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## SPORTS

### Badgers survive in NCAA tourney

Wisconsin gets past Wofford, barely, in the first round; also, the Daily News' Pat Neumuth reports from Milwaukee ▶ Page B1



## 2010 COUNTY BOARD ELECTIONS

### Newcomer guaranteed to take a seat

Retired teacher, former loan processor square off

By **DAVE RANK**  
Daily News Staff

TOWN OF WEST BEND — For the first time in eight years, District 14 will have a new representative on the Washington County Board.

Town residents Lee Krueger and Mark Helmle are on the April 6 ballot to replace four-term incumbent Donald Berchem who decided not to run again.

District 14 includes Little Cedar and Silver lakes and the southwest corner of the city of West Bend.

There are 30 supervisors on the County Board. All are up for election next month, although just seven districts are contested.

Krueger, 70, a retired science teacher, is active with the Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation, the Big Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, the Ice Age Trail Alliance, and is a former town board supervisor.

Helmle, 45, is a former loan processor for a bank and once ran for state assembly. "With all of the financial restraints government faces we need to find ways to expand what can be done with the least amount of money," he said.

"As we plan for the future of the county," Krueger said, "I want to help maintain our traditions and heritage. And most importantly, I want to ensure that Washington County remains a good, safe place for my children and grandchildren."

"My main concern is, I want to bring common sense to county government," said Helmle. "We need some new, fresh ideas, people who don't have quote-unquote tons of political experience."

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## County Board District 14



■ **Name:** Mark Helmle  
■ **Age:** 45  
■ **Address:** 5523 Silver Lake Drive, town of West Bend  
■ **Employment:** Formerly Disabled Loan processor, JP Morgan Chase Bank.  
■ **Years in district:** 31  
■ **Education:** Bachelor of arts, communications.  
■ **Family:** Father.

**Helmle**

■ **Memberships:** West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Group.

■ **Political experience:** Unsuccessful campaign for state Assembly, 1992.

■ **Why are you running?:** "I feel we need to put common sense back into government and I care about Washington County. I want to keep all of the beauty in our county alive for the future. ... There is a lot to do and I am eager to get started."

■ **Name:** Lee Krueger  
■ **Age:** 70  
■ **Address:** 3976 Highway NN, town of West Bend  
■ **Employment:** Town of West Bend invasive plant coordinator; author; environmental educator; retired middle-school science teacher; retired U.S. Army National Guard, five years active duty.  
Years in district: 70



**Krueger**

■ **Education:** Bachelor's degree, elementary education; master's degrees, educational administration and international studies.

■ **Family:** Married, four adult children, four grandchildren.

■ **Memberships:** Washington County Historical Society; Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 448; Cedar Lakes Conservation Association; Ozaukee Washington Land Trust; Ice Age Trail Alliance; Lac Lawrann Conservancy; Riveredge Nature Center; Wisconsin Maple Syrup Producers Association; Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin; others.

■ **Political experience:** Chairman, town of West Bend Board of Appeals, 1985-present; town of West Bend supervisor, 1979-1982.

■ **Why are you running?:** "I want to help lead Washington County to a strong future. I am a fiscal conservative and would like to see the county spend our tax dollars wisely and carefully. I've had a chance to work at the township level and now would like to do my part in working with government at the county level."

## Health care doubts persist

Providers wonder why they haven't been part of the process

By **DAN MUCKELBAUER**  
Daily News Staff

Count area hospital and other administrators among those with questions for Congress, which is scheduled to vote on health care legislation Sunday.

The proposals continued to change on Friday as rumors flew around Congress.

"I would have hoped by this time there would have been more involvement of the direct-line providers of health care," Jim Browne, West Bend Clinic administrator. "There hasn't been a great deal of specifics that we're able to nail down and define and plan for."

"It's not that we haven't been paying attention."

Watching how the federal government plans to fill the doughnut hole for Medicare pharmacy bene-



Associated Press

President Barack Obama delivers remarks on health insurance reform Friday at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

fits is one area he said he's been paying particular attention to but that keeps changing.

