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Photo courtesy of Sandy Pommerening

Elm Grove resident and Special Olympian Doug Pommerening (far left, as Yoda) and his "Dougie's Dunkers" team members: **John Rownd, Tiana Rownd, Kent Brodie, Nick Wolff, Jennifer Wolff, Dan Barmanjke, Peter, and Colin O'Brien** pose in their Star Wars-themed costumes before jumping into the icy water at the Milwaukee Zoo as part of this year's POLAR PLUNGE — "freezing for a reason" on February 15 in support of Special Olympics Wisconsin. The team raised nearly \$15,000. To donate, send a check (payable to Special Olympics) to: S. Pommerening, 12845 Gremoor Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122. The team "thanks all who have contributed to this worthwhile event."

Village Update

By Neil Palmer,
President – Village of Elm Grove
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Winter keeps trying to hold on but with hours of daylight increasing daily I know spring is coming. Now is a good time to plan any landscape changes you have been contemplating. Reducing the amount of turf grass lawn, reducing insecticide use and installing more native plants will bring new life to your yard. Adding native trees and plants will provide more food and shelter for birds, bees and butterflies to bring beauty to your yard.

An Open House event (on February 11 at the Elm Grove Woman's Club) to discuss the final draft of the proposed **Village Downtown Master Plan** attracted more than 120 people and generated much comment and input.

A public hearing before the Village Board will be held before the Board votes on the plan. It is important to remember that **this is a "conceptual land use plan."** The Village does not propose and develop specific projects. The point of the conceptual effort is to illustrate what is conceptually possible under current zoning, describe and evaluate issues and challenges and provide some economic evaluation of development.

About 30% of eligible Village voters turned out for the **primary election** (on February 18) even though we only had two races on the ballot. We can all expect a much bigger turnout for the April 7 election when there will be many more races on the ballot.

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Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

Status of Elm Grove's 'Downtown Master Plan'

The 'Downtown Master Plan' is essentially a 97-page example not of what will definitely be done — but, as a conceptual plan, of what could possibly be done. You can access the revised Final Draft Plan at www.elmgrovetwi.org.

A statement currently posted to the Village of Elm Grove's website explains it this way: "The Village is currently conducting a Downtown Master Planning effort in order to develop a framework for potential future public and private investment in the downtown area. **Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH)** has been selected to collaboratively work with the Village staff, elected officials and residents in order to identify strategies to enhance downtown by building upon the community's existing character and tradition, with a focus on improving residents' quality of life and supporting businesses."

In past months, a series of Downtown Master Plan Public Open House events have been organized to inform / present

(See Downtown Master Plan – Page 3)



Photos courtesy of Mary Weller

American flag-raising on Iwo Jima' statue at Arlington National Cemetery.

On the 75th Anniversary of the WWII Battle of Iwo Jima: Remembering My Brother, Doug

By Mary Weller

They were boys, most of them. Some had never kissed a girl, finished high school or left their home state. They were children of the Depression. Most were 17, 18, 19. Even the "old men" hadn't reached 30.

Seventy-five years ago these boys, 70,000 of them, were sent to Iwo Jima, a small black volcanic island in the Pacific, to battle the Japanese. Even though Navy ships and fly boys had softened up the island, the Japanese were dug deep into tunnels in the rocks of Mount Suribachi. They made the Marines' assault from the beaches a hell of bloody death and destruction.

For 36 days, from February 19, 1945 to March 26, 1945, the Marines fought the Japanese, sometimes in hand-to-hand combat. Almost 7,000 American boys were killed and another 20,000 were wounded. One Marine fell every two minutes.

Twenty-seven Medals of Honor were awarded for action on Iwo Jima, more than for any other battle in United States history.

Admiral Chester Nimitz said of Iwo Jima: "Uncommon valor was a common virtue." His words are carved on the base of the Iwo Jima flag raising statue at Arlington Cemetery. Based on Associated Press photographer **Joe Rosenthal's** famous shot, the statue shows five Marines and one Navy corpsman, a young man from Antigo, Wisconsin, planting Old Glory in the volcanic rocks of Mount Suribachi. Sailors on ships offshore cheered when they saw their flag flying.

One boy, enlisting at 17 with his parent's permission, penciled a letter home. It is postmarked February 26, 1945.

Dear Mom, Dad and All,

I am writing from a foxhole on Iwo Jima. We are doing okay, though, and the only guys who are worried are the nips. You'll have to excuse the writing



Doug in uniform.

but I have to keep ducking and it makes it a little hard.

At the moment I am thinking about how good one of your steak dinners would taste. We've been eating rations for the past four or five days and they get a trifle monotonous.

Two of the guys I'm with have gotten flags. I will probably get one in a while as I think we are going up front in a couple of hours.

Don't worry about me cause I know how take care of myself. OK.

This will be all for now....
Love and kisses Doug
P.S. Boy am I dirty.

The writer never made it home to have another of his Mother's steak dinners. He died at 19. His body was shipped home and buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Milwaukee.

(See IWO JIMA – Page 4)



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Village Update

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The April election will bring new terms for Village Board Trustees and reorganizing of Village Committees and Commissions and Boards. Residents who are interested in possible **public service** can obtain a volunteer form on the Village website (www.elmgrovewi.org) or by stopping at Village Hall, 13600 Juneau Blvd.

The **School Sisters of Notre Dame** announced recently that they have selected the Mandel Group Inc. as purchaser of the convent property in the Village. No specific re-development plans have been submitted. Discussion and review about re-development will be take place over many months and involve many opportunities for public comment and involvement.

The Friends of Elm Grove Library will hold their annual **used book sale** in the basement of Village Hall, March 5 – 8. This is a great fundraiser dedicated to FOEGL support of library programs.

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Police Reports

Compiled from the files of the Elm Grove, Wisconsin Police Department.

Applications are being accepted for the 2020 **Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy**. The class will meet every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for ten weeks, beginning on April 1.

Applications can be obtained in the Police Department lobby, 13600 Juneau Blvd. or by emailing **Sgt. Riley** at nriley@elmgrovewi.org. The application deadline is March 8.

For additional information, visit: www.elmgrovewi.org or call the EGPD at (262) 786-4141.

Election Results

(MADISON) With all 3,578 Precincts reporting, the February 18, 2020 Primary Election for Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justice, a non-partisan position, resulted in **Daniel Kelly** receiving 352,855 votes (50.14%); **Jill Karofsky** receiving 261,723 votes (37.19%); and **Ed Fallone** receiving 89,181 votes (12.67%).

