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***News-Independent Owner/Publisher Named Elmbrook Rotary's 'Business Person of the Year' (See Story & Photos – Page 2)***



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**AN AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD**, followed by a lone drummer, leads a large throng of veterans, their families and community members during a POW/MIA Silent March & Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday, September 16, 2017 in the vicinity of American Legion Cudworth – Stenz – Griesell – Smith Post #449, 3245 N. 124<sup>th</sup> St., Brookfield. The solemn event was hosted by the 1<sup>st</sup> District American Legion Family.

(See details about Post 449's Veterans Day and other upcoming activities on Pages 4 and 5.)

## Village Update

By Neil Palmer,  
President – Village of Elm Grove  
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The wonderful fall weather helped make the Elm Grove Foundation's Oktoberfest in the Village Park a huge success and the start of fall sports easier on spectators. It has also been a busy time for Village Board work.

Stantec Engineering has begun their preparing conceptual designs and surveying for the **daylighting of Underwood Creek** between Watertown Plank Road and Wall Street. Preliminary creek channel location and designs will be prepared for review and comment by residents and business owners with a goal of selecting a preferred option in early 2018. A project intern will be on board soon to help with communication and outreach activities. Grant funds are covering the costs of engineering and the Village has begun the effort to obtain grant funds for the construction work.

Hollyhock Lane residents have submitted a petition to the Village seeking the **design and construction of a pathway along Hollyhock** between North Avenue and Tonawanda School. Construction of the requested pathway would connect the north part of the Village to the Village Park and Village Center and provide safer pedestrian and bike travel. The citizen petition was submitted to the Village Board on October 23 and will be first considered by the Public Safety Committee.

(See VILLAGE UPDATE – Page 3.)

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# "I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

## Truth in Fortune Cookies

For many years I've saved/accumulated dozens of those charming little slips found in Chinese fortune cookies. Four of them are mounted on a 3"x5" card near my office computer. They read as follows:

- \*"Don't be afraid to take a chance when the opportunity of a lifetime appears."
- \*"Your present plans are going to succeed."
- \*"All the effort you are making will ultimately pay off."
- \*"When in doubt, follow your heart."

Whatever your source for inspiration... take it! I am tremendously fortunate to oversee the production of this newspaper and on October 27 had the great honor of talking about the *Elm Grove News-Independent* after accepting the Elmbrook Rotary Club's recently-established "Business Person of the Year Award."

Sincere THANKS & much appreciation to my staff, contributors, readers and the loyal advertisers whose financial support makes the paper possible. The EGNI is "All About Community" and I share this special recognition with you.

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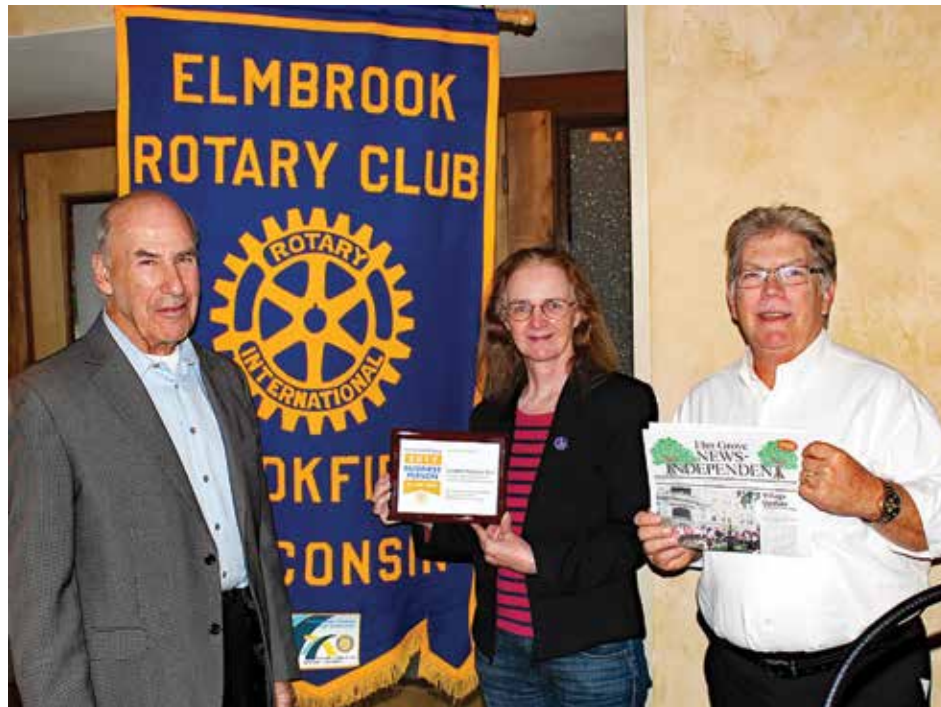
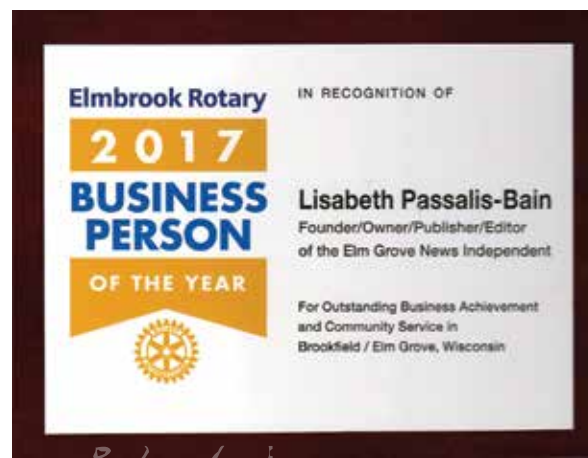


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ELMBROOK ROTARY members **Ralph Gould** (at left) and **Gary Gilmore** present the club's '2017 Business Person of the Year' award to *Elm Grove News-Independent* owner/publisher **Lisabeth Passalis-Bain** during a breakfast meeting at the Western Racquet Club in Elm Grove on Friday, October 27.



