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House fires keep area firefighters busy over the weekend



Firefighters from Beechwood, Batavia, Boltonville, Kewaskum and Silver Creek Fire Departments battled this blaze on Highway D in the Town of Scott Saturday afternoon. Early Monday morning they met again to battle another blaze at a home on Brazelton Drive in the township. A complete article can be found on page 6.

Statesman photo: Andrew Kuehl

Harlow makes Broadway debut

NEW YORK, NY- When the curtain opened on the 2009 Broadway production of the Irving Berlin musical "White Christmas", Chad Harlow, a native of Kewaskum, was among the 33-member cast on stage in the beautiful Marquis Theater in Times Square.

This was Harlow's Broadway debut.

The story of "White Christmas" is known to millions after Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera Ellen starred in the 1954 movie about two Army buddies and their former commanding officer who has run into some back luck with a lack of snow needed to make his ski lodge in Vermont profitable.

The show features beautiful ballads, including Happy Holidays, Blue Skies, I Love A Piano, Count Your Blessings, and of course, the age-old (I'm Dreaming Of A) White Christmas.

Harlow, a 1993 graduate of Kewaskum High School and a De-



Chad Harlow

cember 1997 graduate of UW-Stevens Point's Musical Theater and Dance Departments, is a member of the singing/dancing ensemble and understandably was thrilled to land his first role on Broadway.

"I've always had it in the back of my mind, I wanted to do at least one Broadway show," but over the years, I've come to realize it is more important to work consistently," Harlow said earlier this week. He has been able to do that, performing in four national tours, the tour of the musical 42nd Street in Japan and performing in man regional theaters across the United States.

"I've performed in every state but Hawaii, and going to Japan for six weeks with 42nd Street was a fantastic experience," Harlow said.

Harlow had previously been in White Christmas in St. Paul, Boston and Detroit and was slated to be a part of the White Christmas tour this year, but then things changed.

"A week before I would have started rehearsals, they called and offered me the Broadway company," he said, recalling how he was at the entrance of Central Park when he got the call. "It was on Friday. I had just left the gym when my agent called," he said.

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Trial underway for Auburn daycare worker

By Kyle Zwieg

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SHEBOYGAN- A jury trial began Monday in the case of a day care administrator from Campbellsport accused of causing significant vaginal injuries to a 10-month-old girl under her care.

The trial of Mary K. Benz, 51, is scheduled to last through the end of the week, according to court records.

Benz is charged with one Class F felony count of child abuse causing great bodily harm and three separate Class A misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer relating to the infant's injuries and Benz's subsequent actions at Our Lady of the Lakes Child Care Center in Random Lake in June 2007.

A Class U misdemeanor charge of failing to report an instance of child abuse or neglect was previously dismissed by Sheboygan County Circuit Court Judge Terence Bourke.

Benz pled not guilty to the other four charges on June 17, 2008.

According to the criminal complaint, the girl's mother dropped her off at the daycare at 6:30 a.m. and called shortly after leaving work at 3:30 p.m. Benz, the center's supervisor, advised during the call that the infant had made five bowel movements throughout the day and had been treated in her genital area with medical ointment.

The girl's father then picked the girl up at around 4 p.m. and dropped her off to be cared for at her paternal grandmother's home in Waldo because he had a prior social commitment.

At about 4:45 p.m., the infant's grandmother changed her diaper and – after inspecting her and wiping her genital area and buttocks – discovered a "very small, reddish, clot-like" object on the wipe and a tear in her vagina.

The child was then taken to her mother's house in Adell to be dropped off for the evening, where her grandmother told her what she had observed. The child was then taken to

Please see Daycare trial page 6

WEEK'S WIT

An unfailing mark of a blockhead is a chip on their shoulder.



On the Record

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MUELLER -- A son, Preston James, was born to Adina and Jack Mueller of West Bend on November 8, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Preston weighed eight pounds, 13 ounces and was 22 inches long.

DIRMEIER -- A son, Mason Jeffrey, was born to Kathee and Alan Dirmeier of the Town of Auburn on November 8, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mason weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was 20 inches long.

BARNES -- A daughter, Madelyn Elizabeth, was born to Amy and David Barnes of West Bend on November 9, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Madelyn weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was 20 inches long.

JENSEN -- A daughter, Hailey Nicole, was born to Corissa Kemeny and Dustin Jensen of West Bend on November 10, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Hailey weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 20 1/4 inches long.

LERCH -- A son, Austin James, was born to Corrine and Ryan Lerch of Kewaskum on November 10, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Austin weighed four pounds, three ounces and was 17 3/4 inches long.

VOLM -- A son, Dylan Shawn, was born on November 11, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital to Sandra and Shawn Volm of Kewaskum. Dylan weighed seven pounds, six ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

TINCH -- A son, Davin Joshua, was born to Janna and Josh Tinch of West Bend on November 11, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Davin weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was 20 inches long.

WELZIEN -- A son, Maddex James, was born to Jenna and James Welzien of West Bend on November 13, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Maddex weighed seven pounds, six ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

GILMEISTER -- A daughter, Arabella Marie, was born to Katherine and Steven Gilmeister of Allenton on November 13, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Arabella weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

HAFEMEISTER -- A son, Travis Scott, was born to Tonya and Craig Hafemeister of Fillmore on November 15, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Travis weighed eight pounds and was 21 inches long.

KIMBLE -- A daughter Niylah Elaine, was born to Leah Wesley and Eric Kimble of West Bend on November 15, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Niylah weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long.

WILDT -- A son, Brady Michael, was born to Jacqueline and Brian Wildt of Kewaskum on November 16, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Brady weighed nine pounds, one ounce and was 21 inches long.

EVANS -- A daughter, Brynn Olivia, was born to Casondra and Shawn Evans of West Bend on November 20, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Brynn weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 21 inches long.

SCHRADER -- A son, Caydon Allen Ray, was born to Breanna Beverly and Joshua Schrader of Hartford on November 25, 2009 at the Aurora Medical Center, Hartford. Caydon weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandmother is Tina Beverly of Hartford and paternal grandmother is Wendy Schrader of Slinger. Maternal great-grandparents are Pamela Bray and Annette Channel of California. Paternal greatgrandparents are Donald and Linda Schrader of Kewaskum.

XYZ CARD RESULTS

The winners at cards played at the Municipal Building Annex on Wed., November 25 were:

SHEEPSHEAD: Delores Mielke, Athleen Butzke, Judy Lickmann, Harold Backhaus, John Coulter.

New members are always welcome. Cards are played from 8:30-11:15 am every Wednesday.

Rescue Calls

On November 17, Kewaskum Rescue and Boltonville First Responders were dispatched to the Town of Farmington for a person with weakness.

On November 18, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the Town of Auburn for a person not feeling well. A transport was made.

On November 21, Kewaskum Rescue and Kohlsville First Responders were dispatched to the Town of Wayne for a person with difficulty breathing. A transport was made.

On November 21, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the Town of Auburn for a person with a possible heart attack. A transport was made.

On November 22, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person that was unresponsive. A transport was made.

On November 23, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a lift assist. No transport was made.

On November 24, Kewaskum Rescue and Boltonville First Responders were dispatched to the Town of Farmington for a person with difficulty breathing. A transport was made.

On November 25, Kewaskum Rescue and Boltonville First Responders were dispatched to the Town of Farmington for a person with water retention and weakness. A transport was made.

On November 25, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person that fell and hit her head. A transport was made.

On November 26, Kewaskum Rescue was dis-

Signature:

patched to the Town of Auburn for a person that had flu like symptoms. A transport was made.

On November 27, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person with flu like symptoms. A transport was made.

On November 29, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person that fell. A transport was made.

On November 29, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched in the Village of Kewaskum for a person with dizziness. A transport was made.

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Tuesday, Dec. 8 -- Vegetable lasagna, peas & carrots, cottage cheese with pineapple, multigrain bread, peanut butter cookie. Alt: vanilla wafers.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 -- Teriyaki chicken breast, wild rice blend, steamed broccoli, chilled apricots, marble rye bread, vanilla ice cream.

Thursday, Dec. 10 -- Ring bologna, hot German potato salad, Caribbean blend vegetables, cornbread muffin, tapioca pudding, chocolate milk. Alt: diet pudding.

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Campbellsport Community Center 920-533-8351 x1216

Wednesday, Dec. 9 -- BBQ chicken, rice pilaf, butternut squash, cauliflower salad, apple crisp.

TUESDAY NIGHT SHEEPSHEAD WINNERS

Five handed winners on November 24 were: Raymond Ruplinger, 68-10-58, 21-6-15; Ralph Stern, 5-2-54, 18-1-17; Frank Krueger, 57-5-52, 16-4-12; Raymond Krueger, 62-10-52, 17-6-11; John Oelhafen, 56-15-41, 20-9-11; Leroy Jaeger, 47-10-37, 16-6-10; Butch Schmitt, 20 most losses; Elaine Fetch, 13 low points.

The next 5 handed call an ace will be December 8 at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Cash prizes, bring your own drink. New players always welcome, bring a friend. Kewaskum Labor Center.



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How to RENEW

Frowns abound, village passes budget with 9.66% increase

By Mitch Maersch

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VILLAGE OF KEWAS-The Village Board passed a budget this week and nobody seems happy about, including those who voted for

The tax levy of \$1,787,651 represents a 9.66-percent increase and the mill rate of \$7.15 an 8 percent bump, 53 cents higher than last year. The owner of a \$150,000 home pays \$1,072.50, nearly \$80 more than last year's \$993.

The budget passed on a 5-2 vote with Kevin Scheunemann and Jim Hovland voting against, after several residents criticized the village at the annual public hearing on Mon-

Village departments held the line on expenses. The library budget is down by more than 5 percent, public works is down 3 percent, the parks budget is flat and administration is up 2 percent due to a 30-percent increase in health insurance costs. The board is looking into switching providers as a result.

The budget includes no wage increases, virtually no capital increases and no street the money, said Public Works more taxes himself, his cusprojects.

\$90,635 in the tax levy comes from the new fire truck purchase which was not budgeted for but deemed a need by the Village Board. The department was already behind on the truck replacement

The tax increment to funding the tax incremental finance (TIF) district is up 11 percent through a complicated state formula. 2010's payment is \$83,227, up from

Health insurance is up 30 percent to \$83,715 for a total of \$368,302. Of that, \$66,471 goes onto the general fund. The rest is split evenly between the sewer and water funds.

Part of the village's longterm problem is the sewer utility owes the general fund \$1.5 million, mostly from work on the TIF district, the wastewater treatment plant upgrade and new lift station. Sewer rates have gone up 88 percent to account for some of the debt but not by design.

Impact fees and tax increment from the TIF district were supposed to pay back

Director Jerry Gilles.

What has happened in the meantime is there is no development and there is no impact fees," he said.

Village reserves have fallen about 75 percent in the past several years, said Village

"Any tax increase is two knives in my back, not just one,"

-Mike Kunkel

Owner, Kettle Moraine Town & Country

Administrator Mathew Heiser. As a result, scheduled purchases like a new ambulance slated for next year are being pushed back since new spending would seriously deplete the village's reserves.

"A large chunk of this increase is related to the TIF issue," resident Jim Verhalen told the board. "The board and Mr. (Gary) Gavin need to sit down ... and we need to resolve this.

"Any tax increase is two knives in my back, not just one," said Mike Kunkel, owner of Kettle Moraine Town and Country. Along with paying tomers have less money to spend.

"It doesn't seem like the Village Board is doing anything to cut costs," said resident Mike Berger. "It's a little hard for residents to take these

Resident Jerry Stilb, who has been laid off for more than a year, cited a difference between public and private entities.

"It's just not the same. You have to look at staff cuts," he said.

"We're not overstaffed," said Village President Andrew

Scheunemann said he voted against the budget because of money going to the TIF district and due to a shift in how money is being paid to the water utility for fire protection. The village had been splitting the cost in half between the tax levy, including contributions from the towns of Kewaskum and Auburn that contract with the village for fire protection, and the water

This year the board decided 75 percent should come from water bills and 25 percent from the levy, in part due to the towns saying they're paying too much for hydrant rental, a service they don't use since they don't have hydrants. Tankers or other sources of water are used in fighting fires

In 2010, the contribution is \$206,000. Water bills will fund \$154,500, 75 percent, of the cost.

The Public Service Commission requires water utilities to receive money each year for fire protection but it does not suggest a breakdown of where the money comes from.

Scheunemann said shifting the cost is a "hidden, back-

Hovland cited his discussions with senior citizens who knew they would incur a tax increase "but not this big."

Pesch said he isn't happy with the budget either but said it's the best the board can do at this point.

"I sure don't want to go into the year without a budget. If we don't approve it tonight we're not going to get a tax statement," he said. "I don't have a better budget to present than the one we have.

Village to open food pantry

KEWASKUM- There are many people in the world, including families in the US that will be hungry this holiday season, including families in our own community struggling after losing their jobs or being laid off which prompted the need for a local food pantry in the village.

