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***Flag Day – June 14 *Father's Day – June 18
* First Day of Summer – June 21**



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ARBOR DAY CELEBRATED AT TONAWANDA – Working with Village of Elm Grove Forester, **Ron Hill**, Tonawanda's Student Senator members and parent volunteers planted nine new trees near the area that had been clear cut earlier this year due to Emerald Ash Borer last summer. As in past years, the Village of Elm Grove received a Tree City U.S.A. Award from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "We were excited to partner with the Village of Elm Grove to make Arbor Day (April 28) so special at Tonawanda this year!" noted Tonawanda Principal **Kristin Olson**.

2017 Elm Grove Village Market Night to Open Wednesday, July 5

Get ready for the new Summer season! This year the Market will run for 13 weeks, beginning Wednesday, July 5 and ending Wednesday September 27. The hours and location remain the same as last year: 5 p.m. through 8 p.m. at the intersection of Watertown Plank Road and Elm Grove Street in the Ray's Auto Body Shop lot (across the street from O'Donoghue's Irish Pub).

Led by local business owner **Beth Sadowski**, owner of The Wild Side Salon and Get It Together Clothing Boutique, the organizing committee consists of **Jamie O'Donoghue** (O'Donoghue's Irish Pub), **Frank Hornick** (Silver Spur Texas Smokehouse BBQ), and Village resident **Susan Freedy**.

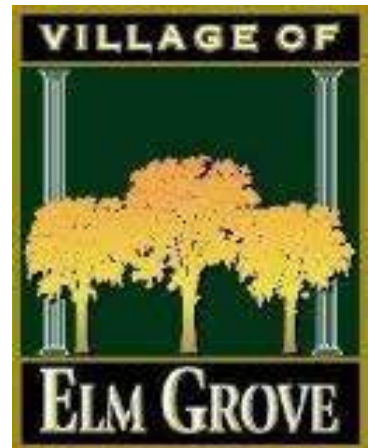
At this year's opening on July 5, the committee will present the Elm Grove Police Department with a brand new bicycle for its bicycle patrol program! Also, the committee will be planting a tree at the Village Park in memory of **Hunz Reusch**, near the Fire Department where he was a former Chief.

This year, the vendors include many who are participating for the first time: peaches and blueberries fresh from Michigan, Kraut & Kimchi, organically grown lavender products, Mandolin Coffee company, all manner of salsa and pickled veggies, and many returning from last year: leather goods, jewelry, honey, produce, baked goods, prepared foods, etc.

There will be entertainment every week with face-painting and more!

Patrons will be able to park in the lot behind Silver Spur, the lot at Patched Works, O'Donoghue's lot, the Town Bank lot or at the Elm Grove Park & Shop. Vendors will again need to park in the lot at Town Bank after unloading.

Visit www.elmgrovetvillagemarket.com for more information or to fill out an application for a booth. Be sure to attend, have a great time, and explore all the Market has to offer. See you at the Market!!



Wildlife Management Open House Event to be Held

By **Lisabeth Passalis-Bain**
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Amid the environmental beauty that surrounds us in the Village of Elm Grove: majestic trees of numerous sizes and varieties, lush fields of native wildflowers, well-kept lawns and award-winning gardens — we share space with wildlife: fleet-footed chipmunks; delightful songbirds; adorable and fluffy cotton-tail rabbits (until they eat your prize petunias); families of deer and wild turkeys. But the sightings of coyotes, in recent months, have been of perhaps the greatest concern to residents who have noted the animals' seemingly close, prolonged howling and often frightening experiences of direct contact with humans, dogs and other pets.

To address concerns about deer, coyotes and wild turkeys, an Open House will be held on Thursday, June 22 beginning at 6 p.m. in the O'Neill Room (lower level) of Village Hall. (See WILDLIFE – Page 2)

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Summer Has Arrived...

When not busy working to produce upcoming issues of the *News-Independent*, I plan to be OUTSIDE a lot this summer in my perennials-filled garden coaxing some beautiful blossoms and yanking (by their roots) any weeds that persist. I will soon be filling my somewhat famous, front yard, self-designed, fieldstone "Peace Symbol" garden with colorful annuals. If you "know where I live" (Watertown Plank / Pink Flamingoes) stop by and say hello!

WILDLIFE (cont. from Page 1)

The presentation will feature **Dr. David Drake**, Extension Wildlife Specialist/Professor, Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology, University of Wisconsin–Madison, and **Dianne Robinson**, Milwaukee County Wildlife Biologist, Bureau of Wildlife Management, Division of Lands/Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.


This informational opportunity is FREE and open to the Public. For additional details about the event or immediate concerns/questions about wildlife issues in our community, contact Village Hall at (262) 782-6700.




Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI
FLAGS AT THE ELM GROVE VILLAGE PARK POND unfurl in the breeze while a family leisurely fishes on a sunny afternoon in late May. The Park will be the scene of the Village's annual Independence Day / Fourth of July festivities. Look for all the details in our July issue.

