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Mike Paul of Paul Auction Co. auctions off a pennant at the company's last live auction on Thursday, June 25. The company will now offer online auctions only.

photo by Anne Trautner

Live Auctions: Going, Going...Gone! – Paul Auction Co. Switches To Online Auctions

By Anne Trautner

The room was filled with people on Thursday, June 25, as the last live auction was held at

Paul Auction Co.

It was the end of an era. The company, which has featured old-school bid calling since 1969, will now hold on-

line auctions only.

"This was not brought about by COVID. I have been planning this for 12 years now," owner Mike Paul said.

It is the way that auction industry as a whole has been moving.

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Celebration Pays Tribute To Local River

By Anne Trautner

Although the big celebration was canceled this year for Kewaskum's 125th anniversary because of the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of the Milwaukee River was held on Saturday, June 27.

About 100 people came out for the river celebration, with many participants kayaking and canoeing on the river. Native American water blessing songs were performed on drums in River Hill Park.

The celebration paid homage to the river, the same river that served as a water resource for the area's first set-

tlers. Saturday's river event was designed to educate, engage and inspire Kewaskum residents about the local fresh water resource.

The event followed social distancing guidelines, with some of the attendees wearing masks. People brought their own food and refreshments to enjoy as they appreciated nature.

Experienced boaters took part in this slow paddle event by launching their canoes and kayaks on the north end of the village. Free lessons were offered for first-time kayakers as well.

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Kayakers listen as Native American songs are played on drums across the river at River Hill Park on Saturday, June 27. About 100 people attended the river celebration.

photo by Anne Trautner

Kewaskum Fireworks Set For July 3

By Anne Trautner

There will be fireworks in the Village of Kewaskum this Friday, July 3. The rain date is July 4.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the fireworks display will be different from usual in order to promote social distancing. The fireworks will be launched from Reigle Family Park.

The park, which is located at 690 Edgewood Road, will be closed to the public, and village residents are encouraged to watch the fireworks from their homes.

Other village parks will be open, but there will not be food or beverages sold at any of the locations. The live music and concession sales at River Hill Park that are normally part of the Independence Day celebration are canceled this year. The public parking on the grass lot owned by Holy

Trinity church is also not available this year.

There will be three main points of traffic control:

Highway 45 / Fond du Lac Avenue at Highway H West

▪ Traffic at this intersection will be directed the same way as in previous years.

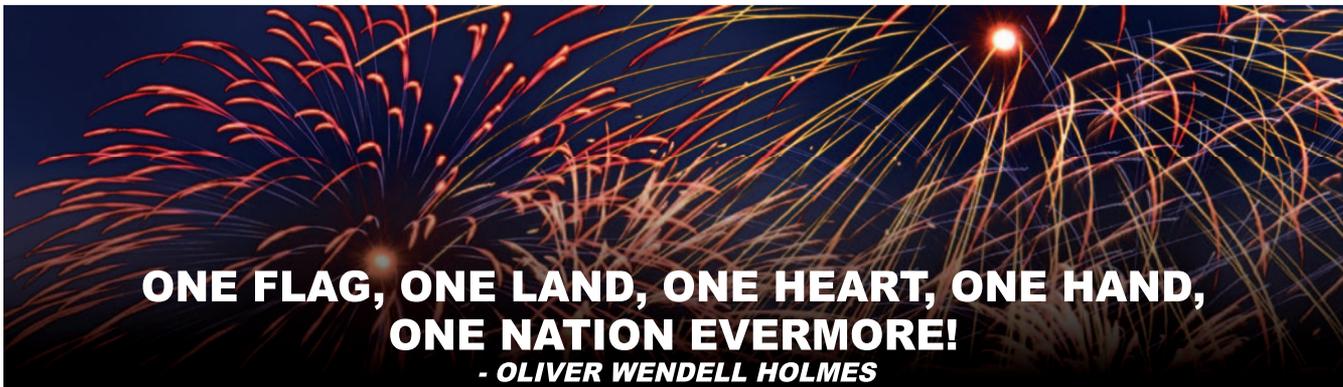
▪ Northbound and southbound traffic on Highway 45/Fond du Lac Avenue will not be allowed to turn onto Highway H West (Mohawk Road).

▪ All traffic on Highway H (Mohawk Road) will be directed south onto Highway 45 / Fond du Lac Avenue.

Highway H West at Dreamcatcher / Bel-Ric Drive

▪ No traffic will be allowed west onto Highway H (Mohawk Road) at Dreamcatcher Drive.

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The Cost To All Citizens In A Community When A Newspaper Closes

**By Andrew Johnson
Immediate Past
President, National
Newspaper
Association**

There are many aspects to the value of a community having a local newspaper serving its community.

The financial health of these newspapers has been challenged in recent years with loss of local retail advertising, transition to digital news delivery, negative effects of recent newsprint tariffs, announcement of huge newspaper postage increases (50%-plus) over the next five years, and the recent huge negative impact of COVID-19 on many community businesses which advertise in local papers.

One of the main things a newspaper does is that it represents the public in keeping a local open government. It does this by receiving information about activities/actions occurring at local government meetings, gathering information from open government records and publishing government notices. These three things are the foundation for open government and without any one of them, "openness" is compromised.

The loss of all of those things can be devastating and often occurs when a newspaper closes. Up to this point in time, there has been no effective replacement of a community newspaper in print or online.

One of the impacts of losing a newspaper is an

increase in operation costs of local governments. I am going to reference one study on local governments following newspaper closures to illustrate the financial impact alone of such a loss, Financing Dies in Darkness? The Impact of Newspaper Closures on Public Finance, by Pengjie Gao, University of Notre Dame; Change Lee and Dermot Murphy, University of Illinois at Chicago, February 12, 2019. This document can be viewed online at <https://www.brookings.edu/research/financing-dies-in-darkness-the-impact-of-newspaper-closures-on-public-finance>.

This particular study looked at increased costs to municipalities for borrowing bonds after a newspaper closure. This study looked at actual data from municipalities from across the United States over a period of several years where newspapers were closed.

The study examined the actual cost increase at a municipality the following three years after a newspaper closed. According to the study, "our main finding is that newspaper closures have a significantly adverse impact on municipal borrowing costs in the long run."

Why does the public pay more when a newspaper closes?

Simple. According to the study, first, "the increased government inefficiencies that result from the loss of a government watchdog," and second, "increased in-

formational frictions that result from lack of press coverage," thus lenders charge more.

The study further found that "the number of government employees increased by approximately four per 1,000 residents, tax revenue per capita increased by \$85, and the deficit per capita increased by about \$53."

Wow! This means taxes increased \$340 per year for a household of four people. It is not theoretically what could happen. This is what actually has happened. In perspective, a \$50 annual subscription to a community newspaper is an incredible value.

What about other media? Or social media sharing of information?

The primary media which has dedicated local professional journalists providing coverage in rural areas are small newspapers.

Other media, including radio, can provide news coverage, but usually cover larger areas and thus cannot provide detailed/complete coverage of each government entity in the coverage area. Television news coverage in rural communities is usually limited to only the very top or sensational news stories that would be of interest to the entire region or state audience.

Sharing information via social media by citizens can be good or bad, but is not the same as a professional journalist who gets first-hand information witnessing a meeting, interviewing newsmakers, reviewing original documents and then editing material so it makes sense to the public. A large amount of information shared on social media is not complete, out of context, or simply not true.

Community newspapers are the most trusted source of local news – more than all other media combined. Trust is a huge issue.

Newspaper publishers in this country have been working hard to come up with new business models which would enable newspapers to continue. Grouping newspapers together to lower overhead, downsizing page counts and news, raising subscription prices, accepting donations, operating as non-profits, are all things being tried. I know all about this first-hand.

In an effort to extend

Publisher's Letter

Alone Together

Dear Reader,

On June 12, RnB group Chloe x Halle released their sophomore album, which includes among its 13 tracks, a song called "Lonely;" similarly, vocal jazz artist Nora Jones put out an album the same day featuring a song titled "Hurts To Be Alone."

Given the current state of the world, pandemic and all, most of us have experienced a higher awareness of alone than ever before, which is visibly captured in these song titles. While there are some benefits to a contemplative state, by nature we are gregarious and inherently social beings. The lockdown triggered a reluctant withdrawal into family and close circle of friends. This renewal of bonds, for the most part, facilitated opportunities for rejuvenating relationships we might have previously taken in a lax appreciation or, in some

cases, for granted.

