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Boltonville Rain Days is usually held Memorial Day weekend, but has been canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Boltonville Volunteer Fire Department had been planning on celebrating its 103rd anniversary at the event. This aerial photo was taken of the Boltonville Rain Days in 2015.

photo submitted

Washington County Reopens – County Urges Social Distancing To Halt COVID-19

By Anne Trautner

Washington County, County Executive Josh Schoemann signed a proclamation implementing the county's "Blueprint to Reopen" on May 14.

The proclamation occurred the day after the state's Safer At Home order was lifted. The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on Wednesday, May 13, that Gov. Tony Evers' administration overstepped its authority when it extended the order until May 26, calling it "unlawful, invalid and unenforceable."

It is now up to local and county authorities to determine any regional restrictions still in place.

In Washington County, Schoemann's proclamation was supported by Sheriff Marty Schulteis and Public Health Officer Kirsten Johnson. The proclamation recognizes the community's responsibility to follow physical distancing guidelines as well as the public's ability to use common sense to follow the document's FAQ to keep their neighbors safe.

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Boltonville Rain Days Canceled

– Event Would Have Been 103rd Annual Celebration

By Anne Trautner

The Boltonville Rain Days is canceled, and it's not because it was rained out.

The cancellation is due to the COVID-19 virus, the fate of most other large gatherings that had been planned

for this year. This would have been the 103rd annual picnic held for the Boltonville Fire Department.

"There will be no picnic this year. It is very tough. It's a huge fundraiser for us," said Dennis Fechter, a volunteer for the Boltonville

Fire Department and organizer for the Boltonville Rain Days.

Each year, the Boltonville Rain Days is held over Memorial Day weekend. Over the years, it has evolved into a three-day event that has become a regular tradition for the commu-

nity.

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A Dairy Good Promotion

– FFA Students Support Local Farmers

By Anne Trautner

The weather was cold and wet on Monday, May 18, but families received a bright surprise when they picked up lunches from the Kewaskum School District.

Shelly Oelhafen, who is the FFA advisor at Kewaskum High School, handed out bags that were filled with coupons and activities for children about farm products as families picked up Grab-

and-Go breakfasts and lunches. The meals are available for all children ages 18 and younger, and the promotional dairy items were given to families throughout the entire week.

The gift bags were a project that Kewaskum High School FFA students organized. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, the FFA students were not allowed to hand out the bags to the families, but it was

the FFA students who came up with the idea of what to give to families.

In an effort to help Wisconsin farmers, FFA students started selling "Support Dairy" signs earlier this year. The students are still selling the signs, but they are estimating that they will earn about \$600 from the sale of the signs.

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Shelly Oelhafen, advisor for the Kewaskum High School FFA, helps to sell plants for the FFA program on Monday, May 18. Oelhafen also distributed gift bags that FFA students assembled for local families to promote dairy products. photo by Anne Trautner

In Memory of Our Fallen Heroes

For all who gave their yesterdays,

A thank you today —

On this Memorial Day!



Publisher's Letter

Adapting To The New Normal

Dear Reader,

Our governmental leaders seem to be confused. Some are emphasizing that we should take precautions against infection with the coronavirus — stay home, keep businesses closed, observe social distancing, use personal protective equipment, etc. Others are emphasizing that nothing is more important than our civil liberties, and the right to go where we wish, when we wish, and how we wish.



You can see this confusion in the recent actions of the Wisconsin Governor, State Legislature, and Supreme Court. The Governor issued Emergency Orders mandating social distancing and staying at home; the Legislature sued to get them overturned; and the Supreme Court did in fact overturn the Orders.

The media are confused too. Some outlets report a nation-wide death toll over 80,000, and state that this may be under-counting the fatality rate. Others state it is accurate, and still others say the reported death total is inflated.

In this environment, we as a newspaper and digital company need to make decisions about how to act and what to do every single day. In this matter, we will be guided by principle. So we want to state clearly and unequivocally, nothing trumps the safety, health, and lives of our employees, customers, and suppliers. Full stop. All possible actions must be evaluated within this framework.

Here is what we plan to do.

- We now have been told that we can reopen our offices. If we are able

to obtain enough personal protective equipment — masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc. — we will do so on May 26th, the original date set for reopening by Emergency Order #28, Safer At Home.

- We have established in-office procedures to reduce the likelihood of transmission of the virus — social distancing, use of hand sanitizer, personal protective equipment, and so forth. We will continue these procedures.

- We will keep a watchful eye on the overall trend of the outbreak and take other measures as needed.

As for sales calls in person, we respect the rights of our sales staff to decide whether to call on people, and our customers whether to receive them, strongly encouraging all to keep in mind the guiding principle of protecting the health and safety of everyone involved. When unsure of what to do, we urge all to err on the side of safety and good sense.

In closing, we all need to remember that the C-virus has no ears. It does not care about governmental orders or political controversies. It has no politics, prejudices or fears in its effort to infect and kill people. It will go wherever and into whomever it chooses regardless of any artificial boundaries set by the world. Health and safety must be paramount.

Above all, stay safe so that you and all of us may enjoy many better tomorrows, however dimly seen they may be right now.

Patrick Wood
Publisher

A Plea For Help In Controlling The Spread Of Garlic Mustard

Dear Hikers, Mushroom hunters, Picnickers, Birders and other outdoor enthusiasts,

Never has the time been better for all of us to help control this very invasive plant in our community. With more people spending time outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is a great opportunity to look for garlic mustard along our trails, roadsides and even on our own land.

When you go out, take along some garbage bags and pull the plants and put them into the garbage bags. Spend time pulling the smaller patches or singular plants first. It is legal to put the bags into a dumpster or have it taken to a landfill. Since garlic mustard still has enough energy left in the plant to produce seed even after it is pulled,

bagging it is the best option.

Among the greatest conservation concerns today is the threat from invasive species that have the ability to overrun our native ecosystems and crowd out native plants and wildlife. Native to Eurasia, garlic mustard is a biennial herb that made its way to North America in the late 1800s and is currently distributed in 37 states, including Wisconsin.

Garlic mustard affects woodlands and wildlife by displacing undergrowth vegetation and dominating the entire forest floor in only a few years. This plant causes changes to the soil composition and inhibits our native plant's ability to grow. It also has an effect on the growth of our mushrooms! It can thrive both in shade and full sun, upland and flood

plains, along trails, roadsides, and other habitats.

For more information, go to: fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wifdn and click I want to access fact sheets.

Garlic mustard is blooming right now and will start to produce seed as the petals begin to fall off. The seed head elongates and turns dark. If the seeds are hard, they are viable so it is advisable to not pull these mature plants as this will spread the seeds.

Let's do our part for our natural world. When we take time to pull garlic mustard, we are giving nature a second chance.

Thanks so much!
Connie Ramthun
Concerned Native Plant Enthusiast

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Recovered Stolen Firearms

Washington County Sheriff's officials recovered a significant number of stolen firearms during the execution of a residential search warrant on May 12 in the Village of Richfield. The search warrant was the culmination of a several-month burglary investigation conducted by sheriff's investigators.

A 41-year-old Village of Richfield man and his 25-year-old girlfriend were taken into custody on May 12 after they left their residence. At that point, a search warrant was served on the residence. In total, 20 firearms were seized, including 10 that had been taken from a residential burglary in the Village of Richfield. The other 10 were seized in conjunction with a narcotics investigation. Au-

thorities also seized illegal drugs, stolen jewelry, and a John Deere Tractor that had been taken in another burglary from Portage County. A 37-year-old former roommate of the two other suspects was also charged in connection with these crimes. All three suspects were arrested on multiple felonies and will now face charges in Washington County Circuit Court.

In this case, a large number of these stolen firearms were returned to their lawful owners. This was made possible by responsible gun owners keeping accurate records of their firearms. This illus-

trates the importance of maintaining good personal records of not only firearms but other personal articles.

"This case is notable on multiple levels, first we were able to take a significant amount of firepower out of the hands of dangerous criminals, equally important we will be able to return that property back to the victims that these criminals preyed on and make them whole again and finally the people that committed these offenses will be held accountable for their crimes against our community," Washington County Sheriff Martin Schulteis said.

CAMPUS NEWS

– Carthage College

Allenton's Marina Katanaeva, a student at Carthage College, has been inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success. To achieve official induction, members attended Orientation, Leadership Training Day, three Speaker

Broadcasts and three Success Networking Team meetings.

The NSLS is the nation's largest leadership honor society. Students are selected by their college for membership based on either academic standing or leadership potential. Candidacy is a nation-

ally recognized achievement of honorable distinction. With 702 chapters, the NSLS currently has 1,203,753 members nationwide.

In addition to honorable distinction, the NSLS provides a step-by-step program for members to build their leadership skills through participation at their campus or online. Upon completion of the program, members receive their leadership certificate and take their place among the top student leaders at their campus and across the country. Members are able to list their affiliation on all statements of personal accomplishment, including their resume.

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Week's Wit

Not every trash basket catches all the stuff that should be thrown into it.

Early deadline for all newspaper items for the May 28th paper will be Friday, May 22 at 2 p.m.

The Kewaskum Statesman office will be closed on Monday, May 25



GEIDEL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Gerald and Patricia (Nigh) Geidel of Campbellsport will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 23rd.

They have three children - Doug (Katie), Chris and Jeremy (Joanne); and six grandchildren - Zack, Maddie, Eli, Ivan, Ella and Lydia.



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Washington County Reopens

Weeks ago, the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department issued the "Blueprint to Reopen" Washington County's economy. The department also issued FAQs and began working with businesses, chambers of commerce, law enforcement and others to assist in creating social distancing plans specific to various industries.

"Washington County will not issue blanket orders restricting individual rights," Schoemann said. "Now is the time for citizens to work as loving neighbors to continue keep the curve flat and protect the at risk population. I trust our residents and businesses to follow the guidelines put forth by the CDC, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, and health department."

"Activities and businesses which encourage large gatherings, such as bars, restau-

rants, festivals and parades, remain the highest risk for vast and quick moving outbreaks, which become uncontrollable," stated Kirsten Johnson, the public health officer. "The best way to keep the elderly and those with health conditions safe is for all businesses to follow the guidelines and voluntarily comply with public health guidance. The health department will continue robust contact tracing and effective public health campaigns. When outbreaks occur, we will publish them and issue legally binding direction to the organization(s) involved to quickly resolve the risk to the community. Voluntary compliance with the Blueprint mitigates the risk of large outbreaks."

The health department will continue to report outbreak locations, including business or organization names, and case data on its dash-

board. The Blueprint, FAQ and dashboard are all available at washozwi.gov.

From the enforcement perspective, Sheriff Marty Schulteis reported, "From the start, our enforcement efforts have been education on the guidelines Kirsten and the health department put out. We ask for continued compliance with these guidelines so that we can keep all of our citizens safe, healthy, and more importantly, open for business."

Number Of COVID-19 Cases

As of Tuesday, May 19, there were seven total confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Kewaskum zip code, according to the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department website.

In Washington and Ozaukee County, there were 286 confirmed cases, 15 deaths and

3,476 negative tests as of Tuesday, May 19, according to the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department website.

The website also reported the following COVID-19 statistics on Tuesday, May 19: 4,836,329 cases worldwide; 319,213 deaths worldwide; 1,510,988 confirmed cases in the United States; 90,432 deaths in the United States; 12,687 confirmed cases in Wisconsin; and 459 deaths in Wisconsin.

"The coronavirus is still here, and we are asking all residents to exercise caution," Johnson said during a webinar the county held for residents on May 18. "We recognize that all of our businesses are opened, but we continue to ask for people to physically distance... and to wear PPE [masks and gloves] as appropriate."

Village Sidewalk Inspections

The Village of Kewaskum is proceeding with its sidewalk inspection program. The village will offer a 12-month extension to those who cannot afford to pay for the fixes due to hardships related to COVID-19.

Moraine Park Student Cortland Henning Selected as 2020-21 Newman Civic Fellow

Moraine Park student Cortland Henning of Fond du Lac has been selected to be a part of the 2020-2021 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellows cohort.

Campus Compact, a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education, has announced the 262 students who will make up this year's cohort. The Newman Civic Fellowship is a one-year experience emphasizing personal, professional, and civic growth for students who have demonstrated a capacity for leadership and an investment in solving public problems. The fellowship provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities, including a national conference in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, access to exclusive scholarships, and post-graduate opportunities.

Henning, a first-year generation college student, took advantage of Moraine Park's Promise program to achieve his career goals. He graduated from Fond du Lac High School in 2019 and enrolled in the College's culinary program in the fall.

"I always wanted to go to college but never knew if it was a possibility for me," Cortland said. "My family isn't able to help contribute to my tuition, and I knew

that my part-time job wasn't enough to live on and pay for school."

Henning is also actively involved at the College. He is an active part of the Student Senate, where he serves as the community manager, and he volunteers at many of the student life events. Also, as part of the Promise program, Cortland is required to volunteer in Moraine Park's student community impact for a minimum of 20 hours throughout his associate degree. To date, he has volunteered over 80 hours of his time at the Fond du Lac High School, where he helps coach the color guard team.

In total, there were 12 students selected from Wisconsin to participate in the 2020-21 Newman Civic Fellows cohort, and Henning represents one of four technical college students in the group.

"I truly believe education inspires us to be better, and it increases overall societal values," he said. "Moraine Park has opened so many doors for me, and I look forward to continuing to grow with this new opportunity."

For more information on the Newman Civic Fellowship, visit compact.org/newman-civic-fellowship.

For more information on Moraine Park, visit morainepark.edu.

ReadyWisconsin Encourages Everyone To Be Flood Smart This Spring

Last year was the wettest year on record in Wisconsin for many counties, and there are signs that we could be in for more flooding in the state this spring. Gov. Tony Evers has declared March 16-20 Flood Safety Awareness Week in Wisconsin. ReadyWisconsin and the Department of Health Services are encouraging everyone to assess their flood risk and learn how to protect themselves before, during, and after a flood.

"Flooding causes millions of dollars in damage every year to private and public property in Wisconsin, destroying homes, roads, and farmers' crops, said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Darrell L. Williams, Ph.D. "That's why planning ahead is so important. It protects lives and property."

ReadyWisconsin offers the following tips on making you and your family flood safe:

- Stay up to date on the forecast – Identify multiple ways to receive alerts about dangerous weather conditions and potential flooding, such as a NOAA Weather Radio, trusted local news outlets, and mobile weather apps.

- "Turn Around, Don't Drown" – Never drive or walk through flooded areas. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock over an adult, while 12 inches can carry away a small car.

Be especially careful while driving at night. Driving through floodwaters puts lives at risk, while more than half of flood fatalities are vehicle related. Flooding killed two people in Wisconsin in 2019.

- Know your flood risk – Do you live in a flood plain, have a basement, or live near a source of water? Examine the potential for flooding on your property. Plan with your family for what you will do if the floodwaters begin to rise.

- Protect your property – If you have gutters, make sure they are kept clean and the downspouts are directing water away from your foundation. Repair cracks in your foundation, improve grading so water flows away from your house, and cover window wells to keep water out.

- Move valuables to higher ground – Never

store anything in a basement that can't be replaced. Store important records and documents in waterproof containers.

Build a "Go Kit" – Include food, water, cash, medications and copies of important documents (medical records, insurance policies, and financial documents).

- Make an emergency plan – If you can't make it home or need to leave quickly, identify a meeting place for your family. Make a list of emergency numbers and important contacts.

- Purchase flood insurance - Standard insurance policies generally do not cover flooding. Most flood coverage requires 30 days to take effect. Find information at www.floodsmart.gov.

"Preparedness is key when dealing with any potential weather threat, but when it comes to

floods, the health risks often increase once the water goes down," said Jeanne Ayers, state health officer and administrator of the DHS Division of Public Health. "Mold, well contamination, and damage to property can occur, but there's also a risk to our mental health during emergencies or their aftermath. DHS and our local and tribal health partners can help families be safe and healthy with tips on what to do before, during and after a flood."

For more information on Flood Safety Awareness Week, and for safety information throughout the year, go to <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>. DHS also has a toolkit with simple steps to protect yourself and your property before, during, and after a flood.

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West Bend Theatre Company Appoints New Board Member

– Nicholas Dettmann To Serve Three-Year Term

The West Bend Theatre Company is pleased to announce the appointment of Nicholas Dettmann to its Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Dettmann is the former sports editor and managing editor of the Daily News in West Bend. Currently, he is the social and digital media specialist for Milwaukee Center for Independence, a nonprofit that assists people with disabilities, disadvantages, serious mental illness and employment barriers to better live, work and be a part of the community.

During a 20-year journalism career, Dettmann earned more than 35 writing awards at the state, regional, national and international level. He was the first two-time finalist for Penn State University's Excellence in the Coverage of Youth Sports Award. He is also a former board member for the United Way of Washington County's Emerging Leaders, the Southeastern Wisconsin Short Track Hall of Fame and the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association.

In 2019, Dettmann made his West Bend Theatre Company debut starring as Mr. Lamb, a Londoner and a Businessman in "A Christmas Carol." He also starred in the Hartford Players' production of "The Little Mermaid" in 2017.

"I'm excited and honored to be appointed to the Board of Directors for the West Bend Theatre Company," Dettmann said. "After being re-introduced to theater a few years ago, it has become a cherished hobby and enjoyed working alongside the people in the local community theater scene in West Bend and Washington County. I look forward to contributing to the local scene in this role."

As part of the Board, Dettmann will serve as the company's social media and marketing manager.

