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Photo by Jesse Chehak

AN IGLOO IN ELM GROVE. Whaaaaaaat????!! (See story – Page 2)

Village Update

**Primary Election:
February 21**

**Spring Election:
April 4**

While no Village offices will be on the Primary Election ballot this month, residents of Elm Grove will vote for candidates for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and those vying for the School District of Elmbrook – Area III seat: **Jimmy Schulgit, Jian Sun, and Leanne Wied.**

The top two Primary vote getters for each position will be listed on the April 4 Spring Election ballot. Also included will be candidates (**Jon J. Dzurak and Allison Malnar**) for the currently vacant Area I (3-year term) School Board seat, and the At-Large Seat (incumbent **Kathryn Wilson**), the State Supreme Court, Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge, and the office of Elm Grove Village President (**Neil Palmer**, incumbent).

Four candidates are hoping to secure one of the three available seats (2-year terms) on our Village Board of Trustees. These include incumbents **Patty Kujawa, Thomas Michalski, and Katy Cornell**, (who was appointed just months ago to fill the seat of **Jack Nelson**, following his resignation), and challenger **Jim Koleski.**

Reinders Property Re-development Project “On Hold” for Now

By **Lisabeth Passalis-Bain**, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

“To build, or not to build...”

That is the question that has been the subject of much public and private discussion and debate for most of the last 12 months by Wangard Partners, who want to re-develop /re-zone the Reinders property in downtown Elm Grove into a \$47 million, 174 unit complex (townhomes, apartments, commercial space); by a Village Ad Hoc committee which met for months before recently issuing a statement of its recommendations; by Elm Grove and area residents and businesses, whose often strong opinions have ranged from ‘Build

it, now’ to ‘Build it, never’ and a number of variations in between.

In the days prior to the January 23 Board of Trustees meeting, Wangard Properties issued an official re-development proposal to the Village, causing the item to be placed on the agenda with the possibility that the Board could vote to pass the proposal on to the Plan Commission. This would be just one of many steps in the multi-committee process that, according to Village president **Neil Palmer**, “would take one year to get to the final plan” (when a Board vote to accept or reject a plan would be taken).

Following a presentation of the Reinders plan by Wangard Property representatives and time allowed for public comment, Trustee **Tom Michalski** made a motion to deny forwarding the proposal to the Plan Commission, stating his disappointment that Wangard did not address (enough) certain Ad Hoc Committee recommendations (notably building height and density issues). Trustee **George Haas** discussed tabling it. President Palmer agreed, noting that it would allow added time for Board members to meet one-on-

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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

Another Sweet Issue!
(#78... if you're counting)

Happy Valentine's Day!



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ZEUS in The Grove.



Photo by Jesse Chehak

Sam Miota (at left), Jack Browne, Cam Bauer and Zach Browne inside their igloo.

Elm Grove Boys Construct Igloo

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

During the first part of January, in the days just before a sudden surge in the temperature to the mid-40s and even 50s gave us a brief respite from the bitter chill of our Wisconsin winter, a quartet of teenage friends and neighbors built a new Elm Grove structure, a now-you-see-it-now-you-don't feat of engineering.

So, when **Jane Peck**, owner of Imperial Hair Care of Elm Grove, heard about the project from Village resident **Jane Browne**, Jane # 1 suggested that this would be a good story for the EGNI, and Jane # 2 contacted me with the details, writing:

"My 15-year-old sons, **Jack** and **Zachary Browne**, and two of their friends, **Cam Bauer**, 16, and **Sam Miota**, 13, have built an igloo on our front lawn. We live in a cul-de-sac and thus have very high mounds of snow after the Village plow comes to clear the street.

The igloo has two entrances that are sealed up with two saucers when the boys are not in the igloo. There is a flag atop and one of the rooms is decked out with Christmas lights that the boys purchased at St. Mary's Thrift Shop.

The igloo is in front (of our home on) Green Meadow Place. With the warmer weather coming it may not be there much longer." (Basically true!)

But, with another major snowfall, there is hope that the boys' igloo might possibly rise again. And if it does, this reporter plans to bundle up and check it out!

NOTE: When they're not building news-worthy structures, brothers Jack and Zach and their friend Cam attend Brookfield East High School, and Sam is a student at Pilgrim Park Middle School.

Good Neighbors

Jennifer Morris & Tom Michalski

Nominated by Doris & Dennis Kaun, who wrote:

"In nearly 44 years in Elm Grove we have always had good neighbors but in the last 19 years the situation has gotten even better. The family right across the street from us, **Jennifer Morris** and **Tom Michalski** moved in.

Both are volunteer fire fighters and Jennifer also serves as a EMT for the village. She was president of the Elm Grove Woman's Club and now serves as treasurer. Tom serves the village as a trustee and also was recently elected Waukesha County Supervisor. They keep us informed and, sometimes, involved.

Rain, snow or sleet, Jennifer, most mornings, walks down our long driveway

and delivers our newspaper to the back door — Flash, their Labradoodle, usually leading the way. Jennifer is also an excellent photographer and has taken some memorable photographs of us and our family.

When extra manpower is needed, Tom comes over and helps. While we are off somewhere they keep an eye on our place and Jennifer collects our mail and newspapers and waters plants.

On top of all that, they are a fun couple who often invite us to their lake cottage.

How did we get this lucky?! We sure feel blessed!

ELM GROVE RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE THEIR "GOOD NEIGHBORS" FOR THIS NEW FEATURE.

Do you have a **special neighbor** who steps up in case of emergency; brings food and comfort during a time of illness; helps with lawn work / snow shoveling; watches your property when you are out of town, etc.? **Honor their efforts by telling us about them in 300 words or less.**

Submit your story to elmgrovenews@yahoo.com or mail it to: EGNI – "Good Neighbors", P.O. Box 372, Elm Grove, WI 53122-0372. If published, you AND your "Good Neighbor" will each receive tickets for an upcoming performance at Sunset Playhouse. Questions? Send an e-mail or call Lisabeth at (262) 782-6193.

