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September 2011 Status Report

A lesson in Government...

Nathan Kurbis jr. (center) takes a lesson in government from Elwood Mayor William Offerman (right). Nathan was joined by his father, Nathan Kurbis, (left), a cub master. The mayor's interview was part of Kurbis' quest for rank advancement in the Boy Scouts. Currently Scout Second Class, the young boy scout is on his way to earning a rank advancement to First Class. Nathan



Kurbis is a member of Troop 5, Pack 156 "Rainmakers". He has shown great skill and commitment in advancing through the scouting ranks. Recently, Kurbis rescued a choking victim with the Heimlich maneuver, a skill he learned in the scouting organization.

Brown Circle area slated for hiking & biking trails

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie has been given the go ahead to develop Jackson Creek Savannah Trails, a bicycle/walking path at Midewin's Mississippi Ave. parcel. The property, commonly known as Brown Circle, was named for arsenal housing once located there. The Brown Circle area borders Jackson Creek and is considered an ideal site for recreational opportunities.

The Brown Circle area will link to Elwood's existing bike trail from our new park at Deer Run drive, providing a safe enjoyable recreation for Elwood residents. The village has been working with Midewin to open this rich environmental and historic area, and we're pleased this project has been approved by the USDA Forrest service. The project will include a ten-mile looped trail and scenic overlook, along with rest areas, benches and interpretive signage along the trail.

Grass clippings don't belong in the street

Elwood residents are asked not to blow their grass clippings into the public streets. The grass often ends up in the storm basins, blocking drainage for an entire roadway. It's not possible for Elwood's public works staff to clean up this grass before it makes its way into the storm sewers. In addition, wet grass clippings can be an obstacle for pedestrians and bike riders. Elwood has always been a town of considerate neighbors, and we anticipate this problem will be resolved through homeowners' cooperation.

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They did it again! Parents showed the young ones how it's done at the 2011 Fire & ICE Community Softball Game. The annual event is an opportunity for Elwood teens to interact with parents, police and fire officers in the community and a great excuse for classic family fun & rivalry. Special thanks to the police and fire department officers who coached and umpired the game. We appreciate your spending time with the young people in our community.

Elwood Community Church offers flu shot clinic

On Saturday, Sept. 12 the Elwood Community Church will partner with certified CVS pharmacists to offer a flu shot clinic. The clinic will be held at the church, 101 N. Chicago Ave., from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. No appointment necessary. Cost is \$29.99. No cost for Medicare A/B members. Please bring your Medicare A/B card with you on the day of the flu shot clinic. You must be at least 14 years old to receive flu shot. For more information, contact the staff at CVS/Pharmacy, 815-267-8130 or Elwood Community Church, 815-423-5113.

Elwood Community Church welcomes new pastor

The Congregation of Elwood Community Church is pleased to announce the Commissioning of Carrie Kapral as our pastor. We extend a special invitation to the residents of the Village of Elwood and Jackson Township to attend an Open House Celebration to welcome her to our Church and Community on Sunday, September 18, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Church Social Hall, 101 N. Chicago Ave. We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 815-423-5113.

Twilighters host concert trip

On Thursday, September 22, Jackson Township Twilighters will host a bus trip to LaVilla Banquets for a luncheon and a concert by Eddie Cash. Cost of the trip is \$48 for Twilighters, \$53 for non-members. Cost includes bus transportation, lunch and the musical and vocal entertainment of Eddie Cash. The trip will depart from the Children's Garden at 9:30 a.m.

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