One can, box, or jar can make a difference for a hungry family. The Kewaskum Food Pantry will be located in the back of the Municipal Annex Building on Fond du Lac Avenue (Hwy 45), next to Coffee Corner Bistro.

Schools in the Kewaskum District will rotate volunteering to keep the pantry going with the help of local churches. Each location will collect throughout the week. afternoons; Tuesday Kewaskum Student Government members will pick up the items and bring them to the pantry.

Recently, Student Government members have been attending meetings to plan how the pantry will run, and industrial education classes at the high school have already built shelves.

According to a press release from the school district, "Kewaskum Students are very excited and hope the community will be involved too." The kick off for the pantry will start Sunday, December 6, the day of the Kewaskum Christmas Pa-

Student Government members will walk in the parade following a truck they hope to fill. They are asking that the community bring a non-perishable food item to the parade.

A sample of the items being collected are: cereal, jelly, peanut butter, soups, rice, condiments, canned fruit, cake mixes, canned vegetables, crackers, Jell-O, pancake mix/syrup, pasta/sauce, bar soup, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towel,

and toilet paper.

More information on the Kewaskum Food Pantry will appear on the pages of future editions of The Statesman. A call to Village Hall requesting more information on the food pantry went unanswered this week.

Schickert to fill plan commission seat

The Village Board on Monday unanimously approved Village President Andrew Pesch's appointment of Randy Schickert to the Plan Commis-

"I think he'd do a very

good job for us," Pesch said.

Schickert replaces former Village Board member Derek Peterson, who resigned to spend more time on his business and with his family.

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Levels of taxing and wastespending have reached epidemic levels in Wisconsin. With the State Assembly, State Senate and Governor's office all controlled by Democrats, would we expect any different? Apparently some voters did, but I certainly didn't.

Wisconsin faces increases in taxes, increases in fees, an enormous budget deficit, and companies fleeing the state, resulting in huge job losses. All these issues are threatening the quality of life in our state. Our current governor, who is mainly responsible for all this malaise, has decided to wash his hands of the whole situation and not run for reelection. More than likely, he knows he cannot be reelected with such a record of ineptitude. I hope we can all agree that Wisconsin deserves better than this.

Fortunately we have a candidate for Governor who will make us believe in Wisconsin again. His name is Scott Walker. Scott served several terms in the State Assembly in Madison before being elected Milwaukee County Executive in 2002. As Milwaukee County Executive, Scott immediately went to work cleaning up the massive corruption that was the trademark of his predecessor. Even with an overwhelming majority of tax raisers on the County Board,

Scott managed to draft zero based budgets every single year in an effort to keep Milwaukee County an affordable place to live and raise a family. This is the type of sound leadership that Wisconsin is crying out for.

It's time to change the landscape in our state. Let's depart from the lack of integrity that has become commonplace in the Governor's office and move forward with an honest, fiscally responsible Governor. The year 2010 will be pivotal for our state. Let's get Wisconsin moving in the right direction by electing Scott Walker.

Jim Geldreich

Letter to the Editor:

Did you notice? After all, it merited a very succinct account on a back page of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Perhaps the event was eclipsed by the splash of a larger stone in the pond of public consciousness; the recent anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, and with it, the collapse of Communism across Eastern Europe.

Maybe merely those of us with Slavic ancestry paid heed. While the Berlin Wall crumbled beneath the hammers and chisels of ordinary folks, a much quieter dissolution came with the gathering of citizens in a public square in Prague. As recorded by Peter Laufer in his www.kewaskumstatesman.com

book, Iron Curtain Rising, thousands of formerly dispirited civillians faced down the lingering Russian troops with a simple gesture; their house, car, locker keys raised high in hand rattled. A Plain enough message: the pins were turning in the tumblers, loosing the lock, returning power to the people!

While the occasion scarcely rated mention on this side of the Atlantic, overseas it garnered big hoopla, from first president Vaclav Havel speaking to a concert featuring the likes of frontman Lou Reed from the Velvet Underground. Even gaining the attention and satellite transmitted well wishes of Mick Jagger.

The two decades which have passed since only prove the skeptics wrong. Some predicted a return to the old days and evil ways of the USSR. While their last leader, Vladamir Putin had leaned in that direction and despite the struggles of capitalism in several Warsaw Pact nations; Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, don't expect a resurgence of socialism.

The taste of freedom is too great. Once you savor it, there's no going back. Not even the treads of invading tanks can ever crush this Prague summer in full bloom.

G.A. Scheinoha

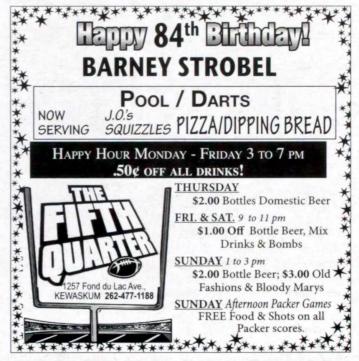
Santa Mailbox at Post Office

Members of the GFWC Kewaskum Junior Woman's Club wish to inform all area youngsters that it is time to begin preparing your "wish list" and letter to Santa. Santa and his elves enjoy very much hearing from all children.

Until Saturday, December 19th, a special mailbox will be available in the Kewaskum Post Office lobby ready to receive all those special letters. No stamp is required on these Santa letters placed in

Santa's personalized mailbox. Remember Santa is very busy checking his list and making toys, please only send one letter to him and send it early.

Santa and his elves wish to give each letter special attention and hope to hear from many children. Be sure to include your first and last name and address when writing to Santa. Santa and Rudolph look forward to visiting the Kewaskum area real soon. HO!





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Area elves help to make the season bright



Marilynn Hoffman of West Bend was one of about two dozen shoppers donating their time at Walmart on Nov. 23. Items purchased were scratched off wish lists from needy families in West Bend and Hartford.

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By Kyle Zwieg

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WEST BEND - About two dozen volunteers, bikers and Salvation Army officials mobilized the night of Nov. 23 for an activity that comes easy this time of year.

They went shopping. But on this occasion, they were spending for a cause.

The efforts at West Bend's Walmart Supercenter, site of the three-hour shopping spree, underlined some very tough times for the organizations benefiting from the philanthropy. Organized by the Salvation Army's local Bread of Life Center, shoppers were armed with lists provided by West Bend's Ginger-

bread House and the Hartford Christmas Project, similar programs that cater to the needs of families struggling to meet ends in their respective communities.

It is the third year the Salvation Army has teamed with West Bend Harley-Davidson, which provided \$4,500 in funds raised through "Two-Wheel Tuesdays," a summertime poker run held weekly at Rock the House tavern near Brownsville in Dodge County.

The Salvation Army kicked in \$2,000 raised through its red kettle campaign and Walmart provided an additional \$1,000 grant, raising the total shopping

apiece on 109 needy families, said Laura Reitz, director of the West Bend Bread of Life Center.

Unlike past years, the Salvation Army did the shopping, too. It is also the first year the Hartford Christmas Project was involved.

The lists of needs were often lengthy, Reitz said.

"With the rent and utility assistance I do out of the center in West Bend, there's been so much need coming out of Hartford, so we decided to take our funding, split it down the middle, and support both of them," Reitz said. "It's still in our county and the need is just as much relevant in Hartford as it is in West Bend."

All purchases were taxexempt, which allowed the 23 shoppers to get more bang for their bucks. West Bend Harley-Davidson owners Louie Lauters and John Jordan loaded the purchases into a large truck as they trickled in.

Reitz said Linda White, head of the Gingerbread House in West Bend, and Marge Klink of the Hartford Christmas Project, shared lists and orchestrated the needs of its member families.

"That's why we don't compete and have our own Christmas program," Reitz said. "We just support these two programs that are already in place and run very well."

Since the purchases were tax exempt, shoppers could buy more than they could otherwise, Reitz said. Needs continue to pile up, and families were free to request anything they considered a real need.

"It's such basic stuff," said Reitz, one of the shoppers. "It's not anything over the top. Sweatshirts, T-shirts – things like that. There'll be some things that aren't purchased of course, but for the most part we try to get as many things as we can of what was on their wish lists."

West Bend Harley's Lauters said the funds raised at Rock the House are split between the Washington County programs and Toys for Tots in Fond du Lac County. The dealership supports the fundraiser with raffle prizes and assembles group rides from West Bend to the tavern, he said.

"We split the funds raised. Half goes to Fond du Lac, half goes by us. We have a lot of people that sponsor this, from beer vendors, local people and businesses up there," he said. "Anything to help out."



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Weekend fires damage homes of two Scott residents

Kewaskum, Boltonville firefighters join in battle of flames



A Silver Creek firefighter breaks a window to force smoke from a second story room at a structure fire that broke out early Monday morning, in a home at W9215 Brazelton Drive in the Town of Scott.

By Andrew Kuehl andrew@kewaskumstatesman.com

TOWN of SCOTT- Beechwood and Batavia Fire Departments had one of the busiest

Statesman photo: Andrew Kuehl weekends in recent history as they battled two house fires Saturday and early Monday morning, respectively.

The first conflagration oc-

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Daycare trial

the emergency room at St. Joseph's Hospital in West Bend by both parents, where they first spoke with a Sheboygan County Sheriff's deputy early on June 27.

The girl had been attending the daycare about three times a week since January 2007, according to the complaint. Her parents, who live separately, have agreed upon custody terms that they worked out themselves, the report says.

The child was then transported to Milwaukee's Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, where she received reconstructive surgery for a major vaginal laceration.

Dr. Thomas Valvano of the Children's Hospital advised the Sheriff's Department that the infant had a "penetrating injury" to her vaginal area that required surgery. According to the report, "there was redness in the vaginal area, along with the injury, which the doctor described as a rather large laceration that should have been noticed by anyone that would have changed a diaper multiple times on the date the injury was discovered."

Valvano told deputies the injury likely occurred within 24 to 48 hours before the infant received medical attention

Benz was later accused of making false statements, altering daily reporting documents and contacting colleagues at the daycare and asking them to provide misleading information to detectives.

During an intensive background check on Benz, authorities discovered she had previously been charged, in 1995, for stealing and using credit cards belonging to teachers at St. John's School in West Bend.

In a written admission in that case, Benz told officers she suffered from bi-polar disorder which caused her to act in "uncharacteristic manners." Restitution was paid in that case and it was dismissed, the report says.

For the felony abuse charge Benz faces a maximum fine of \$25,000 and 12 years and six months prison. She faces a maximum fine of \$10,000 and nine months prison for each misdemeanor charge

curred at 1:39 p.m. inside a residence at W9131 County Road D owned by Frank Hetzel.

Sheboygan County Sheriff's deputies and firefighters from Kewaskum, Boltonville and Silver Creek assisted Beechwood and Batavia Fire Departments at the scene with manpower and water.

Captain David Adams of the Sheriff's office stated a fire in the fireplace had gotten out of control.

Although there was one occupant in the structure at the time of the fire, injury was avoided.

The three-story home suffered significant damage and is uninhabitable.

On Monday, November 30, Beechwood and Batavia Fire Departments were again called to service at 12:14 a.m. after the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department received a call reporting a house fire at W9215 Brazelton Drive.

Assisting at the scene were Silver Creek, Kewaskum and Boltonville Fire Departments, as well as the Batavia First Responders. The Sheboygan County Highway Department was also dispatched to the scene due to ice forming on the roadway.

Captain Adams stated the first responding sheriff's deputy reported that all the occupants were out of the residence, uninjured.

It is believed that embers from a wood-burning stove were the cause of the fire. The basement sustained significant damage due to the fire and the upper floor of the residence sustained heavy smoke damage.

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On December 6, 1969 at St. Mary's in Barton, Mary Marx, daughter of Louise and the late Ed Marx, married Richard Thiemer Jr., son of Evelyn and

Maid of honor was Carol (Nickel) Mohr, friend of the bride. Best man was Mike Marx, brother of the bride. Bridesmaids were Carol (Thiemer) Krejci, sister of the groom, Sue (Koerble) Marx, friend of the bride and groom and Kathy (Marx) Lehnerz,

Groomsmen were David Krejci, friend of the groom, Maynard Bartelt, friend of the groom, and Richard Raasch,

Ushers were Gary Schneider, cousin of the bride and Richard "Tooter" Bartelt,

Richard and Mary have two children, Richard and Amanda. Richard and his wife Lori have three children, Ashley, Richie and Tracy. Amanda and her husband, Kirt Norris,

reside in Iowa and have three children, Megan, Eillot and

Richard Thiemer Sr.

sister of the bride.

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Golden Anniversary



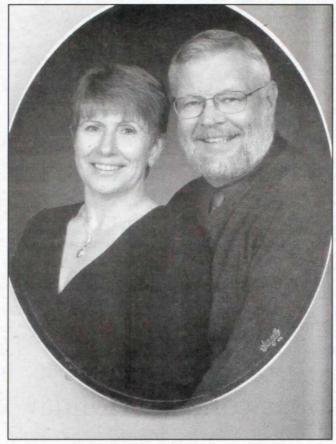
Nigh will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married November 28, 1959 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kewaskum.