"Nick was a valued cast member of 'A



Nicholas Dettmann

Christmas Carol' in 2019," said Nancy Storrs, president of West Bend Theatre Company. "He has been assisting with social media and updated our website in 2020. After having worked with Nick during his tenure at the Daily News, we were thrilled to invite Nick to join us at West Bend Theatre

Company. Nick's experience in marketing and journalism brings so much. We're looking forward to a long-term relationship with him and are excited to have his insights and contributions to our company."

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.

The West Bend Theatre Company annually performs Charles Dickens' classic tale "A Christmas Carol" and sells out each year. On

Oct. 3 at the West Bend Masonic Center, West Bend Theatre Company will produce "The GrandMaster's Feast," a collaboration of traditional madrigal dinner and ad-lib acting generated by the performers. The 2020 production of "A Christmas Carol" is set for Dec. 4-6 and Dec. 11-13 at the West Bend Masonic Center. Five shows are planned for 2021 with dates and locations to be announced at a later date – "Calendar Girls," "The Secret Garden," "End of the Rainbow", "Our Town", and "A Christmas Carol."

For more information about the West Bend Theatre Company, as well as upcoming shows, visit www.wbtheatreco.com.

Join WI Go Camp-in!

Friends of the Kettle Moraine announces a Memorial Day weekend virtual camping experience, WI Go Camp-in!

Wisconsin State parks remain closed for this Memorial Day and you might be missing out on all the fun of camping with your family and friends. Why not join the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks for some virtual camping fun on Sunday, May 24, 2020, starting at 6:30 p.m. for the first-ever WI GO Camp-in! Streaming live on YouTube.

Set up your campsite at home—in your house, driveway or backyard and post photos before joining this fun evening. For more information visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/wi-go-camp-in/home>



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Listen to music, learn to make a craft or conduct nighttime experiments. Visit a frog pond, sample wild edible recipes, attend a turtle

lunchtime, check out the night sky and much more! The event aims to bring the spirit of Wisconsin State Parks right into your home, when you can't be there in person.

Enrollment For 2020 Safety-Net Programs Fast Approaching

—USDA Reports Record Enrollment for 2019 Crop Year

By Sandy Chalmers
State executive director in Wisconsin, USDA Farm Service Agency

Challenges and uncertainties are synonymous with farming and ranching. To say these are challenging, uncer-

tain times is an understatement. But, as is their inherent nature, farmers and ranchers will certainly adapt and persevere, and we at USDA are here to help them.

Our USDA Service Centers are open for business, and program delivery staff are continuing to come into the office but are working with producers only by phone — call to schedule an appointment — and using online tools whenever possible.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff here in Wisconsin stand ready to help you obtain credit for spring farm operating needs, service loans or sign up for programs, in-

cluding the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2020.

Producers simply need to enroll in the ARC or PLC program — their 2019 crop year program election applies to 2020 — by the June 30 deadline. If you fail to enroll, you will be ineligible to receive a payment for the 2020 crop year should one trigger.

Give us a call today. We will send the ARC/PLC contract for signature via mail or email, depending on your preference. You can find the phone number for your local FSA county office at [farmers.gov/service-center-](http://farmers.gov/service-center-locator)



A Column By Kewaskum Librarian Lori Kreis

It's here, it's here, it's finally here! No, not that. I am talking about birds and flowers and green grass. The time when we can turn off the heat and open windows. Putting away heavy sweaters and being able to wear shorts and sandals. Ready to take out the convertibles and bikes. Yep, it's Spring. Even though it started 2 months ago, it seems like it took forever to get here.

I do like the warmer weather and being able to take my walks without bundling up with a hat, gloves, and scarf. I detest wearing socks so any chance I can wear sandals without freezing my feet is a happy day. I even like the feeling of wet, smoochy dewiness between my toes when I walk outside barefoot in the morning to fill the bird feeders. Regarding birds, I adore seeing all types of birds when I look out the window of my sunroom. I especially like the hummingbirds that feed off the flowers hanging from the porch. There seems to be an abundance of a variety of birds lately, many that I do not recall observing in previous years, but I am sure I just didn't notice them.

Roses and peonies are my favorite garden flowers. Not that I do a great job of maintaining them in my gardens. Here is a confession, I really do like having gardens; there are four in my yard, all planted here but sustaining them is not my forti-

tude. I will put on a good show at the beginning of spring and get them cleaned out and possibly put in a few annuals. Then I may keep them up for several weeks but eventually I'll just resort to minimal weeding, so my neighbors don't shun us. I like the results, but not so much the work. When I complain to my husband, his solution is to suggest paving the yard so we can put up more garages for more cars. We do like our cars and look forward to the end of salt on the roads so we can get them out. I think it is too early for convertibles, but he does not. If the temperature is over 60 and no chance of rain, the top comes down. If I am along for the ride, I am sure to have my hoodie and possibly a warm wool blanket along.

But my favorite aspect of spring is to open the windows and air out the house. I tend to do this early in the season and often, end up freezing us out. However, I am stubborn and refuse to put the heat back on once I turn it off. That was difficult this year, with the fluctuation of the weather. However, Memorial Day is just around the corner and I am standing firm. Windows are open, birds are singing, flowers are blooming. Such a blessing.

Take care and hope to see you soon.

Lori Kreis
Library Director
Kewaskum Public Library

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DAYS GONE BY

**5 Years Ago
May 28, 2015**

St. John's Evangelical church members gathered in the church's Kohlsville cemetery after services on Sunday for a Memorial Day tribute to those whose lives were given in the service of our nation. The American Legion Honor Guard's 21-gun salute and taps followed singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and a brief prayer by Pastor Beede.

Kewaskum police were dispatched to Kewaskum Citgo for a traffic accident involving one vehicle with two passengers on May 24. The vehicle had left the roadway and struck a sign for the business. Upon arrival of the officer, the driver of the vehicle was unresponsive. CPR was started on a 22-year-old Kewaskum femail. The efforts were unsuccessful. According to a press release, a medical issue with the driver led to the accident.

The Village of Kewaskum was preparing for summer fun. Swim passes for the season are on sale until May 31 at the municipal building. Season passes will be available until June 7. Information for swim lessons, the opening of the pool, season swim passes, replacement passes, closing of the pool, and tennis lessons also were published.

Kewaskum's bats were red hot in the final three Eastern Wisconsin Conference games. Pitching and defense also graded high in the victories that gave the Indians a 12-2 EWC mark, good for second place behind undefeated Waupun.

The girls track and field team amassed 157 points to take first place in the Eastern Wisconsin Conference meet on May 19.

Terrina S. Fellenz, 22, Kewaskum, passed away May 24.

Rosalind A. Westerman, 77, Kewaskum, passed away May 21.

Susan R. Bauer, 60, passed away May 18.

Margaret E. O'Reilly, 98, Plymouth, passed away May 17.

Alberta Clements, 69, Random Lake, passed away May 22.

Kewaskum Frozen Foods advertised that picnic paks are back, Memorial Day through Labor Day, for \$22.99. Includes two pounds fresh or cooked brats, two pounds seasoned patties, one pound skinless wieners, one eight-count package Sheboygan hard rolls, and one eight-count package hot dog buns.

The Harbeck Family placed a notice in the paper thanking their

subscribers and advertisers for the support given to the Kewaskum Statesman while the family owned the paper, which began in 1932.

**15 Years Ago
May 26, 2005**

It appears area residents will finally get the retail growth they desired to make the community thrive very soon. The village's plan commission heard a proposal for a \$30 million dollar commercial complex to be developed within the Tax Incremental District (TID) on the village's south side. Rick Kozak, president of development and operations of the Sacramento, California-based, United Construction Group addressed in detail the plans for Village Lake Center. That commercial complex could include national names like Walgreens, Jiffy Lube, Starbucks and 16 Plus. The concept plan will go before the village board on June 6 and a public hearing for the PUD's conditional use permit will be held June 20.

The Kewaskum Village Board continues to move forward with a new industrial/commercial district on the village's southern limits. At a recent meeting, the board approved the issuance of \$5,025,000 to bond anticipation notes and awarded two contracts for work in the new district.

The Village of Kewaskum will be breathing new life into one of the water wells. The Village Board recently voted in favor of spending up to \$30,000 to update well number three. That well has been in service since 1984 and is located off Fond du Lac Avenue by the municipal garage.

On May 7, local Modern Woodmen representative Jeff Jaeger of JP Insurance, along with the Friends of Kewaskum planted flowering crab apple trees in River Hill Park, Kewaskum. The tree planting was held in honor of Modern Woodmen's Plant a Tree Day. In conjunction with the tree planting, members of the 4-H helped to clean up the park.

A Memorial Day Parade and ceremonial program will be held in Kewaskum on May 30, sponsored by the Robert G. Romaine Post No. 384. The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Farmington Historical Society will hold its annual Day of Remembrance Program on May 30 beginning at noon.

Boltonville Rain Days, sponsored by the Boltonville Fire Department, will be held May 27, 28, and 29. Music will be provided by Vic

Ferrari, Oil Can Harry & American Jam, Boogie & the Yo-Yo'z, Badger Crew & Bobby Keeler Band, and Goodtime Dutchmen. There will also be a parade, food, and carnival.

A daughter, Olivia Elle, was born to Amy and Aaron Laatsch of Kewaskum on May 10.

A daughter, Cheyanne Elizabeth, was born to Julia Ann and Joseph Keding of Allenton on May 9.

A son, Jordon Johnathan, was born to Julie Lynn and Jeremy John Gerlach of Kewaskum on May 11.

A son, Jack Allen, was born to Kari and Rick Dreikosen of Campbellsport on May 14.

A son, Pierce Robert, was born to Sara and Chad Zimmer of Lomira on May 14.

A daughter, Gracie Elizabeth, was born to Brian and Nicole Schill of Campbellsport on May 16.

Garfield G. Durocher, 85, passed away May 23.

Martha A. Sauer, 85, St. Kilian, passed away May 21.

Dorothy H. Beck, 84, Random Lake, passed away May 19.

Edward Christie Jr., 63, passed away May 21.

**25 Years Ago
May 25, 1995**

A ribbon cutting was held for Kewaskum's newest business on May 17. Dairy Queen is located at the corner of Highways 48 and H. Owners Jerry and Nancy Mehring of West Bend were joined at the ribbon cutting by members of the Kewaskum Area Chamber of Commerce, village representatives and members of the Dairy Queen industry.

Graduation for the Class of 1995 will be held May 26. Matt Kuehn will be giving the class speech, class president Becky Braun will be presenting the class gift to the school, and international students Alena Novgorodova, Jakpong Potipongsa and Denis Tarakanov will be saying their farewells.

Mike and Judy Berger would like to open a retail craft shop in a large room at 417 Main Street. The couple ap-

peared at the plan commission meeting to request rezoning of the property. With the unanimous approval of the plan commission, the issue will go before a public hearing that is scheduled for June 19.

The Robert G. Romaine Post No. 384 of the American Legion will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade on May 29. At the May 15 Town of Kewaskum board meeting, Raymond Weinhold submitted his resignation, effective June 1. He had served 18 years as the town's assessor. He was cited for a job well done.

A team of fifth grade students from Wayne Elementary School placed third in the State of Wisconsin in the 1995 Midwest News Bowl. The Wayne team also ranked 12th in the Midwest Division, representing 15 states.

A 24-page Section Two of this week's paper was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Village of Kewaskum.

Mrs. Alma Edwards, 87, Kewaskum passed away May 23.

Robert H. Stroschine, 70, North Fond du Lac, passed away May 20.

Gary L. Pierquet, 38, Dotyville, passed away May 16.

Olive M. Day, 102, Hartford, passed away May 17.

Mrs. Frances Thull, 92, formerly of Kewaskum, passed away May 20.

**50 Years Ago
May 22, 1970**

Seeking an answer to long-range planning for refuse disposal in the Village of Kewaskum, the Village Board met here Monday night with representatives of the Campbellsport Village Board and the West Bend City Council for an exchange of ideas on what future plans those two neighboring communities might have in regard to their refuse disposal. Kewaskum is in need of a new garbage truck and the village board has been pondering on whether to buy a new truck or convert to a commercial-type pick-up service or possibly go to a sanitary landfill. Kewaskum maintains a 40-acre dump site for rubbish.

The Allied Industrial

Workers of America, Sub-Council No. 3 announced three scholarship winners from the KHS graduating class of 1970. Henry Schacht was awarded a \$150 scholarship. Karen Kreif, was awarded a \$150 scholarship, and Marie Ebert was awarded a \$300 scholarship.

Kenneth McKee has been chosen as the Jr. Woman's Club Scholarship award of \$100.

Karen Kreif has been awarded the Kewaskum Jr. Woman's Club Vocational Scholarship of \$100.

The Kewaskum recreation program will open its doors June 8 to all interested people in the Kewaskum School District. The doors will be open from June 8 until August 7.

Earl Buswell was elected commander of Robert G. Romaine American Legion Post 384 of Kewaskum, succeeding Homer Schaub. Other officers elected include Harold Boettcher, first vice-president; Walter Giese, second vice-president; Donald Berres, chaplain; Robert Staehler, sergeant-at-arms; and Harold Degner, historian.

Seven persons were injured in a two-car crash in the Town of Auburn, about two miles north of Kewaskum. Cars driven by Thomas M. Casper, 21, of Milwaukee, and Grover V. Brandt, 69, of Kewaskum, collided at the intersection of County Trunks G and S on Sunday. Casper had five passengers in his vehicle.

Marine Corporal William R. Mielke, Campbellsport, was awarded the Purple Heart Medal and a gold star in lieu of a second award in ceremonies at the Marine Barracks, Treasure Island Naval Station, San Francisco, California. He was cited for wounds received in Vietnam on January 20 and November 23, 1968.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Engelman, Kewaskum, on May 9.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Haack, Kewaskum, on May 13.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rickert, Kewaskum, on May 19.

Sister Donna Miller,

38, Milwaukee, passed away May 21.

Arthur Butzlaff, 75, Kewaskum, passed away May 15.

Herman Weiland, 78, Campbellsport, passed away May 17.

**75 Years Ago
May 18, 1945**

The very happy, joyous news was received here this week by their families that two Kewaskum soldiers who had been missing in action in Europe since December are ex-prisoners of war who were liberated from German prison camps when they were overrun by the Allies. Both are safe and well. They include T/5 Arnold Oppermann, who was formerly listed as missing in action in Belgium since December 27, and Pvt. Marlin Dreher, who was reported as missing in action in Luxembourg last December 20.

Thirty-one members of the 1945 senior class of Kewaskum High School and eight eighth grade graduates of the Kewaskum public school will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises to be held next Friday, May 25.

Three soloists, tre sextette, and the girls' chorus of Kewaskum High School bore home first division ratings from the music festival at Lomira last Saturday.

V-E Day brought deep sorrow to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Biegler of West Bend when a telegram advised them that their son, Pt. Fred A. Backus has been killed in action in Germany on April 26.

Harvey Justman, 17, Kewaskum, was killed in an auto accident on May 12.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Buddenhagen, Kewaskum, on May 12.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zibolski, Kewaskum, on May 11.

Mrs. Sula Runte, 66, Kewaskum passed away May 15.

Mary Kruse, four, passed away May 6.

Mrs. Ida Garbisch, 71, town of Scott, passed away May 15.

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River Celebration Planned For June 27

By Anne Trautner

A River Celebration is planned for Saturday, June 27, from 3 to 7 p.m. at River Hill Park in Kewaskum.

This free event will feature kayaking and canoeing on the Milwaukee River. In addition, drumming and Native American water blessing songs will be performed in River Hill Park on the east side of the river at 4:44 p.m.

"This is an opportunity to pause and feel gratitude for this Mighty River and for this mighty community we are a part of," said event organizer Peggy Kober.

To take part in the event on June 27, experienced kayakers and canoeists can launch their vessels onto the Milwaukee River north of Wildlife Drive across

from the Regal Ware building. There will be a drop-off zone on the river side with ample parking.

The event also will offer free tours for first-time kayakers who are ages 12 and older. Kayakers between ages 12 and 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

The kayak tours for first-time kayakers will leave River Hill Park at 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Reservations for kayak tours can be made at bridgetcenter.org/events.html. Registrants will be guided to the proper pre-event paperwork to ensure ease and personal safety. Reservations for the kayak tours are required; space is limited.

For more information about Kewaskum's River Celebration, call 414-333-3689.



The sun sets over the Milwaukee River in Kewaskum.

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People canoe down the Milwaukee River in Kewaskum.

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The Mertzig family (John, Tina, Faith and Ray) can be seen on their kayaks on the Milwaukee River in Kewaskum.

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Flowers and plants bloom along the Milwaukee River in Kewaskum.

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A kayaking event will be held on June 27 to celebrate the Milwaukee River in Kewaskum.

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A Supernatural Series Of Events

By Darlene Stern

Not since the first Passover in Egypt had the Israelites experienced a supernatural series of events like the one in 33AD when Jesus died on the cross. Three of the four gospel writers report some very unnatural events. Matthew gives us the most descriptive narrative of the events in chapter 27.

Beginning at noon, for three hours as Jesus hung on the cross, there was darkness over the land. (v.45) The very moment Jesus took his last breath the veil or curtain in the temple was torn in half from the top to the bottom. (v.51) Judaism's early explanations of the oral law maintain the dimensions of that curtain to be at least 60 feet high, 30 feet wide and a hands' breadth thick (about four inches).

The only way that veil was ripped was by the hand of God. People no

longer had to bring an offering for the priest to present to God for their sins. Jesus had become their sin offering, so now they could come into God's presence themselves.

