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Shalom Wildlife Zoo, which is home to over 75 species and more than 750 animals, is filled with special displays for Christmas. Visitors can drive through a four-mile tour of "Christmas At The Zoo." The Christmas program is offered through December 31 at the zoo, which is located at 1901 Shalom Drive in the Town of Farmington. For the story and pictures, see pages 8 and 9.

photo by Anne Trautner

The Crib Remains

By Karl McCarty

Midnight Mass in St. Kilian: the crib in the corner, 'Silent Night' by the choir, and children nodding off, somewhat like the angel that collects coins near the nativity, but for different reasons. These are collective memories of many from those Catholic along the line of Ashford and Wayne townships as they made the late night Christmas Eve trek to a packed church in the second half of the 1900s.

The families were many, but always the same names in the crowd: Amerling, Batzler, Beisbier, Boegel, Bonlender, Flasch, Fleischman, Jacak, Marian, Melzer, Peter, Ruplinger, Schmitt, Strobel, Strachota, Straub, Schrauth, Weiland, Wondra, and Zehren. Those names might fluctuate whether you are talking about the late 1990s or the 1950s. Still, any local would guess the litany hits at least half the crowd at a Midnight Mass, especially if including individuals married into those families.

The memories of that night are varied. They depend on

the age. Betty (Volm) Schrauth will point out in her early days at St. Kilian that there wasn't a Midnight Mass, but rather an early 5 a.m. Christmas service. This changed by later childhood.

Others came later to the parish. Audrey Ruplinger and Lizzy Weiland note the fond memories here after they married, as both were Thelens who left St. Martin's of Ashford. Lizzy and Audrey's recollections relate to a special time for their families for decades.

Others come in from different perspectives: pride in the story of who constructed the crib, appreciation for younger generations who keep the nativity tradition alive, and reverence for moments that revolved around the Christ Child. For me, there is humor and peace of mind: peace of mind for all the memories listed above and below, but some memories are much lighter. For example, walking into the side room opposite the sacristy to get ready to serve mass isn't easy at 11:35 p.m. and at age 10. Some servers may

recall being half asleep.

My brothers and I would open up Santa's presents after milking, and get an unsatisfactory hour of shut eye before coming to church early. There were multiple servers for Christmas Eve, and the most comfortable cassocks went to the first arrival. This can be a problem if you are a big boy.

At the time in the early 1990s, one might suppose the memories of the elders were much different than the youth in the church at the time. There was peace knowing grandparents came, appreciative that the ancestral tradition of their parents' faith continued on that hill. Now as the parish has faded as an individual entity, it seems all the recollections from those who were there in the past now have a similar thread of appreciation, bookended between a crib constructed with rural children in 1910 and a sincere priest who knew how to channel the spirituality of it nearly a century later.

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Village Of Kewaskum Accepts Land Donation

By Anne Trautner

The Kewaskum Village Board voted unanimously on Monday, Dec. 21, to accept a donation of about 16 acres of industrially zoned land in the Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) District #2 from Kilo Tango, LLC.

"This is good for the village. It allows us to negotiate with potential developers and offer things that a private owner could not do," Village Administrator Matt Heiser said.

TIF District #2 is located west of U.S. Highway 45 on the south side of Kewaskum. The commercial part of the district is between Badger and Hillcrest roads, while the residential part includes the Nature Haven Estates subdivision west of Prospect Drive.

The donation will release the development agreement the village made with Kilo Tango in September 2015 to develop

three commercial parcels in TIF District #2. Kilo Tango had purchased the land at a sheriff's sale, according to Heiser.

Under the 2015 agreement, the village was to provide the remainder of its originally planned improvements valued at \$230,000. In exchange, Kilo Tango had agreed to building \$2 million worth of improvements by 2019 and another \$2 million worth of improvements by 2021.

That agreement had gotten pushed back to 2020 and 2022, according to Heiser.

Since purchasing the land, Kilo Tango built one duplex and a three-tenant industrial building on Trading Post Lane.

The Kilo Tango land donation is the first step in what the village board hopes will be a myriad of good news for the village.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

To all of our valued readers, we'd like to say thanks for making us your trusted and preferred local news source. We're so proud to be a part of these wonderful communities, and we've really enjoyed sharing the people, places and events that make it so special.

We hope this holiday season and the New Year deliver much joy and good fortune to you and yours. We wish you all the best!

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Campbellsport News

**Kewaskum
STATESMAN**

Letter To The Editor

Hello Neighbors and Friends,

My name is Josh Cadman. I am a taxpayer of our local school district. I have been a member of this community for 36 years and a youth sports coach for multiple area sports teams for over a decade. I am also a member of our local Lions Club. I have been a team member at Drexel Building Supply for the last 14 years. The reason I have given you my community resume is to touch on how much I care about Campbellsport, our School, our Kids, and our Future.

The topic of this letter is to address what I consider to be the wrong decisions being made by our Campbellsport School District in regards to the handling of the COVID virus. I have sent quite a few emails to our assistant principal and athletic director about how our school is operating. I am beyond frustrated with the insanity I see taking place every single day.

My first point of con-

tention is that, at the high school level, our kids have been split into two different groups — Cohorts A and B. One cohort goes to school Monday/Tuesday. The other cohort goes to school Thursday/Friday. Wednesday is a virtual day for all. These kids need to be in school EVERY SINGLE DAY!

I am very active in my kids' lives. I know what is going on with them. I go to every parent/teacher conference to see how they are doing. This hybrid method of teaching is not instilling in them the work ethic or caring that both of my boys once had. These are their most formative years before entering adulthood and neither of my boys care about their education like they used to. This style of learning is simply not working.

I want my kids in school full time with a regimented schedule and receiving the opportunity to socialize with ALL of their friends on a daily basis. This is important for children. Our school district's re-

sponse to this COVID event is to split them up and juggle things around causing these kids, and probably the teachers, added stresses that are completely unnecessary. If they need me to sign a waiver saying I won't sue the school district if my sons get COVID, I will sign it tomorrow.

My next point of contention has to do with all of the extracurricular activities that enhance a child's high school experience. First of all, let me say that I am very grateful both of my boys are at least able to be playing basketball right now. The fall sports did not take place and that is very sad to me, so I am happy they can at least compete.

But going to these games is so depressing for all involved. There is no student section. There isn't a dance team at half time. The band is not playing. The community is not able to cheer on our boys. Each player is allowed to have two people attend their games and that is it. My

father-in-law has waited many years to have grandsons playing at the high school level and now he can only see them play if my wife or I give up our seat.

My oldest has worked very hard for years to make the varsity team. He has now done that, and has no idea what it feels like to play in front of an energetic crowd.

Also frustrating is the fact that there hasn't been a high school dance since March. Do any of you have stories that you remember fondly from Homecoming or Prom? I bet you do. But nobody in our time took that away from us. This makes me very sad and extremely frustrated daily.

My question to all of you, but mostly to the school board and whoever is making these decisions, is WHY??? Please tell me why you are making these decisions. Please tell me what your end game is. Please tell me the reasoning behind stealing education, memories, and life moments away from our kids and all of us.

I can somewhat understand making these decisions back in March when nobody knew what this COVID event actually meant. Being cautious was prudent when we didn't know the severity of this situation. Then we had summer. Then we had fall. Now we are in the dead of winter. I don't want politics to be in this conversation at all. I simply want to look at the facts.

According to the USA TODAY NETWORK in Wisconsin, as of last week (December 8, 2020) we have had 3,806 deaths due to COVID out of 418,445 confirmed cases. This is a death rate of .9 percent for the total confirmed cases. This number is inflated because plenty of people who have gotten this virus have not gotten the test.

When you reduce your sampling down to people 69 years and under, you have 827 deaths. This is a death rate of .1 percent. And lastly, not a single person under the age of 19 has died in our state. I understand the teachers have a say in this too, as they are older than the students, but I just gave you the stats for 69 and under and this death rate simply doesn't justify the actions being taken.

My point is this: I know we are not supposed to say this publicly, but this virus IS NOT DEADLY!! If you have a compromised immune system or you have underlying health conditions or you are simply scared because of the propaganda being forced down our throats every single day, then by all means, be careful where you go and what you do.

But if you are tired of the HUGE overreaction and overreach by our state and local governments, then you need to let your voices be heard. We have NO LAW on the books forcing our counties or our schools into this behavior. We can start a change at the local level. As taxpayers, that is our school and our building and I want our school opened back up to what it was before this insanity began.

In my opinion, if one more educational opportunity or single memory is lost due to this utter nonsense it is completely unacceptable. We need to wake up. We need to know what is in our hearts to be true, based on using logic, and stop all of these ridiculous protocols in our schools.

There have been 568 fatalities on Wisconsin roads due to car accidents so far in 2020. This number is less than 300 fewer than the number of people who have died due to COVID under the age of 69 in our state. You almost have as much of a chance to die in a car accident as you do from this virus. Have we ever told our kids or ourselves that we can't

drive anymore because it is too dangerous?

In closing, I am asking for your help. The change has to start somewhere. At some point, some of us have to take it upon ourselves to start using logic, instead of listening to the media and government, to assess this situation for what it is. I am going to get started at our next school board meeting. I urge all of you with children in the schools to attend. If you are with me or against me, this debate needs to take place. I want to hear what their plan is and I want answers to the questions in this letter. If you want your voice heard you need to attend. No more looking the other way. Enough is enough with this incredible overreach. I will be there and I hope to see many friendly familiar faces there joining me.

The next Campbellsport School Board meeting takes place Monday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the middle/high school cafeteria, Room 89. You can enter the building at Door M.

Lastly, I have started an online petition for taxpayers who feel strongly about this topic, but cannot be at the school board meeting. You do not need to have a child in school to be able to sign this petition. This petition simply states that as a taxpayer, you wish to have our schools open up with no restrictions.

You can visit the petition site at <http://chnq.it/dqWH88VP>. Please go to this site and sign your name. If enough people sign, we will have a louder voice urging our school board members to do what the people of the district want.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We can start getting our world back one step at a time.

Sincerely,
Josh A. Cadman

Editor's Note: Since Josh's letter was written, one COVID death of a child age 10-19 has been recorded.

Publisher's Letter

The Meaning Of Santa Claus

Dear Reader,

Every year children ask their parents about the truth of Santa Claus. This gives new life to a timeless story of a white-maned gift-maker who lives at the North Pole with his joyous spouse, industrious elves, and a team of magical reindeer who cover vast distances pulling a sleigh through the skies.

We all enjoy the details remembered fondly from our childhood - the jolly giver of gifts with his long flowing beard, the shining smile on his face, the magic of his workshop, and the joy he brings to children's lives all around the world.



But the true meaning of Santa Claus is more than this. Santa represents the joy of giving, a delight we all feel at one point or another. He embodies the spiritual joy we share with our fellow men and women. He is the compassionate human face of that greater Spirit that lives and walks among us. He invites us to express what is best in our hearts and souls, in gifts given and received with those we love best.

May the spirit of Santa live in your life during this season.

Patrick Wood
Publisher

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Senior Dining Menu

December 26 - January 1
Fond du Lac County Senior Dining

Monday: Hawaiian meatballs, baked potato, baby carrots, pear slices, cookie, sliced bread.

Tuesday: Chicken breast, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, butterscotch pudding, apple slices, dinner roll.

Wednesday: Pot roast, baby red potatoes, California blend vegetables, chocolate sundae cup, peach slices, sliced bread.

Thursday: New Year's Eve. No meal.

Friday: New Year's Day. No meal.

Meal Sites in Fond du Lac
Riverview - 101 Western Ave., 11:45 a.m.

Portland Square - 55 N. Portland, 11:45 a.m.
Senior Center - 151 E. 1st St., 11:45 a.m.
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Obituaries



Verna A. Hausner

Verna A Hausner (nee Marquardt), 93, of Kewaskum was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, December 14, 2020.

She was born November 27 1927 to the late Herman and Adelia (nee Habeck) Marquardt in the Town of Auburn, Fond du Lac County. She was confirmed on September 8, 1940 at Peace Lutheran Church of Waucousta, with her memory verse Psalms 119-V105, thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. On August 31, 1946 she was united in marriage to Ralph Hausner at St. Lucas Church in Kewaskum. Verna helped farm with her husband mostly in the Town of Scott until they moved to Campbellsport area in 2002. There Ralph passed away on January 5, 2005.

She enjoyed gardening, flowers, and helping Ralph make wood after they quit farming. They enjoyed traveling to Canada to see her daughter and family, and traveled with her friends, Kermit and Delores Miske. Verna was a member woman's evening guild. She especially enjoyed spending time with all her family, and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Those Verna leaves behind to cherish her memory include her four children, Ron Hausner, Judy Grimins, David (Mary) Hausner, and Ken (Patty) Hausner; a son-in-law, Reinhard Schumacher; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-

grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Verna is preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Schumacher; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Hausner; three brothers, Jerome (Luella) Marquardt, Sylvester Marquardt, and Gerold (Lorraine) Marquardt; a sister, Romilda (LeRoy) Heider; and brother-in-law, Wally (Laura) Ferber.

A private family service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The service will be recorded and posted on the funeral home website.

In lieu of flowers, please send any memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Fund in Verna's name.

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: Myrhum - Patten Funeral and Cremation Service, 1315 W. Washington Street, West Bend, WI 53095.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at the Kettle Moraine Gardens and Horizon Hospice for their loving care of Verna.

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



Valeria Straub

Valeria (Eilbes) Straub, 94, of Campbellsport, WI died on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

Valeria was born on June 18, 1926 to Magdalena (Feucht) and Henry Eilbes in the township of LeRoy, WI. She and her 12 siblings grew up on a farm bor-



dering the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, which she cherished and spoke of often. She went to a one-room school house through the eighth grade. It was wonderful listening to the many stories she shared of walking through the snow to get to school. On August 10, 1946, Valeria married Alvin Straub at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in LeRoy. They raised their family of 12 (six girls and six boys) on a farm in the Town of Ashford. Valeria enjoyed her flowers, gardening, baking and canning, especially her rhubarb jam. Most important to her was the time she spent with her beloved family.

Survivors include her children Kathy Galligan, Ron Straub, Allen (Judy) Straub, Jane (Gary) Batterman, Karen (Dan) Greene, Paul (Mary) Straub, Peter Straub, Carol (Randy) Dahlinger and Cindy (Darrin) Albrecht; daughter-in-law Charlotte Straub; 24 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchild-

dren; and her brother, Jerome (Pat) Eilbes. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Valeria was preceded in death by her parents, husband Alvin, daughter Donna Konitzer, sons Dale and Glen, son-in-law James Galligan, daughter-in-law Sandy Straub and 11 brothers and sisters, Ambrose, Melvin, Alvin, Richard, Edward, Roman, Robert, Colletta, Rosella, Armella, and Grace.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, December 23, at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 406 E Main Street Campbellsport, WI. 53010. Rev. Mark Jones officiated and burial followed in St. Matthews Cemetery.

Valeria's family greeted relatives and friends on Wednesday, December 23, at the church from 9 a.m. until the start of Mass. Masks were required.

The family extends a special thank you to the Serenity Villa and St. Agnes Hospital for their special care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the Campbellsport EMTs or St. Matthew Catholic Church.

Twohig Funeral Home, Campbellsport, is serving the family with online condolences and guestbook at www.twohigfunerals.com.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Lisa Freiberg as of December 11, 2020:

Shane Peter Kashney, City of Fond du Lac, and Sarah Savannah O'Connell, City of Fond du Lac.

Brian Samuel Dobson, Village of North Fond du Lac, and Helen Mary Lynch, City of Fond du Lac.

Chad Michael Knudson, City of Fond du Lac, and Angela Lee Tucker, City of Fond du Lac.

Kenneth Todd Wallender, City of Ripon, and Lynnsey Lee Cotton, City of Ripon.

Herman Shawn Steger, Town of Byron, and Melanye Joy Stafford, Town of Lomira.

Informational Meeting On County Highway SS Reconstruction To Be Held

Fond du Lac County will host a public involvement meeting to present the preliminary engineering design concepts and project timeline for improvements to County Highway SS between Highway 45 and County Highway G in the towns of Auburn and Osceola in Fond du Lac

County. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Auburn Townhall, W1728 Sunset Drive, Campbellsport. There will be a brief presentation at 5:15 p.m.

