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Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI

Joyce Bevans Becker (second from left) is presented with a Gold Star Mother banner by American Legion Post 449 Commander Mike Daigle (at far left), Auxiliary President Kathy McCarthy (with microphone), and Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Adjutant/Chaplain Brad Catura and SAL Vice Commander John Mahoney (holding banner).

Gold Star Mother Honored by American Legion Post 449

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain,elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

decades past, many decidedly patriotic. Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., the crowd that fills the bar area at American Her name is Joyce Bevens Becker and she Legion Post 449, and those enjoying the seems to delight in her time "entertaining weekly Fish Fry in an adjoining room, are the troops". entertained by a lady who plays the piano On September 23 an extraordinarily and sings... unique renditions of tunes, some current, others "golden oldies" from large throng slowly gathered around her.

Then, just as she completed the final bars of her last song for the evening, family members, friends and Legion members rose to their feet to honor (and surprise) Joyce, the Post's first Gold Star Mother.

Village Update

Reinders Re-development Firm to Hold Public Open **House Event**

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

In order to more directly provide information and seek feedback from local residents about the proposed redevelopment of the Reinders property in downtown Elm Grove, Wangard Partners will hold a public Open House, on Monday, November 14 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road.

Those attending will be able to view architectural renderings, receive an update about the project's status, ask questions and express opinions / concerns.

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Gold Star Mother Honored (Cont. from page 1)

Joyce's son, Randall Harold Geis, was born on June 20, 1952, and on July 27, 1971, she became a Gold Star Mother when he was killed in action in the Binh Dinh Province of South Vietnam. Randy was a Spec 5 in the U.S. Army, part of the Armor Crew in Unit B Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Calvalry. He was just 19.

During the ceremony at Post 449, Auxiliary President Kathy McCarthy noted the history of Gold Star Mothers: "In 1918 Grace Darling Seibold organized a group consisting solely of special mothers whose sons had lost their lives in the military. The purpose was not only to comfort each other, but give loving care to hospitalized veterans confined in government hospitals far from home. In 1928, 25 mothers met in Washington D. C. to establish the national organization, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

A Presidential Proclamation

The preamble to Public Resolution 123 - 73rd Congress, approved June 23, 1936 states: "Whereas the service rendered the United States by the American mother is the greatest source of the Country's Strength and inspiration; and Whereas we honor ourselves and the mothers of America when we revere and give emphasis to the home as the fountain head of the state; and Whereas the American mother is doing so much for the home and for the moral and spiritual uplift of the people of the United States and hence so much for good government and humanity; and Whereas the American Gold Star Mothers suffered the supreme sacrifice of motherhood in the



Randall Harold Geis

loss of their sons and daughters in World Wars... the last Sunday in September shall be designated as "Gold Star Mother Day".

McCarthy continued: "Joyce, it is with much pride and love that I present to you an American Legion Auxiliary Life membership and pin, honoring you as our 1st Gold Star Mother."

Commander Mike Daigle concluded by saying "I know that you all see and hear Joyce at the post every Friday, but what you don't know (is) that whenever we have the veterans here, she is right here playing for them. Whenever we have a party Joyce is baking her famous banana bread, her great fudge and chocolate chip cookies. She is that Gold Star Mother who is constantly giving to others."

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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

The Village of Elm Grove's Inaugural Presidential Election

By Stephen K. Hauser

Elm Grove has a long history as a crossroads settlement which originated alongside the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in the 1850s. The arrival of Mother Caroline and the in 1855 and their subsequent establishment of a convent and orphanage in 1859 is well documented, as is the arrival of early area families such as the Reinders, the Reitters and the Sanders. As a legal entity, however, Elm Grove's origins are much more recent, with successful incorporation as a village in January of 1955. (A previous incorporation effort the prior year had been ruled invalid on a technicality by the courts.)

Prior to its incorporation as a village, Elm Grove was simply an internal portion of the 36 square mile Town of Brookfield. Its acreage, population, election results and other statistical information were simply lumped in with the Town's data. Therefore, it is interesting to note that the very first presidential election in which the Village of Elm Grove officially took part was in 1956, sixty years ago this month. With yet another presidential campaign this year, it might be worthwhile to examine how Elm Grove voters cast their ballots in their fledgling municipality.