Continuing in verse 51, we learn there was a violent earthquake, such that rocks were split apart. Verses 52 and 53 continue recounting the supernatural events surrounding Jesus' death: "...and graves were opened and the holy ones who had died were brought back to life and came out of their graves. And after Jesus' resurrection (the Aramaic says "after their rising"), they were plainly seen by many people walking in Jerusalem." (The Passion Translation TPT). Can you find any other place in history where comparable events took place?!

Three days later several women went to the tomb. Matthew's description of what happened next is pretty

exciting. "Suddenly, the earth shook violently beneath their feet as the angel of the Lord Jehovah descended from heaven. Lightning flashed around him and his robe was dazzling white! The guards were stunned and terrified - lying motionless like dead men. Then the angel walked up to the tomb, rolled away the stone, and sat on top of it." (vv 2-4)

The angel told the women that Jesus wasn't in the tomb; he had risen just like he promised. He took them inside the tomb to prove Jesus was gone, then directed the women to go back to the disciples and report what they had seen. The women were also to send the disciples to Galilee to meet Jesus where in chapter 26 he said he would meet them after rising from death. On the way, the women encountered Jesus themselves and he gave them the same directive.

For 40 days Jesus walked the earth, eating with his disciples, teaching them and revealing how he was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah; even walking into a locked room where the disciples were gathered two different times (John 20:19 and 21:1). John affirmed: "Jesus went on to do many more miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not even included in this book." (John 20:30)

Just before it came time for Jesus to leave he gave the disciples the Great Commission. You can find it in various forms at the ends of Matthew, Mark and Luke. His mission on earth completed, Jesus departed. Mark 16:19 records, "After saying these things, Jesus was lifted up into heaven and sat down at the place of honor at the right hand of God!" Luke 24:51 says, "While he was still speaking out words of

love and blessing, he floated off the ground into the sky, ascending into heaven before their very eyes!" This is Ascension, celebrated yesterday, May 21, 2020.

It's been said that Passover 2020 was the first Passover since the original in Egypt that this event was observed - this due to the safer at home mandate - rather than celebrated. Every other Passover since the original has been a celebration of the freedom God granted to his people, until this year. Even the last Passover Jesus celebrated with his disciples, known to believers as The Last Supper, was in the midst of the national celebration.

This year there were no glorious celebrations of Passover because

there was nowhere to go, no one to see; not just in Jerusalem, but all over the world. It was a somber time. In the Christian world Passover is celebrated as Easter, a celebration of the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Just before his remarkable departure from this earth, Jesus directed his followers to go to Jerusalem and wait for his promise to send Holy Spirit to fall upon them. That happened during the feast of Pentecost, ten days after Ascension. Since the celebration of Passover/Easter 2020 was observed rather than celebrated, what do you suppose could possibly transpire on the observance of Pentecost 2020?

Commerce State Bank Helps Businesses & Local Organizations

Commerce State Bank has chosen 10 nonprofit organizations impacted by COVID-19 with a \$2,000 donation for each organization totaling \$20,000. Many of these nonprofits are setting up a Challenge Grant where Commerce State Bank will match donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$2,000 for their COVID-19 Relief Fund during these unprecedented times.

"It's imperative we help our neighbors and support each other in fighting this common enemy," said Joe Fazio, CEO & co-founder of Commerce State Bank. "We will continue helping others until this is over for everyone."

Commerce State Bank is helping in other ways through this pandemic. Each employee of the bank selected a charity of their choice

where Commerce State Bank sent \$100 to each of these charities in honor of the employee.

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The 1954 Boltonville Firemen's Picnic is depicted in this photo. The picnic is now called Boltonville Rain Days and is one of the Boltonville Volunteer Fire Department's largest fundraisers. The fire department is celebrating its 103rd anniversary this year, but this year's Rain Days has been canceled due to COVID-19.

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Library Happenings

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A Dairy Good Promotion

– FFA Students Support Dairy Farmers

“We kind of had an idea of what we wanted to do with the money. We wanted to try to give back to the dairy farmers by supplying the public with coupons for dairy products,” Oelhafen explained.

The FFA students put together coupons for a free gallon of white or chocolate milk and \$3 off any Wisconsin cheese. All of the coupons are redeemable at Geidel’s Piggly Wiggly in Kewaskum.

“Mike Geidel from Geidel’s Piggly Wiggly has been graciously involved and helpful in this process as well,” Oelhafen said. “We thought that coupons were an easy way of doing this rather than physically handling milk or cheese.”

The FFA students were excited about giving away the coupons. But they were disappointed that they couldn’t do some of the regular things they do each year. The students talked about how they were sad that they couldn’t offer things like

the Food for America Program they do every year. That program involves setting up a petting zoo for Kewaskum Elementary School and teaching the elementary school students about where their food comes from.

“Can we do anything to make people aware of where their food comes from? Is there a way?” the students asked Oelhafen.

She suggested that the students give out the coloring books and pamphlets that they usually hand to the elementary school students when they come to the petting zoo. The FFA students liked the idea and about eight of the students assembled the gift bags.

“It came together very nicely, and the kids packed up all the bags. I was able to drop the items off at their houses. Then they put the bags together at their houses, and then I just picked them up,” Oelhafen said.

In total, the students filled 250 gift bags.

That is not all the FFA students have been busy doing. While Oel-

hafen handed out the gift bags on Monday, May 18, several of the FFA students volunteered at the plant sale that was being held at Farmington Elementary

School.

Community members had ordered plants online for the sale, which benefited Kewaskum High School, Kewaskum Middle School and

Farmington Elementary School. Any leftover items were donated to benefit the FFA.

“We are still doing things as much as possible to keep us moti-

vated during the COVID-19 health crisis. It’s just hard. We can’t spring into action and help out like we are used to doing,” Oelhafen said.



Shelly Oelhafen, advisor for the Kewaskum High School FFA, distributes coupons for dairy products and Food for America Program educational materials that FFA students assembled for local families.

photo by Anne Trautner



Volunteers work in the cold rain to prepare plants and flowers for a fundraiser on May 18. About \$7,000 was raised for Farmington Elementary School, Kewaskum Middle School and Kewaskum High School.

photo by Anne Trautner

Plant Sale Brings Funds For Schools

By Anne Trautner

A global pandemic neither an all-day rain could stop the Kewaskum School District plant sale from succeeding on Monday, May 18.

In 12 hours, from start to finish, over \$27,000 worth of flowers and plants came and went from the Farmington Elementary School grounds. It was a large increase over last year’s \$17,000 worth of plants that were sold.

“It was only possible because of the 40 amazing volunteers who braved cold, wet, muddy conditions. Volunteers triple checked orders before they went out because they cared to get it right. Kids came and got to work, without

complaining or whining. Many volunteers stayed 8, 10, 12-plus hours to make this happen,” said Sarah Moris, who coordinated the sale.

In total, the plant sale raised about \$7,000 for Farmington Elementary School, Kewaskum Middle School and Kewaskum High School. Extra plants went to benefit the Kewaskum High School FFA.

“There were so many smiles. From customers seeing their plants being loaded and volunteers bringing joy. Despite the worst weather we’ve ever had and the looming virus overhead, something about seeing a community come together over flowers just brought happiness to everyone,” Moris said.



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UW-Madison Division Of Extension: Protecting Your Credit During COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting financial challenges are straining many people's budgets. A sudden and drastic drop in income can leave people in a position to make hard choices to keep up with expenses. Individuals may find they need to rely on credit through a credit card or bank loan to get through an unknown financial future. Unfortunately, these challenges are also bringing out the scammers.

Federal law gives everyone the right to request three free credit reports each year. To help individuals manage their credit obligations and keep an eye out for fraud during these challenging times, the three major credit reporting bureaus — TransUnion, Equifax, and Experian — now offer free weekly online credit reports through April 2021. The weekly free reports can be ordered online at the only official website: AnnualCreditReport.com.

The free weekly reports are only available when requesting a credit report on the official website. Two other options for ordering a free annual credit report from the three major bureaus are through the mail and by phone toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Note that the annual free credit report does not include a credit score.

"For some people, the free weekly credit reports will provide added reassurance during these times," says Peggy Olive, UW-Madison financial capability specialist. "For others, keeping up with weekly credit reports may sound overwhelming. If you prefer checking your free reports every four months, I'd encourage you to sign up for our reminder emails."

The "Check Your Free Credit Report: 2/2, 6/6, 10/10" campaign from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension serves to make it easier to remember to order those free credit reports. Anyone can sign up to receive an email reminder from Extension three times a year — on 2/2, 6/6, and 10/10 — on the campaign's website at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/creditreport/>.

Each of the three major credit reporting bureaus has set up a website specific to the COVID-19 pandemic.

•Equifax COVID-19 Credit and Financial Resources Center
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•Experian COVID-19 Resources & Credit Education
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•TransUnion COVID-19 Support Center
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The three bureaus also offer a range of paid and free services, including credit monitoring and a sample credit score. Remember, a purchase or credit card information is never required to order the official free credit report.

Unfortunately, scammers and fraudsters are taking advantage of people's stress and confusion about various financial programs related to the pandemic. Beware of scams that look like emails, texts, or phone calls claiming to be from your credit card company or lender. If you need to reach out to creditors, call the customer number on the back of your credit card or on your monthly bill, use their app, or visit their website online.

Understanding your credit report and score can help in making decisions today and protecting your credit worthiness in the future. The Extension "2/2, 6/6, 10/10" campaign website fyi.extension.wisc.edu/creditreport/ provides information on reading your credit report, what contributes to credit scores, how to place a free credit freeze or fraud alert on your credit reports, and whether that's the right decision for you.

Extension has also created short videos on credit-related topics, as well as topics related to avoiding scams, working with creditors, and financial resources available during the pandemic. Find a link to the videos on the Credit Campaign website.

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Andrew Beine of Campbellsport was awarded a \$1,000 Culver's 4-H Scholarship. He will graduate this year from Kewaskum High School and has served on the Washington County 4-H Leaders Board.

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Beine Receives Scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awarded Andrew Beine of Campbellsport a \$1,000 Culver's 4-H Scholarship.

Andrew has served as president, vice president and reporter for his club. He has also served on the Community Service Committee and as an office training instructor. He served on the Washington County 4-H Leaders Board.

Andrew will graduate this year from Kewaskum High School, and plans to attend Saint Mary's University in Winona, MN, to major in philosophy and music on his way to becoming a Catholic priest serving the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He is active in his church as pianist and second grade religious education teacher.

"Our 4-H youth exemplify true leaders," says Brenda Scheider, director of development for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. "Andrew is a great example of a

young person who is using the skills learned through 4-H to 'make the best better.' I know that our future is bright because of our 4-H youth."

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awards more than \$19,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H students pursuing higher education. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H has helped young people develop the skills they need to meet the demands of our complex and ever-changing world. 4-H has grown from a rich history of agricultural clubs that helped the University of Wisconsin-Extension connect families to research-based advancements in farming technology and tech-

niques. Today's 4-H still boasts strong programs in agriculture and animal science and has grown to include science, leadership, healthy living and communications programming that help Wisconsin youth build a healthier and more prosperous future.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. Nearly 150,000 youth and more than 22,000 volunteers participate in and support Wisconsin 4-H programs.

By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports 4-H youth who take part in various 4-H leadership, development, and community-building activities throughout the state.

Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting www.Wis4HFoundation.org.

Wisconsin Drivers Can Now Renew Their Licenses Online

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation announced a pilot program that allows drivers to renew their licenses online and skip a trip to the DMV.

Drivers are eligible if they:

- Are between ages 18 and 64
- Have NOT had a change in their ability to safely operate a vehicle

"We are pleased to offer online renewal as an option," DMV administrator Kristina Boardman said. "It is a safe, convenient way to conduct an important task, which normally required an in-person visit. We encourage all eligible drivers to complete the license renewal online."

The new online renewal program will help

the 80,000 people whose licenses expired since the start of the pandemic. And, renewing online is also available to everyone within one year of their renewal date.

Beginning March 12, DMV offered extensions to licenses that expired during the public health emergency. These extensions will expire July 25, 2020. DMV will continue to offer extensions for anyone age 60 and older to protect their safety during this pandemic.

Drivers who renew online (wisconsin.gov/renewDL) will receive a confirmation email that they can immediately print and use until their new card arrives by mail

within 10 days. The \$34 renewal fee remains the same.

The online driver license renewal pilot program will help alleviate the backlog of licenses that expired since the beginning of the pandemic. Most other state DMVs offer a similar online renewal program. When someone renews online, they must renew in person the next time their license expires.

To obtain more information about the online renewal program and eligibility, visit:

- wisconsin.gov
- Facebook Live
- YouTube
- WisDOT's "Transportation Connects Us" podcast

Moraine Park Apprentices Receive Tools Of The Trade Scholarships

— Combined Award Totals Nearly \$30,000

A total of 19 Moraine Park apprentices will benefit from the Tools of the Trade scholarship offered by the Ascendium Education Group.

Currently, both the construction and industrial trade industries have a high demand for skilled workers. An apprenticeship offers up to five years of real-world work experience while attending school, and businesses gain access to skilled workers with legitimate on-the-job experience.

However, financial pressure can make it hard to complete an apprenticeship, and students are often juggling the demands of school, work, and family. Additionally, apprentices incur substantial costs beyond tuition, such as purchasing tools, clothing, and other supplies. The Tools of the Trade scholarship provides funding to help cover those expenses.

"Apprenticeships are great opportunities that combine on the job ex-

perience and classroom instruction," said Bonnie Baerwald, Moraine Park president. "We know that many apprenticeship students struggle to afford their schooling on top of their other financial obligations. The generosity of the Ascendium Education Group will certainly help to ease this burden. We are thankful for their commitment to the success of our apprenticeship students."

The Moraine Park apprentices who received the 2020 Tools of the Trade scholarship are

Brock Ayers of West Bend, electrician; Logan Bonlender of Kewaskum, electrician; Aaron Brewer of Slinger, CNC tool & die machinist; Jared Deming of Jackson, electrician; Taylor Englund of Thiensville, CNC tool & die machinist; Douglas Enright of Adell, electrician; Forrest Franken of Hartford, electrician; Joe Harmon of West Bend, CNC tool & die machinist; Alex Hennes of Jack-

son, electrician Andrew Hoey of Sheboygan, electrician; Noah Johannes of Fredonia, electrician; Micaiah Kennedy of Campbellsport, CNC tool & die machinist; Eric Kerr of Kewaskum, CNC tool & die machinist; Yoiser Mauleon of Beloit, carpentry; Christopher Monday of West Bend, electrician; Daniel Reineke of Oostburg, electrician; Alex Romanoski of Kohler, electrician; Ripley Sartain of Port Washington, electrician; and Taylor Schauer of Plymouth, electrician.

Each student receives a total of \$1,500 for the 2020-21 school year. A total of \$300,000 in scholarships were awarded to 200 construction and industrial trades apprentices across the Wisconsin Technical College System institutions.

For more information on Moraine Park apprenticeship opportunities, visit morainepark.edu.

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Motorists Asked To Look-Twice, Share The Road With Motorcycles

May is “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month” and traffic safety officials with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) are asking all motor vehicle operators to share the road, be alert and safe. About 550,000 Wisconsin residents hold a motorcycle license.

“Because of their smaller profile, it’s easy to misjudge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle,” said David Pabst, Director of WisDOT’s Bureau of Transportation Safety. “That’s why we ask car and truck drivers to look twice at motorcycles before pulling out from a stop sign, turning left at an intersection or changing lanes.”

Last year in Wisconsin, there were 1,799 motorcycle crashes in which 1,532 motorcyclists were injured and 81 were killed. Safety on the roadways requires that everyone do his or her part:

•If you’re driving a car or truck, watch carefully for motorcycles before

pulling out from a stop sign, turning left or changing lanes;

•Motorcyclists should wear all the gear, all the time, including visible and protective equipment;

•Anticipate potential problems by focusing on the road ahead. Gravel or other debris on roadways present special challenges for motorcyclists;

•Get properly licensed. Consider taking a motorcycle safety course.

“Safe motorcycling requires unique physical skills and mental concentration,” Pabst said. “One trend we see is middle-aged people who drove a motorcycle many years ago, then resume riding on a cycle that’s larger and more powerful.”

As a group, the motorcycling community is aging. The average age of a motorcyclist involved in a fatal crash increased from 30 years old in 1992 to 45 in 2019.



Because of the COVID-19 virus, the Kewaskum Firefighters Association is losing possibly all of its normal fundraising activities this year, so the Kewaskum Fire Department held a Red Light Rally on May 6 and 7. Firefighters processed through the village streets and handed out red LED lights to each household that gave a donation. Residents are asked to proudly illuminate their red lights to show their support of the Kewaskum Fire and Rescue, as well as for all first responders.

photo by Ann Neumann



A Red Light Rally is held on the streets of Kewaskum to collect donations for the Kewaskum Fire Department.

photo by Ann Neumann



Volunteer firefighters collect donations for the Kewaskum Fire Department, which is not able to conduct normal fundraising activities this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Kewaskum fire trucks parade down village streets on May 6 and 7 as part of the Red Light Rally to collect donations for the Kewaskum Fire Department.

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Honoring Colonel Flash

ANDREW JOHNSON

Gold Star Memorial Trail Committee member and Gold Star father

It is hard to believe that it was only a year and a week since the Gold Star Memorial Trail was dedicated by Col. Douglas Fleischfresser. Chaplain Flash, as he was known by people who knew him, was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident the following month on July 13, 2019.

Col. Flash was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on January 14, 2020. I thought the best way to honor him was to write a brief column and publish some of the photos from that special ceremony so the information will be archived at the Wisconsin Historical Society data base that is accessible at Wisconsin libraries via the Badger-Link system. Gary Rast and professional photographer Matt Eich from Virginia graciously gave permission to use their photos for this tribute.

