



# Glidden Drive Association

## Around The Drive...

By The Old Beachcomber

It hasn't been a harsh, hard winter, but it sure seemed like a long one. Four new houses were built on the Drive over the winter and are now nearing completion, so expect a few new neighbors by summer. The lake is still low, and with the lack of precip, not likely to be going up anytime soon. Still, it is not quite as far down as the 100-year low point in 1964. Beach grass is getting accustomed to the open spaces of sandy shores and is rapidly creeping down to the water's edge. *Cladophora* is still a serious problem in many areas, although other parts of Door County are worse off than we are.



These seed pods made it through the winter and are still hanging on.



A winter sunrise. A rim of clouds is typical on frosty mornings when the lake is warmer than the air. After the sun comes up, the clouds often evaporate.

## WiFi Hotspots All Around

**Technology in a log cabin!** Mark & Amy have installed a WiFi Internet access point at the Hitching Post. You are invited to bring your laptop computer and connect to the Internet free anywhere in the restaurant or outside on the picnic tables.

All you need is a WiFi card, included as a standard accessory for all new computers, or available for just a few dollars for older ones.

While you are reading your email and surfing the Internet, how about one of the Hitch's famous burgers to go with your beer and bytes?

And, not to be outdone, **Glidden Lodge Beach Resort** has also installed a WiFi hotspot for their owners and guests. The signal carries well, down

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to the water's edge, so you should be able to surf the Internet with the surf at your toes as long as your laptop is waterproof!

## Association News

**Signs, signs, everywhere a sign...** or not. Some house signs have been reported missing, so if yours isn't where it should be, make sure the Sheriff is informed. Sometimes these turn up, and it is possible it could be returned, so don't hesitate reporting the theft or any other vandalism. The Sheriff's non-emergency number is 746-2400.

**Four of the lane signs** have deteriorated so much from weather that we plan to replace them when the ground is less frozen.

**The fire danger signs** have been made, and will be erected at three places on the Drive — one at each end and one in the middle, at Pebble Lane. Our fire marshals will be responsible for keeping the changeable parts of each sign current, going from *High* to *Medium* to *Cautious* according to the danger level. We hope this will make visitors more aware of our situation and be more careful.

**Contact Barb Mallien for Ladies' Luncheon dates** and places, and be sure to get on her email events list. The women are meeting every Wednesday at a different member's house for coffee at 9AM, then once a month at Cherry Hills for luncheon at 12:30PM. Coffees are free, the luncheons cost \$11. Golf afterwards is optional, but GDA women get a discount, so bring your clubs.

**A special gathering** is planned for Monday, May 1, Tea at Door County Coffee in Carlsville, 2-4PM, \$12 each.

**Men's Coffee** continues to be every Wednesday, 9AM, at the Hitching Post. \$4 is now the tariff for coffee and donuts, but the advice is free. You get what you pay for.

## Trash Matters

**President Rich Kinka updates us on the trash pickup offer:** It appears that Don Schweer's efforts to obtain a more favorable price for this service have been successful. While we only received 77 responses out of the 200 plus we sent out, when combined with the White Fish Bay folks, we came close enough to the minimum number required by Onyx to qualify for the reduced monthly charge.

Those of you that indicated an interest in the service should have received a mailing from Onyx by now.

The monthly charge would be \$12.75 for weekly curbside garbage pickup and pickup of recyclables every other week in customer-provided containers. Onyx will provide a container for an additional charge of \$3.00/month. Seasonal, stop and start service, is also available for the same rate.

Thanks again to Don for his action on our behalf.

## Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters held a Candidate Forum for School Board candidates before the primary election, and another forum for County Supervisor candidates in February. Co-sponsors for the County event were the Bay Shore Property Owners Association and GDA. Both events were videotaped and shown on our cable channel 19.

## Winter Dinner

**Our Winter Dinner was held** February 18 at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club. Entertainment was by one of our own, Laddie Chapman, who presented a short piano/vocal program entitled, "Songs you never heard and didn't know you missed." Laddie explained that during his years spent in Hollywood, California, he collected many songs that deserved more attention than they had received. He also performed some original tunes, including a patriotic USA bicentennial song, *200 Years*, and *The Spice Song*, an ode to the art of food puns. Thanks to John Moravec for the loan of the electric piano and PA system.

