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This CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT shows the location of the proposed Underwood Creek Downtown Daylighting project, which would run north to south near the Canadian Pacific rail line. The light blue represents water; green represents grassy areas; the thin yellow line along the west side of the track represents a retaining wall; the thick, bright yellow lines represent walking paths.

‘Underwood Creek Daylighting Project’ Public Meeting – February 15

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

‘Daylighting’ is the process of opening a waterway that has been artificially channeled underground in a pipe.

(A portion of the Underwood Creek in the Village of Elm Grove’s downtown area, near the Park & Shop was, in fact, daylighted for a period of time decades ago, as noted in a Past Times column: September 2017 - *News-Independent*).

Now, after years of discussion about the possibility of again ‘daylighting’ the waterway, Village officials have scheduled a Public Information Meeting this month to give details about the current project

and encourage feedback from community residents and business owners.

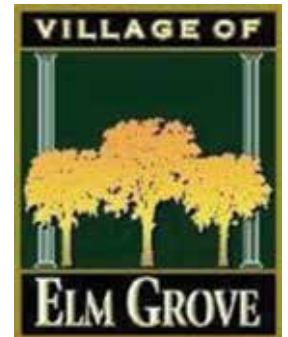
The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, in the Community Room, lower level of Elm Grove Village Hall, 13600 Juneau Blvd., starting with a presentation at 5:30 p.m., and followed by an open house format with time for questions and answers through 7:30 p.m.

According to an official Village meeting notice, the planned project includes “relocating and naturalizing a section of Underwood Creek from its current location beneath the Sendik’s building and

parking lot. Topics to be discussed include project background, design, grant funding opportunities and possible future amenities.”

Project information is available on the Village website: www.elmgrove.org. Link to the Underwood Creek Daylighting information under **Village News** or **Community Projects**.

Questions may be directed to **Tom Harrigan**, Zoning and Planning Administrator, at (262) 782-6700 or tharrigan@elmgrovewi.org.



Village Update

By Neil Palmer,
President – Village of Elm Grove
npalmer@elmgrovewi.org

Winter 2017 – 18 has been a great reminder of the vagaries of weather. We have a week of 40 degrees followed by snow and single digits. Wisconsin weather is never boring.

I hope you have an opportunity to stop in the Underwood Creek Open House meeting described on this page. The meeting is Thursday February 15th from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room in the basement of Village Hall.

Underwood Creek runs through a large pipe under the Park and Shop parking lots and under the Sendik’s grocery store. We have been working to facilitate the daylighting of the creek since 2003 when work on the downtown flood control project began. The underground pipe has been a maintenance and safety challenge for many, many years. The current route of this pipe blocks any efforts to renovate and improve the shopping area and is a major impediment to improving the environmental health of the creek channel.

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Citizen Police Academy Seeks Participants

By Sgt. Joe Ipavec, EGPD

The Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy is currently accepting applications for its upcoming 2018 class. This community relations program provides an opportunity for citizens, who either reside or work in the Village, to meet the men and women who serve them and be educated about the department and current issues related to law enforcement. Participants are given a realistic view of the police department and a wide variety of topics are discussed, including an understanding of patrol procedures, traffic law, the judicial system, court room procedures, officer survival and use of force, criminal investigations, evidence collection and crime prevention.

Starting April 4, the Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy will meet Wednesday nights, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Elm Grove Police Department, 13600 Juneau Blvd. The course consists of 10 sessions with the final session serving as the graduation. During the Citizen Academy, students may participate in a ride-along with an officer and observe in the communication center. Students who successfully complete the program will be invited to participate in the graduation banquet, currently scheduled for June 6.

Applications can be obtained at the Police Department, on the Village’s website: www.elmgrovewi.org or by



sending an e-mail request to **Sgt. Joe Ipavec** at jipavec@elmgrovewi.org.

The deadline to turn in applications for the 2018 class is Wednesday, March 7. Contact Sgt. Ipavec at (262) 786-4141 between the hours of 3:00 and 11:00 p.m. with questions or concerns.

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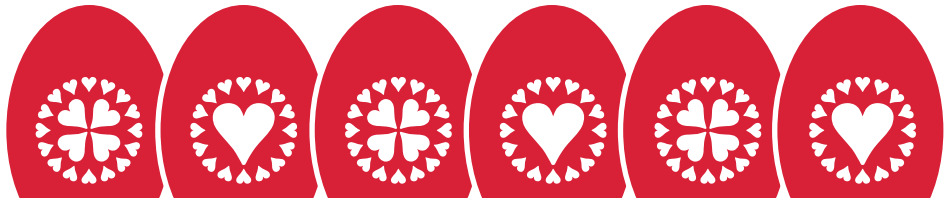
Our 90th Issue!

Another landmark issue this month... “just” ten more until the BIG 100th!

In the meantime... those who have followed my reporting adventures within the *News-Independent* since 2010 and remember stories I wrote from 2002 to 2007 (when serving as your “Elm Grove columnist” for another news organization) might agree that a fellow named “Doug” — ever enthusiastic (for at least 14 years) about “Freezin’ for a Reason” — has been a favorite, on-going topic of mine.

Doug Pommerening of Elm Grove, an award-winning Special Olympian, is participating (again) in the annual Polar Plunge at Big Lake Muskego on February 11, collecting donations, and hoping to reach his goal of \$2,000 to \$2,500 for Special Olympics Wisconsin. Doug’s team is “Dougie’s Dunkers”. Their costume theme this year is “Beach Bums”.

Go to www.specialolympicswisconsin.org (click on “Events”, Muskego and select Doug’s name) to make a pledge. Or, drop off a donation at Sendik’s where he works. Or, send a check (payable to Special Olympics Wisconsin) to Doug at 12845 Gremoor Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122.



Happy Valentine’s Day – February 14th
Some thoughts on LOVE:

“*Love* does not consist of gazing at each other, but in looking together in the same direction.”
Antoine De Saint – Exupery

“A life’s worth, in the end, isn’t measured in hours, or dollars. It’s measured by the amount of *love* exchanged along the way.”
Douglas C. Means

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If published, you AND your “Good Neighbor” will each receive tickets for an upcoming performance at Sunset Playhouse. Questions? Send an e-mail or call Elisabeth at (262) 782-6193.