"Once you do understand it, it changes as well," said Peter German, Washington County Human

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## Seniors add their two cents to debate

By **DAN MUCKELBAUER**  
Daily News Staff

Before a dice game called Greed on Friday afternoon, people at the Washington County Senior Activities center, 401 E. Washington St., were talking about the health-care vote.

"Where is all the money going to come from?" asked Lorraine Schmidt of West Bend, who has Medicare and supplemental coverage. "It's like Alice in Wonderland."

Jerry Wertz, 74, of the town of Polk was a little more blunt.

"It's going to bankrupt the country," he said, noting the estimated 39 million uncovered people who will now receive coverage.

"If this were such a great

plan, why are they covering up everything and doing it behind closed doors?"

Rudolph Tonz, 90, of West Bend said he wasn't concerned because he is well-covered through Medicare and his postal pension.

But Marlene Holtz, 74, of West Bend, who is hopeful the legislation will be defeated, said it appears that Medicare will cover less.

"It's difficult to understand," she said.

"Even the legislators don't know what's in it," said Karen Lewis, 73, Senior Citizens Activities volunteer coordinator. "If I had a yes or no vote, I would definitely vote no."

"On the other hand, we do need some sort of better care."

## Leading the way to bright futures

Competition for students blends math, technology, engineering and science

By **KRISTEN J. KUBISIAK**  
Daily News Staff

West Bend High School students showcased their engineering and technological skills in a competition earlier this month in which they designed and piloted a remote operated vehicle that could maneuver underwater.

The "West Benders," a team of seven high school students, took second place in the competition and represent a growing number of youth participating in the Project Lead the Way program offered at the high school.

Project Lead the Way is a series of middle and high school classes that blend science, technology, engineering and math. The high school level program is called Pathway to Engineering, and the middle school component is Gateway to Technology.

According to West Bend School District Director of Virtual Programs Jason Levash, Pathway to Engineering has been offered at the secondary level for the past two years. In the 2008-2009 school year, 107 students participated and this year there are 121.

The district currently offers six of the eight available courses, including: Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Biotechnical



Submitted photo

West Bend High School students involved in the Project Lead the Way program earned second place in the Building the Water Generation ROV Competition earlier this month. Students built a remotely-operated vehicle that performed a variety of tasks underwater. Team members included Josh Ulickey, James Van Eerden, Matt Waech and Ben Heinze.

Engineering, and Engineering Development and Design.

Civil engineering and architecture will be offered for the

first time in the fall, Levash said.

"The program provides students with real world learning

in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math,"

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## Local law enforcement's partnership with online auction Web site saves taxpayers' money

Selling seized property generates thousands for city, county

By **STEVE SCHUSTER**  
For the Daily News

An online auction Web site similar in design to eBay is selling property seized by West Bend police officers and mem-

bers of the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

For several years, the West Bend Police Department and Washington County Sheriff's Department, along with hundreds of law enforcement agencies throughout the nation, including the New York and Los Angeles police departments, have teamed up with the internet Web site propertyroom.com to sell goods that were once stolen or seized. Other "found" and surplus goods are also sold

on the Web site.

Propertyroom.com was founded in 1999 by former police officers and is located in Mission Viejo, Calif. The site was created as an alternative for the law enforcement community to the time-consuming process of tracking and storing auction inventory and holding live auctions. Propertyroom.com claims to increase local revenues and reduce costs.

The city of West Bend and Washington County receive

nearly 50 percent of sale proceeds, which ultimately helps taxpayers, according to several local and county government officials.

"It brings money back to the city and helps defer operating costs," said West Bend Police Lt. Paul Pokorski.

Since the beginning of the city's contract with propertyroom.com in 2006, the city has earned \$5,193.85 according to City Clerk Amy Reuteman.

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## FROM THE FRONT

### Lead: Solving problems

said Lance Bronske, who teaches Introduction Engineering and Design, a foundation level Pathway to Engineering courses.

