

Dennis Trittin to share life lessons for financial stability

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What should a parent tell a teen before he or she goes off to college?

For Kimberly native, Dennis Trittin, who now lives in Gig Harbor, Wash., answers to that question led to a book, "What I Wish I Knew at 18: Life Lessons for the Road Ahead."

He will be discussing that book and those lessons at a public meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Kimberly High School.

Shortly before his son, Michael, was to leave for his freshman year at college, Trittin had "the mother of all dad moments." Considering whether he had done everything he could to prepare his son for an amazing life, Trittin began reflect-

ing "on all the incredible leaders I've known and developed a list of 'life success pointers' to share with his son.

Sitting at his computer, "I began capturing all the life wisdom I could in terms of personal leadership qualities and pointers for the key life decisions he would be facing, including career, marriage, finances, etc. When midnight struck, I was staring at a computer screen with 100 pointers."

The next day, the exercise had produced something special. "I would have been a much better father had I had this list all along and I knew others could benefit from it as well."

The book is a conversation with teens and young adults about what

it takes to be truly successful in life and how to reach their potential.

The first half of the book involves personal leadership qualities to build a strong foundation. Chapters include life perspective, character, relationships and communication, spiritual life, handling adversity and personal productivity.

The second half focuses on key upcoming life decisions and offers practical, before-the-fact wisdom to guide young people to wise choices. Chapters involve college academics, including Trittin's "killer" study method; care selection and advancement; love and marriage, and managing finances.

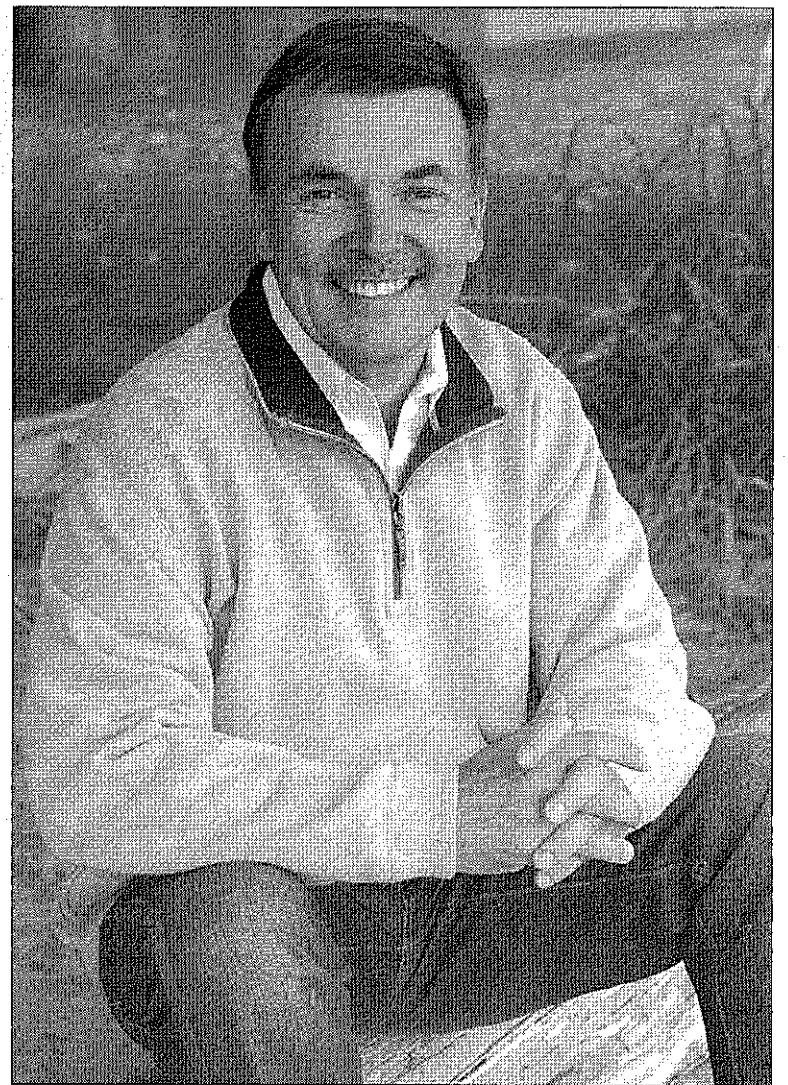
"The book is a comprehensive blend of wisdom and about personal leadership and practical success secrets involving key life decisions," Trittin said. "It's designed to be a life coach to guide young people to a thriving adulthood."

Trittin, who graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting, worked with General Electric in Milwaukee before pursuing a master's degree from the University of Washington. He worked for Russell Investments, retiring in 2008 to "serve the community," specifically to develop a financial literacy, leadership and life skills program at an area private school, where he served a chairman of the board of directors.

Since writing the book, Trittin has developed a publishing company called LifeSmart Publishing, that represents the book and the leadership/life skills curriculum that he is marketing to schools, mentor groups and the faith community.