They have three children, Chris (Cliff) Sprung, Bob (Deb) Nigh and Bill (Brittany) Nigh, and five grandchildren, Jessica (Mark) Lemanczyk, Monica and Steven

Sprung and Eric and Alex Nigh.

They celebrated with their family at the Fireside Dinner Theater in Fort Atkinson.

40th Anniversary



Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.

-Lao-tzu

Harlow

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Rehearsals began the following week, then the show was in previews starting Nov. 13, and the official opening was Sunday, Nov. 22. It runs through Jan. 3.

"We had six days of rehearsals before we went into the theater. Normally we have two and a half weeks," Harlow said, so it was good to already know the show and be in good shape from dance classes and the boxing workouts he participates in.

There are several intensive tap numbers in the show, and they require athleticism and plenty of endurance. "I think the Piano" number is seven minutes long," Harlow said, indicating because the stage is above the dressing rooms, the actors also get their exercise just going up and down for their costume changes - in his case 11 — during the show. "There's no elevator in the theater so I climb 318 steps in the show," he said and that number is doubled considering the actors must go down to the dressing rooms.

Harlow said he began to think of musical theater as a career when he was in high school. "Probably in high school after seeing the touring company of Les Miserables," he said. While he was in high school. Harlow had leads in "The Pirates of Penzance and Guys and Dolls," and he participated in state solo and ensemble contests but he never took a dance lesson, very surprising considering what an outstanding tapper and jazz dancer he has become.

Harlow's first trip to New York came between his sophomore and junior years in high school when he visited several colleges and saw his first Broadway show, Phantom. He was hooked.

After receiving a double major in musical theater and dance at Stevens Point, Harlow headed for New York in early 1998., admitting it was a difficult transition. "I just remember it was hard to acclimate to a larger city." Others who had made the big step ahead of him helped. "Oh yeah, I was lucky I know a lot of people in New York," Harlow said. And does he feel comfortable in the city of 6 million now? "Absolutely."

And he felt just as comfortable taking the stage for his first Broadway show. "I felt very relaxed," Harlow said, adding, "I was very happy my parents were able to be at opening night."

White Christmas is presented eight or nine times each week, and in addition to the shows, there are extra rehearsals for the understudies. Harlow learned the first week he is the understudy to Remy Auberjonois, who has the role of Mike Nulty, Ed Sullivan's announcer.

Harlow said he has worked previously with about half of the cast, and, "I know almost everybody else from the community." Concerning his favorite number in the show, he says, "I like the skating finale," to the song "I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm." Costumes for the finale and all the other numbers are beautiful and may hit the \$million mark in cost.

Harlow said reaching Broadway definitely takes persistence and determination and when it comes to his future goals, they are quite simple ... "Just to keep working."

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Congratulations Dylan Tackes

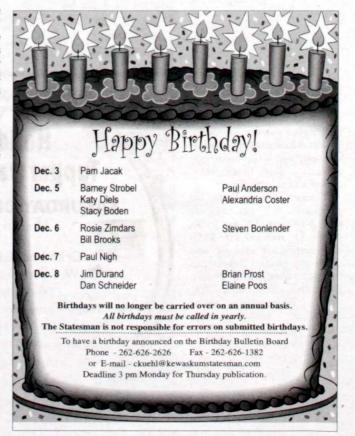
Ethan.



Three deer in three weeks. On 10-30 he shot a nice sized doe (first deer with bow); one week later he took down this monster 8 point buck (17 inch spread), and opening day another doe. This makes deer #10 (six doe & two bucks), but who's counting? Not bad for 15.

Nice job Dylan we are very proud of you.

Love, Mom & Dad



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Moraine Chorus Concert at UWWC December 14

Area residents are invited to attend a winter concert Sunday, December 13 at UW-Washington County. The Moraine Chorus, directed by Dr. Peter Gibeau will perform at 2:00 pm in the campus theatre. Admission is free.

The choir will also perform the concert on Monday, December 7 at St. James Episcopal Church at 7:30pm. St James' is located at 148 South Eighth Avenue in West Bend.

Music at both concerts will include:

• English Madrigal (John Wilbye)

• Renaissance Motet (Sebastian Vivanco)

• A Magnificat (Felix Mendelssohn)

 A candata (Joachim Gerstenbüttel) a 300+ year premiere, accompanied by string and organ. The chorus will also perform a set of three folksongs as well as several German songs by Felix and Fanny Mendelssohn – all of which were sung by the Berliner Cappella at their recent UW-WC con-

UW-Washington County students as well as community members are welcome to participate in the Chorus. Current members include (UW-WC students are noted with *): Sopranos: Karen Bartley, Chelsea Bingen*, Hannah Bulgerin*, Michal Gerard, Deanna Gibeau, Pat Groh, Kylie Komro, Kyrstin Meindl, Willow Schild, Mary Spang, Nancy Wiederanders, Sharon Wienke, Marisue Zillig.

Altos: Cindy Bechwar, Jeri Bowerman, Carol Broman, Sue Bruesch, Sophia Gibeau, Bernice Haase, Chris Heimerl, Gaytha Hillman, Lexi Jasen, Ellen Johnson, Ana Komro, Cindy Komro, Kathy Lehto, Kristen Maziarka*, Leah Mueller, Christine Pollnow, Michelle Stanisch, Carolyn Wells Tenors: Eric Benz*, Dennis Boese, Andrew Helman*, Sean Lundquist*, Mike Mueller, David Wells

Basses: Tim Bechwar, Ben Hansburg*, Joshua McCann*, Les Summitt, Bill Wiederanders, Rick Woyak.

The Moraine Chorus meets weekly for practice. For more information about joining the Chorus or about the upcoming concert, contact Dr. Peter Gibeau at 262-335-5216 or email: peter.gibeau@uwc.edu

UW-Washington County is located at 400 University Drive (off Hwy. 33 West) in West Bend.

Community Events For

Dec. 5 - Dec. 16

Dec. 5 & 6 – SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSE Sponsored by the Kewaskum Sno-Chiefs from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Kewaskum Municipal Building Annex, 1308 Fond du Lac Ave. Anyone interested in signing up, call Craig Sanborn at 262-343-0859. Must be 12 years or over.

Dec. 5 — BREAKFAST WITH SANTA sponsored by FCCLA Club of Kewaskum High School, in the cafeteria of the high school from 8:30 to noon. Tickets can be purchased until Friday, Dec. 4 at noon. Tickets may be purchased at the Kewaskum School offices.

Dec. 5 — Magnificat Women's Ministry. Speaker, Mother Assumpta Long O.P., guest speaker has been seen on the CBS News, NBC News EWTN, and written about in Time Magazine. Time 9 am to noon. at Hilton Garden Inn, 11600 W. Park Place, Milwaukee. Tickets \$15. For more info call Terri Biertzer at 262-677-1192 or cell 262-853-3349

Dec. 6 – 16th Annual Windsong Luminary Night. Windsong subdivision in Germantown from 5:30 to 8 pm. Located east of Pilgrim Road and West of Hwy. 145.

Dec. 8 – Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert: at West Bend High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's School has started their annual cereal drive to give to the Food Pantry in West Bend. The deadline for collection is December, 15th 2010. When our goal of 200 is reached, we have a special day planned for the students.

Washington County Retired Educators Association members and their guests are invited to the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY and luncheon at the "Top of the Ridge" restaurant at Cedar Ridge on Scenic Drive in West Bend on Wednesday, December 16th at 10:15 a.m. The cost for the luncheon is \$11.50 and reservations can be made by calling Lu Freeze at 334-7972 by December 11th. All members are encouraged to attend and reminded to bring in their Volunteer Logs for 2009

Senior Citizens UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 5th, Sociable Singles for Sheepshead, at the Senior Center, 401 E. Wash ington Street, West Bend. Time 6:00pm till 10:00pm

December 8th: Interested in a Massage, call and reserve your spot, 335-4498. Time - 9:00 till 12:00. There is a small fee for the massage.

December 9th: Crafting group to meet at the Senior Center, 401 E. Washington St. West Bend. Time:10:00am anyone 55+ can attend, no registration needed.

December 10th: Free nurse consult at 9:00 till 12:00, call and reserve at spot, at the Senior Center, 401 E. Washington St., West Bend 334-4498

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December 10th: Foot care at the Senior Center, 401 E. Washington St., West Bend. 8:30 - 12:00, call and reserve a spot, 335-4498. Cost is 20.00

December 11th: The dining program at the Senior Center, in West Bend is celebrating Christmas with a special lunch and music provided by the Madrigal Singer from the West Bend High School. Reservations are a must, call 335-4498, seating is limited. The cost is \$3.60.

To be included in the Community Events, FREE OF CHARGE, please submit your event prior to our 3 pm Monday deadline, at our office at 240 Main Street, Kewaskum; e-mail - ckuehl@kewaskumstatesman.com or on the web www.kewaskumstatesman.com, PLEASE NOTE, businesses offering specials or events for profit are not accepted. Eyents are listed at the Editor's discretion.

KEYS Christmas concert Monday

The Kewaskum Youth Scholarship (KEYS) will celebrate the holiday season by hosting it's annual Christmas concert Monday, December 7 at 7:00 PM at the Kewaskum High School Theater.

The \$5.00 tickets will be available at the door. Music will be provided by the Kewaskum High School Swing Choir and the Kewaskum Big Band, a newly formed orchestra featuring local musicians. An enjoyable evening is promised for those who attend. This

KHS Breakfast

Saturday

The FCCLA Club of Kewaskum High School will again be sponsoring their annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5th, 2009 in the cafeteria of the high school from 8:30 to noon. The Kewaskum High School Swing Choir will perform a Christmas program and Santa will visit with a present for all the children following a breakfast consisting of scrambled eggs, cereal, sausage, juice, milk, coffee and sweet rolls.

Tickets are available for purchase. 0-2 year olds are free, 3-10 year olds are \$6.00, youth 11 and up are \$8.00 and senior citizens 62 and older are \$6.00. Tickets can be purchased until Friday, December 4th at noon. Tickets may be purchased at the Kewaskum School offices. All proceeds go to the FCCLA scholarship fund.

year KEYS will be awarding over \$90,000 in academic and technical scholarships to over 32 Kewaskum High School graduating seniors.

To obtain information about the KEYS Christmas concert or KEYS in general call Jerry Gosa at KHS (626-8427) or Sharron Miller at 626-2811. KEYS donations can be mailed to PO Box 124, Kewaskum, Wi 53040. KEYS was formed in 1985 and continues to benefit KHS graduates. Mark your calendars for the concert on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 PM at KHS.



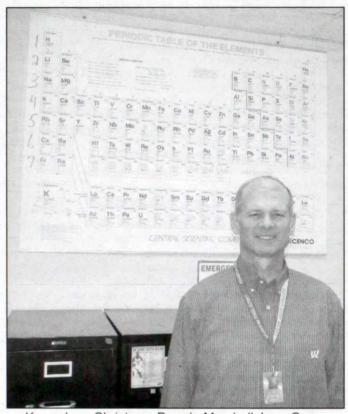




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Kewaskum Christmas Parade is Sunday



Kewaskum Christmas Parade Marshall Jerry Gosa

By Andrew Kuehl andrew@kewaskumstatesman.com

KEWASKUM- Get the blankets, mittens and hats ready for Sunday. Weather forecasters are reporting the temperature for the Kewaskum's Christmas Parade will be between 25-30 degrees.

This year's parade, themed "Toys around Town," will delight the many who line Main Street to take in the spectacle starting at 5 p.m. The Toys around Town theme was chosen with the idea that a collection of NEW unwrapped toys will be taken and given to families in the community needing a hand this Christmas.

Organizer Mike Geidel says toys have been collected at various businesses in Kewaskum but will be accepted along the parade route. Toys can also be dropped off prior to the parade at: Geidel's Piggly Wiggly, Kewaskum Mobil and The Scrap Nook.

Long-time Kewaskum educator Gerald "Jerry" Gosa has been selected by The Chamber's Board of Directors to be this year's Parade Marshall. Gosa was chosen for his continuous support of the community's youth and being a strong advocate for Kewaskum.

Gosa has raised his entire family in the village of Kewaskum since moving here in the fall of 1976 when he was offered his first teaching job. Since that time he has been teaching chemistry and advanced chemistry to generations of district residents.

"This is presently my 34th year teaching. I truly enjoy the opportunity to teach and coach in the Kewaskum School District," Gosa stated when asked about his career with the district.

Gosa has been the heart and soul of the high school and middle school track and field teams for over a decade. He began as the head boys' track coach at KHS in 1992, and both the head boys' and girls' track coach since 2000. His coaching career at KMS also began in 1992 when he started coaching the girls' eighth grade track team each fall.