The proposed project consists of culvert re-



A Column By Kewaskum Librarian Lori Kreis

This year was like no other in my family as far as holiday traditions go. Usually, we start family events in late November with my mother's birthday, then host a large Thanksgiving feast, plan days of shopping with family and friends, celebrate my December birthday by doing something festive with the people in my life and finish out the year with gatherings at a variety of relative's homes. Not much of that happened this year and instead we might have unintentionally started some new traditions. Rituals have been important in my circle for as long as I can remember,

When I was a child, our winter holidays were all about extended family. Being Jewish, we did not celebrate Christmas, but did have our traditions because of the holiday. On Christmas Eve my parents, sisters and I bundled up and spent the evening driving around looking at decorated homes. This was before there were holiday light shows aplenty. There were certain ones we looked forward to seeing. My younger sister enjoyed the line of lit reindeer in the park with the red blinking nose on Rudolph in the front. The house with gigantic, decorated presents and a rainbow of twinkling lights hanging off a porch were my older sister's favorite. My mom was always excited to see the lit-up sculptures at the "witch's" house near the lake. I don't remember my favorite decorated house; I liked the expectation of seeing the same ones

each year and would be saddened when we found a dark house where it used to be festooned in abundance.

Christmas day festivities occurred at my aunties' home. I would see cousins and uncles and aunts that I only saw once a year. My sisters and I were the youngest children and were spoiled by all. There were no gifts, instead we were showered with attention and treats and much love. My sisters and I put on musical performances for everyone. I am sure we were terrible, but we thought we were the most talented children ever. The food was awesome. My Auntie Leah made scrumptious potatoes which I now know were filled with chicken parts I cannot even fathom. The highlight was my Auntie Ada's sponge cake with a mocha frosting that I cannot replicate, and I have tried many times. We would round out the evening playing bingo for pennies with the final game's ante a nickel. Such great memories.

This year, instead of the large family party we have had at a round robin of homes, we will celebrate in our own little bubble. There will still be traditions acknowledged, probably in different ways and hopefully we will make some new ones. No matter how you enjoy this holiday season, I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas filled with blessings, joy, and traditions.

Lori Kreis
Library Director
Kewaskum Public Library

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"This is positive development for the village. We are hopeful we will have a future announcement in a few weeks. It is part of a grand master plan," Village President Kevin Scheunemann said.

Scheunemann said he can't elaborate yet on the plan because it is in negotiations. Part of the plan has been made public, though.

"There is some plan to move some pieces around with a new TIF, and that has been talked about publicly," Scheunemann said.

The village would like to get more residential development along Prospect Drive, according to Scheunemann. In order to do that, the village is considering creating a new TIF district, he said.

"TIF District #3 would basically carve out some of TIF #2, and move the zoning around, and get it to make more sense. It would take some pieces of residential zoning in TIF #2 and make them commercial. And there are some aspects where it makes sense to make it residential," Scheunemann said. "Of course, residential development is hot. So if it was up to me, I would make the whole thing residential, but we can't do that by

state law."

Scheunemann would like to see revenue from the new TIF to go toward TIF District #2, which was created in 2005. Since then, the assessed value for all the property within TIF District #2 was frozen for all other entities except the village.

This means that the Kewaskum School District, Moraine Park Technical College and Washington County have all been receiving taxes based on the 2005 assessed value for properties within TIF District #2. The village has received the tax increment, which is the difference between the amount of property tax revenue generated in a TIF district before and after the TIF district was created.

TIF District #2 was given a 20-year life cycle before the other taxing bodies would reap the benefits.

At first, the district experienced success, with houses and different businesses being built. However, in 2008, the nation went into a recession, and Kewaskum's TIF District #2 was declared distressed in 2012. When this happened, it was given a new ending date of 2033.

Since about 2011,

there has been a shortfall, so the TIF has not been able to pay for itself. To make up the difference, the village has been raising the general tax levy, and village taxpayers have been lending the TIF district money.

In 2020, TIF District #2 had a deficit of about \$299,000. Village leaders hope that creating TIF District #3 will help create needed revenue for TIF #2.

"This new TIF district would be vastly different than the previous one. The funding would be paid for by the developer up front. The village wouldn't freight anything. And then the first pieces of revenue, the incentives, would come out, and the 'profit,' for lack of a better term, would go to fix TIF #2," Scheunemann explained.

"So this isn't your TIF district like you saw back in 2005. There is going to be no infrastructure investment in this TIF district. There won't be any public borrowing or any public financing attached to infrastructure with this TIF district," Scheunemann added.

The plan for TIF District #3 is expected to move forward within the next eight weeks, according to Heiser.



Community Calendar

To be included in the Community Calendar, please submit your event prior to our 2 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 washco-parks.com.

Thursday, December 24 — Campbell-sport Public Library closed for Christmas Eve.

Thursday, December 24 — Kewaskum Public Library closed for Christmas Eve.

Thursday, December 24 — Campbell-sport News/Kewaskum Statesman office opens at new location. Phone number will still be 920-533-8338. New location will be 106 S. Milwaukee St. in Theresa with a mailing address of P.O. Box 277, Theresa, WI, 53091.

Friday, December 25 — Campbellsport Public Library closed for Christmas.

Friday, December 25 — Kewaskum Public Library closed for Christmas.

Friday, December 25 — Campbellsport News/Kewaskum Statesman office closed for Christmas.

Monday, December 28 — Free oral COVID-19 testing at Washington County Fair Park, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Self administered PCR oral swabs, results texted or emailed within 48 hours. Need to register at www.curative.com and bring insurance card and photo ID.

Tuesday, December 29 — Free oral COVID-19 testing at Washington County Fair Park, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Self administered PCR oral swabs, results texted or emailed within 48 hours. Need to register at www.curative.com and bring insurance card and photo ID.

Wednesday, December 30 — Free oral COVID-19 testing at Washington County Fair Park, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Self administered PCR oral swabs, results texted or emailed within 48 hours. Need to register at www.curative.com and bring insurance card and photo ID.

Thursday, December 31 — Campbell-sport Public Library closed for New Year's Eve.

Thursday, December 31 — Kewaskum Public Library closed for New Year's Eve.

Friday, January 1 — Campbellsport Public Library closed for New Year's Day.

Friday, January 1 — Kewaskum Public Library closed for New Year's Day.

Friday, January 1 — Campbellsport News/Kewaskum Statesman office closed for New Year's Day.

Monday, January 4 — Free oral COVID-19 testing at Washington County Fair Park, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Self administered PCR oral swabs, results texted or emailed within 48 hours. Need to register at www.curative.com and bring insurance

card and photo ID.

Monday, January 4 — Village of Kewaskum board meeting at the Kewaskum Annex Building, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 4 — Town of Ashford monthly meeting at the town hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 4 — Campbellsport Board of Education meeting in the high school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5 — Free oral COVID-19 testing at Washington County Fair Park, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Self administered PCR oral swabs, results texted or emailed within 48 hours. Need to register at www.curative.com and bring insurance card and photo ID.

Tuesday, January 5 — Town of Eden plan commission meeting at the Eden Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6 — Free oral COVID-19 testing at Washington County Fair Park, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Self administered PCR oral swabs, results texted or emailed within 48 hours. Need to register at www.curative.com and bring insurance card and photo ID.

Thursday, January 7 — Free oral COVID-19 testing at Washington County Fair Park, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Self administered PCR oral swabs, results texted or emailed within 48 hours. Need to register at www.curative.com and bring insurance card and photo ID.

Thursday, January 7 — Drive-thru free COVID-19 testing at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds in Fond du Lac, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., could close early if daily testing capacity is reached. No appointment needed, pre-register at register.covidconnect.wi.gov. For any Wisconsin resident over the age of five. Call 920-929-3085 with questions.

Friday, January 8 — Free oral COVID-19 testing at Washington County Fair Park, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Self administered PCR oral swabs, results texted or emailed within 48 hours. Need to register at www.curative.com and bring insurance card and photo ID.

Saturday, January 9 — Town of Ashford caucus to be held in the town hall, 2:15 p.m.

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 closed right now.

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

Kewaskum Winter Parking Suspended For The Holidays

Winter Parking Restrictions are temporarily suspended for the holidays, effective the morning of December 24, through January 3, unless there is a major snow event. If there is a plowable amount of snowfall, parking restrictions will be enforced at that time.

Parking restrictions will resume Monday morning, January 4th, 2021.

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Library Happenings



ACTIVITIES AT THE CAMPBELLSPORT LIBRARY

The Campbellsport Public Library, 220 N. Helena St. in Campbellsport, is offering the following programs. For more information, contact the library at director@campbellsportlibrary.org or call 920-533-8534.

Book Bundles

Simply call, email, or Facebook message the Library and let someone know that you are interested in custom-made book bundle. The librarian will need to know the persons age and or reading level, a little bit about what they are interested in reading about, and approximately how many books they would like in their bundle. We will even add movies, magazines, and music CDs to your bundle if that interests you.

Holiday Schedule

The Library will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th.

We will also be closed on Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st.

Everyone at the Library wishes you and your family a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

ACTIVITIES AT THE KEWASKUM LIBRARY

The Kewaskum Public Library, 206 1st St. in Kewaskum, is offering the following programs. For more information, contact the library at kewaskum@monarchlibraries.org or call 262-626-4312.

December Contest:

Check out 5 items and receive an entry for a chance to win a gift card for a Kewaskum Business. One entry per person per day.

Storytimes will resume on January 13 on Facebook Live

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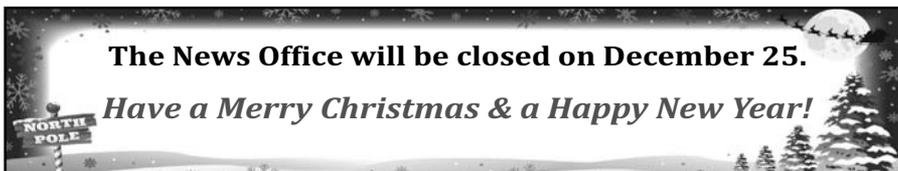
Thursday & Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Library will be closed on Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1. We will be open Saturday, December 26 and Saturday, January 2 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The News Office will be closed on December 25.

Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



Campbellsport's Glance Backward

5 Years Ago

December 24, 2015

St. Lawrence Seminary in Mt. Calvary is again supporting the Angel Tree Prison Ministry Project. Through that project, St. Lawrence is sponsoring 110 children from the Fond du Lac, Green Bay and Sheboygan areas by purchasing Christmas gifts that will be given to them in the name of their parent who is in prison.

People gathered on December 5 at the Campbellsport Fire Station for the fourth annual Love Lights For The Holidays tree lighting ceremony. In addition to the reading of The Night Before Christmas, two other poems were read before the reading of the names to be remembered for the holiday season. A moment of silence was held in memory of all people and then the countdown began for the grand finale - the lighting of the trees.

The Lions Club donated \$1,650 to the St. Matthew's Food Pantry as a result of member donations at the annual Christmas party.

Area university graduates included Cody Galligan, who majored in theatre, and Gavin Peters, who majored in human biology, both of Campbellsport, from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay; and Alexander Blanck of Mt. Calvary, who received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

In order to get a well-rounded staff of elves, Santa sets up Elf Training Centers around the world and hires physical education teachers to help with the training. One such training center was held at Eden Elementary School. Mrs. Salm had the honor of running the Elf Training Center. Students got to participate in such stations as the "Wrap and Roll," the "Chimney Climb," the "Naughty Kid Coal Toss," and the very popular "Reindeer Races."

The Campbellsport High School wrestling team improved to 2-0 in

the East Central Conference with a 58-18 over Plymouth on December 17.

The Cougar wrestling team placed sixth out of 23 teams at the Badger State Invitational on December 19.

Frieda L. Stommel, 89, Fond du Lac, passed away December 20. Richard R. Ebert, 69, Kewaskum, passed away December 18.

15 Years Ago

December 29, 2005

This year the elementary school year-long theme is "Campbellsport Elementary School Cares About Character." Throughout the beginning of the year, the students and their parents have been doing little projects at home and school to demonstrate good character. During December, the students are assisting the Salvation Army by taking 14 names from the Salvation Army Angel Tree in Fond du Lac. Each grade collected money to purchase gifts.

Area graduates from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on December 18 included Brian Wideman of Campbellsport, BFA, Peck School of the Arts; Deborah Wilson of Eden, BS, School of Information Studies; Jessica Faust of Mt. Calvary, BA, College of Letters and Science; and Justin Stenz of Mt. Calvary, BBA, School Business Administration.

In August, Leah Simpson of Eden graduated from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse with a Bachelor of Science degree in nuclear medicine technology.

As Campbellsport Elementary School students walked into school on the last day before Christmas vacation, they were greeted with a concert. Student council members and teacher Michelle Dahlinger were signing Christmas songs; Dahlinger was also playing the accordion.

The Campbellsport wrestling team rallied to win five of the last six matches to knock off a tough Sheboygan Falls squad, 39-30. The Cougars also defeated Lomira last Thursday 43-22.

Roseann M. Twohig, 88, Campbellsport, passed away December 22. Mayme B. Serwe, 89, Campbellsport, passed away December 20. Beverly E. Rahn, 84, formerly of Campbellsport, passed away December 25. Lena Heimermann, 94, Fond du Lac, passed away December 21. Ollo Mlejnek, 94, West Bend, passed away December 23.

25 Years Ago

December 21, 1995

The Campbellsport Wrestling Team made North Fond du Lac victim #179 in a row with a 55-9 victory. The Cougars are 2-0 in the Wisconsin Flyway Conference and 3-0 overall. Senior 130-pounder Chris Sabish was voted Wrestler of the Week by his teammates with a solid match over Tony Taugtes.

Brian and Chris Costello of Malone had the top cow for the month of November, 1995. Their Lutz-Meadows Mandingo Rob*TL daughter produced 35,985 pounds of milk and had a production index (PI) of 4,487 as a mature cow, according to Irv Possin, Fond du Lac County Dairy and Livestock agent. The Costellos and John and Johneen Zellner, also of Malone, had one of the top two-year-olds. John and Linda Diederichs of Malone and Merlin B. Mueller of Saint Cloud each had a top three-year-old. The Costellos had a top four-year-old and the Zellners had two top four-year-olds. Several other local producers had average linear scores of 2.0 or below. They include Joseph and Diane Thome of Malone, Franklin Scharf of Mt. Calvary, Ed and Linda Scannell and family of Eden, Mark Winkler of Saint Cloud, John and Lois Seibel and family of Eden, Richard D. Carey, III of Eden, Jeff Kohlman of Mt. Calvary, and Harold and Dennis Theisen of Campbellsport.

The CHS Lady Cougars varsity basketball team finished a successful week last Friday by edging Lomira 50-49 after handing Laconia a 55-34 loss on Tuesday.

Lori Bogenschneider, 23, formerly of Mayville, who disappeared August 29, 1993, was found December 7, 1995. Mary Voigt, 70, formerly of Campbellsport, passed away December 14.

50 Years Ago

December 24, 1970

Coach Don Seefeld was handed a Christmas present by his Cougar basketball team last Friday as the team traveled to Horicon and set the Marshmen back 99-84. The victory gave Campbellsport a 4-1 record in the Flyway Conference.

The wrestling Cougars put on another Flyway Conference shutout last Thursday, beating Oakfield 56-0 and then dominating the eight-school Kimberly Invitational on Saturday with 104 points, topping Peshtigo, which had 67 points.

Diane Kippenhan, student at Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh, had a Christmas play titled Reindeer On The Roof air Tuesday for six minutes over Channel 34, Fond du Lac.

At its regular monthly meeting Monday night, the Board of Jt. District 23 voted to accept the proposed bid to use movable class room walls in the new addition. The movable walls, at \$14,000, will be placed in eight classrooms and the library complex.

Cory Dale, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hansen, Campbellsport came home from the hospital December 20. He rejoined his twin sister, Candace Jean. The twins were born October 31 and Cory weighed just two pounds. Cory and Candace were the third set of twins born to the Hansens.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lauters are parents of a son, Lewis, who was born December 15.

75 Years Ago

December 27, 1945

The front page of this issue was dedicated to the holiday with three large pieces of artwork and a poem dedicated to Christmas.

Coming from behind, the Campbellsport team defeated the favored Lomira team by the

score of 32-28. Both teams were out to win as the winner of this game still was a threat to the league's first place team. Friday's game gave Campbellsport an even standing, two wins and two losses.

The Kettle Moraine State Forest designed to provide recreational facilities for the populous southwest section of the state is now comprised of more than 10,000 acres, according to the recent report by the state conservation commission.

Math Jaeger, Town of Ashford native, 66, passed away Thursday.

