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Happy 63rd Anniversary — Village of Elm Grove! Incorporated January 14, 1955



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Decked-out-for-the-holidays PARK & SHOP businesses in downtown ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN and *Elm Grove News-Independent* photographer James L. W. Bain are reflected in a silver gazing ball on a moon-lit evening in late December 2017.

Village Update

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

The 2018 Village Budget was approved at the November 2017 Board meeting. The new budget projects expenditures of \$6,244,730, an increase of 1.75% over the 2017 budget. Village staff continues to do a great job of providing quality services economically.

We have many big items to address in the near term which will prompt the Board to schedule Committee of the Whole meetings where we can discuss items, but no actions are taken. The discussion meetings will consider desirability, scheduling and costs of **potential future projects** and methods to finance such projects. If you are interested in any of the projects listed below watch the Village website for information and scheduling of discussions.

- The Recreation Committee and the Village Board have selected a **Splash Pad** system to replace the inoperative children's pool. I think it is important for Village families with small children to have this facility running soon. We have been without a facility for small children for too long.

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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

The Countdown begins...

If all goes as planned, the 100th issue of the *Elm Grove News-Independent* will be published in December 2018. So the year ahead will be a significant one for me, personally, and for all those who believed from the start, as I have, that hyper-local news and information, like that provided by the EGNI, is of substantial and on-going value to our community.

Accuracy in news coverage is dependent upon having excellent, reliable sources, and I often explain to readers that, as an Elm Grove resident since 1990, I have developed outstanding contacts: at Village Hall, the Elm Grove Public Library, the Elm Grove Police and Fire departments, virtually every school, church, club and organization in town, plus many Elmbrook entities which also serve our community, such as the School District of Elmbrook and the Elmbrook Humane Society.

Many local groups were invited to submit WISH LISTS for this issue (Pages 7 & 11). See how you can help!

The year ahead looks to be an exciting one. READ one of our 5,000 printed, (monthly) copies; VISIT our website: www.elmgrove.news; ADVERTISE and become part of our year-long celebration /countdown to issue #100!!!

Long-time Officer Retires from E.G.P.D.

Cops like this, they don't come around every day.

Sue Opper
Waukesha County District Attorney

Photo by
Sandra Brown / EGPD

Phil Doney with his Retirement Cake, donated by **Jim Clemens** of Sendik's - Elm Grove.



"Cops like this, they don't come around every day," noted Sue Opper, Waukesha County District Attorney, during a special event held at Village Hall on December 1 to mark the retirement of a well-respected police officer who served our Village for more than two decades. The "cop" in question, **Officer Phil Doney**, celebrated the occasion with members of his family, friends, fellow police officers and other Village employees.

Village President **Neil Palmer** told those attending the ceremony, "Do the right thing, be the right kind of person." That's what Phil Doney taught through his actions."

Elm Grove Chief of Police **Jim Gage** said, in a later written statement, "Congratulations to Officer Phil Doney on 25 years of distinguished service as a Police Officer with the Elm Grove Police Department. Phil started with the department on January 4, 1993, after working at the State Fair Police

Department, the Waukesha County Jail, and serving 4 years in the Air Force as a Military Police K9 Officer. He specialized in explosive detection and was special detail with the Secret Service for Presidential Support. Phil also deployed for Operation Just Cause during the invasion of Panama in 1989 and 1990. Thank you, Phil, for the impact and sacrifices that you made in the Elm Grove Community, the police department, and the lives of your co-workers. We wish you the very best in whatever adventures await you!"

Apparently one of those 'adventures' will include a new job located not too far from here, as Doney says he has been hired by the City of Brookfield Post Office and will train to drive a different type of vehicle (without siren and flashing lights), this time with the steering wheel on the right side. And, above all, he is looking forward to just relaxing and spending much more time with his family.

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Village Update

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- The Public Works Committee received a status report on the design work and environmental review for the **Underwood Creek daylighting** project. Public meetings to solicit resident input of design concepts, project costs and community benefits will be scheduled in early 2018.
- The Village continues have request from property owners for **municipal water service**.
- Residents of the Village in the area north of Tonawanda Elementary

School have submitted a petition urging a **new pathway be created along Hollyhock Lane** from North Avenue to Legion Drive.

All the items listed above are important projects to maintain a good quality of life in Elm Grove.

The Elm Grove Fire Department has received delivery of a new **"Rapid Response Vehicle"** which is designed to allow the department to fight building fires more quickly, with less water damage and more safely for fire personnel. Look for more information in early 2018 after the truck is put into service.

Elm Grove Police Officer Phillip Doney retired after more than 25 years of service to the Village. Phil's smile, dedication and skilled work will be missed. Many of the younger department members benefitted from training Phil provided. We wish Phil and family many happy new adventures.

Wild turkey and Whitetail deer control efforts have begun in the Village with hopes of improving safety and reducing significant nuisance.

Even though Elm Grove continues to be one of the safest communities in the state we all must use **common sense to**

reduce crime. Lock your car even in your driveway, lock your home, when you see something that just doesn't seem right call the Elm Grove Police Department.

To improve emergency response — program your mobile phone to call the Village police: (262) 786-4141. If you call 9-1-1 with a mobile phone, the call first goes to the Waukesha County Dispatch Center before being transferred to Elm Grove.

2017 was a successful year for the Village and I am certain 2018 will present many new challenges.

Good Works

Successful Book Drive — Largest To-Date for NextDoor Foundation

By Tom Weber

Photo by Max Seigle / NextDoor Foundation
Woller-Anger Staff proudly presents 2,038 donated books to NextDoor Foundation on December 22, 2017.