Kelly and Karofsky will be on the ballot for the Spring Election on April 7, which will decide the winner.

(BROOKFIELD) The Primary Election on February 18 to narrow the field locally for the At-Large Elmbrook Board of Education seat resulted as follows: **Jennifer Roskopf** (3,564 votes); **Leanne Wied** (2,746 votes); and **Ghazala Sajjad** (1,036 votes).

Roskopf and Wied will now advance to the April 7 election competition.

WHO'S WHO AT VILLAGE HALL

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Downtown Master Plan (Continued from Page 2)

various options and solicit comments / opinions from those in our community regarding future downtown development, the most recent on February 11 at the Elm Grove Woman's Club.

The Committee of the Whole convened on February 27. At this meeting, the Board of Trustees discussed the public comments provided at the February 11, 2020 Public Open House and the next action steps for the Final Draft Downtown Master Plan. A Public Hearing may be held by the Village Board before consideration and possible action in March or April 2020.

While village residents, business owners, potential developers and others have, without question, varying ideas about possible future changes to our Village, **the one thing that we should all**

agree with is that the elements of clarity and accuracy in current and upcoming discussions about the Master Plan should be of the highest priority.

I was already aware of a number of recent social media postings concerning the Plan, when **Village President Neil Palmer** submitted, (in addition to his monthly *Village Update*) a series of online social media "claims" and his "responses" to those statements. These are printed in their entirety below and on Page 10. Any comments or questions about these can be directed to: npalmer@elmgrovewi.org.

Comments about the Downtown Master Plan and other issues of interest to the Elm Grove / Elmbrook / Waukesha County community can be sent as a *Letter to the Editor*. (See Guidelines – Page 10.)

Claims of and Responses to Social Media Commentary on the Draft Elm Grove Downtown Master Plan

By Neil Palmer, President - Village of Elm Grove
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CLAIM: The Board of Trustees is evaluating a "final draft" of a new master plan that calls for the construction of ten new 3-story buildings in downtown Elm Grove.

RESPONSE: The draft Master Plan **does not** "call for the construction of ten new 3-story buildings in downtown Elm Grove." The purpose of the plan effort was to illustrate what is conceptually possible under existing land zoning, with redevelopment if some parcels are combined.

CLAIM: The existing Elm Grove ordinance for PDOs (Planned Development Overlays) is designed to be applied project-by-project and set the top limit of density (how many dwelling units per acre of land). This plan uses "enhanced density" that can be allowed under the PDO ordinance and applies it in advance as a plan, effectively pre-emptively approving high-density for projects on 3 properties (Reinders, Park & Shop, Ray's, Bigsby's/Cleaners).

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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

The 1960 Wisconsin Presidential Primary

By Stephen K. Hauser

This month, various White House aspirants are making their way across Wisconsin, seeking approval from Badger state voters in hopes of a good showing in our partisan presidential primary in April. In the midst of the current campaign it is worth noting that sixty years ago Wisconsinites participated in such an exhibition match that featured two eventual party nominees who would face off in November, along with a third who would find his hopes of victory were unexpectedly dashed.

In 1960, there was great optimism in America as a new decade dawned. The Eisenhower years of the 1950s had been a time of increasing economic prosperity, rising wages and relative peace abroad, in spite of heightened tensions attending the Cold War with the Soviet Union. Americans seemed poised on the brink of great things to come. The unfolding presidential contest that spring seemed to reflect that hopeful attitude.

Republicans in that year had an easier time of it than Democrats. President **Dwight D. Eisenhower** was leaving office as a popular incumbent and his vice-president, **Richard Nixon**, was virtually unopposed for his party's presidential nomination after serving eight years as Ike's number two. While it was known that New York Governor **Nelson Rockefeller** desired the nomination for himself, there was little interest among G.O.P. regulars in an insurgent candidacy. Thus "Rocky" demurred in entering his party's spring primaries, including Wisconsin, leaving Nixon to run unopposed.

On the Democratic side, the situation was quite different. After eight years absence from the White House, several Democrats were envisaging themselves as their party's 1960 standard-bearer. Among them were Senate Majority Leader **Lyndon B. Johnson** of Texas, Sen. **Hubert H. Humphrey** of Minnesota, Sen. **Stuart Symington** of Missouri, and Sen. **John F. Kennedy** of Massachusetts.

New Hampshire's primary on March 8th was the first in the nation. There, John F. Kennedy, as Senator from the neighboring state of Massachusetts, was given a clear field by the other aspirants—almost. His only opponent in the Granite State was **Paul C. Fisher**, president of the Fisher Pen Company and inventor of the Fisher Space Pen. A few older readers may remember that in the early years of the space race NASA was looking for a ball-point pen that could write upside down in zero gravity conditions. Paul Fisher responded by creating the Fisher Space Pen. It fit NASA's specifications and was later used by U.S. astronauts as they orbited the Earth. NASA ordered cases of the pens, but Fisher sold more of them to the generation of space-obsessed school kids who, although unlikely to experience zero gravity conditions, wanted to use the same pen their astronaut heroes did. While Paul Fisher was a prominent citizen, as a presidential wannabe he was no match for the handsome and articulate Massachusetts Senator. Kennedy won the primary in a landslide with 85% of the vote to 15% for Fisher.

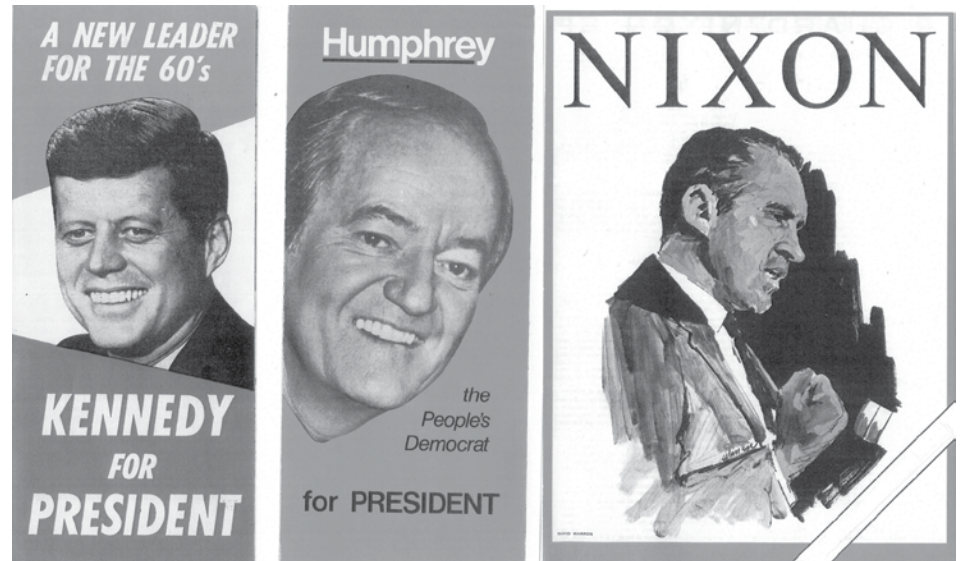
It should be noted that sixty years ago only sixteen states held presidential primaries, and several of those just offered voters the chance to cast ballots for the uninstructed delegations or for place-holder "favorite son" candidates. The remaining contests thus became important battlegrounds for those seeking their respective party's nomination.

