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Village to Solicit Donations For Sign Landscaping



At their meeting Monday evening the Kewaskum Village Board listened as Administrator Dan Schmidt gave information on a landscaping idea for the Welcome to Kewaskum sign located at the southern limits of the village on USH 45. The project is estimated to cost \$8,400. John Lamm of Jackson has submitted a sketch for the project. The project, if Lamm is chosen will feature white pine birch and white pine trees as well as spreading junipers, perennials and big blue stem prairie grass. "The project has gotten a lot of community support" stated Schmidt. For information on donating to the project watch the Statesman or call the village hall at 626-8484.

Statesman Photo: Andrew Kuehl

Calling All Cajun Connoisseurs and Dauntless Dancers!!!

Final plans are being made for this Friday's Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance celebration being sponsored by the Friends of Kewaskum at the Amerahn, located just north of Kewaskum on Hwy. 45.

The chefs at Woody's Steakhouse in Kewaskum, who will be catering the unique buffet, have announced an outstanding lineup of cajun food at a very reasonable price. They will be offering something for all degrees of tastebuds in attendance ranging from mild to spicy. The cajun buffet is being offered for only \$10.95 per person in advance and \$11.95 at the door and will include crawfish, cajun sausage and peppers, shrimp jambalaya, cajun catfish, chicken Mardi Gras, okra, hush puppies, bean and rice casserole and corn bread. No one could possibly leave this buffet hungry.

For those of you who are afraid to sample the wonderful Cajun buffet, (try it, you'll like it!) the Kewaskum Sno Chiefs will be offering hamburgers, brats and hot dogs, ala carte.

All who attend will be required to purchase admittance to the dance and celebration for \$3.00 at the door. The dance will feature live entertainment by the ever-popular Downtown Harrison, who has a great time getting the audience involved in a variety of popular music from robotics to soft favorites.

The celebration will include lots of beads, games, raffles and prizes for young and old alike.

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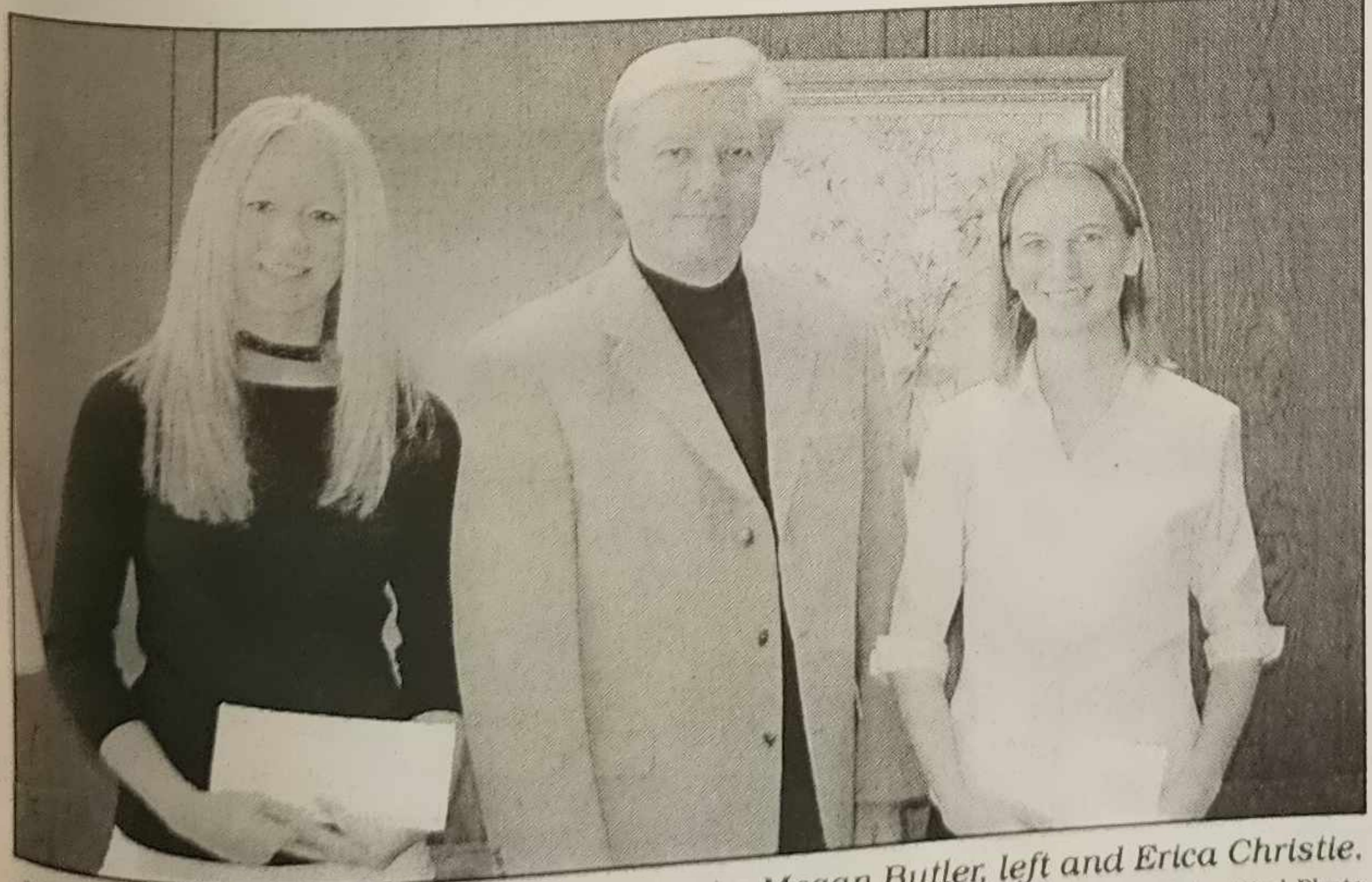
NEWS BRIEFS

● **CAMPBELLSPORT MAN DEAD AFTER CRASH-** A two-vehicle crash has taken the life of 72 year-old Kenneth Stuart of rural Campbellsport. The crash occurred on Saturday, February 28 at 8:56 a.m. in the town of Auburn at the intersection of Auburn-Ashford Road and CTH V. The crash occurred as a result of Stuart allegedly failing to yield at a stop sign and was struck by a Cascade man driving a van. Lawrence Nischke of Cascade was taken to St. Joseph's Community Hospital in West Bend by Campbellsport EMS for non-life threatening injuries.

● **KEWASKUM SCHOOL REFERENDUM** information is available at: www.kewaskumschools.org.

● **KEWASKUM SPRING CLEAN UP** will be held for village residents on April 24, 2004. This service costs taxpayers an estimated \$2,450.

Butler & Christie Awarded J.O. Reigle Scholarships



Jeff Reigle, center with Scholarship Winners Megan Butler, left and Erica Christie. Submitted Photo

Kewaskum, WI- Jeff Reigle, President and CEO of Regal Ware, Inc., awarded the 2004 J.O. Reigle Scholarships to Megan Butler and Erica Christie in a ceremony at the Regal Ware Executive Offices on February 27. Both recipients are seniors at Kewaskum High School. The \$18,000 scholarships are offered annually, providing \$4,500 per year for a four-year college program.

Megan Butler has a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Government, FHA, Swing Choir, Basketball, Softball, Track and Volleyball. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison University,

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REAL ESTATE

LUNCH MENUS

KEWASKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, March 8 -- No School. Teacher Inservice Day.

Tuesday, March 9 -- Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, Italian style veggies, cranberry sauce & a chocolate chip cookie. *Cheese & sausage pizza. (2) P.B. & J. uncrustable (p).

Wednesday, March 10 -- H.S. & M.S. - Pasta bar. Elem. - mini pancakes & syrup, scrambled eggs, tater tots, applesauce & chewy granola bar. (2) P.B. & J. uncrustable (p).

Thursday, March 11 - Ham & turkey submarine sandwich, French fries, tangy baked beans, apricots & a peanut butter chocolate chip bar. *Taco hot pocket. (2) P.B. & J. uncrustable (p).

Friday, March 12 -- Cheese pizza, tossed salad w/assorted dressings, mixed fruit & a monster cookie. *Beef quesadilla. (2) P.B. & J. uncrustable (p).

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Monday, March 8 -- No School.

Tuesday, March 9 -- Beef taco/chicken fajita (lettuce, tomato, cheese, sour cream, peppers), green beans & peaches, fluffy rice, oatmeal cookie, milk.

Wednesday, March 10 -- Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, pineapple, mixed fruit, Kit Kat bar, milk.

Thursday, March 11 -- Breaded or grilled chicken patty on a bun, golden corn, mandarin oranges, cookie, milk.

Friday, March 12 -- Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, applesauce, bread w/butter, ice cream cup, milk.

ST. LUCAS SCHOOL

Monday, March 8 -- Chicken patty on bun, tater tots, fruit cocktail, peanut butter, oatmeal cookie.

Tuesday, March 9 -- French toast, sausage links, applesauce, orange juice, cinnamon roll.

Wednesday, March 10 -- Tacos, hard or soft shell, rice, peas, pineapple, jello cup.

Thursday, March 11 -- Baked chicken, mashed pota-

toes/gravy, corn, pears, cake. Friday, March 12 -- Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans/mushroom soup, peaches, Reese's chocolate cookie.

ST. MATTHEWS SCHOOL

Monday, March 8 -- Chicken nuggets, curly fries, green beans, grapes or orange, cinnamon bread, milk.

Tuesday, March 9 -- Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes or rice, coleslaw, cranberries, pineapple or apple, dinner roll, milk.

Wednesday, March 10 -- 7th Grade Menu - Sub sandwich, noodles, raw veggies & dip, fresh fruit tray, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday, March 11 -- Hamburger/bun, French fries, corn, pickles, mixed fruit, pudding cup, milk.

Friday, March 12 -- No School

CAMPBELLSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, March 8 -- Chicken nuggets/dip, broccoli/cheese, or green beans, fruit choice, milk.

Tuesday, March 9 -- Hard or soft shell tacos, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, fruit, French bread.

Wednesday, March 10 -- Corn dogs, cheese slice, tri tater, fruit choice, cookie, milk.

Thursday, March 11 -- Sub sandwich, fresh corn, Doritos, pickle spears, fruit choice, milk.

Friday, March 12 -- No School. Inservice Day.

KEWASKUM SENIOR DINING CENTER

For the Elderly Menu Meadowcreek Complex 262-483-2056

Monday, March 8 -- Lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, tossed salad w/honey mustard dressing, chilled peas, Italian bread, cupcake.

Tuesday, March 9 -- Veal birds, baked potato with sour cream, red cabbage, whole wheat bread, strawberry ice cream.

Wednesday, March 10 -- Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, spring blend vegetables, mandarin oranges, dinner roll, apple streusel cake.

Thursday, March 11 -- Bean soup, hamburger on a bun, hashbrowns, peas and carrots, sugar cookie. Bingo every Monday, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Bring 50¢ prize to participate.

RESCUE CALLS

On February 23, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person with abdominal problems. No transports was made.

Also on February 23, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person with chest pain. A transport was made.

Again on February 23, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person that had abdominal pain. A transport was made.

On February 24, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person that was in and out of consciousness. A transport was made.

On February 26, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person that had high blood pressure. A transport was made.

On February 28, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person that was unresponsive. A transport was made.

K-TOWN SKAT WINNERS

Skat winners on Monday, Feb. 16 were: Wes Darmody, 20-0--20 net; Henry Schmitz, 509 points; George Minz, 21-2--19 net; David Nett, 96 high play.

K-TOWN SHEEPSHEAD WINNERS

Five handed winners on Tuesday, Feb. 17th were: Butch Schmitt, 67-8--59, 23-2--21; Frank Krueger, 64-6--58, 20-4--16; Royal Carey, 72-15--58, 21-8--13; Crickets Rohlinger, 60-10--50, 18-6--12; Ray Ruplinger, 16 most loses; Syl Stern, 11 low points.

VILLAGE OF KEWASKUM

Nicole Dawn Lennox to Matthew James Frey, \$90,000.

Rick and Lynnelle Bradley to Patrick and Sandra Pankratz, \$128,000.

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Brian and Theresa Dreher to Lawrence and Ruth Lorbiecki, \$176,000.

Whispering Willow Dev LLC to Richard Welch, \$115,900.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

Jean Kraft to Thomas and Patricia Neumann, \$65,000.

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Dale and Janet Nickel, \$77,000.

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Essence of Time LLC to David and Lori Wiertzema, \$55,000.

Dennis Vogt Farms Inc to Whitetail Meadows LLC, \$2,000.

VILLAGE OF CAMPBELLSPORT

Donna Serwe to John Serwe.

Michael and Marion Taylor to Chad and Rianne Hoerig.

TOWN OF ASHFORD

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Sandra Duerr, Christine Duerr, Rick Duerr and Shelly Segerstrom to Brad and Shelly Segerstrom.

TOWN OF AUBURN

Bank One to Shawn and Sara KneEVERS.

Timbers LLC to Joel and Pamela Fleischman.

New Births

FLEISCHMAN -- A son, Jackson Frank, to Pam and Joel Fleischman, Campbellsport, born on February 28, 2004. He weighed eight pounds and 12 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

STUCKE -- A son, Zachary Matthew, to Tammy and Troy Stucke, Plymouth, born on February 6, 2004. He weighed eight pounds and one ounce and was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are LeRoy and Holli Muench. Paternal grandparent is Patricia Stucke. Paternal great-grandparent is Lillian Stucke. Zachary has one brother, Nicholas and one sister, Hannah.

CADMAN -- A son, Cooper Thomas, to Joshua and Korie (Flood) Cadman, Campbellsport, Feb. 21.

BUTZLAFF -- A son, Owen Louis, to Gary and Kathy Butzlaff, Oregon, Wisconsin, born on February 9, 2004, at Meriter Hospital, Madison. He weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and was 20" long. Grandparents are Dave and Mary Stangl of Manitowoc and Loran and Rozanne Butzlaff of Kewaskum. Owen joins his brother, Henry at home.

K-TOWN SKAT WINNERS

Skat winners on Monday, Feb. 23, were: Dan Uelman, 21-1--20 net; Frank Endejam, 463 points; Roger Wehmann, 24-6--18 net; Henry Schmitz, 80 high play.

The next skat will be Monday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Angie D's K-Town Saloon.

K-TOWN SHEEPSHEAD WINNERS

Five handed winners on Tuesday, Feb. 24, were: Gladys Tackes, 49-4--45, 15-3--12; Ralph Stern, 48-6--42, 14-4--10; Betty Koehler, 47-8--39, 15-4--11; Diane Stern, 42-7--35, 12-6--6; Mike Lettow, 31 most loses; Lori Heisler, 4 low point.

The next five handed call-an-ace will be Tuesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

Cabin Fever? Go out to play sheepshead on Tuesday nights, it's fun for so little. Angie D's K-Town Saloon.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Ms. Mardi Gras Coronation At Amerahn on Friday Eve



Shown above is a photo of Ms. Mardi Gras finalist Diane Schneider (??) submitted by wouldn't she like to know who! We are not sure if Diane has become so famous now that she is a contestant that she has to travel incognito, or if this is just a prelude to the costume she is planning for the Ms. Mardi Gras coronation ceremony at Amerahn Friday night. Which ever it is, the "do" is quite special.

We are definitely down to the wire here, and there is only a minimal amount of time left to cast your ballot for Kewaskum's First-Ever Ms. Mardi Gras!

Coronation of the lucky lady who receives the most votes (\$1.00 each) will take place during the Mardi Gras celebration at Amerahn this Friday around 10 p.m.

I don't recommend you mail your votes in anymore,

but they can be dropped off at the Statesman or at Kuehl's Suds and Spirits in Kewaskum. You may also vote for Wendi Dreher at Hair on Main, Lois Bahr at Sun Seekers, Lianne Becht at Piggly Wiggly, or Diane Schneider at Silver Platter, all in Kewaskum. If there is a ballot box for Beth Phillips, I have not as yet heard about it, but there will be one at the Mardi Gras celebration at Amerahn

Friday.

