

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rindo merely using his rights as citizen

To the editor: The front-page headline on May 9, 2013, was RINDO SIGNS RECALL PETITION. Personally I can see no reason whether he did or did not sign the recall petition is worth publishing. I agree with the the School Board president – it is irrelevant. The story was simply meant to be provocative rather than informative.

If you feel the need to publicize who signed the recall petition in the future, use the headline: NEW SCHOOL CHIEF EXERCISES CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO PETITION GOVERNMENT FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES, Joins hundreds of thousands of other Wisconsinites.

Tom Speaker

Oconomowoc

Coalition working to keep county drug free

To the editor: I am extremely proud to live in and represent, previously as an alderman and mayor and currently as a County Board supervisor, the great city of Waukesha. We are a community that takes great pride in our youths, invests in their development and makes decisions in their best interests. I am also proud to be co-chair of the Waukesha County Drug Free Communities Coalition, known as DFC, an organization dedicated to working together to prevent youth alcohol and drug use. Through various programs, like the April 17 Chester Marcol talks, the April 27 prescription drug collection, and the Waukesha West social media campaign at the Majestic movie theater, DFC is having a positive impact on alcohol and drug use in our community.

On Friday, County Executive Dan Vrakas proclaimed it Prevention Week in Waukesha County and this week, Waukesha County DFC is delivering a number of programs focused on prevention in Waukesha County.

One such program is the Waukesha C.A.R.E.S. program. This program, which stands for Community Alcohol Resources for Establishments and Servers, is a partnership between DFC and the city of Waukesha Police Department focused on recognizing local establishments who are actively working to decrease underage drinking and encourage healthy drinking habits among adults.

Alcohol compliance checks (a tool to identify alcohol establishments that sell alcohol to individuals under 21 years old) completed by the city of Waukesha Police Department last year yielded a 75 percent passage rate among establishments. Though the city should be extremely proud that most retailers refused to sell alcohol to an underage person, there is still room for improvement. To help increase this passage rate, over the last year the Waukesha C.A.R.E.S.

program has provided free responsible alcohol server training to about 50 bartenders, servers and retail clerks in the city. Additionally, C.A.R.E.S. members have received education and recognition for their prevention efforts.

The C.A.R.E.S. program is just one way in which Waukesha County DFC is focusing on prevention and working together to make Waukesha County an even better place to live. I encourage our community to learn about, and consider joining, the efforts of Waukesha County DFC by visiting our website www.waukeshacounty.gov/dfc.

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