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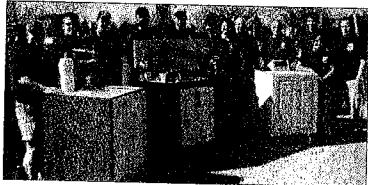
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# Library Board appointments OK'd

Four new faces replace members purged in storm over young adult books section

By DAVE RANK  
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Four new members were appointed to the West Bend Library Board Monday night, confirmed by the Common Council on a 7-1 vote.

Named to the board by Mayor Kristine Deiss from a

field of 18 volunteers were West Bend residents James Fowler, Douglas Rakowski and Judith Schaar.

Alderman Richard Lindbeck agreed to replace Alderman Nick Dobberstein, whom the Common Council did not reappoint back in April during the height of the young adult book controversy that had engulfed the West Bend Community Memorial Library.

Along with Dobberstein, an English teacher at Hartford Union High School, citizen members of the board not reappointed by the council were Tom Fitz, retired University of Wisconsin-Washington County

librarian and a 24-year member of the city Library Board, West Bend attorney James Poulos, who's been on the Library Board for two decades and Mary Reilly-Kliss, a retired middle school and high school reading and language arts teacher who was on the Library Board for three years.

The four have remained on the Library Board until replacements could be named.

While repeating that she still believed her original reappointments would have served the community well, the mayor said her new candidates would "do an excellent job."

Alderman Roger Kist voted

against the new slate of appointments, saying he felt the reappointments were qualified and should have been approved by the council in April.

The council's April vote not to reappoint the four Library Board members was one of several notable events that took place during the four-month-long fight over books some considered too sexually explicit to be located in the young adult section of the library.

On June 2, the nine-member Library Board voted unanimously not to move or label the books being criticized by a citizen group calling itself West Bend Citizens for Safe

Libraries.

The group's complaints exposed a divide in the community between those who want more restrictions on books containing sexual references and those who saw such actions as censorship and an attack on free speech and the free expression of ideas.

A second citizen group, West Bend Parents For Free Speech, formed to oppose the restrictions proposed by West Bend Citizens for Safe Libraries.

The controversy that ensued brought considerable media and Internet attention to West Bend, as well as from organiza-

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## FROM THE FRONT

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tions on both sides of the political spectrum.

Alderman Steve Hutchins said he would have liked the citizen appointees to have attended Monday night's council meeting. "I really would have liked to talk to them just to get to know them."

Alderman Tony Turner said he would have liked to have received a few sentences of biography on each appointee before voting.

Alderman Michael Schlotfeldt said he was acquainted with two of the candidates, Jim Fowler and Judy Schaar. He assured his fellow aldermen that "you are getting a more diverse background" on the Library Board, individuals without degrees in education.

Schaar's education was in human resources and she formally worked at St. Joseph's Hospital, Schlotfeldt said.

Fowler's education was in health care, Schlotfeldt said. "He goes to church at St. Frances Cabrini (Catholic Parish)."

Deiss said she did not base her choices on the volunteers' opinions about the book controversy. "I wanted to make sure they understood what they were getting into," Deiss said. "This is not a one-issue appointment."

Turner asked the mayor if the three citizen appointees would have a "sense of urgency" the next time a complaint was raised concerning the library.

That did not come up in their conversations, Deiss said.

She thanked all 18 people who volunteered to join the Library Board. "All were concerned about the community and they did want to put themselves in the middle," she said.

Library Director Michael Tyree said he was glad the appointments went through.

"It will be interesting to meet these people," Tyree said. "My sense is the mayor made some good choices. It will be an interesting learning curve for them."

His only involvement with the selection process, Tyree said, was to provide information on whether or not the candidates had library cards, a criteria asked for by the mayor.

Out of the 18 volunteers, one person did not have a library card and three others had not renewed their library cards in the past 11 months, Tyree said.

All four of the new appointees have up-to-date library cards, Tyree said.

## RECORDS

### LOTTERY

#### WISCONSIN Saturday

**SuperCash:** 5-7-14-18-30-38

Doubler: No.

**Pick 4:** 0-1-5-9

**Pick 3:** 9-7-5

Double Draw: No.