For the past month, **Woller-Anger & Company** has been the lead coordinator in the community for a book drive to benefit NextDoor Foundation. We collected 2,038 books, which is the largest drive in NextDoor Foundation's history. These books, combined with adult education, family

support and research-based programming, will help children in Milwaukee's Central City to close the achievement gap and focus on a bright future.

Woller-Anger would like to thank the following for help in collecting books: **Elm**

Grove Community United Methodist Church; Elm Grove Boy Scout Troop #156; Crumby Art Bakehouse; St. Mary's Visitation School; Penelope's Restaurant; Patched Works Quilt Shop; Elm Grove Village Hall; Marine Bank; Silver Spur; Great Harvest Bread;

The Chocolate Factory; Elliott's Ace Hardware; Mukwonago Cub Scout Pack #29, and West Bend Mutual Insurance.

And, a big thank you to the community for supporting this great cause with your book donations.

Past Times: I REMEMBER...

Millard Fillmore, Our Forgotten 13th President

By Stephen K. Hauser

Now that the Christmas Season is behind us, we can eagerly join the Marylanders in looking toward to the next major holiday of the new year: Millard Fillmore Day. In 1970, then-Governor **Marvin Mandel** signed a proclamation commemorating January 7 as "Millard Fillmore Day" in Maryland. This was the culmination of five years of effort by the Millard Fillmore Society and others to gain recognition of the accomplishments of our 13th President.

Millard Fillmore was born on January 7, 1800, the first U.S. President born in the 19th century. His "rags to riches" tale is one of the most remarkable examples of fulfillment of the American Dream that I know of. His life gives testimony to the old adage that in America, "anybody can grow up to be president".

Born in a log cabin on his family's meager forty-acre farm in Locke township of rural Cayuga County, New York, Millard was one of six children. He was raised with few luxuries, and his father was not a man who favored "frivolities" such as "book-learning". The family cabin contained only two books: a Bible and a hymnal. Young Millard read both, cover-to-cover. Since he could not read music, he read the hymns as poems. What he knew of reading, he learned at his mother's knee. A stocky lad, big for his age, he was deprived of regular schooling because his father needed him for chores on the farm. He did manage to attend a one-room "academy" near the settlement of New Hope where classes were taught by **Abigail Powers**, the teenaged daughter of a local minister. His attendance was sketchy at best, although he did attempt to attend more regularly during winter months when he was not needed on the farm.

His sporadic schooling created a desire on Millard's part to buy another book. When his father refused to purchase one, he did odd chores for neighbors, eventually saving enough to visit the general store in Locke to pick out a good read for himself. Flustered by the dusty shelf of choices available to him, he finally settled on a dictionary, which he doggedly read from 'aardvark' to 'zymurgy'. Later associates would often comment on Fillmore's vast vocabulary, no doubt the result of this tedious exercise.

While still a teenager, Millard was sold into seven years of indentured servitude by his father, a practice not uncommon among cash-strapped poor families at that time. His new master was a wool carder by trade and was to teach him his skills as his apprentice. This he failed to do. Rather, he abused his young charge with overwork and obnoxious tasks. Eventually, Millard ran away, finding refuge in Montville, New York as servant to a local justice of the peace, **Judge Walter Wood**. At night, he would study the judge's law books by candlelight, and in 1823 he journeyed to Albany where he took the state bar exam, passing on the first try and gaining his license to practice law. He set up his own small law office in Buffalo, and soon journeyed back to New Hope to ask Miss Powers, his former schoolteacher, to marry him. She accepted his proposal and they were married in 1826.

Lawyer Fillmore gained a local reputation for honesty and integrity and was elected to the state assembly in 1828. As a state representative he sponsored a bill to abolish imprisonment for debt in New York. The bill gained passage and was signed into law, becoming the inspiration for a national

bill along the same lines signed into law by **President Martin Van Buren** (a New Yorker himself) in 1837. This ended the era of the debtor's prison in America.

Eventually, Fillmore's political skills won him election to four terms in the U.S. Congress. He became chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, and in this role was able to secure \$30,000 in federal funding for inventor **Samuel Morse's** newfangled telegraph system, a "scheme" viewed with suspicion by many who considered it scientifically impossible. The telegraph, of course, would revolutionize communications and change the world forever. Fillmore himself helped to arrange a demonstration of the new device to skeptics in 1838.

After serving a term as state comptroller of New York, Fillmore was nominated for Vice-President of the United States by the Whig Party national convention in 1848. The ticket was headed by **Gen. Zachary Taylor**, a hero of the Mexican War. The Whig nominees prevailed in November, but President Taylor died suddenly on July 9, 1850 and Fillmore ascended to the presidency. He was the second Vice-President to be elevated to the White House upon the death of the prior occupant, the first having been **John Tyler** in 1841.

As president, Fillmore was responsible for installing the first White House library. Given a tour of the presidential residence, the new President asked where the library was. On being told there was none, the astounded Fillmore then asked, "How can the President make weighty decisions without first consulting with the great minds of antiquity?" In hindsight, it is indeed difficult to believe that none of the previous residents had seen fit to begin a collection of reference materials and classics of literature, but this was a condition Fillmore would soon correct. His love of books was also in evidence when he left the White House on Christmas Eve in 1851 to join the bucket brigade to fight a late-night fire at the Library of Congress. Thirty-five thousand volumes were destroyed in the blaze.

Fillmore's policies as chief executive were forward-looking, including authorizing **Commodore Matthew Perry's** expedition to the Far East in 1852, which resulted in America's first trade treaty with Imperial Japan, signed by representatives of the Emperor in 1853. President Fillmore also signed a measure

abolishing flogging as punishment of sailors in the U.S. Navy in 1850.

