



Elm Grove NEWS-

INDEPENDENT



Volume 5, Number 7

Serving Elm Grove, Wisconsin

SEPTEMBER 2017

OUR 7th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE!

*Complete our "OPINION SURVEY" about the Village of Elm Grove & this newspaper — Page 3



Photo by James L. W. Bain / EGNI

Several ducks swim in the shallow water of a 'daylighted' portion of Underwood Creek, near the Park & Shop building, south of Watertown Plank Road in Elm Grove.

Village Update

By Neil Palmer

President – Village of Elm Grove
npalmer@elmgrovewi.org

Schools are back in session. Children walking, riding bikes or getting on and off buses are not always watching out for vehicles. Please slow down and drive carefully. We are a small community so slowing down and being patient will not increase your travel time across the Village very much.

The third annual Great Elm Grove Campout in the Village Park enjoyed great weather and many fun family memories were created. The next big event in the Park is the Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 23 from 4 to 10 pm, hosted by the Elm Grove Community Foundation. Craft beers, German food and music. You don't have to wear Lederhosen but you will get applause if you do. Come to enjoy the food and fun and your purchases help to support community projects.

The Village Board Legislative Committee unanimously approved language and recommended the Village Board adopt a new Village ordinance to control the sale and use certain pavement sealants which contain high levels of toxic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The American Medical Association and other public health and environmental organizations have urged local and state to ban these types of sealants due to their harmful health effects. Local retailers like Elliott's Ace Hardware do not carry driveway sealant products with the harmful tar based sealants and area driveway sealing contractors provide products which do have high PAH levels.

The Public Works Committee has voted to approve the selection of Stantec to provide engineering services for Daylighting the section of Underwood Creek which is currently enclosed inside an underground pipe through the Park & Shop parking lot. Costs of the engineering and design work are covered by grants from Fund for Lake Michigan and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District.

The Elm Grove Police, Fire and EMS departments have teamed up with the Knox Company Residential Knox HomeBox program to offer residents the ability to purchase a high security key safe that provides specified First Responders access to your home key in an emergency. When residents are unable to open their door, or are not in the house, the First Responders



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI

A colorful flower display on the Underwood Creek bridge.

can quickly open the Knox HomeBox, retrieve the house key, and enter the home without causing any damage. After the emergency, the door can be relocked, and the house key is placed back into the secured Knox HomeBox. If you are interested contact Village Hall (262) 782-6700 or visit the Village website (www.elmgrovewi.org) for details.

I received a note recently from longtime resident **Shirley Spahr** praising the beautiful flower displays on light poles and the Underwood Creek bridge in the Village center. Shirley noted that such details make the Village special. I agree and kudos to the Public Works staff who install and care for those flowers.



Village Court Alteration

offers the best quality and price in everything. We are open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We provide full-clothing alterations and same day service from casual to exquisite attire for men and women, including Prom, Wedding and Party dresses, suits, zippers and a variety of other services including furniture upholstery.

890 Elm Grove Road, north of Wall St. (414) 587-0166

*****ECRWSS*****

Postal Customer
Elm Grove, WI 53122

PRSRT STD
US POSTAGE PAID
Elm Grove, WI
Permit No. 30

Elm Grove
News-Independent LLC

Owner
Editor & Publisher
Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

News & Advertising
elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

(262) 782-6193

Graphic Designer
Barbara Kolb

Photography
James L.W. Bain

Assistant to the Publisher
Christos Passalis-Bain

Published monthly.

Distributed via the U.S. Postal Service to every Residence, Business & P.O. Box in Elm Grove, Wisconsin 53122, with additional copies available at locations in Elm Grove & neighboring communities.

Mailing address:

Elm Grove News-Independent
P.O. Box 372
Elm Grove, Wisconsin
53122-0372

Copyright 2017 by
Elm Grove News-Independent LLC

All rights reserved.
Any reproduction without written permission from the Publisher is prohibited.

"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth
Passalis-Bain

Our 7th Anniversary Issue!

Journalism is an adventure with words and pictures. The newspaper business adds the element of “numbers”. Here are a few to consider: In the 7 years & 1 month that this paper has been published (85 issues), the news and advertising spots have run within a 10" wide x 16" high space (160 square inches). Those issues have a combined total of 1,140 pages, (182,400 square inches of print). With a minimum of 5,000 copies printed of each issue, that amounts to a whopping 425,000 copies in overall circulation since inception. (Plus we have a website: www.elmgrove.news).

But, ultimately, “news” (and the *News-Independent* in particular) is about **PEOPLE** and **COMMUNITY**. It’s not the number of pages that count so much as the quality of content. The opportunity to take blank pages and fill them with information of value to readers, tell inspiring stories, promote local clubs, organizations, events and businesses has been extremely rewarding. The EGNI is, I believe, what a small-town newspaper should look like, and I am grateful for the on-going support of my Staff, every Reader, and the many loyal ADVERTISERS who make this free-for-all paper possible. THANK YOU!

Please complete our Opinion Survey on Page 3. Your comments are welcome!



Photo by Elisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI

WELCOMING SIGN posted on the lawn of an Elm Grove residence.

Auction of Old Elm Grove Street Signs to be Held

Have you ever wondered what happened to the old street signs that were replaced throughout Elm Grove last fall? Wouldn’t you love to get your hands-on Kurtis Drive, Red Barn Lane, Watertown Plank Road, Lee Court, or your own street? Imagine how great the sign would look above your basement bar or in your rec room.

In conjunction with the Village of Elm Grove, the Community Foundation will

be selling those old street signs via an online bidding process on their website beginning September 1 and ending at 5 p.m. on November 30 . A selection of street signs will be on display at Oktoberfest on September 23. Check the Elm Grove Community Foundation website for more details — www.elmgrovefoundation.org. You won’t want to miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity!

The **Elm Grove Community Foundation** Invites You To Join Us For



OKTOBERFEST
elm grove park

53one22
Elm Grove Community Foundation

Saturday, September 23
4 - 10 PM
Elm Grove Park (Rain or Shine)

53one22
Elm Grove Community Foundation

Music by **The Squeezettes**
Lederhosen / Dirndl Contest, Hammerschlagen & Polka Dancing

German Beer Tent
Wide Selection of Domestic, Craft & Import Beers

Fresh Grilled Sausages & German Fare

Festival Admission is **FREE**

See details at elmgrovefoundation.org

Waukesha County News

An Inside Look at Waukesha County Government

By Thomas A. Michalski, County Supervisor – District 8; tmichalski@waukeshacounty.gov

The Waukesha County Board is busy working on the annual budget. As a member of the Finance committee, I have the opportunity to analyze each department’s budget. Public Safety is an area that deserves some discussion, as it directly impacts our quality of life. Additionally, almost 65% of the County’s budget is spent in the areas of Public Safety, Health and Human Services.

The functional area that receives the most tax levy is Justice and Public Safety, which accounts for nearly 40% of the tax levy. The Sheriff’s department accounts for 2/3 of that amount. The remaining departments (Emergency Preparedness, Circuit Courts, Medical Examiner and District Attorney) accounts for the remaining 1/3 of the 40%.

