

# Peggy Krusick

## Yours for the asking

Just call me toll-free 1-888-529-0007

### Wisconsin highway map.

If you're planning a trip in our great state, an updated highway map will help you reach your destination.

### Basic will or will with trust

Make your wishes after death known with a basic will. If you have children, the will with trust can safeguard their inheritance until they reach adult age.

### Health care decision form

Give a trusted person the power to make important health care decisions for you when you can't.

### SeniorCare

Please call me for information about eligibility requirements and an application for Wisconsin's prescription drug benefit program for seniors.

### FamilyCare

Provides comprehensive and flexible long-term care services to eligible older adults who wish to live as independently as possible. Call me for more information.

### No telemarketing calls

Call toll-free 1-866-966-2255 to get on the state's list of residents who don't want to get calls from telemarketers.

### Celebrating a milestone event?

Let me know if you or someone you know is observing a landmark birthday, anniversary or retirement. I'll have a commemorative citation designed to celebrate the special event.

### Looking for a flag?

You can get a nylon Wisconsin state flag for \$13.50. U.S. flags are also available for \$9.50. Mail checks payable to "Assembly Chief Clerk" to my State Capitol office. Please note if you'd like your flag flown over the Capitol, free of charge. It will come with a commemorative citation.

### Everyday acts of kindness

Do you know a remarkable person who frequently does kind things like helping seniors, children or the disadvantaged? Contact me if you'd like a special citation prepared to recognize someone for their everyday acts of kindness.

### Is this mailing address correct?

Just call if a child moved, your spouse passed away or you prefer a nickname on future newsletter mailings.



Fourth graders from Peggy's alma mater Honey Creek Elementary School visit our magnificent State Capitol. Just call Peggy to arrange a tour for yourself or a group.

## Madison Message



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## Peggy Krusick Madison Message



Dear Neighbor:

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Thank you for the privilege of continuing to represent you, and the 54,000 residents of the 7th Assembly District, in the People's House of Wisconsin.

Inside is a brief update on some of the issues we've been working on together during our most recent legislative session. As in the past, most of these bills and laws were suggested by, and crafted with help from, area residents. Please continue to share your great ideas as we continue working to make our great State of Wisconsin an even better place to live.

On Wisconsin!

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## Fighting Crime and Keeping Children Safe

**Unlicensed Drivers:** Despite being either revoked or suspended, many of the 64,000 people who cannot legally drive in Wisconsin do so anyway, sometimes with deadly results. Initiated by Greendale Police Chief Rob Dams, who lost his son, Nick, in an accident caused by a suspended driver, our bill strengthens the driver's license laws with stiffer penalties to make our roadways safer.

**Abuse Reporting:** In the wake of the national clergy abuse scandal, we changed our mandatory abuse reporting laws to require churches to report suspected child abuse by clergy and others starting in 2004. Our new bill requires churches to report the abusers as far back as 1950. Release of this information will help parents, families and the public protect children from harm.



Greenfield Police Chief Frank Springob, Mayor Mike Neitzke and other dignitaries celebrate the opening of the city's new Law Enforcement Center.

## Looking Out for Your Pocketbook

**Collecting Unpaid Tickets:** Habitual parking violators and others owe millions to Milwaukee and Greenfield. One of our bills allows the booting of cars with 3 or more unpaid parking tickets. Another allows courts to withhold unpaid municipal debts from part of a violator's paycheck.

**Smart Shopper Gift Card:** Shoppers lose up to 10% of the value of gift cards sold in Wisconsin - or an estimated \$11 million per year - because of expiration dates. Supported by the state's consumer protection office, our bill prohibits the sale of gift cards with expiration dates or fees.

## Giving Parents the Facts for Making Informed School Choices

Since 1990, Wisconsin taxpayers have spent \$750 million for eligible lower income students to attend participating private schools in Milwaukee at no cost through the School Choice program - the largest program of its kind in the country.

This year, the 120 Catholic, Lutheran and other private schools in the program receive up to \$6,500 per student from taxpayers. What's more, the program costs the average Milwaukee homeowner an extra \$218 in property taxes each year.

A vast majority of the private schools in the choice program would not exist without the state subsidies they receive. In fact, well over half of the schools in the choice program receive 90% or more of their funding from taxpayers.