I had known the colonel for several years leading up to the dedication of the trail. Among his many duties as then State Command Chaplain for the Wisconsin Army National Guard, he went to Legion Camp in Lake Tomahawk each year to work with the state's Gold Star families. This is where I really got to know him.

I published his extensive credentials and experience in last year's Memorial Day edition, including information about his three deployments as a chaplain into the war zones in the Middle East. He was the real deal. He knew firsthand about the deaths of many of our Wisconsin military heroes. He was with many of them at the end of their lives in combat zones. He ministered to surviving battle buddies in combat and conducted funeral/send-offs in theatre.

Back at home, the

colonel gave inspirations of hope of the Gospel message to survivors in the military as well as Gold Star families. He personally knew many of the heroes and their families for which the Gold Star Memorial Trail was built to remember. Outside of the Army, he pastored several Lutheran churches and most recently served as a psychotherapist serving with Lutheran Counseling and Family Services in Oshkosh.

He was beloved by many, including me. It was so fitting that he gave the grand opening and dedication speech and prayer for the opening of Phase One of the GSMT last June 1 at the trailhead in Theiler Park in Mayville. After his speech, Col. Flash walked on the trail with Gold Star families including Laura and I, along with many members from the community, to the Horicon March Education and Visitors Center. Part of his speech and the events of that special day are included in the county's promotional video that can be viewed at goldstarmemorial-trailwi.org. I strongly encourage everyone to review it. It is inspiring!

There are no words that I can think of that would adequately express my deepest appreciation and love for Col. Flash. Bonds between those who serve in the military and Gold Star families are difficult to describe other than they can be like family bonds. It was a great honor for me to have known him and I am so glad he could come to Mayville to dedicate the trail. He dedicated his life to serving others. May Col. Doug Flash forever rest in peace with his Savior. The United States, Wisconsin and Dodge County are better because he lived.



Attendees listen to "America the Beautiful" performed by Mayville High School a cappella group Incognito at the dedication of the Gold Star Memorial Trail on June 1, 2019. Keynote speaker, U.S. Army Chaplain Col. Douglas H. Fleischfresser is second from right. "Today we dedicate the Gold Star Memorial Trail as we honor our Gold Star Families," emphasized Fleischfresser.



A U.S. Army officer salutes the remains of Col. Douglas Fleischfresser.

photo courtesy of Matt Eich



A U.S. Army Caisson Team marches in perfect sequence as part of Col. Douglas Fleischfresser's burial service.

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An Army chaplain delivers the eulogy to family and friends of Col. Douglas Fleischfresser.

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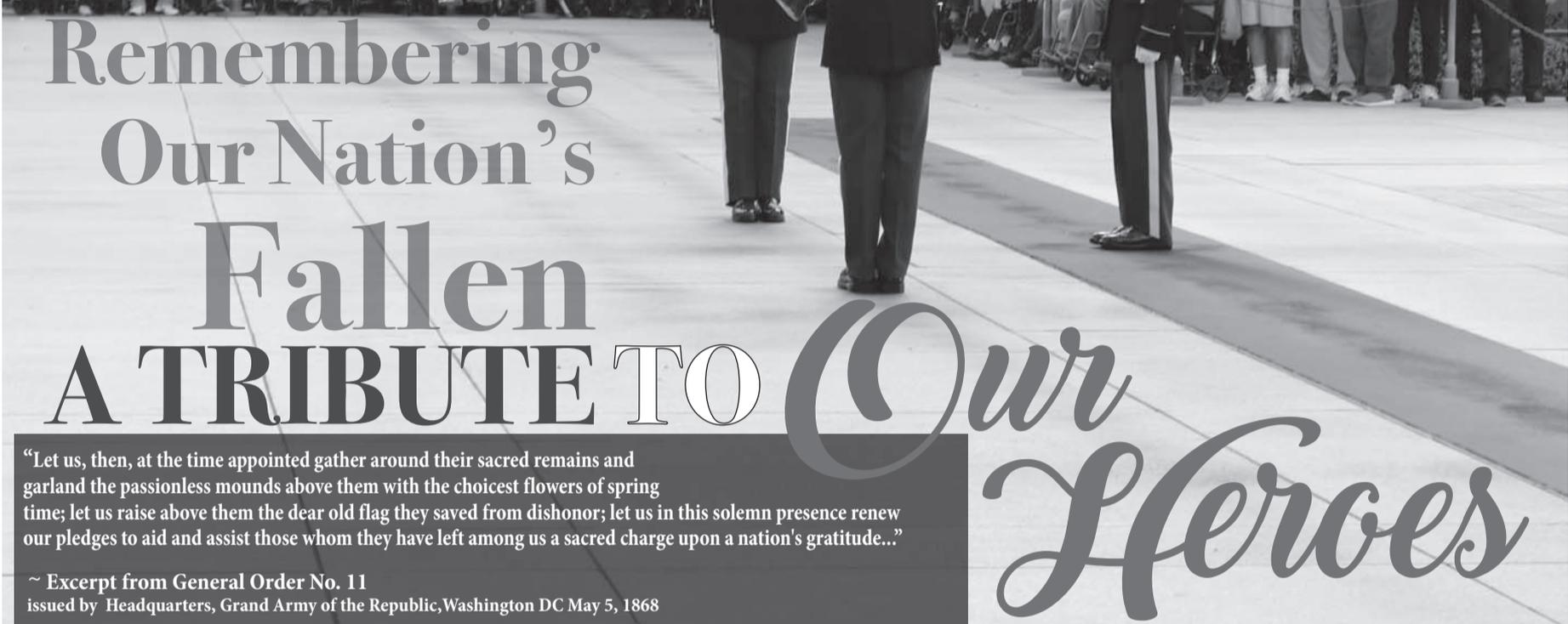
Col. Douglas Fleischfresser Military Awards Include:

- Bronze Star Medal -
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal -
- Army Commendation Medal -
- Army Achievement Medal -
- Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal -
- National Defense Medal -
- Iraqi Campaign Medal with Campaign Star -
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal -
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2020



Remembering
Our Nation's
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A TRIBUTE TO

Our
Heroes

"Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude..."

~ Excerpt from General Order No. 11
issued by Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, Washington DC May 5, 1868

Celebrating Memorial Day 2020

— Kewaskum American Legion Post 384 Announces Revised Plans

Almost a month ago, due to the mixed signals regarding quarantine, and school closings, it was decided not to go ahead with our traditional Memorial Day parade and program. To the best of our knowledge this will be the very first time that we do not publicly honor and celebrate our veterans on Memorial Day. However, they are always in our thoughts and deserve our recognition.

With that in mind we want to inform the public that American Legion Post 384 members will still be placing American flags at veterans' graves in the surrounding local cemeteries prior to Memorial Day. Also, the American Legion Honor Guard will hold an abbreviated ceremony on Memorial Day starting at 11 a.m. at the Legion Post located at 1538 Fond du

Lac Avenue in Kewaskum. Social distancing will be observed. The brief ceremony will consist of a prayer by the post chaplain. Then the Honor Guard will fire a rifle salute to the dead. Immediately after that, Taps

will be played, followed by dismissal of the Guard. Special thanks go to the Honor Guard members and also to the Ladies Auxiliary members who put up the beautiful Flag Garden Display once again.

Memorial Day Observance In Fillmore

In honor of Memorial Day, the West Bend Veterans Honor Guard will perform the 21 Gun Salute and Taps at the Fillmore Union Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 25. The fresh flower wreath will be on site from noon to 3 p.m. for anyone wishing to place a flower on the graves of the veterans in the cemetery.

The public is invited to this outdoor observance of Memorial Day. There is room to gather in the vicinity of the cemetery and practice social distancing. Access to the buildings/restrooms will not be available. The Farmington Historical Society is coordinating the service. For more information please contact Farmingtonhistory017@gmail.com.

High School Hockey Team Honors 1st Lt. David Johnson, Other Soldiers

By Mitchell Bradley Keller

Every professional sports season, we see new and impressive displays for fallen and active military. Whether a team dons camouflage uniforms on Memorial Day or recognizes service men and women on the field, organized athletics have become intertwined with honoring the people who have taken a vow to defend and protect.

While the resources are certainly greater in the big leagues, there is still something innately special about the smaller displays done on the amateur fields and rinks. A great example is the West Bend

Ice Bears high school cooperative hockey team, which played every single game of the 2019-20 season in memory of a fallen U.S. soldier.

Mayville's Army 1st Lieutenant David A. Johnson was one of the killed-in-action service men represented by the team this season. He was represented by Andre Ribecky, a junior at Grafton High School.

Ribecky said the idea to honor a fallen veteran came from the Ice Bears' first-year head coach Mike Driscoll, who had done something similar with a team in Colorado prior to joining the West Bend/Grafton/Port Washington/Germantown/Sling-

er/Hartford co-op this last season.

"He, from the start, talked to us about how on the teams that he coached that the military is a big thing," said Ribecky.

Driscoll worked with a group called U.S. Hockey Players Support Our Troops, which was founded by Charlie Gili in New York. Driscoll ordered the patches through Gili's organization, which donates all proceeds to Gold Star families, to charities and programs supported by Gold Star families and through care package donations to active military.

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WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

As we celebrate with our loved ones on Memorial Day, we take pause to remember the true meaning of this holiday: To honor the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. We are eternally grateful for your bravery. From our family to yours, Happy Memorial Day.



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 Krueger, Willie Adolph
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Mielke, Albert
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Marine Corps • 6/10/66
West Bend, Wisconsin



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Andrew L Moody Jr
U.S. Army • 1/16/67
Germantown, Wisconsin



PFC
James M Vielbaum
U.S. Army • 1/31/68
Hartford, Wisconsin



PFC
Paul D Kuehl
U.S. Army • 3/28/68
Hartford, Wisconsin



SGT
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U.S. Army • 8/27/68
West Bend, Wisconsin



CAPT
Edwin J Fickler
Marine Corps • 1/17/69
Kewaskum, Wisconsin



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Thomas H Crook
Marine Corps • 2/23/69
West Bend, Wisconsin



PFC
Larry J Nicholson
Marine Corps • 6/6/69
Hartford, Wisconsin



PFC
John A North
U.S. Army • 6/10/69
Germantown, Wisconsin



SGT
Joseph B Mueller
U.S. Army • 3/21/70
West Bend, Wisconsin



SP5
Stanley R Hansen
U.S. Army • 5/21/70
West Bend, Wisconsin



WO
James W Manthei
U.S. Army • 3/21/71
Kewaskum, Wisconsin



WASHINGTON COUNTY FALLEN KOREAN VETERANS



PFC
RAYMOND W. BACKHAUS
U.S. Army
Born: 1928
Incident or Death Date: 11-19-1952



CPL
RICHARD A. BELL
U.S. Army
Born: 1930
Incident or Death Date: 07-24-1950



PFC
CLARENCE ADELL COOPER
U.S. Army
Born: 1929
Incident or Death Date: 11-28-1950



PVT
DONALD O. HEESSEN
U.S. Army
Born: 1929
Incident or Death Date: 09-24-1951



SGT
MERLIN A. HEINECKE
U.S. Army
Born: 1929
Incident or Death Date: 12-02-1950



PFC
MELVIN R. KLEIN
U.S. Army
Born: 1926
Incident or Death Date: 02-12-1951



PFC
ALLEN CLARENCE MERTES
U.S. Army
Born: 1931
Incident or Death Date: 11-04-1950



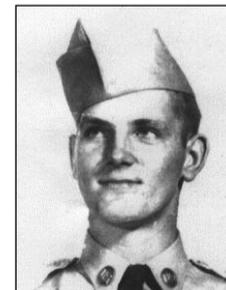
SGT
LEANDER J. RETTLER
U.S. Army
Born: 1926
Incident or Death Date: 07-03-1952



PFC
RAYMOND J. ROSBECK
U.S. Army
Born: 1931
Incident or Death Date: 09-22-1952



SGT
JEROME H. STOFFEL
U.S. Army
Born: 1929
Incident or Death Date: 07-09-1952



PFC
ROMAN J. WALDKIRCH
U.S. Army
Born: 1931
Incident or Death Date: 09-16-1951



PVT
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Memorial Day Perspective From A Gold Star Father

**By Andrew Johnson
Immediate Past President
NNA And Goldstar Father**

Memorial Day is a time our nation remembers its war dead, the military heroes who gave their lives since our country's founding so we can be free.

This year our country is facing a different kind of war with the attack of the coronavirus disease on our citizens. No community within our borders seems to be immune from attack. The war has captivated the headlines of all media including community newspapers that publish the local stories about the effects and responses to the disease.

On this Memorial Day, I think we need to not only remember the past and current sacrifices being made by the military but by the many other heroes who have stepped up to fight and do their part. They also are defending and fighting for our way of life.

The obvious heroes who come to mind are the providers in the medical field that come into direct contact with those with the disease; the doctors, nurses, EMTs, and nursing home workers to name a few. There is another set of heroes who include all of the people who keep our country going with essential services like the truckers and delivery folks, people in the food business, government workers including law enforcement personnel, and the people in our business who cover the stories right here at home.

It is essential that the public knows locally what is happening from a reliable and trusted source, community newspapers. I am not sure exactly how many people providing essential services gave their lives so others may live but I suspect it is quite a few. In time, the numbers will become available.

I also want to give an



up-date and recognize the amazing efforts newspaper people along with many other citizen volunteers have made in finding the missing photos of those killed in Vietnam for the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Faces Project. Last year when I wrote this column, there were over 1,300 photos missing out of over 58,000 listed on the WALL in Washington D.C.

At the time of this writing on April 23, there are only 240 veterans who have no photo at all, including seven from California, 10 from Georgia, three from Michigan, 111

from New York, four from Virginia, and 83 from Puerto Rico. It was amazing to see many volunteers including those at several state press associations, journalism schools, veterans, concerned citizens, and people from both large and small newspapers from around the country joining in the effort.

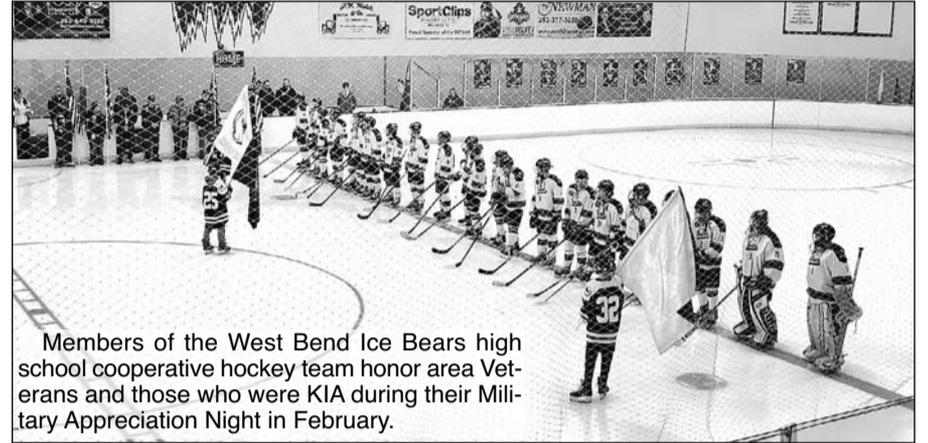
NNA member newspapers have been helping find photos for this project

since 2013 when there was over 20,000 missing. The next big push for this project which has already started, is to ensure that the quality of the photos are the best that can possibly be found.

Each service member needs to be remembered in the best possible light. Updated information about the Faces Project can be found at vvmf.org. It should be noted that NNA was recognized by

VVMF in its most recent brochure about the project.

On this Memorial Day we can all look at our American flag and think about all that it represents, including the many sacrifices that make our nation great as well as a safe place where the free live. It is a great time to publish information about local sacrifices in community newspapers to make the public aware.



Members of the West Bend Ice Bears high school cooperative hockey team honor area Veterans and those who were KIA during their Military Appreciation Night in February.

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High School Hockey Team Honors 1st Lt. David Johnson, Other Soldiers

With the patches stitched into the Ice Bears' uniforms, Driscoll wanted to go the extra mile to make the inaugural season of support even more meaningful for his players.

"I thought we ought to do something to show these kids you're not just wearing a patch on your jersey," said Driscoll.

He reached out to Gili who helped him find roughly 30 names of soldiers killed in action who grew up in southeastern Wisconsin.

"He ended up e-mailing the bios," recalled Driscoll. "I printed those out. Put them in envelopes. After practice one night, we hung them on all their lockers and then took their helmets and put [the fallen soldier's] initials on their helmets."

At the next practice, Driscoll explained the significance of the initials and the soldier biographies.

"You're going to play for something bigger than yourself," Driscoll told his team.

For Ribecky, the personalized aspect was extremely effective, and he felt an extra element of pride playing for the troops and for David Johnson, specifically.

The rising high school senior said the best part of playing for the fallen troops was meeting their families. For a home game in late February, each player was encouraged to reach out to their soldier's family and invite them to the contest. Rickey invited Andrew and Laura Johnson, and both attended and met with Ribecky.

"It made it surreal," said Rickey. "I understood what I was playing for... but I didn't understand the impact of it

until I met his family."

Ribecky added that he was already proud to represent David Johnson, but he said it made for an emotional experience being able to meet his parents.

Driscoll said, with teenager athletes, he knew there might be some hesitation to reach out to Gold Star families. However, as he watch the process go along, he could see how impactful the gesture was on his team.

"If there's one thing Gold Star families want the most, it's for their kid not to be forgotten," said Driscoll, adding that the high schoolers' honor, "would probably mean the world to them."