In Memoriam

John J. Ahern (“Jack”)

John J. Ahern, “Jack” — a former Elm Grove resident — died early Thursday, January 4, 2018, in Martinez, California. He began his life on May 11, 1940 in Chicago, Illinois and was raised as one of four children of **John** and **Helen Ahern**, eldest sibling to **Tom**, **Janet** and **Mary**. He earned a Bachelors of Liberal Arts degree at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI, where he met several lifelong friends. He met his wife, **Barbara Miller**, on Waikiki Beach on Hawaii in 1967 while in the U.S. Navy Reserves. Married on July 12, 1969 in Sacramento, CA, they lived first in Chicago and then settled in Oconomowoc, WI to raise three children, **Patrick**, **Jeannine** and **Carrie**.



John J. Ahern (“Jack”)

Jack founded an industrial sales business, The Ahern Company, which he started in Wisconsin and continued to develop to consistent success to the present. To be closer to family he and Barbara moved back to her home state of California in 1998.

Jack was vibrant socially and politically engaged, loved sports of any kind and refereed soccer, football and basketball for years both as a passion, good exercise and a way to make some extra money. He was a wonderful storyteller in the Irish tradition, charming, quick-witted and sharp — if sometimes long-winded. He loved people and social situations of all stripes, loved to travel and was blessed with a stubborn and independent spirit. He was an active member of the Catholic Church his entire life and felt

the importance of the Church’s charity and compassion to those less fortunate than he. Jack was a deeply loyal friend and proud family man.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; son Patrick (Carolina), daughters Jeannine (Morgan) Lyons and Carrie; siblings Tom, Janet Farmans and Mary Friend; and grandchildren Nathan, Zoe, Julia, Mia, and Ella. Preceding Jack in death were his parents, John and Helen. A memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, January 15, 2018 at Christ the King Church, 199 Brandon Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA.

In honor of Jack, donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society: www.svdpusa.org (314) 576-3993 would be appreciated.

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Village Update

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Through continuous efforts, the Village has successfully secured grant funding for final stream channel design and engineering from the Fund for Lake Michigan, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District (MMSD) and local property owners. We hope to secure grant money for all or most of the construction costs of the proposed work. Creating a new surface level creek channel will solve a recurring engineering and safety issue, solve a state regulatory problem, help secure continuation of a healthy shopping area in the Village and create an attractive natural feature in the Village center. Many residents will remember how much the flood control naturalization efforts improved the Village Park.

Emerald Ash Borer infestation continues to claim trees in the Village. Staff and contractors will continue to remove diseased trees on Village property throughout the year. If you have questions about the health of trees on your property contact, **Ron Hill**, the Village Forester, at Village Hall, (262) 782-6700. A positive aspect to the

multiyear removal program we have been pursuing is the wide variety of trees we have planted. Not only does diversification guard against severe impact from new infestations like ash borers or Dutch Elm disease, but it beautifies the Village. Even if you don’t have ash tree problems on your property it is important to think about the life span of your trees. Don’t wait for their needed removal to plant new trees.

The Village Board Recreation Committee continues to make progress on plans for a children’s “**splash pad**” **area at the Village Park swimming pool**. Funding for this important improvement has not yet been secured. Village organizations leading volunteer fund raising efforts are important and need your support. If you want to help, contact Committee Chair, **Patty Kujawa** at: pkujawa@elmgrovewi.org.

The Spring Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday February 20. Only the Supreme Court primary race is on the ballot for Elm Grove voters.

Doctor Who What

Where When Why & How

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

What do YOU want to know about community issues, people, places, local organizations, area history, etc? Questions can be e-mailed to: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com or mailed to Elm Grove News-Independent: Dr. Who, P.O. Box 372, Elm Grove, WI 53122-0372. “The Doctor” is in!

Question of the Month: Where is the Village Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility located & when is it open?

Answer: The Department of Public Works facility, available to Village residents only, is at 900 Wall St. It was closed in January and will remain closed in February, but will re-open in March (Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Call (262) 782-6700 for details.

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

February 4 – Sons of the American Legion Chili Cookoff, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

February 10 – Past Presidents Lunch, 11:30 a.m. Raffle – Liquor & Misc. items,

Special Raffle (includes Autographed Green Bay Packers Football, Stainless Steel

Firepit, Crystal Clock, Admirals Tickets & Items from the Bucks & Brewers).

March 17 – Auxiliary Irish Lunch & Raffle, starts at 11:30 a.m.

The American Legion is selling tickets for a Harley Motorcycle,

supported by Hals Harley dealership in New Berlin. Stop by Post 449 or

Hals Harley dealership on Moreland Rd., to purchase tickets for \$10.00 each.

Drawing is Labor Day, September 3, 2018, at 2 p.m.

Past Times: I REMEMBER...

David Rice Atchison, the 11½ President of the United States

By Stephen K. Hauser

February 19, the third Monday of the month, is Presidents’ Day. For most of America’s history, **George Washington’s** birthday on February 22 was a legal federal holiday. Washington had been born on February 11, 1732, according to the old calendar then in use, but when the calendar was revised in 1752, the date altered to February 22.

Congress decided in the 1990s to combine the celebration of Washington’s birthday with the commemoration of **Abraham Lincoln’s** birthday on February 12, creating the hybrid holiday of Presidents’ Day on the third Monday of February, providing an annual three-day weekend for federal employees. (Contrary to popular belief, Lincoln’s birthday had never been a legal federal holiday, but was a state holiday in 33 states.)

As an historian, I must confess that I rather miss the setting aside of a day to especially honor our nation’s first president under the Constitution. One new advantage to Presidents’ Day, however, is that its more generic nature allows Americans a day to celebrate the presidents of their choice, whoever they might be.

Some years ago, I compiled a list of my ten favorite presidents. The list is arbitrary, of course, and is only based on my own opinions. It was still a worthwhile exercise, and I would suggest that all readers thoughtfully attempt to do the same. Their lists might be very different from mine, but that is part of the fun of the process. It can tell you a lot about yourself as well.

One man who is unlikely to appear on anyone’s list is **David Rice Atchison**, the Senator that trivia buffs (and some Missourians) insist served as President of the United States for one day. The story behind their claim is an interesting one. In November of 1848, **Gen. Zachary Taylor**, a hero of the Mexican War, was elected president over his Democratic rival **Lewis Cass**, former territorial governor of Michigan. Inauguration Day was to be on March 4, which happened to fall on a Sunday. (Inauguration Day was not moved to January until 1937.) Gen. Taylor was a devoutly religious man and so refused to take the oath of office on a Sunday, a day he believed was to be set aside to honor the Lord and not a day on which to confer earthly honors on a man. He informed his aides that he would be attending services at Washington D.C.’s Episcopal Church that day, and would be unavailable to take the presidential oath until Monday.