Wisconsin in those days was the second presidential primary in the nation, held in 1960 on April 5. It was the first real opportunity for a competitor to inflict damage on the Kennedy campaign, and Minnesota Senator Hubert Humphrey believed that it was just the place where he could do it. In the western districts of the Badger State, residents got most of their television and radio news from Minneapolis stations, and many families subscribed to Minnesota newspapers. Humphrey was often described as rural Wisconsin's third U.S. senator in those areas. The son of a midwestern family of modest means, he had been born in the living quarters above a drug store where his father worked as a pharmacist. A protestant, he had much in common with the Midwest ethos of Wisconsinites. His past support of labor legislation in the Senate would further endear him to industrial workers in Milwaukee. In contrast, John F. Kennedy was the Harvard-educated son of an east coast Catholic family of millionaires who hobnobbed with movie stars and celebrities. Humphrey's backers believed that Wisconsin was not a good fit for JFK but was virtually 'home turf' for the Minnesotan.

It certainly looked that way on paper, but that was before Sen. Kennedy and his beautiful young wife, **Jackie**, showed up in the state to campaign in person. To say that Wisconsinites were star-struck by the Kennedys would not be much of an exaggeration. Wherever the Senator and his wife came to campaign curious locals crowded the streets and pressed forward to shake hands. They treated their famous visitors as celebrities, snapping photographs and requesting autographs. But when Sen. Humphrey walked the streets of Stevens Point, Fond Du Lac, or Oshkosh, he was greeted politely by voters willing to shake hands, yet without much enthusiasm. Not particularly charismatic on the stump, he often found that the turnout for his speeches was disappointingly small.

Kennedy family shock troops invading Wisconsin included his sister **Eunice** and his younger brothers **Bobby** and **Ted**, as well as actor **Peter Lawford**, a favorite with the ladies and (then) a Kennedy in-law. The Senator himself visited Waukesha twice, first in October of 1959 to address a banquet at the Avalon Hotel (now the Avalon Manor retirement community). The *Waukesha Freeman* photographed him shaking hands with voters on Broadway in the city's downtown. His second visit was the following March, shortly before the primary itself. This was part of a hectic tour of smaller Wisconsin cities. **Ralph Goldsmith**, a columnist for the *Boscobel Dial* recalled in 1992 that the small Grant County community (population in 1960: 2,608) had played host to JFK and Jackie during the same tour. He recalled their stops at the Hotel Boscobel and at Meller's drug store. The Kennedy campaign was leaving no stone unturned in the effort to carry the Badger state. The conventional wisdom had been that Wisconsin was Humphrey's to lose, but the Kennedy charm had begun to change minds.

Kennedy's attention to detail in traversing the state paid off. On April 5, he carried six of ten congressional districts, beating Humphrey with 476,024 votes to 366,753 for the Minnesota Solon. In the end, the latter's record on labor issues and civil rights didn't matter much to voters. Unopposed on the G.O.P. side of the



Images courtesy of Stephen K. Hauser

1960 campaign pamphlets for the three contenders in Wisconsin's April presidential preference primary.

ballot, Richard Nixon captured 339,383 ballots. In Waukesha County, Kennedy collected 16,996 votes to 12,107 for Humphrey in the Democratic race while Nixon received 15,452 on the Republican side of the ballot. (Prior to 1968, write-in votes were not allowed in Wisconsin presidential primaries, eliminating any possibility that **Nelson Rockefeller** would embarrass Nixon with write-in ballots. This squelched any drama which could have potentially developed in the G.O.P. race, keeping the spotlight solely on the two Democratic Party contenders.)

The results in Wisconsin brought John F. Kennedy closer to the Democratic Party

nomination, but did not knock Humphrey out of the race. That would occur on May 10 in West Virginia, another state supposedly tailor-made for a Humphrey victory. There, spurred on by the momentum he had gained in Wisconsin, Kennedy trounced Humphrey with 61% to 39% of the vote, effectively dooming Humphrey's chances for the nomination. Still, Wisconsin could lay claim to a major role in setting up the final contest in November and, by extension, in electing John F. Kennedy as the 35th President of the United States.

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

Iwo Jima (Continued from Page 2)

Iwo Jima provided an emergency landing site for more than 2,200 B-29 bombers and 24,000 airmen on the final assault on Japan, finally ending World War II. It saved many lives.

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by **Greg Gabriel**, a former Wauwatosa East High School teacher and colleague of Mary Weller. Gabriel served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II and later retired to Lena, Wisconsin.

We returned to Iwo for the third or fourth time, but ... they were still fighting on the north end of the island. We anchored just to the NE of Mt. Suribachi, a hundred yards off the beaches where the 5th Marine Div. went in. By now the Marines had constructed a military cemetery on the slopes just above the beaches. Not hundreds, but thousands of white crosses and an occasional Star of David stood out sharply in precise rows against the grey-black sand....

Each evening at sunset they would lower the flag on the Mt. to half-mast and a bugler near the cemetery would play taps. He played it clear and very

slow, permitting each note to echo off the Mt. and at times there was a double echo. Maybe it was partly the desolation of the setting or partly because of the number of crosses but I think it was that echo that made it so special.

I don't think taps has ever been played anywhere with more meaning.

Sailors on all the ships stood with heads bowed and I remember that no one wanted to be the first to move after the last note.

I may have stood in silent respect to your brother. If not, well, I would have been proud to do so. I know what they did on that island.

