from \$20 for nail

grooming, ear cleaning and a bath, depending on the size and breed of dog, to \$50 for full-service grooming that includes scissoring and/or shaving, nails, a bath, ear cleaning and expression of anal glands, if requested.

Cat owners are also welcome to bring in their furry friends for grooming, shaving for longer haired-breeds, baths and brushing.

Samantha's Creative K-9 Cuts is located at 115 Main Street, Kewaskum. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (262) 339-0511.

Samantha Bush, owner of Samantha's Creative K-9 Cuts gives Annie, an Irish Set Poodle mix a cut on Tuesday at Kewaskum's newest grooming establishment for animals. The business opened Monday in downtown Kewaskum.

## Kudek to appear in court May 8 for truck theft

**By Gay Griesbach**  
Statesman Correspondent

A Kewaskum man accused of stealing a truck during a test drive and threatening the sales associate at knife point will appear in court May 8.

In May, 2013, Scott Kudek, 40, entered a plea of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

On March 12, Kudek's recently-appointed attorney told Judge James Muehlbauer he was waiting for additional discovery as well as a private report on his client's mental status. Muehlbauer noted an evaluation from March last year found Kudek competent and scheduled the hearing, records show.

In November, 2013 the first of Kudek's three attorneys said a second evaluation would not be available for a month, but records state that date was moved to March when the

doctor required more time.

Kudek and Kayla Goemer were both charged with operating without owners consent while possessing a weapon, second degree recklessly endangering safety and felony bail jumping.

Charges were filed after the pair took a truck from a Russ Darrow dealership in West Bend for a test drive. During that drive, Kudek took out a knife and held it to the neck of the salesman, a Washington County Sheriff's press release states. After releasing the victim in the town Farmington, the suspects fled to Florida, where they were arrested Feb. 3.

Goemer entered a guilty plea and is currently serving a three-year sentence at Taycheedah Correctional Institution, according to court records.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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March 21:	Heather Seefeldt Bruce Halfmann	Jeremiah Neubauer
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## Chief's Corner

By Police Chief Tom Bishop

This month I want to take time to publicly thank a specific portion of our department that deserves recognition - our Auxiliary Police force. The 17 men and women of the Kewaskum Auxiliary Police Department are non-sworn members of our department who volunteer to "work" many different Village events by assisting our department when they could choose to enjoy the event with family and friends.

The Kewaskum Auxiliary Police Department was established under Chief Pledl in February 1965. At that time, the eleven man auxiliary police force was created to be used in the event of a serious accident, evacuation, fire, plane crash, etc. Since then the force has evolved to not only include those types of serious events, but to also assist in various community events as well. In fact, in 2013 our Auxiliary Officers worked a total of 25 events in the Village, totaling 217 hours in assistance to our department and community. These events consist of marathons that go through the village on the Eisenbahn Trail, various parades where assistance is needed for traffic control purposes, Party on the Pavement, the July 3rd Fireworks event, Movie Under the Stars, Trick or Treat foot patrol and numerous Kewaskum High School football and basketball games.

A fine example of the dedication of our Auxiliary Officers occurred a few weeks ago when we were assisting our DPW crew with a water main break on Fond du Lac Ave. We were forced to

detour southbound traffic from Hwy 45 / Fond du Lac Ave so that the crew could safely work. With only short notice, Auxiliary Officers Phillips, Jansen and Weninger responded as quickly as possible and assisted with traffic control on an extremely cold night. They voluntarily froze for approximately 4.5 hours because they enjoy being able to help out our community in whatever way possible.

The Auxiliary Department does have a small fund and we do pay the officers a small amount when they work different events; however, generally speaking, this is still a volunteer department as not all events are paid. These officers don't join our department and assist at events expecting to make any money; they do it because they enjoy being able to help keep our community safe.

The men and women who do, or ever did, serve on our Auxiliary Police force deserve a sincere thank you. If you see any of these outstanding individuals, thank them for their service and dedication to keeping the Village of Kewaskum a great place to live, work and play!

Current members of the Kewaskum Auxiliary Police Department are Don Schneider, Randy Frank, Renee Dahman, Paul Lemke, Bruce Weninger, Jerry Schneider, Dan Powell, Allen Phillips, Mike Jansen, Simon Kemp, TJ Schlice, Ruth Ann Ewert, Angela Dorzok, Samantha Loken, Eric Gesta, Colten Fay and Andrew Graper. Thank you and have a safe month.

## Community Events

**MARCH 22 - POLKA DANCE** - At the Mayville Park Pavilion, 1:30-5:30 pm. Entertainment provided by Brian and the Mississippi Valley Dutchmen. \$10 for adults; \$5 18 and under.  
**MARCH 23 - CHICKEN DINNER** - at Shepherd of the Hills Parish, W1562 County Rd. B, Eden. Dinner served 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Adults \$9; 12 and under \$4; 4 and under free. Price includes beverage and dessert. Carryouts available. Bino and country store. Mass at 10:30 a.m.  
**MARCH 27 - LADIES THURSDAY NIGHT SUMMER GOLF LEAGUE MEETING** - new players welcome. Hon-E-Kor, 7 p.m. League begins April 24. Tee time is 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$13 for 9 holes.

## Donkey Basketball Sunday

New rodeo stars will be born during the wild and crazy Dairyland Donkey Basketball Show at Kewaskum High School on Sunday, March 23 starting at 2 p.m.

It's basketball played on real live donkeys and it will be wilder than a rodeo and funnier than a circus. All local players will be riding, so come out and

see someone you know try to ride a donkey and play basketball at the same time. Laugh as you've never laughed before at the wild and crazy donkey basketball show.

This fun-filled show is sponsored by the Kewaskum FFA Alumni. All of the proceeds will benefit the Kewaskum FFA.

Advance tickets can be purchased from members of the FFA or at Kewaskum and Campbellsport Piggly Wiggly's and Kewaskum High School. Tickets will also be available at the gate.

## Women's Club to meet

The Kewaskum Women's Club will meet at the Municipal Building Annex at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 20 to finalize their Spring Fling Salad Luncheon plans.

Speaker Aaron Laatsch of the Kewaskum Area Chamber of Commerce will explain the need for the new Main Street beautification plans with the village board. Funds need to be allotted or donations will be requested.

