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## Village Market to Begin 4<sup>th</sup> Season

By Susan Freedy

The Elm Grove Village Market officially opens its 4<sup>th</sup> season on Wednesday, July 10, and will run each Wednesday through August 28, 2019.

The market will be located on Elm Grove Street in front of The Plank Road Shops and Ray's Auto Service. The hours of the market are from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

There will be a wonderful variety of vendors this year. **Fresh Home Grown Produce** will offer a variety of homegrown vegetables. **Hoyer Homestead** will sell beans, beets, broccoli, carrots and other vegetables. **Defiant Baker** will be bringing their breads, cakes, pies and jams and jellies. Welkes pre-wrapped bouquets will be a new feature to the market as well as **Angel Light** and **Indigo Blu**. For those who missed out on purchasing from our vendors last year, many shall be returning, so the market will give you the opportunity to purchase your favorite Essential Oils, candles, jewelry and other products.

If you wish to purchase delicious food for dinner, there will be taco's, burgers, kabobs, steak sandwiches, Jamie's famous wings, and of course, hot dogs for all. A variety of beverages will be available from the vendors.

Parking will be available at Town Bank, Patched Works Quilt Shop, the lower parking lot at Silver Spur and on the streets in Elm Grove. **Only patrons of Plank Road Shops will be allowed to park in Ray's Auto parking lot.**

Be sure to mark your calendar July 10 through August 28, 2019 5-8 p.m. MARKET NIGHT!



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

Among those attending Cub Scout Pack 156's end-of-the-year party at Tonawanda Elementary School were (Top row, left to right): **Scott Gosnell**, Assistant Cubmaster; **Tom DiSalvo**, Cubmaster; **Sue Mayhew**, Girls Cubmaster (Middle Row, left to right): scouts **Amy Ehlinger**, **Rachel Andersen**, **Marina King**; (on the Bridge, left to right): **Maia Aranda**, **Veronica Turner**, and **Katherine Mayhew**.

## Elm Grove Girl Makes Local Scouting History

By Christopher Turner

Cub Scout Pack 156 of Tonawanda recently graduated their first girl Webelo to Scout BSA Troop 156 of Pilgrim Park Middle School. **Veronica Turner**, age 11, earned her Arrow of Light at the end-of-the-year party for Pack 156 at Tonawanda grade school on Monday, May 20. She joins six other girls in Troop 156, which added a girls troop in 2018.

When asked how she felt about being the first Arrow of Light for Pack 156, Veronica said: "I feel like a scout."

Boy Scouts of America announced in 2017 that they would allow girls to join as Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, renaming their ages 11-17 offering Scouts BSA.

For more information about Cub Scouts in Elm Grove, contact Cubmaster Tom DiSalvo: cubscout156@gmail.com.

For details about Scouts BSA, contact Scoutmaster **John Kuenzle**: jkkuenzle@att.net.

## Village Update

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

The Village Board met as a Committee of the Whole on May 7 to discuss the Downtown Master Plan. Board members expressed support for scheduling an additional Open House session to receive public comment after the next version of the plan is issued. The draft final plan was expected by the end of May and will include changes reflecting public comments and Village Board input.

Comments on the planning process thus far have generally agreed that residents:

- \*Want a clearer and more complete vision of what we are trying to accomplish
- \*Want more opportunity to discuss the plan options
- \*Are interested in evaluating expansion of the municipal water system
- \*Are concerned about elevation of new structures in specific areas
- \*Want more emphasis on connected walking and biking pathways
- \*Want more food and retail in the Downtown area

(See VILLAGE UPDATE — Page 3)

### Village Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 26, 2019  
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Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

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Photo by Jon Grandelis

St. Mary's students (from left) **Jeffrey Russell, Daniel Rauh** and **Audrey Lennon** volunteer during Community Shred Day at the Park & Shop.

## Community Shred Day Held in Elm Grove

By Jon Grandelis

What do nearly 84,000 pounds of paper and 2,500 pounds of food have in common? Answer: That is what the Community Shred event has produced since 2013 when Woller-Anger & Company, LLC began hosting the event to serve Elm Grove and neighboring communities.

Business Association (EGBA) held a separate shred event on a different date, so as a collective group, the total paper shredded is even greater. In 2019, we partnered for one large event gathering approximately 16,500 pounds of paper and 450 pounds of food.

At the same time, the Elm Grove (See SHRED DAY – Page 3)

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# Past Times: I REMEMBER...

## The Value of Just Knowing

By Stephen K. Hauser

"How much money can you make by knowing this stuff?" The student who had just asked me this question was quite serious. He really wanted to know the monetary value of his American history lesson.

In an effort to live up to my campus-wide reputation for bluntness, I told him: "There is no 'economic bottom line' to this course." I added, "Taking this class will probably not make you a penny richer, but it might provide you with a wider view and fuller understanding of the world you reside in today." Seemingly disappointed, my student walked away.

The above encounter, after a class in 1993, exemplifies one view of higher education held by many students (and others) today. Some have ceased viewing colleges and universities as institutions of higher learning and have come to see them instead as giant employment agencies.

Make no mistake. College graduates want and need jobs today just as much as they did back in 1981 when I first began my teaching career. They are right to expect that their courses of study will prepare them to be productive and self-supporting in their future lives. But that is not, nor has it ever been, the sole purpose of higher education. Instead, there are many things to be gained from a diverse college curriculum, not because of any material profitability, but simply because they enhance and enlighten one's appreciation of the intricacies of life. Coupled with this should be the sheer joy of learning and the internal happiness that come from "just knowing". Higher education should be like a good, thick steak with all the trimmings. Too many students deliberately try to maneuver around the all-you-can-eat buffet of a liberal arts education, never realizing what they have missed.

