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WATER REFERENDUM— VOTE MARCH 20TH

Kasperek for Sauk Village

EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT | There are no shortage of candidates running in the newly redrawn 34th legislative district of Illinois which cuts through Sauk Village between Torrence Avenue and the Calumet Expressway.

Running in the race is 24 year old Kyle Kasperek of south suburban Calumet City. Kasperek is a life-long resident of the south suburbs of Chicago. Kasperek graduated from Marist High School and earned a Degree in Finance Northern Illinois University. And is a was a member of the Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity.

Kasperek is employed as

an auditor/accountant at John Kasperek & Co and is an active parishioner at St. Victor's Church in Calumet City.

Kasperek has been working the streets of Sauk Village and is the only candidate from the south suburbs. All of the other candidates vying for the seat are from Chicago's south side.

The 34th District stretches from Chicago's south-side all the way down to Manteno, Illinois in what some charge are Democrats attempts to bring Chicago politics into the South Suburbs.

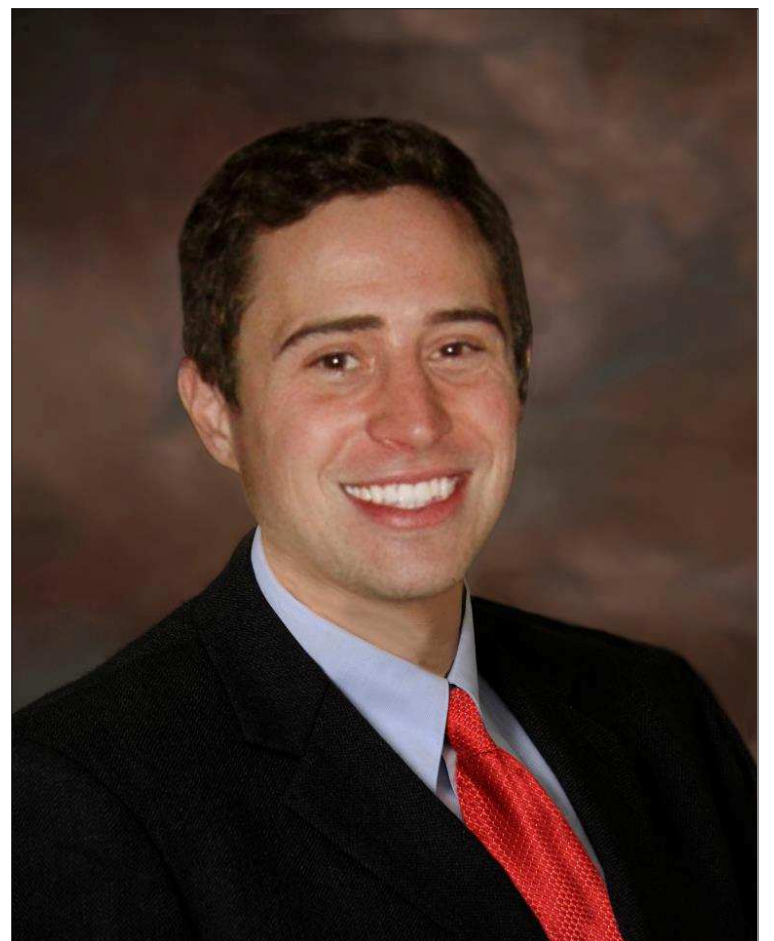
Sauk Village has seen it's share of former Chicago

politicians coming to Sauk Village in recent months including former Chicago Alderman Bobby Shaw, who currently lives in Dolton, Illinois. Shaw came to Sauk Village on November 22, 2011 to support Mayor Lewis Towers' appointment of Robert Fox as temporary police chief.

"I'm committed to serving the people of Sauk Village and the 34th District to provide honest and effective leadership in Springfield" Kasperek said.

Kasperek may not be the "Party's choice" for the seat but he definitely has

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"Drinking Water is Safe" Lake water may not be answer!