Health and Human Services (HHS) department receives the second largest amount of tax levy, 25%. HHS provides programs related to alcohol and drug abuse, mentally ill, at-risk children and adults, veterans, disease prevention, and juvenile services.

Over the past few years the Opiate Epidemic has consumed an increasing share of Justice, Public Safety and HHS departmental budgets. The drug addiction takes a potentially productive member of our community, and creates a drain on our services. Crimes are committed, protective services are used, and the

judicial system is involved. Additionally, the Sheriff’s department, county jail, juvenile services, family services and medical examiner can also be involved. The costs quickly mount.

In reaction to this growing problem, the Sheriff’s department and HHS have taken on a major role in the fight against heroin and opiates.

In an attempt to reduce drug trafficking, the Sheriff’s department is a member of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program. This program supports coordinated law enforcement strategies between the local, state and federal governments. Last year our Sheriff’s department added a second officer to this important program.

To help those with drug and alcohol dependency, Waukesha County has created two innovative programs; Waukesha County’s Alcohol Court Program, and Waukesha County’s Drug Court program. Health and Human Services oversees both these programs. The goal is to advance public safety, reduce crime, reduce costs to our community, and improve individual and community health by providing intensive, integrated, evidence-based court supervision and comprehensive treatment services for drug-dependent offenders. When successful, the programs help the participants become a productive part of

the community, as well as contribute to a safer community.

The Alcohol Treatment Court provides services to repeat intoxicated drivers by teaching skills that will help them to live a pro-social life and improve their chances of sobriety. The offender must be convicted of his or her third intoxicated driving offense to participate in this program. Graduation from program can occur between 12-18 months. The program uses SCRAM (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring) to monitor alcohol consumption 24 hours/ day. SCRAM is utilized to accurately assess true drinking patterns to promote long-term sobriety. Implemented in 2006, the Program is open to 50 concurrent participants.

The Drug Treatment Court was implemented in March 2012. It is fashioned after the successful Alcohol Treatment Court. Since the drug courts inception, it has served 200 justice-involved individuals who primarily have been diagnosed with opioid use disorders. The Drug Court is new, and like most new programs it has had successes and failures. But the successes have been recognized and Waukesha County was recently awarded a 3-year grant for its Drug Court program. The \$914,020 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will begin September 30,

2017. As the recipient of the only award in the state of Wisconsin, Waukesha County plans to use the federal funding to expand the capacity of the Drug Court and enhance treatment services for participants, to include: outpatient and residential substance abuse and mental health treatment, medication-assisted treatment, and recovery support services.

These two programs are an example of how Waukesha County is leveraging your tax dollars to enhance and protect our quality of life.

As always, please contact me with questions, comments, concerns or requests for future articles. I hope everyone has a safe Labor-Day Holiday.



Imperial Hair Care
of Elm Grove

Open nightly 'till 6
4 on Saturday
Closed Sunday
Late on Wednesday

13425 Watertown Plank Rd.
In the Elm Grove Park & Shop

(262) 784-4241
Evening Appointments Available

THANK YOU
for your valuable input!

*Please Clip & Mail responses to:
Elm Grove News Survey,
P.O. Box 372
Elm Grove, WI 53122-0372
OR
Scan & E-mail completed survey to:
elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

*To enter
a Random Drawing
for a chance to WIN
one of 10 pairs of tickets
(20 ticket vouchers total/
Value up to \$25.00 per ticket)
to an upcoming
Sunset Playhouse production...

Please complete & include the following
with your answers to Survey questions:
Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip code _____
DEADLINE:
September 20, 2017

As part of the celebration of our 7th Anniversary in print...

An OPINION SURVEY
about the *News-Independent* & the Village of Elm Grove

* Of which community are you a resident? _____ (years of residency) _____

* How do you receive the *News-Independent*?
*In the Mail * At _____ (distribution location) *Online at www.elmgrove.news

• Which sections/items in the paper are your favorites? (please circle)
I Know Where You Live! / Clubs & Organizations / Good Works! / Our Village (photos) / News’ Hounds
Calendar of Events / Read All About It! (Library) / Good Sports! / Elm Grove Business News / Poetry
Young Writers/Cub Reporters / What’s Cooking? / Who’s Who at Village Hall / Gardening in the Grove
Past Times / Village Update / Waukesha County News / Good Neighbors / In Memoriam
Business Directory - Classifieds - Display Advertising / Contests & Surveys / Other _____

• Please note any suggestions for NEW features/ other improvements:

• What do you most like about Elm Grove? _____

• Favorite places in Elm Grove: _____

• At which Elm Grove businesses do you shop / receive services? _____

• What NEW types of businesses would you like to have in Elm Grove? _____

• _____

• Of which Elm Grove groups/organizations are you a member? _____

• Which Village events have you attended? (please circle) Library Book Sale – Memorial Day Parade – July 4th at the Park - Cruisin’ the Grove – Tunes on Tuesday – Elm Grove Village Market Night – Oktoberfest – Holiday Open House – Others: _____

• What types of NEW Community Events would you suggest? _____

• Which, if any Public Safety issues are of concern? _____

• The Village is evaluating construction of a “Splash Pad” to replace the children’s pool at Village Park. (The pool has been closed due to failed piping.) Do you support the Village budgeting to build the Splash Pad? Yes or No

• Village recreation planning has identified interest in constructing a permanent ice skating rink between the pool house and the tennis courts. History has shown that a chilled rink is necessary to maintain skating surface. Such a development could cost \$400,000. Would you support Village budgeting to build the rink? Yes or No

• Are there specific Village Improvements / Changes that you would suggest?

• Additional comments about the *Elm Grove News-Independent* and/or the Village of Elm Grove:

Past Times: I REMEMBER...

When the Underwood Creek WAS ‘Daylighted’

By Stephen K. Hauser

There is an old saying which reminds us that “everything old is new again”. Such is the case with the ongoing project to study the ‘daylighting’ of the Underwood Creek through the parking area of the Elm Grove Park & Shop.

In the July, 2017 issue of the *News-Independent* (Village Update – Page 3), Elm Grove village president **Neil Palmer** reported on the progress already made in securing a contractor to engineer the project, following consideration by the Public Works Committee of several proposals submitted by competing firms. Later, Elm Grove village manager **Dave De Angelis** told me that the village trustees would be taking the matter up at an August meeting.

Those of us who have lived in Elm Grove prior to the mid-1960s will all remember when the Underwood Creek did indeed travel openly through the Park & Shop parking lot. The aerial photo on this page was taken by photographer **Robert T. McCoy** of Wauwatosa for the Milwaukee Road railroad on April 19, 1958, following a freight train derailment in the village’s downtown area. (A more encompassing view of this photo and my accompanying article on Elm Grove’s “Great Train Wreck” can be found in the February, 2015 issue of the *News-Independent*.)

Prior to the construction of the Park & Shop complex and the A & P grocery store (now Sendik’s) in 1954, the Underwood Creek meandered at an angle through a farm field and a marsh area just east of an old wooden hay barn which stood through the end of the 1940s approximately where Penelope’s restaurant is now. It was an idyllic, pastoral setting. When the original parking lot for the Park & Shop was prepared in 1953, it allowed for the open creek to cut through the center of it with Spartan simplicity. In the utilitarian 1950s, no effort was made to beautify or enhance the creek bed or its surroundings. Simple efficiency was all that was required. Nonetheless, in those days before the existence of the village park, the open waters proved attractive to Elmbrook area youngsters who would attempt to fish from the railings bordering both sides of the creek. I am certain that over the years some of them must have caught something, but I never heard of anyone bringing home anything fit to eat.