On another occasion, I counselled a student who was experiencing some difficulties with his studies. I suspected that his problem might not be ability but attitude. I explained that greater diligence needed to be applied on his part and a greater percentage of his day spent on study and review would be most helpful. I could sense his growing frustration as he listened to my advice, the gist of which I thought he had probably heard before from others. Fed up with my coaching, he finally blurted out, almost desperately, "Look, I'm not here to learn anything. I'm here to get a degree!"

This was what some might call a Freudian slip, defined by the dictionary as "an inadvertent mistake in speech or writing that is thought to reveal a person's unconscious motives, wishes or attitudes". In other words, this student had flatly stated what he was really feeling at the time. Of course, he immediately began to back-pedal, recognizing the utter contradiction of his words. "I didn't mean it that way," he quickly assured me, embarrassed at his own amusing (and somewhat refreshing) honesty.

"Of course, you did," I replied. "You're looking at your educational opportunities all wrong. You see your classes as a high hurdle competition that your professors are forcing you to endure before handing you a piece of paper which certifies that you have suffered enough. That kind of attitude will eventually create in you the belief that life is nothing more than an unpleasant chore. In the process, you will miss out on both beauty and opportunity." I hoped he would grasp the life lesson behind my words.

Those students who have come to me professing an absolute boredom with their college course offerings have placed themselves at an initial disadvantage. I like to assume a certain general curiosity about life. A fascination with the trivial is a part of the human condition. Those without it have missed something and could be considered to be most unfortunate. This is not to say that all people must find the same things to be equally interesting. It would certainly be a dull world if they did. Instead, it is delightful to see everyone search out something of the esoteric in some field of knowledge and revel in the specific expertise that results. Having worked alongside many experts over the years, I can attest that scholars take great satisfaction in making even small contributions to their fields.

American workers have endured recurring cycles of layoffs, unemployment and protracted job searches since the recession of the 1970s. These past problems should have taught us at least one thing: if all you possess in life are the skills and knowledge directly related to doing your job, then you don't really have very much at all. Traditionally, a liberal arts education has been able to 'fill in the corners' by supplying perspective. The defense of the liberal arts has usually revolved around the premise that such a university curriculum teaches a student "a little bit about everything". The cynic, however, responds "and not much about anything".

"And what's wrong with that?" is my confrontational rejoinder. Such an education exposes us to interests and ideas that we would have no familiarity with otherwise. I am definitely no astronomer, but what little I have learned about astronomy has been a blessing to me over the years.

This month, Elmbrook area seniors will be graduating from Brookfield Central and Brookfield East high schools, Brookfield Academy and other area schools. Many will enroll at their chosen colleges and universities in the fall. I trust that some of them already know that learning only begins with our schooling. Eventually, our entire world becomes our classroom. I hope that our students will be well grounded by their college studies. What they do after that is up to them.

(Portions of this article appeared in the Fall, 1993 issue of Lakeland College's faculty newsletter, *Lifelong Learner*.)

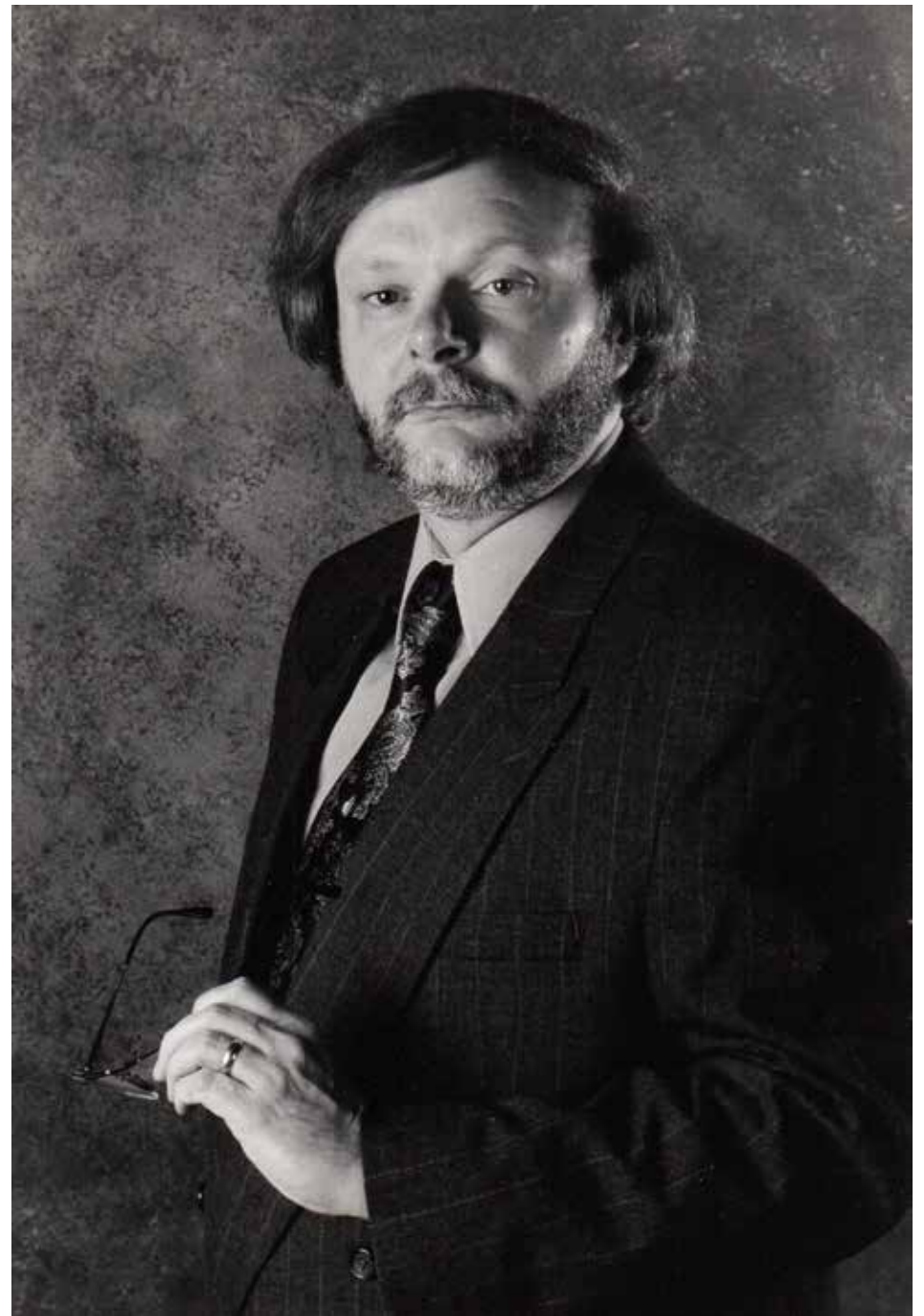
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A Lakeland Mirror staff photo