Fortunately, we are able to slowly emerge from our places of retreat and BE again. As we approach the Fourth of July, a day recognizing our independence, we acknowledge our freedom. At the same time, drifting into a restaurant without notice or holding large gatherings is yesterday's story since now we need to plan for safe distancing accommodations. The Corona virus is still out there mutating and represents a very real threat to our freedom and lives until a vaccine is found and implemented.

So let's celebrate our togetherness and life in general... safely, cherishing and respecting our independence through diligent action.

Patrick Wood
Publisher



the life of small weekly newspapers I owned and operated for the past 31 years, I transferred ownership approximately three months ago to another larger Wisconsin newspaper family. It was one of the hardest things I have ever done, but it was the best option to give the paper a chance to survive.

The communities I served are lucky that the Wood family was willing to continue to publish the papers. Many other publishers' hands have been tied by corporate mandates for returns, lack of business or ability to find employees, and a heavy debt load.

The effects of COVID-19 further complicated things. In recent times, many papers often have few options other than to close. Most small-town newspaper publishers put their hearts and souls into the paper because they understand what it means to lose the paper, so they will go as far as they can.

Perhaps informed citizens can prevent further newspaper closures.

Community newspapers are different from any other local business. No other business has the rights of the citizens tied to it as community newspapers do. The "press" is the only private business mentioned in the constitution, so our founding fathers must have thought it was important.

The purpose of this column is to make sure the public knows the value of a newspaper. I feel an ethical obligation to write this column and could only do it when I was no longer an active publisher, because of conflicting interests of owning a business and

serving the community.

Actually, there was not much conflict because newspapers in recent years are not businesses that make much money; nevertheless, they are private businesses. It is important that the people in this community are clearly informed on the value of having a community newspaper and the consequences for all citizens if it closes.

What can you do? First and foremost, subscribe to the paper, give gift subscriptions, or ask your local employer to offer subscriptions to the local paper as a benefit. Encourage your family and friends to subscribe. It is much less expensive to subscribe than not.

Second, patronize businesses which currently advertise in a local paper and encourage other businesses you patronize to advertise in the paper.

Third, support the paper by what you say in words and post on social media.

Fourth, consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the paper specifically to employ professional journalists (more info coming soon from this newspaper and the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation). Perhaps, there will be a day when surviving newspapers will have a similar model structure to public television stations.

Finally, engage with the people who run your local newspaper. Let them know you do care and want to see them succeed. Citizens that are lucky enough to still have newspapers in their communities should do whatever they can to keep the papers, because if they close,

the publications statistically will not return and it will cost every business and citizen more money – a lot more money each and every year into the future until something is developed to effectively replace the community newspaper ... if that ever happens.

It should also be noted that community newspaper publishers/editors are one of the few groups of people fighting for the interests of the public's right to know at the street level through their state press associations and the National Newspaper Association.

—Andrew Johnson is the immediate past president of the National Newspaper Association and a past president of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame in 2018 and testified as one of two newspaper witnesses in the International Commission hearing on newsprint tariffs in Washington D.C.

Tuesday Night Sheepshead Winners

Five-handed winners on Tuesday, June 23, were: Dale Dayton 82-8-74 20-5-15, Robert Freitag 73-14-59 23-6-17, Ted Corey 66-18-48 20-8-12, Butch Schmitt 54-6-48 15-4-11, Rick Wiedmeyer 52-6-46 21-3-18, Gerold Stern 19 most losses, and Pat Heaslip 12 low points.

The next five-handed call-a-ace will be Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

New players are always welcome at the Kewaskum Labor Center.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Burglary

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in regard to an incident that occurred in the area of Hubertus Road and Plat Road in the Village of Richfield on June 15 at approximately 1:30 p.m.

An elderly female was approached by a male suspect who identified himself as a utility worker. He told her that he would be installing a new electrical box on her property and led her to a secluded part of the property. At that time, a second suspect entered

the residence and committed a burglary. The suspects also convinced the victim to pay them for driveway sealing, which they did not complete.

The suspects are described as possibly being white bilingual males. They were driving a white four-door pickup truck with no known markings.

The Sheriff's Office asks that anyone who might have had contact with these suspects on or around June 15, or who might have surveillance footage capturing images of the suspects or their vehicle, to please contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 262-335-4420 or send an email to tim.kemps@co.washington.wi.us.

The Sheriff's Office also wants to notify the community that it has seen a number of similar incidents in southeast Wisconsin over the past year. The office is working closely with its law enforcement partners throughout the state. The office encourages people to verify utility workers' identities before engaging with them. Legitimate workers will have identification on them. You can also check by calling the appropriate utility company and verifying the service call. If you encounter a suspicious situation, you are encouraged to contact your local law enforcement agency. The Sheriff's Office appreciates the community's assistance in this matter; together, the Sheriff's Office and community can provide justice to the victim and reduce further victimization.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Injury Vehicle Crash, Town of Greenbush

On Saturday, June 27, at approximately 10:07 p.m., the Sheboygan County Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call in reference to a single vehicle rollover injury crash located on State Highway 67 at County Highway A (West). A southbound vehicle went left of the center, entered the ditch, and rolled over, trapping the single adult male occupant inside. The 38-year-old Cascade man who was driving was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

DePauw University

On May 17, DePauw held a virtual recognition ceremony to celebrate the achievements of the Graduating Class of 2020. The ceremony can be viewed in its entirety on the University website and on DePauw University's YouTube channel.

David Rosene of West Bend earned Summa Cum Laude Graduate Biology / Anthropology degrees.

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Melissa Belongia, a finance major from West Bend, completed the Professional Development Program offered by the College of Business and Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

A total of 57 business majors completed the program, which has been designed to help ensure undergraduate business majors gradu-

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Kewaskum Fireworks Set For Friday, July 3

Highway H West at Edgewood Road

- Traffic from Edgewood Road will be directed either east or west.
- Traffic will not be allowed from Ojibwe Path onto Highway H.
- Traffic will not be allowed to turn onto Edgewood Road from Highway H.

"The goal is to get traffic away from the area where the fireworks were set off. Therefore, traffic wanting to get back to that area during this time will have very limited options of doing so," Kewaskum Police Chief Tom Bishop said.

Spectators are reminded that the possession and use of fireworks are prohibited in the Village of Kewaskum

without a permit.

"There is zero tolerance for fireworks. We will enforce fireworks laws, and if you are firing off fireworks, you will be ticketed," Bishop said.

Other Items To Note:

There will be no parking in the following areas:

- Edgewood Road (both sides of the street) from Highway H to Jefferson Drive.
- Highway H (both sides of the road) from Kettle View Drive to Dreamcatcher / Bel-Ric Drive.
- Brooklane Drive will be closed due to the ongoing construction project. Construction zones are closed to through traffic and will have no parking.

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The College Of St. Scholastica

Sara Hofmaier of Campbellsport was named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota. Hofmaier is majoring in Biology.

Dean's List members have achieved a 3.75 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale.

St. Scholastica is a 108-year-old private, independent college founded in the Catholic Benedictine tradition.

Saginaw Valley State University

More than 1,800 students from Saginaw Valley State University earned a spot on the winter 2020 semester Dean's List.

Alyssa Muench, of Campbellsport, was among those honored for academic excellence.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must take at least 12

credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

Saginaw Valley State University is a comprehensive university with more than 90 programs of study for its more than 8,000 students. Located on a suburban campus in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region, SVSU is committed to a supportive and empowering environment for students.

Grand Valley State University

Samantha N. Donath of Kewaskum was placed on the Dean's List for the winter 2020 semester, which concluded in April, at Grand Valley State University.

The Dean's List includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Clarke University

Brandon Heckendorf of Kewaskum was named to the Dean's List at Clarke University for the Spring 2020 semester. The list recognizes full-time undergraduate Clarke students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 graded hours.

Check It Out!



A Column By Kewaskum Librarian Lori Kreis

Our shelves with new books are nearly empty and we have been regularly ordering new material. Since we have reopened, new items are flying off the shelves. We are doing our best to replenish those empty spots. Here are some of the titles we will be receiving in July.

We will see books by favorite adult fiction authors. 1st Case by James Patterson introduces Angela Hoot, a strong female character use to being at the top of her class in all things until she begins an internship at the FBI. Will her hacking skills solve a difficult case or prove deadly for all those involved? Debbie Macomber releases A Walk Along the Beach; is a story about two sisters with very different traits. Read to discover if their differences tear them apart or bring them closer together. Emma Donahue explores the year 1918; the year of the Great Flu. The Pull of the Stars covers 3 days in a maternity ward in Dublin during this pandemic. Look for other new books by these popular authors; Daniel Silva, Susan Wiggs and Shari Lapena.

