

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sidney focused on what's best for kids, community

To the editor:
Character assassination season is here! Yes, it's another Cedarburg School Board race and a certain faction is out to suppress a lifelong resident, Scott Sidney, from participating in the democratic process.

Last year, shenanigans drove a candidate to resign from the race due to harassment. Another experienced a fruitless search of police records going back years. Letter writers in the past two Thursday News Graphic editions focused on name calling, out-of-context words and mis-truths to disparage this candidate. Let's have a School Board race that focuses on academic achievement, parental involvement, and classrooms free of toxic ideologies.

I believe Mr. Sidney is focused on what is best for our kids and the community I only hope we have a civil dialogue this spring in our School Board election.

Chris Duecker
Cedarburg

Vote Bach for Mequon alderman

To the editor:
I am writing to endorse and encourage my fellow residents of District 5 in Mequon to vote this April for Gregg Bach. I have had the pleasure of knowing Gregg as a neighbor, as a member of the Mequon Planning Commission and as chapter president of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Gregg has the leadership and experience we need as alderman for the 5th District. His experience as an administrative leader at University School will serve him well as our next alderman. Gregg listens and cares about all his neighbors. He cares about the future of Mequon and as a member of the Ulao Creek Committee workforce, he has helped plan responsible development along North Port Washington Road.

It is my strong belief that District 5 will benefit from Gregg's strength of character, his positive and professional approach to all manner of community issues, his personal interactions and interest towards others.

Please vote for Gregg Bach on April 4.

Martin Choren
Mequon

Judicial caveat

To the editor:
America and Wisconsin rely on a constitution and a legislative process to provide laws for our citizens. The judicial system is in place to apply the laws and resolve disputes when executive administrations and individual actions are in question.

I'm afraid one particular judge running for Wisconsin Supreme Court is not considering this important separation of duty. I don't think it is important that we know how a judge feels, or what policy they would like to see implemented on a particular issue (i.e., abortion). We need judges to be unbiased and apply the rules enacted through the legislative process and the Constitution.

Please, when you vote on Feb. 21, look for a judge that will apply the laws of the state of Wisconsin and the Constitution and keep our separation of powers in place. Don't fall for commercials just stating their opinions. But look to see if they promise to apply the written laws that your elected representatives have put in place. PS. — This goes for attorneys general as well.

Steve Storch
Cedarburg

Bach will help move Mequon forward as alderman

To the editor:
I am writing in support of Gregg Bach as alderman for District 5 in Mequon. I have known Gregg for 37 years as a friend and a professional colleague. He is a person of high character who is always seeking to help others, his community and the world around him.

Where there are problems, Gregg doesn't hesitate to step in to help find the solutions. He has a genuine desire to move Mequon forward and he has the intelligence and ethical decision-making to do so. He is not afraid of hard work and is willing to spend the time required to complete the work.

I can't think of a better person to work with the other council members to make the best policy decisions and approve programs and projects that will better life for all in our city. I strongly recommend that you look at what Gregg Bach has to offer and elect him alderman for the 5th District.

Pamela Nosbusch
Mequon

Vote Protasiewicz for Supreme Court

To the editor:
I have a friend who until recently voted only in presidential years and then left much blank because she didn't know who to vote for in lower and yet powerful seats. A nonpartisan Wisconsin Supreme Court judge primary election is on Feb. 21. Two big issues might be coming before the court soon — reproductive rights and gerrymandering.

When I lived in Michigan, I voted to

override the Legislature and governor through binding referendums. If the legislators are out of touch on an issue, Michigan people take charge, gather petition signatures and get it on the statewide ballot. That is how Michigan and Kansas recently sealed the right to abortion and how Michigan gained fair maps. Minnesota's lawmakers recently codified reproductive rights.

We do not have binding referendums in Wisconsin. Since we have gerrymandered districts, our only opportunity to secure reproductive rights may be with our Supreme Court, which has four candidates running in this primary for one seat of a ten-year term. We vote for one. The top two primary winners will be in a runoff in the general election on April 4.

Two of the candidates will not support a woman's right to body autonomy nor will they rule for fair maps. As graduates of a conservative Christian law school in Virginia, they do not represent the poll-supported majority point of view.

A third candidate, UW-Madison Law School graduate Judge Everett Mitchell, is a fine juvenile court judge, but I am supporting Janet Protasiewicz, a Marquette Law School graduate. She was a Milwaukee assistant district attorney aiding victims and prosecuting criminals, and twice elected as a circuit court judge. She has vowed to be fair in rulings. Fair means human rights for women to choose the option best for them and fair maps.

Judge Protasiewicz and Wisconsin need your vote.

Nancy Camden
Mequon

Back Kelly for Supreme Court

To the editor:
The Wisconsin Supreme Court Race in this spring election is extremely important. If a liberal wins, the left will gain control. A liberal-controlled court will put our rights on the line. They could:

- Redraw our legislative and congressional maps to give Democrats the advantage;
- Strike down the state's 1849 law banning abortion;
- Invalidate Act 10;

- Strike down the voter ID law and bring back ballot drop boxes;
- Invalidate Act 35 which allows licensed people to carry concealed weapons in public;

- Target Act 94, known as the castle doctrine law;
- Strike down Act 1 which created a "right-to-work" law;

- Educational freedom, school choice, and parental rights will be at stake;
- Restrict the powers of police and expand the rights of criminal defendants;
- Expand the powers of the governor such as keeping the state locked down for as long as he wants or letting him rewrite laws.