This photo of Professor Hauser was to accompany "The Value of Just Knowing" when an abridged version was published in Lakeland College's *Lifelong Learner* in 1993, but it was submitted too late for inclusion at the time.

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# Calendar of Events for June 2019

## Saturday – JUNE 1

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- \*Elm Grove Pool – Opening Day

## Monday – JUNE 3

- \*Brookfield Toastmasters Club Meeting: 6:30 to 8 p.m. @ Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. Guests welcome. www.brookfieldtm.toastmastersclubs.org.

## Tuesday – JUNE 4

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 1 to 6 p.m.
- \*Elm Grove Building Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

## Thursday – JUNE 6

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 1 to 6 p.m.

## Friday – JUNE 7

- \*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- \*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org.

## Saturday – JUNE 8

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Sunday – JUNE 9

- \*Elmbrook School District High School Graduation ceremonies: BCHS – 11 a.m. BEHS – 3 p.m. www.elmbrookschools.org.



## Monday – JUNE 10

- \*Movies in the Park @ Elm Grove Village Park, at dusk, featuring “A Dogs Way Home”. FREE.

## Tuesday – JUNE 11

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 1 to 6 p.m.
- \*Tunes on Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. @ Elm Grove Village Park Pavilion near the pool, featuring “Andrea and The Mods”. FREE.

## Wednesday – JUNE 12

- \*OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors) Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. Coach Trip to Skokie, Illinois to attend “Into the Breeches” @ Northlight Theatre; Lunch at Wildfire. (262) 782-4060 www.cumceg.org.

## Thursday – JUNE 13

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 1 to 6 p.m.

## Friday – JUNE 14

FLAG DAY



- \*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- \*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org.

## Saturday – JUNE 15

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Sunday – JUNE 16

Father’s Day



## Monday – JUNE 17

- \*Brookfield Toastmasters Club Meeting: 6:30 to 8 p.m. @ Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. Guests welcome. www.brookfieldtm.toastmastersclubs.org.

## Tuesday – JUNE 18

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 1 to 6 p.m.
- \*Elm Grove Building Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.
- \*Tunes on Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. @ Elm Grove Village Park Pavilion near the Pool, featuring “Bootleg Bessie”. FREE.

## Thursday – JUNE 20

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 1 to 6 p.m.

## Friday – JUNE 21

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER



- \*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- \*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org.

## Saturday – JUNE 22

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Monday – JUNE 24

- \*Movies in the Park @ Elm Grove Village Park, at dusk, featuring “Spiderman into the Spideverse”. FREE.
- \*Elm Grove Board of Trustees Meeting: 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room. Open to the Public. Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

## Tuesday JUNE 25

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 1 to 6 p.m.

## Wednesday – JUNE 26

- \*Blood Drive @ Elm Grove Village Hall: 2 to 7 p.m. (262) 782-6700.

## Thursday – JUNE 27

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 1 to 6 p.m.

## Friday – JUNE 28

- \*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club www.elmbrookrotary.org.
- \*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org.

## Saturday – JUNE 29

- \*Elm Grove Recycling Center/Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# Clubs & Organizations



Photo courtesy of Kathy Olsen

Gathered during a recent check presentation are (left to right) **Katie Sparks** (Kathy's House), **Blair Holloway** (100WWC-MMWD), **Mary Kanavas** and **Patty Metropulos** (CEO) both from Kathy's House, and 100 WWC- MMW representatives **Kathy Olsen** and **Jane Condon**.

## 100+ Women Who Care - MKE Metro West Distributes \$10,000 to Kathy's House

BROOKFIELD WI — *100+ Women Who Care—Milwaukee Metro West*, an organization of local women joining together in support of local charities, presented a check for \$10,000 to Kathy's House, a hospital guest house in Wauwatosa. The amount given includes funds raised through donations of local women and a matching grant from the **Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation** whose mission is to support transformational change for the benefit of mankind. "The amount from the Schulze Foundation was scaled to what we raised, allowing us to help Kathy's House with more funds for their mission to provide affordable lodging and support for families travelling to our area for medical care," said **Jane Condon**, Organizer of *100+ Women Who Care - MKE Metro West*.

