

Glidden Drive Association

Around The Drive...

by The Old Beachcomber

We survived another winter, one with very little snow but frequently cold temperatures. Now the sap is rising, filling the maple buckets, the creeks are flowing swiftly, and the shore ice is all gone.

The lake is a little lower than last year at this time, although a seasonal rise is expected in the spring. Summer's levels will probably be close to last year's, but on the low side, so expect bigger beaches and banged-up boat bottoms.

Glidden Drive News

One new house is nearing completion next to Pebble Lane, but there have been no new housing starts over the winter.



Craig and Kathy Little work on their act

Our GDA Winter Dinner was held at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club, where we were entertained by Craig and Kathy Little. Craig sang some Porter and Gershwin tunes, with the emphasis on carefully and cleverly crafted lyrics,

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Adding Variety To Your Gardens

By Nancy Fauser and Chris Kinka

2nd Annual Glidden Drive Plant Exchange Saturday, June 14, 2003, 10 AM to 12 Noon, 4307 Glidden Drive (house with Deer Creek sign)

Come join us again this year for a fun time of visiting and exchanging plants, whether it is garden plants or houseplants. If you have too many hostas, daylilies, sedum, wildflowers or other perennials, or you are looking for variety in your garden, please join us to trade your plants on a "one-to-one" basis. The 1st Glidden Drive Plant Exchange was a huge success last year (2002), with everyone leaving with a great variety of plants.

So "Think Spring" and on June 14th plan to dig your live fresh plants and wrap in newsprint/plastic bags or pot them and come to trade as many as you wish. Please label with plant name and mark for "sun" or "shade." No money will be exchanged. If you have any questions call Nancy Fauser at 746-0857 or Chris Kinka at 743-1896. We can make our special place on the peninsula even more beautiful than it already is and have a good time.

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while Kathy accompanied him skillfully on the piano. It was a most enjoyable evening.

On Saturday, Feb. 23, Ervin & Beverly Colton's house at 4557 Glidden caught fire and burned to the ground. The owners, who have a Milwaukee address, were not around at the time, and a neighbor called in the alarm. The cause may have been electrical.

Writing Contest

The Friends of the Door County Library is sponsoring a writing contest for adults and students. There are fiction, non-fiction and poetry categories. Entries must be received by Saturday, April 12. For more info, visit the Friends' web site at **www.doorbell.net/friendsofthelibrary** or call the library at 743-6578.

More Trees

The Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department is once again making tree seedlings available cheap. Orders must be in by April 25, 2003. An order form is available on the SWCD web site at **www.co.door.wi.us**, you may call 746-2214, or stop by the office in the lowest floor of the courthouse.

Cable News

The Sevastopol Town Board met Monday, February 17, and restructured the Cable Committee from seven members down to three. The remaining three are Tom Girman (Chair), Jerry Warrick, and Joe MacMahon. Since there will be no Town Board meeting in March, both the Committee Chairman and Board Chairman are out of town until April, no action on the Sevastopol PEG channel is likely to take place for a while.

You can read about the plans for our cable channel in the report from the Cable Committee that was accepted by the Board in January; a link is on the GDA web site.

Beach News

The County has decided to test about half of its public beaches this summer for water quality, but there are four levels of priority. The highest level, five tests per week, includes Whitefish Dunes Beach. Two beach accesses nearby, Whitefish Bay and Lily Bay Boat Launches, will be tested at the lowest priority, defined as "monitored on a discretionary basis." Also included in that category are all the Glidden lanes from Goldenrod south.

The funds will come from a share of the federal funding for a new beach monitoring and public notification



The Colton house at 4557 Glidden after a fire in February

system administered by Wisconsin.

Door County health officials recently learned of a previously undisclosed sewage leak at Peninsula State Park, which might explain the need for beach closures in the Nicolet Bay area last summer. According to the DNR, a valve on a sewage pipe leaked an unknown amount of effluent. A tourist took a picture of the pipe running from a trailer dump station to the park's wastewater treatment plant, but didn't report it until he got home in September.