Students in Introduction to Engineering and Design study the principles and elements of design; generate pictorials and annotated sketches; learn design relationships; apply conceptual, graphic, physical mathematical and computer modeling techniques; and develop working drawings with dimensioning and annotation.

Throughout the class, students develop a portfolio with an extensive body of work they could take to "any college," Bronske said, or show a potential employer.

"It can be tough for 14-year-olds to grasp the importance of developing a portfolio, but it's an important professional skill," Bronske said.

Students also have unique opportunities to show off the skills they are learning outside of the classroom.

Ryan Johnson, who teaches Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics, and Engineering Design and Development, invited his students to participate in the Building the Water Generation ROV Competition that took place at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Students Tyler Peters, Josh Ulickey, James Van Eerden, Ben Heinze, Peter Steiner, Matt Waech, and Tarryck Kalishek built a remotely operated vehicle that performed a series of tasks in a underwater simulation.

"The competition required students to remotely collect samples of sea urchins and bacteria, manipulate test equipment, locate an active volcano, and measure and graph changes in temperature," Johnson said.

Students spent many hours after school and on weekends constructing, testing and modifying the vehicle, Johnson said.

Johnson said students learn not only about the engineering design process and problem solving, but about the practical applications of math, science and technology.

For students like junior Nathan Towle, who is considering a future in engineering, Project Lead the Way classes are a no-brainer.

"I'm thinking about being an engineer so my

### Project Lead the way

Project Lead The Way is a national, not-for-profit educational program that helps give middle and high school students the education they need to develop strong backgrounds in science and engineering.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's statewide long-term projections, it is predicted that computer and mathematical occupations as a whole will increase by more than 20 percent by 2016.

During the same period, it is also estimated that Wisconsin will see a 15.6 percent increase in the employment of biomedical engineers, a 16.1 percent increase in the employment of environmental engineers, and a 21.4 percent increase in the employment of industrial engineers.

guidance counselor suggested this would be a good start," he said.

But that's not the only reason a student might participate in the program, according to Brent Kindred who works for the Wisconsin Department of Instruction and is the state leader for Project Lead the Way.

"One of the purposes of Project Lead the Way is to give our kids options," Kindred said. "If students aren't interested in taking three years of the science curriculum, two of the Project Lead the Way courses are recognized as science equivalency credit that meet graduation requirements."

Project Lead the Way also offers students a head start on their post-secondary education, Kindred said.

Credits earned through the Project Lead the Way program are transferable to a network of schools, throughout the nation.

Students also have the opportunity to earn credit directly through the Milwaukee School of Engineering, provided other academic requirements are also met, according to Levash. Students are then able to earn an MSOE transcript and can use the credits there or transfer them to another school.

"I won't say it's a good fit for every school," Kindred said, "But it's definitely an innovative program, challenging students to be critical thinkers."

### Property: Saving money

"It's a means of generating revenue and/or avoiding the longer process of public auctions," Sheriff's Capt. Steve Gonwa said. "Even when we have surplus property, we try to get something for it."

"The (income) that we get from property sales goes back to the county as a form of revenue," said Bill Kurer, of the Washington County Purchasing Department.

In 2009 alone, the sheriff's department earned about \$1,000 from its partnership with propertyroom.com, Gonwa said.

Firearms are an example of an item that can not be resold on the Web site. According to Gonwa, seized firearms are disposed of by the state crime lab.

Local items that will be auctioned are picked up in Washington County by agents of the Web site. Because propertyroom.com has recently implemented a fuel surcharge for the pickup of the items, the city now limits the number of yearly pickups and waits until it has a sufficient amount of items, in the interest of saving taxpayer dollars, Reuteman said.

The Web site allows consumers to bid low amounts of money – even a dollar in some cases with no reserve (a reserve price is the lowest price an item will be sold) for expensive items such as luxury watches and cellular telephones.

What's the catch? Some of the cellular telephones being sold on the Web site can not be activated and are marked as stolen by cellular telephone providers. Once someone buys the stolen phone and calls a telephone company to activate service, the customer is sometimes told that the phone he is trying to activate has been red flagged as stolen based on the electronic serial number and is further told that the equipment can not be activated because of the stolen status.