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Elm Grove Business News

Who's In...Who's Out...Who's On the Move



Photo courtesy of Country Travel Discoveries

The staff of Country Travel Discoveries in Elm Grove.

Country Travel Makes E.G. Home for 5 Years

By Stewart D. Ikeda

This month, Country Travel Discoveries is celebrating its 5th anniversary in business. The company was established in 2012 by **Steve Uelner** and staff from the former World Wide Country Tours, a premier escorted tour company for four decades. When the WWCT division of Greendale's Reiman Publications was closed by a new parent company, then-Managing Director Uelner was determined to pick up right where they left off—with the same approach, same travelers—but with a new name and home.

While setting up, Uelner wanted to keep the friendly and nostalgic, small-town feel Roy Reiman had found in Greendale—that had been in the company's DNA. Elm Grove had just that.

"We didn't want a big office park, rather a pleasant location where we could pop across the street for lunch, know our business neighbors, walk to the post office, and do our banking with people who knew our names," Uelner says.

Although its tours draw travelers from around the world, local community has been important to CTD. This summer the company hosted a picnic for neighboring businesses in the Watertown Plank Building. CTD has been a supportive member of the Elm Grove Business Association, given presentations to local civic clubs, and routinely advertises special, locals-only discounts in the News-Independent, village calendar, etc.

CTD is offering free Anniversary treats to neighbors who come in to Crumby Art or Fazio's this month to pick up its new travel catalog; just present the anniversary coupon in this issue... and enjoy. In addition, CTD invites residents interested in travel to meet them at Crumby Art for a free slice of cake, coffee and travel gift. This special anniversary event takes place on Wednesday, February 15 from 1 pm to 3 pm.



Image courtesy of M3 Realty

A rendering of Hartland Station.

M3 Realty Opens 2nd Office, Adds New Staff

M3 Realty of Elm Grove (in the 890 Building – Village Court) has opened a second location in the heart of Lake Country — Hartland, Wisconsin.

The new office is situated in the new Hartland Station, at 249 Pawling Avenue. The new building resembles a vintage train station, keeping with the theme of the original train station next door!

M3 Realty is owned and operated by Elm Grove / Brookfield residents **Pat, Ben and Martin Mullikin**. Growth in their family-owned boutique real estate firm has necessitated the second location with the addition of **Niko Marlis, Gail Braatz, Greg Prahst and Ben Hampel**, all seasoned veterans of the real estate business.

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Reinders, continued from page 1

one with Wangard in the coming weeks to "come up with more concrete ideas about what would be acceptable... (and) iron out specifics." The Board voted 5 in favor; 1 abstention; 1 member, not present.

Village Manager **Dave De Angelis** interjected that future discussion should center on "what's economically viable" regarding profit/return on investment for

the developer and "overall value to the Public/Village."

Details about the Reinders project, including many public comments, may be viewed at www.elmgroveni.org.

"Letters to the Editor" will also be considered. See Page 10 for submission guidelines.

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* **Saturday, February 11**.....Past President's Parley – Valentine lunch & raffle

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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

Painesville

By Stephen K. Hauser

Southeastern Wisconsin contains the remnants of many crossroad settlements, reminders of embryonic towns of the mid-nineteenth century. Some of these communities briefly flourished and thrived, while others remained crossroads hamlets. Ultimately, however, most were absorbed into larger surrounding villages and towns. Examples in our immediate area would include Prospect Hill and Calhoun Farms in New Berlin, Fussville in Menomonee Falls, Dheinsville in Germantown and Goerke's Corners in the Town of Brookfield. At one time, Elm Grove could easily have suffered the same fate, absorbed into the city of Brookfield, but incorporation as a village in 1955 stayed that fate.

In my Past Times column of June, 2016 I offered a patriotic salute to **Thomas Paine**, the American pamphleteer whose booklets *Common Sense* and *The Crisis* shaped the philosophical arguments in support of the American Revolution of 1776. In this context, I briefly noted my interest in Painesville, a nineteenth century settlement of German immigrants at the intersection of Ryan Road and old Highway 41 (now S. 27th Street) in the present-day city of Franklin. In the ensuing months, several readers expressed an interest in knowing more. Accordingly, with their curiosity in mind, I decided to devote this month's column to sharing that community's unique and interesting history. Its founding owed much to political discord in Europe.

Painesville was an 1852 settlement established by Achtundvierziger, or "Forty-Eighters", German reformers who had tried unsuccessfully to overthrow the petty aristocracy that ruled the German states. The reader may wish to know that Germany would not be united as one country until 1871. Prior to that time, "Germany" was really a region of 39 separate German states, all united by a common language and culture, but divided by longstanding geographical and religious rivalries. Hereditary 'royal families' ruled in each of these states. Some were benign while others were more repressive.

A spirit of democratic revolution swept through Europe in 1848. In Hungary, freedom fighter **Lajos Kossuth** led a revolt against the ruling Austrian Habsburg monarchy. Ultimately unsuccessful, Kossuth came to the United States to raise money for arms to make a second attempt. **President Millard Fillmore** placed a U.S. Navy gunboat at his disposal in 1852 and Kossuth toured the Midwest on inland rivers, giving pro-democracy speeches and lectures while taking contributions from his audiences who viewed him as a hero.

In the German states, meanwhile, other aborted revolutions were slapped down, and attempts in Frankfurt to write a constitution for a German republic failed. Seeking refuge from kingly absolutism (and remembering that it is never wise to remain if one is on the losing side of a power struggle), many of these failed revolutionaries emigrated to the United States, and large numbers of them found their way to Milwaukee, where earlier waves of German immigrants had already been well received, forming the basis of a thriving Teutonic subculture. My maternal great-great grandfather, **Heinrich Bloedel**, a blacksmith from Oppenheim in Hessen, was one such '48er, arriving in 1854.

Wisconsin's Achtundvierziger became active in a wide variety of cultural and political organizations. On July 18, 1853, **August Willich** and other '48ers founded

the Milwaukee Turnverein, or the Turners, a German gymnastic and intellectual society dedicated to improvement of mind and body. (Turner Hall at 1032 N. 4th Street, now a local landmark, was not built until 1882, but still serves as their headquarters today, in addition to being a destination for concerts and fish fries.) The Turners became active in local politics. Challenging a municipal ban on Sunday dances in 1870 and demanding that immigrants be allowed to vote in city elections, whether naturalized citizens or not. Turnvereins had been forbidden in Prussia by orders of the king.

