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***March 12 — Daylight Savings Time Begins**
***March 17 — St. Patrick's Day** ***March 20 — First Day of Spring!**



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

Building Community: St. Mary's Students Create "Kindergarten Grove"

By Mary Schneider, SMV K5 teacher

St. Mary's Visitation's K5 students are studying communities in Social Studies. The students are learning what types of organizations, businesses and people make up their community. As part of their studies, the students made their very own community out of recyclable materials. Each student was assigned a particular building which included such things as their school, the library, post office, and other local businesses. They then had to construct their building and bring it to school to join their classmates' buildings, creating K5's own SMV community.

Primary Election Results

Of the 5,034 Elm Grove residents registered to vote in the Primary Election on February 21 a total of 725 (14%) cast ballots.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate **Tony Evers** received 341 votes, followed by **Lowell Holtz** (308 votes), **John Humphries** (56 votes) and 1 write-in. Elmbrook School Board candidates received votes as follows: **Jian Sun** (297), **Leanne Wied** (258), **Jimmy Schulgit** (75) and 3 write-ins. The Spring Election will be held on April 4.

Reinders Development

In a January 31, 2017 letter addressed to Village Manager **David DeAngelis** and Zoning Administrator **Tom Harrigan**, **Wayne Wiertzema**, President of Wangard Partners, Inc. noted his wish to "respectfully withdraw the application submitted on January 5 for a proposed multi-family development at 13420 and 13500 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove..." (which had been reviewed — and tabled — at the January 23 Village Board of Trustees meeting). He continued: "We will be in touch with the Village as we work towards a successful development that benefits Elm Grove residents and businesses." As of late February, development of the Reinders property remains a possibility.

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Recycling/Yard Waste Facility Open in March

The Public Works Yard at 900 Wall St. will be open on these Saturdays: March 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Only Elm Grove residents with proper ID (driver's license or permit obtained at Village Hall with proof of residency) may utilize the facility. No contractors or contractor vehicles are allowed.

Questions? Contact **Richard Paul, Jr.**, Director of Public Works at (262) 780-6643 or Village Hall (262) 782-6700.

Sensenbrenner to Hold Area Town Hall Meetings

Congressman **James Sensenbrenner** (R – 5th District, Wisconsin) held a Town Hall meeting in Elm Grove on February 12 and invites the public to these additional Town Halls: Saturday, March 11 at 1 p.m. at the Brookfield Public Safety Building, 2100 N. Calhoun Road; and Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Wauwatosa Public Library, 7635 W. North Ave.

For more information contact his District Office (262) 784-1111, or visit: <http://sensenbrenner.house.gov>.



An "IRISH BLESSING" for Elm Grove

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

MAY THE (*Watertown Plank*) **ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU!**

MAY THE WIND (*whistling through majestic Elm Trees*) **BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK.**

MAY THE SUN (*even through seemingly endless Wisconsin winters*) **SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE.**

THE RAINS FALL SOFT UPON YOUR (*well-kept lawns and native perennial*) **FIELDS** (*at Village Park*).

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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth
Passalis-Bain

Coming in April...

The beauty of owning this newspaper is that I have absolute control over its content. So, with a self-awarded "Doctor of Thinkology" degree (think: Scarecrow /Wizard of Oz) + actually-awarded degrees in Art & Theatre + many years as a proud working journalist, I am hereby announcing the establishment of a new feature: "Doctor Who, What, Where, When, Why & How" which will debut in April. The premise is this: Readers ask questions... I confer with local experts to seek The Truth... and publish the answers in future issues. What do you want to know about community issues, people, places, etc.? Submit questions to me at elmgrovenews@yahoo.com or P.O. Box 372, Elm Grove 53122. "The Doctor" is in!

REINDERS (cont. from page 1)
Some community members support the plan exactly as presented; others oppose it but would like to see some change to its current use. Visit www.elmgroviewi.org to view development details, meeting minutes, correspondence and other documents. (See one viewpoint in "Letters to the Editor - Page 10) The EGNI will provide updates as they become available.



Photo by Elisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY, Sister MARLENA! Family members (shown in photo), friends, fellow Sisters and staff gathered on February 7 at the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Elm Grove to celebrate S. Marlena's milestone event. Following a series of remarks by family and friends, and the reading of special birthday wishes from **S. Mary Maher, SSND General Superior** (from Rome), those present told S. Marlena: "May the blessings of the Lord be upon you!", sang Happy Birthday, then enjoyed juice and slices from one of two large blue-frosted cakes. S. Marlena, a native of Milwaukee, has been a valued part of the SSND community for 81 years.



Photo courtesy of Theresa Westphal

Students in Mrs. Westphal's Kindergarten class at Tonawanda Elementary join together to form a "class heart" on Valentine's Day, February 14.

Business Quote of the Month

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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

An Elm Grove Mystery

By Stephen K. Hauser

Unlike past columns, this one will be about something I DON’T remember! It’s a local mystery, one which begins with my friend **Ken Freck** of Wauwatosa. Since 1981, Ken has been the proprietor of Musical Memories, an ‘Oldies’ records and memorabilia shop at 833 E. Kilbourn Avenue in Milwaukee. About a year ago, he found an unusual 45 rpm record at a garage sale in Brookfield, and called to ask me if I knew anything of its origins or history.

