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Highway 45 Scene of Three Crashes



Shown above are two of the vehicles involved in the first of a string of three crashes that have occurred on USH 45 in the last week.

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Highway 45 just south of the village of Kewaskum has been the scene of three serious traffic accidents this last week.

The first of the string of injury accidents occurred at 9:20 p.m. Tuesday, December 23 when two vehicles, a mini van and a pick-up truck collided, head-on. A third vehicle was involved after it tried to avoid the crash but was unsuccessful.

Michael J. Dorn, 33, of Kewaskum was traveling northbound on USH 45 when he allegedly crossed the centerline and struck Joan M. Toles, 54, of Milwaukee and her passenger, John D. Toles, 56 also of Milwaukee, head-on.

A third driver, William G. Becker, 24, of West Bend tried to avoid the mix-up, swerved to the right and struck Toles' mini-van in the rear.

Dorn and both driver and passenger in the Toles vehicle were transported to St. Joseph's Community Hospital in West Bend.

Seconds after that crash a little over 500 feet south, a second crash occurred when Timothy A. Jandre, 34, of Campbellsport allegedly rear-ended Eric J. White, 34, of Geneva, IL, and his six-year-old passenger.

White was transported to St. Joseph's Community Hospital for back pain and was treated and released. Jandre was uninjured.

According to Sheriff's Department officials' reports alcohol may have been present in both accidents.

Washington County Sheriff's deputies were forced to close down USH 45 in light of the two crashes for approximately an hour. Northbound traffic was forced to exit at CTH D. Southbound traffic had the option of waiting at CTH H/Badger Road or taking an alternate route at that intersection.

The third accident happened Monday morning around 11 a.m. at the intersection of USH 45 and Badger Road.

Kewaskum Rescue Squad responded and made a transport to St. Joseph's Community Hospital.

Ironically in all three crashes the road construction is not believed to have played a role although authorities continue to stress the importance of paying attention and maintaining posted speed limits in the construction zone.

Statesman Photo:Andrew Kuehl

One Newcomer Joins Village Incumbents in Spring Race

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Tuesday, January 6 will be the final day for filing nomination papers for the spring Kewaskum village board election.

One newcomer, Greg Bernau has joined the group of three incumbents and has already filed his nomination papers.

Residents may remember Bernau from a village issue which came up last spring when he and his roommate Scott Konzal challenged the board's stand against pot-bellied pigs in the village.

When the board refused to change their stance, Bernau and Konzal led an effort to recall trustee Bob Stoltzmann who has also taken out nomination pa-

pers. Trustee Kevin Scheunemann has been the first of the three up for re-election to file his nomination papers. Scheunemann has served on the board since 2000

Bob Stoltzmann and Harry Roecker have taken out their papers but have yet to return them or file for non-candidacy. Neither was available to comment.

Nomination papers can be picked up until the January 6th deadline at the Village Municipal building on First Street. They must be returned by that date at 5 p.m.

The Statesman will be running information on school and town elections in upcoming editions.

NEWS BRIEFS

● **ST. LUCAS CHURCH** - worship services will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday evenings and at 8 and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays from this point on.

● **FRIENDS OF KEWASKUM**- will hold a meeting to discuss their Mardi Gras Dance/Buffer and 2004 Kettle Kountry Kolors on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at The Statesman office at 7 p.m. Those with ideas are welcome to attend. The Statesman will have a complete article on the dance in an upcoming issue.

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Thank You

To All Who Purchased Memorial Holiday Lights

The Friends of Kewaskum would like to extend a special thank you to all the generous people who purchased lights on the community's holiday memorial wreath.

The proceeds from this annual tradition, will be used to begin an auditorium fund and a portion will be used to purchase new holiday decorations for the village. It is hoped both of these funds will benefit everyone in the community.

The lights were placed on a live wreath located adjacent to the Statesman and also on a special tree at the wayside/visitor's gazebo located just west of the firehouse.

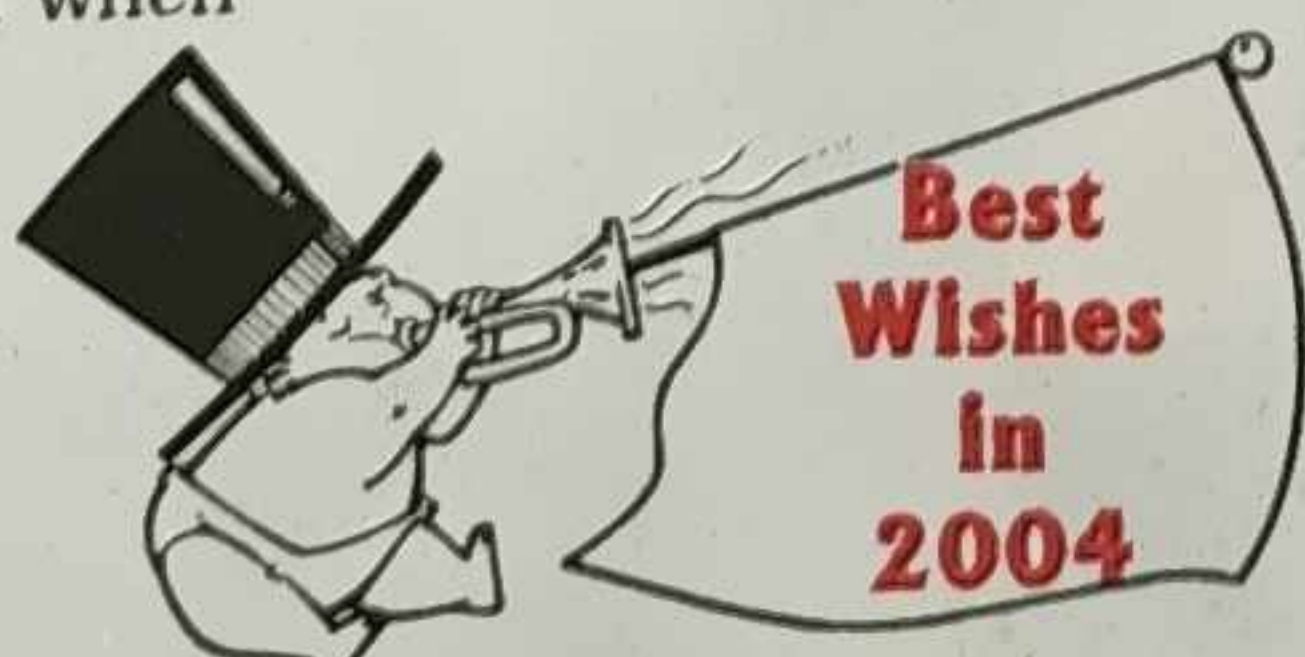
This year the names of those who had lights dedicated to them were placed alongside the wreath at The Statesman in memory of those who were not here to share the holidays with family and friends.

Our gratitude to the following contributors who honored their loved ones:

LIGHTS PURCHASED IN MEMORY OF:

- The Emmer and Westerman Families by Lloyd and Rosie Westerman
- Ray Keller by Amatta Keller
- Mikaela by Amatta Keller
- Thomas Goodsell by Debbie and Jen Goodsell
- Harold and Ruth Krueger by Debbie and Jen Goodsell
- Otto Weddig by Kelly Krahn and Jake Neuenfeld
- Ryan Boegel by Kelly Krahn and Jake Neuenfeld
- Mike Neuenfeld by Kelly Krahn and Jake Neuenfeld
- Colleen Neuenfeld by Kelly Krahn and Jake Neuenfeld

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LUNCH MENUS

KEWASKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, Jan. 5 -- Bacon cheeseburger/bun, fresh veggies w/Hidden Valley Ranch dip, French fries, pineapple & a strawberry juice bar. *Fish square/bun. (2) Mini-corn puppies.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 -- Chalupa & toppings, tater tots, corn, mixed fruit, bread & choc. chip cookie dough.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 -- Chicken patty/bun, onion rings, mandarin oranges, applesauce & cherry finger jello. *Salad bar. (2) Mini-corn puppies.

Thursday, Jan. 8 -- Zesty Italian spaghetti, French bread w/garlic butter, pear slices & a chewy brownie. *3-cheese hot pocket. (2) Mini-corn puppies.