Debut author Byron Lane; Carrie Fisher's former personal assistant publishes A Star is Bored. This is humorous pop fiction and follows the experiences of an assistant to an award-winning celebrity. This novel has been named People Magazine Best Book of Summer 2020. The Lending Library by another debut writer, Aliza Fogelson is a heartwarming novel about a small-town art teacher who opens a small library in her home when the town's library closes. Another Best Book of the Summer is Death in Her

Hands by Ottessa Moshfegh. This novel is about an elderly widow whose life is turned upside down when she finds an ominous note on her daily walk.

James Nestor's Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art begins our adult non-fiction review by covering the science of breathing. Nestor believes humans have lost the ability to breathe properly and has searched throughout the world to discover how to remedy this. Cold Vanish: Seeking the Missing in North America's Wildlands is for readers of Jon Krakauer and Douglas Preston. Journalist Jon Billman gives us a fascinating, in-depth look at people who vanish in the wilderness without a trace and those eccentric, determined characters who try to find them. Look for a new biography about Senator Joe McCarthy in Demagogue by Larry Tye. This book is based on Tye's first-ever review of McCarthy's personal and professional papers, medical and military records and transcripts from closed door Congressional Hearings.

In YA literature, we will have Julie Murphy's Faith: Taking Flight; a story about a plus-sized super hero. Also, James Patterson releases Hawk, for a new generation of Maximum Ride fans. For young readers, look for new books about princesses, the ocean, Pete the Cat and much more. I hope to see you soon in the library while you check out our new books.

Lori Kreis
Library Director
Kewaskum Public
Library

Week's Wit
The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.

The News Office
will be closed
Friday,
July 3rd



Dinner Menu Week of July 6

- Monday: Chicken Parmesan
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- Wednesday: Smelt
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Prairie Planted At Reigle Family Park

By Anne Trautner

The weeds on the northern side of Reigle Family Park have turned brown, and it looks like nothing is growing.

But seeds have been planted on the five acres of soil, and things are happening that are not visible to the human eye. The entire area is Kewaskum's newest prairie.

On Thursday, June 25, over 32 species of wildflowers were planted in the Reigle Family Park.

It will take over five years for some of those flowers to start blooming.

The prairie is just one aspect of the new village park that is being developed by community volunteers. The volunteers have raised funds and donated time to create the prairie, which will be a backdrop for the park's nine soccer fields.

Volunteers also have plans for trails to be installed this summer. The trails will meander through the prairie and join up with a wooded trail that goes around the perimeter of the park's two-acre pond. In addition, trails will join the prairie to the park's new playground and soccer fields.

"We are excited to have the prairie as one more aspect of the park that the community can enjoy," said Aaron Laatsch, a volunteer who is working to develop the park.

Planting A Prairie

To prepare the area, volunteers first cleared



Native grass seeds were planted in the prairie at the park.

photo by Anne Trautner



Many different flowers were planted in the prairie at Reigle Family Park.

photo by Anne Trautner

the ground of large rocks and debris. Then, about a week before planting the prairie, the area was treated to remove weeds.

When Randy Brandt, a restoration technician, arrived to plant the prairie last week, he was optimistic about the process.

"The ground looks good. You can see all the weeds are dying from the last herbicide application," Brandt said.

Brandt made a couple passes along the edge of the parking lot to start out, but the ground was muddy from the rain that hit the area the previous night. However, the center of the field seemed pretty dry, so Brandt decided to go ahead and plant the prairie.

Unfortunately, when he got to the eastern edge of the prairie, it was too muddy for a tractor. So Brandt hand planted that section of the prairie.

But for the majority of the prairie, the tractor worked perfectly. A no-till process was used to plant the seeds. The tractor cut a groove in the ground, and then an opener spread the groove out and dropped the seeds in before a packing wheel packed the various seeds in at the proper depths.

Now, about a week later, oats are starting to make their way up through the ground to provide the first ground-cover for the prairie.

"We plant oats to be like a cover crop. It comes up and keeps the weeds down," Brandt explained.

The oats were in a front box of the tractor. The next box on the tractor contained fluffy seeds, which will grow in to grasses and some of the bigger forage. The final box contained small flower seeds.

"I have to keep track of all three seed boxes to make sure everything is coming out at the rate I want it to," Brandt said.

He was not worried about the sections that had rocks covering the ground.

"It could be pure sand and the natives will

grow, where nothing else will grow," Brandt said. "Native grasses have roots that will go deep into the ground. If the grass is eight feet tall, the roots will be about 12 feet so they can go down and find the moisture in the ground."

Brandt did not want most of the flower seeds to be planted very deep.

"With nature, they just fall in. For some of those real small seeds, if you get more than 1/8 inch deep, they are not going to grow," he said.

Growing A Prairie

"It typically takes three years for a new prairie seeding to be established. The first year you might see some of the flowers come up, and the second year you will see a little more. But some will take longer," Brandt said.

Sometimes new flowers do not show up for five, 10 or even 15 years after a prairie is planted.

Prairies usually need to be mowed the first year they are planted in order to prevent weeds from growing. To help the prairie grow, the plants are burned every five years or so.

"Sometimes after you burn it you will see more species pop up. Some of them need fire to grow," Brandt said.

As the prairie grows, it will need other maintenance. A prairie group made up of volunteers in the community has formed to help pull weeds as the prairie gets established.

"For the first couple years, they will need to pull thistle and clover. Hopefully once it gets going and gets established, and then just do some mowings," said Ryan Amerling, a park volunteer who cares for the prairie at West Bend Mutual.

Amerling warned that at first, the prairie will not look like much.

"During the first year you won't even see the prairie plants. Even next year, it will be kind of like what is going on here," Amerling said.

But the rewards will be worth the wait.

"It is really neat to see the different flowers bloom each year," Amerling said.



Oats were planted in the prairie at Reigle Family Park.

photo by Anne Trautner



Randy Brandt gets ready to plant the prairie at Reigle Family Park. photo by Anne Trautner



Ryan Amerling and Randy Brandt work together to plant the prairie at Reigle Family Park. photo by Anne Trautner



Randy Brandt prepares seed to be planted for the prairie at Reigle Family Park last week. photo by Anne Trautner



The prairie was planted at Reigle Family Park last week. photo by Anne Trautner

Moraine Park Staff Assemble Keepsake Commencement Packages For 2020 Grads

Moraine Park Technical College staff gathered on June 15 in small socially distant groups to assemble commencement boxes for the College's 2020 graduates. Earlier this year, Moraine Park announced the cancellation of its annual commencement cere-

mony and detailed the celebration from a distance, which included keepsake packages. The packages include a cap and tassel, a commemorative commencement program, a diploma holder, Moraine Park memorabilia, and the opportunity to participate in MPTC's virtual

celebration. Students can expect to receive their diplomas in the mail later this summer after all grades have been submitted, and the Registrar's Office has done final degree audits/checks. For more information on Moraine Park, visit morainepark.edu.



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-photo submitted

Community Gatherings

To be included in the Community Gatherings, please submit your event prior to our 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

Every Monday & Wednesday — Washington County Clean Sweep Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Veolia Environmental Services, W124N9451 Boundary Rd., Menomonee Falls, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration and \$20 fee required. To pay online and register, go to washcoparks.com.

Every Thursday — Kewaskum Farmers Market, downtown Main Street, 2 p.m.-7 p.m.

Every Saturday — Downtown West Bend Farmers Market on Main Street, 7:30 a.m.-11 a.m. No market on Fourth of July.

Friday, July 3 — Motorman at the Washington County Fair Park. For more information, go to www.themotorman.com.

Friday, July 3 — Annual Kewaskum Fireworks at dusk. Fireworks will be set off at Reigle Park, no parking or gathering at the park will be allowed.

Friday, July 3 — Fireworks Show at Tiki Beach Bar and Resort, 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 4 — Motorman at the Washington County Fair Park. For more information, go to www.themotorman.com.

Saturday, July 4 — Brat Fry for Honor Flight at Curve In Bar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All profits go to the Honor Flight organization.

Saturday, July 4 — Road America Fire Fest - One Community, One Purpose, 9:30 p.m. Admission \$20, tickets in advance only at www.roadamerica.com/firefest.

Sunday, July 5 — Brat Fry for Honor Flight at Curve In Bar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All profits go to the Honor Flight organization.

Monday, July 6 — Village of Kewaskum board meeting at the Kewaskum Annex Building, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7 — Music in the Park at River Hill Park, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Music by Big Cedar Bluegrass.