Sevastopol Meeting Schedule

The next Sevastopol Town meeting will be held April 8, 7:30PM, at the Town Hall behind Sevastopol Schools, Institute. The public is invited. This is one of only two meetings held per year where citizens have a direct vote in town matters.

The next regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, at 7:00PM. Note that this is a change from the usual Monday date.



The Neuville's fishing bear will be missed this year, as they have sold their house and moved away.

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Gretchen and Paul Phillips (right) purchase the first copy of Sun City West, A Celebration

New Book Has Glidden Drive Connections

by Ed Allen

Gretchen and Paul Phillips were the first to purchase the new Sun City West history book when it went on sale February 1 in Arizona. The book was largely written by Ed Allen who spent the past two years researching, writing and editing the content. Laddie Chapman provided the design for the 24 chapters, scanned the 140 illustrations and provided a detailed index for the 300-page book.

The Allens have wintered in Arizona since 1997, staying a little longer each year. Two years ago, they introduced Paul & Gretchen to the delights of desert living during the winter months, and the Phillips purchased a home across the street from the Allens last November. Now, the couples wonder how long it will be before Laddie joins them! [Editor's note: Not likely anytime soon. Laddie came to Door County to get away from the desert.]

Sun City West was the second of Del Webb's master-planned communities. Today it has a population of 30,000 adults who enjoy its nine gold courses, fours resort-class recreation centers and more than 100 chartered clubs. Check it out at www.suncitywest.org.

Glidden Drive Board of Directors Meeting

by Joanne Huhta

The Glidden Drive Association Board held their regular, bi-monthly meeting at The Hitching Post on February 13.

Plans were finalized for the winter dinner at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club including the entertainment which was to be provided by fellow residents, Craig and Kathy Little.

The board discussed a number of ways to cut costs. It was decided to publish a new edition of the directory every other year but make an update annually for new addresses and changes.

The board is eager to investigate ways of improving communications between homeowners and condo owners who are all members of our association. We want to explore areas of mutual concern. An informal meeting will take place soon to discuss ways to do this.

The board is looking for volunteers to form a standing committee to plan future social events. The idea is to get more input and fresh ideas to improve and heighten both interest and participation. If you are interested in participating, please contact Joanne Huhta at 743-1994.

Because trash has been scattered along the Drive, the board will send a letter to Waste Management to get them to improve how thoroughly they do their recycling pick up.

In response to requests for our input on a zoning variance at Bittersweet Lane, the board declined to take a formal stand. However, a letter will be sent which also refers to our environmental requirements and emphasizes the need to preserve trees and other vegetation along the Drive.

The next board meeting will be on April 17. If you have any concerns you would like to add to the agenda, please contact any of the board members.



A spray of ice and water on a cold Glidden Shore

ADDIE CHAPM

Town of Sevastopol

The Candidates

Not every local election is contested, but this year we have two candidates running for Clerk-Treasurer and three for Town Supervisor. There are four Supervisor positions on the Town Board, each held for staggered two-year terms. The top two vote-getters will take office.

We have asked each candidate for a statement to answer the question, "Why should you get my vote?" Here are their responses.

The general spring election is Tuesday, April 1 and the polling place for all Glidden Drive residents is Sevastopol Schools in Institute. Polls are open 8 am to 8 pm; for more info, call (920) 746-1230 or email: info@townofsevastopol.com

Clerk-Treasurer

Linda Kiehnau Wait

Gail Zahn

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you who I am, what I do and why I wish to continue as your Clerk/Treasurer.

A bit of personal background—my parents are Bill



& Betty Kiehnau, I grew up here and attended Sevastopol School. I have lived the majority of my 51 years here in Door County, resided in the Milwaukee area for 10 years, and returned in 1992 to our beautiful peninsula. I have two daughters and very recently became a firsttime grandmother! I am an active member of Salem Church, a volunteer typist for the League of Women Voters, member

of Wisconsin Towns Association and past member of snowmobiling, ski and charitable clubs, and former Sunday school teacher. I enjoy the many winter and summer activities that Door County has to offer and

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I'm Gail "Ostram" Zahn.