Happy Father's Day!
Sunday, June 18

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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

Tying Up the Loose Ends

By Stephen K. Hauser

It is always a source of satisfaction to be able to go back to earlier writings and add new information to areas that were previously left unclear, or to be able to answer questions raised by the earlier work. This is called “tying up the loose ends”, and, as we get older, more and more loose ends remain forever untied. Therefore, I am happy to use this month’s column to at least tie up a couple of them for you.

The Partly On-going Mystery of Dunwoody Records...

I have received some interesting feedback from readers of my March column on the unusual 1956 recording of a “D” Jaguar race car traversing the curves and straightaways of the track at Elkhart Lake. As some may recall, I was initially contacted by my friend **Ken Freck** of Musical Memories record shop in Milwaukee regarding a 45 rpm record on the Dunwoody label from Elm Grove. It contained nothing but the sounds of race cars on both sides of the disc. The mystery of why it was recorded has been solved, but its connection to Elm Grove or 1950s residents of Dunwoody Drive remains unknown.

In April, I was contacted by **Tom Schultz** of Wauwatosa, the official track historian for Elkhart Lake. He is the author of *Road America: Five Decades of Racing at Elkhart Lake*, published in 1999, as well as of Road America’s official 50th Anniversary commemorative book. He has followed racing since he was a boy, and can remember well buying a copy of this record from the saleslady at Weiss’ Rhythm & Rhyme shop at 7129 W. North Avenue in Wauwatosa for 89 cents. They were sold from a box separate from the racks where the “Top 40” hits of the day were displayed. He still has his copy.

Ken Freck, who also recalls shopping at that same store, added to the story by explaining that recordings of race cars on the track were popular with some segments of the record buying public in the 1950s and early 1960s, notably teenage

boys who loved cars. Around the same time, Riverside Records, a jazz-oriented record label based in New York City, began pressing a series of long play albums recorded at the endurance track at Sebring, Florida. Their popular LPs, *The Sounds of Sebring*, chronicled the endurance trials there in 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962. Ken recalls stocking some of these long-out-of-print albums at Musical Memories over the years. Today, they are prized collectors’ items and sell for more than their original list price.

The only information I had of the recording’s origin when I wrote my March column was that the ‘A’ side was recorded on Friday, June 22, 1956 at Elkhart Lake and the ‘B’ side of *Sounds Along the Track* was taped the following Sunday. Tom Schultz has been able to supply all of the background to that rather meager set of facts, and probably only Tom, as track historian, would have been able to sew up this portion of the mystery so completely.

The files of Tom Schultz have confirmed that the “D” Jaguar recording on side ‘A’ was driven by the famous **Briggs Cunningham**, captain of the Cunningham Race Team. Cunningham had raced all over the world and had been featured on the cover of the April 26, 1954 issue of Time magazine. (The same issue featured color photographs of a recent H-bomb detonation test.)

Born in 1907, Briggs Cunningham would have been 49-years-old at the time of the Dunwoody Records recording. Tom Schultz believes that, from the sounds he hears on the disc, a reel-to-reel tape recorder with attached mike was held on the lap of a passenger in Cunningham’s car during a practice run prior to the June Sprints weekend. The sounds of the Jaguar shifting down and up prove that it was indeed an in-car tape recording.

Ampex Electronics of Hayward, California, a company founded in 1944, made their first reel-to-reel tape recorder in 1948. By 1956, they had a smaller model that

was battery-powered and could be held in the lap. It is likely that one of their recorders was used to make the original tape. Ampex products were favored by professionals of the era, and even N.A.S.A. used them in the days of the unmanned satellite launches.

Tom Schultz also informed me that noted French racing photographer **Pierre Perrin** was also present at Elkhart Lake that weekend, snapping photos which may well have included Briggs Cunningham’s practice run that Friday, so there could be pictures of the time of the recording itself. Pierre Perrin was the recipient of high praise from **Carl Goodwin** in an article he wrote for *Vintage Racecar* magazine’s October 2012 issue. He included his name among those famous race photographers who “captured some great images... images that will last for all time... images of the Golden Age of Sports Car Racing”.

Certainly Perrin would have been interested in Cunningham’s presence at Elkhart Lake that weekend, for Briggs was more than a great driver and team leader. He was also a race car manufacturer, an historian of his sport and a tireless advocate on its behalf. The Cunningham Race Team still competes today.

In just three months, we have learned that the obscure little 45 rpm record found at a garage sale in Brookfield has ties to celebrities, prominent corporations and significant events. The only mystery still remaining is what its relationship was to Elm Grove and a 1950s-era resident on Dunwoody Drive.

Civics Lessons About State & Local Government...

