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### Veterans Day is November 11...

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AMERICAN LEGION: CUDWORTH-STENZ-GRIESELL-SMITH, POST 449 members and the conflicts during which they served: (Left to right) FLOYD THEIS (World War II); TONY BARETA (Korean War); WALTER GERKE (Korean War); RICHARD STREHLOW (Vietnam Era); ALEX KOLANDER (Vietnam & Desert Storm Era); BILL KOLANDER (Desert Storm); ERNIE JAEKL (Lebannon).





VILLAGE OF

## Village Update

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

High water in Underwood Creek, and fall temperatures delivered a wonderful surprise for Elm Grove. Many residents have seen the large Chinook Salmon which have been sighted near the Wall Street crossing. Mature Chinook move from Lake Michigan into tributary streams in fall to attempt to spawn. I have watched as they moved up the creek from the Menominee River and got as far as where the creek goes underground at the rear of the Sendik's Grocery.

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Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

### **Next Month: Issue #100!**

In *PAST TIMES* (Page 4) our resident historian **Stephen K. Hauser** remembers some long-ago Thanksgivings and urges all of us to cherish gatherings with family and friends and the stories they produce.

I, too, have much for which to be grateful on Thanksgiving Day and every day of the year: a wonderful family, good friends, plus my "3<sup>rd</sup> child" — this two-dimensional entity known as the **Elm Grove News-Independent**. Little "Newsy" has endured and evolved (due to my determined efforts, an outstanding staff, and highly supportive community members and advertisers) into something of which I am very proud. **THANKS** to all who have contributed thus far.

The theme for our December 2018 – 100<sup>th</sup> issue is C-O-M-M-U-N-I-T-Y. Readers are invited to write (100 words max) about "What 'Community' means to you". (Neighborhoods, friendships, togetherness, taking care of one another, favorite clubs, businesses, places, etc.)

E-mail: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com (Subject line: COMMUNITY) Deadline: November 15, 2018.



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

**Dick Burany** (top row, third from left) joined family and friends during a celebration of the refurbishment of the Elm Grove Public Library.

### \$50,000 Burany Family Bequest Funds New Look to Elm Grove Public Library Interior

The Elm Grove Public Library's Adult and Young Adult reading areas were recently modernized thanks to a generous, \$50,000 gift from the estate of the late **Frank and Helen Burany**, former owners of the Sleepy Hollow motel on Bluemound Road in Elm Grove, as well as other area properties. The locally well-known couple had celebrated 75 years of marriage before Helen's death in 2012 and Frank's in 2016 at the age of 100+.

Their son, **Dick Burany** and several of his friends and family members were

special guests at a public ceremony in the Village Hall Court Room on October 11, during which time members of the Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) presented Dick with a commemorative plaque acknowledging the bequest and Dick shared memories of his beloved parents.

The gift provided newly painted walls, new lounge chairs, tables and other furnishings, more electrical outlets for charging devices, and all new directional signage throughout the library.



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### Village Update (Continued from Page 1)

Chinook or "King" salmon can grow to 35 inches and 35 pounds and are known for their fighting ability and delicious taste. These fish have spent their 3- to 5-year life in Lake Michigan. A future creek daylighting project will allow salmon and other fish to move further up the creek.

The Village Board held the annual Board of Review in October to review the "tax role" and hear disputes of assessed value for two properties. While describing generally positive increases in the property value analysis for most sectors, the assessor noted that the downtown commercial sector continues to struggle with low rents and income while supporting older buildings. The ongoing downtown master plan process has observed the same business difficulties.

Speaking of the Master Plan, the consulting team presented a progress report to the Village Board on October 22. Residents are encouraged to complete the online survey on the Village website (www.elmgrovewi.org) and watch the website for additional information. The Village Board will discuss the draft Master

Plan at a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday November 14.

A significant house fire on Fairhaven Boulevard took place on October 6, which caused injuries to several firefighters and prompted assistance from 17 neighboring fire departments. Fires in Elm Grove require we seek mutual aid from other departments because we need other equipment and firefighters to staff our department while the Elm Grove Fire Department responds to emergencies. Also, because we do not have a municipal water system, a shuttle system of tanker trucks to bring water must be established. If a fire occurs close enough to our boundary we can sometimes run hose to the neighboring community. For the Fairhaven fire, over 1,100 feet of hose were laid to connect to a Wauwatosa fire hydrant near 124th street at Watertown Plank Road.

Tuesday, November 6 is election day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Please take the time to vote and thank the residents who work at the polls to facilitate an efficient voting process.

### **Mid-term Election: Tuesday-November 6, 2018**

- Elm Grove residents VOTE in the lower level (below Library) of Village Hall.
- Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- You can register to vote on Election Day. Bring proof of residency.
- PHOTO ID is required to vote.
- Information about types of proof of residency & photo ID can be found at
- Candidates' Forums (for State Assembly & Senate candidates) sponsored by the Elmbrook School District were held in October and recorded. These can be viewed at www.elmbrookschools.org.