The general meeting will be conducted by president Gwendolyn Dreher with completion of plans for the Spring Fling Luncheon to be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, April 5 at 11 a.m. with Barbershop entertainment for the clubs "Second Time Around (101 years).

The Women's Club works together to benefit the community. Anyone interested in joining this community effort is invited to attend.

## County agencies to host senior conference

Save the date for the annual Washington County Senior Conference. The event is Thursday, May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Washington County Fair Park in West Bend. Enjoy a fun-filled day of demonstrations, workshops, vendor booths and lunch. The event is open to adults of all ages.

Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m. followed by a brief welcome. Attendees will have an opportunity to visit vendor booths from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Demonstrations will also be held during this time and include an opportunity to learn how to sign up on Facebook. Volunteers will help attendees get connected with family and friends. It's a great way to stay connected to your grandchildren and old friends.

Two breakout sessions with six workshops in each session will be offered. The morning sessions, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., include topics on sleep, trans fats, wildlife, yoga, protecting your back and Facebook. Afternoon sessions, 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., include funeral pre-planning, clay pot painting, rehabilitation at home, gardening, Wisconsin wildlife and de-cluttering.

The registration fee is \$15 per person and includes registration materials, workshop fees, continental breakfast and a box lunch and beverage. Registrations will be taken in order of receipt. Registration deadline is Thursday, April 24 and will not be accepted on the day of the conference. Cancellations will be accepted until Thursday, April

24. Conference underwriters include 50 Plus News Magazine, Cedar Community, Comfortcare Senior Services and MCFI Home Care. The event is sponsored by Washington County Veterans Services, Senior Citizens Activities, Inc., Samaritan Campus, Cedar Community, Interfaith Caregivers, Statesman Publications, Care Wisconsin, Aging & Disability Resource Center of Washington County, Ivy Manor Assisted Living, Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin St. Joseph's Hospital, Community Care, Seasons Hospice, Volunteer Center of Washington County and community volunteers. For more information, contact the Aging & Disability Resource Center at 262.335.4497.

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## Melo Divaz get lesson from the pros



re:Voiced member Dele Opeifa listens to members of Kewaskum high school's Melo Divaz between a March 13 school assembly performance and evening presentation.



Zakk Wooten and John Patrick applaud members of KHS songstresses, the Melo Divaz in the high school choral room. The Divaz opened for re:Voiced's evening performance in the Kewaskum Theatre.



Members of the a cappella group re:Voiced Dele Opeifa and Zakk Wooten listed to a performance of the Melo Divaz.

Submitted photo

**By Gay Griesbach**  
Statesman Correspondent

Members of re:Voiced, a five-man a cappella group were given a warm welcome during a Kewaskum High School assembly at the school's theater March 13.

That evening, re:Voiced entertained the public with their sans-instrument mix of tunes from classic oldies to today's pop hits.

After some high-energy a capella Thursday afternoon the group - Chris Rossi, Dele Opeifa, Rolin Alexis, John Patrick and Zakk Wooten - answered questions from the audience about their background and Opeifa tweeted a photo of the audience.

The collective experience of re:Voiced includes performing in venues ranging from the Nokia Theater and Lincoln Center in New York City to headlining on popular cruise vessels around the world. Re:Voiced members have shared the stage with

such artists as Maroon 5, Rasca! Flats, Ben Folds, Chubby Checker, Ludacris, Montel Jordan, Rockapella and appeared on NBC's The Sing-Off.

Before the evening per-

formance of re:Voiced, members of the school's Melo Divaz gave the group a preview of their opening act in the school's choral room.

Choral Director Andrew

Dahlberg said this is the second year the Divaz have performed.

"I thought they were great," said KHS Freshman and Melo Divaz member Nichole Casey after the re:Voiced performance. "I

love how open they were to everyone - it's like you've known them forever."

Re:Voiced's Music in Schools Tour was sponsored by the Kewaskum Area Arts Council.

## Host family needed

Host family is needed for Maren from Germany. She will be a junior at Kewaskum High School. Maren is a straight A student, and plays the guitar, harp, and sings. She speaks very good English, as well as French, and German. She is outgoing and artistic. Maren likes sailing,

swimming, singing in choirs, dancing, concerts, movies, snowboarding, skiing, music, religious activities, judo, and skating.

Please contact Carrie Schulz at [schulzcarr@aol.com](mailto:schulzcarr@aol.com) asap for more information, or call 262-544-1183 today.

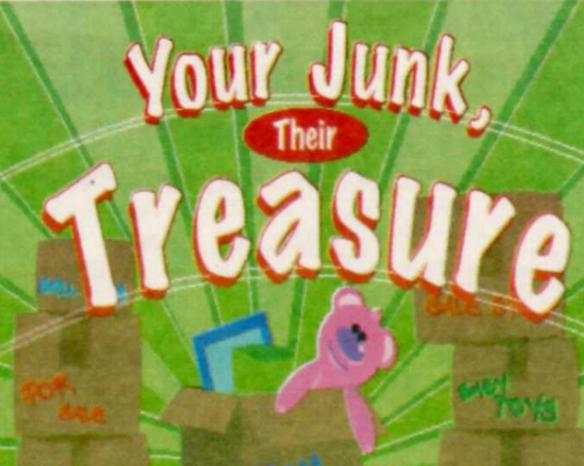


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## KHS musicians head to state competition



The three groups shown will be playing at the state solo ensemble competition later this month. Shown above is the Kewaskum High School Jazz Band. Front row, left to right, Kayla Oelhafen, Suzanne Zuba, Kenny Ellis, Dana Buschman and Cassidy Lange. Row two: Hunter Demmon, Suzie Horning, Erin Sette, Melissa Schneider and Alex Vogt. Row three: Max Heiser, Jesse Jones, Dalton Dei, Kyle Pamperin, Zach Hutchins and Alexandria Heiser. Missing are Andrew Ries and Olivia Krautkramer. TOP RIGHT: Front, Kayla Oelhafen, alto sax, and Erin Sette, euphonium, will be performing solos and (back) Kyle Pampering, Alex Vogt and Andrew Reis (missing) will be performing a trumpet trio. RIGHT: Front, Kenny Ellis, Dana Buschmann, Zach Hutchins, Alexandria Heiser and back row, Ray Weishan, Hunter Demmon, Max Heiser and Jesse Jones will be performing in quartets.