In my April column, I answered a question from *News-Independent* reader **Richard Groh**, who wished to know about the differences between cities, villages and townships, and about Elm Grove’s incorporation as a village in 1955. I hope I answered the questions to his satisfaction, however, I have since heard from readers who wished to know something further about the number of units of government in Wisconsin and in the United States, and whether the amount of local governments is increasing or decreasing with the passage of time. Those are also good questions, and perhaps some statistics will shed further light on the matters that Mr. Groh first raised this spring.

For a number of years, I taught a State & Local Government class to college

sophomores. I enjoyed those classes, and still firmly believe that a good underpinning of civics is a necessary foundation of knowledge for all American citizens who intend to participate in public affairs, even if it’s only to vote or sign a petition or attend a local meeting. People who ask questions about local government are likely to be informed voters.

I have saved some old copies of instructors’ editions of *Politics in States and Communities* by **Thomas R. Dye**. From Dr. Dye’s tables, taken from the U.S. Census Bureau reports, I can relay this information. Local governments are divided into counties, cities and villages, townships, school districts and “special districts”. (The latter would include any districts established for a specific regional or metropolitan purpose, such as the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District (MMSD). Some of these districts are permanent creations, while others are only temporary, designed to address a transient problem.)

In 1952, there were 3,052 counties in the then forty-eight states. There were 16,807 cities and villages and 17,202 townships. School districts numbered 67,355, many of them rural. By 1992, (even with the addition of two new states since 1952), the number of counties had shrunk to 3,043. (Two states do not have any counties: Connecticut and Rhode Island. All other states have them, although some may use other names to define them, such as “parishes” in Louisiana, which serve the same functions.) The number of cities and villages had grown to 19,296, mostly from incorporations of townships. Township numbers declined to 16,666. Through consolidation of rural districts, school district numbers had shrunk to only 14,586, but special districts had been created for myriad purposes and by 1992 had increased to 33,131. More recent figures are available from the Census Bureau, but would show similar trends. It may be interesting to note that Illinois has the most units of local government while Hawaii has the fewest. Wisconsin ranks at 13th highest.

As for the Badger state, the Wisconsin Blue Book informs us that Wisconsin in 2014 had 72 counties, 190 cities, 407 villages and 1,255 townships. There are 424 school districts in the state and 761 special districts.

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

Presidential Visit...

The *News-Independent* recently received a special communique from an old friend, President Abraham Lincoln of Illinois, who will be returning to Elm Grove next month to present a free, public lecture.

See our July issue for all the details.

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***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd.
Guests welcome.
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Saturday – JUNE 3

***Sons of the American Legion Post 449**
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Monday – JUNE 5

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

Tuesday – JUNE 6

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

Thursday – JUNE 8

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

Friday – JUNE 9

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd.
Guests welcome.
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Monday – JUNE 12

***Cruisin’ the Grove Car & Motorcycle**
Night – 5 p.m. to Dark @ parking lot behind Silver Spur, 13275 Watertown Plank Rd. FREE & open the public.

Tuesday – JUNE 13

***Tunes on Tuesday @ Village Park**
Sponsored by Town Bank & the Elm Grove Junior Guild – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Featuring “Three Sheets to the Wind Band”. FREE. Open to the public.

Wednesday – JUNE 14 FLAG DAY



Thursday – JUNE 15

***OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors)**
Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. Coach trip to Chicago. Tour: “Trains, Steel and Stockyards”. Lunch: Harborside Restaurant. Carolyn (262) 628-7761.

Friday – JUNE 16

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

Sunday – JUNE 18 FATHER’S DAY



Monday – JUNE 19

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

Tuesday – JUNE 20

***Village of Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
***Movies in the Park**
Sponsored by the Elm Grove Junior Guild – Begins @ Dusk. Featured film: “Lego Batman”
FREE. Open to the public.

Wednesday – JUNE 21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER!



Friday – JUNE 23

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

Monday – JUNE 26

***Cruisin’ the Grove Car & Motorcycle**
Night – 5 p.m. to Dark @ parking lot behind Silver Spur, 13275 Watertown Plank Rd.. FREE. Open to the public.
***Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting – 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room. Open to the Public.
Agenda: www.elmgroviewi.org

Tuesday – JUNE 27

***Tunes on Tuesday @ Village Park**
Sponsored by Town Bank & the Elm Grove Junior Guild – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Featuring “The Saturday June Band”. FREE.
Open to the public.



Friday – JUNE 30

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
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Clubs & Organizations



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Friends of Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) members present a check for \$15,000 to Library Director **Sarah Muench** (fourth from left). The money, raised during the annual Lights of Love holiday campaign, will be used for new display cubes, aquarium maintenance, enhancement of the library’s collections, and more!



E.G. Woman’s Club Seeks New Members

We would like you to join the Elm Grove Woman’s Club and share in social and charitable activities and build new friendships. Membership is open to all Elm Grove women and women business owners.

