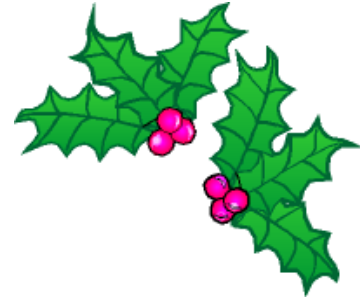




Glidden Drive Association



Around The Drive...



By The Old Beachcomber

It's been a while since the last newsletter, and there's a lot of catching up to do, so let's get started!

With four new houses going up on the Drive, summer has wound down and we are well into winter already. The lake levels are in seasonal decline, but the last few years haven't seen much level changes on average. The lake is still low, but not quite as low 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 some areas.

Under New Management

Both of our two favorite restaurants, The Hitching Post and Donny's Glidden Lodge have new owners!

The new proprietors of The Hitching Post are Mark McClellan and Amy Lockett. Mark is the grandson of Whitefish Bay resident Del McClellan, and says he plans no major changes in the operation for the moment except for a new roof. The ambience will be the same, the prices the same – including the 50-cent tappers – and the menu will be the same, although a new neon beer sign has already appeared in the window, worrying some customers!

Long term plans include adding what Mark says is a St. Louis favorite, toasted ravioli, and perhaps remodelling the back room to make a non-smoking section.

Previous owner Hugh Daubner will remain on staff for a while to make sure things go smoothly.

Stop by the Hitch, introduce yourself and welcome Mark and Amy to our community!



Left to right: Andrew Mueller; Donny, Rita, and Tim Zellner



Left to right: Mark McClellan, Amy Lockett and Hugh Daubner

Around the Drive...

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Donny's Glidden Lodge Restaurant – Another change of ownership took place earlier this year, when Donny & Rita Zellner leased their restaurant to their son, Tim. (Most of us know Tim as the bartender who greets everyone as they enter the lobby/bar.)

Tim will be managing the new operation along with partner and master chef Andrew Mueller. Andy has been a chef in the Northeast Wisconsin area for 20 years and writes a weekly column in the Advocate, *In Good Taste*, where he gives away just a few of his secrets. He promised to save some of them for the Glidden crowd.

Not much is expected to change here, either. They will continue the great salad and soup bar every night, and will be open seven nights thru October 31, 4PM-9PM. After October they will be closed Sundays until the next Memorial Day weekend.

Although the German Night buffet is no longer held, you can order a German sampler platter on Wednesday nights, with different selections each week.

Even in the off-season, reservations are suggested, as business is booming.

Association News

Our Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, July 2 at the Sevastopol Town Park Pavilion. Officers were elected, Tom Jung announced an arrangement with Ferrelgas for a better price on propane, and Fire Chief Tim Herlache answered questions about fire protection in our area. The meeting was videotaped and broadcast on our Charter Cable Channel 19 for about a week. If you want to watch the video, contact Laddie Chapman for a copy.



Fire Chief Tim Herlache speaks at the GDA summer dinner

Although some people felt the Ferrelgas contracts were confusing, they have been signed for the coming year. Contact Tom Jung or Ferrelgas if you have questions about your contract.

Chief Herlache encourages us to call the sheriff if we see unsafe burning or want the authorities to check on suspicious fires, smoke or smells. Note that even during the severe drought early this summer, the prohibition of outdoor burning in general and bonfires in particular, the fire department gives their blessing as

long as you define your fire as a *campfire*. To some of us, a large campfire can be more dangerous than a small bonfire, especially in the woods, but that's the way the regulations are interpreted by the Chief.

Campfires do not require permits. For occasional burning, permits may be necessary; they are often restricted due to conditions and may not be available at all on certain days. Contact our local fire marshals Tom Jung or Dick Shappell or town supervisors Tom Girman or John Staveness for more information and permits.

If you must dispose of brush, trees and debris, why not consider other, safer methods than burning like chipping or offering logs for firewood? And construction debris and plastic items cannot be legally burned, anyway. We live in an area where firefighting is difficult or impossible. Do you really want to take a chance?

And it is sobering to think that the last two serious fires in our area, which came very close to threatening houses, were started with "campfires" on the beach! For an even more sobering look, google for "Peshtigo Fire" on the web and see what happened not far from here in 1871. It's doubtful if all our modern equipment would have much effect on a fire like that one, and there's no reason why nature couldn't do it to us again.