I was born and raised in Door County, Sevastopol to be exact. My father managed the Goldman Orchards and also owned an orchard, which our family cared for. I

graduated from Sevastopol High School as Salutatorian in 1954 and went to Badger Business School in Green Bay. I was hired as Secretary for the Door County Chamber of Commerce. This was during the time fish boils were coming into being and the Industrial Park was being developed in Sturgeon Bay. I discovered the tourist industry, which I knew nothing about, being a fruitgrower's daughter.

I worked at the Cham-

ber for 2 or 3 years. During that time I married my

high school sweetheart, Roger Zahn, whose father managed the Gordon Farms and also owned a family orchard.

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Supervisor

Don Haen



Hi. My name is Don Haen.

I live at 3988 Clarks Lake Road, where I have lived and owned for 33 years.

I have 3 grown children, 4 stepchildren, (2 attending the University of Wisconsin at White Water, 1 a junior at Sevastopol, 1 in junior high) and I have a daughter in first grade.

I am presently seeking my third term as town supervisor.

I've been active in local government since the 70's.

I attended meetings pushing for the development of the recreational parks and launching ramps that the town now has.

After the development of the Clarks Lake public beach, I noticed there was little or no policing of the area, so I went to the Town Board and had the Constable position reinstated. I ran for the position and was elected as town constable with full arrest powers, which I held until 1994. Due to working out of state I didn't run again for the office.

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I am a Wisconsin native who has owned a seasonal home in the Whitefish Bay area of Door County since 1972. Two years ago, I took an early retirement option from Xerox Corporation my employer of 30 years. My career included experience in Sales, Sales Management and Product Marketing. After my retirement we moved our permanent residence to Door County. My wife, Arlene, continues working for Xerox Business Services out of an office in our home.

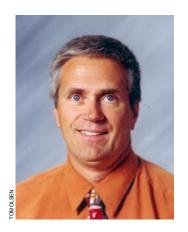
Over the past two years I have regularly attended town meetings and I am currently a member of the Town of Sevastopol Dam, Park and Rec Committee. This exposure to our local government has lead me to the conclusion that I would like to be more involved in the future of Sevastopol. I am concerned about water quality, land use and zoning issues. Additionally, I am concerned over the growing property taxes (\$750,000 in '02) associated with the NWTI. It is my belief that we need to continue to watch our spending to maintain reasonable taxes. A user fee based cost recovery system is another area where we could reduce our costs. Those that use it,

Dan Woelfel



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Tom Olsen



I have served the people of the Town of Sevastopol on one board or another for the past 16 years including the past seven years on the Town Board. I was first appointed to the Town Board when the Board was coming under a great deal of pressure from some of the Town's people to be more open and more fair in the way they handled Town business. I was appointed when one Board member resigned and they could find no one else to step forward. I knew how local government should operate and I was willing to help. That's all behind us now and the Town Board has come along way in the past seven years.

I've enjoyed my years on the Board and would like to continue my service. I know a great deal about the finances of the Town and have taken steps to keep the tax levy stable. It was my idea to put money away each year to pay for the next re-evaluation which will probably cost about \$140,000 rather than having to raise taxes in one year when times may not be good. I have attended almost every Town meeting during my tenure and feel my input in valued by the other members.

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Linda Wait

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also content to sit near a fire, relax and read.

With regard to my work experience, the majority of my career has been as a legal secretary, both here in Sturgeon Bay and for a large firm in Milwaukee. I now divide my work time as a deputy clerk in the Door County Clerk of Court's office and, most importantly, as your Clerk/Treasurer.

Exactly what does the Clerk/Treasurer do? I've attempted to summarize:

- Various pre- and post-meeting duties-posting/ publication of notices, agenda, resolutions and ordinances; assemble & distribute materials to the Supervisors, attend all town meetings and keep a full record of the proceedings and follow up as a result of those meetings.
- Maintain complete records of the finances of the Town (basically—an itemized account of all Town monies received and disbursed and be aware of the budget figures), compile budget numbers AND keep that data organized for our auditor.
- Pre and post election duties—review all nomination papers, prepare notices, testing, setup, transmit results and follow with forms and oaths.
- I would also like to add here that our voter participation is improving with nearly every election—people are more aware of issues and want to be involved with their government. Request for ABSENTEE BALLOTS has increased dramatically over the years.
- Comply with PUBLIC RECORDS laws—this is where a good filing system and accounting system come into play!
- Prepare licenses and permits.
- Collect numbers from the various taxing entities (state, county and schools) and put those numbers to the mil rate worksheet so our Tax Lister can prepare real estate tax bills and I can get them promptly mailed out. I also follow up with monthly settlements and disbursements of those tax dollars.
- The Clerk/Treasurer has NO VOTING privileges (except at the annual Board of Review).
 I am a support person for the Board of Su-

pervisors and our Town residents.