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# Village Update

(Continued from Page 1)

### Editor's Note

Elm Grove resident **Paul Lammers**, who started the online petition and presented the proposal during the October 23 Board of Trustee's meeting explained: "This pathway would act as an extension of the current pathway which runs from Watertown Plank Road to Tonawanda Elementary School.

This project would allow citizens on the northern side of Elm Grove Village safe pedestrian access to Tonawanda School, Elm Grove Park, and the Village district. This project would also connect the southern end of Elm Grove Village to the northern end via pathway, allowing safe pedestrian access throughout the entire village...

There has been demonstrated support of this project by the citizens of Elm Grove. The petition... has gathered over 60 signatures as of 10-24-17... Many comments (included on the petition) reference the safety of their children, and how conditions are currently unsafe to walk along Hollyhock to Tonawanda School."

Residents who wish to sign and include comments with the petition may view it at: <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/petition-to-the-village-of-elm-grove>.

The Public Works and Utilities Committee received a report at their October 9 meeting regarding the **status of the proposed Wisconsin Avenue extension project**. Ayres Engineering is evaluating compliance of proposed plans with federal highway regulations and identifying possible state highway funding opportunities and schedules. When more information about intersection and road design and possible funding is available additional public meeting will be held.

The Village Recreation Committee concluded their analysis of water supply options for the **proposed new pool Splash Pad area**. The Committee recommended that a recirculating water supply system be installed. The Splash Pad will replace the Kids Pool which has been closed for two seasons due to a major piping failure. Splash pads are safer, cleaner and more popular than the old pool options. The next challenge for the community and the Village Board is how to pay for the new facilities and how soon it can be completed. Total project construction costs will likely approach \$450,000. Typically, the Village would budget a significant investment like this through our



5-year capital planning process and perhaps some short term borrowing along with community donations. Many residents have expressed an interest in seeing the Splash Pad completed sooner since the Village Park currently has no facilities for small children to enjoy water play on warm days. The Village Board will discuss financing and timing at the November 27 meeting and you are encouraged to attend and express your opinions.

While it is important the Splash Pad plans move ahead to provide the needed recreational opportunity the Village Board has also decided to **begin an analysis of options to replace the swimming pool and pool buildings**. Our pool is more than 50 years old and while it is well maintained it will eventually need major investment. The Board believes it is prudent to identify issues and options for constructing and financing a new pool complex before major problems occur.

The Elm Grove Woman's Club "**Christmas in the Grove**" and the Business Association will be hosting the annual "**Holiday Open House**" celebrations on November 10 and 11 with merchants offering special sales and children's activities.

The Public Safety Committee will be considering **revisions to the Village Wildlife Management Plan** at the November 9 meeting. The new plan is expected to detail options to better control turkeys, deer and goose populations along with coyote management.

And finally, be aware that **shortened hours of daylight** bring increased need for motorists to use extra caution on Village streets, and for dog walkers, joggers and bicyclists to wear reflective clothing. This is one of the most common complaints Village police and other staff hear from residents.

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# Past Times: I REMEMBER...

## When “Shop Local” Was the Only Option

By Stephen K. Hauser

With the annual Christmas shopping season about to get underway once again, many locally-owned, family-run businesses are urging their friends and neighbors to “shop local”. That phrase has become a yearly plea to support local shops and stores as the most important two months of the calendar year for merchants commence. It is the hope of local proprietors that shoppers will remember that money spent in their establishments tends to stay in the community. Each year a number of small businesses in every city and town unite their efforts to send out the Holiday request to “shop local”.

Sixty years ago in Elm Grove and the surrounding communities of Wauwatosa and Brookfield there wasn't much choice in the matter. Mayfair Mall was not built until 1959 and Brookfield Square would not open its doors to the public until the fall of 1967. The vast array of strip malls and big box stores that now line Blue Mound Road and Capitol Drive were not even imagined. Even Ruby Isle in Brookfield would not open until 1963. Shoppers compiling their Christmas lists for 1957 were instead contemplating visits to a number of small shops and stores to find gifts for their children, relatives and friends.

The downtown village area of Elm Grove boasted one of the best menswear shops in the suburbs: Silverstone's, located in the Park & Shop. Not far away were the Colony Shop on North Avenue at 89<sup>th</sup> Street in Wauwatosa, Sullivan's Menswear on Grand Avenue in Waukesha, Dan's Tog Shop in Menomonee Falls and Tom's Tog Shop in Butler. All promised personal service, on-site tailoring and respected brand names, with Silverstone's advertisements that year hawking “a comprehensive collection of finest imported and domestic furnishings and accessories”.

Fashion-conscious female shoppers could find apparel for themselves at Ann Irwin sportswear in the Bliffert building at 1105 Elm Grove Street. The emphasis here was on “quality casuals for suburban living”, with seasonal advertising spotlighting “authentic ski and curling wear and woolen imports”. The Grand in Wauwatosa offered an alternative, but many suburban wives and mothers of the 1950s, themselves recent transplants from the cities, made the drive to Milwaukee to shop at Chapman's, Gimbel's, Smartwear and Lou Fritzel, all located downtown on or near Wisconsin Avenue.

Shoes for the children could be had at Dick & Comlen's Footwear in Elm Grove's Bliffert building, which featured Child Life brand shoes. The largest selection of shoes for both adults and kids in Waukesha County, meanwhile, was to be had at Biber's Shoe Store in downtown Waukesha, which boasted in their ads of “famous name” brands, including Florsheim, Westport, Naturalizer and, for the youngsters, Buster Brown and Jumping Jacks.