Fillmore is best remembered, however, as the President who made a "devil's bargain" by signing the Compromise of 1850, which included the hated Fugitive Slave Act. That portion of the overall package is rightly considered today as a great injustice. Fillmore, however, signed it because the Compromise also abolished the slave trade in Washington D.C., brought California into the Union as a free state (thus keeping slavery from ever spreading to the Pacific coast) and separated the western lands of New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah from Texas (which blocked western expansion of Texas slave plantations).

Partly as a result of signing the Compromise, Fillmore was not nominated by the Whigs for a second term in 1852. The party turned instead to **Gen. Winfield Scott**, another hero of the Mexican War, who was defeated that November.

Fillmore returned to New York where he served for a time as Chancellor of the University of Buffalo. He also helped to organize the New York Zoological Society and the New York chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He also led early efforts to prevent extinction of the American buffalo. He helped to found the Buffalo Historical Society, serving as its first president, and was a founding board member of Buffalo General Hospital, a pioneering medical institution in New York state.

In 1856, the Whigs belatedly gave Fillmore their presidential nomination. He would be the party's last standard-bearer, carrying only one state: Maryland. He snagged only their eight electoral votes, but polled 874,539 popular votes nationwide, about 22% of the total vote. Within four years, the Whig Party itself would cease to exist, replaced by the rising Republican Party formed in Ripon, Wisconsin on February 28, 1854.



Millard Fillmore

Millard Fillmore died on March 8, 1874 in his native New York. Often dismissed or even vilified by folks who don't know their history (such as **H.L. Mencken**, whose story about Fillmore having installed the first White House bath tub was a canard), he is unfortunately overlooked as an example of character, intelligence and the drive to succeed. One incident from Fillmore's life serves well in summing him up: While in England to address the House of Commons, Fillmore was offered an honorary doctorate by Oxford University. The only one I know of to decline such an honor from Oxford, Fillmore explained that he had never learned to read Latin, and had learned that Oxford's degrees were written in Latin. "I had not the advantage of a classical education," he wrote, "and no man should, in my judgment, accept a degree that he cannot read."

Ever humble, Fillmore, in looking back on his many accomplishments, assessed them minimally, saying: "A man can only help in what God has wrought."

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

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- January 13 – Auxiliary Meat & Liquor Raffle, Spaghetti Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
- February 4 – Sons of the American Legion Chili Cookoff, 11:30 a.m.
- February 10 – Past presidents Raffle & Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
- March 17 – Auxiliary Irish Raffle, open at 11:30 a.m.

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Monday – JANUARY 1

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Happy New Year!



Tuesday – JANUARY 2

***Village of Elm Grove Picnic & Pool**
reservations open to Village residents,
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (262) 782-6700.

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

Wednesday – JANUARY 3

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

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

Friday – JANUARY 5

***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: "On Tap: Local
Brewing in the 19th Century" presented
by Bonnie Byrd.
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Monday – JANUARY 8

***Village of Elm Grove Public**
Works/Utility Committee Meeting
6 p.m. @ Village Hall.

Tuesday – JANUARY 9

***Elm Grove Woman's Club**
Meeting: 11 a.m. (Social); 11:30 a.m.
(Business); Noon (Lunch); 12:30 p.m.
(Program: "Thousand Miler: Adventures
Hiking the Ice Age Trail" presented by
Melanie Radzicki McManus.)
www.egwc.org (262) 782-5930.

Thursday – JANUARY 11

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(See AD below)

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

Friday – JANUARY 12

***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: "The Magnificent Machines of
Milwaukee" presented by Tom Fehring.
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Saturday – JANUARY 13

***American Association of University**
Women, West Suburban – Milwaukee
Branch Breakfast meeting @ Panos
Banquet Hall, Brookfield. Program:
"Women, Politics, and Popular Culture
– How Far We've Come"; Speaker:
Professor Lilly Goren – Carroll Univ.
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Sunday – JANUARY 14

**Village
OF ELM GROVE'S
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Monday – JANUARY 15

Dr. Martin Luther King Day

***Village of Elm Grove Library Board**
Meeting 4:30 p.m. @ Village Hall.

Tuesday – JANUARY 16

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

Thursday – JANUARY 18

***OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors)**
Sponsored by Community United
Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown
Plank Rd., Elm Grove; Meeting:
11:30 a.m. – Program: "Goldmann's:
Milwaukee's Golden Age of
Neighborhood Shopping" presented by
Patricia Torres Najera. Call Carolyn
(262) 628-7761.

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

Friday – JANUARY 19

***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: "Bird Flue: An Update
on the Influenza Virus" presented by
Dr. Ross Clay.
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Monday – JANUARY 22

***Village of Elm Grove Finance &
Licensing Committee**
Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Village Hall.

***Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting – 7:30 p.m. @ Village
Hall Court Room. Open to Public.
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.
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Friday – JANUARY 26

***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: "Wisconsin's
Last Interurban Line, 110 Years in the
Making", presented by Ryan Jones.
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(See Kiwanis WISH LIST – Page 7)

**NOTE: Elm Grove & Elmbrook Clubs,
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CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE: Tom Palzewicz of Brookfield, (center), a Democratic candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives, 5th District – Wisconsin, (the seat currently occupied by long-time incumbent, Republican **James Sensenbrenner**), greeted supporters during a rally at the Silver Spur restaurant in Elm Grove on the evening of November 30, 2017. Palzewicz is shown with **Dennis Degenhardt**, (at left) a Democratic candidate in the Wisconsin State 58th Assembly District Special Election, and **Bill Coutant**. A Primary Election will be held on August 14, 2018, followed by the General Election on November 6, 2018.