In 1956, America's incumbent president was Dwight D. Eisenhower, one of the most popular men of his generation, seemingly assured of reelection. His 1952 campaign slogan, "I Like Ike", seemed more true than ever, as some of his 1956 campaign buttons had been amended to read: "I Like Ike Even Better". That August, Eisenhower had been unanimously re-nominated by Republicans at their national convention in San Francisco. The only drama at the G.O.P. gathering was a short-lived effort led by former Minnesota Governor Harold E. Stassen to replace Vice-President Richard M. Nixon as the General's running-mate with Massachusetts Governor Christian A. Herter. When delegates learned that Herter was in poor health and reluctant to make the race, the drive fizzled and Nixon again joined Ike on the ticket.

President Eisenhower's speaking style while on the stump was often convoluted and confusing. New York advertising guru Rosser Reeves, an Eisenhower supporter, described one of the General's speeches as "a disaster". Still, after four years of the Eisenhower administration, voters had warmed to Ike's speaking style, and were satisfied that their President was honest and ethical, if not exactly articulate. Add to this the fact that Eisenhower still carried a lot of credibility from his ending of the Korean War in 1953. One of his television commercials reminded voters that their sons were now watching college football games, and were not "at Heartbreak Ridge in Korea". That carried weight with moms and dads across the land.



A selection of 1956 Election campaign buttons from the collection of **Stephen K. Hauser**.

an elitist, which his supporters swore he was not. He showed some distain toward television, apparently believing that it coarsened both culture and the campaign. Whether or not this was so, it simply did no good to resist the most popular new media of the age.

A sidelight to the Democrats' August conclave was the unusual fact that Stevenson refused to designate a runningmate for '56, but threw the choice to the convention delegates instead. Massachusetts freshman Senator John F. **Kennedy**, at age 39, made clear his desire for the position, but was defeated in the balloting by Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, who had previously sought the party's presidential nod in 1952 and again in 1956. He was best known to voters for leading Senate investigations into racketeering and organized crime. His slow and deliberate speaking style added little to the ticket in the fall.

The presidential campaign that wound through the fall of 1956 looked increasingly like a replay of 1952. Indeed, the final outcome never really seemed to be in doubt. For all that has been said in more recent years about the 1950s as a gray and stagnant time of Cold War fears, it was, in reality, actually a decade wherein most Americans had hopes of upward mobility, felt optimistic about their lives and their country's future and believed that even better things lay ahead for their children. It may have been the last truly hopeful American decade, and I remember it as a rather idyllic time, much better than some of its critics have reported to later generations. Such times are usually advantageous to incumbent politicians, and President Eisenhower was no exception to the rule.

tax, calling it unfair and unjust. He also saw the expansion of federal power under the last several presidential administrations as a threat to the reserved powers promised that states by the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. His vice-presidential running mate was former California Congressman Thomas H. Werdel. Their campaign never caught the attention of most voters, but Andrews would remain active in various third party movements for the rest of his life.

The presidential election was decided that November on the issues of military preparedness, readiness to confront the Communist Soviet Union, NATO and other international alliances, inflation, federal aid to local education (remember, this was the 'Baby Boom' era) and Eisenhower's fledgling interstate highway program. Interestingly, Wisconsin's leg of the interstate system had begun earlier that same year with the construction of the I-94 overpass at Goerke's Corners near Blue Mound Road, just a few scant miles west of Elm Grove.

When Elm Grove's incorporation had been finalized in 1955, its population was estimated at 2,500. The rapid building of suburban homes, however, would quickly increase that number. According to the 1960 census, the village boasted 4,994 residents. In 1956, the population was no doubt well over 3,000.

For the 1956 election, the village was divided into two precincts, a far cry from the eight wards Elm Grove has at present. Voting was conducted at Leland School on Sunny Slope Road. When voters trooped to the polls on November 6, they cast 1,750 ballots for President Eisenhower, 244 for Governor Stevenson and 10 for Andrews. One Elm Grove voter cast a lone ballot for Darlington Hoopes, a Quaker pacifist and socialist who was a former state legislator in Pennsylvania. Obviously, village voters really liked Ike!

The Badger state's twelve electoral votes were awarded to Eisenhower, who carried Wisconsin with 954,844 votes to 586,768 for Stevenson, who carried only one of the state's (then) 71 counties (Iron). Andrew polled 6,918 votes.

Eisenhower's national total was 35,585,245, with 457 electoral votes, while Stevenson polled 26,030,172, with 73 electoral votes. Andrews received 179,335 votes. The President carried 41 states in his landslide victory, while Governor Stevenson led in 7 southern states.