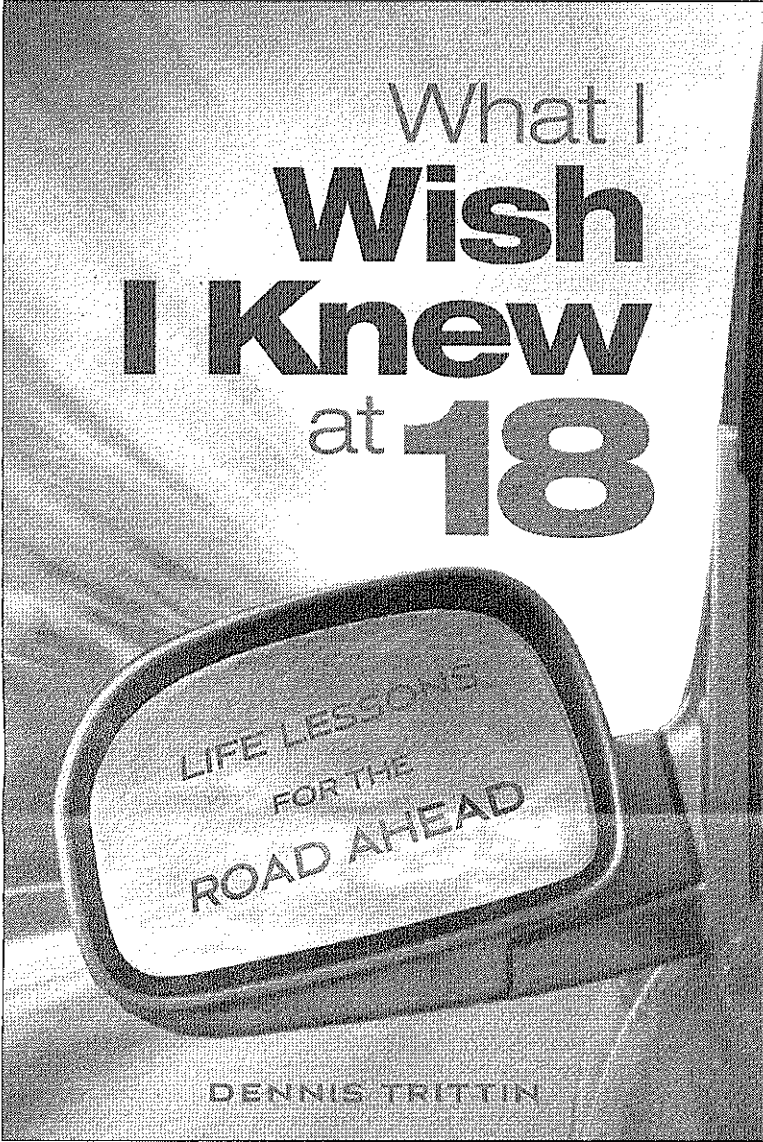
"My focus now is on writing and sharing the mission of this work to help people and make the world a better place," Trittin said. "What has been interesting, however, is that (the book) is a wonderful preparation guide for the adults who influence young people (parents, educators, mentors and faith leaders) because it defines a vision for a successful launch into adulthood."

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the presentation. The event is a joint venture between the Kimberly High School DECA chapter and Capital Credit Union, which will be providing some great prizes and information.



Submitted photos

Kimberly native Dennis Trittin will be discussing his book, "What I Wish I Knew at 18: Life Lessons for the Road Ahead," on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Kimberly High School. While part of Russell Investments, he helped grow his firm's assets from \$1 billion to \$220 billion.



Dennis Trittin's book, "What I Wish I Knew at 18: Life Lessons for the Road Ahead," delivers 109 life pointers to help young adults get the best possible start at a successful, impactful life.

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Little Chute to hold Veterans Day program

American Legion Post 258 in Little Chute will observe Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 11. The day will begin early with the U.S. street flags being set up on Main Street, weather permitting. A memorial Mass will be held at 8 a.m., attended by Post 258 and auxiliary and joined by friends from Kimberly Post 60.

There will be an 11 a.m. ceremony for post and auxiliary members at the Little Chute Village Hall where Village President Mike Vanden Berg and Fr. Jim Hablewitz from St. John Church will speak. They

have also invited fifth grade students from the middle school.

All veterans are invited to be a part of the services.

Windmill webcam now operating

Now you can view the Little Chute Windmill being constructed in real time with the new live webcam that was put into service this week. The webcam is mounted

across the street from the windmill on the roof at Save-A-Lot.

Visit www.littlechutewindmill.org and click on the orange webcam button in the upper right.

Senior service club to meet Nov. 9

The Heart of the Valley Senior Service Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 9 a.m. at the Little Chute Civic Center. Their

speaker will be Dan O'Neill from Tandem Industries in Kaukauna.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting or join the club.

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