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Commander's Report

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April is the time for new growth, in our gardens, our self and in our Post Your Post needs Spring attention to groom the grounds, wash the windows and shine the floors, walls, doors. Please support the Third Vice's request for help to work on all the things which make our Post ready for a busy summer.

I want all of you to thank our new editor who needs your help to prepare our 449er. Thank you Kay. We all thank you for taking on this very important work.

We hope to interview the auditor candidates this month and hire one to complete a thorough, yet quick audit to move our merger to completion. This final step will send the merger to the Department level for review and approval. Then, on to National for final approval.

I have evaluated my opportunity to run for a third term at several levels. While I remain dedicated to 449, I must consider the readiness and ability for others to move up into increased responsibilities. So, after considering many things, I WILL NOT run for a third term. I have given seven years to the Post on the Executive Board as a Member-at-Large, two years as 1st Vice Commander and three as Commander. It has been a learning experience and I thank all of you for your support. Much has been done, more will be done. Plan now to vote in May.

My best to you all. - Ron

Thank you **EARL WOOD** for your dedicated service (16 years) in delivering our 449er each month to the Elm Grove Post Office.

We have a total of 16 boxes each month, sorted by zip code, that are mailed to our members.

1st Vice Message

By Mike Daigle (414) 817-2153

Greetings 449 Family,

I am excited to inform my 449 Family that I am officially announcing my candidacy for the Office of COMMANDER of Post 449. I would like to express my priorities for 449's future.



1. Ensure the completion of the merger with Post 23.
2. To empower our members of 449 FAMILY through active JOINT committees.
3. To provide our Post family a sense of confidence in our operations through total financial transparency.
4. Put the right folks in the right jobs.
5. To explore more revenue generating activities to attain overall fiscal success.
6. To showcase our facility to District and Department to utilize our facility for meetings and functions.
7. To provide funding and support to an active advertising and marketing plan.
8. To welcome and empower our new Post 23 family members and utilize their experience in LEGION programs to make 449 the flagship of Wisconsin.

*TOGETHER, WE WILL STEADY THE COURSE OF 449.
STRENGTH THROUGH FAMILY*

FOUR WINDS CASINO BUS TRIP NEW BUFFALO, MI SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

Bus leaves post at 8 a.m. SHARP—Returns at 8 p.m.

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Drinks, snacks and FUN on the bus.

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Public Welcome



Think Stay-cation ---

By now, you've surely heard of the term "staycation" – a vacation close to your home. You and your family can do just that in Wisconsin's fabulous Northwoods, at a Cudworth cabin. Summertime is a perfect time to expose your loved ones to new and exciting places. We all need an emotional reset to get out of our ruts. These shared experiences just can't be found at home.

We're located near Hazelhurst, WI, in the American Legion Forest. **Choose from three cabins** during our 18 week rental season (May 28 thru October 8). Each cabin will accommodate up to six persons in a newly renovated two bedroom / one bath cabin. Kick back and relax in the spectacular beauty of northern Wisconsin. Our **weekly rates** are a fraction of other lodging in the area.....**\$300 - \$360**.

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Reservation Day

Saturday ~ April 16th ~ 9:00 am
Elmbrook Post 449

You'll want to get there early!

Chaplain's Corner

By Harvin Abrahamson

Prayer and faith will see us through.

By the calendar, we are well on our way into the season of Spring. We in the Northern Hemisphere of the earth, notice an appreciable change in the hours of daylight compared to December. From bulbs that have been dormant all winter, blossoms are on the way. In nature it is a time for action!

Are your mind and body ready for action? In the First Letter of Peter, we are reminded that our faith is active—not passive. Are we ready to do something about the serious ills of our society? We see corruption in our government, lack of truthfulness in elected and appointed officials. Do we vote these individuals out of office?

We see our children being corrupted by filthy speech, in writing and in lyrics of music; by violence on the streets, heard on radio, seen on television and in movies. Do we do anything but complain and/or wring our hands?

If you have a voice, have paper and pen—then you are prepared for action. All you need is faith in God! He will give you courage!



Service Officer's Message...

By Richard Strehlow (262) 641-0977



Last Bugle (Members)...



Eugene Cave, WWII

Charles Deisinger, WWII

(A card, scroll, ceremonial coin and cartridge pouch presented)

Last Bugle (Non-Members)...