The Democratic Party had held their nominating convention in Chicago the previous week, and chose Illinois Governor Adlai E. Stevenson as their standard-bearer. Stevenson was a favorite of many Democrats, and had also been the party's choice against Eisenhower four years earlier in 1952. Considered a thinker and an intellectual, he was much admired by progressives but lacked the common touch. He often spoke with reference to obscure cultural touchstones and past personalities of history, which failed to inspire voters and made him seem a bit of

A minor footnote to the 1956 campaign was provided by President Eisenhower's former commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, T. Coleman Andrews of Virginia, who announced that he would seek the presidency as an independent candidate on a states' rights and tax reform platform. A populist-styled conservative, he had turned against the federal income

So it was in 1956. Elm Grove has participated in fourteen quadrennial contests for the White House since then. And another looms this month.

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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* Elm Grove Woman's Club Meeting : 11 a.m. (social); 11:30 a.m. (business); Noon (lunch), followed by presentation: "World War II Milwaukee". (262) 782-5930. www.egwc.org.

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

Friday – NOVEMBER 4

* Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., New members / guests welcome. Call Mike (262) 786-1677.

Sunday – NOVEMBER 6

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

(Turn clocks back one hour.)

Monday – NOVEMBER 7

- * St. Mary's Seniors' Club Meeting – Noon (social; 12:30 p.m. (coffee &
- dessert); 1 p.m. (program) @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. All welcome! (262) 786-3813.
- * Village of Elm Grove Plan Commission Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Tuesday – NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION DAY

* School District of Elmbrook Board of Education Meeting – 6 p.m. @ Central Administration Offices, 13780 Hope St., Brookfield. Open to public. (262) 781-3030.

Thursday – NOVEMBER 10

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

Friday – NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS DAY

- * Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., New members / guests welcome. Call Mike (262) 786-1677.
- * Elm Grove's annual "Holiday Open House" (See AD – Page 12)

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Tuesday – NOVEMBER 15

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

Thursday – NOVEMBER 17

- * OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier Seniors) Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. Meeting: 11:45 a.m. - Program: "In Flanders Fields" by Dave Zajicek, military historian. Carolyn (262) 628-7761.
- * Village of Elm Grove Recreation Committee Meeting: 5:30 p.m. Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Friday – NOVEMBER 18

* Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K Meeting - 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., New members / guests welcome. Call Mike (262) 786-1677.

Sunday – NOVEMBER 20

* Concert: "Musical Weavings", presented by the Notre Dame Recorder Consort, 2 to 3 p.m. @ St. Mary's Visitation Parish - Church Atrium, 1260 Church St., Elm Grove. "The Weavers Suite" by Wisconsin composer Olive P. Endres is the centerpiece of the program, around which the guest vocalist and consort instrumentalists will weave colors of sound. The Consort is directed by Sister Rita Schweitzer, SSND. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Please join us!

Monday – NOVEMBER 21

- * Village of Elm Grove Library Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m. @ Village Hall, Park View Room Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.
- * Village of Elm Grove Public Works/Utility Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

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Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI "Abraham Lincoln" reads the July issue of

Tuesday – NOVEMBER 22

* School District of Elmbrook Board of Education Meeting - 6 p.m. @ Central Administration Offices, 13780 Hope St., Brookfield. Open to public. (262) 781-3030.

Thursday – NOVEMBER 24 THANKSGIVING Village Hall Closed



Friday – NOVEMBER 25 Village Hall Closed

* Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., New members / guests welcome. Call Mike (262) 786-1677.

Monday – NOVEMBER 28

- * Village of Elm Grove Finance & Licensing Comm. 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 Courtroom Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

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A quartet of local men took the stage during the Elm Grove Community Foundation's first Oktoberfest event, held on October 8 at Village Park. The traditional German competition, call Masskruggstemmen, challenged participants to see who could hold glasses filled with beer the longest.

FOEGL Book Sale

By Janet Wintersberger

It's nearly time for the Friends of the Elm Grove Library's (FOEGL) Mini Book Sale on Saturday, November 12 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. It all takes place during the village Holiday Open House event.

The library is at 13600 Juneau Blvd. (Village Park) and is a stop on the carriage route, accessible by car, bike or foot.

Just inside the door, you will find a special selection of items (journals, gift books, games, CDs, DVDs and other books). They will be perfect stocking stuffers and other gifts for your friends and families. All proceeds benefit our wonderful community library. Call (262) 782-6717 for information.