Friday, Jan. 9 -- Shrimp poppers, mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw, fresh orange slices, rye or white bread & a peanut butter, chocolate chip bar. *Stromboli. (2) Mini-corn puppies.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 5 -- Mozzarella pizza sticks w/marinara sauce, buttered carrots, peaches, chocolate chip cookie bar, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 -- Egg sandwich or hot ham on a bun, green beans, pineapple, oatmeal cookie, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 -- Tomato soup, toasted cheese, peanut butter/jelly sand., applesauce, mandarin oranges, flying saucer cookie, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 8 -- Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, golden corn, mixed fruit, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Friday, Jan. 9 -- Beef taco/chicken fajita (lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese, sour cream), buttered peas, mandarin oranges, cookie, milk.

ST. LUCAS SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 5 -- Chicken patty on bun, tator tots, peaches, chocolate chip bar.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 -- Beefy shepherds pie, peas, pears, dinner roll, stripe-it-rich

cake.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 -- French toast, ham slice, applesauce, orange juice, cinnamon roll.

Thursday, Jan. 8 -- Sub sandwich - lunch meat or meatball, tropical fruit, fresh veggies, dill dip, pudding cup.

Friday, Jan. 9 -- Tacos (hard or soft shell), rice, carrot coins, fresh fruit, sugar cookie.

ST. MATTHEWS SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 5 -- Sausage, cheese slice, pancakes, syrup, blueberries, peaches, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 -- Western sandwich, starz potatoes, lettuce salad, baked beans, pineapple or apple, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 -- Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes or rice, coleslaw, green beans, cranberries, applesauce, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 8 -- Stromboli, noodles, wax beans, banana or kiwi, cherry jello, milk.

Friday, Jan. 9 -- Macaroni & cheese, potato wedges, pickles, mixed fruit, French bread, milk.

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Monday, Jan. 5 -- Ring bologna, oven browned potatoes, pea and pearl onion mix, cornbread muffin, pound cake w/strawberry sauce.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 -- Roast turkey, sweet potatoes, spring blend vegetables, biscuit, blackberry pie.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 -- Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, lettuce salad w/ranch dressing, whole wheat bread, cupcake.

Thursday, Jan. 8 -- Minestrone soup, brat on bun w/sauerkraut, baked beans, apricots, Reese's pieces, cookie.

Bingo every Monday, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Bring 50¢ prize to participate.

RESCUE CALLS

December 13 - Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the Village of Kewaskum for a person that fell. A transport was made.

December 14 - Kewaskum Rescue and Boltonville First Responders were dispatched to the Town of Farmington for a person that was not feeling well. A transport was made.

December 16 - Kewaskum Rescue and Kohlsville First Responders were dispatched to the Town of Wayne for a person that was having chest pain. A transport was made.

December 18 - Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the Village of Kewaskum for a person that passed out. No transport was made.

December 20 - Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the Village of Kewaskum for a person that needed to be transported. A transport was made.

December 21 - Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the Village of Kewaskum for a person that had shortness of breath and weakness in the legs. A transport was made.

December 21 - Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the Village of Kewaskum for a person that was unresponsive. A transport was made.

December 22 - Kewaskum Rescue and Kohlsville First Responders were dispatched to the Town of Kewaskum for a person that had blacked out. A transport was made.

December 23 - Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the Town of Kewaskum for a motor vehicle accident. No transport was made.

December 24 - Kewaskum Rescue and Boltonville First Responders were dispatched to the Town of Farmington for a motor vehicle accident. No transport was made.

December 28 - Kewaskum Rescue and Boltonville First Responders were dispatched to the Town of Farmington for a possible seizure. A transport was made.

Henry Timblin by Carole Timblin
William Pfeifer by Marian Pfeifer
Mark William Jaeger by Ed and Judy Preo
William Harbeck by Marcie Harbeck
Bud Campbell and Karen Klug by Ruth Campbell
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Wesley Kuehl by Rose Kuehl
Albert and Delores Liegl by Barb Liegl and Mark and JoAnn Hall

Barney Hall by Mark and JoAnn Hall
Kathryn (Tudy) Warner by Bret Warner Family
Robert "Gabby" Gavin by Joyce R. Gavin
Deputy John Schmitt by Roger and Kathy Schmitt
William L. McCarty by Lucille M. McCarty
Marie Reigle by Clarence Reigle
Lou and Lane Bladel Family by Mary Lane Blomquist

Joshua Buncich by Krystal Gavin
Albert Kreif Jr. by Lorinda Kreif
Leonard L. Sarnowski by June Sarnowski
Erna Schacht by Amy Panzer
Nathan Nigh by Lucille Nigh
Jim Donath by Dian Donath
Bob Donath by Dian Donath

Donald Bastian by Dennis and Lana Kuehl
Jeff Sabish by Carol Sabish
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Ben Westerman by Keith Boegel
Fred and Floreda Klein by Richard and Sharon Kuehl
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Evie Schmidt by the Dan Schmidt Family

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Minerva Martin by Dawn Martin
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Jimmy Miller by Glen and Cathy Weinreich
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Rick Edwards by Dick and Marilyn Edwards
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Warren and Patricia Helminger by Jim and Sue Helminger
Elton and Hazel Strack and Elmer and Edna Stange by Roger and Cordell Strack
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Harry E. and Janet Koch by Gary and Melissa Sandvig
Lloyd "Cocky" Keller by Dave and Carole Zehren
Richard O. Thiemer Sr. by Evelyn Thiemer

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Peter J. Kesting, town of Farmington, and Crystal A. Benoit, town of Pound. Wedding Dec. 27.

Thomas R. Hurcules, Campbellsport, and Jo B. Kreuser, town of Erin. Wedding Dec. 20.

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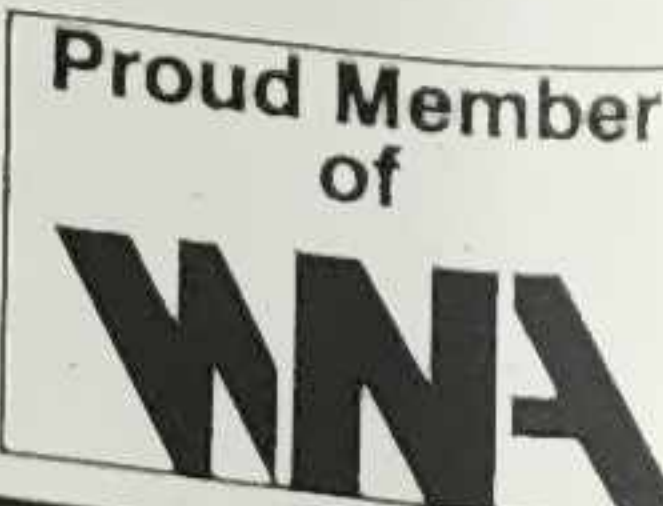
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Kewaskum 4-H Complete Project Friends Helping Friends



On November 9, the Kewaskum 4-Hers took time to help local Kewaskum resident, Mrs. Gladys Ramel, with her fall yard cleanup. In only a short time the group filled several large bags with leaves and had the job finished.

Submitted Photo



Karen May and her daughter, Heather from the Farmington Swampbusters 4-H Club were two of the many 4-H club members in attendance. Submitted Photo

Orphaned Puppy Struggles to Survive at Humane Society

Bubba-Cheeks, only two-weeks old, is a survivor - and one that The Washington County Humane Society is determined to save.

On December 13th, the Humane Society was contacted by the Washington County Sheriff's Department to pick up two dogs being impounded because their owner had been in jail for nearly two weeks. Neighbors were concerned about the dogs left in the house and worried that no one was caring for them. One of the dogs was ready to deliver a litter of pups, and shelter workers made her comfortable in a quiet room of her own.