#### Official Ballot HC 46 Partisan Office November 6, 2018 Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.) **General Instructions** Legislative (Cont.) Representative to the Assembly Secretary of State If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.) Jay Schroeder (Republican) Rob Hutton (Republican) Doug La Follette (Democratic) Dennis McBride (Democratic) To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: State Treasurer Vote for 1 Sheriff You may fill in only 1 oval for the office of Governor/Lieutenant Governor. A vote for only Lieutenant Governor will not be counted. Travis Hartwig Eric Severson (Republican) Sarah Godlewski (Democratic) write-in: Governor/Lieutenant Governor Clerk of Circuit Court Andrew Zuelke Vote for 1 Scott Walker/ (Republican) Congressional (Republican) **United States Senator** SAMPLE Mandela Barnes Vote for 1 (Democratic) Phillip Anderson/ Patrick Baird Leah Vukmir (Republican) (Libertarian) Michael J. White/ Tiffany Anderson Tammy Baldwin (Democratic) (Wisconsin Green) Maggie Turnbull o write-in: Wil Losch Representative in Congress District 5 Vote for 1 Arnie Enz No Candidate (The Wisconsin Party) F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (Republican) Tom Palzewicz (Democratic) write-in: (Lieutenant Governor Attorney General Vote for 1 Legislative Brad Schimel (Republican) District 5 Dale Kooyenga (Republican) Josh Kaul Julie Henszey (Democratic) Terry Larson (Constitution) o write-in: o write-in: Continue Voting at top of next column. Continue Voting at top of next Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side.

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- Cappuccino Cookie Crumble **Salted Double Caramel Pecan**
- **Cookies & Cream**
- 10 Brownie Batter Overload
- 11 Peanut Butter Salted Caramel
- 12 Chocolate Heath Crunch 13 Pumpkin Pecan
- 14 Bonfire S'mores
- 15 Mint Oreo
- 16 Really Reese's

- 17 Chocolate Covered Strawberry
- 18 Cappuccino Cookie Crumble
- 19 Chocolate Pretzel Crunch
- 20 Turtle
- 21 Dark Chocolate Decadence
- 22 Closed-Happy Thanksgiving!
- 23 Twix Mix
- 24 Chocolate Oreo Volcano
- 25 Caramel Turtle 26 Peanut Butter Cookie Dough
- 27 Chocolate Eciali
- 28 Red Raspberry
- 29 Blackberry Cobbler **30 Chocolate Caramel Twist**



### Past Times: I REMEMBER...

### **Thanksgiving Stories**

By Stephen K. Hauser

In my November, 2015 Past Times column, I noted that Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. This is so because I appreciate its yearly reminder to us of America's origins and our shared heritage of faith, hard work and freedom. But it is also so because I treasure the memories of past Thanksgiving dinners at our home attended by various relatives that we would not otherwise see. My older sister Mel and her family would visit from Ohio and my Uncle Henry, Aunt Agnes, and cousin **Bill** would occasionally drop by as well. We all looked forward to seeing each other.

My favorite relation of those years was my uncle Paul Hauser of Cedar Falls, Iowa. My Dad and his brothers had left Iowa long ago to embark on their own careers, but Paul had remained in his home town. A confirmed bachelor, he was an employee of the Waterloo Railroad Company and a proud member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. A champion angler who made regular fishing trips to the Northwoods, he had also done some hunting and trapping in his younger days. You can imagine that as a youngster I loved to hear his stories when he visited us each year to spend several days over the Thanksgiving weekend. As a confirmed turkey lover, I thought Thanksgiving dinner was the best meal of the year, but the best part of it was the stories that were exchanged across the table and over pie and coffee afterwards.

Certain stories were repeated year after year. Whether this was because they had been enjoyed so much the last time, or because the storyteller didn't recall that he had already related the tale, I cannot guess. Maybe it didn't matter. One of my Uncle Paul's favorite stories involved radio. Paul remembered that he had first encountered radio as a boy when a neighbor brought home a simple crystal set. Housed in a small

wooded box, it operated without electricity. Paul and his young friends sat around it in a circle and took turns listening to the broadcasts through headphones.

Paul's annual radio story, however, was not about his early encounter with that contraption. Instead, it involved a Canadian fishing expedition in the 1930s. He had driven with friends through Duluth and then northwest to International Falls where they crossed the border, motoring west toward Lake of the Woods.

"We rented a cabin on the Ontario side of the lake, about forty miles north of the Minnesota border. It was fall and got chilly after dark. One of my friends had brought along a batteryoperated portable radio. Portable radios were brand new in those days, and if you had one, you really had something. I wanted to try it out before I went to sleep. I turned it on, and ran across the dial. I heard nothing. Raising the volume, I went back across slowly. It would scratch or flare up here and there, but when I tried to tune in those scratches, I couldn't make anything out. Finally, I tuned it in as fine as I could, and I about fell out of my chair when I heard a voice say 'This is Herbert Hake on KXEL radio, Waterloo, Iowa'. I listened to him for awhile that night. Herb Hake was a professor at the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls, and I knew he had a nightly history program on KXEL. Hake's program was all I could get on that radio. We were high up in a country of rocks and fir trees and lakes, but I would have thought I could have pulled in a station from Duluth or International Falls. Instead, all I got was a station's signal that was broadcast a couple of miles from my home. We couldn't get a local signal from Canada or Minnesota. I never could understand how the only station I could hear in the Canadian woods was from the Cedar Valley in central Iowa."