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Clubs & Organizations



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Roy Uelner, President of the Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K; (at left) with **June Buskel**; **Jim Buskel**, Wisconsin Kiwanis Governor-Elect; **Larry Memmer**, Michigan Kiwanis Governor-Elect; and **Nancy Memmer**.



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MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS: **Tom Griffey** (at left), Development Officer at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission; **Mary Alice Rubach** and **Richard Rubach**, volunteers with Heifer International; and **Kim Theno**, Development Director at the Food Pantry of Waukesha County were among the participants at the Mission Gift Festival held at the Community United Methodist Church of Elm Grove on December 3, 2017. Other invited organizations included: International Needs, UMCOR, Waukesha Women's Center, Hebron House, Sojourner Family Peace Center, Friedens Community Ministries, United Methodist Children's Services, Northcott Neighborhood House, Selah Freedom, Military Bible Sticks, The Gathering, and Rev. Paul Webster, a United Methodist Church missionary working in the country of Zambia in Africa. Visitors to the event obtained information about the organizations and offered support.

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Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K member **Jerry McCormick** (at left) presents an iPad to **Sam Kirk** (at right) in the presence of Sam's parents **Steve** and **Katherine Kirk**.

50th iPad to Combat Autism Presented During Michigan Kiwanis Governor-Elect Visit

By **Jerry McCormick**

Larry Memmer, Michigan Kiwanis Governor-Elect visited the Elm Grove Golden K Club. After serving this year as Governor-Elect, he will serve next year as Governor. The Michigan District has 166 clubs with about 4,300 members. Memmer is a member of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club and has served on their Board and as Club officer as well as Michigan District Lt. Governor.

Hosting the visit was **Jim Buskel**, Governor Elect of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District. Both Districts are about the same size and share opportunities and community service goals, especially for children. One of the challenges facing all service clubs is to reverse declining membership. Kiwanis is no exception.

Kiwanis International has created "The Formula" to increase membership and create new clubs. Both Memmer and Buskel have extensive training in The Formula and have accepted the challenge. Governor-Elect Memmer has opened two new clubs and set a goal to open at least 12 during his term. He said he was drawn to the Elm Grove club visit by the very interesting program and the opportunity to share the Kiwanis mission.

Outstanding programs are the highlight of the Elm Grove Golden K meetings. One recent program was "The History and Expansion of the Panama Canal" by **Jim Godie**. A special feature of the meeting was the presentation of an i-Pad with special apps to **Samuel Kirk**, a six-year-old on the Autism Spectrum who lives in St. George, Kansas with his parents **Steve** and **Katherine Kirk**, and a younger brother. He will use the iPad at home and school for learning language and math, for communicating wants and needs, for iTunes and calming behavior selected especially for him.

Samuel's great-grandparents are Elm Grove Golden K member **Jim Fagan** and wife, **Anita**. Four generations of the family attended the presentation. His mother, Katherine said, "Sam is making progress in our goal for him to have a happy and productive life. With therapy, special education help, a strong family and now this iPad from Elm Grove Golden K to help, we are so thankful and optimistic."

Kiwanis clubs of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan District organized the Autism project with 141 clubs involved. This was the Elm Grove club's 50th iPad presentation to children on the Autism Spectrum and exactly supports the Kiwanis Mission of helping change the world, one child and one community at a time.

The Autism Project is a partnership between parents, teachers and Kiwanis to offer children on the Autism Spectrum hope, opportunity and love for a bright future. Earlier, 49 others have received iPads and one of them was Mitchell. His grandmother wrote: "I can't begin to explain my gratitude. I wonder if you realize just how impactful your gift will be on his future. You've opened up the world to a child. I find that amazing."

Larry Memmer and wife **Nancy** agreed, "This Autism iPad Project is amazing. What a difference the iPad with specially selected apps will make in the world of these children. We embrace the idea for the Michigan District."

Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club is committed to service to the community and the nation, especially to children. The club meets Friday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church Senior Center in Elm Grove. Visit: www.kiwaniselmgrove.org.

Community Wish Lists

EDITOR'S NOTE: Local Clubs, Organizations, Schools & Non-Profit Groups were invited to submit lists of needed items, funding, volunteer opportunities, etc. for this special section. Please consider offering your support!

Elmbrook Senior Taxi

By Sandy Wolff

Elmbrook Senior Taxi, Inc. is starting our 25th year of providing affordable, reliable and safe transportation to senior citizens and ambulatory disabled adults who reside in the Villages of Elm Grove & Butler and the City & Town of Brookfield.

Our ridership has doubled over the past 3½ years from 350–400 rides per month to over 900 rides the past few months. We reached a milestone of providing more than 10,000 rides in 2017.

The “Taxi” purchased new software in August 2017 which helps us route our rides more efficiently, saving time and

money (using less gasoline). We currently have four sedans and are considering purchasing a fifth car during 2018 to enable us to keep up with the increase in ridership. As with all non-profit organizations we are uncertain what funds will be available for next years’ budget.

Donations will go to the purchase of another vehicle and help us keep our fares affordable for our passengers so they can remain independent.

The “Taxi” can be reached at (262) 785-1200 or elmbrookseniortaxi@gmail.com. For more information, visit our website: www.elmbrookseniortaxi.org.

SSND - Rising Stars Volunteer Tutors

By Sister Sharon Stecker

Make a difference in the life of a child! Tutor at-risk students, one-on-one in reading and math. Weekly tutoring sessions occur during the school day, after school, and Saturday afternoons. Orientation is provided.

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Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K

By Jerry McCormick

Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K is committed to community service, especially to children. Current emphases are: BSA Cub Pack 156, Easter Seal Camp Wawbeek, three High School Key Clubs, Food Banks, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, iPads for Children on the Autism Spectrum, Dr. Seuss Pre-School Reading Project, Recycling Medicine Bottles and Collecting Books for Children.

