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A fond farewell from Beverly Connor

The Berlin Journal Newspapers asked that I provide ten top memories of the last 11 years and 4 months of being the reporter for the Fox Lake *Representative* newspaper. My memories are not about covering meetings and events, but of all the wonderful people who have worked with me to provide news coverage. Some people surely have been very kind in helping to provide any and all information needed.

Vicki Matheys always assisted with the many fisheree winners and has provided information and pictures for December to Remember, the softball tournament, and many other events.

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City Council moves forward to 2015

By Beverly Connor

At the special council meeting held on Wednesday, December 17, the Fox Lake City Council approved the Mayor's appointment of the *Beaver Dam Daily Citizen*, as the city's official newspaper, as the *Fox Lake Representative* will cease publication on December 25, 2014.

A Class B intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverage license was granted to David DePrey for 302 W. State Street,

upon the surrender of the current Class B license currently held by Margaret Buelow of Mr. B's bar.

The 2015 senior dining program agreement with Dodge County Human Services and Health Department was approved.

Discussion of the CDBG engineering plans regarding the removal/replacement of sidewalk in the 200 block of E. Cherry Street reconstruction this coming spring. Jason Laue of MSA brought

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2014 NEWSMAKER OF THE YEAR

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 521

By Beverly Connor

Upon looking through the *Representative* newspapers printed during 2014, it became apparent that there is one organization that is always contributing to the community throughout the year. It is the Fox Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 521.

The 2014-2015 officers are President Tammy DePrey, Vice President Kathy Decker, Treasurer Barb Recheck, Secretary/Historian Patti Newman, Chaplain LaVonne Zumm and Sergeant-at-Arms Sharon Pillsbury.

The ladies are always working behind the scenes, working in their kitchens baking up lots of delicious baked goods such as for the American Legion first Saturday dinners. They provide volunteer helpers for the dinners, the American Legion



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THE FOX LAKE AMERICAN Legion Auxiliary Unit 521, *The Representative's* 2014 Newsmaker of the Year, includes LaVonne Zumm—Chaplain, Barb Recheck—Treasurer, Kathy Decker—Vice President, Tammy DePrey—President, Patti Neuman—Secretary/Historian, and Sharon Pillsbury—Sergeant at Arms.

Birthday Party in March and the February Ice Fisheree. At the year-end Christmas Party, the Auxiliary always presents a

check to the Legion as a Christmas present.

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Berlin Journal Newspapers publisher announces discontinuation of *The Representative*

By Jason J. Fox

This Wednesday, December 31, will mark the end of another year. Following a lengthy decision-making process that did not come without considerable difficulty for publisher Ty Gonyo and the family-owned Berlin Journal Newspapers, it will also mark the end of

a long and storied era.

Recognized as not only the top local news source for Fox Lake area residents since the Andrew Johnson presidential administration, but also as one of the oldest newspapers in the entire State of Wisconsin, *The Representative* will discontinue its weekly publication effective at the start of the new year, making this

week's edition the last.

While the Berlin Journal Newspapers will no longer be publishing *The Representative*, the official newspaper of the City of Fox Lake and a locally-owned periodical since 1866, Gonyo remains hopeful that an interested party might step forward and take over the business operations. Gonyo further stressed

that his company would be very much interested in helping to facilitate that transition.

"There's so much history with *The Representative* and making this decision, even from a business standpoint, was not easy," said Gonyo.

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SAGES Winter Holiday decorated with gingerbread houses

By Beverly Connor

SAGES Charter School celebrated Christmas Around the World on December 19 with a AM and PM production.

Principal Nick Vertz welcomed everyone and explained that the program was a collaboration of teachers and support staff who all put in extra hours of effort. He thanked and recognized the Governance Board, SAGES Foundation and PTO. The volunteers continue to grow to help the school and of course the parents and support families are thanked.

The Kindergarten class learned about an American Christmas and sang "Snowflakes Are Falling on My Head."