It is interesting to note that during the decade or more that the creek was open through the Park & Shop some of the



Photo by Robert T. McCoy

The ‘daylighted’ Underwood Creek in 1958, traversing the parking lot of the Elm Grove Park & Shop.

tenants drew their identity from it. Such was the case with River Park Cleaners, 13425 Watertown Plank Road. Eventually, River Park Cleaners was bought out by Spic & Span Dry Cleaners, which operated multiple locations in the Milwaukee area. The Elm Grove location was rebranded as a Spic & Span not long after the creek was covered over with tar and asphalt, perhaps not coincidentally. Spic & Span maintained their Park & Shop location through the 1990s. It is now the location of Furadise Pet Spa.

Several years ago, I asked former Park & Shop owner **Tom Kurtis** of Kurtis Realty why the creek was paved over in the mid-1960s, and he explained that it was to provide additional parking spaces for customers of the various Park & Shop tenants, and he reminded me that a portion of the creek already had been covered by the construction of the A & P Super Market (i.e. Sentry/Sendik’s) in 1954.

Now, Elm Grove is looking toward a new era, welcoming the Underwood Creek back to “daylight” and to public view in the downtown shopping district. My old neighbor **Robert Boucher** grew up on Walnut Road in Elm Grove in the 1950s and ‘60s. He became a River Keeper with

the Friends of the Menomonee River in Wauwatosa. In 1994, Bob shared with me his desire to see the Underwood Creek “re-daylighted”, believing that it would be of benefit, both practically and aesthetically. I passed his thoughts to then-village trustee Bill Eagan, himself a retired engineer. I suggested Bob Boucher to him as a potential resource person for any such

future endeavor. While Bill found the old photos of the open creek I showed him to be “very interesting”, any such extensive undertaking as ‘daylighting’ the creek would entail didn’t seem too likely back then, although he told me that others had suggested it to him as well.

(See PAST TIMES – Page 11.)



Photo courtesy of Stephen K. Hauser

River Park Cleaners, shown here in May 1959, overlooked the Underwood Creek from its location in the Elm Grove Park & Shop.

Organizing Paperwork: WHERE TO START?

Are you stressed by unmanaged paperwork around your home and office? Searching for important documents may seem hopeless. Interest charges and late fees can pile up quickly on misplaced bills. Deadlines are easily overlooked. Getting on top of your papers and developing a good paper management system will reduce stress. Here are some tips on how to get your paperwork organized, and regain control of your home and office.

Convenient location. Where you manage your paperwork should be convenient. Going to a secluded area of your home may not encourage you to manage your paperwork. If it is not an area you enjoy being in, you won't go there. The workspace should have ample surface area, basic office supplies (envelopes, pens, address labels), computer and printer, paper recycle bin and shredder.

Remove the unnecessary, immediately. Sort your mail as soon as it comes in, with a recycle bin and shredder within an arm's reach. Junk mail should be recycled immediately. Refer to a document retention guideline for guidance on what documents to keep and for how long.

Initial sorting. Create a temporary, simple filing system for the initial sorting of your paperwork. This file system could include files labeled:
File – for files to be filed
Pay – for bills to be paid
To Do – for items that require attention within the next month
Read – for documents that will require your dedicated attention

Regularly go through and pay, sort and file. Set up a weekly time to go through the temporary files. Coordinate your bill paying with your pay dates. File papers from the ‘**File**’ file. Review your ‘**To Do**’ file for items needing attention within the next week. Take some time to read through the files from your ‘**Read**’ file.

Physical or electronic. Decide if you prefer physical or electronic files. It's nearly impossible to completely do one or the other, but designating one or the other as your filing system will help to manage your paperwork.

It is important to always be aware of what papers, documents and receipts enter your home. Receipts can be sent via email or not retained at all. Be selective of what documents are collected at trade shows, conventions and seminars. Only accept the documents that are relevant to you. Be mindful of the mailing lists, marketing emails and promotional lists you sign up for.

Once your paperwork system is set up, plan to set aside time every week to maintain and manage your paperwork. Staying on top of your system will reduce stress and ensure you keep on top of your work and bills.

If setting up a paperwork management system is overwhelming, a professional organizer can help you get started or guide you through the entire process. A professional organizer should match your personality, be willing to work toward your goals, have experience and be able to provide references.

TS

TOP SHELF

HOME ORGANIZING

Get Organized Today!
Call 414-659-6614
www.topshelfhomeorganizing.com

Calendar of Events for September 2017

Friday – SEPTEMBER 1

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

Monday – SEPTEMBER 4 LABOR DAY

***Village Hall Closed**

Tuesday – SEPTEMBER 5

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

Wednesday – SEPTEMBER 6

***Elm Grove Village Market Night**
5 to 8 p.m. @ Ray’s Auto Service
Parking lot, Watertown Plank Rd. & Elm Grove St.

Friday – SEPTEMBER 8

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

Monday – SEPTEMBER 11 PATRIOT DAY



Tuesday – SEPTEMBER 12

***Elm Grove Beautification Awards**
Ceremony – 7 to 8:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room. Music / refreshments. Public welcome to attend.

***History Buffs Book Group**
Meeting – 7 p.m. in Study Room @ Elm Grove Public Library. Call Don (262) 860-1315.

Wednesday – SEPTEMBER 13

***Elm Grove Village Market Night**
5 to 8 p.m. @ Ray’s Auto Service
Parking lot, Watertown Plank Rd. & Elm Grove St.

Friday – SEPTEMBER 15

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

Saturday – SEPTEMBER 16 NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

***Silent March begins - 10 a.m. @ American Legion Post 449, 3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield. Public invited to attend. (See story – Page 7)**

Monday – SEPTEMBER 18

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

Tuesday – SEPTEMBER 19

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

Wednesday – SEPTEMBER 20

***Elm Grove Village Market Night**
5 to 8 p.m. @ Ray’s Auto Service
Parking lot, Watertown Plank Rd. & Elm Grove St.

Thursday – SEPTEMBER 21

***OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors)**
Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. Program @ Church – 11:30 a.m.: “Mudbaths and Bloodbaths: The Inside Story of the Bears-Packers Rivalry” presented by Gary D’Amato, Journal Sentinel sports columnist. Call Carolyn (262) 628-7761.

***Village of Elm Grove Recreation Comm.**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall

Friday – SEPTEMBER 22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

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

Saturday – SEPTEMBER 23

***OKTOBERFEST – 4 to 10 p.m. @ Elm Grove Village Park – Sponsored by Elm Grove Community Foundation. (See AD – Page 2)**

Monday – SEPTEMBER 25

***Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting – 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room. Open to the Public.
Agenda: www.elmgroviewi.org.