The reason that Ken asked my opinion had to do with the specifics of the record itself. Entitled “Around the Track in a ‘D’ Jaguar”, the recording contains the sounds of the jaguar shifting down into the curves and up into the straightaways of the Road America race track at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. The date of the recording was June 22, 1956. On the ‘B’ side of the record is a selection entitled “Sounds Along the Track” which commences with the starting gun and the roar of the engines, progressing to accelerating vehicles screaming around the course and concluding with the final car crossing the finish line. There is no announcer or voiceover on the disc; only the sounds of the racing sports cars as they drive the course. June 24, 1956 is track’s date.

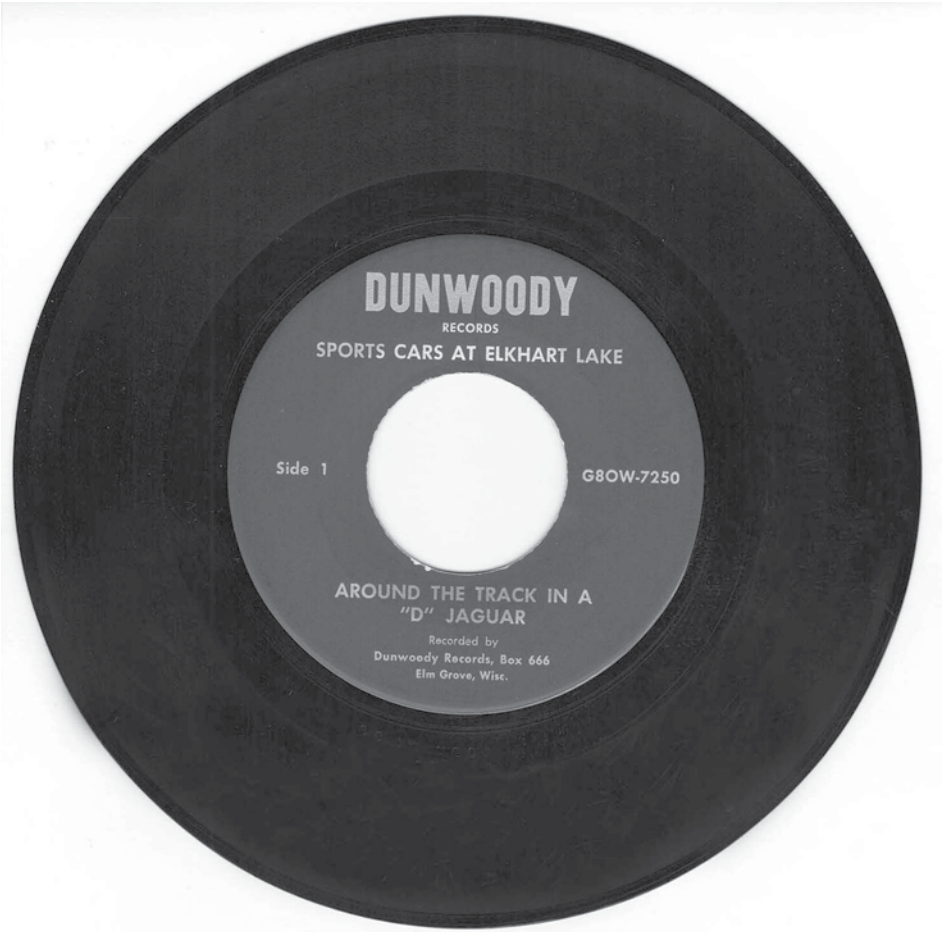
The red record label reads: “Dunwoody Records, P.O. Box 666, Elm Grove, Wisc.” It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to relate the label name to Dunwoody Drive in Elm Grove, a street that had begun when the northeastern segment of the village had been separated from the **Lee Frederick** farmstead at North Avenue and County Line Road (now 124th Street). The resulting subdivision was assigned the name Frederick Manor and would eventually include the streets Laurel Lane, East Wrayburn Road, Clover Hill Road, Fairfax Drive, a short cul-de-sac named Lee Court, and, of course, Dunwoody Drive. The Fredericks eventually sold their farm home as well, but I can still recall buying

eggs from **Lillian Frederick** with my Dad back in 1956.

The earliest homes on Dunwoody Drive date from 1955. The original road ran only from 124th Street two blocks to Fairhaven Boulevard. West of that were the open fields of the farms of **John Elias, Herman Frederick, William Giencke** and **Gilbert Bolle**. Since our record in question dates from mid-1956, it must have something to do with one of the ten families that lived on that two-block-long stretch of street at that time. Even on that short section of road there were still a couple of vacant lots. The families present at the time included **Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hilgendorf, Bill Burke, Art Wegner, Victor Lawrence, Archie Ulm, Sr., Byrne Neville, Sam Potter, Jim Ott, Herbert Oehmichen** and **Clem Janicki**. Many had built their homes in the fall of 1955, with the road having been laid that summer.

The connection between Dunwoody Drive and Dunwoody Records is obvious. Why else would a recording company based in Elm Grove choose that name unless it had a direct association with the street in some way? Still, there is no real proof to show that it did. Some relationship is likely, but what was it?

My Dad, **Karl Hauser**, moved to Dunwoody Drive later in 1956. He knew some of our immediate neighbors well enough to be certain that there was no record company or race track connection to any of them. I spoke with our old friend Bill Burke in preparing this column, and he recalled that his neighbor Ted Hilgendorf had a son named **Bob** who went into the electronics business while still a young man, selling stereo equipment, phonographs and records at a store in Wauwatosa. Bob Hilgendorf and a partner formed “Sound Associates” and did some recording of area musicians, but whether their recording company had anything



Record provided by Stephen K. Hauser
This Dunwoody Records 45 RPM (Side 1) of sports car racing at Elkhart Lake was recorded on June 24, 1956.

to do with Road America or Dunwoody Records remains unknown. Ken Freck informed me that he has never seen another record on the Dunwoody label.

