



Glidden Drive Association

Around The Drive...

By The Old Beachcomber

Has winter passed us by or not yet arrived? Hard to say, with no snow on the ground in early January and above-freezing temps. Not an ice chunk in sight on the shore, either.

Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign...

It's getting hard to maintain our fire signs. We have the county's blessing, but they have become attractive to vandals and more than one sign has been taken. If you see any suspicious activity or spot one of them on ebay, please call the sheriff right away so we can string up the miscreant(s) by some sensitive body part.

The signs are there to remind you to take extra caution with outdoor fires, as the woods around us are volatile even in the wettest seasons. Our fire marshals, Tom Girman, Dick Shappell and Rich

Kinka, are responsible for keeping the changeable parts of each sign current, from *High* to *Medium* to *Caution* according to the danger level.

The Town of Sevastopol has been posting blue "welcome" signs near the town borders. Not exactly "at" the borders, but somewhere close where it is safe to dig. You will notice one at the southern end of Glidden, although the town goes all the way to the middle of County T as you travel to Sturgeon Bay. T borders both Sevastopol and Sturgeon Bay Town, with half of the road in each jurisdiction.

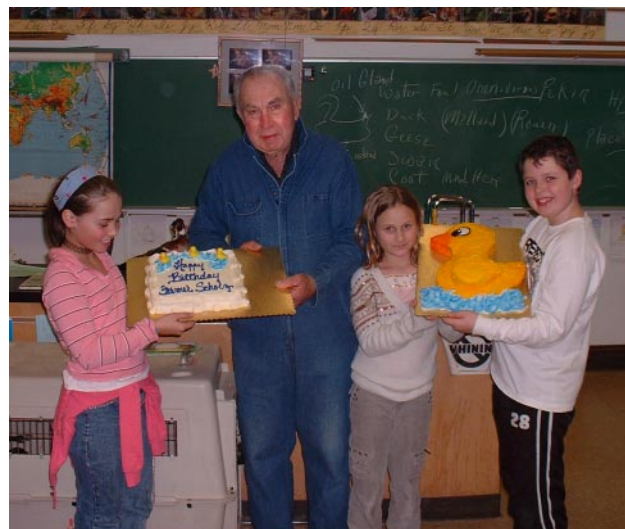
If size matters, the biggest sign in the neighborhood belongs to the Nature Conservancy, which had an erecting party recently to install an informational one at the entrance to their land across from Pebble Lane. Thanks to Mike Grimm,

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KATHY LITTLE

Herb shows off his garbage collection to the audience during his birthday lecture on sustainability at Crossroads.



LADDIE CHAPMAN

The Sevastopol 4th graders present "Farmer" Carl Scholz with a birthday cake after much ado about ducks (see page 3).

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LADDIE CHAPMAN

What a difference a day makes: These two views of the same town sign at the southern end of Glidden Drive were taken only one day apart, the second just after an early fall snow.

Cary Reich, Shirley Griffin, Herb, Ann and Andy Nichols for assistance in putting up the sign.

Although the Conservancy owns much land behind Glidden Drive, the trails and boundaries are not well marked, but there is a one mile loop trail starting at the new sign. It crosses several swales and is wide and easy to follow.

On The Road Again

You may have noticed some new pavement on parts of County T (south) and Lily Bay Road. Some people have asked why the county paved the same section two years in a row, and the official answer from the Highway Department is the first layer was only a rough base, not intended to be the final coat. The smoother, final top layer was applied in 2006 and they are now done.

Member News

Winter Dinner

One more time: The Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club will again be hosting our winter dinner on February 17, 2007. All food and drinks will be catered, so bring only your hungry selves and guests. The cost is \$25 per person; children 10 and under are free.

Please RSVP by February 5. If you did not get a reservation form with this newsletter, you can download one from our web site, or call Kay Glessner.