Wednesday – SEPTEMBER 27

***Elm Grove Village Market Night**
5 to 8 p.m. @ Ray’s Auto Service
Parking lot, Watertown Plank Rd. & Elm Grove St.

Friday – SEPTEMBER 29

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

“Teach
this simple Truth
to all:
a Generous Heart,
Kind Speech,
and
a Life of Service
and
Compassion
are the Things
which renew
Humanity.”

~Budda



CALENDAR SPONSORED BY:

STEVE WETTSTEIN
“STEVE THE BARBER”
OF IMPERIAL HAIR CARE
OF ELM GROVE

WORKING TUESDAYS
& WEDNESDAYS,
8 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

(262) 784-4241

Mr. Latin Express

El Tejano Enamerado



Live Latin & American Music
Hits from the 50s – 70s & Now!
Providing Musical Entertainment
for Senior Homes & Events

Jose Martinez Sr.
(414) 921-8004
mrlatinexpress@yahoo.com

The ELM GROVE SCHOOL FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

is pleased to announce
the beginning of its FALL 2 TERM
on Wednesday, October 11th, 2017.

Walk-in registrations for the Fall 2 Term
will be held on Monday, September 25th,
2017, between 10 a.m. – 12 noon,
at the Highland Room, Community
United Methodist Church,
14700 Watertown Plank Road,
Elm Grove, WI 53122.

Course offerings range from art and
language to computers and film.

Visit our website at www.egs4ll.org to
download a copy of our course catalog
and registration form, or pick up your
copy at the EGS4LL-CUMC office soon.

Hurry, before spots are filled up!

Letters to the Editor...

* Letters regarding issues of concern to the Elm Grove / Elmbrook / Waukesha County community will be considered for publication on a space available basis. Submissions (400 words maximum) must include the writer’s name, address & phone number.

* Mail to: Letters, EGNI, P.O. Box 372, Elm Grove, WI 53122-0372

* Email: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com (subject line: Letters to the Editor)

Kiwanis Club appreciates *News-Independent’s* contributions to community

Congratulations upon the seventh anniversary of the *Elm Grove News-Independent*. The paper is a breath of fresh air and a relief from sound bites, fake news, on-line viewing and declining content and quality of traditional newspapers.

Your publication plays a key role in the community by promoting, coordinating, advertising, and publishing items of interest for business, service, social, education and community activities. This synergistic approach is working to make a stronger, vibrant community.

The Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis appreciates the many courtesies and professional news coverage. A recent example is the newspaper’s contribution

of Sunset Playhouse ticket vouchers for use in one of our key projects, providing cereal to Food Banks. The donation of these tickets helped raise funds to provide about 85 boxes of cereal, one of the most needed Food Bank commodities. All involved benefited: The Food Bank by providing for those in need, especially children; the Kiwanis by supporting their mission; the Sunset Playhouse by attracting new visitors who bought the tickets; and the *Elm Grove News-Independent*. Thanks for your support for Kiwanis and the community.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Jerry McCormick
Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis



St. Mary's Thrift Shop

"Find your hidden treasure here!"

13150 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove • 262-784-6644

COME IN AND "FALL" INTO SAVINGS!!!!

It's our Semi-Annual CLEARANCE SALE – September 11 & 12!!!!

EVERYTHING IN THE STORE IS 50% OFF... and other Secret Specials!!!

***No other discounts apply.**

***CLOSED September 13-15 for Restocking for Fall!**

***September 16 — Our GRAND RE-OPENING, with fabulous Fall & Winter merchandise!**

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m.–Noon

Visa & Mastercard Accepted.

Senior Citizen Discount:
20% off entire purchase
EVERY TUESDAY!

Good Works!



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI

Community United Methodist Church members gather next to a poster detailing one of the church's Mission projects.

Methodist Church Holds Rummage Sale to Benefit Mission Outreach, Build Relationships

By Shelley Botchek

Our mission team within the Community United Methodist Church of Elm Grove is working very hard to maintain a high level of missional and outreach work. We look at all areas of need and help where we can. When we talked about doing a rummage sale (held on August 17 & 18), we wanted it to be more than just a fundraiser. We wanted it to be “relational”. Our goal was not only to raise money, but to spend time talking to people, being conversational, and open our hearts and minds to anyone who wanted to talk.

Not only did we raise money to help with our current mission work projects, but we were able to help another organization out, by donating a lot of household and furniture items to their organization. We worked with Teen Challenge to have them

come and pick up the remaining items, and they can continue the good work that they are doing.

Mission work is like a gift that just keeps giving — you can inspire others to do good things, and so on and so forth. A local artist heard about our rummage and wanted to donate some of her work for us to sell. So many good things can happen when we all work together.

It was so great to see our youngest and oldest members working together to make this rummage a success. Thanks to everyone involved, we raised about \$5,000 to help continue our mission work. We hope to build on this in the future.

(See Methodist Church – Page 11)

OUR STORY — We are Lindsay’s Voice

By Karen and Gene Wenzel (Lindsay’s parents)

Lindsay (Wenzel) Lopez grew up in New Berlin, WI. A 1997 graduate of New Berlin Eisenhower High School. She married **Jason Lopez** and they had a daughter, **Olivia**. They were the typical American family — just working, living life and having fun. On September 21, 2009, all that changed. Lindsay was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Thus began a journey that nobody ever prepares for...

Chemo, numerous medical complications, transfusions, biopsies, months of hospital stays. Since the doctors knew she needed a Bone Marrow Transplant, the search for a marrow donor began. Being an only child, a sibling match was not an option, so the National Marrow Donor Program “Be The Match” started a search to find the one person in the world that would match... That donor was found in Germany. On June 23, 2010 Lindsay received this life-giving transplant at Froedtert Hospital. The tireless work of the Transplant Team, Doctors, Nurses, technicians and many people behind the scenes helped her recover to return home 5 weeks later. Still weeks of care, countless Doctor visits and finally 3 months later a bone marrow biopsy that showed the leukemia was gone. Hope was restored for a full recovery. A 32nd Birthday celebration was in order.

Several weeks later, Lindsay started feeling ill again and more tests were done. The results... the leukemia had returned. Re-admitted to the hospital, strong chemo treatments began again. A month of relentless treatments to fight the evil cancer cells and infections. On November 22, 2010 Lindsay lost her battle against Leukemia. She fought every step of the way with the heart of a Warrior. Not complaining, just accepting and tolerating whatever procedure she had to endure.

While a cure was not to be for Lindsay, we continue to fight to find a cure for this evil disease that is not exclusive — it strikes suddenly and devastates people of any age. It not only affects the patient, but changes the lives of everyone around them.



Lindsay (Wenzel) Lopez

In 2000, Lindsay’s 1st job after college was working at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, as an administrative assistant in the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Dept. Little did we know, that 10 years later we would be praying for a bone marrow donor to save her life. We are so blessed here in SE Wisconsin to have the World-Class medical facilities we do! Children’s Hospital, Medical College of Wisconsin, CIBMTR (Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research), Blood Center of Wisconsin, Froedtert Hospital among them. The Medical professionals we met on a daily basis are truly angels here on earth. Words cannot begin to express our gratitude for their compassion and care for Lindsay.