First graders learned about Holland traditions and put on a skit. Holland's major holiday tradition is celebrated on December 5 and is called Sinterklaas.



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DOZENS OF GINGERBREAD HOUSES were displayed in front of the Christmas trees with hand-made decorations and Santa cut-outs on the walls.

Second grade learned about Christmas traditions from Germany. They have learned that the Germans were the first to intro-

duce the Christmas tree, called tannenbaum in German.

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UW-EX to host Functional Strength for Older Adults class starting January 12

Dodge County University of Wisconsin Extension invites the public to attend a new four-week exercise class, beginning Monday, January 12, at the Dodge County Administration Building Auditorium, 127 East Oak Street in Juneau.

Baby Boomers are constantly bombarded with promises to lift, tighten and rejuvenate their bodies and "turn back the clock." Truthfully, fitness professionals can roll back the clock for

older participants! When you improve strength and stability, you increase functionality and combat the effects of Sarcopenia (age-related muscle loss). This class targets the less fit older adult with a three-pronged approach to functional strength. By addressing mobility, strength and balance, you improve posture, facilitate the activities of daily living, and reduce the risk of falling.

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Small packet trees still available for purchase

The Dodge County Land Conservation Department continues to sell small packets of trees and shrubs for spring 2015 planting. Trees and shrubs being offered for sale for planting in spring 2015 include Red Oak, White Oak, Swamp White Oak, Burr Oak, Sugar Maple, White Cedar, White Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Spruce, Tamarack, Fraser Fir, Red Osier Dogwood, American Cranberry Bush, Hazelnut, Black Cherry, Elderberry, and American

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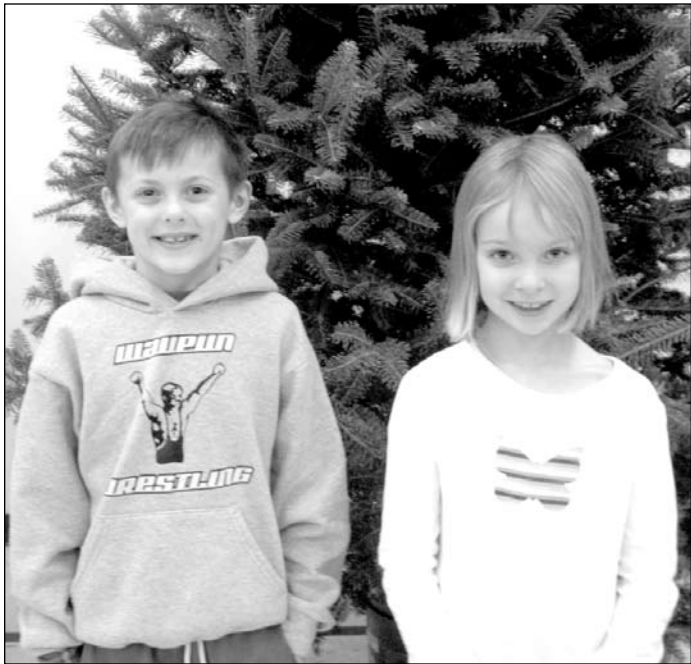
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Kids Say...

SAGES kids were asked...



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If you won \$500 in a contest, what would you do with it at Christmas?

EMMETT HULL, grade 1, left:
"Make a party for my family."

ALLI SMITH, grade 2, right:
"Buy stuff for my family."

Savor winter's beauty at Horicon Marsh Candlelight Snowshoe/Hike, January 17

Hiking and snowshoeing by candlelight, a roaring bonfire, roasted marshmallows and warm refreshments await couples, singles and families at the 5th Annual Horicon Marsh Candlelight Hike/Snowshoe on Saturday, January 17 from 6-9 p.m.

The event is sponsored and hosted by the Friends of Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center and Wisconsin DNR. The Education Center will be open for people to warm up, view the 20-minute *Horicon Marsh Story*, visit the gift shop, or have the kids do a fun craft to bring home! There are also snacks available for purchase and the Flyway Gift Shop is open for shopping.