*100 Women Who Care—MKE Metro*

*West* was established three years ago and strives to strengthen our local communities by providing funds to local charities. Kathy's House was the tenth charity chosen by our membership in their collective giving efforts since the group's inception. "We are incredibly grateful to all the donations from our membership and especially thankful to the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation for helping us reach our goal of \$10,000 in our support of Kathy's House," said Condon.

Meetings are held three times a year at O'Donoghues' Irish Pub in Elm Grove. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Women interested in learning more about joining and the charities we have supported can find information on the group's website at [www.100wcmkemetrowest.org](http://www.100wcmkemetrowest.org)



Photo by John Troglia

**Jim Fagan**, Kiwanis Club President (at left), receives a Golden Apple award from **Lenny Johnson**, Key Club Counselor.

## Elm Grove Kiwanis Club Receives Award

By Jerry McCormick

The "Engaged in Excellence Awards" are presented each year by the Elmbrook Education Foundation. The awards are to recognize excellence in teaching, coaching, student services, administration/planning, and community partnership. This year's Excellence in a Community Partnership was presented to the Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Club for partnering with Brookfield Central and Brookfield East Key Clubs. The Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Club was nominated by **Ronn Blaha**, school advisor for Brookfield Central Key Club. He said, "The Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K is the driving force for Brookfield Central and East Key Clubs. They have sponsored Brookfield Central Key Club since its inception and we are happy to nominate them for this award."

High School Key Clubs are a part of the Kiwanis family of community and youth

service leadership organizations. Together these Key Clubs have the largest youth service leader membership in the world. Brookfield Central Key Club conducts about 400 service projects annually amounting to about 9,500 hours of service. It is the largest Key Club in Wisconsin with annual membership between 350 and 450 students. Co-Presidents of Brookfield Central Key Club are **Sabrina Chuang** and **Hana Li**. The Brookfield Central and Brookfield East Key Clubs are sponsored by the Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K.

The Elm Grove Kiwanis Club has about 65 members with the mission to improve the community and the world through youth and community service. **Lenny Johnson**, Club Advisor to the Key Club said, "It is an honor to receive this award and to partner with Key Clubs in support of the Kiwanis noble purpose."

# News Briefs

## Mother's Spa Day at Tonawanda

Tonawanda Kindergarten students and their teachers: **Mrs. Jenny Forseth**, **Mrs. Mary Walker** and **Mrs. Theresa Westphal** welcomed moms, grandmothers, and special friends to a Spa Day on Thursday, May 9, which included pedicures, manicures, hair

styling, massage, refreshments, and the presentation of unique "All About Mom" books that each child made for his/her mom. Theresa Westphal noted that it was "A day to celebrate moms and all the special things they do for us."



Photos courtesy of Tonawanda Elementary

Above: **Julie Malloy** and daughter, **Lilah**.

Left: **Rachel Roller** and son, **Harris**

Right: **Amanda Glassman** and daughter, **Ruby**.



# News Briefs



Photo by Lulu B Photography

Members of the Junior Guild cheerfully present Tree of Giving Gala raffle opportunities.



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Elm Grove Junior Guild President Marlee Jensen (at left) and Sarah Wynia-Smith greet guests at the Tree of Giving Gala.

## Elm Grove Junior Guild Raises \$60,000+ at Annual Tree of Giving Gala

By Emily McFadden

It was a full house at Western Racquet Club on May 4 for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tree of Giving Gala. Nearly 200 generous residents and sponsors came together for The Elm Grove Junior Guild's biggest fundraiser. Collectively, the group raised more than \$60,000. 100% of this money will be returned to the community through the Guild's Grant program.

"We had high-expectations for the event, a lot of people put a lot of heart into making it a success," said Auction Co-Chair **Kayte Parkin**. "But we were blown away by the energy and the generosity of the crowd. We definitely exceeded our goals!"

The Junior Guild's mission is to support the education, protection and empowerment of women and children in the community and beyond. 70% of the money raised is granted to non-profits selected by the Junior Guild members. For example, funds raised from the 2018 Gala were recently granted to organization with diverse missions, from promoting education and inclusion, to combating hunger, prostitution, and poverty.

"We activate these funds for organizations with the greatest needs, and where we'll have the greatest impact," said Auction Co-Chair **Ruth Flannigan**. "It's changing lives and making meaningful

progress for so many women and children in Southeast Wisconsin."

In addition, 25% of the funds raised are granted within the Village to support critical services like fire and EMT training, and community building elements like concerts and movies in the park, and the upcoming Splash Pad. The remaining 5% is reserved in a Legacy Fund to support special community initiatives.

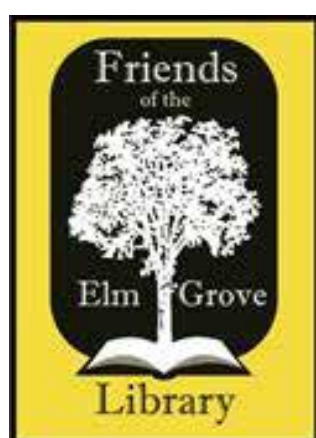
The 2019 Tree of Giving Gala was made possible through the generous support of the community and sponsors, especially Honest Teeth, Porta Painting, Uptown Motors and Husch-Blackwell.

**ABOUT THE ELM GROVE JUNIOR GUILD:** Founded in 1966, The Elm Grove Junior Guild is a not-for-profit service organization committed to the education, wellness and protection of women and children within Milwaukee and Waukesha counties. Our commitment takes the form of service, awareness and financial support. The EGJG is also responsible for organizing many cherished community activities including Elm Grove's famous Memorial Day Parade, 4th of July activities in Village Park, and Safety Village for kindergarten-aged children. The group is composed of over 100 active and associate members, all residents of Elm Grove.