Driscoll said it was a chain reaction in the locker room, and once one player made contact with a family, another was able to shed his nerves and make the call.

In all, the game itself, which took place February 8, was not what the Ice Bears were hoping for on the rink; they lost 3-0. However, Driscoll, as a coach, stated that being a part of a team is not about winning and losing.

"The effect overall, wins and losses, that's not what it was for," said Driscoll, adding that, instead, he asked his players, "How can you be a better young man in this process?"

Looking ahead, the tradition will continue as long as Driscoll is at the helm of the Ice Bears. As for Ribecky, who will be a senior next season, he is eager to take the lessons learned from this season into the next.

"Playing the game really put it into perspective," said Ribecky. "It showed me what it really means, and why so many people love the flag like they do."

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Staff Sergeant Todd R. Cornell
U.S. Army Reserve • Nov. 9, 2004

SSG Todd R. Cornell, 38, of West Bend, WI, died Nov. 9, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq, when acting in an advisory support capacity and his Iraqi unit came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Cornell was assigned to the Army Reserve's 1st Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment, Fraser, MI – home unit is 2nd Battalion, 274th Regiment, 84th Division of Fond Du Lac, WI.



Lance Corporal Travis M. Wichlacz
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve • Feb. 5, 2005

LCpl Travis M. Wichlacz, 22, of West Bend, WI, died Feb. 5, 2005, as a result of hostile action in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Milwaukee, WI.



Captain Kevin M. Kryst
U.S. Marine Corps • Dec. 18, 2006

Capt. Kevin Kryst, 27, of West Bend, WI, died Dec. 18, 2006, from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Light-Attack Helicopter Squadron 267, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force Camp Pendleton, CA.

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The 'Other Losses' Of D.G.O.

By Karl McCarty

He was born via Cesarean Section on April 16, 1927, in a rudimentary operating room near Berlin. He died December 7, 2019, on a date pertinent for an American veteran. What happened in between is the most interesting biography I ever heard.

This is not a story representing American veterans. Dietrich Otto had the wisdom to conclude, "Everyone has a story to tell." He could not speak for someone else. His story is unique. You may agree with some of his perspective, you may not. A person deserves the dignity to his or her own viewpoint.

He told me once, which was enough, "Do things your own way." When it came to war and its propaganda, Dietrich Gerhard Otto didn't need someone else or a textbook to tell him what war was. It was death. Immense death. Everywhere-you-turn-death. As Memorial Day approaches, and with a half year since Mr. Otto's passing, it seems pertinent to reflect on some — only a few — of the deaths Dieter en-

dured in World War II.

(1) There was Kurt Brudel. He was Dietrich's boyhood mentor. Kurt came from the French/German border and was a young man, really a late teenager, who had eight to 10 years on Dietrich. Under a Germany exchange program, Kurt got to stay in Berlin and eventually met Dietrich's family.

During a stay, Kurt snuck Dietrich into the 1936 Berlin Games without a ticket. It was the treat of a lifetime. But Kurt was short, and being closer to five feet than six made an ideal candidate for fitting into tanks. He died in the Battle of the Bulge.

(2) There was that ring. It was on a young man who was apparently on furlough from the war. And during the bombings of Berlin this man came home, only to realize it was better to be on the frontlines.

Sometime around 1943, Dietrich was 15 or 16 and his apartment complex was bombed at night. Do you know what it's like to witness British planes dropping bombs on your home? Dietrich always went into the apartment basement;

over time the multiple air raids and drills gave him the habit of smoking. This was an irony, given many smoked in a shelter location where oxygen was limited for hours.

One time Dietrich remembered a young man went missing after the bombings. He had been by the opening of the basement during the air raids and at some point he must have looked outside. He could not be found immediately after the bombings. Days later they found his ring on a finger.

(3) There was that teenage American hanging from a tree. Dieter was still in high school, which now became half anti-aircraft work. He worked the machinery to help Germans shoot down planes.

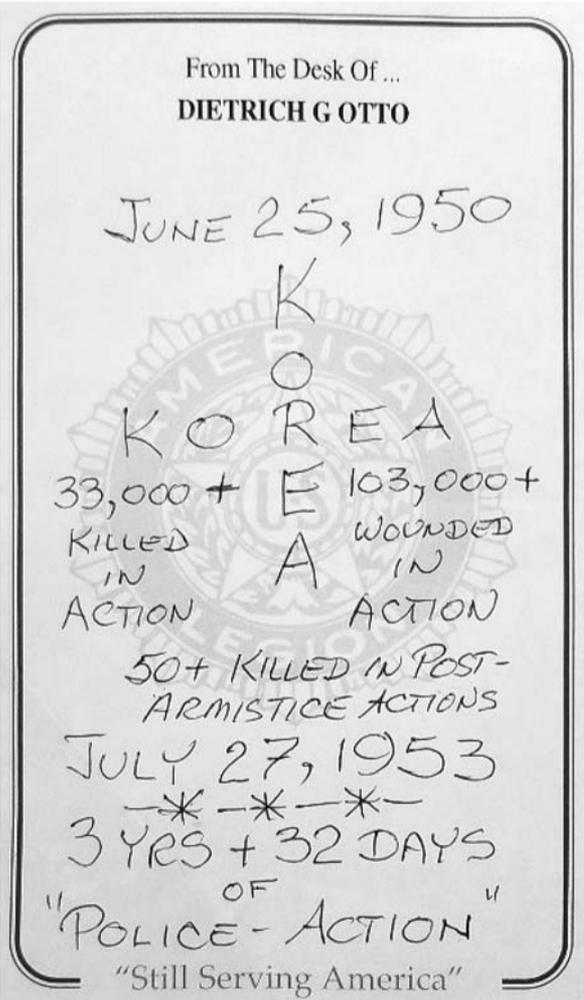
During an American air raid, Dieter recalled that of all places, this poor young man's parachute landed in a solemn oak tree in the middle of an open field. Dieter got to see the man close up, and there was a sense of fear in that American that never left Dieter's mind. Dieter wasn't going to hurt him; but the American soldier clearly thought he was going to be shot on the spot.

He never knew if the American died; but Dietrich's childhood did and his soul took a beating. Where did this story come from? A day I spoke to Dietrich after some "bad dreams." One does not forget the face of man who thinks death is coming; Dieter was 90 and still seeing the parachute swinging in that oak tree.



Two legends and one World War. Dietrich Otto survived World War II as a German naval cadet, but had the compassion to later befriend many of his "enemies." With the walker is Orville Schmidt of the Town of Auburn, who flew in B-25s attacking the Japanese from New Guinea thru the Philippines. Both were members of the Campbellsport V.F.W. Dieter had an unrelenting quest to push for interviews, and in the end Mr. Otto drove me to meet with Mr. Schmidt a half dozen times. This is pertinent on Memorial Day, as Orville witnessed and experienced so much death during World War II, including his own, in which he swore he died at the medical hospital at Biak, only by the grace of God to return. Malaria and a shoddy medicine called Attabrine did a number on him. "Seventeen percent of the soldiers who came into Biak died," Orville said. "I was number 18." Others were not so lucky, but Orville opened up about the losses — many of which would not be documented had it not been for Dietrich, who had a strong admiration for other members of the local VFW who served in World War II, including Leander Weiland and Jerry LaFleur.

photo by Karl McCarty



Dietrich G. Otto had a complex shape to his background. He was a Berliner who could sing Germany's national anthem, and a patriotic American who always honored Old Glory. Derided as a Nazi who served in the Navy, he served in the U.S. Army during the post-war occupation of his homeland. He donated heavily to U.S. veterans groups and honored just about any soldier who fought; then questioned the morality and documented the disgust on the same war in the same discussion. He was a remarkably kind man, but could be equally firm with his convictions. And he was the firmest on wars. He detested all wars and questioned them morally. He wanted you to know who died. How many? At what cost? And for whose profit? Pictured here is one of Dieter's sketches. His own hand writing of the most important cost of the Korean Conflict: the deaths.

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Dietrich Otto had a strong reverence for the American flag, and those lost in service to their country. Here he is posing (right) at the brace of his then-new flag pole. He was an expert on flag etiquette.

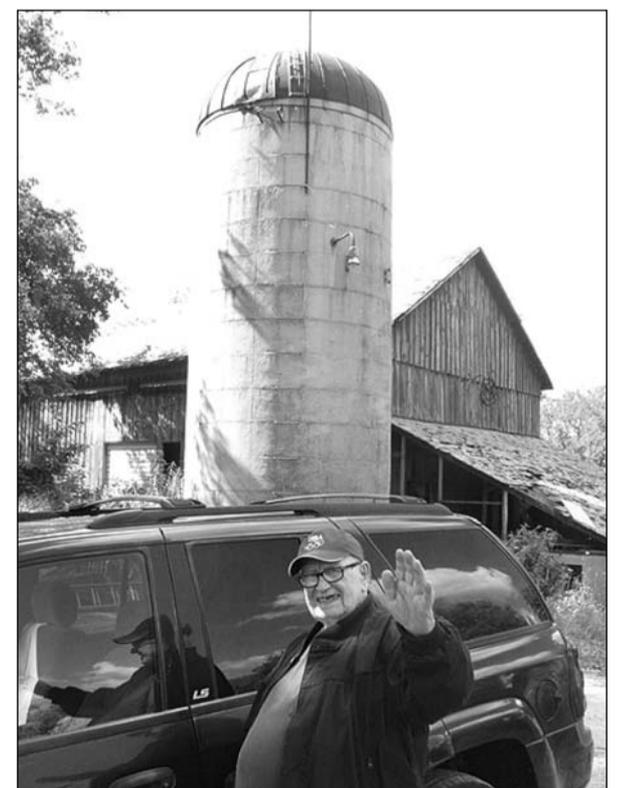
-photo courtesy of the family of Dietrich G. Otto, it was one of the many pictures displayed at his funeral

don't you know Gunther Prine? What makes a hero? What makes a villain? And just who exactly is making that determination? Prine had a wife and kids he left behind at the bottom of the ocean. A victory in war is just another loss for someone else.

(5) There was Grandpa Otto, a man who had developed a skill of Polish sausage. His craft was revered by many, including Jewish tourists who came to the Baltic shores of

Kohlberg. In his later years, he surveyed animals for other meat processors. Grandpa could just look at an animal and tell the quality of the meat, and the amount on the cow. He loved boiling meat with onions. He died when the Russians came into Kolberg, and his old butcher shop apparently collapsed on top of him courtesy of artillery fire.

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Dietrich G. Otto had a childhood interrupted permanently by war, but had the wisdom to still laugh in life. He had tons of one-liners and German sayings, and was never short on Bit-O-Honey candies. Here he is at his property in Ashford around 2015.

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(6) There were the refugees. They were Lithuanian. Latvian. Estonian. They were of many different Eastern European nationalities, but they had one thing in common: fear of the impending Russian onslaught. Dietrich saw it in their eyes, as they came through by his grandfather Ruege's Gasthaus in the inter-section on Stolzenberg.

They were exodus wagons filled to the brim run by weathered horses; others were walking. Or were they dazed? The future wasn't bright, and even worse, there was a sense in the air that it was just the beginning. And whatever it was, it was coming to Stolzenberg.

Grandpa caved into compassion. There was nothing left for him to do

but open his dance hall as a refugee base. His general store became charity. Money doesn't matter in war; and for Dietrich, there was a sense that money didn't matter in life after that either.

Most importantly, it was the death Dietrich saw in those refugees' eyes that lingered years later. This was Christmas 1944, the last time Dietrich saw Grandma and Grandpa Ruege.

(7) It was in that fabled visit to Stolzenberg for Christmas 1944 that, just by chance encounter, Dietrich met a local he had met in his previous childhood visits to the town. The young man from the Stolzenberg area was a survivor of the Tirpitz, a premier battleship of the Germans which only could be comparable to the

Bismarck.

The ship was sunk by Royal Air Force bombers on the 12th of November 1944 on the shores of Norway. Around 1,000 men died on the scuttled ship, but one came back to Stolzenberg to tell Dietrich how horrible it was to survive it. All this as the refugees were fleeing the Russians through Stolzenberg.

(8) Grandma Ruege was probably the toughest loss to swallow. She was a sweet old lady who did the family's praying as grandpa made sure the rooming house, general store, and tavern remained open. It was her faith that got her family through the war, in which her two sons in service and grandson Dieter would survive.

Dieter always attributed his survival in war to her prayers. Grandma, in contrast, was a sacrificial lamb. One cannot get insulin for diabetes in war. She

went into shock, and they buried her by a big rock somewhere outside of town after the communists confiscated their livelihood.

(9) When the Russians came into town, Grandpa Ruege was in trouble. He was the business leader who had two sons fighting for the Germans. It didn't look good on Soviet paper. They first pushed him out of the land and business he had built up for over three decades. Somewhere along the line he moved in with neighbors, where eventually Grandma died.

Grandpa was a beautiful person who never wanted the war. He admired the toenail clippers his son in Milwaukee mailed him (it was the greatest invention ever). His establishment was a bedrock to the town. When Hitler invaded Poland, Dieter said Grandpa lamented: "This is not what I signed up for."

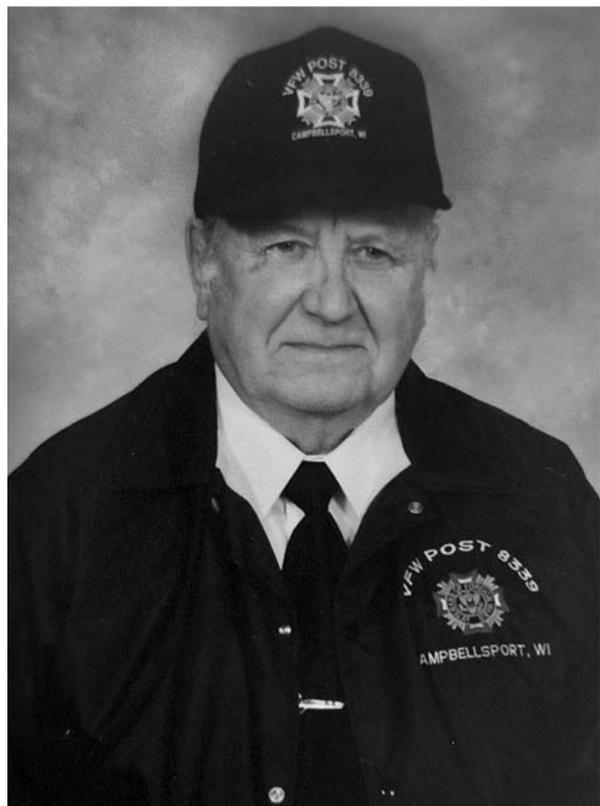
Grandpa served in

World War I and got what may have been Typhoid Fever. He was put in a hospital: a traumatic experience that made him hate the institution and wear tinted glasses and the rest of his life. He never would go into a white painted hospital after that — he knew he'd die.

When the Rueges were ethnically cleansed out of what was going to

be Poland, the Russians shoved the widower into a meat packing car on the railroad. Grandpa rode on the rail with his arm exposed to the opened door, and caught frostbite. He died somewhere west of the Oder River, likely after being hospitalized.

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Dietrich Otto was an active and dedicated member of the Campbellsport V.F.W. and a staple to Memorial Day ceremonies in Campbellsport and St. Kilian. Even as he was hobbled by Parkinson's and nine decades, he still had extra U.S. flags and asked if they were up at veteran's headstones in local cemeteries.

photo courtesy of Dietrich Otto



War destroys economies. It destroys homes. It destroys families. But it did not destroy Dietrich's faith. This was largely shaped by his upbringing in both Berlin and in Stolzenberg, the latter where his maternal grandparents were pillars to their community. Having survived the war and the economic calamity that lasted into the late 1940s, he came to America where he soon was drafted into the U.S. Army (essentially the immigration deal). He went back to Germany in the post-war occupation, but when U.S. officials asked if he wanted to go back to his hometown Berlin, he told them, "I wasn't going to be the bait in that mousetrap." After service, he hunkered down in the Milwaukee area for two decades before moving into the Township of Ashford. His picture here comes from his time in the U.S. Army.

photo courtesy of D.G. Otto, who was gracious to share all his stories



Dietrich Otto's life was like Forest Gump, with 10 times as many stories and an even better legend because, unlike Forest Gump, Dietrich G. Otto's life actually happened. One is left to conclude that he was one of the best case studies for understanding World War II that ever existed. For a short list, Dietrich witnessed Berlin as a burgeoning city in the 1930s. He saw Hitler at the 1936 Berlin Games, and participated in the Hitler Youth. He sang for the Berliner Mozart Choir, which allowed him to see various Cathedrals in Europe, including those in Austria after the Anschluss. The choir experience put him in a position to be in the same room with Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda minister. And this was all before World War II, which he heard start while on the playground in Stolzenberg, Germany (today Poland).

Once the war started, the highlights of his childhood ended. His Uncle Bill invaded Poland where he was "working the fields" before the invasion. Dieter's high school days were cut in half, as he worked in the anti-aircraft units. Eventually, the war put his education to a standstill. He served in the Arbeitsdienst (pictured here in a photo postcard that barely survived) before he served in the Navy as the war ended.

He had many other relatives who served the Germans in the war, including some who committed suicide as the Russians invaded from the east. Meanwhile, Dieter himself survived the bombings of Berlin.