Inaugural Oktoberfest Deemed a Success

By Kim Irwin

When the Elm Grove Community Foundation first conceptualized Oktoberfest, our goal was to launch a feelgood event that would bring together the entire Elm Grove community to celebrate all that is great about Elm Grove — and by seemingly all accounts, it appears that we met that goal with resounding success.

Many thanks to the approximate eighty Elm Grove residents who volunteered at Oktoberfest and to the thousands of people who came out to enjoy a beautiful afternoon in Elm Grove. It was extremely gratifying to see universal smiles on everyone's faces as they caught up with friends and neighbors while listening to the music of the Squeezettes and enjoying great beer and food.

The Community Foundation welcomes your feedback and encourages the financial support of residents through our upcoming annual appeal letter so we can continue to produce great events like Oktoberfest for many years to come.

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Founded in 1993, it provides reliable and affordable transportation to seniors, as well as ambulatory disabled adults who live in the Villages of Elm Grove and Butler, the city of Brookfield and the town of Brookfield. Schedulers will assist in planning a ride for medical and dental visits, shopping, recreational, visiting, etc.

The Elmbrook Senior Taxi is a nonprofit, independent agency partially funded by the financial support of the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County and Community Development Block Grants. Assistance is also provided through generous donations by the communities served, as well as businesses, organizations, churches and individuals.

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Elmbrook Senior Taxi – Update

By Sandy Wolff

Two years ago, the Elmbrook Senior Taxi provided 400 rides per month, and now we have reached close to 800 rides or more during the last few months! We did add a third car a year ago, which has given us more capacity and flexibility for our riders.

We are now open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and have just started a trial on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have extended our hours on Wednesdays until 9 p.m. to give riders an option if they would like to attend an early movie or go out to dinner.

We have also expanded our borders for some requests, one going to Community Memorial Hospital in Menomonee Falls. There is an additional fee when we go beyond our normal service area.

We expect to provide around 8,400 rides during 2016.

American Association of University Women to Meet

By Betsy Haushalter

Ellie Gettinger, Education Director of the Jewish Museum Milwaukee will be the keynote speaker at the November 9, 2016 meeting of the West Suburban – Milwaukee Wisconsin Branch of the American Association of University Women, to be held at the Sunset Playhouse Studio Theatre, 800 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove.



4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 12 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission \$4.00 Children under 12 Free

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November 11 & 12 also!

The meeting will begin with a chili supper at 6:15 p.m. Following a short business meeting, Ms. Gettinger will speak on "Perspectives on the Jewish Community in Milwaukee". She will explore the development of Jewish life in Milwaukee and the influence of global events and national trends on Jewish immigration to Milwaukee. She will also highlight the impact major figures like **Golda Meier** and **Lizzie Kander**, creator of *The Settlement Cook Book*, and others had on Wisconsin and beyond.

Prospective members, interested in joining the organization, who have earned at least a 2-year Associate degree, a Bachelor's degree or higher, are welcome to attend this very informative meeting. For membership information, please call (414) 476-6919 or email: aauw.wsm.membership@gmail.com.

Clubs & Organizations



Photo by Josh Grandt

Button Mash Bash participants in early 1990s nostalgic dress, during a promotional photo shoot in the Brewers Hill neighborhood of Milwaukee. They are (top row, left to right) **Jim Kline**, **Alyssa Schuster**, **Kelly Main**, **Vee Laabs**, **Nathan Winter** and **Christos Passalis-Bain**; (bottom row, left to right) **Esca Flores**, **Greg Reynolds**, **Ashley Spychalla**, **Mike Kellar** and **Shareef Jackson**.

The "Button Mash Bash" Returns!

Annual Video Game Marathon to Raise Funds for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

By Christos Passalis-Bain / EGNI

Starting on Saturday, November 12 at 9 a.m. (Central Time), our Button Mash Bash (BMB) team will embark on our 3rd annual fund-raising event.

The Button Mash Bash is a local Extra-Life group which works with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin to help provide care for children and families who struggle with extensive medical expenses. Extra-Life is a nationwide charity organization which works in tandem with Children's Miracle Network.

Every year, in early November, teams of gamers aim to raise money by playing in 24-hour marathons through Extra-Life. While most gaming groups involved nationwide will commit to a 24-hour marathon, ours continues to put on a 36-hour, madcap event, complete with local guests, old and new faces, physical challenges and our blockbuster gaming tournament, the main event, The King of Bash, beginning at 7 p.m. Central Time on the 12th. (Our event will conclude on Sunday, November 13 at 9 p.m.)