Interestingly, Road America at Elkhart Lake opened in the spring of 1955, at the same time that the initial two-block section of Dunwoody Drive was being graded. According to the official handout history of Elkhart Lake’s Road America, track founder **Clif Tufte**, an engineer by profession, chose 525 acres of farmland in Wisconsin’s Kettle Moraine region to build a race track for sports cars after Elkhart Lake and other surrounding towns in east-central Wisconsin had passed municipal ordinances banning racing on city streets. Where were fledgling racers to put their prized rides through their paces? The Road America official history further notes that the first national race held at the track was on September 10, 1955. Drivers and spectators alike were impressed by the four-mile track’s rolling hills, natural valleys and beautiful scenery, not to mention its fourteen exciting turns! The

race was a 148-mile marathon, eventually won by **Phil Hill** of Santa Monica, California, driving a Ferrari Monza. It is worth noting that he barely edged out **Sherwood Johnson** of Rye, New York, who was driving a ‘D’ Jaguar. Is it the same ‘D’ Jaguar recorded at the time trials back in June by Dunwoody Records? Another mystery.

Any longtime racing fans among readers of the *News-Independent* may be able to contribute information toward a solution. The sixty-two year old sagas of Dunwoody Records and the birth of Road America may still have some surprising connections. Today Road America brings hundreds of thousands of visitors to Elkhart Lake annually for a variety of races and events. It is an asset to the state of Wisconsin and the tourist industry. And Dunwoody Records? Well, you can’t win ‘em all.

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

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* **Sunday, March 12**.....American Legion birthday part, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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Calendar of Events for March 2017

Wednesday – MARCH 1

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

Thursday – MARCH 2

***Friends of Elm Grove Library Used Book Sale**
Preview Night – 6 to 9 p.m.; FOEGL members FREE/
\$10 membership @ the door.

Friday – MARCH 3

***Friends of Elm Grove Library Used Book Sale**
Open to the Public: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. FREE Admission.
***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 – MARCH 4

***Friends of Elm Grove Library Used Book Sale**
Open to the Public: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Half price sale)

Sunday – MARCH 5

***Friends of Elm Grove Library Used Book Sale**
Open to the Public: Noon to 4 p.m. (\$5 / bag)

Monday – MARCH 6

***Village of Elm Grove Plan Commission**
Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Tuesday – MARCH 7

***Elm Grove Woman’s Club**
11 a.m. (social); 11:30 a.m. (business meeting); Noon
(luncheon), followed by program: “Females in the
Fire Service”. (262) 782-5930. www.egwc.org.
***Village of Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Wednesday – MARCH 8

***American Association of University Women – West
Suburban Milwaukee Wisconsin Branch**
Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (social, business, followed by
program: “Experiencing Women’s History Through
Fashion”). Speakers: Barbara Armstrong & Sarah
Eichorn, Mt. Mary University @Sunset Playhouse,
800 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove. For membership
information, call Linda (414) 476-6919.

Thursday – MARCH 9

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

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Friday – MARCH 10

***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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Sunday – MARCH 12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

***Turn clocks AHEAD 1 hour**

Tuesday – MARCH 14

***School District of Elmbrook Board of Education**
Meeting – 6 p.m. @ Central Administration offices,
13780 Hope St., Brookfield. Open to the Public.
(262) 781-3030, www.elmbrookschoools.org.

Thursday – MARCH 16

***OWLS (Older – Wiser – Livelier – Seniors)**
Sponsored by Community United methodist Church,
14700 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove.
Coach trip to Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois - Drury
Lane Theatre: “Saturday Night Fever”; Lunch @
Drury Lane Restaurant. Call Carolyn (262) 628-7761.
***Village of Elm Grove Recreation Committee**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Friday – MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK’S DAY



***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 – MARCH 20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING!

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



Tuesday – MARCH 21

***Village of Elm Grove Plan Commission**
Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Friday – MARCH 24

***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 – MARCH 27

***Village of Elm Grove Finance & Licensing
Committee**
Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Village Hall – Park View Room
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.
***Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting – 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Tuesday – MARCH 28

***School District of Elmbrook Board of Education**
Meeting – 6 p.m. @ Central Administration offices,
13780 Hope St., Brookfield. Open to the Public.
(262) 781-3030, www.elmbrookschoools.org.
***Elm Grove Woman’s Club Art Scholarship**
Competition – Registration / Drop-off of students’
artwork @ EGWC Clubhouse, 13885 Watertown
Plank Rd., 5 to 7 p.m., www.egwc.org.

Wednesday – MARCH 29

***Elm Grove Woman’s Club Art Scholarship**
Competition – Show & Reception, 7 to 8 p.m.
Winners announced @ 7:30 p.m. Open to the Public.
www.egwc.org.

Friday – MARCH 31

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





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Clubs & Organizations



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Linda Gildea (at left) and Sue Falci (at right) presented a check in the amount of \$4,000 to Elm Grove Public Library Director **Sarah Muench** during the February 7 meeting of the Elm Grove Woman’s Club. The funds, raised at the Club’s annual Chandelier Ball holiday event in December, will be used to purchase and install ease-of-access doors at the library. Gildea and Falci served as co-chairs of the event.

New Village Directory Coming Soon!

By Alice Hirt

We’re running out of time! Information has been gathered and the 2017-2018 Elm Grove Village Directory will soon be on its way to the printer.

Before it’s too late, contact the Elm Grove Woman’s Club at www.egwc.org or P.O. Box 203, Elm Grove, WI, 53122 to indicate a new or changed listing, decline representation in the directory, or request additional information about the directory or club membership.