It is with this in mind that we started this organization to raise awareness for Leukemia, Lymphomas, blood Cancers and raise funds to support patient services and on-going research locally through Children’s Hospital, Medical College of WI, Blood Center of Wisconsin, BeTheMatch, CIBMTR (Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research). Lindsay’s Voice, Inc. is registered as a non-profit public charity in Wisconsin. We are completely volunteer-based, no board members are financially compensated.

We humbly ask for your help...As long as we keep fighting, Cancer hasn’t won.

‘Taste of Hope WI’ Fundraiser – September 17 to Support Lindsay’s Voice Mission

Welcome to the Roaring Twenties! Guests at the Taste of Hope WI “Gatsby Themed Dinner” on Sunday, September 17 at a private residence in River Hills will be encouraged to arrive in their best flapper girl dresses and pinstriped suits. Relax during cocktail hour on vintage furniture under the shade of a weeping willow, sipping the evening’s signature, speakeasy-approved cocktail or perhaps enjoy a game of bocce ball or croquet on the back lawn. Experience a multi-course dinner, specially prepared by a hand selected team of local chefs. Then enjoy a sweet treat from the dessert bar and drift back into time with the sounds of jazz music from the 1920s. An on-line Silent Auction will complete the evening.

Purchase tickets, donate, and bid at www.tasteofhopewi.com. Only 50 guests will enjoy this chef-prepared meal. Hear from cancer survivors and researchers who are creating the cures of the future. Tickets are \$200 per

person, and 100% of each ticket is a tax-deductible donation.

Karen and Gene Wenzel look forward to hearing from readers: “We welcome all support. Give us a call, or send a note. We’d love to talk with you to see how we can make life better for cancer patients.”

Write to them at: 2230 Crestview Court, Wauwatosa, WI 53226; e-mail: Karen@TreesofHopeWI.org; or call (414) 750-1989.





September 7 – 24, 2017

*Over The River
& Through
The Woods*



September 18 – 19, 2017



October 5 – 8, 2017

**SUNSET
PLAYHOUSE**

SunsetPlayhouse.com
800 Elm Grove Road
262-782-4430

Clubs & Organizations



Photo by John Trogia

Members of a film crew from Spain at a meeting of the Elm Grove Kiwanis Club.

Story of Elm Grove Doctor & His Childhood Puppy Subject of Locally-Filmed Documentary

By Jerry McCormick

Blur Films, a graphics production company from Spain, taped part of a documentary: *“A Lady, a Boy and a Dog”* at the June 30 meeting of the Elm Grove Golden-K Kiwanis. It featured speaker **Dr. Mark Bruce**, an Elm Grove physician (and the head of Emergency Room Services at Elmbrook Memorial Hospital), telling the story about how he acquired his cold-war era puppy.

The documentary, sponsored by Audi Automotive, was based on a book by Bruce that tied the puppy — a great-grand-puppy of **Strelka**, first dog to orbit the earth and return — and a long-term correspondence between himself and **Jacqueline Kennedy**, wife of **President John F. Kennedy**.

Bruce grew up with a love for dogs, and his story tells how he was presented a puppy named **Streaker**, an offspring of Strelka, which orbited the earth in a Soviet Sputnik spaceship.

Bruce was just a boy when he lost his beloved 4-H Club dog to an accident. While mourning the loss, he heard a news story about President Kennedy’s family, which loved animals, especially dogs, but had limited space for their latest additions.

That addition was Strelka’s four great-grand-puppies, which they couldn’t keep. The boy wrote a letter to Jacqueline Kennedy telling of his deep bond with his dog that died and asked for one of the puppies.

After a while the puppy arrived, along with the story about Strelka being given to Mrs. Kennedy by the Soviet Union’s president, **Nikita Krushchev**. The boy wrote a thank you letter and, in return Mrs. Kennedy wrote a letter back that was surprisingly warm and personal. Thus began a personal correspondence that lasted 20 years until her death.

The Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K meets on Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; each meeting features a speaker. For details visit: www.kiwaniselmgrove.org.



Cruisin’ the Grove

Elm Grove’s 5th Annual
Classic Car and Motorcycle Show!

Our annual show held on Sunday, August 6th was very successful with a great turnout, great weather and a great donation raised for TeamUp! With Families! THANK YOU!

Photos courtesy R&C Jaeschke

Thank you to all that made this great community event a huge success:
The Village of Elm Grove, all of the sponsors and supporters, participants with their vehicles, the community that came out to see and enjoy the classic cars and bikes, and all the volunteers that gave of their time!

Coordinating Sponsors:

For more information:
Go to Facebook.com/CruisinTheGrove
Email CruisinTheGrove@gmail.com
Call 262-789-2500

Help Honor Veterans at American Legion’s 1st District POW/MIA Silent March

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

On Saturday, September 16, 2017, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, American Legion 1st district will host a Silent March to honor POW/MIA Veterans.

Although the third Saturday of September has not been proclaimed an official national holiday, veterans’ groups hold annual events to mark the day, determined that prisoners of war and those missing in action “shall not be forgotten”.

Locally, the American Legion Post 449 Family and members of the public are invited to join the march or become spectators along the route. Beginning at 9 a.m., participants may gather at the parking lot of Post 449, 3245 North 124th St., Brookfield. The ¾-of-a-mile march is set to start at 10 a.m., beginning and ending at the same location in front of the building.

As **Mike Pook**, Sons of the American Legion Finance Officer, noted in the August 2017 edition of the Post’s *“Four Forty Niner”* newsletter, the event will be “a solemn procession with no noise, just a lone drum beat. Afterwards, there will

be a ceremony with guest speakers and the reading of the names of the 25 Wisconsin servicemen still classified as MIA from Vietnam. There will be the toll of a bell and a black balloon released for each name. The POW/MIA flag pays tribute and is our visual reminder to remember the sacrifices of our service members.”

The ceremony will follow the Silent March at approximately 10:45 a.m. back at Legion Post 449 where food and beverages will be available. The march will be held rain or shine. Please help Post 449 honor our POW/MIA Veterans.

The Cudworth-Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449 (www.post449.com) (established following World War II at the southwest corner of Legion Drive and Juneau Blvd. in Elm Grove before moving to Brookfield) is now Wisconsin’s largest American Legion post.

For more information about the Silent March, please contact: **Ricard Strehlow**, (262) 389-4638 or **Anita “Sam” Catura**, (414) 418-0289.

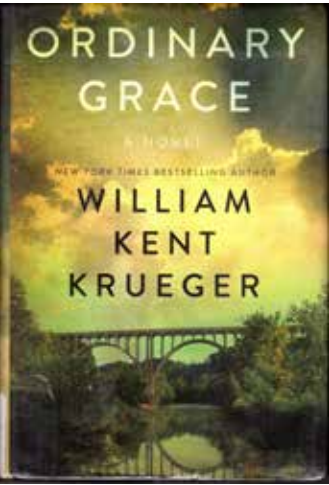
FOEGL to Present ‘Elm Grove Reads’ in October

By Janet Wintersberger

The Friends of Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) is hosting its 10th Elm Grove Reads on Tuesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. The featured book will be *Ordinary Grace*, by **William Kent Krueger**. It’s a popular book that returns readers to more pleasant, gentler times. Copies of *Ordinary Grace* are available at the Elm Grove Public Library, 13600 Juneau Blvd.