Heinz Brosig, WWII

Wayne De Husson, Korea

Edward Schneider, WWII

Clifford McGinnis, Unlisted

Gilbert Driver, Vietnam

Joseph Johnson, WWII

Vernon Clark, WWII

James D'Angelo, WWII

Edward Ihlenfeld, WWII

Emil Motolo, WWII

Sick Bay:

Pat Gordon

Notes of Interest:

I would like to thank the following families and groups for their generous contributions to our Post for the Honor Guard's service for their loved ones. The Dempsey Family, The Schneider Family and The Schaber Family.

V.A. News & Info.....

1- U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson has one goal for the final months of his current congressional term – one he shared with members of The American Legion Feb. 23 during the organization's Washington Conference. "I'm not going to be a member of the (Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs) who stands before you on television and talks about what I should have done when I was chairman," said Isakson, who currently serves in that role. "We're going to fix the (Department of Veterans Affairs') problems ... and we're going to see to it that the veterans of America get the services they deserve in the fashion and timeliness they deserve to get them." Isakson said he's set a goal for his committee and shared it with VA Secretary Bob McDonald. "This business about trying to figure out how to make members of the VA accountable has got to stop," he said. "I know what accountability means. Accountability means you do your job or there are consequences. "We've had too many situations in the service to our veterans where the consequences for bad service (were) no service at all. And I'm going to see to it that that changes." A bill will be dropped on March 31 in the Senate that Isakson hopes will be acted on in both chambers before June, when he said the focus will shift to the presidential election. "I'm going to see to it that we have addressed better accountability of the (VA) and ... where every (patient) gets the accountable service with a smile they deserve, or that person that didn't give it to them doesn't work for the VA anymore. "Isakson praised the work that McDonald has done in his two years leading VA. And though problems remain, Isakson said the VA is headed in the right direction – and will continue to do so because of bipartisan efforts.

2- On Feb. 24, American Legion National Commander, Dale Barnett expressed disappointment over recent reversals of

disciplinary actions handed down to VA employees who were found to have abused their positions. "Our disappointment only grew after additional hearings established wrongdoing and punishments were imposed, only to be overturned in the appeals process," Barnett said. "Veterans do not see this as accountability." The American Legion's 2016 Legislative Agenda at the joint session and is available for reading or download from the [American Legion website](#).

3- To enhance veterans' access to care and eliminate delays in Choice provider payment, community providers under the Choice program will no longer be required to submit medical records prior to payment being made. To facilitate the change, VA has modified the Choice Program contract, making it easier for Health Net and TriWest to promptly pay providers. Veterans seeking to use the Veterans Choice Program or wanting to know more about it, can call 1-866-606-8198 to confirm their eligibility and to schedule an appointment.

***Remember... That all gave some,
but many gave all!***



Report from the Bar Manager

By Bill Simon (414) 520-0425



A new system is being put into effect April 1, 2016. Anyone who would like to borrow anything that belongs to the Post must have it checked out with either Bill or Jennifer. Your information will be entered on the sheet also indicating the date it will be returned. NOTHING is to leave the Post without signing the check out form first.

We seem to be losing too much of our equipment and other Post property. We are missing a few long tables that are used in the Dining Room and several pans from the Kitchen. If, by chance, you may have these or any other items belonging to the Post, please return them ASAP. This week we will start taking inventory of what we have.

We would like to welcome our newest bartender, Dawn, to the Legion Family. She comes to us with a lot of previous experience and has already begun training. It won't be long until you see her on many regular shifts. Please make her feel at home.

I will be returning from my vacation on April 10. Kat will be "holding down the fort" while I'm gone. I thank her and appreciate it very much.

HAPPY SPRING from the Bar staff of Post 449!



Finance Officer's Report...

By Interim Finance Officer John Horter
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Well, I'm sure you will all be happy to see that I am back ----- on a TEMPORARY basis until we have our elections in June. This brings me to my first point: we need people to run for Board positions and I am pleading in particular for candidates to run for Finance Officer. I won't pull any wool over your eyes and not tell you the job takes time on a regular weekly basis. To do a thorough job, you should plan on 6 – 8 hours per week including 3+ hours on Tuesday mornings. I will make myself available to assist on request, as long as I am in town. I will also continue to care for 2 or 3 annual projects. You will also have an assistant Finance Officer from Cudworth.

Being back on the "job" for about a month now, it is apparent to me that the emphasis on POP and the street repair payments have taken their toll on the operating funds of the Post. Effective immediately, no NEW fund raising projects will be started without the Executive Board and Commander approval. Future funds raised will be processed and deposited through the Finance Officer. We also appreciate the efforts of a few who run fund raising projects and THANK YOU for your efforts.