Carved on a rock outside Iwo Jima's temporary cemetery where thousands of American boys were initially buried are these words:

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Calendar of Events for March 2020

Tuesday – MARCH 3

- *Elm Grove Woman's Club**
Meeting: 11 a.m. (social); 11:30 a.m. (business); followed by lunch & program. www.egwc.org.
- *Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Thursday – MARCH 5

- *Elmbrook Garden Club**
Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ the Brookfield Public Library; Topic: "Preparing Your Vegetable Gardens", presented by Christine Kuhn, Executive Director, Victory Garden Initiative. FREE & open to the public.
- *Friends of the Elm Grove Library**
Used Book Preview Sale — Open to FOEGL members: 6 to 9 p.m. (See AD – Page 8)

Friday – MARCH 6

- *Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- *Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center. Speaker: Richard Patt, Agrarian (farm) landscape artist, discusses his retirement career based in Elm Grove and displayed in Ephraim. (See AD – Page 3)
- *Friends of the Elm Grove Library**
Used Book Sale: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (See AD – Page 8)

Saturday – MARCH 7

- *Friends of the Elm Grove Library**
Used Book Sale: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (See AD – Page 8)

Sunday – MARCH 8

- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**
Turn clocks ahead 1 hour
- *Friends of the Elm Grove Library**
Used Book Sale: Noon to 4 p.m. (See AD – Page 8)

Tuesday – MARCH 10

- *School District of Elmbrook**
Board of Education meeting: 6 p.m. www.elmbrookschools.org.

Wednesday – MARCH 11

- *American Association of University Women / West Suburban – Milwaukee Branch.** Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ Sunset Playhouse; Program: "Women in Theater 2020, presented by Suzan Fete, Artistic Director, Renaissance Theaterworks. (414) 476-6919.

Friday – MARCH 13

- *Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- *Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center. Speaker: Jill Lipovsek, Postmaster of Elm Grove, discusses Elm Grove postal support offerings. (See AD – Page 3)

Monday – MARCH 16

- *Elmbrook Historical Society**
Lecture: 7 p.m. at the Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield. Topic: "Fun with Flags". Historian and collector Tom Staats will talk about the history of the U.S. flag and display part of his extensive collection of flags. FREE and Open to the Public. <http://www.elmbrookhistoricalsociety.org>

Tuesday – MARCH 17

- ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- *Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Thursday – MARCH 19

- FIRST DAY OF SPRING!**
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- *Elm Grove Green Team**
Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ Elm Grove Public Library. Community Members welcome! Questions? E-mail Deb B. @ info@waukeshacountygreenteam.org.

Friday – MARCH 20

- *Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- *Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center. Speaker: Barry Wightman, Wisconsin Writers Association, talks about "What people are reading today, and what is new". (See AD – Page 3)

Monday – MARCH 23

- *Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting: 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room. Open to the Public. Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org. Access Live Stream feed: <https://elmgrovewi.org/656/live-stream>

Tuesday – MARCH 24

- *School District of Elmbrook**
Board of Education meeting: 6 p.m. www.elmbrookschools.org. (262) 781-3030.

Friday – MARCH 27

- *Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- *Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center. Speaker: Mary Inden, Home Staging Consultant, gives insightful suggestions for the sale of your home without making price concessions. (See AD – Page 3)

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March 25 – Newsletter Assembly 10am
March 28 – Auxiliary Lunch 11:30am/Vendor Sale 9:00am-3:00pm
April 5 – Blood Drive – 1:30pm-6:00pm

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS!

Clubs & Organizations

Variety — the Children's Charity of Wisconsin Celebrates 85 Years of Helping Children in Need

By Dua Vang-Ramirez

Variety — the Children's Charity of Wisconsin, a nonprofit organization located in Elm Grove, is celebrating its 85th Anniversary this March!

Variety's mission is to enrich the lives of children with physical or developmental special needs and their families. It delivers life-changing services, providing funding for mobility and other enabling equipment to help children gain mobility, confidence, independence and access to their community. Variety puts smiles on faces and joy in hearts by sponsoring year-round activities, events, and programs to support social inclusion.

Variety of Wisconsin has a long rich history and began its remarkable journey in 1935. Over the years, Variety has continuously evolved, making sure to fill the unmet needs of its community. The focus changed over the years as the needs of the community changed, but one thing has remained constant—its commitment to helping children.

Some of Variety's earliest efforts included providing milk for orphaned and premature babies and purchasing equipment for schools for disadvantaged children. In the early 1950's, Variety established the Variety Heart Clinic at the Milwaukee County Emergency Hospital to focus attention on cardiac research, diagnosis and treatment. It later went on to establish the Variety Club Epilepsy and Neurological Center at Mount Sinai in Milwaukee. Over the next couple of decades, Variety continued to deliver life-



changing help. It established the Variety Limb Bank to help children get prosthetics and battle spina bifida, developed a child/adolescent therapy service at St. Mary's Hill Hospital to provide rehabilitation programs, counseling and other inpatient and outpatient treatments for victims of child abuse, and provided funding for home health aides services to pediatric home hospice patients.

Since its humble beginnings, Variety of Wisconsin has impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of children and families.

Elm Grove resident **Nancy Mohr**, a former board member and supporter of more than 30 years, says, "I love being a part of Variety because the organization is constantly looking for new and better ways of giving families what they need and are looking for. Variety improves children's quality of life and gives them opportunities that they otherwise might not get. Variety fills unmet needs."

Throughout the year, Variety will continue to celebrate its 85th Anniversary and host multiple events to raise funds for children in need. To learn more about Variety of Wisconsin or to help, visit www.varietywi.org or call 262-777-2090.



Photo courtesy of Carolyn Korona

Re-enactor **Terry Kutz** (portraying **Benjamin Franklin**) chats with **Pastor Kris Androsky** during an OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors) meeting at the Elm Grove Community United Methodist Church on February 20. The program highlighted some of "Franklin's Inventions."

Outside Independence Hall when the Constitutional Convention of 1787 ended, Mrs. Powel of Philadelphia asked Benjamin Franklin, "Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?"

Franklin responded, "A republic, if you can keep it."

(As recorded by Constitution signer James McHenry in a diary entry.)