To the south of Milwaukee, a small group of Germans moved to the area near Ryan Road, along the old highway that led toward Chicago. There they founded Painesville, named in honor of Thomas Paine, whom they regarded highly as the intellectual hero of the American Revolution. Originally Lutherans, they broke away from St. John's Lutheran congregation one mile further south and formed the Freiegemeinde (or "Free Society"), freethinkers who would worship separately. In 1852, at a cost of \$370, they built a 24 by 36 foot wooden chapel in which to hold their services. Although critical of the organized church, they were not atheists or agnostics, but embraced the Deism of American Founding Fathers like Paine, **Benjamin Franklin** and **Thomas Jefferson**. Portraits of Paine and Franklin graced the front of their sanctuary, as did a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence, which they viewed as the highest order of political polemics and a stolid defense of the freedom of the individual. Members sat on hardback wooden pews to hear Sunday lectures.

Painesville grew as a crossroads settlement, but never became an incorporated village, remaining as only a tiny segment of Franklin Township. To the west of the chapel a cemetery was founded, with the earliest burials dating to 1852. Some of the family names on the headstones can still be found in Franklin and Oak Creek today. An inn featuring an upstairs ballroom was built facing the highway. It survives today as the Buckhorn tavern and is the only building besides the chapel remaining from the days of historic Painesville.

The theology of Painesville's Freethinkers echoed Thomas Paine's simple affirmation in his 1794 *Age of Reason*: "I believe in one God, and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life. I believe in the equality of man; and I believe that religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy and endeavoring to make our fellow creatures happy."

Rev. Carl Gustave Reusch, who had resigned his pastorate at St. John's Lutheran Church, was named as the small congregation's first "Speaker" (as their pastors were called.) Guest lecturers were often invited, including **Carl Schurz**, a Forty-Eighter who would eventually become a Union Army general in the Civil War, a United States Senator and gain appointment as Secretary of the Interior by **President Rutherford B. Hayes** in 1877. (Schurz' wife founded America's first kindergarten in Watertown.) Another guest lecturer was Milwaukee craftsman and alderman **Emil Seidel** who would become the city's mayor in 1910 and would later run for governor and U.S. Vice-President.

By 1902 the Free Society had dwindled to only a few members and the congregation ceased to meet. The chapel fell into disrepair and local citizens considered tearing it down. Undertaking a nationwide survey of historic buildings for the federal government in 1934, architect **Alexander Carl Gurth** stumbled



Photo by Stephen K. Hauser

The Painesville Chapel on Ryan Road at S. 27th Street in Franklin. The cemetery is on the left.

upon the Painesville Chapel and proclaimed it as "one of the most outstanding buildings I found in twenty years of studying such structures", adding that it would be "almost a sacrilege" to level it. Congress would later place the building on the National Register of Historic Places, a designation it still enjoys. Its German language hymnals were found to be quite rare.

Subsequently, the Painesville Memorial Association was founded in 1937 and undertook a renovation of the deteriorating structure over the next five years at a cost of \$1,200, with much labor donated or contracted at reduced "charitable" rates. Today the group is led by **Judy** and **Steve Gyuro** of Franklin. They have donated countless hours of hard work in carrying on that unselfish tradition. For them, it has been a labor of love.

In 1960, noted architect **Richard W. E. Perrin**, under the auspices of the Wisconsin chapter of the American Institute of Architects, published a guide to historic buildings in Wisconsin. He remarked that the Painesville Chapel was of a "Colonial type... with gable roof and pedimented doors and windows", apparently deeming it worthy of inclusion with other historic structures such as Cedarburg's covered bridge and Watertown's Octagon House.

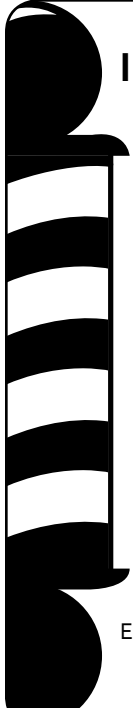
For the past decade, it has been my privilege to be a member of the Painesville Memorial Association. It is still dedicated to preserving the memory of Painesville and

maintaining the little white chapel that once served the settlers for their religious services, public meetings and community gatherings. It is worth reflecting that the call to liberty contained in the writings of Thomas Paine was so far-reaching that it not only gave resolve to **Gen. George Washington** and his troops at Valley Forge in 1777 but even 75 years later gave inspiration to a group of German immigrants in the young state of Wisconsin, causing them to singularly honor his name.

In 2003, my good friend **Frank P. Zeidler**, mayor of Milwaukee from 1948 to 1960, was asked to translate flowery German script found on the back of a portrait of **Robert Glatz**, the second Speaker at the Painesville Chapel. He arrived at this English paraphrase: "Wisdom strives when it is combined with pure knowledge and youthful, striving courage to teach us that the times guide us. Complete satisfaction in life is found where earnest thought and powerful feelings are combined to courageously break through any constraints."

Frank appended this notation to his translation: "The Forty-Eighters in Milwaukee County and in the United States are credited by thoughtful historians with greatly strengthening United States democracy."