The outgoing president was Democrat **James Knox Polk**, our 11th chief executive. He flatly rejected the idea that he should serve as president for an additional day, informing his own staff that under the Constitution his term was set to expire at noon on Sunday, and he would not be at his desk longer than that. His irritation over Taylor’s religious objections may have been heightened by the fact that the General, as the Whig Party nominee, had defeated fellow Democrat Cass, whom Polk had supported. Whatever the reason, Polk and Taylor were both intransigent and the crisis was at an impasse as Polk made plans to return to his farm near Nashville.

The Constitution allows Congress to establish an order of succession to the presidency if both the president and the vice-president are unable to serve. Polk’s

Vice-President was **George M. Dallas** of Pennsylvania, who believed that his term of office had actually expired on March 3, prior to the adjournment of the Senate. Next in line, therefore, was the President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate, and that position was held by Sen. David Rice Atchison of Missouri. (The order of succession is slightly different today, with the Speaker of the House now being third in line.)

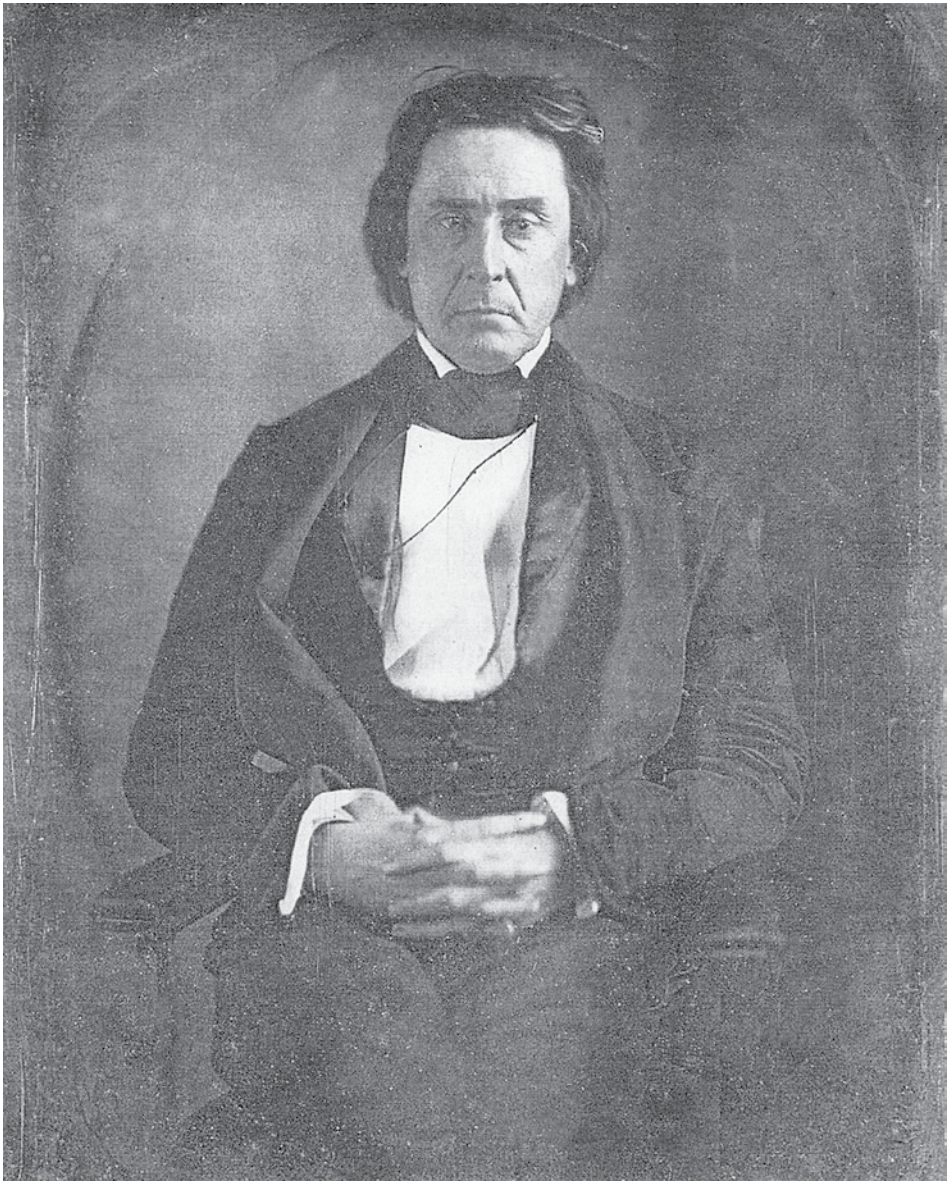
David Rice Atchison was born in the tiny hamlet of Frogtown, Kentucky on August 11, 1807. After studying at Transylvania University near Lexington, he moved to Liberty, Missouri and took up the practice of law in 1829 after passing the state bar exam. He served two terms in the Missouri House of Representatives in the 1830s and was appointed as Platte County circuit judge in 1841. Two years later, he was appointed to the U.S. Senate seat previously held by the late **Sen. Lewis Linn**, who had died in office. Atchison was subsequently elected to serve a full term in his own right. His tenure as a U.S. Senator lasted from October 14, 1843 to March 3, 1855. During that time, he served on the Indian Affairs and State Militia committees and became a co-author, with **Sen. Stephen A. Douglas** of Illinois, of the Compromise of 1850. He was chosen thirteen times by his fellow senators as President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

On March 4, 1849, Atchison’s senate colleagues jokingly reminded him that, under the Constitution, he was now President of the United States due to Taylor’s refusal to assume the position until Monday and Polk and Dallas’ refusal to accept that their terms could extend another day. Realizing that this constitutional crisis was merely a tempest in a teapot, Atchison took his brief tenure about as seriously as one might expect. He ordered up a steak dinner, retired early and slept peacefully through most of his term. All good presidential decisions!

After his time in the Senate came to an end, Sen. Atchison returned to his law practice and his Missouri farm. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, he enlisted as an officer in the Confederate forces and led border raids into Kansas. In his later years, he retired to his farm in rural Gower, Missouri, only 25 miles from Kansas. He died there on January 26, 1886 and was buried at Greenlawn cemetery in Plattsburg.