The following businesses had holiday greeting ads: C.J. Kleinhans, Earl Strea General Trucking, Math Schlaefer Optometrist, Campbellsport Bottling Works, Frank J. Bauer General Trucking, Kudek's Tavern, Campbellsport Locker Service, Ashford Service Garage, Standard Oil Co., Long Lake Resort, Steier's Tavern, Bauer Hotel and Tavern, Campbellsport Beauty Shop, C.R. Van De Zande & Son, Brittingham & Hixon Lumber Co., Bud's Dry Cleaners, John H. Paas & Son, H. A. Kraemer Cities Service Oil Company, Chas. J. Romayko, Kleiber's Market, Raymond's Grocery, Butschlick General Merchandise, Campbellsport Baker, Bauer Super Service Station, Schlaefer Hardware, Stella Cheese Co., West Bend Lithia Company, Wisconsin Gas & Electric, Hensen Sheet Metal & Appliance, Bauer Bros., Gable Store, Berge Furniture Store and Funeral Home, The First State Bank, Verbrick Motor Sales, Gremminger's Meat Market, and Harold E. Lueders Jeweler.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bauer welcomed a daughter last Saturday morning. Also born last Saturday was a son to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Norges. Their older son's birthday is the same day.

Charles R. Van De Zande, 58, passed away last Saturday.

The tri-county committee having the matter of selecting a site for the new tuberculosis sanatorium for Dodge, Fond du Lac and Washington Counties, were in session at Fond du Lac yesterday. One member wanted to purchase the Buss farm of 100 acres situated at Iron Ridge for \$37,500; it included 20 acres of woods. The other eight members of the committee are united in favor of the Hobbs brothers' tract on State Highway No. 15, within a stone's throw of the Soo Line station at Hamilton. Architect J.E. Hennen examined the Buss farm and found the elevations of the foundation would have a 10 foot difference in the ground level at each end. A decision was not included in the article.

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Kewaskum's Days Gone By

5 Years Ago December 31, 2015

There are some 2,000 cardholders for the Kewaskum Public Library, and head librarian Steev Baker knows most of those people. He will miss them when he begins his new job as manager of circulation services for the Sun Prairie Public Library in January. He began working at the Kewaskum Public Library in 2000.

The Plan Commission for the Village of Kewaskum approved site plans for a new parish center building for Holy Trinity Catholic Church on December 22. The plans call for an approximate 13,4000-square-foot parish center to house a gymnasium, cafeteria and the parish offices for the church located at 311 Main St.

Residents in the Village of Kewaskum recently started seeing Police Officer Luke Wilhelm wearing a new kind of uniform - one that has the weight of the gear off of his waist onto his shoulders. The new vests are expected to lessen lower back pain.

Kewaskum Middle School sixth grade students collected many non-perishable food items, more than a dozen winter coats and almost \$100 to help local families during the holiday season. In order for the students to watch the movie "E.T." before the break, they had to pay admission, which was two cans of food, \$2, or a coat or sweat-shirt.

The inaugural Husar's Diamond Dash 5K run/walk held December 6 at Regner Park raised over \$5,100 to benefit Enchantment in the Park.

Kiwanis Students of the Month for December were Courtney Herriges and Alexandra Krueger.

A total of 21 students from the Kewaskum Middle School Lego League Club participated in a tournament on November 15 at Lakeshore Technical College in Manitowoc. Students discussed their recycling project, demonstrated core values and programmed the robot to complete missions. Students won

a Judge's Award for their project.

The Kewaskum boys basketball team beat Random Lake 58-57 in overtime.

A daughter, Chloe Alaina-Marie Zuehlke, was born November 19 to Daniel and Rebecca Zuehlke, Kewaskum.

Ada Baeckmann, 75, Campbellsport, passed away December 22.

15 Years Ago December 29, 2005

A fixture on Highway 45 coming into Kewaskum is The Sliver Platter Restaurant. The restaurant will be closed January 13 and new owner Helen Lauters will re-open as the restaurant as The Gateway Cafe on January 23. Lauters has been in the food business for 17 years.

An article brought forth questions of why people are not either taking out papers to run for political seats or have yet to return their paperwork. Money, time, not wanting to deal with the grief, and a recent nasty school board recall election were cited as possible factors.

For the past 25 years, Mike Smith of Kewaskum has not let sleet, snow, or anything else get in his way to deliver mail in three counties and five townships for five hours a day. Not even a mailbox full of grass snakes or pigeons. The latter two were just two of the practical jokes Smith has found. The Kewaskum Post Office recently honored Smith for his 25 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Postal Service.

The 2006 Women's Retreat will be held in Kewaskum. All area women are invited to participate. "God's gift of Renewal" is the theme.

The Kewaskum High School wrestling team continues its perfect Eastern Wisconsin Conference record as it beat New Holstein 60-21 to improve to 3-0.

A son, Jaxson Reese-Ervin, was born December 23 to Marie Spalsbury and Michael Herron, Kewaskum.

David E. Peters, 59, Cascade, passed away December 24. Mayme B. Serwe, 89, Campbell-

sport, passed away December 20. Otto Mlejnek, 94, West Bend, passed away December 23. Beverly E. Rahn, 84, formerly of Campbellsport, passed away December 25.

25 Years Ago December 28, 1995

On December 23, Jerry and Nancy Mehring, owners of Dairy Queen, dedicated their Kewaskum restaurant to the memory of Jerry's mother, Margaret Miller Mehring, a native of Kewaskum. She was born in Kewaskum, attended Holy Trinity School, and graduated from Kewaskum High School. During the formal presentation ceremony, the memorial plaque was unveiled. It will be on display in Kewaskum's Dairy Queen. The Kewaskum Dairy Queen opened on May 17, 1995.

A new pilot project involving the use of computerized curriculum writing will be tested in the Kewaskum School District beginning in January. The board approved the Kewaskum Instruction Design Program (KIDS) at the monthly board meeting. The program is for K-3 at this time, but if successful after one year, the project may be developed district-wide. The program enables the teaching staff to easily modernize, review, and revise their curriculum for language arts.

The November Student of the Month is junior Marni Lynn.

The Kewaskum Kiwanis Club has named Gordon and Julie Darmody and Ellis and Judy Kahn as the club's 1995 Outstanding Conservation Farmers. The award has been presented annually since 1958 to family farms in the Kewaskum area which have demonstrated a commitment to soil and water conservation. The award is presented as part of the Kiwanis Farm-City Week celebration, which emphasizes the importance that agriculture plays in the local economy. In 1981, the Darmodys installed 29 acres of contour strip cropping to protect the steepest fields on the farm. In

1994, a manure storage tank was installed to prevent livestock manure from reaching a wetland area on the farm. The Kahns installed two acres of Contour Strip Cropping to protect their steepest hills in 1994. They will soon lay out eight additional acres of strips.

Town of Scott board members spent the major part of the December meeting putting together specifications in preparation for accepting bids on a new truck and snow plow. A public hearing and special meeting relating to the truck purchase and budget changes was being planned for January 4.

If every seventh grade student at Kewaskum Middle School held hands, could they stretch around the perimeter of the school? As part of a grade-wide unit on peace, students in the math classes of Miss Badura, Mr. DeRuyter and Mrs. Wagner created and implemented a plan to solve this problem. They calculated the perimeter of the school using the blueprints, found the average arm span of a seventh grader to be 63 inches, and counted 148 seventh graders. Using this information, they came to the conclusion that they needed approximately 70 more students.

John S. Lecher, 80, Kewaskum, passed away December 20. Mary Voigt, 70, formerly of Campbellsport, passed away December 14. Peter A. Vogelsang, 82, West Bend, passed away December 22. J. Earl Mueller, 63, Random Lake, passed away December 22. Bruce G. Reynolds, 41, Colgate, passed away December 23.

50 Years Ago December 25, 1970

Bids for expansion and improvement of the sewage treatment plant were opened at an adjourned village board meeting Monday. Apparent low bids total \$442,593, which is about 10 percent higher than was anticipated. The treatment plant is presently overloaded because of increased in-

dustrial usage and population growth. New equipment will be installed to bring the level of treatment up to standards set by the department of Natural Resources. Originally the sewage plant was designed to handle 450,000 gallons of sewage per day, but it is presently processing up to 600,000 gallons. When enlarged, it will have a one million gallon per day capacity.

A thief made off with all the Christmas presents to be exchanged by the students, as well as some for their teacher, at the Salem E and R Church of Christ at Wayne last Wednesday. The Wayne school is part of the Kewaskum School District and, due to overcrowding, the kindergarten classes are held in the church rooms. The district will replace all the gifts so that the 17 kindergarten pupils will not be disappointed and held the Christmas party Tuesday despite the theft. The gifts were not to exceed 59 cents in value. A description of those being sought by the sheriff's department was included in the article.

Kewaskum firemen answered a call Wednesday in very cold weather to a car fire on CTH H at Kettle Moraine Drive. Dave Rettler's 1964 Comet apparently skidded on an icy stretch of road on a curve and he lost control. The vehicle skidded into a snowbank and caught fire. The driver and a passerby shoveled snow on the burning motor and had the blaze out when firemen arrived.

Seven young persons anxious to resolve the driving problems of their age group have been appointed to the Wisconsin AAA Young People's Committee for Traffic Safety, according to its chairman, Robert Lobos of Milwaukee. Included was Honora Ann Norton, 24, of Kewaskum. She is a computer programmer at Regal Ware, Inc. and a member of the Wisconsin Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders.

The undefeated Holy Trinity School basketball

team won its third straight game over St. Matthew's at Campbellsport 56-17.

The Kewaskum Indians beat pre-season favorite Mayville 64-50. The Indians continued their winning way by defeating Slinger 67-55

Carl F. Schaefer, 73, Kewaskum, passed away December 21.

75 Years Ago December 21, 1945

The following area veterans were discharged from the armed forces during the past week: Philip C. Bohn, Kewaskum; Albert Dorn; Kewaskum; Albert M. Hron Jr. Kewaskum; Jerome G. Jansen, Barton; Herbert N. Johnson, Barton; William W. Key Jr., Kewaskum; Edward Panzer Jr., formerly of Kewaskum; Wilbert H. Rosenthal, Kewaskum; and Marlin H. Schneider, Kewaskum.

The Kewaskum High School basketball team maintained its undefeated record in conference play when they beat Campbellsport here 52-29.

A car and a truck collided on Highway 144 at Boltonville Friday. Dean Johnson, traveling south on the highway, collided with a Gehl Bros. Mfg. Co. truck of West Bend, driven by Lester Zielicke of Kewaskum. The front end of Johnson's car was damaged.

Frank Kohn, 72, Kewaskum, passed away December 14. Anna Pflum, 69, Kewaskum, passed away December 20. Peter W. Mayer, 70, passed away December 18.

**100 Years Ago
Information for this
year is no longer
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Shalom Wildlife Zoo Offers Wonders Of Christmas

By Anne Trautner

With Christmas music playing in their cars, visitors drive along the four-mile drive at Shalom Wildlife Zoo, looking at animals and Christmas decorations.

There are oversized displays of Santa and his reindeer, with millions of Christmas lights twinkling along the way. Family members can be heard calling out “Ho, ho, ho!” and “Bah humbug!” as they read signs filled with Santa trivia.

It is “Christmas At The Zoo,” and people come from miles away to enjoy the experience.

How It Started

Shalom Wildlife Zoo, located at 1901 Shalom Drive in the Town of Farmington, was created 41 years ago by David and Lana Fechter.

“We started out in the early days taking visitors on wagon rides through the zoo to see wildlife,” David said.

Then, one day, Fechter’s young daughter asked, “Why don’t we do a Christmas program?”

“Hey, that’s a neat idea,” David thought.

So the Fechters

started a program called “Feed The Deer With Santa.”

“Santa would drive his tractor,” David said, and without giving away any secrets, added, “Ho, ho, ho!”

The Fechters wanted to make it into a fun, educational program. They used it as an opportunity to teach visitors not only about animals, but also life lessons.

For example, one year they taught children about the importance of brushing their teeth. Another year children learned about the joy of reading.

“One year I read *The Night Before Christmas* during the wagon ride. It was dead silent. There were 40-some people in the wagon, and everyone was listening to Santa Claus in the dark with the lights shining on him, reading *The Night Before Christmas*,” David recalled.

The program was held each day during the Christmas season, with Santa giving tours of the zoo.

“We started at 8 a.m. Then we would go into the night, and a lot times I would be out there until 10, 11 at

night,” David said.

The zoo provided hot chocolate and cookies for visitors. Everyone received presents.

“We had such a fun time doing it. It really was the best job I ever had because there was so much love: nature, Santa Claus and presents. It was spiritual, honestly,” David said.

Driving Change

The “Feed The Deer With Santa” program went on for about 20 years. It was extremely popular, with visitors going on one-hour tours of the zoo.

“Except Santa, he wasn’t out there for one hour. Santa was out there for 10, 12 hours. And he couldn’t take a break in between tours. If he was sick, it didn’t matter; he had to keep going. So Santa did what Santa does. He was like the postman. Santa really did work,” David said.

One day, David simply could do it no longer. So about 10 years ago, the Fechters decided to offer a drive-through Christmas program at the zoo instead.

“Let’s decorate the woods like we did with the Santa wagon ride,



Visitors drive through a festive four-mile tour of Shalom Wildlife Zoo during this year’s “Christmas At The Zoo” program.

photo by Anne Trautner

and people can come and they can drive through the woods,” the Fechters said to one another.

David posted it on Facebook.

“This was in the very beginning days of Facebook. We had 4,000 shares. We figured it was going to be huge,” David recalled.

But that wasn’t the case.

“When they shared it, people were mad. They wanted that wagon ride. They wanted the Santa thing. Nobody came,” David said.

The Fechters knew something had to change. So they decided to make the drive-through even more spectacular.

They put up giant stockings with special messages such as “I Love You” and “Always Be Nice To Others.” They added more fun, educational signage.

Everything that had been offered on the Santa ride was still there, it was now just done by the families.

One major advantage was that visitors no longer had to brave the elements. They could now enjoy the tour while sitting in their warm cars.

“They were still seeing all the information on signs so they could learn about things along the way. Plus there were new things each

year. And they still got presents,” David said.

The popularity of the drive-through continued to grow.

“It’s better than ever!” visitors would exclaim.

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Wildlife can be viewed among the Christmas decorations at Shalom Wildlife Zoo this holiday season.

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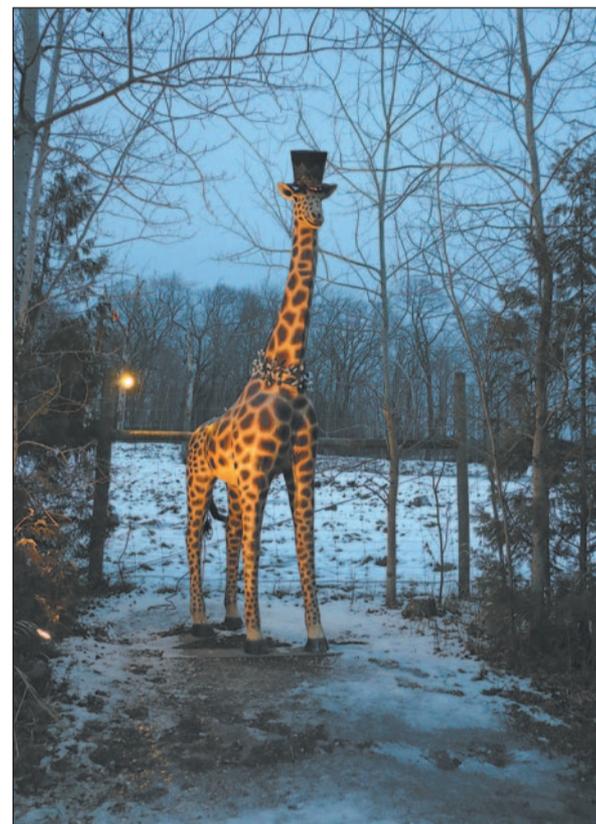




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Visitors will see lots of festive Christmas decorations at the Shalom Wildlife Zoo in Kewaskum through December 31.

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A wide variety of fun Christmas displays can be seen at Shalom Wildlife Zoo during the “Christmas At The Zoo” program.

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Covid Changes For 2020

This year, the Fechters had to once again change things up because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“What are we going to do? We can’t put presents in a bin and have every kid get out and put their hand in there,” the Fechters wondered.

They decided to prepackage the presents so that when families check in, they get presents and treats in a bag.

Visitors are greeted with this message: Welcome to Shalom. Santa said you were going to

be coming today, and sure enough you are here. Because you have been good this year, he has a special treat for you.

“Now the families can bring their gifts home and can continue the family bonding,” David said.

About Christmas At The Zoo

The entire zoo staff, including the four zookeepers, work on preparing “Christmas At The Zoo” throughout the year. The work pays off.

“It is just a beautiful thing. We say it is the best holiday drive-through in the Midwest, and maybe even the

world. That is our goal,” David said.