As a matter of fact, all the contestants will have their ballot boxes on display at Amerahn on Friday. So it would be better all around if you just plan on attending the celebration and you will have the opportunity to vote for your favorites until 8 p.m. That will be the end of the monetary voting, and then the fun really begins.

Each finalist who appears at the dance in costume will receive an additional 50 votes. Prior to the coronation the audience will vote on just which one of the unique costumes is the best and the winner of the costume contest will receive an additional 100 votes. So the fun will continue right down to the last minute when it could still be possible for the person with the most monetary votes to be edged out by the winner of the best costume.

The end result of all this

silliness and good clean fun, is justifiable because the winner of the Ms. Mardi Gras contest will receive half of the proceeds to donate to the charity of her choice. Lianne Becht has stated should she win, her portion would be given to Alzheimer's research. Lois Bahr said she is planning to donate to Children's Hospital. Wendi Dreher chose to donate to the Kewaskum Auditorium Fund if she wins, and Diane Schneider will be planting Frasier Fir trees. I really don't think that is for sure, but that is the only rumor that was jokingly leaked to me..

The last finalist is Beth Phillips and the only rumor I have heard regarding that is it might have something to do with music.

I also don't know if Beth is planning to attend the celebration and if she plans on coming in costume. If she is not there we will have to notify Access Hollywood or Diane Sawyer and they will probably want to travel to Kewaskum to do an in-depth interview.

I don't know what attire Diane and Wendi are plan-

ning, but I have heard Lianne is planning a knockout costume well worth the price of admission and Lois Bahr has been planning hers for at least a month!

So grab your beads and come on up to Amerahn on Friday night to see who is representing Kewaskum as the first Ms. Mardi Gras. If you don't have any beads, come up anyway as there will be plenty of beads there to go around, plus a lot of Friday night fun for all of us!

Not only will half of the Ms. Mardi Gras money go to charity, half will go to Kettle Country Colors, as well as other monies raised. There will also be raffles to help raise money to defer a portion of Barb Liegl's medical expenses, and to add to the Kewaskum Auditorium Fund. It's a winning combination for the entire community.

The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by their own convictions.

—James A. Garfield

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Mississippi to Wisconsin Project Helps Bridge Cultural Differences

While society continues to inch closer to realizing Martin Luther King's 31 year-old dream of racial equality, the need to build bridges between cultures is as real today as ever.

With that in mind, Project Self Help and Awareness (PSA), a catalyst for racial understanding since 1971, is currently recruiting families to host African American children from Mississippi in their homes for a few weeks this summer.

To participate, families who qualify need only to possess the desire to show caring and understanding. Individuals welcoming children from the south may be single, married and with or without their own children.

In only a few short days, the goal is simply for the children to experience and enjoy life in Wisconsin. The hope is for host families to be enriched by the experience as much as the children who come from Mississippi. Many of the children enjoy the time with their host families so

much that they return to Wisconsin year after year.

Families from both states who commit themselves to PSA agree that, at its heart, the program really isn't about black and white, rich or poor, but rather about making friendships, creating opportunities, sharing the good and learning that we can find unity in our diversity.

The children from Mississippi range from age six to 16 and do typically come from economically disadvantaged homes. Host families may choose the age and sex of a child.

A \$45 insurance and transportation fee pays for the bus ride from Mississippi to Wisconsin. Room, board, and other costs during the stay are also incurred by the host family.

Children will arrive from Mississippi on June 11, June 17, June 27 and July 11. They can depart on either of the following dates: June 24, July 8, July 15 or July 22. A host family is able to choose the desired arrival and departure

dates.

PSA, a nonprofit, non-denominational organization, evolved from a similar project initiated in 1968 by a black woman in Mississippi and a white law student at the University of Wisconsin - Madison who found that a great deal of myth existed about each other's cultures. Over the years, the emphasis has been on fostering a cultural exchange for the children.

Each year, about 100 children return to Northeastern Wisconsin and stay with their previous or new host family. Please consider hosting a child this summer. There are many children on the waiting list hoping to discover Wisconsin.

For further information, including pictures and personal experiences from participants, visit www.psaprogram.org. To ask questions or request an information packet, please call Ann Neumann at 262-626-2936.



Library Ledger

By Steev Baker
Kewaskum Library Director
www.kewaskum.lib.wi.us

My son is three and a half now, and is learning to manipulate the computer mouse. He moves the arrow around the screen with ease, clicking on things, watching things happen. What amazes me is that he never once asks me how the computer works or why it does the things it does. Everything else is questioned (particularly when I tell him not to pour apple juice on his toast—he stares at me innocently, his shirt dripping, and says, "Why not?"), but this magic little machine where you can actually interact with Thomas the Tank engine, you can draw pictures, you can play music, and he never once asks why.

I'm part of the "computer generation" myself, but when I was first introduced to computers, they didn't have mice, they were just keyboards with empty black screens and we had to learn math and basic programming to make a little triangle move around in pointless circles. Having now taught several basic computer classes myself, I'm often amazed, not by what people don't know, but by how complex the action of surfing the internet can be to someone who has never done it before. To me, it's just a series of buttons you click, but there are so many new things to learn—new words, new ways of using your hands, new ways of thinking.

But it's always fun and exciting to see people learn

to use computers for the first time. I'm of the mind that, frustrating though they may be, computers, and specifically the internet with all of its peripherals (file-sharing, networks, e-mail, etc.), have become a necessary tool in modern American life. That's why we proudly offer internet access to our patrons, that's why we assist them in creating e-mail accounts or answer technical questions, that's why I teach computer classes twice a year. In addition to these things, we also have nearly 50 cd-roms, mostly educational games for children, that are available for 7-day check out. These are valuable resources that can help teach basic computer skills, reading and writing, problem solving, math, foreign languages. I look forward to sitting down with my son and playing a computer game with him, not just because of what he is learning, but because I get to watch the learning process take place. And even better, he gains a sense of accomplishment that carries over into other areas of his life—like pouring apple juice on toast.

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Curves to Join in On Food Drive

Curves, 30 Minute Fitness and Weight Loss Center, in Kewaskum, will be joining the Curves International Inc. "Food for Friends" food drive to benefit local food banks.

Last year, the Curves food drive collected over 4,250,000 pounds of food for local communities across the nation!

Anyone joining Curves the week of March 8th may bring a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waived. Anyone may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Friday during business hours.

"The Food For Friends promotion allows us, the franchisees, to help more women reach their fitness goals, while giving back to the community simultaneously," said Mike and Deb Scheiber, the owners of the Kewaskum club.

With almost 7,000 locations, Curves is the world's largest fitness franchise and the fastest growing franchise in history. Currently, Curves helps over two million women realize their fitness and weight loss goals every day. The Kewaskum location is at 1511 Fond du Lac Avenue.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Woodland Creek Subdivision Offers Private Pristine Living in Village



Shown above is Evergreen Terrace in phase one of Woodland Creek. Construction of two homes has already begun. A large wooded area abuts the cul de sac and will give homeowners a wonderful view

BY SHERI BALDIKOWSKI
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The long-awaited, prestigious new Woodland Creek Subdivision located on the Village of Kewaskum's northwest limits is now booming with lots ready for Phase I construction. The word "lot" however, does not do justice to this rolling landscape of the Kettle Moraine Forest.

It would be more appropriate to call each section a beautiful piece of nature, which was formulated by glaciers and nurtured by owners, Jim and Sue Wessing.

In 1997 Wessing Properties bought the property from Alan and Gerry Stoffel. This stretch of earth has been in the village for over 50 years. In fact, where the Kewaskum Clinic is now located used to be where the Stoffel barn and house once stood.

Since the Wessing's home is at the entrance to this subdivision, at Knights Ave. and Edgewood, they frequently meandered through it recording mental images of how to best formulate it while keeping the natural ambiance in tact.

They added to its aesthetic beauty by planting a variety of over 1,500 trees throughout the development. These young seedlings further enhance the many proud old oak, and bulldozers purposefully did not remove maple and pine trees that already existed there. They groomed the land to retain this natural paradise with its three streams and abundance of wildlife.

About two years ago, when Wessing Properties decided to develop the land, they got the award winning R.A.

Smith Engineering Company of Brookfield to do the job specifically for their reputation of saving the terrain and natural environment. Smith's calling cards are curved roads, planters, and lots of trees.

The firm said the natural beauty of this subdivision is one of their best designs. Appropriately, the subdivision was named after the "woodlands" and "creeks" in it and thus gave birth to "Woodland Creek."

The Wessings recently received news that the subdivision was nominated for a state award by the engineering company.

Once designed, Jim said Village Administrator, Dan Schmidt, was a tremendous help in dealing with the various departments. Because of the three streams, it took longer for the DNR to approve the plat.

Besides dealing with the Army Corp of Engineers, the Wessings also had to "spar" with the Wisconsin DOT, as Edgewood will be extended to Hwy. 28 within the subdivision. Jerry Gilles, the village board, and the planning commission were also most helpful in making all the pieces of the puzzle fit together.

Phase I consists of 19 single family lots which were ready for construction as of December, 2003, and range from approximately \$48,000 to \$60,000. So far over half the lots have already been sold with three homes that began construction in December 2003 and three more slated for March 2004.

Phase II will consist of 25 single family lots with a prospective March, 2004 commencement and an August, 2004 completion date.

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These huge .29 to .70 acre parcels vary from being open or wooded with walkout or exposed basements. The lots are among the largest in this area with many sites 200' deep and 100' to 200' wide.

Most of the lots are adjacent to pristine natural lands with various types of wildlife and abundant scenic views. Approximately sixteen percent of the total community will remain in a natural conservancy.

Carefully designed architectural controls ensure the integrity of the homes environment and improve the investment of the lot and residence. The covenant has a square foot limitation of 1,800 for single story homes and 2,200 for a two-story home. Roofs must have a six and one-half pitch minimum, with architectural dimensional shingles. One third of the house frontage must be constructed of natural materials like stone, brick, cedar or wood.

A hard surface driveway, like concrete, is to be installed within six months of construction and two trees per lot are to be planted by the homeowner. External antennas are not allowed and recreational vehicles are required to be stored in garages. The developer, who already has established rules for a certain home height and drainage for the conformity of the homes, must approve grading plans.

Landscape plans also require approval and implementation within twelve months of construction. Adherence to the covenant and a careful review of home construction plans will ensure quality and value to meet the expectations of today's savvy homeowners.

Each lot in Woodland Creek will be fully improved with streets, sidewalks, curb and gutters, street lights, sanitary sewer and water laterals to the lot line, storm sewers, underground gas, electric, telephone and internet/TV cable.

Decorative street lighting compliments the serene atmosphere of this very private residential community. The decorative street lighting will be used throughout the development creating a campus setting with the Kewaskum Clinic as its anchor.

Woodland Creek will also have fourteen side-by-side, one-story, two-family properties. The first seven buildings (fourteen units) will have backyards on the conservancy overlooking a stream. The second group of fourteen units will be built around a cul-de-sac with private backyards.

Each building will have its own condominium association to set guidelines and fees to cover some of the maintenance work that will be done for the condominium owners. There will be group purchasing for the lawn care, snow removal and other big ticket items.

Three units are slated to begin in April 2004, with the balance being built throughout 2004.

The condominiums will have two or three bedrooms, two full baths, two and a half car garage, and include a washer and dryer. Each unit will have a deck overlooking a big yard.

If individuals want certain changes, they may be allowed if they are done before March when the first three will be built as models. After that, some personal design may be added, within the guidelines of the developer. The condominiums will have an approximate range from \$179,000 to \$189,000.

No costs were spared in developing Woodland Creek as witnessed by the installation of seven very expensive stormceptors throughout the site to eliminate detention ponds. The stormceptors are large tubes that sit under the roads. The water comes into the tube by pipe, goes through a filtration system, and comes out through a

pipe on the other side with clean water. Once a year the village vacuums out the filters.

Jim feels eliminating the detention ponds and installing the stormceptors will be safer for young children, avoid a potential mosquito nesting site and remove the necessity of future pond re-trenching, making the added expense well worthwhile.

There will be landscaped planters with flowers at the Edgewood/Knights entrance, the Highway 28 entrance, and at the cul-de-sac to add to the beautification of the subdivision. The three creeks that run through the subdivision, adorned with unique bridges currently being constructed, all run into the Milwaukee River behind the Kewaskum Middle School. The conservancy, the creeks, the woods, and the evergreen tree border planted by Ned Sengpiel 40 years ago, all make the lots very private and void of traffic. The village trail system will also be extended into the subdivision.

Developer Jim Wessing launched his "side" career in 1983 when he purchased the sixteen unit Five Corners Apartment from Dick Edwards and Jerry Mehlos. In 1990 he did the Knights Avenue Development consisting of eleven large lots of single-family residences.

In 1991 he built the ten unit Westfield Apartments and in 1992 the sixteen unit apartment at Park Place. Now he has used all his prior knowledge and skills to debut Woodland Creek.

A multi-talented man, Jim also is president of Kondex Corporation in Lomira which he helped form thirty years ago. In 1974 when the business was started from scratch, Jim saw the need for something that would cut a crop or lawn. He now has 150 employees who manufacture cutting components for agriculture, lawns and gardens.

Sue Wessing holds three degrees in Nursing, Accounting and Records Management, and currently is employed at St. Joseph's Community Hospital in West Bend.