Judith Steininger, Professor-Emerita of the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) will guide the discussion at the Sunset Playhouse, 800 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove.

Be sure to invite your book group and friends to a most enjoyable evening. A cash bar will be available; treats will be provided by the Friends.



Seating is limited. Tickets (\$5) will be available at the Elm Grove Public Library in September. Reserve your seat soon.

Local market knowledge. Quality service. An incredible future.


As a resident living and active in my community, I know Elm Grove inside and out! I also understand the importance of providing great service to my clients.

Whether you're buying or selling, I am ready to put my market knowledge, expertise and the power of the Coldwell Banker network to work for you!


John Vivian, REALTOR®
(414) 588-6090 - Cell
jvivian@thevivianrealtygroup.com
www.TheVivianRealtyGroup.com

©2017 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. All Rights Reserved. Each Office Is Independently Owned And Operated.

Read All About It!




Upcoming Programs at the Library
13600 Juneau Boulevard, Elm Grove, WI 53122
262-782-6717/www.elmgrovelibrary.org




MAXIMIZE YOUR MEDICARE BENEFITS
Wednesday, September 13, 1:00 p.m. O'Neill Room

Get ready for the fall open enrollment period and learn more about your Medicare options. Debbie Bisswurm, SHIP Outreach Specialist for Waukesha County and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, will provide an overview of Medicare and its four parts, as well as supplemental insurance and an explanation of how they all fit together.

The program will also cover how to use and understand the plan comparison tool on Medicare's website (www.medicare.gov), as well as information about programs for beneficiaries with limited income. Get your Medicare questions answered with this free presentation!



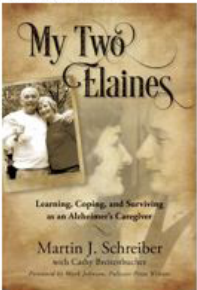
My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping, and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver
Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. O'Neill Room



Join former Wisconsin Governor Martin J. Schreiber as he shares lessons from his more than 10-year journey as a caregiver for his wife, Elaine, who lives with Alzheimer's disease.

Governor Schreiber will candidly describe his challenges and missteps, and highlight how compassion and humor provide comfort to both caregiver and the person with dementia. His raw honesty and practical advice will inspire other caregivers to find patience, courage, and love as they climb the Alzheimer's mountain.

Copies of his book, *My Two Elaines*, (with co-author Cathy Breitenbucher) will be available for purchase for \$15. Net proceeds will be used to promote Alzheimer's caregiver support programs. **Free to attend. Registration for this event will begin September 1. Space is limited.**



Our Summer Theme: "Build a Better World"

By Noah Weckwerth

One thing is assured; fun was definitely had at the Elm Grove Public Library this summer. A record number of reading sheets were returned and attendance was booming, as all ages enjoyed the full slate of activities, from comedy to coding to Cinderella. Before fall programs begin at the library this month, check out two of the highlights from an exuberant summer.



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Public Library

When Cinderella and her stepsisters dropped by for a lesson in manners on July 28, 4-year-old Carlos Mendez got the ultimate meet and greet.



HERITAGE
ELM GROVE
Assisted Living and Memory Care Communities



End of summer special!
\$1,500 off first month's rent on 2-bedroom apartments



Services and Amenities

- Spacious 2-bedroom apartments with patios available
- Nursing LPN/RN 7 days/week
- 24 hour awake staff
- Movie theater
- Gym and on-site therapy
- Spacious activity room
- Pub/social area
- Outdoor patios and courtyard
- Spa rooms with whirlpool tub
- Salon/barbershop
- Daily resident activities
- Home-cooked, nutritionally balanced meals

800 Wall Street, Elm Grove, WI 53122 • 262-786-5800
heritagesenior.com



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Public Library

New friends were made at one of the library's most popular events, the annual Stuffed Animals Sleepover.

DIFFICULTY HEARING?

Stop struggling to hear the TV, loved ones, in church or in social settings.

Call NOW to check for earwax and a FREE evaluation!

KEEP IT LOCAL! We're not a franchise or chain. B.S. Wisniewski Hearing Centers are owned and run by family. Our Grandfather owned B.S. Wisniewski's, WIZZY'S since 1914. We only dispense instruments made in the U.S.A.

BS WISNIEWSKI
HEARING AID CENTERS
130th & Bluemound - **262-784-0063**
49th & Forest Home - **414-321-2020**



bswhearing.com

- Professional Hearing Services
- Board Certified Specialists

Young Writers & Cub Reporters

Elm Grove Public Library – Summer Creative Writing Contest

Co-Winner: ages 12–16

Only Human

By Anna Sobczak, age 14 – Brookfield Central High School

The world is spinning faster and faster.
I can’t keep up.
It’s like a race, this world of ours.
Everyone’s competing, running to be the best.
And then, there is us.
The readers and dreamers and writers and believers who take hits
and are blinded by the dust of others,
Those who keep jogging even though they are in last place.
This world is growing and changing, getting bigger and more confident.
So are the people, moving at a half of a mile a second,
never stopping to take a breath or look back.
They are like robots.

Sometimes I wonder if they cry at night when they remember that
they’re only human.

Co-Winner (ages 12–16)

A Promise

By Ava Hoffmann, age 13 – Pilgrim Park Middle School

“I promise I’ll come back Alania.” Those were the last words I ever heard before my mother left me. Those frightening words that never seemed to leave me alone. Like a food that was so spicy, your tongue just couldn’t get over the aftertaste. The aftertaste of those words were bitter, sour and fiery. They gave me a sense of hatred, emptiness and self-doubt.

“Why should I care?” I questioned myself relentlessly, trying desperately to ignore the flame from my tongue that intensified each individual word. I cringed at the sound of my own voice. How pathetic! I heard a knock on the door outside my room.

“Alania, dinner is ready!” chimed the singsong voice of Ms. Hagensford, the Sunrise Orphanage’s assistant manager.

“What is it tonight?” I asked glumly. There was a pause for about ten seconds.

“Tacos!” Ms. Hagensford exclaimed as if she had won a lottery. I shook my head at her over enthusiasm.

“I’m not eating tonight!” I hollered back.

“Why not? You must have something!” she insisted.

“I’ll eat the leftover pasta salad!” I yelled, slightly agitated.

“Very well then,” she sighed and began to walk away, obviously giving up. Nobody can stand up to me! I thought proudly. The smell of tacos drifted from the kitchen, which was only down the hall.

“Ew.” I muttered to myself silently. The other orphans began to walk to the dining room. A small boy named Ryan walked up to my slightly open door.

“Why don’t you like tacos?” he asked.

“Buzz off.” I said. “They’re too spicy.” I added as he walked away.