ALL PROCEEDS will go to help local kids, and donations are tax deductible. So whether it's a one-time gift or a noble monthly pledge, we're reaching out and digging deep to help those in dire straits.

The event can be found at www. buttonmashbash.org, where you can view our gaming schedule; read team members' bios; learn how to donate; check out the many prizes that may be won by donors; **AND WATCH US PLAY** on November 12. Plus, listen to music featured on our Twitch stream by local Milwaukee bands and artists.

You can also read about our prior efforts (we have raised more than \$26,000 to date), and check out our local sponsors' page, featuring these businesses: **Bayview's Vanguard; Lost World of Wonders; Summerfest; Freya Salon; Comedy Sportz; Crumby Art Bakehouse and Cakery** of Elm Grove; and many others.

We want to give a special shout out to some of our guests and friends behind the scenes, including Teresa Lynn, Peter Metzger, Tom Galindo, Morgan McPhearson, Eric Hoppe, Erik Koch,

Woman's Club to Hold "Support Our Troops" Collection Drive

Public Encouraged to Donate

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

For the third year in a row, the Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, will sponsor an event to collect items for U. S. military troops in the Middle East.



This year donations of food items (trail mix, hard candy, pudding cups, granola bars, canned fruit, etc.), toiletries (razors, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, socks, etc.) and other desired items (such as sewing kits, pens and pencils, playing cards, bandanas, books, word puzzles, crossword puzzles, and Sudoku books) can be brought to the clubhouse from 3 to 6 p.m. on November 1, 2 and 3.

"Generous community support is an expression of our appreciation for the sacrifices our troops make for us. Care packages will be sent to the troops in time for Christmas," noted EGWC member **Beth Just**.

Rob Wieland and **David Geisler** (of the Technophiles Podcast).

As always, we sincerely hope that you will tune in periodically throughout our sleep-deprived, comedy climb for The Kids at Children's Hospital.

If you would like to write a check to help the cause, please include a note that it is a donation to benefit Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

- * Send your check, made payable to: "Elm Grove News-Independent LLC" P.O. Box 372,
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As our students learn to respect and treasure the freedoms and ideals upon which this country was founded, they develop strong convictions regarding personal responsibility.

God Bless our veterans and all those who serve on active duty around the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

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Read All About It!



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Public Library

Author Jeff Pearlman with furry friend.

Upcoming Events at the Elm Grove Public Library

By Noah Weckwerth

National Book Tour...

Brett Favre is in good graces once again with the Green Bay Packers' legion of fans, and the timing could not be better. On the heels of his induction into the Packers Hall of Fame in 2015, Favre entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame this summer, in his first year of eligibility. Now, just in time for the holidays comes what promises to be the definitive biography of the gridiron great. Gunslinger: The Remarkable, Improbable, Iconic Life of Brett Favre was released nationally on October 25 from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The author is Jeff Pearlman, whose New York Times bestselling works include books about Walter Payton and the Dallas Cowboys.

the first time, drawing on more than five hundred interviews, including many from the people closest to Favre. Pearlman charts Favre's unparalleled journey, from his rough rural childhood and lackluster high school football career, to his prominent role in the restoration of greatness in Green Bay. The book presents a fascinating portrait of the man with the rocket arm whose life has been one of triumph, fame, tragedy, embarrassment, and — ultimately — redemption.

As part of his national book tour, Mr. Pearlman, Wr. Pearlman will visit the Elm Grove Library on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion and signing of his new book, which will be available for purchase. This is a FREE event, no registration required.



Julie and Gary Beyer

Wisconsin Author to Speak...

In the need for an uplifting story? Come hear Wisconsin author/speaker Gary Beyer and his wife and caregiver Julie for their moving presentation "Inspiring Hope in the Face of Life-Altering Circumstances." In 2008, Gary was diagnosed with an incurable and untreatable muscle disease known as Inclusion Body Myositis (IBM). His condition is progressively debilitating (and seemingly invisible to most others), but he and his wife remain positively-focused and genuinely encouraged, bringing hope to people facing difficult challenges. Gary and Julie will share their story in the O'Neill Room on Tuesday, November 15 at 1 p.m. and will be available afterwards for comments and questions. FREE. No registration needed.

Holiday Event for Families...

Get your FREE tickets (beginning on November 14) for the Library's annual holiday family event to be held on Thursday, December 8, featuring sweet treats, Christmas crafts, and holiday entertainment by magician Jania Taylor. Don't delay, or poof... tickets will disappear.

