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A CAUTIONARY SIGN ... one of several posted along the Watertown Plank Road / Kurtis Drive area... urging drivers to please SLOW DOWN (Speed limit: 25 m.p.h.) and always keep in mind the SAFETY of our Village children.

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The 5th Annual "On-Street" Classic Car and Motorcycle Show as part of "Cruisin" the Grove" will take place Sunday, August event will feature a vendor/sponsor program, which will last approximately 6, between 8 a.m. -2 p.m.

TeamUp! With Families

to-win raffle, and food and beverages available for purchase from local restaurants. O'Donoghue's Irish Pub will have specials on food, a build-your-own Bloody Mary bar and patio seating right in the middle of the car show. Silver Spur will be open at 8 a.m. with coffee and full menu and bar inside the restaurant and Quick Serve menu outside the restaurant for your convenience.

Stan Johnson (top row, far left, with sunglasses), owner of the Silver Bullet, poses with Dan Reidel of Woller-Anger (top row, far right) and several car owners whose vehicles were rated by the blue-shirted Youth Judges during the 2nd annual

Cruisin' the Grove in 2014. Event organizers say the Silver Bullet may possibly be back this year. Keep watch!

5th Annual 'Cruisin' the Grove' — Sunday, August 6 to Benefit

In addition to the display of cars and be working with mentors and judging motorcycles, the FREE-ADMISSION five selected cars from the show. The area, door prizes, a need-not-be-present- 90 minutes, is offered free to the first 15 children that register. Participants receive a training orientation, a special scoring pad, hat, T-shirt and judging credentials. Youth judging program registration will be from 11:00 a.m. until noon, with youth judging running from noon until 1:30 p.m. Additional special features to be announced.

By Bob Anger

The event will be held on Watertown Plank Road between Juneau Blvd. and Legion Drive, and all makes and models of classic cars and motorcycles can register for the Show between 8 and 11:30 a.m., with entrance at the corner of Watertown Plank Road. and Juneau Blvd.

There is no fee to participate, but a tax-deductible donation is encouraged to benefit TeamUp! With Families, a nonprofit organization that helps the families of individuals with special needs through activities, services and programs. Over the past 4 years Cruisin' the Grove has donated just under \$29,000 to charity, and we are hoping to raise another \$10,000 this year. For more information on TeamUp! visit their website at TeamUpWithFamilies.org.

The show will be held rain or shine, and dash plaques will be given to the first 100 registrants, with the first 200 registrants receiving an event "goodie bag."

Capt'n Bob and Arlo, hosts of the Wisconsin Hotrod Radio Show, will play music and provide entertainment during the event.

Attention Kids who love cars!

This year's event will again feature the Hagerty Youth Judging Program which has been very popular the past few years. This program is open to youth ages 8-14 and is designed to get young people more involved in classic cars by interacting with owners and their cars. The youth judging team will

For more information, visit www. Facebook.com/CruisinTheGrove, or call Bob Anger or Dan Riedel at (262) 789-2500, or e-mail CruisinTheGrove@gmail.com.

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"You Can Quote Me!"

Having spent many years as a journalist quoting others, it seems reasonable that when there are just small segments of space to fill throughout the paper — I often choose a quotation from a well-known source that fits the subject of an adjoining story. This month, I have added quotations from **Mother Teresa** (see below), **Ralph Waldo Emerson** (Page 6), artist **Mark Chagall** and English novelist **Pelham Grenville Wodehouse** (Page 7), **William Shakespeare** and **Mark Twain** (Page 11). Would they have all gotten along in life? I cannot say. But, they're sharing these pages, even so!

As you may have gathered, I have always been **highly supportive** of projects which **serve the community**. Our pages are filled with them. We're publishing our 7th **Anniversary issue in September**, so that represents a tremendous amount of past column inches devoted to "**positivity**" with much more to come.

Stop by & say "hello" at **Cruisin**' **the Grove** (Aug. 6 - EGNI tent) & at **MY GARAGE SALE** (Aug. 10-12) This is where I'll try to "give back to the community" (for a price) much of what I've collected. (See info. – Page 10)





Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI

Police Chief **Jim Gage** (at left) with Elm Grove Village Market board members **Beth Sadowski** and **Susan Freedy**, and Village Manager **Dave De Angelis**.

Elm Grove Village Market Board Donates Bike, Tree to Community By Susan Freedy

You will be seeing the Elm Grove Police Bike Patrol riding around the Village on a spiffy, new, shiny bike donated to the police department by the Elm Grove Village Market's board. The purchase of the bike from Allis Bike & Fitness in West Allis was (funded) through the rental of vendor booths.