I believe my legal background and proficient word processing, bookkeeping and people skills, and my computer knowledge all provide a solid foundation to manage the Town office in an organized and professional manner. I have attended various seminars to familiarize myself with the duties required for this office and attend our WTA Unit meetings and will continue to do so to keep myself abreast of what is happening with TOWN GOVERNMENT. If I cannot help you, my familiarity with Courthouse personnel allows me to easily steer you in the right direction

What have we accomplished since I took office?

- Established OFFICE HOURS—usually 2/3 full days per week If you call the Town office (746-1230) and I am NOT there you will be advised of the office hours for that week— you are invited to call me at home—I will promptly return your phone call!!
- Oversee and maintain the WEBSITE—view our agenda, minutes and other items—and some beautiful photos. The Town residents voted for this service, so please check out our site at www.townofsevastopol.com.
- Email/internet connection—an everyday tool for communication—many State forms and information are now electronically downloaded.
- Installed PASERWARE program from the Wis Department of Transportation for cataloging our road conditions and to assist in budgeting road dollars.
- Added various software programs for more efficiency and accuracy, and of course virus protection.
- Updated our Voter Registration List in conjunction with the League of Women Voters.

AND, why do I want to continue as your Clerk/Treasurer? Having grown up here and living here, I am interested in what happens at our local level of government, attending Town meetings before being elected to office. I know many of the residents and enjoy the variety of duties. I am honored to work with our knowledgeable Board of Supervisors. I am willing to make a long term commitment and dedicate myself to this position for continuity, with no interruption or expense for re-training or transition. I am energetic and here to help you!

I will certainly appreciate your support. Thank you.

Linda can be reached at 743-6884.

Gail Zahn

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We bought our corner, now Zahn's Green Thumb, in 1958 and Roger cut logs and built our house while working at Gordon's. He also took care of the Wood Orchard about 7 years until Mr. Wood moved back to Sturgeon Bay. During that time we built our farm market and bought part of the Goldman Orchards for our gardens.

I have four children that graduated from Sevastopol High School. All our children graduated from college, jay and Jan from UW-Oshkosh, Jay majored in Radio-TV-Film and Jan in Criminal Justice. Jeff and Jody graduated from the University of Mississippi. They were there on band scholarships earned as National Baton Champions. Jeff's major was art and Jody majored in Physical Education. They all eventually came back to Sturgeon Bay. Jay was news director and sales manager at WDOR Radio and for the last 12 years has served as Door County Treasurer. Jan marries Better, who was from Dallas, Texas and they have two daughters, Lacy and Scarlett who attended Sevastopol Schools. Jan Betty live next door to us and work in Green Bay. He's in insurance and investments.

Jeff was in commercial art in Texas for a number of years and had an art gallery in New Mexico before moving home to manage our market for 10 years. He was killed in a car accident four years ago. Jody married David Wheat from Mississippi and the both taught school and coached in Memphis for 15 years. They came home every summer and worked in our farm market. They moved back to Sturgeon Bay four years ago. David teaches math and coaches the girl's basketball team at Sevastopol where their two children attend school. Jody teaches Physical Education at Sturgeon Bay where she coaches girl's volleyball and softball. My granddaughter Lacy also coaches volleyball at Sturgeon Bay.

As you can see, my family is a big part of my life. My husband, Roger, died in May of 2002. I don't feel I can continue in our farm market. I've also worked at the polls for about 30 years. I feel I have the knowledge to handle the Clerk-Treasurer's position for the Town of Sevastopol.