## Sevastopol Town News

**The second edition of our Town Newsletter** was mailed in February. To save mailing costs, it was sent to every mailbox in the town, so if you didn't have a mailbox up, or if you don't use one, you were missed. Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wait will be glad to send you a copy as long as they last, so call her at (920) 746-1230 or email her at [info@townofsevastopol.com](mailto:info@townofsevastopol.com). You can also download the newsletter, in color, at the town web site: [townofsevastopol.com](http://townofsevastopol.com).

We don't know of any other towns or villages in Door County that have such an informative newsletter. Sevastopol is lucky to have the technical and editorial services of Dan Woelfel and

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Town of Sevastopol

## The Candidates

For Sevastopol voters, there are three races that will be decided on April 4. There are four Supervisor positions on the Town Board, each held for staggered two-year terms, so this year Supervisor JoAnn Schley and Dan Woelfel's terms will be completed.

Ms. Schley is not running for re-election, but Dan Woelfel is. The other candidate is Dan Tice. Since there is no opposition, these candidates will win unless there is a vigorous write-in campaign, so we are not offering statements from these candidates.

For our representative on the County Board, incumbent Peter Polich is seeking re-election. He is opposed by Richard "Biz" Virlee, who sat on the County Board last year when he lived in and represented another district.

For Sevastopol School Board, since there were seven candidates, a primary was held in February 21 which narrowed the field down to six. From these six, three will be chosen in the general election. They will join four board members who are already serving three-year staggered terms.

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 4 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](mailto:info@townofsevastopol.com).

## For Sevastopol School Board

### Lisa Bieri

The selection of school board members is a critical decision you will make again this year. The persons you elect will be directly responsible for representing your interests in the educational process. The residents of Sevastopol need to elect people again this year that consistently have taken an active leadership role in improving communication between the board and community and who will offer leadership that is steady, responsible, and visionary.

I am that leader and have prepared myself to serve our school district. I regularly attend school board meetings and actively participate as a community member. I ask questions, become informed, seek community input and bring concerns and suggestions to the board.

There is a saying, "If you do what you've always done,



you'll get what you always got". If you are not satisfied with the status quo and if you do not wish our district to continue down the path of budget deficits, questionable actions by our board with regard to contractual matters, and a lack of financial planning and fiscal oversight, then please vote for me, Lisa Bieri.

I'll respect your tax dollars, make informed decisions, work cooperatively with fellow board members and school personnel, and communicate with you, the residents of our district. I appreciate your support.

### Holly Cole

I'm Holly Cole and I'm running for Sevastopol School Board. As a candidate for school board I believe that the role of a school board member is multifaceted. It is not lost on me that the primary responsibility of a board is to ensure the financial stability of the agency or organization it



represents. But I believe that it's our responsibility to remodel this definition to encompass the health, safety, instruction, and overall well-being of the organization's members when we add the term "school before "board". Far too often I have witnessed discussions concerning the future of our school with never a mention being made of the welfare of those it serves. It is my desire to serve as the voice of those too often ignored, but for whom we are charged to protect.

I bring to the table many years of educational experience, ranging from early childhood, elementary and secondary instruction to special education needs and interest of children; working as a Community Coalition member and Committee Chair directed to prepare the Accidental Death/Suicide Policy and Plan for Sevastopol Schools, a school coordinator and a decade-long leader of assorted Girl Scout Troops, a Destination Imagination Coach and as a frequent school volunteer. I bring to the table the experience of working on a board, the art of listening and the skill of compromise. Most importantly, I bring to the table a firm and determined commitment to the children of this community.

I'm Holly Cole and I'm asking for your support. Let's work together to guarantee that Sevastopol is **ALWAYS A GREAT PLACE TO BE.**

## Dale Fuller

I am a 1979 graduate from Sevastopol High School. I am married to Bobbi (Schwantes)...1978 graduate of Sevastopol...for 25 years and have 2 sons that have graduated from Sevastopol...Jason and Cory, and one son, a sophomore at Sevastopol, Cam.