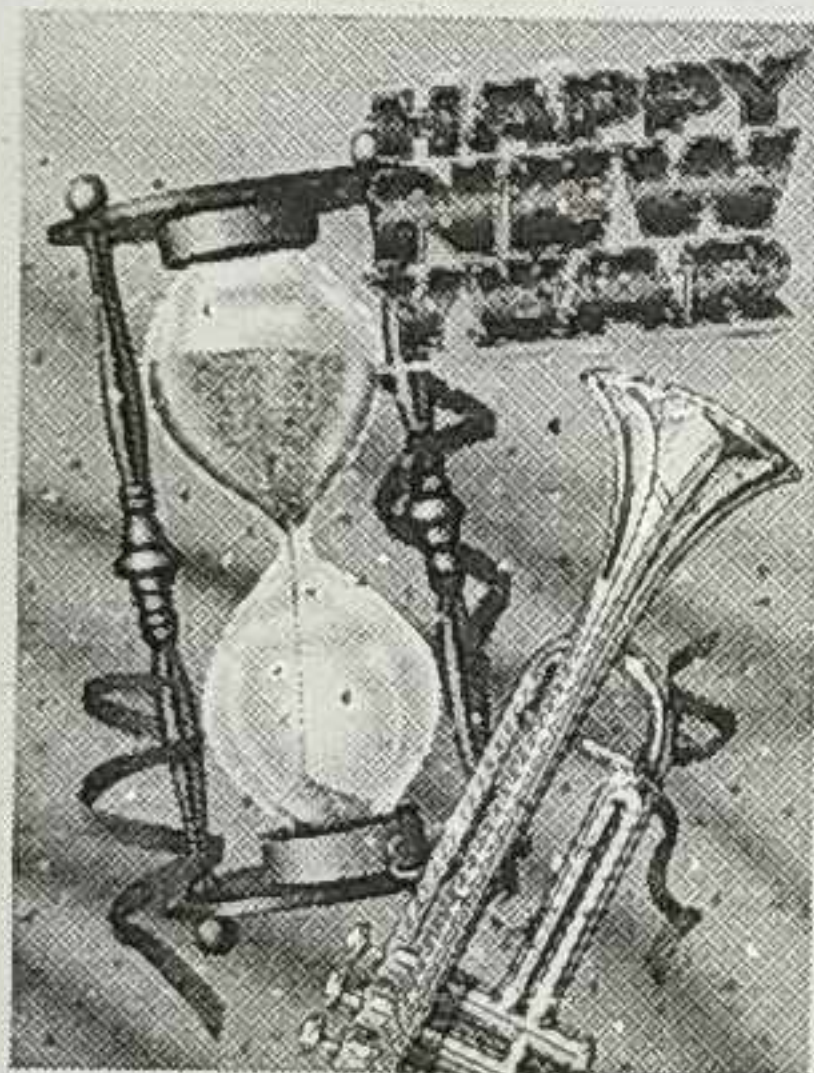
It was apparent the next day, however, that the mother-to-be was in serious trouble. She began hemorrhaging and was rushed to the Animal Emergency Center in Glendale. After an emergency c-section, and the efforts of the veterinary staff, the gentle lab mother lost her battle and the pups were left on their own. Two WCHS staff members divided up the pups and geared up for the late night feedings.

Veterinarians at the Animal Emergency Center believe that the mother of the pups ingested something toxic, and suspect rat poison. Shelter officials later learned that the dogs were left in the home with antifreeze in the toilets, and worry that the mom drank some of the contents. She is currently being tested in Madison, and WCHS is awaiting toxicology reports.

The Humane Society is now asking for help. Although they have an emergency medical fund, the bills for problems. Unfortunately, only Bubba-Cheeks remains - and Kathie Jaster, his surrogate mother and Volunteer

Coordinator for the Shelter, is not willing to give up on him. Executive Director, Marnie Brown said. "We are appealing to the public to assist us in helping our tiny trouper...we have no idea what's ahead for this little guy."

Donations to the "Bubba-Cheeks" fund can be sent to The Washington County Humane Society at 3650 State Road 60, Slinger, WI 53086.



IN MEMORY

In memory of WILBERT WAGNER, who passed away two years ago on Jan. 3, 2002:

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A friend is a person who is there when you need them, and someone you can talk to and trust. Seventeen youth and adults from Washington and Dodge County recently completed a "friends Helping Friends" training held at the Washington County Fair Park. The workshop focused on the importance of self-esteem, communication cooperation, and the role of being a friend. Kandi O'Neil, Washington County 4-H Youth Development Educator and Sally Schoenike, Dodge County 4-H Development Agent taught the workshop.

"Friends Helping Friends" is an educational program sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Extension, 4-H and Youth Development. The program has been designed to be presented by young people who are concerned above problems youth must face in their communities. It is based on the theory that youth are powerful teachers and role models for one another. The club teams will be teaching educational activities in their local 4-H club and other groups for the next six months.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Boy Scouts Honor Troop Leaders Kettle Riders Make Donation



Shown above are John Kletti, holding award on left and Jim Uelmen with his award on the right with the scout troop

SUBMITTED BY:
NICHOLAS FABER
TROOP SCRIBE

On December 16th, Kewaskum Boy Scout Troop 744 took time to honor two important leaders. Senior Patrol Leader Alex Waranius presented Mr. Jim Uelmen with an award.

"Mr. Uelmen is very involved with teaching our troop valuable lessons that will help us throughout our

lives," said Alex. Nate Laatsch, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader said, "He's a good guy because he is willing to help us."

Mr. Uelmen was a leader for 10 years. When asked why scouting was important he said, "It builds character in boys and allows them to do things that they might not otherwise be able to do."

Assistant Patrol Leader Clark Stamm gave Mr. John Kletti a leadership award al-

so. Clark said, "Mr. Kletti is a good leader because he knows how to have fun and always led us in the right direction, especially on the lakes of Canada."

Mr. Kletti has been a leader for 16 years. When asked how it felt to get an award he said, "It is really a great honor and very appreciative."

If you are interested in joining Boy Scouts, call Scoutmaster Brian Kober at

Therapist Brings New Taping Expertise to Agency

WEST BEND -- Cedar Haven Rehabilitation Agency occupational therapist Rosemary Schrauth has successfully completed course requirements to become a Certified Kinesio® Taping Instructor. As an instructor, she is now teaching this unique rehabilitation treatment to therapists across the the country.

Kinesio® Taping was developed by Dr. Kenzo Kase nearly 20 years ago in Japan as a safe, effective and easy-to-use tool therapists use to assist and give muscle support, prevent over contraction of muscles and speed healing and lymphatic fluid drainage. Patients can wear Kinesio® Tape and receive its therapeutic benefits 24 hours a day for several days after application.

A certified lymphedema therapist, instructor and director of Cedar Haven's community outreach programs, Schrauth has more than 35 years of clinical experience and has used Kinesio® Taping techniques for more than four years. "Even when I only knew the basics of Kinesio

Taping, I was able to make dramatic changes in my patients' conditions through its use," Schrauth said. "I wanted to become an instructor so I could help other therapists add this treatment to their patients' therapy and achieve similar success."

Under her instruction, Cedar Haven therapists are now utilizing Kinesio Taping methods in treatment plans for both children and adults with orthopedic injuries, swelling, joint pain, headaches, tendonitis, Carpel Tunnel Syndrome, arthritis and fibromyalgia, among others.

Schrauth recently present-

ed a Kinesio® Taping course to therapists in Middleton, Ohio, and will host therapists from across the country for several courses in the next year at Cedar Community in West Bend. For free information, call Cedar Haven at 262-306-2150. Wisconsin's first licensed not-for-profit rehabilitation agency, Cedar Haven provides physical, occupational, speech and massage therapy for all ages in home, outpatient clinics and school settings. The agency is a division of Cedar Community, a not-for-profit, church-affiliated provider of health care, education, rehabilitation and senior housing.



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Shown above, left to right is Lt. Kevin Glaske of the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department accepting a \$500 donation for the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Dive and Rescue Air Boat from Todd Kirst of the New Fane Kettle Riders
Submitted Photo

NHS To Sponsor Snow Shoveling For Senior Citizens or Disabled

The Kewaskum High School National Honor Society would like to present the Village of Kewaskum's Senior Citizen and Disabled population with some assistance. Following a reasonable snowfall, the KHS members have volunteered to shovel others out.

The shoveling would include sidewalks as well as driveways specified by the homeowner. The snow shoveling will take place in the afternoons following the school day.

This excellent offer ex-

tends only to those who are elderly or unable to shovel snow on their own, and those who are residents of the Village of Kewaskum. There is only a limited number of homes NHS will be able to shovel out, so call as soon as possible to ensure that you get matched up with one of the available crews. Please call 262-626-8427, ext. 4252 if you are interested or have any questions.

The National Honor Society asks that homeowners provide their own salt.

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Mike Vogt (left), Erica Kudek (center), and Tom Kudek, owner.