The bike is a 2017 Specialized Rockhopper Sport 29, and is fully equipped with luggage rack, rear stay mount kickstand, Serfas TSL-LE Police Red / White / Blue rechargeable headlight, Bottle cage, mini toe clips and a Topeak "Police" rack top bag.

You will have the opportunity to see an officer on the bike on Market Night — (and) around the Village and Village Park.

A Tree in Memory of Hunz

How fortunate the Village of Elm Grove was to have **Duane (Hunz) Reusch** as a resident, owner of Ray's Auto Service and a member of the Elm Grove Fire Department where he served as the chief for many years. The Reusch family was among the early settlers in Elm Grove, owned the Elm Grove Inn, and (are the) original and current owners of Rays Auto Service. It is unfortunate that Hunz passed away this past year.

Hunz and son, **Ron**, who is now the owner/operator of Ray's Auto Service, have graciously donated the use of their parking lot each Wednesday (during the run of) the Village Market. In memory of and as a thank you to Hunz, a Burr Oak tree has been donated by the Elm Grove Village Market's board and planted near the fire house. A brick bearing his name will be placed by the tree.

Visit Village Market

Remember that the Village Market runs every Wednesday night from 5 to 8 p.m. at Elm Grove Street and the Ray's Auto parking lot. Don't miss this opportunity to do some great shopping for farm produce, eggs, honey, caramel corm and a variety of other products.

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> & see a photo from last year's event...

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"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

Mother Teresa

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Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President - Village of Elm Grove

Dear Neighbors,

Stormwater

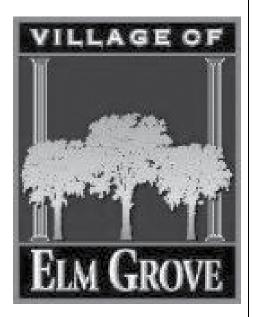
The Village is green and lush thanks to all the rain. Thankfully, Elm Grove has been spared the worst of some of the recent storms moving across Wisconsin and, importantly, our Village stormwater management systems continue to work well. We have not had any building flooding from overland water. Some buildings and homes still experience water problems if rain gutters are plugged or malfunctioning or yards are not sloped away from the building foundations, so it is important to check your home for these issues. You can help the Village stormwater system work properly by keeping your driveway culvert and roadside ditch area clear of obstructions.

Recent storms have produced a great deal of tree damage. Village staff will manage Village owned trees on rights of way and work to keep streets open. Homeowners are responsible for trees on their own property. You can take tree waste to the Department of Public Works disposal area on Wall Street or if you have a great deal of waste you might want to schedule a special brush pickup by the DPW. Information about brush disposal and pickup is available on the Village website: www.elmgrovewi.org or by calling Village Hall at (262) 782-6700.

Safety precautions during rain events is important. If the weather brings heavy rain, wind and lighting it is best to shelter indoors. Heavy rain reduces visibility and wet roads are slippery. Please remember that flowing water is very powerful and wet grass is very slippery. Children are naturally attracted to water filled ditches and large puddles and must be warned of these dangers.

Wildlife

The mild weather last winter and the lush village foliage have helped create an overabundance of some wildlife in the Village. I have never seen so many rabbits and the deer population seems larger than most past years. Most residents are now aware of the large turkey population in the Village and many have seen coyotes in their neighborhood. While often beautiful to watch, Elm Grove is a community of large lots, mature trees, natural water supply and plantings which all make for ideal wildlife habitat. Complaints about wildlife damage and dangers have been increasing. The Village Board Public Safety Committee recently hosted a wellattended public information meeting to educate residents on the challenge of living with and managing urban wildlife. The Public Safety Committee is also in the process of updating the Village wildlife management plan. The scope of the deer and turkey problems are likely to lead to increased active population management.



covotes from frequently visiting your yard in daylight you need to remove food and scare them off with loud noise when you see them.

The Public Safety Committee will be evaluating wildlife management and control measures over the next few months and public involvement in the discussion is welcomed.

State Budget

The state legislature and the Governor continue to struggle to find a budget proposal which both houses of the legislature and the governor can accept. The principal area of disagreement is how much to spend on transportation projects and how to pay for those projects. The assembly argues that the state must find a reliable annual source of funds to pay for transportation projects, including consideration of gas tax or other tax increases. The governor and state senate have opposed any new or increased taxes and favored large amounts of borrowing to pay for the important projects we must complete. At the time of publication of this article it seems a compromise is developing. In Wisconsin state functions continue to operate while the new budget talks continue. I encourage you to contact Rep. Hutton, Sen. Vukmir or the Governor's office to voice your opinion about whether we should stay on schedule completing projects or stretch them out, raise new revenue or increase borrowing.