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Uncle Paul G. Hauser, circa 1968, after Thanksgiving dinner and a retelling of his Canadian radio story.

The mystery of it all is explained somewhat by the fact that KXEL was (and still is) a 50,000 watt clear channel A.M. radio station that has been heard as far east as Caribou, Maine and can occasionally be tuned in as far north as Hudson Bay. Weather conditions and local topography can also facilitate reception of unexpected signals, and A.M. radio waves travel further after dark, especially during fall and winter months.

This story of Uncle Paul's was an annual favorite at Thanksgiving. It certainly was not an exciting tale of high adventure, but then again it also didn't cause arguments, anxiety, or upset stomachs. Thanksgiving table talk ought to be inoffensive and gladly remembered, and Paul had a talent for those kinds of recollections.

Our Uncle Paul passed away in 1990, and so his familiar stories were not retold much at future Thanksgiving gatherings. Yet I still remember them with fondness. If I might offer some friendly advice to all who read this, I would like to suggest that as we gather this year with our family and friends to give thanks and celebrate this most American holiday, we should cherish our family remembrances, tall tales, and shopworn stories that make such gatherings so special. The memories of the stories and of those who told them may well be the most valuable thing that we take away from our Thanksgiving tables this year. With luck, we will keep them close to us for the rest

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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- Sundays: Football Sunday Potluck. Noon & 3:25pm Games. Bring your favorite dish to pass & cheer on your favorite team.
- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Front Lobby in donation box for Homeless Veterans-items can be dropped off anytime! Lightly worn clothing, new socks, "NEW" underwear, personal care products, items will be donated to Milwaukee Rescue Mission-SAL Project.

\*Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Food Collection with Ricochettes music starting at 6:30pm \*Sunday, November 11th, 11:00am - 11:00am - 11:45 - Sons of the American Legion

Memorial Service on Veteran's Day in the Post Hall. \*Sunday, November 11th, 6:00pm Flag Disposal Ceremony.

\*Sunday, November 11th, Food starting at 12:00 and Legion Raffle, selling tickets starting at Noon, drawing at 2:00pm.

\*December 1st – Post Birthday Party & 1st District Christmas Party, 4pm – 7pm, Raffle \*December 1st- Bring Toy for Children Christmas Party to Rcochettes music, 6:30pm \*Saturday, December 8th Children's Christmas Party in Post Hall lunch, 10am to 1pm.

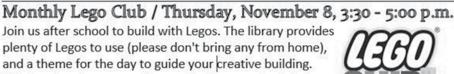
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### Upcoming Events at the Library

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Join us after school to build with Legos. The library provides plenty of Legos to use (please don't bring any from home), and a theme for the day to guide your creative building. This is a drop-in program (no registration required), but clean up will start at 4:45 and everyone should plan to

pitch in. Recommended for grades K-5. Milwaukee: A City Built on Water (Presented by John Gurda)

Wednesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m. Community Room

Lake Michigan and the rivers that feed it have been Milwaukee's dominant natural resources since the days of the Potawatomi. Join historian John Gurda for a lively illustrated look at the lake and its adjacent watersheds. See how they served the community as transportation routes, recreational resources, and industrial corridors, and how they have weathered a cycle of heavy use and flagrant abuse to emerge as focal points of both celebration and concern in



the twenty-first century. Free to attend. Registration begins October 22. Advance registration is required. Space is limited. Call 262-782-6717 to reserve your spot.

Holiday Family Event - Thursday, December 6, 6 - 8 p.m.

This annual event has something for everyone! Start off the evening learning how to make holiday crafts. We provide the supplies and instructions, you provide the energy and imagination. Then at 7:00 p.m. there will be a performance of "Ebenezer Duke," an original musical re-telling of "A Christmas Carol" with musician Duke Otherwise. As always, refreshments will be served. Registration is



required and will begin November 5<sup>th</sup> at the library. All ages welcome!

### Calendar of Events for November 2018

#### Friday – NOVEMBER 2

### \*Elmbrook Rotary Club

Meeting – 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club, E.G. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

\*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. (See AD – Page 12)

#### **Sunday – NOVEMBER 4**

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Turn clocks back 1 hour

### **Tuesday – NOVEMBER 6**

#### **ELECTION DAY**

\*Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Rd. Meeting -6:30 p.m., followed by program presented by Elm Grove Chief of Police Jim Gage. Coffee & desserts

provided. Guests welcome.

RSVP (262) 782-5930.

Wednesday – NOVEMBER 7 \*HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOUG!