**Badger 5:** 8-10-23-27-28

**Megabucks:** 1-8-10-30-38-45

**Powerball:** 13-16-20-35-41

Powerball: 6

Power Play: 4

#### Sunday

**SuperCash:** 1-5-11-12-19-28

Doubler: Yes.

**Pick 4:** 6-7-4-0

**Pick 3:** 1-8-3

**Badger 5:** 6-13-19-24-26

#### Monday

**SuperCash:** 6-13-20-23-26-29

Doubler: No

**Pick 4:** 4-2-0-5

**Pick 3:** 8-1-1

**Badger 5:** 11-16-18-20-23.

#### ILLINOIS

**Saturday:** Pick Three-Midday

- 3-1-0; Pick Three-Evening - 2-

8-1; Pick Four-Midday - 4-0-6-4;

Pick Four-Evening - 9-7-4-3;

Lotto: 12-22-31-37-40-51; Little

Lotto: 1-12-25-26-29.

**Sunday:** Pick Three - 8-3-6;

Pick Four - 5-9-6-3; Little Lotto:

5-9-12-13-21.

**Monday:** Pick Three-Midday -

3-7-0; Pick Three-Evening - 2-8-

6; Pick Four-Midday - 1-6-9-9;

Pick Four-Evening - 9-8-4-8;

Little Lotto: 6-8-25-32-37.

### BIRTHS

#### Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls Colgate

Jody and Nick Rahoy of Colgate announce the birth of their son, **Tyler James Rahoy**, on May 14 at Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls. He was 8 lbs., 2 oz. and 20.5 inches long. He joins brother Joshua, 2.

Christina and Andrew Argersinger of Colgate announce the birth of their son, **Nathaniel Argersinger**, on May 19 at Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls. He was 7 lbs., 15 oz. and 19.5 inches long. He joins sister Jillian, 6, and brother Nicholas, 3.

#### Erin

Melinda and Chad Diels of Erin announce the birth of their son, **Calan Joseph Diels**, on May 15 at Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls. He was 6 lbs., 14 oz. and 19 inches long.

#### Germantown

Natasha Fergelic and Christopher Klingkammer of Germantown announce the birth of their son, **Ashton Michael Klinghammer**, on April 22 at Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls. He was 7 lbs., 8 oz. and 21 inches long. He joins sister Justice, 13, and brother Taylor, 7.

## OBITUARIES

### Mary T. Schaub, 84

Mary T. Schaub, 84, of Long Lake, passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Ivy Manor in Campbellsport, with her husband and family at her side.

She was born on Sept. 19, 1924, in Milwaukee, the daughter of the late Frank and Josephine (nee Lansky) Slesar, and on Oct. 8, 1949, she was united in marriage to Homer Schaub at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kewaskum.

The West Bend Company in West Bend employed Mary for seven years. She worked as a bookkeeper for Koch's Store in Kewaskum for a few years and later worked at Amity Leather Company in West Bend, retiring in 1987, after 15 years of service.

Mary served as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader for many years. She enjoyed growing roses and entered her Peace roses at the Washington County Fair, where she won several blue ribbons. Activities she enjoyed included cake decorating, crocheting, reading, playing sheepshead, golfing and fishing. After retirement, Mary and Homer would enjoy occasional day trips to the casino.

Mary was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kewaskum, the

Mary touched the lives of many and will be deeply missed by her husband, her family and by all who knew her.

Survivors include her devoted husband of 59 years, Homer; four children, Jean (Ken) Crass and Judy (Mark) Biertzer, both of West Bend, Jim (Tracey) Schaub and Jenny (Dan) Schroede, both of Kewaskum; a brother, Frank (Rosemary) Slesar of West Bend; eight grandchildren, Sara Crass (special friend, Jason Hull), Kelly Crass, Gabe (Elisa) Biertzer, Ali (Aaron) Christ, Luke Biertzer, Tanner Schaub, Matt Schroeder and Katie Schroeder; a great-granddaughter, Clara Christ, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph (Lorraine) Slesar.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Kewaskum. The Rev. Jerome Repenshek will officiate and cremation will follow the traditional service. Burial of her cremains will be at 10 a.m. on Friday in Washington County Memorial Park in West Bend.

Relatives and friends may