Dietrich had a unique perspective on history because he knew so many close relatives and friends who were in different aspects of the war. His father Martin decoded Enigma for the German military. His cousin served in Tunisia and was a POW in Canada, where he wished after the war he could stay. Another cousin of Dietrich's flew missions into Stalingrad. During the war, one of Dietrich's friends bumped into him in Stolzenberg, where Dietrich was told how he survived the allied attack on the Tirpitz. After the war, Dietrich conversed with a man who survived Monte Casino ("where German men cried"). Then there was the budding artist Micheal P. Weingartner he befriended. Weingartner had escaped the Russians. He painted the Romans in the Stations of the Cross like the Soviets. "Everyone has a story to tell," Dietrich always said many times; but his were the best.

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(10) Maybe the most symbolic death in the war was cousin Horst. Horst Otto was in Stalingrad.

"He was in the air force, see. And I guess they were flying in supplies, and flying out wounded soldiers that had to be flown out. And it got to the point where he himself physically got so doggone bad that they flew him out on one of the last flights flying out of Stalingrad. And he

wound up in the hospital in Germany; I don't know if he ever went back to active duty or not. I don't know."

Horst flew in ammunition, food and supplies for the Sixth Army in Stalingrad, and his empty plane in Russia was filled with injured soldiers and rotting flesh that never escaped Horst's mind. Horst visited Dieter once after the war in southern Germany (in Wauke) after

connecting through correspondence.

It was there Horst told Dieter the four choices at Stalingrad. "It was hell. You know what that means? When they talk about hell. You are stuck and that's it. You either get out, or they carry you out, or they bury you. Those were the three choices. Oh. Wait a minute, the fourth choice was when the Sixth Army capitulated, they sent them all over to the

gulags: German prisoners."

Dietrich added: "Those were the four options you had, and I don't think you had much of a choice to pick 'em." And even when Horst did survive, it was only a year or two. Anxiety, neurosis, ulcers and stress did a number on his intestinal tract. He was dead by 1947. Perhaps symbolic how wars

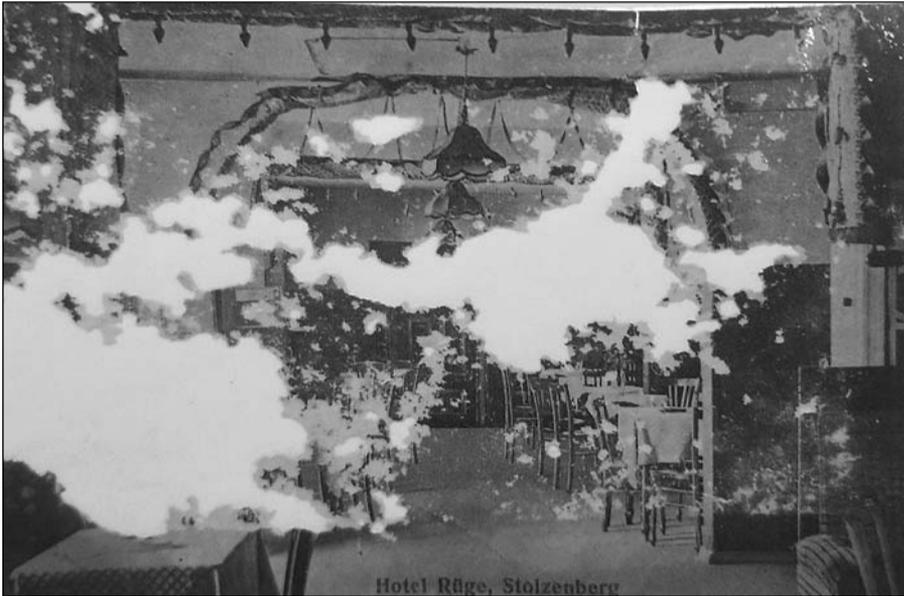
still kill people after they end.

These were some of the losses from conflict. Dietrich's hope was that there would be less of war; but his concern was most had no clue how far war was from humanity.

By sharing the fraction of the deaths he endured, there was a hope that some would recognize the pain that out-

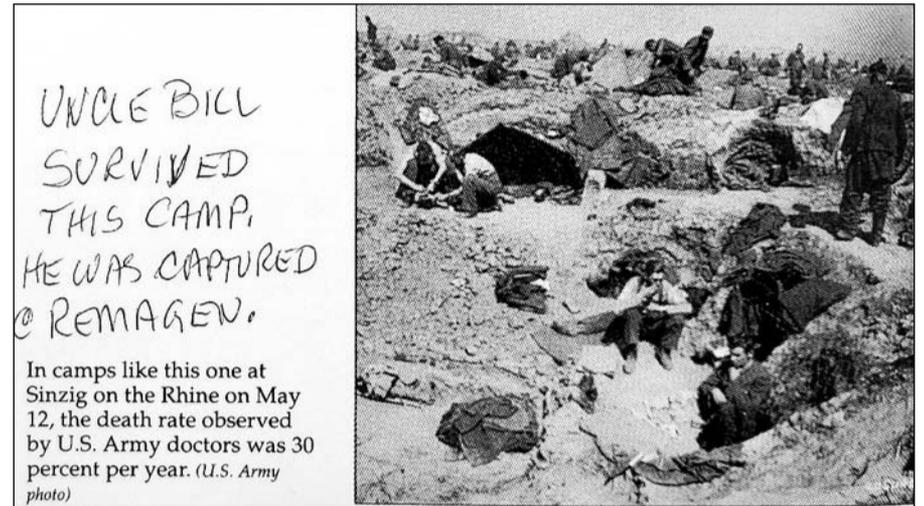
weighs patriotism. There was an implication with Dietrich Otto that he wanted his story told (this was less than one percent), but the wise concern whether it would make a difference.

"War is coming," he warned more than once. Though Dietrich Otto thought we'd honor our soldiers the best if we had less of it.



This is the only picture of Grandpa and Grandma Ruege's Gasthaus that survived the war and posterity. It molded and eroded in Dietrich's basement, but salvaged for discussion. Its survival is symbolic with Dietrich's memories of his family before the war, and what was left after.

-postcard courtesy of Karl McCarty



More than once Dietrich talked about the book "Other Losses." "History is told by the winners," he always reminded. He lost World War II, and so did his Uncle Bill, who had to serve almost six years in the German military: about five years longer than expected. Then when the war ended, Bill witnessed multiple deaths of his fellow unarmed German soldiers at the hands of the Allies. Dietrich wrote in his copy of the book intentionally (pictured here), because he knew many wouldn't believe him. But he knew it was true, because he loved his uncle and Uncle Bill wouldn't lie. They were losers, so that story didn't matter. But it did to Uncle Bill and Dietrich.

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Silage Avalanche Safety: Avalanches CAN Happen To Anyone

Keith Bolsen, Professor Emeritus, Kansas State University, says very emphatically that, "silage avalanches happen ... believe it!"

Keith has spent years working in the feedyard industry in the US to raise awareness about the safety hazards found around bunker silos and silage piles. He can share one story after the other about employees, nutritionists, or bystanders having a near-miss incident or being injured in a silage avalanche. Many survivors have shared their stories with Keith. But not everyone lives to talk about their experience.

"An avalanche happens without warning," Bolsen says. "In a fraction of a second, part of a silage face can silently break off and fall. It can be deadly for anyone located beneath it."

Taking samples from a feed-out face is a common practice in feedyards, but one that can quickly lead to tragedy. Mac Rickels, a nutritionist in Comanche, Texas, had done this many times without any trouble. But one day, after taking a sample from a 32-foot high feed-out face, Rickels was standing about 20 feet away when 12 tons of silage collapsed on him.

"His chest hit his knees with such force that it shattered two of the bones in his leg," Bolsen says.

Fortunately, a farm employee saw what happened and pulled Rickels out of the silage. Later, Mac said he didn't hear or see anything before the avalanche hit him.

"He acknowledged that he had become complacent about working around silage because nothing ever happened, until that one time," Bolsen says.

Bolsen, who regularly visits dairies and feedyards, says he sees far too many 20- to 25-foot high feed-out faces in bunker silos and silage piles. It's common sense to realize that a silage face that exceeds 20 feet tall is far more dangerous than one that is only 12 to 14 feet tall.

"A necessary part of my job is collecting silage and high-moisture grain samples," Al Kruse, a beef cattle nutritionist from Sterling, Kansas, says. "In the spring of 1983, I was collecting a sample of high-moisture grain sorghum in a bunker silo at a feedyard. I had performed this task hundreds of times before and never thought about being in any danger."

As a feedyard employee and Kruse approached the feed-out face, it suddenly collapsed and buried Kruse. Fortunately, the falling grain didn't hit the employee. The heel of Kruse's boot was exposed, and the employee pulled him from the ensiled grain.

"I sustained only minor injuries and spent 24 hours in the hospital for observation," Kruse says. "The 'buddy rule' saved my life that afternoon."

No silage pile is completely safe. Tulare, California, dairy nutritionist Doug DeGross pulled samples from a 12-foot face, then turned to walk to his pickup.

"The sun basically went out," DeGross says. "I couldn't see any light and the feed covered me completely. I knew what was happening before I hit the ground. The entire face fell on me, about 20 tons of silage. I remember thinking, 'I don't want to die here today!'"

Fortunately, DeGross was able to brush the silage away from his face and call for help.

"A nearby dairy employee pulled me from the pile," DeGross says. "I am blessed to be here, and everything works. I am physically, mentally

and spiritually healthier today than I was on the day of the accident."

DeGross thought feed-out face looked safe from every angle, but he was wrong.

Richard Porter, owner and manager of Porter Cattle Company in Reading, KS, thought his pickup should be safe when he parked it about 12 feet back from the face of a bunker silo that was about 14 feet high.

"While I was standing about 30 yards away talking to an employee, the silage collapsed," Porter says. "It hit the hood of my truck hard enough that you could clearly see the outline of the air cleaner."

Porter's experience supports the recommendation to stay much further away from a silage feed-out face than the face's height.

Suffocation is generally the cause of death in a silage avalanche. Any time someone works alone around a bunker silo or silage pile, an avalanche can be especially deadly because, once buried in several feet of silage, chances of surviving the avalanche greatly decrease within just a few minutes.

Undercutting a feed-out face by digging into

it with a loader bucket usually creates a dangerous overhang of silage that can break loose. This scenario is common when the height of the silage in a bunker or pile is greater than the loader can safely reach.

"If a loader must be driven close to the feed-out face in an over-filled bunker or pile, the buddy rule should be strictly enforced, no exceptions," Bolsen says. "Silage samples should be obtained from a loader bucket at a safe distance from the feed-out face."

Vehicles should be parked at least three times further from the feed-out face than its height. Any time a new silage crop is packed against existing silage, clearly mark the point where the two silages join, and use caution when the feed-out face approaches the joined area.

Bolsen recommends posting warning signs around bunker silos and silage piles to remind

workers and any bystanders of the unseen dangers posed by the silage feed-out face. The sign should read, "Danger! Silage Face Might Collapse."

If a bunker or pile is located in a remote area, the perimeter should be fenced and a sign posted saying, "Danger: Do Not Enter. Authorized Personnel Only."

To reduce the risk of an avalanche, avoid filling bunker silos and building drive-over piles to excessive heights. Never work or stand closer to a feed-out face than three times its height and take care not to become complacent.

Bottom line. Never think an avalanche cannot happen to you.

"Accidents are caused by unsafe behavior or conditions due to the actions of people," Bolsen says. "There has never been an unavoidable silage-related fatal accident. Learn all you can about silage safety practices and make them part of your daily routine."

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Boltonville Rain Days Canceled

It seemed that each year there was inclement weather. It often rained, and in 1973, the Firemen's Picnic was dubbed "Rain Days." The name has stuck ever since.

"We really and truly look forward to doing it each year," Fechter said.

Fechter and the other volunteers at the Boltonville Fire Department started planning this year's event a year ago.

"As soon as the Rain Days is done each year, we start planning and scheduling stuff for the next year," Fechter said.

The early planning helps ensure that they can book the bands they want.

"A lot of these bands love to play in Boltonville because it's the first picnic of the year, and it's just a remarkable fun time," Fechter said.

Fechter admits that it is a lot of work putting the Rain Days together each year, but because it has been going on for so long, everything runs smoothly.

"It pretty much falls into place. It's a matter of having so many years of experience doing it that we just know what to do," Fechter said.

Fechter has served on the picnic committee for 43 of the 44 years that he has been a volunteer for the Boltonville Fire Department. He feels somewhat lost this week because this is the week he usually is busy preparing for the event.

Usually he is busy asking himself: Is everything going to fall into place? Did the band break up since he talked to them a year ago? Is the tent going to be set up on time? Did he order the right amount of food? What is the weather going to be like?

This year, none of that is going on.

He misses all of the

planning. But that's not what he misses the most.

"The biggest part I look forward to is seeing people I haven't seen in a whole year," Fechter said.

He isn't the only one who will miss that. Each year, there are certain families that hold their family reunions at Boltonville Rain Days.

That is not going to happen this year.

The Boltonville Rain Days also usually serves as a reunion of sorts for the different fire departments in the area. The firefighters compete in "water fights," but they also enjoy one another's company.

"People from all the different fire departments come. A lot of these guys you see only once or twice a year. There's a real brotherhood between the departments. Everybody enjoys seeing each other and going to each other's events," Fechter said.

Many people have told Fechter they are going to miss the delicious cheeseburgers that are always at Boltonville Rain Days.

"We have some of the best cheeseburgers around. We get the hamburger from Kewaskum Frozen Foods and season it just the way we like. And we get the Sheboygan hard roll, and it is just a fantastic bun. A lot of people look forward to those delicious burgers every year," Fechter said.

The Boltonville Rain Days has grown a little bigger every year for the past 103 years.

"When other fire departments are struggling on fundraisers, ours every year actually gets bigger and bigger," Fechter said. "We like to change things up each year just to make it a little different."

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Boltonville Rain Days draws a large crowd each year. This year's event has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Many people look forward to the rides at the Boltonville Rain Days each year.

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Boltonville Rain Days is a place where people celebrate their friendships each year.

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The entire community comes together to create Boltonville Rain Days each year. This year's event has been canceled.

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There is always lots of food, entertainment and fun at Boltonville Rain Days each year. This year's event has been canceled.

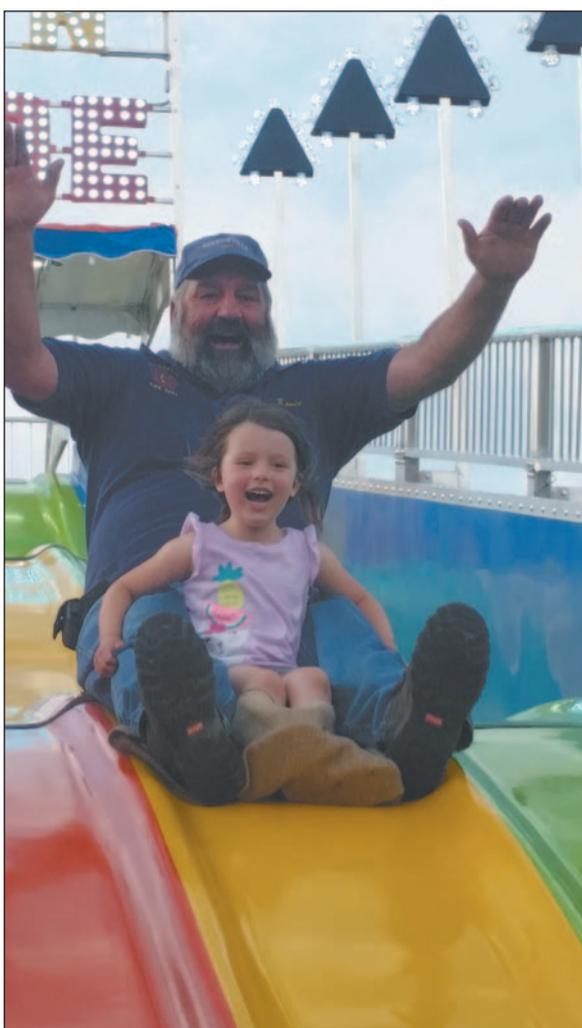
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Boltonville Rain Days Canceled



Many people look forward to the cheeseburgers served at the Boltonville Rain Days every year. **photo submitted**



Many smiles can be seen at the carnival rides each year at Boltonville Rain Days. **photo submitted**

This year's event was going to feature some of those newer additions, such as a bloody Mary bar, a rubber duck derby and fireworks.

There also were going to be the longstanding traditions, such as a turkey and ham dinner that is offered every year, with "the best stuffing around."

There was going to be the annual parade.

Plans were for Wenzel Amazements to once again provide a carnival and rides.

"The owner always tells me they have a new ride and got it all painted up so it will look nice when they come to Boltonville," Fechter said.

And there was going to be lots of music.

Raising Funds

The Boltonville Rain Days serves as a the Boltonville Fire Department's largest fundraiser of the year. The department's firefighters and first responders are 100 percent volunteers.

"We do get some funding from the Town of Farmington, and we greatly appreciate what they do for us. But the majority of our income is from our fundraisers," Fechter said.

Typically the funds raised at the Rain Days go toward training, up-keep on the equipment, purchasing new equipment and insurance.

This year, none of those funds will be coming in.

To help the cause, CC's in Wayne collected donations at a fish fry last Friday, May 15.

The band Rebel Grace, which was scheduled to play at Boltonville Rain Days, also wanted to help out.

The band held a virtual concert on Facebook on Friday, May 15, to raise funds for the Boltonville, Fillmore and Beechwood fire departments.

"It was very kind of them to do that," Fechter said.

The Boltonville Fire Department is still holding a raffle this year. There are cash prizes and different prizes donated by area businesses, many of which were shut down during the governor's "Safer At Home" order. Raffle tickets cost \$2 each or three for \$5. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any firefighter or email boltonvillefd@gmail.com.