That's why it's called *The Farm*; it has pigeons...

Summer Dinner

Our Summer Dinner/Picnic was held on Saturday, August 27, at the Farm. About 90 people attended, our largest turnout ever, and this time the weather cooperated and gave us a lovely day. Potluck was the menu, Econo chicken the entrée, and beer and wine, the lubricant.

We certainly want to thank the Tancks, the owners of The Farm, for letting us have our gathering at their location.

At the GDA Board meeting in



...and horses.

November, the board voted to install three signs on the Drive alerting everyone to the fire danger status. Parts of each sign will be changed from *High* to *Medium* to *Caution* according to the danger level set by our fire marshals. We hope this will make visitors more aware of our situation and be more careful.

Winter Dinner

Our annual winter dinner will be held on February 18 at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club. Entree choices will be 12 oz. Prime Rib, Signature Chicken or Norwegian Salmon. The featured entertainment will be Laddie Chapman at the piano, singing and playing “Songs You Never Knew You Missed.”

All members will get invitations in the mail in early January, or you can download the reservation from from our web site as soon as we make it up.

Like last year, we will be inviting the Whitefish Bay Association crowd to join us—the more, the merrier.

Lost Watch

Paul Phillips had a guest who lost her watch on the beach in the Shivering Sands area. If it hasn't been found by now, it probably isn't worth finding, but if you stub your toe on something that might have once ticked or tocked, tell Paul or Gretchen so they can clear up the mystery.

And while we're on the subject, we still have a silver ring dropped by someone years ago. Identify it and it's yours.

Sevastopol Town News

The Sevastopol Town Board has considered a town-wide, universal residential trash pickup contract with one of several local firms that have given estimates. The cost would be paid through property taxes instead of each address being billed individually, on a voluntary basis as now.

Although it would be cheaper in the long run for those that already subscribe to a residential pickup service, many have objected to paying the full rate since they use their property only occasionally. So for now, the idea has been shelved.

The Town Meeting Room and clerk's office now used by the Town may have to be changed over the next few years, as the the school district wants to remove the building that they own. The school has decided to allow three years for a mutually-beneficial decision. One possibility is for the town to move inside the school building if room becomes available; another is to build a Town Hall on the 1.5 acre property now owned by the Town

near the park. Still another solution is for the Town to buy the land now on the market next to the school, but the \$200,000 asking price is pretty steep on a yearly budget of under a million.



A September bike rally—the perfect time to set up a lemonade stand, as the Wilson and Hubner children have done for two years.

What About a Cistern?

Many ideas have been bantered around about fire protection on the Drive, including a dry hydrant (an underground pipe into the lake), but the best idea so far may be a cistern. If it is located mid-Drive and of sufficient size, it would make water more readily available if a single tanker load brought out from Sturgeon Bay is not sufficient.

Fire Chief Tim Herlache has advised us on the size and kind of cistern we need. It would be about 20,000 gallons, probably made of steel, and would be sunk in the ground deep enough to avoid freezing. It would be kept full by an automatic pump, and would provide enough water for more than 10 tanker loads.

The DNR has told us that a shallow well, perhaps just a simple sand point, would be legal and practical, saving the expense of drilling down to 300 feet where many of our wells now are.

Where to put it? The GDA has one lot, Pebble Lane, which might be large enough, but it is in the middle of a very wet area in the spring.

Door County owns four unused, vacant properties in our area, lots that probably were given to the County by Bill Fairfield in 1993 when he was liquidating the Glidden Drive Estates sales company. One of these lots is in about the right place, and the GDA Cistern Committee is taking steps to see if the County will let us use it. We'll keep you posted.

President's Message

As 2005 draws to a close, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday season, A Merry Christmas, and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

During 2005 we had a well-attended Winter dinner, our initial Welcome Back pot luck gathering in May, and a Summer picnic at the Farm. We are planning the 2006 winter dinner and another Welcome Back gathering in May.

The building boom on Glidden Drive continues with four homes presently under construction and several others that were just recently occupied. It must be the climate!