NOTE: If you have questions about Village Board actions or issues and/or content suggestions for future "Village Update" columns, please e-mail Neil Palmer at

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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

Milwaukee's Reforming Mayor, Emil Seidel

By Stephen K. Hauser

While I did not know Emil Seidel myself, some members of my family did, and as I have lectured on him for over 30 years in my History of Wisconsin class, I feel that I have come to know of him quite well. I felt honored, therefore when I was asked to give an historical address at the dedication of a memorial plaque placed upon the site of his remains at Lincoln Memorial cemetery (formerly known as Wanderer's Rest) at 54th & Burleigh Street in Milwaukee. The commemoration was held on Saturday, June 24, and I confined my remarks mainly to the highlights of his political career. Still, there is so much more that should be said about this remarkable public servant.

In 1910, Milwaukee was widely considered to be among the most politically corrupt cities in the United States. Since 1898, the mayor's chair had been held by only two men. The first was the opportunistic David S. "All the Time Rosy" Rose, a flashy dresser and grandstanding politician of questionable ethics. Originally elected in 1898, a grand jury returned 74 criminal indictments against his administration in 1903, obtaining 36 convictions. Rose perpetuated his hold over the city with the support of the local gambling interests, the street car monopoly and the proprietors of the city's 'houses of ill-repute', of which there were many. A common jest of the time concluded, "Everything goes under Mayor Rose".

The only respite from Rose's shenanigans came from 1906 to 1908. The voters chose young Sherbie Becker, ostensibly a reform candidate, to replace him for one term, but Becker turned out to be an eccentric (to say the least), riding along with the fire department to late night blazes, ordering local tobacconists to remove cigar store wooden Indians from public view, and, most bizarrely, leading a crew of henchmen in smashing all of the watch-makers' and jewelry store sidewalk clocks (including one belonging to my great-grandfather on Grand Avenue) in an evening of municipal mayhem. This was enough for most Milwaukeeans, who reacted by returning Mayor Rose to office in 1908!

By 1910, Milwaukee was ready for change. Voters turned to a candidate of a very different sort. Emil Seidel was a man who seemed, at first glance, an unlikely choice for mayor. A woodcarver by trade and a painter by avocation, he had only an 8th grade education. Born in Pennsylvania, he had become a skilled craftsman as a result of an apprenticeship in Berlin, Germany. There he had become interested in politics, trade unions and the Socialist theories of German thinker **Ferdinand Lassalle**. Seidel had been elected to the Milwaukee common council in 1904 and 1908 and was defeated in a bid for mayor in 1908.



Photo by Christian M. Herbst

Stephen K. Hauser speaks about the life and work of the late Milwaukee Mayor **Emil Seidel** (1864-1947) during a public gravesite plaque dedication ceremony at Lincoln Memorial cemetery in June 2017.

was a mess. There was no annual budget, departments routinely overspent the funds from the municipal treasury, vice and corruption were tolerated, and often even encouraged, and the city's services were woefully inadequate and behind the times. Seidel led in the creation of Milwaukee's first municipal budget in 1911, a budget so exacting that the city comptroller's office in New York City studied it and subsequently applied some of its methodology in The Big Apple.

Mayor Seidel fulfilled a campaign promise to "clean up" the city, enforcing regulations on local taverns and joining district attorney **Winfred C. Zabel** in raids on the city's bordellos, padlocking them and issuing one-way railroad passes to their ill-starred residents. Perhaps most surprisingly of all, he chose to select the members of his new administration without the use of patronage, even hiring men who had not voted for him if he believed they were the best applicants for the position at hand.

Along the way, Mayor Seidel even contributed to the happy ending of a great love story. Writer and self-professed poet Carl Sandburg of Illinois had moved to Wisconsin to work as an organizer for the state Socialist party. He had fallen in love with young Lilian Steichen whose family lived on a small farm on County trunk YY (Pilgrim Road) in Menomonee Falls. They married in 1907, leaving Lilian's father, Jean-Pierre, quite concerned. Sandburg had not yet become the great poet and writer that he is remembered as today, and Mr. Steichen wondered aloud how this 'intellectual' would ever be able to support his beloved daughter. "He'd be of no use on the farm", he told a neighbor. Emil Seidel, however, quickly changed Sandburg's father-in-law's opinion. He hired the budding writer as a secretary to the mayor, a post the author would keep for the next two years. Now Jean-Pierre Steichen could boast that his daughter was married to the Milwaukee mayor's personal secretary, a claim sure to impress his rural neighbors. In 1912, the Sandburgs moved to Chicago, and Carl Sandburg would subsequently become one of the greatest of all of America's men of letters.