STAFF REPORT

SAUK VILLAGE | The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency issued a "Fact Sheet" on Sauk Village's drinking water. While the IEPA declared the village's drinking water safe, it cautioned that something must be done "immediately" to address the vinyl chloride in the Village' water.

What the fact sheet does not address is whether or not the IEPA is willing to

wait until 2016 for Lake Michigan water.

What's unclear is if the voters approve Lake Michigan water if the IEPA will "mandate" the village go ahead with the air stripping not as an option but at an additional cost of \$4.6 million.

The memo states. "Is the Sauk Village Community water supply currently safe to drink?" The simple answer is YES. "The

community water supply has been meeting state and federal water quality standards since Well Number 3 was taken out of service in 2009." the Fact Sheet stated.

"Can the vinyl chloride be removed from the well water" the Fact sheet stated. YES is the answer.

The bigger issue, while address still leaves critical information unknown.

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D168 Celebrates Black History Month

By Joseph Wiszowaty
SAUK VILLAGE | Over 600 people came last Wednesday to the Gymnasium named in honor of Olympic Medalist Jan Johnson at Adm. Hymn G. Rickover Junior High School to celebrate Black History Month.

Superintendent of Schools Al Travalegni and school board President Suzanne Arnold and members Mary Howard, Angela Cox, Sharon Davenport, Tammy Jones and Maxine Towers the wife of Mayor Lewis Towers attended with Village Clerk Debbie

Williams and Trustees Derrick Burgess, Rosie Williams and Edward Myers. Cox was decked out showing her pride in an bright orange dashiki.

Villagers from all backgrounds and races attend the nearly 2 hour event. About 30 teachers, 2 police officers, 5 volunteers from the Sauk Village Fire Department and the entire contingent of Emergency Services and Disaster Agency were there to provide logistical support.

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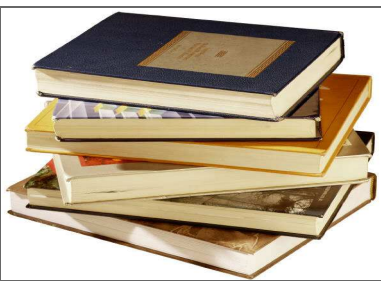
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Kasperek— *Con't from pg 1*

caught the attention of many in Sauk Village and has earned our Endorsement for working so hard.

We feel that he will be an effective leader and advocate for the people of Sauk Village without regard to race.

We encourage all residents in Sauk Village to consider your vote for Kasperek if you have not made up your mind in this important race.

Sauk Village has been cut up into three separate leg-

islative districts which has never been done before. Sauk Village has always been in 1 legislative district now it will have 3 State Representatives and 2 State Senators.

As far as the other seats up for grabs in the March 20th primary, we do not support or oppose any other candidates.

Kyle Kasperek is our pick because we're confident he will be the best choice for Sauk Village and will not "use" his office for personal gain.

The P.L.A.N. Needs YOU

The Community Organization People Looking for Answers Now (P.L.A.N.) is seeking your HELP. If you would care to contribute please send a donation to:

P.L.A.N. PO Box 1655,
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anything would help! Donations needed by March 10th, and your support is greatly appreciated.

You can buy raffle tickets at the McConathy Public Library for \$2.00 each All proceeds will be used for the event.



Photo-courtesy of G. Holcomb - Last Year's Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by the P.L.A.N. Organization

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HISTORY MATTERS

Editorial

By Joseph Wiszowaty

Ok here's something positive for a change since I could write all day about all the negative things that Lewis Towers has been doing. Sauk Village recently received this mural which now hangs on the north wall of Fairway at Sauk Plaza very near the spot where the

Kalvelage Bridge crossed the Lansing Drainage Ditch.

The Village is going to be celebrating its 55th anniversary on March 12th and a dedication and celebration of Sauk Village's history will be held at 4pm at the mural, then back at Village Hall.

Former Mayor Edward

Paesel and all of the former mayors have been invited to attend with many officials. You too are invited to attend as well.

This is a part of Sauk Village's history! You can be a part of this as well.