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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Calendar of Events for February 2017

**Thursday – FEBRUARY 2
GROUNDHOG DAY**

Friday – FEBRUARY 3

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

Monday – FEBRUARY 6

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

Tuesday – FEBRUARY 7

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

Wednesday – FEBRUARY 8

***American Association of University Women –**
West Suburban Milwaukee Branch Meeting –
6:30 p.m. (social, business meeting, followed by presentation: “Honor Flight Reflections”) @ Sunset Playhouse, 800 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove. (See Story – Page 6)

Thursday – FEBRUARY 9

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

Friday – FEBRUARY 10

***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

**Tuesday – FEBRUARY 14
HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!**



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

Thursday – FEBRUARY 16

***OWLS (Older – Wiser – Livelier – Seniors)**
Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove. Program: 11:30 a.m. “The Katyn Order” – presented by **Doug Jacobson**, author. Call **Carolyn** (262) 628-7761.
***Village of Elm Grove Recreation Committee**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

Friday – FEBRUARY 17

***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
***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K**
Spaghetti Dinner served from 4 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of Brookfield Central High School, 16900 W. Gebhardt Road, Brookfield. Carryout available. Tickets \$12 (\$8 children) at the door or from Kiwanis and Brookfield Key Club members. (See Story - Page 6)

**Monday – FEBRUARY 20
PRESIDENTS’ DAY**

***Village of Elm Grove Library Board**
Meeting – 4:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.
***Village of Elm Grove Public Works/Utility Comm.**
Meeting – 6:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

**Tuesday – FEBRUARY 21
SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION**



Elm Grove residents VOTE at Village Hall
(Lower level of library.)
Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
***Village of Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

Friday – FEBRUARY 24

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @St. Mary’s Senior Center 13000 Juneau Blvd. Guests welcome.
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Saturday – FEBRUARY 25

Elm Grove Winter Festival

This Second Annual community event is hosted by the Elm Grove Recreation Department.

- **CANDY CANE HUNT**
For ages 2 – 10 years
11 a.m. to Noon
@ Village Park near gazebo
- **FROSTY MEDALLION HUNT**
Family event
10 a.m. until found @ Village Park
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Clubs & Organizations



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Post 449 past Commander **Ron Anderson** (left) with current Commander **Mike Daigle**.

American Legion Post 449 Becomes Largest in State

By Steve Fraenzl

American Legion Post 449 in Brookfield has become the largest American Legion Post in the state of Wisconsin! The merger of Milwaukee east side Post 23 and local Post 449 was formally approved on September 12, 2016 by the American Legion National Executive Committee. The move utilizes the excellent facilities of Post 449 located at 3245 N. 124th St in Brookfield.

“Now we have a responsibility as a joint family and the largest Post in the state of Wisconsin to set the example for others to follow,” cited **Mike Daigle**, Post 449 Commander. He emphasized the importance of upholding the commitment of this Post to our Veterans.

The formal name – Cudworth, Stenz, Griesell, and Smith Post 449, finds its significance in honoring fallen Service Members. **Alonzo Cudworth**, a World War I Veteran, died August 29, 1918 near Juvingy France, while advancing on enemy lines. **Lt. Paul Stenz**, killed October 15, 1942 and **Lt. Robert Griesell**, killed June 21, 1943, both died in flight training crashes. **Sgt. Arthur Smith** was killed in action during World War II on May 5, 1944 in Italy.

You may remember the original location of Post 449 on Legion Drive in Elm Grove. The original charter was received there in early 1946. **George Reinders**, a highly successful local businessman, donated eight lots for the emerging Post. Through the hard work and dedication of its members and Auxiliary Units, the Post found its way into existence. The first meeting was held on the 4th anniversary of D-day, June 6, 1948. It grew through the years, going through various forms of remodeling and major additions. Due to severe flood damage sustained on August 6, 1998, the Post needed major remodeling to continue. The stay at that location continued until the new Post was opened in Brookfield in mid-2003.

The American Legion mission is strong at Post 449 through Veteran members, the Women’s Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion. Through its activities and support/outreach programs, Post 449 upholds the founding principles of the four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

The Post is thriving and encourages all to stop by for a visit. With excellent kitchen and bar facilities, as well as a rentable banquet hall that can seat 20 -200, the Post can accommodate many functions. Look for the Thursday night cook-ins with burgers, brats, hot dogs, and all the fixings. Friday night features fish fry dinner with live music. Saturday night features food and raffles with live music from 8:00 to 11:30 pm, with classic rock, oldies, country, and jazz. The Post is also open for lunch Tuesdays through Fridays, 11:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Thank you for supporting your local American Legion Post 449 and our nation’s Veterans.

“Honor Flight Reflections” Topic of AAUW Meeting

By Betsy Haushalter

Mike Bachus, an active volunteer with the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight will be the keynote speaker at the West Suburban – Milwaukee Branch of the American Association of University Women’s meeting on Wednesday, February 8. The meeting, which will begin with a social at 6:30 p.m. followed by a brief business meeting, will be held at the Sunset Playhouse Studio Theater, 800 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove. The presentation will include a slide show narrative of a typical Honor Flight.

The Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Inc. was founded in Wisconsin in 2008. Its mission is to honor all WW II, Korean War and terminally ill veterans from other conflicts by flying them to their specific memorials located in Washington D.C. Since then, the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight has flown more than 4,500 veterans to Washington D.C. The organization wants to make sure that all of our veterans feel appreciated and to thank them for the important work they did to secure the freedoms we enjoy today.

The program is free and open to the public. Prospective members, interested in joining the West Suburban Milwaukee Wisconsin Branch of the AAUW, who have earned at least a 2-year Associate degree, a Bachelor’s degree or higher, should call (414) 476-6919 or e-mail: aauw.wsm.membership@gmail.com for information.

For additional details about the organization, go to: <http://westsuburbanmilwaukee-wi.aauw.net/> onor Flight Reflections presentation will include a slide show narrative of a typical Honor Flight.

Art Scholarship Competition Coming in March

By Holly Kuusinen

The 48th Annual Art Scholarship Competition at the Elm Grove Woman’s Club, sponsored by Amy Carman Design of Elm Grove and open to all high school students who reside in Elm Grove, or who attend school in the Elmbrook School District, is now open. Students don’t have to be enrolled in an art class or planning to major in art in order to participate.

Senior High School students have the opportunity to win one of two \$1,500 awards. These scholarships will be issued directly to accredited university, college, art or technical schools on behalf of the winning students. Winners do not need to major or minor in art to receive the scholarship award.

Underclassmen or underclasswomen in grades 9-11 have the opportunity to win one \$250 grant which will be awarded directly to one winning student. Contestants should select three representative pieces of original artwork in any medium. Entry forms should be available from high school art teachers.