Produced every two years by the Elm Grove Woman’s Club, the directory is distributed free of charge to all 2,800 households and 400 area businesses in the village. The directory is an indispensable guide for locating, identifying and patronizing our local businesses, many of whom help support this endeavor by placing an advertisement in the publication. We welcome inquiry from businesses wishing information about advertising.



The Elm Grove Woman’s Club continues to be an active part of the Village, providing social events, outreach programs, and charitable contributions for Elm Grove and the surrounding communities. The clubhouse is located at 13335 Watertown Plank Road and may be reached by calling 262-782-5930.

Save the Date!

Open Door Elm Grove

Tour a select group of Elm Grove’s newly remodeled/built homes on **Saturday, May 20th** – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Proceeds go to Best Buddies Wisconsin & St. Mary’s Visitation.

For information, please contact: dlembe23@gmail.com.

American Association of University Women to Meet

By Betsy Haushalter

Have you ever wondered how fashion has evolved all through history? Why do historic events, personalities or other cultures influence fashion? Why do some fashions go in and out of vogue so quickly while others stick around for a long, long time? If you do, then you should attend the West Suburban – Milwaukee Branch of the American Association of University Women’s meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunset Playhouse Studio Theatre, 800 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove.

“Experiencing Women’s History Through Fashion” will be presented by **Barbara T. Armstrong**, Dean of Mount Mary University’s School of Art and Design, and **Sarah Eichorn**,

MFA, Assistant Professor and Co-Chair of the Fashion Department, as well as acting Curator of the Historic Costume Collection at Mount Mary University. This thought provoking program will explain the history of Mount Mary University’s Fashion Department, their various roles at the university, and their insights into the history of women’s fashion and fashion design.

Prospective members interested in joining AAUW, who have earned at least a 2-year Associate degree, a Bachelor’s degree or higher, are welcome to attend this lecture. Please contact **Linda Polulach** at (414) 476-6919 or e-mail her at: aauw.wsm.membership@gmail.com for additional information.

Spring Gala to Benefit Elmbrook Humane Society

March 11 fundraiser to include auctions, dinner, cocktails & more

By Heather Gehrke

In recognition of the thousands of homeless dogs and cats in Waukesha County whose future is dependent on the support of the community, Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS) will host “There’s No Place Like Home,” its annual spring gala, Saturday March 11 at 5 p.m. at the Marriott West, located at W231 N1600 Corporate Court in Waukesha.

As one of the largest EBHS fundraisers of the year, the spring gala generates funds to support the community’s animals — along with the people who love them.

The organization is inviting the community to take part in an evening of cocktails, dinner, beer and wine pulls, silent and live auctions, and the opportunity to give each animal at EBHS a fighting chance to find their forever home.

The event will start with a silent auction and a couple of EBHS’s four-legged friends, with auction items including jewelry, pet baskets, vacation packages, spa packages, restaurants packages, theatre tickets, sport packages, and more. New this year will be the 10X Envelope Raffle, in which attendees place money in envelopes with

their names written on them. Those whose envelopes are picked in a drawing receive 10 times what they contributed.

EBHS supporters unable to attend the gala have the chance to win a live auction prize through a Golden Ticket raffle. Supporters may visit the EBHS Facebook page for details on purchasing these raffle tickets.

EBHS provides care to more than 2,000 animals per year and is Waukesha County’s only No Kill humane society. With the help of more than 200 volunteers, the organization is committed to saving as many animals as possible, with services that include supporting injuries and illnesses before animals can be adopted into new homes.

“There’s No Place Like Home” will showcase many of the success stories from 2016 and highlight this year’s theme: “A Day in the Life.”

To register and purchase tickets, visit <http://www.ebhs.org/index.php/events/event/spring-gala>





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GRADES K4 - 12

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brookfieldacademy.org (see Academics)

News Briefs



Photo courtesy of Cory Olson

The Tonawanda Elementary School PTO sponsored a “Little Sweethearts” Dance on the evening of February 9.

From the School District of Elmbrook ...

www.elmbrookschools.com

- Pilgrim Park Middle School (PPMS) hosted 750 students from 35 schools at the Pilgrim Park Forensics Tournament on February 17. PPMS Trophy winners were: **Amoolya Selvarag, Ruchang Pan, Amelie Lui, Catherine Ding, Soliel Rumpit, and Mridula Srivathson**. The Brookfield East High School (BEHS) 4N6 team assisted with the event.
- The BEHS Forensics Team took second place in the team sweepstakes at the Appleton East Tournament on February 1.
- The BEHS Gymnastics Team in February repeated as conference team champions with the varsity team setting a new school record. The team also won every individual event for both JV and varsity. **Lexi Penney** and **Christina Kirmis** were individual champions.
- The PPMS Panther Wrestling Team had its last home match of the season with a HUGE win over Frank Lloyd Wright (81-6). It was a great team effort with two highlights: **Christian Stiyyer** won with a pin and **Seth Desmore** won in sudden death (10-8).
- Junior Spartanette **Caroline Sanders** was selected for the DI All-State Dance team on February 4 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Her dance solo placed her among the top in the state.
- On February 1 BEHS seniors participated in National Signing Day. Students signed letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers beyond high school. The students included **Max Aslin** (Air Force Academy – football); **Trey Goodnetter** (University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee – soccer); and **Roland Conway** (Marquette University – soccer).
- On February 21 the School District of Elmbrook’s Board of Education approved a three-year contract with the GO RiteWay Transportation Group for all transportation services.
- The Elmbrook Education Foundation (EEF) presented a \$25,000 installment check to **Dr. Robert Hall**, Executive Director of Elmbrook’s new LAUNCH program, which will be offered this fall to juniors and seniors who will pursue rigorous coursework integrated with profession-based learning.