Parents can now easily find out how well any public school in Wisconsin is performing, by grade and subject, on the state's standardized tests. Unfortunately, unlike public schools, choice schools are not required to give state tests nor provide any school performance information, despite receiving \$120 million in our tax dollars this year alone.

Parents - and the taxpayers who are paying the bill - have a right to know how well state-subsidized choice schools are serving the 19,000 students they've been entrusted to educate. Right now, we don't know the facts.

Together we crafted a bill to change that, after 90% of the residents in our district said in my last survey that they want to know how these schools are performing.

Among other things, our bill would make the following information available in a Parent-Taxpayer Right to Know Report for each choice school:

- test scores by grade and subject;
- student disability services;
- policies on promoting engaged classrooms; and
- policies on parent volunteers in the classroom.

Our bill would also require choice schools to give state tests and only hire licensed teachers who've undergone background checks.

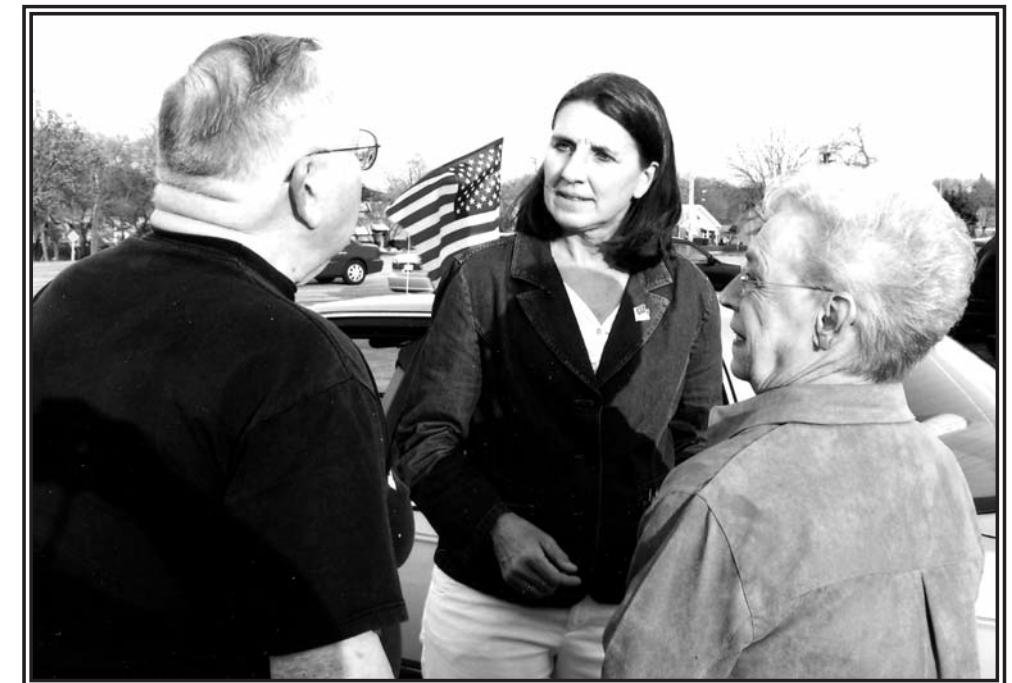
## Advocating for Seniors and the Disabled

**Alzheimer's Units:** Currently, nursing homes and other long term care providers can promote special services for Alzheimer's patients without meeting any criteria for such care. Our bill requires those that advertise special Alzheimer's services to meet certain staff training and security standards.

**Assisted Living:** State law now denies residents of some assisted living homes access to the state Ombudsmen, who advocate for nursing home residents and others who receive long-term care. Our bill gives Ombudsmen the authority to investigate these assisted living complaints.

**Elderly and Disabled Vans:** Some nursing home residents have complained about being taken to appointments in unmarked vans driven by drivers who don't have visible identification. Our bill requires these vans to have signs and drivers to have visible IDs.

**Gas Pump Accessibility:** Federal law requires gas stations to pump gas for disabled customers upon request at no extra charge, if at least 2 attendants are on duty. To make the law more widely known, our bill requires all gas stations to post a uniform sign informing disabled customers that they can get this help by honking their horn.



Neighbors talk with Peggy outside of St. Gregory the Great Parish.