His passion for educating the community's youth extends past his classroom. He has served as the President of Kewaskum Youth Scholarships (KEYS) since January of 1986.

According to Gosa, KEYS awarded their first scholarship in the spring of 1986 for \$500. In May 2010, KEYS will award 34 scholarships totaling over \$95,000.

"These scholarships are made possible from the generosity of many businesses, civic groups, graduates and individuals from the Kewaskum community and beyond. The money for the KEYS scholarships is provided by the interest earned from all the contributions received by KEYS since 1985," he explains.

The scholarships awarded this spring will bring the total to over \$1,107,000 in scholarships that have been awarded to 383 graduates of KHS.

Rounding out his career of service he has served as a Washington County United Way volunteer since 1983. "Each year I coordinate the annual United Way pledge drive for all the Kewaskum School District employees," he added.

Gosa and his wife Mary, have four grown children, Rachel, David, Katie, and Colleen. He proudly points out, "All four children graduated from Kewaskum High School. Three of our four children are teachers."

Joining him in the parade will be his grandchildren.

Another organizer, Kevin Stautz, affirmed the parade will feature Kewaskum and Lomira High Schools' marching bands sprinkled in amongst the floats and entries.

There is still time for those wishing to have entires in the

parade. Entrants should contact Stautz at (262) 483-4421 or Geidel at (262) 626-1778. An entry form can also be downloaded from the Kewaskum Chamber website, www.kewaskum.org.

There will be the usual float competition, with monetary prizes going to the top five floats selected by the judges. Walking groups will also have a chance to win prizes.

Santa Claus has promised he will send one of his helpers from the North Pole to be in the Kewaskum parade and will be sponsored by Regal Ware.

This year's parade will continue from the high school left onto Third Street which turns into Parkview Drive, left on Main Street (Hwy 28) and right on Fond du Lac Avenue (Hwy 45) and another right on Second Street. The parade officially ends at the Kewaskum Municipal Building Annex.

Immediately following the parade, the Village Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin in front of the Municipal Building Annex. The Kewaskum High School Choir will perform Christmas carols before Gosa lights the tree. The Kewaskum Women's Club will be serving hot chocolate and baked treats inside the annex and local musician Gary Cross will entertain.

Parade entry winners will be announced shortly after the Village Christmas Tree lighting. Prize money will be awarded at that time.

The Kewaskum High School Student Government will be collecting non-perishable food items along the parade route for the new Kewaskum Food Pantry. More information on that can be found on page 3 of this edition.

Before and during the parade the Kewaskum Youth Basketball organization will be selling chocolate chip cookies and hot chocolate in front of The Statesman, 240 Main Street. Inside this edition of The Statesman, Kewaskum merchants offer Christmas Parade specials which can be found on page 13.

The parade is organized by the Kewaskum Chamber who funds it through sponsorships and a donation made by the McCarty family a number of years ago.

Women's Club Christmas Party

The Kewaskum Women's Club will be gathering at Cheryl Ammel's home on December 5 for their annual Christmas party. Members are asked to bring an item for the local food pantry and also a gift to exchange.

Following the Christmas parade on December 6, the club will be serving homemade cookies and hot chocolate at the Village Annex.

The members hope you can join in for the opening of the holiday season in Kewaskum.

Christmas Parade Line up Information

This year's parade will have a NEW STAGING AREA.

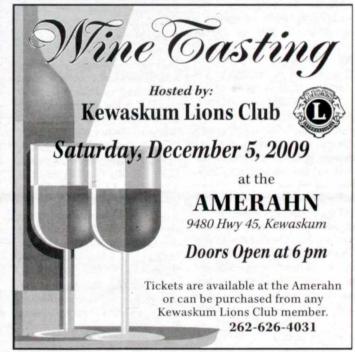
All floats and vehicles in the parade will line up on the student drop off lane directly in front of the high school. The only entrance to the staging area will be from Reigle Drive. The Bilgo Lane entrance will be blocked off and not accessible.

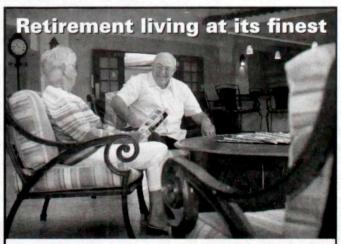
All floats will be released for the parade on a first come basis mixing floats with lights and music and floats without lights and music. Walking groups will be mixed in with floats.

Parking and drop off of parade entrants is available only between the high and middle schools. Enter the parking lot entrance north of football field across from Wildlife/ Reigle Drive

The high school will open at 3:15 p.m. Use the entrance on northeast side of building to gain entrance to high school cafeteria, a warming and meeting area. Walking groups should check in with a parade committee member there. All walking groups need to be in the school by 4:15 p.m.

Additional information can be directed to Kevin Stautz (262) 483-4421 or by email: bigdaddypancakes@charter.net





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Days Gone By

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25 Years Ago

September 14, 1984

The old Koch Feed Mill on Railroad Street, a village landmark in Kewaskum, is gone. Work was started on razing the building in May and final stages of the demolition was completed last week. The property, which was purchased by the Village of Kewaskum, was torn down to provide additional parking space.

Fire Chief Augie Bilgo was on hand Sunday to thank Peter Wilmont of Port Washington for the fine job he did in restoring the 1886 pumper which was unveiled at 12 noon at the Kewaskum Historical Society Early Farm Days.

The Sunburst Ski Hill, Kewaskum, has been purchased from Herb Smith by Summit Ski Corporation, a group of partners who have been working in the ski recreation business for over 13 years. A company spokesman said the new owners are completely remodeling the facility as well as adding more snowmaking equipment. The corporation also plans to have most, if not all, of the hill open for use by skiers.

Three foreign exchange students have arrived at Kewaskum High School for the 1984-85 school year. This year's exchange students are sponsored by three different organizations. Rosi Cano is the American Field Service exchange student, who from Comayaguela, Honduras. She is living with the Ronald Landvatter family for the school year. Alicia Vega is the Youth Exchange Student and comes from Los Mochis, Sinoloa, Mexico. She is staying with the Thomas Radman family. Youth for Understanding - an International Student Exchange is sponsoring Martin Selchert as an exchange representative. Martin comes from Ettingshansen in the north of Frankfort - the biggest city in the state of Hessen, West Germany. He is living with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Belger.

A daughter, Amy Nicole, was born to Joel and Nancy Fehlhaber, Kewaskum, on August 28. Amy has a four-yearold brother, Matthew. Paternal grandmother is Mrs Mildred Fehlhaber, Kewaskum and maternal grandmother is Mrs. Irma Ogle, Oakfield. A son, Andrew Martin, was born to Martin and Melva Stockwell, Elmhurst, Illinois, on September 7. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moths, rural Kewaskum, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stockwell, Salem, Wisconsin.

50 Years Ago

September 18, 1959

First Grade students recently enrolled in the Kewaskum Public School include: Julie Albrecht, Nancy Backus, Judith Becker, Susan Behnke, Kathy Bunkelman, Tom Dei, John Ebersold, Michael Ebert, Diane Flynn, Douglas Franzen, How-

ard Harris, Kenneth Kreif, Gail Krueger, Deborah Krueger, Jerome Kuehl, Sandra Lund, Lois Liegl, Billie Ludwig, James Maedke, Dale Reigle, James Resop Peter Rudzitis, Peggy Schultz, Dennis Smith, Dean Teeselink, Wayne Van Veen, Sandra Weddig, Judy Wesenberg, Jean Bartelt, Steven Blumer, Sheila Boegel, Alice Bruessel, Arthur Buss, Beth Buswell, Tom Butzke, David Cudnohoske, Corinne Degner, David Dorn, Carol Galabinske, Cheryl Giese, Harry Ismailow, Debra Kertscher, Thomas Kirst, Edmond Kleinke, Meilahn, Rosemary Meisenburg, John Nohr, Debra Oppermann, Dion Otten, Annette Reigle, Steven Renier, Gail Rodenkirch, Heidi Rosenheimer, Glen Schuppel, David Simons and Marvin Wahnschaffe. The new students are: Douglas and Richard Agenten, Beechwood; Jim, Pat, Carol and Janet Ebersold, Trempealeau; John Eggert, New Fane; Leslie, Diane and Karen Kaschner, Lake 15; Betty Kempf, New Fane; Vickie Leopoldt, West Bend; Maxine Lund, New Fane; Geraldine, Leo and Mary Marquardt, Campbellsport; Mike Rogers, Theinsille-Mequon; **Ieffrey** Schleif, Five Corners; Robert Schreffler, New Fane; Larry and Dawn Simons, Orchard Grove: Irene Stone, West Bend; Scott Waranius, Milwaukee, and Ruth Weddig, Five Corners.

The Kewaskum Kiwanis Club will sponsor its seventh annual live turkey shoot on Sunday, September 20, at the Bar-N Dude Ranch, six miles northeast of Kewaskum on County Trunk GGG. Patterned after the historic turkey shoots which were so popular in frontier days, this fascinatingly interesting annual event has become an outstanding attraction. Thousands of men, women and children from all over the state, coming from as far as 100 to 125 miles, attend as participants and spectators. Last year the event had nearly 2,500 shooters and over 250 birds were taken home. For the first time the 1959 turkey shoot will feature a group of 50 Boy Scouts and leaders who will be performing authentic Indian dances in full costume and makeup. This group, the well known Wambuli Indian dancers is composed of Milwaukee Explorer Scouts. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and their leaders who have made a study of Indian lore. The knowledge gained has enabled them to duplicate authentic Indian costumes which they wear during their performances.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Thill, Kewaskum, on September 12. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heisler, Fond du Lac, on September 11. The Heislers have three other children. Mr. Heisler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Heisler of Kewaskum.

75 Years Ago

September 14, 1934

The school opened Monday with an enrollment greater than that of previous years. The high school enrollment on the opening day last year was 108 pupils. This year it jumped to 134 pupils. Fifty-two freshmen, 20 boys and 32 girls enrolled. This is the largest freshmen class in the history of the school. Five new students enrolled in the upper three grades. They are: sophomores Lambert Grotenhuis and Doris Krahn; juniors, Vilas Bartelt, Clyde Darmody and Paul Schmidt. The enrollments by departments is: freshmen, 52; sophomores, 35; juniors, 28, and seniors, 19, for a total of 134. The enrollment in the grade school is: grammar room, 24; intermediate room, 32, and primary room, 31, for a total of 87.

Those students from the Wayne vicinity who enrolled at the Kewaskum High School as freshmen are: Pearl Kibbel, Anita Mertz, Blanche Darmody, Lester Borchert and John Petri; sophomores: Jeannette Werner and Viola Hawig; juniors: Armond Mertz Jr., Ruby Menger and Paul Schmidt; senior, Frederick Spoerl.

Mark Rosenheimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rosenheimer of Kewaskum won the 1934 golf championship crown of the West Bend Country Club last Sunday. His opposition was furnished by William Warnkey Jr. in a 36-hole final match.

100 Years Ago

September 4, 1909

The public school will open on September 7 with the following staff in charge: Principal J.F. Cavanaugh; Assistant, Miss Alice Henry; Grammar Department, Thomas Manning; Intermediate, Miss

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Lorinda Guth; Primary, Miss Lilly Schlosser. The prospects are for a large attendance in the high school department this year.

William Kuhlmey of the Town of Plymouth, while doing his plowing this fall, unearthed a number of Indian arrowheads which are fine specimens. He has for many years made his home on a farm a short distance northeast of Plymouth and during that time has found quite a collection of relics, such as arrowheads, elk and deer horns, also several specimens of wood which at one time helped to make a beaver dam. At the time. Mr. Kuhlmey first moved onto this farm there was a large dam, the work of the beaver and the uniformity with which the pieces of wood are cut and prepared is something remarkable. Although the dam was destroyed a number of years ago, an occasional piece of wood used in its construction is still found.

The 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ramthun has been very ill the past week with blood poisoning. The girl received a slight scratch on her hand while picking berries last week and infection set in.

Mrs. Ernestina Bolt sold her residence property on Prospect Avenue in Kewaskum to Peter Dricken of St. Michaels last Monday for \$1,000 consideration.

September 11, 1909

August Voeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Voeks Sr., living east of Kewaskum, had his left hand badly smashed last Tuesday, while tending the blower on a threshing machine at Frank Wussow's place. The blower dropped from its footing and caught his hand between the cable.

Last Thursday morning while Mr. and Mrs. John Harter of Auburn were driving to their home from Kewaskum, their team became frightened by a train near the Mattes crossing north of here and ran away. Both were forcibly thrown out of the rig, with Mr. Harter falling against a fence. He was removed to the Mattes home where a doctor was summoned who found Mr. Harter had four ribs broken and also received several slight bruises.