Furnishings for the home could be found at Bluemound Furniture just west of Elm Grove on Blue Mound Road at 159<sup>th</sup> Street. Catering to those seeking contemporary furniture and décor for their new spacious suburban ranch and split-level homes, the store situated on



Photo courtesy of Stephen K. Hauser

The Elm Grove Park & Shop was the center of the village commercial district in the 1950s. Notice the number of cars filled with shoppers.

what was then an open, rural highway attracted customers from throughout the western suburbs. The additional refinements and accouterments for the modern home could be found in the village at Elm Interiors, 13280 Watertown Plan Road, which advertised extensive stock of “wallpaper, shades, draperies and match-stick bamboo”, the latter of which was perfect for the recreation room or den “Tiki” style of the late 1950s and early 1960s, best exemplified in retrospect by theme restaurants the like of Giles' Leilani on Blue Mound Road and the Polynesian Village (Boulder Junction nowadays) on Burleigh Road in Brookfield.

Christmas shopping focused, of course, on toys for the children in the family, and some of the best of the era could be bought at Hettiger's Hobby Shop in the Park & Shop, operated by Elm Grove resident **Elden Hettiger** and his wife. A pioneer tenant of the Park & Shop when it first opened in 1955, the store was a destination for Elmbrook youngsters and their doting parents. Games, puzzles, athletic equipment, dolls, models and collectibles made it an after-school stop for kids from Leland and St. Mary's elementary schools. On Blue Mound Road, Drews Variety Store in the Autumn Grove shopping center had on hand a variety of children's gifts, toys and games, and its advertisements in 1957 touted its membership in the “Toy Guidance Council”, a group that promoted sales of wholesome and educational gifts for kids. For good measure, the Elm Grove Pharmacy also stocked a section of toys and games which grew somewhat larger each Christmas season, and the A & P grocery store (now Sendik's) also featured an isle of children's toys.

Even area restaurateurs got into the Holiday spirit, offering two-for-one drink specials for beleaguered shoppers and, perhaps most useful of all, dining certificates for that person on the list who was simply impossible to shop for. Included in the area eateries offering such an easy way out were Hitchcock's Halfway House, Sommerfield's El Moroccan, Aliota's House of Entrees and Angelo's, all on Blue Mound Road in Elm Grove and Brookfield, as well as the Black Steer on Highway 100 in West Allis and Goff's restaurant and

the Avalon Hotel, both in downtown Waukesha. A festive meal at a fine restaurant or supper club was a 1950s tradition for many suburban families.

It is with a degree of melancholy that I offer the list of establishments recalled in this article. I do indeed remember them all, some of them quite fondly. The fact that they are now long gone is a reminder of how quickly time passes. Some of the businesses noted here, such as Elm Interiors, Ann Irwin, Biber's and Elm Grove Shoes, Aliota's and the Halfway House managed to make it all the way into the 1980s and Dan's Tog Shop in Menomonee Falls was still serving its customers in the 2000s. I bought many of my favorite suits and

sport coats from **Bob Baer**, the friendly proprietor, and often had thought about the fact that the store had also served my father in the 1950s.

There is no reason, however, not to urge 2017 readers of the *Elm Grove News-Independent* to continue to “shop local”. There are a variety of locally-owned and family-run businesses in Elm Grove and in our neighboring communities ready and willing to serve customers during this Holiday season. Good service and good quality merchandise can still be found just around the corner and down the street.

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

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- Various live bands, 6:30 to 10 p.m. (no cover charge)**
- \* Sundays: Post opens at 11:30 a.m.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS...

- \*Saturday, NOVEMBER 4 – Veterans Day Parade, meet at Post 449 by 8:00 a.m.
  - \*Sunday, NOVEMBER 5 – Patsy Cline Impersonator, in Post Hall, 2:00 p.m., \$10.00 at Door.
  - \*Saturday, NOVEMBER 11 – VETERANS DAY, 11 a.m. Memorial Service, 6 p.m. Flag Retirement Ceremony
- (See additional Veterans Day events on Calendar – Page 5)
- \*Saturday, NOVEMBER 18 – American Legion Auxiliary Fashion Show, 11:00 a.m. Cocktails, 12:00 Lunch
  - \*Sunday, December 2 – Children's Christmas Party
  - \*Sunday, December 10 – Post 449 Birthday Party Dinner

## Support Our Veterans!



# Calendar of Events for November 2017

## Wednesday – NOVEMBER 1

**\*Elm Grove Woman's Club**  
**4<sup>th</sup> annual "Support Our Troops"**  
**Collection Drive**  
 3 to 6 p.m. @  
 13885 Watertown Plank Rd.

## Thursday – NOVEMBER 2

**\*Support Our Troops" Collection Drive**  
 continues– 3 to 6 p.m.

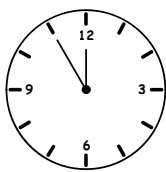
## Friday – NOVEMBER 3

**\*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K**  
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**\*Support Our Troops" Collection Drive**  
 continues – 3 to 6 p.m.

## Sunday – NOVEMBER 5

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

(Turn clocks back one hour.)



## Monday – NOVEMBER 6

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

## Tuesday – NOVEMBER 7

**\*Elm Grove Woman's Club**  
 Meeting: 11 a.m. (Social); 11:30 a.m.  
 (Business); Noon (Luncheon); 12:30  
 p.m. (Program: "Lights of the Lake"  
 presented by Phillip Block). Donations  
 accepted for Repairers of the Breach.  
 Information: (262) 782-5930.  
**\*Village of Elm Grove Building Board**  
 Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall.  
 Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

## Thursday – NOVEMBER 9

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

## Friday – NOVEMBER 10

**\*Elm Grove Business Association**  
 "Holiday Open House"  
 Events throughout Village.  
**\*Elm Grove Woman's Club presents**  
 Annual "Christmas in the Grove"  
 4 to 8 p.m. (Details: Page 7)

## Saturday – NOVEMBER 11

### VETERANS DAY



**\*American Legion Post 449,**  
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 \*11 a.m. Memorial Service  
 \*S.A.L. 50/50 & Wine Raffle - afternoon  
 \*4:30 to 6 p.m. & 6:30 to 7 p.m.:  
 Joyce Bevan, piano & vocals  
 \*5 p.m. Men's Choir  
 \*6 p.m. Flag Retirement Ceremony  
 \*7 to 10 p.m.: Tomm Lehnig, in Hall –  
 Music (no cover)  
 \*8 to 11:30 p.m.: Midlife Crisis Classic  
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**\*Elm Grove Business Association**  
 "Holiday Open House"  
 Events throughout Village.  
 \*Elm Grove Woman's Club presents  
 annual "Christmas in the Grove"  
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Details: Page 7)  
**\*Friends of the Elm Grove Library**  
 Mini Holiday Book Sale: 10 a.m. to 4  
 p.m. @ 13600 Juneau Blvd, Elm Grove.