Community Wish List:

* **Join our Kiwanis Club membership.** Volunteer for a committee or start a new one.

* **Donate a box or two of cereal** on the 1st Friday of each month for our area Food Banks. Drop off at St. Mary’s Senior Center during Kiwanis regular Friday meeting between 9:30 and 10:40 a.m.

* **Donate aluminum can tabs.** Drop off at a club meeting

* **Donate empty medicine bottles** for recycling for low-income patient prescriptions (plastic with labels removed). Drop off at a club meeting.

* **Donate \$450** (or any amount) to help purchase an iPad and special apps for a Special Education student on the Autism Spectrum. Fifty iPads have been presented and more are needed to fill the need as one in 88 children is diagnosed with Autism.

The Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Club currently has about 70 members and meets every Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13150 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. P.O. Box 235, Elm Grove, WI 53122-2235. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org

Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS)

By Heather Gehrke – Executive Director

Looking for ways to share your time, talent, and treasure by giving back to your community? Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS) has several opportunities and appreciates your consideration.

* **Foster parents** – EBHS is always in need of foster parents! Foster commitments range from bottle feeding young kittens, to working with an animal on behavior modification, to a little TLC after surgery, and more! To learn more about volunteer opportunities as well as how to apply, visit <http://www.ebhs.org/index.php/how-to-help-2/foster>.

* **Volunteering at EBHS** – many opportunities exist! Currently, we are in need of daytime cat socializers, housekeepers, experienced graphic designers, animal care assistants in the mornings, and morning cat care volunteers at PetSmart in Greenfield. To learn more about volunteering, visit <http://www.ebhs.org/index.php/how-to-help-2/volunteer>.

* **Urgently needed supplies** – You can imagine the amount of food and cleaning supplies used to care for nearly 2,000 animals annually or approximately 60 animals each day! Please consider helping EBHS with an item or two from the following list: bleach; laundry detergent; large – heavy duty trash bags (33 gallon or larger); canned cat food; canned dog food; tuna; hot dogs.

* **Adopting** – If you or someone you know is looking to add a furry or feathered family member to their life, please remember to visit www.ebhs.org, or visit the facility to learn about the many animals up for adoption, in need of a loving and caring home.

To learn more about EBHS, visit www.ebhs.org, call (262) 782-9261, or stop in to visit at 20950 Enterprise Avenue (north of Bluemound Road, just off Barker Road) in Brookfield.

Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning

By Carolyn Korona

The Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning is a non-profit organization that is an outreach of and located inside the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) of Elm Grove. The school is dedicated to enriching the lives of others through opportunities for learning, sharing and fellowship. We strive to offer mature adults a safe, school-like venue where they can meet, study, learn, share knowledge and experiences together.

The school just completed its inaugural year and will begin again in June, 2018 when we meet for classes in the Summer and Fall. There are no membership fees. We operate through a low-cost tuition for classes that make the school easily affordable for the adult neighboring communities.

WISH LIST:

* **Volunteers** to help us operate the school, staff it, and advise us through our board of directors.

* **Volunteers** who are skilled in operating schools, teaching, mentoring, or other church-related and/or educational aspects of learning.

* **Funds** to purchase a laptop computer and a color laser printer. Funds received are handled by CUMC on behalf of the school and administered through the school’s Board of Directors.

Visit www.egs4ll.org or contact us via the form on that website, or write to EGS4LL-CUMC, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove, WI 530122.

Elm Grove Junior Guild (EGJG)

By Katy Connors

The Elm Grove Junior Guild is a community of women committed to the education, wellness and protection of women and children within and beyond our community.

Our commitment takes the form of service, awareness and financial support. The Junior Guild hosts an auction in April which is the primary fundraising event of the year ± the Tree of Giving Gala.

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.

WISH LIST:

* **Monetary donations** to the Elm Grove Junior Guild.

* **Item donations** to the auction
 * Helicopter ride
 * Hot air balloon ride
 * Vacation getaways (Door County, Florida, etc.)
 * Orthodontics packages
 * Sporting event tickets
 * Music or sports memorabilia

* **Event sponsorship** for Tree of Giving Gala

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A SEASON OF GIVING: Kindergarteners at Tonawanda Elementary School with the many toys and other items they donated in mid-December to help comfort and make a difference to kids who are patients at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Winter Festival to be Held January 20 at Village Park... (if there is Snow!)

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Two years ago the Elm Grove Recreation Department's inaugural Winter Festival at Village Park was deemed a great success. But, in February of 2017, the event was cancelled. No ice on the pond, no snow on the sledding hill, no hot chocolate by the warmth of a fire (oh, no!)


The unseasonable, 60- to 70- degree weather forced the event to be a 'no go'.

Who knows (not me) what the new year will bring? Yet, Recreation Department Director **Erin Cross** remains optimistic. "We are hoping for more winter-like weather this year, and have a number of fun events planned," she said. "We will kick off the event on Saturday, January


20 with a Candy Cane Hunt for the little ones, a Frosty Medallion Hunt for families, and a Family Fishing Derby on the pond. There will also be skating on the pond, sledding on the sledding hill, and starting at 5 p.m., we will have a candlelight hike around the park in conjunction with a bonfire! All events are scheduled to wrap up by 8 p.m."

Now, as a Northern California native whose hands are, during wintertime in Wisconsin, perpetually cold (sometimes freezing) I'm more of the hot cocoa / hot coffee by-the-fire sort. But, this year, who knows. I might just bundle up and check this out. If there's snow... I may possibly meet you by the bonfire!

Read All About It!