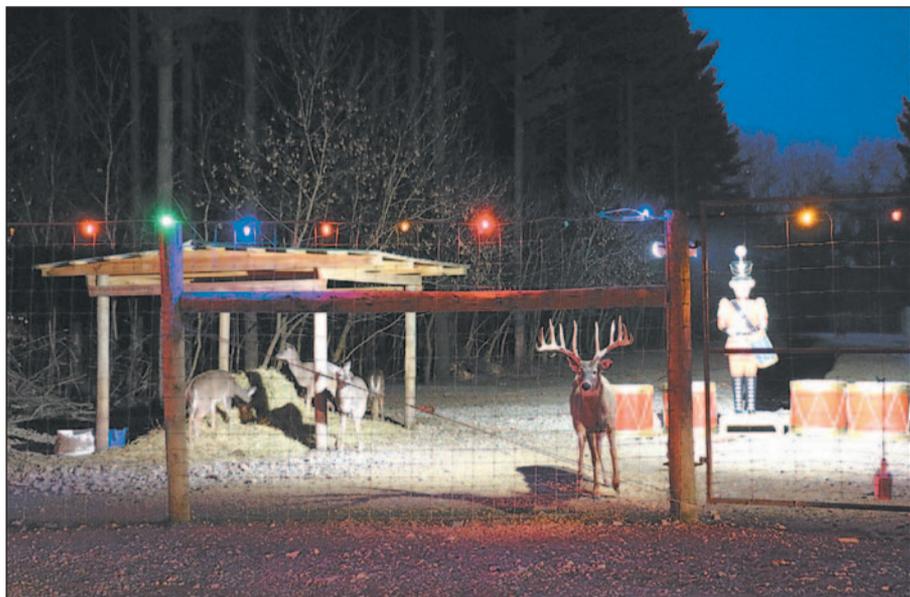
Many people drive from three hours away to visit the display at the zoo, which is home to over 75 species and more than 750 animals. It is not uncommon to even see license plates from New York going through the holiday drive.

Tripadvisor ranks the Shalom Wildlife Zoo as the highest ranked zoo in Wisconsin and the number one tourist attraction in Washington County. Tripadvisor also has ranked Shalom in the top 10 percent of tourism sites worldwide.



“Christmas At The Zoo” is a popular destination for tourists this holiday season. The special Christmas program is being held through December 31.

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Shalom Wildlife Zoo is home to over 750 animals, which can be viewed in the “Christmas At The Zoo” program through December 31.

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“Christmas At The Zoo” is held daily at Shalom Wildlife Zoo from 1 to 8:30 p.m. through December 31. The zoo is closed on December 24 and 25. Admission is \$10 per person; admission for children 2 and younger is free.



Santa’s workshop can be seen on the grounds of the Shalom Wildlife Zoo, located at 1901 Shalom Drive in the Town of Farmington.

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Why Are Christmas Colors Red And Green?

Many people may not get in the holiday spirit without decorations and all the trimmings. Chances are strong that if you have containers full of items just waiting to see the light of day again this holiday season, those items are red or green or some combination thereof.

Red and green have become the traditional colors of Christmas, just as blue and white symbolizes Chanukah. But how did this color palette come to evolve?

Just like many traditions of Christmas, the red and green scheme has origins that pre-date the Christian celebration. Christmas has borrowed from many of the customs of winter solstice celebrations of ancient peoples, including the Celts. Ancient Celtic people revered holly plants, believing they brought beauty and good fortune in the middle of winter — a time when the landscape is normally bleak and holly plants thrive and stand out. Celts would regularly bring in sprigs of holly and deco-

rate their homes with the plants, which feature shiny, serrated leaves and bright, red berries, as a way to guarantee a prosperous new year. Holly also came to be associated with the crown of thorns Jesus Christ was forced to wear during his crucifixion.

The custom of using red and green continued into the 14th century. Dr. Spike Bucklow, a research scientist at the University of Cambridge, says red and green also were used to paint medieval rood screens, which were partitions installed in churches to separate the congregation from the priest and altar. Dr. Bucklow notes that Victorians also extended the association of these colors as a physical boundary to another boundary: the marking of the end of the old year and the beginning of a new one at Christmas-time.

While red and green had associations with Christmas in early times through holly and other sources, the connection

was perhaps best solidified thanks to a man named Haddon Sundblom. Sundblom was an artist commissioned in 1931 by the Coca-Cola company to create an image of Santa Claus for the company's upcoming holiday ads.

Until this point, versions of Santa were rarely consistent, with his clothing vacillating between green, blue and red. He also wasn't the plump, jolly fellow associated with Christmas as we know him today, but rather thin and elf-like.

Sundblom portrayed him as a chubby man wearing red robes, likely as a nod to Coca-Cola's own red logo, even though the company denies the connection. Santa was featured in front of a green background. The ads proved popular and Sundblom's Santa became the preferred depiction. Santa's red robes perfectly complemented the green background and other green components of the holiday, such as Christmas trees and holly, that



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already had been solidified as Christmas imagery.

Color plays a strong role in creating Christmas nostalgia. Red and

green are put on vivid display throughout the season.

Did You Know?

Christmas Day is the most popular day to get engaged. According to the 2020 WeddingWire Newlywed Report, more couples who were married in 2019 got engaged on Christmas Day than any other day during the year. Christmas Eve was the second most popular day to pop the question, while the Sunday before Christmas Eve came in

fourth (New Year's Day rounded out the top three).

The appeal of Christmas proposals helped make December the most popular month to get engaged, as more than 19 percent of couples who married in 2019 got engaged in the final month of the year. July proved the second most popular month to

pop the question, as nine percent of couples who wed in 2019 reported getting engaged in July.

Tradition still has a place in wedding proposals, as 84 percent of proposers reported asking on bended knee, while 65 percent acknowledged asking parents' permission prior to popping the question.

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Merry Christmas

Steps For Hanging Holiday Lights Outdoors

It begins to look a lot like Christmas when twinkling lights brighten up homes inside and out. Few things liven up the season more than holiday decorations, particularly clear and colored lights.

Prior to taking out the lights, ladder and thermos of coffee to get you through the job, it's important to note that there are right and wrong ways to hang holiday lights.

•Sketch out your plan. Start by taking a few photos of your home from various vantage points. Print out the photos on regular paper so that you can draw your lighting arrangement and decoration placement right on the photos to see how things will look.

•Measure the area. Use a measuring tape to roughly measure the width and height of eaves or other areas of the home where you plan to hang light strands. Calculate how much overall footage you will need so you can purchase all of the lights in one shopping trip.

•Test the lights first.

Plug in the lights to be sure all strands are operational.

•Begin where the lights will be plugged in. Start where the lights will be plugged in and then work your way around the house.

•Add to shrubs and trees. Lights also can adorn shrubs and trees. Lowes Home Improvement says a good rule of thumb is 100 lights for every 1½-feet of tree or shrub to cover. A six-foot evergreen needs at least 400 lights for a basic level of lighting.

•Exercise extreme caution. Accidents can happen when stringing lights. While many professionals use harnesses, homeowners are not always so cautious. Utilize a spotter to hold the ladder and make sure things are safe. Never set foot on a wet or icy roof. Do not attempt to string lights in inclement weather.

•Know the wattage. Each outlet can generally hold about 17 amps or 1,870 watts if the lights are not sharing a circuit with another outlet, says Parrish. Plan



accordingly to ensure you have enough power to handle your lights.

•Use plastic clips. Plastic light clips hang strands along eaves and gables. They're specially designed for hanging lights over the gutters. Some slip under the edges of roof shingles. Lights can be hung without staples or nails, which can damage exterior surfaces. Plastic zip-ties or deck

clips also can attach lights along a handrail.

•Use only outdoor extension cords. Be sure the extension cords you use are designed specifically for outdoor use.

•Use a timer. Timers can make sure the lights turn on and off even if homeowners forget.

Once lights have been safely strung, sit back and enjoy the splendor of a well-decorated house.

Christmas Tree Recycling

When choosing a real Christmas tree for holiday celebrations, consumers should think about the many ways that trees can be repurposed after the holiday season. Some towns collect discarded trees to use them for various purposes. However, homeowners can get in on the action as well. The Old Farmer's Almanac offers these great ideas for post-holiday tree use.

•Prop up the tree near a bird feeder to provide another perch and shelter to birds that stick close to home in winter, such as chickadees and finches.

•String the tree with various treats for birds and put it in a sheltered location. Ideas include home-

made suet, cranberries and millet.

•Mulch the tree and use it in the garden in the spring.

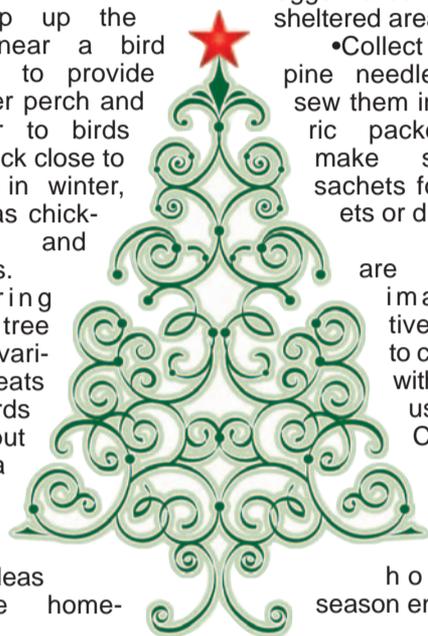
•Use boughs to insulate perennials in the garden.

•Keep some branches to use as kindling in a wood stove or fireplace, or as aromatic logs for next year's yule fire.

•Sink an old tree in a personal pond. Fish and tadpoles will live and lay eggs around this sheltered area.

•Collect some pine needles and sew them into fabric packets to make scented sachets for closets or drawers.

There are many imaginative ways to come up with handy uses for Christmas trees once the holiday season ends.



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Tips For Baking Better Christmas Cookies

Cookies and other baked treats are everywhere come the holiday season. It's not uncommon to give cookies as gifts or arrive at holiday gatherings with cakes and other decadent desserts.

Cookies are a classic holiday treat, and some families even build entire traditions around baking Christmas cookies.

Novice bakers making cookies for the first time may be a little overwhelmed when perusing recipes. Baking is a science, and sometimes it takes practice to get the results just right. However, there are some tips that can help yield better, buttery bounties.

Handle Butter With Care

Butter can make or break a cookie recipe, as butter is often the glue that holds the cookie together. Therefore, it is key to follow the directions carefully regarding how to handle butter. Smithsonian.com

says to leave butter at room temperature for 30 to 60 minutes to properly soften it. This takes patience, but fiddling with butter too much can damage its delectable integrity. While purists may say butter is best, margarine may be acceptable if it has a high fat content; otherwise, cookies may spread out and flatten.

When it comes time to cream the butter with sugar, be sure to do so thoroughly to incorporate air into the butter and remove the grainy texture of the sugar.

Measure Flour Properly

Measuring flour the right way can ensure cookies come out right. The Cooking Channel says to spoon the flour lightly into a dry measuring cup, then level it off with a knife. Do not dip the measuring cup into the flour or tap the knife against the cup. This will pack too much flour into the measuring cup and

result in dry, tough cookies.

Slow Down The Eggs

Add eggs one at a time to make sure each will emulsify properly with the fat in the butter. Adding eggs en masse may cause the emulsification to fail.

Chill Out

Follow recipes that call for chilling cookie dough carefully. This process is important for making sliced and shaped cookies. By chilling, the dough becomes more malleable for rolling and even slicing.

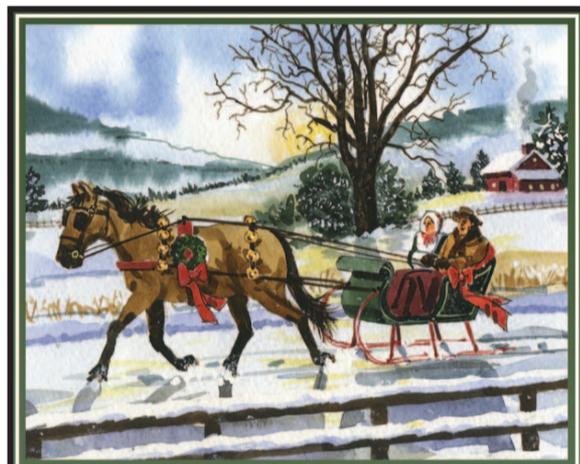


Use A Bottom Rack

Too much heat may compromise cookie integrity. The food experts at Delish say to try moving cookies onto a lower rack in the oven if they aren't retaining their

shape when baked. Put an empty cookie sheet on the top rack. That will block the cookies from the most intense heat that rises to the top of the oven.

Mastering cookies takes a little patience and some trial and error. Once bakers get their feet wet, Christmas-cookie-baking becomes even more special.



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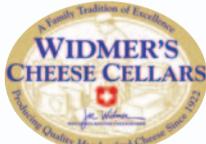


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The origins of modern Christmas caroling can be traced to wassailing, a term that has evolved for more than a millenium.

The Origins Of Christmas Caroling

The festive nature of the holiday season makes it an ideal time to sing, especially in groups. Perhaps it's no surprise then that caroling, a tradition that dates back many centuries, ultimately collided with Christmas.

Caroling and Christmas caroling are two different things. According to History.org, the origins of modern Christmas caroling can be traced to wassailing, a term that has evolved for more than a millenium. What started as a simple greeting gradually became part of a toast made during ritualized drinking. Time magazine notes that the word "wassail," which appeared in English literature as early as the eighth century, eventu-

ally came to mean the wishing of good fortune on one's neighbors, though no one can say for certain when this particular development occurred.

During medieval times, farmers in certain parts of Britain would drink a beverage to toast the health of their crops and encourage the fertility of their animals. By 1600, farmers in some parts of Britain were still engaging in this ritual, and some were by now taking a wassail bowl filled with a toasting beverage around the streets. These wassailers would stop by neighboring homes and offer a warm drink, all the while wishing good fortune on their neighbors.

During this period,

wassailing had nothing to do with Christmas, but that began to change in Victorian England, when Christmas became more commercialized and popular. It was during this time when publishers began circulating carols, forever linking the tradition of wassailing with Christmas.

Christmas caroling as Victorian Englanders knew it might have fallen by the wayside. But while carolers may no longer go door-to-door singing Christmas songs and wishing their neighbors good fortune, those intent on seeing the modern manifestation of this tradition that dates back more than a millenium may be able to find some carolers at their local mall or church.

Deck The Halls

It's hard to hear "Deck the Halls" and not immediately be overcome by the festive nature of the holiday season.

The lyrics to "Deck the Halls" were written by the Scottish musician Thomas Oliphant in 1862, and the song many people know today is a traditional Christmas carol. How-

ever, the Welsh melody that is part of the song can be traced to the 16th century and a song called "Nos Galan." That song is not about Christmas, but rather New Year's Eve.

"Deck The Halls"

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fill the meadcup, drain the barrel,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Troul the ancient Christmas carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the flowing bowl before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

While I sing of

beauty's treasure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Hail the new, ye lads

and lasses!
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Laughing, quaffing all together,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Heedless of the wind

and weather,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

English lyrics written by Thomas Oliphant
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Jingle Bells

The popular Christmas carol "Jingle Bells" has an interesting history that remains a topic of debate even now.

Written by New England native James Lord Pierpont, "Jingle Bells" was never intended to be a Christmas song, and in fact does not even mention Christmas or any other holiday. In addition, the song's birthplace is disputed, so much so that there are two commemorative plaques in two different cities, each of which claims to be the place where Pierpont purportedly wrote the song in the 1850s.

One plaque is in Medford, Massachusetts, where Pierpont is said to have written the song from a tavern while watching sleigh races taking place outside. The other plaque is in Savannah, Georgia, where locals believe Pierpont wrote the lyrics prior to leading a sing-along of the song at a local church in 1857.

"Jingle Bells" (Extended version)

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh

O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way

Bells on bobtail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight! Oh,

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side,
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
He got into a drifted bank
And then we got upstot.

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,

Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago,
The story I must tell
I went out on the snow,
And on my back I fell;
A gent was riding by
In a one-horse open sleigh,
He laughed as there I sprawling lie,
But quickly drove away.

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Now the ground is white
Go it while you're

young,
Take the girls tonight
and sing this sleighing song;
Just get a bobtailed Two forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! you'll take the lead.

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,

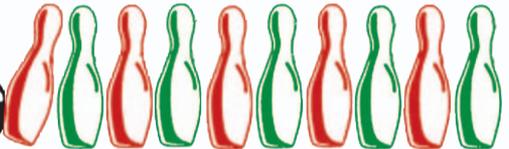
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The 12 Days Of Christmas

One of the most instantly recognizable holiday songs also boasts one of the most unique histories of any Christmas carol.