Photo courtesy of John Kuenzle

Some of the attendees at Scout Troop 156's 50th Anniversary celebration: (Back row, left to right) **M. Ehlinger, P. Merz, K. Patten, C. Andersen, N. Erwin, R. King, A. Brandau, D. Brandau, R. Andersen, P. Epple, S. Vincent, D. Epple.** (Front row, left to right) **M. King, C. Vincent, A. Sykora, A. Vincent, V. Turner.**

Scout Troop 156 Marks 50th Anniversary

By John Kuenzle

On February 11, local Scout Troop 156 celebrated its 50th anniversary during a gathering at Pilgrim Park Middle School. Founded in 1969 at the "new" Tonawanda Grade school in Elm Grove, Troop 156 has enriched the lives of countless area boys and the community at large. Among those attending the event were prior Scoutmasters **Jim Murray** and **Otto Metz**.

As the current Scoutmaster, I am rightfully proud to say that Troop 156 has produced 95 Eagle Scouts with more approaching this prestigious honor. It is also important to mention that scouting has opened a new door and this Troop is very proud to celebrate the 1-year anniversary of our Girls' Troop. **Rob King**, its first Scoutmaster, is leading the same mission to teach the scout oath and law to a new generation of very spirited and energetic scouts. Now scouting is truly a family affair.

Our Troop has upheld the ideals of scouting for five decades now, centered around building character and focused on leadership development for our youth. I am incredibly honored to serve as Scoutmaster for this Troop. I stand on the shoulders of fourteen others who have held this great honor before me, whose dedication and sacrifice has helped to make this Troop so successful over the last 50 years. Besides Scoutmasters, there are many others who fill the important roles of Committee Chair, Fundraising Coordinator, Treasurer,

Eagle Coordinator, and Merit Badge Counselors. Hundreds have given of their time and talents to help us flourish and fulfill our mission.

Scout Troop 156 develops the skills and attitudes required of good and useful citizens, preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime and instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Scouts are trained in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of physical and outdoor activities, educational and skills development programs.

There is also an important relationship between Troop 156 and our community through the service work that scouts have provided to local groups such as Pilgrim Park Middle School, Elmbrook Historical Society, Children's Hospital, and the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital. Besides this, each of our 95 Eagle Scouts has completed a wide range of Eagle Scout projects which are designed to help community groups and develop leadership skills.

Troop 156 welcomed former members, family and friends, leaders, and supporters, to their 50th Anniversary, 1-Year Anniversary, and Court of Honor.

For more information about Troop 156, visit: <https://www.pactroop156.org/>

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News Briefs



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy students (Left to right): **Mishaal Omer, Ziyan Wu, Serena Suson, Emmalyn Bergman, Leah Johnson, and Ruthie Yu.**

Brookfield Academy Students Win Scholastic Writing Awards

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy is proud to announce that six Upper School students are regional award recipients of the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The following students earned more than 20 writing awards in a variety of categories:

- *Emmalyn Bergman**
Gold Key (Short Story)
- *Leah Johnson**
Five Gold Keys (Poetry)
Two Silver Keys (Poetry)
Honorable Mention (Memoir)
- *Mishaal Omer**
Gold Key, Silver Key (Poetry)
- *Serena Suson**
Three Gold Keys
(Script, Poetry, Memoir)
Two Silver Keys (Short Story, Poetry)
Honorable Mention (Poetry)

***Ziyan Wu**
Gold Key (Memoir)

***Ruthie Yu**
Gold Key (Flash Fiction)
Two Silver Keys (Science Fiction/
Fantasy, Short Story)

All six Brookfield Academy students who earned a Gold Key will compete for Gold Medals at the national level. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards program is considered the country's most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12. The regional awards ceremony will be held Saturday, May 9, 1 pm, at University of Wisconsin - Parkside in Kenosha, WI. National Gold Medalists will be announced in March and honored at a ceremony in New York City in June.

News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures



Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Humane Society

Becky

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Anita Alfaro

Becky is single and ready to mingle! No, really — this girl loves attention, is outgoing and will make her presence known! She really enjoys napping in cozy beds and food...she loves her food! 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.



Photos courtesy of the School District of Elmbrook

Elmbrook students **Bridget Berens** (at left) and **Riley Feng**.

Elmbrook Students Win Herb Kohl Scholarships

(BROOKFIELD) Two Elmbrook students, Brookfield East High School senior **Bridget Berens** and Brookfield Central senior **Riley Feng**, were awarded Excellence Scholarships on behalf of the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation. Excellence Scholarship recipients have demonstrated excellence in the academic arena and high motivation to achieve, have displayed a broad range of activity and leadership outside the academic setting, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and life. Each

student will receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the Foundation.

"The Herb Kohl Foundation has generously supported education throughout Wisconsin for many years," said Superintendent **Mark Hansen**. "Congratulations to Bridget and Riley for being named recipients of this prestigious award."

Elmbrook recipients will be honored with other CESA 1 recipients at a luncheon on May 9.



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World Water Day Event to be Held

Event will demonstrate the impact of water projects in Latin America

(ELM GROVE) Global Partners: Running Waters will hold its first fundraising event on Sunday, March 22, in conjunction with World Water Day.

Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993, World Water Day is an annual event that brings attention to the need for fresh water throughout the world and advocates for the sustainable management of fresh water resources. Preserving fresh water is critical as communities worldwide face water shortages due to climate change, conflict, poor management and increasing demand. Water is a human right, and no one should be denied access.

Global Partners: Running Waters (GPRW) was established in 2003 by **Sister Jan Gregorcich** of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) and SSND Associate **Dianne Henke** in response to the scarcity of clean water in indigenous communities in rural Guatemala. Their first project was providing clean water to Xebaj, a village in the rural indigenous area of Quiché, Guatemala. Since this project's completion, GPRW has gone on to complete more than 148 projects, impacting the lives of over 310,000 people.

Today, GPRW's mission is to build and maintain intercultural relationships through collaborative partnerships benefitting rural and urban communities in Latin America. This is accomplished by:

- Working with community members and GPRW partners to initiate and

complete water, food, education and health projects.

- Sharing financial, cultural and spiritual resources.
- Empowering Latin American women to use their gifts to improve their lives and the lives of their families.
- Fostering dialogue about the importance of helping all people meet their basic needs.
- Providing opportunities to experience the realities faced by those in Latin America.

GPRW's World Water Day event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Urban Ecology Center at Riverside Park, 1500 E. Park Place, Milwaukee. The event will feature Latin American cuisine, a marketplace, special speakers, a silent auction and children's activities.