Jacob Haug, son of Chris Haug of the Town of Auburn, met with a bad runaway last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Haug and his brother Peter were driving along the road when suddenly their horse became frightened and upset the rig, both of the occupants being thrown forcibly to the ground. Jacob fell on a stone with his head and was picked up unconscious by his brother, who was also stunned for a few moments. The last report heard of the patient on Thursday was that he had regained consciousness on that day but still remains in critical condition.

Roman Stoffel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Stoffel left for St. Francis last Tuesday to study for the priesthood.

The largest blast ever fired off in Fond du Lac County will be set off sometime within the next two weeks in the quarries of the Union Lime and Stone Company in Marblehead. It will take nearly a carload of dynamite and giant powder for the blast. There have been 11 holes, five inches in diameter, and seven feet deep drilled in the ledge. Each of the holes will contain 1,200 pounds of explosives.

Henry Garbisch is having a new barn built on his residence on Prairie Street.

R.S. Demarest shipped 200 pounds of ginseng to New York last week.

John Klassen has built a large new shed on his property this week for the shelter of horses.



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Week of December 7

Kewaskum School District

Monday - Taco to go, refried beans, rice, corn & fresh orange slices. *Pizza dippers. (E) Cheese pizza.

Tuesday - Bosco sticks, Marinara sauce, peaches, veggies & dip.
*Wrap bar. (E) Cheese pizza.

Wednesday - Chicken patty, bun, curly fries, pears, cranberry sauce, fresh carrot sticks. *Veggie pizza. (E) Cheese pizza.

Thursday - Chicken quesadilla, pears, hot apple slices, bread.

*Cheeseburger/bun. (E) Cheese

Friday - Fish patty/bun, tater tots, coleslaw, green beans, Teddy Grahams. *Pepperoni pizza. (E) Cheese pizza.

Holy Trinity School

Monday - Chicken patty on a bun, fluffy rice, broccoli/cauliflower, assorted fruit, apple kuchen.

Tuesday - Hot ham on a bun, macaroni & cheese, buttered wheat bread, peas, assorted fruit, oatmeal cookie.

Wednesday - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, buttered wheat bread, green beans, assorted fruit, Amish cookie.

Thursday - Cheese omelet, French toast sticks, hashbrown sticks, buttered wheat bread, hot apple slices, chocolate chip

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Friday - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, dinner roll, corn, assorted fruit, assorted desserts.

St. Lucas School

Monday - Hamburger or cheeseburger on a bun, curly fries, carrots, banana, chocolate chip bar.

Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, cookie.

Wednesday - Ham, baked potato or mac & cheese, pears, cake.

Thursday - BBQ on a bun, tatertots, green beans, apples, puppy chow.

Friday - Cold sandwich, chicken soup, veggies & dip, mixed fruit, Goofy bar.

Campbellsport School District

Monday - Grilled or breaded chicken patty on a bun, oven browns, garden peas & carrots, strawberry cup, chewy brownie. A - Cheesy garlic bread or wrap.

Tuesday - Taco Tuesday, Mexican rice, carrots & dip, fresh fruit, French bread. A - Cheese quesadilla or corn dog.

Wednesday - Baked fish on a bun or turkey wrap, baked French fries, cinnamon applesauce, giant Goldfish crackers, wheat bread (HS). A - Soup & salad bar.

Thursday - BBQ rib or hot dog, mashed potatoes & gravy, broccoli with cheese sauce, chilled pears, ice cream cup, dinner roll. A - Chicken panini or stuffed pretzel.

Friday - Grillburger on a bun,

cheese slice, pickles, potato wedges, whole kernel corn, fresh fruit. A - Bosco sticks with dip.

St. Matthew School

Monday - Spaghetti, wax beans, coleslaw, pineapple/cantelope, garlic toast, jello.

Tuesday - Pigs in a blanket, French fries, pickles, string cheese, orange wedges, apple crisp.

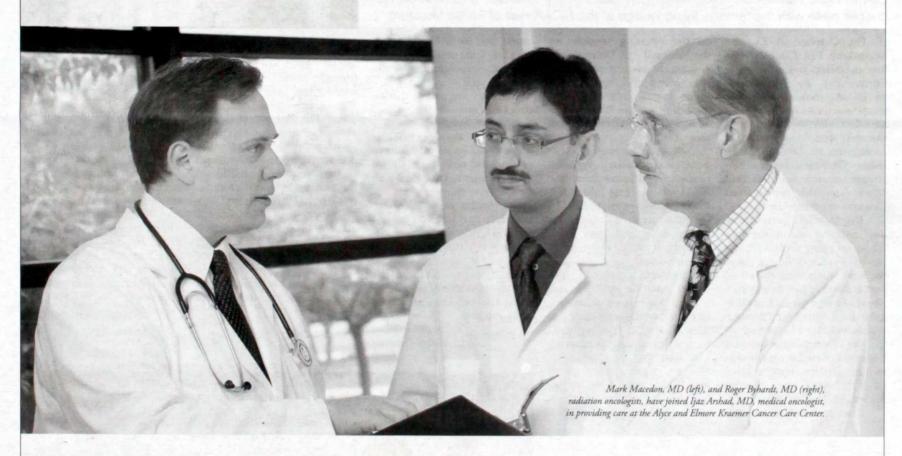
Wednesday - Ground beef/gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberries, fruit salad.

Thursday - Cheesy omelets, tritaters, broccoli, applesauce, cinnamon rolls.

Friday - Pizza dippers, corn, chips, carrots & celery, strawberries/kiwi, cookie.

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St. Joseph's Hospital is pleased to announce the addition of two Medical College of Wisconsin physicians to the staff of the Alyce and Elmore Kraemer Cancer Care Center in West Bend. The physicians, Roger Byhardt, MD, and Mark Macedon, MD, are specialists in radiation oncology. With on-site radiation and medical oncology services and a dedicated cancer team, the Cancer Care Center is focused on providing the most optimal care possible – with minimum disruption of your everyday life.

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KHS FFA members attend National Convention



Left to right, Austen Schmidt, Mitch Luedtke, Ashley Thiemer, and Jessica Bucheger pose with the famous flying wedge at the NCAA Hall of Fame Museum.

On October 20-23, the Kewaskum FFA Chapter sent four members to the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN. We took a coach bus from Lomira to Indiana with 44 other FFA members from the southern Wisconsin area. Along with Mr. Dave Rizzardi, Ashley Thiemer, Jessica Bucheger, Austen Schmidt and Mitch Luedtke represented Kewaskum on this trip.

The bus left early Tuesday morning and on the way down, stopped at the Chicago Board of Trade Building. There we saw where the prices of certain foods came from. Then we went to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, which was also a lot of fun!

On Wednesday we visited Connor Prairie Farms outside of Indianapolis. Here they had many different sites of what life was like in the 1880's.

Later that day we attend-

ed the opening sessions of the National FFA Convention. This was where our own members, Mitch and Austen went up on stage to help spell WLC (standing for the Washington Leadership Conference). They were the "L."

We then listened to keynote speaker, Mike Rowe, who many of you know from the hit TV show, Dirty Jobs. After the session we went to LUCAS Oil Stadium to watch the Eli Young Band and Toby Keith perform. It turned out to be an awesome day!

Thursday turned into career day. We split up and walked down rows of booths. In these booths were colleges, new products, feed companies, fundraising companies, TV stations, etc. Wrangler, Carhart, John Deere, Ford and Dodge were a few of the big names that were there all week. Here you could find so

much free stuff, it was unbelievable! You could also attend smaller educational workshops as well.

When we were done checking out all these cool places, we attended the National FFA Talent Show. This was where FFA members from around the nation get up on the big stage to sing, dance or do whatever they do well.

On Friday we all got up really early and had to pack for our long ride home. But before we left Indianapolis, we went to the morning session. From there we boarded the bus and headed for home. We made it back to Kewaskum by early evening.

Submitted by Ashley Thiemer FES second graders visit Stony Hill School



"Perform a good deed. Speak a kind word. Bestow a friendly smile, and you will receive the same in return." This was character education Stony Hill School style and second grade students from Farmington Elementary, after donning their pinafores and suspenders, were asked to memorize this quotation attributed to Patrick Henry.

Since Stony Hill School is also the birthplace of the Flag Day celebration, the students learned a bit of history about the flag and got the chance to try their hand at penmanship with ink and a quill feather pen as they copied some of the historical facts.

Later, at recess, students enjoyed a rousing game of "Anti, Anti, Over" the school building roof. Students extended their step back in time to the 1800's, with a visit to historical Pioneer Village, where they were able to tour such buildings as the Blacksmith Shop, the Trading Post, and the home of the Michael Ahner family. Students enjoyed the visit, but most were very happy to return to their modern day school with indoor plumbing and comfortable seats!





Christmas Parade Specials Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 6 at 5 pm

































Obituaries

CHERYL HENSEN GIFFIN



Our beloved wife and mom. Cheryl Hensen Giffin, passed away Saturday, November 21 at her home in Kewaskum.

She was born on April 14, 1945, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of LaVerne and Naomi Hensen. On December 19, 1970, she was united in marriage to Doug Giffin.

Cheryl loved her Harley stuff and gardening, and was known to have watched "Mamma Mia" a time or two. We're so proud of her career as a guidance counselor at McLane Elementary in West Bend, where she touched the lives of so many children. The Boundary Waters were a special place for her, and in recent years, she enjoyed traveling to London.

We will all miss her generosity, selflessness and kindness. She was a funny lady who could also poke fun of herself.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, Doug; two sons, Doug "Giff" and Todd, and two grandsons, Eric and Dustin. She also leaves behind mother, Naomi Hensen; three brothers, Steven (Wendy), Bruce (Debra) and Michael (Pauli) Hensen; a sister, Marilou Hensen; a brother-inlaw, Jim Giffin and many other beloved relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, LaVerne Hensen.

A gathering will be held at the Giffin home at 2585 Highway 28, Kewaskum beginning at noon on Saturday, December 5 to celebrate Cheryl's life and the memories she created with everyone who knew her.

Memorial tributes may be made in Cheryl's name to the Aurora Visiting Nurse Association of Wisconsin, Aurora Foundation Operations, 950 N. 12th Street, Suite A511, Milwaukee, WI 53233-1306 (https://www. aurorahealthcare.org/aboutus/ philanthropy/donate/index.asp?FacilityDonate=Aurora+Visiti ng+Nurse+Association+of+Wis

The Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum is assisting the family. Additional information and guest book may be found at www.millermartinfh.com.

ADELINE WEIS

Adeline (nee Volm) Weis, 81, of West Bend, passed away on Wednesday, November 25. 2009, at Kathy Hospice in the town of Polk.

Adeline was born on June 7, 1928, in Kewaskum, the daughter of the late William and Agnes (Kohler) Volm. She attended Holy Trinity Grade School and worked at Enger Kress and the West Bend Company for many

Adeline met the love of her life, Richard Weis, and was married to him on June 4, 1947, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kewaskum.

She enjoyed gardening, going up North and the occasional casino trip, but most of all Adeline loved spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with love, cookies and ice

Adeline was a member of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church and belonged to the Christian Women's group.

Survivors include her husband, Richard of West Bend; three granddaughters, Laura (Kevin) Stautz of Kewaskum, Jenny (Brad) Zuba and Angie Gorman, both of West Bend; four great-grandchildren, Andrew Daugherty, Alexia Stautz and Nicholas Stautz, all of Kewaskum and Michael Zuba of West Bend; six brothers and sisters, Ruth Arbogash of West Bend, Merlin (Carol) Volm of Kewaskum, Eileen (Reggie) Pierret of Elcho, Linda (Bernie) Kaehne of Kewaskum, Robert (Joanne) Volm of Upland, California and William (Peggy) Volm, Jr. of Shawano; two sisters-in-law, Odelia Peters of West Bend and Dorie Weis of Richfield, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and

In addition to her parents, Adeline was preceded in death by her mother and father-inlaw, Frank and Emma Weis; her beloved daughter, Joyce Gorman and her grandson-in-law, Shane Daugherty.

Visitation for Adeline was held on Saturday, November 28, 2009, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in West Bend. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at 11:00 a.m. with Father Jeffrey Haines officiating. Burial followed Mass in Holy Angels Catholic Cemetery in West Bend.

The Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum has been entrusted with Adeline's arrangements. Additional information and guest book may be found at www.millermartinfh.com.

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On behalf of Adeline's family, a special thank you to the compassionate staff of Kathy Hospice.
RONALD R. LEGIND

Ronald R. Legind, 75, of West Bend, rested in peace with his family by his side at his home on Saturday afternoon, November 21, 2009

He was a beloved husband/ friend of Ruth Arbogash for the past 31 years and was a beloved grandfather to Jennifer Kritz and Jake Kritz who enjoyed calling him their "Paba". He was also loved by his pets, Sammy

Private services were held in honor of the wishes of Ronald and his family at Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery in Kewaskum.