The exact origins and author of "The 12 Days of Christmas" are unknown, but according to the Catholic News Agency, the song was written for Catholic children in England sometime after 1558. Between 1558 and 1829, Catholics in England were forbidden to practice their faith openly.

The song "The 12 Days of Christmas" was used to teach Catholic children living under such restrictions about their faith. As a result, the song is filled with hidden meaning, even if modern celebrants largely sing it to express their festive moods and not necessarily their respective faiths.

"The 12 Days of Christmas"

On the first day of Christmas my true love

sent to me

A partridge in a pear tree

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

tree

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Nine ladies dancing
Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

On the 10th day of Christmas my true love sent to me

10 lords a-leaping
Nine ladies dancing
Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three french hens
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree

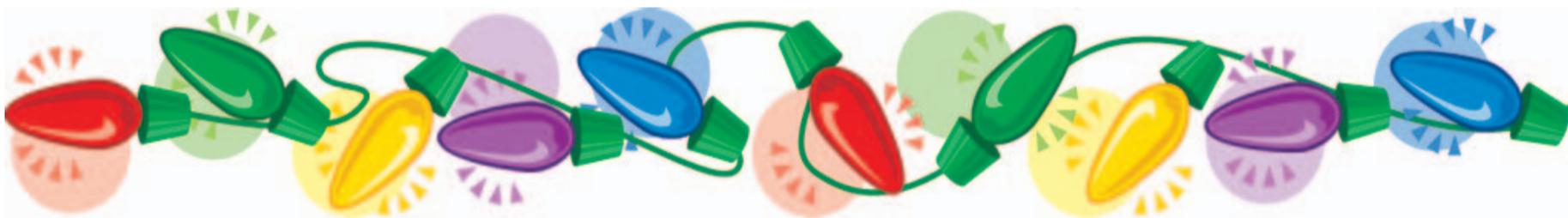
On the 11th day of Christmas my true love sent to me

11 pipers piping



10 lords a-leaping	ming
Nine ladies dancing	11 pipers piping
Eight maids a-milking	10 lords a-leaping
Seven swans a-swimming	Nine ladies dancing
Six geese a-laying	Eight maids a-milking
Five golden rings	Seven swans a-swimming
Four calling birds	Six geese a-laying
Three french hens	Five golden rings
Two turtle doves, and	Four calling birds
A partridge in a pear tree	Three french hens
	Two turtle doves, and
	A partridge in a pear tree

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O Holy Night

The story of "O Holy Night" can be traced to a request made by a 19th century French priest. In the fall of 1847, that priest asked a French merchant named Placide Cappeau to write a Christmas poem.

Cappeau's poem was eventually shared with French composer Adolphe Adam, who quickly set the poem to music. The resulting song made its debut on Christmas Eve 1847 and has been a beloved holiday song ever since.

"O Holy Night"

O holy night!
The stars are brightly

shining,

It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!

Long lay the world in sin and error pining,

Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth!

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees!

O hear the angel voices!

O night divine,

O night when Christ was born.

O night divine!

O night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;

His law is love and His gospel is peace.

Bonds shall we make until we all are brothers, and in His name all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful

chorus raise we,

Let all within us praise His holy name.

Fall on your knees!

O hear the angel voices!

O night divine,

O night when Christ was born.

O night divine!

O night, O night divine!

O HOLY NIGHT!

Lyrics written by Placide Cappeau

Lyrics courtesy of PBS.org



O Christmas Tree

"O Christmas Tree" is a wildly popular holiday song. In fact, the song is so popular that there are many different versions, each of which is based on a traditional German folk song.

That song, "O Tannenbaum," is centuries old and has nothing to do with Christmas.

"O Christmas Tree"

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree

Thy leaves are so unchanging

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree

Thy leaves are so unchanging

Not only green when summer's here

But also when it's cold and drear

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree

Thy leaves are so unchanging

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree

Such pleasure do you bring me

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree

Such pleasure do you bring me

For every year this Christmas tree

Brings to us such joy and glee

O Christmas tree, o

Christmas tree
Such pleasure do you bring me

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree

You'll ever be unchanging

A symbol of goodwill and love

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Each shining light, each silver bell

No one alive spreads cheer so well

O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree

You'll ever be unchanging

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Silent Night

In 2018, the popular Christmas carol "Silent Night" celebrated the 200th anniversary of its first performance. The lyrics to "Silent Night" were written by Austrian Roman Catholic priest Joseph Mohr in 1816.

Over the years, the melody has been credited to the likes of legendary composers such as Mozart and Beethoven. However, a manuscript handwritten by Mohr and discovered in 1995 revealed that the Austrian composer Franz Xaver Gru-

ber composed the music to this beloved song.

"Silent Night"

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in Heavenly peace!
Sleep in Heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts

sing Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, Love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy Holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Lyrics written by Joseph Mohr
Lyrics courtesy of Lyricsforchristmas.com



Screen-Free Holiday Gift Ideas That Inspire Kids

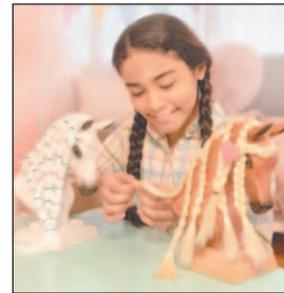
(StatePoint) Shopping for holiday gifts for kids? Looking for activities that don't involve a screen? Consider toys and activities that will inspire them this holiday season and beyond.

Here are four great gift ideas that will encourage kids to be creative and use their imaginations:

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•Open-ended playtime: From kitchen playsets that foster interest in the culinary arts to workshop playsets that spark an interest in carpentry and mechanics, playing pretend offers open-ended fun and helps kids build confidence and social skills.

This holiday season, make a list and check it twice to be sure that it includes gifts that inspire.



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Four Tips To Simplify Cooking For A Crowd This Holiday Season

Families big and small typically celebrate the holiday season together. For some, celebrating the holidays with family requires traveling, while others stay put and welcome family and friends into their homes.

At some point during the holiday season, celebrants who host family and friends will no doubt prepare a homecooked meal for their loved ones. Cooking for a crowd can seem like a daunting task, especially for first-time hosts. However, there are various ways for hosts to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

1. Prepare a familiar dish.

Hosts may agonize over their holiday

menus, and some may feel compelled to prepare a family specialty or the same dishes their parents or grandparents prepared for holiday dinners when they were children. But holiday hosts can make things easy on themselves by choosing dishes they've made in the past, regardless of their place in family history. Chances are the ingredients for hosts' own specialties are already in the pantry, saving a potentially time-consuming trip to the grocery store. And thanks to the familiarity factor, hosts' own specialties likely won't require as much time to prepare.

2. Share some cooking duties.

Another way to simplify cooking for a

crowd is to invite guests to bring along a side dish or dessert. Guests who live nearby can make something in advance of the big meal, while hosts can hand over their kitchens to overnight guests who express a willingness to contribute their own home-cooked dish to the party. Sharing the cooking duties gives hosts more time to connect with friends and family and serves as a great way to plan the menu in advance.

3. Only make what guests are likely to eat.

Hosts also should not feel pressured to cook more food than is necessary. Holiday meals have a tendency to be lavish, but hosts don't have to spend all day in the kitchen preparing



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food that will likely end up as leftovers or trash. Get a final headcount in the days before everyone comes over and adjust your recipes accordingly.

4. Start early. If the big meal is on Christmas Day, that

does not mean hosts have to start cooking while everyone unwraps their presents. Hosts who are uncertain about what to cook can look for meals that can be prepared in advance so come the big day all they need to do

is turn on the oven and let meals cook while the family spends time together.

Hosts can employ various strategies to simplify the process of cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

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New Year's Traditions Around The World

Each December 31st, people anxiously await and count down to the arrival of the new year. January 1 often is a time for reflection and for making future plans. It also is a holiday full of tradition.

Notable New Year's traditions include toasting champagne beneath skies lit up by fireworks, kissing one's sweetheart at midnight and making resolutions to better oneself in the year ahead.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day traditions vary across the

globe. The following is a look at the unique ways people ring in the new year throughout the world.

•Filipinos embrace round fruits for the new year. The custom includes gathering 12 different round fruits for each month of the year. The round shape symbolizes wealth and prosperity.

•Around Stonehaven, Scotland, people wield large fireballs for the Hogmanay festival on New Year's Eve. The idea is to ward off evil

spirits by swinging balls of fires over the heads of trained professionals and then tossing them into the sea. The tradition has endured for more than 100 years.

•In the Eastern Orthodox Greek Church, Christmas isn't celebrated until January 7. Aghios Vassilis, the Greek Santa Claus, makes his rounds on New Year's Day.

•Chilean families celebrate the arrival of the new year by commemorating deceased friends and family members. It

is common for those in Chile to set up chairs next to graves in the cemetery.

•Burmese people end the Thingyan water festival on New Year's Day. Since April, they have celebrated the arrival of Thagyamin, a celestial Buddhist figure, with the firing of water cannons. The water-logged revelry ends with the new year.

•Siberians celebrate the new year's with the planting of the "New Year's Tree" underneath frozen lakes. This



"yolka" is said to symbolize the coming of Father Frost, but also represents starting over.

•Grapes are a hallmark of Spanish New Year's celebrations. Throughout Spain, revelers gobble a grape per second as they count down the last 12 seconds of the year. Each grape corresponds to good luck for the 12 months of the new year.

•In Denmark, resi-

dents break old dishes on the doorsteps of family and friends on New Year's Day. The bigger the pile, the more friends and good will in the new year.

•In China, where the new year is celebrated on February 5 this year according to the lunar calendar, celebrants paint their doors red or hang red curtains or cutouts on windows to symbolize good luck.



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Happy New Year

Simple Ways To Prolong The Life Of Poinsettias

Poinsettias and their rich red, white or variegated color schemes are the ideal backdrop for Christmas celebrations. In fact, poinsettias are among the most popular decorative flowers during the holiday season.

According to the 2013 USDA Floriculture Statistics report, poinsettias accounted for about one-quarter (23 percent) of all flowering potted plant sales that year. Roughly 34 million poinsettia plants are sold in a given season. Indigenous to Central America, the plant was introduced to North America in the 1820s when Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States Minister to Mexico, brought the red-and-green plant

back with him from a trip abroad.

While millions of poinsettias will be purchased for the holiday season, many mistakenly think their utility ends once New Year's Day has come and gone. But with proper care poinsettia plants can continue to thrive and bring warmth and beauty to a home long after the holiday decorations have been tucked away.

•Choose a hearty plant. Experts with the University of Vermont Extension Department of Plant and Soil Science say that many people mistake the plant's leaves for its flowers. The red, white or pink bracts are actually modified leaves. The flowers



of the plant are the yellow clustered buds in the center called "cyathia." Choose poinsettia plants that have buds which

are, ideally, not yet open.

•Keep the temperature consistent. Poinsettias prefer a room

temperature between 60 and 68 F during the day and 10 degrees cooler at night. Humidity levels between 20 and 50 percent are ideal. Group plants on water-filled trays full of pebbles to help increase humidity levels.

•Place near sunlight. The United Kingdom-based Perrywood floral company advises placing poinsettia plants near a bright windowsill but not in direct sunlight. Do not let a poinsettia touch cold window panes.

•Avoid drafts. The plants are sensitive to drafts and changes in temperature. So it's best to keep poinsettias away from drafty doors, windows, radiators, or fire-

places.

•Don't drown the roots. Wait until the surface of the compost dries out before watering the plant anew. Also, the decorative foil wrapper that covers pots can trap water and lead to root rot. Remove it or poke holes in the bottom to allow for drainage.

•Cut back plants. Come mid-March, cut back the plant by half to encourage new shoots, suggests the University of Illinois Extension. The plants also can be placed outside in the spring after the risk of frost has passed. Bring poinsettias back in around mid-September to early October to force them to bloom again.

Are Poinsettias Poisonous?

Christmas trees, Santa Claus, menorahs, and glittering lighting displays are just a few of the many prominent symbols of the holiday season. And while mistletoe might garner more attention and inspire more displays of affection, poinsettias are another prominent sign that the holiday season has arrived.

Thanks to its bright red and green colors, the poinsettia is perhaps the ideal holiday plant. But as much as it suits holiday decor and seems tailor-made for that special time of year between Thanksgiving and the first of January, the poinsettia has a reputation that few plants would want.

First discovered in Mexico and brought to the United States by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the poinsettia has long been rumored to be poisonous. However, the National Capital Poison Center notes that poinsettias are not deadly. In fact, the NCPC notes that the rumor that poinsettias are deadly may have been around for more than a century, tracing its origins all the way back to a child who was found dead lying next to a poinsettia plant. The plant was blamed for the child's death, and even though that blame was misplaced, the stigma stuck. WebMD notes that others trace the false rumors surrounding poinsettias to 1919,

when parents blamed the death of their daughter, who they thought had eaten poinsettia leaves, on this ubiquitous holiday plant.

Even today, when researchers have long since proven that poinsettias are not deadly, many people still believe they can be fatal if consumed.

The NCPC notes that, in most cases, exposure to any part of a poinsettia plant in children or pets has little, if any, effect. However, if the plant is swallowed, some people and pets may experience symptoms including nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Some who touch the plant may develop a rash after contact.

While poinsettias are not deadly, the NCPC still advises those who choose to include the plant in their holiday decor to take every measure necessary to prevent children and pets from swallowing it. Placing poinsettias beyond the reach of kids and pets is one simple way to accomplish just that.

Poinsettias are seemingly everywhere come the holiday season. And because they're not fatal, celebrants can continue to display these beautiful plants that call to mind the colors of the holiday season.

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Celebrate Safely This New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is a time to celebrate. But for hundreds of people each year, the week between Christmas and New Year's Day proves fatal.

According to fatality data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, over the last five years an average of 300 people died in drunk driving fatalities between Christmas and New Year's Day. Holiday celebrations, and New Year's Eve festivities in particular, tend to include alcohol, raising the stakes during this festive yet too often fatal time of year.

The sobering statistics provided by the NHTSA don't have to prevent people from toasting a new year. In fact, there

are many ways to have fun this New Year's Eve without putting yourself in harm's way.

- Don't overindulge in alcohol. For many people, overindulging in alcohol is part and parcel during New Year's Eve celebrations. Such behavior puts everyone at risk, even people who don't drive.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, conservative estimates suggest that roughly one-half of sexual assaults on American women involve alcohol consumption by the perpetrator, victim or both. While alcohol and its relationship to traffic fatalities draw the bulk of the attention on New Year's Eve, even people

who don't intend to drive should recognize the dangers of overindulging in alcohol and drink responsibly.

- Arrange for transportation. If you need a car to get around on New Year's Eve and plan to drink alcohol, arrange for someone else to do your driving for you. Groups of friends should choose someone to be their designated driver or pool their money and hire a taxi or bus service for the night so no one who's been drinking gets behind the wheel. The NHTSA even offers a free app called SaferRide that is compatible with Apple and Android devices and enables users to call a taxi or a friend to be picked up.

- Host responsibly. Even people who don't intend to leave their homes can take steps to make New Year's Eve safer for everyone. If you're hosting a party at home, do so responsibly, making sure none of your guests overindulge and making the party less about drinking and more about having fun.

Shift the focus from toasting drinks to games and activities that don't include alcohol. Make sure to have plenty of food and nonalcoholic beverages on hand and encourage people who are drinking to eat full



meals and drink water throughout the night. People who fill up on food and water during the party may feel full, which may discourage them from having extra drinks.

While many people will expect to drink alcohol on New Year's Eve, don't stock up on too much alcohol, the availability of which may en-

courage guests to overindulge. Hosts also should keep the phone numbers of local taxi services handy just in case some guests cannot drive themselves home safely.

New Year's Eve should be as festive as possible. Celebrating responsibly can ensure everyone has a fun and safe time.

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Father Falbisoner's Help

All items have a history to it, but few have the power of the crib in St. Kilian. This is because of its age, story, appreciation and beauty.

The origins go back to Fr. Ferdinand Falbisoner, a priest who served St. Kilian from 1910 to 1920. No known sources were found to give a second hand account of what their parents remembered about this priest. Fr. Falbisoner was born in 1877 at Vultmes, Tyrol (Austria)



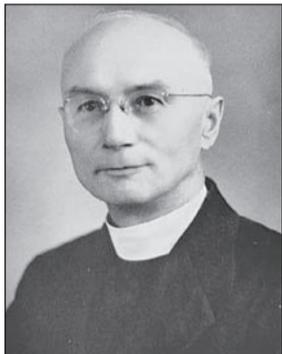
This is Fr. Ferdinand Falbisoner's picture in the Centennial Jubilee Book of 1948. His trademark hat makes it easier to identify the age of old St. Kilian pictures, as his tenure lasted from 1910 to 1920. He "was given charge of St. Kilian's Church in September, 1910, and remained until July, 1920.