## Tuesday – NOVEMBER 14

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

## Thursday – NOVEMBER 16

**\*OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors)**  
 Sponsored by Community United  
 Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown  
 Plank Rd., Elm Grove; 11:30 a.m.  
 Program: "The Hidden History of  
 Dickens' A Christmas Carol" presented  
 by Rochelle Pennington. Call Carolyn  
 for details. (262) 628-7761.

## Monday – NOVEMBER 20

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

## Tuesday – NOVEMBER 21

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

## Thursday – NOVEMBER 23

### THANKSGIVING

Village Hall Closed



## Friday – NOVEMBER 24

Village Hall Closed

## Monday – NOVEMBER 27

**\*Village of Elm Grove Finance &  
 Licensing Committee.**  
 Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Village Hall.  
 Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.  
**\*Village of Elm Grove Board of  
 Trustees.** Meeting: 7:30 p.m. @  
 Village Hall Court Room. Open to the  
 Public. Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

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# Clubs & Organizations

## Woman's Club 'Community Capers' Fundraiser to Benefit Village of Elm Grove

By Alice Hirt

Your purchase of the 2018 Community Capers Planner will help the Elm Grove Woman's Club raise funds for security cameras in the Elm Grove Village Park and pool area. Just \$20, it's a great gift to give to yourself as well as to others. As an added bonus, each planner contains a gift certificate from Babboni Photography which may be used towards the purchase of a family or extended family portrait.

Community Capers contains thirteen months at a glance with room to keep track of all those extra reminders which occur each month plus some fun pictures of many of our Woman's Club members and others from the community. But the book isn't just limited to residents of Elm Grove. Our advertisers extend to Brookfield and Wauwatosa and the printed calendar reminders are those of regular holidays and other special days for almost anyone. A great suggestion for your gift list!

Community Capers will be available for purchase at Christmas in the Grove at the Elm Grove Woman's Club on November 10 and 11. They will also be available at the Elm Grove Public Library, at Fazio's,



and at Woller-Anger & Company, as long as supplies last.

Visit [www.egwc.org](http://www.egwc.org) for more information or [www.babbonis.com/egwc](http://www.babbonis.com/egwc) to purchase online.

## Kiwanis, Others to Ring Bells for Salvation Army in Waukesha County

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain,  
[elmgrovenews@yahoo.com](mailto:elmgrovenews@yahoo.com)

Members of the Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K, along with members of two organizations supported by the Kiwanis: the Key Club from Brookfield Central High School and Cub Scouts Troop # 158 from Tonawanda Elementary School, will participate in their annual project that includes 72 hours of bell ringing this holiday season at Sendik's at Towne Center, Metro Market on Bluemound Road, and Pick & Save on Greenfield Avenue on November 30 and December 1 and 2.

Kiwanis member **Don Ralfs** of Elm Grove reports that "Last year we were able to collect over \$5,800.00 for the three days of effort, for the Waukesha County Salvation Army.

Ralfs also noted: "I do greet shoppers with a smile and wish them a 'Merry Xmas', and do receive a lot of smiles and thank yous..." (and money in the Red Bucket!)

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

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain,  
[elmgrovenews@yahoo.com](mailto:elmgrovenews@yahoo.com)

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Elm Grove Woman's Club will join forces with Hunzinger Construction to collect and distribute items for the benefit of U.S. military troops in the Middle East.

Donations will be accepted on Wednesday, November 1, Thursday, November 2, and Friday, November 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. each day at the Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove.

### Requested Care Package items include:

\* **FOOD:** Beef jerky/Slim Jims, Chex & trail mix, Gatorade powder, Crystal Light on the Go, any snack food, instant soups, hard candy, gum/breath mints, microwave popcorn, canned fruit (with pop tops), granola/cereal bars, Pop tarts/crackers, spices/condiments, summer sausage, snack cakes, easy mac & cheese, sunflower seeds, instant coffee/hot cocoa, creamer/sugar, Kool-Aid (pre-sweetened), pudding cups, instant oatmeal/grits, ramen noodles, Ragu Express, licorice (red), Lipton/Knorr sides, microwavable meals/sides/desserts.

\* **TOILETRIES:** After shave lotion, disposable razors/small mirror, shaving cream/gel foam, Kleenex/soft toilet paper, Q-tips/cotton balls, Listerine pocket packs, tooth brushes, tooth paste, dental floss, mouthwash, sunscreen/insect repellent, Clorox wipes/Clearasil

facial wipes, eye drops, nasal spray, cough/cold meds, Advil/Tylenol/antacids, Chapstick, deodorant, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, gel innersoles, contact lens cleaner, wash cloths/towels, hand sanitizer/wipes, feminine hygiene products, brushes/combs, hair bands (pony tail holders), nail clippers/files, nail polish, body/foot powder, body lotion, fabric softener sheets, powder laundry detergent.

\* **OTHER ITEMS:** Ziploc bags - all sizes, sewing kits, mister/spray bottles, small flashlight or book light, plastic utensils: forks, knives & spoons, sand scarf / bandannas, word puzzles/cross words/word searches/Sudoku, greeting cards (for troops to send back home), stationary/pens/pencils, ear plugs, underwear/undershirts/tube socks, plain black sunglasses, playing cards/electronic games/board games & **LETTERS.** Our troops are grateful to receive letters from home as these are significant morale boosters.