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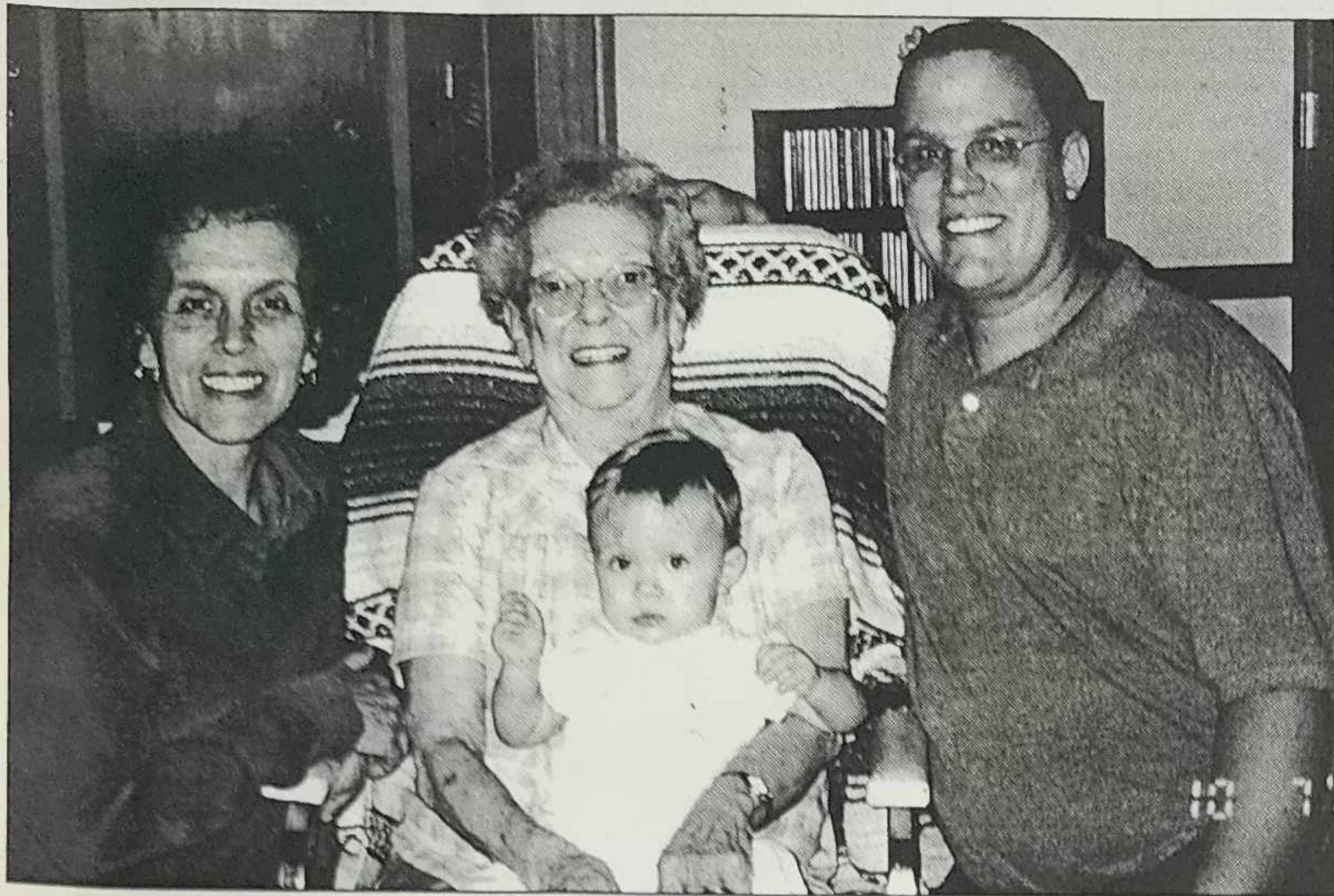
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PEOPLE NEWS

Jungers/Yogerst Four Generations



Shown above is four generations of the Jungers family from left to right, grandmother, Jane Jungers of West Bend; great-grandmother, Helen Depplesse of West Bend holding Grace Jungers and father, Jason Jungers of Kewaskum.



Shown above is four generations of the Yogerst family from left to right, grandfather, Robert Yogerst of Kewaskum; great-grandmother, Marie Yogerst of West Bend holding Grace Jungers and mother, Katie Jungers of Kewaskum.

Community Bulletin Board

Birthdays

- Jan. 2: Jenny Feider
- Jan. 6: Leona Erdmann
- Jan. 7: Lester Simon

To have a birthday announced on the Community Bulletin Board
Phone - 262-626-2626 Fax - 262-626-1382
or E-mail - ckuehl@kewaskumstatesman.com
There is a deadline 3 pm Monday for Thursday publication.

Serving Our Country...

Daniel D. Hammes has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days. An enlistment in the reserve gives many new soldiers the option to learn a new skill, serve their country, and become eligible to receive more than \$7,000 toward a college education, \$20,000 for repayment of college loans, and a maximum \$5,000 cash bonus.

After completion of basic military training, most soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

The recruit qualifies for a \$3,000 enlistment bonus.

Hammes, currently attending Kewaskum High School, Wis., will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for active duty on June 16,

2004.

He is the son of Wendy Hammes of Kewaskum, and Daniel Hammes of Campbellsport.

Jeffery J. Wilson has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program.

Wilson has reported to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training.

He is the son of Jeffery and Lynette Wilson of Kewaskum.

Lee M. Walczak has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program.

Walczak, a 2003 graduate of Slinger High School, Wis., has reported to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for active duty.

He is the son of Michael and Jeanne Walczak of Allenton.

New Births

LOCKE -- A daughter, Amariana Elisabeth, born to Rebecca Locke, of Fredonia, on December 28, 2003. She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces, 20 inches long.

QUAAS -- A son, Stevin Thomas, born to Annette Moe and Thomas Quaas of Kewaskum, on December 20, 2003. He weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce, 19 inches long.

KLEINHANS -- A son, Michael Marc Jr., born to Lois and Michael Kleinhans of Kewaskum, on December 20, 2003. He weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces, 20 inches long.

LANDING -- A daughter, Victoria Rae, born to Charlene and Timothy Landing of Fredonia, on December 13, 2003. He weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce, 19 inches long.

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Double Trouble

By Wallace R. Daggett, Former T/Sgt. U.S. Air Force Flight Engineer

One evening, around 10 p.m., our B-29 crew had completed our preflight and takeoff engine run up procedures readying us for a long range bombing mission over North Korea.

We were carrying a maximum bomb load with 5000 gallons of 130-145 octane gasoline on this mission. Our destination was near the Yalu River which was the natural boundary between North Korea and Manchuria.

The bomb load weight was 40,000 pounds and the fuel load 30,000 pounds (5,000 gallons times six pounds per gallon equals 30,000 pounds of fuel). Six pounds per gallon was the standard weight used in our calculations for weight and balance in calculating our flight plans.

The maximum gross weight on a B-29 at sea level within normal daylight and night temperatures was 140,000 pounds. Any higher elevation or temperature required less gross weight. Weight and balance was crucial to any flight and a major calculation performed by the flight engineer. Absolutely under no circumstances, was any deviation allowed. Weight less than 140,000 pounds was okay but never over that amount.

During the power check of the engines, all four engines had to be operating at maximum performance to get this plane into the air at 140,000 pounds. By this point in time, many of our B-29s were war weary veterans as most had been flown in combat missions over Japan during World War II.

Many were close to ending their usefulness and would be retired in the aircraft cemetery in Tucson, Arizona. There they were considered junk and anything of value salvaged. In fact today, I believe there is only one, perhaps two, B-29s still in flying condition that were rebuilt by flying organizations primarily for history purposes.

This is true for other

bombers and fighters flown during World War II. It is at great expense that these aircraft are restored. For instance, the Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped the first A-Bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, is still in sections at the Air Force Museum waiting to be rebuilt.

Back to our mission. I had notified my aircraft commander that No. 4 engine was not running up to par. It was several hundred horsepower short on the power check which meant we should take her back to the flight line and have it looked over.

Our aircraft commander had been a commercial airline pi-

lot prior to beginning of the runway, the control tower told us to, "Roll," so, I shoved the throttles for maximum power to all four engines. Everything seemed fine except No. 4 engine was still low in horsepower but running smooth.

I had given our aircraft commander the precise speed at which we should be at by the markers as to whether we should stop or go. The speed markers are located on the side of the runway. We must have been a few miles short of the speed we should have been at.