For over 25 years I have been in the convenience store business in management...12 years for Clark Oil and 13 years for EZ Stop and am presently at Target as a Team Leader.

From 1984-1997 I very proudly coached the Sevastopol Girls Varsity Basketball and have been very involved in Little League and Bath Ruth baseball over the past 20 years.

So as you can see Sevastopol has been a big part of my life and many issues that I feel are important are not being given the attention and importance that I feel should be by the Sevastopol School Board.

Where should I begin?? A \$600,000 budget deficit the past two years...A huge retirement package to a former Superintendent...spending is up 15% the past two years...what is our short term plan...our long term plan...we NEED answers!

These actions are NOT acceptable...I will bring planning, financial oversight, respect and integrity back the

Sevastopol School Board...it is time that the students and the people of the district get the answers they deserve.

Let's move Sevastopol successfully into the future!!

## Daniel Ploor

My name is Dan Ploor and I'm an incumbent running for the Sevastopol School Board. Mr. Scholz once introduced me to the Sturgeon Bay Rotary Club as "a framer who grows good corn, but who is also raising seven kids." I was born and raised in Sevastopol School District. My wife Helen and I farm and I'm also a self-employed carpenter. We have four sons and three daughters, all graduates of Sevastopol. We now have grandchildren attending Sevastopol.



I am presently the Chairman of Negotiations Committee, Chairman of the Board Policy Review Committee, and I'm on the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

I am committed to the excellent education program we have at Sevastopol. What is good for the students always comes first in the decisions I make. One of the issues we will be facing is maintaining our present quality of education under the current revenue caps. I will be open-minded to all ideas that will help keep education quality within the revenue caps. We also have to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act.

I have been attending W.A.S.B. (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) seminars on the following issues:

- High Cost of Health Insurance
- Early Retirement Programs
- Negotiation Process

If elected, I will continue to work for the betterment of the Sevastopol School District.

## Mikki Rankin

Being an incumbent for the Sevastopol School Board, I feel that I've played an important role in the decision making process of our school. My support of the staff and administration is based on belief that the students should receive the quality of education they deserve. That support is evident with my involvement with the vast majority of committees. The changes that have been implemented while I have been on this board are vast. I would like to continue to see this district move in a positive direction.



As the Communication Committee chairperson, my goal is to help our district find a way to bridge the gap that has caused our district and community great pain, so that we can continue to communicate effectively either the negative or positive things that effect our school district.

The board has also dealt with controversial issues and has had disagreements in the past. We as a board have stepped up to the plate and tried to work on those issues by demonstrating positive changes. One of the most important things we need to do as a board is work together as a team to make the best decisions for our students, staff and school district.

Currently our Finance committee is working on the budget process as a whole. We need to continually find creative ways to reach our needs and to teach our children with less funding.

If elected for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term, I will continue to work hard to serve this district, I'm also dedicated to promoting the great things that we offer and to give back to our school by giving positive ideas and suggestions to problems and strategic planning for the future of our district.

## Suzanne Todey

After spending thirty-eight years in education working as a teacher, counselor, and central office administrator in the Green Bay Area, I have returned to Sevastopol to live on the family farm where I grew up.



I would like to use my extensive background as an educator and member and leader of various boards and committees to help insure a strong educational program that challenges all Sevastopol students to maximize their learning potential and become caring, contributing citizens.

Currently, I serve on the United Way of Door County Board of Directors, the Scholarships, Inc., of Door County Leadership Team, the Libertas Treatment Center Board of Directors, the Sevastopol School District Strategic Planning Committee, and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Data Project Advisory Team. In addition, in the past I have served as the chair of the Wisconsin State Superintendent of Schools Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Council, the Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin Board of Directors, and the Green Bay Area Drug Alliance.

If elected to the school board, I will use my training in youth development, school safety, alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, and related areas to promote a safe and healthy school and community environment

that supports the personal and social development of all students.