## FOEGL Elects New Board, Book Sale a Success!

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Members of Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) held their annual meeting on May 9 during which **Janet Wintersberger** was thanked for her two years of service as President and officers for the group's 2019-2020 term were elected. They include: President: **Kathy Cavalco**; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Adult Programs: **Lilly Harris**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership: **Larisa Gehred**; Secretary: **Julie DiFonzo**; Treasurer: **Dave Cronin**; Members-at-Large: (2-year term): **Jayne Hall** and **Jamie Niederbaumer**; (1-year term): **Sheila Reynolds** and **Pat Loebel**.



A note to FOEGL members via the organization's newsletter stated: "What had 125 active volunteers, thousands of books & raised over \$18,500 this past March? It's the Friends of the Elm Grove Library Used Book Sale of course! Thank you to all who read, shopped and volunteered their time

to make our 2019 sale a success. Proceeds will be used to update library collections, summer reading programs, materials and future author events. Donations have already begun to arrive for our 34<sup>th</sup> annual Used Book Sale, March 5-8, 2020," **The Used Book Crew**.

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# News Briefs



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Daniel Perelman (left) and Andy Liu.

## Brookfield Academy Students Earn Top ACT Score

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy is proud to announce that two students, junior Andy Liu and sophomore Daniel Perelman, have earned the highest possible composite score of 36 on their ACT college admission and placement exams.

According to Nick Spaeth, Director of College Counseling at Brookfield Academy,

“The college preparatory curriculum our students undertake provides them with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed at the college level,” said Spaeth. “A perfect score of a 36 on the ACT is a testament to this preparation, and demonstrates to colleges and universities around the country that these students are ready for the rigors at the next level of their education.”

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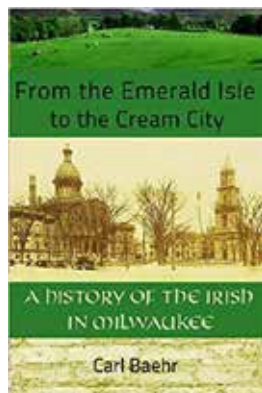


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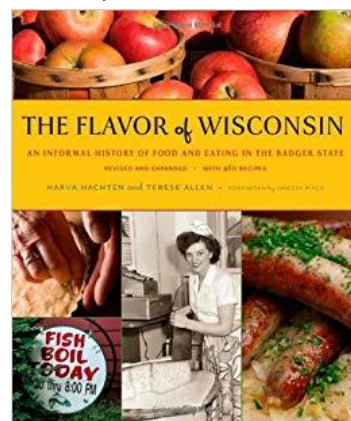
### From the Emerald Isle to the Cream City: A History of the Irish in Milwaukee



**Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m. O'Neill Room**  
Historian, columnist, (and former Elm Grove Library Director) Carl Baehr, author of *From the Emerald Isle to the Cream City: A History of the Irish in Milwaukee*, describes how the Irish influenced the political, educational, religious, and sports landscape of the city to help make Milwaukee what it is today. This historical tour captures it all, heroes and tragedies, high points and low, and the many people who have left an indelible mark on the city. Free to attend. No registration required.

### The Flavor of Wisconsin: Our Culinary Culture, Past and Present

**Wednesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.**  
To understand the history of a region, you've got to follow the food. That's particularly true in Wisconsin, whose culinary traditions reflect an ethnically and agriculturally diverse region. In this talk, regional food specialist Terese Allen shares the stories behind such varied foodways as cream puffs, Hmong egg rolls, and the Friday night fish fry. From Ojibwe wild rice to arugula pesto pasta, she tracks the amazing cornucopia of what Wisconsinites have gathered, grown, produced, cooked, and eaten.



This event is also the library's 15th annual Cookbook Exchange. Attendees are encouraged to bring a gently used cookbook to trade for a new favorite. We'll also have some culinary creations to enjoy inspired by Wisconsin's food histories. Free to attend. No registration required.

### A Universe of Stories: 2019 Youth Summer Library Program

**June 10 - August 10**  
This summer is out of this world at the Elm Grove Library! There will be kids' events every week, from snakes to science to magic and more! There are also matinees every Tuesday afternoon (with free popcorn!), story times on Fridays, and a host of other activities. For older kids (first grade +), mega-famous illusionist Ardan James will be at the library on June 12, and for teens, an escape room style event coming in August.

In addition to the excitement at the library, there's a summer reading program (with prizes), and a creative writing contest to keep kids engaged at home as well. Get the full lineup of happenings at [elmgrovelibrary.org](http://elmgrovelibrary.org) or pick up a schedule at the library.



## "Green" is Good!

Ideas courtesy of The Waukesha County Green Team  
[www.waukeshacountygreenteam.org](http://www.waukeshacountygreenteam.org)

**ONE SIMPLE ACT:** Take the water footprint challenge! Ever wonder how your water consumption stacks up to the rest of the nation? This week, go to [www.watercalculator.org/](http://www.watercalculator.org/) and find out your water footprint. Use this information to understand your impact and as a tool to make the most impactful changes.

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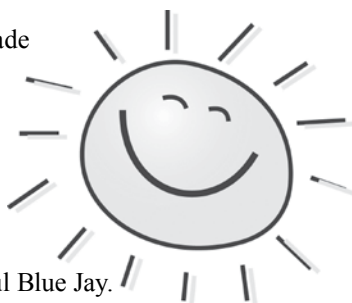


# Young Writers & Cub Reporters

## Summer

By Ben Neylon, Pilgrim Park Middle School – 8th Grade

A time of celebration, a time full of fun.  
Now that school's over, the work is finally done.  
No more tiring quizzes. No more stressful tests.  
Let's all throw a party! We'll invite plenty of guests!