This mural would not have been possible without the help and leadership of the staff at the McConathy

Public Library. There is so much history at that little library one only needs to go "dig in" but rest assured it will take you a lot of time to find the story.

Thank you NML!!!

The mural will be on this year's Village Sticker Village Clerk Debbie Williams announced. I couldn't think of a better tribute

to Sauk Village's 55th Anniversary of incorporation.

Without the preservation of such historical material, photos, etc. this mural and much of the historical artifacts of Sauk Village's past would be lost to time.

Many thanks to the late Ed Kalvelage! He was not only a great guy but a fantastic historian!



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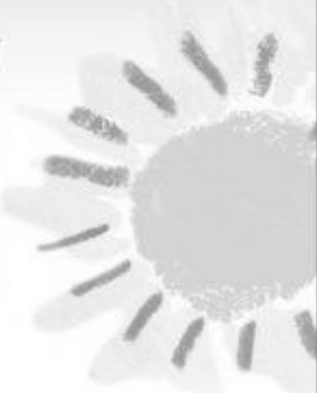
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WATER

“Would obtaining Lake Michigan water for Sauk Village solve the problem?”
The fact sheet states “The Illinois EPA believes that a solution needs to happen quickly in order for the Village to have a water supply that is ‘assuredly safe in quality and quantity’, per the law. The current situation is that water from Well #3 requires treatment before it can be put into the system, and it is not known how long water from the remaining two wells could avoid treatment and still be safe for public consumption, since the vinyl chloride concentration is approaching a regulatory limit. If water from the other two wells cannot be used for any reason, an immediate water supply problem would exist for Sauk Village’s customers.” The fact sheet states.

Attempts to contact Maggie Carson from the Illinois EPA were made but unsuccessful prior to publication. A follow-up article will be published in next week’s *the Sauk Villager*.

“We definitely need to get clarification on this matter. As you know the Village is involved in ongoing litigation with the IEPA, but we need to understand if we they’re going to force us to go ahead with the air stripping even if the residents approve Lake Michigan water” Village Trustee Derrick Burgess said late Tuesday night.

“This could change everything. Even if the residents voted yes on Lake Michigan water, the IEPA may not wait that long” Burgess said.

BLANKENBERGER



March 2, 1953 to

Feb 28, 2012

Darrell R Blankenberger, age 58 of Sauk Village, IL passed away February 28, 2012. Beloved husband of Tresa Blankenberger nee Callham. Lov-

ing father of Darrell Jr., Steven, Johnathan Blankenberger, Rachel (Lonnie) Sheron and David Belford. Cherished grandfather of five grandchildren. Dear brother of David (Mary) , Daniel (Deborah) and Douglas (Mary Helen) Blankenberger. Visitation was on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Smits Funeral Homes - Steger Memorial Chapel (3045 Chicago Rd. Steger, IL.) Funeral Mass Wednesday, March 7, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church – Sauk Village, IL. Interment Evergreen Hill Cemetery – Steger, IL. Information 708-755-6100

