

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School Board recall a detriment to community

To the editor:

What I have always loved most about Mequon-Thiensville is our sense of community, as if the spirit of a nation after 9/11 survived here in our bit of heaven.

But recently, I see a viciousness that scares me, especially since it has to do with Mequon and Thiensville's greatest asset of all: our children. The vitriol and bullying by a group of parents who want to recall most of the School Board to gain total control of the schools is abhorrent. The fact that political figures, such as Alderman Gierl, are fomenting this group is unacceptable. They have invited in outside forces that are creating a dangerous precedent for our city, village, and ultimately our country.

We all want what is best for our kids. Sometimes that means accepting policies that we may not fully agree with, but that our School Board and school administrators know what works best. They are the experts. This is what they are trained to do. The keep our kids healthy, safe, and teach them how to think — not what to think. That's what makes our school district highly rated, and our children's futures successful.

Our nonpartisan, duly elected School Board members are upstanding citizens of the community who dedicate their service to maintaining and improving our schools, always with the best interests of kids at heart. They are chosen by the voters.

To have overzealous parents disregard the democratic process in choosing our leaders is frightening, and their threats reprehensible. This isn't D.C. or California. Recalling our elected officials, and turning our governing School Board into an operational one run by ill-equipped parents would be the downfall of our great schools, a detriment to the well-being of our community, and ultimately a failure for our children.

Mary McIntyre
Mequon

Hope for America found at cross country meets

To the editor:

I have attended cross country meets for over four years and I have always walked away from those meets with a sense of hope for America's future based on the sportsmanship I have witnessed.

Cross country is generally not a high-profile sport but it takes determination, training, skill and true grit to compete. Races (4K) are run in all kinds of weather with the exception of electrical storms. I have been at races when it was almost too hot to even be a spectator and at races when I was pelted with snow and sleet.

Do any of the runners ever experience disappointments? Of course! But never have I witnessed name-calling, results questioned or disrespectful behavior. Competitors congratulate each other on individual effort even though they may be

covered with sweat, exhausted and sorely disappointed.

I was recently at a meet where the first- and second-place runners were only one-tenth of a second apart. Was the boy in second place disappointed? No doubt but at the awards ceremony he shook the hand of the winner and also the third-place runner.

Contrast that behavior with that of certain politicians. Yes, I find hope for our country at cross country meets.

Sandra Osborne
Mequon

When the U.S. flag is used to divide us

To the editor:

On Saturday, Sept. 11, like most other Americans, the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks was on my mind. So, as I pulled up to the Paradise Drive and Main Street intersection and saw a crowd waving American flags, I felt a sense of pride that folks had come together locally. That feeling quickly changed as I turned the corner and noticed these "patriots" holding signs opposing masks and vaccines. Of all days, this day when so many work so hard to unite us, a group of self-centered folks chose to use the American flag to try and divide us. I assume they must be of the same ilk of those who carried the American flag as they terrorized the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

As a democracy, we have always found areas to disagree. But I am so saddened to see a vocal minority use the American flag as a tool of their hate and their efforts to

divide our country. Real patriots use the flag to unite. Sadly, haters are using it to divide. It happened in Washington and it's happening in West Bend, Wisconsin. And it's a shame.

Thom Peters
Cedarburg

Thanks to those who supported GCSF Moonlight Golf Event

To the editor:

The members of the Grafton Community Scholarship Fund Committee want to thank the following businesses for supporting our fourth annual Moonlight Golf Event. This event was held at Edgewater Golf on Saturday, Aug. 21. A sincere thank-you to our sponsors: Badger Optical, Best Friends Veterinary Center, Bloomin' Olive, Cornerstone Community Bank, Donahue Accounting, Grafton Orthodontics, Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body, Hollrith Realty, Hometown Heating & Air, Investment Center of Grafton, Jett Vance Salon - Sarah Hetzel, John's Pizzeria of Grafton, John Schneider & Associates, Kapco, Kkomfort Heating & Cooling, Kurt Kwiatkowski DDS, Mica Meunier Lawrence Agency - American Family Insurance, Ozaukee Realtors Association, Port Washington State Bank, PostNet, The Bridge, The 024 Taproom, The Hutch, and Yarbrough & Associates - American Family Insurance.

You, the businesses of our community continue to give us great

support.

Thank you to all of the golfers who attended the golf outing and to Danny and Jodi at Edgewater Golf for organizing this event. Because of the generous support of the golfers, businesses, and Edgewater Golf we are able to continue providing scholarships to deserving GHS seniors.

Thank you!

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