Tickets are \$35 for adults; \$10 for high school and college students; free for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available for purchase at <https://secure.givelively.org/event/global-partners-running-waters-inc/2020-world-water-day-celebration-and-fundraiser>. **All proceeds will benefit future GPRW projects in Latin America.**

For more information about the event, contact **Dr. Jason Meyler** or **Elizabeth Mueller** at info@gprwaters.org or visit <https://globalpartnersrunningwaters.org/world-water-day-celebration-and-fundraiser/>.

Read All About It!



Upcoming Programs at the Library

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Understanding Medicare / Thursday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.

If you're approaching Medicare eligibility, or are currently an enrollee who wants to understand your benefits, you will soon realize the complexities that come with the Medicare program. Receive unbiased answers to your questions from Tracy Lipinski, a Medicare Outreach Specialist, in conjunction with the Waukesha County ADCRC. It's free to attend, and no registration is required. The program covers:

- Overview of Medicare Part A, B, C, and D coverage as well as Medicare Supplements
- Delaying Medicare Enrollment
- Enrollment and Eligibility Deadlines
- Qualifying for Extra Help to pay for Prescription Drug Costs
- Wisconsin SeniorCare drug program

The Discovery of Magic

Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.

Magician and storyteller William Pack cracks open the magic history scrapbooks to reveal a secret world of colorful characters, amusing adventures, and arcane knowledge. MEET astonishing magicians who made the impossible possible. EXPLORE incredible behind-the-scenes stories you will never forget. WONDER at recreations of the baffling magic tricks behind the stories. Don't miss this one-night only performance (with magic tricks) from one of the best presenters around. Free to attend. No registration required.



10 Mistakes I Made in My Vegetable Garden So You Don't Have To

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. If you're not getting real results from your garden, then gardening isn't as rewarding as it could be. Megan Cain will share the top 10 mistakes she's made in her (and others') gardens so you can avoid them in your own and have more fun and success each season. Free to attend. No registration required.

About the speaker: Megan Cain is the founder of The Creative Vegetable Gardener and the Flavorful Life Garden Club, and author of the books, *Super Easy Food Preserving* and *Smart Start Garden Planner*. Her blog was nominated by *Better Homes and Gardens* as one of the Top 10 Garden Blogs of 2016.



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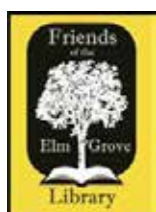


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Young Writers & Cub Reporters

“I AM...”

by St. Mary’s Visitation – 4th Graders

I am good at sports
I like to eat tacos
I wonder about the Romans
I am as quick as a racecar
I try to be good at football
I hope to be in the NFL
I dream about winning a Super Bowl
I am Vincent!

I am patient
I like going to gymnastics
I wonder what it would be like to live in the past
I am as friendly as a teddy bear
I try to be kind throughout the day
I hope everyone gets treated equally
I dream about having more siblings
I am Grace!

I am a goof
I like sports, especially football and basketball
I wonder where heaven is and what it is like
I am as funny as a clown
I try to be good at sports
I hope the Packers win the Super Bowl
I dream about dark rooms and orangutans
I am Jacob

I am patient
I like playing guitar
I wonder how to play the clarinet
I am as smart as a scientist
I try to be the best me I can be
I hope to get a new acoustic guitar
I dream to be a rock star
I am Owen

I am funny
I like Old World Wisconsin
I wonder how bread rises
I am as loud as a barking dog
I try to be kind every day
I hope that I get really tall
I dream of a world of candy and sweets
I am Mariel

I am silly
I like tree climbing
I wonder who made emojis
I am silly as a pig in mud
I try to be a good friend
I hope to go to heaven
I dream about making a jet pack
I am Jim

I Almost Caught the Leprechaun!

By Cole Fuchs
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Thump thump. I sit up in bed gripping the string to my trap. Thump Thump. “There it is again” I thought. My palms are sweating, my heart is thumping, I’m gonna catch the Leprechaun! I wait patiently and quietly, waiting for him to take the bait. I see the door open a crack. A little hat peeks through. I pretend to be sleeping. I crack open one eye. IT’S THE LEPRECHAUN! I grip the string even tighter. HE’S IN THE TRAP! I let go... the door closes... I see him running out the door. “OH COME ON!” I SCREAM.

My parents wake up.
“What happened?” they asked.
I told them the story. They looked surprised.
“That stinks!” My dad said.
“I know,” I replied.
And that’s the story of when I almost caught the LEPRECHAUN!

Tonawanda Musical

By Alice Knachel
4th Grade – Tonawanda

Here at Tonawanda, we are putting on a musical. The fourth and fifth graders who are in chorus are a part of it. This performance is called *The Most Epic Birthday Party Ever*. It is about a girl named Skyler and how her twelfth birthday didn’t go how she planned. But everything turns out better than she had ever hoped. There are fun scenes, songs, and roles. It is very entertaining and we have had a lot of fun making the script come to life. We hope you enjoy it!

Lucky Leprechaun

By Emery Paschke
4th Grade -Tonawanda

St. Patrick’s Day was finally here! I ran down the stairs and shouted, “Did we catch him? Did we catch him!?” I cried. “I don’t know!” cried my sister. I slowly open the box to find the leprechaun my dad caught in Ireland. I sigh no. “Not this year” I say. “Maybe next year” my mom says. I sighed, I really wished that we had caught a leprechaun this year, but we will always have another chance next year.

Suddenly, I hear a noise upstairs. I run up the steps to see underwear on my fan! Then I hear another noise downstairs. I ran into the bathroom and there’s green stuff in the toilet. Then another noise downstairs - I ran down and opened the fridge. And the milk is green! “My gosh the leprechaun was here!” I shout! “At least the leprechaun had a little fun” I say smiling. My sister also smiles, “Yeah!” she cries. My mom smiled. “I knew you guys would have a fun Saint Patrick’s Day because the leprechaun always makes it fun.” I smile. It always felt good to be with my family on Saint Patrick’s Day!

Spring

By Olivia Webb
4th Grade- Tonawanda

I wake up to the smell of muffins. I run downstairs and my mother greets me and hands me a blueberry muffin, fresh from the oven. I open the door and hear the birds chirping all around. The grass is green, and the wind is blowing in my face. I put on my light jacket, for it is warm. My mother said, “Haily, don’t be long!” I nod back to her. I picked a strawberry. It was sweeter than ever. Spring! I knew it was coming.

Spring time!