**NOTE: No aerosol cans, glass containers or anti-Muslim materials.**

"Hosting Support Our Troops is our club's way of showing appreciation for the service and sacrifice the members of the Armed Forces overseas make for us everyday," said **Beth Just**, event chair.

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We honor them daily by continuing to teach our students about freedom, liberty, and the courage and conviction required to protect these sacred privileges for generations to come.

As our students learn to respect and treasure the freedoms and ideals upon which this country was founded, they develop strong convictions regarding personal responsibility.

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

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# Clubs & Organizations



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Woman's Club

The Elm Grove Woman's Club's Christmas in the Grove Committee (left to right) **Kay Noel, Jodie Scott, Judy Thompson, Susan Freedy, Colleen Devere, Pat Siberz, Judy Narlock, Allison Kimmel.** Not pictured, **Ruth Ritter.**

## Elm Grove Woman's Club Contributes to Village & Beyond, Seeks New Members

By Kay Noel

Christmas in the Grove helps to fund the endeavors of the Elm Grove Woman's Club. The Woman's Club does much for our community. Most residents are aware of the Village Directory that has been delivered to all Elm Grove residents since 1943 compliments of the EGWC. But we are so much more. We have been an integral part of the Village for nearly 80 years. The EGWC has been dedicated to others from wrapping bandages for service men in WWII, making a sizable contribution to the Village ambulance, to last year collecting 28 boxes of food, hygiene items, books, etc. to send to our troops overseas, and we hope to do as well or better this year. Another goal this year is to supply the Village Park and pool area with surveillance cameras through the sale of our 2018 monthly planner. Check the Planner out and remember it is for a good cause.

The Elm Grove Woman's Club has other ongoing projects; volunteering at: vision screening of Wisconsin, the Waukesha Women's Center, Waukesha Food Pantry, Kathy's House, and the Breast Cancer Show House. Our Women to Women Committee has collected cash and merchandise to be distributed to several other institutions. We support other community organizations; the Junior Guild's Grant Night and Breakfast with Santa, The Elm Grove Business Association's Holiday Open House, the Elm Grove Library – ease of access door, and the Sunset Playhouse. We host the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast. We provide Art Scholarships in Spring with our Art Contest open to all Elm Grove high school students no matter where they go to school. The winner's art has been featured on the cover of the Village Directory for the last two issues.

### We need your support.

We all have a responsibility to be involved in our community. It helps to keep all of us healthy, happy and safe. The Woman's Club is a way to do that, a way that is very satisfying and there is something for everyone. We even have a choir that travels to different places, entertaining in December. Last but not least, we are social and educational. We have General Meetings the first Tuesday of the month from October through May. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or entertainment. I have rarely been disappointed in the speaker.



We hope you will join us. All those interested in joining the EGWC, contact our club house at (262) 782-5930 and our membership chairman will contact you.

Visit our website: [www.egwc.org](http://www.egwc.org).

## "Trees of Hope" Event to Benefit Cancer Research

By Karen Wenzel

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Trees of Hope WI Celebration, Gala and Auction will be held on November 18, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West (Mayfair). Funds raised will benefit local patient services and research (Leukemia, Lymphoma, Myeloma) through the Blood Center of Wisconsin - BeTheMatch, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and other local medical facilities, patient services and accommodations through Kathy's House.

Last year's event raised over \$40,000. Our goal this year is \$50,000. With your help we will reach that goal. We have distributed more than \$110,000 since inception. Cancer doesn't take a Holiday, so neither do we.

This community-wide event can showcase your business, while benefitting our community health organizations. Companies, groups and individuals sponsor/decorate Themed Christmas Trees, Wreaths, gift baskets and more that are on display and available on silent auction. We have numerous sponsorship opportunities for the event, and any amount of support is extremely appreciated.

Come and enjoy the Breakfast with Santa. This pancake breakfast also has entertainment by a magician, local pageant winners (our Princesses) and of course Santa. Fun activities and raffles for the kids to enjoy.

During the day the public is invited to view our Winter Wonderland and bid on the auction items. (Mobile bidding is available, so you can monitor your favorite item and not lose out). All the trees are



available for bid, and if you can't take it with you, we have it delivered (within 30 miles of Wauwatosa) for free. You can get a fully-decorated tree and fill your gift list, while making a positive impact on the lives of cancer patients.

Our event culminates with the Popular Dinner / Gala / Live Auction. Guests enjoy the cocktail hour with opportunities to view and bid on auction items, wine cork pull, a delicious meal, and an evening filled with inspiration and hope. A live auction gets everybody involved and creates a festive atmosphere.

Tickets are available for purchase at: [www.TreesofHopeWI.org](http://www.TreesofHopeWI.org) Come join us to "Kick off the Holidays and Help KICK Cancer".

We welcome all support. Give us a call, or send us a note. We'd love to talk with you to see how we can make life better for cancer patients. Contact: **Karen & Gene Wenzel** / "Lindsay's Voice" / 2230 Crestview Court, Wauwatosa, WI 53226 [Karen@TreesofHopeWI.org](mailto:Karen@TreesofHopeWI.org); (414) 750-1989.

It's one of Elm Grove's best kept secrets...

**The Mini Holiday Book Sale – November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
at the Elm Grove Public Library, 13600 Juneau Blvd. (at Village Park)

You will find only the best giftables --- books, games, journals & other unique items, hand-selected by the Friends of the Elm Grove Library. Shop & help support the Library!



