



Glidden Drive Association

Around The Drive...

By The Old Beachcomber

What's New

Several new houses have been completed since summer and one has just begun framing. The Barnes house will replace a tiny 1940's-era cottage the family used for many years. Construction for the Wishau house next to 4152 has halted for the season at the septic installation, and is expected to continue in the spring.

Dry weather so far this fall and early winter means the Lake Michigan level hasn't changed at all since the summer, and will probably decline seasonally until spring. Longer-term forecasts than 6 months are rarely pinpoint or accurate, so your guess is as good as any meteorologists' about lake levels next summer.

Driving up from Green Bay may be a little more pleasant now, as seven more miles of the divided highway have been opened from the Green Bay end. But no other work has yet begun; the entire Sturgeon Bay to Green Bay stretch isn't planned for completion until 2008.

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Nancy Fauser wants us to help get the word out about the American Lung Association's "Freedom From Smoking" classes, which begin Tuesday, January 6, at 7PM in the Door County Library. Please pre-register by calling Community Health Education at (920) 746-0857.

Ron and Nancy Fauser lost their beloved dog, Emily, recently, but quickly found a new one with just the right mix. Never mind the grandkids — ask them about their new pet!

The GDA Board met in October and December. At December's meeting a public notice that several property owners near the south end of the Drive had received was discussed. This is a Reclamation Plan submitted by Timothy Smith for the existing sand/gravel mining operation just behind the saw-mill. The property owners plan to widen and deepen the small pond to 15 feet, grade, plant natural vegetation around it and will have to follow government guidelines.

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These turkeys escaped the Thanksgiving table and are frequently seen in yards this time of year.

Happy Holidays To All!

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The Board felt that there is no need for concern at this time, but will continue to watch and inform all GDA members of any filings or activity in the area. If you wish to view the detailed drawings or talk to the Door County Soil and Water Conservation Department, stop by their office in the lowest floor of the courthouse.

No request for a formal hearing has been received at this time, and the Department does not plan to hold any, but any citizen can so request one up until January 12, 2004.

Our winter dinner will be at Leathem Smith Lodge on Saturday, February 7, with cocktails at 5:30PM, dinner served at 6:30. If you did not get your invitation, you can download it from our web site. We need to have your reservation no later than January 24. Entertainment will be provided by the Bone Boys, an all-trombone troupe. Call Joanne Huhta or Jo Ann Henger for more info.

In other Board business, we showed a slight profit from the summer dinner, and a memorial was authorized to the Humane Society in memory of Mary Peterson. A donation in Barbara Pierce's memory will be considered at the next meeting.

Glidden Artists

Some of Cal Bonnivier's works will be shown at the March 4 — Jun 6 *Beauty of Blossoms* Fairfield floral exhibit. Two of her portraits are currently on display at the Miller through January 4. Cal is joined by Dennis Connolly, with two of his photographs in the juried show.

Beverly Branson's paintings are currently being shown at Northshore Bank, Sister Bay and at the *Winter Reflections* show, Appleton Art Center, Appleton. More of her work can be found at The Bridge in Egg Harbor, the Essence Gallery, Stone Harbor, the Tree Top Studio and the Fairfield Art Gallery Gift Shop.

Craig Little has small paintings of Christmas wreaths on wood, using an "encaustic colored wax" process, for sale at the Miller Art Museum inside the Door County Library. Kathy Little has nature photo cards for sale there as well. The Littles will be directing "Side By Side By Sondheim," a musical review, 30 songs with dancing, for the Isadoora Theater Company. The show will be at the Ephraim Village Hall February 13-15 and TAP in Sturgeon Bay February 20-22.

Sevastopol News

Town Supervisor Don Haen died suddenly last August, leaving a vacancy on the Town Board. Under state law, Chairman Leo Zipperer had several options, including leaving the office empty until the next election, but

he chose to allow the Board, including Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wait, to elect our Glidden Drive Association President Tom Girman to fill the post. Tom will serve the remainder of Don's term until Spring, 2005.

Two Supervisors' positions are up for election in Spring 2004. At this writing, the filing is not yet closed, but so far it looks like incumbents Jo Ann Schley and Jerry Worrick will be opposed by Whitefish Bay resident Dan Woelfel for the two-year position. The top two vote-getters will take their seats; if more than three file, there will be a primary in February.