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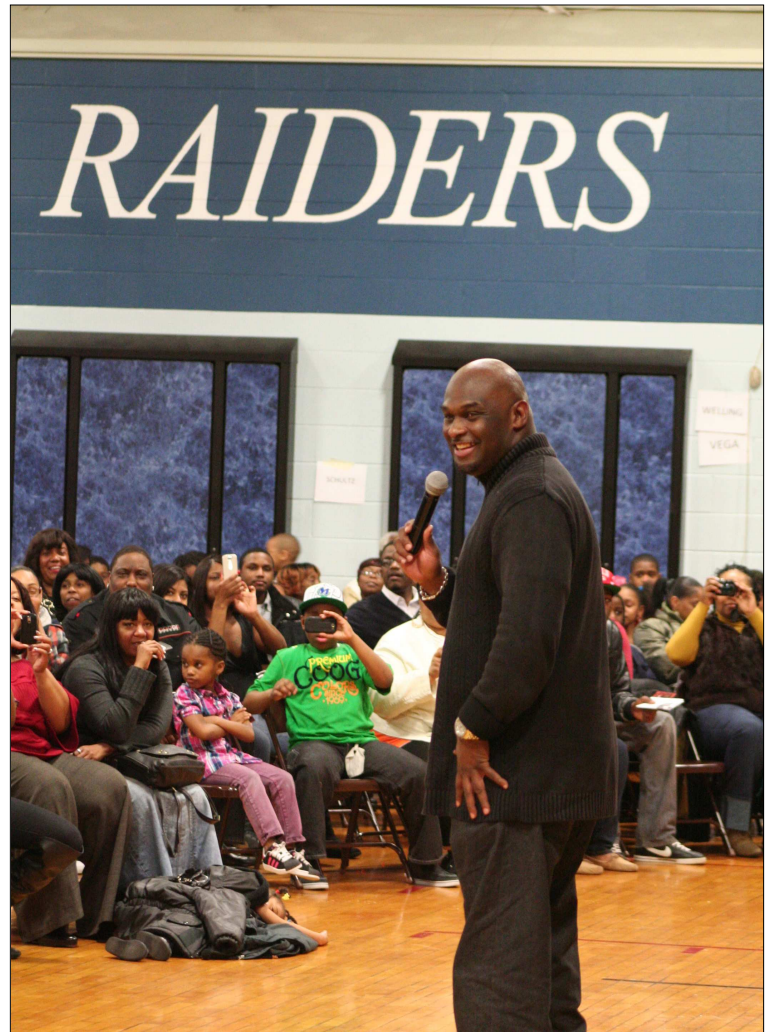
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The Bloom Trail ROTC honor guard presented Colors as the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was performed impromptu and a cappella by 8th Grade Rickover student Quinshawn Bolden. Bolden was not scheduled to perform but did so remarkably according to Travalegni.

Moms Mabley preformed along with the Theater Group for the second year in a row. "Last year we had this for just the students but this year we wanted to open this up for parents and the Community as well" Travalegni said.

The Theater Group brought the crowd to their feet several times giving lyrical and dance performances that Cox called "amazing".

7th grader, Kayla Miller performed a tribute to the late Whitney Houston "I



Look to You" before Tommy Ford, co-star of the Martin Show gave the children words of encouragement and engaged the students.

said. Ford told everyone to meet him at Hometown Gyros following the activities. "It's a good thing that he's supporting the local businesses and asking other to do likewise" Burgess said.

"You are born to win, great people do great things. Awesome people do awesome things" Ford



District 168 Celebrates Black History Month

LEFT- Rickover Jr. High 7th grader Kayla Miller performs a tribute to the late Whitney Houston

TOP RIGHT- Tommy Ford co-star of the Martin Show

RIGHT- School Board member Angie Cox and Sauk Village Trustee Derrick Burgess



Sauk Village Parks & Recreation

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CLOSED	5:00PM-7:30PM Basketball 16 & under (Novice)	5:00PM-8:30PM <i>Family Fun</i>	5:00PM-7:30PM Basketball 16 & under (Novice)	5:00PM-6:30PM Basketball 16 & under (Novice)	5:00PM-7:30PM <i>Family Fun</i>	CLOSED
	7:40PM-9:30PM Basketball 17 & over (Experienced)		7:40PM-9:30PM Basketball 17 & over (Experienced)	6:30PM-8:30PM <i>Family Fun</i>	8:00PM-10:30PM Basketball 17 & over (Experienced)	

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT THE SCHEDULE

****During Basketball, all Family Fun activities are still offered****

****During Family Fun, NO BASKETBALL IS OFFERED****



Family Fun is a time that people of all ages can come and join in the fun at the Community Center. This is a time for families to come together and enjoy some recreation time with your own family, as well as others in your community. The Community Center is not just for kids. In fact, we are very open to parent involvement and open to any new ideas. Currently we offer Board Games, Cards, Bean Bags, Ladders, Crafts, and more.

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