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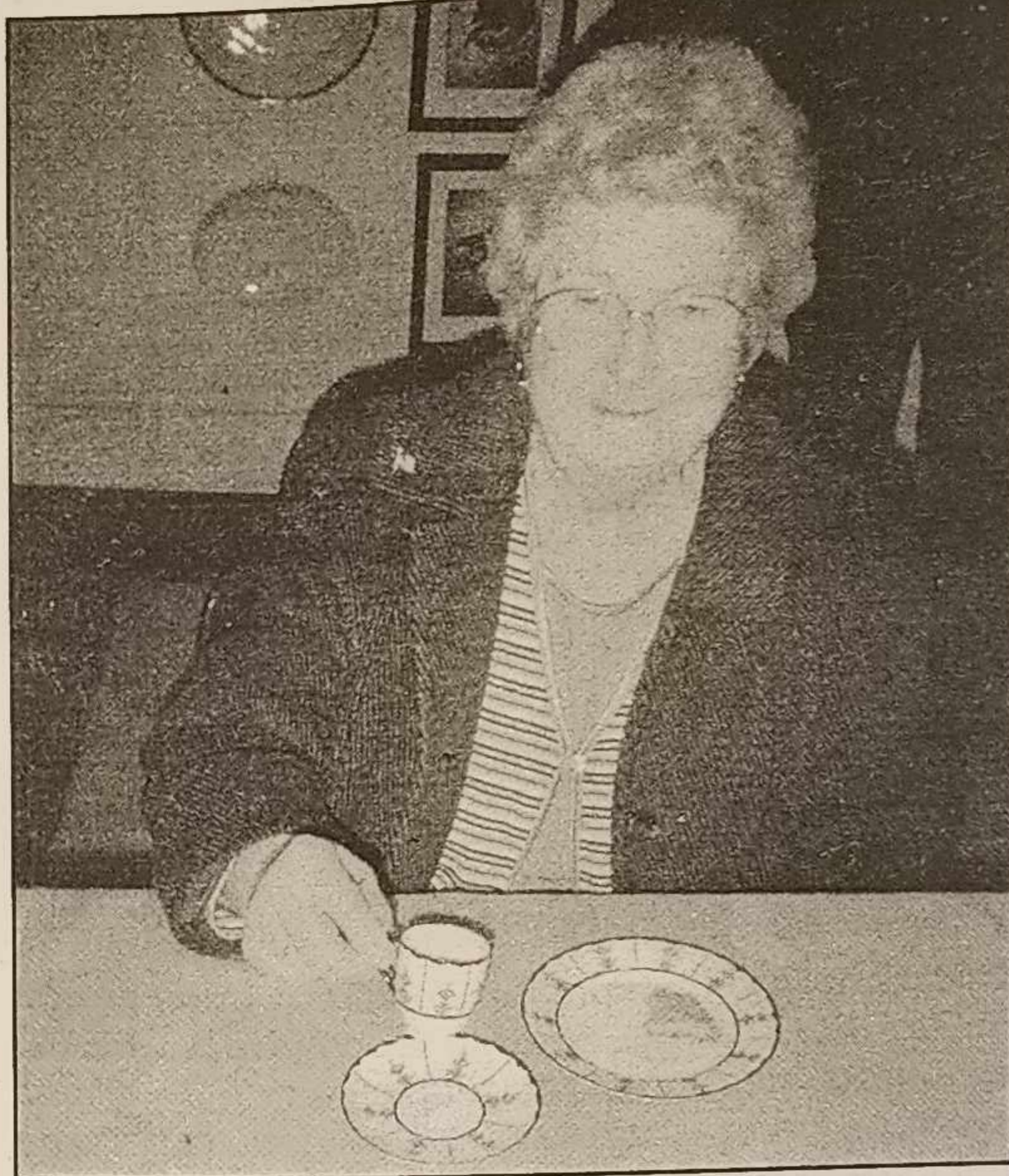
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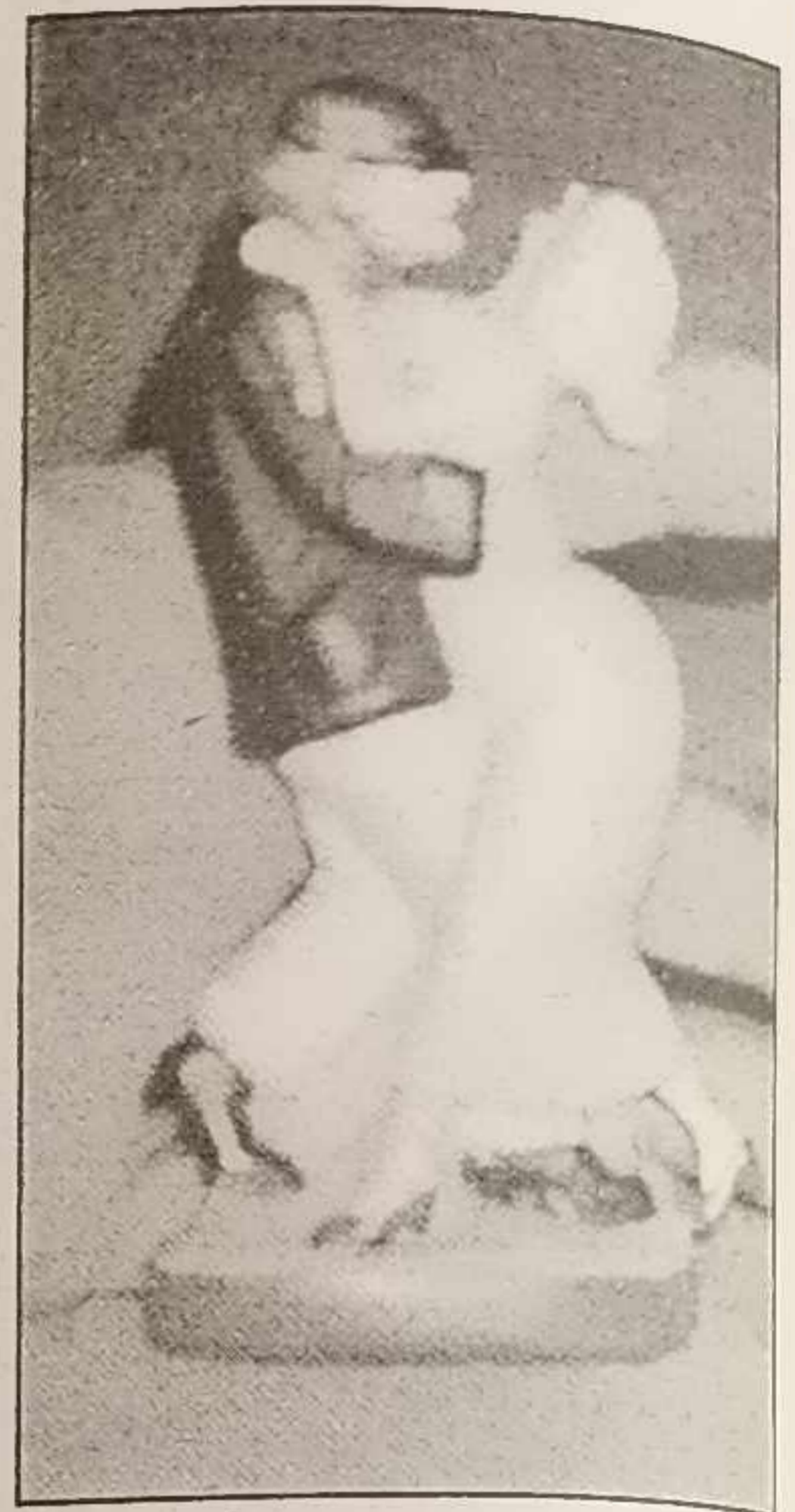
General Store Antique Mall Holds Appraisal Days



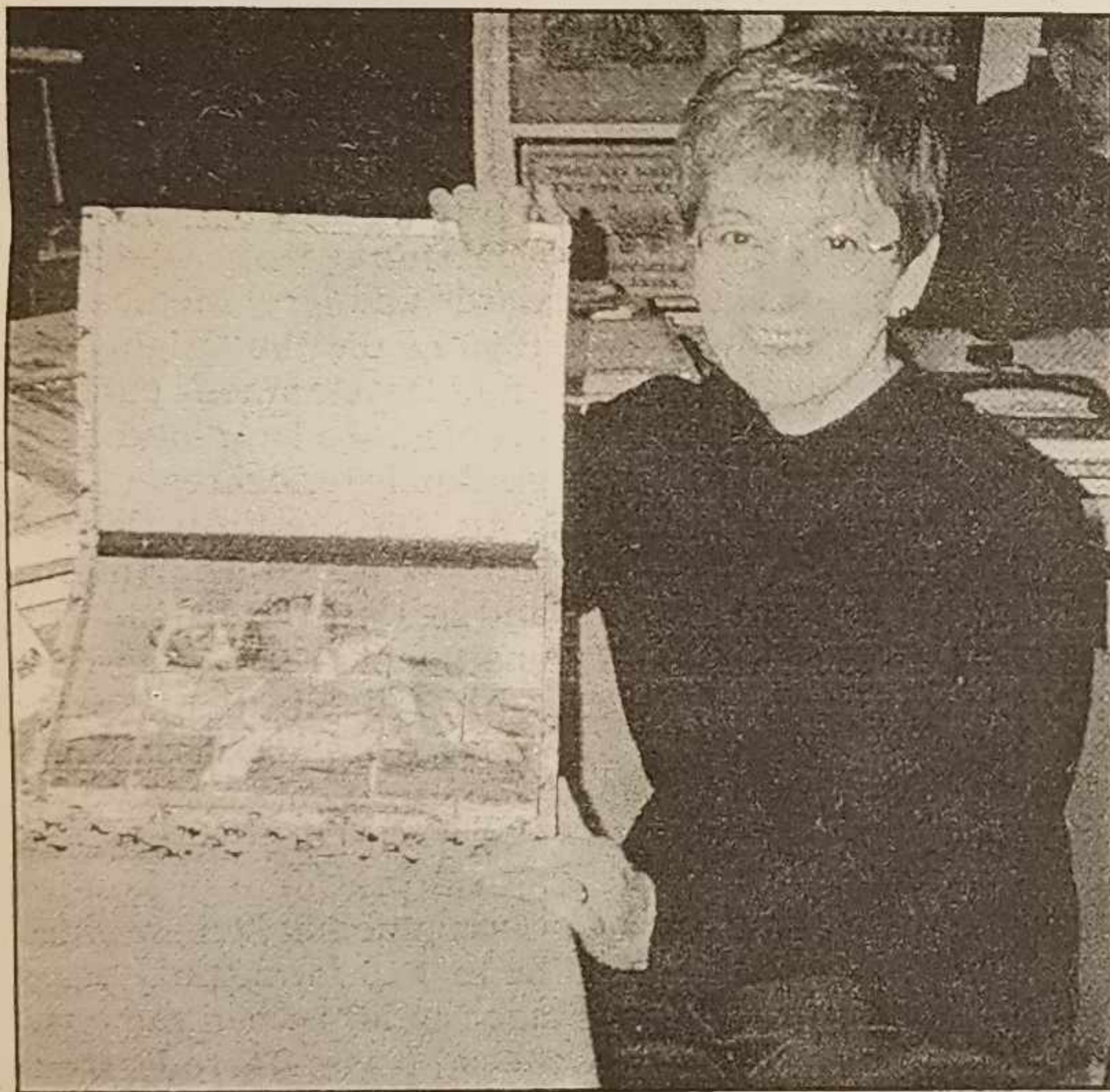
Tom Skrentny displays a set of measures from 1910-1915. They were the first set of measurements used to set up rulers and other measuring devices. They are so rare that no price could be set on them.



Evangeline Teeselink displays a 1930's Union T Czech. child's tea set. She has the full set, but only one setting is displayed.



German Ladies Flask, early 1900's was brought in by Sue Bowe. It was appraised at \$325.



Lorna Schwingle displays a Kid's six Puzzle Wood Block set in original wood box. The original art panel is still on the box cover. It is from the mid to late 1800's. It was appraised at \$400-\$465.

Last November 22 and 23 while hunters were scouring the woods for that big buck, Kewaskum area residents and neighbors were lining up at the General Store for appraisals. John H. Marvin and Vince F. Cordano of Antiques by the Side of the Road, visited our store from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday to do appraisals.

The first item was free and then they charged \$5.00 each after. They were very impressed with the quality and quantity of items brought in. Many people were pleasantly surprised by the appraisal amount for their item and a few made several extra trips back.

The event was a success

and we had such an overwhelming response that we will be offering it again Saturday, March 27, and Sunday,

March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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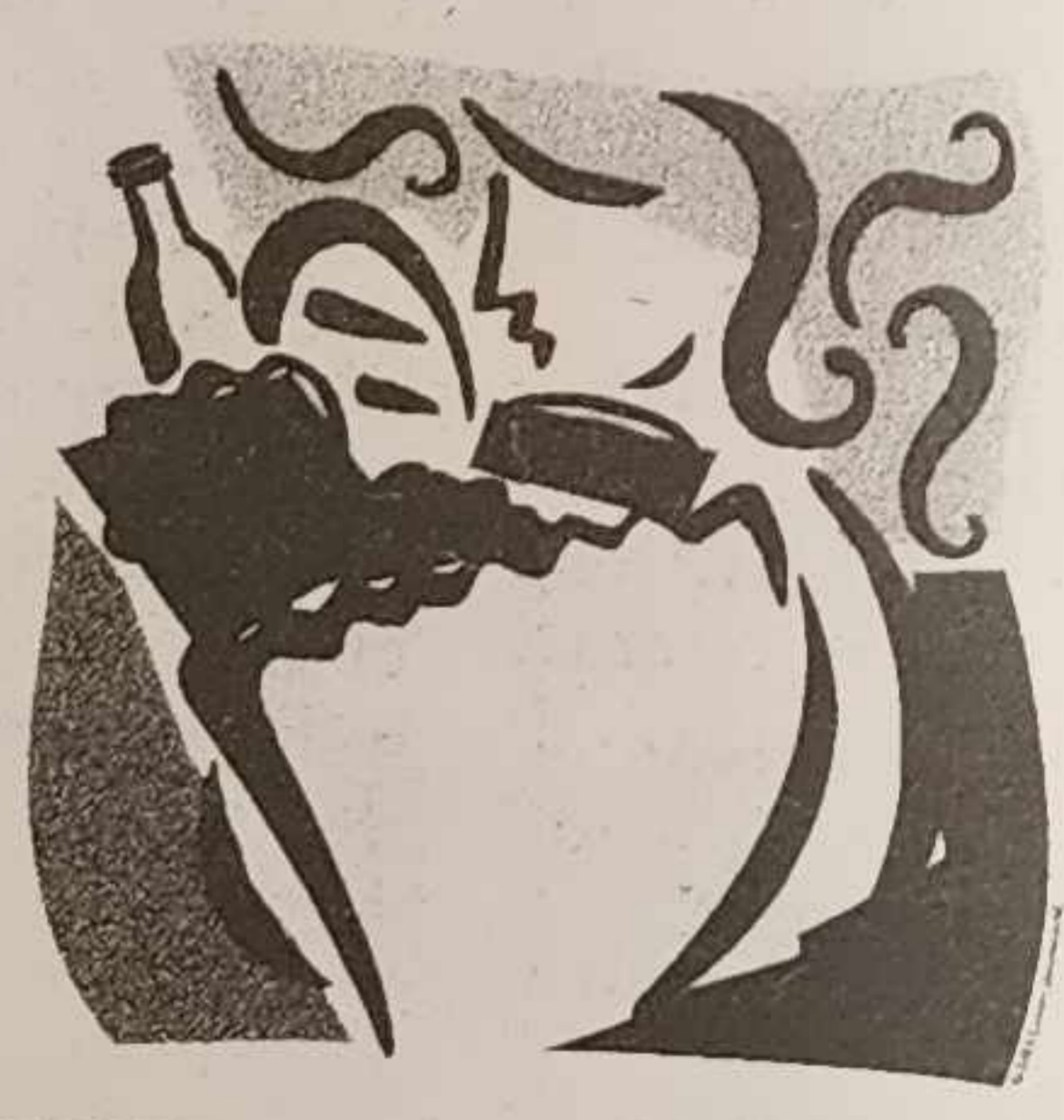
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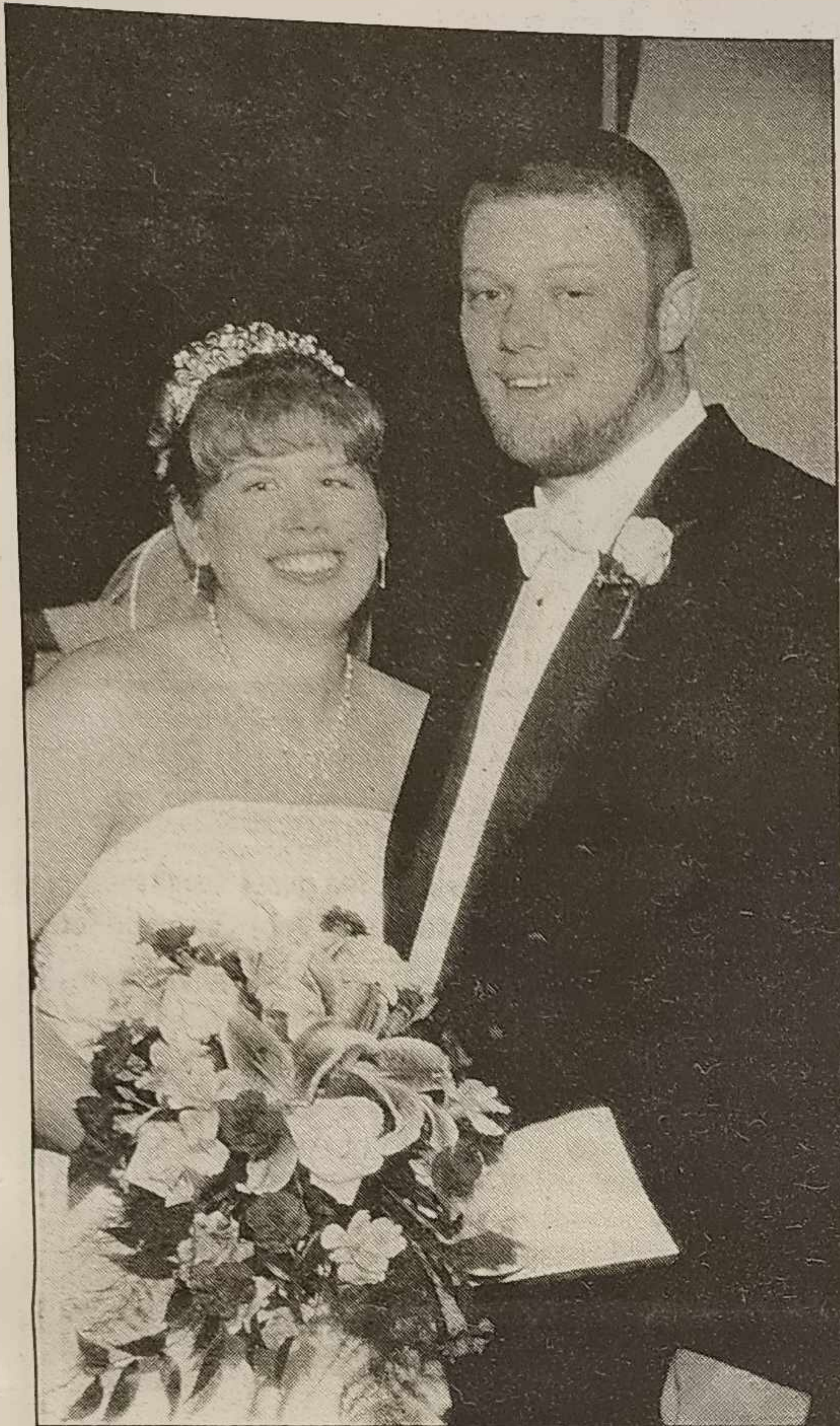
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PEOPLE NEWS

Broecker-Schmoldt Volunteer! Repovsch - Scheunemann



Holli Broecker and Benjamin Schmoldt exchanged marriage vows on April 26, 2003 at St. John's UCC of Kohlsville. Rev. George Jorenby officiated.