Plattsburg, Missouri is also the location of a statue of Sen. Atchison, erected in 1929 and dedicated by then Missouri Governor **Sam Aaron Baker**. Over \$15,000 in contributions were collected for the memorial, which proudly proclaims that Atchison was “President for a Day” in 1849. Atchison County, Missouri is named for him, as is the city of Atchison, Kansas. David Rice Atchison is probably not on anyone’s list of favorite presidents, but perhaps we should all reconsider that omission. After all, there were no wars or natural disasters during his term of office, and all of his decisions (steak, good humor, a sound sleep) were wise ones. Maybe our 11½ President deserves at least a tip of the hat and a hearty toast on President’s Day.

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



David Rice Atchison: President for a Day?

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Calendar of Events for February 2018

NOTE:

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*Publication of submissions will be on a space-available basis & must meet established EGNI content guidelines. Questions: Call (262) 782-6193

Friday – FEBRUARY 2

GROUNDHOG DAY

***Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove.
www.elmbrookrotary.org.

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

Monday – FEBRUARY 5

***Village of Elm Grove Plan**
Commission Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Village Hall.

Tuesday – FEBRUARY 6

***Elm Grove Woman’s Club**
Meeting - 11 a.m. (Social); 11:30 a.m. (Business); Noon (Lunch), followed by Program. www.egwc.org (262) 782-5930.

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

***100 Women Who Care – Milwaukee Metro West:** Meeting – 6 p.m. @ O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub, 13225 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. www.100wcmkemetrowest.org kathy.olsen@gmail.com

Wednesday – FEBRUARY 7

***American Association of University Women – West Suburban Milwaukee Branch Meeting** – 6:30 p.m. @ Sunset Playhouse. Program: “The Social Work of Museums” presented by Susan Longhenry, Director of the Haggarty Museum of Art, Marquette University. Call Linda (414) 476-6919. <http://westsuburbanmilwaukee-wi.aauw.net/>

Thursday – FEBRUARY 8

***Village of Elm Grove Public Safety**
Committee Meeting – 6 p.m. @ Village Hall.

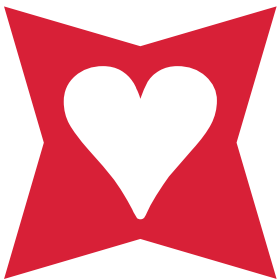
Friday – FEBRUARY 9

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove.
Program: “Kiwanis Goals for 2017-18 & Addressing Membership Opportunities”;
Speaker: Justin Hahn, Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Kiwanis Governor. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.

***Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove.
www.elmbrookrotary.org.

Wednesday – FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINE’S DAY



Thursday – FEBRUARY 15

***OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors)**
Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove; Meeting: 11:30 a.m. – Program “The Walgreen Story” presented by John Elliot. (262) 782-4060. www.cumceg.org.

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

***Village of Elm Grove’s Underwood Creek ‘Daylighting’ Project** – Public Information Meeting, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room @ Village Hall, lower level of the library. All welcome. (262) 782-6700.

Friday – FEBRUARY 16

***Great Backyard Bird Count**
Through February 19
www.birdcount.org.

***Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove.
www.elmbrookrotary.org.

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove.
Program: “K-9 Policing”;
Speaker: James Ament
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.



Tuesday – FEBRUARY 20

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Elm Grove residents
VOTE @ Village Hall
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
(262) 782-6700.

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

Friday – FEBRUARY 23

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Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove.
www.elmbrookrotary.org.

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove.
Program: “The Patriots Tool Box”;
Speaker: Joe Bast
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.



Monday – FEBRUARY 26

***Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting – 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room. Open to the Public
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.
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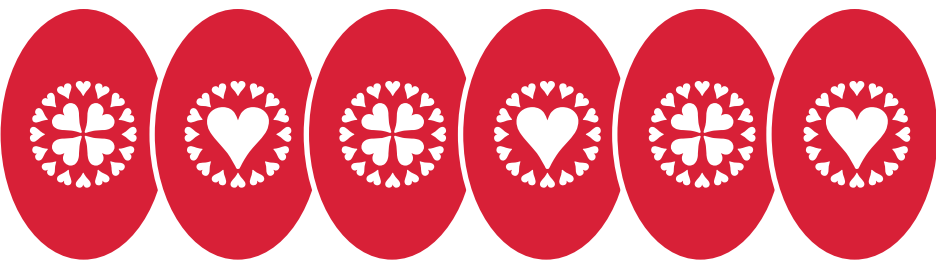
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Peggy earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Marquette University and a Master's in nursing from DePaul University.

Event is free, however registration is required.

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For sponsorship opportunities, contact Mary Kay Murray at mmurray@ssndcp.org

Peggy is a member of the Greater Milwaukee Committee and serves on the boards of Marquette University, the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce and Teach for America. Peggy is also the current chair of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center board of directors.

Clubs & Organizations

Area Families Benefit from Woman’s Club Donations

Elm Grove Woman’s Club “Women to Women” committee co-chairs **Betty Jo Aspell** and **Bonnie Klamik** have announced that during the club’s December meeting “a total of \$379 (\$329 in cash/checks and food items valued at \$50)” were collected and donated to the Waukesha Food Pantry.

In January club members donated “beautifully hand-knit blankets, hats and booties, cute baby outfits, onesies, diapers and even a rubber duckie” as part of an area Community Baby Shower. “We were also able to donate a number of our planners to help the new moms keep their babies’ doctor appointments and mark developmental landmarks. The items were estimated to be worth \$880!”, noted Betty Jo and Bonnie.”

Additional monetary donations of \$345 resulted in an estimated total donation by club members of \$1,225 to Safe Babies/Heathy Families, a Waukesha recipient of the Community Baby Shower.

Those attending the February 6 meeting of the EGWC are encouraged to donate Dr. Seuss books, both old and new, for the Waukesha Literacy Council to be used as part of their ‘Seuss Celebration’. The books will be read to preschoolers on March 2, the anniversary of Dr. Seuss’s birthday.

For more information about EGWC activities or membership, call (262) 782-5930 or visit: www.egwc.org.

Kiwanis Club Active in Community

In his President’s Report for February, Elm Grove Kiwanis Club leader **Roy Uelner** noted that, “Our Golden Kiwanis Club is off to a fast start in 2018. The Key Clubs we sponsor at Brookfield Central and Brookfield East are very active. The Wisconsin International Academy Key Club is in its second year, and we now sponsor the Builders Club at Pilgrim Park Middle School.