When this happens the pilot should abort the take-off because it gives him enough room to stop the plane

lot prior to beginning

called for military service as a reservist. He was an excellent pilot, whom we had the utmost trust in, so when he made the decision that this was not enough reason to hold us back, we were ready to take off. He felt once we were airborne it wouldn't be a problem.

Our aircraft commander's goal was to obtain a perfect record of no aborts during our tour of combat duty. We all knew this, but, I should have insisted that we not take off until that No. 4 engine had been checked out. However the ultimate decision was his and he had made it.

I must admit, I followed his orders this time reluctantly. As we taxied to the

safely. He didn't. I heard a thump as we lifted off the ground. It is the duty of the left gunner and the right gunner calling over the intercommunication system aboard our aircraft, the position of the flap and landing gear on lift off. Through the glass blisters the gunners used in operating their guns, they could observe what was happening. The right gunner always called in first and then the left gunner reported in. The right gunner stated, "The right gear was coming up,

flap moving to normal position, fence going down." The left gunner stated, "The left gear coming up, flap moving to normal position, fence going down."

The fence surrounds the perimeter of the flight line. It is ten feet high and similar to fencing around a prison with barbed wire along the top and it is electrified to prevent intruders from entering the area. It is an area heavily guarded by the military police.

Unfortunately for us we had no way of determining the condition of the aircraft's tires. If the tires were damaged or flat, we would have our hands full when landing. We would have to worry about that later. We had a mission to fly. The aircraft commander determined once we were airborne to reach our target, drop our bombs and use up as much fuel as possible. This could easily get rid of 60,000 pounds of weight or more.

Heading back to base, with our mission completed, our thoughts were on those tires. What kind of shape were they in? If they were flat we were in trouble. The plane most likely would veer off the runway. A B-29 did not have nose wheel steering. By using the brakes on the right side, or the left side, the pilot steered the aircraft. Metal on

contact would not give you good steering. We had dual tires on both sides. If they were both flat on both sides there was the possibility that the propellers would hit the runway. We also weren't sure the nose wheel tires were okay. We could belly in and there is always the danger of fire from a spark. A mission would take normally about eight hours so by the time our base was in sight, we had to face our worst fears. IT WAS TIME TO LAND.

We landed okay! The tires were cut from the barbed wire, etc., but not flat. We kissed the ground and thanked God for a safe mission.

Our aircraft commander did accomplish his goal and we did have a perfect record of no aborts. I believe we were the only crew to have a perfect record.

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OBITUARIES

PHILIP E. MOE

Philip E. Moe, age 80, of Kewaskum, passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2003 at All About Life Rehabilitation Center in Fond du Lac where he had been receiving care for some time.

He was born on April 1, 1923 in Merrill, the son of the late Oscar and Martha (Emmanuel) Moe. Philip spent most of his early life in Milwaukee, and on October 12, 1946, he was united in marriage to Elouise Yando. She preceded him in death on January 24, 1974. On March 29, 1980, he was united in marriage to Jeannette "Jeanne" Backhaus at St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kewaskum.

Philip served his country in the U. S. Army during World War II, and he was a member of St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kewaskum.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne of Kewaskum; three children, John (Sue) Moe of Reeseville, Barbara Jaeger (Rick Booth) of Neshkoro and Kathryn (Dean) Zelinski of Milwaukee; three stepchildren, Jody (Harry) Krueger of Kewaskum, Ann (Gary) Schneider of West Bend and Lyn Howard (Vonda) Backhaus of Wausau; 12 grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, one great-grandson, two step-great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services with Military Rites were held at Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel in Milwaukee at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2003. Rev. Edwin Fredrich officiated and burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Friends called at the Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum on Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and at Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel from 1:30 p.m. until the time of services.

JULIE MONDLOCH GRIFFIN

Julie A. Griffin, 37, N2302 Bates Road, Adell, died on December 21, 2003 at Samaritan Health Center, West Bend, after a three year battle with cancer. Before moving to Adell she lived in Mayville.

She was born on September 23, 1966 in Sheboygan, the daughter of James and Bernadette Backhaus Mondloch. She attended Adell Graded School and Random Lake High School.

She enjoyed having fun with her friends and was dedicated to spending time with her children.

Prior to her illness she was employed at J.K. Rentals, Slinger for several years.

Survivors include her son, Jeremy Schlenvogt, a daughter, Heather Griffin, Mayville, four brothers; Richard of Adell, Scott of Dundee, Paul of St. Roberts, Missouri and John of Sheboygan; four sisters, Linda (Jimmy) Loescher of Adell, Peggie Mondloch of Las Vegas, Nevada, Sarah (Chris) Sulzen of Casper, Wyoming and Maria Mond-

loch, Hustisford; her mother, Bernadette Mondloch of Adell; two uncles and two aunts, eight cousins and four step-cousins, her best friend, Gloria Coronado of West Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Goeman of Slinger and many other friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father and a nephew David Belisle.

Cremation has taken place. A private family burial service was held on Friday, December 26 at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Adell, officiated by Father Richard Cerpich. Relatives and friends gathered in celebration of her life at Millers Funeral Home in Kewaskum on Friday evening, December 26.

ALVINA M. MEYER

Alvina M. Meyer, 96, of Hartford, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at the Hartford Care Center.

She was born on Oct. 15, 1907 to the late John and Clara (Ruhland) Werner, and was raised in Allenton on the family farm.

She attended business school in Milwaukee. On April 16, 1932 she married Albert C. Meyer in Rockford, Winnebago County.

Alvina worked for Heine-man's Restaurant as the office manager for many years, retiring in 1979.

After retirement she enjoyed crocheting and traveling.

Survivors include a sister, Shirley (John) Schuppel of Allenton; a brother-in-law, Harold Westerman of Kewaskum; nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Albert, and a sister, Jeanette Westerman.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 5 p.m. at the Phillip Funeral Home, West Bend.

Father Richard J. Stoffel officiated, and interment of ashes took place in Forest Home Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 31.

Visitation was at the funeral home on Tuesday, December 30 from 4 p.m. until the time of services.

Memorials are appreciated.

HARRY J. SCHWEDER

Harry J. Schweder, 85, of Hartford, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003 at the Samaritan Health Center, West Bend.

He was born on May 15, 1918 in the town of Hartford to the late Phillip and Margaret (nee Schuh) Schweder.

He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, and was a self-employed painter most of his working life.

Survivors include two children, Raymond of Jackson, and Gary (Jane) Schweder of Kewaskum; three grandchildren, Adam of Milwaukee, Molly Ann and Jacob of Kewaskum; a beloved friend and caregiver, Dolores Saniter;

other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Raymond and Edward Schweder.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Sunday, Dec. 28 at 6 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Lawrence.

Father Joseph Dominic officiated, and interment was in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Memorials to St. Lawrence Church are appreciated.

The Shimon Funeral Home, Hartford, assisted the family.

THOMAS E. "TOM" SCHNEIDER

Thomas E. "Tom" Schneider, 41, of West Bend, formerly of Milwaukee, died on Friday, Dec. 26, 2003 at his residence.

He was born to Donald and Lois (Prill) Schneider on May 3, 1962 in Milwaukee and after his marriage to Debbie Gloege the couple lived in the West Bend area.

He was a construction worker for Washington County for over 10 years.

He was very devoted and active with the daily Thresh-old programs.

He was a member of St. Frances Cabrini Church of West Bend.

He is survived by his parents, Donald and Lois Schneider of the town of West Bend; his son, Cory Schneider of Campbellsport; two brothers, David (Dr. Sue) Schneider of Wausau and Ken (Barbara) Schneider of Port Charlotte, Fla.; two sisters, Kathy (Mark Zembrowski) Davis of Tequesta, Fla., and Mary Jo (Mike) Biersack of the town of Wayne; three nephews, Jason, Chad and Christopher; three nieces, Lindsay, Marinda and Isabella; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Anne Marie Schneider.

Visitation was at Phillip Funeral Home of West Bend on Monday, Dec. 29 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. with a prayer vigil following. A continued visitation took place on Tuesday, Dec. 30 from 9 a.m. until closing of casket prayers.

Closing of casket prayers were held on Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Phillip Funeral Home of West Bend, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Frances Cabrini Church of West Bend Father Jeffrey Haines officiated.

Internment took place at Washington County Memorial Park of West Bend.