Wednesday, July 8 — Washington County Board monthly meeting in the Government Center, room 1019, 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 9 — Kewaskum School Board meeting in the district office conference room, 6 p.m.

Saturday, July 11 — Kewaskum American Legion Brat Fry at the Legion Hall, 1538 Fond du lac Avenue, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Brats, pulled pork, hot dogs, beer, soda, bottled water and a Bloody Mary special. Enjoy eating on the grounds or in the air conditioned hall.

Saturday, July 11 — Gardens of West Bend Tour sponsored by Roots & Branches, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Self-guided driving tour of private gardens. Tickets \$10. Craft sale, plant sale, free prize drawing and raffle prizes. For more information go to www.rootsbranches.org.

Sunday, July 12 — Gardens of West Bend Tour sponsored by Roots & Branches, 12 p.m.-3 p.m. Self-guided driving tour of private gardens. Tickets \$10. Craft sale, plant sale, free prize drawing and raffle prizes. For more information go to www.rootsbranches.org.

Monday, July 13 — Town of Auburn monthly board meeting at the town hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, July 13 — Biblical Creation Group meets at House of Prayer, 100 Clinton St., Kewaskum, 6:30 p.m. Please join us for an informative time on God's creation.

Tuesday, July 14 — Music in the Park at River Hill Park, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Music by Copperbox.

Tuesday, July 14 — Town of Farmington monthly board meeting at the town hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15 — Washington County Executive Committee meeting in the

government room, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15 — Public Safety Committee of Washington County monthly meeting at the Government Center, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15 — Town of Wayne planning commission meeting at the town hall, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15 — Town of Wayne monthly board meeting at the town hall, immediately after planning commission meeting.

Thursday, July 16 — Administrative Committee of Washington County monthly meeting at the Government Center, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 16 — School District of Kewaskum meeting in the Kewaskum High School auditorium, 6 p.m.

An Upcoming Calendar of Events for Riveredge Nature Center, 4458 County Highway Y, Newburg. Visit: www.riveredgenaturecenter.org for further information.

Tuesday, July 7 — Virtual NJC Bird Club I Duck Hunting & North America's Conservation Model, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Call or email Mary Holleback for Zoom meeting link at 262-416-1224 or mholleback@riveredge.us.

Thursday, July 9 — Virtual Memory Cafe, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Call Sarah Prohuska at ARDC to register (262)993-7352. Join Zoom meeting at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81793722341?pwd=MmEyMzlrQTVDMDW8reElTeVl2VDBFUT09, meeting ID: 817 9372 2341, password: 735513.

Friday, July 10 — Parent/Grandparent Treks: Tubing the Milwaukee River, 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 11 — Butterfly & Dragonfly Counts, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Learn to identify and document butterflies and dragonflies while participating in these annual Counts. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, July 11 — Nature Play: Fort Building, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Learn the art of building fort style shelters with sticks, twine, leaves, and other natural materials.

Saturday, July 11 — Open Climb, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Explore Riveredge at a new elevation! Our new Tree Climbing programs are meant for youth and adults, age seven and above, with little to no tree climbing skills. Pre-registration is highly recommended, minimum of eight climbers and a maximum of 18.

Friday, July 18 — Summer Wellness: Yoga and Forest Bathing, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Build your resilience and take control of your mental and physical health by honoring a moment for yourself to practice yoga and forest bathing meditation. Please bring your own yoga mat, water bottle, and anything else you might need to stay comfortable. Space is limited & pre-registration is required in an effort to keep everyone safe & healthy.

An Upcoming Calendar of Events for the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest...

***All Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest activities are canceled right now.**

For more information about the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest or the upcoming naturalist programs, please contact the forest staff at the Ice Age Visitor Center at (920) 533-8322. The Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center is located 1/2 mile west of Dundee off of Highway 67. The center is open seven days a week.



Moraine Park Technical College staff gathered on June 15 in small socially distant groups to assemble commencement boxes for the College's 2020 graduates. These keepsake packages included a cap and tassel, a commemorative commencement program, a diploma holder, Moraine Park memorabilia, and the opportunity to participate in MPTC's virtual celebration.

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COVID-19 Activity Level Data Dashboard

—DHS Launches New Data Dashboard To Help Make Data-Informed Local Decisions

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) launched a new data dashboard designed to give Wisconsinites the tools they need to most effectively respond to COVID-19.

"Our fight against COVID-19 isn't over. Folks need to remember that this virus continues to spread in our state," said Governor Tony Evers. "We want to make sure Wisconsinites have accurate information about the status of COVID-19 in their communities. That's why the next generation of Badger Bounce Back, a new data dashboard assessing COVID-19 activity level, is so critically important."

The data dashboard consists of maps and tables that toggle between counties and Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (HERC) regions. The counties and regions are color-coded to indicate overall COVID-19 activity status: low, medium, or high. Overall activity status is a summary indicator based on two data points: the burden of cases and the trajectory of cases. Burden, also defined as case rate, is the total number of cases a county or region has per 100,000 Wisconsin residents in the past two weeks, and is described as low, moderate, moderately high, or high. Tra-

jectory, also defined as case change, refers to the percent change of cases in the past two weeks, and is described as shrinking, growing, or having no significant change.

"The unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 pandemic requires a nimble response," said DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm. "This data dashboard makes it possible for local leaders, businesses, and individual Wisconsinites to better understand the level of COVID-19 activity they face in their communities and to take precautions accordingly."

County and regional data should be used to inform decisions within each community. DHS continues to advise against travel between different areas of the state.

DHS plans to expand the dashboard in upcoming weeks to include data on additional indicators related to disease surveillance, health care capacity, and public health response. The dashboard will be updated by 2 p.m. every Wednesday.

Please monitor the DHS website for updates, and follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram.

***Please double-check any event you are thinking about attending to see if it has been canceled or rescheduled because of COVID-19 concerns.**

OBITUARIES



Francis A. Theusch

Francis "Frank" A. Theusch, 78 of Lomira passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

He was born on March 1, 1942 to the late Walter and Regina (nee Wiesner) Theusch on the family farm in Washington County. On February 11, 1961 he was united in marriage to Caroline Weis at St. Matthew's Church in Campbellsport. Frank worked on the farm for many years, later working at the West Bend News, Steel Craft as a press operator, and for the Town of Wayne. He enjoyed deer hunting and watching the Green Bay Packers and NASCAR racing. Frank loved going to the casino. He especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Those Frank leaves behind to cherish his memory include his wife, Caroline Theusch; four children, Jeff (Kara) Theusch, Jamie (April) Theusch, Tammy (Tim) Gasper, and Dan (Amanda) Theusch; nine grandchildren, Bobbie Sue Walker, Christopher Theusch, Ashley Theusch, Scott Theusch, Amy Prochnow, Crystal Tiedt, Vicki Theusch, Brad Theusch, and Laci Theusch; seven great-grandchildren; six sisters, Carol Jean Jacak, Lorraine Beine, Rosemary (Robert) Guth,

Elaine (Dennis) Wieberdink, Darlene Walls, and Marilyn Theusch; two brothers, Richard (Carol) Theusch and Donald (Diane) Theusch; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his three brothers, Walter "Sunny" Theusch, Robert (Lucille) Theusch, and James Theusch and two brothers-in-law, Roger Jacak and Ervin Beine.

Private family services will be held for Frank at a later date.

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

Myrhumpatten Funeral & Cremation Service has been entrusted with Frank's arrangements. Additional information and guest book may be found at www.myrhumpatten.com.



Gerald C. Voss

On June 23, 2020, Jerry passed from this life at 80, following a challenging illness.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Pam; two sons, Derek Voss, Brian (Beth) Voss; cher-

ished granddaughter, Zoe; brothers, Tom (Rae) Voss, Richard (Marcia) Voss; and sister, Laura Voss. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Jennifer Kraemer (Bill), many beloved nieces and nephews, beloved friend/brother Charles Warren and friends far and wide.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Gladys Voss, in-laws Doc and Evelyn Nolting, and his nephew Greg.

After graduating from Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Jerry served his country for four years in the United States Air Force. Then following graduation as trooper #381 from the State Patrol Academy, he served as a proud member of the Wisconsin State Patrol for 28 years, retiring in 1990 to enjoy many post career endeavors.

Jerry loved good food, good wine and stories with family and friends, and he found those wherever he went. Whether he and Pam were "up north" on White Sand Lake, or Lake Kawaguesaga, visiting Derek and Brian in Seattle or on one of their many cruises, he always came back with tales about new sites seen, a new favorite wine, and a new interesting acquaintance.