In trying to focus on the ever-present danger of fire in our area, the Board has purchased fire hazard warning signs, which will be installed next spring. The signs will indicate whether the existing risk of fire is High, Medium, or requires Caution. We have also begun preliminary discussions about the installation of a cistern somewhere on the Drive. The guest speaker at our annual meeting, fire chief Tim Herlache, indicated that this would be a valuable resource for fighting any fire, house, brush, or woods.

We made a \$500.00 donation to the Nature Conservancy for their Shivering Sands fund. This fund was initiated by member and past president Herb Klein and we encourage private donations to this fund. The funds can only be used in the Glidden Drive area for the purchase of property.

Once again, best wishes of the Season.

—Rich Kinka



GDA President Rich Kinka

LADDIE CHARPAIN

Use Our Lanes

The Association has eleven lanes intended for shore access. Along with the additional lanes owned by the Town of Sevastopol and Door County, you will find it easy to get to the shore almost anywhere on Glidden Drive. Please use these lanes and roads for this purpose and avoid trespassing on other's property — some owners object to their land being used as a shortcut when there are other alternatives..

Don't forget — all beach property is privately owned except those specific lanes, roads and parks. While no one seems to object to anyone walking by their shore, it would be improper to bring your beach umbrellas, coolers, float toys and sixpacks and set up day camp on someone else's beach without their permission. Be sure your friends, guests and tenants know this so we can all be good neighbors.



Oak Lane

LADDIE CHARPAIN

County T To Be Rerouted

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) is continuing their improvement plan for the 42/57 corridor around Sturgeon Bay. One of the next projects is a planned rerouting of County T where it intersects the highway near the Aurora Health Center. Coming from the lake, you will have to drive to the Egg Harbor road crossing which would be 4-way and fully signaled.

This is expected to reduce accidents, as we know this can be a tricky crossing in the summer.

Watch our web site for more details as they come available, including a map. We will report more about this in the next newsletter.

We are lucky to have nearby Whitefish Bay resident Pat Miller available to keep us informed of county and town government events. Pat is the most likely person to see in the audience of any local government meeting. She takes copious notes and condenses them so we don't have to. Here is her latest wrapup, *Actionline*.

Although we may find it convenient to ignore what goes on at boring government meetings, they often have a significant impact on our taxes and what we can do with our property. If we didn't have a Pat Miller, we would have to invent her. Thanks, Pat!

You can reach Pat Miller at mzp@charter.net or (920) 743-8079.

By Pat Miller

Door County Wrapup

Olde Stone Quarry Park—An Alternative to Whitefish Bay Boat Launch. A \$4 Million redevelopment project is underway at the mouth of Sturgeon Bay on County Hwy. B (Bay Shore Drive) to provide a safe harbor of refuge for boaters. The park, state owned and leased to the County, will include six (6) lanes protected by a 60,000 sq. ft. harbor carved out of rock between the Bay of Green Bay and County B (Bay Shore Drive). The cost is being covered by a grant of \$2.8 million from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission and by State and Federal funds generated from boaters' user fees.

Fishermen will pay the remainder. None of this money will come from income tax or property tax, according to D.C. Parks Director, George Pinney.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee (Smart Growth). Town Board Supervisor Jo Ann Schley chairs this committee of 11 Sevastopol citizens representing different geographical areas of the Town and diverse experiences. Recommendations of an ad hoc committee gleaned from the Survey of Sevastopol property owners in 2000, will serve as the basis for planning. The survey revealed their top priorities: retain the rural character and open space and protect land and water resources.

The Smart Growth committee's initial focus will be land use, zoning, and engaging a professional planner. They meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Town meeting room behind Sevastopol school. These are open meetings. For

agendas, call the Town office at 743-1230. Although other DC municipalities (e.g. Liberty Grove and Gibraltar) spent three/four years preparing their plan, they are finding that many citizens, who paid little or no attention to the plan as it was being developed, are questioning and/or objecting to the plan provisions, after the fact.