From sunrise to dawn, running 'round all day  
Tanning in the blazing sun, humming with a cheerful Blue Jay.  
Splishing and splashing in cool summer pools,  
Knowing there's no homework, no need to follow school rules!

Some people just love to travel and roam.  
Others just love the comfiness of their home.  
With so many choices, who knows what you'll do!  
Go to a park, a pool, or maybe even the zoo!

Don't forget about summer holidays, those are the best.  
Relatives visiting every time to time, from the north, south, east, and west!  
With lights and colors soaring forever into the sky,  
While enjoying tasty food as the day goes by.

With more and more fun activities, you'll never want it to end.  
Though when school returns, you'll have to wait for the weekend.  
Yet another year of school is just around the bend.  
But so is new smarts, new skills, and maybe a new friend.

## The Top 5 Things I Love About My Dad

By Thomas, St. Mary's – 3rd Grade

He buys me toys like a drone.  
He teaches me how to kick and catch.  
He goes to mass every day.  
He reads books with me.  
He grills hot dogs and hamburgers.

By Joseph, St. Mary's – 3rd Grade

He is a hard worker.  
He helps me grow in my faith.  
He is a good influence.  
He helps me be a better student.  
He is awesome!

By Vincent, St. Mary's – 3rd Grade

He gives us junk food.  
He teaches me how to throw a football.  
He gets me out of trouble.  
He is trustworthy.  
He loves me.

By Holly, St. Mary's – 3rd Grade

You make my birthday cake every year.  
You are funny.  
You bring donuts home from work.  
You take me to the water park.  
You comfort me when I'm sad.

By Jake, St. Mary's – 3rd Grade

We talk about silly stuff.  
He sings old songs.  
I think he knows everything.  
He is committed to our family.  
He keeps our family safe.

By Jacob, St. Mary's – 3rd Grade

You teach me how to build things.  
You let me flip the pancakes.  
You give me compliments.  
You help me get better at sports.  
You are the Scout Master.

## Written Just For Dad!

### Father's Day

By Jane Bagby, 4th Grade- Tonawanda

Fantastic  
Awesome  
Terrific  
Happy  
Easygoing  
Radiant



### Father's Day

By Delaney Coffey, 4th Grade- Tonawanda

Fantastic  
Athletic  
There for me  
Here and there to play  
Existing  
Runs to first, second, and third base –  
Home Run!  
Super  
  
Dad  
Awesome  
You



My dad saves lives.  
He is a firefighter. He is my hero and that's why I love him. Thank you, dad.

### Interview with Dad

By Macey Gill, 4th Grade- Tonawanda

Me: What's your favorite part about being a dad?  
Dad: Waking up to your smiling face!

Me: What's your favorite animal?  
Dad: Lion.

Me: What's your favorite holiday?  
Dad: Easter.

Me: What's the hardest part about being a dad?  
Dad: Having patience.

### Father

By Ben Kacsur, 4th Grade – Tonawanda

Fun  
Awesome  
The best  
He is so funny  
Everyday nice  
Rock music



## Summer Poems

By Davis Fryjoff  
St. Mary's Visitation, 2nd Grade

Some things I am looking forward to in the summer are baseball. Baseball is my favorite sport. Another thing is biking. I love summer! Here is a poem:

Summer is fun  
Summer is great  
I like fishing by the lake.

By Liesey Schaefer  
4th Grade- Tonawanda

It's Summer, it's Summer,  
No gloom and gray!  
It's Summer, It's Summer,  
Let's go out and play!  
The sun is bright,  
The sky is blue,  
The grass is green  
And the cows go moo!

By Charley Connors  
St. Mary's Visitation, 2nd Grade

Some things I am looking forward to in the summer are going biking with Josie, my sister. I am also excited about baseball. It will be fun outside. I can't wait for summer!

By Olivia Mihm, 4th Grade- Tonawanda

"Finally, it is summer!" I said. I was eating a popsicle by the pool. Ahh, so nice and hot. I guess it's time to go into the water to cool down. SPLASH! I did a huge cannonball. Time to go home and eat some hamburgers and roast s'mores. "Yum!"

By Brandon Pilgreen  
St. Mary's Visitation, 2nd Grade

Summer is good  
Summer is great  
And I like swimming in Silver Lake.  
Summer is cool  
And ice cream is too.  
In the summer  
I like swimming in a pool!

By Katherine Mayhew  
4th Grade- Tonawanda

You can feel the heat from the sun on your back  
The flowers are full of life  
Birds twitter  
Bees buzz  
Colors are everywhere  
Children play  
From morning to night  
IT'S SUMMER!

By Petra Musante  
4th Grade- Tonawanda

Summer is okay, although it's not school.  
And, yes, I like school.  
But what I like about summer is...  
SUMMER IS SUNNY!