The Boltonville Fire Department has one other big fundraiser each year: the Boltonville Street Dance. This year, the Street Dance is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12. The department is considering making it a two-day event, and will make a final decision sometime this summer.

Making the Boltonville Rain Days a success each year is the work of many people.

"It involves a lot of people. It's not just one person coordinating it; it's everybody in the community working together to make it a good fundraiser," Fechter said.

Each year there are people who donate money, products or time for the event.

Through those donations, Boltonville does more than just raise funds.

"It develops a real camaraderie. It brings everybody in the community together," Fechter said.



This year's Boltonville Rain Days has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event serves as a major fundraiser for the Boltonville Volunteer Fire Department each year. **photo submitted**

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Friends line the street in Kewaskum to welcome Miriam Kremer home from the hospital on May 6. Miriam, 14, has had three lengthy hospitalizations since she found out she had leukemia last November. The first two stays each lasted over 40 days, and this latest hospital stay was 59 days following a bone marrow transplant from her younger sister. Miriam is a freshman at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.

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The Kewaskum Police Department and the Kewaskum Fire Department parade Miriam Kremer home from the hospital on May 6. Miriam, 14, has had three lengthy hospitalizations since she found out she had leukemia last November. This latest hospital stay was 59 days following a bone marrow transplant from her younger sister. Miriam is a freshman at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.

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Long-Term Care Orders Of The Health Officer Modified

On Monday, May 18, Washington Ozaukee Public Health Officer Kirsten Johnson updated two existing orders to protect residents of long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. These modified, narrow orders are intended to specifically mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the most vulnerable population.

“Both orders issued today utilize a focused approach to mitigate the risk of infection within our long-term care facilities,” Johnson said. “The Supreme Court was clear: broad general orders are not legal. Instead, our approach is to protect our vulnerable populations through precise direction while offering guidelines for

businesses to re-open safely.”

Following the requirements of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the first order requires all long-term care facilities including nursing homes, assisted living facilities and memory care facilities to limit all in-person non-essential visitation or “lock-down” from outside visitors. It is not required for residents to remain in their rooms. Activities, dining room, and common areas are all opened. As with the general public, large gatherings which do not allow for physical distancing should be avoided. Residents that leave their rooms must wear a face mask. Guidelines within this order will remain in ef-

fect until further notice.

The second order requires all staffing agencies or similar businesses, including health care providers who provide staff at long-term care facilities in Washington and Ozaukee Counties, to disclose to the facility whether assigned staff have been exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, all individuals who obtain employment at long-term care facilities or who provide health care or similar services in long-term care facilities must disclose to their employer(s) if they are working in more than one long-term care facility in these counties.

Under the order, businesses which transport residents of long-term care facilities located in

Washington and Ozaukee Counties are required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) while transporting residents, and all vehicles involved in the transport of residents are to be cleaned each day.

The Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department continues to be in frequent communication with long-term care facilities in Washington and Ozaukee Counties and will continue to provide guidance and assistance as needed.

All orders of the Health Officer can be found at the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department website, www.washozwi.gov.

Festival Of Angels Canceled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Festival of Angels will be canceling their annual festival that was scheduled for June 12-14.

The safety of us all is utmost important. We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all the committee members and volunteers for all their time and hard work they put into making the Festival of Angels a suc-

cess year after year, all your hard work and dedication is appreciated. We are also grateful and very thankful to the community and all our sponsors for all their past support to the festival and look forward to seeing everyone next year at the Festival of Angels in June 2021.

Stay safe, healthy and have a blessed year.

Contribution Supports Community And Local Farmers

Local residents will enjoy delicious provolone with their meals thanks to a recent contribution from Vita Plus and Cascade Cheese Co.

The contributions started with the Vita Plus Serving Customers & Rural Communities Project. Vita Plus, an employee-owned livestock feed and nutrition company, has committed \$100,000 to support rural food security initiatives throughout the Upper Midwest.

The purposes of the project are to assist those in rural communities during the COVID-19 pandemic while also supporting dairy, swine, and beef producers by purchasing their products as dairy and livestock farms face subsequent market challenges. Through this broad-based effort, local Vita Plus nutrition consultants and facilities will identify opportunities to make a difference in the communities where they and their customers live and work.

Dan Hale, Vita Plus dairy consultant, used

his portion of the funds to purchase provolone from Cascade Cheese Co., which offered special pricing for this project and contributed additional cheese as well. The cheese was delivered to the Full Shelf Food Pantry in West Bend.

“Our local communities are faced with hard times and so are our dairy farmers,” said Hale. “It makes all the sense in the world to buy cheese to show support for our dairy farming customers and help our neighbors at the same time. I’m grateful we can do that.”

Vita Plus Corporation is an employee-owned company headquartered in Madison and has been serving livestock producers since 1948. More than just a feed supplier, Vita Plus consultants offer the latest cutting-edge technology, nutrition and management information. For more information about the organization, call 800-362-8334 or go online at www.vitaplus.com.

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Gov. Evers Announces \$75 Million We're All In Grant Program And Initiative

Gov. Tony Evers announced \$75 million in assistance for small businesses as part of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's We're All In initiative, a comprehensive effort to celebrate and help Wisconsin's small businesses get back on their feet and support best practices to keep businesses, consumers, employees and communities safe.

Funded largely by federal dollars received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, this initiative will provide direct assistance to small businesses most impacted by the duration and restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. These \$2,500 cash grants will assist with the costs of business interruption or for health and safety improvements, wages and salaries, rent, mort-

gages, and inventory. Businesses will be able to apply for grant assistance in early June.

Wisconsin small businesses have stepped up during this pandemic to keep people safe and many have pivoted to producing needed items such as hand sanitizer and face coverings. Providing relief to small businesses in Wisconsin that have been impacted by the pandemic is an important part of our response to and recovery from the pandemic.

"Wisconsinites have done an incredible job of banding together throughout this crisis and it's more important than ever for us to continue respecting each other, supporting each other, holding each other accountable and protecting those who are vulnerable," Gov. Evers said. "We are still encouraging people to stay home as much as possi-

ble, practice physical distancing and good hygiene, and take protective measures like wearing a mask in public, but as more businesses continue to reopen around the state, we need to go all in on doing this together."

Grant recipients will become We're All In businesses by committing to safety protocols and using them in their shops, cafes and places of work to protect their customers, employees, and communities. This network of Main Street businesses will form the backbone of the We're All In initiative, along with support from major Wisconsin businesses, communities and other associations.

"These grants will help businesses in the short term, and we need Wisconsinites to join our long-term economic recovery by supporting those small businesses

as patrons and customers," Gov. Evers continued. "We know that folks need to feel safe and confident as employees and consumers for this to work, so that is why we need to be all in together."

The We're All In initiative will include:

- Grants in the amount of \$2,500 to small businesses with 20 or fewer FTEs impacted by COVID-19 that have not already received WEDC COVID-19 assistance. Up to thirty thousand businesses may receive grants. More details about the program will be available later this month with businesses able to apply for grant assistance in June.

- A series of guides for businesses looking to implement best practices to keep employees, customers, and communities safe throughout the COVID-19 crisis. These guides

are an essential part of the We're All In program and were developed in consultation with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Department of Tourism, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Department of Safety and Professional Services, as well as industry leaders and public health experts throughout the state. They are found on WEDC's website at <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines>.

- Ethnic Minority Emergency Grants, which provide \$2 million in grants for ethnically diverse Wisconsin micro-businesses who suffered losses due to the pandemic. The grants are aimed at sole proprietorships or businesses with five or fewer employees that have not received assistance under either SB 20/20 program or SBA's Pay-

check Protection Program. One thousand grants of \$2,000 each will be administered in partnership with Wisconsin's 19 ethnic and minority chambers of commerce. More details are available at <https://wedc.org/progr a m s - a n d - r e s o u r c e s / m i n o r i t y - b u s i n e s s - d e v e l o p m e n t />.

• An integrated public information campaign promoting We're All In businesses and social practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and celebrate Wisconsin's diverse and strong economy.

"With its comprehensive approach that looks at businesses' immediate and long-term needs, We're All In will provide both the 'starter fluid' to restart our state's economic engine and a road map to recovery," said WEDC Secretary and CEO Missy Hughes.

BBB Scam Alert: Want A COVID-19 Test? There's A Scam For That

Some new studies show that up to 50 percent of people with COVID-19 don't show any symptoms, so many people are wondering if they had the disease without knowing it. Fortunately, an antibody test can identify if your body has already fought off the virus. Unfortunately, scammers are cashing in on demand and creating phony tests, according to BBB Scam Tracker reports.

How The Scam Works

You receive a robocall or are directed to a website that looks like a clinic or medical supply company offering COVID-19 tests. These

tests can allegedly identify if you've been infected with coronavirus — even if you've already recovered. Some even promise results in 10 minutes. To get a test, all you need to do is complete a form or, in other versions, enter your credit card details.

In some cases, the test involves an easy at-home testing kit. Other times, the tests are allegedly offered through a clinic. But in all versions, the person or website selling the test is short on details. They aren't willing or able to provide any information about how the test works, where it is sourced, and what labo-

ratory processes it.

Don't fall for it! These tests are not US Food and Drug Administration approved and will not give accurate results. In fact, you may never even receive an actual test kit. Either way, scammers will have made off with your money and your personal information.

How To Avoid Fake Coronavirus Tests

Want a test? Talk to your doctor. If you want an antibody test, reach out to your healthcare provider. They can help you figure out if the test will be covered by insurance and where to find a legitimate clinic. If you

don't have a primary care physician, check out the official website of your local health department for more information on testing availability.

Do research before buying. Scammers put pressure on people to buy or commit without giving them time to do further research. Before you agree to anything, do some investigating. Research any claims the company makes. Start with searching BBB.org to see they are BBB Accredited, have good reviews, and if there are complaints or scam reports associated with their business name.

Understand your op-

tions: The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a detailed guide to testing for COVID-19. Understand the different tests available and what you need.

Never share your personal information with strangers. Only make purchases and share your personal information with people and companies you know and trust.

For More Information

To learn more about scams related to the coronavirus and how to protect yourself, see BBB.org/Coronavirus. To read up on some general tips for avoiding scams, visit

BBB.org/AvoidScams.

If you've been the victim of a coronavirus related scam, please report it on the BBB.org/ScamTracker. Your report can help others to stay alert and avoid similar scams.

For more information or further inquiries, contact the Wisconsin BBB at www.bbb.org/wisconsin, 414-847-6000 or 1-800-273-1002. Consumers also can find more information about how to protect themselves from scams by following the Wisconsin BBB on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

Positive Peer Influence

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their best friends model responsible behavior and the best way to encourage children to choose positive healthy relationships is to model them ourselves.

Try to remember the friends you hung around with when you were a teenager. Most people can recall at least one friend that they admired or looked up to. It was the friend that always had your back and showed up when you needed them the most. Hopefully these are the people that you are still friends with today.

How about the people who weren't such true friends. They may have

been in your friend group, but they didn't really care about how you were doing. They may have even pressured you to do things you didn't want to do or spread rumors about you or other people you cared about. The silver lining is that these experiences often teach young people how they want to be treated by others.

We can't control who our children choose as friends. They are exploring and learning about their world, themselves and the people around them. Sometimes they're attracted to people we have concerns about. Other times they may say the "good" kids are boring.

However, if we model responsible relationships, talk to our children about how others act and are involved in their lives, gradually they'll see that friends who act, talk and think in positive ways will bring out the best in them.

Most people can't help but think of "peer pressure" as only negative influence from others. However, a research study from the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research found that in a study of 1,500 adolescents, peer pressure was usually more positive than negative. Their friends were less likely to encourage risky behavior and instead actually support

and motivate each other to reach their goals.

So why does positive peer pressure work? Unlike adults, who will generally act similarly whether alone or in a group, teenagers are more susceptible to the influence of a crowd or their friends. While they are learning about their social place and their identity, they are subconsciously looking to their friends for information about how to act and interact with others.

Helpful Hints

- Talk with your child about his or her friends. Ask questions to find out what they're like.
- Get to know your child's friends and their

families. Point out what you like about them.

- Don't jump to conclusions based on what friends look like.

- Avoid criticizing friendships that seem negative to you, but be honest when you're concerned about a relationship.

—Article provided by Elevate, a local community resource center that strives to address the root causes of high-risk behaviors through prevention, intervention and

residential programs that focus on drug and alcohol issues, mental health and delinquency. This article is meant to increase parent education because we know that knowledgeable parents have enormous potential for strengthening their children's positive attitudes about drugs and alcohol, as well as their social and emotional skills.

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Mental Health Services Offered By NAMI WC Are All Inclusive

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the latest statistics from 2017 show that suicide was the 10th leading cause of death overall in the United States, claiming the lives of over 47,000 people. It was the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34, and the fourth leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 35 and 54.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) indicates that 90 percent of those who died by suicide had a diagnosable mental illness at the time of their death which may have been undiagnosed and/or undertreated.

Lisa Krenke, executive director of NAMI Washington County (NAMI WC), said, "The recent closing of Life of Hope has raised concerns within the local community about where individuals can find suicide prevention or suicide loss support services."

NAMI Washington

County (NAMI WC) welcomes those individuals to join our groups and activities. Social isolation can be a precipitating factor for suicidal behavior. Literature suggests that individuals who experience isolation in their lives are more vulnerable to suicide than those who have strong social ties with others. All of NAMI-WC support groups promote social interaction, development of interpersonal skills, and help build a peer support network. The environment is one of support and strength building, regardless of where an individual is in their journey with their mental health.

Serving Washington County for 20 years NAMI WC is the only provider of non-clinical support services for individuals affected by mental illness and those who care for them. Support groups and educational classes are provided without cost by trained individuals who personally share lived experience with mental health

conditions or by family members of individuals with mental illness.

"NAMI WC addresses the whole person, the whole mental health condition, not just one symptom or one potential outcome," Krenke says. "The organization works with individuals who suspect a mental health condition, individuals in crisis, individuals in treatment and individuals in recovery. NAMI WC also supports and educates the families of those individuals."

NAMI WC recently adapted some of its programs to ensure that those receiving services from Life of Hope can find a place at NAMI WC. The Let's Connect Young Adult Support Group has expanded its age range to include those from 18-30 years of age. Led by trained facilitators, this is an open forum for peer discussions and building critical support networks. Weekly discussions include topics such as life skills, peer concerns, ways to reduce isolation, access-

ing additional resources, interpersonal skills and strength building. Monthly community outings, free to group members, are planned to encourage community interaction, learn new life skills, promote socialization, and develop peer friendships.

Led by trained facilitators with lived experience NAMI Family Support Group offers support to family members of those with a mental health condition. Group members learn how to see the individual before their illness, recognize triggers, learn about trauma created through mental illness, gain coping skills essential for themselves as a caretaker as well as skills to assist their loved one. In addition, family members learn to reject stigma, not tolerate discrimination and how to proactively advocate for their loved one. Family members learn how to help themselves and their loved one work for a better future in a realistic way.

This spring, NAMI WC

will add the National Suicide Prevention Training Program QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) to their program offerings. People trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. The purpose of this program is to provide practical and proven suicide prevention training to members of the general public, healthcare professionals, first responders, and/or any who cares for or about someone with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness. Individuals trained in QPR can help provide intervention to a suicidal individual and help them find treatment.

Finally, NAMI WC has begun working with another community partner to offer a support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Details of this group are still be finalized and will be released to the public for spring program offerings.

Krenke said, "NAMI WC staff and volunteers

are dedicated to the mental and physical well-being of all Washington County residents. We take our mission and responsibilities seriously. Provided free of charge, our NAMI Welcome Center is a life-line for many individuals affected by mental health conditions. It offers a safe space for recovery, improves independence, and develops a sense of community without stigma, judgement, or barriers. At NAMI we value the quality of our programming and demonstrate extraordinary compassion to make sure NAMI retains its legacy as the quintessential sanctuary with peer-led support services in our county for those affected by mental illness."

Anyone interested in learning more about NAMI WC programming is invited to call 262-339-1235 or visit our website at <https://www.nami-positiveimage.org/>.

BBB Serving Wisconsin Warns About Phony Websites Popping Up During COVID-19 Crisis

With shortages of sanitizers, disinfectants, masks and paper products seen throughout the country since the COVID-19 virus first surfaced, BBB warns that websites selling these and other related products have also surfaced.

"BBB investigations have shown that most of these websites are newly created, within the last couple weeks or so," says Jim Temmer, CEO/president of BBB Serving Wisconsin. "And, as quickly as they've surfaced, many have disappeared already. The perpetrators behind the websites keep their identity private, and often disband the sites soon after they've created them and have stolen your money."

The BBB has been busy investigating several sites and complaints received since mid-March.

One such site was popumart.com. Ten complaints have been received from consumers in seven states.

According to complainants, they responded to ads on social media sites for face masks and hand sanitizers. Ordered products were not received.

Popumart does not list an address or phone number on its website.

The website, which was created on 3/23/20, no longer exists.

Another website, mizishop.com was created on 4/1/20 and lists an address in Franco, Wisconsin. This is a fake address, as there is no such city in Wisconsin.

R.G. of California writes, "This site was running ads selling personal protective equipment for Covid-19. I purchased two carbon face masks for \$53.20... products never arrived and they do not have a customer service phone number. The address does not seem to exist and I emailed them several times with no response. I believe this site is a scam."

"Consumers see an address listed on a web-

site and assume it's legitimate. We say take a moment to check the address and research the company," says Lisa Schiller, Director of Investigations for BBB Serving Wisconsin. "Scammers are opportunists. They take advantage of whatever is happening currently, like the COVID-19 pandemic, to steal your money."