The Elm Grove Woman's Club presents:  
*"Christmas in the Grove"*

Friday, November 10

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 11

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission \$4.00 Children 12 & under FREE

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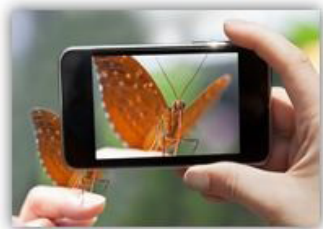
**REMEMBER:** Elm Grove Business Association "Holiday Open House" is  
NOVEMBER 10 & 11 ALSO!



# Read All About It!



**Upcoming Programs at the Library**  
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## The Camera in Your Smartphone

**Monday, November 13, 1:00 p.m. O'Neill Room**

It's a camera, it's a photo album, it's a television - it's your phone.

Learn about the apps, tips, tricks and limitations of iPhone and Android smartphones/tablets for pictures and video. This class will cover your smartphone or tablet's camera, home and Cloud storage options, and adding pictures to email and messaging. Free to attend. Presented by C.T. Kruger. **Registration begins October 23. Class size is limited to 20.** Attendees must bring their own smartphone or tablet.

## The Essential P.T. Barnum

**Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m. O'Neill Room**

Years before he revolutionized the circus, P.T. Barnum was the most famous man in the world. Author and magician William Pack reveals the amazing life of this famous showman, through storytelling and recreations of historical performances.

**HEAR** the life lessons that shaped this great American showman, **MEET** the extraordinary people that changed his life, and **EXPERIENCE** the wonders of his American museum with this free library program. No registration required. Suitable for teens and adults.

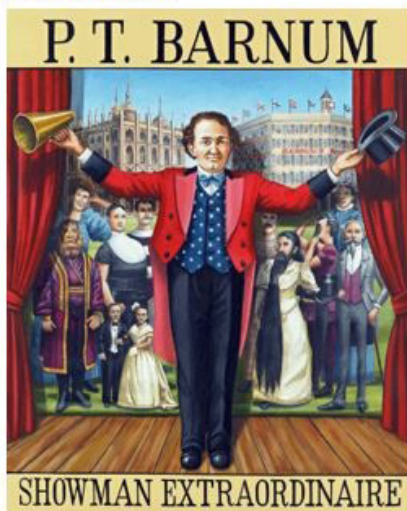


Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Public Library

A trio of local students enjoy building with Legos at the Elm Grove Public Library.

## Monthly Lego Club Welcomes Participants

By Noah Weckwerth

Did you know that the Elm Grove Public Library has an after school Lego Club for students in grades K-5? Join us after school one Thursday per month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to build with Legos. The library provides all Legos to use (please don't bring any from home), and a theme for the day to guide your creativity. It's

a drop-in program, so registration is not required, but clean-up starts at 4:30 p.m. and everyone should plan to pitch in.

The next Lego Club meets on November 16 at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room (lower level of the library). Future dates can be found at [www.elmgrovelibrary.org](http://www.elmgrovelibrary.org).

# News Briefs

CONGRATULATIONS BROOKFIELD EAST HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL MERIT Semifinalists

*John Desmond*      *Alexander Fisher*      *Sahrina Zhong*



Photo courtesy of Mark Frohna Photography

Brookfield Academy's National Merit Semifinalists: (Front row seated /left to right) **Brian Colananni, Suneri Kothari, Alexandra Dortzbach, and Long Jiao;** (Standing /left to right): **Benjamin Palatnik, Mark Bechthold, Rohan Nangia, Nathan Kustner, and Margot Armbruster** of Elm Grove. Armbruster, Bechthold, Dortzbach, Kothari, Nangia, and Palatnik began their educational journey in Brookfield Academy's Primary School and Lower School.

## Brookfield Academy Students Named National Merit Semifinalists

By Marie O'Brien

Congratulations to Brookfield Academy's nine seniors who have been named National Merit Semifinalists for their excellent performance on the PSAT examination. About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. From the approximately 16,000

Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalists level in February. Announcement of scholarship winners will then be made in April-July of 2018. Merit scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

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# Young Writers & Cub Reporters



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Brookfield Academy Level 1 students (Left to Right) **Loveday Schwertfeger**, **Devan Pillai**, **Cade Jeide**, all of Elm Grove, and **Max Wilhelm** share their writing about Freedom.

## Young Students Celebrate Freedom to Honor Veterans

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy's Primary School students recently shared their views about freedom as part of the school's preparation for Veterans Day. "We always make this day an interactive event which helps our younger students develop a deeper understanding of the sacrifices our veterans make to keep our country free," said **Heather Caponi**, Head of Primary School.

In the weeks leading up to Veterans Day, Level 1 students read the book *What Freedom Means to Me: A Flag Day Story* by **Heather French Henry**. Then students were assigned to answer the question, "What Does Freedom Mean to You?"

**\*Loveday Schwertfeger:** "Freedom to me means being able to choose to live (in) a nice village and a nice home."

**\*Devan Pillai:** "Freedom means to me we can elect our own president."

**\*Cade Jeide:** "Freedom means to me that when I am 16 I will be able to drive a car."

**\*Max Wilhelm:** "Freedom to me means choosing my own books in the library."

The students' thoughts are shared with other primary school classes and parents. "Teaching our youngest students about the importance of freedom starts in K3 and continues through Grade 12," said Mrs. Caponi. "In the Primary School, we lay the foundation for students to build upon as they grow and learn."

Veterans Day activities for the Primary School include discussion about branches of the military and a thank you from students that concludes with the following words:

"We see you...we honor you... and we appreciate our freedoms. We will grow up to be the best we can be to honor all that you have sacrificed for us."

All Brookfield Academy students will honor veterans with campus-wide activities.

## Young Writers & Reporters Wanted!

Students in Kindergarten – Grade 12 (in public, private, parochial schools and those who are home-schooled) are invited to submit the following types of items for this section:

- **ARTICLES** – Reporting about School, Club, Neighborhood, Church, Scouting and Athletic activities. (400 words maximum)
- **CREATIVE WRITING** – Short Stories (500 words maximum)
- **POETRY**

NOTE: All submissions will be considered & select items will be published based on quality of work and available space.