# JUNE FLAVOR OF THE DAY

- |                               |                                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Double Marshmallow Oreo     | 17 Mint Oreo                       |
| 2 Salted Double Caramel Pecan | 18 Creamy Lemon Crumble            |
| 3 Kit Kat Swirl               | 19 Chocolate Caramel Twist         |
| 4 Mint Chip                   | 20 Peanut Butter Cookie Dough      |
| 5 Oreo Cheesecake             | 21 Really Reese's                  |
| 6 Rocky Road                  | 22 Chocolate Covered Strawberry    |
| 7 Cookies & Cream             | 23 Caramel Turtle                  |
| 8 Red Raspberry               | 24 Double Strawberry               |
| 9 Hershey Almond Fudge        | 25 Caramel Fudge Cookie Dough      |
| 10 Creamy Lemon Crumble       | 26 Double Caramel Chocolate Peanut |
| 11 Oreo Overload              | 27 Chocolate Eclair                |
| 12 Butter Pecan               | 28 Peanut Butter Cup               |
| 13 Brownie Thunder            | 29 Creamy Lemon Crumble            |
| 14 Cookie Dough Craving       | 30 Turtle Dove                     |
| 15 Bonfire S'mores            |                                    |
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# Legal Issues

## Estate Planning: Top 5 Reasons for Updating Your Plan

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

### 1. A Change in Marital Status

A change in your marital status will require significant changes to your estate plan. If you've recently married, Wisconsin's marital property will now apply to the division and distribution of your estate upon your death. The resultant distribution may be far from what you planned. If you've recently divorced, then your estate plan should be updated to ensure that your former spouse is removed as a beneficiary and fiduciary, as well as any of his or her relatives.

### 2. A Change in Financial Status

A change in your financial status may also require a change to your estate plan. If you've recently won the lottery or received an inheritance, you should review your existing estate plan to ensure it meets the needs of your now larger estate. The same is true if your estate has declined in value. Does your estate plan still make sense in view of a lower net worth?

### 3. The Birth or Death of a Beneficiary or Fiduciary

If a beneficiary or fiduciary named in your estate plan has died, then you should update your plan to remove the individual's name. However, if your spouse has died,

then your plan may need to be completely restructured. On the other hand, if you or a beneficiary have adopted or had a child, then you should review your plan to ensure that the new child is included.

### 4. Moving to a New State

A move to a new state is one of the most overlooked reasons to update your estate plan. Every state has different law affecting the requirements for estate planning documents, and also the administration of those documents. This is particularly true of anyone moving to or from Wisconsin, as our Marital Property Law is unique.

### 5. The Passage of Time

If your beneficiaries were younger when you set up your plan, then as they get older you should assess whether they still need the protections incorporated in your documents. They may now even be ready to take on the fiduciary roles in your estate plan, such as power of attorney for finances and health care, or the Personal Representative of your Will. Your lives, and those of your beneficiaries and fiduciaries, are works in progress. Your estate planning documents should reflect the changes brought by the passage of time.

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## PPMS Students Win Gold at SkillsUSA Competition

By Dave Amoroso

Three students from Pilgrim Park Middle School in Elm Grove earned gold medals at the 46th annual SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference Tuesday, April 30 — Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. The three students, who will represent Wisconsin in their competition categories at the National SkillsUSA conference June 23 – 28 in Louisville, and the categories they won are as follows:

### \*Related Technical Math

Middle School: **Reilly Tom**

### \*Woodworking Display Over \$150

Middle School: **Tayrn Tom**

### \*Woodworking Display \$51-\$149

Middle School: **Megan Schatz**

The event featured nearly 1,800 middle and high school students participating in over 80 skilled and technical trades competitions.

SkillsUSA Wisconsin, with nearly 4,000 members in over 180 chapters,

is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. Helping each student excel and a solution to shrinking the skills gap, SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations.

SkillsUSA empowers its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA improves the quality of our nation's future skilled workforce through the development of framework skills that include personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics. The SkillsUSA mission is built upon — and its success depends on — the commitment of members and partners to the following values: integrity, respect, responsibility, citizenship, and service.

For more information on SkillsUSA Wisconsin, visit [www.skillsusa-wi.org](http://www.skillsusa-wi.org) or call (608) 266-2683.

## Brookfield Academy Graduate Earns Top Score on AP Exam

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy is proud to announce that Class of 2018 Graduate **Margot Armbruster** is among 31 students in the world to earn a top maximum score of 5 on the AP Macroeconomics Exam in 2018.

Top scores of 2018 were released this year. Armbruster, an Elm Grove resident, was surprised upon hearing the news. "I thoroughly knew all the material, but it's normally unrealistic to hope for a perfect score," she said. "I was lucky enough to have everything go in my favor for this exam." She credits her teacher and her Brookfield Academy education as influences in this achievement. "My teacher, Dr. Guru, prepared me solidly for this exam. She made the subject material real and compelling to me."

**Dr. Manjula Guru**, Brookfield Academy's Economics Department Chair, said Armbruster's success is the result of hard work, attention to detail, and the school's curriculum. "Economics did not come easily to her, but Margot worked consistently hard at it and perfected it."



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

**Margot Armbruster**

Guru further explained, "Brookfield Academy introduces economics to students in middle school. In high school, students are not only prepared for the AP exam, they are prepared for college and life."

Armbruster attends Duke University and is considering a career in international relations.

## St. Mary's Students Learn About U.S.A.

By Colleen Parks

Fourth graders at St. Mary's Visitation School recently participated in the 4th annual "Parade of States". At the beginning of the school year, students chose a state to research and learn about. Throughout the school year in computer class, they have been utilizing their technology skills to create a Power Point presentation highlighting the unique aspects of their chosen state. At home, students created a state float to share during the Parade of States.

On May 3, 2019, the fourth graders were part of a U.S.A. parade of their state floats. They began with a prayer for our country and everyone joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Students

paraded with their floats around the gym and ended at their very own state table. After the parade, parents, grandparents, and students from other grade levels were invited to walk around and visit each student at their state table display. Students decorated their tables with souvenirs and memorabilia from their state. Some fourth graders even served food and beverages that were made in their state. Every student had an iPad playing their Power Point presentation continuously throughout this event showcasing the research they completed. The fourth graders did a fabulous job of sharing knowledge and excitement about their state with the many visitors at school that day.

