



Glidden Drive Association

Around The Drive...

by The Old Beachcomber

Winter is almost upon us, but don't brace yourself yet; the long-range forecast is for a warm and dry season due to a current El Niño in the Pacific. The lake level is not expected to change much either over the next few months. Ho-hum.

The three new houses on the Drive are nearing completion, and one more cottage has been torn down next to Pebble Lane to be rebuilt, with only the foundation in place so far.

Be sure to plan for John and Angie Haake's traditional party on Christmas Eve for all Glidden Drive residents and guests. They will be "warming up the glogg" and there are always good things to eat. Stop by anytime from 6PM to Midnight at 3791 Glidden, "On Ice Pond," but RSVP by December 20.

The Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club will host our Winter Dinner on Saturday, February 15. Entertainment has not yet been arranged, so if you have any ideas, be sure to call Tom Girman at 746-0318 or talk to any GDA Board member. Cocktails start at 6PM, with dinner served at 7.

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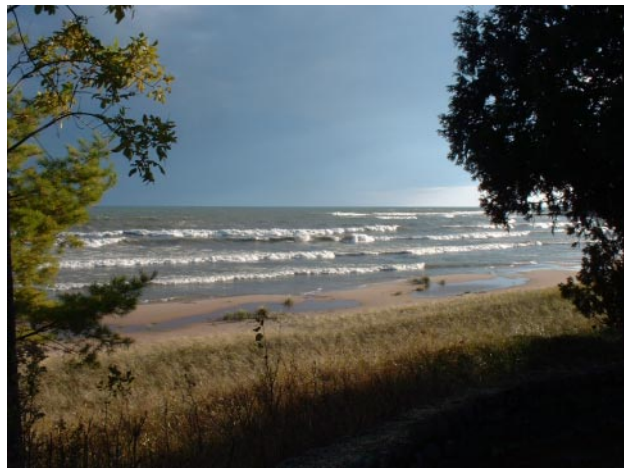
The Sevastopol Town Board passed the 2003 budget resulting in a mil rate of \$1.23. This compares favorably with last year's 1.20, and the previous year's 1.23. Unfortunately for us taxpayers, other government agencies were not as frugal, as you will note when you get your property tax bill.

The Town Board has formed an Ad-Hoc Cable Committee to study and recommend action to restore our PEG (Public/Education/Government) TV

cable channels we lost a year ago. Board members are Laddie Chapman, Jim Bunning, Sheila Turner, JoAnn Schley, Joe MacMahon, with Tom Girman as Chairman. One option being studied is the possibility of Sevastopol administering a channel of its own. Sevastopol Schools could be used as a physical location for equipment, and the students could not only lend a hand, but get technical training as well.

A package of information about the situation, including history and an exploration of options is available on the Web at www.doorbell.net/ts/peg_prop.pdf.

The next meeting of the Cable Committee is Thursday, December 19, at 1PM in the Town Hall behind Sevastopol Schools. The public is invited and your suggestions are welcome.



The Sherman Bay beach after a storm

Happy Holidays To All!

Around The Drive...in Pictures



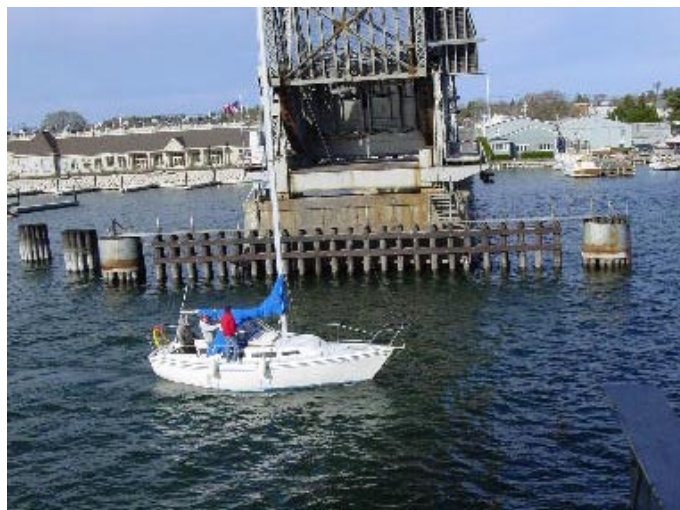
DENNIS CONNOLLY

The Sturgeon Bay Coast Guard Canal station from the air. This is one of a series of pictures taken by Drive resident Dennis Connolly. More aerial shots will be featured in our next newsletter



FERNY KELLER

Imitate a statue long enough, and you begin to look like one. Tim Comeford, left, and Frank Keller, on a vacation in Arizona, visit a botanical garden



FERNY KELLER

"The Three Amigos," a boat owned by Jim Huhta, Frank Keller, and Tom Girman, holds up auto traffic while passing through the Michigan Street drawbridge



LADDIE CHAPMAN

Hollyhocks next to a barn on Bechtel Road



LADDIE CHAPMAN

The Glidden Drive coast as seen from the Whitefish Point buoy



LADDIE CHAPMAN

A snake on its way to hide for the winter

Coffee Hour at the Hitch

By Dick Shappell



LADDIE CHAPMAN

Dick Shappell enjoys coffee with neighbors on Wednesday morning at the Hitch

How did the "Mens' Coffee" get started?