Some auctions on propertyroom.com even state in a disclaimer that telecommunications service may not be available.

Washington County retailers warn consumers that it's "buyer beware" when it comes to purchas-

ing a cellular phone on the internet.

"I would never recommend (buying a cell phone on that site). You might as well take the money and throw it in the garbage," said Matthew Winter, store manager of West Bend Wireless Logic, an authorized AT&T Wireless.

Winter said he had a customer come into his retail store who had purchased a cellular telephone on the internet for \$350 and it didn't work. The problem: the phone was not a real phone it was merely a plastic display model with only some parts of the circuitry of real phone in the shell, he said.

Scott Olson, store manager of Camera Case Wireless, an authorized agent for U.S. Cellular in West Bend, also cautions people about purchasing cellular telephones on the internet.

"Anytime anyone purchases off of the internet, not from an authorized agent or retailer, they should be cautious," he said.

However, if the buyer knows the electronic serial number of the phone before he make the purchase, the service provider's customer service department can check the status of the phone, Olson said.

A representative with Verizon Wireless also made a similar suggestion.

Telephone messages left with propertyroom.com and e-mails were not returned by the time of publication.

However, not all of the cellular phones for sale on propertyroom.com are stolen and cellular telephones are only a small percentage of what is actually sold on the Web site. Computers, video games, books, movies, stereo equipment, sunglasses, power tools, costume and fine jewelry, coins, bicycles, are just some of the popular items found on the Web site.

Additionally, according to the propertyroom.com Web site, serial numbers of all items received are recorded and then checked against the serial numbers in a Stolen Property Registry. If a match is found, employees of the Web site attempt to contact the rightful owner and return the items.

Sometimes, people with political experience just don't see a new opportunity."

He said he would bring those fresh eyes and a different perspective to the County Board. "I happen to have a disability," said Helmle, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1987.

Dealing with that, he said, has given him experience he has used to solve problems for other people as well. "That, unfortunately, is my God-given talent."

Continuing to provide needed and expected county services during tough economic times will be a challenge for county govern-

ment, Krueger said. "It's money and taxpayers and the (economic) crunch. People have to continue to pay their bills and taxes and in many cases have less income to do so. More demands are being placed on county services and, yet, taxes should not be raised."

He said, "In the past there may have been a certain level of freer spending. In the past year or two it appears that the county has done a good job of tightening up on expenditures and getting the most for the taxpayers' dollar. We need to continue with this frugality."

If elected next month,

Helmle said, he would like to work on streamlining the process of decision making in county government. "Lighten things up," he described it, so that a request from a constituent for action does not have to go through layers of committees before the County Board can reach a decision. He'd like to see government at all levels become more nimble to "more readily be able to help people as needs arise."

Most important for county officials, Helmle said, "in these economic times, it's financial restraint."

Krueger said there are three areas of interest he

would like to explore if elected. "The sharing of assets and resources between different levels of government, continuing to support the Washington County Fair and looking into the possibility of reducing the size of the county board."

"My family has a long history in Washington County," Krueger said. "I know the county well, in particular the area that I would like to represent. In talking to residents and landowners over the past five years, as my wife and I wrote our township history book, I gained an even deeper appreciation for our area."

## OBITUARIES

### Elizabeth "Betty" Teeters, 68

Elizabeth "Betty" Teeters, 68, of Crystal Springs Drive in the Town of Fredonia, died Thursday, March 18, 2010 at her residence.

She was born Aug. 24, 1942 in Phillips to John and Ruth Wanish Raap. She grew up in Ontonoggen, Mich., and after graduation moved to Milwaukee. She married Gerald Teeters on Oct. 24, 1964, at St. Rose of Lima Church in Milwaukee. They resided in Cedarburg for 11 years and moved to Fredonia in 1976.

