

CELEBRATING JEAN SNYDER



ELIZABETH SNYDER PHOTOS, KENOSHA NEWS

Jean Snyder enjoys her favorite meal – cocktail shrimp and wine – for her 88th birthday in July 2022.

Remembering days of wine and roses

Moscato fan and gardener leaves quite a legacy

Thanks to my mom, I have a bottle of “SunPop” Watermelon Moscato cooling in my refrigerator.

Of course, there are many other ways my mother contributed to my life – starting by literally giving me life – but this bottle of wine, purchased three weeks ago, is a tangible sign of her everlasting presence.



ELIZABETH SNYDER

We were supposed to try it together this summer, after she discovered they make her favorite drink in different flavors.

But now, every time I open the refrigerator and see the bottle on the middle shelf, I’m reminded that we’re never going to share it.

Jean Snyder, who was so many things to so many people – daughter, student, wife, mother, friend, teacher, gardener, grandmother – died on June 30 after a short illness.

She leaves a legacy, like we all do, of moments big and small.

For every “big” day, like when she graduated from college as a 36-year-old mother of four daughters to start



Longtime pals and Four Seasons Garden Club members Jean Snyder, left, and Marji Kintis worked together at the 2007 “Secret Garden Walk” (see gray box to the right).

a three-decade teaching career, there were many more times where nothing more exciting than finishing a good novel happened.

One of those “small” days for my mom, however, continues to have a huge impact on my life.

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‘Secret Garden Walk’

In a strange twist, while my mom was slipping away last week, I was working on our story about this year’s “Secret Garden Walk,” hosted by the Four Seasons Garden Club.

My mom was a Garden Club member for more than 50 years, and I can’t think of a better way to honor her memory than by going on the self-guided walk on Saturday.

As I talked to the gardeners, I swear I heard my mom’s voice, reminding me to go home and water my own plants and to, please, try to keep them alive this year until at least Labor Day.

Godspeed, Mom, and may you tend to your gardens wherever you are.

The “Secret Garden Walk” is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 8, featuring five local homes. The cost is \$10; free for kids under age 12. You can purchase tickets at any of the tour homes: 6226 Fifth Ave., 6314 Fifth Ave., 318 69th St., 6910 Third Ave. and 217 69th St.



Kenosha Pride set for Saturday

New location adjacent to museums

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The 2023 Kenosha Pride, a festival filled with music, food, and a march, will be held Downtown on Saturday, July 8.

The annual event has relocated to Celebration Place in Harbor Park at 5501 Ring Road, a few blocks east of its previous location. It will be held from noon to 9 p.m.

Organizers indicated they expected several thousand visitors to the festival, which helps celebrate diversity in the community.

The event is set to feature a beer garden, multiple stages with free entertainment. There will be more than 70 food and merchandise vendors on hand. Pets are welcome and there will be a pet welcoming area.

A march will be held starting at noon in Library Park, proceeding west to Sheridan Road. The parade then turns north on Sheridan Road to 54th Street, east on 54th Street to Calabria Way, ending at Italiana Circle.

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KENOSHA NEWS FILE PHOTO

The inaugural Miss Kenosha Pride, Natasha Roberts led the Kenosha Pride parade in 2017.

Fire destroys semitrailer Wednesday on 50th St.

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Fire destroyed a semitrailer in the 5400 block of 50th Street Wednesday night.

Firefighters were called to the scene after people working in the area reported that part of a semitrailer was on fire at 5:30 p.m. in an industrial area behind the former ShopKo property, according to Battalion Chief Scott Krueger of the Kenosha Fire Department.

“Workers noticed that a semi truck was on fire and called 911,” he said. Firefighters put out the blaze within minutes but were on the scene for about a half hour to investigate. No one was injured.

Krueger described the damage to the semitrailer as “a complete loss.” The cause of the fire, which remained under investigation late Wednesday, was as yet undetermined, he said.

PLEASANT PRAIRIE

Emergency responders honored at meeting

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PLEASANT PRAIRIE – Representatives with the Froedtert South Hospital Emergency Department presented commendations Monday to Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue members for their efforts during two emergency calls.

At the start of Monday’s Village Board meeting, the staff congratulated six emergency medical service personnel for their actions during the calls, as well as Fire Chief Craig Roepke.

The first call was on Jan. 2,

2023, for an 88-year-old male suffering a cardiac arrest and falling down a flight of stairs. Emergency responders managed to resuscitate the victim at the scene, and after a brief stay at the hospital, the man was successfully discharged “neurologically intact.”

The second was on Jan. 11, for an 11-month old infant in respiratory arrest due to an allergic reaction. The infant, too, was successfully resuscitated.

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Left to right: Trevor Schoenfeld, Joshua Thompson, Chris Yule, Joy Mathein, Benjamin Childers, Ryan Holm and Craig Roepke. The Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue personnel were honored for their work during two calls earlier this year.