Parents of the couple are Joe and Janis Broecker of Kewaskum and Ron and Karen Schmoldt of West Bend.

Jenny Peters, friend of the couple served as the matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Nicki Wessing, Jill Bodden, Chelli Whelan, Melanie Eggebrecht and Janice Theiler.

Tony Schmoldt, brother of the groom served as the best man. Groomsmen were Chris Schmoldt, Eric Schmoldt, Jason Broecker, Chris Peters and Lee Sommerfeld. Cullen Schmoldt served as the ring bearer.

Ushers were Jorge Contreras and Don Fabris.

A reception was held at the Richfield Chalet.

Holli is a 1996 graduate of Kewaskum High School and a 2002 graduate of Concordia University. She is employed by St. Joseph's Community Hospital in West Bend as a physical therapist.

Benjamin is a 1996 graduate of West Bend East High School and is employed by Cedar Lake Sales in West Bend.

The couple resides in Kewaskum.

Meals on Wheels Driver - Deliver meals to homebound residents of West Bend. Meals are picked up at the hospital at 11am and are delivered until Noon. Drive once a week or every other week. Perfect for moms with small children!

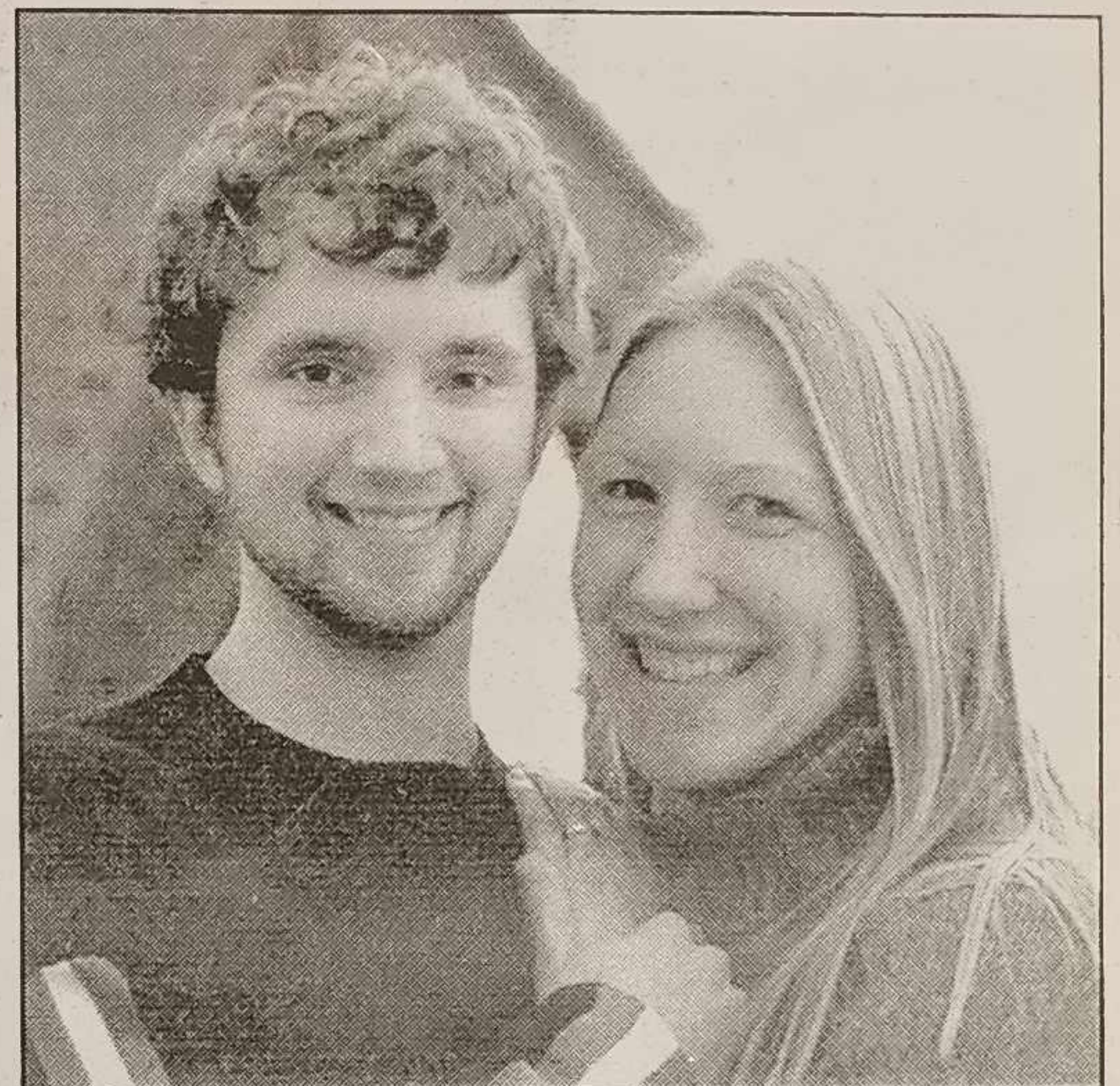
Nature Center Receptionist - Spend a few hours on Saturday or Sunday (12:00pm-4:00pm) at a nature center in Newburg. Greet guests, collect admission fees, sell gift shop items, and answer the phone. Great for socializers!

Senior Golf Open - Help prepare and serve food at the indoor mini-golf outing geared for senior citizens. Wednesday, March 17th from 9:00-11:30pm.

Teacher Naturalist - Join other volunteers who love nature and working with children! Lead school groups through a nature conservancy during the school day. One-year Commitment. Training is provided.

Perennial Sale Preparation - Dig, divide, and pot perennials which will be sold at a plant sale in late April. Get your hands dirty from 1:30-5:00pm on one or more of the following dates: April 5,7,8,12,14,15,19,21,22,26 or 28.

This is just a sampling of the 200 volunteer opportunities that are waiting for you at the Volunteer Center of Washington County. Call us in West Bend at 262-338-8256 or in Hartford at 262-670-1003.



Jessica Repovsch and Jarrod Scheunemann, both of Oshkosh, are pleased to announce their engagement.

Parents of the couple are Mary and Dan Rieder of Kewaskum and Pat Repovsch and Brenda Braun of Allenton and Cynthia and Roy Scheunemann of Union, Ohio.

Jessica is a 2003 graduate of UW-Stout with a major in Graphic Design and a minor in Business. She is employed

by OEC Graphics Inc. in Oshkosh.

Jarrod will be graduating from UW-Oshkosh in the spring of 2004 with a degree in geography. He is employed by Fastenal Company in Oshkosh.

The couple is planning a July 20, 2004 wedding at Schwabacher's Landing in the Grand Teton National Park,



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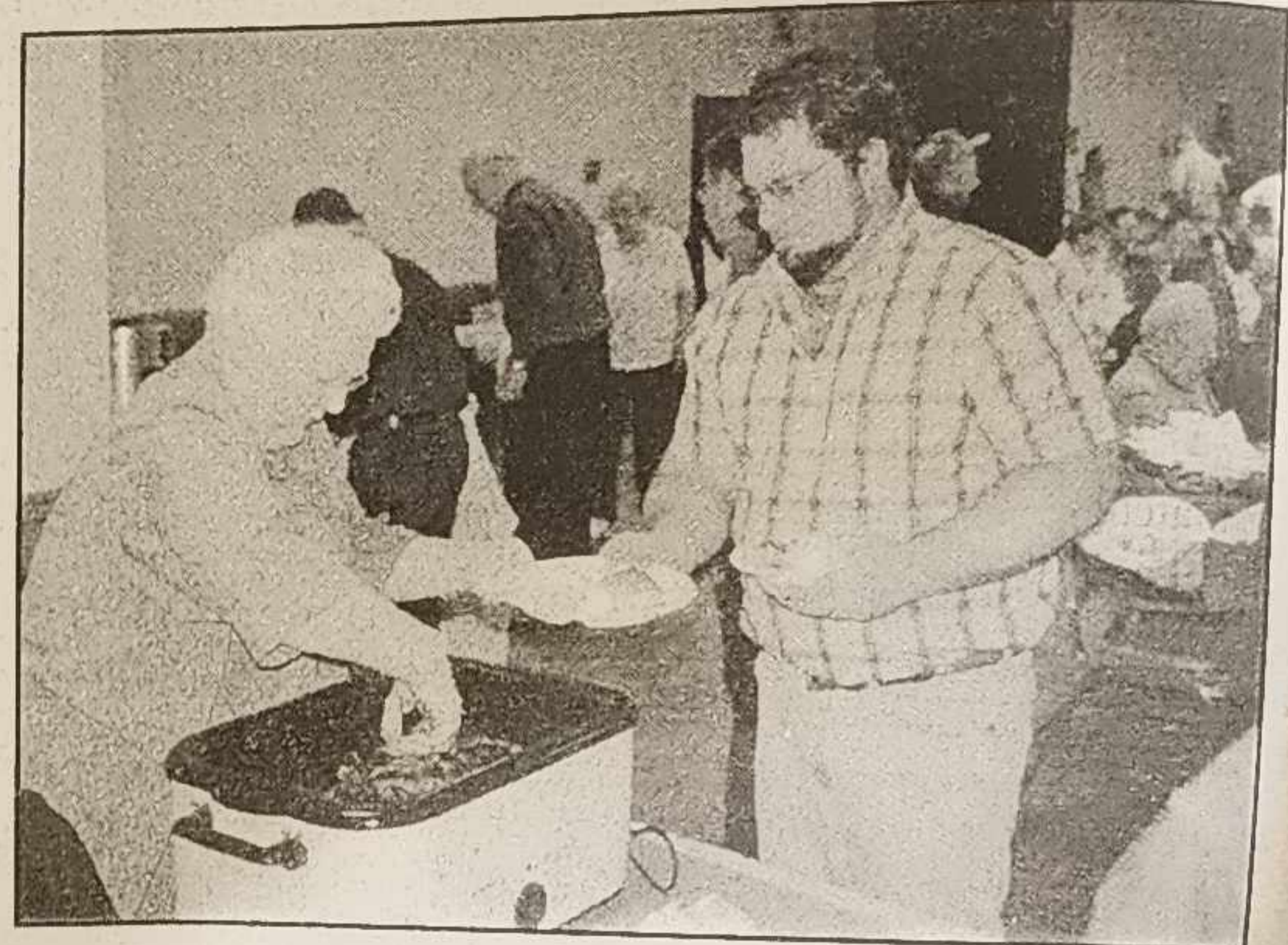
LOCAL EVENTS

Lions Club Pork Chop Dinner Held



The Kewaskum Lions Club held their annual Pork Chop Dinner Thursday evening, February 26 at the Amerahn Ballroom. The club served 290 people. Shown above is the dessert ladies from left to right, Val Strobel, Joyce Schleif and Jeanne Staehler. The above right photo shows Joan Albers serving Scott Amerling of Kewaskum.

Statesman Photos: Andrew Kuehl



MODERN WOODMEN will be hosting a seminar on March 11, 2004. The seminar will be held at the Kewaskum Annex and will begin at 7 p.m.

Deborah Bergman will be the guest speaker
The Topics include Refinancing and Debt Consolidation
 for more information and to sign up call Jeff at the Modern Woodmen office in Kewaskum 262-626-4139

Modern Woodmen will be holding a **Matching Funds Card Party on April 22, 2004.** The card party will be held at Amerahn and the money will go to help Barbara Liegl.

Raffle tickets are available through the Modern Woodmen office. If you would like to buy some or help out please call.

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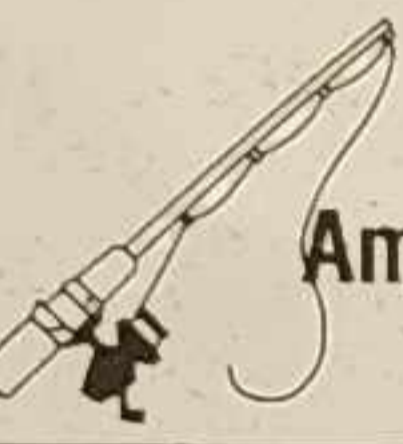
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LOCAL EVENTS

Mardi Gras

(Continued from page 1)

Local agent Jeff Jaeger and a host of Modern Woodmen helpers, are sponsoring games and prizes to benefit Barb Liegl, a Kewaskum resident and member of the Friends of Kewaskum, who has incurred extremely large medical bills. Barb will also be the recipient of the matching funds being raised this year by the Modern Woodmen Card Party being held at Amerahn in April.

The Friends of Kewaskum will also be hosting raffles and games to benefit Barb and the Kettle Kountry Colors festival in October.

Ms. Mardi Gras finalist Wendi Dreher and a crew of her helpers will be sponsoring a raffle booth featuring the popular new "quillows." Those proceeds will benefit the Kewaskum Auditorium Fund.

An important favorite at any Mardi Gras celebration is the traditional "King" cake and Kewaskum's festivities are no different. Two King cakes have been prepared and donated by aficionado Alice Ketter of rural Cambellsport and will be available for \$1 a piece.

A token will be placed inside each one of the two cakes prior to frosting. Attendees will have the opportuni-

ty to purchase a piece of this delectable cake and just may be the recipient of the piece with the token inside. A male or female prize will be awarded to the lucky person with the token in his/her piece of cake. Be careful where you bite!

All are encouraged to attend the celebration in Mardi Gras costume, however costumes are NOT mandatory, just part of the fun. Prizes will be awarded for the most original.

The Friends have been working on authentic decorations for weeks and it is planned to turn Amerahn into a typical Bourbon Street festival, where we won't have to worry about the rain dampening the festivities.

Another highlight of the celebration will be the crowning of Kewaskum's first-ever Ms. Mardi Gras. Ballot boxes will be available for voting until the dance begins at 8 p.m. The coronation will be held at 10 p.m. (Please see the related article on Page 3).