#### Friday – NOVEMBER 9

- \*Holiday Open House in Elm Grove, sponsored by Elm Grove Business Association.
- \*Elm Grove Woman's Club presents "Christmas in the Grove" – 4 to 8 p.m. (See AD - Page 6)
- \*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting – 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club, E.G. www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- \*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. (See AD – Page 12)

#### Saturday – NOVEMBER 10

- \*Holiday Open House in Elm Grove, sponsored by Elm Grove Business Association.
- \*Elm Grove Woman's Club presents "Christmas in the Grove" 10 a.m. to 4p.m. (See AD – Page 6)

#### \*Mini Book Sale

@ Elm Grove Public Library, sponsored by Friends of Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.' just inside the foyer of the Library, 13600 Juneau Blvd. Find stocking stuffers, journals, games & other pristine items. Proceeds to benefit the Library. (262) 782-6717.

\*Sunset Playhouse Fall Benefit Sheepshead Tournament 5-Handed, Call an Ace, Double on the Bump, Leasters – 2 p.m. (Doors open at 1 p.m.) \$10 entry fee. Advance registration required. 80 player limit. Registration forms available @ Sunset Box office, 700 Wall St., Elm Grove.

(262) 782-4431, ext. 221.

#### **Sunday – NOVEMBER 11**

**VETERANS DAY** 



### **Tuesday – NOVEMBER 13**

#### \*School District of Elmbrook

Board of Education meeting – 6 p.m. @ Central Administration offices, 13780 Hope St., Brookfield. (262) 781-3030.

#### **Thursday – NOVEMBER 15**

\*OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors) Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. 11:30 a.m. Program: "Teddy Roosevelt and the Strenuous Life" presented by Adam Lindquist. (262) 782-4060. www.cumceg.org.

#### Friday – NOVEMBER 16

\*Elmbrook Rotary Club

Meeting – 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club, E.G. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

\*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting -9:30 a.m. (See AD - Page 12)

**Thursday – NOVEMBER 22 THANKSGIVING** 

#### Friday – NOVEMBER 23

#### \*Elmbrook Rotary Club

Meeting – 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club, E.G. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

\*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. (See AD – Page 12)

#### **Monday – NOVEMBER 26**

#### \*Village of Elm Grove Board of

Trustees – Meeting: 7:30 p.m.. Open to the Public. (262) 782-6700. Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

#### **Tuesday – NOVEMBER 27**

#### \*School District of Elmbrook

Board of Education meeting – 6 p.m. @ Central Administration offices, 13780 Hope St., Brookfield. (262) 781-3030.

#### Friday – NOVEMBER 30

#### \*Elmbrook Rotary Club

Meeting – 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club, E.G. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

\*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. (See AD – Page 12)

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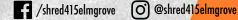


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### **Clubs & Organizations**



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A woman from Kerala, India sews a garment while another woman sorts through stacks of multi-colored fabric at the International Learning Center of Brookfield.

### Community Assistance Needed to Help Kerala, India Flood Victims

A local program, Heartbeat of the Nations, sponsored by the non-profit organization, Global Outreach Foundation, wishes to communicate to the public "the burden by members of this very community (Elmbrook area) to reach out and assist victims of the disastrous flooding in Kerala, India, their former homeland," said project coordinator Mary Mielke.

Individuals and groups are invited to partner with the Foundation in several ways:

- **Donate fabric** to make tops/pants for Indian women and/or youth/children.
- Volunteer your time to assist the International Learning Center of Brookfield in this sewing project, by making clothes at home.

• Give monetary donations to assist in rebuilding homes in Kerala, India that have suffered severe damage or been destroyed.

NOTE: Donations can be made online on the Global Outreach Foundation website, under Team member Mary Mielke. Click on 'support': specifying 'Kerala project' – link here: http://www.globaloutreachfoundation.org/about/the-team/mielke/

For questions or information about this project, or to set up a time to drop off donations at the International Learning Center of Brookfield, please contact Mary Mielke at (262) 844-3932. *Let's be the Change!* 



Photo courtesy of Kay Noel

The Elm Grove Woman's Club's Christmas in the Grove committee (Left to right) Lisa Armitage (Café), Pat Siberz (Artists' Supper), Laurie Hanson (Chairwoman), Linda Davidson (Raffle) and Kay Noel (Publicity).

### 'Christmas in the Grove' Has New Chairperson, New Items, Activities to Enjoy

By Kay Noel

The 30-year tradition of the Elm Grove Woman's Club's Christmas in the Grove has a new chairman this year and she is Laurie Hanson. Laurie is a Wauwatosa resident whose parents, Alice and Jim Hirt, live in Elm Grove. She became interested in the club when she was a guest of her mom's at several luncheons where she enjoyed the programs and socializing with the members. Laurie modeled in two style shows and she participated in a wedding-themed luncheon program where she modeled her wedding dress, her mom's and her grandmother's. She joined the Woman's club as a Legacy member but she is happy that the club is now open to ladies in all communities and is no longer exclusive to Elm Grove residents.