Ronald's family would like to thank St. Luke's Heart Transplant Clinic for the care provided to Ronald for the past 15 years, to Father Edwin Kornath for presiding at the service, to members of the Robert G. Romaine American Legion Post 384 Kewaskum for providing military honor rites and to Miller Funeral Home in Kewaskum for their assistance.

GEORGE F. DONAHUE

George F. Donahue, age 78, passed away Thursday, November 26, 2009 at his home in Kewaskum.

He was born on November 26, 1931 in Brunswick, ME to the late Herbert and Mattie (nee Bowers) Donahue. George graduated from Brunswick High School. Little did he know that during his High School years, his life would forever be influenced by his history and geography teacher. His geography teacher would always say that just over that hill you will find a whole new life, and then over the next hill will be another whole new life

After graduation George decided to see what was over that next hill and joined the U.S. Air Force where he served his country for 28 years and retired

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as a Chief Master Sergeant (E-9) in 1978. Fourteen of these years was spent overseas. While in Vietnam he was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor Device and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. Additional decorations included the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, the Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge and other awards and service ribbons.

After his military career he attended Weber State College in Ogden, UT graduating with honors in 1981. He then moved to Edmonds, WA where he worked for the King County Public Safety as a civilian in the King County Police Gang Unit and as a member of the King County Emergency Management Unit. He attended numerous FEMA courses and qualified as an Emergency Manager.

During his time in King County he was also a volunteer with the King County 4 X 4 Search and Rescue organization. This became George's most rewarding part of life. He received many plaques and letters in recognition of his volunteer work for the 12 years that he contributed more than 10,000 miles of driving for numerous search and rescue missions in the state of Washington.

George was also a member of the American Legion for over 21 years serving as the Post Adjutant and Hall Rental Manager for his post in Montlake Terrace, WA. He was also a member of the Air Force Master Blaster Explosive Ordnance Disposal Or-

Always looking for what was over the next hill, George enjoyed life by camping all throughout the United States. He was proud of the fact he had camped from Maine to California and from Key West, FL to Brooks Range in Northern Alaska. His children, and in later years, his grandchildren accompanied George and his wife during many of the camping trips.

George is survived by his wife, Millie (Lehn) Donahue, whom he married on October 5, 1974; two daughters, Susan (Roger) Bustamante of Aurora, CO and Barbara Neel of Layton, UT; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

George was preceded in death by his parents; and his only brother, Gene Donahue.

Interment with full military honors will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

Myrhum ~ Patten Funeral & Cremation Service assisted the family.

MERLIN C. CRASS

Merlin C. Crass, 91, of West Bend, died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, at his residence.

He was born Dec. 1, 1917, in Fillmore, the tenth child to the late Joseph and Edna (nee Gerner) Crass, and married Alice E. Knoeck on Jan. 2, 1943, at Camp Edwards, Mass.

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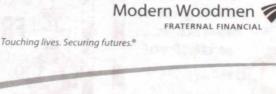
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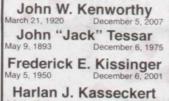


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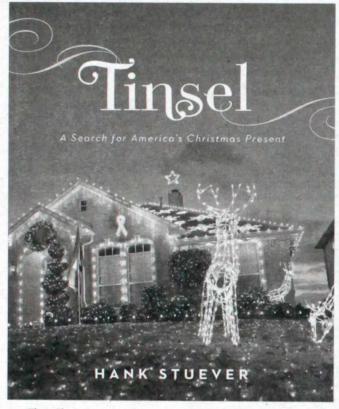


The Bookworm Sez

by Terri Schlichenmeyer

Tinsel: A Search for America's Christmas Present

By Hank Steuver



The Christmas carol quietly coos that "all is calm, all is bright."

You don't know about calm - the traffic and pedestrian gawkers kind of ruin that sentiment - but bright? Yep, that pretty much sums up your neighborhood and all the holiday lights decorating the houses and yards.

Bright? You owe your next months' salary to the electric company.

So why do it? In the new book "Tinsel" by Hank Steuver, you'll read about the holidays run wonderfully amok in one Texas city, and the answer that is - why not?

Author Hank Steuver wasn't really a Christmas kinda guy. Oh, sure, his family celebrated years ago with the requisite gifts and Santa and midnight Mass. But somewhere along the way – maybe when his parents divorced or his sister moved outof-state – Steuver lost the holiday

"By 1991," he says, "Christmas seemed to be happening to everyone else."

So when he decided to write a sort-of exposé on Christmas during the 2006 season, he envisioned that it might be a book about the ugly side of the holiday, including sweat shops and "oppressed elves."

Instead, he headed for Frisco, Texas.

On the day after Thanksgiving 2006, well before dawn,
Steuver began his sojourn in
line, outside a major retail store
with a forty-something single
mother. Later, he signed up to
be a volunteer "elf" for a phenomenally-energetic woman
who started a business decorating million-dollar homes for
hundreds of dollars an hour,
and who desperately wanted
Steuver to believe in Christmas.

And before the week was out, Steuver had spent time learning about bulbs from a couple whose house is so famous for its light show that a video of it went viral.

While in Frisco, Steuver visited megachurches, partly to watch the single mother - a tech volunteer - in action, and partly as a mere voyeur. While helping the decorator, he espied secrets of the too-rich, and he felt a little jaded. When he witnessed an emotional and angry family dinner-table debate over the War in Iraq, he compassionately turned off his inner-journalist. And when learning about giving for charity, he discovered that being a snoop can sometimes burst one's bubble.

Still, he says, "It is entirely possible that I suck at all of this Christmasy goodness."

I beg to differ. Much like opening a present wrapped in too much tissue paper, to read "Tinsel" is to pick apart Christmas and its meanings, layer upon layer, before you finally reach a gem.

Steuver is witty, and affectionate in regard to the three families of "elves" that helped him explore the frenzy that Christmas has become. He's gently sneering, and oh-so-funny. He doesn't insult, but he's willing to cast light on silliness and spoiledness, and things people do in a quest for the "perfect" holiday.

In short, author Hank Steuver is a superbly saucy and cynical chronicler of just one facet of Christmas, and I loved this book.

If you're looking for some bite to your Christmas reading, look for this drolly merry and wonderful holiday book. For you, "Tinsel" definitely sparkles (Continued from page 14)

Merlin was an accomplished stone mason, building fireplaces for the rich and famous. Merlin took the beautiful Wisconsin field stone to new levels, building fireplaces in Wisconsin, Michigan, Colorado and New Mexico.

An avid hunter from the age of 7, Merlin passed this love and passion onto his sons and grandsons, hunting for trophy bucks even in the later years of his life. When diagnosed with melanoma, his wish was for one more hunting season which his "Lord and Savior" granted!

Merlin was a WWII veteran, fighting in Africa, Italy, France and southern Germany, and liberated concentration camps at the end of the war. His war stories live on in the hearts and minds of his children and grandchildren, ever reminding them of his fight for their freedom.

His love for Alice, his wife, sweetheart and best friend, for 66 years, serves as a constant reminder and model of what loving relationships are all about.

He will be truly missed.

Survivors include his loving wife, Alice, and six children, Therese M. (Wayne) Casper of Adell, Mary A. (Dan) Howard of Highland Ranch, Colo., Christine R. (Tim) Kannenberg of Malone, Joanne C. (Michael) Barber of Taos, N.M., Michael J. (Jane) Crass of Cedarburg and Mark J. (Maria) Crass of Francis Creek. He is further survived by 21 grandchildren, Jacqueline DenHartog, Aaron Casper, Elizabeth Hogfeldt, Rebecca Casper, Allison Casper, Zachary Casper, Nathan Casper, Robert Howard, Ted Howard, Maria Howard, Katherine Kannenberg, Sarah Kannenberg, Tradewell, David Kannenberg, Matthew Kannenberg, Alexandra Barber, Emily Crass, Anna Crass, Madeline Crass, Nicholas Crass and Kayla Crass;

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seven great-grandchildren; five brothers, Donald (Fayme) Crass of Phelps, Roy (Frances) Crass of Slinger, Everette Crass of Land O'Lakes, Bruce Crass of Phelps and Phillip Crass of West Bend; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Merlin is preceded in death by his son, Alan O. Crass; six sisters, Florence Crass, Gladys Lechner, Lorraine Krause, Edna Peters, Helen Cook and Esther Koenig; and seven brothers, Wilmer Crass, Carlos Crass, Russell Crass, Joseph Crass Jr., Bill Crass, Ray Crass and Orville Crass.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Holy Angels Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerald Brittain presiding. Visitation was Sunday, Nov. 29, at Holy Angels Catholic Church from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and also Monday from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Disabled American Veterans or the Holy Angels School Trust Fund are appreciated.

The Schmidt Funeral Home of West Bend served the family.

IN MEMORY

Remembering **Brian Moser** on his 38th birthday, December 6.

Though your smile is gone forever,

And your hand I cannot touch.

I still have many memories of the one I loved so much. Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part. God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.

Sadly missed but never forgotten, Mom, Naner, and family.

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of **RUTH KUEHL**, who died on December 9, 1997:

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered "come to Me."

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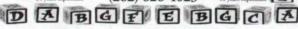
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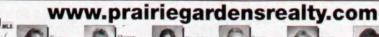
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Gone With the Wind... The no-deer saga continues



Steve Ellis of Mosinee, the writer's brother, bagged this big eight pointer in Iron County near Mercer while hunting a scrape line during the gun season. In 45 hours on bow and gun stands, it was the only deer he saw.

A favorite deer stand is so much more than that. Memories are made there and burned into the mind forever. Emotions are felt there. Hunters take first deer, trophy deer, and miss deer. Plans are made, new babies are celebrated. Losses are grieved. Hair falls out. Hair turns gray. And the years go by.

I call it The Hub, one of scores of stands this camp has nick-named and taken deer from. It's far back on public land in DMU 34 in Vilas County. It is so named because, since I began hunting it almost 20 years ago, deer have followed natural funnels and swamp edges to come from every direction possible to this relatively small piece of terrain where I can reach them with a rifle and occasionally, with an arrow.

Big bucks have fallen here. So did a lone fawn long ago that I misidentified in the brush as a spike buck. In times of good deer numbers, taking a fawn is called sound management in this north country where hard winters and predators take fawns first anyway. But I still remember the pain I felt when I tagged that little deer. I still remember my disgusted apology. In this hunter's mind, I should have known what he was and I should have let him enjoy life longer than the few months he had.

If you hunt, you will feel emotions as reflections of the person you are. When you fasten the tag to a special antler. When you question the shot taken on an unrecovered deer. The good, for most of us, far outweighs the bad.

After walking 20 minutes through the black of predawn Saturday, I slipped the stand from my back, climbed the poplar and claimed my squatter's rights on the Hub. Larry Calvi, Rich Waters, and John and Jim Ellis were scattered over this big woods near Boulder Junction going through their own rituals on stands carefully chosen.

A heavy fog enveloped the woods and made the morning slow to arrive. At first light, almost with my thought that any deer would need to be right on top of me to even see it in the fog, he did just that. I heard the deer hurriedly approaching though the leaves on the forest floor and tucked the 30-06 to the shoulder, looking over the scope with a familiar, elevated heart rate to find the animal when it emerged.

The wolf came like a grey ghost at the edge of the mist. I am the last in my party to see a wolf in the field, and I welcomed the sight. My mind, though, was already registering the thought that, if this magnificent animal was here, I would not be seeing a deer on opening morning. Despite knowing that wolves are an efficient predator impacting deer numbers already severely in decline, I would not trade the encounter. I also know,

despite the common misconception, that the wolf was not introduced to Wisconsin by the DNR but migrated naturally from Minnesota.

He was a shadow in the fog, and he stopped abruptly at 30 yards knowing I was here somewhere but not quite sure where. He moved in his nervous uncertainty on the ridge, coming in and out of the fog for two minutes before he chose his escape directly through the heart of a swamp that I knew was there but could not see.

I would return to the cabin with no deer seen to find that Jim Ellis was the only hunter in our party to see any deer. The three adult does that had passed by his stand was one more deer than he had seen throughout the bow and gun seasons of 2008. But they were also the last deer he, or any of us, would see in 2009. A hunter pays his dues trying though, and by Monday, my own tactics had changed.

The topographical maps and aerial photos showed me where some the most remote tracts of land in Vilas County lay. I packed my rifle, compass hip boots, climbing treestand, flashlight and little else. I would cross rivers and swamps and walk the back country looking for droppings and rubs and tracks and scrapes. There was very little sign. When I stumbled on two bait piles of pumpkin and corn in my calculated wanderings, the food was not eaten. Are

West Bend Junkyard Dogs win WSFL Championship

The West Bend Junkyard Dogs are a local semi-pro football team.

The Junkyard Dogs are best out of West Bend and their home field is at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. The team consists of local men ages 20-40something.

They compete against eight other teams that make up a north and south division. The Dogs are in the south division. They took their division during the 2009 season with a league best record of 9-1.