Mark your calendars and plan on bringing your family to Kewaskum's first Mardi Gras celebration. Good food, lots of fun, prizes and games, exciting entertainment, Ms. Mardi Gras coronation and a variety of activities. It promises to be an evening you won't want to miss!

Modern Woodmen Members to Host Family Life Program

Local Modern Woodmen of America families will meet on March 11, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the Kewaskum Annex Building to learn more about debt consolidation and home loans.

Modern Woodman agent Jeff Jaeger says the program, presented by Deborah A. Bergman, will provide information on how to consolidate debts, home loans, how to save money for a rainy day and to reduce the dependence on credit cards.

This presentation is one of many Family Life Programs Modern Woodman camps (chapters) present nationwide. Information about health, safety, parenting issues and other family-related issues is presented to members as part of the fraternal financial services organization's mission to improve the quality of life for members, their families and communities.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, today Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States. The organization's Kewaskum camp provides a number of volunteer service and social activities for local members.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

March 6 -- ITALIAN NIGHT -- West Bend Kiwanis Early Risers, Italian Night, Saturday, March 6, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. held at the Threshold on 600 Rolfs Road. Tickets \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors (over 65), \$4 for children (6-12 yrs.), and free for children under 6. Tickets available at Kiwanis Early Riser members, Toucan Custard and area Pick 'n Save stores. Tickets also available at the door. 2-19-3p

March 7 -- CHILI DINNER & BAKE SALE -- Immanuel Lutheran Church of Town Scott, Sunday, March 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until chili is gone. Hot dogs and homemade desserts. Carryouts available. Adults \$5, children 5-11 - \$2.50 and ages 4 and under Free. Sponsored by the Youth Group, and funds supplemented by Thrivent. 2-19-3p

March 13 -- FOURTH ANNUAL APPRECIATION SOUP SAMPLER & OPEN HOUSE Saturday, March 13, 4 to 8 p.m. at the Kewaskum Fire Station. Green refreshments, Thermal Imaging, test a blood pressure cuff. Kewaskum's finest firefighters will prepare and serve their favorite soup/chili recipes for you to sample. 2-12-5t

March 13 -- THE FARMINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. holds its annual meeting and elections, 1:00 pm at the Farmington Town Hall. Please bring Boltonville Memorabilia to share. We will also welcome a special guest speaker on Historic Preservation. 2-26-3p

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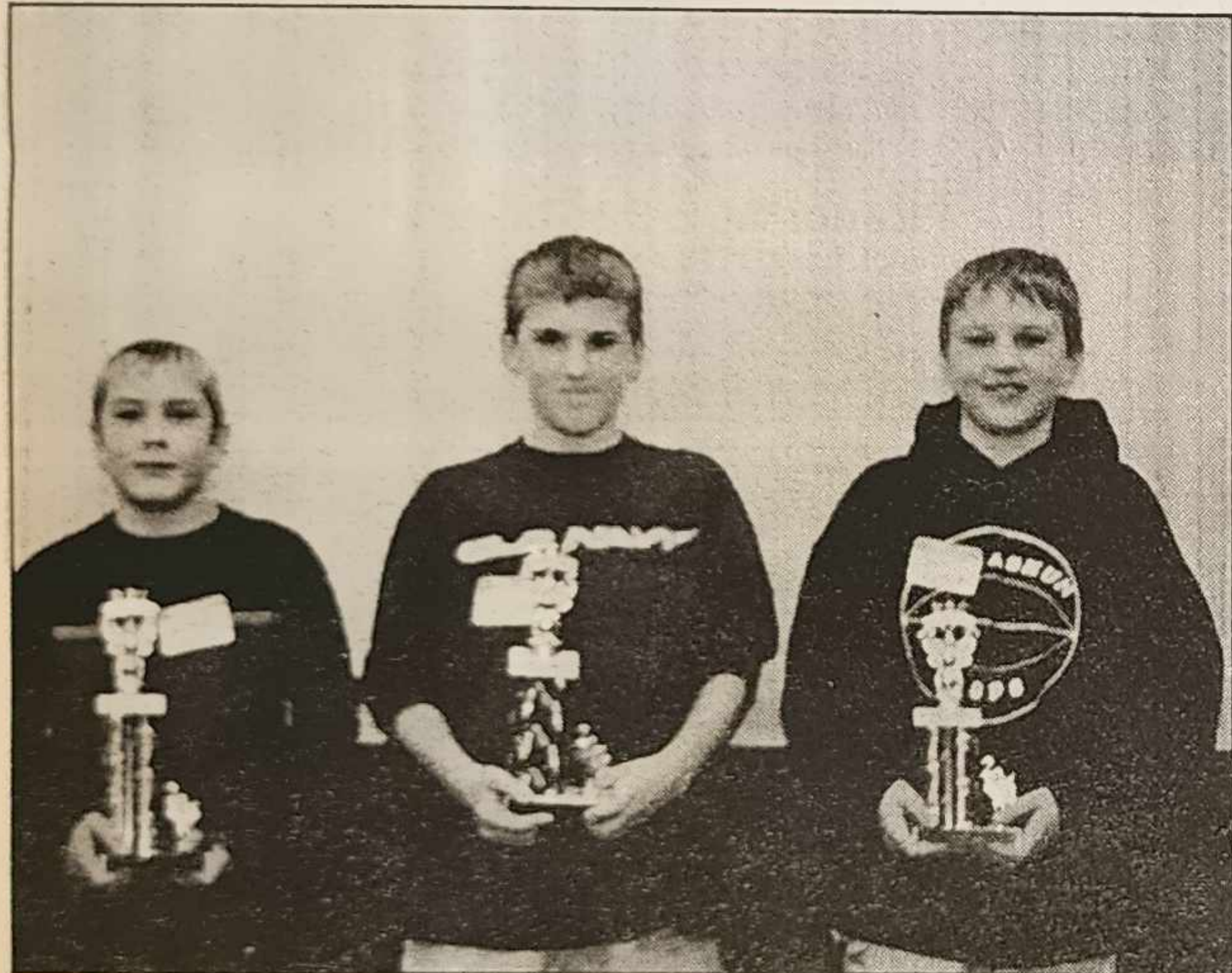
KSD Fifth Through Eighth Grade Spelling Bee Winners



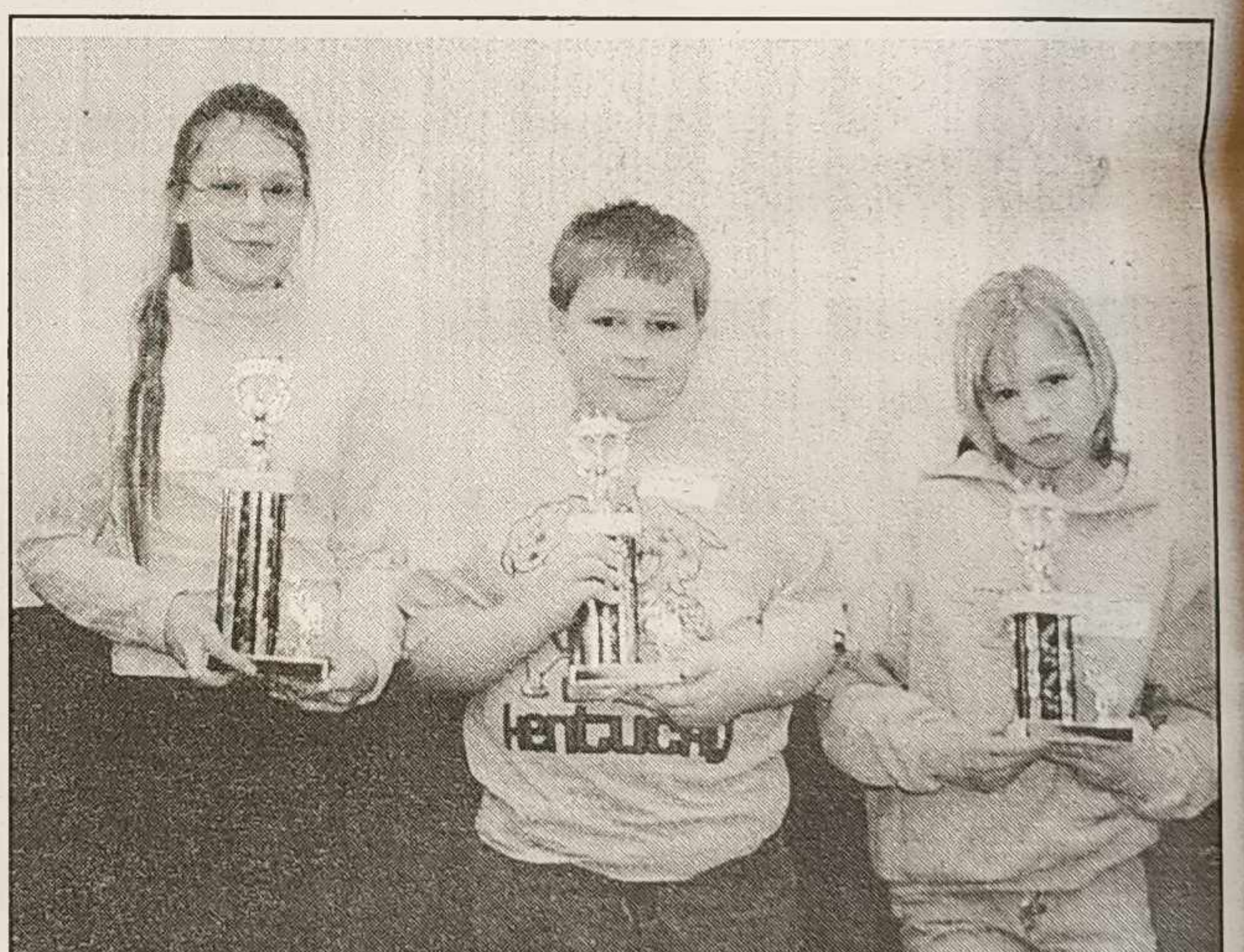
Eighth grade spelling bee winners, left to right: first place - Zach Kempfer; second place - Kim Petermann and third place - Casey Anderson.



Seventh grade spelling bee winners, left to right: first place - Tiffany Mueller; second place - Nichole Kison and third place - Tonya Janssen.



Sixth grade spelling bee winners, left to right: first place - Brandon Zolp; second place - Sam Bergdorf and third place - Ryan Gibson.



Fifth grade spelling bee winners, left to right: first place - Casie Krejcarek; second place - Stephen Knoll and third place - Ashley Roeske.

On Monday, February 2, the final district spelling bee for grades five through eight was held at Kewaskum Middle School. At this competition, all students went home with a trophy for first, second or third place in their grade level.

The results for each grade

level were as follows:

GRADE 5 - Casie Krejcarek, first; Stephen Knoll, second and Ashley Roeske, third.

GRADE 6 - Brandon Zolp, first; Sam Bergdorf, second and Ryan Gibson, third.

GRADE 7 - Tiffany Mueller, first; Nichole Kison, second and Tonya Janssen, third.

GRADE 8 - Zach Kempfer, first; Kim Petermann, second and Casey Anderson, third.

At the end of the evening, the four first place winners from each grade level competed in a spelldown to find out which two students would advance on to the next level of competition. The CE-

SA Regional Spelling Bee was held in Mayville on Tuesday, February 17 at 1 p.m.

Sixth grader Brandon Zolp and seventh grader Tiffany Mueller represented the district in that spelling bee. Both students did an outstanding job. There were 34 contestants from area schools.

Tiffany came in second place and received a beautiful plaque for her efforts, and Brandon took 17th place.

Congratulations to all spellers, and the best of luck to all of these students in future spelling bees.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Parents and Students Enjoy Chili Supper at WES



The Wayne Elementary School PTO hosted a Chili Supper held in conjunction with their parent/teacher conferences last Thursday. Shown above are helpers, left to right: KHS principal Christine Horbas, Bill Kesting, Connie Zemlicka and at sink, Bob Gonwa.



The Oelhafen family, Cody, sitting next to mom Shelly and Kayla, sitting next to dad, Brian, enjoyed their chili supper.



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By Wayne P. Graczyk,
Kewaskum Superintendent of Schools
www.kewaskumschools.org

School Referendum Set for April 6

More information can be gotten off our web site listed above. The old adage that the best voter is an informed voter is never truer than today in this "age of information". The single question referendum scheduled for Tuesday, April 6 will address three critical needs in the school district. The first is textbooks, second is maintenance of building and district sites and the third is audio/visual and computers.

We are in the process of reaching out to inform the community in a myriad of ways. We will be making personal presentations at as many clubs, organizations and Town/Village meetings as possible between March 1 and April 5. If you are a member of a local organization or club, March would be a great time to attend the meeting to hear this presentation. There will be a brochure sent to the

residents in the district in addition to flyers placed in the West Bend Post on both March 28 and April 4. Watch for them. In addition we will have flyers strategically posted around the district. If you tune in to channel 7 on cable you will receive more information regarding the questions. If anyone wishes to have information mailed, they can call 626-2166 Ext. 8001 and request copies or stop in at any district building and request them.

Each of the three areas will be addressed in this column in more detail over the next three weeks. March 11 I will address textbooks, March 18 Maintenance, and March 25, Computers/audio/visuals.

If you have any questions about the referendum or the process, you are encouraged to call me directly at 626-4487.



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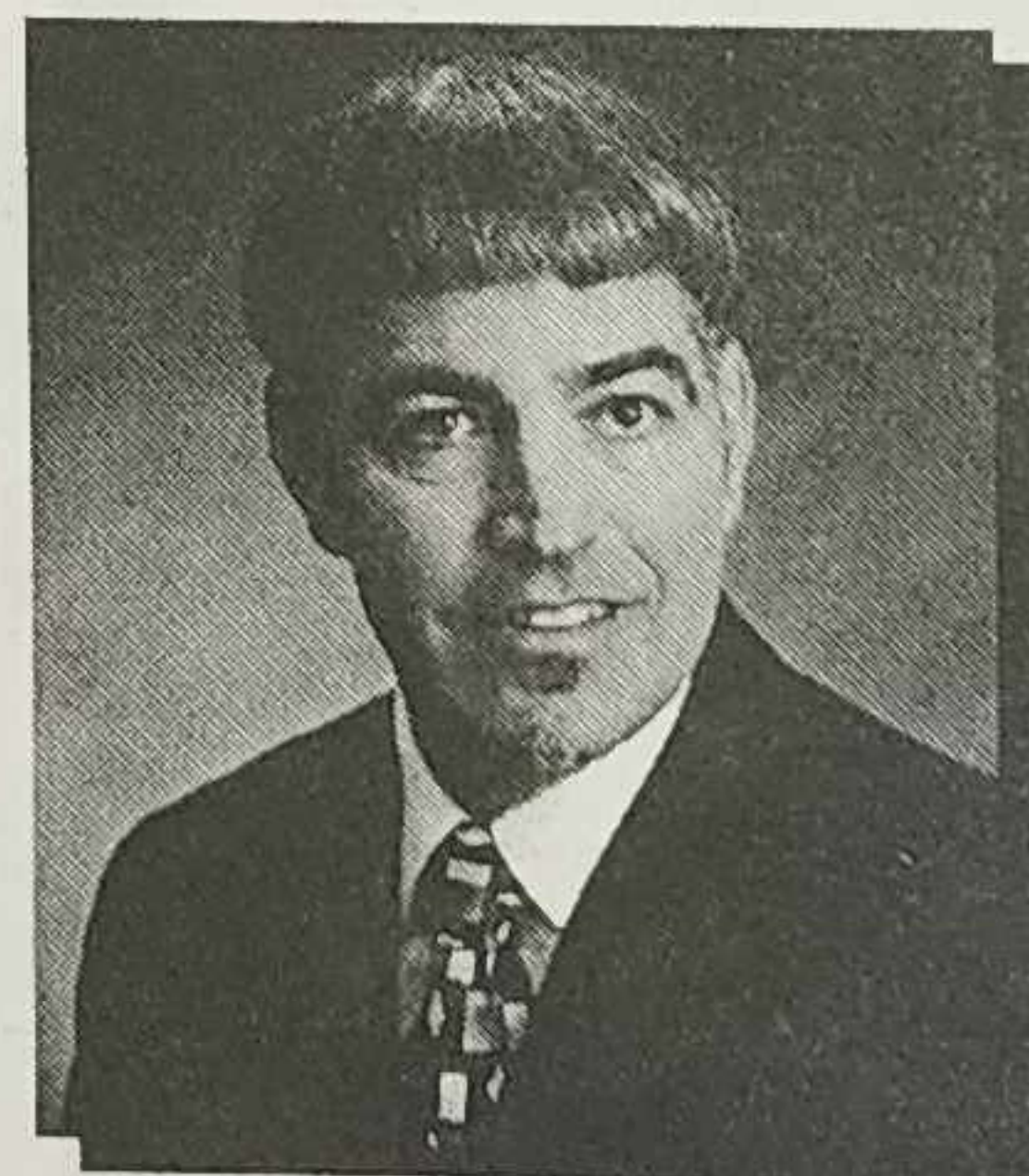
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The Kewaskum Department of Public Works crew repaired a watermain break on Wednesday, February 25 on Forest Avenue. Shown above are crew members Craig Gruber and Denis Thull.