Laurie joined the club to be involved. She served dinner as a volunteer at Kathy's House as well as events where funds are donated to a worthy cause. When the opportunity to chair Christmas in the Grove came about she readily accepted. She plans to continue the many traditions as well as sprinkle in some newness. One addition is

"Busy Bags", an assembly of interesting and fun items for moms and grandmothers to share with their young. Two age level "Busy Bags" will be available.

If you have never attended Christmas in the Grove, this is your year! Come shop and visit the Gingerbread Café, enjoy soup and a sandwich, homemade desserts as well as our "Jingle Juice" adult beverage. Don't worry, there will be plenty for the children as well. Have the trolley or the horse and wagon drop you off at the door. Come shop the many talented artists' wares or stop in just to eat. We promise you won't be disappointed.

As you peruse the event, think about joining or someone who you think might like to join the Elm Grove Woman's Club. Help us carry on the tradition of women meeting to learn, to help the community, lend a hand and to make new friends. When you stop in please make sure to introduce yourself to Laurie and any of the many of volunteers that it takes to run this show. We look forward to meeting you.



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### Elm Grove Directory Update

By Mary Lopez

Thank you to Elm Grove residents for your enthusiasm for the upcoming 2019–2020 Elm Grove Directory! It is a unique way to keep the community connected and a valuable resource for both residents and businesses. Members of the Elm Grove Woman's Club are working hard to produce this complimentary publication.

An informational questionnaire was mailed to Village residents and businesses in September to give everyone the opportunity to update information for the upcoming edition of the Directory. The response has been wonderful with replies coming in via mail and through the Woman's Club website. Your input helps to insure that your listing in the Directory is complete and accurate. Let us know if you prefer that some or all of your information is not listed in the Directory.

Everyone is encouraged to mail in the survey or submit corrections or new details to www.egwc.org (click on the Village Directory tab under "Resources".) Forms may also be obtained at the Elm Grove Post Office and the Library.



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### **News Briefs**



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St. Mary's Visitation 6<sup>th</sup> grade students sailed on the Denis Sullivan in September. This is the third consecutive year that students at SMV have been able to hoist the sails and learn about Lake Michigan.

### **News' Hounds**

& other beloved creatures

### Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

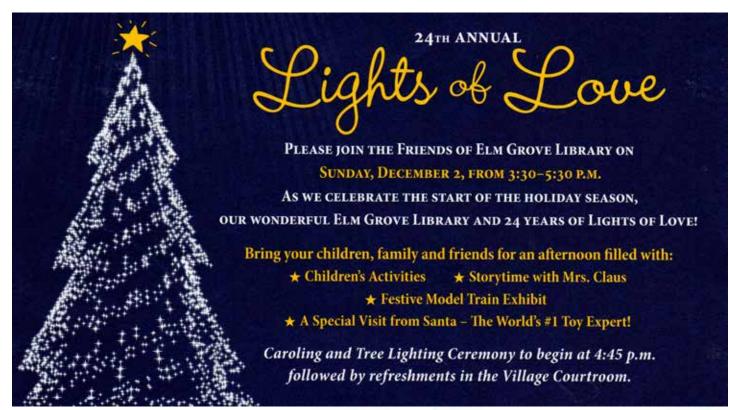
What's not to love about **Brody**? His looks speak for themselves. This 1-year-old Cattle Dog mix would flourish with an active owner who can keep up with him. He loves treats, dogs, people, toys, and learning new things. He enjoys his downtime, too, and will make a great cuddle partner this fall into forever!

The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road.

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### **News Briefs**

### Village Resident Appointed to MCC Board

Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dennis Stappas to the position of Board President. Stappas, of Elm Grove, has worked as a financial advisor for Northwestern Mutual for 41 years. He joined MCC's Board of Directors in 2016 and previously served as the Vice-President.

MCC is located on Milwaukee's near south side and operates as a neighborhood development agency committed to building strong neighborhoods full of opportunity through four core areas: youth development, housing, senior support and food security.



**Dennis Stappas** 

### **Pilgrim Park Students Excel at Math Competition**

Pilgrim Park Middle School Mathletes competed in the Marquette Fall Math Meet in mid-October. Of the 12 PPMS participants, 3 won awards. Seventh a ribbon in the Beta contest.

graders, Michael Deselnicu and Zengtao **Xing**, both won ribbons in the Gamma contest. Eighth grader David Wang, won

### **Elmbrook Education Foundation to Hold Ladies' Night**

Register now for the Elmbrook Education Foundation's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies' Night set for Thursday, November 29 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Western Racquet Club, 1800 Highland Drive, Elm Grove. Register online at: https://LN2018.givesmart.com.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dessert buffet and holiday signature drink. Shop the auction / raffle. Purchase a mystery swag bag. Participate in the nail polish pull, cash purse raffle and gift card tree raffle. Visit Pop-up Shops brought to you by Husar Designs and Trades of Hope. The dress is Holiday Chic Attire.

The cost per person is \$55; after November 5: \$65. Register by November 4 to receive early bird discount. All registrations are due by November 18. After then the cost is \$70.

