

Plans being developed for Kewaskum Christmas parade

Edward and Sharron Miller have been selected as marshals of the Kewaskum Christmas Parade.

The Millers, former owners of Miller's Furniture, have been active in the community and Kewaskum Area Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the annual parade.

Edward Miller is one of the founding members of the chamber and Sharron Miller remains active with the Kewaskum Education Youth Scholarships. The Miller family is celebrating 100 years in business this year.

Planning is ongoing for the annual parade, which will step off at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5. The theme is "Christmas Night of Lights."

Planning Committee members Mike Geidel of Geidel's Piggly Wiggly, Scott Sadownikow of Kewaskum Mobil, Kevin Stautz of Hollywood Homes and Gino Giudice of Bonne Bell Motel are looking for area businesses to get involved by entering floats in the parade or helping to sponsor entries with music.

Instead of collecting food for families as was done in the past, organizers have decided to have a toy collection along the parade route for needy families in Washington County. Toys can also be dropped off before the parade at Geldel's Piggly Wiggly, Kewaskum Mobil and The Scrap Nook.

To enter a float, contact Mike Geidel a 626-1778 or by e-mail to mikegeidel@kewaskumpig.com. An entry form can also be downloaded from the Kewaskum Chamber Web site at www.kewaskum.org.

Parade participants are to line up in front of Kewaskum High School starting at 4:15 p.m. and check in with a parade official. Walking groups should park in the rear of the high school and meet inside it.

There will be the traditional float competition, with monetary prizes going to the top five floats selected by the judges. Walking groups will also have a chance to win prizes.

Santa Claus has promised he will send one of his helpers from the North Pole to be in the Kewaskum parade. He will be pulled by Regal Ware.

The parade route will proceed from the high school south to Parkview



Jill Recore photo

A group of dogs enjoys Tuesday's weather at the West Bend Dog Park, located near the intersection of 18th Avenue and Vogt Drive.

Dogs don't waste time finding new park

Barking dogs bounding after balls and Frisbees have a piece of nirvana their owners call the West Bend Dog Park.

The park at 18th Avenue and Vogt Drive is celebrating a milestone with the use of 10,000 dog waste bags.

"That is something to be said, I believe," said Jill Recore, K-9 Friends president.

"We would like to thank all of the businesses, sponsors, dog owners and dogs. Without all of your support this canine facility would not be the success that it has become."

Open since June 26 after two years in the making, it is the first fenced-in dog park in Washington County.

The 10-acre park includes a meadow along with a wooded area filled with many walking paths.

The parking area accommodates 37 vehicles.

There are benches, waste stations, waste bags, water dishes and a dual entrance/exit area.

The privately funded park charges a \$25 annual user fee. Applications are online at www.westbenddogpark.com.

Recore suggests buying a user fee tag as a stocking stuffer for the canine on your holiday list.

In addition to fees and donations, she said volunteers play a key role.

When hanging out at the park with their canines, they pick up waste that isn't from their dogs, empty the waste stations, supply umbrellas for sunny days and bring extra water for hard-playing woofers.

Among the questions asked has been whether there will be a fenced-off section for smaller dogs, Recore said. For now, the early verdict is it could bring confusion to the separated canines, but the jury's still out on a final decision, she said.

Another question is can there be a pond? Due to liability issues and concerns about children, it's not a strong likelihood, Recore said.

Drive to Main Street and west on Main Street to Fond du Lac Avenue, where it will end at the Kewaskum Municipal Annex Building. Floats can park in the alley between Engelhardt Distributing and the Annex Building.

Immediately following the parade, the Village Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin in front of the Village Annex Building. The Kewaskum High School Swing Choir will perform Christmas carols before the parade marshals light the tree. Winners of the float competitions will also be announced at that time.

The Kewaskum chamber funds the parade through sponsorships and a donation made by the McCarty

family several years ago.