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Wessing

pursuing a career in Medicine. She is the daughter of Robert and Ruth Butler of Kewaskum.

Erica Christie also carries a 4.0 grade point average. She is Vice President of the National Honor Society, President of the Student Council, Year-book Section Editor, a member of Peers-4-Peers, Key Club, Forensics, Swing Choir, and Soccer. Erica is interested in Medicine and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is the daughter of Eric and Terry Christie of Kewaskum.

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Jim and Sue were married in 1976 and have lived in Kewaskum ever since. They have three children, Chris (24), Nicki (20), and Justin (19). All three children attended Holy Trinity School, Kewaskum High School, and are now all at UW-Madison, with the exception of Chris, who just graduated in December.

The Wessings like living in Kewaskum and have many friends here. They appreciate the school system here and feel that kids grow up with good values in the Kewaskum community.

Jim likes the sports pro-

grams and coached softball for eight years. He is always glad to see the respect people of Kewaskum have for each other. He likes living in a safe community with a great deal of Kettle Moraine nature, yet being close to an urban center.

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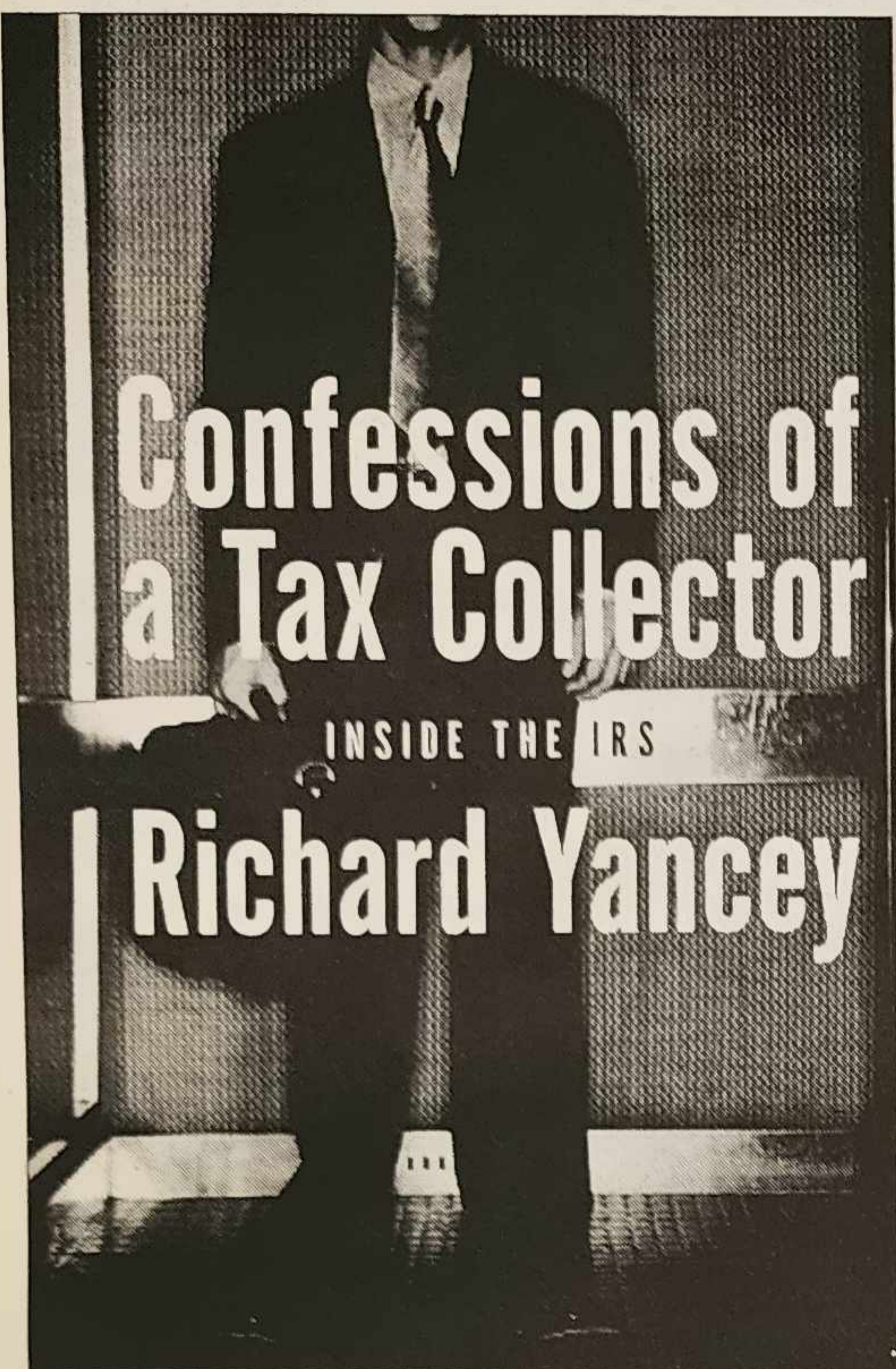
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Confessions of a Tax Collector
 By: Richard Yancey



Over 200 years ago, Ben Franklin said "... in this world, nothing is certain but death and taxes." In about a month, nothing will be truer for most Americans who look at April 15th with head-shaking inevitability, and concern for their wallets. It might come as a comfort to know that, compared to the way it was a decade ago, today's IRS is a kinder, gentler place. If you have a hard time believing that, read "Confessions of a Tax Collector" by Richard Yancey (c. 2004, Harper Collins).

Richard Yancey never really wanted to become an IRS agent. He just needed a job. Yancey was a writer... also a typesetter, English professor, ranch hand, teacher, and several other things, none of which he ever stuck with. Feeling like a bit of a failure, Yancey answered an ad in a newspaper, and soon became a Revenue Officer Trainee in the IRS.

Yancey's first year wasn't easy. As a trainee, he was given a huge workload, and allowed sometimes just days to close cases. Competition was fierce among the trainees. Office sabotage was rumored. Yancey's first supervisor was suddenly transferred to another post. His second supervisor, William Culpepper, was a driven lunatic of a man, the subject of many office legends, known for his ability to reduce any agent to tears. Surprisingly, Culpepper was exactly the kind of supervisor Yancey needed, and Yancey soon sparkled as a revenue officer, wielding pay-or-face-the-consequences power

over people who wouldn't—or couldn't—comply with the IRS.

Being a revenue officer was exciting for Yancey. He learned to do property seizures, and discovered that he was more than good at them. He figured out ways to close cases that were considered unclose-able. He made more money than he ever had in his life, but in the process, Yancey lost. His fiancé broke up with him. He drifted away from his family and friends. As doing his job became easier and seizing property became painless, Yancey started to become someone that it seemed he didn't like very much. But there are more important things than money and power, a realization that ultimately made Yancey change his life.

"Confessions of a Tax Collector" is a book that will make you laugh... and squirm. Much like a policeman or fireman, an IRS agent has many stories, and while some of them are the gleeful, can't-look-away kind, it's hard to read about people losing their livelihoods, homes, and possessions. Author Yancey doesn't apologize for his life in the Service; he admits that he's actually proud to have served. He also says that things are vastly different today than when he was with the IRS. Be sure to read the epilogue. It's one of the most satisfying endings to a book that I've read in a long time. "Confessions of a Tax Collector" isn't going to change the way you look at April 15th, but it's a book that I think you'll enjoy reading.

UW-Extension Offers Heart of the Farm

On Friday, March 19, 2004, Washington County UW-Extension will host the *Heart of the Farm - Women in Agriculture* workshop at the UW-Extension Office, 333 E. Washington St., West Bend. The workshop begins at 9 a.m. with registration and will adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Heart of the Farm - Women in Agriculture Workshop Series is a UW-Extension program that is committed to addressing the needs of farm women by providing education on farm business topics, connecting them with agricultural resources and creating support networks.

The West Bend *Heart of the Farm* workshop will begin with a fun and interactive session facilitated by Kandi O'Neil, Washington County UW-Extension 4-H, Youth Development Agent. *Discover the Color of Your Personality* will help participants identify their personality styles. Participants will learn how to communicate and work more

effectively with others based on personality types.

Katherine Lindsay, Family Business Center University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, will discuss family and business communication challenges. In the presentation *One Family - One Business - One Language???*, participants will learn how each of us speaks our own personal language, even those who grew up in the same family. The trick is to find out where common understanding lies.

After lunch, Carol Roth, Outreach Specialist, Program on Agriculture Technology Studies, UW-Madison, will discuss the current status of health care for farm families in the session *Strategies for Health Care*. Participants will learn short-term strategies, practical tips for being a good health care consumer and the latest legislation that may affect farm families' health care options.

The last session of the day will be *Finding Direction for*

Yourself, Family and Business. Alan Linnebur, Washington County UW-Extension Farm Business Agent will focus on the importance of finding direction, planning a course of action and he will highlight some tools to help you through the process.

Registration for the workshop is \$15 per person. To register for the program send payment to Alan Linnebur, Washington County UW-Extension, PO Box 2003, West Bend, WI 53095-2003. Make checks payable to UW-Extension. For a brochure contact the Washington County UW-Extension office at 262-335-4477.

To learn more about the *Heart of the Farm - Women in Agriculture Series* and about other 2004 *Heart of the Farm* workshops visit the website at www.uwex.edu/ces/heartofthefarm or contact your local UW-Extension Farm and Risk Management Team.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

As a patriotic citizen of this country I love, I am concerned about the direction of our foreign policy and the actions of our president. As we are entangled in an unpopular war in Iraq, with US soldiers being killed every day, being injured and mentally harmed, I urge you to think about some of these facts:

- Stretches of the truth justified the war on Iraq.
- There was no link to Al Quida, as admitted by Mr. Bush.
- No weapons of mass destruction have been found.
- US military occupation in Iraq costs taxpayers \$3.9 billion a month.
- US human needs such as education, health care and elderly services are cut.
- Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis suffer without adequate water, electricity, phone, healthcare and food.
- Thousands of innocent Iraqis have died; thousands more have been injured.

Even three establishment heavyweights struck sharp blows to Mr. Bush's policies and credibility in early January:

Former Bush Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neil, said the plan to oust Saddam Hussein was underway long before September 11, 2001. O'Neil said that from the first day the president took office he tasked the National Security Agency with "building the case against Hussein and looking at how we could take him out and change Iraq into a new country."

A "scathing" new report issued by the US Army WAR College "broadly criticizes the Bush administration's handling of the war on terrorism, accusing it of taking a detour into an 'unnecessary' war in Iraq and pursuing an 'unrealistic' quest against terrorism."

The Carnegie Endowment, in the same week, issued a comprehensive report

by four weapons experts showing that the administration purposely overstated and misrepresented pre-war claims about the "imminent Threat" of Iraqi biological,

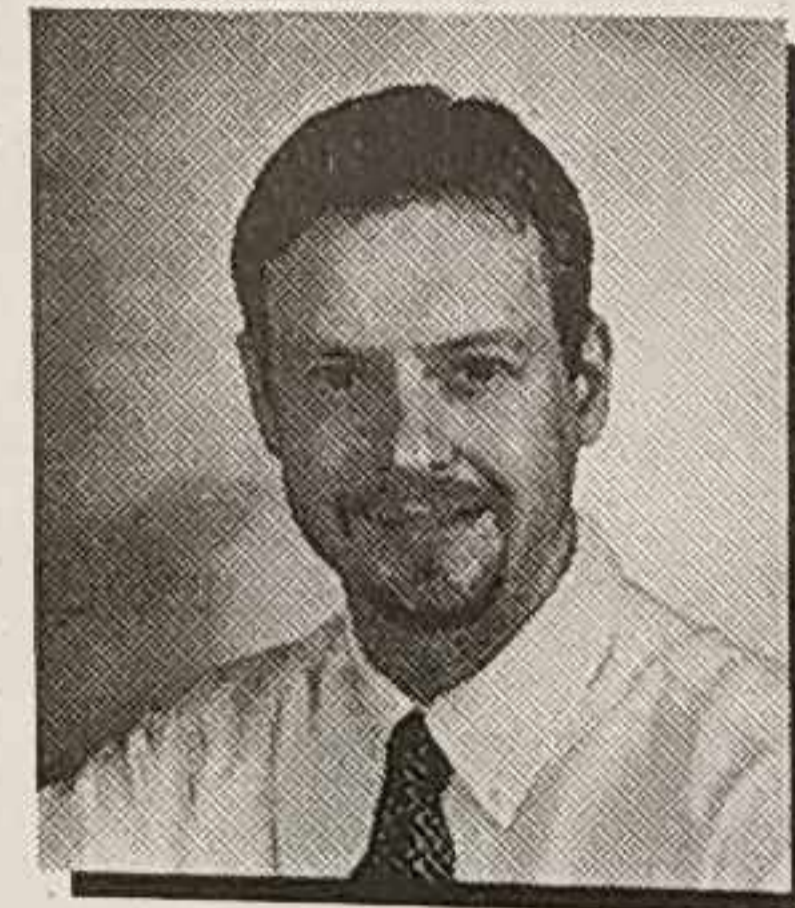
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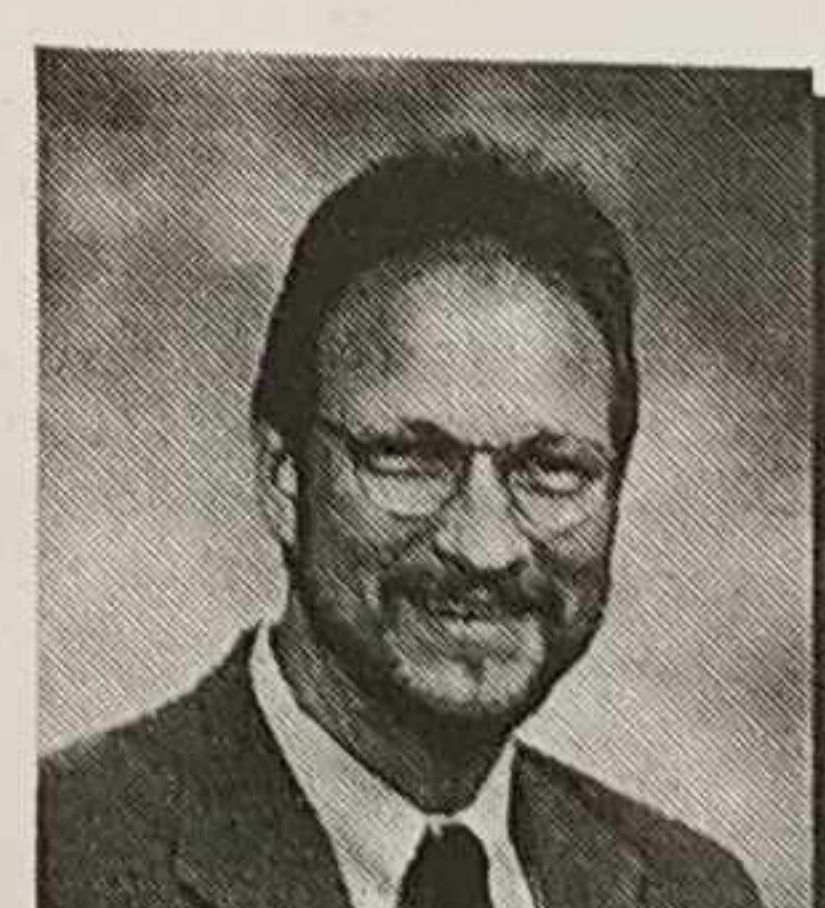
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OBITUARIES

GLADYS L. KLEIN

Gladys L. Klein, age 87, of Milwaukee, formerly of Kewaskum, passed away on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at Clement Manor Health Center in Greenfield.