Registration is Tuesday, March 28 from 5 to 7 pm at the Elm Grove Woman’s Club at 13885 Watertown Plank Road in Elm Grove. Students should bring their three pieces of original art with attached entry forms to the clubhouse.

The reception and showing is March 30 from 7 to 8 p.m. and winners will be announced at 7:30 pm.

Winning artwork will be on display at the clubhouse until April 4 when the Woman’s Club will share the awards at the monthly meeting starting at 11 am until 12:30 pm. All scholarship and grant award recipients will be invited to attend the Awards Lunch.

For more information contact: **Deb Flanigan** at (262) 881-1111



Photo courtesy of Joe Sayrs

Guests line up to be fed by volunteers from the Brookfield Central Key Club during the 2016 Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K.

Kiwanis to Hold Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

By Joe Sayrs

The third-annual Kiwanis spaghetti dinner is planned for Friday, February 17 during and between Brookfield’s storied basketball rivalries at Brookfield Central High School, 16900 W. Gebhardt Road, Brookfield.

Central’s Lancers and Brookfield East’s Spartans usually attract strong fan backing for both their girls’ and boys’ teams.

More than 30 donated prizes will be given away during the dinner through a silent auction, ranging from Sunset Playhouse tickets, a catered dinner for a party of 20 and a year’s worth of preventive dentistry. Admirals game tickets and Brewers, Badgers and Packers themed items also will be given away, as will gift certificates from \$20 to \$100 from a number of area businesses.

Tickets for the 4 to 8 p.m. dinner, to be catered by Bunzel’s Old Fashioned Meat Market & Catering, will be available at the door for \$12 or sold in advance by members of the sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K and the high school’s Key Club. Kid’s portions for children under 12 will be \$8.

Meals will be served in the school’s cafeteria; carryout will be available. On the menu are spaghetti, meatballs, meatless sauce, salad, and Italian or garlic bread, as well as coffee and soft drinks. Gelato desserts are being donated by Fazio’s Sweet Moments Sweet Life of Elm Grove.

Proceeds of the event will go to help fund Kiwanis community service events as well as to the Brookfield Central High School Key Club and to help Kiwanis’ work with children.

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News Briefs



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St. Mary's students learn via Skype.

St. Mary's Students Skype with N.A.S.A Administrator, Hollywood Film Director

By Nora Mihm

St. Mary's Visitation seventh graders recently Skyped with **Charles Bolden**, N.A.S.A. Administrator and **Ted Melfi**, director of the new movie, *Hidden Figures*. The students listened to presentations and asked questions of Bolden and Melfi.

women and even fewer people of color were employed in these types of positions.

The work of these women was pivotal in allowing **John Glenn** to be launched into orbit and return safely.

The movie, due out this month, tells the untold story of **Katherine G. Johnson**, **Dorothy Vaughan** and **Mary Jackson**. These three African American women worked at N.A.S.A. at a time when few

It was a great way for SMV students to talk not only about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math but about the important contributions these women, mostly ignored for history, made to our journey to space.



Photos courtesy of Brookfield Academy

Elm Grove residents and Brookfield Academy seniors **Megan Vipond** (at left) and **Jordan Kobliska** with their artwork.



Photos courtesy of the School District of Elmbrook

A print (at left) by **Katie Pollock** and a painting by **Deepali Bhalla**.

B.E.H.S. Students Receive Art Awards

The School District of Elmbrook has announced that the following Brookfield East High School students have received Scholastic Art awards:

- Emma Barany** ..Gold Key - Animation
- Katie Pollock**Silver Key - Printmaking
- Deepali Bhalla** ..H.M. - Painting
- Mary Beth Drabiszczak** ..Honorable Mention - Painting, H.M. - 3D Printing/Sculpture, H.M. - Drawing
- Lizzie Ritchie**....H.M. - Digital Art

Students from Brookfield East, Brookfield Academy and many other schools will be honored at the annual awards ceremony on Saturday, February 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Milwaukee Art Museum, where The Scholastic Art Awards – Wisconsin Exhibition will run from February 4 through March 19.

Brookfield Academy Students Receive Art Awards

By Bridget O'Donnell

Scholastic Art Awards – Wisconsin has recognized these 12 Brookfield Academy Upper School art students who earned 22 awards in all:

- Hayden Erlinder**.....H. M. - Sculpture
- Elizabeth Geenen**...H. M. - Sculpture
- Gabriella Hoggat** ...Gold & Silver Key - two Drawing
- Gabrielle Hrdlick** ..H. M. & Silver Key - two Fashion
- Jordan Kobliska**.....H. M. - Fashion

- Mary Loomis** .. Silver Key - Mixed Media
- Jack Otto**H. M. - Printmaking & Silver Key - Mixed Media
- Alejandra Salinas**...H. M. - two Sculpture
- Navjot Singh**H. M. - Fashion
- Megan Vipond**.....H. M. - two Sculpture
- Fatima Warraich**....Silver Key - Comic Art & H. M. - Printmaking
- Amy Xiao**H. M. & Silver Key - Painting, H. M. - two Drawing, & H. M. - Sculpture.

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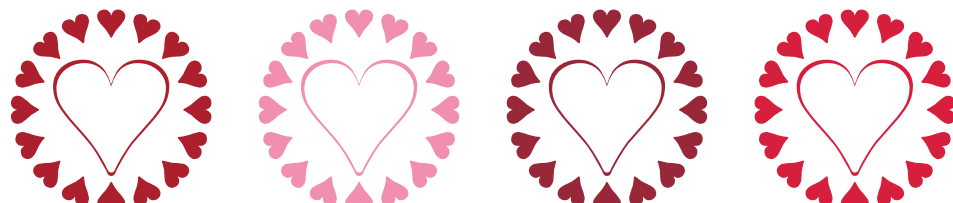
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Young Writers



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St. Mary's student **Ben Schneider** with EGPD Officer **Sandy Brown**.