# News Briefs

## Junior Guild Grants \$30,000 to Community Groups

By Emily McFadden

The Elm Grove Junior Guild proudly awarded grants to nine deserving non-profit groups in Southeast Wisconsin, totaling \$30,000. The missions of the organizations were quite diverse, but all shared the Junior Guild's unwavering commitment to improving the lives of women and children in Waukesha and Milwaukee counties and beyond.

"These recipients are inspiring and the work they do is so important," says Nicole Masnica, co-chair of the Grant committee. "We work hard year-round to raise money for this granting process. It's incredibly moving to know that every dollar is going to be put to good use to truly impact lives."

### 2019 Grant Recipients:

**\*All-In Milwaukee** enables college and career success for low-income, high-performing Wisconsin students through scholarship and advising services in an effort to address the growing college graduation gap. The grant will cover the cost of student advising programs for two scholars for a full-year. Grant: \$3,500.

**\*HEAR Wisconsin Stepping Stone**

**Preschool Program** provides reduced-fee or free participation for low-income families to the organization's preschool program, which provides preschool students with hearing loss a structured enriched language experience. Grant: \$5,000

**\*Life Navigators Family Support Program** provides basic living needs, family support and crisis intervention for children with significant disabilities and their families. The grant funds in-home intervention and support, basic living needs. Grant: \$5,000

**\*Katy's Klokset** needed a network update. This grant will support the organization's Medical Equipment Lending Library that takes in and loans out used or new medical equipment and supplied to those in need at no charge. Grant: \$3,147

**\*HOPE Network** provides educational grants to qualifying single mothers for post-secondary education. They are able to be used on tuition or childcare while the mother attends school. Grant: \$5,000

**\*Crimson Way Charities Trauma & Abuse Group** provides trauma counseling.



Photo courtesy of Elm Grove Junior Guild

Grants Committee Co-Chairs **Nicole Masnica** and **Amanda Glassman** join Elm Grove Junior Guild President **Marlee Jensen** in presenting funds to the 2019 Grant recipients.

This grant will be used to purchase workbooks for 12 women participating in the organization's trauma group, Mending the Soul. Grant: \$720

**\*Clare Community (Franciscan Peacemakers)** provides housing and programming for women engaging in prostitution due to trauma, sex trafficking or drug addiction. The money will go directly to the purchase of resident bus

passes, phone/internet, bus passes and a house alarm. Grant: \$4,133

In addition to these community organizations, the Junior Guild granted over \$10,000 to the Village of Elm Grove for fire prevention and emergency medical training, movies and concerts in the park, and the splash pad. The grant committee is co-chaired by **Nicole Masnica** and **Amanda Glassman**.

## U.S. Presidential Scholars Named

The School District of Elmbrook is proud to announce that Brookfield East Senior, **Namitha Alexander**, has been named a U.S. Presidential Scholar for the state of Wisconsin.

Out of more than 5,200 candidates who qualified for the 2019 awards, Namitha was selected as one of five students honored from Wisconsin and one of 161 Presidential Scholars chosen in the United States.

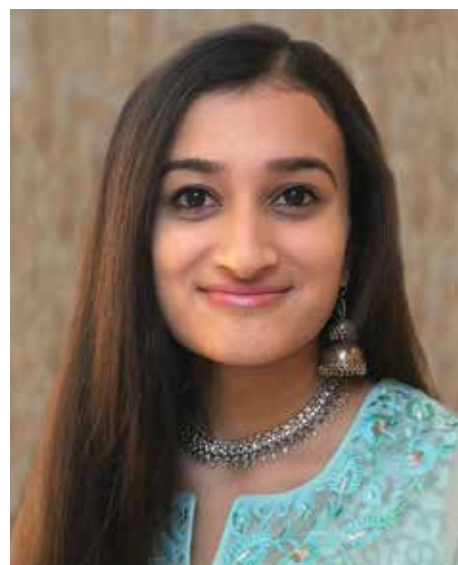
Determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, through nominations made by Chief State School Officers, other partner recognition organizations or the National YoungArts Foundation's nationwide YoungArts™ competition, the 55<sup>th</sup> class of U.S. Presidential Scholars will join the ranks of over 7,500 of the nation's top-performing students throughout the years, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20

Scholars in the Arts and 20 Scholars in Career and Technical Education.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Each year, final selection of the nation's 121 academic Presidential Scholars will consist of one male and one female from each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and from families of U.S. citizens living abroad.

Namitha will be honored with a Presidential Scholar Medallion on June 23 in Washington D.C. at a ceremony sponsored by the White House. Namitha is the fourth Elmbrook student to be named a Presidential Scholar in last three years.

New Trier High School in Kenilworth,



Namitha Alexander



Asher Noel

Illinois has announced that Senior **Asher Noel**, grandson of **Bob** and **Kay Noel** of Elm Grove, was named as one of just 620 Presidential Scholars semifinalists in the

nation and 21 in Illinois. He was the only one of eight candidates from New Trier High School to advance.

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St. Mary's Visitation Elm Grove won the Padre Serra Basketball tournament on March 17. This was a first-time-ever victory for St. Mary's, whose season record was an impressive 23-0. Team members include: (1<sup>st</sup> row, left to right): **Mike Schmainda**, **Garrett Mueller**, **Mikey Schliftske**, **Tommy Wichgers**, **Bob Schneider**; (2<sup>nd</sup> row, left to right): **Will Coleman**, **Matthew Schmainda**, **Joe Stewart**, **Connor Mihm**; (3<sup>rd</sup> row, left to right): **Alex McBride**, **Nollenn Tabaska**, **Ben Schneider**, and **Sean Keenan**.

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