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Waukesha County District Attorney **Sue Oppen** (at left) with Elm Grove Lutheran students **Taylor Owen**, **Sophie Handrich**, **Jacob Rentmaster**, Elm Grove Assistant Police Chief **Jason Hennen** and D.A.R.E. Officer **Sandra Brown**.

Elm Grove Lutheran Holds D.A.R.E. Graduation

By **Lisabeth Passalis-Bain**, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Fifth grade students at Elm Grove Lutheran School graduated from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program on May 17.

Winners of the school’s D.A.R.E. Essay Contest were **Sophie Handrich** and **Jacob Rentmaster**. The runner-up was **Taylor Owen**. (Read Sophie’s essay – Page 9.)

Lunch was provided to the graduates by Jimmy Johns, Sendik’s and McDonald’s and Jilly’s, Culver’s and RJ’s donated free coupons.

Elm Grove Police Officer and D.A.R.E. instructor **Sandra Brown** expressed special thanks to Waukesha County District Attorney **Sue Oppen**, who served as a guest speaker.

Officer Brown also congratulated the graduates, noting “I encourage you to continue to apply what you have learned in your everyday lives.”

For more information about how you can help support the D.A.R.E. program contact: sbrown@elmgrovewi.org.

News Briefs



Photo courtesy of Tonawanda Elementary

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY! Students in **Mrs. Westphal** and **Mrs. Forseth’s** Kindergarten classes at Tonawanda Elementary invited their Moms to the school’s annual Mother’s Day Spa on May 11, where the women enjoyed a morning of pampering with pedicures, manicures, massage, make-up, hair styling, and refreshments, creating many special memories.



Photo by Mark Frohna Photography

Lola Kandula of Elm Grove, stands near “Lady Liberty,” passport and meager possessions in hand, as she reflects on her Ellis Island experience at Brookfield Academy.



Photo courtesy of St. Mary’s Visitation

CONGRATULATIONS to St. Mary’s Visitation School - Class of 2017!

Brookfield Academy Holds Ellis Island Day

By Marie O’Brien

Ellis Island Day, an annual event for second grade students, is an historical simulation which helps history come alive as students become immigrants for the day. Teachers and parent volunteers recreate the sights and sounds of Ellis Island, including a replica of the Statue of Liberty, dim lighting, fog, and harbor sounds.

In the weeks leading up to the event, students are encouraged to study their family heritage, learn about other countries, and explore why individuals and families have to come to America for generations to build a better life.

This event complements Brookfield Academy’s curriculum, creating an environment of learning that reinforces abstract concepts of freedom, liberty and personal responsibility. Reading and “doing” reinforces learning and helps to create an emotional memory that remains with students well into their adult years.



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The late author **Amy Krouse Rosenthal** (at left) and Elm Grove Public Library Technical Services Librarian **Paulette Brooks** show off their matching tattoos in September 2016.

“MORE”

By **Lisabeth Passalis-Bain**, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Chicago-based book author, film-maker, and speaker **Amy Krouse Rosenthal** had, by her own account, been living something of a “fairy tale life” — married for 26 years to her handsome, lawyer husband (**Jason**); the mother of three grown children; a pre-empty-nester with ambitious travel plans with, presumably, plenty of years ahead to add to her 28 children’s books and two adult books already published. Then, a trip to the emergency room in September 2015, with what she thought might be appendicitis, was instead diagnosed as ovarian cancer.

“So many plans instantly went poof. This is when we entered what I came to think of as Plan ‘Be’ — existing only in the present”, she noted in a highly-publicized New York Times – Modern Love column, written on Valentine’s Day and published weeks later on March 3, 2017, entitled “You May Want to Marry My Husband.” <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/03/style/modern-love-you-may-want-to-marry-my-husband.html>

In a memoir (“Textbook Amy Krouse Rosenthal”) written entirely before her diagnosis, Rosenthal had invited readers to send in suggestions for matching tattoos, the idea she explained, “being that author and reader would be bonded by ink.” Among the many people who responded was Elm Grove librarian **Paulette Brooks**. “Paulette suggested the word ‘MORE’.

This was based on an essay in the book where I mention that “more” was my first

spoken word (true),” Rosenthal explained.

“The word ‘more’ had such potential to encompass the growth I desired in my life — more faith, more family time, more miles (as I trained for a half-marathon in Toronto, Canada — which was also to be a fundraising walk for Princess Margaret Cancer Centre) and so on,” said Brooks, a Canadian native.

So, in September 2016, Paulette drove to Chicago to meet Amy at a tattoo parlor and get matching MORE tattoos. Paulette got hers (her first and only tattoo) on her left wrist. Amy got hers on the underside of her left forearm, in her daughter’s handwriting. It was her second tattoo; the first being a small lowercase “j” (for Jason) that had been on her ankle for 25 years.

