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Meet Electa Quinney, Wisconsin's First 'Public School' Teacher

A member of the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe, Electa Quinney had come to the Fox River Valley from New York in the massive Indian removal of 1827. She had been educated at a primary school and at a female seminary in Connecticut – unusual opportunities for a Native American at that time. In 1828 she opened the first school in the state where students did not have to pay to be enrolled. That meant many of her pupils were Native Americans and poor whites who had never before been able to afford the luxury of schooling.

In a tribute to Quinney in the Wisconsin Journal of Education in the 1890's, Miss Quinney was said to be "highly respected by the whites and moved in their best society at Fort Howard." After refusing to

wed the sheriff of Brown County because “she was too proud to marry a white man,” she married Daniel Adams, a Mohawk who was a Methodist missionary to the Oneidas.

Living in interesting times

When 2020 began, the Centennial Year for the LWV and the 19th Amendment promised to be a year of celebration and festivities. Instead, it has proceeded in a shockingly different manner. The Door County League has joined other community groups and institutions in showing resilience and ingenuity in moving forward in spite of the need to “do things differently.” We will all get through this and be stronger as a community for our efforts.

- **2020 Annual Meeting:**

Last week you received an email containing information regarding our “virtual” Annual Meeting. It is a truly important milestone in the League year as we will accomplish our vital business of approving a slate of leaders, adopting a budget, and approving our program for 2020-2021, in spite of being “Safer at Home.”

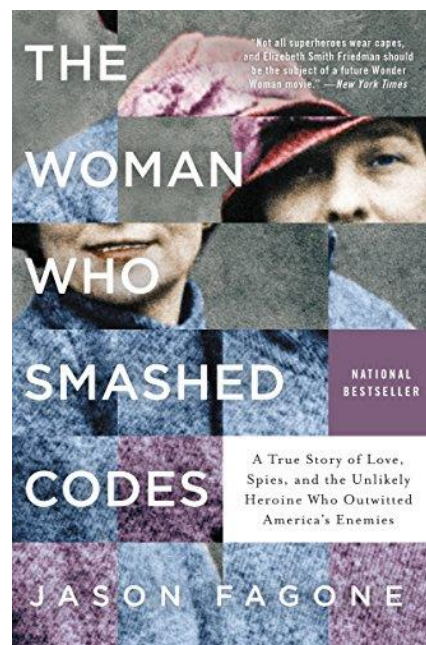
The mailed materials will include a membership application for the new League year. Please complete and include it with your dues check in the envelope containing your completed ballot.

Watch for your League packet in the mail soon after May 1st. Review the materials and mail back your ballot ASAP! It must be received no later than May 15th. If you have questions or do not receive it, please contact lwvdcprez@gmail.com or call Shirley Senarighi at (920) 495-6156.

- **Door County Library Virtual Book Club Meeting:**

Thursday, May 21: 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Sturgeon Bay Library.

The Woman Who Smashed Codes by Jason Fagone



The Sturgeon Bay Library is sponsoring a virtual book club, hosted by Professor John Harris. It will be held via Zoom, which is a very easy app to use.

Attendees use a link and just have to click that link to log in or to quickly download zoom and proceed to log in. It works on a computer, tablet or cellphone. At the time of the meeting, simply click on <http://doorcountylibrary.org/node/1538>. Then click on the link provided on that page to join the discussion.

During this year of celebration of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, LWVDC is highlighting women leaders who made American history. One of the biggest female heroes of the 20th century was someone few people heard of at the time - Elizebeth Smith Friedman, “the woman who smashed codes.”

The book’s cover tagline is “A true story of love, spies, and the unlikely heroine who outwitted America’s enemies.” While sounding like hyperbole, it does not fully cover her amazing story. Elizebeth and her husband William Friedman, almost by accident, became the country’s first cryptologists – code breakers. They were involved first with aiding the Coast Guard catching smugglers, later on breaking codes of the Nazis and Japanese war machines, saving countless lives, and contributing in a huge (though secret) way to winning World War II.

