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Greg Herbert and Amber Goetz were married on April 6 on the front porch of the Kewaskum Historical Society's log cabin, located near River Hill Park. The couple, who originally planned on going to Wisconsin Dells to get married, changed their wedding plans because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

photo submitted

## Gov. Evers Extends "Safer At Home" Order

On April 16, Gov. Tony Evers directed Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to extend the Safer at Home order from April 24 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, or until a superseding order is issued. The

order implements some new measures to ensure safety and support the progress that has been made in containing COVID-19, but also allows certain activities to start up again.

"A few weeks ago, we had a pretty grim outlook for what COVID-19

could mean for our state, but because of the efforts of all of you, Safer at Home is working. That said, we aren't out of the woods just yet," said Gov. Evers.

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## Schools Continue Serving The Community

By Anne Trautner

The Kewaskum School District continues to provide drive-up, grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches for children under the age of 18 while the school buildings are closed because of the COVID-19 epidemic.

The district's nutrition services began offering the meals on March 17. As businesses remain closed during the COVID-19 crisis and unemploy-

ment rates go up, the number of people receiving meals has steadily increased.

On Monday, April 13, the district gave away 4,310 meals. The district was expected to hand out more than 5,000 meals for the entire week, Superintendent James Smasal said on April 13 during a regular monthly School Board meeting.

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## Log Cabin Wedding

– Couple's Love Overcomes Quarantine And Robbery

By Anne Trautner

Amber Goetz and Greg Herbert wanted to get married on April 6 because they started dating 12 years ago, on April 6, 2008.

So the couple made plans to have a wedding at a chapel in Wisconsin Dells on that date. They were to be married in front of their family and friends.

But then the COVID-19 pandemic occurred.

"Unfortunately, because of the Coronavirus, our plans got shot down just like everything else has," Amber said.

The tuxedo shop that had the suit Greg was renting was closed down. The salon where Amber was going to get her hair and nails done

was closed.

The only thing that was still open was the chapel where they were supposed to get married was still open. But with Gov. Tony Evers proclaiming the "Safer At Home" order that limited gatherings to less than 10 people, the wedding was not going to be what the couple had dreamed of having.

"It was very hard. I cried a lot because there was the uncertainty of what was going to happen," Amber said.

The couple considered postponing the wedding until next year. Finally, about a week before the scheduled wedding, Amber and Greg made a decision.

"We want to get married, and we love each other. This is our 12-

year anniversary of our first date. We are not going to let the Coronavirus stop us from getting married," Amber and Greg said to each other.

The couple, who live in Kewaskum, decided to select one of their favorite local spots in Kewaskum as the wedding venue: the log cabin located near River Hill Park.

"We usually go for walks past the log cabin and enjoy seeing it every time," Amber said.

So on April 6, with Amber's sister serving as the officiant, the couple were married on the front porch of the Kewaskum Historical Society's log cabin.

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A zookeeper from the Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary holds a snowy owl that was rescued in the Town of Farmington on Easter Sunday after a resident spotted the injured owl in his hayfield on April 11. The female owl, which had minor injuries to her chest and both wings, was taken to the Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Fredonia, which specializes in healing birds of prey.

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# Publisher's Letter

## An Intangible Farewell

Dear Reader,

Tess Nowalk, my mother-in-law died last Saturday morning. She was a beautiful woman in all ways imaginable, who lived a life of quiet service to others. It's hard to comprehend how to say goodbye to a person you've loved for decades and how to grieve with others who loved her the same when social distancing demands that we stay apart. It's even more difficult to come to terms with the earthly finality of her parting, during a pandemic such as this one, when the last farewell is just beyond reach.



Imagine a visitation and funeral where people are lined up outside waiting inside their cars to drive to the gravesite unable to pay their last respects. Imagine that for the brief service only 10 people from the immediate family are allowed to be present — each standing at minimum six feet apart from each other and wearing masks. Imagine going out to the cemetery and waiting until the coffin is buried before the few family members and closest friends can congregate at a distance around the gravesite. Prayers can be made and songs can be sung, but the comfort of clasping hands, hugging, or holding one another up in each other's sorrow must remain absent. So too, is removed the last touch and final gaze upon the dearly departed.

In the end, how do we ever truly say goodbye to a loved one for the last time, knowing that it's beyond forever

and through eternity? Is there really a perfect or right way? Do we say the words that we've always said but differently this time, knowing that we'll never say them again in person? Do we look into their eyes one last time in a special way, knowing that we'll never be able to look into them again? In the end, no matter the circumstances, parting is never easy and there is never a good way to go through it — especially if the death is sudden and unexpected.

Tess was 91 and died of natural causes, having enjoyed an engaging and fulfilled life. In a sense, her goodbye, if you can call it that, could be construed as a long one, consisting of laughter and joy and many loving events sprinkled throughout the rich decades of a lifetime. She gently loved all in her presence, demonstrated through her continuous halo of activities.

There is a deep sadness for us who remain behind, but joyous ecstasy for her at a new place on the continuum, well earned for that last extension of perpetuity. In the end, no kind of farewell will ever be able to capture the fullness of life that will live on in her memory. The tangibility of her being has transformed into an intangibility of a spiritual presence that will always be with us as we forge the remainder of our paths through physical life.

Patrick Wood  
Publisher

# Kewaskum's 125th Anniversary Celebration Postponed Until Next Year

The Kewaskum 125th Anniversary Celebration that was planned for June 12 and 13 has been postponed until next year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The dates for the Ke-

waskum 126th Anniversary Celebration are to be determined. Those who had signed up for the Historic Hustle 5K fun run/walk that had been scheduled for June 13

will be reimbursed. For further information, please contact event co-chairs Aaron Laatsch and Anne Trautner at kewaskum125th@gmail.com.

## Breakfast On The Farm Postponed Until Next Year

This year's 33rd annual Breakfast on the Farm scheduled for Saturday, June 13, at Sunset Farms in Allenton has been canceled

in light of the growing concerns around COVID-19. The Washington County Dairy Promotion Committee an-

nounced that Sunset Farms has offered to host the breakfast on June 12, 2021.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On March 12, Gov. Tony Evers declared a public health emergency. While his reason for the declaration may have sounded sensible, the orders he issued changed life for Wisconsin's residents and businesses drastically. As we can see today, the orders were clearly a quick stop-gap response to the virus showing up in Wisconsin. Initially, their reach may be understandable as it provided time for information gathering and intelligent analysis of the problem. However, in America, when you make the decision to shutter businesses and restrict civil liberties to this extent, the next immediate priority must be finding a way to repeal that decision. That does not appear to be a priority for the Governor right now as the apparent strategy is to control the people and let the virus run its course where it can. We played defense enough, now we should be on offense.

even with the virus present in our population. For this to happen, government needs to immediately transition from control of people, to a resource for the people. At this point, the only way to repeal that declaration is to cede the problem that caused it to the people and let them solve it organically. In other words, unleash the people and business owners to figure out the new normal. The state's greatest resources, its residents and businesses, have been benched when needed the most.

Gov. Evers needs to significantly refine his orders and repeal all parts that restrict individuals and businesses. The orders, updated frequently with recent data, should contain only meaningful "guidance" on best practices with reasons why they are important. The rest should only have to do with utilizing state resources and rules pertaining to government services such as unemployment.

This virus, and maybe more in the future, will be present for some time. Our economy, livelihoods and civil rights cannot accept these intrusive government restrictions any longer. We need to figure out how to have what we had before

Let's have faith in our people and businesses. They will voluntarily follow guidance that makes sense. We have already seen exempted businesses make their own adjustments so customers feel safe enough to patronize them, and employees come to

work. If the artificial government restraints are lifted, businesses will take whatever measures their customers expect, or there won't be customers. Medical facilities will figure out what extra measures are needed to begin routine care again. Restaurants, theaters and other entertainment venues can decide if there is a feasible manner to operate that is responsible to customers, yet beneficial to their business. Even school districts can decide through their elected boards on how to proceed, or not, with classes for the next couple years.

Individuals will be mindful of their hygiene and be careful about their contact with at-risk people, and at-risk people will be more careful about their behaviors. Government's role is to provide accurate, meaningful, and common sense guidance about our behaviors, not orders.

For the long term, only "voluntary" changes to our behavior will provide the environment necessary for an orderly and productive society. Only the people, by their knowledge, ingenuity, choices, and freedom can give us back, "...the pursuit of Happiness."

Dale K. Schmidt  
Town of West Bend

## Week's Wit

It's too bad that those who are never at a loss for words, are so often at a loss for thoughts.

## Correction

In the letter to the editor last week about the election in the Town of Farmington, there was one mistake. The subs

for the election workers were provided by the Kewaskum Cousins Subs, not the West Bend Subway.

The Town of Farmington was appreciative to Cousins Subs for the food they provided.

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## Work Being Done On County Trunk Highway FD (Pioneer Road)

Reconstruction of County Trunk Highway (CTH) FD (Pioneer Road), from State Trunk Highway (STH) 175 to Richfield Way in the Town of Polk and Village of Richfield that began on April 6 is scheduled to be substantially completed by the end of July.

The prime contractor for the project is Michels Corporation of Brownsville. The construction project

will be divided into two stages. Mayfield Road to Richfield Way will be closed to through traffic from the beginning of April to approximately mid-April. The section from State Highway 175 to Mayfield Road will be closed to through traffic from mid-April to the end of July. Improvements will include: grading, asphalt, curb and gutter, storm sewer, turn lanes, and sight line im-

provements. Please follow the posted detour routes utilizing I-41, USH 45, STH 167, STH 175. Local residents are asked to use extra caution when driving in the construction area and to obey all flagmen and construction signs. Alternate routes should be utilized if possible to avoid delays.

For more information, please visit www.co.washington.wi.us/hwy and click

on "Road Construction & Projects" or call the Highway Department office at 262-335-4435. Project updates will be posted periodically on Washington County's website and Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we improve Washington County's roadways striving for effective mobility and reliable infrastructure.

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# Gov. Evers Extends “Safer At Home” Order

“As I’ve said all along, we are going to rely on the science and public health experts to guide us through this challenge. So, as we extend Safer at Home, I need all of you to continue doing the good work you’ve been doing so we can keep our families, our neighbors, and our communities safe, and get through this storm together,” Evers added.

“Before we lift Safer at Home, the steps of testing and more robust public health measures must be in place,” explained Secretary-designee Palm. “These steps will help us reduce the risk of a second wave of the virus. If we open up too soon, we risk overwhelming our hospitals and requiring more drastic physical distancing measures again.”

The extension of the Safer at Home order includes a few changes. Some changes allow more businesses and activities to open back up, while other changes help make businesses safer for employees and customers. The changes in this order include:

### Businesses And Activities Ramping Up Service And Operations

- Public libraries: Public libraries may now provide curbside pickup of books and other library materials.
- Golf Courses: Golf courses may open again, with restrictions including scheduling and paying for tee times online or by phone only. Clubhouses and pro shops must remain closed.
- Non-essential Businesses: Non-essential businesses will now be able to do more things as Minimum Basic Operations, including deliveries, mailings, and curbside pick-up. Non-

essential businesses must notify workers of whether they are necessary for the Minimum Basic Operations.

- Arts and Crafts Stores: Arts and craft stores may offer expanded curbside pickup of materials necessary to make face masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE).

- Aesthetic or Optional Exterior Work: Aesthetic or optional exterior law care or construction is now allowed under the extended order, so long as it can be done by one person.

### Safe Business Practices:

- Safe Business Practices for Essential Businesses and Operations: Essential Businesses and Operations must increase cleaning and disinfection practices, ensure that only necessary workers are present, and adopt policies to prevent workers exposed to COVID-19 or symptomatic workers from coming to work.

- Safe Business Practices for Retailers that Essential Businesses and Operations: Retail stores that remain open to the public as Essential Businesses and Operations must limit the number of people in the store at one time, must provide proper spacing for people waiting to enter, and large stores must offer at least two hours per week of dedicated shopping time for vulnerable populations.
- Supply Chain: Essential Businesses and Operations that are essential because they supply, manufacture, or distribute goods and services to other Essential Businesses and Operations can only continue operations that are necessary to those businesses they supply. All other operations

must continue as Minimum Basic Operations.

### Other Changes Include:

- Schools: Public and private K-12 schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

- Local parks and open space: Local health officials may close public parks and open spaces if it becomes too difficult to ensure social distancing or the areas are being mistreated.

- Travel: People are strongly encouraged to stay close to home, not travel to second homes or cabins, and not to travel out-of-state if it is not necessary.

- Tribal Nations: Tribal Nations are sovereign over their territory and can impose their own restrictions. Non-tribal members should be respectful of and avoid non-essential travel to Tribal territory. Local government must coordinate, collaborate, and share information with Tribal Nations.

- Duration: The changes in this order go into effect on April 24, 2020. The order will remain in effect until 8 a.m. on May 26, 2020.

The public should continue to follow simple steps to avoid exposure to the virus and prevent illness including:

- Avoiding social gatherings with people of all ages (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your house); Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
- Covering coughs and sneezes;
- Avoiding touching one’s face; and
- Staying home.

# Gov. Evers Announces Badger Bounce Back Plan

On Monday, April 20, Gov. Tony Evers announced Wisconsin’s “Badger Bounce Back” plan, which outlines important criteria for Wisconsin to be able to reopen its economy in phases and includes steps to make sure workers and businesses are prepared to reopen as soon as it is safe to do so. In coordination with this announcement, at the direction of the governor, Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Andrea Palm issued Emergency Order #31, establishing the process and outlining the phases of the plan.