Just ten days after her Modern Love essay was published in the New York Times, Rosenthal, who wanted “more time with Jason, more time with my children, more time sipping martinis on Thursday nights...” succumbed to cancer at the age of 51.

“The literary world has lost one of the best,” Paulette says, “but Amy’s words will keep impacting and touching readers with her love and wit. She autographed her book, Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life, for me with the phrase ‘Amy and Paulette meet and share an indelible moment...’. Even now... I turn my wrist and see the little watch word and am reminded to strive for MORE.”

Upcoming Programs at the Library

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Lights of the Lakes: A Photographic Tour of Great Lakes Lighthouses

Tuesday, June 6, 2:00 P.M. @ **Heritage Senior Living in Elm Grove**

Celebrate the picturesque beauty of our Great Lakes, as photographer Phil Block presents a guided tour of the lighthouses of Superior and Michigan. Learn about the history of these beacons of the sea, famous Great Lakes shipwrecks, and the role of maritime shipping in the region. This free program will be taking place at Heritage Senior Living in Elm Grove (800 W. Wall St.) and is open to the public. Registration begins May 15. Space is limited.

Memory Screening Day, presented by the Waukesha Co. ADRC (15 min. appointments)

Wednesday, June 14, 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 recognition. It’s not a diagnosis, just a screen to create a baseline of where a person is at so that future changes can be monitored. Free, 15 minute memory screens will be offered by the Waukesha County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and presented by Lisa Bittman, a Dementia Care Specialist for Waukesha County. Lisa will also have resources on hand to help you take any next steps.

To make an appointment for a screening, contact Lisa Bittman at the ADRC: 262-548-7848. Appointments are required.

The Brain with David Eagleman: What is Reality?

(Documentary Screening and Discussion)
Tuesday, June 27, 6:30 p.m., **O’Neill Room**

You don’t have to be a scientist to enjoy this program. Join us for a screening of the PBS series *The Brain with David Eagleman*, as Dr. Eagleman journeys into the heart of our existence, exploring how the brain conjures the beautiful world we take for granted.

Following the film, a facilitated discussion that further examines the magical workings of the brain will be led by Dr. Adam Greenberg, a neuroscientist with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The event is part of Wisconsin Public Television’s Reel to Real film series, which combines the power of documentary cinema with community dialogue and action. It’s free to attend, and registration is not required.

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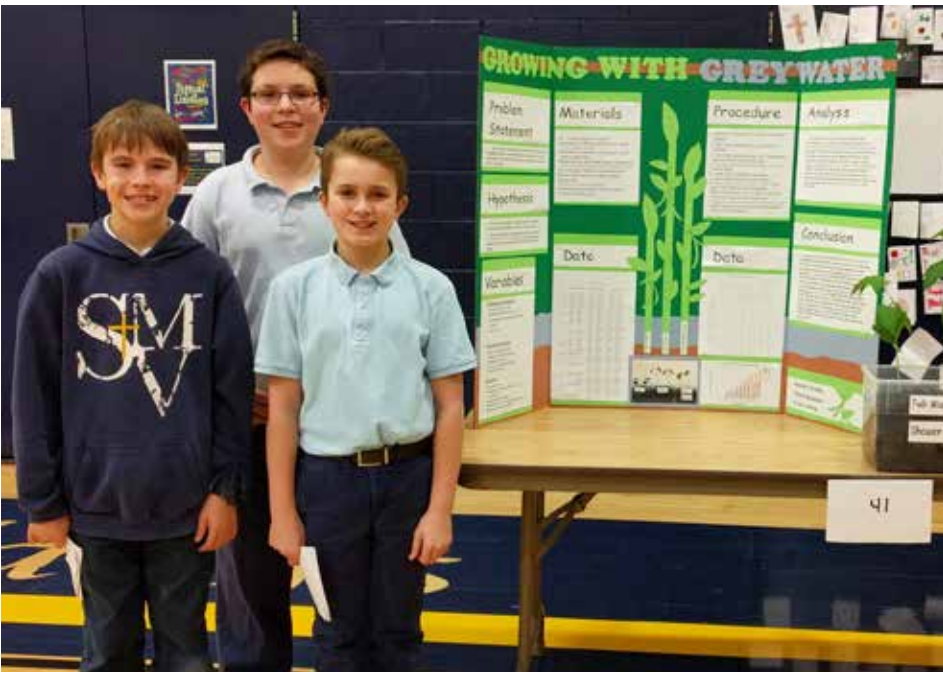


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St. Mary’s students (from left) **Rob Fuller**, **Nick Kroog** and **Mark Kalmer**.

SMV Students Win State eCYBERMISSION Competition

By **Kathy Biernat**

Three St. Mary’s Visitation 6th graders are the first place state winners and one of the top three in the region in the 15th annual eCYBERMISSION competition — one of several science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) initiatives sponsored by the U.S. Army Educational Outreach Program.