By Isa Kolbe
4th Grade – Tonawanda

Spring fun
Peaceful
Relatives come
Ice cream
New clothes for spring
Grow fruit and vegetables

March

By Elise Talatzko
4th Grade – Tonawanda

Magnificently warmer!
Agent leprechaun is coming soon!
Rain helps wake up the flowers,
Carelessly rolling in the green grass.
Hanging up the coat until next year.

The Play

By Niamh Mayne
4th grade - Tonawanda

I gulp at the sight of the audience sitting, *watching*. “Article 2 section 4...” Alice steadily says her lines like it is nothing. “Left, left, left right left...” Jianna and the rest of the soldiers march behind me. Suddenly a bolt of confidence bolts through me. I bolt out my line nice and loud. The audience laughs, and I smile. My lips just start moving as the words spill out, Alice and I shout out our duet. It feels like someone is pulling it out of me. We briskly walk off the stage. I smile. I am very glad.

Interview with Ava Lammers

By Ella Sullivan
4th grade - Tonawanda

Ella: “What do you like to do in March?”
Ava: “I like to watch the Irish dancers at school.”
Ella: “What do you celebrate in March?”
Ava: “St. Patrick’s Day”
Ella: “Do you like any other school activities during March?”
Ava: “I am excited for spring break!!!”
Ella: “Are you going anywhere for spring break?”
Ava: “I am going to Tennessee.”
Ella: “Have you been to Tennessee before?”
Ava “No.”
Ella: “O.K., have a good March!”
Ava: “Thank you!”

Fun Events at Tonawanda

By Anna, 5th grade -Tonawanda

It’s an exciting time of year. Students are thrilled with the upcoming exciting events. I went around my classroom and asked one question: What is an exciting thing going on at school?

Evie is excited to attend the Elmbrook Strings Festival and play her violin. She is also ready to skate around at Skateland on Valentine’s Day.

Fiona is excited to experience the fun prep for the school musical, *The Most Epic Birthday Party Ever*. She also is excited to have so much fun in gym class during Jump Rope for Heart.

Lily is excited for Genius Hour, where she and her friend have decided to do a fundraiser for ASPCA, an organization that helps abused pets.

Landry can’t wait for the snowshoeing unit in gym class.

Luke is excited for the class’s Valentine’s Day party.

Eleanor and **Macey** can’t wait to travel back in time and live like the colonists did on Colonial Day.

Julia is excited for the debate unit in reading class.

Thanks to Evie, Fiona, Lily, Landry, Luke, Eleanor, Macey, and Julia for letting me interview them. Here at Tonawanda we always have fun!

March FLAVOR OF THE DAY

1 Salted Double Caramel Pecan	17 Mint Chip
2 Chocolate Caramel Twist	18 Peanut Butter Cookie Dough
3 Brownie Thunder	19 Oreo Cheesecake
4 Raspberry Cheesecake	20 Chocolate Heath Crunch
5 Cappuccino Cookie Crumble	21 Devil’s Food Cake
6 Really Reese’s	22 Turtle
7 Mint Oreo	23 Oreo Overload
8 Turtle Dove	24 Dark Chocolate Decadence
9 Caramel Pecan	25 Cream Lemon Crumble
10 Chocolate Oreo Volcano	26 Caramel Turtle
11 Caramel Fudge Cookie Dough	27 Blackberry Cobbler
12 Butter Pecan	28 Midnight Toffee
13 Peanut Butter Cup	29 Chocolate Covered Strawberry
14 Creamy Lemon Crumble	30 Mint Explosion
15 Salted Double Caramel Pecan	31 Dulce de Leche Cheesecake
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Estate Planning: Choosing Your Representatives

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

Choosing someone to be your financial power of attorney, personal representative, or the successor trustee for your trust is one of the most difficult aspects of estate planning. Often you end up choosing the same person for each role.

Other times there might not be a good choice and a trust company is most appropriate. These are highly personal decisions and there is no right or wrong way to go about it. There are, however, some qualities that you should keep in mind:

Integrity: These should be people in whom you have complete trust and confidence as they will have access to your finances, and control over your assets after your death.

Experience: While they do not have to be experts themselves, some solid financial experience is necessary. Your agents will be making significant financial decisions for you or your beneficiaries. Also, they have to have the experience to know when and how to hire the right professionals, such as

accountants, attorneys or realtors.

Impartiality: If possible, choose someone who will be viewed by family or beneficiaries as impartial and fair. This will help if disagreements arise and the person you name has to step in to settle the matter. Depending on family dynamics, your best choice may be a trusted friend, or an outside person or entity, to act in this role to maintain impartiality.

Patience: The agents you name will have to act during some of the most stressful times in your family's life. Because they are in a position of authority, your agent may become the most obvious target when emotions run high. Consider naming someone who understands this and can remain calm.

After choosing someone for each role, you should also try to designate a successor to serve in the place of your first choice if your first choice is unavailable for one reason or another.

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Greetings / Messages

Alles gute zum Geburtstag!
Happy Birthday!

March 30th
to

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Welcome to Elm Grove!
Mary & John

from your Watertown Plank Road
(next door) neighbors, Amy & George.

Congratulations to our daughter

CLAIRE

For achieving a 4.0 (1st semester) GPA
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MOM & DAD



Downtown Master Plan (Continued from Page 3)

RESPONSE: No, illustrating what the existing code maximum allows for a given parcel is not a pre-emptive approval. It is honest and transparent representation. If the draft plan had used base zoning without the possible "enhanced density" there would have been legitimate complaints.

CLAIM: If approved, the result of this plan will likely be the rapid village approval of multiple PDO proposals, including enhanced density exceeding the numbers proposed in the master plan.

CLAIM: The plan does not include any of the following:

- (1) Statement in favor of owner-occupied housing (condos).

RESPONSE: Proposed multi-family housing stock (owner occupied vs. non-owner occupied) is market driven and will be analyzed for the appropriate balance of existing housing stock within the Village at the time of a development proposal. It is important to remember that condominium organized multi-family housing can be converted to apartments and vis-versa. There are a variety of market and planning reasons that multi-family or either ownership structure can be an important part of a community housing mix.

- (2) Credible traffic analysis including impact of many units close to the railroad crossing.

RESPONSE: The Downtown Master Plan is *conceptual in nature*, any proposed (re)development is required by village ordinance §335-88D(1)(h) Site Plan and Building Plan Approval and §335-30G(2)(b)[2][d] Detailed site plan for the entire PDO District, to provide a current Traffic Impact Analysis. Meaning, we don't conduct traffic analysis, which are complex and expensive on hypotheticals, studies are conducted based upon a specific proposed use and occupancy numbers.