Memorials are appreciated.

CLAYTON N. GLOEGE

Clayton N. Gloege, 61, of Burlington, died on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003 at Aurora Medical Centre in Kenosha.

He was born on April 6, 1942 in Watertown, Minn. to the late Clarence and Gladys (nee Hesse) Gloege, and married Janice Paul in April 1962 in Appleton.

Shortly after moving to

Menomonee Falls, Clayton and his brother-in-law formed P&G Construction Co. for a short while. In 1975 he started working at the mill in Jackson.

On March 20, 1982, he was united in marriage to Lynn Biegler in West Bend, after which they moved to Waukesha. They have lived in Burlington since 1988.

Clayton was employed at the former farmer's Grain and Supply, presently CPI, in Union Grove until September 2002.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn; six children, Greg of Kewaskum; Debbie (Walter) Stocker of Campbellsport, Kathy (Mike) Mulvehill of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Jennifer (Jon) Loyas of West Bend, Jon of Cedarburg and Eric of Burlington; three grandchildren, Heather Gloege, Cory Schneider and Hilary Gloege; a sister, Verona Gloege of Chaska, Minn., a brother, Kirk (Jeanette) of Bell Plain, Minn.; his mother-in-law, Audrey Biegler of the town of Farmington; the mother of five of his children, Janice Zarling of Cedarburg; other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death was a sister, Simenetta Gloege.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Jan. 2 at 8 p.m. at the Schmidt Funeral home, West Bend, with cremation at Valhalla Memorial Gardens.

Visitation at the funeral home will be on Friday from 3 p.m. until the time of services.

CLARENCE E. WEASLER

Clarence E. Weasler, 85, of West Bend, passed away on Friday, Dec. 19, 2003 at the

Samaritan health Center.

He was born on Feb. 4, 1918 in Dundee to the late Joseph and Polly Ann (Warden) Weasler.

Clarence was a carpenter with his father for several years.

Later he was a factory worker for 30 years at Kieckhaefer Mfg. of Cedarburg, later known as Mercury Marine.

He was a member of the Mercury Quarter Century Club.

Survivors include three sisters, Mary Gross of Kewaskum, and Laura Gross and Lillian Kritz, both of West Bend; two brothers, Dean (Marge) Weasler and Edwin Weasler, both of West Bend; nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were four brothers, Warren, Arthur, Lyle and Lester; and four sisters, Annie Wollenburg, Hazel Hagner, Amelia Stoller and Grace Weasler.

Private services were held on Monday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Phillip Funeral Home, West Bend.

Rev. Sam Royappa officiated, and interment was in Washington County Memorial Park of West Bend.

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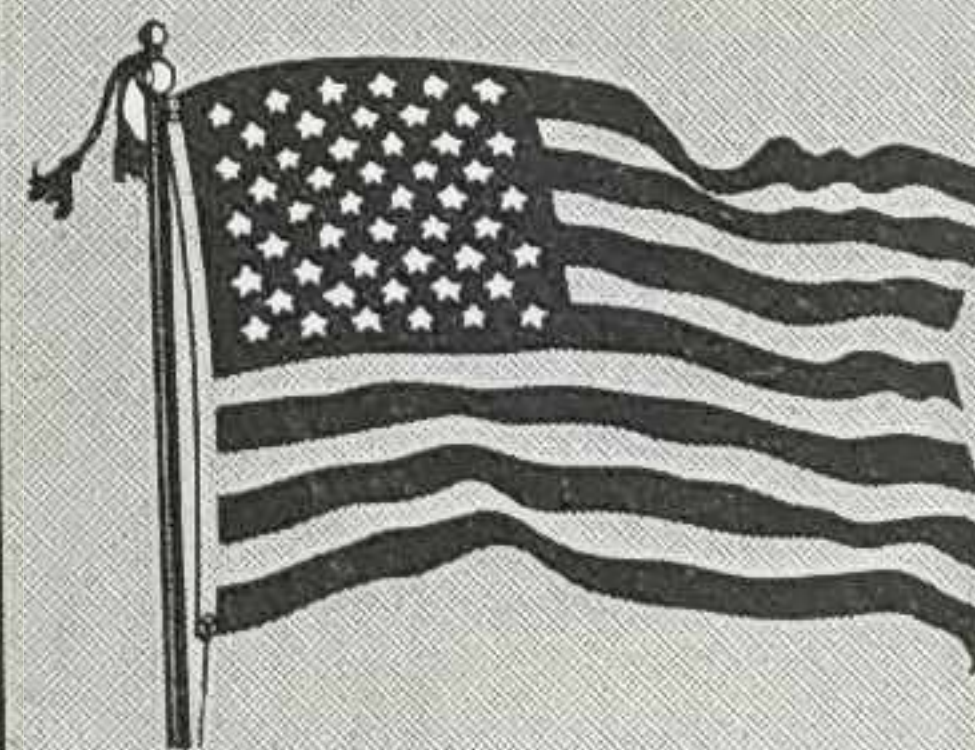
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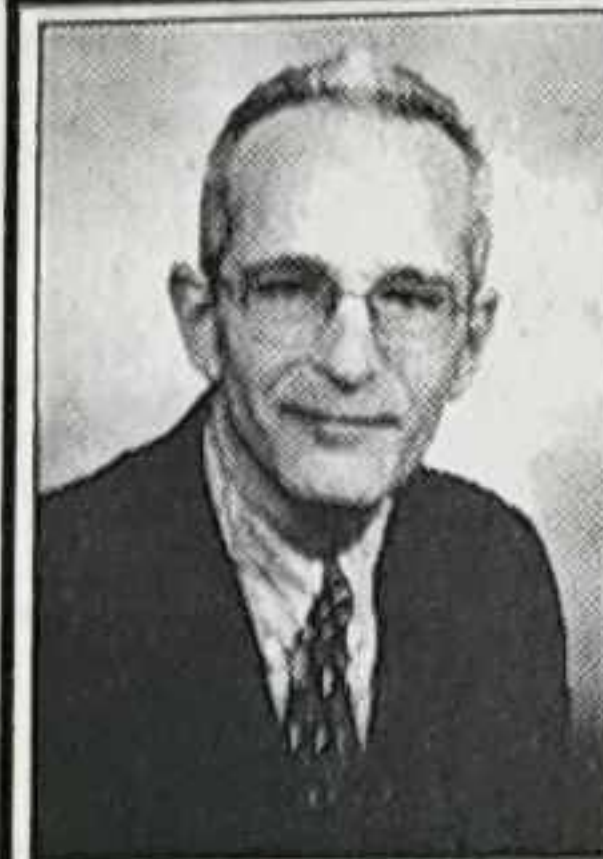
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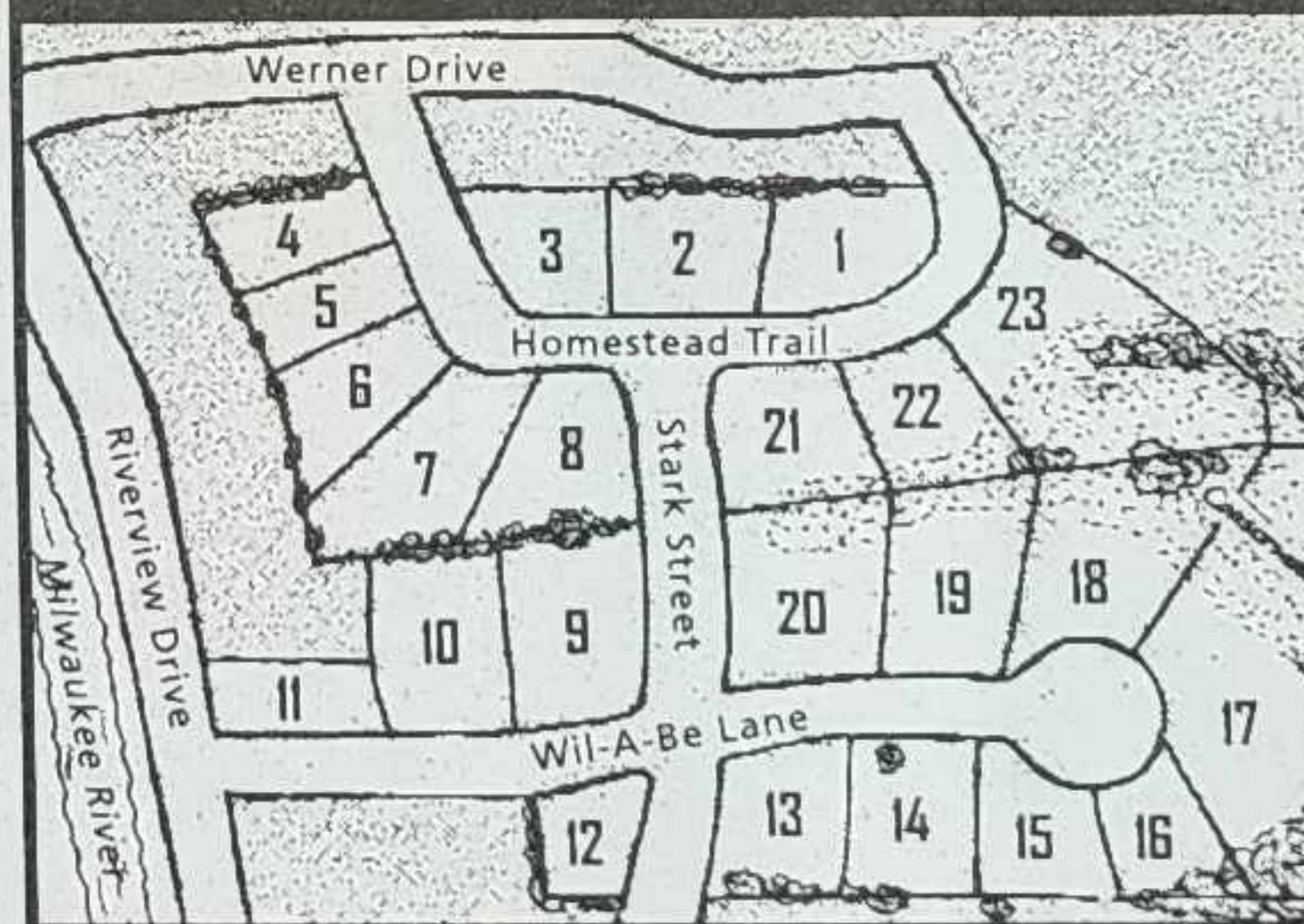
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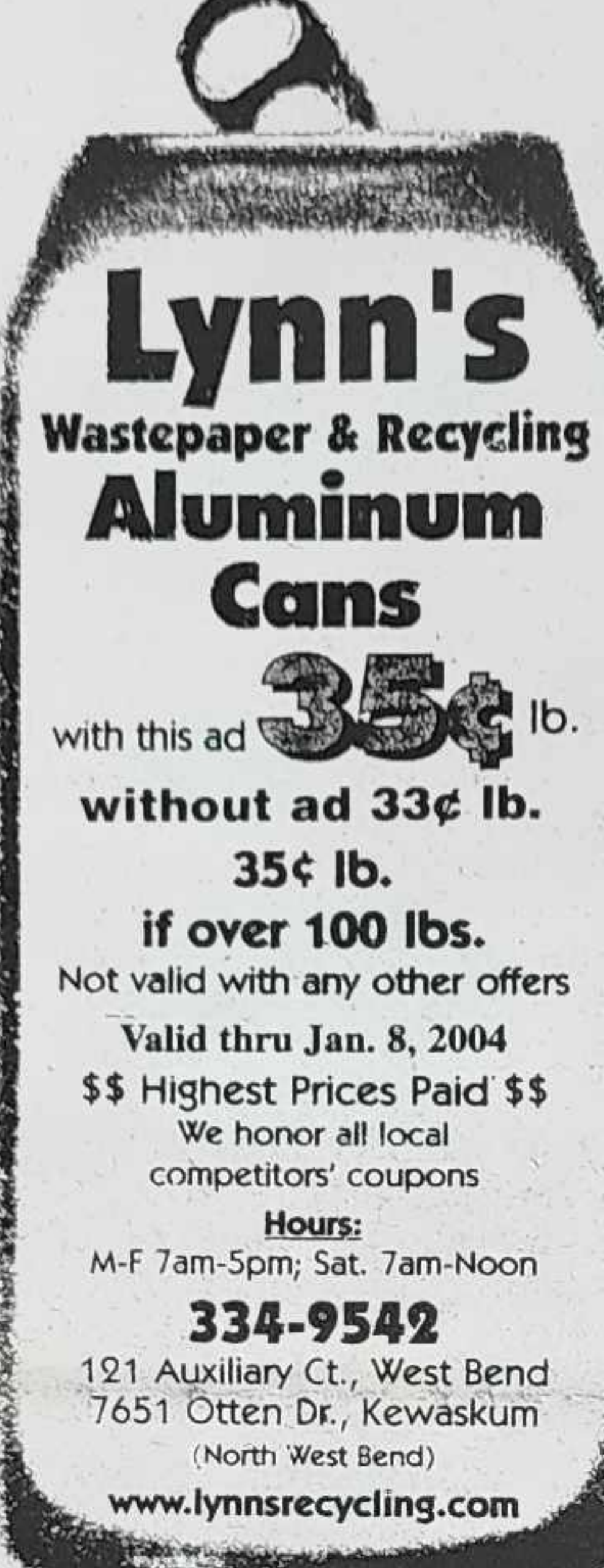
Skat winners on Monday, Dec. 22nd were: Butch Schmitt, 25-5--20 net; David Nett, 338 points; Gus Giese, 32 high play.