“As we’ve learned over the past month, in the most difficult of circumstances, Wisconsinites will rise to the occasion, helping each other and working together to do what’s best for our families, our neighbors, and our communities,” Evers said. “That’s what the Badger Bounce Back is all about: our resilience as a people and as a state. I am excited and hopeful about this plan. While being safe at home continues to be important, this plan is an all-out attack on the virus and it begins the process of preparing our busi-

nesses and our workforce for the important planning that will result in the safe and logical reopening of our economy.”

The Badger Bounce Back plan is informed in part by the president’s Guidelines for Opening Up America Again that was issued by the White House on April 16. Currently, Wisconsin does not meet the criteria the White House established to start reopening the state. The Badger Bounce Back plan takes important steps to get the state of Wisconsin there.

The goal of the Badger Bounce Back plan is to decrease cases and deaths to a low level, and increase capacity in our healthcare system so the phased reopening of businesses is possible. As part of that plan the state will be working to increase access to more testing and expand lab capacity. Under the Badger Bounce Back plan, everyone who needs a test should get a test. The state is setting a goal of 85,000 tests per week, averaging about 12,000 tests per day.

Next, the state will be expanding contact tracing and more aggres-

sively tracking the spread with the goal of every Wisconsinite who tests positive being interviewed within 24 hours of receiving their test results and their contacts being interviewed within 48 hours of test results.

Additionally, the state will continue to pursue every avenue to grow Wisconsin’s supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare and public safety entities to conduct COVID-19 testing, patient care, and public safety work. Finally, the plan works to bolster healthcare system capacity where patients can be treated without crisis care and there are more robust testing programs in place for at-risk healthcare workers.

The state will be looking for a downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses and COVID-19 symptoms reported within a 14-day period, and a downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period. When the state has seen these efforts be successful, Wisconsin can begin to turn the dial, re-open the state, and get businesses and workers back on their feet.

# COVID-19 Could Affect Severe Weather Sheltering Plans

With severe weather season underway in Wisconsin, it’s essential that people reevaluate their planning and anticipate the effects COVID-19 could have on where they take shelter. While it is important to practice good social distancing, ReadyWisconsin encourages everyone to make sure that doesn’t prevent them from seeking safety during a severe thunderstorm or tornado warning.

“While COVID-19 remains a serious threat to public health, severe weather also poses a major risk to the safety of everyone in its path,” said Dr. Darrell L. Williams, Wisconsin Emergency Management administrator. “While we do want people to practice safe social distancing when possible, that should never stop them from going to a shelter during a dangerous weather event.”

While many people are following Gov. Tony Evers’ Safer at Home order and limiting non-essential travel, there is still a possibility they will be out in the community when severe weather strikes. There are also many people who often rely on public facilities for shelter during a severe weather event.

People should be aware that many community shelters, such as government-maintained buildings, may currently be closed due to the pandemic response.

Any decision to keep those facilities open to the public is at the discretion of the agency that owns and maintains those locations. If someone typically relies on a community shelter during a severe weather event, WEM encourages them to verify the status of that location and adjust their plans accordingly. This should be done before there is severe weather in the forecast

and before any warnings are issued.

People can also take steps to give themselves as much warning as possible about approaching severe weather by regularly checking the forecast. Also, ensure their phone is equipped to receive Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and get a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) All Hazards Weather Radio with battery backup for your home and office. The alerts these devices provide when severe weather is spotted can save valuable time in reaching a safe location.



Trees are planted on the front berm of Reigle Family Park on Thursday, April 16. The work was allowed to be done under the state’s “Safer At Home” order. photo by Anne Trautner

<p><b>Dinner Menu Week of April 27</b></p> <p>Monday: Closed</p> <p>Tuesday: Meatloaf</p> <p>Wednesday: Country Fried Steak</p> <p>Thursday: Baked Chicken with Stuffing</p> <p>Friday: Cod • Perch • Walleye Shrimp • Salmon • Smelt</p>	<p><b>MOTHER'S DAY</b></p> <p><b>HEAT N' EAT MEALS!</b></p> <p><b>262-626-2144</b> OR <b>262-339-6505</b></p> <p>Kelley Country Creamery Flavor of the Month: GATEWAY GLACIER</p>
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Janet G. Volm

Janet G. Volm, 75, of West Bend, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2020, at Ivy Manor in West Bend.

Janet was born on October 13, 1944, in West Bend, the daughter of the late Aloysius and Alice (nee Bremser) Volm. She attended St. Michael's grade school all through 8th grade. Janet then graduated from Kewaskum High School in 1962. She was employed by West Bend Company doing secretarial work. Janet was a mentor for a child and guided him through his young life. She was a softball player on many teams and won many trophies. Janet played the stump fiddle and won first place at the Port Washington Fish Days. She had a beautiful singing voice and soloed at many weddings and special occasions. Janet loved to have a good time and make people laugh. She took her nieces and nephews many places – fishing, camping, and various trips. Janet loved the outdoors and wildlife. She took care of her mother for many

years and lovingly tended to her.

Those Janet leaves behind to cherish her memory include three sisters, Patricia Jeske, Carol (Ken) Ramthun, and Dorothea (Raymond) Korpela; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to her parents, Janet was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Frederic Jeske, and a great nephew, Francis Mary Ramthun.

Due to current restrictions, a private burial service with Rev. Jacob Strand officiating will be held for Janet's family at St. Michael Catholic Cemetery in St. Michaels. Janet's service will be recorded. The video of the service will be posted on our website at [www.myrhumpatten.com](http://www.myrhumpatten.com). A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at St. Michael Catholic Church.

Please consider signing our online guest book ([www.myrhumpatten.com](http://www.myrhumpatten.com)) to share your condolences with the family. Cards addressed to the family may be sent in care of: Myrhum – Patten Funeral and Cremation Service, 1315 W. Washington Street, West Bend, WI 53095.

The family would like to thank the staff at Ivy Manor and Allay Home Hospice for their wonderful care.

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*Note: The spellings seen here are how they appear on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website.*

**Town of Barton**

U.S. Bank National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Trustee For The RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT to Hillside Jefferson LLC, Tower Dr., \$840.

Gary W. Pearl Revocable Trust Dated April 4, 2017 to Alexander Gintner, Glacier Drive, \$879.

Thomas R. and Jennifer E. Thrash to Jennifer Sellhausen, Beaver Dam Road, \$1,311.60.

Golden Shovel, LLC A Wisconsin Limited Liability Company to Cedar View Homes LLC, Vacant/Cindy Place, \$142.50.

John L. Camery to Ricky R. Qualmann, Newark Drive, \$900.

Timothy J. Stoiber to Trustee Of The Timothy J. Stoiber And Brenda M. Stoiber Living Trust U/A Dated February 27, 2020, Highway D, Exempt.

Robert H. Kuester to Trustee Of The Robert H. Kuester, Jr. Living Trust U/A Dated February 25, 2020, Young America, Exempt.

Eric S. Schairer to Eric S. Schairer Revocable Living Trust Dated March 6, 2018, Newark

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Drive, Exempt.

Stern Investments, LLC to Eric S. Schairer, Newark Drive, Exempt.

Zachary Hill to Joshua A. and Karla P Spaits, Town Line Road, \$734.70.

Laura Swoboda to Emilie E. and Bradley S. Franzen, Newark Drive, \$285.

**Town of Farmington**

David Tower to Dan Dorzok, Indian Lore Road, \$195.

Michael M. and Cathleen S. Biehl to The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, Inc., Lake Twelve Drive, \$228.

Arthur C. Seyfert to Kolin A. and Marie M. Knoblauch, Stonefield Ct., \$495.

Ronald And Sandra Rabuck to Scott And Michelle McGraw, Vacant/Riverside, \$1,305.

The Estate Of Elmer W. Belger to Casey H. Nugent, Bolton Dr., \$149.70.

Linda M. Madsen to Ryan Witte, South View Ct., \$1,147.50.

Amy L. And Peter J. Schinker to Michael W. And Gail M. Umbaugh, E. Newark Drive, \$864.

William R. Kazen to Virginia R. Kazen, Fairfield Lane, Exempt.

The Estate Of Mary C. Newland to Brian And Denise Thoreson, Kohler Dr., \$960.

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, Inc., A Wisconsin Non-Stock, Non-Profit Corporation, County Hwy XX, Exempt.

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, Inc., A Wisconsin Non-Stock, Non-Profit Corporation, Jay Road, Exempt.

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Rocky J. And Jennifer N. Thomson to Michael Breen, Indian Lore Rd., \$1,169.70.

Lee M. Phillip to June M. Properties, LLC, Fillmore Road, Exempt.

Charles I. Spaeth And Barbara A. Spaeth Family Trust Dated July 18, 2003 to Chad Gillian, Orchard Valley Road, \$1,050.

Mark A. Haack to Holly A. Reindl, Valley View Road, Exempt.

**Town of Kewaskum**

Hawk Development, LLC to Chris Cochran, State Hwy 45, Exempt.

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**Village of Kewaskum**

D&S Weyer No I, LLC to Donald Weyer Contractor LLC, Owls Lane, \$90.

SLT Properties LLC to Darr G. and Stephanie L. Derge Derge, Vacant Land On Kettle Drive, \$180.

Ronald E. Ellefson to Karen E. Ellefson, Stark Street, Exempt.

Trustee Of The Ronald E. Ellefson And Karen E. Ellefson Living Trust Agreement U/A Dated January 8, 2013 to Ronald E. Ellefson, Stark Street, Exempt.

Benjamin J. Seyfert to Wendy M. Koss, Silver Fox Drive North, Exempt.

Ryan M. And Jennifer A. Kopf to Svannah Jenz, Washington Ct., \$824.70.

Kewaskum Potawatomi Prairie LLC, A Wisconsin Limited Liability Company to Donna M. Hoss, Prarie Gardens, \$660.

Norman E. Martin to Herbert And Ruth Hertel, Propsect Drive, \$681.

Matthew R. Anderson to Michael J. Tuyls, Fond du Lac Avenue, \$525.

David J. and Kari A. Rahlf to Todd And Lisa Tuttle, Roseland Dr., \$405.

Christopher A. Bales to Matthew R. Hanke, Clinton Street, \$705.

Russell B. Rodenkirch And Darlene M. Rodenkirch Revocable Living Trust Dated April 20, 2011 to Catherine Stofel, Midland Ave, \$510.

Kevin D. And Catherine M. (F/K/A Peiffer) Gonring to Robert Aan And Deborah Sue Goodell, Washington Avenue, \$750.

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## DAYS GONE BY

**5 Years Ago  
April 30, 2015**

The 2015 Kewaskum High School Junior Prom will be held this Saturday at the Washington County Fair Park. The court includes Haley Kleinhans, Abby Reysen, Skylar Graskey, Jeray Riffel, Alyssa Heberer, Maddy Lehmann, Megan Ackatz, Sean Murray, Sam Fechter, Charlie Wittek, Brandon Thull, Joe Sanborn, Berat Elmazi, and Brandon Fischer.

Dust off a spot in the front of the trophy case. The Kewaskum High School girls soccer team earned some new hardware to put on display after winning the Oostburg Tournament last Saturday.

McKenzie Rosenthal is one of the top seniors in the Kewaskum High School Class of 2015. She has been accepted at the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs, CO. She is the first female from Kewaskum High School to receive an appointment to one of the military academics.

A special event was held at Wayne Elementary School April 24. Students, staff, families, and community members enjoyed a spaghetti dinner and student displays of project-based learning. More than 400 people attended. The K-2 students displayed works from their States of Matter science projects. The students in grades three through five displayed their Earth, moon and sun projects and other weather projects.

Kewaskum School Board member Mary Miller has been awarded the Bert Grover Child Advocate Award for her exceptional support of children. She has demonstrated a significant commitment to children by sharing her time and support of the Kewaskum School District.

The Kewaskum girls fast-pitch team is known as the Road Warriors due to playing all its games away because of repairs being made to the diamond in Kiwanis Park. The team added four more victories in the past week.

Kewaskum High School's golf team finished second in the Cougar Scramble held last Saturday. The team traveled to Madison on Monday for the Madison Edgewood and WPGA Junior Foundation event. Of the 22 teams battling the wind and cold, Kewaskum finished ninth with a 347.

Janis A. Oppermann, 69, Kewaskum, passed away April 23.

Victor H. Backhaus, 88, Kewaskum, passed away April 24.

Arleen C. Schneider, 87, Kewaskum, passed away April 24.

Sharon A. Dickey, 69, passed away April 16.

**15 Years Ago  
April 28, 2005**

Alex Roeske is a 12-year-old seventh grader at Kewaskum Middle School. His Wisconsin AAA team played in the USA National Hockey Championship held in Alaska recently. His team wound up 2-2 in the tournament.

New banners purchased by the Kewaskum Chamber of Commerce to decorate and promote the Kettle Moraine in the village were hung recently. The project took about one year to complete and cost the group \$2,700.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the 8,382-sq. ft. Kathy House Hospice was held April 26. The hospice center is located on Mayfield Road, Town of Polk. The project is expected to cost approximately \$3 million.

Police Chief Richard Knoebel stated that he checked with other municipalities to find that most check their emergency sirens only once a week. Kewaskum had been blowing its every day. A resident complained that the siren is on his lot line so his family needs to make sure they are inside to shelter their ears when the siren blows.