She was born on January 14, 1917 in Kewaskum, the daughter of the late Fred and Elsie (Kocher) Schleif, and on August 6, 1938, she was united in marriage to William A. Klein, Sr. in Dubuque, Iowa. Her husband preceded her in death on January 11, 1989.

Gladys was a former long-time member of Peace United Church of Christ in Kewaskum.

Survivors include three sons, William (Mary Ellen) Klein, Jr. of Milwaukee, Philip (Sandra) Klein of Muskego and Frederick Klein of Milwaukee; a sister, Elaine (Howard) Mayer of West Bend; three grandchildren, Kandi (Jim) Olson, William and Donald Klein; two great-grandchildren, Lexie and Alan Olson; two nieces, Patricia Mayer and Jill Schultz; three nephews, Thomas, Kerry and Michael Mayer, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marcella Feltenz and Eleanor Mayer and a granddaughter, Beverly.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at the Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum. Rev. Daniel Schowalter officiated and burial followed in Peace U.C.C. Cemetery in Kewaskum.

Friends called at the funeral home from 2:00 p.m. until the time of services.

Memorials to Peace U.C.C. are appreciated.

KENENTH E. STUART

Kenneth E. Stuart, 72, of Cambellsport, died Saturday, February 28, 2004 in the Town of Auburn in an auto accident.

He was born in Milwaukee on December 28, 1931, the son of Oliver and Loretta (Buck) Stuart.

On December 29, 1956, he married Betty Becker at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Cambellsport.

Ken served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War and worked at Regal Ware in Kewaskum for 45 years until retiring. He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Cambellsport, where he served as a lector and was one of the first Eucharistic Ministers. Ken also made the dressing for the Fall Festival dinners for the past 50 years.

He was the president of the Cambellsport Sportman's Club, an avid trap shooter, and past commander of the Cambellsport Hunter's Safety Program. He was a former member of the Cambellsport Volunteer Fire Department and a former Boy Scoutmaster.

Survivors include his wife Betty; his sons Mark (Tracey) of Madison and Jamie of Kiel; his brother, Oliver (Rita) of Dundee; his sister, Sandra (Royce) Fritz of Cambellsport;

his brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Syl Wenzlaff and Tom and Tess Heldt, all of Campbellsport; nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Cambellsport.

Rev. Neil Zinthefer officiated and burial was Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the parish cemetery.

Visitation was Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. until the time of service at the church.

Twohig Funeral Home, Cambellsport, served the family.

ELAINE D. BUSWELL

Elaine D. Buswell, nee Thielke, age 79, of West Bend, passed away on Sunday, February 29, 2004 at the Samaritan Health Care Center of West Bend.

She was born on December 28, 1924 in Kiel to Arthur and Mata (Winkel) Thielke. She married Earl A. Buswell on August 31, 1946 in Kiel at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Elaine was born and raised in Kiel on the Louis Corners Guernsey Farm. She graduated from Kiel High School with the class of 1942. She attended St. Vincent's Orphanage in Chicago, where she received her degree as a Nursery Technician.

Before her marriage, she worked in a private home in the Chicago area. After marriage, she worked at several hospitals and eventually devoted her work to St. Joseph's Community Hospital of West Bend for 31 years, retiring in December of 1985.

She was a member of St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kewaskum and the Ladies Guild.

She is survived by three children, Peggy (John) Lettow of Longmont, CO, Beth (Earl) Smith of West Bend and Terry (Donna) Buswell of Longmont, CO; nine grandchildren, Brian, Eric and Kevin Lettow, Jeremy (Carly) Kidd and Stephanie (Kirk) Spencer, Sean Buswell, Russell (Traci) Smith, Christine Smith and Erik Smith; two sisters, Evelyn (Henry) Wienberger of Sheboygan and Carol (Werner) Werkmeister of Scottsdale, AZ; nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl on February 25, 2001; her parents and two sisters, Gladys Allen and Jean Robinson.

Funeral services will be on

Friday, March 5, 2004 at 6 p.m. at St. Lucas Lutheran Church of Kewaskum, with Pastor Timothy A. Henning officiating.

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

Interment will take place at Washington County Memorial Park of West Bend on Saturday, March 6 at 10 a.m.

Memorials are appreciated.

The Phillip Funeral Home of West Bend is serving the family.

REBECCA L. ERBER

Rebecca L. Erber, nee Schaub, age 91, of West Bend, died on Monday, March 1, 2004 at Cedar Lake Health Care Center.

She was born on November 23, 1912 to the late Henry and Anna (nee Petra) Schaub in the Town of Wayne.

As a child she attended Dodge County Normal School and later received a B.A. degree from Oshkosh State College.

Rebecca was united in marriage to Phillip Erber on November 23, 1944 at Salem United Church of Christ in the Town of Wayne.

She taught at various schools in Washington County including Kewaskum Middle School from which she retired in 1975. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Beechwood for many years.

Her husband preceded her in death on May 21, 1994.

Rebecca is survived by three stepchildren, Willis (Dorothy) Erber of Janesville, Lois (Donald) Neumann of Cambellsport and Arlene (Allen) Schmidt of Cascade; a sister-in-law, Elvira Schaub of West Bend; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and many dear friends.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 6 at 1 p.m. at Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home and Cremation Service of West Bend. Rev. Robert Seater and Rev. William Wiederanders will officiate and burial will follow in St. Martin's Union Cemetery in Fillmore.

Visitation at the funeral home will be on Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

BRUCE A. HOMUTH

Bruce A. Homuth of Hartford passed away on Monday, Feb. 23, 2004 after a battle with cancer. He was 40 years old.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1963 in West Bend to August Alva and Lois Ann (nee Cotton) Homuth. Bruce married Deborah Johnson on Feb. 20, 1988 at St. John's Lutheran Church in West Bend. He worked for Helgesen Industries for 10 years and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Deb; five children, Tara, Tanya, Jesse, Lacy, and Zach; two grandchildren, Alyssa and Jayson; four sisters, Janet (Russ) Gere of California, Lola (Pete) Noll of Portage, Robin (Tony) Hutchins of Sheboygan, and Barb Lloyd of Sheboygan Falls; two brothers, Michael of Hartford and Mark (Cyndy) of Sussex; parents-in-law, Roy and Carol Johnson of New Mexico; three brothers-in-law, Robert of New Mexico, Danny of Dundee, and Ricky of New Mexico; two sisters-in-law, Connie (Jeff) Wester of West Bend and Penny Dunckel of Kewaskum; two aunts, Ellen (Howard) Johnson of West Bend and Colleen Belongia of High Bridge. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004 at 1 p.m. at the Shimon Funeral Home, Hartford.

The family greeted relatives and friends on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of RICHARD HALFMANN, who passed away 18 years ago, March 7, 1986:

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.

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God gave us strength to bear it and courage to take the blow,

But what it meant to lose you, No one will ever know.

You gave us years of happiness and laughter brought to tears,

And left us with memories we will treasure through the years.

Sadly missed by his family.

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of MERLIN PROST, who passed away eleven years ago, February 1993:

Remembering you when flowers bloom in Spring.

Remembering you on sunny days summer brings.

Remembering you in Fall as we walk through the leaves of gold.

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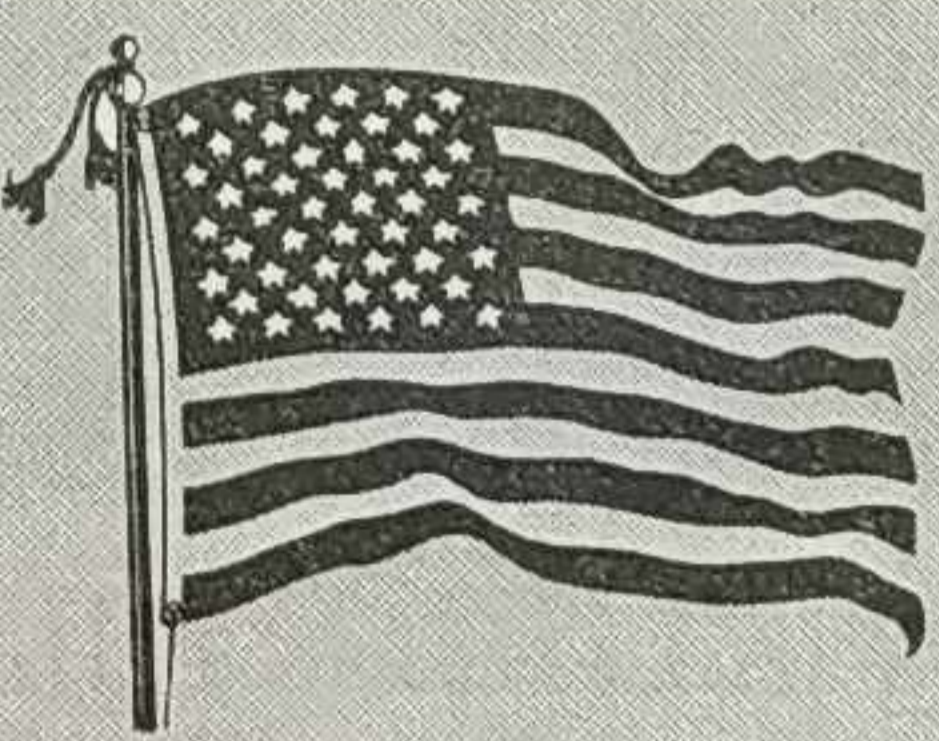
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BUSINESS NEWS

Wisconsin Counties Receive Disaster Designation

WASHINGTON - Rep. Tom Petri reports that, due to losses caused by drought last summer, 59 Wisconsin counties have been designated agricultural disaster areas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. An additional 11 counties received contiguous disaster designation.

This designation makes farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Agriculture Department's Farm Service Agency.

"Our hard-pressed farmers certainly need assistance as a result of the drought, so I'm glad about this, and I applaud the Agriculture Department for moving forward," said Petri.

The entire Wisconsin congressional delegation had sent a letter in mid-February to Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman in support of the designations.

The counties receiving primary disaster designation are: Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett,

Calumet, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Fond du Lac, Forest, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Iron, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Oneida, Ozaukee, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Trempealeau, Vernon, Vilas, Walworth, Washburn, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood.

Those named as contiguous disaster counties are: Brown, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Price, Shawano, Sheboygan, and Taylor.

Ramthun Honored At Awards Banquet

Kathleen H. Ramthun, FIC, LUTC, CLU, CSA, of Kewaskum, was recognized for outstanding sales and service at Catholic Knights Awards Banquet held February 7, at the Marriott Milwaukee West Hotel.

Ramthun attained Ambassador Club status for bringing the most new members to Catholic Knights. She also received the Excalibur Club Award, which is one of the most prestigious awards presented by Catholic Knights.

Ramthun is affiliated with Catholic Knights' Fond du Lac Agency.

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Kirst Receives Two Awards at Statewide Building Conference

GREEN BAY- Robert Kirst, Kirst Builders of Kewaskum recently attended the Better Buildings; Better Business conference at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. The conference, sponsored by Focus on Energy, the statewide energy efficiency initiative, brought together some of the most respected building science experts to discuss the "whole house" approach to creating a living environment that is comfortable, safe, durable, energy efficient and environmentally responsible.

John Tooley, Advanced Energy Corporation, opened the morning session with a talk on how framing mechanical systems and all other building components work together as an interdependent system.

Wisconsin Governor, Jim Doyle, spoke at the noon luncheon, sharing his ideas

on "Better Buildings to Grow Wisconsin." Attendees are showing knowledge and learning state-of-the-art techniques to deliver the highest quality product, durable, safe, affordable, energy efficient, and environmentally responsible homes. And the builders are expanding their businesses - investing in the people who make Wisconsin work and grow.

Training sessions on many various topics went on throughout the day. At the evening dinner program, Joe Lstiburek, Building Science Corporation, spoke on "Stuff that works and stuff that don't work." It was very entertaining and very educational as well.

At the awards reception, Kirst was awarded the "Building Air Tightness" 2004 award and the "Program Pioneer" 2004 award.

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STATESMAN SPORTS

2004 KHS Cheerleaders

Indians Pull Out One More Win Before Losing Season Finale



The 2003-2004 KHS Cheerleading squad. Sitting: Dawn Miller, Kneeling: Christine Behn, left and Melissa Backhaus, right. Back row, left to right: Ashley Melenthin, Jennifer Simonson and Amy Holm.

By: KYLE DARMODY

With a 43-32 win at Sheboygan Falls on Tuesday, February 17, and a 74-57 loss at home against Two Rivers on Friday, February 20 the Kewaskum girls varsity basketball team closes out their regular season, and now the playoffs lie ahead of the ladies.

The win at Sheboygan Falls on Tuesday gave the Indians a total of four on the season. Two of those four wins came against Sheboygan Falls. Leading the Indians in this contest was Lindsay Keller who had 12 points and 10 boards, while following

her up was Beth Boedeker who had eight points and eleven boards.

In the loss to Two Rivers Keller once again led the Indians, this time with 16 points, and following her up was Rachel Breese who had 11 points, and Boedeker with eight points.

The Indians regular season ended with a conference record of 3-11 and an overall record of 4-16. They went on to the WIAA State basketball tournament. In the first round of regional action the Indians faced conference rival Plymouth at home on Tuesday, February 24.

Indians End Season on Sour Note

By: KYLE DARMODY

In a season that started off on a sour note it was only fitting that it would end the same way, as the Kewaskum girls varsity basketball team ended their 03-04 campaign with a first round 56-33 playoff loss to Plymouth, last Tuesday, February 24.

As the case was throughout the season the Indians shot terrible from the field, only shooting 21% on the night from inside the arc, and they were also 0-6 from beyond the arc. The Indians also turned the ball over 13 times on the night, making the offensive production on the night dismal.

Leading the Indians was Lindsay Keller with 10 points and six rebounds. Being the

last game of the year the girls lose two seniors from the squad, those being guards Beth Boedeker, and Katie Fahney. In their final games Boedeker had three points, two rebounds and two steals, while Fahney had two points and a rebound.

With the season over, the Indians look ahead to next year, in hopes of it being their turn around year. They will definitely have an experienced bunch due to the fact four of this year's junior girls were moved up to varsity as freshmen. They will also have several other seniors with experience from this year, on next year's team. And let's not forget about Bry Timblin, a freshman this year who saw plenty of action at the varsity level.

KYB Fifth Grade Team



Shown above is the KYB - Kewaskum Youth Basketball fifth grade team. They are: kneeling, Aric Anderson. front row, left to right: James Bast, Paul Gutjahr, Mike Schladweiler and Luke Kopeschka and Coach Cory Wiedmeyer. Second row: Coach Greg Gutjahr, Brandon Ehn, Tim Otten, Cody Nuernberg, Shawn Gliese. Missing from picture are: Mitch Heberer, Tanner Schaub and Travis Rogne.