Absentee ballots are available a few weeks before any election. Contact Linda Wait at 746-1230 for the request form.

You may remember the last election when our Town Clerk/Treasurer position had two candidates — Linda Wait and Gail Zahn. At the request of Chairman Zipperer, this will no longer happen, as the position was made into a Chairman-appointed one, effective next spring. The position's annual salary was also boosted by \$1000 at the December Board meeting. No change in Clerk duties or hours are expected and no other salaries were raised.

The 2004 Sevastopol Budget was passed at the Special Town Meeting on November 17, giving us a mil rate of 1.23, the same as last year. If you have looked at your new tax bill, you will notice that your property's estimated fair market value was increased by 6.7%. This is likely to cause a forced reevaluation in our area very soon.

Our Representative on the county Board, Charlie Jarman, is running for reelection, and will be opposed by at least one candidate, Peter Polich (filing is not yet closed, so there could be more). Polich served on the County Board briefly after the 2002 recall election.

John Redmann drowned in Clark Lake when his iceboat entered a patch of open water in December. Redmann, who served for a time on the Gibraltar Town Board, was the MC for the Fish Creek Winter Games and played the character "Elroy Booze" in the *Booze Brothers Revue*, inspired by the more famous Blues Brothers.

Door County News

The Door County Admin Committee voted 3-2 in December to discontinue video recording of all committee meetings. This means the government offerings on our Sevastopol TV channel 19 will be cut back by 2/3, and the only County meetings seen will be the monthly Board. Reasons given were cost and the fact that not all of Door County has cable TV, although City Mayor Crocker-MacMillin pointed out that fully one-third of all County residents live in Sturgeon Bay and benefit directly from cable access.

Did you know that all City and County government tapes can be checked out free from the Door County

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Library? Over 60 tapes have been viewed this way this year by citizens who don't have cable. Media reporters have said that these shows provide a valuable reference to them for articles.

Although he voted with the Committee's majority, Rep. Jarman has said that he will bring the matter back to the Admin Committee for reconsideration. If you feel that we should have more committee meetings available to the public rather than fewer, call Charlie Jarman and tell him how you feel. In the words of the League of Women Voters, "Democracy dies in secrecy."

The intergovernmental agreement with Sturgeon Bay has passed a few more hurdles and may be presented to the Sevastopol Town Board for final approval in January. If it passes, we will be able to add to the Sevastopol Channel 19 schedule not only videotaped City meetings, but many other civic events like concerts and parades, past, present and future. If you think this is a good idea, and would like to be counted as a potential viewer, call our Town supervisors and tell them. Since only one supervisor (Girman) gets Sevastopol cable, your voice is important.



LADDIE CHAPMAN

Shivering Sands Creek can be icy and snowy this time of year even if the bank and trees are not.

Some concerts, community events and the Sevastopol Town Board you may have seen on our channel 19 were taped privately by Kathy White or Laddie Chapman at their time and expense.

Did you know you can read newsletters for three nearby neighborhood associations on the Web? Besides Bay Shore and Whitefish Bay, "Between Lake & Forest" is now posted, the newsletter of the Town of Sturgeon Bay Lakeshore area just to the south of Glidden. Go to www.doorbell.net for all.

Are You a Polar Bear?

The Jacksonport Polar Bears, now the largest such group in Wisconsin, will be swimming once again in the balmy waters of Lake Michigan at noon on New Year's Day. Some people have been doing this for 18 years and some families do it together. For more info and some helpful hints, go to the PBC web site, www.doorbell.net/pbc and read the "how to" page. The PBC motto: "Many are cold, but few are frozen." See you there!

New Neighbors

Two of our new neighbors are Don and Mary Kersemeier, who are building at 3902 Glidden Drive, just south of Shivering Sands. Don writes, "We have and will continue to develop the site preserving and restoring as much as we can to the most natural and rustic setting possible. We have learned much the past fourteen months about building (we designed the house in collaboration with Mark Bushman of Portside Builders) and the innumerable features of Door County."