FREE Youth Programs!

* **TODDLER PLAY GROUP** Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m.

Enjoy play time with special toys, including age-appropriate early literacy toys, and interaction with other toddlers and their caregivers. Meets in the story room. For ages birth to three years.

* PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES

Thursdays, 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Early literacy activities for children ages 3 to 5 who haven't started kindergarten yet. Includes stories, rhymes, songs, etc.

* MORNING COFFEE BREAK

Fridays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

The same as Preschool Story Time, plus refreshments for children and adults, and siblings are welcome. Recommended for children ages 3 to 5 who have not started kindergarten.

* LEGO CLUB

Thursday, November 17, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The Library will provide Legos to use and a theme for the day. This is a drop-in program recommended for grades K-5.

READ TO A DOG OR A CAT

Students in grades 1-5 who would like extra practice reading aloud may sign up for one of these 25-minute sessions:

- ** Dexter the Cat: Monday, Nov. 14 at 4:30, 5:00 or 5:30 p.m.
- ** Cooper the Dog: Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 4:00, 4:30 or 5:00 p.m.
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St. Mary's 6th graders visit Discovery World in downtown Milwaukee.

A Sailing We Did Go!

By Nina Anglim and Felicity Giampietro, St. Mary's Visitation – Grade 6

On October 12, our class went on a field trip on the ship, the Denis Sullivan. Our science teacher, **Mrs. Biernat** and our principal, **Mrs. Tretow**, received a Kohl's grant to go on this wonderful field trip. On this ship we learned many different things related to sailing and the Great Lakes.

As we started our tour, a crew member, who happened to be an historian, put us each in the lives of the people back when ships were key to getting cargo across the oceans and the Great Lakes. We were able to understand how ship transportation worked in the past.

One of the things that we learned more about on this wonderful boat were invasive species. Some of these are zebra mussels, Small Gobi, Rusty Crayfish, Russe, quagga mussels, etc. We learned how important it was to get rid of these creatures and how they got here. We learned that most of the invasive species enter the Great Lakes by the ballast water while the ships were in different countries (a ballast is a part of the ship that keeps the boat steady). After this necessary step was taken, we got the chance to look at an actual sample of mud from Lake Michigan and see zebra mussels and quagga mussels.

When that station was over, we got to look at the water quality of Lake Michigan. We learned the three steps to checking if the water is clean. The first step was checking the temperature. Two of our classmates got to hold thermometers in the bucket of water that the educator had previously gotten out of the lake. The second step was to check the ph of the water (how acidic or basic the water is). This time two students were given ph strips and asked to dip them in the bucket of water and then put them on an actual ph scale to determine what they were. Lastly... one student was asked to put a kind of chemical in the water that turned a certain shade of blue, which determined how much oxygen was in the water.

Finally, to conclude the tour, we learned to tie all different kinds of knots, including: the square knot, the figure eight knot, and the "stopper" knot. We searched around for examples of the kinds of knots on the boat, which helped us understand how the kind of knot was used on the actual ship itself.

The Kohl's grant that we received allowed us to go on this wonderful trip. We thank our chaperones, teachers, and crew members for giving us this opportunity.



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

St. Mary's Visitation students practice tying knots during a recent field trip.

A Memorable Trip Aboard the Denis Sullivan

By Jonathan Harmeyer, St. Mary's Visitation – Grade 6

In October, the 6th graders from St. Mary's Visitation School in Elm Grove sailed on the Denis Sullivan. The students learned a few interesting facts about this boat.

The Denis Sullivan is a boat that was built based on a 19th century Cargo Schooner. The boat's construction was finished in 2000 and was first sailed in November of 2000. The Denis Sullivan weighs 150 tons and measures 137 feet long and 95 feet high. It is located at the docks of Discovery World in downtown Milwaukee. It has a crew led by Carlos. almost all of the trip. The crew on the Sullivan gave the class a few lessons on water cleanliness, clarity, and turbidity. Turbidity means the cloudiness of the water. They also taught the 6th grade about invasive species (Zebra and Quarrell mussel), knot tying (bowline, square knot and half hitch) and general sailing concepts. The class got to feel, see, test and experience these interesting things.