Photo courtesy of Milwaukee School of Engineering

Winning Science Bowl Team, Front Row (left to right): **Noah Ahmed, Jay Chand, Alex Zhu, Victoria Toledo, Pranav Kulkarni**. Back Row: Coaches **Mr. Ed O’Sullivan** and **Ms. Sarah Kohnle**.

Brookfield Academy Teams Excel at Science Bowl

By Bridget O’Donnell

Congratulations! Two Brookfield Academy Upper School teams did an outstanding job at the *Regional Science Bowl at MSOE*; both made it to the double elimination round. The varsity team won the entire regional competition and received a full expense paid trip to Washington, DC in late April for the *National Science Bowl* competition!


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Elm Grove Public Library to Hold Book Sale

By Pat Tibbetts

At our 31st Annual Used Book sale you will find a great selection of hard- and soft-cover books for children and adults, CDs, DVDs and vinyl. Most items are \$1 to \$2. Plus we have a “Collector’s Table” with special items, individually priced.

Shop the Preview Sale (just for members) on **Thursday, March 2 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** We hope to see you there — at least once.

The sale is open to the public on **Friday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Shop the half-price sale on **Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**; and come to the \$5 bag sale on **Sunday, March 5 from Noon**

to 4 p.m. (No limit to the number of bags purchased.) We want to find new homes for everything.

Please tell your friends, family and neighbors.

All funds raised by the Friends of Elm Grove Library, Inc (FOEGL) will be used to help expand the Library’s collections. These items are available to all library users in Waukesha and Jefferson counties.



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Heart Health: Know Your Numbers

Wednesday, March 8, 1:30 p.m. O'Neill Room
Note: This is a new date for the library program originally held in January that was affected by inclement weather. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women. Join us to learn how to protect your heart by knowing your numbers and identifying your personal risk. In this session, you will learn about types of heart disease, risk factors, symptoms, and prevention, as well as setting S.M.A.R.T. goals for healthy changes and measuring success. This Grapevine session is sponsored by the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, and will be presented by Christina Ebert, a nurse with the Grapevine Project. Free to attend, everyone is welcome.

Jump Start Your Garden with Melinda Myers

Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m. Community Room
Expend a little effort now for a beautiful garden throughout the season. Gardening expert Melinda Myers discusses late winter pruning, perennial clean-up & care, repairing winter damage, and landscape & early season maintenance. Presentation will be followed by a question & answer session with Melinda. **Registration is required and begins February 13.** Space is limited. Presented in conjunction with the Friends of the Elm Grove Library.
Also, bring a gardening book for our first ever gardening book exchange! Swap a trusted favorite for the fresh inspiration of a new one.



Free Memory Screening Day
Presented by the Waukesha County ADRC (15 minute appointments)
Wednesday, March 29, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Library Study Room
A memory screen is a wellness tool that helps identify possible changes in memory and recognition. Free, 15 minute memory screens will be offered by the Waukesha County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and presented by Ronda Bauer, a Dementia Care Specialist for Waukesha County. Ronda will also have resources on hand to help you take any next steps.
To make an appointment for a screening, contact Ronda Bauer at the ADRC: 262-548-7848. Appointments are required.

Good Works!



Photo courtesy of Sandy Pommerening

Doug Pommerening and friends jump into icy waters of Big Lake Muskego at Polar Plunge 2017.

Elm Grove Man Raises \$\$\$ for Special Olympics

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Doug Pommerening, an Elm Grove resident and award-winning Special Olympian, took the “Polar Plunge” once again in mid-February to help raise needed funds for Special Olympics Wisconsin. This year Doug and several costumed friends and supporters dressed as Zombies. (Last year it was “bananas”!)

His mother, **Sandy Pommerening**, who has documented many years of Doug’s

athletic and fund-raising efforts said, “Thanks to all who donated to support Special Olympics programs.”

Donations are still being accepted. Checks, made payable to Special Olympics Wisconsin, can be mailed to Doug at 12845 Gremoor Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122 or given to Doug at his workplace: Sendik’s of Elm Grove.

Young Writers & Cub Reporters



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation
St. Mary's Students **Jeslyn, Abby, Maggie** and **Savanna**

Stress Busters

By **Jeslyn Singson, Abby Laughlin, Maggie Zierer & Savanna Kaczynski**

Over 90% of all Americans claim that they are stressed. We wanted to change that. For our science experiment this year, we tested the best way to relieve stress through stress balls, coloring, and online Just Dance. We figured out that the most effective way to reduce stress was by coloring. We hope this changes things by having others realize that stress is a crucial problem in everyday life, and you

can easily reduce it through one simple action. Stress can affect the way your body functions. Your thoughts, feelings, and behavior can become unusual. And too much stress can cause health problems such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes. This experiment should help people come to understand that there are many helpful ways to reduce stress.