That night I had a dream, my mother had taken the figure of a lovely doll, with a dress made of silk. It was designed so beautifully, every stitch and curve on the hem of her dress looked like the wind. Surprisingly it was also windy in my dream. Willow trees swayed and groaned from the invisible force that jostled them. Trees also fell, oaks, birches, and incredibly tall pines. I continued to clutch onto the doll tightly with my fingers. An oak started to come down above us; the doll turned its beautiful face to me and gently lifted my fingers from her dress. The oak was still crashing toward us. The doll’s entire body became a mass of ivy green thread, the color of her dress, it twisted

and turned in my grasp as strands and pieces began to float away with the fierce wind. I cried out, desperately jumping and standing as tall as I could on my toes to reach what remained. Suddenly all the threads had disappeared except one, which landed on my forearm gently, as if nothing had happened. It slowly coiled and transformed into a small, soft garden snake. It slithered up my arm and around my right shoulder, finally resting where my heart was. It rested there as I stroked it as if I were lulling it to sleep. The snake seemed to dissolve into my t-shirt and through my skin. Resting around my heart, even though snakes are cold blooded (as everybody should know) I suddenly felt a rush of heat. Not enough to cause me to sweat, but just enough to wrap around me like a thin blanket. I could hear my heart beating as the warmth embraced me. The elegant snake inside me hissed to the rhythm. Thrum, Thrum, Hiss, Hiss, Thrum, Thrum, Hiss, Hiss.

Morning seemed to arrive just as fast as night fell. The sweet smell of mini parfaits wafted down the hallway. Surprisingly, I smiled at the thought of the smooth yogurt in my mouth along with the fruit and granola. My mother loved parfaits.

She’d sit with me in our living room and say, “Not too sweet!” and I would say, “Not too sour!”

She would finish so boldly she sounded like a poet, proud and strong, “Never be too sour my darling!” she would encourage and we would eat our parfaits with smiles on our faces.

“For a sour mind makes a sour heart, and sour hearts aren’t easy to sweeten! But it can be done!”

“So some people have fruit and stuff in their hearts?” I confirmed. She laughed loud and long, I could swear she was almost close to tears.

“Yes my love, and yours is incredibly sweet!”

“With what?”

“Love.” I felt her powerful zeal for me. The memory faded away silently. I dressed quickly so I could eat the parfait waiting at my spot. I arrived early to the dining room and took my seat. A colorful parfait sat neatly in front of me with a spoon on the right side. I took a bite.

“Not too sweet, not too sour.” I tried to think of a word to explain it.

“Promising,” I whispered.

Winner: ages 5–7

The Plane

By Sinovi Agarwan, age 7 – Dixon Elementary

Slow then fast and wooosh we’re in the sky
oh see us go
we go high and low and in clouds out of clouds and over clouds
and under clouds

We see the cars trucks and buildings
they look like toys we play with everyday

Winner: (ages 8-11)

Al’s Nightmare Summer

By John Tsagalis, age 10 – Pilgrim Park Middle School

Well, do you think you’re noticed? Do you think your grades will stay the same? Think about it for a minute.

It was 1:30 p.m. on June 15 and Al’s math teacher, Mrs. Twotwofour, asked the class, “What is the square root of 49? Al please answer.”

Al said confidently, “7”.

Mrs. Twotwofour said, “Correct.”

Mrs. Twotwofour asked the same question to Sophia, John, and Brady and they answered, “6, 5 and 45.”

Mrs. Twotwofour shouted, “WRONG, WRONG, WRONG AND WRONG !!!!! The correct answer was 7.”

Al’s next class was spelling. His spelling teacher was Mrs. Wordsey and asked the class, “How do you spell onomatopoeia?”

Nobody raised their hand except for Al, and Mrs. Wordsey called on him, and Al said more confidently than before, “O-n-o-m-a-t-o-p-o-e-i-a.”

Mrs. Wordsey said, “Correct.”

Mrs. Wordsey asked the same question to Mary, Annie and Jack and they answered, “I don’t know.”

Mrs. Wordsey screamed, “THAT’S NOT AN OPTION!!!!!!!!”

“RRRRRIIINNNGGGG.” the school bell indicated that school was over.

“YAAYYY, SUMMER VACATION!!!!”

Al got home that day and his report card was there.

The report card read: GYM: F, SCIENCE: D-, Math: D+, TECH ED: D+, HISTORY: C-, SOCIAL STUDIES: D+, SPELLING: D-, ELA: D-.

His parents yelled, “WHAT!!!! Go to your room! You never got bad grades like this and we’re cutting all your privileges!”

The next week, his parents announced, “Al, you have to go to summer school.”

“Bu...” Al started.

“It’s for your own good son,” his dad said.

“UUUUUUHHHHHHGGGGGGGGG” Al moaned and stormed off to his room.

Al got a text from his best friend named Nate. The text read: what r u doing this summer.

Al responded back, summer school

Nate texted back, ooohh bad luck man.

I no Al texted back

y Nate asked.

I dunno Al texted back then went to sleep.

The next day at summer school, he saw some familiar faces like, Rick, Brian, Karen, John, Brady, Dan, Sophia, Jack, Sam, Mason, Henry, Annie, Mary, Peter and Al’s arch rival (geeky weirdo), Chester.

“Sup dude, surprised to see you here Albert Winestien,” said Chester. Everybody laughed.

Al said, “My parents made me because I got ‘bad grades.’”

“S....., Chester started.

The teacher said “Alright delinquents my name is Mrs. Summers and I’ll be teaching you people. Let’s start with your names. Whoever doesn’t know their name is in detention.”

“Isn’t this detention now?” Peter asked curiously.

“DETENTION YOU KID WHO JUST SPOKE!!!!” screamed Mrs. Summers. Everybody started laughing again.

That afternoon, Al’s parents said, “We feel bad about how we treated you yesterday and called the school about your report card and they said that some short and stubby substitute did it.”

“Really?” exclaimed Al.

“Yep,” said his dad.

“I’m starving,” said Al, trying to change the subject.

The next day after the torture called summer school, Al raced toward his normal Fall, Winter and Spring school to investigate.

He asked the principal, “What was the sub’s name that did my report card?”

“I dunno,” he responded.

“May I see the fingerprints?” said Al.

“Woah Mr. detective. I don’t think I have the right tools,” said the principal.

“I do,” said Al.

“I know you do. He touched that very printer over there,” said the principal.

“Thanks,” said Al.

“The next week Al exclaimed, ”Eureka! I know who printed my grades. It was drumroll please..... Chester.”

“Huh?” said his parents, “Who is Chester?”

“Some person at my school,” said Al casually.

“And he is a geeky weirdo,” he added, muffled.

“Are you sure? If you’re sure I’ll contact the school,” said his mom doubtfully.

“I’m sure mother,” said Al rudely.

“Alright then Al, we’ll contact the school,” said his dad.

The next day at summer school, Al didn’t see Chester and asked,”Where is Chester?”

“He got expelled,” said Mrs. Summers crabbily.

That afternoon, Al got his new, real report card. It read: GYM: A, SCIENCE: A+, MATH: A+, TECH ED: A+, HISTORY: A+, SOCIAL STUDIES: A+, ELA: A+.

“YAY!!! We are so proud of you,” his parents yelled.

“Can we go out for ice cream?” Al asked.

“Sure,” said his dad.

The next school year, there was a new kid named Louie, he bragged, “I got the best grades in my school last year.”

“O gosh. Here comes another Chester,” moaned Al.