Kewaskum's annual clean-up day was held April 16. It was reported as a great turnout, with five 20-yard containers of general trash and refuse collected. Also collected was one 20-yard container of grass and leaves. Over 6,000 pounds of scrap metal was collected.

The major highlight of the track and field meet on Tuesday was the triple jump of Kewaskum senior Eric Nass. He broke his own school record by more than a foot with a mark of 43-5.5 in the triple jump.

A son, Kolton Joel, was born to Joel and Tracy Hauch of Kewaskum on April 18.

A son, Talan Luke, as born to Luke and Kelly Jo Luedtke of Lomira on March 19.

A daughter, Aracely Tesoro, was born to Ryan and Destiny Sorensen of Theresa on April 6.

A son, Hunter Isaiah, was born to Jeremy Hillyer and Kristi Carter of Lomira on April 14.

Orville Kern, 81, Town of Wayne, passed away April 25.

Ira Heberer, 67, Ke-

waskum, passed away April 19.

Patricia A. Fuller, 64, Town of Farmington, passed away April 23.

Daniel E. Staehler, 72, West Islip, New York, passed away March 27.

Edna M. Maul, 84, Brownsville, passed away April 24.

Tennies Ace Hardware advertised a Toro lawn mower sale. Prices started at \$279.99 for the Recycler and \$449.99 for the Super Recycler.

**25 Years Ago  
April 27, 1995**

Former Kewaskum School Board members are invited to a get-together on May 8 for coffee, cookies, and picture taking. The present board plans to put a picture of the board members, agendas and other school board-related material in the Time Capsule for the Kewaskum Centennial on June 10. The plan is to make a list with the names of the members and the years served.

Kewaskum resident John Martin recently received a master of science degree in computer science education from Cardinal Stritch College.

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire has named 2,229 undergraduate students to its Academic Distinction list for the fall semester. Kewaskum residents include Tanya Lynn Beske, senior, special education; Rachael Lynn Chambers, freshman, pre-medicine; and Michelle Lee Marx, senior, elementary education.

Rick Stefanovic, a 1980 Kewaskum High School graduate and son of Richard and Elaine Stefanovic, earned the distinction of placing 95th overall in the famous Boston Marathon on April 17. The local runner ranked first over other participants from Wisconsin. He completed the 26-mile course in 2:35.07. He now resides in Milwaukee.

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Andrew Rix has been named a United States National Award winner in English. Andrew attends Kewaskum High School. The award is a prestigious honor that recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students.

The April Kiwanis Students of the Month were Andrea Bonlender and Julie Froeming.

Melissa S. Rohrer of Kewaskum was chosen as one of the 1995 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Scholarship and

Fellowship Program winners.

Students, parents, teachers and families from Holy Trinity School in Kewaskum have collected one million tabs from soda cans. The project was started in 1992 to teach the children how much one million really was. The goal was reached in December 1994. The money raised will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee.

A cooperative effort between the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources and the Village of Kewaskum allowed the opportunity for 600 trout, between 12 and 16 inches long, to be planted in the Milwaukee River in Kewaskum last Wednesday as part of the Urban Waters Fishing Program.

This year marks the second year of a three-year pheasant release program sponsored by the Kettle Moraine Chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin. Last week, 540 wild Iowa pheasants were released in rural Kewaskum within the Chapter's pheasant habitat restoration project north of the village.

Marni Lynn's time of 12:12.46 at the Oshkosh Invitational smashed the old Kewaskum High School record in the 3200m run by approximately 27 seconds.

A son, Jordon Joseph, was born to James and Theresa Russell of Kewaskum on April 23.

A daughter, Sierra Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Marzahl on April 17.

Albert Schroeder, 80, formerly of the West Bend area, passed away April 22.

Marianne S. Hahn, 63, Allenton, passed away April 23.

**50 Years Ago  
April 24, 1970**

Military rites are being held April 24 for Sgt. Clifford J. Bales, 22. He was one of two Americans found slain at the Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. He was a member of the Security Branch of the Clark AFB.

The board of education Monday night ratified its part of an agreement to rent the multi-purpose room at the rear of Salem United Church of Christ in Wayne for use as a half-day kindergarten classroom by the Wayne School. The additional classroom is needed to alleviate overcrowded conditions.

Five members of the Kewaskum High School forensics squad competed in the State Forensics Meet in Madison on Saturday. They

were Carol Nigh, Doris Beimborn, Mary Edwards, Joan Zehren, and Jackie Justman. Of the five entries, two received A ratings, while the other three received B ratings.

Elwyn M. Romaine of Kewaskum, veteran chairman of the Washington County Board of Supervisors, was re-elected chairman at the board's organizational meeting Tuesday. This will be his 26th year as chairman. He received 23 of a possible 29 votes.

Regal Ware, Inc. has announced that Carol Nigh and Christine Thull have been chosen as the recipients of the J.O. Reigle Scholarships for 1970. The awards have a \$2,000 value, providing \$500 per year during a four-year college course.

Michael Williams has been approved as the head basketball coach at Kewaskum Community High School, beginning with the 1970-71 school year.

Sue Behnke has been selected to Badger Girls State; Dave Schacht and Steve Bremser to Badger Boys State. The three are Kewaskum High School students.

The Kewaskum High School golf team won its first two matches the past week. Jim Tessar was a medalist in the non-conference match against Lomira.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Merwin of Milwaukee on April 15.

Mrs. Margaret Pesch, 88, Kewaskum, passed away April 23.

**75 Years Ago  
April 20, 1945**

The Washington County Board opened its annual meeting session on Tuesday by re-electing E.M. Romaine of Kewaskum as chairman.

Word was received last Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Dreher of this village that their son, Pvt. Martin Dreher is a prisoner of war in Germany. He had previously been reported as missing in action since last December 20.

On May 1, the play Cinderella will be presented at the Kewaskum High School auditorium. Cinderella will be played by Miss

Mary Coughlin.

As coal and coke users throughout this area began filing consumer declarations and placing orders for their supplies for the next 12 months, Milton Almer emphasized the advantage which will result from filling out their forms immediately. Almer is the area distribution manager for the Solid Fuels Administration for War.

Bowling on Hedt's alleys April 12, the New Fane Cheesemakers, with a count of 3112 pins, took first place in the West Bend city tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kral of this village are the parents of a son, born April 16.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mellahn, Kewaskum, on April 19.

John Benedum, 74, Town of Wayne, passed away April 15.

Carl F.W. Krieser, 77, Fond du Lac, passed away April 11.

Miss Elizabeth Clark, native of the Town of Wayne, passed away recently.

Infant Dennis J. Wondra, Town of Auburn, passed away April 8.

**100 Years Ago  
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# Log Cabin Wedding

## – Couple’s Love Overcomes Quarantine And Robbery



Flowers and wedding bands were part of the wedding ceremony held for Amber and Greg Herbert. When Greg picked out the engagement ring for Amber, the jewelry store was robbed while he was in the store.

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### Other Bad Luck

Having to change their wedding plans wasn't the first round of bad luck for Amber and Greg.

On December 29, 2014, Greg went to Husar's House of Fine Diamonds in West Bend to pick out an engagement ring for Amber. At approximately 3:50 p.m., while Greg was looking at engagement rings, the store was robbed.

"I was in there looking at diamonds when five people came in and started smashing the Rolex case," Greg said.

Greg and the salesperson who was helping him rushed into the employee back room.

"By the time we came back out, everybody was gone and the cops were there," Greg recalled.

Of course, Greg was not able to tell Amber

about the incident because he wanted to keep the proposal a surprise.

"I had told her that I was making my car payment at BMO Harris Bank right up the street from Husar's. When I came back home, she was hearing about the robbery on the news. She was freaking out and asked me if I heard what happened at Husar's. I had to act like I didn't know what she was talking about, even though I was there," Greg said.

After the couple got engaged several months later (on April 6, 2015), Greg was finally able to tell Amber about the harrowing experience.

"Remember when Husar's got robbed? Yeah, I was there," Greg told his new fiancé.

### The Log Cabin

When Amber and Greg decided to look for a place in Kewaskum to be married, the log cabin seemed like a perfect location. They always enjoy walking past the log cabin and going inside when the Kewaskum Historical Society opens the building during Early Farm Days.

The wedding was likely the first one held at the log cabin, which dates back to the 1840s.

The log cabin was donated to the Kewaskum Historical Society in 1979 by the Orville and Marshal Reysen family of Beechwood. After the cabin was moved from Beechwood to Kewaskum, the Kewaskum Historical Society held a grand opening for the log cabin on May 29, 1982.

The log cabin served as a backdrop when historical re-enactors camped along the Milwaukee River when Kettle Kountry Kolors was held in Kewaskum.

"I have lived in Kewaskum for 20 years and I have fond memories of that. Those were my all-time favorite memories. I remember as a little kid going inside the log cabin house and being able to go upstairs. I was just mesmerized by how old everything was and how fun it was," Amber said.

Historical re-enactors were scheduled to camp along the river again this year as part of the Kewaskum Historical Society's 125th anniversary celebration of the village. The encampment was set to be just like the ones that Amber remembered from her childhood.

Unfortunately, be-



Amber and Greg Herbert exchange wedding vows on April 6 on the front porch of the Kewaskum Historical Society's log cabin. The couple changed their wedding plans because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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cause of COVID-19, the 125th Anniversary Celebration is being postponed until next year. Amber and Greg hope to be able to see the re-enactors at the village's 126th Anniversary Celebration in 2021.

### Marriage

Because many of their family and friends were not able to attend the wedding, Amber and Greg want to somehow share their big day with their loved ones.

"We plan on having a big vow renewal ceremony at the Dells next year on April 6. That way our whole entire family can be there and be a part of the special day," Amber said.

But both Amber and Greg agree that the important thing is that they

are now legally married.

"It's kind of nice how we could at least do something to keep our day. We started dating on April 6, 2008. I proposed on April 6, 2015. And we were married on April 6, 2020. We wanted to keep that day for sure," Greg said.

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**– St. Norbert College**  
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 Wiesner is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into

Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly dis-

inction.  
 Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines.



Regal Ware CEO and President Jeff Reigle (middle) poses with Emma Penfield (left) and Faith Mertzig (right), recipients of the 2020 J.O. Reigle Scholarship. Emma and Faith are seniors at Kewaskum High School and will each receive \$7,000 per year toward a four-year college program.

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## Regal Ware Announces Recipients Of 2020 J.O. Reigle Scholarships

Emma Penfield and Faith Mertzig are the latest recipients of the J.O. Reigle Scholarships awarded annually by Regal Ware. The scholarship program was established in 1963 in honor of Regal Ware's founder, the late J.O. Reigle. The award recognizes the outstanding scholastic achievements of one or more graduating high school seniors in Kewaskum, and is designed to assist the recipients in their pursuit of a college education. To be eligible for the \$28,000 J.O. Reigle Scholarship a student must have attended Kewaskum High School for at least the previous 2 years, and maintained at least a "B" average for the first 3½ years of high school.  
 Emma, the daughter of Brian and Marcy Penfield of Kewaskum, plans to major in Biol-

ogy. Emma served in leadership roles in Student Council and National Honor Society. She was also a member of KEY Club, Spanish Club, HOPE Club, Forensics, and Freshman Mentors. Her community involvement includes attending the Wisconsin Association of Student Council (WASC) Leadership camp and being a tutor for Math and English students. Emma's leisure time interests include running, hiking, swimming and time with family.  
 Faith, daughter of John and Tina Mertzig of Campbellsport, plans to attend St. Norbert College to study Elementary Education. Faith has served in leadership roles in National Honor Society, Academic Bowl, Badger Girls' State, Global Education and HOPE Club. Her com-

munity involvement includes serving on the leadership team of Four Thirteen Youth Ministry and helping as an aide at Holy Trinity Religious Education, Good News for Children and Women of Grace Childcare. Her hobbies include reading, running, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends.

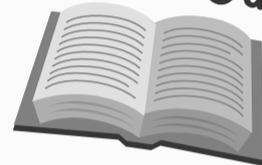
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## Check It Out!



### A Column By Kewaskum Librarian Lori Kreis

I have heard it said that things can change in an instant and we are certainly experiencing that daily. We closed the library a little more than a month ago not knowing what the next day would bring. Librarians are nothing if not resourceful and my staff found ways to keep both relevant and connected to the community in a variety of ways. Every day there was something new we were learning about. Possibly a new technique to help patrons virtually or a program or software that can connect us better with colleagues and patrons. I have never heard of Zoom before the pandemic kept us in our homes. We discovered new ways to interact using YouTube and Facebook. Most recently, we were able to provide Ancestry access to you in your homes for free.

Notwithstanding, there is still the digital divide and about 15% of people in our county do not have internet access. Those are the people that need to come to our library to use our computers perhaps to check email, look for jobs or apply for unemployment. We cannot let anyone in the building to use our computers, but we do have WI-FI coverage that reaches the street in front of the building and we keep it on 24/7. For citizens that do not read eBooks, we have extended due dates so they can keep their material at home. However, I am sure most are looking for fresh reading material, movies and music. The

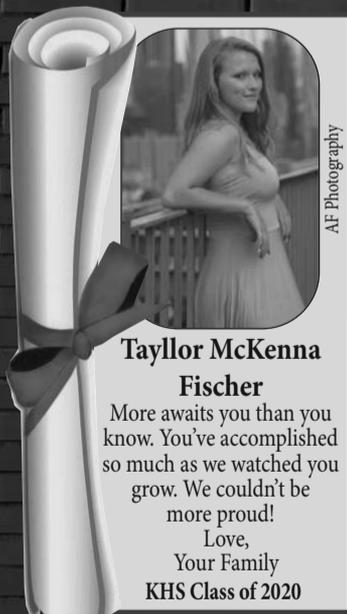
state has provided a solution to that.