Photo by Christian M. Herbst

The memorial plaque honoring **Emil Seidel** notes some of his political history and service to the City of Milwaukee.

establish a network of neighborhood parks, believing that working people needed to have green space within walking distance of their homes. He also encouraged city attorney **Daniel Webster Hoan** to begin crafting the first Workers' Compensation legislation anywhere in the country, resulting in a bill that was passed by the Wisconsin state legislature in 1911.

In spite of his accomplishments, Seidel was defeated for a second term in 1912, although he received more votes than he had in his 1910 victory. The Democratic and Republican parties combined their forces to elect Dr. Gerhard Bading, a local physician. Now out of office, Seidel was nominated for vice-president of the United States by the Socialist party on a ticket headed by labor activist Eugene V. Debs, former head of the American Railway Union. The two nominees campaigned across the country, receiving nearly a million votes that November, and running ahead of former President Theodore Roosevelt's tally in Milwaukee County.

new direction, leading to its reputation by the mid-twentieth century as one of the cleanest and least corrupt of America's major cities of that time.

Seidel died on June 24, 1947 at his house in the Garden Homes neighborhood on Milwaukee's north side. His remains were cremated and placed with the grave of his late wife at Wanderer's Rest cemetery. That would be the end of the story were it not for **Robert Giese**, a local historian and a volunteer with Historic Milwaukee. He was on a quest to find the final resting place of the former mayors of Milwaukee when he discovered that Emil Seidel's remains rested in an unmarked location at the former Wanderer's Rest, which is now Lincoln Memorial cemetery.

But 1910 was different. Sickened by the ten years of corruption of the Rose administration and by the sheer strangeness of Becker's two-year stint in the mayor's chair, voters gambled that the shy, soft-spoken Seidel couldn't do worse. His term as mayor literally turned the city around. The plaque that was placed at his gravesite in June noted that he founded the city's public works department, the Fire & Police Commission and the Milwaukee parks system. While this is true, there is so much more to say about his term as the city's chief executive.

When Emil Seidel took office as mayor in April of 1910, he inherited a city that The mayor also worked with newlyelected city treasurer **C. B. Whitnall** to Emil Seidel served as a Milwaukee alderman from 1904 to 1908 and again from 1932 to 1936. He ran unsuccessfully for governor of Wisconsin in 1918 and for the U. S. Senate in 1932. Never one to promote himself or seek public acclaim, his brief tenure as mayor is often overlooked today, but he clearly pointed his city in a Bob Giese is one of those rare history devotees who is both persistent and thorough. He began a drive several years ago to raise money to place a memorial on Mayor Seidel's grave. (I undertook a similar effort years ago to have a headstone placed on the unmarked grave of **Dr. John Maxwell**, a pioneer health advocate, at the same cemetery, and I can affirm that it is a long, lonely and difficult task. We were able to place a stone at Dr. Maxwell's grave in November, 2013, as some readers of the *News-Independent* may recall.)

(See PAST TIMES – Page 5)

Calendar of Events for August 2017

Tuesday – AUGUST 1

*Village of Elm Grove Building Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

*Tunes on Tuesday" @ Village Park 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., featuring "Bootleg Bessie". FREE & Open to the Public.

Wednesday – AUGUST 2

*Village of Elm Grove Beautification Committee Meeting – 8:30 a.m. @ Village Hall.

Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

*Elm Grove Village Market Night 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. @ Rays Auto Service parking lot, Watertown Plank Rd. & Elm Grove St.

Friday – AUGUST 4

*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd. Guests welcome. E-mail: kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.

Saturday – AUGUST 5

*"Movies in the Park" Begins at Dusk @ Elm Grove Village Park, featuring: "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them". FREE & Open to the Public.

Sunday – AUGUST 6

*"Cruisin' the Grove" Annual On-Street Car & Motorcycle Show 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Watertown Plank Road, between Legion Drive & Juneau Blvd.

Wednesday – AUGUST 9

*Elm Grove Village Market Night 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. @ Rays Auto Service parking lot, Watertown Plank Rd. & Elm Grove St.

Thursday – AUGUST 10

*Village of Elm Grove Public Safety Committee Meeting – 6 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Friday – AUGUST 11

*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd. Guests welcome. E-mail: kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.

Monday – AUGUST 14

*"Cruisin' the Grove" Car & Motorcycle Night
5 p.m. until Dark @ parking lot behind Silver Spur, 13275 Watertown Plank Rd.

Tuesday – AUGUST 15

*Village of Elm Grove Building Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall.