“The Washers” **Rob Fuller**, **Nick Kroog** and **Mark Kalmer**, worked together to determine the effectiveness of grey water for growing plants. The teams then submitted their Mission Folder — the official write-up of the project — through the eCYBERMISSION website to be evaluated and scored by volunteer virtual judges.

eCYBERMISSION, administrated by

the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), promotes self-discovery and enables students (in grades six through nine) to recognize the real-life applications of science, math, technology, and mathematics (STEM).

“eCYBERMISSION not only encourages students to be both creative and scientific, but also requires them to think critically while developing innovative solutions to some of their communities most challenging issues,” said **Dr. Mary Gromko**, NSTA President. “We congratulate the state winners and commend all of the team advisors for engaging and empowering their students to make a real difference in the world around them.”

Young Writers & Cub Reporters

Junior Guild 2017 Essay Contest Winner Announced

NOTE: The Elm Grove Junior Guild invited local high school seniors to “Discuss a significant personal experience or event that has inspired you to make a difference in your community. What did you learn from the experience and how will you use what you have learned to help your community or others in the future.” For his winning essay Elm Grove resident **Steven Butler**, a recent graduate of Marquette University High School, received a \$1,500 award. Butler plans to attend Boston College in the fall.



Steven Butler

A Commitment to the Environment

By Steven Butler

Every fall, my cousin, William and I embarked upon our fishing adventure that came with the changing of the seasons. As the leaves’ colors changed and the temperatures dropped, the salmon and steelhead made their pilgrimage toward the end and beginning of their life cycle. Almost ceremoniously, we eagerly put on our waders and strung up our rods, nearly shaking with excitement for possible, yet improbable, success on the water. We finished preparing, trekked down to the bank, and finally cast our first line, waiting for a bite. I walked downstream, hoping to find a pack of fish in the rapids, and, instead, found an old leather boot, a tire, and rotten soda cans.

Despite my immediate disgust and disenchantment, I found inspiration in the cesspool that had taken over my favorite fishing waters. I took it upon myself to found an organization of fellow students who are committed to conservation and stewardship. That Monday, I proposed a club at Marquette University High School, which would eventually be named “Environmental Science and Outdoors.” To materialize the club, I was to acquire a minimum of 25 student signatures, recruit at least 15 students to commit to joining the club, and convince a faculty member to moderate the club. Since then, we, as a club, partnered with multiple organizations, like the Milwaukee Audubon Society and Milwaukee River Keeper, planning and executing restoration events around the state. We have gone from two to forty-five members, and our mission is to create satellite organizations in the surrounding Milwaukee high

schools; our goal is to raise awareness and promote responsible recreation in the prolific Wisconsin outdoors. I have always been an outdoorsman who has had a reverence for nature, but I never would have considered my interest a cause. Nor would I have fathomed that I had the creativity to materialize such a popular and productive organization. It is my passion for a conserved earth that evoked this motivation to effect positive environmental change.

Through this leadership experience, I learned how to bring my creativity and initiative into fruition in such a way that benefits my community. I learned how to bind my fellow citizens together so that we may work towards our environmental goal while preserving the emphatic passion we have for outdoor recreation. Thus, I was able to use that passion to translate that into practical work and useful projects. Through this, we have reclaimed overgrown paths within forests at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center so that the nuns and the retreatants may have a more nature filled experience. We have worked to restore the Natural Midwestern Savannah, one of the rarest and most naturally beneficial biomes within our ecosystem. We have worked together in the repair of the waterways around Wisconsin by participating in water quality and oxygen content testing. Thus, I have learned how my leadership and my companion’s cumulative passion for the outdoors can forge a path of restoration and conservation so that this land will be the same for our children and our children’s children.

One on One

By **Ryan Hardy**, age 9
Tonawanda Elementary – Grade 4

You. Me.
Play up to three.
Hoop. Ball. No refs to call.
Bounce. Twist. All in the wrist.
Pivot. Shake. That’s a nice fake.
Shot. Pack. Behind the back.
Triple. Threat. Nothing but net.
Layup. Ooh. Good follow-through.
Cross. Turn. Watch and learn.
Rebound. Score. Off the backboard.
Jumper. In. That’s a nice spin.
Defense. Foul. Your ball now.
Free throw. Shot. That’s your sweet spot.
Dribble. Slide. Shoot from outside.
Ball in. Good game.
YOU WIN!

The Vatican (Limerick poem)

By **Leo Giampietro**
St. Mary’s Visitation – Grade 3

There is a building in Rome,
That the Pope and the Catholics call home.
It is St. Peter’s seat,
And it cannot be beat.
And Christ lives under its dome.