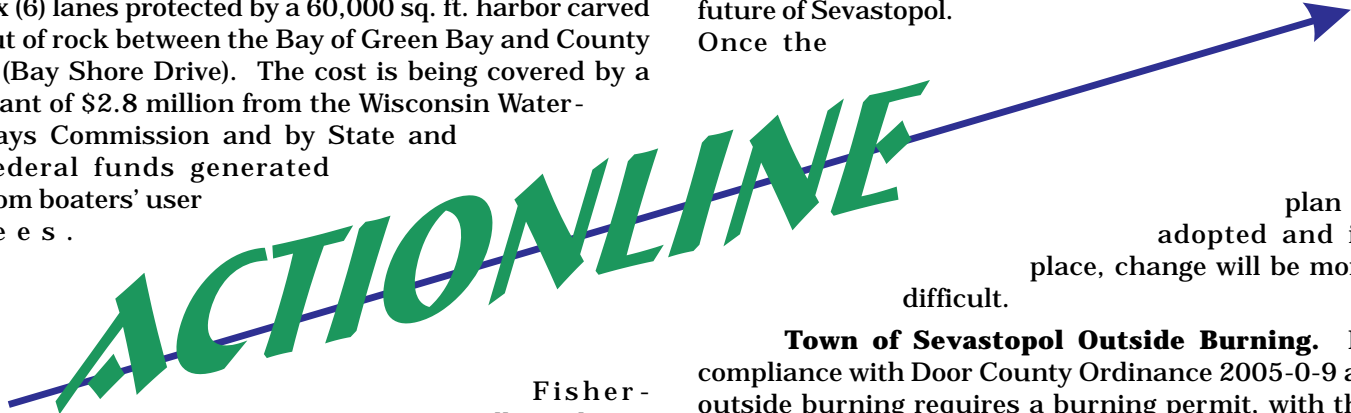
NOW is the time to come and make your opinion known for the future of Sevastopol. Once the

plan is adopted and in place, change will be more difficult.

Town of Sevastopol Outside Burning. In compliance with Door County Ordinance 2005-0-9 all outside burning requires a burning permit, with the exception of campfires. Burning in barrels now requires a permit, which will be issued on an annual basis expiring on January 31st of the following year. Contact your Town Board representatives for permits and additional information or call the Town Office at 746-1230.

Town Board Disbands Its Citizen Planning/Zoning Committee and assumes the responsibility for all decisions and recommendations to the County Resource Planning Committee (RPC) and the Board of Adjustment (BOA) regarding rezoning, land division, wetlands, variances, setbacks, and text amendments to the Door County Development Plan and Ordinances.

At its August 22 Board meeting, the Board, acting as its own Plan/Zoning Committee, voted to support the Zahn request to rezone their property north of Zahn's market on Gordon Road and Hwy. 42/57 from Countryside (CS) to Commercial (CC), contrary to the Door County Development Plan adopted by the



Town in 1995 which recommended keeping the 42/57 bypass corridor open and free of commercial development.

The Town Board set a precedent when they previously approved (4-1 Schley) a similar rezoning request by Steve Laubenstein, overriding their then Town Planning/Zoning Committee's unanimous recommendation to deny thus making it difficult to now deny the Zahn rezoning. RPC has recommended a wetland delineation of the Zahn parcel before approving or denying.

The approval of these two rezoning requests at the south entrance to Sevastopol could well open this corridor to a commercial strip from Gordon road to the Mill, similar to Nasewaupee at the south entrance to Sturgeon Bay.

Schmock Pit (a.k.a. Parent Non-Metallic Mine)—Whitefish Bay. The Parent-owned mine behind the Hitching Post is back in operation following a six-week suspension effective July 21. Five required corrective measures were completed just in time for the Sept. 6 deadline. Mining in a restricted wetland area was one of the most grievous violations for which a fine of \$750 was imposed.

Sevastopol School District School Board reported a decline in enrollment of 22 students and a budget deficit of @ \$410,000 at the preliminary budget session in September. Two new member/citizen committees of the Board have been formed to address these issues: Finance and Communications/Publicity.

2006 County Budget—A Dilemma for County Officials and Property Owners Alike. Given the State "tax freeze" at 2.34 percent and unfunded mandates, the County Board of Supervisors faced the daunting task of balancing the budget. The question: how and what to cut: personnel, programs, fringe benefits, salaries/raises/job reclassifications, capital improvements, etc.? Rising gas prices alone will, of necessity, increase the budget. According to Finance Committee Chairman, Dan Austad, this is the first time the County Board will not be able to raise taxes to meet needs/programs. Expect smaller government, fewer services.

Decisions, Decisions. To meet the budget cap, and after extensive review, only five of the 12 County personnel requests were **recommended** (temporarily) for County Board approval, namely: another Jail Sergeant, a limited term Assistant Sanitarian for septic system inspection, a Developmental Disabilities Case Manager, increased hours for a Social Services Support Specialist, and a full time Maintenance Technician for the new Jail/Justice center. The fiscal impact is \$166,482.