The students were able to sail on the Sullivan out of the harbor, but had to return because of the incoming thunderstorms. The trip on the Denis Sullivan will be one

Jones Island Field Trip

By Nina Anglim and Felicity Giampietro, SMV – Grade 6

On October 12, our class got the opportunity to go to Jones Island — a waste water treatment center in downtown Milwaukee that cleans water and releases it back into Lake Michigan. We are extremely famous for how clean our water gets. Regulations say that at least 80% of the water needs to be cleaned. Jones Island gets 98.3% cleaned. In fact, the water is so clean that Olympic tri-athletes occasionally train here.

The first step to getting this water clean is called primary treatment — when the water goes through a huge "strainer" to get rid of the big items. Some of these are plastic water bottles, bowling balls, and, amazingly, shopping carts. It is an extremely minor cleaning. The second step is called secondary treatment. This is when the workers wake special microorganisms in the water that eat the rest of the waste that is left from the primary treatment. In order to wake these organisms, we must add energy to the water. Then, after this step, the water is released back into Lake Michigan.

Jones Island is also known for their Milorganite — a fertilizer made from the dead microorganisms that helped during secondary treatment, waste, and dirt. These components are cooked at 1200 degrees Fahrenheit. These are then packaged in bags and sent all over the world.

Jones Island is critical to the Milwaukee community. We are grateful to have then making our water in Lake Michigan so clean. The 6^{th} grade class was fortunate to of the most memorable field trips for the receive a grant from Kohl's to pay for 6^{th} grade students.

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Home Improvement

Home Repair and Maintenance Services

By Scot Stark of Integrity Services

Keeping your home comfortable this winter seems like a simple task. However, windows, doors, vents and even electrical switches and outlets can be a source of lost heat from the interior and invasive cold from the exterior. This is especially true in many older homes. There are several approaches to energy efficiency and identifying problems in the home. First there are contractors that provide energy audits for your entire home. They will provide an in-depth analysis of existing and potential problems in your home using technical equipment and sophisticated techniques to identify where you can make improvements. If you are concerned about your energy usage, this may be a valuable way to go. Keep in mind there is a cost for this and in addition the cost of the improvements that you may consider. There are some homeowners that may desire to approach the problem themselves. This is fine as long as they employ some proper techniques and materials to improve things.

Let's look first at exterior doors. In many older homes there are areas where outside air causes moderate to serious drafts around the sides and bottom of the doors. These areas are usually not hard to spot, especially when things get really cold. You can feel it! In some cases, frost will build up around bottoms and edges. Before it gets to this point, you can examine the door using a flashlight. This is more effective at night. With the door closed, shine the flashlight from the outside. Any light showing through indicates an area that will allow unwanted airflow into the interior. There are a myriad of insulation

products to choose from. Proper selection of correct material is important as well as proper installation. There is an important rule to keep in mind when changing or installing insulation to doors: you may affect the fit of the door when closing. This can be a bit tricky to get it right.

Windows open up a number of approach choices. Older single pane glass windows and storms offer very low energy efficiency levels. There are plastic sheeting insulation products that can cover older drafty windows, but you will spend the winter looking through sheets of plastic. An upgrade solution is modern replacement windows which are fairly easy to install and provide you with a Low E energy glass thermo pane window. Cost is relatively low considering what you get for your investment, and they eliminate the use of storm windows. It is important to research the products on the market to get a quality experience.

Many homeowners do not realize how many vent and electrical outlets and switch they have that in cold periods leak unwanted air into the home. These are pretty easy to insulate using products available at hardware and home building stores.

In addition to all of this there is adding insulation in walls and attics, basement sill areas and also energy-efficient doors. Too much for this article. We will discuss this next month. See you then!

Next Month: Home insulation issues - Continued!

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Legal Issues

What Documents Will Your Family Need?

By Attorney Isabell M. Muellers

After you pass away, your surviving family members will need to gather many of your personal and financial records in order to settle your affairs. Keeping these documents organized and accessible is important for both you and your loved ones. Your filing system doesn't need to be elaborate, just organized. Your family will need the following documents when the time comes:

- List of Funeral Instructions and prepaid funeral contracts
- Last Will and Testament
- Revocable/Living Trust agreements
- Prenuptial/postnuptial agreements
- VA File Number, Military discharge papers
- Birth certificate and Death Certificate
- Marriage license or Divorce Decree
- Medicare Card/Health Insurance Card • Bank statements, checkbooks, check
- registers, certificates of deposits
- Safe deposit rental agreement and keys • Deeds, mortgages, leases, homeowner's
- insurance information
- Stock and bond certificates and account

statements

- · Pension, IRA, retirement statements/ current employee benefit information
- Life insurance policies or statements
- · Last several years' income tax returns
- Documentation regarding any debts, such as auto loans or credit cards

It is not necessary to give copies of these documents to anyone during your lifetime, but they should be easily accessible in the event of your death. The information should also be kept reasonably current.