My family has always been involved in government. My brother, Chet Ostram, was President of the Sturgeon Bay School Board and served as County Treasurer for 18 years prior to Jay. My husband Roger was on the Sevastopol Town Board for 12 years.

I've never held office but would appreciate the opportunity to serve!

Gail can be reached at 743-4327.

Dan Woelfel

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pay for it. This transfers more of the cost to the user versus taxing the general population to support an activity. My goal is to insure that the citizens of the town can continue to live here without being forced to move as a result of higher taxes.

I believe that I bring a solid business background and education to local government and a wealth of experience. My background includes extensive use of problem solving techniques. The Town of Sevastopol is essentially a good-sized business; I hope to bring a broader perspective to running this township. I strongly believe in participative government by the people and would foster programs that proactively make myself and town government more accessible. I would expand the use of technology to insure a more informed electorate. I.e.: Direct contact via email notification of town meetings, with proposed agendas, expanded use of public access via cable TV broadcasts, as well as expanded personal access via voice mail, email and telephone.

I ask for your support and encourage you to vote on April 1st. If you will out of town, for the election please call the Sevastopol Town Office and request an absentee ballot.

Dan can be reached at 743-8686.

Tom Olsen

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The one thing I feel I bring to the table above all else in my want to keep Sevastopol a rural community. There has been a lot of building in the community the past few years but it is all good quality development. I believe strongly in our zoning program and I know it has helped to keep us strong. I love to take my dog outside at night and look up at the stars and smell the country air. I love to fish along the shore lines of Sevastopol just to see the shoreline. I enjoy hunting behind Glidden Drive listening to the owls and having the chickadees land on my arrow. Sevastopol is a beautiful Town. I would like to continue to keep it that way.

Thank you. If you have any comments, please feel free to call me anytime at 743-4788.

Don Haen

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In 1999 I saw the opportunity to be a town supervisor and ran for the position, which I was elected. My feelings are we (the Town Board) have done a lot for the Town of Sevastopol in the last 4 years, and yet have kept the local taxes in respect. A survey that was taken has shown that out of 28 municipalities in the county, Sevastopol taxpayers, in the Sevastopol School district are rated at 19. This is based on all taxes paid, (state, local, county, school, technical school). We implemented the "Paser" program, which helps keep track of the state of condition of all town roads. It informs the board which roads have been resurfaced. when the work was done, what type of work was done, and which roads need attention next. The roads were neglected for a long time, we had a lot of work that needed to be done, and there is still a lot that needs to be done, but I think we are catching up. By state statue the town is responsible for all of its roads.

I think the Town Park in Institute is one of the nicest parks in the county. I work hard to keep the buildings and grounds of all the town's facilities neat and presentable so they are community and county respectable. I strongly believe in the development and training of our younger generations athletic skills. The town park is a plus for our kids to get the training they need. The pavilion is used almost every weekend, and some summer weeknights, for all sorts of parties. Graduation, family reunions, birthday and anniversary parties, weddings, these are just some of the activities besides the ball field being used 3 or 4 nights a week, and of course a great game of county league baseball on Sunday afternoons. Drive past the park on a nice Door County weekend and I'm sure you'll see the tennis courts full, and a group of kids shooting hoops or playing in the playground.

As a supervisor I was delegated by the Town Chairman to oversee the Town's recreation facilities, and to make sure they're kept up to expectations. I work hard at this, and donate a lot of my personal time to accomplice this. I enjoy doing this, and I would like to continue doing it.

I think we, meaning the town board, work well together, so why break it.

I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you.

Don can be reached at 743-1006.

Signs Of The Times





Although we certainly don't condone defacement of road signs, one has to admire the inventiveness of these artists. Both pedestrian signs have been replaced by the Highway Department with more conventional designs.



"Fresh Lettuce" might not be the name of a new movie, but you never can tell.

This sign was spotted on Washington Island.



This sign is for the birds, in Baileys Harbor



The original was a lot prettier (Hopkins)

DDIE CHAPM

Neighbors You Should Know

By Tim Comeford

Herb Klein and Cal Bonnivier first met in the fifth grade in Chicago. They also went to Calvin Park high

school together. They dated other people but were in the same group that would become lifelong friends and eventually more.