New Members:

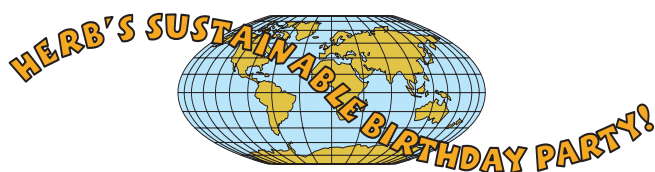
We would like to welcome these new members (numbers in parentheses are fire numbers): Daniel J. & Mary Miller-Clark (lot), Ward & Judy Cramer (lot), Robert & Mary Golden (4158), Michael Heffernan (4676), Gregor & Susan Henricks (4178), Terry & Julie Keating (3756), Doug LaFollette (3917), Dennis & Lynn Marquardt (3869), Peter & Mary Mazza (4016), Janet & Larry Mohr (4242), Brian & Tami Quinn (4056), Dennis Schermerhorn and Jenny Fisher (4671), Todd & Carin Stuth (4083) and Chuck & Mary Webster (4324).

Sevastopol Town News

The 3rd issue of our Sevastopol Town Newsletter should have arrived in your mailbox by now, but if yours is down for the season, you might have missed it. If so, you can download it from the Town web site (link on the GDA web site) and print it in color, or call Town Clerk Linda Wait at (920) 746-1230 for a copy.

There's a wealth of information in this latest newsletter, with articles on cladophora, zebra mussels, the town park, fire protection costs, Charter cable's TV channel 19, dog licensing, smart growth, and more.





Happy Birthday!

'Tis the season for Birthday parties. **John Haake** celebrated his at Glidden Lodge, **Carl Scholz** received a cake at Sevastopol School to replace the one his dog ate off the counter, and **Herb Klein** used his birthday as an excuse to educate all of us in his favorite topic, "sustainability." Herb threw his party at Crossroads; you may have seen his lecture on our local cable channel 19.



John Haake

Geese and Quackers

Carl Scholz and Elmer Tanck rounded up some ducks and geese from Elmer's farm and took them to the 4th grade class at Sevastopol Schools for a little show and tell. As teacher Mike Madden said, Carl probably knows more about ducks than the ducks themselves. Each one was removed from the cage and exhibited to the kids, then let loose to run around the room. The kids learned how to tell the breeds and sex apart, and each got to hold a duck. Thanks to Christine Nesheim's pictures, the event even made the front page of the Advocate. Thank goodness for slow news days!

Why a duck? Only the Marx Brothers know for sure.



A Chinese goose makes quite a racket in the barnyard or schoolroom.

Everybody Comes to the Hitching Post

In the Fall, we were treated to visits by Sheriff candidates Terry Vogel and William Oakley at the Wednesday Men's Coffee. Vogel, the incumbent, won the position in the general election.



Terry Vogel

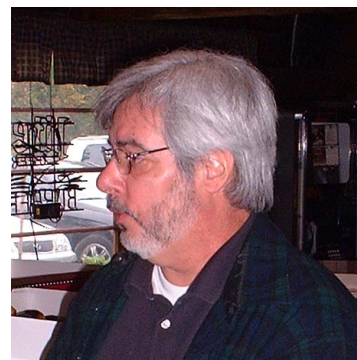
Michael Serpe, our new County Administrator, came by around budget time to explain his plan for the 2007 budget. He recommended the County borrow about a million dollars each year just to keep our infrastructure, like roads, in good shape.

State laws now place a cap on property tax increases, even if expenses cannot be kept down. Serpe's plan was a way around this problem, since the state allows tax raises for limited purposes, such as paying back a loan earmarked for road building, but not for employee salaries, for example. He suggested it was time to create a 5-year plan to make this process smoother in the coming years.



William Oakley

Unfortunately, his budget plan was turned down at the County Board level. The Board decided to use undesignated funds to make up this year's shortfall, putting off the hard decision for one more year.



Michael Serpe

Men's Coffee is held every Wednesday year 'round at 9AM. Put \$4 in the kitty and help yourself to all the coffee and donuts you can stuff in your donut hole.