Upcoming Programs at the Library
13600 Juneau Boulevard, Elm Grove, WI 53122
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Wellness: It isn't that complicated

Thursday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. O'Neill Room

Resolving for sound mind and body in 2018? Dr. Richard Hansen presents a free program focused on what individuals can do to optimize their health. A range of strategies will be covered that can improve your physical and emotional wellness. The discussion ends with a list of 9 scientifically proven ways to increase your happiness and well-being. No registration required.




About the presenter: A retired physician and Elm Grove resident, Dr. Richard Hansen served on the faculty of The Medical College of Wisconsin from 1979 - 1992, and maintained a full time private practice between 1992-2013. He has an ongoing interest in wellness with emphasis on nutrition, exercise, and emotional health.

The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. Community Room

No Great Lakes shipwreck is more well-known than the Edmund Fitzgerald, which disappeared into a stormy Lake Superior in November 1975, when wind gusts peaked at nearly 100 miles per hour and waves reached the height of three-story buildings. Her entire 29 man crew was lost. It remains the largest shipwreck on the Great Lakes to this day.

Award-winning newspaper columnist and author Rochelle Pennington presents the story of a shipwreck and its mysterious legacy. From the launch of the ship, to its final radio broadcasts and the raising of its artifacts, Pennington delves into the various theories of dive detectives still trying to solve the mystery. Free to attend. No registration required.



Additional Library Programs...

By Noah Weckwerth



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yield a K'nex bridge (up to 40' long and 12' high) that will get ever longer as the day goes on!

On Monday, January 22, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. (no school that day for Elmbrook district), kids will learn about architecture and engineering through directed building exercises that will

Creativity, organization, cooperation, and problem solving are all highlighted with this fun, FREE program. A Duplo area will also be available for young children. No registration required.

Lights, Camera, Action!

Elm Grove Library Launches Matinee Series

Let's go to the movies! The Elm Grove Public Library is pleased to announce a new matinee film series for adults. On the first Friday of every month beginning January 5, a movie will be screened in the lower level of the library at 1:00 p.m. (NOTE: Due to the FOEGL Book Sale, the March movie will be shown on March 9.)

Everyone's invited, and bring a friend. Popcorn and water will be provided with support from the Friends of the Elm Grove Library. For a listing of coming attractions, visit elmgrovelibrary.org or call (262) 782-6717. Movie ratings and contents will vary. Not all movies will be suitable for all audiences. FREE admission, no RSVP needed.

Each month will bring a recently released film sure to please a crowd.

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April	14	Village of Hartland	701 Progress Drive
May	12	City of Muskego	W182 S8200 Racine Ave
June	9	City of Pewaukee	800 Main St. (WCTC)
July	14	City of Brookfield	19700 Riverview Drive
August	11	Town of Merton	N78 W32101 Peterson Road.
September	8	City of Muskego	W182 S8200 Racine Ave
October	13	Village of Hartland	701 Progress Drive
November	10	City of Oconomowoc	630 South Worthington Street
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Brookfield Academy Middle School Certamen Participants: left to right (back row) Akshaya Ganesan, Emma Canga, Labeeb Awan, and Patrick Walsh; (front row) Theo Sarnowski, Sam Simic, Alexandra D'Arruda, and Isabella Toledo.

Brookfield Academy Middle School Students Cultivate a Love for Latin

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy students recently visited Yale University to compete in Certamen, a quiz-bowl style competition among Latin students. Middle School Latin Teacher **Terry Laabs** helped coach Level 8 teams for their first Certamen, an effort which was revived in recent years.

"One of our coaches and Brookfield Academy parent, **Dr. Ronald Roessler**, assisted with the development of our Middle School Certamen about two years ago," Laabs said. "Latin students in our Upper School have taken part for several decades, but it had been more than ten years since we had a middle school team." Middle School student interest in Certamen has grown ever since.

Certamen (which means "competition" in Latin) fosters students' love for Latin and their desire to compete. Played by three teams of up to four players, students answer individual questions and collaborate on bonus questions. "The opportunity for individual effort plus excellent team work gives Certamen a dimension that many students find exhilarating," Mr. Laabs said. His Level 8 students, competing for the first time on a national level, agreed.

"It's an opportunity to get a full understanding of everything and a fun way to compete too," said Level 8 student **Patrick Walsh**.

Team member **Sam Simic**, of Elm Grove, wasn't sure he would have time to add another activity to his busy schedule, but after observing a session, he was hooked. "I'm pretty competitive, it's fun and I also like learning," he said.

Students build upon their knowledge of Latin, Roman history and mythology, but they also discover that being a part of Certamen can give them an edge in future endeavors.

"I love Latin," said Level 8 student **Alex D'Arruda**. "I want to be a lawyer so this will help me with that."

Teammate **Emma Canga** had similar plans. "I intend to be a lawyer in the future and I thought it was pretty awesome to travel to an Ivy League school."

Brookfield Academy Latinists from Levels 8-12 competed successfully against some of the top Latin schools in the nation while at Yale. One of Brookfield Academy's Upper School advanced teams took second place in the event and the Middle School novice teams placed 4th and 12th in their division. The novice teams are already planning for the next Certamen.

"We want to have the same amount of fun we did at Yale and approach it the same way," Patrick said. His fellow teammates agreed as Sam added, "Last year's novice level team from Brookfield Academy took second place, and we are hoping to do the same or better. We definitely want to win."

Brookfield Academy is one of the few schools in Wisconsin with a Certamen team so students often must travel to competitions, according to Mr. Laabs. "One lesson our students have learned is that they are part of a Latin program which is on par with the very best Latin-teaching schools in the country." Brookfield Academy's Certamen teams will compete again in February at Princeton University.