In closing, I want to say that our efforts and those of Cudworth Post are going well and when the dust settles this should be one Hell of a Post. Thank you for your cooperation during this transition and with nice weather soon, get out to the Post more often. And finally, please give serious consideration to running for office----- especially Finance Officer.

See you at the Post!
John C. Horter

Show your Love for Homeless Veteran's in April

The need is ever greater for Milwaukee area Veterans. The youth and young at heart of the SAL and Auxiliary are working on a joint community service project. We are taking up a collection of new items. Please bring them to the Post Donation Boxes Labeled "Veteran's Drive".

Items Needed:

Deodorant All Purpose cleaner Granola bars Playing cards Dove Soap Small Wastebaskets Cereal Chess Sets Toothpaste Brooms Mac n Cheese Puzzles Shampoo Mops Frying Pan Note Pads Conditioner Blankets 1 Quart Sauce Pans Coloring Books Razors Socks for Men and Women DVDs/CDs Markers Nail Files Queen Size Bed Sheet Sets Headphones Crayons Hand Sanitizer Bath Towels Universal Phone Chargers Sudoku Books

****IMPORTANT****

Notice of Proposed New By-Law Changes

At the 3/8/16 Executive Board Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to specifically identify the difference between elected and appointed members of the Executive Committee. These proposed changes are only language additions to our current By-Laws and need to be approved by our membership at the next General Membership Meeting in April. Your Board is working hard to update our old By-Laws to apply them to our current conditions and circumstances.

ARTICLE VI **Appointments**

Section 1: The Commander, immediately after being installed in office each *term*, shall appoint *the Post Adjutant, House Manager, Bar Manager and the following Assistants; Post Adjutant, Post Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and the following Committee Chairpersons and Assistant Chairpersons: Bar, House, Judge Advocate, Parliamentarian, Public Relations, Americanism, and such others as may be deemed necessary.* Each appointment must be confirmed by a majority of the Executive Committee. All appointments shall be members of Post 449 and in good standing. Assistants shall not hold any other Post position during their tenure, and will not be voting members of the Executive Committee except when designated as the substitute for the appropriate Executive Committee member. Duties of Assistants shall be determined by the Commander and/or primary appointee. *The Commander also may replace any appointed position with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee.*

ARTICLE XVI **Removal of an Elected Executive Board Member**

Section 1: *An Elected* member of the Executive Board will be removed from the board for any of the following. Disloyalty, Neglect of Duty, Dishonesty, and or failure to perform the duties of the office held in accordance with the By-Laws of Post 449 and or Conduct unbecoming a member of the American Legion. A request to remove an *elected* Executive **Board** member will be *made by the Commander or* a written petition of three (3) or more members of the Board to be presented to the Board at an Executive Session of the Board. The petition will be read into the record. The board member will be removed from the office held by a majority vote of the remaining voting members of the board. The vote will be by secret ballot. Six (6) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum thereof. If there is a tie vote, the officer will stay in office. One (1) Past Commander and one (1) Legionnaire member of Post 449 will count the secret ballots and report the vote to the Executive Board. The Officer voted off the Board will be removed from the meeting. *If the results of the vote are to remove an elected Board Officer, it must be approved by the general membership at the next monthly Post meeting.* The vacancy on the Executive Committee will be filled within 60 days in accordance with ARTICLE II, SECTION 5, of the Post By-Laws.



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The President's Message...

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“BE THE SPARK FOR OUR VETERANS”

Thank you to our hostesses, Chris Ertl & Michele Johnstone, at the March 15, 2016 meeting, for the delicious snack. A huge thank you to Hannah Slaske (Don Thompson's Granddaughter) for providing us with the beautiful violin music at our meeting. Congratulations to Bonnie Piszczek for being the Auxiliary's "Special Queen" for the evening. Our next Auxiliary Meeting is April 19, 2016 at 7:00pm.

A huge thank you to NAIMLG COMMERCIAL COMPANY, Commercial Real Estate Broker's, for all the many items donated, including a check for \$500.00, to be used for our Veterans. Tony Bereta, a member of Post 449, who works at NAIMLG Commercial Co., presented the donations to the Auxiliary on March 15, 2016. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank each and every one for this generous and wonderful donation!