Statesman photos by Gay Griesbach

### Campus Notes

Michael Herriges, from Kewaskum, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering Dean's List for the 2013-14 winter quarter. Herriges is pursuing a Bachelor of Engineering in architectural engineering and Master of Science in structural engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the dean's list. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors."

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The University of Wisconsin - Madison has made public the names of students who have made the dean's list. Local students include:

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences - Megan Theisen.

College of Letters and Science - Derek Aupperle, Rebecca Fahney, Zachary Knoeck.

School of Human Ecology - Roxanne Etta.

School of Letters and Science - Derek Aupperle, Rebecca Fahney, Zachary Knoeck.

For further information, or to search by other zip codes, here's the link: [https://registrar.wisc.edu/deans\\_list.htm](https://registrar.wisc.edu/deans_list.htm). The above named students were

listed under the Kewaskum zip code.

Because each of these students are enrolled in different colleges within the UW Madison campus, requirements for the dean's list vary. You can find information regarding each school's information at the above link.

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Austin Craig, of Kewaskum, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout at the December commencement ceremony with a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

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Kassandra Franke of West Bend earned a spot on the dean's list from Bemidji State University at the conclusion of the 2013 fall semester.

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This registration will include **both football players and cheerleaders.**

The registration fee is \$150 per player. For families having two or more players, the cost for the second player is \$100, and the cost for any third or additional player is \$75. The cost for cheerleaders is \$50 for each cheerleader.

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All fees must be paid, and all forms must be completed before any individual will be issued equipment.

Please visit [www.kewaskumgridiron.com](http://www.kewaskumgridiron.com) to download the registration forms. Fill them out and bring them with you to sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Korth (262) 626-2520.

For Cheerleading/Dance questions, call Kim Olson at 262-685-7275.

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Information will be available concerning the speed & football camps.

## ELMER R. HALLEN



Elmer R. Hallen, 89, of Kewaskum, passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2014, at his home with his family at his side.

He was born on June 22, 1924, in Northbrook, Illinois, the son of the late Ray and Louise (Doll) Hallen, and on February 23, 1946, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Betty" Schmidt in Northfield, Illinois.

Elmer was a proud yet humble World War II veteran. He honorably served his country in the U. S. Army 658 Amphibious Battalion from 1943-46. Elmer was a three-time Purple Heart recipient and was a proud participant, with his friend, Don Seil, of the Wisconsin Stars and Stripes Honor Flight to Washington D.C. He had great admiration for our service men and women and loved his country and the freedom he and so many others fought for. Elmer was very conscious about helping his fellow man. In that respect, Elmer donated over 300 pints of blood to help others.

Elmer was a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Kewaskum, Robert G. Romaine American Legion Post 384 Kewaskum, where he faithfully participated in the honor guard for many years, George W. Benjamin American Legion Post 791 in Northbrook, Illinois, VFW Purple Heart Association, Izaak Walton League of America, D. C. Cregier Masonic Lodge 81 A.F. & A.M. in Wheeling, Illinois and a lifetime member in many civic and military organizations.

Elmer enjoyed the Morning Coffee Club with his friends at Campbell's Village Inn and the Gateway restaurants. The club solved many of the world and local problems over their cups of coffee.

Elmer enjoyed golfing and was a member of Hon-E-Kor Country Club in Kewaskum. His basement garage conveniently opened to the golf course, allowing Elmer and Betty to drive their cart right onto the course. Elmer's smile and deep patriotism will be deeply missed by his wife, his family and all who knew him.

Those Elmer leaves behind to cherish his memory include his devoted wife of 68 years, Betty; three daughters, Peggy Hallen of Lake Zurich, Illinois, Terry (John) Costello of Barrington, Illinois and Kitty (Byron) Jordan of San

Antonio, Texas; a brother, Einar Hallen of Westlake Village, California; his Wisconsin children, Bill and Nancy Heckel of Kewaskum; six grandchildren, Eric (fiancee, Tina) Klein, Scott (Loren) Klein, Christopher (fiancee, Lindsay) Klein, Todd Klein, Caitlyn Costello (Yair Walny) and Zackary Jordan; his Wisconsin grandchildren, Dina (Kevin) Pittenger, Stacy (Wade) Sniegowski and Christie (Bob) Martin; five great-grandchildren, Megan, Jack, Evan, Sawyer and Elliot Klein; Tina's daughters, Alyssa, Abby and Aliyah; his Wisconsin great-grandchildren, William, Andrew and Jonathan Pittenger, Cali and Nick Sniegowski, Raina and Eli Martin, other relatives and many good friends.

In addition to his parents, Elmer was preceded in death by a brother, Paul (Shirley) Hallen and a sister-in-law, Jean Hallen.

Funeral services for Elmer will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, at Peace United Church of Christ in Kewaskum with Rev. Eric Kirkegaard officiating. Military honor rites by members of the Robert G. Romaine American Legion Post 384 Kewaskum will follow the church service.

Cremation will take place following the traditional service and burial of his remains will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the church cemetery.

The Hallen family will greet relatives and friends at the church on Thursday from 3 p.m. until the time of services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Peace United Church of Christ or a donation of blood to save another life are appreciated.

The Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum has been entrusted with Elmer's arrangements. Additional information and guest book may be found at [www.millermartinfh.com](http://www.millermartinfh.com).

## MARION R. MERWIN



Marion R. Merwin, 95, of Kewaskum, passed away on Friday, March 14, 2014, at Cedar Lake Health Care Center in the town of West Bend.

She was born on January 3, 1919, in Hamilton, Montana, the daughter of the late Ernest and Gena (Johnson) Ruesch, and on February 14, 1945, she was united in marriage to Arvin Merwin at Peace Evangelical Church in Medford. Arvin preceded

Marion in death on October 6, 1991.

Marion was a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Kewaskum, the women's guild and the prayer shawl ministry.

She will fondly be remembered for the enjoyment she received from reading, gardening with her husband and especially for her apple pies and potato salad. Marion will be deeply missed by her family and by all who knew her.