Most of all, Jerry loved to stay busy, and used his amazing fi-it skills for the benefit of neighbors, family and, even on occasion, strangers who became friends. He never met a project he wouldn't tackle and his list of to-dos was endless, which pleased him greatly. Jerry was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and friend, and will be remembered fondly as generous, kind hearted, strong willed, and FUN. Rest in peace Jerry, after a life well lived. You will be missed by all who knew and loved you.

From his Sargent Warren: "206 to squad #252...10-42"...Ending tour of duty.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the caring staff at Aurora Cancer Center, and to Dr. Malini Mahta, for sharing her medical knowledge, life wisdom, and friendship over the years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's name to WSP Trooper Association Benevolent Fund (1-877-894-8777). Private family services will be held. A Celebration of Life will be announced for a later date.

Krause Funeral Home 21600 W Capitol Dr. Brookfield, WI 53072, 262-432-8300.



Slinger and Kewaskum FFA representatives receive commendations from Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann at Sunset Farms near Allenton for the Support Dairy program.

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Kewaskum And Slinger FFA Groups Recognized

On Thursday, June 25, Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann joined Slinger FFA and Kewaskum FFA at Sunset Farms Inc. to congratulate the students on their #DairyStrong campaign. The students sold hundreds of signs and raised thousands of dollars to purchase dairy products for area food pantries.

All of the money raised through the Kewaskum signs went towards coupons that were handed out during school lunches for one free gallon of milk and \$3 off Wisconsin made cheese. The Kewaskum students then offered another coupon for one free box of ice cream sandwiches to celebrate June Dairy Month.

The students sold signs to community members in order to raise the funds. In addition, they received help from area businesses. The free milk coupons, \$3 off cheese coupons and the free ice cream were all redeemable at

Geidel's Piggly Wiggly. In addition, Kruepke Printing donated \$2,000 from the sales of the signs.

"This has turned out to be a great 'trickle down

effect' or 'pass it forward' situation. It is so nice to see all pitching in to help out," said Shelly Oelhafen, advisor for the Kewaskum High School FFA.



Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann presents commendation for the Support Dairy Campaign in the Kewaskum area to Shelly Oelhafen, advisor for the Kewaskum FFA.

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Pictured are Tyler Butzlaff, Melanie Winkler, Section 10 State Officer Michelle Stangler, Jada Rochwite, Sheila Kruepke, Shelly Oelhafen, Anthony Laatsch (dairy manager for Geidel's Piggly Wiggly) as Sheila Kruepke, representing Kruepke Printing, presents Kewaskum FFA with a check for \$2,000 from the proceeds from the Support Dairy yard signs sold in the Kewaskum area. (Not pictured is Erienne Guttman, who included the Kewaskum FFA in the yard sign sales.)

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DAYS GONE BY

**5 Years Ago
July 9, 2015**

The Music in the Park series in the Village of Kewaskum started on July 7 at Riverhill Park. The next concert will be the Sun Rays, a group made up of retired Kewaskum teachers as well as a Kewaskum and a Milwaukee resident.

For the first time in its eight-year history, Gateway Community Theatre will not be producing a comedy for audiences. Instead, the production will be "Frankenstein" by Mark Scharf, based on the Mary Shelley novel. Co-director Nick Brettingen said the group wanted to try something dramatic and went as dark as possible. The play will be presented July 10, 11, and 12.

Those achieving placement on the Dean's List at Marian University include Jennifer Beiswenger, Rachel Espita, and Courtney Krueger of Kewaskum; Kristina Samann of Campbellsport; and Heather Schaller of Random Lake.

Kiwanis Club of Kewaskum's Golf Pow Wow is scheduled for July 16 at Hon-E-Kor. All proceeds go to benefit the youth of our community. Golf will begin with a shot-gun start at 11:30 a.m.

Washington County officials are reaching out to local governments, as well as other county governments, in an effort to create more cost-efficient and effective services. Washington County Administrator Joshua Schoemann spoke at Monday night's Kewaskum Village Board meeting in an effort to share the county's strategic plan.

Anne Trautner introduced herself to the readers of the Kewaskum Statesman. Trautner has been working as the reporter for the paper the past few weeks.

Boys and girls in grades five through 12 attended the SPARQ speed agility camp for four days. The 70 students participated in sports such as soccer, baseball, softball, football, wrestling, and track, to name a few. The purpose of the camp was to help athletes improve running form with running technique and proper warmup and stretching techniques for injury prevention.

Jeray Riffel of Kewaskum High School was selected as one of the "Best of the Rest" soccer players by the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association. She played mid-fielder her junior year.

Approximately 575 students attended summer school classes that were held for four hours a day from June 15 to July 9, Mondays through Thursdays.

Dolores C. Kiefer, 95, Slinger, passed away June 3.

**15 Years Ago
July 7, 2005**

On July 1, the Milwaukee-based Citizens for Responsible Government (CRG) requested charges be filed against Jean Goeden with Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager. Goeden, school board clerk for the Kewaskum School District, had allegedly sent an email advising other board members and the school district's attorney how officer elections would go.

A group of past and present Fillmore residents met recently and decided they will hold a Sesquicentennial celebration on July 15 and 16, 2006. The group is searching for photos and memories/stories from the past to be published in a commemorative book.

The Kewaskum School Board has begun reviewing how it will start spending \$2.15 million given to them in April's almost failed referendum. In a memo to the board of education, Jenny Rae and Jane Lazarevic gave a list of purchases that will be made for the 2005-2006 school year. The highest ticket item is the installation of laptop computers for Kewaskum Middle School at a cost of \$66,000.

Brian Hanrahan of Kewaskum earned two medals in the 2005 Special Olympics Wisconsin State Summer Games in Stevens Point held June 9-11. Hanrahan earned a silver medal in the 50M backstroke and a bronze medal in the 4x25 free relay. He also took sixth place in the 100M freestyle.

The place to be on July 9 is Dundee Daze in Sportsman's Park in Dundee. There will be a rummage sale, craft and flea market, the Taste of the Kettle Moraine, and live music.

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Lisa Flasch from Kewaskum has been named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in psychology. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American college students. Flasch attends Marian College and was nominated by Michelle Majewski, a professor at

the college.

It's an exciting time at Farmington Elementary School. Teachers, students, parents, and Eagle Scout Alex Waranius have been working hard on developing a prairie and demonstration garden at Farmington Elementary School. One of the goals of the project is to provide an opportunity for students to learn first hand about plant and animal habitats.

With 13-7 and 14-5 victories over Two Rivers in doubleheader action, the Indians are 11-7 in the EW and 15-8 overall.

Clara M. Keller, 86, formerly of Kewaskum, passed away July 2.

Sylvia D. Roecker, 83, passed away June 29.

Carol L. Adamczyk, 77, Youngstown, Arizona, passed away June 24.

Edward D. Runge, 79, Campbellsport, passed away July 2.

Magaret A. Pugh, 96, Campbellsport, passed away July 3.

**25 Years Ago
July 6, 1995**

Kewaskum's annual Firemen-Legion picnic will take place this weekend at spacious River Hill Park on Friday through Sunday, July 7-9. There will be food, music, and a midway.

These Kewaskum residents graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on May 14: Alexandra Christina Berg, business administration, management info systems, BB; James C. Koepke, business administration, exec. MBA program, MBA; and Tina Lynn Keller, A.I.D. health, health info administration, BS.

Tania Friedel, Kewaskum, graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus with a B.A. in English.

First Holy Communion was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church May 21. First Communicants included Joshua Bryant, Brandon Kneprath, Kimberly Nowack, Nicole Thull, Eric Wagner, Joshua Meyer, Amanda Donath, Kelly Jacobi, Jessica Jung, Adam Jung, Jacob Schweder and Brett Zimdars.

The Kewaskum Lions Club donated a \$1,000 check to Kewaskum Public Library. The funds will be a contribution toward a new computer automation system, that the library will begin preparing for soon.

Chad Harlow of Kewaskum was recognized for outstanding growth and achievement in dance and received an acting performance

award from the Department of Theatre and Dance at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is a sophomore musical theatre major.

Kewaskum resident Kimberly Kasseckert and West Bend resident Carol Zoerb received degrees from Cardinal Stritch College.

Barbara Rose Kamrath of Kewaskum and Stacey Lea Pamperin of West Bend were named to the Lakeland College Dean's List.

At Hide-A-Way Springs Trout Farm, you can spend the day catching delicious rainbow trout, take them home with you all cleaned, and enjoy it for dinner that evening. There is no hassle of hauling boats or finding a fishing license, and then wondering why the fish aren't biting.