Last week, the safer-at-home order was extended with a special provision for libraries. We may provide curbside delivery of materials. We did this for a week after the library closed and it was very popular. To tell the truth, when I first heard about this update, I was so enthusiastic that I was ready to roll it out right away. Immediately, communication was sent frequently between libraries and systems as to how this can be completed. The overload of information has forced me to slow down and work out a plan that will most importantly protect the health and safety of our staff and patrons.

We received many emails and voicemail messages asking if we will provide this service. People are excited, as they should be. Even with the risk, we are excited as well, but we are still deciding how and even if we will provide this service. I am devoting the week in exploring ways we may possibly do curbside pickup of holds. I will need to be sure that everyone involved is following social distancing rules; staff and patrons alike. Please be patient while I work this out. For the most updated information, check out our website or Facebook page. You can also call us, and we will get back to you. Stay well. Hope to see you soon.

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## FEATURE BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

### Little Folks School House

Little Folks School House is owned by Dodie Sargent. She brings 36 years of experience, receiving her training at U.N.H. and UW-Milwaukee. The Assistant Director, Jennifer Melzark has 19 years in the field and received her training at Marian College. Along with Dodie and Jennifer are 23 employees.

Little Folks is rated 5 stars by the Wisconsin Youngstar program and Nationally Accredited. The majority of the teachers have



two or four year degrees and are dedicated to providing quality childcare.

Dodie provided licensed family childcare from 1983-1997 and opened the group center (Little Folks School House) in 1997 in the Town of Wayne. After outgrowing the Wayne building, they built a bigger center in Kewaskum which opened in 2006. There are five classrooms, three age separated fenced playgrounds, a coded secured entry and camera monitored classrooms. They also provide before and after school care at Little Folks and Kewaskum Elementary School. Little Folks also serves as a teaching center for Moraine Park Technical College. Students are placed with them every semester for their practicum experience where the Little Folks teachers mentor them.

Little Folks strives to form working partnerships with families. They respect the parent's insights and concerns and want them to feel comfortable leaving their children in their care, knowing they will be safe and nurtured as they help to develop and grow.

Check us out at [www.littlefolksschoolhouse.com](http://www.littlefolksschoolhouse.com) or call 626-4023 to schedule a tour.

## West Bend Theatre Company Extends 'A Christmas Carol' Production Plans

The West Bend Theatre Company is pleased to announce an extension of its annual production of Charles Dickens' classic tale, "A Christmas Carol."

The extension includes 2021 and 2022, with full expectation of performing the story through the end of the decade.

"A Christmas Carol" has been staged by the West Bend Theatre Company for more than a decade and has become a cherished tradition of the holiday season celebration for West Bend and the surrounding area.

In 2019, the eight-show run of "A Christmas Carol" was performed to a sold-out audience.

"A Christmas Carol" is annually presented the first two weekends in December at the West Bend Masonic Center, 301 N. University Drive, West Bend. The 2020 show dates have been set for Dec. 4-6 and Dec. 11-13.

The 2021 performance of "A Christmas Carol" joins a stout list of shows planned by the West Bend Theatre Company. Here are our other 2021 shows with dates, times and venues to be announced at a later date:

- "Calendar Girls." A true story based on 11 ladies of the Yorkshire Women's Institute who pose for a nude calendar to raise unprecedented money for the British Leukemia Research Fund. In 2010, it was the "What's On Stage Award" for Best New Comedy, written by Colin Firth.

- "The Secret Garden." Winner of three Tony Awards - nominated for seven - in 1991, "The Secret Garden" tells the story of an 11-year-old orphan from India Mary Lennox who returns to Yorkshire to live with her embittered, reclusive uncle Archibald and his invalid son Colin. Story is based on the theme that a child's love and kindness can heal the emotional scars and overcome isolation.

- "End of the Rainbow." A musical drama by Peter Quilter focusing on the months leading

up to Judy Garland's stunning final performances at Talk of the Town in 1968. In 2019, Renee Zellweger won an Academy Award for Best Actress for her portrayal of Garland. Features songs such as "Smile," "The Trolley Song," "Come Rain or Come Shine," "When You're Smiling", and "Somewhere Over The Rainbow."

- "Our Town." Narrated by a stage manager and performed with minimal props and sets, audiences follow the Webb and Gibbs families as their children fall in love, marry, and eventually - in one of the most famous scenes in American theatre - die. It was written by Thornton Wilder, a Madison native. It won a Pulitzer in 1938 and a Tony in 1989. The theme of "how precious life really is" feels even more important than ever.

The West Bend Theatre Company is adhering to guidance being suggested by local, state and federal authorities regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. When it is appropriate to do so, we are excited to return to the stage and perform for local theatergoers. The shows are subject to change.

The West Bend Theatre Company wants to think positive during these unprecedented times and give people something to look forward to.

Digital auditions for all upcoming shows will be accepted. Watch for digital audition information to be posted at [www.wbtheatreco.com](http://www.wbtheatreco.com).

Founded in 2010, incorporated in 2017, the West Bend Theatre Company is a non-profit theater entity presenting live theater, camps, workshops and special events. The mission of the West Bend Theatre Company is to celebrate, enhance, and inspire by producing excellent theatre and by giving back to our community.

For more information about the West Bend Theatre Company, as well as upcoming shows, visit [www.wbtheatreco.com](http://www.wbtheatreco.com) and follow the organization on Facebook.

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## Schools Continue Serving The Community

Due to the “Safer At Home” order, the public was able to listen in remotely as the Kewaskum School Board held the meeting.

The number of meals that the district is currently serving during the curbside pickup is much higher than what the district typically serves for free and reduced lunches when classes are held in the school buildings, according to Smasal.

The federal government is paying for the food during the COVID-19 crisis. Although the district is not receiving any funds for the lunch program, it is responsible for paying the food service workers.

“There is a real big concern from a social standpoint if we don’t feed them, who will? They aren’t going to get food anywhere else. So the public school system is feeding the kids right now, and we are just really worried that these free and reduced lunch kids wouldn’t get anything to eat or very minimal to eat. This was something that was decided at the state or federal level,” Smasal said.

Meals are placed in trunks of vehicles as families drive through to receive meals. Weekly meals are distributed at Kewaskum High School on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The weekly meals also are served at Farmington Elementary on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

2020 Senior Gradua-

### tion Requirements

The required credits for graduation is 15 in the state of Wisconsin. The Kewaskum School Board’s policy is that students must earn 25 credits to graduate. That means that Kewaskum requires students to earn 10 elective credits to graduate.

Because of the disruption the pandemic has caused, it is possible that there may be some students who are not able to earn all 25 credits through circumstances beyond anyone’s control.

“In May or June, might have to come to you to see if you want to give them a non binding one time only to reduce the electives,” Smasal told the board on April 13.

### Salaries And Wages

The board voted unanimously to approve continuation of administrative emergency leave pay through the end of 2019-2020 school year, keeping wages and benefits in place for all employees.

The board discussed that even though students are not attending school inside the buildings while the “Safer At Home” order is in place, district employees are working.

Food service workers are working every day, preparing and distributing meals to families.

Paraprofessionals are going through training so they will be considered highly qualified by the state of Wisconsin. There are up to 200 modules that are being offered to the parapro-

fessionals. Secretaries are working either from home or the office.

Teachers are working from home. Administrators are working from home or coming to school on a daily basis.

“Everybody has something to do,” Smasal said.

Board Member Sue Miller said that paying the staff will help create loyalty.

“Also, right now we are saving money in the district, as ironic as that sounds, with electrical, heating, busing,” she said.

“I think morally we need to do this,” School Board Member Mary Miller said.

Following a closed session at the April 13 meeting, the board voted to add a 4 percent increase to the superintendent contract, plus \$8,000 added to the base salary. Mark Sette, Troy Hanson, Sue Miller and Marry Miller voted for the increase; Jim Leister and Tim Ramthun voted against the increase; and Doug Gonring abstained. According to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Smasal’s salary in 2018-19 was \$155,784, and his fringe benefits totaled \$37,664. Smasal told the board that he planned on going off the insurance, which would be a \$13,000 savings to the district, which would help to offset the increase.

The district continues to pay 60 percent of the contract it has with Johnson Bus Company for bus drivers.

Insurance premiums for district employees

will be increasing after the board unanimously voted to approve a health insurance premium increase for staff at \$1,000 for a family plan and \$500 for a single plan.

The district is looking to change its health insurance carrier for employees because the current insurance coverage was set to increase by 13 percent, compared to a 9 percent increase with a different insurance carrier, Smasal reported.

### Technology Costs

The board unanimously voted to approve technology purchases with the following net annual costs:

- Informational Technology - Wireless Infrastructure: Technology Resource Advisors— \$110,125
- Informational Technology - Chromebooks: Technology Resource Advisors - Providence Capital— \$90,869.00
- Informational Technology - ChromeCare: Technology Resource Advisors— \$36,660

### Other School District Matters

Other action at the April 13 School Board Meeting includes:

- The board unanimously voted to approve payroll in the amount of \$1,302,577.03.
- The board voted 4-3 to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$415,917.60. Board members Ramthun, Leister and Gonring voted no.

## Kiwanis March Students Of The Month



**Anna Peterson**

Anna Peterson is the daughter of Cheryl and Derek Peterson. She has been an active member of multiple Kewaskum High School athletic teams and has participated in many clubs and organizations within the Kewaskum community. Anna has competed in the following athletic activities: track and field (team captain and state qualifier), volleyball and cheerleading. She is a member of the Kewaskum Chapter of the National Honor Society, a committee head in KHS Student Council and has been a member of both Art Club and H. O.P.E. Club. She has also been a state qualifier in Mock Trial, Solo Ensemble and Forensics. She is the sister of Cade Peterson (Class of 2018) and the host sister of two KHS foreign exchange students (Johanna Lindhorst of Verden, Germany and Alejandra Asunsion Garcia of Valencia, Spain). After graduation, Anna plans to attend Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, to pursue a degree in Risk Management and Insurance. She currently participates in an internship program at West Bend Mutual Insurance Company in its loss control department.



**Hunter Roehrig**

Hunter Roehrig is the son of David and Brenda Roehrig. Throughout high school, Hunter has been involved in many clubs and activities at Kewaskum High School, including show choir, the musicals, plays, notables, jazz ensemble, drama club. Hunter has been a member of NHS for two years, Hope Club for two years and Key Club for two years. This spring Hunter plans to play tennis for the Kewaskum High School varsity team. He was involved in student government during his freshman and sophomore years. He is very active in the community, volunteering through his church where he can be seen providing music at services. He is employed at Gordie Boucher. Hunter would like to thank everyone who has helped him with his educational career path. Hunter Roehrig plans to attend the University of North Dakota next year to pursue a career in commercial aviation. He is currently in the process of getting his private pilot's certificate through the West Bend Airport Aviation.

## Kewaskum Student Learning Report

The following Student Learning Report was provided for board members at the April 13 Kewaskum School Board meeting by Dr. Mark Bazata, curriculum director for the school district.

### Assessment Update

- State testing for school districts has been canceled by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for the rest of the school year. This will include the Forward Exam (grades 3-8 and 10), the Aspire test (grades 9-10) and the DLM (the alternative test for grades 3-8 and 10).
- The District/School Report Cards next year will look drastically different because of this, and this will probably impact Report Cards for a few years. DPI is still determining what the Re-

port Cards will look like.

### Distance/Virtual Learning

- The district is offering both virtual (digital) and distance (paper packets) learning experiences for students. We have worked with families to determine which method best fits the needs of students and families.
- Currently we are distributing about 270 packets between all the schools. The highest percentage of packets are at the two outlying elementary schools where streaming-quality internet connectivity is less accessible.
- Every two weeks we send a packet home via the mail to students to maximize social distancing.
- Teachers are available during the school

day to post lessons, work with students, answer questions and communicate with families.

• Teachers are collaborating as teams to ensure that students are getting a similar experience across grade levels and courses. They are focusing on reinforcing and teaching essential learning standards.

• Teachers are utilizing innovative technology learning platforms such as SeeSaw, Google Classroom, Google Meet, IXL, and many others to make virtual learning as effective, responsive and engaging as possible.

• Teachers and principals are keeping track of student engagement to make sure we don’t have anyone “fall through the cracks.”

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# Kewaskum High School Hosts Academic Bowl

Kewaskum High School hosted an Academic Bowl on Tuesday, March 10.

High school students from Kewaskum, Waupun, Kettle Moraine Lutheran, Winneconne, Berlin, Campbellsport, Ripon and Plymouth competed in the contest.

Overall, the Kewaskum team finished in fourth place, missing third place by just one point.

Individual medal winners from Kewaskum were plentiful, with four first-place winners, two second-place winners and three third-place winners.

In the Quiz Bowl portion, the team also had remarkable success, picking up a third place in science, a second place in current events, and first in social studies and English language arts.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran became the 2020 Academic Bowl Champion, winning the team competition with 1,104 points. Winneconne came in second place and Plymouth came in third place.