Those Marion leaves behind to cherish her memory include four children, Kenneth (Barbara) Merwin of Ecuador, Dean (Vicky) Merwin of Brown Deer, Joan (Harry) Dacko of Hot Springs, Arkansas and Brian Merwin (Marcy Wichman) of Wauwatosa; five grandchildren, Jennie (Scott) Vertanen, Evan (Debbie) Merwin, Andrea (Curran) Burns, Sara Merwin and Jayden Merwin; five great-grandchildren, Jacob, Sully, Sawyer, Bryce, David, and an expected great-grandchild, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, Marion was preceded in death by a son, Curtis; two brothers, Lloyd (Mae) Ruesch and Warren (Margaret) Ruesch and a sister, Frances (Harold) Merwin.

Funeral services for Marion were held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, at Peace United Church of Christ in Kewaskum. Rev. Eric Kirkegaard officiated and burial followed in the church cemetery.

The Merwin family greeted relatives and friends at the church on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until the time of services.

Memorials to Cedar Community Foundation Inc. are appreciated.

The Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum has been entrusted with Marion's arrangements. Additional information and guest book may be found at [www.millermartinfh.com](http://www.millermartinfh.com).

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## DELORES A. RAMMER



Delores A. Rammer, 87, of the village of Beechwood, and formerly of Sheboygan, passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2014, at Beechwood Rest Home in Kewaskum.

Delores was born on March 10, 1926 in Sheboygan, daughter of Arnold and Anita (Seibert) Schroeder. She was a 1944 graduate of Sheboygan Central High School and received her LPN certification from Lakeshore Technical College.

On August 12, 1944, she married Raymond Rammer in Sheboygan. Raymond passed away on December 17, 2010. Together they were the founders and owners of the Beechwood Rest Home. Prior to this, Delores was employed with Kohler Company, National Tinsel and Wigwam Mills. Delores was a member

of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Sheboygan.

She was a member of the Beechwood Fire Department Auxiliary. Delores enjoyed knitting, dancing, playing cards, big band music, and going to the casino.

Delores is survived by two daughters, Cindy Dorn of Beechwood and Chris (Joel) Firme of Adell; two sons, Lee Rammer of West Bend and Scott (Mary) Rammer of Kewaskum; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-grand-grandchildren; two sisters, Mae Jean (Kenneth) Messner of Sheboygan Falls and Arnita (Eugene) Drossel of Sheboygan Falls; and one brother-in-law, LeRoy Spettel of Sheboygan Falls.

Delores was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Raymond, her son, Barry Rammer, and two sisters, Virginia (Les) Benzschawel, and Carol Spettel.

A funeral service to celebrate Delores' life was held at 6 pm on Friday, March 14, at the Wenig Funeral Home in Sheboygan Falls with Rev. Phil Reifenberg officiating. Entombment took place at the Gardens of Peace Mausoleum in the town of Sheboygan.

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Relatives and friends called at the funeral home from 4 p.m. until the time of the service at 6 p.m. on Friday.

A memorial fund has been established in Delores' name.

For online condolences and additional information please visit [www.wenigfuneralhome.com](http://www.wenigfuneralhome.com).

The staff of the Wenig Funeral Home of Sheboygan Falls assisted Delores' family with arrangements.

**JOSEPH F. THELEN**

Joseph F. Thelen, 87, of Campbellsport went to his heavenly home on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at his home with his beloved family gathered around him.

He was born Oct. 18, 1926 in the Town of Ashford the son of Michael and Flora (nee Bodden) Thelen.

On Sept. 17, 1949, Joe married Mary Lou Steinacker at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Ashford. He was the business partner for 30 years of Leo Janous operating Thelen and Janous Auto Body Repair. Joe was a member of the Campbellsport Volunteer Fire Department from 1951 through the present and served as chief for 13 years.

He is survived by his children, Mike (Linda) Thelen of Fond du Lac, Gary (Jill) Thelen of Sheboygan, Linda (Joe) Petersen of Campbellsport and Lori (Bob) Russel of Campbellsport; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; his sister, Adela Baumhardt of Oshkosh; his brothers, Norbert (Joyce) Thelen of West Bend and Tony (Helen) Thelen of Campbellsport; his brother-in-law, Richy (Lucy) Steinacker of Fond du Lac; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Lou on May 12, 2009; his father and mother-in-law Hugo and Ella Steinacker; his sister, Agnes (John) Burns; his brother-in-law, Ivan Baumhardt and his sisters-in-law, Marjorie (James) Ketter and Gloria Steinacker.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m. at St. Matthews Catholic Church, Campbellsport. Rev. Neil Zinthefer will officiate and burial will follow in St. Matthews Cemetery.

Visitation will be Friday March 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Twohig Funeral Home, Campbellsport and on

Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Matthews Church or Campbellsport Fire and Rescue.

Online guestbook and condolences are at [www.twohigfunerals.com](http://www.twohigfunerals.com).

**MARION L. LAUFER**

Marion L. Laufer, nee Brieske, 92, of West Bend, passed away on Tuesday March 11, 2014 at Kettle Moraine Gardens in Kewaskum.

She was born on November 5, 1921 in Batavia to the late Harvey and Elsie (nee Wegner) Brieske and she grew up on a farm in Batavia.

Marion worked at West Bend Woolen Mills where she met her husband, Howard Laufer. They were united in marriage on May 22, 1943 at Holy Angels Catholic Church in West Bend. Together they farmed in the town of Trenton for many years and they were married for 68 years.

Marion was a member of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in West Bend and she was an active member of the St. John's Ladies Aid for many years. She loved to cook, bake, and garden.

She is survived by four children, Kenneth (Mary) Laufer Sr. of Fond du Lac, Sharon (Henry) Tesker of West Bend, Christine (James) Hundertmark of Fond du Lac, and Keith (Nancy) Laufer of West Bend; 10 grandchildren, Kenneth (Ginger) Laufer Jr. of West Bend, Kevin (Kristine) Laufer of West Allis, Kirk (Amy) Laufer of Gilbert, AZ, John Tesker of Germantown, Steven (Shelly) Tesker of Campbellsport, Nicole Hundertmark of Las Vegas, NV, Susan (Luke) Murtha of Fond du Lac, Andrew Laufer of West Bend, Ryan (Stephanie) Laufer of West Bend and Dana (Michael) Lechner of West Bend; 10 great-grandchildren, Brett, Kayla, Dylan, Jackson, Annika, Sarah, Brooke, Diesel, Trenton and Hunter; a sister-in-law, Evangeline Brieske of St. Petersburg, FL; cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Violet Brieske, and a brother, Roger Brieske.