Lawrence Schaeffer, 82, Cedar Ridge, passed away June 30.

Raymond W. Smith, 80, West Bend, passed away July 1.

Fern Reilly, 81, Kewaskum, passed away July 3.

Darryl E. Tews, 29, Lomira, passed away June 28.

Lorraine C. Rechlinger, 60, formerly of Germantown, passed away June 30.

**50 Years Ago
July 3, 1970**

A budget totaling \$1,676,753.04 will be presented for approval of district electors of the Kewaskum Community School district at the annual meeting July 27. The budget, subject to final audit, was approved by the Board of Education Monday night, and is \$118,887.02 higher than the one for 1969-1970.

The annual Kewaskum Firemen's Picnic will be held in the village park on July 12. Plans have been completed to make this year's event another outstanding affair. Plans include a parade, music, rides, refreshments, and water barrel fights.

A spectacular Fourth of July fireworks display, annually sponsored by the Village of Kewaskum under the supervision of the fire department, will be held in the village park July 3.

Father Roman B. Stoffel, a native of Kewaskum and a brother of Nicholas Stoffel of this village observed the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 21. Formerly pastor of St. Cloud Parish, St. Cloud, Fr. Stoffel retired last year.

Linda Wulff of Kewaskum was one of 242 students to earn academic honors at Carroll

College for the spring semester.

Joan M. Schoofs of Kewaskum earned second honors during the second semester at Whitewater State University.

Three Kewaskum students were among more than 400 participants in "Summer Studio," an art workshop for high school students at the University of Wisconsin Marathon County campus at Wausau on June 14-29. They were Ronald Reigel, Gail Rodenkirch, and Katie Roeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Korth of Kewaskum received notification that their son, Pvt. James G. Korth, attained the highest rifle marksmanship score in his 54-man platoon and will be awarded a marksmanship medal and certificate of accomplishment.

A daughter was born June 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kopeke, Kewaskum.

A daughter was born June 29 to Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz, Kewaskum.

William Friedemann, 77, passed away June 27.

Debbie Rose Doll, 3, West Bend, passed away June 26.

**75 Years Ago
June 29, 1945**

The budget hearing for the School District No. 5 of the Village of Town of Kewaskum will take place July 9 at the Kewaskum High School auditorium.

The bathing beach in the village park will be closed all day on the 4th of July. There will be no swimming classes and no attendant present.

Arthur H. Lichenwalner of Hartford was re-elected a director of the East Central Breeders' Association Co-op at the annual meeting. He and Louis T. Opgenorth of Kewaskum, whose term holds over, represents Washington County.

Dedication of the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Town of Scott will take place July 1.

Holy Trinity Parish held its first ever picnic, sponsored by the congregation in the village park on June 24.

More than 350 farmers from Washington County gathered at the Elmer Casper farm near

Rockfield and the Louis T. Opgenorth farm of Kewaskum on Friday afternoon and evening to study installations on these farms for mow curing of hay.

Frank J. Felix, proprietor of the Gamble store here has just returned from a district meeting of authorized Gable store dealers held June 28 at Fond du Lac. Two Kewaskum taverns will be taken over by new proprietors from West Bend on July 1, Anthony Wolf will take over Skup's tavern from Mr. and Mrs. Mike Skupniewitz. Edwin Miller is taking over the Ed Bartelt tavern owned by the Kewaskum Fire Department.

In a special ceremony held at Evang. Lutheran Church, Boltonville, on Sunday, Rev. Milton Schroer was installed into the following congregations: Silver Creek, Beechwood and Boltonville.

Joseph N. Schneider 71, St. Michaels, passed away June 21.

Erwin B. Smith, 60, Kewaskum, passed away June 21.

Henry H. Hembel passed away June 26.

Mrs. Gustav Bartel, native of Wayne, passed away June 16.

**100 Years Ago
Information for this
year is no longer
available.****THIS DAY IN...**

• **1867:** CANADA BECOMES A SELF-GOVERNING DOMINION OF GREAT BRITAIN.

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When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefit of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

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We love to share your campsite photos from either a Wisconsin State Park System campsite or your very own back-

yard. Post your camping or outdoor photos ahead of time and get a chance to see them as part of the program.

During the virtual campout, you'll be able to ask a naturalist questions, learn to make yummy campfire snacks, get some kayaking tips, peek into the lives of Wisconsin animals, sing campfire songs, discover a hidden Wisconsin State Park and more!

To watch the first WI Go Camp-in from Memorial Day weekend, for more information, or to join us on July 11 go to: www.wigocamping.org.

Library Happenings



ACTIVITIES AT THE KEWASKUM LIBRARY

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God's Vision Is Freedom

By Darlene Stern

Several years ago the results of a study that looked at how people put their socks and shoes on was published. Researchers observed that some people put both their socks on first, followed by their shoes; while others put one sock on and after that the shoe, and then the other sock and shoe.

I wondered at the time if they also studied which leg individuals put in their pants first and if they documented the different ways to put on a coat. All these observations must have had a

purpose to define personality types, but I wondered whether this was just one more way to divide us — the contemporary term is diversity. These days it is believed we need diversity to balance things out; everyone should have their own way of doing things validated.

Schools used to teach our children that America was a melting pot of different cultures and ethnic groups; that's what made America great. Every person worked together with everyone else to move us forward. Now diversity has replaced work-

ing together. Each one has to have their way of doing things validated and each language should have national affirmation. This is not working together, this is dividing us; this is destroying us.

When Jesus called his disciples he didn't stick to one group of people. He called fishermen, a tax collector (looked upon as a traitor), tradesmen and even a thief (Judas) to follow him and become the melting pot of 'fishers of men'. Some wore rough clothing; some, like the wealthy tax collector were more refinedly clad.

There were even women who followed him, including a woman who had been set free from multitudes of demons when she encountered the Son of God. Those Jesus called were diverse in their personality type, but he prepared them all for the key role they would play in carrying the gospel to the earth. It didn't matter where they came from or how they got dressed. What mattered was that they were unified to see God's vision and carry it out.

There is a series called "The Chosen," now available on YouTube, which portrays the lives of the disciples before, during and (in future episodes) after their time with Jesus. We see in this series how those diverse individuals came together to do the work of the Gospel. Throughout the eight currently available episodes, Jesus gathered imperfect individuals and taught them God's ways so they could go out and teach others. The cinematography really draws us in to experiencing what we've always read in the pages of the Bible and heard in the stories

of our childhood. By watching it reenacted in film we can more easily understand the impact Jesus had on people to give them hope in difficult times.

Take for example, the story of Peter fishing all night without catching one fish in Luke, chapter five. He spends considerable time talking to God throughout the night about his doubts God is for him. Jesus is at the shore the next morning to meet him for the first time. He asks to use Peter's boat as a pulpit so he can preach from it without being mobbed.

Then, when he is finished teaching, he suggests Peter throw his nets out again. Peter is somewhat polite in his response, letting Jesus know he hasn't caught any fish in a while. One look from Jesus persuades Peter to try again, but without much enthusiasm he humors the man. Suddenly his nets are so full the fish are literally jumping into the boat and almost pulling Peter into the water for the weight of the net. He calls for other fishermen and boats to help him. This is surreal in Peter's eyes;

how can this be? He knows fishing and this doesn't happen here on the Sea of Galilee!

The backstory to this event is that Peter is deeply in debt. He hasn't been able to pay his taxes in quite some time and is on the brink of losing his livelihood to pay those taxes. He has tried everything, even some illegal things, to get back on solid ground again. Nothing worked. In a moment all that is changed and he has more than enough to dissolve his debts and end his bondage to the tax man.

Freedom! It's hard to imagine what that feels like, but when you see it reenacted on the screen you can almost jump for joy with Peter. This event immediately sold Peter on following Jesus. He had just seen an unimaginable miracle that convinced him Jesus was the Messiah savior. In a moment he had been transformed from being an independent self-centered renege into part of a company seeking to benefit others before themselves. That is what Christianity is! That is what America is! Freedom!

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Zoey Johnson Receives Scholarship

Zoey Johnson, a 2020 graduate of Kewaskum High School, has received the \$1,500 Don and Corrine Mlodzik Family Scholarship to advance her education at Moraine Park Technical College in small business entrepreneurship.

The Don and Corrine Mlodzik Family Scholarship was created to help Kewaskum High School seniors interested in attending Moraine Park Technical College in West Bend. Don and Corrine always believed MPTC offered a great value in education while providing hands-on experience in many programs.

