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Fewer people seeking elected seats locally in 2011

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WAUKESHA – Despite the political fervor at the state level, not many people are seeking elected seats locally in 2011. Most candidates had to have their completed paperwork with collected signatures returned to their local city hall, village hall or town hall by 5 p.m. Tuesday in order to run for office in the April elections.

In Waukesha, only two out of six aldermanic seats are contested for the spring election.

The race with the most candidates is District 13, which has three candidates.

Alderman Rick Tortomasi has held the District 13 seat, but he decided not to seek re-election. Phil Recha, Richard Radke and Andy Ballard are all vying for the seat, said Waukesha Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Gina Kozlik. Radke is retiring as the city building inspector and Recha is the former publisher and sales manager of Auto Seller Magazine, a Conley Publishing publication, which also owns The Freeman. A primary will be held for the seat.

In District 10, Annette Kuglisch will be challenging incumbent Steven Johnson.

Uncontested races will include Alderman Eric Payne for District 2 and Alderman Chris Hermandez for District 3, Kozlik said.

In District 6, Alderman Paul Furrow will not be seeking re-election. Brian White is the only person to have taken out papers to seek that seat. In District 7, Alderman John Kalbinger is also the only person seeking that seat. He was elected in the District 7 seat in September when then-Alderwoman Peggy Hall was successfully recalled.

Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas will cruise to re-election again as no one has filed to run against him in the spring election.

It is the second election in a row Vrakas has run unopposed. The last time Vrakas was challenged for the seat was when he was initially elected in a special 2008 election.

Waukesha School School Board members Barbara Brzezek, Joe Cuzzo and Kurt O'Bryan are all seeking re-election in April and they will be competing for three open seats with newcomer Karin Sue Rajnicek.

In Pewaukee, Village President Jeff Knutson will see a challenge as Trustee Tom Calder has filed papers to run against him.

Trustees Cathy Baumann and Paul Ewert have both filed papers for re-election and will be joined by resident Dean Flowers to fill three seats on the Village Board.

However, according to a news release from the village, Calder filed his declaration of non-candidacy after the deadline, so by law the deadline to file papers to run for the board has been extended to 5 p.m. Friday.

In the city of Brookfield, incumbent Edward "Hack" Jenkins will run to keep the District 4 seat. Jenkins was appointed to the seat when it was vacated by current Mayor Suzan Pozzo.

In the Town of Brookfield, incumbent Keith Henderson will run for chairman, incumbents Dan Shea and Mike Maxwell will run for the two open supervisor positions, and incumbent JoAnn Ering will run for judge, said Clerk Jane Carlson.

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Candidates seek new Waukesha Town Board seats

All seats up for election in spring 2011

By Katherine Michalets
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TOWN OF WAUKESHA – Nearly a year after the decision was made to increase the Town Board by two supervisor seats, Town of Waukesha residents will have the chance to vote for candidates seeking those seats in April.

Town Clerk-Treasurer Jamie Salentine said several people had returned completed paperwork by the deadline Tuesday.

Incumbent Supervisor Kevin German will be seeking re-election and is unchallenged, she said.

German said he is seeking re-election because he believes in the Town of Waukesha.

"I believe in the town. I support the town. I think the town deserves better than it has (received) in the past," he said.

German is seeking his third term as town supervisor.

Border and water protection and taxes are issues German believes are very important to the Town of Waukesha and will be discussed in this year.

Joe Barzsko, who won the supervisor No. 1 seat in a spring recall election, will be seeking re-election in April 2011, as will be Town Chairwoman Angie K. Van Scyoc, who also won her seat in the recall election. Neither are being challenged.

The Waukesha Town Board approved increasing its size from three members to five members during a meeting April 13. Until those two new seats are filled, the Town of Waukesha remains the only town in the county with less than five supervisors.

Seeking those seats are Michael F. Lasko for the supervisor No. 3 seat and Brian Fischer for the supervisor No. 4 seat. Neither of the candidates were reachable for comment Tuesday.