Please donate to the Auxiliary's food drive for the Waukesha County. We only have until April 15th, let's fill the barrels to over flow! Veterans and many people, need our help!!!

Thank you to Paul Korrels for bringing the two cases of Girl Scout Cookies from Girl Scout Troop 2678 at Pilgrim Park School, for the Veterans. Thank you for the great donation for the Veterans.

The Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison has a wish list for quilts, fleece blankets, lap robes, afghans, scarves, knitted hats, Kleenex, postal forever stamps, activity books-word search, puzzles, Sudoku, tray favors for holidays, decks of cards, plain note cards, nail clippers, file boards, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's & women's socks and gift cards. Please bring any of these items to our next meeting to be shipped to the Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the American Legion Convention, July 14-17th, 2016 at Madison Marriott West, Middleton, 608-831-2000.

Oconomowoc will have their 2nd "Walk, Run & Roll for Veterans and their Families and money will be donated to the Fisher House, May 21, 8:00am-11:00am. Please register online. Early Bird Cost is \$27.37 by April 6th and after April 6th but before May 19th is \$32.64. Register by May 1st to receive your free tee shirt. <https://walk-run-roll-oconomowoc.eventbrite.com>.

Happy Birthday & God Bless to our "Special Birthday Ladies" for April, 2016: 1) Joleen Gordon, 4) Anastasia Lane, 11) Geri Klebenow, 12) Elizabeth Wilkinson, 14) Karen Adams, 15) Virginia Demichei, 16) Monica Roux, 19) Breanna Turner, 21) McKenzie Fowler, 23) Virginia Lindow, 25) Florence Frank, 27) Elvira Zalewski, 28) Kate Fowler, 29) Joan Felski, 30) Betty Anderson. Happy Birthday to all the ladies in the Auxiliary whose names are not mentioned. If you would like your name added to the birthday list, please let me know.

Please keep all of our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless our Troops, our Veterans and God Bless America!!

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Apr 4, Mon	St. Patrick's Day Party for Veterans from Zablocki VA Hospital – 5:00pm
Apr 16, Sat	Past Presidents Parley Raffle Sign-In – 11:30am Stars & Stripes Honor Flight – Milw Airport
Apr 19, Tue	Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – 7:00pm
Apr 23, Sat	1 st District Spring Conference Walworth County
Apr 24, Sun	Jr's Spring Conference at Post 449
May 2, Sat	Auxiliary Raffle Sign-In – 11:30am
May 14, Sat	Stars & Stripes Honor Flight – Milw Airport
May 15, Sun	King VA Hospital, Waupaca, Open House 10:00am-3:00pm
May 21, Sat	Walk, Run & Roll for Fisher House Oconomowoc Unit 91 – 8:00am-11:00am
May 30, Mon	Memorial Day Parade, Meet at Post 8:00am in back parking lot



1st Vice Report

By Kathy McCarthy (262) 442-5703
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Hello Everyone!

Spring has arrived and I see robins in the yard and plants peeking thru the ground. A new beginning of all things returning to us. We need all of your help to get to the rest of membership to return to us as well. Reach out to your friends to see if they have sent in their membership and look into your own family, get your daughters, daughters-in-law, granddaughters, and add them to our Auxiliary. Our Junior Program is a great program for your granddaughters to join, it can also help them with their scholarship in the future. The Youth membership dues is only \$3.50 a year for anyone under 18 years of age. Grandmas open your wallets.

Thank you to Mr. Tony Baretta from NAI MLG Commercial and his staff for the generous donations for our veterans, and the matching \$500 check from the company. The donates and monies will be used for helping our veterans including the homeless woman veteran which we will help set up her new apartment when ready. A big thank you to Tony's wife Charlene who is one of our members and she too has donated a lot of fabric to help make quilts for our veterans. Again a very big thank you to you both.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help on Monday April 4th for the veterans dinner and for bringing desserts as well. I'm sure it will be a great experience for everyone. If you didn't sign up and still would like to help, please come and make a veteran very happy.

I hope everyone had a safe and Blessed Easter. Thank you to the kitchen staff for a great job as always.