## Individual Results

### Science - General Science

**First Place:** Ryan Wirkkula - KML  
**Second Place:** Kirsten Prah - Winneconne  
**Third Place:** [Name obscured]

Cameron Pokorny - Waupun

### Science - Biology

**First Place:** Colin Rafter - Kewaskum  
**First Place:** Halie Markovic - KML

**First Place:** Zach Cason - Berlin

**Second Place:** Kristen Patterson - Winneconne

**Third Place:** Sophie Ryf - Berlin

### Science - Chemistry

**First Place:** Jack Verich - Winneconne

**Second Place:** Jacob Abraham - Ripon

**Third Place:** Jonathon Gill - Kewaskum

### Science - Physics

**First Place:** Alex Oty - Plymouth

**First Place:** Kyle Kraus - Plymouth

**Second Place:** Ben Schellinger - Kewaskum

**Second Place:** Zach Bath - Campbellsport

**Third Place:** Joseph Krahn - Campbellsport

### Math - Algebra 1

**First Place:** Max Banner - KML

**Second Place:** Ethan Heder - KML

**Second Place:** Madie Gref - Ripon

**Third Place:** Nick Shircel - Plymouth

### Math - Algebra 2

**First Place:** Nathaniel Kraus - KML

**Second Place:** [Name obscured]

Austin Zeeveld - Plymouth

**Second Place:** Joe Garczynski - Berlin

**Third Place:** J.P. Stanfield - Ripon

### Math - Geometry

**First Place:** Joyce Chen - KML

**Second Place:** Matt Sheridan - Plymouth

**Second Place:** Adam Banerjee - Ripon

**Third Place:** Julie Baumhart - Campbellsport

### Math - Advanced Math

**First Place:** Dallas Kreisa - Plymouth

**First Place:** Mateja Clark - Berlin

**Second Place:** Bown Ma - KML

**Third Place:** Jacob Mader - Campbellsport

### Social Studies - Geography

**First Place:** Jackson Liermann - Campbellsport

**Second Place:** Graham Goland - Winneconne

**Third Place:** Cole Fuehrer - Kewaskum

### Social Studies - U.S. History

**First Place:** Colin Duren - Kewaskum

**Second Place:** Brendan Loether - Winneconne

**Third Place:** Maggie Munson - Plymouth

### Social Studies-World



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Kewaskum High School hosted an Academic Bowl on March 10. The Kewaskum team finished in fourth place overall.

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**History**  
**First Place:** Megan Moeller - KML  
**First Place:** Alec Harrison - Campbellsport  
**Second Place:** Josh Kephart - Kewaskum  
**Third Place:** Cassie Coats - Berlin

**Social Studies-U.S. Government**  
**First Place:** Crystal Buschmann - Kewaskum  
**Second Place:** Jackson Wegner - Waupun  
**Second Place:** Katherine Rauscher - Plymouth  
**Third Place:** Joy Kausnoski - Berlin  
**Third Place:** Grace Brownlow - Berlin  
**Third Place:** Eric Kolander - KML

**ELA - Grammar And Spelling**

**First Place:** Ally Wendt - Berlin  
**First Place:** Amelia Neuwirth - KML  
**Second Place:** Ella Jaeger - Winneconne  
**Third Place:** Brooke Flunker - Winneconne

**ELA-British Literature And Shakespeare**  
**First Place:** Kate Kettlejohn - KML  
**Second Place:** MaryAnn Reindl - Winneconne  
**Third Place:** Morgan Adams - Kewaskum  
**Third Place:** Carolyn Britt - Plymouth

**ELA - American Literature**  
**First Place:** Faith Mertzig - Kewaskum  
**Second Place:** Abigail Kesting - KML  
**Third Place:** Caden Bernier - Waupun

**ELA-Short Stories And Poetry**  
**First Place:** Emilia Lechmaier - KML  
**First Place:** Dani Wettstein - Campbellsport  
**Second Place:** Autumn Pamperin - Winneconne  
**Third Place:** Celina Lopez - Ripon



Students from area schools compete in the Quiz Bowl portion of the Academic Bowl held at Kewaskum High School on March 10.

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Students from area schools test their knowledge in an Academic Bowl held at Kewaskum High School on March 10.

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# Wisconsin Increases COVID-19 Testing Capacity

Gov. Tony Evers on April 20 announced that the state of Wisconsin is taking big steps to increase COVID-19 testing capacity throughout the state. Working with the Wisconsin Clinical Lab Network, the state has grown the number of labs performing COVID-19 tests from just eight labs one month ago to 36 labs as of Monday, April 20.

The state plans to continue public-private partnerships to add more labs and more testing capacity in the days and weeks ahead. However, in order to sustain the existing and expanded clinical lab network's efforts, the state will need federal partnership to ensure availability of reagent and other critical supplies in Wisconsin.

Testing is key to Wisconsin turning the dial on COVID-19 and re-opening the state. With increased testing, Wisconsin gets a more accurate sense of the spread of the virus. More testing also means improved contact tracing efforts, which help identify possible exposures to COVID-19.

Below is a summary of how far the state has come in expanding testing and actions being taken to conduct more tests.

## Where Wisconsin Started

Wisconsin started its COVID-19 testing efforts with a small group of dedicated labs, including the State Laboratory of

Hygiene, the Milwaukee Public Health Lab, UW Health, Gunderson Lutheran, ACL Laboratories, Mayo Clinic, and Wisconsin Diagnostic Lab. This group helped build a critical base to grow from, and the state offers a special thanks to each of them for getting in on the ground floor.

Testing in the state needs to be increased, and thanks to Exact Sciences, Epic Systems, Marshfield Clinic Health System, the State Laboratory of Hygiene, the Wisconsin Clinical Lab Network, the City of Milwaukee Public Health Lab, the Wisconsin National Guard, and other important partners, Wisconsin is making that happen.

## New Initiatives

This week, plans are in place to greatly accelerate testing in Wisconsin, including:

- 11 National Guard teams serving a rapid response role in hotspots and underserved areas of the state will collect specimens for COVID-19 testing. This weekend, one of those teams began using 1,100 Exact Sciences test supplies to offer testing to all inmates and staff at the Milwaukee House of Correction to help control the outbreak there. Starting today, two teams of citizen soldiers will also be staffing standup specimen collection sites at Milwaukee Health Services Inc.'s clinics on Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. and Silver Spring Road.

- The state is working with Tribal partners to ensure that their communities receive testing they need. Starting this week, 1,000 tests will be delivered per week to tribal health clinics.

- Exact Sciences is devoting a significant portion of its lab capacity and resources to COVID-19 tests processing. This will enable them to provide the state with approximately 20,000 tests and processing each week, which will be distributed to health care systems throughout the State. This was a major effort by Exact Sciences undertaken in a very short amount of time.

- Epic is providing crucial assistance in our effort to distribute Exact Sciences' tests by providing the interoperability necessary to connect healthcare providers with Exact to ensure timely processing of tests and reporting of test results.

- Promega is providing major support by sourcing high demand reagents and materials for a number of labs in the state including Exact Sciences' lab. In addition to these materials, they've also shared equipment and provided invaluable problem-solving skills. They are a critical part of the supply chain in supporting expanded testing.

- This week, Marshfield Clinic Health System will be working on ramping up to process

10,000 tests per week from providers around the State.

- 2,200 test collection supplies and PPE are headed to Green Bay in response to an outbreak with significant risk potential to the community. Having these tools is essential to the local health department and health-care system response.

- In partnership with Exact Sciences and the Community Health Centers in Milwaukee, the state is supporting addi-

tional testing capacity. The Health Centers will work first with their patients, and as additional capacity becomes available, will broaden their outreach to support access to testing for others in need. Community Health Centers have networks within the community and with other social service organizations and will work through those channels to support additional testing.

- Wisconsin Diagnos-

tic Labs provided much-appreciated support to the 16th Street Community Health Clinic drive-thru testing project. They're also expanding their capacity and offering help to clinical partners experiencing challenges with access to lab capacity.

- Through additional procurement efforts by the state, Wisconsin will be receiving over 250,000 additional test collection supplies in the coming weeks.

## USDA Unveils Tool To Help Rural Communities Address COVID-19

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue on April 13 unveiled a one-stop-shop of federal programs that can be used by rural communities, organizations and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide is a first-of-its-kind resource for rural leaders looking for federal funding and partnership opportunities to help address

this pandemic.

"Under the leadership of President Trump, USDA is committed to being a strong partner to rural communities preparing for and impacted by COVID-19," Perdue said. "This resource guide will help our rural leaders, whether they are in agriculture, education, health care or any other leadership capacity, understand what federal assistance is available for

their communities during this unprecedented time."

USDA has taken many immediate actions to assist farmers, ranchers, producers, rural communities, and rural-based businesses and organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on these actions, visit [www.usda.gov/coronavirus](http://www.usda.gov/coronavirus).

## Order Provides Flexibility For Various Professions During COVID-19 Emergency

Gov. Tony Evers issued Emergency Order #22 on April 9 to position the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) to continue providing its critical services by giving it flexibility to adapt to the new environments and circumstances due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. It covers a range of service areas and constituents, including fire departments, construction services, physical therapists and certified public accountants—all of which have faced new challenges as a result of this public health emergency.

"I cannot think of a single aspect of life that COVID-19 has not touched. The longer this goes on, the more people are struggling," Evers said. "We need to take steps to alleviate stress where we can, so individuals can focus on more immediate needs and not worry about administrative deadlines and time constraints. We need the flexibility in state government to adapt to the situation at hand and prioritize efforts that will help us better protect health and safety."

First responders are always critical to maintaining health and safety, but COVID-19 is

demanding even more of our fire departments. Right now, fire departments must work even harder to keep employees well while still executing their duties and serving their communities. That is why this order extends reporting deadlines for the "2 percent fire dues program," which provides fire departments with funding for equipment, training, and other operations. Fire departments now have until June 1, 2020 to file. The order also gives fire departments greater discretion to postpone inspections or public fire education training so that they can focus more of their energy and effort on immediate health and safety needs.

COVID-19 is also forcing the healthcare system to quickly expand facilities and service. This order streamlines the construction process for critical structures so that we have the spaces we need to provide healthcare to those suffering from COVID-19. The order also suspends specific time limits for conducting inspections and issuing permits on non-critical buildings, making it easier for DPS and partnering municipalities to adjust to changing processes and prioritize

critical buildings, such as isolation centers.

Other elements of the order extend exam deadlines for certified public accountant candidates, since most testing centers are currently closed. Also, some face-to-face requirements for physical therapists and physical therapy assistants are temporarily suspended. This enables them to use technology to evaluate performance and patients during the public health emergency. Finally, the order enables DPS to take more steps to better protect staff and customers. With in-person interaction discouraged, the order gives DPS the authority to limit paper plan submission by contractors in a variety of construction fields.

"The world is changing, and we can change with it," said DPS Secretary-designee Dawn Crim. "This order positions us to prioritize and facilitate critical work. It also enables us to extend the flexibility that our customers and constituents need right now. That way we can all focus on what is most important and do everything we can to keep our fellow Wisconsinites safe."

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# What We Lost Part 3: Legend Of The Longhouse

By Karl McCarty

There are many stories on the old days of what used to be. Some are so longstanding they were experienced by the deceased and what kept them alive was a lucky word of mouth from elders still living. Then there are the stories that intertwine family history while others suggest a whole different era that used to exist.

Meanwhile, some encapsulate the storyteller's knowledge of the land. And when it comes to Joe Koch's legend of the longhouse, it has all of the above and then some.

Sprinkled in the story is a fond recollection Joe Koch had for a good neighbor, who sold him the parcel in the 1960s. It's hard to imagine what Hank Hurth's field would have looked like in 1870.

Of course, if you are under age 50 now you wouldn't know who Hank Hurth was to begin with. And this story is so old that when it took place Hank Hurth didn't even own it. In fact, it's plausible Hank wasn't even born. When Hank and his wife moved to town in the 1960s, he asked Joe Koch if he'd buy the Hurth's farm. Joe obliged (with his wife Ella's approval), and routinely figured out that what his great grandpa said was true: there was a longhouse inhabited by natives in Ashford when European settlers were homesteading.

## Looking Back With Joe

For context, it is important to set the stage of being in Joe's presence to hear his stories. About two years ago, I was told by my friend Dietrich G. Otto, who knew I was seeing Mr. Koch, "You know, I think one time he said that he could recall Indians being on the property."

Is that true? Joe Koch was asked the question in July of 2018, and he affirmed that was the case. Joe's context was from his maternal great grandpa, Nic Stoffel. "Old Nic told me about that when he was alive yet. Jake's (Stoffel's) dad."

Then Joe talked of the longhouse, a natural form of housing that was known for their size. In more recent conversations, Joe gives credit to his grandpa who he admired — Jake Stoffel, a talented butcher and meat smoker whom Joe connected well into early adulthood. There was something about the softness of Jake that relates that longhouse story to a young Joe Koch moreso than Jake's dad Nic.

When I recently talked

to Joe, he gave credit to the story to Grandpa Jake, and that's who gets the credit here. However, Joe Koch's childhood had his grandpa Jake and great grandpa Nic in the same house. If only you could have been a fly on that wall hearing the conversations about what life was like in the 1890s.

There has been three interviews with Joe and there is something about his homestead that stories just rattle off his tongue. Maybe it's his great grandpa's markings in the house he built in 1888, and which Joe still resides. Indeed, Nic Stoffel has "N St. 1905" scratched into a rock on an outbuilding too. Then in the same conversation, Joe talks about the part of the barn he moved from south of Dundee and reassembled. (Now that was work.) Then there's the blacksmith dad, Paul Koch, who came over from Germany and somehow survived World War 1, wasted a

decade shoeing horses in the mines of industrialized Deutschland, and somehow got the heck out of Dodge. Or should we say Dortmund or Dusseldorf?