This scholarship was inspired by Don and Corrine's dedication to the Village of Kewaskum. Corrine belonged to the Home Makers Club and was active in volunteering at Holy Trinity Church. Don was an auxiliary police officer, served on the Village Board and was an usher at Holy Trinity Church. Don and Corrine were long-time business owners and residents of Kewaskum.

The recipient of the scholarship is required to complete 40 hours of volunteer work within the Village of Kewaskum. This aspect of the scholarship is designed to stress the im-



Zoey Johnson

portance of giving back to the community. The Mlodziks plan to offer this scholarship annually.

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"I am probably the last one standing as far as a regular auction house," Paul said.

Company History

In 1968, Mike Paul's father, the late H. Jim Paul, had acquired a large pile of antiques.

"It was to the point where my mom said, 'This is all great, but you have to do something with this,'" Mike Paul said.

A couple of H. Jim Paul's friends were in the same boat. So he joined forces with the late Terry Adlam of Kewaskum and Bill Horn Jr. of West Bend, and they hired Rollie Bast to sell their collection of antiques at the Richfield Fire Hall. They made some money and decided to hold a sale on their own.

Pretty soon after that, a woman called and asked if they would hold an auction after her mother died.

"They each made \$10 off the auction. Bill had spent \$15 on a typewriter, so it was a net loss for him," Mike Paul said.

After that, it just kind of snowballed, and because of their interest in antiques, they developed a reputation for this is where you go to sell antiques.

"This was kind of at the time, when they did their first one in 1969, that whole antique thing was starting to take off. So they really got to ride that waves in the 70s, 80s and into the 90s. They dissolved the partnership in 1975, and in 1979, my dad put up the auction hall," Mike Paul said.

"I was a freshman in high school at the time, and when I graduated in 1982, because of the economy being in the tank, he couldn't afford to take me on, so I joined the Navy, and three years turned into seven years, turned into nine years," Mike Paul said.

Eventually, Mike Paul called home and asked if his dad needed help. "He said they needed some help. So I hung up the Navy and came back home, and took over," Mike Paul said.

Mike Paul and his wife, Karen, bought the business from his parents in 1998.

Early Interest

Mike Paul has been hooked on antiques since he was a child.

"As my dad was learning about it, I wanted to do what he was doing, be where he was, be involved. So while he was turning dressers upside down to see how they were constructed, I was right there next to him," Mike Paul said.

Mike Paul knew early on that he wanted to be an auctioneer.

"When I was about 8 years old, I told my dad I wanted to be an auctioneer, and he handed me a kitchen chair and he said sell this to me. I started laughing so hard I couldn't get any words out," Mike Paul said.

He finally did a version of an auctioneer chant at age 8.

When he was 15, Mike Paul sold his first piece at an auction: a tricycle for 50 cents.

"I can remember where I was, what the

tricycle looked like and how much it brought," Mike Paul said.

His favorite item was probably a dresser that he bought from his dad when Mike Paul was 15.

"I bought it at the auction, and to this day it is still parked in our bedroom. It was an early Wisconsin Biedermeier cherry dresser.

"I didn't tell my dad that I was going to be bidding on it, so I was acting as a ringman on the floor, and he was calling out for bids, and I'm standing over by the driveway yelling yep, yep, and he turns and says, 'Sold to your bidder,'" Mike Paul said.

When Mike Paul told his dad that he was the bidder, his dad nearly fell over.

"He kind of looked up at me like he wanted a little heads up next time," Mike Paul said.

Online Auctions

The changeover is due largely because people's lives have become so busy.

"I was running into that more and more as everyone's lives get busier. As people's time becomes more and more valuable, not everybody has an entire day or evening to spend at the auction hall," Mike Paul said. "This way you can be sitting in the back of the church on your iPhone and placing your bid."

With the online auction, bidders will be able to control their bidding.

The online auction will have what is called a soft close.

The auction will be scheduled to end at a specific time, with so many bids in that last minute or however many minutes, extends the auction to allow the other bidders to get their bids in. This will be unlike eBay, which has a hard close, and the person has to get in under the wire, which give rise to the industry of "sniping."

"That won't be an issue with our online auctions because it is open to the person who is willing to post, like a live auction," Paul said.



Mike Paul auctions off items at the last live auction held at Paul Auction Co. on Thursday, June 25. The company will now offer online auctions only. photo by Anne Trautner



Bidders enjoy the final live auction at Paul Auction Co. on Thursday, June 25. photo by Anne Trautner



Paul Auction Co. will now offer online auctions only. The company has been in the auction business for over 50 years. photo by Anne Trautner



Mike Paul of Paul Auction Co. is known in the area for his wealth of knowledge about antiques. photo by Anne Trautner



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Karen Paul has enjoyed working with employees at Paul Auction Co.

photo by Anne Trautner



A variety of sporting goods were auction off at Paul Auction Co. on Thursday, June 25.

photo by Anne Trautner

The software that the company will use is user friendly for bidders, according to Paul.

"Typically if you are remembering to swallow your own spit, you'll still be able to figure out how to bid online," Paul said.

The company will still hold inspections, so bidders can still come to the auction house and be able to look at and touch the merchandise. In addition, pickup days will be scheduled following each auction.

The Workers

Sara Lehner has been working at the Paul Auction Company for the past three years.

"I loved working here. I mean, it's so much fun. The people were so great. Working with these two is like a talk show," Lehner said, referring to Mike and Karen Paul. "It is so entertaining. I would come here and laugh all day. I will totally miss it."

Lehner started working at the auction to help out after one of the employees went back to college.

"I came to help out, and I never left," Lehner said. "I love to see what people are buying. And it's amazing to see what they go for and what people buy. And Mike is such a storyteller."

"It was a great job with the hospitality and hanging out with really cool people. We had good times here, a lot of good memories," said Renee Wenzlaff, who worked at the Paul Auction Co. when she was in high school and college.

Mark Morell, who is now a teacher, worked at Paul Auction Co. when he was in high school and college. He said it was the greatest job he ever had.

"I worked here like 30 years ago. This was my favorite job," Morell said.

The best part about the job?

"Mr. Paul and Mrs. Paul. They were the kindest people and they treated us so well. They just really cared about us," Morell said.

The Pauls say they will miss the employees.

"Karen will miss the kids," Mike Paul said.

The Bidders

Many of the bidders who come to the Paul auctions have been coming for decades.

"I try to come to the auctions whenever he has them," said Kewaskum resident Jim Hovland, who has been gathering antiques from the auction since it was called Horn and Paul Auctions.

"So, a lot of years," Hovland said.

For many people, it has become a regular routine to go to the auction house.

"You would talk to people after church and they say we are going out to Mike's to get a sandwich," Hovland said.

Over the years, people would come from all over the area to the live auction.

"I had never been to an auction in my life until my mother-in-law dragged me along to an auction 40 years ago," said Mike Arrowood, who is from Eden. "I have been going to auctions ever since."

Unlike his mother-in-law who bought wicker rockers, Arrowood is in-

terested in tractors.

"I have two and I just went and looked at one today and I might buy another one tomorrow," Arrowood said.

There were no tractors for sale at last week's live auction, but Arrowood came to the auction anyway. He said he likes listening to Mike Paul's stories.

"This is an institution. They have been here forever," Arrowood said.

He will continue to look for great finds at the online auction. He said he has enough space on his 170-acre farm to get more stuff.

"I'm going to build myself a 30-by-60 foot pole building. My wife says, 'What for?' I said, 'So I can fill it up,'" Arrowood said.

He has two garages that are overflowing already. His wife can still get her car in one of the garages, Arrowood pointed out.

"When I die, I told her to have an auction," Arrowood said.

The Burgers

When you ask people what they will miss the most about Paul Auction Company's live auctions, you get the same answers:

The social interaction. Mike Paul's stories.

The hamburgers.

The burgers have a regular following. The hamburger groupies come regularly for lunch or supper.

"We do have some who would just come for lunch. They would check in and get a number, but they would just come and eat a burger," Lehner said.

"The burgers are good," Jason Piittmann said.

Other food items have been popular in the kitchen as well.

"I am going to miss the Kewaskum hotdogs with the toasted bun and extra butter," Wenzlaff said.

Mike Paul's Knowledge

Bidders will miss listening to Mike Paul and all of his stories.

Good news is that they will still be able to read the stories as Mike Paul writes descriptions for each item online.

Mike Paul has become an auctioneer at many community events, such as Taste of Washington County. He also is an active member of numerous organizations in the area.

"Mike is one of those guys that is a solid part of the community. He is always involved with something," Piittmann said.