Wednesday – AUGUST 16

*OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors) Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. Program: Joliet, Illinois History & Architecture Tour; Lunch @ the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate. Call Carolyn (262) 628-7761.

*Elm Grove Village Market Night 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. @ Rays Auto Service parking lot, Watertown Plank Rd. & Elm Grove St.

Thursday – AUGUST 17

*Village of Elm Grove Recreation Committee Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Friday – AUGUST 18

*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd. Guests welcome. E-mail: kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Monday – AUGUST 21

*Village of Elm Grove Library Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

SOLAR ECLIPSE- 2017

"A total eclipse of the sun..." The Moon will pass in front of the Sun today, with the greatest partiality in Elm Grove occurring at 1:18 p.m.

Wednesday – AUGUST 23

*Elm Grove Village Market Night 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. @ Rays Auto Service parking lot, Watertown Plank Rd. & Elm Grove St.

Friday AUGUST 25

*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd Guests welcome. E-mail: kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Monday – AUGUST 28

*"Cruisin' the Grove" Car & Motorcycle Night
5 p.m. until Dark @ parking lot behind Silver Spur, 13275 Watertown Plank Rd.

*Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room. Open to the Public. Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org

Wednesday – AUGUST 30

*Elm Grove Village Market Night 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. @ Rays Auto Service parking lot, Watertown Plank Rd. & Elm Grove St.

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On June 24, 2017 — seventy years after Emil Seidel's death — Robert Giese's efforts were finally rewarded. A public commemoration was held at the gravesite and the bronze plaque was unveiled. Public officials and relatives of Seidel were introduced. Robert Giese, "the man that found Emil Seidel", served as the Master of Ceremonies. Without him, there would have been no ceremony at all. Thankfully, people like Bob Giese help to keep local history alive for all of us. In my remarks, I referred to Emil Seidel as a "Mayor of the People". Indeed he was, and now he can be better remembered by people today.

Stephen K. Hauser is a long-time Elm Grove resident, a college history professor, and the author of books and articles about local history.

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Clubs & Organizations



Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Senior Taxi

A driver at the wheel of one of the four current Elmbrook Senior Taxi vehicles providing service to area residents.

Elmbrook Senior Taxi Serves Elm Grove & Neighboring Communities

By Sandy Wolff

Elmbrook Senior Taxi is expecting to hit a milestone during 2017! This nonprofit senior transportation service has been providing reliable, affordable rides to seniors and disabled adults in the Villages of Elm Grove and Butler and the City and Town of Brookfield since 1993.

The "Taxi" has recently acquired a fourth car which enables us more flexibility in scheduling as well as adding a few new requested destinations beyond our normal service area.

Ridership increased significantly when we added our third car and has continued this upward trend. Several years ago we were providing 360-400 rides per month and now are averaging 800 rides per month. Expectations are to provide more than 10,000 rides by the end of this year!

Elmbrook Senior Taxi is certainly pleased to increase our service to residents of Elm Grove and the other communities we serve. We expect to increase fundraising efforts to help with maintaining our "fleet" of 4 cars.

The "Taxi" is also in need of more drivers and a part-time scheduler. Anyone interested can contact our office at (262) 785-1200. Residents can call that number to request a ride. Our hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have extended hours on Wednesday until 9 p.m.

"The purpose of life... is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

DIFFICULTY HEARING?



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Contestants "raise their pints" during the 2016 Oktoberfest event at Village Park.

2nd Annual Oktoberfest to Benefit Elm Grove Community Foundation Projects

By Ted Wentzel

The Elm Grove Community Foundation's 2^{nd} Annual Oktoberfest celebration will take place on Saturday, September 23, at Village Park from 4 – 10 p.m. Building on the great success of last year's event where approximately 2,500 people attended the festivities, the Community Foundation is bringing back live music performed by The Squeezettes and extending the event and the music into the evening hours.

In addition to live music on the Pickart Family Dentistry bandstand stage, Oktoberfest will again feature a large craft beer tent sponsored by Uptown Motors, traditional German food, and festive German games such as Raise Your Pint, Hammerschlagen and a lederhosen/ dirndl contest.

Elm Grove Community Foundation VP **Kim Irwin** added, "With the new Oktoberfest hours, we hope parents will bring their families for games and dinner in the early evening and then take the kids home to bed and come back later to enjoy more great craft beer and music with friends and neighbors."

Admission to Oktoberfest is FREE! The Elm Grove Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) volunteer organization that works behind the scenes to enhance life in Elm Grove, will be raising money for projects not otherwise covered by Village tax dollars through the sale of beer, food, commemorative t-shirts, steins, and Village of Elm Grove street signs.