Until our next meeting, I'll see you at the Post!
Kathy



Daffy Day

Sponsored by Past Presidents Parley

Saturday, April 16

11:30—2:00 pm

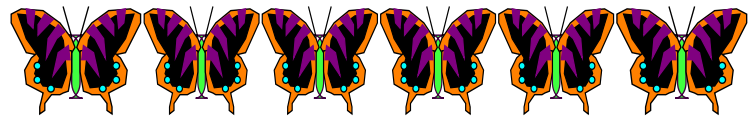
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\$7.00 Sloppy Joe, homemade Potato Salad, corn chips, relishes, various bars & cookies

Booze, Baskets & Blossoms Raffle

Wheel of Fortune

We're Daffy over Daffodils! Come join us!



Friday Fish Fry



Live Entertainment 4:30-10:00 p.m.

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Serving From 11:30 - 3:30 & 4:30 - 8:30
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11:30 Tuesday Through Thursday

**11:30 - 3:30 Friday Fish Fry
& Full Lunch Menu**



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Chaplain Sandy's Message...

By Sandy Dearing
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We have all heard the saying at a funeral for someone who was admired that, "He was the salt of the earth". To describe someone that way is a great compliment to their character and we know that person to be trustworthy and reliable. In Matthew 5:13 Jesus tell us, "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men." In those days, not unlike today, salt was used for two purposes. The first use of salt is to preserve food. Jesus is calling us to be salt of the earth, to preserve His teachings and godly principles in today's world. In a time where everyone does what is right in their own eyes, children and young adults need to see godly principles lived out in our lives as examples for them to follow. The second purpose of salt is to flavor the food. Christ is saying that we should be in the world making a difference and pouring into each other's lives to make them better. By doing selfless works and doing them cheerfully we enhance the lives of those around us.

Living as the salt of the earth is so clearly seen in the lives of those at our own Post 449. I see it all around me in the selfless acts of kindness and the stand for godly principles. Let us continue to live our lives in this way and when we come to the end of it, may those that follow us say "they were the salt of the earth."

Please remember in prayer:

Charles Deisinger, husband of Jane Deisinger, who passed away on March 4. Jane has been an Auxiliary member for 39 years.

Eugene Cave passed away on March 3. He is the husband of Auxiliary member, Joan Cave. She has been a member for 23 years.

All those who have gone before us in the service for our country and our soldiers today who put their lives at risk each day for our welfare.

May God bless you and keep you - Chaplain Sandy

Notes From The Membership Team...

By Anita (Sam) Catura & Laura Roche
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please join me in welcoming our newest members:

Gwendalin Badzinski

Sara VanderGrinten

In process, our newest JR member: Hannah Slaske

We hope to see these new members often and look forward to working with them for the common good: "Service not Self" for our Veterans and their families.

Together with the latest paid "renewals", currently in process of this writing, our membership stands at 438, approximately 78.3%. Remember: our goal this year is 559 so we will need 120 members to renew and/or be recruited.

You can mail your dues to me, drop them at the Post or even pay them on line now. To pay on line through the National Website: www.alaforveterans.org.

My address: 4660 N 69th St Milwaukee, WI 53218

My email: acatura@fmglc.com

Sr Dues: \$22.00 Jr Dues: \$3.50

Did you know that the month of April has been set aside to highlight our youth? What a fantastic way to do this as our Post will be hosting the Junior Spring Conference on April 24th. Our Post/Unit is so fortunate to have very talented, eager Children and Youth. I hope every one of them will be able to attend this event and take away many useful and fun ideas. SR members: please encourage any and all Children and Youth that you may have signed up as members, to attend this awesome session. It really sounds like a good time.

While we are on the subject of the "Children and Youth", are you aware of all the educational programs and opportunities available? There are scholarships, interest free loans, grants and other student aid programs to check out. Get involved in the Oratorical program NOW! Be watching for a possible program at the April meeting regarding the Oratorical contest.

We also have the parade season upon us and it would be so wonderful to see the Children and Youth marching along-side the rest of Post/Unit/Squadron 449. We are a family; let's get the whole family involved!

"GET EXCITED, CATCH THE SPIRIT, AND ASK OTHERS TO JOIN THE LARGEST, PATRIOTIC, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION."

Sam Catura
Membership Chairman Unit 449

**DON'T FORGET YOUR DONATIONS TO
WAUKESHA SALVATION ARMY FOOD
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UNTIL APRIL 15TH.**

LET'S FILL 'EM UP!!!!



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Is It Tuesday Yet?

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Looking through the Curve...

Twisty Wisconsin roads that rise and fall which are surrounded by amazing scenery provide the most exciting rides. Unlike driving a car, motorcycling is an intense activity that one cannot afford distraction or the lack of mental awareness.