Not recommended were: Community Programs

Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Accountant/Administrative Assistant, and part-time Developmental Disabilities Family Support Case Manager; part time Maintenance Department Clerk/typist; Circuit Court/Clerk of Court Deputy shared position; Senior Resource Center Receptionist increase in hours; a Drug Investigative Sergeant.

Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning (Smart Growth) Law survived the threat of repeal thanks to Governor Jim Doyle's veto, efforts of the Door County Board of Supervisors, and lobbying by individuals and environmental groups across the State. However, several legislators are again proposing repeal. Currently, January 1, 2010 is still the deadline for completion of Smart Growth plans. According to Robert Florence, the County Planning Dept. is just now getting into a countywide plan full time. Several Door County municipalities already have adopted plans and are beginning to implement them. Others are in process.

From "Beach Bum" to "Beach Buddy." In three years since the Peninsula State Park Nicolet Beach closing, Door County has gone from Beach Bum to Beach Buddy of the Year, a designation recently awarded by the National Resource Defense Council in a ceremony at Sturgeon Bay's Sunset Park. The County was one of three areas of the United States so recognized for its improved testing methods for harmful bacteria at 31 public beaches and for taking a step further to identify the sources of pollution.

Sustainable Sweden Comes to Door County

Some 60 Swedish cities and towns—20 percent of the total number— have adopted a four-point "Natural Step" sustainability framework to guide their development dedicated to promote ecological, socially, and economically sustainable practices on the local and national levels. The framework is the result of several years of discussions in the Swedish scientific and medical communities about ways of meeting human needs without destroying the earth in the process. A Swedish delegation is visiting several Wisconsin cities/towns to share and help implement practices for sustainability.

Mary Rehwald, Council member of the City of Ashland, WI went to Sweden to learn more. She recently presented the plan to about 100 people at Crossroads in Sturgeon Bay at the request of Door Activist Ann Hippensteel and cosponsored by DPO. Ashland (in a county on the shores of Lake Superior, not unlike Door) passed a resolution to adopt a sustainable community development policy, based on four guidelines.

Wouldn't it be Lover-ly if Door County were to:

- ◆ Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels, and extracted underground metals and minerals?
- ◆ Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in Nature?
- ◆ Reduce dependence on activities that harm life-sustaining eco-systems?
- ◆ Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently?

If Sweden and Ashland can do it, why not Door County?

Interested groups and individuals in Dane County and Madison are also examining the eco-municipality concept.

Resources: Video of Rehwald presentation is available at Door County Library; *The Natural Step for Communities: How Cities and Towns can Change to Sustainable Practices* by Lahti & James; *The Natural Step for Business: Wealth, Ecology and the Evolutionary Corporation* by Natrass & Altomare; *Social Entrepreneurship* by Bornstein

Great Lakes Awareness Center (GLAC)—Sturgeon Bay. The idea for this Center is a collaborative effort initiated by the Door County Land Use Forum, Inc. to bring the arts, ecology, science, and engineering together to focus on water and the ecological and cultural role that it and the Great Lakes play in our lives. A marriage of these disciplines will be a unique and interesting way to promote the Great Lakes and generate greater appreciation for water's importance in our community and region. Stay tuned.

Kudos To...

...the collaborative effort among the County Board of Health, Soil and Water Conservation headed by Glidden Drive resident Bill Schuster and U. W. Oshkosh Dept. of Biology faculty and student volunteers. Their efforts in monitoring beaches and studying the sources of beach contamination have proven effective in protecting Door County beaches for the health and welfare of residents and visitors alike.

How do Door County's Open Lands Help Balance Town Budgets and Lower Property Taxes? Does residential development cost a community more in services than it pays in taxes? Does it cost more to develop farmland and open spaces than to leave them as is?

To answer these and more questions, Door County Environmental Council (DCEC) and Door County Land Trust (DCLT) sponsored the Door County Cost of Community Services Study (DC COS) conducted by Mary

Edwards (PhD in Urban and Regional Planning—UW-Madison) currently an assistant professor with the Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

The implications of this study are consistent with previous COCS studies: residential land use remains the highest demander of public services, while open and agricultural land uses place the lowest cost burden upon their communities—confirming DPO's long-held premise that development often costs a community more in services than it realizes in taxes. For an executive summary and/or the full study, go to www.doorcountylandtrust.org; click on "Cost of Community Services."