Elm Grove Student Wins State D.A.R.E. Essay Contest

Ben Schneider, a St. Mary's Visitation 6th grader, has been selected as the Wisconsin D.A.R.E. Association state essay winner for 2016. Elm Grove Police Department D.A.R.E. instructor Officer

Sandy Brown surprised Ben with his award at a recent all-school assembly. Ben's essay can be found on the D.A.R.E. Wisconsin website: darewisconsin.org/DARE-Essay-Winner-2016.

News Briefs

"Cities of the Future" Competition Held

Pilgrim Park Middle School students competed on Saturday, January 21 with 44 other schools in a project entitled "Cities of the Future".

Students had the opportunity to show the models that they created using the engineering design process. Each model had to demonstrate a solution to turning a brownfield (space contaminated by chemicals) or greyfield (underused or abandoned property) into a public space of the future.

Each team was allowed three presenters who would explain their plan to the judges in a creative way. Models and student

knowledge were also judged throughout the day for special awards, such as the most futuristic city or the best use of plastics.

Throughout the competition season, students first created a virtual city in which they learned about infrastructure and zoning. They created a project plan and did research on the theme of public spaces as well as new ideas and technologies which could be incorporated into their cities to develop a city essay. Finally, they created their presentations and models. The students learned to work cooperatively as well as how to incorporate the engineering design process.

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SSND to Present Women's Leadership Luncheon in March

Join the School Sisters of Notre Dame at its annual Woman's Leadership Luncheon: "Leadership to bring positive change in the lives of children and families" on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, 13105 Watertown Plank Road.

The keynote speaker will be **Cecilia Gore**, Executive Director of the Brewers Community Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club.

SSND holds Leadership Luncheons each March "to further the understanding of leadership, bringing women leaders and colleagues together to reflect on the integration of the spiritual and professional dimensions of life."

The event is FREE, however registration is required. Register by February 23 online at www.ssndcp.org/wll; by e-mail: drohrichtyler@ssndcp.org; or by calling (314) 633-7032.



Photo courtesy of School Sisters of Notre Dame

Cecilia Gore



ELM GROVE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY 2017

By **Sgt. Joe Ipavec**,
Elm Grove Police Department

The Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy is currently accepting applications for its upcoming 2017 Citizen Police Academy class. This community relations program provides an opportunity for citizens who either reside or work in the Village to meet the men and women who serve them and to be educated about the "how's and why" of law enforcement. Participants are given a realistic view of the department and a wide variety of topics are discussed including, an understanding of patrol procedures, traffic law, the judicial system, court room procedures, officer survival and use of force, criminal investigations, evidence collection and crime prevention.

Starting April 12, 2017 the Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy will meet once a week from 6:30 PM to 9 PM at the Elm Grove Police Department, 13600

Juneau Blvd. The course consists of 10 sessions with the final session serving as the graduation. During the Citizen Academy, students may participate in a ride-a-long with an officer and observe in the communication center. Students who successfully complete the Citizen Police Academy will be invited to participate in the graduation ceremony and banquet currently scheduled for June 14, 2017.

Applications can be obtained either at the Police Department, on the Village's website or by emailing **Sgt. Joe Ipavec** at jipavec@elmgrovewi.org. The deadline to turn in applications for the 2017 class is Wednesday March 8.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Sgt. Joe Ipavec at (262) 786-4141 between the hours of 3 p.m. and 11 p.m.

PPMS Holds Spelling, Geography Bees

Pilgrim Park Middle School in Elm Grove held its annual Spelling Bee competition in mid-January.

Announced as the top finishers were:
1st Place: **Kushi Chandrashekar** (6th Grade – Blue House); 2nd Place: **Simran Kindloskar** (7th Grade – Green House); 3rd Place: **Shreya Girish** (6th Grade – Green House) and Runner Up: **Alan Zhong** (7th Grade – Green House).

Another competition, the PPMS National Geographic Geography Bee, was won by **Jane Atkinson**. The 2nd Place finisher was **Jack Bagby**, and **Viktor Sakman** received 3rd Place recognition.

District Spelling Bee Results

On Tuesday, January 17, a total of 21 students from all Elmbrook elementary and middle schools participated in the District Spelling Bee at Wisconsin Hills Middle School.

The top six spellers were **Ben Saudek** and **Mellynda Jia** from Tonawanda; **Nishkarsh Kumar** and **Mohnish Nagpal** from Brookfield Elementary; and **Kartik Ramachandrupala** and **Inzal Sharwani** from Swanson.

Kartik, a 4th grader, correctly spelled "voltmeter" to secure the title. Top District spellers will now move on to compete at the Regional Spelling Bee.

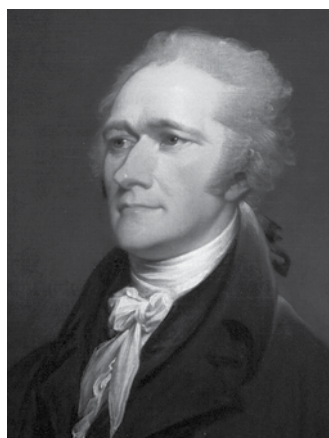
Read All About It!

Programs at the Elm Grove Public Library

By Noah Weckwerth

The Life of Alexander Hamilton

Founding Father **Alexander Hamilton** is recognizable today as a Broadway sensation. In his time though, he was an outstanding statesman, influential in creating the U.S. financial system and ratifying the Constitution. After immigrating to America at 15, Hamilton fought in the American Revolution alongside **George Washington**. As the first Secretary of the Treasury, he became deeply involved in economic policies that still reverberate. It was believed by many that he would become a future president. Until scandal hit.



Alexander Hamilton

On Wednesday, February 8, at 7 p.m., Historian **Jim Gibbons** brings the roller coaster life of a spectacular American figure to the Elm Grove Library. From skyrocketing popularity to sudden downfall and tragic death, Gibbons' riveting

presentation of Hamilton's legacy is sure to entertain. The program will take place in the O'Neill Room. It is free to attend, but space is limited. Reserve your seat by calling (262) 782-6717 before it fills up.

Melinda Myers Presentation

Award-winning gardening expert **Melinda Myers** will be appearing in the Community Room below the library on March 14 at 7 p.m., for a free program entitled "Jump Start Your Garden." In anticipation for this marquee event, registration will begin on Monday, February 13 at the library or by telephone: (262) 782-6717. Registration is required, as space is strictly limited.