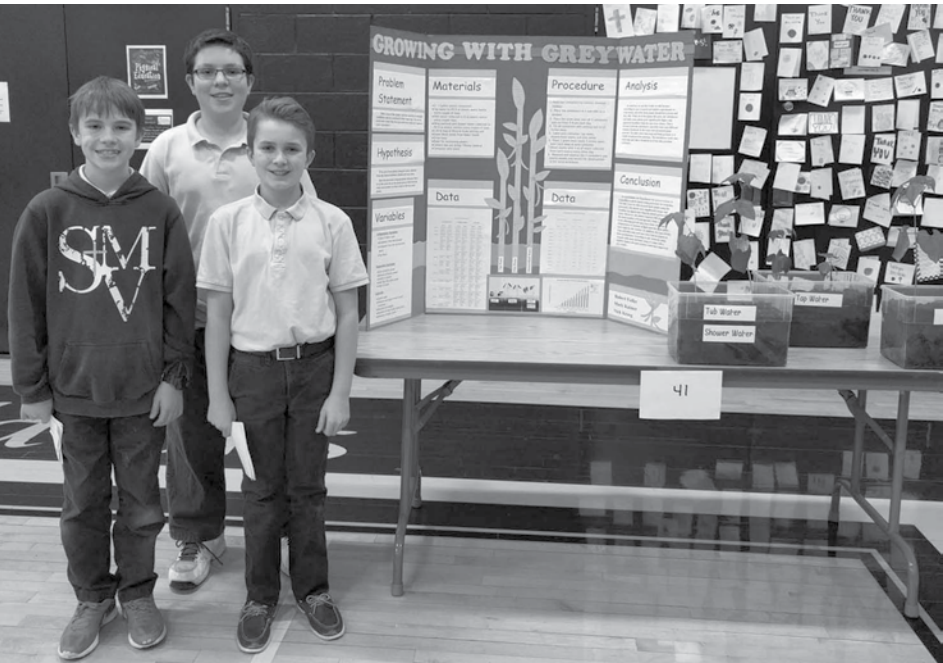


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St. Mary's Junior High Science Fair participants **Nicholas, Robert & Mark**.

Growing with Greywater

By **Nicholas Kroog, Robert Fuller & Mark Kalmer**

Many areas of the country and the world live in drought conditions and are restricted in their water use. We wanted to see if we could conserve water by using greywater to grow vegetables. Greywater is water that has been used once, like water from the shower, bathtub or kitchen. We conducted an experiment growing bean plants that we irrigated with tap water, greywater from the bath and shower, and greywater from the kitchen. The experiment consisted of planting three identical containers with the same amount of bean seeds and the same amount and type of soil. We then watered each container with the different types of waters and observed the results over a 12-week period. While all of the plants did grow, the tub/shower and dish water plants grew significantly higher than the tap

water plants. The tub/shower/dish water bean plants averaged 7 cm in length while the tap water leaf was 4.5 cm. In addition to the leaves being larger, the plant stems on the tub/shower/dish water bean plants were larger in circumference and more robust. The plant stems on the tap water plants were thin and fragile. This is because both the tub/shower/and dish water had soap and food particles in it which would provide nutrients. The tub/shower water had soap and other particles in it that also provided nutrients. In conclusion, it is possible to grow plants using greywater for irrigation. Not only were we able to grow bean plants using the greywater, the plants were significantly larger than the plants grown with tap water. You should consider using greywater to irrigate your houseplants as well as in the garden.

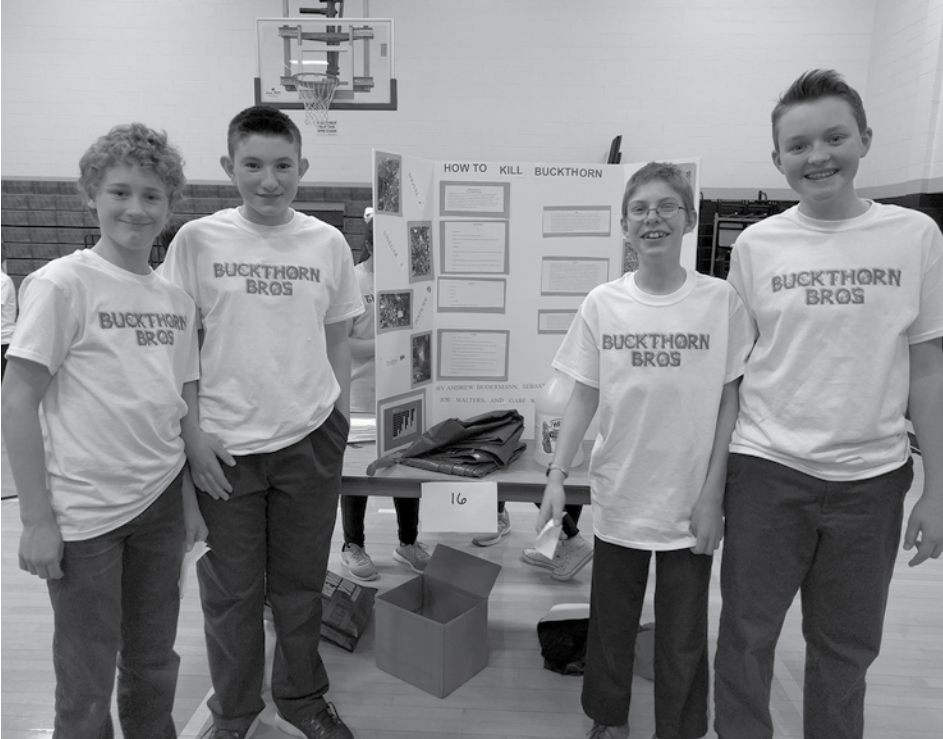


Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation
St. Mary's students **Andrew, Sebastian, Joseph** and **Gabe** at their Science Fair.