Lithia Beer's return

Lithia Beer is enjoying a triumphant return to West Bend.

This summer, more than 8,000 glasses of West Bend Lithia Regner Red Ale have been sold at area events, said CEO Gunter Wood. Most recently, it was among the beers featured at the Washington County Historical Society's Brew Ha-Ha fundraiser.

But your chance to tip back a glass of the local brew won't end with the season. In coming weeks, Regner Red Ale will be available in county restaurants and taverns, Woog said. In about four weeks, 12-ounce bottles will be sold in six packs and cases for

the first time in nearly 40 years, Woof said.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Washington County Historical Society, Museum of Wisconsin Art and Regner Park development, Woog said.

Scam alert

West Bend residents are being subjected to yet another telephone scam.

A caller claiming to be with an unclaimed property department says he will orchestrate delivery of \$2.5 million to your home if you first send \$200 to an overseas account via Western Union. The caller provides a toll-free number for local residents to call, supposedly to initiate the same-day cash delivery. The calls are

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scams, police say, and the only thing residents will receive is a \$200 hit to their wallets.

Town clerk graduates

Jackson Town Clerk Julia Oliver is among 111 clerks and treasurers who graduated from the 2010 Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute held July 11 to July 16 at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

The training institute is one of the largest programs in the United States and has received awards and recognition nationally and internationally. This year, 277 clerks and treasurers were in attendance from throughout the state.

Each summer municipal clerks, treasurers and other officials from across the state participate in a week of continuing education training courses. The course work focuses on the development of technical skills, learning state statutes and regulations, administrative knowledge, leadership and financial management.

Plant on the move

A flavorings and extracts manufacturer will move its plant to Germantown from Brookfield.

Northwestern Extract, which develops products for the premium food and beverage industry, recently bought a 25,000-square-foot facility at W194N11250 McCormick Drive in the Germantown Industrial Park from Pendergast Real Estate. The company will move from a 13,000-square-foot facility in Brookfield.

Jim Young, a broker with Cassidy Turley Barry, worked with Northwestern Extract for nearly two years to find a suitable new location.

The Germantown property was ultimately chosen for its ideal size and location, he said.

Albiero joins GMIC board

Thomas Albiero has been appointed to the board of directors at Germantown Mutual Insurance Company. Albiero became a director at the quarterly board meeting on Sept. 15. He will complete the term left vacant by the retirement of a former director, Albiero

has been active with many Germantown organizations, including Leadership Germantown.

Democratic dinner

The Democratic Party of Washington County is holding its 12th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday at the Riverside Park Pavilion, 800 Kilbourn Ave. Social hour begins at 3:30 p.m., dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Prominent guest speakers will make appearances.

The price is \$10 per adult, \$5 for children younger than 12, and free for children 6 and younger. Tickets are available by calling the campaign office at 338-0990 or stopping in at 131 N. 6th Ave. Tickets are also available at the door.

Dinner is home cooked on site with desserts and refreshments available. Tom Barrett and Russ Feingold yard signs are available at the office and at the dinner. Volunteers are welcome.

Tapas, Tango and Tequila

"Tapas, Tango and Tequila" is the theme of Casa Guadalupe Education Center's third annual fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the West Bend Mutual Insurance Co.'s Prairie Center.

The evening will include lively music by MadiSalsa, an 11-piece Latin jazz ensemble, salsa dance lessons by University of Wisconsin-Washington County professor Mike Mattek, specialty tequila tasting and authentic Latin dining prepared by Chef Roberto of Zilli Hospitality.

Tickets cost \$6, including a \$5 raffle ticket. Tickets are available online at www.casaguadalupeonline.com, at the Casa Guadalupe office, 479 N. Main St., Westbury Bank's downtown office, St. Frances Cabrini Parish or by calling 306-2900.

All proceeds are to benefit Casa's education division, English language literacy programs and the Helping Hispanic Children Achieve Academic Success Project.

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