News Briefs



Sharon Koenings



Doug Ricci



Linda Pryor

Brookfield Academy Announces New Leadership Appointments

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy is proud to announce that **Sharon Koenings** has been appointed Head of School. Mrs. Koenings previously served as Assistant Head of School, Director of Admissions and will continue in her role as Director of College Counseling. **Doug Ricci**, currently the Head of the Middle School, will also

serve as Assistant Head of School, and **Linda Pryor**, currently the Head of the Lower School, will have the added role of Director of Academics and Mission. Mrs. Koenings, Mr. Ricci and Mrs. Pryor are long-time Brookfield Academy teachers and administrators, having worked with

students, parents and staff throughout the last 27-39 years. The cumulative experience and length of service among this trio speaks to their commitment, dedication and support for Brookfield Academy's mission and vision for future generations of students at the school.

Methodist Church

(cont. from Page 6)

Each quarter we focus on a different group and our loose coins go towards that group. We pick a project we are supporting and help the organization reach their goal. This current quarter our focus is on our missionary in Africa, Paul Webster. He works with locals and has a large agricultural farm — teaching them to farm and growing the farm. We are raising money to help them extend the well water to workers' homes on the property.

Our last quarter we will be focusing on Selah Freedom. It's a national organization that helps young girls and women who are caught up in sex trafficking and helps them rehab and get out of it. They are currently building a safe house in Racine to help combat the problem down there. It's under construction and we are working to support them.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Community United Methodist Church is located at 14700 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove. For more information about its mission projects and how you can lend your support, visit www.cumceg.org or call (262) 782-4060.



Past Times (Cont. from Page 4)

Bill Eagan passed away in February of 2011. My conversations with Bob and Bill about the creek occurred over twenty years ago, but, at my age, 'twenty years ago' often seems like just yesterday. I am curious and even excited about the potential for the creek and its surroundings in the next few years, and I am glad that I'm around to see it unfold.

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

News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures



Photo courtesy of the Elmbrook Humane Society

Scotty

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Sweet, shy Scotty is in search of his forever family and home. This little guy has spent a little time settling in and getting to know staff and volunteers. Given some time, he warms up quickly and loves spending time with people and taking walks outside. As he grows comfortable and gains confidence, you quickly see he is quite goofy, too!

Do you have room in your home and heart for this little man? The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road. Visit www.ebhs.org; call (262) 782-9261; or stop by for more information.

Promote your Business within 5-3-1-2-2
& neighboring communities.

ADVERTISE!

To request a Rate Sheet, e-mail: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com
Or call (262) 782-6193

*Don't be crying when
the snow starts flying...*

**Call us today and
let us make your day!**

- **Free Estimate**
- **Fall Lawn Care**
- **Winter Snow Plowing
and Salting**

Fall Clean-Up

- Vacuum leaves
- Clean flower beds
- Clip back perennials
- Fertilization for trees
and lawn

Snow Plowing

- Commercial
- Residential
- Salt or calcium
chloride
- On time; On call 24/7

**JW'S
Lawn &
Snowplow
Service**

414-406-1756

Elm Grove's Best Kept Secret for 30 Years!

Also serving the surrounding communities.
Specializing in condominiums and commercial properties.



Give Trees and Shrubs a Boost this Fall

by Melinda Myers

Fall, after a hard freeze until the ground freezes, is a great time to fertilize trees and shrubs in need of a nutrient boost. Most urban and suburban trees are growing in stressful, less-than-ideal situations. Proper fertilization can help maintain their vigor so they are more tolerant of environmental stressors and better able to ward off pests.

Trees and shrubs that are putting on very little new growth, have pale or undersized leaves and drop their leaves earlier than normal in the fall may benefit from a fall fertilization.

Applying fertilizer in fall allows trees and shrubs to absorb some of the nutrients right away. The remainder of the fertilizer remains in the ground until roots resume growth in the spring. This provides plants with needed nutrients for the burst of top growth at the start of the growing season.

But don't wait for the leaves to fall. Call the professionals at Kanavas now to schedule your fall tree and shrub fertilization.

Call the Professionals at
Kanavas for all your
FALL CLEANUP
needs this season!

Fall is the perfect time for
CORE AERATION!
Reduce compacted soil for a
healthier lush lawn next spring.

Visit the Kanavas
Website for
Exclusive Monthly
Tips from Melinda!



kanavas
Landscape Management, Inc.
Great Clients • Great Employees • Great Company

262 786-0050
kanavaslandscape.com

CUDWORTH-STENZ-GRIESELL-SMITH

AMERICAN LEGION POST #449

3245 North 124th Street, Brookfield (262) 781-0488

Retire your worn and tattered flags with dignity. Bring to Post 449

EVERYONE is welcome to attend our upcoming events:

- No drink or food carry-ins allowed.
- * FREE WI FI at Post, plus free phone & charging station in bar area.

* Collecting items for Homeless Vets & for The Hoptel at the Zablocki VA Hospital

* Mondays only, Post opens at 1 p.m., no lunch.

Taco Night, 5 to 8 p.m.

* 2nd Monday: One More Time Band (Big Band Music & Dancing), 1:30 to 3 p.m., \$3

* Tuesdays: Post opens at 11:30 a.m., closes at 10 p.m., no lunch.

* Wednesdays: Post opens at 11:30 a.m., closes at 10 p.m., no lunch.

* Thursdays, Cook-In, 5-8:30 p.m. Post opens: 11:30 a.m., closes: 10 p.m., no lunch.

* **Fridays: Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

FISH FRY - 4:30 to 8 p.m. CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE

Joyce Bevans, piano - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Various live bands, 6:30 to 10 p.m. (no cover charge)

* Sundays: CLOSED
- HALL RENTAL**
Available for All Occasions
Call Joy Loucks
(262) 781-0488, Ext. 4
- ### Upcoming Events:
- *Saturday, SEPTEMBER 16 – 1st District POW/MIA Silent March – 9 a.m. Doughnuts, Juice, Coffee; Silent March at 10 a.m.; POW/MIA Ceremony; Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

*Sunday, OCTOBER 8 – Sheepshead Party, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., prizes, lunch
Packers Play, come join the party and bring a dish to pass.

*Saturday, OCTOBER 21 – Waukesha County Blanket Tie

*Saturday, OCTOBER 28 – Brookfield Ballroom Dancing Party at Post 449, 6 to 9:30 p.m. - \$20.00

*Sunday, OCTOBER 29 – Oktoberfest; German music, beer, costume contest and food --- Spannferkel – 11:30 a.m.

*Sunday, NOVEMBER 5 – Patsy Cline Impersonator, 2 p.m., cash bar Noon – 5 p.m.. Advance \$8.00; Door \$10.00.
- ## Support Our Veterans!
-
- ### SIGNS OF HEARING LOSS

 - Difficulty hearing conversations in the presence of background noise.
 - You can hear people speaking, but can't make out what they are saying.
 - You ask people to repeat themselves.
 - Difficulty hearing the television or voices over the phone.

HEAR Wisconsin is focused on providing you the best hearing healthcare available. Our audiologists from the Medical College of Wisconsin and technology counselors work closely with you to find the best solution for your hearing and communication needs.

Since we're a nonprofit, every purchase you make supports kids and families with hearing loss.

HEAR Wisconsin
10243 W National Ave
West Allis, WI 53227

www.hearwi.org
info@hearwi.org
414-604-2200