Letters to the Editor

To keep pace with area schools, Grafton referendum must pass
To Ozaukee Press:

A year after the failed $47.7 million referendum, the Grafton school district has lost 42 students to open enrollment (a record) and 20 additional students left the district for private schools. How many other families didn’t even consider moving to Grafton because of the state of our facilities?

If something isn’t done to reverse this trend, Grafton will continue to lose more students and fewer families will choose to move here. With a meager 1.7% yearly increase in the sale price of homes in Grafton (far behind that of our neighbors), perhaps this has already started.

On April 4 we have a chance to do something about these disturbing trends by voting yes on the $39.9 million school referendum. This referendum was crafted after significant feedback from the community and is full of needs. We’re surrounded by some of the absolute best schools in the state and we risk falling further behind if this referendum doesn’t pass. The needs of our district will not go away if this referendum fails; soon is the time to invest in our kids and our community.

I’m running for school board because I refuse to believe that Grafton can’t be one of the most attractive school districts on the north shore area—attractive for top administrators, teachers and families. As a homeowner and father of three kids who will be educated in Grafton’s public schools, I’m 100% invested in making Grafton a truly great school district. I have almost 20 years of experience in investing and finance and believe this experience will be an asset to the board.

I want all the kids of Grafton to have every opportunity possible after they graduate.

Jerry Rossi
Grafton

Kudos . . .

Hunters helping kids
To Ozaukee Press:

Our local Port Washington Lions Club, the Wisconsin Lions Foundation and the children who benefit from the Lions Club deer hide program, I would like to thank all the hunters who donated hides.

We set a new record with 152 hides from local hunters, the proceeds of which will go directly towards maintaining the 440-acre Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wis., and providing free, life-changing experiences to 1,500 special needs children annually, representing nearly 400 communities across Wisconsin.

Thank you to everyone who helped out in scraping and salting my acre this year.

Jim Greisch
Port Washington Lions Club

YOUR PIX

Red fox poses for a portrait

Cindy Harmeyer, frequent contributor of outstanding wildlife photographs to the Ozaukee Press, this week said, “I saw this fox at the corner of Highway 33 and Progress Drive in Saukville. The sleek predator, Cindy said, “was kind enough to pose for me.” In a second photo, the fox, baring a perfect set of formidable teeth in a yawn, did not look so kind.

Photos by Cindy Harmeyer

Ozaukee Press welcomes photos submitted by readers for YOUR PIX. Photos, with the photographer’s name and contact information and the location and other details about the picture, should be emailed to editor@ozaukeepress.com.