Funds raised at this event will go to Phase 2 of the Elmbrook Nature Center which provides K-5 students an oasis for inquiry, scientific investigation, interaction with the natural habitat of Southeastern Wisconsin, and hands-on learning experiences. Funds will be used to update the technology infrastructure, hardware and software, student work spaces and lab spaces, curricular materials and resources.

### "Green" is Good; Local Environmental **Group Invites Community Participation**

By Deb Baesemann

**One Simple Act.** That is all it takes to start a sustainability movement in your life — for yourself, for your family and for our Village. And the Waukesha County Green Team is brimming with ideas to help you get started or expand on actions you already take!

The Waukesha County Green Team is a local, volunteer based non-profit, working to advance environmental and economic sustainability in Waukesha County. You can often find them sharing information at local farmer's markets, including our own Elm Grove Market Night, or at other organizations' events. They also offer a variety of displays on environmental sustainability to checkout for use at a business, congregation or organization's event, as well as presenters that can speak on these topics. In addition, they offer "One Simple Act" cards to show small but important steps we can all do to help decrease our ecological footprint.

Beyond educational outreach, the Green Team brings people together. In several areas of the County, residents have formed local Community Groups

that work under the umbrella of the Green Team. These Community Groups actively engage on issues and educational outreach important to their area. Strong member interest has also led to a Permaculture and Gardening group. This sub-group shares information on sustainable gardening, focusing on organic food production and good stewardship of the land with frequent presentations open to the public.

If you are looking to get involved in our community, contact the Green Team! Projects around the County range from educational events, Earth Day clean ups, to outreach events. Or perhaps you have an idea you would like to see implemented. Are you passionate about zero waste? Alternative lawn care? Composting in schools? Reach out! The Green Team is looking to form a Brookfield/Elm Grove Community Group and would love your involvement.

For more information, please email info@waukeshacountygreenteam. org, visit their website at www. waukeshacountygreenteam.org or find them on Facebook.

### **One Simple Act:** Avoid idling your car this week!

Whether waiting at a train crossing, for a coffee, or for your seat to warm up, idling gets you 0 miles per gallon. The best way to warm up a vehicle is to drive it. No more than 30 seconds of idling on winter days is needed. Anything more simply wastes fuel and increases emissions.

### **Letters to the Editor**

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### Elect Dennis McBride, State Assembly – District 13

We are writing to encourage our fellow Elm Grove citizens to look closely at the candidates for State Assembly in our district. Dennis McBride is running against incumbent Rob Hutton. As a lifelong Wauwatosa resident, a ten-year alderman there, and president of the Wauwatosa Common Council, Dennis knows and cares about our issues and is a strong voice for local control. He has taken stands that give our state students and teachers revitalized chances for success. Dennis holds views that differ markedly from Hutton. Concerns about Rob Hutton include his support of voucher school expansion without the accountability required of our public schools, his vote against background checks for voucher school teachers, and his vote to reduce teacher qualifications. He also favors arming teachers.

Dennis McBride rejects these efforts to weaken our public schools. He supports hiring and retaining highly qualified educators and will fight against those attempting to make Wisconsin the only state to license teachers lacking a bachelor's degree. Instead of arming teachers, Dennis supports using school safety grant money for mental health programs, and to train staff in addressing substance abuse and in dealing with students with mental health challenges.

We highlight education issues here, as those are particularly dear to our hearts, and we think to the hearts and minds of other Elm Grove residents. Quality education is vital to the well-being of our society. While numerous other issues (open government, local control, conservation, health care) give us further important reasons to support Dennis McBride, we hope you will take the time to research the differences in these areas between McBride and Hutton, and come to the conclusion we have reached, that Dennis McBride is the best choice for the common good of Wisconsin.

Tom and Laurie Leahy Elm Grove

### Vote: Hutton, State Assembly; Kooyenga, State Senate

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 6. This is a very important election for Wisconsin and Elm Grove. We will elect all our state level legislators, Governor, United States Congressional Representative and a United States Senator.

As Village President I interact with all our elected officials on Village and state matters. Rob Hutton, our State Representative is running for reelection. Rob is an excellent example of a citizen legislator. He is a small business owner, an Elmbrook schools alumnus and a father of four Elmbrook students. I have known Rob since his first election to represent Elm Grove and have the highest regard for his work. He has always been responsive and helpful on Elm Grove issues.

With Leah Vukmir running for US Senate the State Senate seat representing Elm Grove is open. Luckily, Dale Kooyenga, who used to represent Elm Grove in the State Assembly before the last redistricting, is running to fill open seat. Dale, an Iraq war veteran, small

business owner, CPA and father of four is an excellent choice to represent Elm Grove, Brookfield and Wauwatosa in the State Senate.

When we vote on November 6, I hope we all remember how much progress we have made in recent years in Wisconsin. Record low unemployment, lower taxes, fewer regulations and a strong business environment all while moving from a massive budget deficit to a budget surplus with a state rainy day fund. Our local public schools are better are better off financially and performing better than ever and UW System tuition has been frozen for six years. None of these improvements came easily. Don't get distracted by the noise and the craziness at the national level.