& columnist Melinda Myers will have you prepared, with discussion about late winter pruning, perennial clean up and care, repairing winter damage to your lawn, and landscape and early season maintenance tips. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session with Melinda.

Expend a little effort now for a beautiful garden from early spring throughout the end of the season. TV/radio host, author

Also, be sure to bring a gardening book for the first ever gardening book exchange, where you can swap a trusted favorite for the fresh inspiration of a new one!

February Youth Highlights

In addition to the regular docket of Thursday and Friday story times at the library, there are a few other featured programs on tap:

• **Baby Signing Time with Linda Anton**, Wednesday, February 8, 10 a.m. Simple sign language presented through songs, rhymes, and books to enhance participants' ability to communicate with babies and toddlers. Recommended for ages up to three years. Please register for this group at (262) 782-6717. Space is limited to 15 families.

• **Therapy Pet Reading**. For those in grades 1-5 who would like extra practice reading aloud, sign up to read with either **Dexter** the cat, **Cooper** the dog, or **Enzo** the dog. For the full list of dates, visit www.elmgrovelibrary.org. Registration is required.

• Students in grades K-5 have been having a blast building with Legos at the after school monthly **Lego Club**. The next date is Thursday, February 16 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Library to Hold 31st Annual Used Book Sale

By Janet Wintersberger

It's about time for a huge Used Book Sale at the Elm Grove Library hosted by its Friends group. It's literally (and figuratively) around the corner. The Friends of Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) host the annual sale to raise funds to help expand the Library's collections. These items are available for circulation to all library users in Waukesha and Jefferson counties.

Members of the Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) may attend the Preview Sale on March 2 from 6-9 p.m. \$10 memberships are also available at the door. The free-to-attend sale is open to the public on March 3-5.

Items are full price on Friday, half-price on Saturday and sold for \$5 a bag on Sunday. There's no limit on number of bags. Enjoy new-to-you books, CDs and DVDs.

More than 20,000 items will fill two large rooms in the lower level. There will be books for children and adults, CDs and DVDs. Most items are priced at \$1-\$2. A Collector's Table of rare and unique items are specially priced.

Visit www.FriendsofElmGroveLibrary.org or call (262) 782-6717 for additional information..

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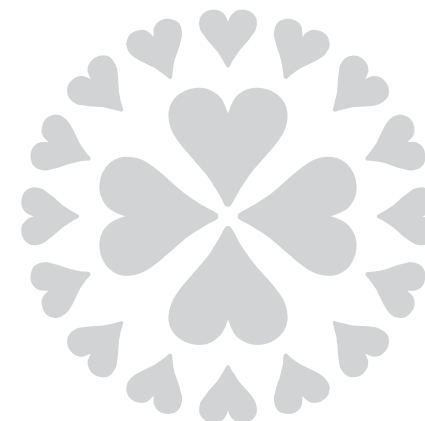
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and how to put one foot before the other.
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~ Helen Hayes

Good Works!

All Area Women Invited to '100 Women Who Care - MKE Metro West' Meetings

By Jane Condon, 100 WWC Organizer

"100 Women Who Care - MKE Metro West" will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7 at O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, 13225 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove.



Our goal is to provide a philanthropic and networking opportunity for all women in the Milwaukee Metro West area. The organization is open to all women of these local communities and meets for just one hour three times each year.

The women gather to enjoy refreshments as those who wish to may submit their favorite charities. Three proposed projects or charities are drawn at random from the nominations. Each proposer is allowed five minutes to explain her charity and five minutes to answer questions. At the end of the three talks, a vote is taken. The chosen charity receives \$100 from each 100 Women Who Care member or team.

for the chosen charity, but the other two charities presented receive great exposure as well," said **Kathy Olsen**, a steering committee member of the group.

Although the one-hour meeting format is designed to be convenient and easy to fit into busy schedules, many women choose to take the opportunity to stay for dinner following the meetings. It's interesting to hear about all the forward-thinking projects in our local communities and to socialize with women I don't see on a regular basis. The atmosphere of our meetings is full of anticipation. It's fun with a philanthropic twist!

Charities have received between \$5,500 and \$10,000 with just one hour's time invested. A recent meeting netted \$7,250 for the Elmbrook Senior Taxi to help provide safe transportation for the elderly and disabled adults in our area.

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To learn more about 100 Women Who Care - MKE Metro West, or to become a member, please visit www.100wwcmkemetrowest.org.

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For Whom the Bell Tolls

Many of us recall the famous quote from **John Donne**: "Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind; and therefore send to know for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee."

Perhaps many of you have wondered about the tolling of the bells at Notre Dame of Elm Grove at 2:30 p.m. on a given afternoon. It all started several years ago when **Sister Louise Van Straten** together with **Tim Dewane**, the SSND Shalom Director, initiated the FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS ritual. It was part of a campaign to end the death penalty as well as a call to respect all human life.

On the day preceding an execution Sisters and staff at Notre Dame of Elm Grove are invited to gather at the Bell Tower at 2:30. During the 2-minute bell toll all pray in silence. When the tolling stops the leader announces the name of the

person to be executed and asks the group to pray for the person facing execution, his/her victim, the victim's family, the executioners, for forgiveness for all involved in the execution, for an end to the death penalty and that all life is respected from conception to natural death. The ceremony concludes with the assembled group praying aloud the Lord's Prayer.

Thus the bell toll serves as a reminder of the dignity of all life. If you hear the bells at your home, we invite you to stop for 2 minutes and pray with us, remembering that all life is sacred. Pray with us for an end to the death penalty and that all life will be respected from conception to natural death.

For more information, e-mail: llangrec@ssndcp.org.

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- **CREATIVE WRITING** – Short Stories (600 words maximum)
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Legal Issues

Estate Planning: If You Do Nothing Else...