By the way, Elizebeth was also a member of LWV!

- **Fourth Annual Eileen Bohn Speaker Series:**

This postponed presentation on a new Door County Treatment Court has now been rescheduled. This important program will occur on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at the Donald & Carol Kress Center in Egg Harbor.

Please share these messages with everyone you can!

COVID-19

Door County is providing a resource available to you during this Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. The new county website www.co.door.wi.gov has a page dedicated to news and information on the situation, including the latest counts, media releases, and links to many other related resources. You will see the link at the top of the website’s home page.

2020 Census

As of April 24, the 2020 Census Self Reporting (online, phone, or returned paper forms) for Wisconsin was at 59.9% which is above national average. However, Door County still lags at 32.5%. The low response is occurring in towns and villages of Northern Door, where seven municipalities are below 25% and one is at 6%. Part of the problem may be that people who own rental properties or second homes are still supposed to respond for that address, but that was not publicized. Such folks should complete a census form and indicate that ZERO people live at that address.

Contact Dan Powers with questions danpowers345@gmail.com.

League membership grows

The 2019-2020 League year has been a banner year for new members. Membership now stands at 81, with 25 new members. What a group they are: enthusiastic and energetic, bringing many skills and talents to the Door County League! While a handful are rejoining after a period of time away, most are joining League for the first time.

Welcome! We are so delighted to have you join us! There is much to be done!

Donation to DC Emergency Response Fund

At its recent meeting, the Leadership Team decided to support the Door County community in this time of need by donating \$500 to the Door County Emergency Response Fund. As this was a non-budgeted item, it was taken from the League's savings account.

MH/SU* Study Committee

*Mental Health/Substance Use

Report #11

Public Defender interview: The group separately interviewed two Sturgeon Bay private attorneys, Steven Johnson and Matthew Pribyl, who accept public defender (PD) cases based on the case and their availability. Neither one is a public defender staff attorney.

Point of Entry: After the District Attorney files charges against the defendant, the court appoints a public defender if the defendant cannot post bond. If he posted bond but believes that he cannot afford a private attorney, the defendant can file an application to the court for a public defender.

Main points:

- Door County does not have a Public Defender's office and so uses the Green Bay PD office to make assignments. There is a shortage of public defenders.
- Felonies are categorized from A to I, with A being intentional homicide and I being a simple ticket. Atty. Pribyl is approved for G, H, and I (examples are battery, drug possession, and repeat offenders). Atty. Johnson mainly takes DUI cases.
- Atty. Pribyl believes that what works well in Door County is that the DC criminal justice system provides more individualized attention to cases and has more funds per capita than Brown and Kewaunee Counties. He believes the courts are open to alternatives, including deferred judgments and deferred prosecution so that the defendant can demonstrate compliance. This occurs especially when the defendant takes the initiative in seeking treatment or takes other positive actions on his own behalf.
- The vast majority of cases are plea deals, though every defendant is entitled to a jury trial.
- According to Atty. Pribyl, a plurality of cases involves mental health and/or substance use problems.
- The court can order and pay for psychiatric evaluations. There are PD funds to pay for psychiatric evaluations if the PD needs that for his client. Judges rely on professional opinion regarding competence.
- Atty. Pribyl supports a treatment court. The PD would be directly involved, since so many cases are drug-related.

- Atty. Pribyl believes that the biggest roadblock in doing his PD job are the clients themselves, who are often ill-equipped to follow through with appointments, take initiative on their own behalf, show up, and/or tell the truth.
- In the case of DUI, the first offense is not a crime in WI – rather, fines are imposed. The second offense requires an impact panel. The fourth offense results in loss of license for life.
- A difficulty with blood tests is that they take two weeks for results. Also, they are not good at discriminating between alcohol, drugs, prescription medications.

Magic wand: Atty. Pribyl believes that sufficient, affordable housing is critical for helping to stabilize vulnerable populations.

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<http://www.co.door.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=16450&locid=137>