The funeral service was held on Monday, March 17 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, West Bend, with Rev. David Kellerman officiating. Burial followed in Washington County Memorial Park, West Bend.

Visitation was at the church on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Myrhum-Patten Funeral & Cremation Service, West Bend, is assisting the family.

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**25 Years Ago**

December 9, 1988

In the festive tradition of Christmas, the Kewaskum Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Christmas decorating contest for all village of Kewaskum residents. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three homes chosen on the basis of creativity and promotion of the holiday spirit.

Dawn Troeller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Troeller of rural West Bend, and Mike Heberer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Heberer of rural Campbellsport, have been chosen as Kiwanis students of the month for December.

Students with a 3.001 to 3.499 grade point average at Kewaskum High School for the first quarter honor roll included: freshmen - Ryan Amerling, Jennifer Campbell, Chad Cook, Joel Fleischman, Rachel Gosa, Heidi Gruhle, Sherry Hass, Jacqueline Hintz, Jason Jagielski, Renee Kertscher, Amie Kirmse, Thadeus Koontz, Kim Marx, Sara Nysse, Nicole Oppermann, Adam Pilachowski, Tracy Ruplinger, Angela Schiller, Pamela Schlosser, Robert Schreffler, Tricia Schultz, Dan Staehler, Deanna Wagner, Scott Wiesner. Sophomores - Curtis Ammel, Ingrid Ankerson, Traci Bindrich, Brent Boegel, Melissa Braun, Mary Jo Breit, Angie Clements, James Dionne, Brian Dobke, Janel Flynn, Tania Friedel, Erin Hein, Scott Heller, Wanda Jacobs, Craig Krell, Matthew Kuehn, Becky Reis, Tammy Reis, Rebecca Reysen, Kelly Rohlinger, John Schmidt, Christopher Schoofs, Ira Sison, Joseph Steier, Christine Survis, Rachelle Zuehlke. Juniors - James Coulter, Karen Felix, John Hazlewood, Steven Heberer, Shelly Hug, Tina Keller, Jessica Koch, Jennifer Liegl, Becky Manthei, Willa Marshall, Michael Melzer, Eva Nowak, Jenny Oneska, Michael Pascavis, Jill Peterson, Donald Ritchie, Randy Romaine, Michael Ruplinger, Christopher Schmid, Jessica Schmidt, Stacey Schmitt, Tim Schultz,

Michelle Schuster. Seniors - Christine Blohm, Bobby Castro, Debbie Donath, Lynn Dorzok, Bradley Enright, Allison Frac, Douglas Geidel, Corey Gerlach, Lisa Harlow, Mark Hartmann, John Jalas, Lesa Justman, Randy Krell, Nicki Kulcinski, Catherine Manteau, Shannon McFadden, Adam Miklas, Stacy Oppermann, Sheila Paulson, Joan Petermann, Lisbeth Rasmussen, Kendra Riekkoff, Candy Stych, Julie Swenarski, Gayle Swift, Jacqueline Taylor, Dawn Troeller, Michelle Truog, George Walz.

Although Cedar Grove has a very young team with only three seniors and one junior, Kewaskum grapplers were not able to overcome them. Even though both teams won five matches, forfeits hurt the Indians. Jeff Sabish was the first Indian to win by a pin. Other wrestlers following in his footsteps by pinning were Bobby Castro, Shane Megonigle, Dan Heisdorf and Chris Charland. Winning by forfeit was Dennis Aupperle. At 103 Kevin Kapp lost; at 112 Jeff Sabish won by pin at 119; at 119 Jim Gildersleeve was pinned; at 125 Bobby Castro won by pin; 130 was lost by forfeit; at 135 Shane Megonigle won by pin; at 140 Dan Heisdorf won by pin; at 145 Noel Stradtman lost by pin; at 152 Chris Charland won by pin; at 161 Dave Kuphal lost by pin; 171 was lost by forfeit; at 189 Matt Gruss was pinned; and at 275 Dennis Aupperle won by forfeit. Kewaskum's next opponent was the Mayville Cardinals. Kewaskum man-handled the Cardinals. The Indians only lost three matches and two of them were by forfeit. For this being the Indians first home meet, they looked very impressive. At 103, Kevin Kapp won by forfeit; at 109 Jim Gildersleeve won by forfeit; at 110 Jeff Sabish won by forfeit; at 125 Bobby Castro won by pin; at 130 Kewaskum lost by forfeit; at 135 Shane Megonigle won by by pin; at 140 Dan Heisdorf won by pin; at 145 Noel Stradtman won by pin; at 152 Chris Charland won by pin; at 160 Dave Kuphal lost; at 171 Kewaskum lost by forfeit; at 189 Matt Gruss won by a pin, and at 275 Dennis Aupperle won by a pin.

On December 1, Kewaskum hosted the Plymouth girls team. The varsity played a tough competitive game, but couldn't pull through, losing 42-40. Some of the high scorers were Pam Osterbrink with 14 points, Deb Donath with 10 and Jenny Schneider with eight points. The high rebounder was Osterbrink with nine offensive and defensive rebounds. Schneider led the team with three assists.

A daughter was born to Sandra and Peter Winter, Campbellsport, on November 29. A son, Casey Dean, was born to Dean and Coula Cook-Scheel, Kewaskum, on November 29. Casey has three brothers, Chad, Nathan and Billy and one sister, Leslie. A son, Tate Timothy, was born to Timothy and Mollie Schill, Campbellsport, on November 23.

**50 Years Ago**

October 18, 1963

The 75th anniversary of its founding will be observed by St. John's United Church of Christ

in Beechwood on October 20, with morning and afternoon worship services.

The new tennis courts on the high school grounds were officially presented in the Kewaskum High School district by the Kiwanis Club of Kewaskum at a ceremony held last Thursday morning, October 10. The two courts, constructed by the Kiwanis Club at an approximate cost of \$6,000, were ready for use in July.