Cal married Roy Bonnivier. Together they had 5 children Marc, Guy, Bernadette, Brad, and Jymette. moved to Des Plaines just outside of Chicago. As if raising five children was not more than a full time occupation. Cal decided to further her art education that she had started in high school.

When the children themselves got into school, Cal began to

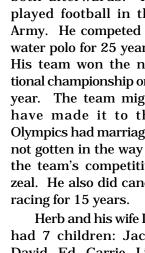
paint more and went back to study art at Harper College. She completed her work for a degree in art education at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. This process took about eight years to complete.

Meanwhile she was painting and showing her work at art fairs, exhibits, and shows whenever she could. She did not actually teach many classes. She concentrated on painting. Her reputation grew and she had some work exhibited at the American Cultural Center in Brussels - the one in Belgium not southern Door County. Her work also was to become part of of corporate art collections. Even a few were purchased by that famous talk show host, Oprah.

After high school, Herb got to spend two years in the Army, then went To IIT in Chicago on the GI Bill, where he earned his degree in civil engineering. He worked for companies building highway and railroad bridges. Later he joined a company that built steel storage racks. Here he worked on new products eventually garnering some 13 patents to his name. Herb was always athletically inclined. He swam and

played football in high school and continued both afterwards. He played football in the Army. He competed in water polo for 25 years. His team won the national championship one year. The team might have made it to the Olympics had marriages not gotten in the way of the team's competitive zeal. He also did canoe

Herb and his wife Ita had 7 children: Jack. David. Ed. Carrie. Liz. Peggy, and Donna. They moved to Arlington Heights in 1961.





Herb Klein and Cal Bonnivier

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Bonniviers and one other family continued to get together over the years. They would camp, have beach parties and travel together. At Christmas time every year they would have a progressive dinner, which included their collective 17 children. That must have been quite a scene especially if one was on the clean up detail.

The love and respect for the outdoors that the Klein and Bonnivier families had expressed itself in what their children would do for work and activities. A few examples include Guy who was the state director for the Nature Conservancy in Idaho. Liz is a wetland expert who also maps hiking trails for backpackers in Colorado. Donna is an environmentalist who works with the Sierra also in Colorado. Peggy was a park commissioner for many years in Palatine IL.

Unfortunately, Roy and Ita died within a relatively

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Herb & Cal

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short time of each other.

Herb and Cal continued to see each other as their life long friendship continued. While both couples had loved outdoor activities and sports, Cal and Herb were the only ones that liked to canoe. For years Cal had sometimes gone canoeing with Herb. So when Herb asked Cal if she wanted to go canoeing, it was not something new. This time Herb showed up with flowers and a new twist. He said he wanted to be more than an old friend. In his words, he wanted "to be her ardent suitor."

Obviously this developed into marriage. Cal and Herb both had houses. Where would they live?

Cal had been to Door County and, in fact, her paintings were on display at the Whitefish Bay Farm and Gallery. Herb had actually never been to Door County. After years of living in the Chicago suburbs, Lake Michigan always a presence but not real close, they thought they would like to remedy by moving closer to the lake. They came up to look around. Bill Fairfield was still active then in Glidden Drive Estates, and he showed them the lot. They bought it. There were two feet of snow on the ground. Herb remembers tramping out the outline of the house in the snow. They moved in the house in October of 1992.

They like to travel and have been all over the world. Some of the places they have been include the Galapagos Islands, New Zealand, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Russia, and Scandinavia.

Cal still paints a lot and, in my opinion, very well.



Herb Klein and his hand-split woodpile

She bikes, skis, walks and still canoes with Herb. She has volunteered for the Art League and Friends of the Library. She picks up trash that would otherwise litter Glidden Drive and County T.

Herb also skis when we have snow and bikes when we do not. He thinks nothing of pedaling to the Hitching Post on Wednesdays for coffee or to the Pick and Save on Sundays for a newspaper.

Herb has been active in Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park and served as treasurer of the board for several years. He was on the Glidden Drive Association board and also served as president. He was also on the board of Habitat for Humanity and continues to build houses for them.