Submissions (noting the writer's name, school/home-school, & grade) should be sent to: [elmgrovenews@yahoo.com](mailto:elmgrovenews@yahoo.com) (subject line: Young Writers) OR Elm Grove News-Independent, P.O. Box 372, Elm Grove, WI 53122-0372. Questions: Call (262) 782-6193.

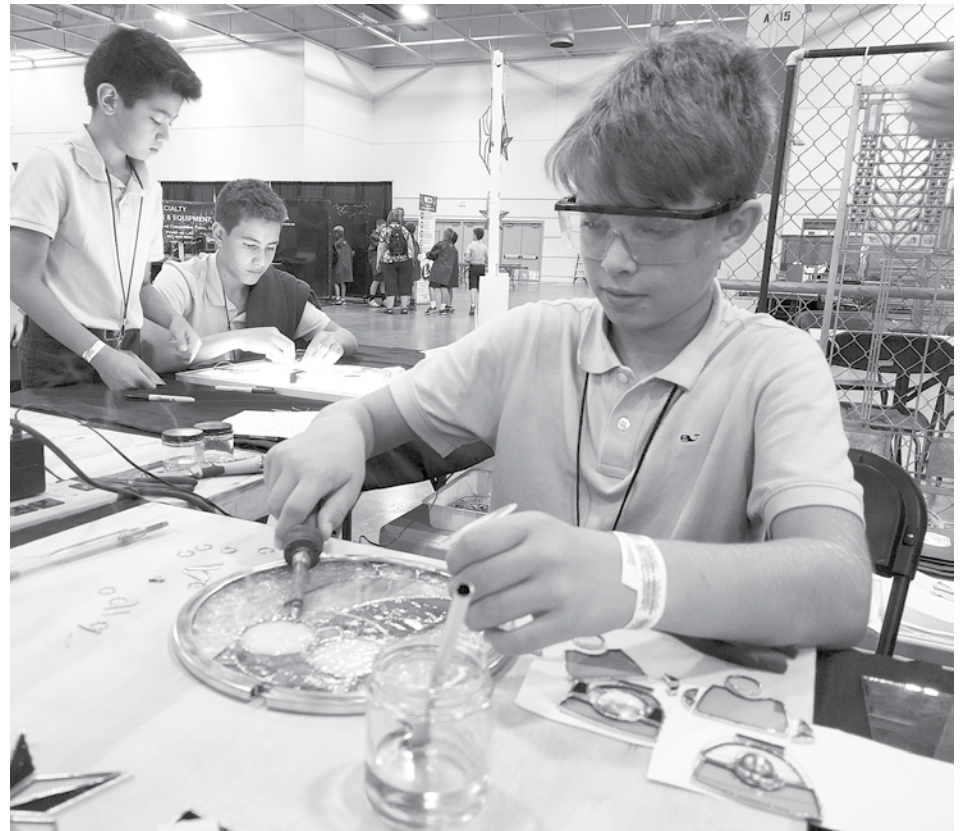


Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation School

St. Mary's students participate in hands-on activities at the Maker Faire

## A Visit to the 'Maker Faire'

By **Jonathan Harmeyer**,  
St. Mary's Visitation – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade from Saint Mary's Visitation in Elm Grove went to the Maker Faire on Friday, September 22. They all went around the fair doing various academic activities. They did welding, wooden car building, learned how old photos were taken and much more. The whole class had fun watching and following in the footsteps of the experts. They got the chance to do things and activities completely new to them. Many people on the bus back to school were talking about how much they loved going. Next year, 7<sup>th</sup> grade would love to go again. When people go there they get a chance to explore and be a maker! A maker creates things and all types of people there did different things but all had one thing in common, they loved making things! Those experts who were great at making things had different panels where they taught the 7<sup>th</sup> grade all about their jobs and hobbies. Everyone we saw there looked like they were having a great time, the kids and the makers, too.

My favorite panel was the waterfall with colors and different shapes and letters. It showed cool ways to use water. We even got to see how to control the water. I also got to weld some metal together. All the people who did it had to wear special coats, gloves and masks to protect themselves from the very high temperatures. All we saw was the very hot sparks, because if we had a clear mask we could hurt our eyes very badly. After we controlled the very hot metal, we got to take home a cool metal stand. Another thing we got to build was a Lego robot. We learned a little programming and how cars should be designed. If we made a poor design all our Legos would be knocked off our car. All the drivers had a great time running our cars into our friends and building different designs so we could be the champions! But with all this fun it could not be done without the help of Harley Davidson, Kohls and Betty Brinn who sponsored our trips. I wish I could go back and have all that fun again!

## Maker Faire

By **Grace Walters**,  
St. Mary's Visitation – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

What is a maker? A maker is someone — anyone — who has ever made anything. This includes food, art, sculptures, metalworking, and many more things. At the Maker Faire, everyone unleashes their creative side. On Field Trip Friday, our class, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders of Saint Mary's Visitation, had a special preview of the Maker Faire. There were many things to do and see, but one of the favorite stations of students was welding. Welding is a safe, hands-on activity in which participants use a special tool to melt and cut metal. There are lots of sparks involved, but each

participant is heavily clad with safety gear, such as coats, gloves, and glasses.

Makers are everywhere. Inside each and every person, there is a maker, and the Maker Faire helps bring that out of everyone. I highly encourage going to the Maker Faire, as it is a fun experience while learning things one never might have known before. I think the Maker Faire is an amazing idea, as it encourages everyone to work together with team projects, and helps one get to know themselves with solo ones.

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# News Briefs



Photo by Bill Roche

Boy Scouts display a large POW/MIA flag in front of American Legion Post #449 in Brookfield prior to a Silent March on September 16, 2017.