Battling Buckthorn

By **Andrew Hodermann, Sebastian Kasun, Joseph Walters & Gabe Wollersheim**

Buckthorn is a pressing problem in the Elm Grove/Brookfield community. To help against this, (we) four St. Mary's Visitation 7th graders made a plan to stop buckthorn for (our) school's Science Fair experiment. Buckthorn takes over its environment and releases chemicals that prevent growth of other plants in the area. We tested common solutions and objects to see which one would have the best effect on the plants. (We) thought if (we) used a shovel, Roundup pesticide, vinegar, and a blue tarp, the vinegar would do the best to kill the buckthorn.

We applied the vinegar (300 mL) and pesticide (1 ½ cups). We dug up a plant with the shovel and covered the last plant with the tarp. We labeled the plants with Post-It notes so we could recognize them. In the experiment, the shovel ended up working the best, killing the buckthorn plant in 3 weeks.

It was the only one to kill its plant, but the vinegar was close behind. Surprisingly, the pesticide didn't have too much of an effect, but it may be due to underuse. The tarp acted as a shield for its plant from the elements outside such as the snow.

However, we would recommend the vinegar to those people who want to get buckthorn out of their yards. We think this because we observed where buckthorn grows, it grows a lot, and we don't think people would want to take the time to shovel up all of the buckthorn in their yards, because some species can grow very large. Vinegar is easy to apply and takes less of a commitment that the shovel would. So, for all of the people trying to get rid of Buckthorn in their yards, just pick up a gallon of vinegar from your pantry and start pouring.

News Briefs

Submissions Wanted for Elm Grove Junior Guild's 2017 Essay Writing Contest

\$1,500 scholarship to be awarded to one outstanding high school senior

The Elm Grove Junior Guild (EGJG) has announced its annual essay competition for eligible students who will graduate high school by July 2017, reside in the Elmbrook School District or attend Brookfield Central or Brookfield East High School. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded.

This year's essay topic is: "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?"

Essay contest details and a downloadable application can be found at: elmgrovejunorguild.org/grants-3/scholarship-essay-contest.

All essay submissions should be 500-900 words in length, double spaced. Applications+essays must be e-mailed to scholarship@elmgrovejunorguild.org by March 27, 2017.

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Legal Issues

Estate Planning: The Last Will and Testament

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

The Last Will and Testament is a legal document which designates who should receive your assets after your death. You can leave everything to one person or charity, or you can divide your estate between multiple beneficiaries. If a beneficiary is not yet mature enough to handle the inheritance, his or her share can be placed “in trust.” A trustee, chosen by you, would then manage the funds and use them for the beneficiary’s benefit until an age you have designated. The Will is also the instrument in which you nominate the Guardian for any minor children.

Your Will must designate a Personal Representative, also commonly called the Executor. The Personal Representative will be in charge of settling your estate. Make sure you select someone equal to the task, which would include cleaning out and selling your home, liquidating investments, paying your final debts and expenses, filing tax returns and when all is said and done, distributing the balance of the estate. Be prepared to explain these duties when you ask this person whether he or she is willing to take on such a big responsibility.

By itself, a Will has no authority. After your death, your Personal Representative cannot simply take the Will to the bank to

gain authority over your accounts. For a Will to be properly administered, a probate proceeding must be initiated. The probate court authenticates the Will, appoints the Personal Representative and then supervises the Personal Representative’s efforts in settling your financial affairs and distributing the balance of the estate to the beneficiaries you have designated. For a Will to be valid, there are certain requirements that must be met in both its language and also in its execution. If you pass away without a validly executed Will, a probate proceeding would still be necessary to settle your financial affairs. This is referred to as an “intestate” probate estate. Your debts, expenses and taxes will still be paid, however Wisconsin law would dictate who will receive the balance of the estate. The beneficiaries under Wisconsin law may be significantly different from those you had intended.

Wills do have limitations in that certain assets are not controlled by your Last Will and Testament. In particular, beneficiary designations, whether they be on financial accounts, insurance policies, IRA’s, 401k’s or other assets, take precedence over your Will. It is crucial, therefore, to make sure those beneficiary designations are coordinated with both your Will and your overall estate plan.

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Stay Well Informed, Develop Knowledgeable Opinions Re: Possible Reinders Property Development

As many residents are aware, Wangard sent a letter to the village formally withdrawing their application for the development of the Reinder’s property. For those of you that have made an effort to stay involved, this has meant a year of meetings and public input. There is a sense from a collection of people that those of us who are opposed to the development as it was proposed were “anti-development”. This cannot be further from the truth. The vast majority of people we have spoken to are in favor of development of this property, but have felt that the development as proposed was unreasonable given the size of the parcel and access to it. A sprawling apartment complex in the heart of our small village did not seem to maintain the essence of why we all choose to live here.

We all want to see the village thrive, but as we delved into the details of the development we found that this was more than just “\$40 million dollars in tax revenue.” It meant allowing a significant exemption for bonus density, clearing a generous amount of right of way property, approving tax incremental financing for site contamination cleanup, and extending the water main to and only to the property. It also meant allowing exceptions to the current building code height rules and changing the character of our treasured “Cave Road” among many other concessions. In my personal experience, when people hear about the development they feel it is a good idea until they learn the specifics. It is then that they realize that this sounds like something better suited for a larger community, larger property site, and with better access to higher density traffic routes. These sentiments were echoed at multiple ad-hoc committee meetings, a committee which no less was composed of village residents who were selected for their expertise to educate and provide feedback at the request of the developer. Again, they concluded what many of us had already voiced—the development as purposed is excessively large for the site and there are too many concessions being requested on

the part of the village.