Rob Hutton and Dale Kooyenga worked hard to improve state budgeting and management. I plan to vote for both Rob and Dale and ask that you do the same.

### **Wisconsin Needs Better Transportation System**

At statistical full employment, the demand for workers in our area is serious. Funding for JobLines, two bus routes that get workers from Milwaukee's central city to good jobs in the industrial parks of New Berlin and Menomonee Falls, ends in December. Neither Milwaukee County nor Waukesha County have made a commitment to keep those buses running. Together, the routes provide 1,000 rides for workers per weekday.

Wisconsin's transportation system is not working for a growing number of people. We see this first hand at Notre Dame of Elm Grove as staff members scramble to figure out how they will get themselves to and from work.

Governor Walker was right when he said recently that we should rethink building bigger, wider highways. Instead of costly and ineffective highway expansions, our leaders should focus on fixing what we already have and invest in public transportation that will cause less strain on our infrastructure and allow better transportation for those who do not have access to cars.

I want to know that my elected officials and candidates understand and support responsible transportation systems for Wisconsin.

Sister Barbara Pfarr, SSND Elm Grove

### Legal Issues

### **Estate Planning for Unmarried Couples**

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

There are many unique issues for unmarried couples to consider in the estate planning process. Because there is no "legal" relationship between the parties, it is critically important that these issues be addressed before problems arise. If left too late, you run the risk that your significant other may have no rights and could end up being entirely removed from your life, both personally and financially. So what documents should you put in place?

#### A General Durable Power of Attorney

This Power of Attorney is crucial because through it you designate who handles your finances in the event of your incapacity. It is not uncommon for unmarried couples to combine their finances. Absent this document, the Court will appoint a Guardian, and that Guardian may very well be someone other than your partner. Not only could your wishes be disregarded, but your significant other could lose his or her financial stability.

#### A Health Care Power of Attorney

This document allows you to designate who will make health care decisions for you in the event of your incapacity. Again, if you become incapacitated and this document is not in place, a Court appointed Guardian becomes necessary. Unless all of your next-of-kin agree, the Court most likely will not appoint your

significant other. He or she will then have no legal right to participate in your health care, and could be completely barred from any contact with you.

### An Authorization for Final Disposition:

This document allows you to appoint a representative with the decision making authority regarding your funeral arrangements. Without the Authorization, Wisconsin law gives this right only to your next-of-kin. Unless you provide otherwise, your significant other could be completely excluded from your funeral.

#### A Will/Living Trust

If you pass away without a proper estate plan in place, Wisconsin law dictates that your assets be distributed to your next-ofkin. If you and your partner want to provide for each other financially, it is crucial that you jointly construct your estate plan. You should consider whether you want to hold assets in both of your names. You should each execute either a Will or a Living Trust, and also make specific provisions for each other on the beneficiary designations of your life insurance, 401(k), IRA's, annuities, etc. Unmarried couples often have the same estate planning objectives as married couples, but they clearly face challenges that married couples do not. However, most of these challenges can be overcome with proper planning.

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### Young Writers



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Middle School students at St. Mary's Visitation engineer Robotic Arms.

### Civil Air Patrol Donates Robotic Arms Supplies to St. Mary's Visitation

**By Mary Scott** 

The students at SMV worked on making robotic arms... Everyone enjoyed the experiment. "It was so cool to actually engineer something on our own without having to go to adults for help, said **Andrea Rifelj**, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student.

The robotic arms took many hours to assemble, but the hard work was worth it when they finally saw their robotic arms in action dropping and placing eggs. **Mrs. Kathy Biernat**, the Science teacher at SMV, is always trying to find

new ways to teach her students about Science, but, at the same time, bring them together as a whole to learn about unity and how to communicate as a group to make sure everybody's ideas would be heard and considered equally. This project that they had been assigned would perfectly fit in with the goals of Science at SMV because the students learned about engineering, but at the same time learned how to work together, bringing each other's ideas together to create one masterpiece.

### Give Me a Hand... or Maybe an Arm

By Allison Armbruster, St. Mary's Visitation – Grade 7

(During early October) in science, our class built robotic arms to test how different human arms are compared to robotic arms. We tested several objects like picking up a variety of school supplies, picking up an egg, and even a mini basketball.

When building the robotic arm, we ran into some challenges. For example, the rotator would not rotate. Instead it would just go up and down, not side to

side. This only happened because we had to find our mistake. We worked together and that is when we realized we forgot a gear. So if you build robotic arms, read the directions carefully.

In conclusion, the main difference between the two is the human arm was made to perfection and the robotic arm unfortunately can be built with mistakes and therefore it is not perfect!

### **Learning About the Skeletal System**

By Kyle Hodermann, St. Mary's Visitation – Grade 7

In Mrs. Biernat's science class we have been learning about the skeletal system... muscles, ligaments, and what bones even do. We built a hand out of cardboard and tape, our goal being to pick something up with it. Mrs. Biernat loved that project, so she reached out to the Civil Air Patrol and they gave us four robotic arm kits.