That put them in the Wisconsin State Football League Championship game against the Menomonee/Marinette Lumberjacks (8-2). The game was played on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at a neutral field - which was Papermaker Field in Kimberly. The Dogs came out on top with a 28-14 victory, earning them the

championship.

Ryan DeLaurier, a 2004 Kewaskum high school graduate and football player, played on the team. In addition to playing in high school, De-Laurier participated in the Kewaskum Gridiron program, in which his dad, Gil DeLaurier, helped found and coach for 12 years, retiring in 2009.

For the Junkyard Dogs, DeLaurier was on defense and special teams, playing inside and outside linebacker and called the plays.

Ryan "House," as was his high school nickname, was also on the 1999 eighth grade championship team for Gridiron, making him a two time football champion.

Another KHS graduate on the team is Scott Heller.

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there so few deer that even bait is not found by animals that may now be nocturnal because of it?

"Although a two-gallon limit is allowed (in 44 counties), please consider that these practices have negative impacts on the health of the deer herd," states the welcoming letter to Wisconsin hunters in the 2009 DNR Deer hunting regulations, "and can reduce deer movement which reduces the chances for hunters to see deer."

If it is clear enough for print, why are we domesticating our wild deer herd? Why are we making new classes to our ranks just shooters instead of teaching them to hunt? And why are politics playing more or a role than fair chase in how we pursue the whitetail deer in Wisconsin?

I chose new stands this week after scouting and held vigils again for up to six hours before moving again. I introduced myself to areas around High and Escanaba lakes and the Manitowish. With 45 hours on actual stands, I did not see a deer.

After opening weekend, the Vilas County harvest was down 52.51 percent from 2008, according to the DNR website, which was down approximately 25 percent from 2007, which was down approximately 10 percent form 2006. From what is posted county by county and what I hear from very good hunters scattered across Wisconsin, there is declining harvests in the wake of declining harvests in the wake of declining harvests, and a growing mistrust of the DNR as it pertains to deer numbers and manage-

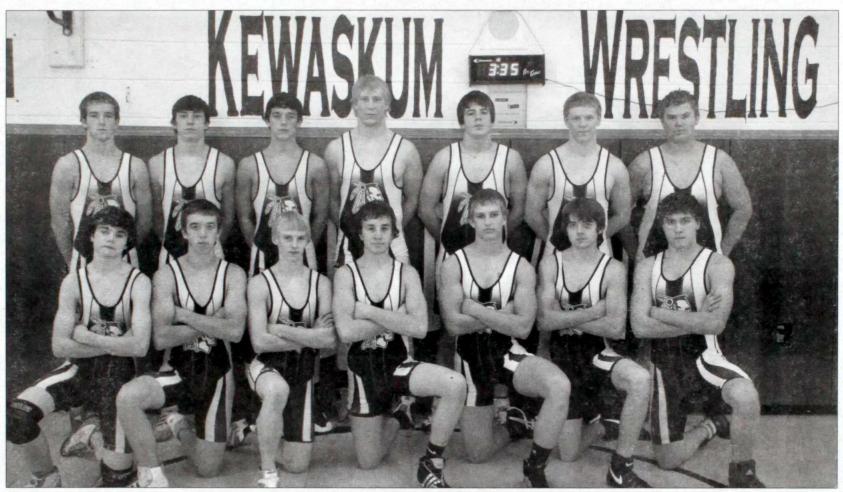
My own surprising emotion is sadness. I miss seeing deer in DMU 34. I do not believe they are here. I am skeptical of the DNR and as a reporter and hunter, questions meld with my emotions. I will start with these:

What defines a quality hunt? This camp is home to good, ethical veteran hunters. I do not remember the last time than any of the five hunters here squeezed the trigger that resulted in an unrecovered animal. During the last three seasons, we have not had a single deer hanging from the meat pole. Collectively, we have not squeezed the trigger in those three years although we did choose to let one spike buck pass. During those three seasons, we spent \$792.00 on gun licenses, including one partner's out-of-state cost of \$160.00 per season. Reflective of those three seasons, this year we spent 195 hours on stands. One hunter saw three deer. What defines a quality hunt? How often should we expect to have an opportunity to fill a tag? More importantly, how often should we expect to see and simply enjoy deer in Vilas County and throughout Wisconsin?

There were no additional DNR harvest numbers posted as column deadline loomed at 7:00 a.m. Monday, November 30. After opening weekend though, there were 372 bucks and 45 does registered in DMU 34. With 550 antlerless permits issued here, I have a final thought. If those hunters still holding antlerless permits for Vilas County and probably for many other regions are given the green light to proceed with the four day antlerless only hunt scheduled to begin December 10th across much of Wisconsin, it's not just mismanagement.

It's a crime.

Optimism abounds in KHS wrestling camp



The 2009-10 varsity wrestling team. Front row, left to right, Jake Hardy, Austin Goeden, Brett Scoles, Jared Koffke, Steven Kudek, Derrick Muckerheide and Derek Aupperle. Back row: Caleb Olla, Joe Wollner, Rob Maertz, Cody Seibel, Cole Roberts, Bo Seibel and Brad Bottleman.

Statesman photo: Andrew Kuehl

By Judy Harlow Statesman Correspondent

There is no question the past three years have been thrilling for the Kewaskum High School wrestling program and coach Dennis Aupperle.

Two Eastern Wisconsin Conference titles, one EW tournament crown, two regional titles and excellent representation in Division 2 at the WIAA State Wrestling Tournament

Last season was especially rewarding as the Indians won both the dual meet and tournament titles in the conference, and they did it with a squad of around 25, meaning there was very little depth on the team.

Help was on the way, however, in the form of a talented freshman group to go with two returning state place winners, junior Brad Bentz, who placed fourth at 130 pounds and junior Bob Seibel, who placed sixth at 140, along with seven other letter winners.

"We're pretty fortunate," Aupperle said over the weekend, looking at the fact he greeted 40 candidates at the first practice on Nov. 16, meaning there will be plenty of competition for starting spots at the 14 weight classes.

Three wrestlers, senior Cody Seibel, Bentz and Bo Seibel look to be shoe-ins, although two are currently nursing injuries which have limited their activities in practices.

Cody Seibel finished 35-3 a year ago at 189 pound, losing two of his matches in the Division 2 sectional, which featured state champion Josh Mohr of Pewaukee. He is moving up this year, according to Aupperle, who said, "He'll be at 215. It sounds like he's going to stay there."

Seibel missed the final

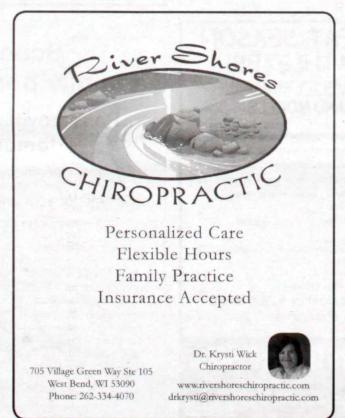
KHS football game against West DePere because of a shoulder injury. Original reports said he would be sidelined for six to eight weeks, but Aupperle said he spoke to Seibel's parents recently, and, "It looks like he will be at practice Monday (Nov. 30)," and he has "good mobility with it (the shoulder)."

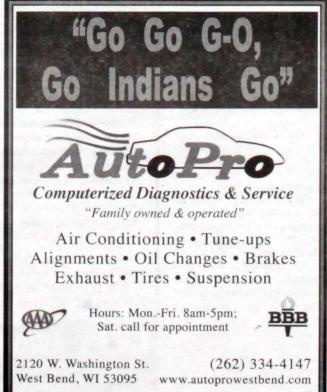
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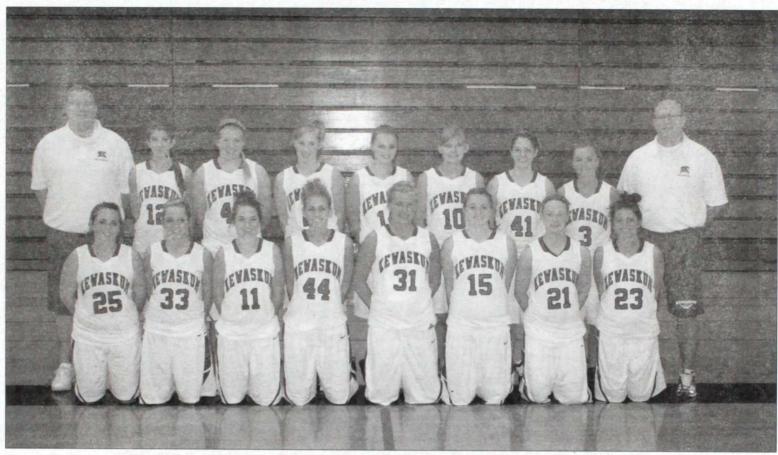
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Sports Insider

New coach, new attitude



The 2009-10 girls varsity basketball team. Front row, left to right, Michelle Bohn, Haley Rauch, Erica Rammer, Candace Beine, Jenna Buker, Elissa Miller, Anna Bulter, Haylie Hansen. Back row: Assistant coach John Nichols, Ashley Kuechler, Paige Lightner, Courtney Krueger, Jennifer Beiswenger, Olivia Gitter, Abby Amerling, Christine Bohn and head coach Mike Kleinhans. Missing is assistant coach Kory Dogs.

By Mitch Maersch

The Kewaskum girls' basketball team comes into this season with experienced players and a new head coach.

'We have eight seniors returning, four of them at times were starters last year," said first-year coach Mike Kleinhans

Back are senior point guard Anna Butler and forward Candace Beine for their third year on varsity.

Starting center Buker returns, and off-and-on starting forward Elissa Miller and guard Haley Rauch are

Kleinhans is encouraged with what he has seen so far.

This is a really good group of kids. This group played together since KYB (Kewaskum Youth Basketball)," Kleinhans said. "I think this group has just worked so hard."

At a scrimmage two weeks ago at University School, the Indians beat everyone by 20. "We put up 50 points one night," he said.

Kleinhans said the team's strength will be inside. At the scrimmage, the Indians only shot six or seven times from the outside.

"We just pounded it down low. We have a very strong post game," Kleinhans said.

Kleinhans said a few players have shooting abil-ity, including Rauch, Beine and maybe junior Courtney Krueger off the bench. Joining her in the rotation are senior Michelle Bohn and her sister, Christine, a junior.

"I think our post is going to be very strong, but I think our outside game will be very good, too," he said.

The other side of the ball. however, is where the Indians will win their games, Kleinhans said.

"The biggest thing we've

been working on is team defense. That's really something I'm trying to install. I believe you win with defense,"

One type of defense. "We're playing straight man," Kleinhans said.

Kleinhans used to coach with Bill Albrecht and Bob

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Wrestling

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Seibel will be going after his third straight EWC title in February, and, beyond that, undoubtedly he will be shooting for a return trip to Madison — he qualified for state as a sophomore — after the disappointing setback last year.

Bentz, who went 33-6 in finishing fourth in the state, has looked good in practice, Aupperle said, despite the fact he has been nursing a sore back.

"Here's a kid who could have a really good season," Aupperle said. "He's got all the tools."

Bentz may start the year around 145 and when the tournament rolls around, plans to drop down a weight class or two.

Bo Seibel has jumped from 140 up to 171. "He's been lifting a lot," Aupperle said, also impressed with Seibel's efforts and hustle during the early-sea son practices.

Other letter winners returning include: senior Derek Muckerheide, Caleb Olla and Steven Kudek; juniors Rob Maertz and Jared Koffke; and soph Lance Pinchard.

Muckerheide was relatively new to wrestling last season, but "improved in every match," according to Aupperle, who said he will be at the same weight, 119.

Koffke qualified for state as a freshman and won 30 matches as a sophomore, so Aupperle is expecting big things from him. "He really took care of business," Aupperle said, indicating Koffke will be his 125 starter.

Maertz, who won a conference title as a freshman, has come up through the Kids ranks and has a lot of experience

Aupperle is hoping Maertz, Bentz and Kudek will all be a different weights, which would certainly bolster the team. A year ago, Kudek couldn't beat Maertz so he had to sit until a starter was injured in the Whitnall Duals. "When we needed him, he was ready,"

Aupperle said.

And Olla, whose older brother Noah was a good wrestler, should be successful this winter. "He's a fairly tough kid, like Noah," Aupperle said.

Pinchard worked his way onto the varsity midway last year but has bulked up to 170 pounds. "He wrestled hard (last year). He learned from it," Aupperle said. "I think his goal is to get to 160."

The major losses to graduation were P.J. Krueger, who finished fifth at state with a 31-5 mark a year ago and Matt Buker at 285.

Sophs Brad Bottleman and Mac Donath, who did not wrestle last season, are top candidates to wrestle at the heavier weights.

As far as the new freshman class, which numbers 11, Aupperle said, "They are a real nice group of kids," rattling off the names of Brett Scoles, Logan Dreher, Austin Goeden, Nick Bier, Jake Hardy, Tyler Laufer, his son Derek and Teddy Wollner.