Some of you have probably seen the posters that are being emailed around with pictures of the site as it stands and the computer renderings of the development. To us, these posters are exactly the reason why we set out to create an email list- “Citizens for the Essence of Elm Grove at C.E.ElmGrove@gmail.com”—to actually provide people with facts and not just propaganda. We are not anti-development, we would welcome a development of the appropriate scale that fits the downtown and enhances the village. We also need to take into account that at this time, there are a number of potential developments that are poised to impact our community. This includes quite a few large apartment complexes that are currently under construction or are already approved, such as the 194 luxury apartment units just across the road in Bishop’s Woods, the extension of Wisconsin Avenue, and the expansion of North Avenue. This is why we should continue to stay well informed and share accurate information with one another so that each one of us can develop a knowledgeable opinion. These opinions should be based on true facts and not just a photo of an industrial lot juxtaposed with a neat artist rendition of an apartment complex. This completely discounts the details of the discussions we have been having regarding the true issues in the past year. I encourage everyone to read the details of the property put forward by the developer themselves.

This village is an amazing place to live because of its people, the peace, and the strong sense of community. These are things we have all come to appreciate and yet maybe in the peace and quiet here, have forgotten how unique it is to have all this. Please contribute to the conversation and the direction that your leaders take by sharing your own informed opinion about issues that affect us all.

Tadeo Diaz Balderrama
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Poetry

NOTE: The following poem in the left column is included in the book “Songs for Sometime Saints” (2014), a 125-page collection that encompasses 50 years of the author’s work.

March Meditation

By S. Jean Paul Zagorski, SSND

Do we really know
beneath the snow
which seeds and roots
and bulbs will grow

Can we tell at all
what died last fall
now sprouts and shoots
at spring’s soft call

Don’t we see the face
under icy lace
of life and beauty
in mud and grace?

Haiku

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

*frozen winter cell
imprisoned icicles wait
for their spring release*

*the real heroes are
those who speak Truth to Power
despite all they endure*

News Briefs



Photo by Mark Frohna

Brookfield Academy seventh grade students **Heather Tampa** (left) and **Margaret Walsh** of Elm Grove dissected a sheep eye in science class following a classroom discussion of eye anatomy. Brookfield Academy parents **Dr. Thomas Connor** and **Dr. Judy Hoggatt** joined science teacher **Michelle Sullivan** to help teach the sessions.

Local Latin Club Wins Competition in Madison

By Bridget O'Donnell

Brookfield Academy's High School Latin Club placed first in this year's *Wisconsin Junior Classical League (WJCL)* competition in Madison. All four levels of Latin competed in Certamen finals. For the first time in school history, Brookfield Academy swept first place at all four levels.

Of the more than 550 students in attendance from 13 schools, seven Brookfield Academy students placed

in the top 10: **Kyle Jain**, tenth place; **Nicholas Chang**, seventh place; **Victoria Toledo**, sixth place; **Jason Tan**, fifth place; **Amanda Roessler**, third place; **Madison Hesse**, second place; and **Sriram Gollapudy** won first place!

Margot Armbruster of Elm Grove was re-elected to her position of editor, and **Mark Bechthold** was elected president of the WJCL.

News' Hounds & other beloved creatures



Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Humane Society

Jack

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Anita Alfaro

Say hello to **Jack**! Jack is an eternally happy and jolly pooch looking for a home willing to help him shed a few pounds. This big-little guy is as pleasant as they come and will mesh easily into a variety of family types for he is tolerant of just about anything as long as when he rolls onto his back you give his belly a vigorous rubbing. Come in and meet Jack and see if you can

help him subtract a few pounds by adding him to your family!

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.



Knox HomeBox



KeySecure

Do You Know What A Knox Homebox Is and How It Works?

By Bill Selzer

The Elm Grove Police, Fire and EMS departments have teamed up with the Knox Company Residential Knox HomeBox program to offer residents the ability to purchase a high security key safe that provides specified First Responders access to your home key in an emergency. When residents are unable to open their door, or are not in the house, the First Responders can quickly open the Knox HomeBox, retrieve the house key, and enter the home without causing any damage. After the emergency, the door can be relocked, and the house key is placed back into the secured Knox HomeBox.

Each year, millions of older people — those 65 and older — fall. In fact, one out of three older people falls each year, but less than half tell their doctor. Falling once doubles your chance of falling again.

- One out of five falls causes a serious injury such as broken bones or a head injury.
- Each year, 2.5 million older people are treated in emergency departments for fall injuries.
- More than 700,000 patients a year are hospitalized because of a fall injury, most often because of a head injury or hip fracture.
- Each year, at least 250,000 older people are hospitalized for hip fractures.
- Falls are the most common cause of traumatic brain injuries (TBI)

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

How do authorized emergency responders access a secured home?

The Knox KeySecure System that stores the master key for the Knox HomeBox is a proprietary secured key system. The frontline Police Squads, Ambulances and Fire Apparatus, have a master Knox key locked in a Knox KeySecure unit. The Knox key can only be released from the KeySecure unit with an individual entry code assigned to designated First Responders. When the proper code is entered, the master key is released and is used to access the resident's Knox HomeBox. Each time the master key is removed from or re-installed in the KeySecure unit an audit trail is logged. This trail details which KeySecure unit was accessed, the date, time, and by which First Responder.

How does a resident sign-up and order a Knox HomeBox for their home?

If you are interested in participating in this program, the Knox HomeBoxes **can only be ordered online** at www.knoxhomebox.com from the Knox-Box Company or call (855) 438-5669. Costs range from \$159.00 to \$174.00 depending on the selected style. The website further explains the system, provides box color options, styles, and has a frequently-asked-questions section.

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