As I recall, the ladies of the drive were meeting for coffee and chitchat at each others' homes. Some of the guys were also getting together at private houses. But the number of men attending was somewhat restricted by the size of the house and the amount of "goodies" that were needed to satisfy this voracious crowd.

It just got to be a hassle! I thought it would be better and a lot more relaxing if we had a fixed place to meet. So I asked Hugh Daubner, proprietor of the Hitching Post at the north end of Glidden about meeting there on a weekly basis. Hughey was very receptive, and agreed to supply donuts and start the coffee perking. At first we charged \$2.00 but increased the amount to \$3.00 about a year ago to cover not only the cost of coffee and donuts but the use of the place. As you know, Hughey has practically turned it over to us while he runs errands before opening the bar to the early-morning drinkers.

I am pleased that we continue to get such a nice bunch of guys every Wednesday, year-round. I wish more of our neighbors would join us, so if you're in town mid-week, stop by after 9AM, and help us solve the world's problems!

Ladies' Luncheon

According to Dottie Shappell, the women of Glidden Drive had been meeting for "stitching" on an irregular basis over the years. This gathering has evolved into a monthly luncheon for the ladies, often held at Cherry Hills restaurant on the first Wednesday of the month.

The next luncheon is planned for January 9 to avoid the New Year's Day rush. Contact Debra Sween, Kathy Little, or Dottie Shappell if you wish to attend.



KATHY LITTLE



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Ladies' Luncheon at Cherry Hills Lodge, summer 2002

Building for the future

Habitat for Humanity

By Rich Kinka

Door County Habitat for Humanity recently completed its fifteenth home and Glidden Drive residents continue to play a major role.

Glidden Drive folks like Rich Kinka, Herb Klein, Ron Fauser, Linc and Florence McGurk, Paul Phillips, and George Wiley form the nucleus of the on-site work crew. Many others like Tom Girman, Dick Shappell, Roger Peterson, and Craig and Cathy Little, to name a few, have worked on-site in the past.

Drive residents have served on the Habitat Board, provided treats, raised funds, loaned tools and even made fruit cakes and cooked and served brats to help the organization attain its goal of providing some county residents with decent, affordable housing.

We work on-site two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday, and all that is required is a willingness to lend a hand. If you would like to help out next year, contact Rich Kinka at 743-1896.



Herb Klein hammers a point home, above, while the Habitat crew raises the frame for a new house in Sturgeon Bay, below



The Wilsons

Neighbors You Should Know

By Tim Comeford

Did you ever wonder if anyone who lives full time on Glidden Drive also works full time? Are there any kids who live here full time?

The answer to both questions is yes. One such family is Doug & Vicki Wilson, who have lived on Glidden Drive for over 5 years along with their two boys, Doug and Conrad.

For Doug Senior, it all began in Salina, Kansas, where his father served in the Air Force. They moved around a lot, and he lived in many states including Alabama, Texas and New Hampshire. Doug attended West Point and went on to serve for several years in the Army. In 1984 Procter and Gamble recruited him for a job in Green Bay. He moved here in November and met Vicki the next February, but more on that later.

Since 1985 he has worked in a manufacturing environment as a project and area manager. He has worked in various businesses within P&G on the technical side to improve equipment efficiency in such paper products as Bounty, White Cloud and Charmin. Doug commutes daily to Green Bay, about an hour each way. He states that over the years bad weather has not been a big problem but he always has a four-wheel drive vehicle.

Vicki was born in the Chicago area and went to junior college and Northwestern University. While in school, she worked for Ben Franklin at their headquarters in Des Plaines. Starting as a secretary, she was later promoted to a buyer for their frame shops. In February of 1985, she was hired by Shopko in Green Bay as a buyer for video, software, music and gifts departments. Sometimes she traveled overseas to look for new products and ideas.

Vicki and Doug met at the Western Racquet Club in February 1985 where Doug spotted her and got some



The Wilsons, left to right: Conrad, Doug, Vicki, Doug (Jr.)

ideas of his own. He asked a friend to ask her some preliminary questions and develop a little "intelligence." A mutual friend took her to a bar after the racquet ball sessions where she became seated next to Doug. Whatever military strategy may have ensued, the campaign came to a successful conclusion with their marriage exactly a year after they met.