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Registration for "Duty, Honor, Country: The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower"

Historian **Jim Gibbons** is back for another rousing historical presentation! Past audiences have loved Jim's passionate presentations on the lives of presidents **Ronald Reagan**, **Teddy Roosevelt**, and **Alexander Hamilton**. On February 8 at 7 p.m., Gibbons returns to the Elm Grove Public Library with the captivating life

story of **President Dwight D. Eisenhower**. This program is sure to be popular, and space is limited.

Registration will begin on January 15. To sign up, stop by the library or call (262) 782-6717.

Family University Event to Address Teen Issues

The School District of Elmbrook will host its first *Family University* event on Saturday, January 13 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Brookfield Central High School, 16900 W. Gebhardt Road, Brookfield. The conference will bring together several community professionals to allow parents and guardians to learn, share, and connect around issues facing teens today.



Parents and guardians work to support young adults as they navigate social, emotional, academic, and spiritual settings. Individuals who are raising teens know that this time of development for young people comes with both challenges and celebrations. Through this event, Elmbrook hopes to help parents access community resources that will be useful in their own family experiences.

sessions will run throughout the day covering a variety of topics impacting today's teens.

Children should not attend this event as messages will be targeted for parents and guardians of teens.

More details are available at www.elmbrookschools.org/familyu.

The event will begin with a keynote presentation by **Dr. Richard L. Holloway**, Professor of Family Medicine and Associate Dean for Student Affairs Emeritus at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Following the keynote, three

Registration for this event is now open to the community, FREE of charge, at elmbrookfamilyu.eventbrite.com.

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Will Social Security Be There for Me?

(Part One of Two Parts on the future of Social Security)

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

Many retirees choose to take their Social Security retirement benefits early in reaction to the assumption that Social Security may not be around in the future. In making that decision, they have elected a permanently reduced benefit for life – under assumptions that may not be well grounded in fact.

It is nearly impossible to pick up a newspaper or magazine these days and not see an article on retirement planning — and as part of that article, planning tips and suggestions for taking Social Security. There are also numerous articles on the Social Security Trust Fund and the impending depletion of that fund. These articles instill fear in many retirees, who may make the emotional decision to take their Social Security as soon as they are eligible. But what are the facts? Is there reason to be concerned?

The Social Security Act was signed into law by President Roosevelt on August 14, 1935. The Act created a social insurance program designed to pay retired workers 65 or older a continuing income after retirement.

Social Security is known as a “pay-as-you-go” system. When we earn income, a portion of that income is taxed under FICA (Federal Insurance Contributions Act) and paid into the Social Security Trust Fund. Our employers match that contribution and also contribute funds into the Trust Fund. These funds are segregated — they do not go into the general Federal tax fund. Any surplus in the Social Security Trust Fund is invested into special, non-marketable U.S. Treasury securities, backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. These special Treasuries are what is currently funding the Social Security Trust Fund.

Since 2010, as more and more baby boomers enter retirement and begin drawing their Social Security, the amount of money being collected in payroll taxes is less than the amount of money being paid out in benefits. Yet, the Trust Fund is not yet experiencing a shortfall. Why? Because the interest on those Treasuries, when combined with the payroll taxes, are still resulting in a net *increase* in the total funds in the Social Security Trust Fund. This will change in the year 2022, when there will be an annual net loss in the Trust fund, causing its eventual depletion. *If nothing changes*, the Social Security Trust Fund is projected to be exhausted in 2034.

But what does that mean? Does it mean no more Social Security? Of course not. What it means is that our payroll taxes will continue to flow into the Trust Fund and be sent right back out to pay current benefits — but the total revenue will only be able to sustain approximately 77% of the promised benefits. But, according to the Social Security’s own actuaries, the system can sustain that 77% promise until approximately the year 2091, when it dips down to 73% of the promised benefit. If you are 40 years old today, you will be 114 years old in the year 2091. So, while there may be changes ahead, Social Security will still be there for our lifetimes.

There is a lesson here. As stated in the 2017 Annual Trustees Report “Lawmakers should address these financial challenges as soon as possible. Taking action sooner rather than later will permit consideration of a broader range of solutions and provide more time to phase in changes so that the public has adequate time to prepare.”

Next month: Our nation has faced this issue before — the Social Security Trust Fund shortfalls in the 1970s and 1980s.

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By Heather Gehrke

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She loves to take long walks, enjoys playing outside, and is just as happy to snuggle up to you on a cold day while you read a book or watch your favorite movie!

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

Lita

I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights.
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Abraham Lincoln

Letters to the Editor

* Letters regarding issues of concern to the Elm Grove / Elmbrook / Waukesha County community will be considered for publication on a space available basis. Submissions (400 words maximum) must include the writer’s name, address & phone number.

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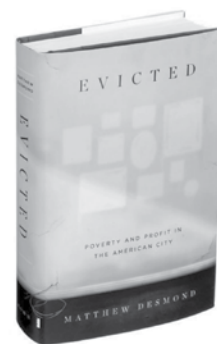
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Family And Community Engagement - An Intergenerational Book Club

Evicted

by Matthew Desmond

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Thursday, January 4th
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1900 North Calhoun Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005

- * High School students & community families
- * Discussion will be facilitated by Dan Scott, School District of Elmbrook’s Technology Director
- * Guest Speaker Margaret Niebler-Brown, Milwaukee Bar Assoc.’s 2017 Lawyer of the Year
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A copy of this book is available on OverDrive and at your local library. For questions on access or to receive a free paper copy, contact Kay Benning at benningk@elmbrookschoools.org

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Wish Lists

Cudworth-Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449

By Lylette Smith

WISH LIST for 2018:

- * Volunteers to help at Friday night fish fry. (Bussers, Waitresses, Kitchen Help & Hostess)
- * Donations of winter coats for our Veterans through the winter months. Coats must be dry cleaned and brought in on hangers with the dry cleaners receipt.
- * Volunteers in winter to help with snow plowing & shoveling and volunteers in summer to help mow the lawn, rake & trim.
- * Donations for the Hoptel, located at the Zablocki VA Hospital.
- * Volunteers to help on Monday Taco Night & Thursday Cook-in Night.
- American Legion Post 449 is located at 3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield, WI 53005. Call (262) 781-0488. Fax: (262) 781-4568.
- * People to donate to our Homeless Veteran Fund.