In addition to supporting these programs, we have recently made a contribution of \$3,000.00 to the Waukesha County Literacy Council from our Foundation to support their programs.

Wish Lists

Elk Grove Business Association

By Mary Inden

The Elm Grove Business Association is looking for new members who are interested in the welfare of the business community and the entire village. Whether a sizable retail operation, a one-person consulting firm or a medical practice, all business owners are welcome to join.

Please contact the Association by emailing to: egbaorg@gmail.com or call **Mary Inden**, EGBA President, at (414) 915-4830.

‘100 Women Who Care’ Welcomes New Members

By Kathy Olsen

Area women are invited to attend upcoming meetings (held three times a year) of 100 Women Who Care — Milwaukee Metro West. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, at 6 p.m. at O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub, 13225 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove. You can pre-register at <https://www.100wwcmkemetrowest.org/contact-us>.

This will be our second anniversary where we will celebrate the six wonderful local charities we have supported and will select the seventh charity to assist in our communities.

In this hour-long meeting, members suggest local charities to be considered for donations. Of all charities suggested, three charities are selected by a random drawing. The three members who suggest the charities then give a five-minute talk about their charity and its mission. Next, all members vote and then write checks for \$100, individually or as a team, directly to the chosen charity. During that hour meeting with the funds kindly donated, we make a significant difference in the lives of people in our communities.

During the meeting on February 6, we will have a brief update by **Ann Petrie**, President/CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities, to learn where our donations given in October 2017 were used. After the meeting, she can answer questions about the charity and its mission.

Please consider arriving by 5:30 p.m. so you can meet members in our community and learn more about past charities that have been supported.

We hope to see you on February 6 to celebrate how 100 Women Who Care — Milwaukee Metro West has made a great difference in our communities through supporting the homeless; children challenged by physical disabilities; seniors needing transportation; adults and children with illnesses; and the under- and un-insured. For more information, e-mail kathy.olsen@gmail.com

Junior Guild to Hold 52nd ‘Tree of Giving’ Gala

By Katy Conners

MASQUERADE, hosted by the Elm Grove Junior Guild, is a formal all-inclusive gala, and ticket prices include an open bar, gourmet dinner stations, dessert and entertainment. The gala will feature both a silent and live auction, as well as other exciting opportunities for giving, such as a wine pull, a jewelry sale, raffles and contests.

On the evening of Saturday, April 14, 2018, guests that include top entrepreneurs, attorneys, corporate vice presidents, managers and other community leaders will come together at The Black Swan, 309 N. Water St., Milwaukee, to support our charitable efforts. Our goal is to continue to provide ample funds to organizations that seek our assistance. This exclusive event is possible through sponsorship opportunities, event ticket sales and an assortment of live and silent auction packages from renowned companies and destinations.

We invite you to read more about the organizations we support, <http://elmgrovejuniorguild.org/grants-3/>. In addition to these worthy organizations, twenty-five percent of funds raised at the gala are granted to the Village of Elm Grove, funding various public initiatives designed to make our community a stronger, safer, and more beautiful place to work and live.

MASQUERADE wouldn’t be possible without the generosity of dedicated sponsors. If you are interested in giving to the gala (sponsorship or donating an item for auction), please contact **Amanda Glassman** and **Nicole Masnica** at auction@elmgrovejuniorguild.org.

News’ Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Lucy is a sweet, reserved girl who blossoms once she is comfortable in her surroundings. Many have been drawn to her cute, squishy face and gentle personality.

Although a bit shy initially, chin and ear scratches are the way to her heart and trust. Treats are also a favorite of hers, especially tuna flavored. She will thrive in a quieter home. She enjoys hiding in her blankets — so make sure you ask to see her when you stop in.

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

Visit www.ebhs.org; call (262) 782-9261; or stop by for more information.






Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Humane Society

Lucy

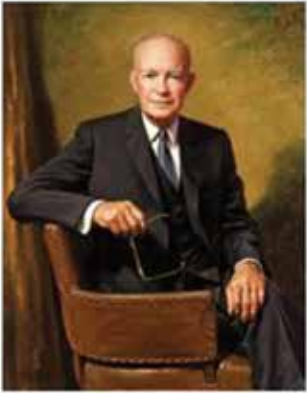
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Duty, Honor, Country:
The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower
Thursday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. Community Room



Historian Jim Gibbons returns to Elm Grove to present the life of the man known as “Ike” with this free library program. Registration for this program begins January 15, and will fill up fast. Space is limited.

Memory Screening Day, presented by the Waukesha Co. ADRC
(15 min. appointments)
Tuesday, February 27, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Library Study Room

A memory screen is a wellness tool that helps identify possible changes in memory and cognition. It's free and it only takes 15 minutes! You'll receive immediate results as well as information about dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Additionally, you'll be able to talk with a Dementia Care Specialist about brain health, ways to stimulate your brain, and to get resources. These free memory screens are offered by the Waukesha County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and presented by Randy Kohl, a Dementia Care Specialist for Waukesha County.



Call Randy Kohl at the Waukesha ADRC to schedule your memory screen, 262-548-7848.

Attention Adults: Read & Win at the Library!

By Noah Weckwerth

With the barometer perpetually stuck in the neighborhood of 18 degrees these days, it's perfect weather for curling up and reading! And now there's an incentive! Join the library's Adult Winter Reading Program, where winning could be as easy as 3, 2, 1!

To get started, visit the library and pick up an entry card. Then read or listen to 3 books, write a 2-sentence review for each book, and earn 1 entry into the drawing. On March 20, four lucky winners will each win a \$25 gift card to Half Price Books. Read as much as you can; you may enter as often as you'd like. Entry deadline is March 19.

The Adult Winter Reading Program is made possible with support from the friends of the Elm Grove Library.

News Briefs




Photo courtesy of the School District of Elmbrook

Pilgrim Park Middle School members of the National Junior Honor Society participated on January 9 in a Character Workshop where they not only learned more about character, but also decorated the hallway with a “Take What You Need” bulletin board. The purpose of the project was to offer members of the PPMS community a pleasant message or note to start their day in a positive manner.