They celebrated the new decade and the new year with the birth of their son Doug on January 2, 1990. Conrad was born on October 1, 1991. Both of them attend Sevastopol school and play school basketball.

Doug Jr. is in seventh grade. One of the things he likes about Glidden Drive is that there are not a lot of people as there would be in Sturgeon Bay or in Ashwaubenon where they used to live. Originally he did not want to move here and leave his friends, but it turned out OK because he now has even more friends.

He enjoys the wildlife that is so close to their house. He says that he and his brother get to swim a lot in the lake even though the water is often cold. Being so far from school can be a problem when he wants to get together with friends but he says it usually is not a big deal as some friends are closer than we realize.

Things that concern Doug include the fact we have so many deer and this can cause accidents on the road.

Conrad also enjoys being on Glidden Drive. He plays basketball, but likes soccer better. Like his brother, he says having the lake close with woods and wildlife in your back yard is great. He thought living next to Carl Scholz was a good deal because he could get help with science projects and the brothers could also play with t

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The Wilsons

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Carl and Ruth's grandchildren. He said he likes the quiet but perhaps not as much as using the hot tub and the computer.

Conrad's concerns include the high price of gasoline, wishing we could teach the deer not to eat the plants in the yard, and finding a better way to lay cable without the mess. He does not think people should hunt so close to his back yard.

Though they worked for big companies, Doug and Vicki both had entrepreneurial ideas and started to look for things they could do that used their personal skills. Vicki was into marketing, sales and merchandising, while Doug was more into engineering, packaging, and production. They wanted something that would satisfy a need in this geographical area but wasn't a traditional tourist or hospitality business such as a gift shop or a B&B.

They began to think of the coffee roasting business because it was something they could manufacture, something needed by restaurants, resorts, gift shops and B&Bs. They did a lot of research and found out that there was no local coffee roasting business and that no one had trademarked the name — Door County Coffee Company. They opened in Forestville on a Saturday in February of 1994, the day after Vicki left her job at Shopko.

The business began with them roasting, packaging coffees and delivering to local businesses. Vicki started to think of moving to Door County to be closer to the business. She stated that she took two years looking for places to live by driving down any promising road she came across. She also dragged Doug up on Sundays. She is not sure how she came to drive down Glidden but as soon as she did she knew the search was over. She knew this was it.

The business was expanding. They did not sell coffee by the cup but people kept stopping and asking for it. The Door County Coop needed the space the Wilsons were renting from them. Also, Vicki's background in marketing told her she could sell food and gifts as the customers were doing. So they not only bought the house on Glidden Drive but also built a 12,000 square foot production facility and shop in 1997, located in Carlsville on route 42 at County I.

I had a chance to see the roasting operation and I will briefly try to describe it.

They can process up to 2500 lbs. a day. They receive 14 pallets of green coffee beans every two weeks, from 14 different countries. Using a forklift, the pallets are put on a platform about 10 feet off the ground. Bags are poured from this down to a cart, which is wheeled to the roaster. A vacuum sucks the beans up into the

roaster, which looks and operates like a giant hot air corn popper. Temperatures can reach 650 degrees. The longer the coffee is roasted, the stronger the flavor. They actually use FDA approved cement mixers to blend in flavors for those coffees.

There are now 26 employees. Their customers are as varied as the Hitching Post and the Landmark Resort, individuals and grocery stores, local and 70% out of Door County, in the shop and via the Internet.

When they are not working, Doug coaches basketball at Sevastopol school. He is also a mentor along with Vicki for Confirmation preparation classes at Bayview Lutheran Church. When he has the time he likes to run, read and play tennis and racquetball.

Vicki just ended a stint on the board of the Door County Chamber of Commerce. She is also on the board of the Green Fund, a conservation effort working toward getting businesses to support groups concerned with preserving green space, such as the Nature Conservancy and even local governments.

Both Vicki and Doug think this is a great place to raise kids and that the neighbors are wonderful. Vicki emphasized that here children can learn respect for people of all ages. She said no matter where they go whether it be as diverse as New York or Costa Rica, Glidden Drive and Door County compare favorably.

Doug mentioned that it sure is a great getaway from work. When he turns off County T and on to the Drive at Lily Bay, it changes his mind set. Amen.

Editor's note: The author is 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

Coming GDA Events

Thursday, December 19, 9AM, GDA Board meeting. Hitching Post.

Saturday, February 15, GDA Winter Dinner, Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club. Cash bar 6PM, dinner served at 7PM. Contact Tom Girman at 746-0318 for reservations or details if you didn't get a flyer with this newsletter.