German thinks having a larger Town Board will be a positive change.

"Anytime you get (new) people, you have different opinions and conversation on those opinions and discussions are good. I believe it will be good if they believe in the township," he said of the new supervisors.

Constable Howard Gavens will not be running for re-election and there are no candidates seeking the seat.

Gavens said Tuesday that he decided not to seek the seat after holding it for 35 years.

He previously worked as a Waukesha County Sheriff's Department deputy, which he retired from two years ago.

A town constable's job mainly consists of handling complaints, such as about animals or other town matters. He also posts notices for the town clerk, he said.

"It has been fun watching how the government has worked over the last 35 years," Gavens said. "I've had fun and it's been a pleasure to work with the town."

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Ronda Arndorfer stands in the new barre area of the former Pilates on the Lake in Pewaukee on Wednesday. The center is being renamed the Movement Center of Pewaukee to reflect the expanded offerings, including barre classes and yoga.

Transforming a business

Expanded services means name change for Pilates on the Lake in Pewaukee

By Dave Fiddle
Special to The Freeman

PEWAUKEE – Ronda Arndorfer is ringing in the new year by transforming her business, Pilates on the Lake. Her exercise studio, situated along Pewaukee Lake, is being rechristened the Movement Center of Pewaukee and will feature free classes the week of Jan. 10.

Arndorfer said the name change reflects a natural evolution for her studio. Pilates had been the sole focal point of her business since its inception. Beginning this month, other forms of mind exercises – yoga and barre – are also being incorporated into the menu of offerings.

The Movement Center of Pewaukee is the first studio in the area to feature barre, a class that is widely popular on the East Coast but is relatively unknown in this area.

"I tripped across this method of exercise a few years ago when I was experiencing East Coast life and fell in love with it," Arndorfer said. "Once people around here discover it, I think they are going to like it as well."

Fueled by upbeat music and a ballet bar, a typical barre class is described as a flexible workout regimen that emphasizes strength training and stretching. Specific exercises are designed to hit every muscle group with an end goal of heightened endurance and stamina.

Arndorfer said barre classes will be a perfect complement to pilates and yoga, which feature similar elements to movements in her barre program.

"What I like about barre is everyone can work at their own level," she said. "There also will be some great cross-training opportunities between all three of these forms of mind exercises. Clients will have more choices."

Described as a "reinvention" of her business, Arndorfer's studio has undergone interior remodeling to accommodate the new classes being offered. The revamped studio features more classroom space and a ballet bar for the barre classes. Private rooms, for such offerings as massages, will remain a part of the facility.

Arndorfer's studio employs 10 certified trainers. She said eight of the 10 trainers have been going through a barre training course in preparation for the new offering.

"All of the trainers have been anywhere from five to 15 years of teaching experience," she said.

In an effort to introduce people to barre and yoga, Arndorfer is offering free classes Jan. 10-13 during the official grand opening and metamorphosis into the Movement Center of Pewaukee. The center is offering two introductory barre classes daily during the four-day stretch. One class in yoga is also being offered during the trial run.

Arndorfer said she aimed to accommodate people with a variety of budgets while crafting the pricing structure for services at the Movement Center of Pewaukee. The studio offers individual classes in packs, ranging from $14 for one class to $100 for 10 classes. There also are monthly membership options, including an $85 package that entails unlimited pilates, yoga and barre classes.

"My theory was I wanted to make this as affordable as possible," Arndorfer said. "I don't want one to keep people from getting in the studio and taking classes."

Regularly scheduled classes will take place the week of Jan. 15.

At a glance

Who: The Movement Center of Pewaukee, formerly Pilates on the Lake
When: Grand opening Jan. 10-13 with free classes here at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. yoga at 10 a.m.
Where: 101 W Wisconsin Ave., Pewaukee
Info: www.movementcenterpewaukee.com, 695-2262

BID continues search for new executive director

WAUKESHA – The Business Improvement District Executive Committee will continue its search for a new executive director by finalizing a document detailing the job description at next Thursday's meeting, said board President Sean Riley at a meeting Tuesday.