"Some are going to get some varsity spots," the coach said, adding other might be in for a while before the returnees get to the right weight.

Scoles appears to have locked down the 103 spot, while Goeden is expected to wrestle at 130.

Plenty of fireworks are expected in the season-opener tonight at Sheboygan Falls, which finished second to the Indians last season and won the EWC title in 2008.

Only 22 wrestlers are listed on the current Falls roster, which is puzzling to Aupperle, who said, "You've got to be ready."

The road won't be much easier Saturday when the Indians head for the Luxemburg Duals, replacing the Lomira duals, which Kewaskum won several times.

Some of the teams only had six or seven varsity wrestler last year, so Aupperle felt it was better to go where his athletes would get some mat time.

This is Aupperle's 10 year as head coach.

Schedule

12/03/09 @ Sheboygan Falls High School, 7:15

12/05/09 @ Spartan Duals Luxemburg-Casco High School, 9:00 a.m.

12/08/09 New Holstein High School, 7:15

12/10/09 @ Random Lake High School, 7:00 12/15/09 Plymouth High

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12/29/09-12/30/09 @ On The Waters Classic UW-O - Kolf Center, 8:00 a.m.

01/07/10 @ Kiel High School, 7:15 01/14/10 Waupun High

School, 7:15 01/19/10 @ Two Rivers

High School, 7:15 01/23/10 @ Zelinski In-

vite at Whitnall H.S. 9:30 a.m. 01/28/10 Campbellsport High School, 7:15

02/02/10 Oostburg High School 7:15

02/06/10 @ EWC Tournament @ New Holstein N e w Holstein High School TBA 02/13/10 WIAA Region-

als KHS -Field House TBA 02/16/10 @ WIAA Team Sectionals 6:00

02/20/10 @ WIAA Sectionals Gymnasium TBA
02/25/10 -02/27/10 @
WIAA State Tournament WIAA
- Kohl Center TBA

Girls Basketball

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Holquist, who drilled straight man defense into their team's heads.

This is the 44-year-old's first varsity head coaching job but he has been coaching ever since graduating from West Bend East. Kleinhans has coached as an assistant at Messmer, junior varsity at University School, with Albrecht at West and Holquist at Holy Angels and still coaches in Kewaskum Youth Basketball.

"Since high school I think I've coached almost every year some kind of sport," he said. His new job he calls a dream come true.

"That's how I feel about getting a varsity job. You get to run the program," he said. "I'm very excited. I want to turn around Kewaskum's basketball program. We want to put us on the map."

Kleinhans has two assistants that double as his friends. Kory Dogs played basketball at Cardinal Stritch and coaches with Kleinhans in Kewaskum Youth Basketball. 6-foot-4 John Nichols in his first coaching job.

The girls will be looking to improve on a 4-17 record last season, 3-11 in the Eastern Wisconsin Conference. Their first conference game comes Friday at rival Campbellsport, which Kleinhans said he wants to beat twice this season.

"You never know what can happen," Kleinhans said.

"We're all zero and zero."

Schedule

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

12/04/0 @ Campbellsport High School

12/08/09 @ West Bend West High School

12/10/09 Plymouth High School

12/18/09 @ Waupun High School 12/21/09 @ West Bend

East 01/05/10 @ Random Lake High School

01/07/10 Kiel High School

School 01/12/10 @ Sheboygan

Falls High School 01/15/10 Two Rivers High School

01/19/10 @ Winnebago Lutheran Academy

01/21/10 @ New Holstein High School

01/29/10 Campbellsport High School

02/01/10 @ Cedar Grove-Belgium High School 02/04/10 @ Plymouth

High School 02/09/10 @ Kiel High

School 02/12/10 Waupun High School

02/19/10 @ Two Rivers High School

02/23/10 Ozaukee High School

02/25/10 New Holstein High School

03/01/10 Lomira High School

03/05/10 Sheboygan Falls High School

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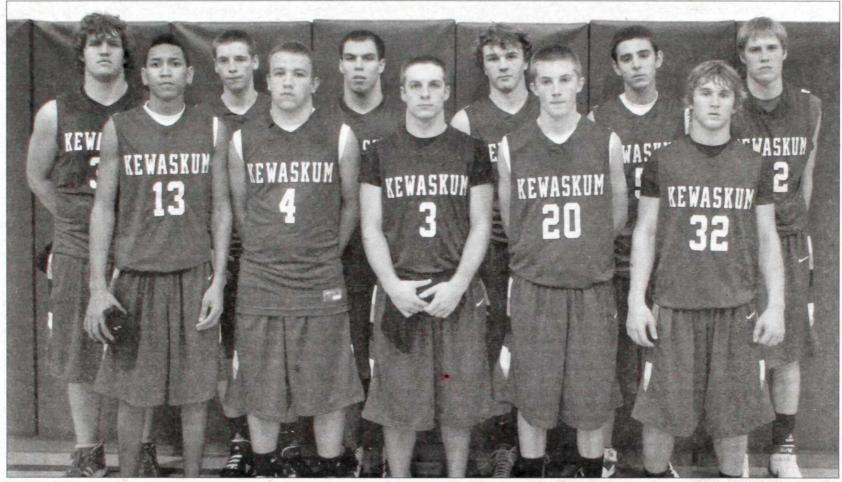
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Boys will attempt to 'outwork' opponents



The 2009-10 boys varsity basketball team. Front row, left to right, Romeo Johnson, C.J. Bowe, Cody Lemke, Scott Steldt and Eric Perkins. Back row: Brian Bottleman, Jacob O'Brien, Mat Toles, Ryan Gibson, Riley Gaynor and Lucas Kopeschka.

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New head coach Quinn Heintz doesn't expect to turn around the Kewaskum boys' basketball program in one season.

Win-loss record aside, the goal is to outwork everybody else.

"That's always a good thing you can hang your hat on," he said. "Knowing where the program has been you can't expect too much right away."

The boys are coming off of a 2-19 season, 1-13 in the Eastern Wisconsin Conference. Plymouth and Waupun were co-conference champions, each at 13-1.

Three games into the season they've already halved their win total from last year. The Indians beat Grafton, 46-39, on Nov. 28. Last year, it took until Jan. 20 for the first win to arrive.

"We're all right. We're getting better every day," Heintz said. After a wakeup call the first week of the season when everything was new, "Things are coming along pretty good. We're starting to play better. I'm pretty excited to see where we're going."

The Indians have nine seniors but a sophomore so far has been the standout. Eric Perkins has taken over at point guard and three games into the season is the team's lead-

ing scorer.

"Perkins has been doing a really nice job for a young player," Heintz said. "I haven't seen anybody we faced yet who can match up with his quickness. For him it's more of a learning curve of seeing the floor and making the right decisions."

"He can run. His quickness is unbelievable. He's going to be a nice player," he said.

The only returning starter is Mat Toles, who has been switching between guard and forward. So far he is second in points and first in blocks.

"He's kind of been doing everything for us," Heintz said.

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Hunters register 195,647 deer in November hunt

MADISON - A survey of Wisconsin deer registration stations conducted by the state Department of Natural Resources has yielded a preliminary tally of 195,647 for the just-ended, nine-day November gun deer hunt. This includes a buck tally of 86,251 and an antlerless tally of 109,396.

This number is preliminary and is expected change before a final report is published in late winter. It does not include harvest information from the archery, October antlerless gun deer hunt, muzzleloader, December antlerless deer gun hunt or late archery seasons. The preliminary harvest count in 2008 was 276,895.

"Deer populations are variable throughout the state," said Keith Warnke, DNR's big game biologist, "and we believe people when they say they did not see deer in their hunting area. We have also received reports from successful camps. As always, local populations make all the difference.

Wildlife management and especially deer management is a process of continual adjustment. In response to hunter input we adjusted seasons this year to reflect lower populations across the north and central forests and suspended EAB in many areas."

DNR wildlife officials anticipated the total harvest would be down due to changes in season structure that significantly reduced the antlerless deer harvest, lower fawn production and tough weather conditions for deer and hunters alike. In some northeastern units it was not possible to shoot an antlerless deer and in other northern region units the small supply of bonus antlerless deer tags did not meet demand. Careful adjustment of antlerless tag numbers is an important tool in managing deer numbers.

There are still days to hunt in 2009 in herd control units where deer are above goal and in CWD units. The muzzleloader hunt is underway and the December antlerless hunt is around the corner.

In February, DNR biologists will compare unit-level harvest numbers against overwinter population estimates and will adjust the recommended season structure for 2010 to address any significant trends.

"A pillar of Wisconsin deer management is the accurate harvest figures provided by hunters," said DNR wildlife biologist Jeff Pritzl. "Periods of stable deer populations have always been relatively shortlived in Wisconsin. Mandatory deer registration allows us to respond quickly to changing population levels. We have annually adapted our harvest strategies, and will continue to do so in consideration of what the 2009 harvest tells us about the deer population."

"This year, in response to hunter input, we moved 29 units from earn-a-buck to herd control status and 38 units from herd control to regular unit status. The total number of regular units grew from 21 in 2008 to 59 this year." said Warnke. "The result was inevitably less antlerless opportunity and lower antlerless harvest numbers.

Young hunters prove themselves safe and responsible

What is really exciting, is the 9,907 mentored hunting licenses purchased by 10- and 11-year olds," said Diane Brookbank, chief of DNR's licensing and customer service unit. "These are the future hunters and conservationists that will step into the woods in place of the hunting 'retirees' as our population ages.'

Wardens reported no firearm incidents among these young hunters.

Hunt fourth safest in history

DNR hunter education administrator and conservation warden Tim Lawhern said there were seven hunting incidents during the nine-day gun hunt. A possible eighth incident remains under investigation.

Our hearts go out to the families whose loved ones suffered injury during the hunting season," said Lawhern. "Our goal is to eliminate all injury and loss of life while hunting. Every incident is investigated to learn what happened so we can work to prevent such incidents in the future."

Self-inflicted gunshot inju-

Boys Basketball (Continued from page 22)

Cody Lemke plays the other guard, and off the bench Heintz will use Brian Bottleman, Ryan Gibson, Lucas Kpoeschka, C.J. Bowe and Scott Steldt.

"Lucas is a nice big guy but he's got a lot to learn," Heintz said. "Bottleman just comes in

ries accounted for 57 percent (4 of 7) of this season's incidents. Deer drives contributed to 25 percent of all incidents. Both categories and all firearm related incidents can be attributed to failure to observe one of the basic rules of firearm safety according to Lawhern.

Still, noted Lawhern, hunting remains a safe sport and has gotten safer over time as more and more hunters are graduates of hunter safety education courses. This is especially true in Wisconsin where the incident rate for hunters is well below the national average. The incident rate for 2009 in Wisconsin was 1.11 incidents per 100,000 hunters - the national average is 3 per 100,000.

"This was the fourth safest season ever and the fourth time in history that we've had a gun deer season with less than 10 incidents," said Lawhern, 'Nonetheless, our goal is zero incidents."

and pushes guys around and gets all the rebounds he can get."

So far, Heintz' work ethic seems to be working.

The one thing you worry about with a lot of seniors is how much effort they're going to give you. We really have a bunch of kids who have worked hard. We're working harder than any other team we're facing. It's kind of nice to see," he said.

Heintz hopes that pays off in the future.

"Let's set a new tone. Let's outwork everyone ... they kind of want to be the group of seniors that show the younger players what it's like to work," he said. "Our JV and freshman players are very good.

Heintz is in his first varsity head coaching job. He has coached eight years, a varsity assistant for the Lomira girls and for the Horicon boys, in addition to other levels.

"I've been involved quite a bit. It's a new challenge for me first year being varsity coach," he said.

The Horicon resident is happy to become part of Kewaskum's school community.

"It's been very exciting. The school's been great. I really like the school, the area. I really see potential that we can start to build something," he said.

Kewaskum was 1-2 headed into Tuesday's game at Winnebago Lutheran Academy. On Nov. 27 they lost to

Mayville, 55-43, and on Nov. 24 to Beaver Dam, 64-39.

On Thursday (today), Campbellsport comes to town for the conference opener.

Schedule

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

12/03/09 Campbellsport High School

12/11/09 Plymouth High School

12/17/09 Waupun High School 12/22/09 Sheboygan

Falls High School 01/08/10 Kiel High

School 01/12/10 @ West Bend

West High Schoo 01/15/10 @ Two Rivers

High School 01/19/10 Cedar Grove-

Belgium High School 01/22/10 New Holstein

High School 01/23/10 Random Lake High School

01/26/10 @ Port Washington High School

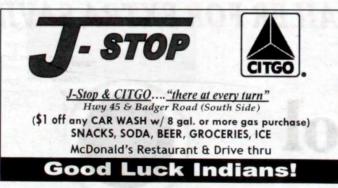
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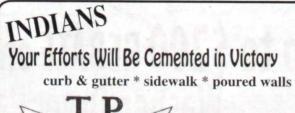
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