Brilliant Cities—Cable Franchise. Brilliant Cities, Inc. (BCI) of Minneapolis, a powerful new broadband communications network, has sent a Cable Television Franchise Agreement proposal to all Door County municipalities. They will be offering a package to all DC residents, including many rural homeowners, beginning the first phase with Sturgeon Bay in early 2006, followed by northern Door, then southern Door. The total package is expected to include telephone, cable with expanded stations, high speed Internet, and ultimately more enhancements like high definition TV, video on demand, etc., at a cost comparable to, maybe less, than current prices for these features individually. One billing statement will cover all.

Three public, education, government (PEG) channels will be available county-wide. The initial cost of hookup will depend on the number of prospective subscribers. Once the network is in place, later subscribers will pay more for hook-up. For more information, go to www.brilliantcities.com/signup.php. Your vote of interest will impact when and where they start the connection. This is not a commitment—rather an indication of your interest. There is no obligation.

Did You Go to Jail? On Sunday, October 16, approximately two thousand people went to jail for a guided tour of this new \$16 million state-of-the art County facility on South Duluth (County S) in Sturgeon Bay. It was the last chance, before inmates are transferred, to view the inside of the jail without having to be arrested first.

Door County Citizens for Reasonable Development (CRD) recently organized representatives of the building trades (architects, contractors, surveyors) for the purpose of collaborating in development that respects the County's natural resources. Individuals and representatives of DC environmental organizations also attended their meeting and expressed a desire to work more closely with CRD on their common concern: a balance between development and protection of natural resources.

The Fisher — Porcupine Predator

By Carl Scholz

Have you seen a fisher?

During the past ten years, I have seen about 20 animals and hundreds of tracks. The first reported sighting of a fisher in Door County in modern times, was at Newport Park in 1978.

Requiring a range of at least five square miles, there is probably no more than one adult pair in the Shivering Sands area. But, because they are great travelers, sighting a fisher is a good possibility.

How did they return to Door County?

The last "historic" fisher in Wisconsin was seen in 1932. In 1956-57, to reduce damage to trees by porcupines, fishers were reintroduced to Wisconsin by the U.S. Forest Service and Wisconsin Conservation Department (now the DNR). This "planting" in the Nicolet and Chequamegon Forests was successful and they repopulated most of the northern one third of Wisconsin. Their penchant for travel brought them across the ice from the west shore of Green Bay to Door County.

In 1998, a fisher killed and ate two porcupines in our backyard at 4149 Glidden Drive. They definitely have depopulated "porkys" in this area and throughout northern Wisconsin.

How do they kill porcupines?

They back the "quill-armed" mammal against a tree or enter its den and bite at its nose. Loss of blood and fatigue enables this ferocious predator to roll over the defenseless creature and a belly-first feast begins. The fisher returns to the carcass until all that remains are a quilled skin and a few bones. Interestingly, some of the quills are ingested and digested. I have seen scat

(feces) containing the partially digested quills.

A few months ago, our dog, Laddie, "took on" a fisher in our yard. Laddie lost the encounter and one toe. Frequently, when members of the weasel family are accosted by a dog, coyote, bobcat, or wolf, they bite onto the lower lip of the adversary, which quickly discourages the attacker.

Are there other members of the weasel family in Shivering Sands area?

Yes, four others: weasel, mink, otter and badger.

The fisher, (*Martes pennanti*) is one of the largest in the weasel family. Males are 30-40 inches long, including the somewhat bushy tail, and weigh seven to fifteen pounds. Females are one half the size of a male.



Fisher (*Martes pennanti*)



The fisher's native range is mid-Canada and the extreme northern U.S.

Fishers are strictly carnivores and eat mice, squirrels, snowshoe hares, birds, porcupines, suet, carrion, domestic cats and some other things. They are cachers—carrying food away and storing it for a future meal. Our chicken wire suet feeder has been torn apart and two or three pounds of its con-

tents carted away.

One negative impact of the fishers: they raid the nests of large tree-nesting birds such as hawks and owls. In 1994 and 1995, they raided goshawk nests in the Shivering Sands area.