The contrast for immigrant Paul Koch was a towering oak tree on the Stoffel farm where the spike he used to tie the horse to the tree is still visible. Barely. That was a breath of fresh air and freedom by 1935 so different from the German trials and tribulations of the 1920s.

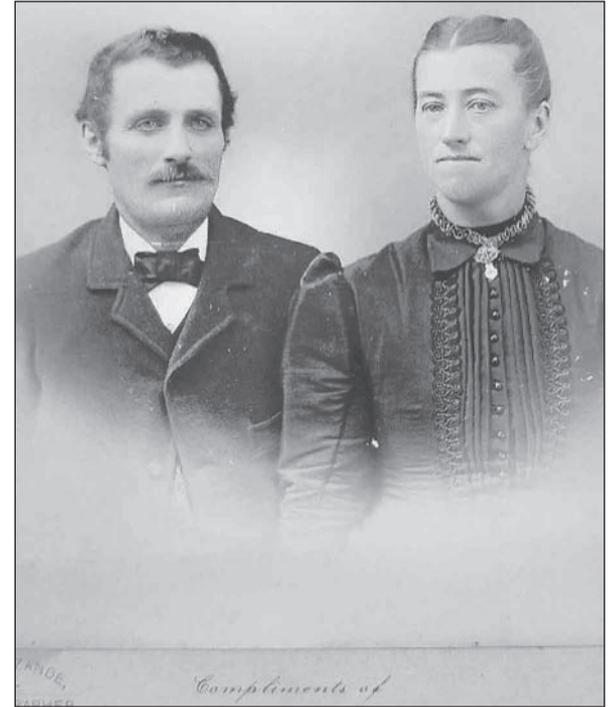
Eighty years has grown over that iron in the tree; and just as many decades has shaped Joe Koch's stories.

And it was somewhere leaning against the smokehouse or showing the railing to the house his dad hand forged, that Joe went back to those old Native American stories. From the old house on the Joe Koch farm, the Indians lived two or three parts east to one part north. Joe explained of the na-

tives: "They were down... when you come in the driveway there. That little knoll right on the north side of the road." Joe's references to the road was Ridge Lane, which is Joe's driveway. "There's a little knoll there." He's right. You can barely see the knoll.

I remember pulling out of his driveway and leaving that first interview like I had been hit by a story train, and just how Joe's story was matter of fact. I have never looked at the knoll the same. For the purposes of this story, Joe's frame of the legend includes key points of understanding the landscape of the knoll, and the river that used to be wider by it. His recollection of the "firepot" is also key.

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This photo is the wedding picture of Nicholas Stoffel and Elizabeth Haas. Compliments of Van DeZande, the photographer in Campbellsport. -photo courtesy of Rita Babler



Pictured here is a model size of living quarters at the Oneida booth at Indian Summer in 2015. The artist miniature gives you some ideas how shelving and beds could work in a wigwam or longhouse concept.

photo by Karl McCarty



Great Grandpa Nic Stoffel holds two of his great grandchildren on his lap in this 1935 picture taken at the Stoffel/Koch homestead. Those kids are Rita (Babler) and Joe Koch, the children of Mary Stoffel, who married Paul Koch of Germany.

Rita and Joe lived in a busy house during the early 1930s that included Great Grandpa Nic and their grandparents. Nic died in 1937, just after he moved to Campbellsport with Jake and Elizabeth Stoffel. "They moved to Campbellsport in 1937, and my mom and dad took over the farm. Nic passed before the middle of '37," Rita said, because she remembered Nic not being at a family wedding that same year.

What words describe great grandpa Nic? "Well, he was very, very blunt," Rita said. But not in a bad way. "He was a nice man. But he didn't fool around. I mean, when he talked to you, you better listen. Right?" She laughed. "He was a great grandpa, but he was not a very outgoing type to me," but for context "that's at the age of four," she said.

The memories of Nic are faint. "Well, I was born in '32; Joe was born in '31. And if he died in '37, you know, we were pretty young at that time." Rita said Nic was to the point. But Nic's son "Jake was a saint. He was an absolute saint. He was never angry. Never spoke ill of anybody. He was just a saint." It was that Grandpa Jake who passed on the stories of the longhouse in Ashford to Joe Koch.

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## The River And The Knoll

First the knoll paints a scene set in a land of drumlins and rolling hills. It's appropriate that it's off Rolling Drive, a nice road that links northern Town of Wayne to northern Town of Ashford. Somewhere between 1850 and 1860, Nicholas Stoffel was born. And we can assume that his legend of the longhouse comes somewhere from his childhood, perhaps around 1870.

The indigenous knew the land, and took advantage of a knoll that was on the bottom of the hill, whose rushing rain water likely parted on either side of the knoll and kept the indigenous home dry and intact which rested on the knoll's top.

To be truthful, it is hard to locate an extensive height on the knoll today when you stand by Ridge Lane and Rolling Drive. Time, erosion, deforestation, and plowing likely has reduced its size after 160 years. But if you can get your mind back to 1860, it would be clear that the natives picked a really nice spot

to hunker down and have routine campfires. Those campfires would have included plenty of fish to eat.

The Milwaukee River was wider in that day, Joe will tell you, which makes the location perfect for a longhouse. Joe Koch said even as a child, one could kick suckers out of the river there were so many. And northern pike were so impressive, one year he caught one of 54 inches. That pike story is probably from 1950, give or take a few years before or after. It's safe to say the natives on the knoll had it even better for food in 1860.

## The "Firepot"

Joe continued: "And actually between the crick and the longhouse, they had a firepot. It was probably as big as this." And as Joe said this he made a motion to the table, which was 3.5 feet by five feet. It was where they burned for fires and food.

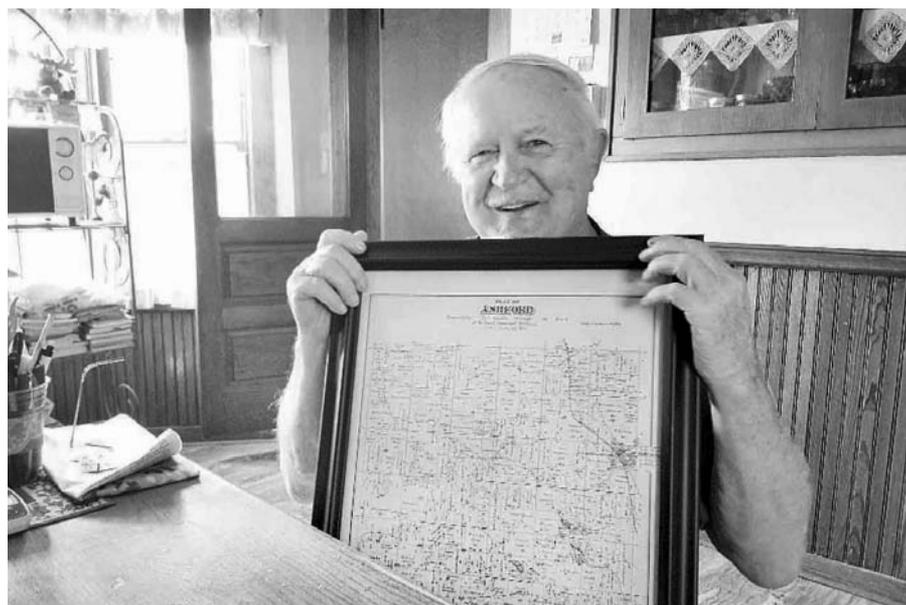
"When I worked that land, you could still see that spot where that fire hole [was] — it was all ashes. And if you drove over there with the trac-

tor, and you spun the wheel once, you went down." Joe affirmed this was because it was so sooty and ashy. When asked for the depth, he estimated the pit was probably three to five feet deep. "But it was all ashes."

When pressed again for clarity, Joe reaffirmed that the 'pot' would have been "A hole in the ground." There was no metal that contained the ashes, nor a cast iron pot. It was just a hole in the ground.

Joe Koch always tells the story as if he was told it was a "longhouse," which means the dwelling had substantial length and permanence. This would work perfectly with the knoll, and it is plausible it was more than just a wigwam (which is not a synonym for longhouse, as the former is much smaller).

The width of the river, coupled with its bounty, adds to the argument that the natives would have had a permanent home on the knoll — and thus a longhouse a few dozen feet long makes sense. The size of the "firepot" helps in the indication of the comfort they had on that incline.



Joe Koch holds a plat map of the Ashford Township. His recollections of what the area used to be has been valuable in understanding good neighbors of old, valuing nature and the birds, and appreciating the opportunity of raising a family on a dairy farm. To say he and his wife Ella have left a legacy is an understatement.

Inset: It's a simple picture of carved stone on one of Joe Koch's outbuildings: "N St. 1905." It marks a time when old Nicholas Stoffel farmed in Ashford, and comes from an era when Native Americans were being pushed from the area.



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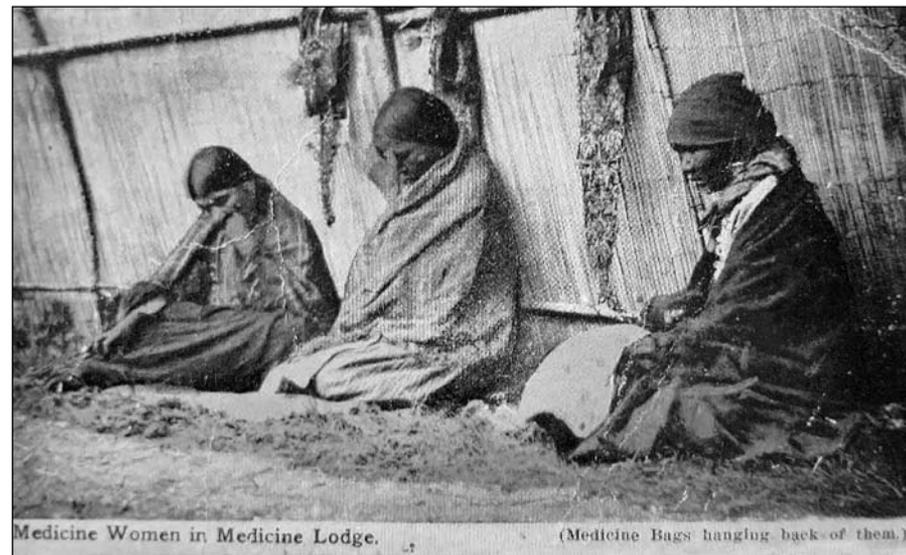
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This photo is of Nic Stoffel and granddaughter Evelyn around 1930. photo courtesy of Rita Babler



The following is a portion of the 1893 Town of Ashford Plat as published by the C.M. Foote & Co. Joe Koch's land now includes what Nic Stoffel (1854-1937) owned in Section 16, but in time Joe came to buy land from the Hurth's (Section 9). The longhouse in this story would have existed on what is Mrs. Ziemert's 20 acre parcel. Though the story comes about 20 years before this plat was made. This article spells Nicholas name as "Nic" because of this plat, however the double-l at the end of Stoffel was apparently dropped.



Medicine Women in Medicine Lodge. (Medicine Bags hanging back of them.)

This postcard was published by the E. C. Kropp Co. out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The caption on the back read, "Wisconsin Indians: interior view Medicine Lodge. Women of the medicine clan at prayer. Beaded and feathered prayer tokens on lodge wall."

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## Context For Native Stories

The story was transmitted from great grandfather to great grandson around the 1930s, all validated by Grandpa Jake Stoffel. First, the legend evokes questions on what the land used to look like, and these natives on the knoll saw the last of it.

Second, the story is helpful as it helps date when natives were comfortable living in the area or still hanging around. Indeed, this story probably occurred about the 1860s or 1870s, a time when natives were still living in permanent or semi-permanent housing in the area. As an adult, Nic Stoffel built the farmstead house in the late 1880s. It appears the legend of the longhouse was well before that, perhaps 15 years or so.

This might be at a different perspective than Paul Grahl's (born 1876) reference to the last natives in Eden, as recounted by Dave Rose in Part Two of this series What We Lost. Paul Grahl's story on the last natives of Eden probably dates to 1885 at the earliest, but more likely turn of the century.

Meanwhile, it seems the longhouse in Joe Koch's/Nic Stoffel's story is almost a generation earlier. The Nic Stoffel story in contrast in the Ashford township is maybe just six to eight sections to the south and west to Paul Grahl's story.

There is something about Nic Stoffel's story that probably beats Grahl's by 20 years (we are guessing), but it is evident that the natives were permanently remaining until 1860 despite the coming of settlers around statehood (1848). Settlers were taking over the land, but not removing the dwellings of the natives.

By 1890 this was starting to evolve into another story, one in which natives were hanging around until they were forced out and/or meandering through. It is possible, after all, that the natives hanging around by Paul Grahl were not native to Wisconsin. It does not appear that's the case with Nic Stoffel's/Joe Koch's story. However, if you want to throw a wrench into the story, the housing that was a longhouse comes from New York. Were they displaced natives out of New York from the early 1800s who escaped to what was the Old Northwest Territory?