The Northern Cross Science Foundation astronomers will be on site to help you view the night sky through telescopes or to talk about the stars if it is cloudy. Members of the Horicon Marsh Bird Club will be on the trail

conducting short owl talks and calling for owls. You can also learn about Wisconsin's mammals on the short "Family Loop" trail! Warm beverages and light snacks will be for sale inside the center as well as a bake sale. New this year, hot chocolate will be available outside in the new picnic shelter.

Friends of Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center will line the trails with luminaries to welcome and guide hikers and snowshoers. Volunteers will be on hand for assistance and information. There are two trails available. One trail is 1.5 miles and another "Family Loop" is only .36 miles.

Hiking and snowshoeing are free to the public. Don't have your own snowshoes? Thanks to a generous Wisconsin Environmental Education Board grant and matching funds from the Friends group, snowshoes will

be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis at no charge. There is no guarantee, however, that they will be available when you arrive. Snowshoers may have to wait until a pair is turned in. There must be at least six to eight inches of snow on the ground to loan out snowshoes. Leashed pets are allowed on the trails but not in the building.

Admission to the event is free; however, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item or hats/gloves/mittens for the food drive and mitten campaign to be donated to local schools and local food pantries. A winter themed basket will also be raffled off to help support the Friends group.

For more information, call (920) 387-7890 or (920) 387-7893, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. The center is located at N7725 Hwy 28, Horicon, between Horicon and Mayville.

Cornerstone Supports Hospice

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TODD AND JESSICA MICHAEL, owners of Cornerstone Funeral & Cremation Services in Beaver Dam and Markesan, recently made their annual donation to the Beaver Dam Community Hospital Foundation, dedicated to fulfilling the vision of bringing a regional Hospice Home to the area. From left are Dawn O'Polka, BDCH Director of Marketing and Development; Todd and Jessica Michael; and Kim Bresser, BDCH Foundation Manager.



CARD WINNERS

Card winners at Fox Lake Community Center on Tuesday, December 16 were:

500
Clara Schmidt
Joe Kluz

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"From a personal standpoint, we'd love to see the readers in Fox Lake continue to have a paper they can call their own and take pride in. We're sincerely hoping that the right type of individual or individuals will take the reins and continue to provide the community with a quality publication."

Current subscribers who wish to be refunded the remainder of their subscription fees are asked to send

a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with that request by January 31, 2015 to the Berlin Journal Newspapers' home office at P.O. Box 10, Berlin, WI 54923. Any subscription balances not to be refunded to the subscribers, Gonyo said, will be donated to the Fox Lake Chamber of Commerce.

The staff of the Berlin Journal Newspapers extends its sincerest thanks to Beverly Connor, *The Representative's* advertisers and readers, as well as its wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Fond Farewell

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Kerry White of the Fox Lake Property Owners has been very helpful with covering new events with information and pictures.

Louis Leizinger of FLPO is in charge of fish stocking and Friends of the Lake Outing. He always called and provided anything needed for the newspaper coverage.

Mayor Tom Bednarek and City Administrator Gary Rogers were wonderful in keeping me informed and answering questions. Always there to help were Sue, Ann, Kip and Geno.

Julie Flemming helped with various Town of Fox Lake meetings and information, besides providing articles for Bunny Berigan Days.

Kathy Jenswold was always available to answer questions about SAGES Governance Board meetings.

Judy Stiteley, Principal Nick Vertz and all the teachers of SAGES Charter School have assisted in gathering information for coverage of their events.

Darrell Schultz could always be counted on to provide Memorial Day parade participant names.

Ann Buchda has done a wonderful job providing Spooktacular Event and Chamber information.

Chief Aaron Paul of the Fire Department has been very helpful with gathering firefighter and EMT names, besides any and all information needed for articles.

Ron Paul did a lot of picking me up for Waupun Area School Board meetings. Thank you.

I surely have been blessed to have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people on my job. Thank you and God bless each of you.

Beverly Connor