Being curious and ravenous, fishers are easily trapped. Most trappers use the Connibear trap, which instantly kills them. Many northern Wisconsin counties have a trapping season with a bag limit of two. A female pelt is worth about \$45, a male pelt, somewhat less.

A mounted fisher and porcupine are on display in the Door County Museum as part of the fantastic natural history exhibit done by world-famous Door County taxidermist Mike Orthober. Jim Ashbrenner, DNR mammal researcher, provided the fisher. (Sometimes trappers catch more than two fishers in their "first" settings and the "extras" must be forfeited to the DNR).



A porcupine hiding in Fall leaves.



Carl Scholz with his dog Laddie. You can't see Laddie's missing toe, 'cause it's...missing. Sadly, Laddie passed away this fall.

Carl Scholz Speaks Out

The following testimony was read at the DNR Public Hearing on July 14, 2005, at the Landmark in Egg Harbor. The DNR is proposing tightening of the rules shoreline landowners must abide by.

Yesterday at Gaylord Nelson's memorial service, former U.S. vice-president and senate colleague of Gaylord, Walter Mondale, said, "Gaylord Nelson has done more to protect wildlife and natural beauty and prevent corruption of our air and water than any other person in history."

Yes, Gaylord, John Muir, Aldo Leopold and Door County's Emma Toft (Wisconsin first lady of conservation) have left us with a priceless legacy of environmental stewardship.

It behooves us today to recognize and appreciate this legacy.

In 1958, Governor Nelson created a Wisconsin Resource Conservation Council charged with the task of identifying environmental problems in Wisconsin and recommend remedial measures. Among environmental abuses identified were taconite tailings being dumped into Lake Superior, the Fox River of course and the deterioration of our shorelines.

This is the focus today, almost fifty years after the shorelines were recognized as being in ecological trouble. At that time, the WRCC recommended several actions. Among, them logically, legislation and education. One of the educational efforts was to produce a film, "What is Happening to Our Shorelines." The University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture under the direction of its audio/video chief, Fritz Albert, did make a very informative film which was widely used.

Here we are today, in 2005, considering regulations that will protect a vital component of the integrity of a lake.

The February, 2005, *Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazine—a great publication—reported on a study of 13 Wisconsin lakes that included the 5400 acre Lake Geneva. This is a replication of a study that was done on these waters 30 years ago. Their findings were alarming. One quote from their report: "Shrinking populations of tiny two to three inch fish warn how shoreline development likely damages the habitat that aquatic

life depends on."

There have been dozens of comparable studies in the United States—they all have found a significant decline in the life of the shoreline and littoral zone.

The proceedings of the University of Wisconsin National Academy of Sciences in a June 13, 2005 report headlined, *Phosphorus more harmful than thought*.

As I drove down Glidden Drive in Door County on July 10, 2005, the stench from decomposing cladophora was unbearable. How do you think this affects property values?

Incidentally, the phosphorus in the Door County water did not come from Milwaukee.

Steve Hagler, WDNR Fisheries staff member, prepared a very comprehensive abstract on a fish assessment that was done on Kangaroo Lake in 2004. In his opening paragraph, I was shocked to read, "Kangaroo Lake has a Trophic State Index rating of eutrophic." In about fifty years, this lake has gone from oligotrophic to eutrophic. The phosphorus in this lake did not come from Peil Creek or the watershed. One of Mr. Hagler's recommendations: "Encourage shoreline residents to reestablish natural shorelines." (There are already signs of undesirable algae

growth.)

A \$20,000 study of Kangaroo Lake was done by a private firm, NES. One of their recommendations: "Restore the natural shoreline—it is critical to the life of the lake."

It is obvious that everyone owning shoreline property has an obligation to preserve the lake—the lake belongs to everyone!

I cite these Door County examples but these situations would apply to many of Wisconsin's 15,000 lakes.

Emma Toft left a great conservation legacy—one of her often repeated statements in regard to problems in our environment was: "It is all about greed."

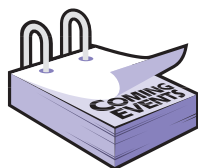
—Carl Scholz



Cladophora (algae) on a Glidden Drive beach.