The second year's club and class champions of the Hon-E-Kor Country Club at Kewaskum were crowned recently with the completion of the finals of the men's championship tournament. Golfers who emerged as champions in each class in the men's division included Carl Wertz, who successfully defended his title as club champion. All other winners are new champions. They are: Class A - Killy Honeck; Class B - Paul Dean; Class C - H. Naab; Class D - Carl Freehauf; Class E - Harold Beck; Class F - Dale Carlson and Class G - Al Hemauer. Ladies champions of the club this year are: Club Champion - Betty Meunier; Class A - Audrey Bartelt, who defended her title; Class B - Lu Freeze; Class C - Corliss Fassbinderr; Class D - Florence Ruth.

Two boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pesch, Route 1, Kewaskum, on October 13, however one of the babies passed away on October 15. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Krewald, Route 2, Campbellsport, on October 11. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Soldheim, West Bend, on October 12. Mr. Soldheim is a former resident.

**75 Years Ago**

September 23, 1938

The primary election on Tuesday brought out a light vote in the village, town and county. The village cast 182 ballots and the town 88, which in both cases is less than half of the entire voting strength.

Lehman Rosenheimer, Jr. returned Wednesday from a two-day buying trip in the Chicago dress and coat market for the L. Rosenheimer Department Store, with a large selection of the newest styles and fabrics for the fall and winter seasons. Lehman reports that youthful wool plaids are being shown extensively in dresses and he has included a choice selection of these with the many silk and silk crepe numbers. Persian and Persian-trim coats seem as predominant as plain and figured fabrics this fall and a large selection of both these in green, brown and black complete a well balanced stock you will be able to choose from. All dresses and coats are now on display at L. Rosenheimer Store in Kewaskum.

A Grand Threshers' Dance, given by Heberer Brothers and crew, was held at Rudy Kolafa's Hall in New Fane on September 24. Music was provided by Al's Melody Kings furnishing old time music with an old-time swing. Admission was 25¢.

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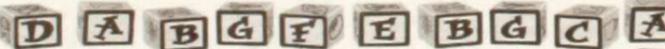


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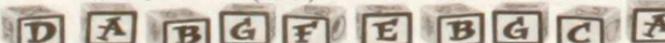
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Kewaskum Water Pollution Control

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## NOTICE TO ALL WASHINGTON COUNTY DOG OWNERS

Pursuant to Section 174.052, Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given to all owners of dogs

in Washington County that dog licenses and rabies vaccinations are required.

Vaccination by a licensed veterinarian against rabies is required of all dogs (Section 95.21(2)) within 30 days after the dog reaches 4 months of age and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. The owner of a dog shall have the dog revaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian when the certificate expires or within three (3) years of previous vaccination. The certificate of rabies vaccination must be presented to the collecting official before a dog license may be issued.

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Dog licenses may be obtained from your local town, village or city treasurer or designee during

the course of any given year. Dog owners should notify their treasurer if their dog is given away or has died, so that you will not be considered delinquent. An affidavit of death is available.

## PENALTY

Every owner of a dog 5 months of age or older who fails to obtain a license by April 1, will be assessed a late fee of \$5.00.

Brenda J. Jaszewski,  
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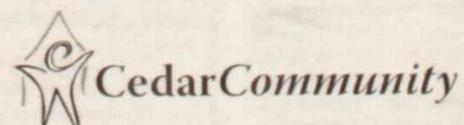
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## PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF KEWASKUM

Under Wisconsin State Statute 5.84(1), the Village of Kewaskum will be conducting a public test of the electronic ballot tabulation system to ascertain that it will correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures at the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. Said test will be on Monday, March 24, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 204 First Street. The test is open to the public.

Stephanie Justmann  
Village Clerk

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## TOWN OF KEWASKUM PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Section 5.84(1) Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that a Public Test of the automatic Optical Scan voting equipment and Touch Screen voting equipment will be conducted on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 1 pm at the Town of Kewaskum Community Center, 9019 Kettle Moraine Drive, Kewaskum for the 2014 Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 1 2014. This test is open to the public.

Nancy Boden  
Clerk

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## TOWN OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC TEST

In accordance with Section 5.84(1) Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that a Public Test of the automatic Optical Scan voting equipment and Touch Screen voting equipment will be conducted on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. at the Farmington Town Hall, 9422 STH 144, Kewaskum, WI 53040, for the Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. This test is open to the public.

Chris Schellinger  
Town Clerk

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## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2014 7:00 P.M.

The Kewaskum Village Board, Washington County, Wisconsin, met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 204 First Street.

President Andy Pesch presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members reported were Craig Garbisch, Richard Knoebel, Mike Berger, Andy Pesch, Dave Spenner, Kevin Scheunemann (arrived at 7:09 p.m.) and Jim Hovland. Staff members present were Matt Heiser, Mark Groeschel, Thomas Bishop, and Stephanie Justmann. Members from the community were also present.

Notice of the meeting had been posted at the PNC Bank, Kewaskum Post Office and at the Municipal Building on February 20, 2014. Notice was also forwarded to the Village Board, Village Attorney, Village Engineer and the News Media.

The meeting was opened with a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Richard Knoebel to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2014 meeting, second by Jim Hovland. Voice vote, motion carried.

President Pesch opened the Public Hearing on the Class "B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Retail Intoxicating Liquor License from The Ironwood Restaurant, agent Karen Callen, 109 Main Street, for the period of February 18, 2014 to June 30, 2014. No public comments were received.

Motion by Mike Berger to

close the Public Hearing, second by Craig Garbisch and carried by roll call vote. Garbisch-aye, Knoebel-aye, Berger-aye, Pesch-aye, Spenner-aye, Scheunemann-absent, Hovland-aye (6-0-1)

Fire Chief Mark Groeschel

1. Reported the new air packs were received and the department is conducting training.

2. Initiated by Trustees Berger and Spenner, Board members asked questions regarding the accident with the new ambulance. The Fire Chief responded that a rental ambulance is being used in the interim. The insurance company is investigating what will need to be replaced or repaired due to the accident.

Police Chief Thomas Bishop presented the January 2014 report:

Complaints	73
Total Traffic Contacts	114
Traffic Other	0
Traffic Citations	50
Traffic Warnings	64
Criminal Arrest	25
Warrants Cleared	7
Assist Others	29
Vacation Checks	435
Bar Checks	23
Building Checks	295
Open Doors	7
Accidents	8
Call for Service	152
Property Stolen	\$115
Property Recovered	\$67
Parking Tags	31
Parking Warnings	0

In the absence of DPW Coordinator Chad Cook, Administrator Heiser:

1. Reported on the DPW activities: water main breaks on Riverview Drive, Keller Street and tonight at a hydrant located by Fond du Lac Ave. and Roseland Drive.