Yes, have you ever wondered what happened to the old street signs that were replaced throughout the Village last fall? Would you love to get your hands-on Kurtis Drive, Red Barn Lane, Lee Court, or your street? Well, in conjunction with the Village of Elm Grove, the Community Foundation will be selling those old street signs through their website leading up to Oktoberfest and at the event itself. Check the Elm Grove Community Foundation website for more details – www. elmgrovefoundation.org.

With big tents on hand for the beer, food and entertainment, Oktoberfest will take place rain or shine... and with neither the Badgers nor Packers playing on the 23rd, the Community Foundation hopes to see all Elm Grove residents down at the park for Oktoberfest. Spread the word and bring your friends – the more the merrier! There's plenty of beer, food and fun to go around. There are also plenty of volunteer opportunities available if you are interested in earning volunteer hours or just want to help out.

Oktoberfest 2017 really will have something for everyone and will bring together people from Elm Grove and our surrounding communities to celebrate and enjoy life in our wonderful Village.

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Nominations Sought

The Elmbrook Rotary Club (ERC) recently announced a Business Person of the Year Award that will recognize the accomplishments of a successful Brookfield or Elm Grove individual.

"The Business Person of the Year Award is a way for the club to recognize and celebrate individuals in our community who are service-minded and doing outstanding work," said Program Chair **Ralph Gould**. The program will recognize those with a customer focus and an entrepreneurial approach, along with those who've demonstrated strong leadership in the community.

Nominations for the award are being accepted and must be completed using the online form on the club's website. A selection committee of ERC members, City of Brookfield and Village of Elm Grove officials will review all nomination forms and select the award recipient. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, September 22 and the individual will be honored at the ERC meeting on Friday, October 27, 2017.

ERC began in 1983 and is part of Rotary International, which was founded in 1905. The club is an active group of more than 80 individuals with a wide range of backgrounds from business professionals and community leaders to those who work in public service. The Rotary's official motto is "Service Above Self" and the club slogan is "We Rise & Shine," referring to the fact that they were the first breakfast club in Rotary District 6270.

For program information and details on making a nomination, please visit: www.elmbrookrotary.org/Page/businessperson-of-the-year.

Gardening in the Grove



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Garden at the Fricker residence on Marguette Avenue.



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI

The Walsh family garden on Woodlawn Circle.

Elm Grove Beautification Awards Announced

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

Each year the Elm Grove Beautification Committee bestows special awards upon Village property owners in recognition of their outstanding, often unique gardens. Properties are nominated for the awards by residents, businesses and members of the committee.

This year's winners include the resident at 1915 Hawthorne Drive; Greg and Beth Walsh, 14200 Woodlawn Circle; Gregory and Teresa Kelly, 670 Vernon Place; Dave and Sandy Molter, 1025 Grandview Drive; the Fricker family, 13335 All About It!" section – Page 8. Marquette Avenue; and the Elm Grove Public Library / volunteer gardeners. An "Elm Grove Beautification Award" sign is posted on each of the properties.

Honorable Mention letters were received by Andy and Katy Matola, 675 Elm Grove Road, and Mary and Ron Inden, 14745 Watertown Plank Road.

The public is invited to attend an official awards ceremony in September, during which award winners will discuss their gardens and answer questions. Look for details in our September issue.

NOTE: A photo of the garden at the Elm Grove Public Library appears in the "Read



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An expansive garden on Hawthorn Drive.



The Molter family garden on Grandview Drive.



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The Kelly family garden on Vernon Place.

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Pelham Grenville Wodehouse **English novelist**

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If YOU look like a Chrysanthemum, call JANE or STEVE at Imperial Hair Care of Elm Grove. (See ADs – Page 3 & Page 5)

LIBRARY

Read All About It!

Cool Books for the Dog Days of Summer

By Noah Weckwerth

Whether at the beach, in the comforts of air conditioning, or on the porch, the lazy, hot days of August beg the need for an exciting new read. Here's what the staff at the Elm Grove Library have been loving this summer:

*The Women in the Castle

by Jessica Shattuck

A beautifully written story following the lives of several German women who take refuge in an old Bavarian castle in the wake of WWII. Marianne's husband was instrumental in the Resistance and he charged her with finding the wives of his co-conspirators. Three women band together to survive, despite their varying backgrounds and life experiences. This book vividly captures what Germany was like before, during, and after the war, depicting the strength of the women who found themselves caught up in it.