During his administration, the hot air heating plant of the church was replaced by a steam heating system. Father Falbisoner adorned the church with artistic large Stations of the Cross of hard composition, which Stations had been imported from Italy. Then the Rev. Roman Stoffel was found a worthy administrator to fill the vacancy in St. Kilian's parish until a new pastor was selected in the person of Rev. J. B. Reichel," (p.28).

and came to America at age six. He went to St. Francis Seminary, and was ordained in 1905.

This information was posted on Facebook last year on the page for St. Anthony the Hermit Parish. This is because after Falbisoner left St. Kilian in 1920, he eventually ended up at St. Anthony's in 1924, retired in 1937, then died in 1941. He was interred at St. Anthony's in Fussville, which now is incorporated into Menomonee Falls.

Meanwhile, Anton (Tony) Wondra was born in 1898. By the time he was in the upper levels of St. Kilian Parochial



Fr. John B. Reichel had a long run in St. Kilian lasting 44 years (1920-1964). His tenure continued the tradition of the German language as a partial function of the services. Reichel continued to let the parish sing the German 'Silent Night' version, a tradition lasting long after his era.

According to St. Kilian parishioner Audrey Ruplinger, such German versions of songs were common at St. Martin's as well. Lizzy Weiland recalls Reichel's appreciation when men of the parish got the crib installed. "Fr. Reichel," said Lizzy, "He took them down to the bar, and they celebrated that the crib was up."

Photo courtesy of the Centennial Jubilee (1948) book for St. Kilian Parish

School, he crossed paths with the new priest. From what elders have said about St. Kilian in the 1930s, there was a tradition that the older boys in school would be taken out of class to help with the church, such as preparing for an upcoming parish function.

In this context, if you go back a little earlier to 1910, this corroborates with the making of the crib. First, Father Falbisoner was a new priest, and whatever crib existed before apparently left a lot to be desired. Second, anybody in charge of a school can appreciate a good project that keeps kids motivated, while also benefiting the community.

Third, Wondra's age matches up to being one of the older boys in school by the time Falbisoner came to the parish. Pictures prove Wondra served mass for Fr. Falbisoner, so those boys would likely have gotten first chance on getting to help the construction. It is also an indication others at the school likely helped the crib construction besides Tony.

It's important to admit those above points largely entail some estimates. For fact, Tony's grandson Norm (born in 1949) can vouch that his grandfather would take him to Midnight Mass and passed on the pride in constructing that crib scene. Norm's pictures included a labeling of Tony's neighbor William Marian, who was then verified by his daughter Delores. She also confirmed her father also worked on the crib, but spoke of bark that was used in its creation. This bark came from trees on the church's eastern property, which was likely more wooded around 1900.

Who else helped in the construction of the crib is still an open question. What is not is the crib's meaning to St. Kilian. The following con-



Pictured here is a closer look at the century old nativity scene in St. Kilian. The brown, is of paper mache-like quality that is believed to still cover bark that was used in the 1910s construction of the crib. This photo is courtesy of Shirley Fechter, who is greatly appreciative that those from younger generations like Mike Amerling still put up the crib.

denses some of the oldest surviving parishioner's perspectives revolving around the Christmas Scene in St. Kilian, as well as Christmas Eve.

Lizzy Weiland's Recollections

For those oldest of the parish, Christmas memories depend on the priest, but three eras dominate the landscape of present day tales of old St. Kilian. There was Father Reichel, who led the parish from 1920 to 1964 from a more traditional perspective. Then there was Father Zuckaitis from 1964 to 1971 who added a breath of fresh air with renovations, humor, and social levity. Lastly and more recent, is Father Kemmer, who extended the life of the Catholic Community when he gave two decades of "retirement" to the parish starting in the mid-1980s. At age 96, Lizzy Weiland's memories transcend all those eras.

Lizzy joined the parish in the 1940s when she married Leander Weiland and settled on the old Oscar Batzler farm on Highway W east of St. Kilian. She witnessed many St. Kilian picnics and chicken dinners in her time, and her admiration for the older women of the parish shaped her present vantage point.

Around 1950, the Strachota family ran the general store and tavern in St. Kilian, and they

played a role in providing the Christmas trees for the church. Lizzy could not recall where they got the trees, but rest assured, "They were all alive. Everything was alive. There was hardly anything that was artificial there."

She laughed when thinking about the time necessary to put up the St. Kilian Crib in the middle 1900s. The accents in the church that could be attributed to Strachota's (via trees) was punctuated at Strachota's (via the tavern).

"It was a day of celebration when the men put up the crib, because ... Fr. (Reichel) took them down with him to the bar."

Other memories with Reichel include an inten-

tional delay in putting up the crib, usually less than a week before Christmas after the most recent Sunday Mass before the holiday. However, there was always the risk of snow storms and the concern whether all the men intending to help could actually get to the church.

Her memories go back long ago of a year that a snow storm hit before Christmas: "I know it was a Batzler, a Straub, a Ruplinger... Awh, it was quite a gang. And they carried everything over from the garage." In St. Kilian, the Christmas crib's annual installment is just as certain as Christmas itself.

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Lizzy Weiland sang in the St. Kilian choir for decades — and she sent her girls (Diane, Bonnie, Lois and Jane) to its parochial school. She is pictured here around 2014 at her kitchen table, where she often shared the best memories of St. Kilian.

Recalling the childhood scenes with her sister Diane, Lois Zingsheim described a mystical scene. "We would be so excited to go to Midnight Mass. The priest and servers would turn all the lights out in church and then go to the crib. Everyone would sing 'Silent Night' in German. And then baby Jesus was placed in the manger and all the lights would be turned on. This was the Magic of Christmas."

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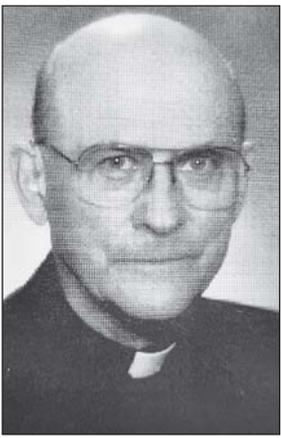
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Audrey Ruplinger's memories of Christmas in St. Kilian are wonderful. When asked about a crib story or the Midnight Mass, Audrey went straight to Fr. Kemmer pictured here. And she laughs at the answer because of its matter-of-factness.

"I say, he was a living saint on earth. He really — if there's anybody who got into those feelings of the holidays — it was him. He was just like somebody you would have known from years back. And he just had that nice quiet voice, and it just went right through you when you talked to him and listened to him talking about that stuff. So yea, those were the days. I just miss them now moreso as the years go by. As you get older, you kinda think back, and think, 'ohh, how things were then and how they're different now.'"

Audrey, however, is more thankful for having the memories than sad because times have changed. It is very important to explain to younger generations the benefit of having those memories, rather than being bitter that they don't exist anymore.

She affirmed: "Well, they always say you should think of the good times, and not the bad feelings... As long as you have that good feeling that you know what it was like, it stays with you. You absorb what is going on now, but you still have those memories of the old times."

She paused and added, "I think that's what helps you think of the Christmas season. It's thinking of years back, when you were growing up with the traditions: having Midnight mass, and having all that stuff. You don't ever forget that as you grow older. You still always think of that, and make it part of your feelings at Christmas time."

Indeed, the old days of St. Kilian were ones of comfort and joy. They still bring comfort. The faith continues, and that memory in a sense is a blessing. Isn't it? "It is. It is. And I say that's something that nobody can take away from you.

Those memories are in you, and nobody can make anything different about them, because you know what they were like from the beginning."

photo courtesy of Lyra Straub, who compiled the St. Kilian Parish booklet in 1998

At the same token when it comes to timing, Fr. Reichel was sure not to put the crib up only a day or two before Christmas, as the women of the parish didn't appreciate its encroachment on preparation for their own family Christmas celebrations. Lizzy recalls the parish women decorated the church after the crib was set up by the men, in itself becoming its own tradition.

Her conversation all comes back to that crib Tony Wondra, William Marian and others worked on 110 years ago. Pride dominates the explanation. Lizzy said once the crib was in place, it was left up until Valentine's Day, "because so many people wanted to see it."

Audrey Ruplinger
Audrey Ruplinger is another elder who can tie many eras of St. Kilian together. She married Leander Ruplinger, and by mid-century came to St. Kilian but was happy that the German singing that occurred at St. Martin's was still available at St. Kilian's.

However, in the early days of Fr. Reichel, the style of church was seen by some as less personable. "In the years back, we had the altar turned around and it was a different feeling with having their backs to us. But now that you can see them as they face the congregation you get a little more togetherness, or feeling as if you're more close to them, than when they had their

back turned to you all the time."

She was impressed as her children had the opportunity to know Fr. Zuckaitis in the late '60s: "I don't know how to put that into words. To me, he was a parishioner's priest. No matter who it was, he was just that way about everybody. You know if they wanted help they could turn to him. It seems like he was always there for everybody. Yea, that I remember."

Overall, Audrey is thankful most of her life included Midnight Masses, which she experienced as a child at St. Martin's, so the moments of Christmas Eve always ties back to her childhood just as much as her adulthood in St. Kilian. However, her highlights of the crib and St. Kilian focus on Fr. Kemmer, who came to the church in the 1980s after time at St. Matthew's in Campbellsport.

She vividly recalls his tradition of beginning Midnight Mass with the Christ Child in hand. "He brought the baby Jesus up at Midnight Mass and placed him in his little manger. You know, you saw all these things, and it made it more realistic than just going and seeing it all done before

hand. Because it felt like you were with the Baby Jesus being born."

Make no mistake: it is nice to have a nativity scene up, however, Audrey made a point that there is a purpose in having a Midnight Mass that matters "from the beginning to the end." She added, "Everything wasn't done all right away when you got to church. This way, the crib would be empty and he [Fr. Kemmer] would carry it up... you felt like you were really almost in the presence there of it

and it happened. And that just meant a lot."

In this context, Fr. Kemmer elevated the meaning of the nativity scene in St. Kilian. In doing so came the meaning of Christmas. "Fr. Kemmer," she paused with clarity: "I just idolized him, because he was just so calm and religious, and everything meant so much to him when we had those Midnight Masses."

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Audrey Ruplinger's nativity stands proud at her house just west of St. Kilian. She thought it a fitting image for the story, given the manger scene was purchased with her husband at Strachota's General Store well over 60 years ago. Her cousin Lizzy Weiland recalls that during mid-century the Strachotas provided the evergreen trees for decorating St. Kilian Church.

photo courtesy of David Ruplinger



Audrey Ruplinger stands by her Christmas tree this season. Her positive reflections on Christmas are ones that bring back fond memories, and add to the local history of St. Kilian.

photo courtesy of David Ruplinger



This image marks the baptism of Theresa Ruplinger, which occurred on Christmas Day, 1962. It also provides a nice background which includes the crib at St. Kilian behind Leander and Audrey Ruplinger.

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Millie Weiland

Mildred Weiland's best St. Kilian Christmas memory includes Fr. Kemmer and ends with him walking past the crib. Millie came from Nenno, then married Norbert Weiland and farmed north of the Katzenberg. Placement of the story is important.

"Yea. See, people had their same places years ago where we would go. We would have the same pews always." The explanation is priceless, for those who knew the parish understood the importance of which pew you were sitting in.

She explained where she and her husband Norbert sat: "We were on the south side... The right side.... We were both by the register. By the [stained glass] windows," honoring families in the parish. "I was the first one in the pew, and Norbert was the second. That was where we always were." She placed herself in church back by the confessionals. "Let me see. We were one. Two. Three. Four. Five. Six. I would say... about five or six pews up towards the altar from the back."

Then her mind goes to a Christmas Eve and

she recalls Father Kemmer walking up from the back of church. "Norbert gave Father Kemmer a black coat once that Norbert didn't wear anymore. And we gave that to Fr. Kemmer, and Kemmer would wear that, and that was around Christmas time."

Fr. Kemmer discreetly walked past their pew in appreciation, but as he passed Millie and Norbert, Father put his hand on that coat to say thank you. "That's one thing that I could remember." Millie said it was so special. It was more his eye contact than anything else. Millie was at the aisle; Norbert was to Millie's left. It was all in Fr. Kemmer's faint, but distinct gestures. "He would put his hand on his coat and have a pleasant look on his face. He didn't say it loud, but he just put his right hand on his coat. And then when he walked past, he looked at us, and sorta — you know, put his hand on his coat, and he smiled that he really [liked the coat], and he wore that all the time."

This was all before Christmas Eve Mass when he walked up from the back on his way to

the front of church and past the historic crib. Then with certainty, as if it is one of her favorite memories, Millie added: "I am not making this up. This is true."

A Relic To Our Ancestors

The crib in St. Kilian means much to many. Richard Amerling, whose son Mike still puts up the crib, noted that it is so "very, very unique" because it's "parish orientated." It is not just another religious artifact, but rather a badge for community.

The history of St. Kilian is symbolized in the crib. For Tony Wondra and William Marian, it was part of a legacy of being raised in St. Kilian. For others, it is a reminder of the way things were, and where they came from. Amerling also recalls how the parish functions like church picnics and chicken dinners pro-

vided the youth of the parish to work side by side with the elders, thereby creating a culture which fostered appreciation for older stories of the parish.

Why was this story of the crib important? Lizzy Weiland paused: "Well, years ago when there wasn't anything going, religion played a big part in communities. ...and Christmas was a big one in St. Kilian. It always was, as I remember, and always was, and it still is."

Audrey Ruplinger concluded, "There isn't another one like it." And Millie Weiland agrees, noting there is just the sense that the scene gives off the feeling of "the way it used to be like when Jesus was born." This includes its "big cave" which fosters the reality through power in size. Millie added, "It didn't look artificial. It looked so real." The other cribs? "They

are nothing compared to the one in St. Kilian."

Lizzy Weiland recalled a priest who was a son of the parish when pressed why the crib matters. "When Rev. Charlie Bodden died, they put up the crib for him." He died on December 16, 2011; his memorial service wasn't until January 21, 2012.

"It was a relic, more or less, for the people."

Lizzy warmly recalled how both the parish and the Bodden family appreciated honoring Father Bodden by having the crib up. "I know that everybody who belonged to the parish at that time adored that crib. You know, it was something special."



Here is a 1910 picture of the altar boy crew at St. Kilian with Fr. Ferdinand Falbisoner in the center. Holding the tall cross on a slant behind Father Falbisoner is Anton ("Tony") Wondra. It appears it was not upright for it would have been cut out of the picture. Norm Schickert, the grandson of Tony Wondra, has preserved this picture, which had also labeled "Dolores Marian's dad. Bill Marian," in the upper left corner with a candle. Marian's was the next farm to the east of Wondra's on the north side of St. Kilian Drive. Both Bill and Tony were born in 1898. Both boys were verified by Norm Schickert and Delores Marian. Delores went on to explain that the same picture was taken to church during Fr. Kemmer's tenure (mid 1980s to early 2000s) to identify the other boys. This attempt ended up labeling the farthest seated boy to the right as Herbert Straub, who later moved up north. Any other verifications of who else is in the picture would be much appreciated.

Compiled by Lyra Straub, the 1998 St. Kilian Parish Booklet that honors 150 years of the parish's history gives us some context to this picture. "Fr. Burelbach remained at St. Kilian until 1910 at which time Fr. Ferdinand Falbisoner was appointed pastor and he served St. Kilian until July, 1920. During this time the hot air heating plant was replaced by a steam heating system and large Stations of the Cross imported from Italy were added. The beautiful Christmas crèche which is still in use was made by Fr. Falbisoner with the help of several boys in school," (p.7).



This picture marks the first communion batch of St. Kilian Parish. Probably taken around 1912, Delores Marian warned it is not a graduation picture because the Roman Catholic pope, Pope Pius X, had not yet changed first communion to around age seven. Pius X's change did not occur until August 1910. However, Fr. Falbisoner apparently didn't get to St. Kilian until the fall of 1910. This leads to the question when the last 12 year old batch of children got 1st Communion in St. Kilian. It seems likely this picture would be from late 1910, or early 1911, and probably the last late aged communicants of the parish.