Finally, I would utilize my strong network of educational and human services leaders throughout the region and state to help the Sevastopol School District identify innovative resources and partnerships to support our needs and build upon our current strengths and insure a financially sound future.

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Laddie Chapman as well as many other contributors to make this project happen.

The town is preparing for a **performance review of Charter Cable** and would like your comments, good or bad. This procedure is written into the contract signed with Charter in 1999, and requires a review on about the "second, fifth and tenth" anniversary of the signing. We seemed to have skipped the first two, so we are overdue.

The franchise agreement says, "Topics for discussion and review...shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: Services, rate structure, free or discounted services, application for new technologies, system performance, services provided, programming, subscriber complaints, use complaints, rights of privacy..." [26.07 (1) (a) and (b)]

The franchise agreement covers only cable TV services from Charter, not Internet or telephone. Although the official deadline for comments has passed, it wouldn't hurt to let someone know if you have any. Contact any Town Supervisor, mail to PO Box 135, phone to 746-1230 or email [info@townofsevastopol.com](mailto:info@townofsevastopol.com).

We will keep you informed on our web site about when the actual review is scheduled, as it will be an open meeting and Charter reps will be there in person.

**Our Town's Cable Committee** has approved a franchise agreement with Brilliant Cities and it will be given next to the Town Board for action. This agreement is similar to Charter's and covers only TV cable, not Internet or phone service. You can get a copy of the proposed agreement from Cable Committee Chairman Tom Girman or the town office.

If you are interested in what **Brilliant Cities** will be offering, and want to move the process along a bit faster, go to their web site at [www.brilliantcities.com](http://www.brilliantcities.com) and answer the questionnaire. The more responses they get, the better our chances are of having service. So far, they seem to have stalled and have not rolled out service in Sturgeon Bay as had been planned by this spring.

## The Candidates, District 15

# For County Supervisor

## Peter M. Polich

Hi, I'm Peter Polich. I am running for County Board District 15 Supervisor for the Town of Sevastopol.

I have lived and farmed in the Town of Sevastopol all of my life. My wife's name is Val and we have four children. My wife and I raise steers and I work full time at Evergreen Nursery. I graduated from Sevastopol High School, NWTC Farm Course, and currently taking computer classes through NWTC. I am currently on County Board, Community Programs Committee, Ag & Extension and Land Conservation Committees. Being on LCC and Ag & Extension and being a farmer work together. I take to the Committees my viewpoint and concerns about clean water, clean beaches and keep county spending in balance and also working and talking to the community.

Feel free to call me with any concerns you may have. I am willing to work with you and make Door County a great place to live. I would appreciate your support in the spring election.



Deputy Sheriff and I was employed by the Door County Sheriff's Department for 32 years.

I was elected 3 terms to the County Board when living in Sturgeon Bay. I did not complete my third term because I had to resign from the County Board when I moved from Sturgeon Bay to the Town of Sevastopol. In the 5-½ years I served on the County Board I served on Administrative Committee, Property Committee, Ad Hoc Building Committee, Board of Health Committee, Community Programs Committee, Emergency Services Committee, Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee, Legislative Committee, Social Services Committee, Community Justice Coalition Committee, Local Elected Officials Committee, and Communication Advisory Technical Sub-Committee. I was chairman of Social Services Committee and Legislative Committee.

I am running in your district and want to continue on the County Board for the following reasons. I am retired and can devote the time it takes to investigate issues and study the alternatives to make sound decisions. I have the experience because of working for the County for 32 years and 5-½ years as an elected County Board member. I believe I can be fiscally responsible and also maintain the level of service that is needed. We will always need public safety, highway maintenance, parks, libraries and human services; we just need to update how they are provided to save tax dollars.

Now, more than ever, Door County voters are looking for their local leaders to make a difference on environmental issues, including safe water and planning for the future of Door County. I want to preserve the unique character of Door County and keep Door County the special place it is. If my constituents call me I will listen. If I cannot answer their questions I will investigate and get back with the answer. If elected,

I will continue to do the best job I can to make sensible decisions and at the same time keep our community safe.