A Summer's Tale

By Chuck Hansen

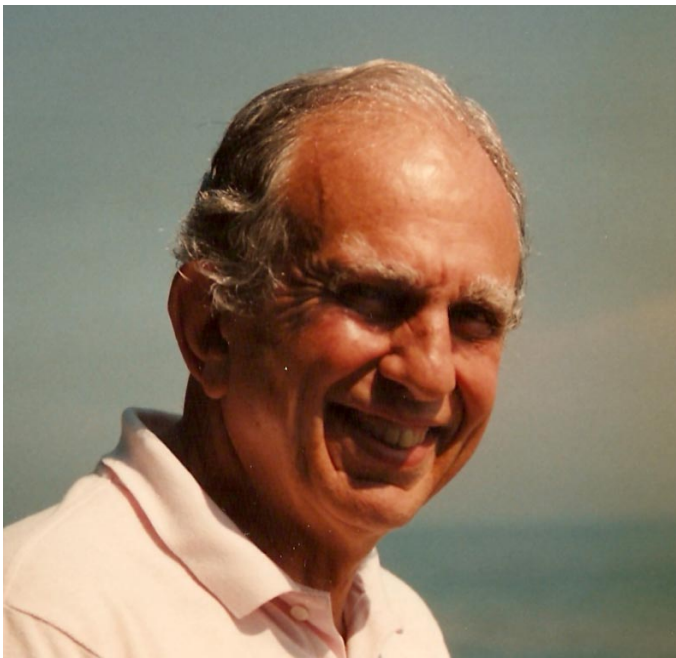
My family and I have lived on Glidden Drive for almost 40 years. Jim Conklin is another longtime resident and we are friends, having played golf together many times.

One of my many pleasures as Door County resident was 25 plus years of sailing my Sunfish (red, white and blue sail) on Lake Michigan.

Some years ago in July, I was sailing about a mile offshore when I passed out (my heart had stopped) and woke up underneath the boat which had "turned turtle". I got to the surface quickly (I had just begun wearing a life jacket) but was unable to right the boat. I then began trying to swim the boat to shore. This was difficult because of the current and the boat's position. Fortunately, the water was warm, but after an hour or so I began to tire.

At about this time, Jim Conklin was scanning the lake with his binoculars. He spotted my upturned craft and with his daughter Beth sped to the scene in his motorboat. After some difficulty, Jim and Beth secured my boat and towed it near the shore.

I was so grateful for this timely rescue, that I immediately wrote the following poem in their honor.



Chuck Hansen

JIM CONKLIN, THE HERO OF LILY BAY

On a brilliant blue day,
I sailed away,
Across the sparkling waters.

Lily Bay was so calm,
A welcoming balm,
To worries from all quarters.

When far from the shore,
My peace was no more,
My rapture torn asunder.

To my utter dismay,
(and shock, so I'll say),
The boat had just gone under!

My heart, it had stopped,
From the boat I had dropped,
No knowledge of what had happened.

The craft had just flipped,
From my seat I had slipped,
And I was under the surface.

From far down below,
I saw the bright glow,
Of sunshine through the water.

But of that sad state,
I now can relate.
No fear, but worry awesome.

As I swam to the top,
I came to a stop,
So far was I from rescue.

But I swam with the boat,
Which kept me afloat,
As I tried to reach a harbor.

Unfortunately, though,
A current did flow,
Opposed to my destination.

For an hour or more,
I struggled toward shore,
No success, but mounting frustration.

Then with hope on the wane,
As I struggled in vain,
Came a cry from an oncoming vessel.

Jim Conklin was here,
A sight, "Oh so dear",
Having seen through his spyglass, my problem.

"Avast", good Jim cried,
As he sped to my side,
And pulled the boat quickly landward.

And but little time passed,
As to safety at last,
The stricken sailcraft was taken.

But Jim Conklin, I knew,
And Beth Bryan, his crew,
Had saved Chuck Hansen's "bacon".



Jim Conklin

On the Label

Glidden Drive resident Dr. Dennis Connolly, a pediatric dentist and photographer, won the Peninsula Art School's wine label contest. His winning photo is now part of the label for a specialty wine called "Seriously Red."



Dennis Connolly

The contest was sponsored by Stone's Throw Winery in Door County.