Judges are supposed to follow the Constitution and uphold the law already on the books. They are not to legislate from the bench, rule by emotion and their beliefs or bring in their own activism. We need Supreme Court justices who believe in upholding the law as it is written.

Justice Daniel Kelly will preserve constitutional rights, uphold the rule of law, and prevent judicial activism. Daniel Kelly is the only candidate who is fully vetted and tested. His actions for four years on the court demonstrate that he will do what he says. That is why I am supporting Justice Daniel Kelly for the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Vote Daniel Kelly in the primary so he can move forward to the general election in April.

Marietta Bailey
West Bend

Bach best choice for Mequon alderman

To the editor:
As the election for the position for the alderperson in Mequon's 5th District approaches, we just want to express our thoughts that Gregg Bach is unequivocally the best person for the job.

We have known Gregg and his family for over 20 years, and whether it's showing fairness and compassion while coaching our son's Little League baseball team, or demonstrating his unique ability to hear both sides of a disagreement while acting as assistant head of University School, he excels in his ability to keep a cool demeanor and come up with creative, reasonable solutions.

Keeping his stand-up character in mind, we kindly ask your readers in the 5th District to vote for Gregg Bach in the upcoming election.

Dan and Gwen Armbrust
Mequon

Bach will serve Mequon well

To the editor:
I am writing this letter of support for Gregg Bach as a candidate for Fifth District alderman of Mequon. I have known Gregg for the past 10 years. I was the founding executive director of REDgen, a local nonprofit that advocates for mental health and well-being of youths. Gregg was the assistant head of school at the University

School of Milwaukee during my tenure as executive director. Gregg was instrumental in bringing our programming to the University School of Milwaukee. I currently am a member of the board of directors of REDgen, which Gregg is now chair of the board. Under his leadership, REDgen's board of directors has been effective in growing our organization.

Gregg brings a contagious energy that is both positive and collaborative. He is passionate and committed to the communities

that he belongs to and makes them stronger. He is organized, strategic, thoughtful, and compassionate. He is a leader who accomplishes the work even when it gets complicated. Gregg sees the strengths of his colleagues, motivating and engaging them in the work. He is a good listener, clear communicator, excellent time manager and conscientious decision maker. Gregg has been a longtime resident of Mequon and loves his community. I am confident he will bring his very best if he were elected as Fifth District alderman.

Amy Lovell
Fox Point

Kincaide will support well-rounded curriculum on Cedarburg School Board

To the editor:
Whether one considers themselves a Republican, Democrat or independent, we all want our child(ren) to receive an excellent education and have support that helps them succeed.

As a candidate for the Cedarburg School District Board of Education, one of my primary areas of focus will be the continued dialogue of what that looks like for students, educators and the community as a whole.

I am in favor of educators being able to teach lessons in a way that meets the needs of their students. I am grateful that five of our seven current board members voted in favor of the reimplementation of social emotional learning curriculum that had been previously paused.

As Cedarburg's Lifelong Learning Skills curriculum is discussed and options researched in more detail by administration, grade-level educators and staff within Student Services, I believe families deserve to have a representative on the board that not only respects this process, but also understands what these lessons may look like when put into practice in a classroom.

I believe I am that candidate because I understand the value of a well-rounded and professionally developed curriculum as well as support systems necessary for many learners.

For example, in the 2020-2021 school year, I worked in-person as an aide in a neighboring school district while my son utilized CSD's virtual learning opportunity. I made a decision to work in-person because I love working with students, knew it would benefit families that could not have a parent stay home, and recognize that support staff are integral to school communities.

I am committed to finding common ground in curriculum decisions that benefit students, supporting our district personnel at every level, and ensuring our continued success as a district. Learn more at ConnieKincaide.com or follow: @ConnieKincaideforSchoolBoard on Facebook and Instagram.

Connie Kincaide
Cedarburg

Concordia thanks American Legion for hosting event

To the editor:
On behalf of Concordia University School of Nursing, we would like to thank Jim Lee and the Cedarburg American Legion for the wonderful experience we had using the American Legion Hall for the Senior Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022.

I personally worked with Jim, who was the easiest person to talk with and was very considerate with all of our planning, set up and malfunctions. He allowed the students to decorate early, and on the night of the ceremony, he and his fellow Legion members were extremely helpful.

It was a pleasure working with you and your team and we look forward to additional ceremonies at your location.

Diane Ames
Dean
CUW School of Nursing
Mequon

Salvation Army thanks Red Kettle Campaign supporters

To the editor:
On behalf of the Salvation Army of Ozaukee County I wanted to thank all our volunteers and donors who made this past year's Red Kettle Campaign a success. With the generosity of our friends and neighbors we are able to continue our mission helping those who are struggling financially.

Special thanks to Jim Lee of the Cedarburg American Legion and Dave Antoine of the Grafton Lions for coordinating ringing in those communities.

Mark D. Schowalter
Red Kettle Chair-Ozaukee County
Port Washington

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