By the mid-1900s, the professional pictures taken for St. Kilian had a clear mark from Miller's in Kewaskum, but there is no maker's mark on this original. Only three people were identified at the time of print: Fr. Ferdinand Falbisoner, and Anton (Tony) Wondra at his side with the dark hair and object at hand. William Marian is at the far left seated. Both boys were born in 1898 and would have been 12 in 1910. Fr. Falbisoner went to Fussville at St. Anthony the Hermit, the parish still exists but Fussville was absorbed by Menomonee Falls. Falbisoner was a young priest, born in 1877 and was around 35 at the time of this picture. Any verification of the other members of this 1910s photo by those in the area would be much appreciated.

photo courtesy of Norm Schickert



Norm Schickert fondly recalls spending time with his grandparents Anton ("Tony") and Regina Wondra at their farmhouse near St. Kilian. "This is a picture of them in about '52 or '53, because I was born in '49." Norm had a different point of view, as he was the first grandchild for the couple. Norm even knew Tony's dad Joseph, who lived until the 1950s. Norm's parents lived near the intersection of BB and 28 in the Town of Wayne, but for at least half a year he lived with Tony and Regina because his parent's house burnt up after a chimney fire. In these connections, Norm heard stories of old St. Kilian, including Tony's work on the crib for the nativity scene.

photo courtesy of Norm Schickert



This photo from Dietrich G. Otto, despite some storage damage due to humidity, is a remarkable image of Norbert and Mildred Weiland. Millie shared some of her favorite Christmas memories of St. Kilian Church, including Fr. Victor Kemmer's appreciation of a coat from the couple.

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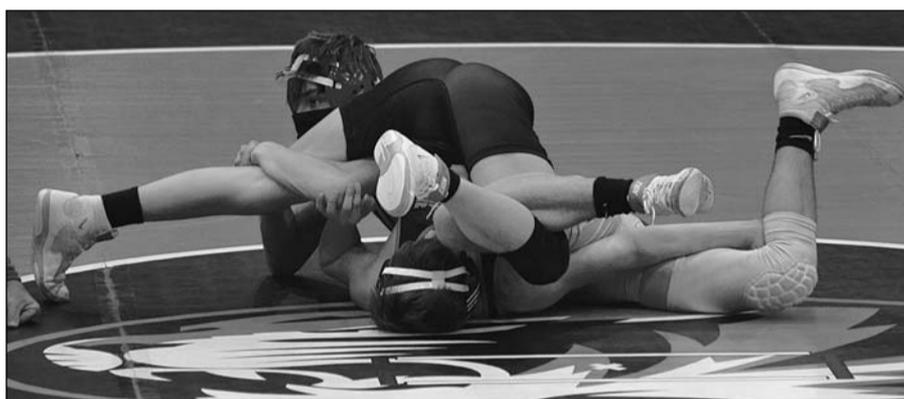
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The Campbellsport Cougar wrestling team was ready for the action at Ripon on Tuesday, Dec. 15, cheering their team on to a 54-18 win over the Tigers. **-photo submitted**



Campbellsport's Drake Muellenbach at 113 pounds took on Joe Williams of Ripon on Tuesday, Dec. 15, pinning him in 2:32. **-photo submitted**

Cougar Wrestlers Take Down Ripon

The Cougar wrestling team had their second dual of the season at Ripon High School on Tuesday night, Dec. 15. The Cougars came out on top 54-18.

The opening match of the night was between Campbellsport's Joseph Volz and Ripon's Garrett Briskie. Briskie took an early lead and maintained it until the third period when Volz reversed Briskie and put him to his back for the fall in 4:42.

At 113 pounds, two-time state qualifier Drake Muellenbach faced off against Joseph Williams. Muellenbach earned a takedown in the first period before putting Williams in a spladle for the fall in 2:32.

Next up was freshman JJ Ksioszk, who took on Cade Agamaite. After trailing early in the match, Ksioszk's conditioning proved to be the difference as he battled back after tiring out his opponent and picked up another fall for the Cougars at 132 pounds.

The Cougars continued their pin streak by going back to back to back at 138, 145 and 152 with falls by sophomores Sam Koth and Andrew Jenkins and freshman Colton Urban.

In the final match of the evening, Sebastian Meyer picked up yet another pin over Jack

Schoelzel at 182 pounds in 1:59.

You can watch all of the Cougar wrestling meets live by going to the host school's YouTube page. As of right now, the WIAA is only allowing wrestling to have one dual every seven days, with no tournaments. In January, the WIAA will revisit this rule. As of now conference, regionals, sectionals, and state are still tentatively scheduled. Regionals would be on Saturday, Jan. 30, if we are allowed to move forward with that event.

Cougars 54, Tigers 18

- 195 — Double Forfeit
- 220 — Joseph Volz (CHS) pinned Garrett Briskie (RHS) 4:42
- 285 — Aaron Socha (RHS) pinned Kyle Murphy (Ca) 1:02
- 106 — Karsten Krueger (CHS) won by forfeit
- 113 — Drake Muellenbach (CHS) pinned Joseph Williams (RHS) 2:32
- 120 — Ostin Blanchard (CHS) won by forfeit
- 126 — Double forfeit
- 132 — JJ Ksioszk (CHS) pinned Cale Agamaite (RHS) 3:32
- 138 — Sam Koth (CHS) pinned Eric Wipijewski 1:11
- 145 — Andrew Jenkins (CHS) pinned Brandyn Beahm (RHS) 3:00
- 152 — Colton Urban

- (CHS) pinned Ryan Forslund (RHS) 3:58
- 160 — LeeRoy Cotton (Rip) pinned Aydan Meilahn (CHS) :30
- 170 — Alex Button (RHS) pinned James Fettig (CHS) 3:50
- 182 — Sebastian Meyer (CHS) pinned Jack Schoelzel (RHS) 1:59

2020/2021 Schedule

- December 22nd — Plymouth (6:30 p.m.)
- December 29th — Berlin (10:30 a.m.)
- January 7th — Waupun (6:30 p.m.)
- January 14th — at Kewaskum (6:30 p.m.)



Campbellsport's Kaylee Petersen fights to get the rebound during a game against Mayville on Tuesday, Dec. 15. The Cougars lost the game 60-42. **photo by Andrea Hansen Abler**



Campbellsport's Lauren Heisdorf goes around a defender during a game against Mayville on Tuesday, Dec. 15. The Cougars lost the game 60-42. **photo by Andrea Hansen Abler**

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Miles Surprenant brings the ball to the net to score two points for Kewaskum during a home game against Campbellsport on December 15. Kewaskum won the game, 54-37.

photo by Anne Trautner

Kewaskum Falls Short In Nail-Biter Against KML

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the Kewaskum High School girls basketball team headed to Kettle Moraine Lutheran to take on the Lady Chargers. Kewaskum scored the first six points, exploiting height mismatches and forcing KML into a quick timeout. Adjustments were made, and the rest of the first half went back and forth, with the Indians taking a 24-21 lead into the locker room.

Nobody would have predicted how the second half would start. KML packed into a zone, and the Indians took the air out of the ball for the first seven minutes of the half. Two of Kewaskum's top players, Annie Christenson and Madi Dogs, were in foul trouble. The Kewaskum coaching staff felt shortening the game was to

Indians' advantage because the team was already without its starting point guard, Grace Leitheiser, due to an injury.

KML took the lead midway through the second half, and it was back and forth the rest of the way. Kewaskum had opportunities to take the lead late on three straight possessions down one point, but a few backcourt turnovers and not being able to secure a couple rebounds on missed bonus free throws ultimately sealed the team's fate.

Final score was KML 37, Kewaskum 34. Christenson led the Indians with 10, while Dogs contributed eight.

The game scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 19, against Lomira was cancelled due to a positive Covid test on Lomira's coaching staff.



Antoine Coleman-Thull shoots a two-pointer for Kewaskum High School during an away game against Kettle Moraine Lutheran on December 18. Kewaskum won the game, 48-46.

photo by Eric Fransen



Kyle Hoeft shoots a basket for Kewaskum High School during an away game against Kettle Moraine Lutheran on December 18. Kewaskum won the game, 48-46.

photo by Eric Fransen



The Piitt Stop

By Jason Piittmann, KHS Athletic Director

New Year's Bold Predictions

I am not one to do New Year's Resolutions — at least not serious ones. Since I am doing these articles, I figured I would go ahead and try to make some "bold predictions" for what may be coming in sports in the year 2021.

Bold Prediction #1 — The Packers will make the Super Bowl. I am still not certain on the outcome, though I'd like a win. The Packers will play the Cleveland Browns in the Super Bowl. Either way, it will be a fun ride.

Bold Prediction #2 — My Iowa Hawkeyes

will win their bowl game in late 2020 or early 2021.

Bold Prediction #3 — The Wisconsin Badgers and Iowa Hawkeyes men's basketball teams will meet in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament and Iowa will advance to the Final Four.

Bold Prediction #4 — Giannis and the Milwaukee Bucks will have an incredible season and will bring an NBA Championship to Milwaukee for the first time since 1971. They will end up beating the Los Angeles Lakers in six games.

Bold Prediction #5 — The Milwaukee Brewers will have an average start to the season, get hot in June and July, and win the National League Central over the Cubs by five games. They will advance to the NLCS where it will be a seven game battle with the San Diego Padres — I am not sure who will win, though I would love to see The Crew in the World Series.

No matter what happens in the coming year, I wish you all a happy, safe, and healthy 2021.

WIAA Board Addresses Quarantine Period And Reviews Sports Calendar

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control, at its special meeting recently, reviewed and reaffirmed the winter sports guidance recommendation requiring a 14-day quarantine period before student-athletes return to participation following close contact with anyone tested positive for COVID-19.

The board's decision requires the 14-day quarantine period during the winter Tournament Series in 2020-2021. During the regular season, 14 days is the recommended standard, but local health departments have the final authority to determine the length of the quarantine after close contact with anyone tested positive with COVID-19.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released new guidance stating the quarantine period may be reduced to 10 days or seven days if conditions warrant. After confirming the plans of the CDC to release new guidance on the quarantine period with the Department of Health Services and the WIAA Sports Medical Advisory Committee, the revised CDC guidance was provided to the membership.

With further interpretation and additional clarification, the CDC conditions to reduce the length of quarantine included the need to adhere strictly to all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions. Those mitigation standards require consistent mask use, social distancing, and avoidance gatherings for the full 14 days after exposure, which is improbable in athletic competition and only with extensive alterations in practice settings.

The board conducted another review of the revised sport season calendar and a consideration to extend the wrestling season two weeks, but took no action. The revised calendar with a 13-week wrestling season was approved by the Board in August.

The WIAA, as defined by its Constitution, is a voluntary, unincorporated, and nonprofit organization. The membership oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 514 senior high schools and 48 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. For more information, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580.

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Coach P's Corner

The Year Nobody Will Ever Forget

The turbulent year of 2020 is coming to a close. Most of us have never experienced a year that brought so much heartache and pain. The coronavirus has crippled many of our lives the last 10 months and the battle isn't over yet. For me personally, it was a difficult year losing three uncles, a cousin, and my father. None of them were able to have a normal funeral service which made things extremely sad.

January started out fine as I kept myself busy coaching youth wrestling and going to Wisconsin Badger wrestling meets. We also did a major home improvement project, ripping out our entire kitchen. February was packed with a lot of high school wrestling for me following the Cougars at conference, regionals, sectionals, and state. My wife Cindy went to Vegas for five days leaving me home eating pizza every day.

March sure got interesting in a hurry! The kitchen project finally finished up and it turned out magnificent. We took a limo ride around the lake for my nephew's 30th birthday.

Then the week of March 9th everything started to go downhill. The coronavirus shut down schools, and we were thrown into a virtual teaching world for the next two and a half

months. Bars and restaurants closed, churches closed, and we were stuck at home waiting out the deadly virus. The sports world froze with the pandemic and it prevented me from going to see the Bucks in their new arena for the first time and I lost out on seeing my first NCAA wrestling tournament in Minneapolis.

Not much went on during the month of April, the highlight of the week was going to the grocery store. Most people were still in lockdown mode during the month of May but the golf courses opened up and I was able to sneak in a few rounds.

The warm weather started in June and things started to open back up slowly. I got to see my son-in-law head off for his deployment to Kuwait. I played in a corn hole (bags) league with my wife and kids which made Tuesday nights a family night out. We also got a chance to celebrate my daughter's birthday with some live music from Riding Shotgun, one of the few live bands we saw all summer.

July was quite subdued compared to most summers. With no Fourth of July celebrations or Hodag Music Festival, my highlights were a couple small cookouts and announcing some baseball games for Forest out in Dotyville.

Cindy and I did escape to the casino for our 30th wedding anniversary.

The Eden Firemen's Picnic was the highlight of August along with the ScudDimo's softball game. In September it was back to school and teaching in a new environment (mask, sanitizing, and social distancing). I did get a chance to help Sam Floyd with the fifth/sixth grade football camp and I had a blast announcing the Ledge Games out at the Red Cabin.

October was very quiet as the coronavirus made another surge and put CSD back into a virtual setting. We were able to get out of the house and have dinner for my wife and son's birthdays in November.

After playing it safe on Thanksgiving, the next day our world came crashing down when my dad passed away due to a heart attack. December has been somber since my father's funeral and the pandemic isn't making it any easier to celebrate Christmas in a normal fashion.

So as we wrap up 2020, we look for hope and optimism that things will get back to normal. Where we can safely go places with our friends and not have to worry about catching the COVID, being able to hug our loved ones, and seeing people smile without a mask.



Campbellsport's Andrew Jenkins earned his first varsity pin on Tuesday, Dec. 15, in Ripon. Jenkins pinned his opponent in three minutes.

-photo submitted

Lady Cougars Lose Tough Match To Longtime Rivals

The Lady Cougar Bowlers traveled to West Bend on Monday, Dec. 14, to take on their longtime rivals, the Kewaskum Indians.

The match started out with the Indians coming out smoking. They blasted games of 201-159-163 to the Cougars 175-157-111. Just like that the Cougars found themselves at a 0-3 deficit.

The next set saw a different outcome as the Cougars heated up and the Indians cooled off. The Cougars made a few lane adjustments and focused on their spare shooting and their adjustments paid off. The Cougars rolled games of 214-173-165 to the Indians 131-112-145 and the match was tied 3-3.

In game seven, the Cougars kept making the majority of their spares and won but the

Indians weren't done yet. Game eight saw some solid spare shooting by both teams but the Indians pulled ahead 173-169 to tie the match at 4-4.

In the final game, single pin spares made the difference. The Cougars left four single pins standing after their spare shots and that made the difference in the match. The Indians won the match 5-4.

"This was a good match tonight," said Coach Cary Serwe. "The match could have gone either way but the Indians converted their spares in game nine and deserved the win."

The Cougars averaged 161 in the match to the Indians 153 but the only stat that counts is the win or loss.

Once again it was a good team effort by the whole team with all bowlers filling at least

half of their frames. Amber Thompson led the team filling 17 of 18 official frames and 24 of 25 with the extra balls thrown in the tenth frames. Amber had almost a perfect night, missing only one spare, which was a split. Brianna Thompson filled 12 of 18 frames, Kylie Zehren and Paige Jordan each filled 11 of 18 frames and Hannah Thelen filled nine of 18.

Stats for the match were as follows (strikes-spares-total frames): Brianna Thompson 7-5-18; Hannah Thelen 4-5-18; Paige Jordan 2-9-18; Kylie Zehren 4-7-18; Amber Thompson 6-11-18.

In the exhibition match, Audra Stoffel and Jessica Kusko both had good nights with Audra having five spares and Jessica five spares and three strikes.

Bowling Scores

Wednesday Jrs.

Games Bowled Dec. 9
Poison 45.5-21, Water 35.5-29, BLT 34-34, Strikers 31.5-33.5, Mighty Hot Babes 30.5-35.5, Long Shots 31-37, Spartans 22-41.

High Boys' Games: 265 Mason Faust, 224 Bode Faust, 170 Jeffrey Retzlaff.

High Boys' Series: 617 Mason Faust, 508 Bode Faust, 486 Jeffrey Retzlaff.

High Girls' Games: 117 Sydney Brandt, 112 Caden Faust, 99 Elli Calliari.

High Girls' Series: 309 Caden Faust, 299 Sydney Brandt, 270 Elli Calliari.

Thursday Hot Shots

Games Bowled Dec. 10
Blue: King Pin Lanes 66-32, Shlufty's 51-47, Jaimeann Design 48-47, Reilly's Milk Maids 41-57.

Gold: Smith Automotive 59-39, Don Schmidt Plumbing 58-40, Smith & Hatch 52-46.

High Games: 213 Jessica Sumter, 212 Bonnie Burmeister, 203 Janet Serwe.

High Series: 603 Bonnie Burmeister, 590 Jessica Sumter, 528 Kathy Rohlinger.