# Letters to the Editor

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

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# Legal Issues

## What is an Arbitration Agreement in a Nursing Home Admissions Agreement and Should You Sign It?

By Attorney Jacqueline Chada Nuckels

As noted in the first column of this series, nursing home residents are frequently asked to sign arbitration agreements when they are admitted to a nursing home. The arbitration agreement is a contract between the resident and the nursing home to resolve any dispute outside of the court system.

The nursing home will say arbitration is a cheaper and more efficient way to resolve a dispute. Is this true?

### What is the cost of a lawsuit versus arbitration?

Filing and pursuing a lawsuit is expensive. At the outset, the person filing the lawsuit has to pay a filing fee to the court. The fee varies from county to county, but is generally around \$300 in Wisconsin. Other costs include process servers' fees, experts' fees (for reports and testimony), deposition fees, and copying costs for information that is required to be exchanged between parties.

Arbitration does not require any filing fee. However, the parties to the arbitration generally share in the cost of paying the arbitrators. The arbitrators serve as both judge and jury. (Parties to a lawsuit do not bear any cost in paying the judge. Jury fees, for a jury of 12, are \$72 in Wisconsin.) Arbitrators are generally attorneys who are paid hourly at their billable rate, which generally ranges between \$250-400 per hour. If one arbitrator spends 50 hours

working on a case, and bills \$300 per hour, her fee will be \$15,000. If there is a panel of three arbitrators, versus a single arbitrator (which is most common) and each arbitrator spends 50 hours, while billing \$300 per hour, each party to the arbitration will pay \$22,500 in arbitrators' fees alone.

### What is the timeline of a lawsuit versus arbitration?

Both lawsuits and arbitrations take several months, and often years, between the time they are first initiated and the time final resolution is reached. However, because arbitrations provide for very limited appeal options, there is far less likelihood the arbitration process will extend beyond the final arbitration hearing. That said, it is important to note that arbitrations are overwhelmingly resolved in favor of the company that drafted the arbitration agreement, that is the nursing home. Thus, the limitation on appeals may not be in the best interest of the nursing home resident.

The next column will discuss what arbitration agreements mean and how they affect you if you have a dispute with the nursing home.

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## FLAVOR OF THE DAY NOVEMBER 2017

- |                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Chocolate Heath Crunch          | 17 Chocolate Covered Strawberry |
| 2 Butter Pecan                    | 18 Chocolate Oreo Volcano       |
| 3 Cookies & Cream                 | 19 Mint Chip                    |
| 4 Brownie Batter Overload         | 20 Butter Brickle               |
| 5 Pumpkin Pecan                   | 21 Crazy For Cookie Dough       |
| 6 Raspberry Cordial               | 22 Pumpkin Pecan                |
| 7 Andes Mint Avalanche            | 23 CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving    |
| 8 Chocolate Eclair                | 24 Really Reese's               |
| 9 Salted Double Caramel Pecan     | 25 Turtle Cheesecake            |
| 10 Cookie Dough Craving           | 26 Oreo Overload                |
| 11 Bonfire S'mores                | 27 Double Strawberry            |
| 12 Blueberry Cheesecake           | 28 Caramel Turtle               |
| 13 Caramel Peanut Buttercup       | 29 Snickers Swirl               |
| 14 Double Marshmallow Oreo        | 30 Caramel Fudge Cookie Dough   |
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# Good Sports



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Brookfield Academy Girls Varsity Field Hockey State Championship Team includes Elm Grove residents **Kate Doherty**, team manager, (back row, third from left), **Liese Wareham**, **Lili Wareham** (front row, third and fourth from left), **Cece Youso** (back row, sixth from right) and **Ella Wareham** (front row, second from right).

## Brookfield Academy's Girls Field Hockey Team Earns Back-to-Back State Championships

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy's Girls Varsity Field Hockey won the state title for the second year in a row. The championship win capped off a season of hard work and exceptional team spirit according to **Coach Katie Schlosser**. "I'm incredibly proud of our senior leadership. They helped foster a genuine sense of team, in which players not only were challenged to improve, but also felt like they could learn from their mistakes and make measurable progress.

It was such a positive, productive group of kids and I am honored to have been part of the process."

Led by Coach Schlosser and **Coach Margaret Daigneau**, both Brookfield Academy Alumni, the Knights defeated Divine Savior Holy Angels 3-0 in this year's championship game of the Wisconsin High School Field Hockey Association.

## News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

### Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

What a journey **Poopsie** has had! Poopsie's owner passed away in December 2016, which brought him to us. Shortly after he arrived, we learned that Poopsie's health was in jeopardy. After months of care from both staff and his treating veterinarian, Poopsie has recovered well. He still receives daily treatment but is down to one daily oral medication and a few minutes in a nebulizer built by a staff member for his care. Poopsie is ready to go home, but in a foster situation, as we still would like to continue to assist with his care. He needs to be the only bird in his home (due to his health) and would really love to have a family of his very own. He is very smart and loves to play with his bell! His cage and accessories will be going with him when he finds his forever foster home. Might that be with you?.



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**Poopsie**

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

Visit [www.ebhs.org](http://www.ebhs.org); call (262) 782-9261; or stop by for more information.



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Westmoor Country Club Men's Tennis Team members (left to right) **John Bonfilio** of Elm Grove; **Timon Corwin** of Elm Grove; **Mike Meylor** of Wauwatosa; **Bill Kirsch** (Team Captain) of Elm Grove; **Bo Gibbs** of Atlanta, Georgia; **Stefan Behling** of Brookfield; and **Jim Woyahn** of Waukesha. Not pictured: **Tim Klein** of Elm Grove; **Peter Schaefer** of Whitefish Bay; **Ed Stewart** of Elm Grove

## Westmoor Tennis Team in National Championships

By Bill Kirsch

In September a local Men's Tennis Team participated in the National Open Invitational Team Championships at the Darling Tennis Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. The team, playing out of

Westmoor Country Club and representing the Midwest Division of the USTA, lost to the eventual national champions from South Carolina.

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