Lastly, if you maintain important information on your computer, or have social media accounts, leave instructions regarding username and password information. Not having this information can cost both time and money. Millions of dollars go unclaimed every year in bank accounts and insurance policies after the owners die. Maintaining organized personal and financial records is one of the best gifts you can give your family.

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Good Sports



Business Association Endorses Reinders Development

The Elm Grove Business Association (EGBA) Executive Board hereby expresses strong support for the concept of the redevelopment of the Reinders Property on Watertown Plank Road. The development has the potential to bring a significant increase in downtown residents, and thus additional commerce and support to the existing Village businesses. The Business Association strongly believes that a vibrant and economically viable downtown business district is important to the health of our community, and believes that this project will encourage even more development of new businesses in the downtown area.

The existing tax base of the entire Village will be improved by the estimated increase of \$40,000,000.00 value of the property. The residents of EGBA President

the Reinders development will be paying the taxes for this new property through their rent payments.

The improvement of the existing property will not only be positively affected by the construction of some beautiful buildings, which complement the architecture seen in areas throughout the Village. The addition of green spaces within the new development will replace parking lots, semi-trailer trucks and old commercial buildings.

The EGBA Board endorses the efforts to improve the function and appearance of the largest private property in the heart of the Village.

Mary J. Inden,

By Marla Kalfayan

We are excited to announce that the 13th Annual Brookfield East Turkey Trot will be held on November 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Wirth Park (Pilgrim Parkway & North Avenue) in Brookfield!

This event is one of Brookfield East High School's biggest fund-raisers with all proceeds to benefit the Spartan Athletic Booster Club, which supports athletic programs at East.

* Distances: 5K Run; 2 Mile Walk; Kids Fun Run (1/4 mile for grades 2 & under; $\frac{1}{2}$ mile for grades 3-5)

* Start Times: 9:30 a.m. for runners; 9:40 a.m. for walkers; Kids Fun Run to follow 5 K.

* Entry fees: 5K and 2 Mile Walk: \$20, family discounts offered. Kids Fun Run: \$10. Discounted Rate expires on November 2; Price increases to \$30 on November 3 for 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk.

The 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk includes tech t-shirt, goody bag and raffle ticket. The Fun Run includes a goody bag and a t-shirt.

* Registration: https://runsignup.com/ BEHSturkeytrot

You can also find us on Facebook at Brookfield East Turkey Trot. Questions? Contact: mekalfayan@gmail.com

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News Briefs



Photo by Mark Frohna

Mrs. Elizabeth Schaefer of Elm Grove, a teacher in the primary school, welcomed grandparents to her kindergarten classroom during Brookfield Academy's Grandparents Day. More than 500 grandparents from around the country attended the annual event — as did some from as far away as India and Europe!



Photo by Mark Frohna





Photo courtesy of Molly Eldridge

A gigantic throng of PUMPKINS invade Village Park!!!!!!!! Elm Grove Celebrates Halloween – 2016 (See story at right)

News' Hounds

The Great Elm Grove Pumpkin Lighting

By Molly Eldridge

The Elm Grove Junior Guild invited families to a community pumpkin lighting on Sunday, October 23 at Elm Grove Village Park. The event included a local DJ, festive cookie decorating, coffee and hot apple cider.

Families could bring their uncarved pumpkin to transform them into jack-o-

lanterns starting at 4:30 p.m., carving tools were provided. Already carved pumpkins could also be placed on the display by 5:45 p.m. for the great jack-o-lantern lighting.

Thank you to our sponsors, Thrivent Financial and Starbucks, and to our volunteers, Tonawanda 4th Grade Girl Scouts and Brookfield Central Key Club.



& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society By Heather Gehrke

Hi, this is **Oreo**! She is a super sweet dog... that's how she got her name. Her favorite things include playing outside, walks and being petted. She is still pretty young and full of energy, but due to having bilateral hip dysplasia, her exercise has to be controlled. Oreo is on joint supplements to help with her hip and should be able to remain comfortable on this plan for a long time but could possibly require surgery in the future. All she wants is someone to be able to give all of her love to. Is that you?

The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Ave., Brookfield, off Barker Road. Stop by, or call (262) 782-9261 for more information. www.ebhs.org.



Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Humane Society Oreo

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