

she has been asked to resign. Visit her website, www.Kathy4clerk.com, and you will see why I think she is one of the most intelligent, courageous, organized and professional women that I have ever met. Show your support for Kathy by calling or emailing the Waukesha County executive.

Donna Vrakas
Hartland

Watch for KM community survey

To the editor,

The Kettle Moraine School District has an excellent and well-deserved reputation in the state for providing an outstanding learning experience for our students. We are proud of our students who regularly rank in the top 10 percent in the state academically. At the same time, we work very hard to be as efficient as possible and to control costs. As a result, Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance ranks our District in the lowest 10 percent in the state for spending.

The last six years have presented enormous budget challenges related to sustaining the level of educational opportunities the community has come to expect. To balance these budgets the district has cut expenses by more than \$9.2 million by eliminating staff, reducing programs, and reducing benefits by switching to a new insurance provider and requiring staff to contribute more towards their health and retirement benefit costs.

We are conducting a community-wide survey to gather feedback about three areas of concern: beyond 2012-13 additional budget deficits of \$7.5 million over a three year period, the increasing demand for district technology that exceeds capacity, and school facilities in need of major repairs and renovation.

The District's plans and budget will reflect the priorities of taxpayers, as well as our students and families. Before any decisions are made on how to address these needs, the KMSD Board of Education needs to understand community priorities. A community wide survey will be delivered to your mailbox on or after April 26. Surveys may be taken online or in paper copy and mailed directly to School Perceptions,

a Wisconsin-based independent firm with expertise in conducting community surveys. If you do not receive a survey in the mail, please contact the district office at (262) 968-6300 Ext. 5305.

Survey results will be reported at the Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m. May 22, in the KMHS-Library Media Center and will also be available on the district website at www.kmsd.edu. Thank you for taking the time to complete this important survey. Your thoughts and those of your neighbors will shape the future of our school district and our young people.

Patricia F. Deklotz
Superintendent
Kettle Moraine
School District

Lying is egregious enough

To the editor,

Many in Wisconsin, primarily Republicans, have argued that the average Wisconsinite isn't well-served by a recall that targets the governor over a single issue. According to them, a recall election is not warranted unless an officeholder commits some egregious sin.

Please remember that on April 14, 2011, Gov. (Scott) Walker, under oath, admitted in a congressional hearing to Rep. Dennis Kucinich, that he had lied about the need to strip collective bargaining rights in order to solve the state's budget deficit. His union-busting measure saved the state no money whatsoever.

Furthermore, Walker lied when he said "I campaigned on (the proposals in the budget-repair bill for Wisconsin) all throughout the election. Anybody who says they are shocked on this has been asleep for the past two years."

Rep. Gerry Connelly asked the governor during the same congressional hearing if he had brought up collective bargaining during the campaign. Walker confessed that he had not.

I find Gov. Walker's perpetual lying to be an egregious (extraordinary in some bad way; glaring; flagrant) sin, which warrants the recall election.

As far as it being over a single issue, I would remind the Wisconsin electorate that President (Richard) Nixon's resignation was over a single

issue, that of Watergate ... and due to another case of perpetual lying.

Bill Peche
Hartland

Let's talk this out

To the editor,

Your March 28 article told only part of the story about North Lake public access: the DNR viewpoint. There already is public access for fishing boats just yards from the proposed Highway 83 site to which they now object.

This is about a new North Lake public boat launch and, with real effort to find common ground, that could have become a reality years ago. Yes, DNR refuses to negotiate with North Lake Management District (NLMD).

DNR spent \$1.125 million for the Kraus property, compared to a \$325,000 potential cost at Highway 83. In 2010, NLMD proposed its Highway 83 site plan, which was developed in conjunction with the DNR. After DNR suggestions, NLMD paid to have drawings changed at least five times. And DNR rejects that proposal?

When protests become too strenuous, is something else going on? Wisconsin statutes require comparison of "practical alternatives." Once officially denied, however, a site is "not an alternative," thus avoiding comparison. Alternatives are:

1. Kraus wetlands, where DNR wants the public boat launch, plus a long access road through swampland;
2. Highway 83 site where the community and NLMD want the launch.

We will do the comparison for you, but, not surprisingly, there are adverse environmental impacts at both sites. The DNR property includes six relatively undisturbed acres in the Kraus wetlands. The Highway 83 site includes 2.8 acres, and also includes some wetlands.

Below you can see DNR's problem:

- A. Savings of \$1,000,000 estimated at the Highway 83 site;
- B. Emergency vehicles have fast, direct access using Highway 83 Why would DNR ignore law-enforcement recommendations?
- C. Roughly 50 mature trees may be lost at Highway 83, compared to approximately 400 mature trees lost at Kraus;
- D. Major wetland fill

needed for 1,900-foot road through Kraus wetlands. The Highway 83 access road is 500 feet, needing only modest wetland fill;

E. Risk of serious residential flooding near the Kraus wetlands; no such risk at the Highway 83 property;

F. Access at Highway 83 means more customers for North Lake businesses and supports jobs; there are no businesses, or jobs, near the Kraus wetlands;

G. A majority of community members support public access at the Highway 83 site.

Finally, there was concern about the DNR ending up with two properties if the launch site were at Highway 83. Well, there are ways to solve that problem too, but first we have to talk to each other.

Jerry Heine
Chairman

North Lake Management
District

Editor's note: This letter was edited for length.

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