- (3) Alternative planning for anything less than the "enhanced density" allowed under PDO ordinance on all subject properties.

RESPONSE: The Plan is conceptual, therefore any property identified as multi-family residential could consider potential densities with or without employment of Enhanced Density as currently allowed for in §335-30 PDO Ordinance. The current plan is based on current allowed base zoning densities.

- (4) Specification limiting the use of TIF funding and requiring public benefit beyond the minimum.

RESPONSE: During the 2016 Reinders/Wangard development proposal process, a recommendation was provided to the Board of Trustees (by the Reinders/Wangard Ad Hoc Committee) regarding what the Village should allow as TIF expenditures. It was determined that Tax Incremental Financing should not be employed unless there is significant public benefit:

- Expansion of Municipal Water.
- Hazardous Soils Remediation (if necessary).
- Soil Stabilization (geo-pylons) if necessary.
- Public Road Re-alignments (if necessary).
- Street-Scaping.
- Public Underground Parking.

Consensus of the committee was that if there is public benefit, TIF would be appropriate. The Village has participated in past development through TIF financing under strict terms. The downtown flood control project, and the Heritage Senior Living facility are both projects which qualified for some TIF funding.

- (5) Required to phase in development carefully over time with ongoing analysis.

RESPONSE: *Development proposals are considered on a case-by-case basis. Private property owners cannot be prevented from filing application for (re) development as it is their right to do so and to request the timing allowed in the existing Village code. Landowners have rights to use their land. If the Village wants to limit those rights, we would have to consider new regulations to establish limits or a moratorium, none of which may be allowed under state or federal law.

- (6) Requirement that development meet premium quality standards and include larger unit sizes (1,800 sq./ft+).

RESPONSE: Elm Grove has long upheld a "premium quality standard" on developments within the Village. §335-30F(3)(a) outlines the design and building material criteria that must be met in order for Enhanced Density to be awarded:

"If, notwithstanding dimensional differentials, a proposed project uniformly contains exterior and interior materials, design details, workmanship and features of an exceptionally high quality, comparable to the highest quality tier of the Village's then current housing stock or its best commercial office structure, an "enhanced density" for residential units may be recommended by the Plan Commission and may be granted as part of the original PDO District approval process."

*A more balanced plan will address the above points and remove the pre-approved 3-story heights and apartment density totals, while promoting development that is premium, considered one proposal at a time, and done in line with the charming and small-town feel of Elm Grove. Residents are not opposed to "all change" but are opposed to developer advocacy presented as planning.

RESPONSE: There are no "pre-approved" 3-story heights or density totals. As a matter of fact, the proposed Master Plan does not pre-approve anything. The draft Master Plan is a conceptual land use representation based on the existing Village code. The purpose is to illustrate possible future land use were land parcels clear and some combined.

Specific project proposals are made by landowners and developers, not the Village. The job of the Village code and the various review commission, board and committee reviews is to evaluate submitted compliance with the code and secure high-quality development and to minimize potential impacts of development. The Village Board makes every effort to balance the sometimes competing interests of landowners, neighbors, businesses and all Village residents.

News Briefs



Photo by Kaylee Metz

Local students concentrate on their game moves during the 2020 Spartan Chess Open.

2020 Spartan Chess Open Held at Brookfield East

(BROOKFIELD) On Saturday, February 1, 107 students from 31 schools around the Brookfield area gathered to participate in the 2020 Spartan Chess Open at Brookfield East High School.

The inclusive event allows scholastic players to compete in three different divisions: K-5, K-8, and K-12.

“When we started the Spartan Chess Team three years ago, our top charge was to bring students together in a common interest and the Spartan Open has been an opportunity to expand that mission

to a district level,” said Spartan Open Coordinator and BEHS Chess Team Advisor, **D.J. Richlen**. “We are very blessed with many, many talented chess players in our district.”

The three division champions were Burleigh Elementary in the K-5 division, Wauwatosa Whitman Middle School in the K-8 division, and Brookfield East High School in the K-12 division. At the event, all Elmbrook elementary students were also invited to compete in The Elmbrook Cup, a traveling trophy awarded to the top-performing Elmbrook elementary

school. This year, Burleigh Elementary defended and retained The Elmbrook Cup at the competition with scoring players: **Tarunsukirtha Selvakumar, Thomas Kennedy, Sean Neylon, Avinash Muthupandiyam** and **Ananya Asokan**.

The event included free face-painting by BEHS Drama Makeup Artist **Sofia Grimault**, free game analysis by WHMS student **Gauri Menon**, and a life-size chess board for kids sponsored by NJP Construction.

PPMS Forensics Team Begins Winning Season

(BROOKFIELD) Pilgrim Park Middle School sent 90 forensics speakers to the John Long Middle School Forensics Meet on Friday, February 14, where medals were awarded for the top two rounds in each of the performance categories. Top medal award winners for the PPMS team were as follows:

1st Place Medals:

- *8th grader **John Tsagalis**: Humorous Solo Acting
- *8th grader **Suraksaha Kodgi**: Infomercial
- *8th grader **Zaynab Iqbal**: Informative Speaking
- *6th grader **Callum Mayne**: Moments in History
- *7th grader **Kyra Auchampach**: Moments in History
- *8th graders **Ben Saudek & Angelo Rosa**: News Reporting
- *6th grader **Jake Zheng**: Persuasive Speaking
- *6th grader **Ethan Zhang**: Serious Solo

2nd Place Medals:

- *8th graders **Sam Schroeder & Sophia Kolp**: Group Acting
- *8th grader **Ashley Bongard**: Infomercial
- *7th grader **Noah Ren**: Impromptu speaking
- *8th grader **Zengtao Xing**: Persuasive speaking
- *8th grader **Joshitha Senthil**: Persuasive speaking

3rd Place Medals:

- *8th graders **Jacklyn Warbler & Lari Kons** — Group Acting
- *7th graders **Vi Diderrich & Weston Vanlue** — Infomercial

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Shop Smart And Plan Your Meals!

Did you know that over 40% of the food we grow in the U.S. ends up in a landfill? Part of that loss comes from our refrigerators. This week, plan your meals, use grocery lists, and avoid impulse buying. You'll be less likely to buy things you don't need and might not actually consume. Buy only items you have a plan for and wait until your other perishables are gone!

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