In Loving Memory of
John D. Pignotti, Jr.
"J.J."

July 7, 1987 - April 29, 2008



Thinking of you on your special day, how much we all love and miss you.
Rest in Peace.
Your loving family.

In Loving Memory of
Dolly Aiello

July 7, 1940 - June 26, 2014



Happy 83rd Birthday in Heaven.
Love and missed by,
Bruno
Cathy, Jeff and family, Lucy, Rob, and family, and Jim and Alison.

Snyder

From B1

'She's playing the flute'

As a fifth-grader, I went to Washington Junior High School one night with the rest of the kids on our block to pick out a band instrument.

"I'm going to play the French horn," I told the band director — because I dreamed of creating that beautiful sound.

Standing behind me, my mom just kept repeating "She's playing the flute."

The band director explained that every other girl wanted to play flute, but he could really use some horn players.

But my mom wouldn't budge.

Her reasoning? My parents had already purchased a flute for my older sister, Karen, who no longer played.

"And this one," she said, pointing to me, "will quit, too. So we're not buying another instrument."

That's how I became a flute player — as a sibling hand-me-down.

Now, 50 years later, I play in three community bands and hope to never stop.

In recent years, I often teased her, vowing, "Just to prove you wrong, I'm not quitting until you die."

Far from admitting she may have been wrong about the whole instrument business, however, my mom acted like that was her plan all along. "See? I inspired you," she said. "Spite is a strong motivation."



Never in a million years will I ever look as glamorous as my mother, Jean Snyder, does in this photo from the 1950s.

I stepped out onto our balcony in my pajamas and was greeted by a ship's officer sipping his coffee a few feet away.

Back inside, I warned Mom to never walk out there naked. "I wasn't planning on it," she assured me — unless it would get us a good room upgrade.

Also on that cruise, we were on deck one night past 1 a.m. in the North Sea, miles from anywhere, and watched the sky explode with green and purple swirls.

"What is that?" my mom asked, perhaps fearing the End Times had come. "That," I replied, "is the Northern Lights." (At least, I think it was. Either way, the world didn't end that night, and we had a wonderful memory to cherish.)

I learned a lot from my mom, from how to share a small space with another person to enjoying cheap thrills.

For as much as she loved traveling to different parts of the world, she could have just as much fun going to Walgreens with \$50 in bonus points to spend. More recently, she treated me to a shopping spree at the Addison Assisted Living Center's "Bingo Bucks Store."

90ish

My mom always hated it when I mentioned my age in a column — it made her feel old — but I am going to break that rule here. She died just a few weeks shy of her 89th birthday but had been hoping to make it to age 90.

"We're going to give it to you," I promised during our last visit.

Just like she gave out extra credit to her third-grade students at Holy Rosary School, we're going to boost her "score" to 90.

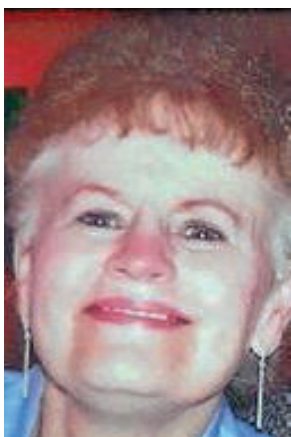
Here's to you, Mom, the woman who made me a flute player, a traveler and a lover of "Bingo Bucks."

Have a comment?

Email Liz at esnyder@kenoshanews.com or call her at 262-656-6271. And if you're able to, call your Mother!

Catherine Janet Ogren

1937-2023



KENOSHA — Catherine Ogren, 85, of Kenosha passed away on July 1, 2023.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Kenosha Funeral Services from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Kenosha Funeral Services Crematory
8226-Sheridan Rd.
Kenosha, WI 53143
(262) 652-1943
www.kenosha-funeral-services.com

CORRECTION

A story and photo in Wednesday's paper incorrectly stated the number of boats in Paddock Lake's boat parade Monday night. There were 11 in the procession, according to Mary Wallace, chair of the Paddock Hooker Lake Association.

BRIEFS

State Patrol plans aerial I-94 patrols

KENOSHA — Wisconsin State Patrol pilots will be monitoring Kenosha County's stretch of I-94 from the air on Friday.

Weather permitting, the State Patrol's Air Support Unit is set to patrol the interstate route in Kenosha County throughout the day.

When a pilot observes a violation, they communicate with ground-based units to initiate a traffic stop.

The aerial enforcement missions are announced publicly to reinforce the Wisconsin State Patrol's goal to improve safety through voluntary compliance with traffic laws, not

simply to stop or cite drivers, state officials stated.

Host families needed for exchange students

KENOSHA — Host families are needed now for exchange students coming to attend Kenosha area schools this fall.