Friends of the Elm Grove Library

By Janet Wintersberger

Our WISH LIST includes having more people join the Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL), share two hours of time "staffing" our Annual Used Book Sale in March 2018, use a computer and projector to show films during the Library's "First Friday Film series" (starts in January), handle publicity, and chair (or co-chair) our 30th Bookie Cookie Sale during Elm Grove's Memorial Day Parade.

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Sunset Playhouse

By Nancy Visintainer-Armstrong

WISH LIST:

- * Volunteers: ushers, costume stitchers, carpenters, artists, painters
- reduction, on-stage curtains, and microphones
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- Sunset Playhouse is located at 800 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove (just off Wall Street). Call (262) 782-4430 for more information. www.SunsetPlayhouse.com.
- * Financial Support for mortgage

Elm Grove Men's Club (EGMC)

By Carl Carran

The Elm Grove Men's Club raises funds every Memorial Day to benefit Elmbrook American Legion Post #449, as well as Fischer House, a facility for homeless vets. In 2017 we conducted a Block Party after the Memorial Day parade, where the village allowed us to close Watertown Plank Road. We provided live music, brats/burgers cooked by the vets. The EGMC served soda, energy drinks, and Pabst Blue Ribbon beer, donated by Pabst. The EGMC also provided free ice cream for children. Plans are underway to do the same in 2018. Contact Carl Carran at (262) 784-0400 or ccarran@wi.rr.com

Elm Grove Community Foundation

By Kim Irwin

The Elm Grove Community Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization whose purpose is to enhance the quality of life in Elm Grove by supporting projects not otherwise funded by our tax dollars.

raises the majority of our funds through our annual appeal letter which hit resident mailboxes in early December. All donations are tax deductible so please consider making a contribution.

The Community Foundation is responsible for projects and events such as Oktoberfest, hanging flower baskets and holiday decorations in the downtown business district and the 'Walk in Time' bronzed plaques surrounding the pond at Elm Grove Park, just to name a few.

In addition to financial donations, we welcome any resident who is interested in volunteering at Oktoberfest or participating on the Foundation Board to contact us as our good works do indeed take a Village.

Funds raised at Oktoberfest 2017 have been allocated to support the Elm Grove pool renovation and sunshade project, but the projects we support vary from year to year... and your voice matters.

For more information on the Elm Grove Community Foundation, please visit our website at www.elmgrovefoundation.org, call (262) 784-8190 or e-mail elmgrovefoundation@gmail.com

The Elm Grove Community Foundation Thank you for your support of the Elm Grove Community Foundation.

Elm Grove Lutheran School & Childcare

By Pam Ganswindt

The Faculty and Staff at Elm Grove Lutheran School and Childcare always look forward to working with new people from our community. Our Childcare could use gently-used or new high chairs, toys (ages infant through elementary school), gently-used or new recliner rockers, and a new pre-lit 6-foot Christmas tree with storage bag.

toward this project will receive a letter for your tax deduction. Some smaller items that are always needed for our school are prizes for our AR program (balls, posters, stuffed animals, etc.). Our classrooms can always use incentive items such as stickers, fun pencils, fun erasers, coloring books, Smencils, and stamp pads.

Our school is working to upgrade to Chromebooks. This entails upgrading our current WiFi system to accommodate many students using it at once. This project is quite expensive. Anyone who donates

Feel free to check out our website at www.egl.org. If you can donate anything, or you have questions, contact **Pam Ganswindt** at (262) 787-2970 or at pganswindt@egl.org.

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Maya Angelou



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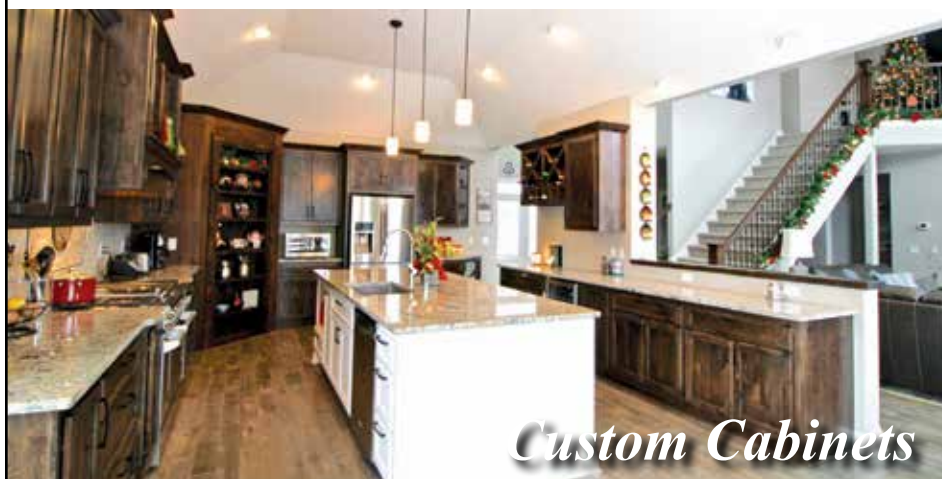
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