*Driving Miss Norma: One Family's Journey Saying "YES" to Living by Tim Bauerschmidt & Ramie Liddle

Follow the heart-warming story of 90 year-old newly widowed Miss Norma, who instead of opting for cancer treatments chooses to "hit the road" with her son, daughter-in-law, and their standard poodle. What results is a cross country adventure filled with new experiences (going up in a hot air balloon, riding in a St. Patrick's Day parade, taking her first horseback ride) and new foods, all while discovering the kindness of strangers along the way.

*The Force

by Don Winslow

In addition to writing some of the most thrilling and well-paced books you'll find, the criminally underrated Don Winslow is also a very thorough novelist. For his latest, Winslow spent years researching the inner workings of the NYPD to tell the story of Denny Malone, a decorated detective suddenly caught on both sides of the law, in a story that grips at page one and feels authentic the whole way through. It's already being touted as one of the best cop novels ever written, and a film is reportedly in development.

**The Simplicity of Cider* by Amy Reichert

The charming tale of an apple orchard in Door County, with endearing characters willing to risk everything for what they love. Sanna Lund stays on to keep the struggling family orchard going and wants to branch out into making cider. She cherishes simplicity, but her solitude is interrupted by the arrival of an attractive man and his young son, who are looking for a haven from their personal storm. Beautifully written scenes of the region will make you want to escape to a simpler life. A perfect summer read from the author of *The Coincidence of Coconut Cake*.

Upcoming Programs at the Library

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The Paradox of Being a Black Police Officer in Today's Society

Wednesday, August 2, 7:00 p.m. O'Neill Room

Officer Corey Saffold is a law enforcement professional in Madison, known in the community for his volunteerism and work with youth of all ages and backgrounds.

In his talk, Corey will discuss his experiences as a black policeman in the wake of highly publicized police killings of unarmed African-Americans, and the paradox of being a black officer during a time when police are viewed as an enemy and often not trusted, especially among the African-American community. Officer Saffold will offer his strategy for engaging

the community at large around these issues, and will relay his personal experiences with law enforcement and how they have helped shape his approach to upholding the law throughout the city.

This free ShopTalk event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Humanities Council and the Working Lives Project. No registration is required.

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Young Writers & Cub Reporters

D.A.R.E. Essay Winner We'll Say No (to the tune of "Let It Go")

By Lilly Martin - St. Mary's Visitation

Verse 1:

The smoke is gray and has darkened today, not a good friend to be seen. Drugs have affected people and has changed them from who we see. Peer pressure all around us waiting to attack. But I remember D.A.R.E. which gives all I ask. I know it's hard to stay true, not change ourselves just to look cool. From D.A.R.E. class we will know to say No...

Refrain:

We'll say No. We'll say No. Forevermore it is No. We'll say No. We'll say No. Walk away from the smoke, make an excuse to get away from drug abuse. We'll say No. We'll say No. Life is better without smoke.

Verse 2:

It is sad to think that people can die from alcohol. It changes their behavior like their memory has lost all. It's time to stop it here, right now to save ourselves, our families now. We all need to know and will show.

Refrain:

We'll say No. We'll say No. We are done with our bad habits. We'll say No. Forevermore let it end right here.

Verse 3:

The power we have to say No will save our lives forever. We can fix this mess by saying No.

We will not say Yes. It does us the very best.

We'll say No. We'll say No, and we'll rise up above the smoke. We'll say No. That generation is gone. We can save the next generation's day. Let it end right here, and life is way better without smoke.

Winter (Diamante poem)

By Elise Kleinmann St. Mary's Visitation – Grade 3

Winter

- lcy, white
- Freezing, sledding, snowing
- Evergreens, holly, berries,
- raspberries, flowers
- Scorching, swimming, raining
- Humid, green

Summer

Our Village

Cloud (Cinquain poem)

By Katelyn Anglim St. Mary's Visitation, Grade 3

Cloud

Pillow white Blocks the sun Cries down on earth Cumulonimbus

D.A.R.E. Essay Runner-Up

D.A.R.E. Rap

By Jake LeSaily - Tonawanda Elementary

When you're in trouble whatcha gotta do? Use the D.A.R.E. decision model to help you. If someone's taking drugs don't just whine, Tell their parents and you'll be fine. But if you see someone bullying, Tell an adult what's happening. If a friend offers you a beer, Use strength in numbers with your peers. If someone says, "Wanna cigarette dude?" Use puns to change his mind and brighten his mood. If someone's cyber bullying, don't respond, Instead tell an adult and leave them behind. So I hope these ways to say NO to danger, And if someone's in trouble, maybe even help that stranger.

Define the situation. Access — What are your options? Respond — Select your best choice and JUST DO IT !!!!! Evaluate — Did you make a good choice?