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

Everyone 18 years of age and older should have both a General Durable Power of Attorney, also referred to as a financial power of attorney and a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. Once you are legally an adult, there are only two means by which someone else could obtain the authority to handle your finances and make medical decisions for you. The first is through the two powers of attorney. With these documents, you yourself appoint "agents," one for your finances and one for your health care. Having both of these documents is just as important if you are married as it is if you are single. In the State of Wisconsin, your spouse does not legally have the right to make financial and medical decisions for you, regardless how long you have been married.

Your financial agent and your health care agent have completely separate roles. You can however, appoint the same person for both. You can also name an alternate agent who would serve if your primary agent is unable. Moreover, the health care power of attorney has a section in which you can detail your specific wishes regarding health care; for example, any religious preferences you may have, or your willingness to be an organ donor. Overall, the powers of attorney allow you to address the possibility of incapacity in a highly personalized but

inexpensive manner.

The only other means by which someone else has the authority to act on your behalf if you are incapacitated would be through a guardianship. Under a guardianship proceeding, a Court declares you to be incompetent and removes your rights to handle your own health care and financial decisions and assigns those rights over to another person, known as the guardian, to exercise on your behalf. The person who handles your finances is known as the "guardian of the estate," and the one who handles your personal and health care decisions is known as the "guardian of the person." These are again separate roles which may be filled by the same individual. Once appointed, the guardian of the person will have to file an annual report regarding your personal welfare and the guardian of the estate will have to file a detailed annual account of how your assets have been spent throughout the year. Once a guardianship has been put into place, it is almost always permanent. The only way to reverse a guardianship would be to prove to the Court's satisfaction that your mental competence has been restored. A guardianship is a stressful and expensive legal proceeding which can generally be avoided if the proper powers of attorney are in place.

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News Briefs



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy students **Noah Jensen** (left) and **Jonathan Lee**.

Students Nominated to Attend Military Academies

By Bridget O'Donnell

Brookfield Academy Senior **Noah Jensen** has been named a principal nominee to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado after graduation.

Senior **Jonathan Lee** has been named a principal nominee to attend the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York after graduation. Brookfield Academy has had 14 service academy appointments over the years.

According to **Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner**, "The students selected this year as nominees to the United States service academies are upstanding individuals who will make their families, friends, and communities proud in both their academic and professional endeavors. A strong country needs strong leaders, and I have no doubt that these accomplished young men and women will dutifully serve their country and lead this nation into a brighter future."

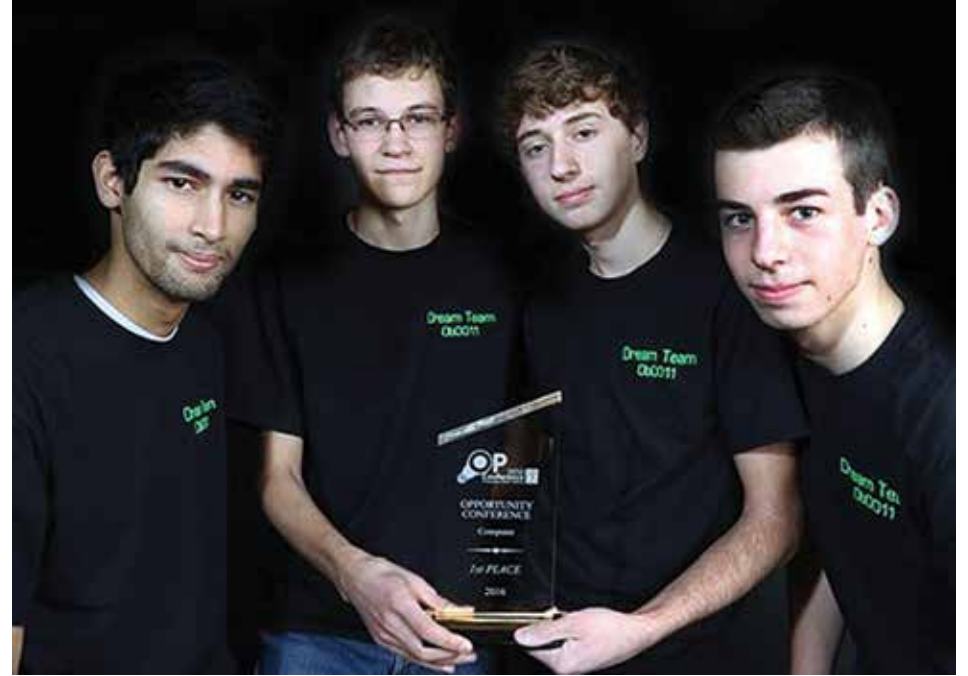


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Elmbrook students (from left) **Suchir Bhatt**, **Tim Vrakas**, **Dan Anderson** and **David Harmeyer**.

BEHS/BCHS Team Wins MSOE Competition

A combined team of students from Brookfield East High School and Brookfield Central High School won first place at the Milwaukee School of Engineering Computer Programming Competition on November 18. They competed against 51 teams (204 students) of programmers from multiple states. This is the 3rd year in a row that the schools have combined to win the competition.

The teams were challenged to solve nine computer programming problems

of varying difficulty during a specific amount of time. Each four-student team was allowed two laptops and the nine problems were able to be completed in any order. Points were awarded for successfully completing problems based on the difficulty level of the problem.

The winning team consisted of **Dan Anderson** (Junior, BCHS); **Suchir Bhatt** (Senior, BEHS); **David Harmeyer** (Senior, BCHS) and **Tim Vrakas** (Senior, BEHS).

News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke



Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Humane Society

Daisy and Lilly

Some say that daisies are the happiest flower. This **Daisy** is definitely the happiest cat... as long as she's close by her friend **Lilly**. These two beautiful cats are a bonded pair and would be very sad if separated, hence the reason we are seeking a loving home for both of them. Daisy can be a bit shy at first, but once she becomes comfortable in her surroundings, she likes to sniff around and survey the area. She's not much of a lap cat, but prefers to keep tabs on things while Lilly takes the lead. She gets along

wonderfully with her pal Lilly, and also previously lived with dogs. If you're looking for a pair of beautiful, independent cats to keep you company and add to your family, meet Daisy and Lilly today!

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

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