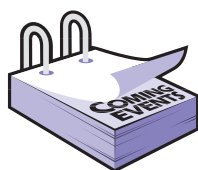
There might be new alternatives out there and I will work with the Board to do everything possible without risking the quality of services that we expect.

## Richard "Biz" Virlee


My name is Richard "Biz" Virlee and I am running for County Board in your district. I am 63 years old and live at 3959 Glidden Drive. My wife Sharon and I have two adult children. I have lived in Door County all my life except for attending University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and 4 years in the U.S. Navy of which I did two tours in Vietnam and one in country. My occupation was





# Mark Your Calendar





**Wednesday, April 5:** Women's Coffee at Jan Schweer's house, 9AM 


**Tuesday, April 11:** Annual Sevastopol Town meeting, town meeting room behind Sevastopol Schools, 7:30PM 


**Wednesday, April 12:** Women's Luncheon at Cherry Hills, 12:30PM 


**Monday, April 17:** Sevastopol Town Board meeting, town meeting room behind Sevastopol Schools, 7:00PM 

**Monday, April 24:** Sevastopol School Board meeting, multipurpose room at Sevastopol Schools, 7:00PM 

**Monday, May 8:** GDA Board meeting, Hitching Post, 10:00AM 

**Monday, May 15:** Sevastopol Town Board meeting, town meeting room behind Sevastopol Schools, 7:00PM 

**Sunday, May 28:** Welcome Back party for GDA members and guests, at the Hitching Post. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres. 3-6PM 

**Saturday, July 1:** Annual GDA meeting at Sevastopol Town Park. Coffee at 9:00AM, meeting starts at 9:30AM 

## Where does our well water come from?

by Laddie Chapman

**Urban legends:** Have you ever heard, perhaps from a well driller, that our well water comes from Lake Superior? Well (heh), it doesn't, and that is an urban myth.

Consider that we are surrounded on all sides by Lake Michigan or Green Bay, and our wells are typically only 300 ft deep in the Glidden area. For this to be true, there would have to be a pipeline or impervious aquifer from Lake Superior, several hundred miles away, *under Green Bay*, able to keep the water sources from mixing and the water from the lake only a few feet away would have to be blocked. Also, the water that falls as rain in Door County would have to be prevented from soaking into the ground, which is what it does best. Door County is heavily fractured with cracks in the rock sub-surface, and geologists tell us that the water pumped from wells in Sturgeon Bay was deposited on the ground nearby just a few years earlier, in the "zone of contribution," which includes nearby Sevastopol.

The DNR has this to say, on their website:

*Contrary to folklore, our [Wisconsin] groundwater does not flow south from Lake Superior in some vast underground river. Nor has it been there for millions of years, waiting to be tapped like a precious mineral or vein of oil. Rather, our rich groundwater resources come from a combination of geology and climate, and are constantly being replenished by rain and snow as part of the water cycle.*

The source of this legend may be either water dowsers, who know less than nothing about geology and water, or the observation that we have quite a bit of iron in our water. Perhaps someone connected the iron to the rich deposits in the Superior area. However, iron, in less-concentrated amounts, is a common mineral in many parts of Wisconsin and it is not remarkable that our water supply is affected.

*Ed. Note: For an article on another urban legend, "Can you stand an egg on its end only on the Vernal Equinox?," see our February 2003 newsletter available on our web site: [www.doorbell.net/gda](http://www.doorbell.net/gda).*

# Out And About

by Lynn Hirst

On a dreary March day  
Sign flashed a happy 42 –  
The snow ran in rivulets  
From field to gutter streams

Mist covered the Lake  
Water undulating way out  
An icy blue fog  
Hid life on the Lake

The canal was mixed up,  
As usual – ice cracked, but the  
Path leading out bespoke the  
Freighters, action in, mostly out

Turkeys noshing winter cornfields –  
Nutrition is poor by March –  
A pair of deer on the edge  
Of the open woods, snow gone

The air is definitely balmy,  
Compared to last week, anyway  
Winter has broken its bonds  
Spring, at least, a possibility!



One frosty morning

## Glidden Drive Association, Inc.

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