Spartadata, which also uses the name N95 Health has been purportedly selling face masks through its website, N95health.com, which was just created on 3/2/20. The address listed on its website is residential, not accurate, and likely hijacked. BBB called the phone number listed on its website but reached a "virtual receptionist" who could not answer any questions about the company. BBB left a message for a return call, but it was not returned.

BBB says there are a few things that you should be on the lookout

for when shopping online.

Know who you are dealing with. Check spelling and domain names. Google the website to see if others have been complaining. Look for other tell-tale signs such as poor grammar, lack of information, and capital letters in the middle of sentences.

Ensure the website address begins with <https://>. Also, check the address bar for a "not secure" message. A trustworthy online seller will have a secure domain, keeping your information safe from hackers. Many websites will also have security certification logos visible on their page. Always click on them to verify they open an attached security policy because many scam sites will simply display these logos without an option to click through to a policy.

Check the age of a website's domain. Use a website like <https://whois.domain-tools.com/> to check

whether a website was established recently. Because crises like the coronavirus provide new avenues for scammers to take advantage of the public, they will often establish new websites that match current events.

Check for an about page and a contact us section. Scammers are creative, but they don't often take the time to fabricate a full brand history like you would find on a company's about us page. They may fabricate contact information, but BBB recommends ensuring the phone numbers and email addresses are both legitimate and responsive.

Phishing emails often lack personalization. Legitimate companies communicate with customers using their name, but scammers don't often know their victims. Many email scams will begin with a non-personalized salutation, like "Dear sir or madam."

Check a business at

BBB.org. Whether the website offers face masks or toilet paper, verify its legitimacy before you make a purchase or provide your personal information.

Always pay by credit card. When purchasing any product or service through a website, always use a credit card as your payment method. If you pay by credit card online, your transaction will be protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act. If the product arrives defective or doesn't arrive at all, you can dispute the charge on your credit card and temporarily withhold payment while the creditor investigates them.

If you encounter a scam, please report it to our BBB Scam Tracker at BBB.org/scamtracker. Even if you don't fall victim to the scam, the information allows you to share your experience with others and helps to protect the public from scammers.

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Skin Cancer Awareness Month Reminder: Obtain Vitamin D Safely Through Diet And Vitamin Supplements

Vitamin D is essential for strong bones and a healthy immune system. While a limited amount of the vitamin can be obtained from exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation, the suggestion that the best way to obtain vitamin D is through sun exposure is both misleading and dangerous.

The health risks of UV exposure — including skin cancer — are serious and well-documented. While many people have found their time outdoors severely limited because of COVID-19, some may

misguidedly forgo sun protection completely in an effort to obtain vitamin D. Instead of damaging your skin, The Skin Cancer Foundation suggests you get your vitamin D from sources like oily fish, fortified dairy products and cereals, and supplements.

"Too many people believe that exposure to the sun's radiation is the optimal way to obtain vitamin D, and that using sunscreen leads to vitamin D deficiency," says Deborah S. Sarnoff, MD, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "In reality, unprotected UV

exposure can put people at risk for potentially life-threatening skin cancer, and it isn't the most effective way to reach your vitamin D quotient."

Humans can produce only a limited amount of vitamin D from UV radiation. For Caucasians, that limit is reached after just five to 10 minutes of midday sun exposure. After reaching the limit, further exposure will not increase the amount of vitamin D in the body. Rather, it has the opposite effect: the vitamin D stored in the body begins to break down, leading to lower vitamin

D levels.

Spending time in the sun (whether outside or beside a window) in an attempt to achieve higher vitamin D levels can have serious consequences for the skin, however. About 86 percent of melanomas (the most dangerous of the three most common skin cancers) and 90 percent of nonmelanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to UV radiation.

To lower your risk of developing skin cancer, The Skin Cancer Foundation has always recommended sunscreen

use as part of a complete sun protection routine, including seeking shade and covering up with clothing. Since some types of UV rays can penetrate window glass, this should hold true even on days you do not venture outside.

Studies have shown that regular use of an SPF 15 or higher broad-spectrum sunscreen reduces your chances of developing squamous cell carcinoma by about 40 percent, melanoma by 50 percent and premature skin aging by 24 percent.

Researchers have

never found that everyday sunscreen use leads to vitamin D insufficiency. It's more than possible to maintain healthy vitamin D levels while incorporating sunscreen and other sun protection into your daily routine. Vitamin D can be obtained with far safer and more effective options, including oily fish (like salmon, fresh tuna, trout and sardines) and cod liver oil, as well as from fortified orange juice and milk, yogurts, and some cereals. Supplements are also readily available and inexpensive.

BBB Tip: Give Yourself A Spring Digital Makeover

If you've run out of things to do while quarantined during the coronavirus pandemic, chances are you might have stepped up some spring cleaning. The one area many people overlook isn't the corner of a room or a forgotten closet, it's probably the digital device you're reading this article on.

The same one you shopped with, scroll through social media with and probably bank with as well as maybe do some work with for the boss. The National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and the Better Business Bureau (BBB) reminds everyone that when clearing out the physical clutter, there's probably a bunch of digital data clutter that lives on your electronic devices.

As businesses and their employees quickly adapted to the "new normal" of working from home, the focus on cybersecurity and protecting sensitive information became critical. NCSA has advice on how to keep this information safe.

Just in case there are a few extra hours or minutes of the day, it may also be a good time to give yourself a digital makeover. Taking some simple, proactive steps will go a long way in safeguarding against any number of potentially disruptive issues — like identity theft, loss of funds or credit card fraud — that can cause mayhem by compromising your data. Take the time to put into practice a few precautionary measures and you will have greater peace of mind — not only this spring but all year round.

NCSA and BBBs nationwide are encouraging people to check off a few times from the Digital Spring Cleaning Checklist:

Lock Down Your Login: Security is critical to protecting accounts being used for work and for home. Ensure passphrases for each account are lengthy, unique, and safely stored. Enable 2-factor authentication on all accounts that offer it.

Update Your System and Software: Avoid procrastination! Having the most current software, web browsers, and operating systems are some of the easiest and fastest ways to protect your most sensitive assets.

Back It Up: Protect your personal and workplace data by making electronic copies — or backups — of your most important files. Use the 3-2-1 rule to help guide you: 3 backup copies, 2 different media types, 1 offline and in a separate location.

Clean Up Your Online Presence: When was the last time you used all of the apps on your phone or tablet? Do you know what the settings are on all of the social media accounts that check in with friends and family? These are questions to ponder and settings to review while checking these accounts. Then, control your role by making sure you know administrative access to your online accounts. Keep all of your passwords private.

Be careful What You Share: Quizzes are fun and keeping in touch is a necessity these days. However, watch out for apps and questions that might give away too much information about you, your location or your family.

Digital Spring Cleaning Checklist for SMBs:

In addition to following the above-listed tips, NCSA has created a comprehensive listing of reminders and best practices that will assist

SMBs in establishing, updating and communicating policies and procedures around many topics such as record retention, etc. It is also imperative that a cybersecurity strategy is in place and utilized by all employees. In addition, BBB has tips on BBB.org/smallbusiness when it comes to avoiding online scams when working from home.

BBB Secure Your ID Day:

Did you know that protecting your identity is largely in your own hands? Many identity theft victims can trace the theft to something that was stolen from their own possession. BBB has a few guidelines to help safely dispose of electronically stored data.

Be sure to prep your data in advance of participating in BBB's Secure Your ID Day or other shredding events. Know what devices to digitally "shred": Computers and mobile phones aren't the only devices that capture and store sensitive, personal data. External hard

drives and USBs, tape drives, embedded flash memory, wearables, networking equipment and office tools like copiers, printers and fax machines all contain valuable personal information and stored images.

Clear out stockpiles: If you have a stash of old hard drives or other devices — even if they're in a locked storage area — information still exists and could be stolen. Don't wait: wipe and/or destroy unneeded hard drives as soon as possible.

Empty your trash or recycle bin on all devices, and be certain to wipe and overwrite: Simply deleting and emptying the trash isn't enough to completely get rid of a file. You must permanently delete old files. Use a program that deletes the data, "wipes" it from your device and then overwrites it by putting random data in place of your information — which then cannot be retrieved.

Various overwriting and wiping tools are available for electronic

devices. For devices like tape drives, remove any identifying information that may be written on labels before disposal and use embedded flash memory or networking or office equipment to perform a full factory reset and verify that no potentially sensitive information still exists on the device.

Decide what to do with the device: Once the device is clean, you can sell it, trade it in, give it away, recycle it or have it destroyed. Note the following:

Failed drives still contain data: On failed drives, wiping often fails, too; shredding/destruction is the practical disposal approach for failed drives. Avoid returning a failed drive to the manufacturer; you can purchase support that allows you to keep it — and then destroy it.

To be "shredded," a hard drive must be chopped into small pieces: Using a hammer to hit a drive only slows down a determined cybercriminal; instead, use a trusted shredding company to dispose of

your old hard drives. Device shredding can often be the most time- and cost-effective option for disposing of a large number of drives.

Additional Resources: BBB.org/Secure-Your-ID-Day: information on shredding events and tips on what to save and for how long.

BBB.org/Cybersecurity for "5 Steps to Better Business Cybersecurity."

BBB.org/smallbusiness for resources concerning the COVID-19 crisis.

BBB.org/coronavirus for general information and tips.

StaySafeOnline.org for tips from the National Cyber Security Alliance.

Federal Trade Commission's guides for disposing of your computer or mobile device.

IdentityTheft.gov for a customized recovery plan if you have been the victim of identity theft.

Internal Revenue Service advice for taxpayers to protect personally identifiable information (PII) that can be used for identity theft.



RECIPE OF THE WEEK

May 21, 2020

GARDEN VEGETABLE HUMMUS

Adapted from www.allrecipes.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 19-ounce can chickpeas, drained and rinsed (preferably no-salt added)
- 3 to 4 cloves garlic
- 1/2 green bell pepper, cut into chunks
- 1/2 red bell pepper, cut into chunks
- 4 green onions (or 1 medium onion, cut into chunks)
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil or Italian parsley
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 to 3 tablespoons tahini salt and fresh ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

- Combine all ingredients except parsley in a food processor fitted with the steel blade. Process with quick on/off's to start, then let the motor run until the mixture is very smooth, about 2 minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed.
- Transfer the hummus to a serving bowl and sprinkle with parsley. Cover and chill for 1 to 2 hours before serving. (Hummus will thicken when refrigerated.)



Kewaskum Athletic Association To Hold 2020 Season

By Anne Trautner

The Kewaskum Athletic Association is moving forward with the 2020 spring ball season at Kiwanis Park.

Many of the coaches have reached out to their teams and provided information on when practices will be held. The organization understands that some families may not be ready to venture out yet, and asks those families to let the coaches know they will not participate.

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the organization has implemented new policies and guidelines to help everyone stay safe and healthy while still having fun.

Anyone who is sick or not feeling well is asked to stay home.

Some of the new policies guidelines include:

Practices And Games

- Players should bring hand sanitizer to use periodically during practice, after returning from the field and after they bat.

- Everyone should practice social distancing.

- Players' bags must be kept six feet away from other bags.

- Water bottles must be kept inside bags.

- No sharing of bats, gloves or helmets.

- If catchers need to share equipment, it must be wiped down with disinfectant between players.

- No high-fives should be given.

- Players will be spread out in the dugout.

- No sunflower seeds or any other seeds will be allowed to prevent unnecessary spitting.

Cheering Sections

- Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs and spread out.

- Spectators sitting in the bleachers are asked to practice social distancing if not sitting next to immediate family members.

- Only one person will be in charge of the scoreboard during a

game. The remote needs to be disinfected between games.

- No high fives should be given to anyone who is not a family member.

- Restrooms will be open.

Concessions

- All concession workers must wear a mask and gloves.

- There may be a limited supply of meat.

- There may not be as wide of a selection of food offered.

- Counters will be wiped down often with disinfectant.

- Ketchup and mustard will be the only condiments; they will be available in individual packets.

- Both windows will be open for business. There will be X's marked on the ground so customers are socially distanced.

- To limit exposure inside the concession stand, volunteers will not work concessions this season.

Board Approves Extension Of Physical Exam Period, Dates For 2021 State Boys Golf

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved an extension of the alternate year physical examination period required for interscholastic participation and discussed options to modify operational revenues and expenses at its May meeting recently.

Membership rules require a physical examination prior to participation in interscholastic athletics and every two years thereafter. The Board's action allows a one-time extension of the two-year period for student-athletes with physical exams forms already on file. For fall sports in 2020, student-athletes who have had a physical within the past two years may receive an extension into the third year until they are able to get a physical with their primary care physician.

Parents of participants are required to complete the newly created physical examination extension form and submit the document to local athletic administration. If answers to any of the questions on the form raises medical concerns since the physical form on file, or if a student-athlete has not had a sports physical in the past two years, one will be required before the student-athlete will be allowed to participate in

practice or competition.

The Board also verified the dates for the 2021 State Boys Golf Tournament. The championships will be held Friday and Saturday, June 18-19 at University Ridge Golf Course in Madison. The practice round is scheduled on June 17.

In other action items, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Matthew Myrvik, Clinical Sport Psychologist at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and Associate Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin, to the Sports Medical Advisory Committee.

The Board and Executive Staff engaged in an introductory discussion on various options to retain and generate revenue, as well as contain expenses for 2020-21 without severely impacting services to member schools.

Among the recommended considerations to implement for one year include increasing ticket prices for all tournament events \$1 at all levels, reducing tournament travel reimbursements, decrease revenue sharing with tournament hosts, conducting online organizational committee meetings incorporated with a reduction in meeting travel reimbursement, and requiring

hosts to charge admission at all spring tournament sectional events.

The Executive Staff shared reports on a number of topics with the Board, including support of a UW-Madison research study on the impact of the current school closures and cancellation of sports seasons on the mental health of student-athletes. In addition, the board was apprised of cost containment and revenue generating practices of other state associations throughout the Midwest, and preparations for reopening the Executive Staff office.

Liaison reports were presented by Mike Thompson of the Department of Public Instruction, John Ashley of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Nathan DeLany of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

The WIAA, as defined by its Constitution, is a voluntary, unincorporated, and nonprofit organization.

The membership oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 513 senior high schools and 49 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. It sponsors State Championship Tournament Series for boys and girls. For more information, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580.

Annual Wisconsin State Parks Sticker Now Available For Sale Online

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources now offers annual state park passes for sale online for the first time in agency history. This service is part of the DNR's overall effort to accommodate the high demand for state park stickers and to encourage Wisconsinites to visit the state's beautiful array of public land.

YourPassNow is a digital marketplace that allows Wisconsin state park visitors to conveniently purchase their annual state park passes online.

Stickers available for purchase online include:

- Annual Wisconsin Resident: \$28

- Wisconsin Resident Senior (65+): \$13

- Non-Resident: \$38

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Wisconsin boasts some of the most beautiful outdoor spaces anywhere, including state parks, natural areas, trails, forests and more," said DNR secretary Preston D. Cole. "Things may be a little different these days, but taking advantage of the state's natural resources is not only possible, but it's vital to the body and soul."

Annual state trail passes and reduced-rate annual stickers are not currently available for purchase online but can still be purchased over the phone. As a reminder, passes of any kind are not available for purchase at state parks or any other DNR properties and should be purchased in advance of visiting state parks. Annual stickers are valid through December 31, 2020.

To purchase an annual state park sticker online, visit YourPassNow. Park stickers should arrive by mail

within 30 days of purchasing. A printed copy of the receipt serves as valid proof of purchase until the sticker comes and should be displayed on the driver's side dashboard when visiting a state park.

Receipts will be emailed the same day of purchase. If you did not receive a receipt the same day of your purchase, email: WIParks.Store@wisconsin.gov.

Annual trail passes and other park passes not listed above are still available for purchase with a credit card by phone from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. seven days a week by calling toll free: 1-888-305-0398.

For more information on purchasing a state park admission sticker, please visit the State Park Admissions webpage. A map of open properties can be downloaded and printed from https://dnr.wi.gov/covid-19/documents/OpenMap_42720.pdf.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BIDS TOWN OF FARMINGTON

The Town Board of the Town of Farmington, Washington County, WI, will receive sealed bids in the office of the Town Clerk, 1807 County Road A, West Bend, WI 53090, by mail or by appointment until 1:00 pm, on June 9, 2020, or at the Town of Farmington Town Hall, 9422 STH 144, Kewaskum, WI 53040, prior to the start of the Town Board meeting on June 9, 2020, which begins at 7:00 pm. All bids received will be publicly opened by the Board during this meeting. Sealed bids requested for:

1. *Forest View Road*: from CTH H to STH 28, pulverize, grade and pave with 2 1/2" binder coat
- Forest View Road*: from CTH H to STH 28, 1 1/2" surface coat (option for

completion in 2021)

2. *Elm Tree Lane*: from STH 144 to dead-end, 1 1/2" overlay hot mix asphalt

3. *Kohler Drive*: from Fillmore Road east to Camp Awana Road, wedging, as needed, limestone seal and boiler slag

4. *Shalom Drive*: from Orchard Valley Road to Indian Lore Road, wedge, as needed, limestone seal and boiler slag

Road work to be completed by September 30, 2020. The Town of Farmington reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the scheduled time for opening bids.

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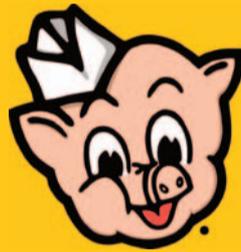
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