Betty took care of her family and was a great baker and canner. She played the piano and organ since the age of 7 and used her talent to serve as church organist in her churches. She also played the accordion and enjoyed crafting and crocheting.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald "Jerry"; children Michael (Kim) Teeters of Mundelein, Ill., Patrick (Janel) Teeters of Elkhart Lake, Lori Buretz of Campbellsport and Jodi (Jeff) Voigt of Allenton.



Further survived by grandchildren Nicole, Jacob and Brittney Teeters, Justin Zilicke, Lindsay Buretz, Danielle (Jed) Stier, Michael, Joey, Devon, Derek and Mckayla Voigt; great-grandchildren Cameron, McKenzie, Keegan and Logan; her pets Rascal, Coco, Brandy and Simba; other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers, William and Elmer Zwic, and a grandson, Anthony Zilicke.

The Rev. Richard Fleischman will celebrate Mass of Christian Burial at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, at Holy Rosary Parish, St. Rose Chapel, 315 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia. Visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday at the Poole Funeral Home and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Rose Chapel, Fredonia. Memorials appreciated. Poole Funeral Home, 203 N. Wisconsin St., Port Washington. www.poolefh.com or 284-4431.

## LOTTERY

**WISCONSIN**  
**SuperCash Friday:** 2-12-17-21-29-38  
**Pick 4 Friday:** 2-6-0-6  
**Pick 3 Friday:** 7-5-0  
**Badger 5 Friday:** 7-8-11-22-24

**ILLINOIS**  
**Friday:** Pick Three-Midday – 6-3-0; Pick Three-Evening – 9-5-5; Pick Four-Midday – 4-4-9-6; Pick Four-Evening – 7-3-4-3; Little Lotto – 7-14-20-21-31

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Ralph Adamczyk to Terrance and Ruth Amoth et al, 1250 E. Green Lake Drive, town of Farmington, \$125,000.

Eric and Wendy Casetta to James Proebsting et al, Julie Bloy Proebsting et al, 5352 Woodstone Drive, town of Hartford, \$330,000.

Berggren Farms II LLC to Ross and Marcella Bishop, 1736 W. Mill Road, town of Jackson, \$400,000.

Thomas and Laura Gaarder to Michael and Amanda Soba, 1759 Davids View Drive, town of Trenton, \$211,000.

Matthew Barnes et al to Joseph and Elizabeth Kabacinski, W196 N11545 Shadow Wood Lane, Germantown, \$334,900.

Isabelle Farms Inc. to Victory Homes of Wis. Inc., Prairie Ridge Court, Germantown, \$186,300.

Steven Gamm and Steven Warren Gamm et al to Aaron and Diane Pearce, 4906 S. Lake Road, Richfield, \$380,000.

Southstar III LLC to Jason and Naomi Treiterer, 2980 Gateway Ave., Hartford, \$215,000.

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church to James and Susan Cox Family Trust, Center St., Hartford, \$55,000.

Ridgedale LLC to Andrea Kort, 230 Hilldale Drive ...1302 and Gar. 5, Hartford, \$145,000.

DJN Investments 2 LLC and DJN Investments I LLC to Wheelock-Monroe Apartments, 509 E. Monroe Ave., Hartford, \$875,000.

Hartford Land Development LLC to Nathaniel Gunnufsen, 516 Yosemite Ave., Hartford, \$190,400.

Clyde and Mildred Darmody Living Trust to Kenneth M. Bero Jr., River Road, West Bend, \$52,200.

Margaret Ahlers Revocable Living Trust to Kenneth M. Bero Jr., River Road, West Bend, \$52,200.

Moths Family Trust to Kenneth M. Bero Jr., River Road, West Bend, \$34,800.

Lisa Garcia and Lisa Junk to Richard Behling, 450 N. Silverbrook Drive ...203, West Bend, \$142,750.

James and Jane Willmas to Tracy Dricken and Devin Johnson, 709 Mulberry Drive, West Bend, \$190,000.

WB2 Investments Ltd. to Brookstone Homes Inc., Basin Road, West Bend, \$70,900.

Scott and Janice Kinkade to Gary and Karen Knipper Revocable Living Trust, 918 Cedar St., West Bend, \$139,900.