The next skat will be a Minnesota Winter Skat on Monday, Jan. 5th at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Angie D's K-Town Saloon.

K-TOWN SHEEPSHEAD WINNERS

Five handed winners on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd were: Delores Mielke, 67-5--62, 19-3--16; Ambrose Lecher, 63-3--60, 21-2--19; Jerry Geiger, 56-5--51, 18-5--13; Ruth Campbell, 54-7--47, 21-6--15; Pat Lecher, 50-5--45, 19-3--16; Ralph Stern, 24 most losses; Frank Krueger, 8 low points.

The next five handed call-an-ace will be Tuesday, Jan. 6th at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Bring a friend along. Angie D's K-Town Saloon.



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Village of Kewaskum
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TOWN OF FARMINGTON MONTHLY TOWN MEETING

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Farmington will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at the Town Hall, 9422 Hwy. 144 in Boltonville at 7:00 P.M. to conduct its regular business and to consider such matters as are authorized by law.

Joanne Oneska
Town Clerk

Village Board Meeting Monday

Public notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Village of Kewaskum, Wisconsin Village Board is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2004, at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 204 First Street.

The agendas for the meeting are prepared as of Wednesday noon preceding the meeting and are available at the office of the clerk at the Municipal building on Thursday preceding the meeting.

Copies of the agenda are also posted in the lobby of the Kewaskum Post Office and lobby of St. Francis Bank.

December 11, 2003
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Village Board of the Village of Kewaskum, Washington County, Wisconsin, will conduct a public hearing at 8:00 p.m., Monday evening, January 19, 2004, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 204 First Street. The public hearing will be on the request of Robert Hackbarth for the rezoning of the parcel at 887 Prospect Drive of the Village of Kewaskum, Wisconsin. (V4-0617), from B-2 General Retail and Service District to R-1 Single-Family Residence District. To accurately reflect the use of said parcel seeing the house portion of the lot has been separated from business portion by a CSM.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF KEWASKUM BOARD WORKSHOP

The Kewaskum School District Board of Education will meet in a special Workshop on **Monday, January 5, 2004**. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss referendum options in an open forum with school district/community members in attendance. For those unable to attend, the Board will also read and discuss any written correspondence received at the District Office prior to the start of the workshop.

The meeting is open to the public. The workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the District Board Room at 1455 School Street, Kewaskum, WI.

The Board will convene a Special School Board meeting immediately following the workshop.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF KEWASKUM

There will be a **Special Business Meeting** of the Kewaskum School District Board on **Monday, January 5, 2004**. Said meeting will commence at **7:30 p.m.**, or **immediately following the completion of the Board Workshop scheduled at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at 1455 School Street, Kewaskum.