Stitch (Limerick poem)

By **Emma Maslowski**
St. Mary’s Visitation – Grade 3

He is my alien friend
From another place he did descend
He is blue and fluffy
Also my favorite stuffy
My mom tells me he is pretend



Photo courtesy of St. Mary’s Visitation

St. Mary’s students create paper art at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Art Museum Field Trip

By **Catherine Carnell**, St. Mary’s Visitation – 3rd Grade

My St. Mary’s Visitation third grade class toured the Milwaukee Art Museum on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. We saw some really cool art. The tour was called Line, Shape, and Color. First, we saw a sculpture that had line, shape, and color. It looked like flowers and splashes of water.

Next, you could easily prank someone with a real-looking janitor made out of fiberglass. There was a really cute picture of a dog by a body of water. Lastly, we

went to a paper weaving class called Paper Play. You could paper weave, make paper creations, and look at projections.

The students had a great view of Lake Michigan, which was beautiful that day. Third-grader **Katelyn Anglim** of Elm Grove said: “I like the art the best because it makes me feel happy.” She hopes to return to see even more paintings and other artwork in the future.

D.A.R.E. Essay Contest Winner

What Does D.A.R.E Mean to Me?

By **Sophie Handrich**, Elm Grove Lutheran School, 5th Grade

This past year I have participated in the D.A.R.E program through Elm Grove Lutheran with **Officer Brown**. During my class I have learned so much about the D.A.R.E. program. However, most importantly I learned how to take care of myself when faced with challenges in life. Not only does D.A.R.E. teach about the effects of drug and alcohol but it truly teaches life lessons. The way I think of D.A.R.E is to break it down per letter. There is a special meaning to each letter.

Destroy. Don’t waste your life on drugs. Not only do drugs destroy your brain but it also destroys relationships, families, and communities. If someone asks you to use drugs, just say no.

Abuse. Alcohol can be more dangerous than drugs. Most people don’t think that alcohol is an issue because it is legal to use if you are over the age of 21. Also, many people don’t see alcohol as a problem

because it is everywhere; like the grocery store, restaurants, and bars. However, alcohol impairs your judgment. People make bad decisions when they drink alcohol; such as driving drunk. Not only is driving drunk illegal, it can kill.

Resist. Resisting peer pressure is hard because most of the time people want to fit in with others. If your friends are using drugs and alcohol they most often will try to get you to use also. Stand up for yourself and resist the peer pressure. If your friends are using drugs and alcohol it is time to find new friends.

Excited. Be excited about your life. God gave you your life for a reason. Don’t ruin it by using drugs and alcohol. You only have one body, so cherish it and take care of it. Be excited with the world that God created for us all. Live a drug and alcohol free life.

Summer Creative Writing Contest!

Students in Kindergarten & up are invited to enter the Elm Grove Public Library’s annual contest with **POEMS, ESSAYS, SHORT STORIES**, etc. from June 12 through August 5.

All entries will be displayed in the Library.

Winning entries will be published in this “Young Writers” section of *The Elm Grove News-Independent*

Pick up contest information at the Library.

Legal Issues

How Often Should Your Estate Plan Be Reviewed?

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

Although there is no hard-and-fast rule that dictates how frequently you should review your estate plan, there are some general guidelines. You yourself should review the documents every 3-4 years. This may be as simple as reading through the documents to make sure that you still agree with the basic provisions. For example, are the individuals you chose as your primary and alternate Power of Attorney, the Personal Representative, or Trustee the same people you would choose today? Do you still want the same people to inherit your assets? Even if the answer to these questions is yes, you should still sit down with an estate planning attorney to review your comprehensive estate plan every 4-5 years. The purpose of this meeting would be to address any changes in the laws and ensure that all of your assets are still coordinated with the overall plan.

In addition to this regularly scheduled maintenance, there are certain events in life which may significantly affect your estate plan and which should trigger a review of the entire plan. These include:

- * A change in your marital status.
- * A significant change in your financial situation.
- * The addition of new family members, whether children or grandchildren.
- * The illness, incapacity or death of a family member.
- * A change in your children’s ability to manage their inheritance.
- * Retirement.
- * The purchase of real estate in another state.
- * Starting a business.

Lastly, if you move to another state you should have all of your documents reviewed by an estate planning attorney in your new state of residence. Although the states have a fairly uniform approach to estate planning, each individual state has its own unique laws which may need to be accommodated.

Your estate plan is a valuable investment and you should ensure that it remains current. Your life is a work in progress and your estate plan should be as well.

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News’ Hounds

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Trixie

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Meet **Trixie**! Trixie is an active, playful, and loving dog. She loves treats, being around people and giving kisses. Due to her puppy energy, she would do best in an active household willing to spend time helping her learn. This sweet girl has lots of love to give! Stop in and meet her today!

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.

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Elm Grove Police & D.A.R.E. America Congratulate “Class of 2017” – 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduates

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, established in 1983, is the largest and most comprehensive anti-drug education and violence prevention program in the United States and internationally today. It is a partnership between the Police, educators and parents.