Courtney and David Monson to Robert Hoeller, 1945 Tumbleweed Circle, West Bend, \$285,700.

Donald and Carol Pountain to Karen Lynn Ziemer and Karen Urbanek, 7001-3 State Hwy. 175, town of Addison, \$700,000.

O464Brien Homes Inc., Sherman Parc Circle, town of Jackson, \$176,600.

MG Land Development LLC to Austin Luckow, 4382 State Road 28, town of Jackson, \$143,000.

Mary Jane Gerhartz to Harold Schneider, 3419 County Line Road, town of Kewaskum, \$3,000.

Robert and Colleen Gindt to Cody and Dorothy Grivno, 3146 State Hwy. 164, town of Polk, \$156,000.

William and Rebecca Raymond to Michael and Kristine Schram, Country Meadows Drive, town of Wayne, \$59,900.

Rabay Investments LLC to Joseph and Amber Hanthorn, N108 W16040 Carriage Ave., Germantown, \$220,000.

Glenn and Kathryn Frazier to Peter and Karen Geszvain et al, W169 N10292 Larkspur Lane, Germantown, \$295,000.

Charles and Jennifer Fuerstenau to Kevin and Megan Kusnick, N99 W16534 Woodcock Road, Germantown, \$287,000.

Sherman Creek Inc. to John and Mildred Orlikowski, N161 W19091 Oakland Drive, Jackson, \$180,300.

James and Julie Gilmeister et al to Christopher and Danielle Riffel, N168 W20333 Main St., Jackson, \$173,000.

Allen Brettington to Mary Woolman, 740 Chief Kewaskum Place, Jackson, \$173,500.

Robert and Sandra Kopping to Gary and Judy Leicht, 1129-1133 Fond du Lac Ave., Kewaskum, \$215,000.

Matthew and Marta Sellers to Mitchell Weyer, 2956 Maple Terrace, Richfield, \$206,500.

Thomas and Sheryl Bruggler to Kirsten and Melanie Sinclair, 310 Kettle Court, Slinger, \$225,900.

Todd Ehner to Scott and Kristen Lorrigan, 600 Hunters Crossing ...2, Slinger, \$60,000.

Ridgedale LLC to Edward Braun Revocable Trust, 230 Hilldale Drive ...1308, Hartford, \$159,900.

Hartford Land Development LLC to Gary Heimerl and Michelle Mindham, 252 Acadia Ave., Hartford, \$253,300.

Associated Bank National Association to Hendrickson-Thull Enterprise, 15 Cedar St., Hartford, \$60,000.

William F. Lustig Jr. to Thomas Wright, 435 Sheridan Drive, West Bend, \$230,400.

Michael Polsky and CSMC Inc. et al to Steven Taylor, 526 River Drive, West Bend, \$40,000.

MLG/West Bend LLC to William Ryan Homes Wis., Creekwood Drive, West Bend, \$60,000.

MLG/West Bend LLC to William Ryan Homes Wis., Pintail Drive, West Bend, \$60,000.

## Colorado topless gardener complaints prompt new rules

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A woman gardening wearing only a yellow thong and pink gloves has brought neighborhood complaints and new rules from a housing authority in Colorado.

Boulder Housing Partners plans to amend its rules so that tenants cover up when they're outside. Several passers-by told Boulder

police earlier this week that 52-year-old Catharine Pierce was topless while tending to her yard. Last year, she was threatened with eviction for gardening wearing only pasties and a thong.

Police responding to Wednesday's reports decided Pierce wasn't breaking any laws.

Robert Pierce said he'll

fight changes that would keep his wife from gardening outside topless, which is legal under state and city law.

"They're making a big mistake," he said.

Boulder Housing Partners Executive Director Betsy Martensaid that people have complained for years about the couple often going outside wearing only thong

underwear.

Robert Pierce said the new rules wouldn't discourage the couple. "We'll stay the way we have to stay," he said.

The City Council is scheduled in April to consider expanding the city's anti-nudity ordinance, but a draft proposal to make it an offense for women to go topless in public was removed.