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
2. Roll call of members
3. Moment of Silence
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Verification of public notice pursuant to s. 19.84(1)(2)(3)(4)
6. Agenda
 - a. Corrections and/or Deletions
 - b. Approval
7. Old Business (All items under Old Business are subject to discussion and/or action)
 - a. Referendum and Referendum Related Topics
8. Adjourn

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News From The Capitol

By Senator Mary Panzer



Legislature Looks Ahead To the New Year

We are almost to the end of 2003 and 2004 is just around the corner. It's a time to look back at what was accomplished in this last year and what the goals are for the coming year. We passed a budget that eliminated a \$3.2 billion deficit without an increase in sales or income taxes. The Legislature has passed a number of initiatives to help boost the economy and bring jobs into the state.

Speaker Gard, Governor Doyle and I recently announced an agreement on a comprehensive package of regulatory reforms designed to create a positive business climate in the state. This will be the first piece of legislation that will be passed in 2004. This package represents the most comprehensive regulatory reforms in Wisconsin in a generation. It is the culmination of six months of work beginning with the establishment of the Select Committee on Job Creation. I am very proud of the work that went into this legislation and the difference that it will make to the state.

One of the major issues that I will be looking forward to tackling is the ever-increasing cost of healthcare. The Legislature will need to deal with Medicaid reform early in the year because of the reductions in funding from the federal government. At the same time, we will be looking at other health care reforms.

The Legislature will also be looking at reforms in election laws and campaign finance. Earlier this month, the United States Supreme Court upheld

major components of the "McCain-Feingold" Law, including a ban on unlimited donations to political parties, or "soft money," and restrictions on political ads run in the weeks just prior to an election. The 300-page ruling by the high court is still being reviewed to determine its true impact on the state of Wisconsin. I look forward to working with my legislative colleagues who've been so diligent on this issue to establish the finest election system possible in the state of Wisconsin.

Another major area that will be looked at in the coming year will be funding for education. However, major reforms may not be enacted until the next biennial budget.

I look forward to the New Year and continuing to build on the successes of 2003.

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Dessert Waffles With Spiced Blueberry Sauce

- 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 cups fresh or frozen (unthawed) blueberries, divided
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 frozen waffles, toasted, or freshly made waffles

4 scoops vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt

In a small saucepan, thoroughly combine cornstarch with 1/3 cup cold water; stir in half of the blueberries, the sugar, cinnamon and black pepper. Over medium heat, bring to a boil; boil until sauce is clear, about 1 minute; remove from heat. Stir in remaining blueberries; cool. Place warm waffles on dessert plates. Scoop ice cream onto waffles; top with sauce.

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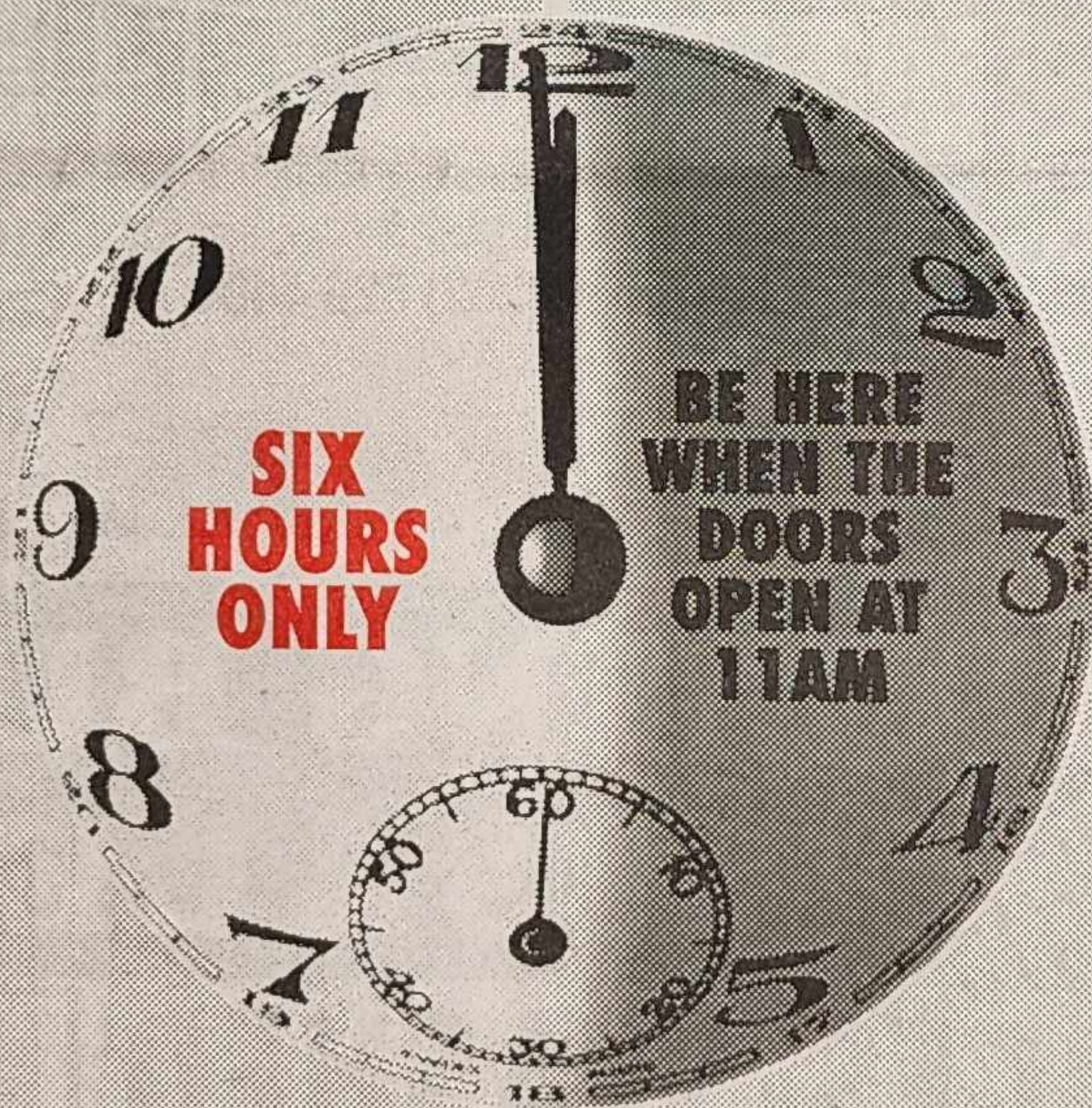
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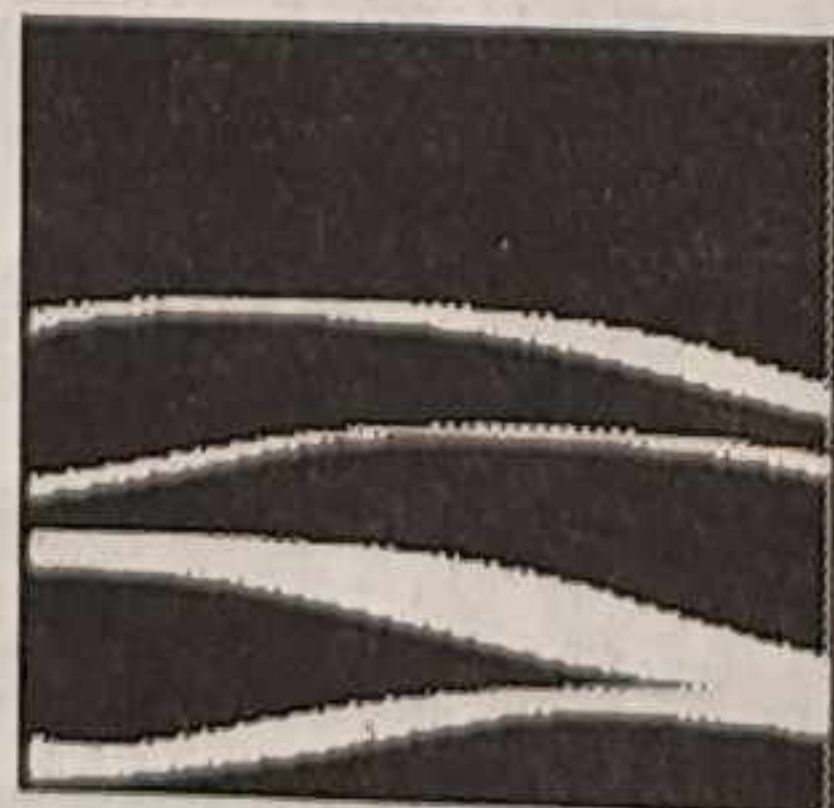
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