Photo courtesy of the School District of Elmbrook

The Tonawanda Elementary School community continues to learn about the word “Kindness”. Miss Wirtz reviewed the definition, shared a video, and challenged everyone to complete small acts of kindness in the coming weeks. Each act of kindness can be written on a link to build a colorful chain, which is growing longer each day.



Explore Share Grow
Elmbrook HeritageFest
English Language Learners & World Languages Departments

You are invited to an Elmbrook community-wide celebration of heritages! Organized by English Language Learners' teachers in all of our Elmbrook schools, and supported by the World Languages Departments. This event will inspire your intellectual curiosity and appreciation of world cultures through experiential learning.

Wednesday, February 21st, 2018
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Wisconsin Hills Middle School

EXPLORE
Explore a world of cultures from families in our community!

SHARE
Share your heritage through cultural displays, crafts, activities, food/dessert samples. Please wear your ethnic clothing!

GROW
Grow your multicultural experience and knowledge by attending and participating in this incredible event!

Let's celebrate the cultural diversity of the Elmbrook community!

Information & Registration:
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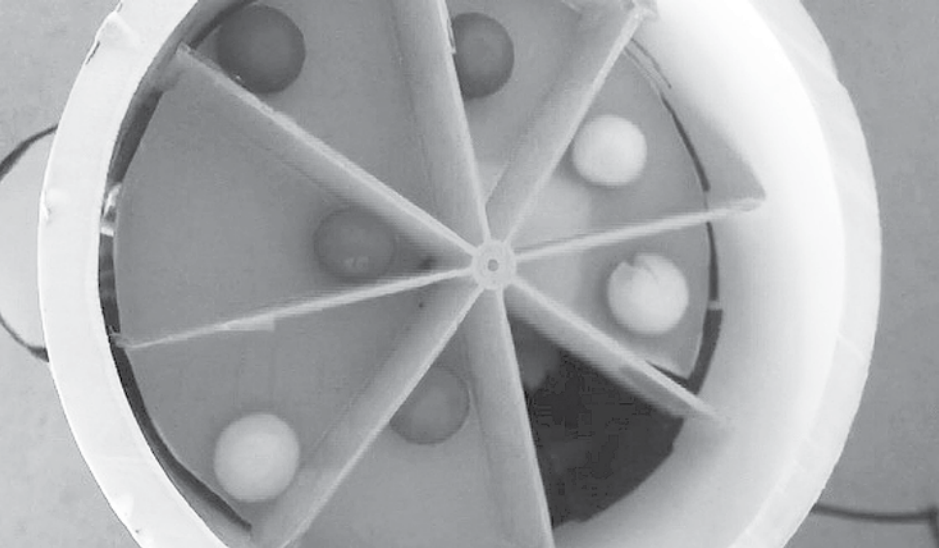


Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

St. Mary's students created this pill dispenser (top view). The sectioned item is the pill holder, the item underneath is the selector, and the round objects inside are Skittles.

The Medicine Mission

By **Nina Anglim, Felicity Giampietro, Grace Seitz and Grace Walters**
St. Mary's Visitation – 7th Grade

Every 20 minutes, somebody dies from an overdose of drugs, whether it be intentional or accidental. This has made a big impact on the death rate in the nation, especially in the last 17 years.

We are the Medicine Mission Team, and we are striving to end medication misuse. For St. Mary's Visitation School's Science and Engineering Fair project and as a submission to eCybermission, a national science and engineering competition, we created a timed medicine dispenser. This dispenser revolves around a motor. The motor is connected to a straw, which is connected to our rotating selector, a plastic PVC pipe lid, trimmed down to fit the tube, with a slice cut out of it. The pink pill holder holds the pill in place. We designed the pill holder and printed it in our classroom's 3D printer. The motor, controlled by a Bluetooth app, turns the selector. The pill will stay in place while the empty slice in the selector turns underneath it. The pill underneath the empty space causes the pill to drop, and the chute made out of a Dixie cup catches the pill. The chute then delivers the pill to the hole, causing it to fall out into the little cup that catches it.

The Bluetooth app enables us to do many things. First of all, it uses a complicated system called Hexadecimal, taught to us by the electrician who assisted us with the electrical. With Hexadecimal, we can program the dispenser to rotate a certain number of steps (the way of telling the motor how much to rotate) at a certain time. At that time, a button on the small black box will blink blue. When you push the button, the motor turns. Second, there is a setting where you can program just the amount of steps the motor takes right away. The blue button will flash, but it will not require you to push it.

At the start of our project, in the brainstorming process, we were building this mainly for families with children, and make our machine locked, to prevent children from getting in. We have done research and realized that 40% of people over 65 take 5 – 9 medications, causing

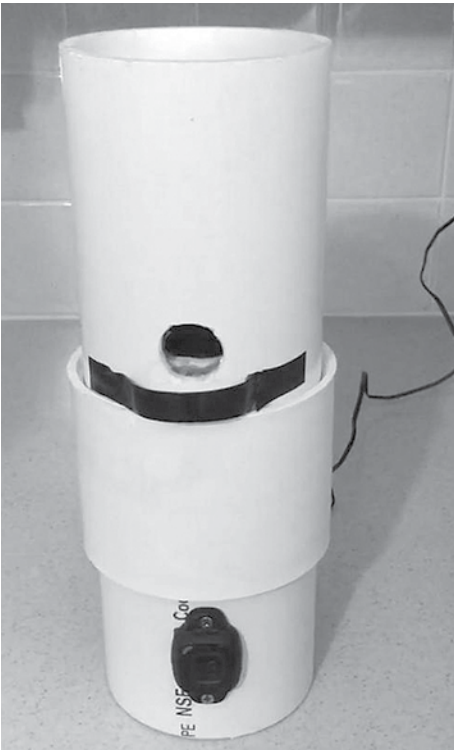
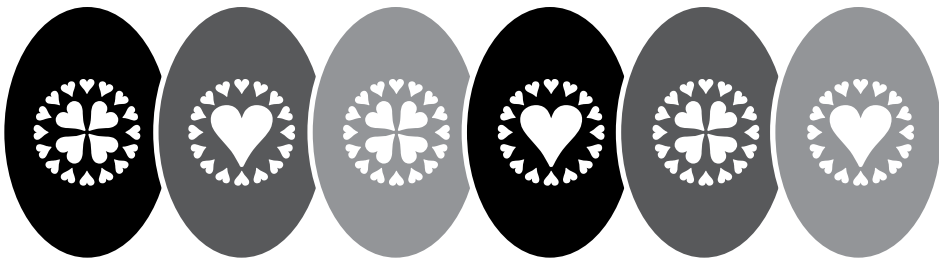


Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

This is the dispenser from the front, which was used while testing to simulate medicine. The outside is a PVC pipe, the black box on the bottom is the Bluetooth connector, and the black underneath the hole is the cup, which does not let the pills drop.

hospitalization because of accidental and purposeful overdosing. Thus, we have adjusted our machine for the elderly. We have done it especially for the elderly with Alzheimer's or memory loss. The dispenser is controlled with a Bluetooth app. That would help those with memory loss, because, when setting the machine, one must only remember to set the machine and put the medicine in the machine once. This could be done by a caregiver. We have worked hard on our machine, and after many meetings and assemblies, we finally saw it come together. It works beautifully, and we are hoping, with work, it will make an impact on the community.