If Nic Stoffel was alive, it would be interesting to note how long the na-

tives hung around. Joe made a reference that there are family stories in which the Indians did come to his farmstead: "They begged for stuff." There were more woods around, he said, "They probably did hunt." Then Joe paused, "But what was there? There weren't many deer here at that time."

The quote is two-fold, not only another source validating Native Americans came to settlers houses at turn of the century, but also that the clearing of the land left

the deer population devastated. Many others will validate deer, especially bucks, were non-existent in the childhoods (1930s) of today's living elders.

It seems these two stories on natives that come from Joe Koch are at different times, one in which the natives could feed themselves and live by the longhouse; and another in which natives were desperate and asked for food. It's possible these stories do not come from the same year of Nic Stof-

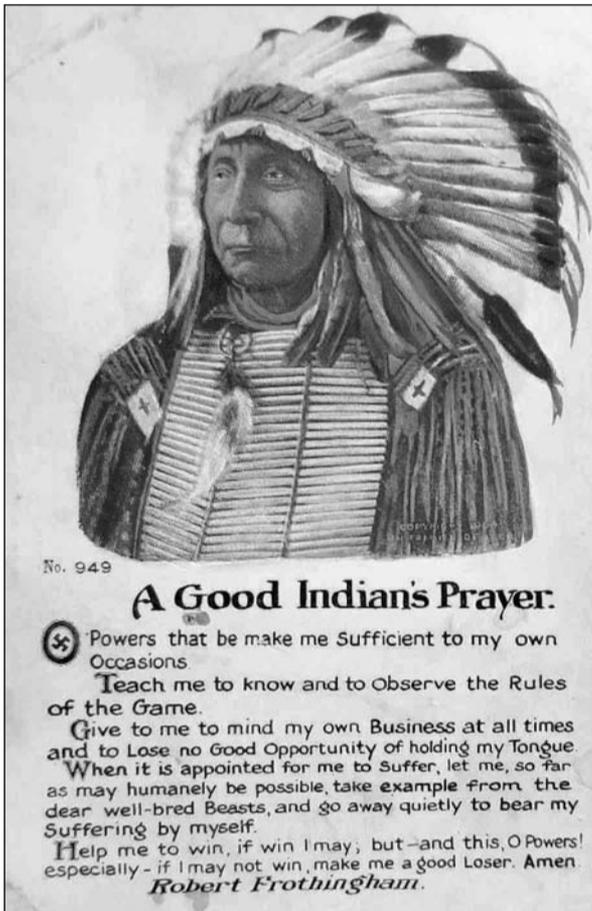
fel's childhood: the longhouse being in the 1860s, but the begging story coming from the 1880s or later, by the time Nic was an adult. Joe also recalls that he was told the natives eventually left abruptly, and they were gone.

Another story of natives begging for food comes from as late as 1905 in the town of Ashford, through Neal Straub (1924-2015) leading one to conclude there was a 50 year period from statehood in which natives continued to hang around until

enough settlers okayed removal, or public pressure pushed the natives away, especially as they started begging for food.

Quite a contrast from the independence and self-sustainability that once existed on a knoll by Ridge Lane.

**It is evident that the natives were permanently remaining until 1860 despite the coming of settlers around statehood (1848). Settlers were taking over the land, but not removing the dwellings of the natives.**



A prayer which asks, "Powers that be make me sufficient to my own occasions." A fascinating line that was true to those Native Americans Nic Stoffel saw on a knoll in Ashford when they could live off the wildlife and bounty of the Milwaukee River. By 1900 such indigenous peoples were reduced to begging before being removed from the area.

The good luck associated with the swastika could be not be farther from the truth when it comes to the history in how natives were treated, ironically at the same time in Wisconsin as this card was published honoring them (postmarked Deerfield, WI, 1908). The positive symbolism of the swastika was no longer used after Hitler made it synonymous with Nazi Germany.

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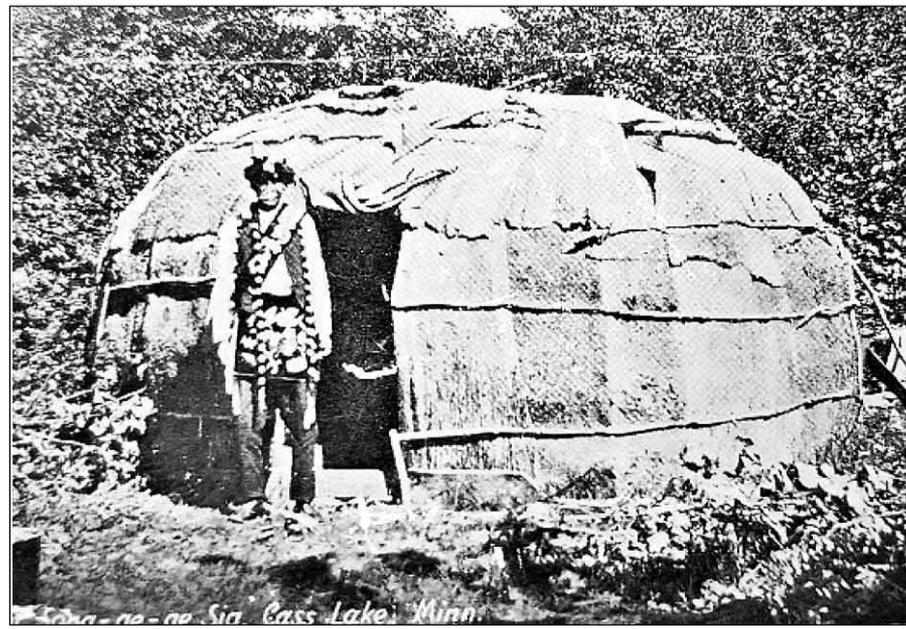
Pictured here is an undated photo postcard of a wigwam in northern Wisconsin, likely on a reservation. The style of card is likely from the 1940s.

An issue here is that longhouses seemed to be more common in the Northeast, so some would argue that would not have existed here in Ashford. The Oneida now live around Green Bay, but that's because they were kicked out of New York State, so the concept of housing they built originates in that area, not Wisconsin. However, we should not underestimate the possibility in the concept of the longhouse spreading.

However, if the longhouse was not a possible option in Ashford, the native housing Joe Koch's great grandpa Nic Stoffel saw would have been a wigwam, which is a smaller dwelling. The wigwam or its language equivalent crosses over with the Ojibwe, Potawatomie, Cheyenne, Fox and Menominee: indigenous people who all lived in the Fond du Lac County area. By understanding how wigwams are built, you can better understand how longhouses were made. For wigwams, they were circular in shape, and the half circle dome was created by bending younger trees (maybe 15 feet tall) and creating the base for the sides and ceiling. There was quite a variance on what could be used for the walls, including bark, grass, hides or cloth.

People can continue to debate if the "longhouse" in Ashford was a wigwam, or hybrid like a bigger wigwam more related to a longhouse. Either way it's still fascinating there was a permanent or semi-permanent house on a local knoll.

photo courtesy of Karen Brown of Waupun, who has sold postcards for decades



This photo postcard is postmarked October 7, 1914 out of Cass Lake, Minnesota, which is home to one of the many Ojibwe reservations in Minnesota and Wisconsin, this one being the Leech Lake Reservation.

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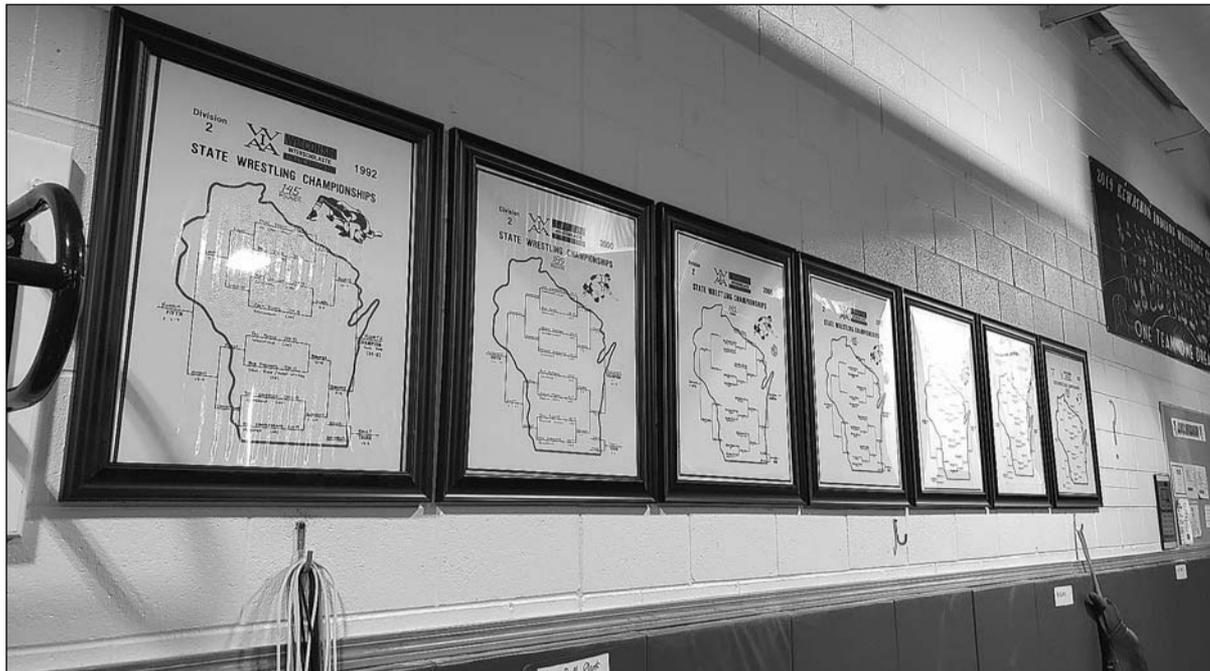
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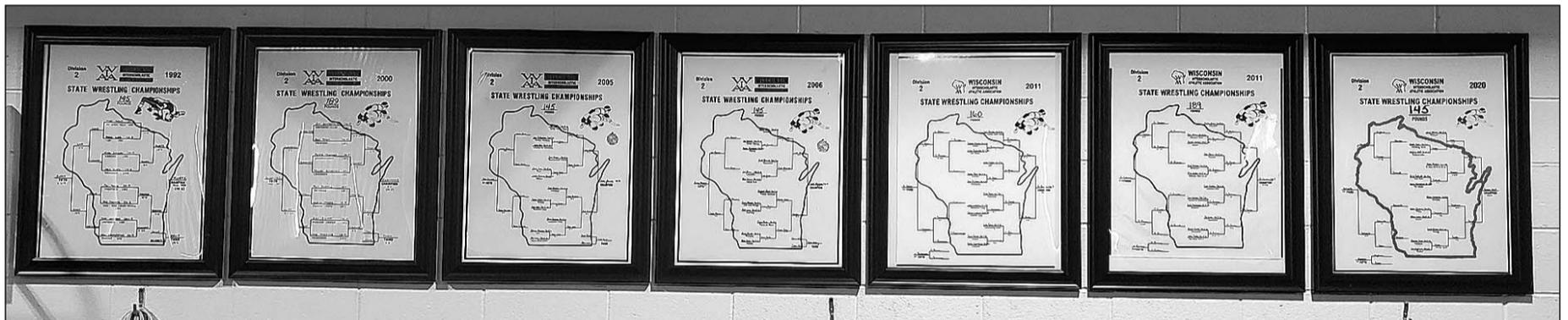
## KHS Wrestling Completes Wall Of Fame

A Wrestling Wall of Fame was recently completed in the Kewaskum High School wrestling room.

This has been about a five-year project as organizers have attempted to find these wall charts and obtain copies of most of them. Now that the Wall of Fame is completed, future wrestlers will be able to look up to these six champions as they aim for their future goals.

The Wall of Fame features every state wrestling championship that Kewaskum wrestlers have participated in, including:

- 1992 - Josh Kurtz
- 2000 - Mike Farchione
- 2005 / 2006 - Scott Rhoads
- 2011 - Brad Bentz
- 2011 - Bo Seibel
- 2020 - Braeden Scoles.



The Kewaskum High School Wrestling Wall of Fame features state wrestling championships in which Kewaskum wrestlers competed. It took five years to complete the project.

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## Washington County FC Joins SC Wave Family

ROC Ventures is pleased to announce its Wave soccer programming is growing. Washington County FC is joining the ROC Ventures SC Wave family. The program will now be called SC Wave Washington County. SC Wave currently has programs at SC Wave Waukesha, SC Wave New Berlin, SC Wave Greendale, and SC Wave Walworth. All of the youth pro-

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"We are excited to be a part of SC Wave," stated current Washington County FC President John Seifert. "This merger gives us increased access to summer camps, name recognition and other resources needed to help grow competitive soccer

in Washington County while at the same time keeping a great deal of decision making local and retaining much of what we enjoy in our community club."

Affiliation with SC Wave provides SC Wave Washington County participants access to new playing opportunities, expert coaches, and top tier training facilities including the MOSH Performance Center. The MOSH Performance Center is being developed by ROC Ventures at Ballpark Commons in Franklin and slated to open late fall of this year with construction currently underway. The MOSH Performance Center will feature over 40,000 square feet of commercial space for performance- and wellness-based services, uniquely integrated with an additional 75,000-plus square feet of four-season turf on the ground floor for athlete training, tournaments, and games—the only full-size indoor soccer field in the state. These resources are uniquely available through SC Wave as one of the premier soccer clubs in the

United States - thereby maximizing player development and providing a more complete and exceptional experience for the athlete.