U.S.A. (Limerick poem)

By Jack Conners St. Mary's Visitation - Grade 3

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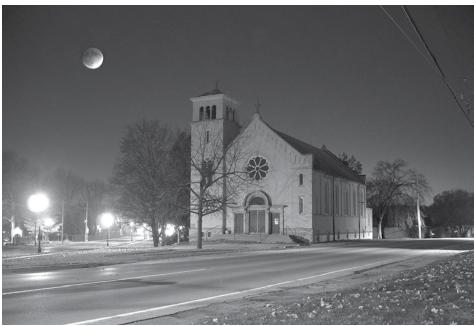


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*Sunday, AUGUST 6th – 11:30 a.m.: PACKER PARTY at Post 449, Food & Packer Raffle, Packer Game Ticket Drawings.

*Saturday, SEPTEMBER 16th – 1st District POW/MIA Silent March – 9 a.m. Doughnuts, Juice, Coffee; Silent March at 10 a.m.; POW/MIA Ceremony to follow march; Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

*Sunday, OCTOBER 29th – Oktoberfest; German music, beer, costume contest and food --- Spannferkel - 11:30 a.m.

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Legal Issues

Estate Planning: Trusts for Children

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

Providing for children in the event parents die prematurely takes more than choosing a guardian to raise them. Parents must also consider what will happen to any money or property their children will inherit. Children under the age of eighteen cannot directly inherit more than a small amount of money. With assets and life insurance, most parents will leave their children a great deal more than that. If the parents have made no provisions, a guardian will be appointed to manage the assets, but once the child turns eighteen all the remaining assets are turned over the child. Creating a trust to hold the inheritance allows parents significantly more control over how the inheritance is distributed to their children.

By creating a trust for their children, parents can control the age, or ages, the trust funds will be distributed to the children for their own management. Most people would agree that they did not make the most responsible decisions about money when they were young adults. Placing the inheritance in a trust with staggered distributions when the child reaches different ages, say 25 and 30,

makes it much more likely that the money will be used wisely.

The trustee who manages the trust is chosen by the parents, who then also give that trustee written guidance regarding the timing and purpose of any distributions. However, because the trustee controls the purse strings, this person should be chosen with care. There is no hard and fast rule about naming, or not naming a family member as the trustee. It is more a matter of choosing someone appropriate for the role. The trustee should be someone who is both trustworthy and good with money. The trustee should be someone who will not give in to every request for money, but also someone who will not be overly restrictive. While the children are younger, the trustee will also be working closely with the guardian who is raising the children, so the two should be individuals who can get along.

Implementing a trust to hold a child's inheritance is one of the most beneficial things a parent can do, as it ensures that the funds will be available for the child, but also maintained in the trust until the child is more mature.

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News Briefs



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Students (from left) **Ian Morse-Caruso**, **Cole Kandula** of Elm Grove, and **Saif Sajjad** get ready to fly their drone through a challenge course during Brookfield Academy's Summer Days program.

Brookfield Academy Students Take Summer School to New Heights

By Marie O'Brien

Kids from around the community learned to flip, launch and fly during Brookfield Academy's newest classes this summer. "All our classes cover a variety of subjects and areas of interest," said **Julie D'Arruda**, Summer Program Director. "The drones classes are among our newer classes and they, along with LEGO courses, are quite popular."

Drones classes teach participants how to manipulate aircraft with safety, speed and acrobatics, while also enhancing each child's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) knowledge.

"We added more technology and science courses this summer as well, which strengthens knowledge of building and computer programming," D'Arruda said.

Brookfield Academy's 9-week Summer Days program runs through August 11, providing nearly 200 classes in a variety of subjects for students (from any school) ages 4 - 18.



News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society By Heather Gehrke

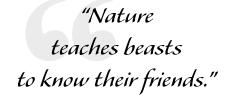
Meet Molly and Dusty! These two have grown up together since they were puppies and are hoping to spend the rest of their lives together. They are the best of friends and are looking to increase their friendship and family circle through adoption.

Molly is a sweet girl as is her friend Dusty—they love everyone they meet, are low maintenance, and just enjoy living every minute of the day for what life brings to them. They love to get out and about on walks and are equally as happy cuddling together or with their humans.

Stop in to meet this dynamic duo today!

The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road.

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William Shakespeare



Photos courtesy of Elmbrook Humane Society
Molly



Dusty

"My father was a Saint Bernard, my mother was a Collie, but, I am a Presbyterian." Mark Twain



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Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

Elm Grove residents **Eddie Schoyer** (at left) and **William Sobczak** prepare to launch their LEGO creation.

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