To see a short demonstration of how this works, search "pill dispenser" on YouTube or go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EprcDU6y-ml&feature=youtu.be>.



Young Writers & Reporters Wanted!

Students in Kindergarten – Grade 12 (in public, private, parochial schools and those who are home-schooled) are invited to submit the following types of items for this section:

- **ARTICLES** – Reporting about School, Club, Neighborhood, Church, Scouting and Athletic activities. (400 words maximum)
- **CREATIVE WRITING** – Short Stories (500 words maximum)
- **POETRY**

NOTE: All submissions will be considered & select items will be published based on quality of work and available space.

Submissions (noting the writer's name, school/home-school, & grade) should be sent to: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com (subject line: Young Writers) OR Elm Grove News-Independent, P.O. Box 372, Elm Grove, WI 53122-0372. Questions: Call (262) 782-6193.

Art Scholarship Competition to be Held

The Elm Grove Woman's Club will hold its 49th Annual Art Scholarship Competition on March 13-15, 2018. The event is open to all high school students who reside in Elm Grove or who attend school in the Elmbrook School District. Students do not have to be enrolled in an art class in order to participate.

High school seniors will have the opportunity to win one of two \$1,500 awards. These scholarships will be issued directly to accredited university, college, art or technical schools on behalf of the winning students. Winners do not need to major or minor in art to receive an award.

Students in grades 9-11 have the opportunity to win one \$250 grant which will be awarded directly to the winner. Contestants should select three representative pieces of their original art in any medium. Registration will be held on March 13. A reception and show is set for March 15, during which time the scholarship and grant winners will be announced.

Entry forms should be available from high school art teachers. For more information, visit: www.egwc.org. Additional details will be published in the March 2018 issue of the *News-Independent*.

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| 5 Mint Chip | 19 Red Raspberry |
| 6 Kit Kat Swirl | 20 Double Marshmallow Oreo |
| 7 Turtle | 21 Peanut Butter Cup |
| 8 Oreo Cheesecake | 22 Snickers Swirl |
| 9 Really Reese's | 23 Chocolate Caramel Twist |
| 10 Caramel Fudge Cookie Dough | 24 Raspberry Cordial |
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Steve Wettstein

To my Sweetheart,

Many years have passed since the day we first met...But, Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby oh Baby... I still love you.
I really do!
Happy Valentine's Day! from Sarah

Happy Birthday, Grandma Rose

93 years young on February 21
We love you!
Amy, Caroline & Amelia

Congratulations Joseph

on your straight-A report card. We are so proud of your accomplishments!
Love, Mom & Dad

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Will Social Security Be There for Me? (Part Two)

By Attorney Ruthann Driscoll, Driscoll Law, LLC., Guest Columnist

Last month, we discussed the depletion of the Social Security Trust fund and what it means (and what it doesn't mean) in terms of the future of our Social Security benefits. Now, let's take a trip down memory lane as this is not the first time our nation has faced a shortfall in the Social Security Trust fund.

A Brief History Lesson

What many future retirees fail to realize is that there have been a number of changes to Social Security in the past – changes that were enacted to support and strengthen the Social Security system for future generations. Two Amendments stand out – the 1977 Amendments and the 1983 Amendment.

The 1977 Amendments

By the 1970s, the ratio of elderly population to workers was increasing. Additionally, during the Carter administration, the economy suffered double digit inflation, coupled with very high interest rates, an energy crises, and high unemployment. These factors created a funding shortfall for Social Security. To combat this looming shortfall, Congress passed and Carter signed the 1977 Amendments which raised the payroll tax, increased the wage base, reduced benefits slightly and fixed other mathematical errors in the cost of living adjustment calculation. While this stabilized the Social Security Trust Fund in the short term, by the early 1980's, the system faced another crisis.

The 1983 Amendment

Continued high unemployment in the 1980s coupled with over-optimistic assumptions in the Social Security

projections, resulted in predictions in 1982 that the Social Security Trust Fund would be exhausted by 1983. President Ronald Reagan created the bipartisan National Commission on Social Security Reform (chaired by Alan Greenspan) to address this crisis. Among the changes recommended by the Commission and adopted in the 1983 Amendment was the taxation of Social Security, the first coverage of Federal employees under Social Security and an increase in the retirement age beginning in the year 2000. By the time of the enactment of the 1983 Amendment, the Trust Fund had reached the point where it would have been unable to fully meet benefit payments. Special legislation was enacted to provide temporary borrowing authority to assure continued payment of benefits by all programs while Congress developed and enacted the 1983 Amendment.

As a result of these changes (particularly the tax increases) the Social Security system began to generate a large short-term surplus of funds, the surplus of which continued until 2010.

So What Does This Mean?

Because of the advance warning, Congress has 17 years to enact legislation modifying the program's scheduled revenues and benefits. This would allow changes to be phased in on a gradual basis so that there would not be drastic reductions in benefits or tax levels faced by future generations. For example, the increase in the Full Retirement Age (FRA) (enacted in the 1983 Amendment), only began to be phased in for individuals reaching age 62 in 2000. Those of us impacted by this change had decades to adjust to the new FRA as we prepared for our own retirement.

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* Mail to: Letters, EGNI, P.O. Box 372, Elm Grove, WI 53122-0372

* E-mail: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com (subject line: Letters to the Editor)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Village of Elm Grove's Underwood Creek Daylighting Project is currently in the planning stages. See our Page 1 item & Calendar listing for details about a Public Information Meeting set for February 15 at Village Hall.

Please "Daylight" that Creek!