"There are a tremendous number of talented male and female soccer players in Washington County," stated SC Wave President Shan Amini. "This new affiliation will allow more players to use the SC Wave methodology and curriculum that has been so successful for our other athletes." Amini continued, "The cross training and playing opportunities will benefit SC Wave Washington County players as well as players and teams across the entire club."

SC Wave Washington County joins SC Wave after another successful season. In the last year: SC Wave led the state in State Cup Championships bringing the club total to 45 in the last 10 years.

SC Wave 04 Juniors Girls won the US Youth Soccer National Championship

SC Wave Director of Coaching Giuliano Oliviero won State Coach of the Year, Midwest Region Coach of

the Year, and National Coach of the Year.

SC Wave led the State in teams in qualifying in Midwest Regionals and teams qualified for National League.

SC Wave Washington County will swap out its red, white and black uniforms for the highly recognized Wave yellow and black uniforms which all SC Wave youth teams and indoor professional team Milwaukee Wave wear starting this summer.

SC Wave offers four primary programs:

The Milwaukee Wave: The professional indoor soccer team founded in 1984. They are the oldest continuously operating professional soccer team in the United States, currently playing in the Major Arena Soccer League, and are 7-time Indoor Soccer World Champions with their most recent championship in 2019.

SC Wave Select: Provides an opportunity for a higher level of competition and training for more serious players who have demonstrated superior ability, skill development, and commitment. SCW's Wave

Select program is for players U11-U19 who are offered positions on a team after participating in tryouts.

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For more information on SC Wave Washington County visit [scwave.org/washington-county](http://scwave.org/washington-county). For more information on SC Wave visit: [scwave.org](http://scwave.org). Registration is currently open for players to sign up for the 2020-2021 season on the SC Wave website.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE VILLAGE OF KEWASKUM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Village of Kewaskum, of Washington County, Wisconsin, will hold its first meeting in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 204 First Street on Thursday, May 7, 2020 commencing at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Please be advised, due to COVID-19 the intent is to postpone the meeting by motion to adjourn. The following are requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of such property being assessed.

After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the Board. Open Book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the Board of Review.

The Board of Review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the Board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the Board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the Board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the Board's first scheduled meeting, and the Board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48 hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the Board of Review within the first 2 hours of the Board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the Board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The Board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the Board shall require that any forms in-

clude stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objection and made full disclosure before the Board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

When appearing before the Board of Review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

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The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other person may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard under Section 70.47(3)(a), Wis. stats, that person provides to the clerk of the Board of

Review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 20th day of April, 2020.

4-23 WNAXLP  
Tammy Butz  
Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF KEWASKUM BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Sette in the Kewaskum High School Theatre located at 1510 Bilgo Lane, Kewaskum, WI.

Roll Call of Board members present: Troy Hanson, Jim Leister, Mary Miller, Sue Miller, Timothy Ramthun, Mark Sette. Excused: Doug Gonring

Mr. Smasal verified that the meeting had been posted pursuant to §19.84(1)(2)(3)(4).

MMiller/SMiller motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed. TRamthun opposed.

MMiller/MSette motion to adjourn into closed session Pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c)(e). Motion passed 4-2. JLeister, TRamthun opposed.

SMiller/MMiller motion to return to open session. Motion passes. All aye.

Closed Session ended at 8:22 p.m.

Open Session begins at 8:23 p.m.

SMiller/MMiller motion to approve administrative emergency leave pay March 16 - April 13, 2020 to keep wages and benefits in place for all employees. Motion passed, 6-0.

MMiller/TRamthun motion to approve preliminary notice of non-renewal for staff member(s) brought forward by administration. Motion passed, 6-0.

MMiller/SMiller motion to approve 50% of salary for spring sports coaches whether or not there is a season. Motion passed, 6-0.

President Sette motions to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

4-23 WNAXLP  
Proceedings by: Sue Miller, Board Clerk  
Approved: April 13, 2020  
Board President, Mark Sette

**Deadline for news items 2 p.m. Monday**



## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF KEWASKUM BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Sette in the Kewaskum District Office Conference Room, located at 1455 School Street, Kewaskum, WI.

Roll call Board members present: Doug Gonring, Troy Hanson, Jim Leister, Mary Miller, Sue Miller, Timothy Ramthun, Mark Sette

Mr. Smasal verified that the meeting had been posted pursuant to §19.84(1)(2)(3)(4).

MMiller/SMiller motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed. Six aye. JLeister opposed.

Consent Agenda  
MMiller/DGonring motion to approve the consent agenda including regular and closed minutes from February 10, 2020, Instructional Resignations; Nathan Bartlett, KHS Math Teacher, Extra-Curricular Resignations; Jerry Loberger, JV2 Football Coach, Extra-Curricular Hires; Lindsay Dahlberg, Drama Club Advisor, Roger Lindgren, Head Boys Tennis Coach. Motion passed. All aye.

Items for Discussion and/or Action

MMiller/JLeister motion to approve Payroll for \$1,292,246.10. Motion passed 7-0.

MMiller/THanson motion to approve Accounts Payable for \$664,886.47. Motion passed 4-2-1. DGonring, TRamthun opposed, JLesiter abstained.

MMiller/JLeister motion to approve Overnight Trip Requests for Key Club, Boys Golf and the Chess Team Motion passed. All aye.

JLeister/SMiller motion to approve Girls and Boys Hockey Co-ops for 2020-21 and 2021-22. Motion passed, 7-0.

JLeister/SMiller motion to approve the Long Term Capital Improvement Plan list. Motion passed. All aye.

MMiller/THanson motion to approve 2020-21 Budget Factors as presented for Capital Improvements/Equipment for \$200,000 and Academic Career Planning Contracted Services for \$40,000 Motion passed, 7-0.

JLeister/SMiller motion to approve Purchases over \$15,000 -IT Managed Services Contract with Technology Resource Advisors for \$39,000. Motion passed, 7-0.

JLeister motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

4-23 WNAXLP  
Minutes by Executive Assistant: Vickie Plachinski  
Approved: April 13, 2020  
Board President, Mark Sette

## Alternative Care Facility To Be Constructed At Wisconsin State Fair Park

Gov. Tony Evers announced on April 9 that the Army Corp of Engineers has officially been engaged by his administration and has already begun mobilizing at the Exposition Center at Wisconsin State Fair Park to begin the development of an alternative care facility (ACF). The Army Corp of Engineers has partnered with states throughout the country to build ACFs to support existing, local medical infrastructures in response to the spread of COVID-19.

"This second alternative care facility will be an essential backup facility to ensure our healthcare system in the south central region is not overwhelmed. FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers have been tremendous planning partners for our state and we are thankful for their quick responsiveness," said Evers. "Wisconsin residents are doing a good job of helping to flatten the curve in our state by following the guidelines of our Safer at Home order, but we must continue our efforts to manage the pandemic in order to protect Wisconsinites. Hopefully this second site will not be needed, but we must prepare for it now so we are ready."

"We are extremely appreciative of FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers for their responsiveness as we continue to see an increase in the number of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 in Wisconsin," Evers said. "This alternative care facility will be a critical addition to the southeastern region of our state and will be essential to continuing to ensure our healthcare systems are not overwhelmed."

To construct the facility, the Army Corp of Engineers signed a contract with Gilbane, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A number of local subcontractors have also signed-on to assist in constructing the ACF at Wisconsin State Fair Park, including: HGA (Design), Johnson Controls, Staff Electric, F. Ahern and Hetzel Sanfilippo.

"I want to also share my sincere gratitude to the Wisconsin State Fair Park leadership, including CEO Kathleen O'Leary and Chairman John Yingling," said Gov. Evers. "Their willingness to open their doors to support the region's residents during what may be these folks' darkest hours, is exactly the kind of servant leadership that illustrates how Wisconsin's best are stepping up and in to respond to COVID-19."

**Second Alternative Care Facility At Alliant Energy Center**

Gov. Tony Evers announced on April 11 that an application has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to begin the development of a second alternative care facility (ACF) in Wisconsin to prepare for a potential surge in COVID-19 cases. The Army Corp of Engineers

has partnered with states to build ACFs to support existing, local medical infrastructures in response to the spread of COVID-19.

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**COVID-19 Safety Precautions**

All individuals are encouraged to do the following:

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- Stay at least six feet away from other people, when possible.
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- Avoid touching face, eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
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## State And County Officials Reinforcing That Roadways Remain Open To Out-Of-State And In-State Travelers

To help dispel rumors, officials with the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) want to clarify that state roadways and borders remain open to in-state and out-of-state travelers.

Under Governor Tony Evers' Safer at Home order, motorists are asked to avoid "non-essential" travel throughout the public emergency period. State Patrol and county sheriff's departments continue to enforce traffic laws as usual, but are not pulling over vehicles with out-of-state plates or other motorists just to ask about the purpose of their trip.

"For the Wisconsin State Patrol and county sheriff's departments, public safety remains the top priority," WisDOT secretary-designee Craig Thompson said.

"State troopers and sheriff's deputies are working every day enforcing traffic laws to help ensure safe travel. As always, the emphasis is on public education and voluntary compliance." Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Anthony Burrell clarified in a recent video that state borders and roadways remain open to travel.

In an April 7, 2020, memo to sheriff's departments and other county government officials, WCA explained that counties do not have the legal authority to ban out-of-state travelers (or second home/seasonal homeowners) from visiting a county during the

COVID-19 pandemic. "To help protect citizens during the ongoing health emergency, counties could issue a travel advisory that would discourage visitors at this time should a county have a significant elderly population or limited health care resources," said WCA executive director Mark O'Connell. "The advisory could also ask visitors to self-quarantine for 14 days."

WCA is also encouraging counties to provide citizens with easy online access to information from official sources such as the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and local county health departments.

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The peony's sumptuous flowers and captivating fragrance have been admired by generations of gardeners. While many other plants come and go, peonies have staying power. The variety 'Sarah Bernhardt' was introduced in 1906 and has been popular ever since. Its plush, pale pink flowers have silvery tips and open late in the peony season.

To maximize your enjoyment, extend the peony season by growing an assortment of early, mid and late-blooming varieties. Choose wisely and it's possible to have peonies in bloom for a month or more. If you live in an area with relatively warm weather, plant more of the early and midseason varieties so the plants have plenty of time to display their blossoms before the weather gets hot.

Add variety to your

peony display by including plants with different flower styles. Options include single, anemone, semi-double, double and bomb types. Herbaceous peonies also come in many beautiful colors, including white, cream, coral, pink, rose and dark red.

Start the season off with a few of the earlier bloomers such as Coral Charm, Buckeye Belle, Festiva Maxima, Bowl of Beauty, Black Beauty, Purple Spider and Red Charm (longfield-gardens.com). Coral Charm's lightly fragrant flowers are a unique blend of coral and cream. This semi double peony is the recipient of the American Peony Society Gold Medal.

The large double ruby red flowers of Buckeye Belle are displayed on compact plants that are the perfect size for perennial gardens. Pairing this peony with the snowy-white flowers of Festiva Maxima is a striking combination.

Transition into mid-season with the heirloom variety Red Charm. Its long stems have few side buds, which makes it great for cutting. And the rose-like fragrance perfumes gardens and bouquets. For a completely different look, consider the fragrant, double bomb flowers of Lady Liberty. Its frilly inner petals are cream

and apricot, and form a tight ball resting on a double row of flamingo pink petals.

Anemone-style peonies have frilly centers surrounded by a single or double row of larger petals. The variety Sorbet features layers of candy pink and cream petals. It is deliciously fragrant, with sturdy stems that are excellent for cutting. Don't overlook other classic, mid-season bloomers like Duchess de Nemours, Celebrity and Red Supreme.

Close out the peony season with the large, raspberry-red blossoms of the classic French double peony Felix Crousse, and other time-tested favorites such as Lady Alexandria Duff and the beloved Sarah Bernhardt.

Peonies are known for their extravagant flowers, but the plants themselves are almost as impressive. Leaves emerge in spring with a tinge of red and reach a height of 3 feet within less than a month. By the time the flower buds appear, the plants are the size of a small shrub. After the flowers fade, the peony's lush, deep green leaves remain all season, providing a nice backdrop for nearby blooms. As temperatures cool in fall, the foliage often displays a nice reddish fall color.

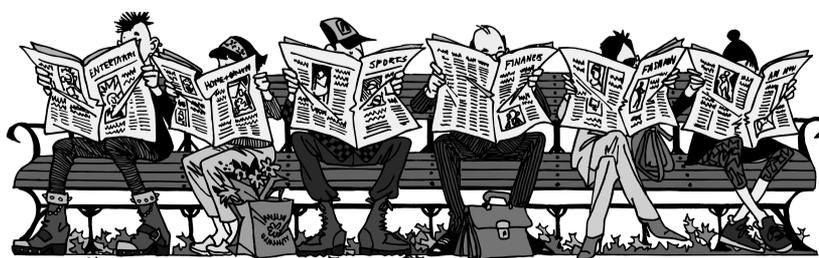
Bare root peonies may be planted in spring or fall. After planting, they will take some time to settle in. Young plants need 3 years or more to reach full size, but after that, they will flower every year for decades to come.

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Sarah Bernhardt peony, introduced in 1906, is one of the world's most popular peonies.

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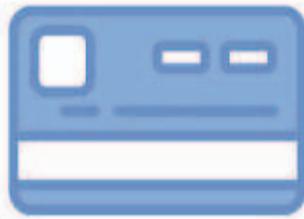
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