Sometimes as an organization, we fail to look through the curve as we focus in on distractions. Instead, these distractions fog up the big picture to the point that we are no longer looking in the right direction. Now is the time to turn your head through the curve and take control of the future of our great organization.

In February and part of March, there was a Veteran's Drive sponsored by the SAL. Your donations went to The Vets Place in Milwaukee (see <http://www.cviet.org>), The VA Zablocki, and the Waukesha Country Food Pantry. The SAL thanks you. The Squadron is still collecting money donations to purchase GI Josh dogs for the Fisher House. Make donations payable to SAL 449.

June 4 is the Car Show at Post 449. It starts at 10 am and ends at 3 p, with trophies being awarded. Like in previous years, the Legion Family will be voting for the BEST IN SHOW. Since this is a GI Josh fund raiser, the Car Show will be dog friendly. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to come out.

The Squadron, along with other Legion Family organizations, will be having elections this Summer, **June 7th**. Now is the time to help us look through the curve and focus on the big picture.

We need new blood in our ranks and new ideas. Don't sit passively on your bar stool or Lazy Boy, letting someone else do all the work. Every little bit helps. This next term will have twisty roads and a rise while many look on as two Posts unite to be one. It's an exciting time and I hope you want to be a part of this leadership team! Please contact Mike Pook or Brad Catura for more details, or even if you are only thinking about running.

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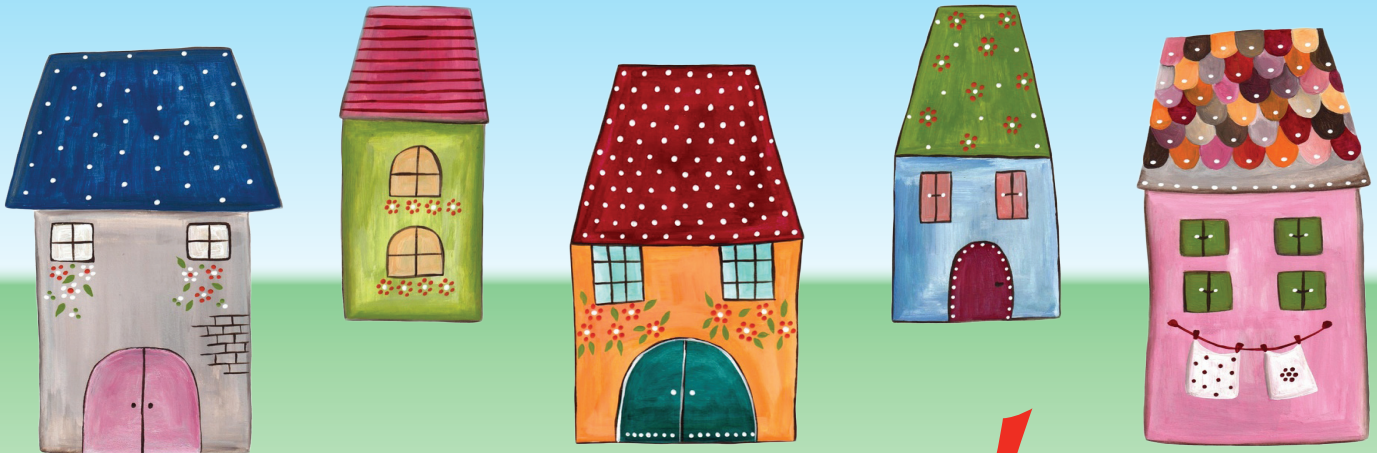
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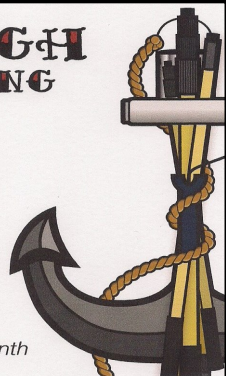
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3 Opens 11:30 <u>Dartball Banquet</u>	4 Opens 1:00 Tacos 4:30-8:00 Drawing 7:00	5 Lunch 11:30 Move Out 5:00 SAL Mtg 7:00	6 Lunch 11:30	7 Lunch 11:30 Cook In 5:00-8:30 <u>Open Jam 6:30-10</u> <u>VFW Mtg 7:00</u>	8 Lunch 11:30 Live Music 4:30-10 Fish Fry 4:30-8:30	9 Open 11:30 Drawing 2:00 Live Music 7:30-11 <u>Aux State Bowling Seymour</u>
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