He is the local history expert for area historical societies, including the Washington County Historical Society and the Kewaskum Historical Society.

"It blows me away when I come in here and talk to him. He can tell me about 18 million different things. His knowledge base is amazing," Piittmann said.

Mike Paul's 19-year-old son Jack agrees that his dad has a wealth of knowledge.

"He surprises us every day with all he knows," Jack Paul said.

Mike Paul said it helps that he has an extensive reference library. Plus he is good at researching online.

"A lot of people think with the internet you don't need a reference library and that is absolutely not true. The internet rounds out my library, but anybody who is serious about antiques knows that the good information is in a book," Mike Paul said.

And Mike Paul is known for his honesty.

"He is very hard working and a very honest man," said long-time bidders Janice and Russell Oelhafen.

For information on the online auctions, visit www.paulauction.com.



Jack Paul works in the kitchen at Paul Auction Co. on Thursday, June 25.

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Mike Paul auctions off items at the last live auction held at Paul Auction Co. on Thursday, June 25.

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SPORTS

McMullen Rolls To MSA Victory At Beaver Dam Raceway

It was a case of being in the right place at the right time for three-time Midwest Sprint Car Association champion Brandon McMullen of Oshkosh as he capitalized on Scotty Neitzel's late-race misfortune to claim his first 25-lap MSA 360 Sprint Car victory of the 2020 season at Beaver Dam Raceway in Beaver Dam on Saturday, June 27.

The third MSA event of the 2020 season attracted a stellar field of 42 entries to the third-mile clay oval where the Southeastern Wisconsin-based Winged 360 Sprint Car division originated on a weekly basis in 1996 before morphing into the MSA Winged 360 Sprint Car touring series in 2000.

Outside front row starter Preston Ruh of Elkhart Lake got the jump on polesitter Robbie Pribnow of Lomira to lead the opening lap of the 25-lap MSA A main, while third starter Brandon Berth of Cascade ducked low to steal second from Pribnow.

On lap five, two-time Interstate Racing Association Series champion Scotty Neitzel of Beaver Dam, who was making a guest appearance behind the wheel of a second U2 Vanderboom Motorsports entry, worked the middle groove of the ultra dry slick track surface to take second in turn two.

Neitzel was closing on Ruh when 2011 MSA champion Ben Schmidt of Howards Grove and Plymouth's Adam Miller made contact along the backstretch, which sent Schmidt on a series of hard flips and brought out a red flag on lap eight. Schmidt emerged from the violent accident uninjured, as did Miller. However, both drivers were done for the evening.

On the restart, Berth spun in turn two while running third to bring out a caution flag. On the ensuing restart, Neitzel worked his way past Ruh to gain the top spot in turn one on lap nine, while fifth starter Brandon McMullen cleared Pribnow to secure the third spot.

By lap 12, Neitzel had built up a full straightaway lead over Ruh. However, the leaders encountered lapped traffic on lap 15, which allowed Ruh to close the

gap as Neitzel attempted to tip toe his way around a large group of slower cars racing for position in the preferred rubber-down low groove.

On lap 20, McMullen ducked under Ruh to seize second, while Pribnow also worked his way past Ruh on lap 22 to take over third.

As the laps wound down, Neitzel appeared to be in control. However, slower traffic proved to play a big role in the outcome. As the leaders were about to take the white flag, Neitzel collided with Tony Wondra of Campbellsport exiting turn four on lap 24, which caused him to spin into the infield with Pribnow also spinning to a stop in turn four.

With a green-white-checked finish on tap, McMullen inherited the lead with Ruh regaining second and 2005 MSA champ Lance Fassbender of Burnett, who started seventh, in third.

McMullen skillfully stuck to the low line on the restart and held off Ruh to secure his 24th career MSA A-main victory. Ruh claimed his career-best MSA A-main finish with a strong runner-up showing, five-time MSA champion Kurt Davis of South Milwaukee came up from the ninth starting spot to take fourth and fast qualifier Travis Arenz of Sheboygan placed fifth after starting 10th.

Justin Miller of Plymouth captured the first 12-lap MSA B main and Robby Wirth of Milwaukee won the second 12-lap MSA B-main. Travis Arenz earned fast qualifier honors in the MSA grand prix group-style qualifying with a lap of seconds.

Heat race victories went to Travis Arenz, Kurt Davis, Scotty Neitzel and Ben Schmidt.

The next MSA event is set to take place Saturday, July 4, when the series makes its debut at Gravity Park Speedway in Chilton. The originally scheduled MSA event in conjunction with the Interstate Racing Association 410 Sprint Car Series at the Dodge County Fairgrounds in Beaver Dam on Thursday, July 3, has been rescheduled until Thursday, July 10.



On June 5-7 the Kewaskum Tribe 11U went 3-1-1 in the Battle for the Boulder Tournament in Franklin and took second place. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Kyle Haim, Jace Wichtoski, AJ Droese, Drew Stettbacher, Colton Rabe and Wyatt Loehr; (second row) Liam Stoffel, Leviathan Whitfield, Kingston Grisolono, Cullen Reis, Carter Unger and Alex Jacobson; and (back row) coaches Glenn Grisolono, Dave Haim and Jim Jacobson.

photo submitted

TRAP SCORES

Beechwood Sportsmen's Club Thursday Trap League

June 25 Standings: Beechwood Bunch 3-1, Turner Electric 3-1, Fillmore Trap 3-1, Amerahn 2.5-1.5, Gateway Cafe 2.5-1.5, AC Excavating 2-2, Four Seasons Resort 1.5-2.5, Road House 1.5-2.5, Times Remembered 1-3, Lakeview Electric 1-3, Schober & Associates 0-4.

24x25: Nathan Schaub, Steve Ebert, Joe Beyer, Jason Sa-

rauer, Scott Stuart, Mark O'Loughlin, Gary Sina, Yvette Pocian, Rich Ernst, Jim Hodge, Dale Reigle.

25x25: Brian Kleinke, John Reigle, Gary Desmidt, Randy Walter, Ken Beckford, Jeff Walla, Vern Schultz, Gary Schmidt, Bernd Van Vorschelen.

49x50: Nathan Schaub, Randy Walter, Jeff Waala, Vern Schultz.

50x50: Brian Kleinke. **74x75:** Ken Beckford, Scott Stuart, Dale Reigle.

75x75: John Reigle.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

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 July 14, 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 July 14, 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. Camp Awana Road.** From CTH H to Pioneer Rd, 1 1/2" overlay hot mix asphalt
 - 2. Kohler Drive:** from Fillmore Road east to Camp Awana Road, 1 1/2" overlay hot mix asphalt
 - 3. Shalom Drive:** from Orchard Valley Road to Indian Lore Road, 1 1/2" overlay hot mix asphalt
- 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.

Dated this 12th day of June 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WASHINGTON COUNTY Notice and Order for Name Changing Hearing

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Thomas Allan Warick

by (Petitioner) Thomas Allan Warick

Case No. 20CV00265

NOTICE IS GIVEN
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Thomas Allan Warick

To: Thomas Allan Miller
Birth Certificate: Thomas Allan Warick

IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Washington County, State of Wisconsin Hon. James G. Pours Washington County Justice Center 484 Rolfs Avenue West Bend, WI 53090 Rm. #2254
July 30, 2020
8:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Statesman, a newspaper published in Washington County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT:
/s/James G. Pours
6/10/2020

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Applications are available on the Village website (www.villageoftheresa.com) or may be picked up in person at 201 or 202 S. Milwaukee. Submit application to the Village Clerk at 202 S. Milwaukee Street, PO Box 327, Theresa, Wisconsin 53091. Position will be posted until filled.

If you have further questions about the position please contact Corey Clark, Director of Public Works at 920-488-4003.

continued from front Celebration Pays Tribute To Local River

“A lot of laughs and memories were made. Appreciating the river offers such vitality. Let’s take care of it,” said event organizer Peggy Kober.

The Bridget Center, Riveredge Nature Center, Silent Wake, LLC, and the Village of Kewaskum sponsored this collaborative event.



About 100 people came out to celebrate the river in Kewaskum on Saturday, June 27.
photo by Anne Trautner



A River Celebration featuring information about how to care for the river was held in the Village of Kewaskum on Saturday, June 27.
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Native American songs are played on drums across the river in River Hill Park on Saturday, June 27.
photo by Anne Trautner



A metal artpiece representing Chief Kewaskum, created by Meggie Buck, was a centerpiece at the River Celebration.
photo by Anne Trautner



Gwen Dreher was crowned the River Queen in Kewaskum on Saturday, June 27.
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