

Harvey's Woods Named

Pat Wilmeth, in memory of her wonderful husband, **Harvey**, is making a gift to fund a bright future for the Mequon Nature Preserve. Pat's gift is being deposited in the **Mequon Nature Preserve Endowment Fund** at the **Greater Milwaukee Foundation**. The Fund is at the Foundation to ensure that it is professionally managed and used only as the donors' have intended—for the long-term support of the Mequon Nature Preserve.

Harvey's Woods is one of the healthiest woodlands in the Greater Milwaukee area. Ninety percent of the plant species are native to southeast Wisconsin. To visit Harvey's Woods, park in the 10000 N. Swan Road (91st Street), Mequon, parking lot and follow the crushed stone path. Harvey's Woods is the first woods that you will encounter.

Please think about Pat's example as you develop your estate plan. If you would like to know about the Nature Preserve's Endowment Fund, call **Kathy Schrader** or **Marybeth Budisch** at the **Greater Milwaukee Foundation**. The phone number is 414-272-5805.

Solar Panels Light Up

Solar energy refers to the sun's radiant light and heat. Photovoltaic (PV) technology—now commonly seen in solar panels—converts solar energy into electricity. The PieperPower Education Center is now installing PV solar panels that will provide about one-fourth of the building's annual energy needs. An additional source of electrical energy for the Education Center is the **Murphy, Scanlon, and Sullivan Mellowes Wind Turbine**. Wind turbines and PV systems work well together. The PV system's maximum output is on sunny summer days while the turbine's maximum output occurs in the winter when the winds are stronger. Both systems are clean, non-polluting sources of renewable energy. When the systems are providing more electric-

ity than needed by the building, the excess electricity will go to the We Energies' lines for others to use. Because energy production from a wind turbine and solar panels is variable, We Energies supplies a back up when it is needed. Thank you to **Focus on Energy** and the **Wisconsin Energy Foundation** for funding this project.



Solar panels now supply electricity to the Education Center

Finding Your Way at MNP

This fall we will install signs that give visitors directions for the five-mile long trail system as well as educational information about the many habitats at the Nature Preserve. Thank you to the many generous donors who made the signs possible. Sign sponsors include **Mary and Ken Braband**, **Mark and Cheryl Brickman**, **Christopher L. Doerr**, **Jon and Mary Hammes**, **Harris Bank**, **Huntington Park Homes**, **Marie Kasten**, **Mequon Thiensville Rotary Club**, **Milwaukee Audubon Society**, **Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District**, **North Shore Bank**, **Newman Chevrolet**, **Wendy and Andrew Petzold**, **Paddock Fund/Greater Milwaukee Foundation**, **Townsend Foundation**, **US Bank**, **Wild Birds Unlimited**, and **Wisconsin Energy Foundation**. A special thanks to the **Mequon Community Foundation** which is sponsoring several signs including a large identification sign that will direct visitors from Wauwatosa Road.



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Teen Readers Survive!

Participants in the F. L. Weyenberg Library summer teen reading program spent time at the Mequon Nature Preserve learning how to survive in the wilderness. The students' interest was peaked by the TV show, "Survivor." Participants learned to read a compass, found plants they could eat, and gathered materials to make a shelter. **Librarian Chris Stape** and **Mequon Nature Preserve Manager Kristin Gies** led the program.



Teen Readers at Nature Preserve Survivor Program

Making A Difference

Dorothy Watson, an Alexian Village resident and Mequon Nature Preserve volunteer, collected seeds from one of the area's oldest Elm trees. She planted the native seeds in flower pots in her apartment and tended them until they grew one-foot tall. Now that the seedlings are ready to handle the harsh elements of nature, they have been planted in the Streich Family Wetlands in the Mequon Nature Preserve. There

are many ways you can volunteer at the Mequon Nature Preserve. Please give **Kristin Gies**, the Mequon Nature Preserve manager, a call at 262-242-8055.

ADA Trail Completed

The new Trinity Creek trail and observation deck is now ready. Its gentle slope and surface will welcome all visitors including those who may use a wheelchair, walker or cane. The trail, which starts on the east side of the PieperPower Education Center parking lot, 8200 W. County Line Road, Mequon, is a one-half mile loop. The observation deck extends over a pond in the **Streich Family Wetlands** and allows you to view this newly reconstructed habitat up close.



When is the Nature Preserve Open?

The Mequon Nature Preserve land is a public facility whose trails are open from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. Its three parking lots are located at 8200 W. County Line Road, 10000 N. Swan Road, and 8275 W. Donges Bay Road—all in Mequon. Visit our website at mequonnaturepreserve.org to download your own trail map.