Don gave us this insight about how things came to be:

How Glidden Drive Found Us

by Don Kersemeier

For several years, my wife Mary and I had been thinking about a second home within reasonable driving range of our home in northwest suburban Chicago. In early September, 2002, our son and his wife returned from visiting her grandparents in Bailey's Harbor and informed us on a Saturday morning of some available sites in that area. After several phone calls we arranged with the listing Realty Agency to visit them. The Realtor also mentioned that he had another site ("the most beautiful sandy beach in Wisconsin") that had just been put up for sale the previous evening, and that it would

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Two Poems

by Lynn Hirst

THE LONGEST SEASON

You can smell it in the air
And feel it in the chill.
You can see it in the frost
On the pumpkins by the door.

You can touch it in the leaves
As they fall gently down.
You can smell it in the orchards
And taste it in crisp apples.

You can hear it in the crunch
As you trod the Rustic Roads.
You can see it in crimson, green
and yellow
In the forests all around.

You can see it in shorter days
As the long nights drop in early.
You can hear it in the wind
As we winterproof our lives.

Then we bask before our fires
And sip our warm mulled cider
As we make our holiday plans
In the coldest time of year!

THIS IS COMMUNICATION?

You wanna talk computers?
I'll tell you stories to daunt
Any desire to try, try again...

So I have the new modem
And I got the CD instructions.
It says: can't find my scanner.
I can. It's here on the top shelf.
Then a little picture of my scanner
Hits the screen. The CD says:
Continue. I do so until it
Tells: cannot connect.
I call – company says: I AM
Connected. But where's my
E-mail and Internet?
Where's the glitch?

I play this game to communicate –
Why can't I?
Back to my CD.
I follow through.
It is finished.
I click my e-mail:
Not connected!!
I try again – and again.
Now I ask you:
Should I REALLY try try again?
I think I'll call the Wiz!



Lynn and Jack Hirst are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. This picture was taken December 19, 1953.

Ask The Answer Man

The Answer Man for this issue is Carl Scholz.

Answer Man, why is some sand on the beach dark black? Is it dirt or oil?

No, not dirt, not oil, and not bits of rotted wood, either. It is sand with a high iron content which stratifies itself into thin layers as the waves wash the beach. You can test this by dipping a small magnet into dry sand; the black grains stick to the magnet much better than the non-ferrous, lighter grains. In fact, you may find the black sand hard to get off the magnet!

Answer Man, what is that stringy green stuff that sometimes floats on the surface of the lake in the summer?

That is probably Eurasian Milfoil, and has been detached from a growing area in Sturgeon Bay and floated through the canal. There is too much wave action in our area for it to actively root and grow here.

It causes havoc with boat propellers, wrapping around them and clogging intakes. Sturgeon Bay cuts these weeds all summer near the bay bottom, but they can't keep up with the growth and mats break loose and float away.

Answer Man, we have a lot of fluffy, sometimes stinky green stuff floating, washing up and gathering in clumps near the shore this year. What is this?

This is a variety of Algae, genus *Cladophora*. Quite different from the Milfoil, it grows best under high nutrient levels. Shivering Sands Creek was filled with it this spring, probably due to poor phosphorus removal at the Valmy sewage treatment plant which empties into Geisel Creek a few miles upstream.

Some Algae is microscopic plankton, and this is filtered by the now ubiquitous zebra mussels. Ironically, the filtering action lets more light into deeper water, increasing algae growth. You can't win.

Answer Man, why is the dune thistle, which seems to grow well some places, totally absent at other dunes?

The dune thistle (*cirsium pitcheri*) likes somewhat disturbed sand, but not dunes that are shifting constantly. It grows slowly and has a long, multi-year life cycle before seeding. As Goldilocks might have said to the three bears, some dunes are too open, some are too sheltered and some are just right.



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Two views of iron-rich black sand. Above, as seen from above a layer near shore. Below, seen edgewise, showing how the layers stratify by color.



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When the wind and waves are just right, algae collects in dark green pockets, drifts, unattached to the bottom, and eventually washes up on shore where it dries up and blows away.

Kay Glessner

A Neighbor You Should Know

by Tim Comeford

Kay Glessner was born in Marshalltown, Iowa. Her parents lived on and worked a farm. When she was but three months old, they bought a farm near Waterloo, Iowa.