A boy from France, 16, Raphael, is into sport events, movies, pets, volleyball, basketball, and bowling. Nuria, from Spain, 16, wants to go into medicine. She is into volleyball, tennis and American football.

Contact Carrie at 414-899-3890 or schulzcarr@aol.com for more information.

RNC REGIONAL PARTY FLY-IN EVENT

Republican Party of Kenosha County Chair Sandy Wiedmeyer was one of two Wisconsin county party chairs selected to attend the Republican National Committee Regional Fly-in June 26-27 in Ohio. The event provides party leaders with tools and strategies to assist leaders in running effective county parties. It was the second Regional Fly-in and the first to with Wisconsin county leaders attending. Prom From left, are State Grassroots Director Leslie Hubert, Wiedmeyer, and Pam Van Handel, RPOC Chair.

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Governor's 400-year veto angers opponents

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Associated Press

MADISON — Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers' partial veto that attempts to lock in a school funding increase for 400 years drew outrage and surprise from his political opponents, but it's just the latest creative cut in a state that's home to the most powerful partial gubernatorial veto in the country.

"Everybody will shout and scream," said former Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle, "but he's got 'em."

Wisconsin governors have the most expansive partial veto power in the country because, unlike in other states, they can strike nearly any part of a budget bill. That includes wiping out numbers, punctuation and words in spending bills to sometimes create new law that wasn't the intention of the Legislature.

That's exactly what

Evers, a Democrat, did on Wednesday with a two-year state budget passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature.

The Legislature had language in the budget increasing the per pupil spending authority for K-12 public schools by \$325 in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. Evers, a former state education secretary and public school teacher and administrator before that, vetoed the "20" and the hyphen to make the end date 2425.

The change means that until a future Legislature and governor undo it, the amount schools can spend through a combination of property taxes and state aid will increase by \$325 annually until 2425. That's farther in the future — 402 years — than the United States has been a country — 247 years.

"It's creative for sure," said Bill McCoshen, a

lobbyist who previously worked under former Gov. Tommy Thompson.

Creative, but not unprecedented.

Reshaping state budgets through the partial veto is a longstanding act of gamesmanship in Wisconsin between the governor and Legislature, as lawmakers try to craft bills in a way that are largely immune from creative vetoes. Vetoes, even the most outlandish, are almost never overridden because it takes a two-thirds majority of the Legislature to do it.

Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, during a Thursday interview on WISN-AM, vowed to try, though he admitted it would be difficult.

Vos called Evers' 400-year veto "an unprecedented brand-new way to screw the taxpayer ... that was never imagined by a previous governor and certainly wouldn't by anybody

who thinks there is a fair process in Wisconsin."

Former Republican Gov. Scott Walker in 2017 used his veto power to extend the deadline of a state program from 2018 to 3018. That came to be known as the "thousand-year veto." He also delayed the start date of another program by 60 years.

The Republican Thompson was known for his use of the "Vanna White" veto, named for the co-host of Wheel of Fortune who flips letters to reveal word phrases. Thompson holds the record for the most partial vetoes by any governor in a single year — 457 in 1991. Evers this year made 51.

Thompson said he would never fault a governor for using their partial veto power.

"People are saying 'How can he do this?'" Thompson said of the Evers veto. "Well, he did it."

Pride

From B1

The city will close traffic to the march route during that part of the festival.

The headliners will include: Thea Austin, formerly of Snap!, and the voice behind the song "Rhythm is a Dancer;" Jade Jolie, from "RuPaul's Drag Race" Season

5, who will perform as Taylor Swift; and Jasmine Kennedy, from "RuPaul's Drag Race" Season 14.

"We will welcome anyone to join us at this free public event down at the Harbor," said Dan Seaver, president of Kenosha Pride Inc. "We are excited to celebrate our 11th year on a new day and at a new location, and we hope everyone comes out and en-

joys all of the entertainment we have prepared."

The free entertainment will also include the band Miss Christine at 1 p.m. Miss Christine, an Iowa based band, was Iowa Public Radio's June Artist of the month, and has been touring the Midwest to celebrate the June 1 release of the band's second album, "Bittersweet."

Miss Christine is fronted

by Christine Moad, a gender-queer bassist, singer-songwriter and music educator. They have traveled the world from Tennessee to Monaco as a professionally touring bassist. Moad attended Berklee College of Music before gaining experience as a session musician in Nashville. Miss Christine released its debut solo album, "Conversion," in 2019.

Responders

From B1

Dr. Brian Piechowski, with Frodtert South, praised the Pleasant Prairie responders for their efforts.

"The reason we pick and celebrate these is they have the most dramatic outcomes, but also as a celebration of the entire department and

all the hard work from the fire and EMS service," Piechowski said.

In an online statement, the village also praised its responders.

"The Village of Pleasant Prairie is incredibly proud of our EMS personnel," the statement said. "Thank you for your continuous training and professionalism to aid community members in need."