D.A.R.E. “Keepin’ it Real” is a nationally acclaimed program in which Elm Grove Police Officer **Sandy Brown** teaches a 10-week anti-drug/anti-violence curriculum to elementary school students. This is her 7th year as a D.A.R.E. instructor. D.A.R.E. empowers the students in ways to be in charge of their lives, stand up against tobacco, alcohol and drugs, how to refuse peer pressure, along with learning life skills necessary to be confident in saying “NO” to risky situations. Other topics covered included risks and consequences, help networks, cyber bullying, safe use of medicine, internet safety and how to handle stress. In May, Tonawanda Elementary, St. Mary’s Visitation, and Elm Grove Lutheran schools were proud to have a total of 116 students graduate from the program.

A very special thank you for our guest speakers, Waukesha County District Attorney **Sue Oppen** and ADA **Lesli Boese**. A special Thank You for the generous donations and sponsorship of our D.A.R.E. program from the **Elm Grove Junior Guild, Jimmy John’s, UPS Foundation, Silver Spur, McDonald’s, Culver’s, Elliott’s Ace Hardware, Penelope’s, RJ’s Ice Cream, Sendik’s – Jim Clemens, Snapdragon Floral, and Jilly’s Mobil**. The **Wisconsin Dells Visitor and Convention Bureau** also donated 20% discount cards to the graduates for various attractions in the Dells. Donations and sponsors such as

these are crucial to D.A.R.E.’s continued operations in our community. D.A.R.E. shirts are available for purchase at the Police Department for \$15, and all profits go to our D.A.R.E. program. D.A.R.E. donation boxes are located in the EGPD lobby and RJ’s Ice Cream.

If interested in how you can help our D.A.R.E. program, please contact officer Brown at sbrown@elmgrovewi.org. You can also visit darewisconsin.org for more information on our D.A.R.E. program statewide.

Officer Brown and the Elm Grove Police Department would like to give special congratulations to our D.A.R.E. essay winners!

* **TONAWANDA** winners: **Samantha Mason, Noah Alberte, Harrison Krueger, Jade Elliott, Miranda Elton, Oscar Corwin**
Runners up: **Josie Wilbur, Ben Saudek, Suraksha Kodgi, Jake LeSailly, Perry Zhou, Jkien Forney, Clarissa Newman, David Spahr**

* **ST. MARY’S VISITATION** winners: **Lilly Martin, Andrea Rifelj, Jack Fitterer, Joey Spano**.
Runners up: **Maureen Schlifske, Elizabeth Clemence, Keegan Maslowski, Tyler Costigan, Anna Zierer**.

* **ELM GROVE LUTHERAN** winners: **Sophie Handrich, Jacob Rentmaster**
Runner up: **Taylor Owen**

EDITOR’S NOTE:
D.A.R.E. photos and some of the winning essays will appear in this and upcoming issues of the *News-Independent*.

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Colin Gray-Hoehn

B.E.H.S. Senior Named Presidential Scholar

The School District of Elmbrook has announced that Brookfield East Senior, **Colin Gray-Hoehn**, has been named a U.S. Presidential Scholar for the state of Wisconsin.

Out of the 5,100 candidates who qualified for the 2017 awards, Colin was selected as one of three students honored from Wisconsin and one of 161 Presidential Scholars chosen in the United States. The awards are determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, through nominations made by Chief State School Officers, other partner recognition organizations or the National YoungArts Foundation's Nationwide YoungArts competition.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 53rd year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Each year, final selection of the nation's 121 academic Presidential Scholars will consist of one male and one female from each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and from families of U.S. citizens living abroad.

Colin will be honored with a Presidential Scholar medallion on June 18 in Washington D.C. at a ceremony sponsored by the White House.



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Elm Grove residents (top row, left to right) **Luis-William de Leon Nieves**, **Michael Doherty**, **Jane Heardon** and (bottom row, left to right) **Jordan Kobliska**, **Alexander Setzer** and **Megan Vipond** are members of Brookfield Academy's Class of 2017.

Brookfield Academy Holds Graduation

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy celebrated its 47th graduating class on Sunday, May 14. The graduation ceremony featured **John Anderson**, an Elm Grove resident, longtime Brookfield Academy science teacher and former Green Bay Packer, giving the commencement address. In total, 83 seniors graduated from Brookfield Academy this year.



Photo by Mark Frohna Photography
John Anderson



Photo courtesy of Ann Blanchard

Laurette Blanchard (at left) with **Jayme Dawicki**

Local Girl Receives Music Awards

On May 13, 2017, **Laurette Blanchard** of Elm Grove advanced to the state competition for piano and voice at the Wisconsin Federation of Music Club's (WFMC) annual festival.

A student of piano/voice teacher, **Jayme Dawicki**, Laurette received a first place honor in Vocal Solo Musical Theater and a first place superior rating in Piano Solo. After accumulating 30 festival points since 2011, Laurette was awarded her second WFMC gold cup.

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