Kay attended school at Orange Township Consolidated School through high school; not unusual, she says, as a majority of the student body was there for all 12 years.

Kay was a farm girl and still thinks of herself as such. She was in 4H where she did traditional domestic projects and also raised award winning purebred Black Angus cattle. She won some leadership awards and did well enough in her studies to go on to college.

With this sort of background, one might think she would study agriculture when she went to the University of Iowa, but she received her degree with a major in Political Science.

After college, she went to work for Rath Meat Packing in the personnel area of the Sales department. There she first met a future neighbor, Jim Schlindwein, who was a rising sales star at Rath.

During this time she attended a friend's wedding and reacquainted herself with Roy Glessner who had been a few years ahead of her at Orange Township. Roy was still in college, interrupting classes to earn money to continue schooling.

Roy and Kay married a year later. Roy worked nights at John Deere and went to Northern Iowa University days. Though he majored in Math, Physics and Education, he never actually taught. He farmed for a while with Kay's father and then went to work for Doerfer Engineering, which designed and developed packaging machines. He eventually became the plant superintendent.

Kay left Rath and the Glessners started to buy and fix up apartments near the Northern Iowa campus in Cedar Falls. She also did some volunteer work and became involved with a Junior League Victorian house restoration project.

Eventually Roy and Kay had two children, Ann and Holly. Ann now lives in Brussels, Belgium where she is Business Manager of Fabrication for Caterpillar Europe. Holly lives in Longmont, Colorado where she has a travel

agency called Holly Daze Dive Travel. She also works in another agency along with a job at a recreation center. They are both very busy and, says Kay, pretty great daughters.

When the girls were young, Roy and Kay took a trip to Europe with friends, enjoying themselves and bringing back some antiques. Kay and a friend formed a partnership to combine travel and capitalize on something they liked to help pay expenses. They opened an antique store, ran it for 4 years, but eventually the partnership wore thin and Kay wanted to buy out her partner. Her partner's husband was an attorney, so he handled the paper work to dissolve the partnership. He remarked this was the first time he had seen partners split so amicably. They remain close friends today; when Kay visits Cedar Falls she stays with them.

For other vacations, the Glessners had tried Minnesota but they were not thrilled by the experience. They got a Door County vacation booklet and picked out the Glidden Lodge because it had a beach for their two daughters. They enjoyed it and returned regularly thereafter.

One rainy summer day in the mid 1970's — where have we heard this before? — they decided to look around for property and purchased a Glidden lot from Bill Fairfield, who, with John Brogan, first developed Glidden Drive Estates in the 1960's. Kay remembers wondering how she would explain to her relatives that they paid more for this lot than their house in Cedar Falls.

They began building their house in 1979, moving into it on Memorial Day in 1980. After the first year, Kay felt they did not use it enough, so they came for all the holidays starting with Easter. Kay stayed the entire summer with Ann and Holly; Roy came on weekends from Cedar Falls and when he was on vacation.

In late spring of 1990, Roy abruptly retired from his job. He had actually told his employers that he wanted to retire the next year, but they announced that his services would no longer be required and he could leave that day. Though initially a somewhat unpleasant shock, Kay and Roy had already sold their house. They decided they could move up here, leaving Holly behind to manage the apartments to help pay her way through



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college. They spent the summer as new full-time residents on Glidden Drive.

Roy kept himself busy by working on their lot to clean up dead wood, using the firewood as a main source of heat; the house still does even today. He helped Kay with her antique business when she went to shows; liked sports and card playing including bridge with Kay, and delivered meals on wheels. He also served on the Glidden Drive Association Board and was its Treasurer. Unfortunately his health got worse and he died of cancer in 1997. They had been married for 40 years. While this was a very hard time for Kay she remembers that everyone was really supportive.

Today Kay still is active with her antique business, selling primarily at shows under the business name "Brass Buckets." She does from 18 to 20 shows a year in Wisconsin and the surrounding states. She specializes in what is called "smalls" in the antique world, like brass and copper pots, Majolica china, Barbola mirrors and sterling topped dresser jars, just a small and very incomplete list of items she handles.