2. The Village has also issued a Press Release on running the water at least three times a day to avoid having a water service from freezing.

Administrator Heiser:

1. Scheduled the Visioning Session for April 8, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

2. Reported on the meetings attended: Municipal Employee Group on combining departments, Wasmer, Focus on Energy, audit of lighting energy usage at Village facilities, Mid-Moraine regional meeting at West Bend, and a meeting with Advance Disposal to start discussing a new contract for garbage and recycling.

3. The current contract with McMahon Engineers for the Main Street project was reviewed. Additional construction related services and revising the existing contract was evaluated. Consensus was to have McMahon Engineering submit a new proposal including the entire scope of the project when the information is available.

4. Consensus of the Board was to use the purchasing policy example from the City of Baraboo. The Administrative Committee will draft a policy and will accept ideas from a Board member to incorporate into the purchasing policy.

Clerk Stephanie Justmann reported Congressman Sensenbrenner will be holding office hours at the Municipal Building on March 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Richard Knoebel, Chairperson for the Administrative Committee, reported on the February 13, 2014 meeting. The final draft of the Employee Handbook was compiled and is being forwarded to the Labor Attorney for review.

Jim Hovland, representative for the Plan Commission announced the next meeting scheduled for February 25, 2014 has been cancelled.

Matt Heiser, Mid-Moraine Representative, reported on the February 12, 2014 Legislative Sub-committee. The guest speaker was Paul Gaudet from Washington County Land Use Division, he spoke on the changes to the FEMA Floodplain Maps.

Motion by Richard Knoebel, second by Jim Hovland to approve the application for a Combination Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License to The Ironwood Restaurant, Special Order PAK, LLC, agent Karen Callen, 109 Main Street for the period of February 18, 2014 to June 30, 2014 and carried by roll call vote. Garbisch-aye, Knoebel-aye, Berger-aye, Pesch-aye, Spenner-aye, Scheunemann-aye, Hovland-aye. (7-0-0)

Motion by Kevin Scheunemann to approve the agent, Karen Callen for Special PAK, LLC, second by Craig Garbisch. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Richard Knoebel, second by Jim Hovland to approve the issuance of an operator's license for 2013/2014 as listed.

Thull, Kalie B., Kewaskum, WI

Motion by Kevin Scheunemann to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., second by Craig Garbisch and carried by roll call vote. Garbisch-aye, Knoebel-aye, Berger-aye, Pesch-aye, Spenner-aye, Scheunemann-aye, Hovland-aye. (7-0-0)

Stephanie Justmann  
Clerk / Deputy Treasurer

Approved: March 3, 2014  
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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF KEWASKUM  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKSHOP)  
DISTRICT OFFICE  
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order - President Ramthun
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Moment of Silence
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Verification of Public Notice Pursuant to §19.84(1)(2)(3)(4)
6. Public Comments
7. Agenda
  - a. Corrections and/or deletions
  - b. Approval of Agenda
8. Old Business: All items under Old Business are subject to discussion and/or action
  - a. Approve Davis & Kuelthau Bill-Mr. Hanson/Mr. Ramthun (30 minutes)
  - b. Review School Perceptions Community Survey (30 minutes)
9. New Business: All items under New Business are subject to discussion and/or action
  - a. Summer School Course Offerings-Mrs. Dreher (10 minutes)
  - b. Common Core-Mr. Ramthun (10 minutes)
10. Reports
  - a. Superintendent's Report (10 minutes)
    - i. Litigation Update
    - ii. Anti-Bullying
  - b. Student Learning-Mrs. Budnik (5 minutes)
  - c. Pupil Services-Mrs. Ignatowski (5 minutes)
  - d. Compensation Committee-Mr. Hanson (5 minutes)
  - e. Insurance Committee-Mrs. S. Miller (5 minutes)
  - f. Policy Committee-Mrs. G. Mueller (10 minutes)
    - i. Policy 2414-Human Growth and Development
    - ii. Policy 2510-Adoption of Textbooks
    - iii. Policy 5111-Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students
11. Motion to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(g), Wis. Stats., to discuss:
  - a. Update on Ongoing Legal Issue
  - b. Board Communication
  - c. IT Personnel Issue
  - d. District Administrator Evaluation Update
12. The Board will convene into Open Session to take action, if appropriate, on the item(s) considered in Closed Session and then Adjourn
13. Adjourn

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To The Statesman,

I am writing in support of Mr. Tim Ramthun for another term on the Kewaskum School Board. Although I am not a resident of the District, I work very close with Mr. Ramthun as the neighboring school board president and understand his desire for continuous improvement in the educational process both at the state and local level. He has demonstrated to be very effective working on important issues relating to state school funding, Common Core issues, and overall educational accountability. He remains very passionate that all students receive the best educational experience possible while balancing the responsibility for good fiscal management and staff accountability. Tim certainly deserves reelection to continue those initiatives.

Jay Miller  
Campbellsport

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To The Statesman Publications

As a retired Kewaskum School District educator, you wouldn't be too surprised that my number one consideration when voting for a school board member is that the candidate's priority should center on maximizing the education of our children. I hope you feel the same way.

I believe that it is also essential for school board members to value its educators, who are fundamental in achieving quality education for our children. In addition, it is necessary that members of the board understand the difference between overseeing and micro-managing. This understanding would promote a climate in which members work well together to achieve our district goals. And finally, bringing financial experience and ideas to the board would certainly be useful when making difficult budget decisions.

JAY FISHER, TROY HANSON, SUE MILLER have all of the above qualities. Vote for the Kids of the Kewaskum District.

Ellen Kesting  
Boltonville

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To The Statesman

It's hard to believe that the Kewaskum School Board spring election is only two weeks away. I encourage everyone to mark their calendars and exercise their right to vote.