Because of their love of the outdoors and nature in its primitive state, Herb and Cal established the Shivering Sands Land Protection Fund in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy. Because of their generosity and that of friends and neighbors, this fund has now grown to over \$53,000.

Cal enjoys being near the lake and also the cultural opportunities of our peninsula, which make it somewhat unique. Herb will tell you he likes our area because of not only the splendor of the natural beauty but also because the variety of interests and backgrounds of the people make it a very invigorating place to live.

Thanks to both of them for their part in invigorating us all as well.

Editor's note: We are always looking for suggestions of worthy neighbors who should be spotlighted in this column. Contact Tim Comeford at 746-2144 or email: comeford@dcwis.com



Waves crashing against the ice-bank

ADDIE CHAPIMA

Celebrate The Great Outdoors

Nature Festival To Be Held

By Julie Schartner, The Nature Conservancy, Door County

Spring is the perfect time to experience Door County, when wildflowers carpet pristine forests, and colorful migrating birds brighten the landscape. The Peninsula's unique natural features are the focus of the "Door County Festival of Nature: Exploring Wildflowers, Birds and Conservation." This event will be held **May 22 through 24, 2003.** The Festival is jointly sponsored by The Ridges Sanctuary, The Nature Conservancy, the Door County Land Trust, and The Clearing.

The Festival of Nature features two days of guided field trips to some of the most beautiful and unique areas in Door County. Some of these areas are properties of the sponsoring organizations, while others are private lands not otherwise open to the public.

Two trips are planned in the Glidden Drive neighborhood as part of the Festival. During the morning of Friday, May 23, Mike Grimm of The Nature Conservancy will be leading an exploration of Geisel Creek by canoe. This will be a great time of the year to see late migrating birds and resident warblers and waterfowl along Geisel Creek and Dunes Lake. Species which will hopefully be seen on this trip include sandhill cranes, black terns, and maybe an osprey or eagle. On Saturday afternoon, May 24, Carl Scholz will lead a hike at the Shivering Sands preserve. Carl will be exploring the land between Glidden Drive and Lower Dunes Lake, visiting Shivering Sands Creek along the way. During this saunter in the spring woods, Carl will be recalling colorful stories of history, both natural and human.



A canoe trip down Geisel Creek to Dunes Lake



Dunes Lake

Some of the many other natural areas included in this year's schedule are trips to The Ridges Sanctuary, Toft Point, The Rushes Wilderness Area, Ellison Bay Bluff, the Mink River Conservancy, and a boat trip is planned to visit one of the larger Door County islands.

The Festival also includes evening presentations by noted speakers. Scheduled thus far are Door County actor Gerald Pelrine, who will present his characterization of John Muir, and Stan Temple, Professor of Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

If you are interested in participating in The Door County Festival of Nature, please write to The Ridges Sanctuary at P. O. Box 152 Baileys Harbor WI 54202 for registration information. Please note that registration is required.

Can you stand an egg on its end only on the Vernal Equinox?

"If you can stand a raw egg on end, it has nothing to do with the Equinox." So says Phil Plait who hosts the **www.badastronomy.com** web site.

"This has to be one of the silliest misconceptions around, and it never seems to die. Every year, without fail, some TV stations broadcasts a news segment show-

ing local schoolchildren standing eggs on end on the first day of spring (March 21 or 22)." Apparently this is not news if done on any other day of the year.

Think about it for a minute. Do you think the earth's gravity performs differently on just one or two days a year?

Experiments have shown that standing an egg on end, while difficult, is possible any day of the year if you are careful. Perhaps one reason this legend got started is no one tried it very hard on other days.

For more discussion on this topic, suggestions on how to make your egg stand up, and links to related web pages, see the GDA web site.

Ralph Pipp, the present owner of the lakeside property near Shivering Sands Creek, has asked us to print this statement:

"On page 8 of the previous Newsletter a picture of the footbridge across Shivering Sands Creek appeared along with an article about the Shivering Sands Conservancy Area. The conservancy area is located in the West side of Glidden Drive and does not extend on the lake side. The bridge pictured is a private bridge located entirely on private property. It should be respected as such."



In the summer, this is a sandy shore

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