Doing the shows means she has to pack up her wares and travel. When she reaches her destination, she unpacks and sets up displays. Shows begin on Friday afternoon and last most of the weekend; then the packing process is repeated. While it seems like lots of work, Kay enjoys the personal contact and being in touch with lots of people, so antique dealing over the Internet has little attraction for her.

Kay does a lot of traveling both to sell and buy antiques. Two or three times a year she goes to Europe. Most of her antiques are bought in England, France or Belgium. Now with her daughter Ann in Brussels, she has a little extra incentive to go there.

Kay enjoys not only these jaunts but also going back to Iowa to visit relatives and friends, sometimes going to Colorado to see Holly. With her daughters, she travels at Christmas time to places like Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Mexico. A white Christmas apparently is not a priority.

Kay likes to do needlework, cook, entertain and play bridge. Her dinners and her annual Christmas Tea are legendary on Glidden Drive.

Living in Door County is living in the country for this farm girl. Kay points out that the towns, harbors, restaurants and shops add a bit of the "upscale" life to the country living.

However for Kay the people are the real bonus. They are warm, friendly and supportive. She says it is easy to make good friends here. Sounds a lot like our subject doesn't it?

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be listed Monday. We drove up the next day for an appointment with the Realtor, who just happened to be subbing "on the floor" when I called Saturday morning. Having arrived earlier than expected, Mary and I drove to the Baileys Harbor sites first for a look around. For several reasons we were disappointed by what we saw, and drove with greatly reduced expectations to meet with the Realtor at the Glidden property.

Even though I grew up in Wausau, attended Lawrence University in Appleton, and had camped in Newport and Peninsula State Parks numerous times as a family, I knew little about the lake side of Door County, and had never heard of Glidden Drive. As the three of us trudged through the tangle of fallen trees and undergrowth I wondered what in the world was this all about. Then we came to the top of the dune. The sight literally took my breath away! Mary and I walked and talked on the beach for fifteen minutes.

We had no idea that something so beautiful might be a possibility for a second home. We decided to take a risk and told the Realtor we wanted to buy the lot. Within the hour we signed the contract to purchase, and had an excited return trip home during which Mary sketched what she thought we should build given the constraints of the site.

Fourteen months later the house is nearing completion, almost exactly like the initial sketch. Our three children, their spouses, and our eight grandchildren truly love the site with all the benefits of beach, woods, streams, country roads, wild life, and the hundreds of acres of undeveloped land on the other side of the Drive, ready for hiking. We have already met some wonderful and helpful neighbors who are becoming friends (Starrs, Hansens, Lynches, and others).

I am "retired" after thirty-four years as a teacher and administrator in three different Illinois public high schools (Glenbrook North (Northbrook), Glenbard East (Lombard), and John Hersey (Arlington Hts.), and two years as the Director of Teacher Education at a small college. I am currently doing some writing projects and anticipate the solitude by the Lake. Mary is retiring this coming June, 2004, after twenty-five years as speech and language clinician and elementary school principal in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. All three of our children are teachers, as are two of the spouses, and all live within minutes of us.

Mary and I enjoy traveling both nationally and internationally, quite often in our RV. We are avid readers, love natural settings, and have been heavily involved in youth activities and church work.

We appreciate visitors, so Glidden Drive neighbors are invited for coffee and a house inspection once we are a bit more settled in, like this spring. We want to share The Gift, for that is what we consider 3902 to be for us and our family.

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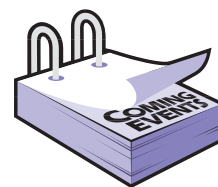
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In Memoriam

Mary Vanvliet Peterson

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Calendar



Monday, January 19: Town of Sevastopol Board of Supervisors monthly meeting, 7PM, Institute

Saturday, February 7: GDA Winter Dinner at Leathem Smith Lodge, 5:30PM cocktails, 6:30PM dinner

Thursday, February 12: GDA Board meeting, 9AM, Hitching Post. Hughey, don't forget us!

Monday, February 16: Town of Sevastopol Board of Supervisors monthly meeting, 7PM, Institute

Monday, March 15: Town of Sevastopol Board of Supervisors monthly meeting, 7PM, Institute



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