Once the document is finalized, it will be distributed to professional sources, including trade publications and LinkedIn.

Riley said a subcommittee will then see the candidates and report back to the board in February.

Former Executive Director Karen Richards resigned from her position in October 2010.

– Freeman Staff

IN BRIEF

Murder trial to begin in June

WAUKESHA – The murder trial of Chad Lurvey will begin June 16.

Lurvey, who is accused of killing Brian Lazzaro and Andrew Long in 2008, was supposed to go on trial later this month, but it was moved back to June after a December hearing.

Lawyers for both sides will meet again Jan. 25 for another motion hearing. If convicted of the crimes, Lurvey could face life in prison.

Christensen vies for new Democratic position

MENOMONEE FALLS – Former Waukesha County Democratic Party Chairman Jeff Christensen has announced he will seek party chairmanship of the 5th Congressional District.

"The role of a congressional district chair is to put the processes and resources in place to ensure success for the district," Christensen said in a news release. "I've seen the outputs of having a well-organized district and creating that type of organization will be vital to our future success as a party. Our goals need to be focused on putting the infrastructure in place to challenge the stagnant status quo in the district."

Christensen recently stepped down from his position as head of the Waukesha County Democratic Party after serving two years as chair. While chairman, he served in leadership positions in the 5th Congressional District, and the Congressional District, and he served on the executive board of the Wisconsin Democratic Party County Chairs Association.

If appointed chair of the district, Christensen would have oversight of all state and federal races for the party within the district, including future challengers to U.S. Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, R-Menomonee Falls.

Carroll's United Way donations up 51%

WAUKESHA – Students, staff and faculty at Carroll University raised $17,702 for the 2010 United Way in Waukesha County campaign, a 51 percent increase over the amount raised during the 2008 campaign United Way campaign.

The 2010 campaign included six leadership gifts and a 27 percent increase in participation by staff and faculty.

Carroll students donated $3,000 to the effort by donating the value of meals from their meal cards. Chartwells, Carroll's campus food service, converted that value to cash and added that amount to the campus wide effort.

Carroll's United Way campaign has been run for several years by Ryan Corcoran, a Waukesha resident and an IT systems administrator at Carroll.

Christmas trees to be picked up in Waukesha this month

WAUKESHA – City of Waukesha residents can place their natural Christmas trees at the curb for pickup by the Public Works Department until Jan. 31. Crews will pick up trees as time allows.

A definite schedule is not followed because of snow and ice control operations. Trees should be free of all lights, decorations and wrappings of any kind. Wreaths and other decorations made with wire should be placed with your weekly garbage for pickup.

Sensenbrenner to meet with area residents

BROOKFIELD – U.S. Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, R-Menomonee Falls, will be holding a town hall meeting for the residents of Pewaukee at 1 p.m. Sunday at Pewaukee City Hall, W240-N3065 Pewaukee Road.

During the first part of the meeting, Sensenbrenner will respond to questions and comments from residents on federal issues. He has also invited area state legislators to join him for the meeting so they may answer questions on state issues.

During the second half of the meeting, Sensenbrenner will meet with constituents one-on-one to assist with any problems they may be having with federal agencies.

Sensenbrenner will also hold office-hour meetings Monday.

During these meetings, Sensenbrenner will be available to respond to questions and comments from residents on federal issues, as well as work directly with individuals regarding personal matters with the federal government. Sensenbrenner has invited area state legislators to join him for the meetings so they may answer questions on state issues. He will be at Sussex Village Hall, N64-W23760 Main St., at 12:45 p.m.; Lannon Village Hall, 30306 W. Main St., at 1:30 p.m.; and Butler Village Hall, 12621 W. Hampton Ave., at 2:30 p.m.

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