In that two week window, I suggest that everyone research the candidates and ask them the questions that concern you about our district. There are many issues facing our school district, including finances to curriculum. Find out the candidates' positions on your issues and then find out if they have changed. Ask the candidates if they are really willing to take the time that is needed as a board member, or is this just a resume building opportunity. There's more to running a district and being accountable to the taxpayers, then just saying it's for the kids. Some decisions you make are tough and unpopular. There are four candidates for

three positions, do your research, talk to the candidates, and choose the one you feel is right for the job.

Jim Leister  
Town of Wayne

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To The Statesman

I am a candidate for the Kewaskum School Board. To show my commitment to my constituents I have decided to place a paid advertisement in this week's edition. Please look for my ad for more information on my candidacy.

Sue Miller  
Town of Farmington

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To The Statesman

Are certain Kewaskum school board candidates really in favor of hearing both sides of Common Core State Standard's (CCSS)?

At the March 3rd Board candidate forum, the candidates were asked, "Do you pledge, if elected, to bring in experts on both sides of the issue to discuss these standards?"

Mrs. Sue Miller: "Absolutely, I feel we certainly need to hear both sides to make the best overall decision in order to also be objective and fair". Hm-mmm?

Mr. Troy Hanson: "Yes, this session needs to be had so that all the facts do get out." Hm-mmm?

Each had that very opportunity a few short months ago, and opposed doing so, eventually calling the event too political!

On 9/6/13, Mrs. S. Miller responded to an email that she "didn't want to listen to one side or both sides with a political speaker in association with the school district".

On 10/18/13, Mr. Hanson informed me via email that, "You have a choice of whether you want to be a board member or a citizen. You pushing your anti-CC agenda at the Board suggests you need to resign as you are choosing your anti-Common Core agenda over your role as a Board Member. I don't need your propaganda to inform myself on issues."

So why now have both opted to change? Perhaps it has something to do with pandering for votes in an election?

In retrospect, Mr. Ramthun has educated himself attending hearings, legislative breakfasts, radio broadcasts, and multiple CCSS presentations. He has been consistent in his stance/concerns to the data mining of student information.

If you look for leadership from your representatives, you need to be aware of this difference. The decision is clear - one vote is all that is needed.

Grace Mueller  
Kewaskum

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To The Statesman

Point-of-Interest: evaluation. Service execution in any industry, whether it's through technology, machines and automation, or in people performing manual task, requires assessment factors to gauge

quality and efficiency. Public education is not immune to this and frankly, with the product being the minds of our youth, meeting and exceeding expectations is a requirement. Results from such an evaluation should also be a key factor in how service levels and staff are measured and rewarded. How better can attracting and retaining the best occur? Standard and structured evaluation objectively treats all fairly by recognizing those who meet and exceed, while providing specifics on how to improve for any exceptions.

This need, this requirement in oversight for the District as a member of the Board of Education, has yet to be established for all staff at KSD. Did you know that formal evaluation of the District Administrator has not occurred since December of 2003? Formal and objective evaluation of all Administrative staff, as well as Educators and Support, is lacking. This is most troubling for many reasons, up to and including the loss in fairness to the employees as well as the taxpayer. To wait until something is produced from educational support services such as CESA or WASB is to me irresponsible, lacking local and independent control. Each year, the Board of Education is requested to approve increases in compensation for staff. How better than to do it objectively and fairly to all as a standard and structured process. Beginning with the District Administrator, this task must commence in earnest, followed by the completion of all staff within the District. This goal needs to be accomplished before the beginning of the next school year, a goal I commit to with the majority.

Timothy Ramthun  
Town of Auburn

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To The Statesman

Tim Ramthun: one vote on the ballot is all you need on Tuesday, April 1 to continue the most open and transparent school board in years.

Tim is dedicated to the parents and students of this district. He is always willing to listen and work with parents as they try to understand the situation of their child(ren). His compassion is outstanding.

As a village resident, I personally know Tim is someone who is very conscientious in his commitment to the school board duties, as stated in the pledge he took when he was elected three years ago.

He has come a long way to learn how a school district works. He has broadened his knowledge by attending conferences, seminars and state informational meetings. No other candidate can say this. This shows his dedication to the position and the experience he brings to the board.

Tim is the foundation of this board, who continues to try and bring information to the public. One of his goals is continuing to work on the communication aspect, which is the heart and soul of any successful service

organization, club or group.

He wants to keep the taxpayers in mind when the board works on the budget. He knows the "workings" of the school district starts with the monies allotted by the local, state and federal government. Realizing there is not a "well-of-wealth" in this district is admirable.

Please vote on Tuesday April 1 for Tim Ramthun. Your one vote will show you too are making a commitment to our Kewaskum School District.

My comments might be a little bias, as Tim is my nephew. But as a long standing member of this community, dedication and commitment runs in the family.

Gwendolyn Dreher  
Kewaskum

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To The Statesman

It is important for residents of the Kewaskum School District to know the people who wish to represent them on the Board of Education.

At the candidate's forum held earlier this month, I was hoping to hear three things from each candidate: Support for students, staff, and superior educational standards.

Each candidate began with a statement of why they were running. Mr. Hanson, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Fischer said they were concerned that children receive a good education. Hanson and Miller added their children attending district schools gave them more engagement in the schools. Fischer, who works with the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County, said his life's work is caring for kids, and he would apply that to this endeavor also.

Mr. Ramthun, gave us his family tree, his lifetime in the district, less time in other states, as a factor for running, and end-

ed with his passion for being involved in the work of the board. It became very apparent to this taxpayer that three of those candidates want to support students, respect staff, and want to give children the best possible education.

Miller talked about the importance of challenging our children with a rigorous curriculum that prepares them for college and careers.

Hanson talked about his area of expertise: finance. He said it is important to use tax dollars judiciously to give kids the best possible education. He felt the duty of the board was to set policy, oversee finance, and let professionals run the schools.

Fischer cited his years as an executive director of a non-profit which has given him insight into doing as much as possible with limited funds. He suggested grants as a source of revenue. He also felt supporting teachers goes a long way when dollars are tight.

Ramthun had little to say about kids or their education. He said as President of the Board he felt it was his duty to do whatever it takes to do the job, referring perhaps to his incursion into the classroom which caused a Kewaskum Middle School staff member to retire. He also mentioned Common Core Standards and was unsure about what effect they would have on students.

I ask you to vote on April 1, for the following three candidates: Sue Miller, Troy Hanson and Jay Fischer

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