We were given a kit with all the parts for

the arm, and an instruction manual, similar to a LEGO set. With this, we were able to see how an arm works visually and handson. This gave us a better understanding of how they work. But building this arm was not easy, we had missing parts, loose screws, and all sorts of errors, but that just helped us plan for the future! Our 7th grade class had a lot of fun with this project, and we thank the Civil Air Patrol for sending us the kit!

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### **News Briefs**



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Brookfield Academy's eighth grade students learn about the next levels of Spanish during a recent tour of the high school. (Left to right) **Kyra Doherty** of Elm Grove, **Olivia Smith**, **Laurette Blanchard** of Elm Grove, **Caden Holcomb**, **Stuart Frohna**, **Arman Chawla**, **Amy Colananni**, and **Brynn Jeide** of Elm Grove.

### **Brookfield Academy Students Explore the Final Four**

**By Marie O'Brien** 

Eighth grade students experienced high school for a day at Brookfield Academy's Upper School recently, exploring classrooms, meeting teachers, and asking questions about their upcoming freshman year. High school students led groups through the halls, discussing classes, clubs, and activities.

Middle school student **Zanna Hughes** of Elm Grove liked the tour. "It was a good experience because it's a glimpse of what the high schoolers are doing and what we will be doing next year," she said. The visit was part of the school's annual "Final Four" program, an introductory event for eighth grade students and their parents.

Final Four is one aspect of a student's transition to high school. According to Brookfield Academy's Head of Middle School, **Doug Ricci**, the Middle School curriculum provides a strong foundation which prepares students for their high school journey and beyond. "Our students take Latin and other languages," said Mr. Ricci. "Our math program allows students to accelerate to a certain level and continue that progress into high school, and our English and writing curriculum reinforces fundamental principles and writing concepts."

**Adrian Bellido**, an eighth grade student at the school, acknowledged that Latin is essential. "It sure comes in handy when

you don't know the vocabulary because it helps you know the root words," he said.

That's why the Final Four event is so important, according to Mr. Ricci. "Final Four is about understanding, building, and really getting to see what's involved with high school," he said. "The students have to start forming in their mind where they are going next year and this gives them a taste of classes, clubs, athletics, and even college planning." The middle school students also get to participate in one of their favorite activities. "Middle schoolers are very social," said Mr. Ricci. "Final Four is also about spending time together, enjoying pizza, ice cream, and participating in a dance and open gym time."

Looking back on the day, eighth grade student **Kyra Doherty**, also of Elm Grove, said she felt ready when she stepped through the high school doors. "Every time I've been in the high school, it felt big and I felt like I didn't belong," she said. "But at Final Four I definitely felt like I did belong there."

Her classmate, **Joel Thomas**, enjoyed learning about classes and college, too. He agreed with Kyra on the readiness part. "I learned about what I need to do to prepare for high school," he said. "During Final Four I had the realization that I'm not a kid anymore and I understand that high school is our path into the world."



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### **Good Sports**



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Members of a men's tennis team participated in the National Team Invitational in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 28–30. In pool play, the team lost to eventual National Champion Intermountain (2-1), and to Florida, the National Runner-Up (2-1). The players include **Timon Corwin, Tim Klein, John Bonfilio**, and **Bill Kirsch**, all of Elm Grove; **Stefan Behling** of Brookfield; **Jim Woyahn** of Waukesha; **Matt Brothers** of Chicago, Illinois; and **Mike Meylor** of Wauwatosa.

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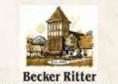


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### November 2 - Kathryn Wilson - Elmbrook School District Highlights

Kathryn Wilson, Elmbrook School District President, will discuss the state of the School District of Elmbrook, the \$10 million in capital improvements for the District's facilities without a referendum and continuing efforts to control costs while preserving standards of excellence.

### November 9 - Dale Kooyenga - State Assembly District 14 Overview

Representative Kooyenga will discuss Wisconsin's economy, finances and education system. Additionally, he will also comment on what can be expected in the next State Assembly session.

### November 16 - Rob Hutton - Assembly District 13 Representative

Representative Hutton will discuss his six years of experience in the Wisconsin State Assembly. He will also review the factors involved in his co-authoring of legistlation that repealed the prevailing wage law for local municipalities and school districts.

### November 23 - Glen Allgaier - Elmbrook School Board Finances

Glen Allgaier, Elmbrook School district Treasurer, will provide an overview of Elmbrook School District finances and the impact of state legislation, Act 10 in particular, on the past and current status of the District. He will also comment on major capital projects (past and future), borrowing, enrollment, health care and oblication to retirees. Expenses will be compared to other "benchmark" districts in Wisconsin.

### November 30 - Ken Dragotta - Waukesha County Business Assessment

Mr. Dragotta, member of the Waukesha County Conservative Business Alliance, will discuss both state and national issues that impact the business climate of Waukesha County businesses and their leaders.

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