LAURE CHAPMAN

Mark Your Calendar



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



Monday, December 19: Sevastopol School Board meeting, multipurpose room at Sevastopol Schools, 7:00PM



Saturday, December 24: Christmas party at the Haakes "On Ice Pond," 6:00PM-midnight. RSVP 743-1646



Sunday, January 1: The Jacksonport Polar Bears go swimming at Lakeside Park, Noon



Tuesday, January 10: GDA Board meeting, 9:00AM, Hitching Post



Monday, January 16: Sevastopol Town Board meeting, town meeting room behind Sevastopol Schools, 7:00PM



Monday, January 23: Sevastopol School Board meeting, multipurpose room at Sevastopol Schools, 7:00PM



Saturday, February 18: Winter Dinner, Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club, cash bar 5:00PM, dinner 6:00PM



SEA AND SHORE

by Lynn Hirst

The deep blue Lake is
Clear to the horizon
Not like yesterday's
With the iceline mid-way

The shore is stretched wide
With snow-covered sand
Topped by giant snowballs
Way out beyond the dock

The snow sculptures
Change daily, weather-based
Melting today,
Building tomorrow

The myriad faces of our
Inland sea are wondrous
To behold. Mother Nature creates
Icescapes that tell a winter's tale!

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A Special Thank You from Ice Pond

Dear Friends:

It is quite fitting that a woman who held “casual dinners” for twenty on any given evening would not request a standard obituary. In fact, Angie Haake, my aunt, didn’t want anything remotely related to a funeral and all it entails. Instead, Aunt Angie’s request was for me to write a thank you letter to all her friends along Glidden Drive and some just a few country miles from her home of the past couple of decades.

Introductions are surely unnecessary, for if I have not met most of you, I have come to learn about you through Aunt Angie’s fond stories. Although most of you know, Angie Haake passed away peacefully in her sleep last Thursday at 9:00 a.m. holding John’s hand. She won many rounds against this violent disease these last seven months, and many others would have succumbed soon before; however, Angie perished as she lived with honesty and hard work.

Angie’s annual Christmas Eve and Labor Day parties were hosted with holiday cheer. The conversations, the food, and fun totaled years of memories for our family and some of yours as well. Aunt Angie wanted a special thank you sent out to all those who attended over the years. I can think of a few names, and please don’t be offended if I have left some out—Donna and Arthur Gunther (my personal favorites); the Steiners; the Browns; Roger Peterson, “the judge”; the Comefords; the Hunters; Laddie Chapman; Cal, “the artist” Bonnivier, and Herb Klein; our beloved Dona Roper who hasn’t been feeling well herself; Mickey Fellows; Carl and Ruth Scholz—we and the children loved that annual farm pass, and last but not least, the Gemberlings, the Huhtas, and Karen Dutil.

Personally, I would like to thank on behalf of our family and Angie for all the visits, cards, the phone calls, the food, and wishes over the last several months. Specifically, Margo, without you, where would the Haakes be? Angie loved you and your family very much and we are grateful that you live so close—my dad, Bob, sends his specials thanks for your delicious pies. Vicki, your visits were always like a ray of sunshine with your warmth that radiates from your very being. She cherished each and every one. Debbie, your puppy and you, brought some much needed fun. Also, ladies, the series of massages were a wonderful luxury that Angie’s legs really appreciated.

Furthermore, the Glidden Drive Ladies’ Lunches gave Aunt Angie another group of fun gals to chit-chat with at the country club every month. Rachel, her granddaughter and I had the pleasure of attending her last one just this summer. She loved you all!

I am sure that anyone who knew Angie is aware of her limitless generosity and helpfulness. Her talents spanned from cooking, painting, crafts, and furniture decorating and she was happy to use them to find a special way to show most of you how important you were to her. Yet, it needs to be said that all of you were there when she needed you the most—you are a group of dear people and she wanted you to know that!

Life on Glidden Drive will certainly never be the same without Angie. We are all feeling her loss. As a family, on behalf of John, we would like to invite all of you to Christmas at Ice Pond this Christmas Eve starting at 6:00 p.m. We would like to enjoy Christmas with the people she loved, toasting to her special memory.

—Our warmest thanks,

—Aunt Angie,
“checking out” and
her niece, Lisa Balata



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Happy Holidays To All!

Christmas Party!

The Haakes "On Ice Pond" would like to invite all Glidden Drive residents and guests to their annual Christmas Party!



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