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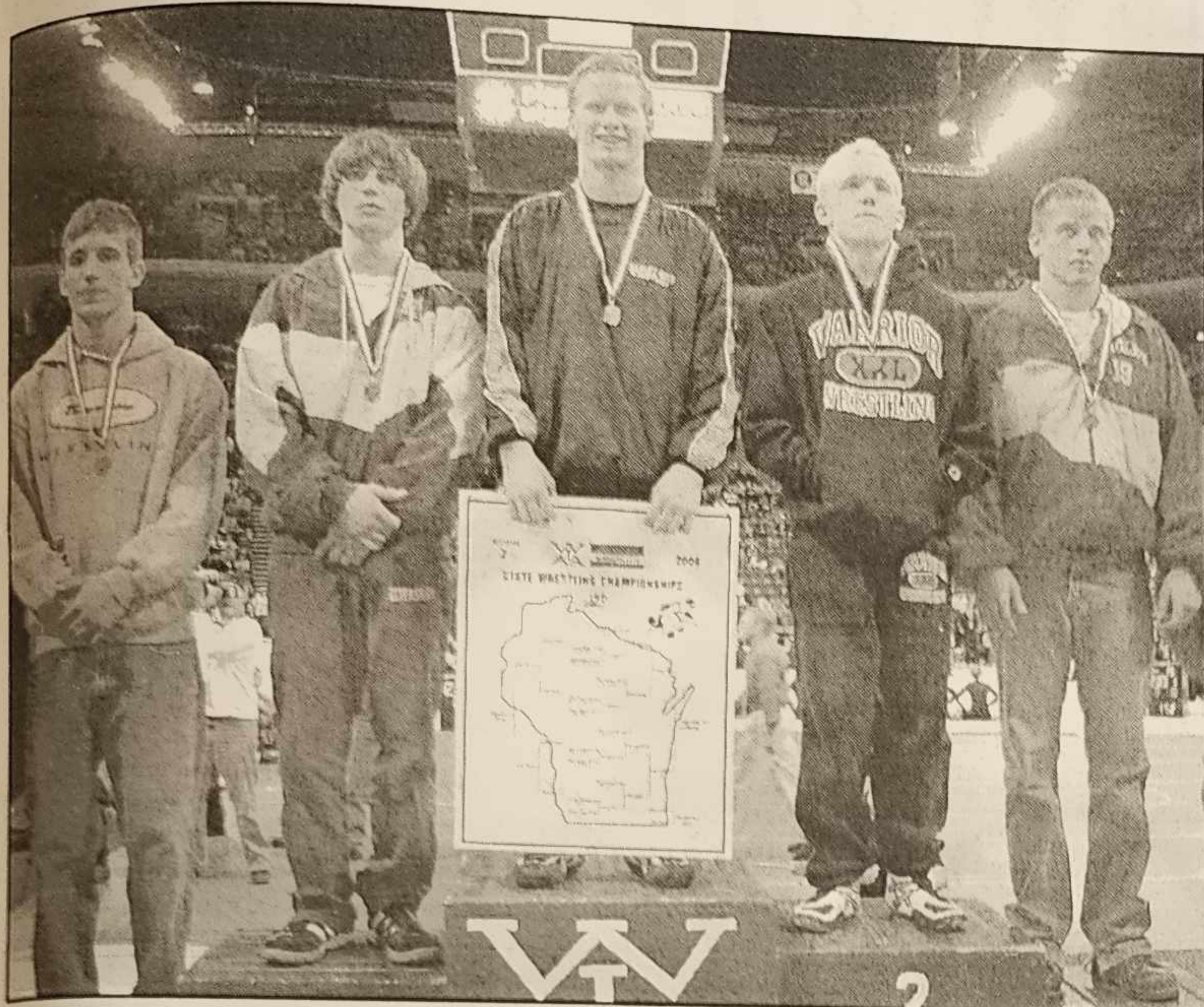
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Bartley Takes Third at State



Nick Bartley, second from left, was awarded third place at the state wrestling meet.

Sophomore Nick Bartley finished third at the Division II State Wrestling Tournament held in Madison this past weekend. Nick wrestled an excellent tournament. He wrestled very aggressively. In the opening round Nick defeated Tom Gehin (28-3), of Belleville/Mont./New G. 6-2 to get into the semi finals. In Friday evenings semi final Nick dropped a 6-3 match to Kevin Prindle(26-0) of Amery,

the number two ranked kid in the state. In the third place match Nick defeated the number one ranked wrestler in the state, Pat Senzig of Mauston, 1-0. Nick wrestled an exceptional tournament and coach Dennis Aupperle stated that he was "very proud of him. He had a very tough weight class wrestling the top two ranked kids in the state. This was an excellent experience

for Nick and he has an exciting two years left." Junior Noah Olla lost his opening match by fall to Dominic Caminata of Lake Mills/Johnson Creek. Freshman Jacob Turowski also lost the opener to Josh Schumacker of Freedom. All three are back for next season which should be a very exciting year.

Spring Turkey Hunt Drawing Completed

MADISON -- More than 185,000 permits have been issued for the spring 2004 Wisconsin wild turkey hunting season, and state wildlife officials say all successful applicants should have received their permit notification by mail. Only successful applicants are notified of their permits. Those who were not successful in the drawing do not receive any notices. Hunters who did not receive a postcard but who wish to double check on their permit status can call any Department of Natural Resources service center or check the online license sales site (click on the Permits button) to find out the status of their permit application. The spring hunting season will run from April 14 to May 23. The season is divided into six 5-day (Wednesday through Sunday) time periods. A total of 43 zones, 15 state parks and Fort McCoy will be open for hunting.

More than two weeks during especially severe weather and can lose up to forty percent of their body weight before dying of starvation. Deep powdery snow presents more of a problem than extremely cold weather as it limits the ability of turkeys to forage on the ground." Three new state park properties will again be open for this spring's turkey hunting season. This includes Interstate, Willow River, and Newport state parks. Successful applicants for the spring 2004 drawing in zones 34 and 37, time periods A-C were eligible to apply for a second drawing by the end of February. If drawn, they will be allowed access to the park during the time period in which they hold a valid permit/carcass tag. This does not authorize the harvest of an additional turkey. Free Turkey Hunter Education Clinics will be offered again this year around the state. These free clinics are presented by volunteer instructors, and are sponsored by the Wisconsin DNR and the National Wild Turkey Federation. Clinics are designed to help you brush-up on your skills and learn new techniques to help you hunt the elusive wild turkey. These clinics will be held February through April. A list of clinics is available at DNR Service Centers and on the DNR Web site, or by calling (608) 261-8458.

Public Meetings Set to Review Lake Winnebago Sturgeon Harvest

OSHKOSH, Wis. - The public will have an opportunity to review and discuss the results of the 2004 lake sturgeon spearing season held Feb. 14 and 15 on Lake Winnebago at two upcoming public meetings. Spearmen registered 1,854 sturgeon during the two day season, which was cut short by a record harvest on opening day. The short season left many spearmen asking whether the number of sturgeon harvested would have a negative impact on the population and possibly future spearing seasons. Department of Natural Resources has scheduled two meetings. Numerous suggestions for future management of the harvest have been forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologists by interested spearmen. These suggestions will be discussed at the meetings scheduled for:
 *Monday March 29, 7 p.m. Taycheedah Town Hall, W4295 Kiekaefer Parkway, Fond du Lac
 *Wednesday March 31, 7 p.m., LaSure's Hall (attached to Hawthorne Inn & Suites), 3125 S Washburn St., Oshkosh
 "We have been receiving

many different suggestions from interested sturgeon spearmen since the season ended," said Ron Bruch, DNR sturgeon biologist at Oshkosh. "But before we can examine whether these suggestions are needed, we must first determine whether there actually was an overharvest. Then we'll figure out what needs fixing with the program and come up with a best fit solution." Bruch says that while spearmen did overshoot the harvest caps that were set before the season, biologists set those caps conservatively using historical data and population trends. Each year biologists update that information based on data collected during that year's harvest. Harvest caps were set before the season at 425 for juvenile females, 425 for adult females and 1,300 for adult males. Harvest caps are developed for adult fish from historical population estimates and trends seen in the fishery and the sturgeon spawning stock. Cap was exceeded for adult females (684 harvested), but final overall exploitation of the system-wide adult female stock was estimated at 4.8 percent.

Long term goal is to maintain annual exploitation at or below 5 percent in order to sustain the spawning stock and the fishery. In addition to examining the season results with the general public, Bruch will also be working with the Winnebago Citizens Sturgeon Advisory Committee in March to identify what may need fixing and begin developing a recommended solution. Summary of the 2004 Lake Winnebago sturgeon spearing harvest:
 *Total Harvest of 1,854 sturgeon
 *Opening Day Shanty Count of 4,751
 *Total license sales of 8,924 (8,810 resident, 114 non-resident)
 *20 fish larger than or equal to 100 pounds were registered (1.1 percent of the total harvest)
 *24 females with black eggs harvested (3.5 percent of the adult females harvested; 1.3 percent of total harvest)
 *Largest fish was 188 pounds, 79.5 inches in total length, registered by David Plechowski of Redgranite. Fish was aged at 53 years old. This was the heaviest fish ever registered in the history

of the 73 years of sturgeon spear fishing on Lake Winnebago
 *The highest one-day harvest of sturgeon ever - 1,303
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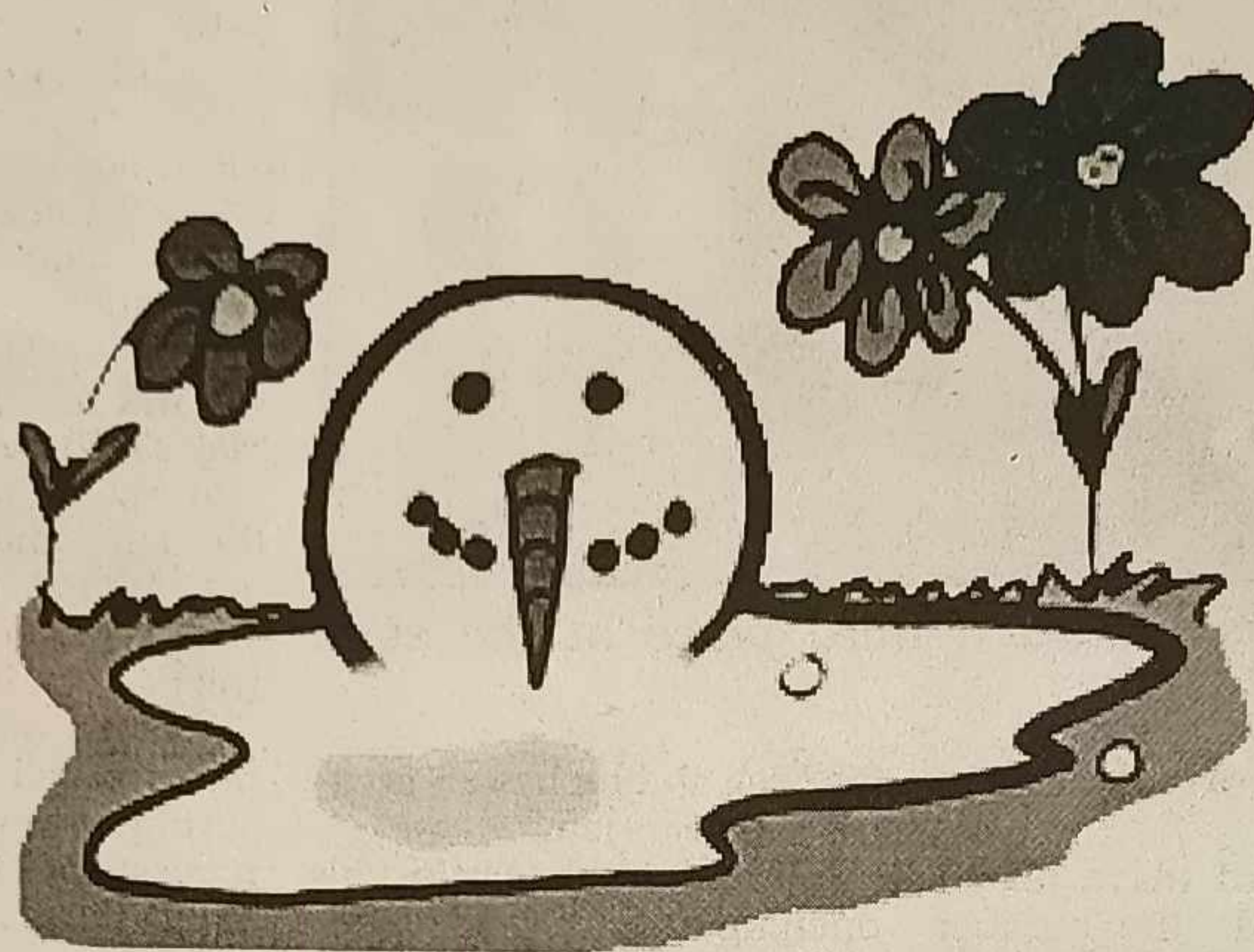
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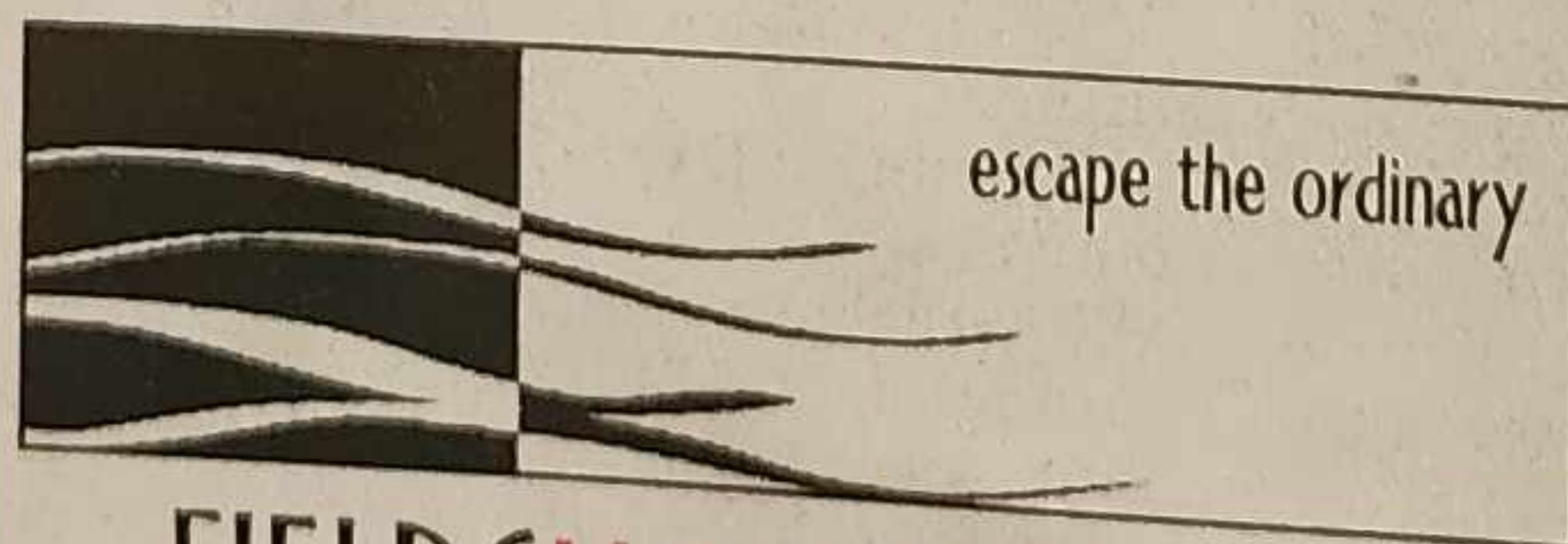
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