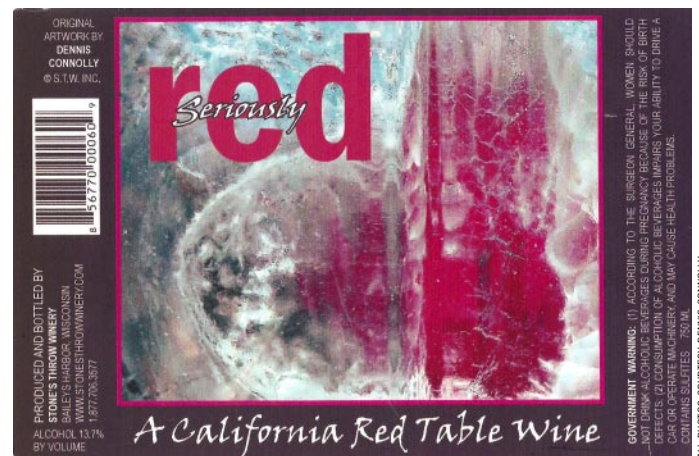
"It's a blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and merlot; a french-style red," says Dr. Connolly.

The wine will be available through Stone's Throw Winery for approximately one year.

Dr. Connolly frequently enters his work in local art gallery exhibits and has won praise and awards. Not only is he an accomplished photographer, he also lends his skills to announcing and interviews for video shows made for our TV channel 19. His most recent show was the New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge in Jacksonport.



Dennis Connolly (left) with Stone's Throw Winery's Director and winemaker, Russell Turco.



The wine label is *Seriously Red*.

Shivering Sands Nature Area Enhanced

by Laddie Chapman

It would have been difficult if we really had a winter, but we didn't, so Mike Grimm took advantage of the mild weather to install a big sign at the entrance to their land across from Pebble Lane. Mike was assisted by Cary Reich from the Madison office, Shirley Griffin from Sturgeon Bay and the Nichols family trio, Herb, Ann and son Andy from Glidden Drive.

The Conservancy encourages all of us to take advantage of this wonderful resource so close by, but not all uses are permitted, so if you are in doubt, contact Mike Grimm at 743-8695.

As you can see by the map, there is a 1-mile loop trail starting at the entrance. There are many other trails in the area, but some cross private land and none of the trails are marked, so plan on getting lost in the woods and pack a lunch if you go exploring.



The finished sign. Herb Klein's bootbrush is nearby under the smaller sign.



Half done!



The sign arrived from the Madison office just recently, and Mike didn't waste any time getting it erected.

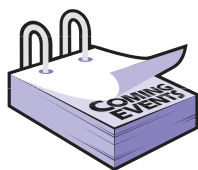


Above: A map of the Shivering Sands Natural Area. Not all TNC lands are marked on the map; there are major parcels around Shivering Sands Creek and more adjacent to Arbter Lake, farther north. **Below:** A moss-covered log in a swale.



LADDIE CHAPMAN

Mark Your Calendar



Friday, January 12: GDA
Board meeting, Hitching Post,
9:00AM



Monday, January 15:
Sevastopol Town Board meet-
ing, town meeting room behind
Sevastopol Schools, 7:00PM



Monday, January 22:
Sevastopol School Board meet-
ing at Sevastopol Schools,
7:00PM



Saturday, February 17: GDA
Annual Winter Dinner, Sturgeon
Bay Yacht Club, 5:00PM cash bar,
6:00PM dinner



Monday, February 19:
Sevastopol Town Board meeting,
town meeting room behind
Sevastopol Schools, 7:00PM



Monday, February 26:
Sevastopol School Board meeting
at Sevastopol Schools, 7:00PM



Stuff that won't fit anyplace else

For information about **Women's Luncheons**, and to subscribe to her newsy emails, contact **Barbara Mallien** at 743-2003 or bmallien@gmail.com.

Our members are multi-talented! Not only is Chuck Hansen a poet, he recently sang and recorded some Irish songs for a friend in the hospital. Using some back-ground material from the Internet, he was accompanied by Laddie Chapman. You can hear some of his songs online — go to our web site for links. They are in MP3 format, which most computers will play without a problem.



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