Monday Night Uptown Games Bowled Dec. 14

Rick Serwe Carpe 235-181, Adashun Jones 225-195, Cuadone 218.5-201.5, Smith & Hatch Insurance 206.5-208.5, Ken Ketter Agency 205.5-214.5, Bob Schuchardt In 199-221, Davy's King Pin 198.5-221.5, King Pin Lanes 187-230.

High Games: 284 Kurt Turdo Jr., 270 Cory Sabish, 269 Kayla Zielieke.

High Series: 788 Kurt Turdo Jr., 761 Cory Sabish, 757 Cary Sabish.

Tuesday Five Star Games Bowled Dec. 15

Modern Woodmen 12-2, Cousins Subs 9-5, Crave 7-7, King Pin Lanes 7-7, Hon E Kor 7-7, NBC Custom Embro 7-7, Evan's Detailing 5-9, Toms Quality Millworks 2-12.

High Games: 290 Matt Schrank, 256 Jodi

Newhauser, 245 Cody Krahn.

High Series: 699 Matt Schrank, 675 Jodi Newhauser, 641 Greg Ray-ome.

Wed. Morning Mixer Games Bowled Dec. 16

Gerlach Ag Service 72-33, Allenton Promotions 66-39, King Pin 63-42, Her-riges Oil 59-46, Ken Ketter Agency 48-57.

High Men's Games: 191 Larry Sabish, 175 Tom Schmidt, 169 Roy Galligan.

High Men's Series: 550 Larry Sabish, 502 Tom Schmidt, 492 Chas Pelis-check

High Women's Games: 181 Verna Immel, 157 Kitty Miller, 146 Janet Serwe.

High Women's Series: 530 Verna Immel, 441 Kitty Miller, 398 Janet Serwe.

Go For The Gold Games Bowled Dec. 16

Free Agents 80-30, Evrybody Knows Our 70.5-39.5, Old Fogeys 67-43, AA to ZZ 62-47, Di-Man Systems 33.5-74.5, Harv's

Trucking 12-96.

High Men's Games:

223 Cary Serwe, 221 Zach Mineau, 214 Jeremy Discher.

High Men's Series: 631 Cary Serwe, 590 Jon Theisen, 562 Jeremy Discher.

High Women's Games: 190 Amy Grainger, 181 Joan Walter.

High Women's Series: 525 Amy Grainger, 499 Joan Walter.

Wednesday Queen Hit Games Bowled Dec. 16

Blue: Rick Serwe Carpe 62-43, Ken's Repair Ser 55-50, Steph's Tupperwa 37-61.

Gold: Strobel Propane 60-43, Sharon's Beauty 52-53, Smith & Hatch In 49-56.

High Games: 221 Kayla Zielieke, 214 Jill Mayer, 196 Linda Theisen.

High Series: 595 Kayla Zielieke, 508 Katie Kissinger, 502 Verna Immel.

Friday Nite Major

Games Bowled Dec. 18

King Pin Lanes 20.5-9.5, Vapor Haven 18-12, H&R Safety Sol 17-13, Mike's Bar 16-14, B's Bells & Boot 14-16, Allenton Promo 13-17, Coachwork Auto 12-18, Valley Hydro Exc 9.5-20.5.

High Games: 246 Kevin Zitlow, 245 James Hendricks, 245 Craig Olig.

High Series: 717 Craig Olig, 691 Joseph Myers, 666 James Hendricks.

Saturday Major Mixed Games Bowled Dec. 19

Corky's Keglers 5-2, Brit-

tnny's Spares & Pete 5-2, Meatballers 5-2, K Town Fun 2-5, Ball Busters 2-5, Thunder Bunnies 2-5.

High Men's Games: 256 Cary Serwe, 224 Mike Klotz, 212 Willie Walters.

High Men's Series: 692 Cary Serwe, 584 Mike Klotz, 523 Willie Walters.

High Women's Games: 210 Gayle Drehmel, 184 Jessica Sumter, 180 Deb Turdo.

High Women's Series: 515 Gayle Drehmel, 515 Jessica Sumter, 471 Deb Turdo.

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ECC Live Streams High School Winter Sports

Because attendance is limited at winter sports competitions this year, high schools in the East Central Conference are live streaming some of the events.

Kewaskum High School is live streaming varsity and JV girls and boys basketball, as well as wrestling. Kewaskum will not be streaming JV2 basketball.

To view the competitions, visit the following addresses:

- **Berlin:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeT4jmlV9mznlnMXZ5Y3mjQ>
- **Campbellsport:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1NeuVf1P2l839TjCCLoF-w>
- **Kettle Moraine Lutheran:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCO->

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■ **Kewaskum:** www.youtube.com/user/coachpiitt/videos

■ **Plymouth:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFYRZgL-haK2NFJbGUSqfDtw>

■ **Ripon:** bit.ly/RiponHSSports

■ **Waupun:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-JB6g6FiEK6xJ1DR-U3tlw>

■ **Winneconne:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe6lq1ekpRUsqrUji2Us7rA>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ7ZJ4YlRdK1NaNrYdSJJQJQ>

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/c7833cb0b4>

DNR Confirms CWD Detected In Washington County; New Baiting And Feeding Ban Now For Ozaukee County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has confirmed that a wild deer tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD) in the Town of Polk in central Washington County, within 10 miles of Ozaukee County.

As required by state law, the DNR will enact a new two-year ban on baiting and feeding in Ozaukee County effective January 5, 2021, and renew a three-year baiting and feeding ban in Washington County.

The CWD-positive deer was an adult buck harvested during the 2020 archery deer season that was tested as part of the department's disease surveillance efforts. This is the first wild deer detection in Washington County.

State law requires that the DNR enact a ban on the baiting and feeding of deer in counties or portions of counties within a 10-mile radius of a wild or farm-raised deer that tests positive for CWD. Baiting and feeding were already banned in Washington County due to a prior CWD positive detection in a farm-raised deer facility.

The DNR will continue surveillance near the CWD positive detection location. Collecting CWD samples is important for assessing where and to what extent CWD occurs in deer across the state. As ever, successful CWD management depends in part on citizen involvement in the decision-making process through local County Deer Advisory Councils.

CWD is a fatal, infectious nervous system disease of deer, moose, elk and reindeer/caribou. It belongs to the family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) or prion diseases. CWD occurs only in members of the cervid or deer family — both wild and captive. The Wisconsin DNR began monitoring the state's wild white-tailed deer population for CWD in 1999. The first positives were found in 2002.

More information regarding baiting and feeding regulations and CWD in Wisconsin is available at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/bait.html>. Information on how to have deer tested during the 2020-2021 hunting seasons is available at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/registersample.html>.

CAMPBELLSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES November 30, 2020

1. Vice-President Deb Senn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., in the Campbellsport Middle-High School Cafeteria, Room 89. Board members present: Sharon Gazzola, Maureen Koch, Dani Neitzel, Keith Peters, Mandi Rahmer, Deb Senn. Mike Weiss arrived at 7:39*. Administrators present: Paul A. Amundson, Kristi Bachar, Shanda Cerny, Shelley Eilbes, Jack Strebel, Jenni Tamblingson.

2. Public notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with Chapter 19.84 of Wisconsin Statutes.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments by Citizens: none

5. Announcement/Recognitions:
a. Mrs. Tamblingson announced that Trimester 1 is complete, report cards are out and online. Kudos to all teachers for doing such a great job with all the changes of in-person instruction and eLearning.

b. Mrs. Cerny announced that Stone Creek Coffee gave each teacher a one-pound package of coffee to thank them for everything they are doing for the students.

6. Motion by Dani Neitzel, seconded by Mandi Rahmer to approve the November 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

7. Motion by Mandi Rahmer, seconded by Maureen Koch to approve net expenditures \$949,224.51; net payroll \$505,032.16; net receipts \$125,597.23. Motion carried 6-0.

8. Reports:
a. Administrative Team:

i. District Administrative Update:

Mr. Amundson updated the Board on COVID-19.* and announced that we have four early graduates.

b. Board Reports

i. Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Gazzola reported a meeting will be scheduled for January.

ii. Policy Committee – Mr. Peters reported a meeting will be scheduled for January.

iii. Personnel Committee – Mrs. Rahmer reported a meeting has been scheduled for December 14, Media Center, 6:15 p.m.

iv. Finance Committee – Mrs. Neitzel reported no meetings are scheduled at this time.

v. Facilities Committee – Mr. Weiss reported no meetings are scheduled at this time.

9. Unfinished Business:

a. Motion by Deb Senn, seconded by Dani Neitzel to approve policies: (second reading) Special Release – Re-Opening Policies – September 2020: 5200 – Attendance; Special Update – PPE – September 2020: 8450.01 Personal Protective Equipment During Pandemic/Epidemic Events; Special Update – School Safety: 1213r/3213r/4213r Student Supervision and Welfare; 5112r Entrance Age; 7440r Facility Security; 8420r School Safety; Special Update Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) – March 2020: 8420.01 Epidemics and Pandemics (NEW); 8450 Control of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases; Special Update – Title IX Regulations – July 2020; 2266 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities; Vol 29, No 2 June 2020: 0162 Quorum; 0164.2 Special Meetings; 0167.3 Public Comment at Board Meetings [Title Revised]; 0172 Legal Counsel; 1130/3230/4230-Conflict of Interest-Reject. Motion carried 7-0.

10. New Business:
a. Motion by Dani Neitzel, seconded by Mandi Rahmer to approve new hire Daniel Seitz, pro-rated 2nd semester at \$20,500; Annual \$41,000. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Motion by Mike Weiss, seconded by Sharon Gazzola to accept the FFA donation of \$1,145 for a Grow Tower. Motion carried 7-0.

c. Motion by Sharon Gazzola, seconded by Keith Peters to approve the JF Ahern proposal \$749,700 HVAC Base and \$44,750 LED Fixtures in 11 classrooms, for a total of \$794,450.00. Motion carried 6-0-1. Mike Weiss abstained.

11. Items for Future Agenda's and/or Research:

a. Mrs. Neitzel: would like the Personnel Committee to review the WASB New Superintendent Evaluation Tool and schedule a workshop once the recorded Succession Planning Session is released from the State Education Convention.

12. Motion by Dani Neitzel, seconded by Mike Weiss to convene in closed session at 8:40 p.m., pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1); §19.85 (1) (c) for the purposes of: (a.) Approval of October 26, 2020 closed session meeting minutes; (b.) Discussion regarding personnel. Motion carried 7-0.

13. Motion by Mike Weiss, seconded by Mandi Rahmer to reconvene in open session at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried

7-0.
14. Motion by Dani Neitzel, seconded by Sharon Gazzola to approve the closed session minutes for October 26, 2020. Motion carried 6-0-1. Maureen Koch abstained.

15. Motion by Sharon Gazzola, seconded by Mike Weiss to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Gazzola
Clerk
12-24 WNAXLP

CAMPBELLSPORT REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING November 9, 2020

1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by PR Krebs

2) Notice was posted at the Campbellsport News, Library, Municipal Center, and on the Village website.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) All Board members were present.

5) Motion by Hafemann, seconded by Jarmuz to approve the consent agenda with a spelling correction of Hafemann's name in the October 12th minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

6) No items removed from consent agenda

7) No Licenses to approve.

8) Motion by Zielieke, seconded by Reseburg to approve invoices for payment in the amount of \$117,059.26 Motion carried, 6-0.

9) Chief Dornbrook reported that he would like to use the remainder of his budget to purchase soon-to-be required body cameras as well as 2-3 new rifles. The current rifles have carrying handles and optics which make them too large to fit properly in the vehicle. The new squad car is set up, and the Crown Vic is stripped and being stored. Dornbrook will investigate the best way to put it up for auction. He discussed the idea of a sidewalk along the North side of Columbus Parc Ct. to the concession area, so people do not cut across the parking lot. Tom Janke could prep the site and the county might be able to help with completing the sidewalk. The

10) Motion by Reseburg, seconded by Jarmuz to approve purchase of body cameras. Motion carried, 6-0.

11) Tony "Doc" Leonard gave recommendations on recodification of Village Zoning and Building Ordinances. Most recommendations were clarifications and consolidations into a clearer order. Motion by Zielieke, seconded by Hafemann to approve Leonard's recommendations. Motion carried, 6-0.

12) Industrial Park Conceptual Plan Postpone.

13) Motion by Zielieke, seconded by Hafemann to approve Bowmar Appraisal contract renewal. Motion carried, 6-0.

14) Reviewed the 2021 Preliminary Budget. No new questions.

15) Motion by Zielieke, seconded by Jarmuz to approve the purchase of a new International Plow Truck for \$187,444.63. Build time is 75-90 days once order is placed. Motion carried 6-0.

16) Motion by Hafemann, seconded by Jarmuz to move into closed session – employee compensation. Motion carried 6-0

17) Motion by Zielieke, seconded by Jarmuz to move into open session. Motion carried 6-0.

18) Motion by Wenzlaff, seconded by Zielieke to approve a \$2.00 per hour pay increase for Officer Caraballo. Motion carried 6-0.

19) Announcements:

President Krebs announced that Trustee Zielieke is now Chair of the Public Works Committee, and Trustee Jarmuz is now the Chair of the Personnel Committee due to the resignation of Brandon Serwe.

Public Budget Hearing will be on November 23rd at 6:00PM at the Municipal Center.

20) Motion by Hafemann, seconded by Zielieke to adjourn at 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelby Sarauer
CMTW
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PUBLIC NOTICE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING TOWN OF EDEN FOND DU LAC COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at 7:30 p.m. on January 5, 2020, at the Eden Community Center, the Town of Eden Plan Commission will meet to consider the application of John Grahl and Steve Pickering for a Special Use Permit for a Residence in a Farmland Preservation District. Parcel included in the request is approximately 5 acres of vacant land, to be parceled off by CSM, located in the Town of Eden, Section 10, and is part of Tax Parcel T06-14-18-10-16-001-00, located on Eagle Road, Eden, WI, just south of the intersection of Eagle Road and Highway 45. The Plan Commission will make a recommendation to the Town of Eden Board.

Members of the Town Board may be present at the meeting for information gathering purposes. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2020, the Town of Eden Town Board will receive the Plan Commission's recommendations, and may take action regarding whether to approve, conditionally approve, or deny the special use request. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Marion Blakely, Chair
Town of Eden Plan Commission
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Do-It-Yourself Holiday Centerpiece

By Melinda Myers

Dress up your holiday meals with a centerpiece crafted from greens, colorful stems and seed heads collected from your garden. Or purchase fresh materials you need from your favorite garden center or florist.

Most gardeners spend some time gathering a few blossoms and creating a bouquet or arrangement for their summer gatherings. Don't let winter stop you from crafting a festive centerpiece from materials collected from your gardens this time of year.

Start by gathering some greens. The fan-like sprays of arborvitae, blue-green sprigs of juniper as well as branches of yews, boxwood, pines and spruces can provide all the greenery you need.

Now look for items with interesting color or shape. Red and yellow twig dogwoods and paper bark birch add festive color to any arrangement. The inter-

esting shapes of curly willow, contorted filbert and fantail willow provide intriguing form.

Next gather cones, berries, and fruits. Look for orange and red rose hips, blue berry-like cones of junipers, sweet gum seedpods, and alder's cone-like fruit. Gather a few evergreen cones to include in or around your arrangement.

Look for potential adornments that are lingering in the perennial garden. Coneflower, rudbeckia, and allium seed heads can add a bit of structure to your arrangement. Gather a few milkweed, balloon plant and lotus pods. And don't worry, your milkweed plants will return for next year's visiting monarchs. Honor their natural color or add a bit of bling with some gold, silver, or red paint.

Include a few shiny ornaments as needed. Glittered stems, ribbons and candles can add festive color to nature's beauty in your centerpiece.

Visit your favorite

florist or craft store for needed supplies. Pick up some floral foam to secure the stems. Cut it to shape to fit the size and shape of the container.

Moisten the foam before inserting fresh greens and cut flowers. Set the block of foam on top of a basin of water and let it sink. This allows all the air spaces to fill with water, ensuring your flowers and greens have the water they need. Use high density foam when working with evergreen boughs and branches.

No need to moisten the foam when using dried and artificial material. This material makes it easier to create your arrangement.

Consider purchasing a few seasonal flowers for added color for your special event. These can be placed directly in the floral foam or water filled florist tubes set in the arrangement. Simply remove faded flowers and replace as needed.

Or use miniature poinsettias, kalanchoes and cyclamen for longer last-

ing living color. Tuck them in the bed of greens or use them to decorate each place setting. Check the soil moisture frequently as the small pots dry out quickly.

The possibilities are endless, and the results are sure to brighten your spirits no matter how you are safely celebrating this holiday season.

—Melinda Myers is the

author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*.

Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



It is possible to create a festive holiday centerpiece crafted from materials found in winter gardens. photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

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