In Memoriam

Gene Clausen passed away October 28, 2002 in Iowa City with family present after a short illness. According to Mickey Fellows, Marmee Clausen would like to request that remembrance donations be made to the Fairfield Gallery, Miller Art Museum or Peninsula Music Festival. She thanks everyone for their prayers and support.

Shivering Sands and The Nature Conservancy

By Mary Jean Huston, State Director, Nature Conservancy, Wisconsin Chapter

It is a privilege to write to Glidden Drive Association members, some of The Nature Conservancy's most loyal friends and neighbors, to share ongoing efforts to protect natural areas on the Door Peninsula, including the magnificent Shivering Sands area in your backyard.

The Nature Conservancy

For those of you who are not familiar with The Nature Conservancy, we are a private, nonprofit conservation organization that has been protecting plants, animals and their habitats in the United States since 1951. We also work with partner organizations to protect land in Canada and 27 other countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, and the Pacific region.

We have been actively protecting the best remaining natural areas on the Door Peninsula since 1962, when we made a loan to The Ridges Sanctuary that enabled them to add a 10-acre parcel of land to the project. Today, we are active at the Mink River, Kangaroo Lake, Bayshore Blufflands near Carlsville, North Bay, and Shivering Sands and have protected more than 3,000 acres of habitat at these sites.

The Conservancy buys and accepts donations of land and negotiates conservation easements and land management agreements with private landowners. We also build partnerships with individuals, government agencies, other non-profits, and the business community to protect land and to find ways to reduce the impact of unplanned development, improper forest management, runoff from agricultural fields, and invasive species that threaten the natural resources of the peninsula.

The Shivering Sands Area

Just west of Glidden Drive is what may be the largest contiguous cedar swamp in Wisconsin. Exceptional in both size and natural diversity, the 3,400-acre Shivering Sands wetland complex encompasses three lakes, several streams and springs, forested sand dunes, lowland conifer forest, sedge meadows, and fens. The variety of natural communities provides excellent habitat for rare plants and wildlife including orchids, dwarf lake iris (a rare plant both in Wisconsin and nationwide), and 110 different types of nesting birds. Mammals, including fisher, otter, red fox, snowshoe hare, and mink



Shivering Sands Creek as seen from Glidden Drive

live here. In the spring, the shallow wetlands that permeate the forest are home to an abundance of frogs, toads, and salamanders.

The Nature Conservancy began its work in the Shivering Sands area in 1984 with our first bird and plant inventories. In July 1991, the Conservancy entered into an agreement with a landowner at Shivering Sands to manage 190 acres. We continue to work with other landowners who want to see the Shivering Sands area protected and have helped conserve 506 acres at the site to date.

The Conservancy is also involved in research and management at Shivering Sands. In 1999, The Nature Conservancy received a grant from the Great Lakes Protection Fund to study how groundwater and surface water move through the Shivering Sands area. The research, conducted by University of Wisconsin-Green Bay scientists, has shown that the Shivering Sands wetlands serve as both recharge and discharge areas for groundwater which is found very close to the Earth's surface. This information will help the Conservancy and other land managers maintain and restore wetlands systems on the Door Peninsula and throughout the Great Lakes region.

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Shivering Sands

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How You Can Help

Earlier this year, The Nature Conservancy joined forces with one of its partners on the Door Peninsula, the Door County Land Trust, to develop a joint stewardship volunteer committee. The two groups are sharing volunteers and equipment. Thus far, volunteers have posted boundaries, built trails, removed non-native invasive plants, and picked up debris at several sites across the peninsula including Shivering Sands. If you would like to join this effort, please contact our Door Peninsula office at 743-8695.

We also encourage you to visit and explore our Shivering Sands preserve. The preserve entrance is located on the west side of Glidden Drive about 100 feet south of the lake access at Pebble Beach. Once you pass the gray gate on the main path you will travel approximately one-quarter mile on private land (we have been granted permission to do this) before entering the preserve. If you are interested in information and directions to other Nature Conservancy preserves on the Door Peninsula or around the state, please contact our office or visit the "Places We Protect" section of our web site: nature.org/wisconsin.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your support of The Nature Conservancy and for sharing our vision for saving the forests and wetlands at Shivering Sands. People who love the land and are willing to take action to preserve it for future generations are the secret to the Conservancy's success. We could not accomplish our important work at Shivering Sands without your help, and we invite you to continue to help us protect this very special place in your neighborhood.

I hope our paths will cross sometime soon ... perhaps on a hike at Shivering Sands!



The Shivering Sands footbridge in winter

Editor's note: You can make your Nature Conservancy contribution earmarked specifically for the Shivering Sands Protection Fund established by Herb Klein. For more details, call Herb at 743-6330.

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