I read with interest (*News-Independent* – **September 2017**) your article about the possibility of "daylighting" Underwood Creek, along the Park & Shop parking lot (like it USED to LOOK in its natural state, years ago). I think this is a WONDERFUL idea! Both environmentally and aesthetically! I was raised in Elm Grove from 1960-1973. I've since lived in Minnesota and they've "daylighted" several creeks up here, just recently (in the Twin Cities area), and been VERY SUCCESSFUL with positive results.

also prevent some of your monstrous floods your downtown area has suffered in the past 50 years! (I remember and have pictures of the big flood of 1973!) Creating a wetland and a marsh-floodplain will prevent future flooding, the natural way! I've always thought this would be SO NICE to do, every time I've visited down there in the past 45 years! (I kept waiting and waiting for the village to See-the-Light! I used to always think of this "daylighting" all the way back to the 1970s! Please, you owe it to your community to do this environmental improvement!

So, ELM GROVE, you can (and should) do this, with your Underwood Creek! It will

Terry M. Warner
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Poetry

Friend

By Marie LeClerc Laux, SSND
(from her book: "Reflections")

Wrap me warm in friendship.
Sit with me and tell me of your days.

Tell me of the threads of joy
or strains of pain
that weave your days
of homespun tapestry.

Tell me of your singing times,
and if the song turns somber,
let me softly sing a descant
to harmonize the melody.

Tell me of your heart-held space
where quickened hopes
flutter like baby wrens,
or of your pebbles of regret
that choke the telling.

Share your life with me, my friend.
I'll keep it safe each time.
Wrapped warm in friendship
such as your
I'll wrap you warm in mine.

At Dusk

By Marie LeClerc Laux, SSND
(from "Reflections")

My heart
like a morning glory
at dusk
slowly folds its petals
cradling gently
all who touched it
so brief
(so much)
a lifetime.

Women of Hope

By Lillia Langreck, SSND
(from her book:
"Sparks from the Sacred Fire")

Jesus, yours was a lonesome journey
a challenge of the status quo
a call to a way of peace
You opted to walk with the poor
You welcomed all as sisters and brothers.

Embrace me/us now — Give us courage
To walk the lonesome journey
To challenge the status quo
To walk with the poor.

Send upon us the fire of your Spirit
Fan the spark of God's love
Till it bursts into a flame
That touches and energizes
our whole world.

We struggle with new laws
Laws that wall people out
Laws that circumvent the Constitution
Laws that ignore the Geneva Conference
Laws that silence peacemakers
Laws that condone torture.

Jesus, walk with us.
Pray for us to our God.
Enable us to be your disciples,
People of hope and courage
People of compassionate love
People who speak for peace and justice
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News Briefs



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Brookfield Academy Middle School Students created a concept chair out of newspaper and then applied real world engineering skills to digitally create and print a 3D model. (From right to left): Level 8 Students **Mia Kandula**, **Emma Canga**, **Ian Smith**, and **Anna Marshall**.

Brookfield Academy Students Innovate in 3D

By Marie O'Brien

Middle School students at Brookfield Academy are using real world engineering skills in the classroom with the help of a new 3D printer. The school received the printer as part of a grant through the GE Additive Education Program. Students enrolled in the elective course Applied Physics recently created chairs out of newspaper designed to support the weight of a child. Science Teacher **Shelly Sullivan**, incorporated the 3D printing process into the curriculum, giving students the opportunity to take their chair designs to the next level

“Our students get to ask themselves, ‘what would an engineer really do?’ Students understand that engineers would use a CAD (computer-aided design) program and we get to use that in our classroom,” said Mrs. Sullivan. “Students are seeing their creations printed in 3D which is another way for our students to apply their math and science skills with real world technology.”

Students are currently being tasked with creating wind turbines. Last year, students applied their knowledge of aerodynamics to create wind turbines using paper and pencils. This year, student’s designs will have a more realistic feel because their

creations will be completed digitally and printed in 3D.

Student **Mia Kandula**, of Elm Grove, enjoys what she is learning in the classroom. “It’s exciting to take an idea and create it on the computer and then print a 3D model.”

Keeping students engaged and excited about projects is an ongoing effort at all levels at Brookfield Academy. “Having 3D technology in our curriculum doesn’t just fit with science, but with ALL our classes because of how we are asking our students to think,” Mrs. Sullivan said. “We really want them to build upon the foundation of creativity and problem-solving which starts in our Primary and Lower Schools. When they get to Middle School we are really expanding upon those critical thinking skills.”

Nurturing critical thinking skills in the classroom guides students into high school and beyond. “I’d love to see more kids create models from their own designs,” she said. “By starting in the classroom and enhancing our current curriculum with the assistance of a 3D printer, we will give our students the tools to grow and learn inside and outside the classroom.”

PPMS Announces Geography, Spelling Bee, Cheerleading Competition Winners

Pilgrim Park Middle School congratulates the winners of its recent Geography Bee: 1st place – **Akshat Channashetti**; 2nd place – **Faaiz Khan**, 3rd place – **Henry Woodward**. Akshat will go on to qualify for the state Geography Bee.

PPMS held its school Spelling Bee in December. The Bee lasted a total of 16 rounds. The winners were: 1st place – **Ridhi Mohan**; 2nd place – **Zane Rothe**; 3rd place – **Kushi Chandrashekar**. The students represented Pilgrim Park at the Elmbrook School District Bee on January 25.

Jr. Spartan Cheerleaders in January took the WACPC State Championship with a win at the WACPC JAM Competition in Wausau.

The team is comprised of 12 PPMS students: six 6th graders, one 7th grader, and five 8th graders. The team’s routine received the highest score in the competition. There were a total of 23 teams competing, including High School Junior Varsity teams.



Photo courtesy of Elm Grove Lutheran

Elm Grove Lutheran Spelling Bee winners **Taylor Owen** (at left) and **Parker Marriott**.

Spelling Bee Held at Elm Grove Lutheran

By Pam Ganswindt

Elm Grove Lutheran School held their Spelling Bee on January 8. **Pierce Marriott** took 1st place and **Jayden Crawley** took 2nd place in the third & fourth grade competition. **Taylor Owen** took 1st place and **Cooper Wintheiser** took 2nd place in the fifth and sixth grade spelling bee.

The seventh and eighth grade results were 1st place: **Parker Marriott** and 2nd place: **John Hartz**. The winners for the entire school were **Parker Marriott** – 1st place and **Taylor Owen** – 2nd place. Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners!

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