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Replica of a flag made by Alice Paul (1885-1977) an American women's suffrage leader known for being the first to propose an equal rights amendment to the U.S. Constitution. As each state ratified the amendment Paul sewed on a star and unfurled the flag when the 38th state, Tennessee, ratified it. Wisconsin ratified the amendment in 1919. From the collection of Elm Grove resident Jane Kivlin.

★ **August 18, 2020** ★

the 100th Anniversary
of the passage of the
19th Amendment
giving all U.S. Women
the Right to Vote.

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*"I never doubted that equal rights
was the right direction. Most reforms,
most problems are complicated. But
to me there is nothing complicated
about ordinary equality."*

- Alice Paul

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Photo by Jeff Hughes

The Eagle Has Landed...

While working from home during COVID-19, Elm Grove resident **Jeff Hughes** noticed a bald eagle in his Froedtert Drive neighborhood and was able to take several photos of the majestic bird on July 10th. Hughes, who says that he has been active in the past with wildlife and deer within the village, told the *News-Independent*: "In 29 years here, I have never seen nor heard of (a bald eagle) in the village, (although) nesting pairs are reported on Milwaukee River north of Milwaukee."



Photo by James L. W. Bain /News-Independent

A cautionary sign in an Elm Grove yard.

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"I Know Where You Live!"



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A Decade & Counting...

Next month’s September 2020 edition of the *Elm Grove News-Independent* will celebrate the **10th ANNIVERSARY** of providing hyper-local news and information about our community and beyond.

The news industry of which I have been a proud part for many, many years has certainly changed over time. Some papers have gone dark, others have gone entirely digital... yet the *News-Independent* is published both in print and online. The value of local journalism remains constant and is as important now as ever.

What experience gives me the credentials to run a newspaper? Why do I **persist** in keeping the paper going? What **does it take** to publish an issue? I will answer these questions and more with a special “*The Making of the News-Independent*” feature in September. What do you want to know? Send questions by August 15.

And, **PLEASE**, help me to provide news & information to our community. **SUPPORT THIS PAPER via ADVERTISING.** Request a Rate Sheet at elmgrovenews@yahoo.com.

Take care. Stay well! Wear a mask!



Photo by Elisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

Elm Grove Postmaster Jill Lipovsek in her element.

Elm Grove Postmaster to Retire in September

Following a three-decades-long career with the U.S. Postal Service, Elm Grove resident **Jill Lipovsek** recently announced to the *News-Independent* her plan to retire next month and responded to a series of questions about her years of service, special memories, and future plans.

- **When did you begin work with the USPS?**
I began my career with the USPS on March 23, 1990. My first position was a clerk in the main processing plant, I worked 3rd shift, as it was very conducive for my family. 6 months into my career, upper Management asked if I was interested in upper mobility. After some thought, I decided to go into management, as I knew I could make a difference.



Photo by Elisabeth Passalis-Bain

An Eagle Award for Outstanding Service

- **Why did you decide to have a career with the USPS?**
My brother, who recently completed his tenure with the U.S. Navy, began his career with the USPS, and advised me they were offering the test to the public, so I decided to take the test. I scored a 98 and within a few days the USPS contacted me to start the process. After some discussion with my husband, **Guy**, this would be an opportunity of a lifetime, to be employed with the USPS and endless opportunities for advancement.
- **Date of retirement?**
My official date of my retirement with the USPS is September 30, 2020, however my last official working date is September 1, 2020.
- **Did you work for the USPS in another community/communities prior to becoming the Postmaster in Elm Grove?**
Prior to becoming Postmaster of Elm Grove, my positions included: Supervisor of Distribution operations at the Milwaukee Plant; Supervisor of Customer Service at the Waukesha Post Office: Officer in Charge of Germantown, Brookfield, and Grayslake, Illinois and Des Plaines, Illinois; also, I did the hiring and interviews of new applicants for many offices in Wisconsin and Illinois.
- **When were you appointed to the position of Elm Grove Postmaster?**
I began my career in Elm Grove as Postmaster in March, 2000 and was officially sworn in December, 2000.
- **What awards / special recognition have you received?**
Among my awards are 3 Great Lakes Area AVP crystal “Eagles” (one is pictured above) for outstanding revenue growth in fiscal years 2014, 2017, and 2019.
- **What are a few of your best memories as our Elm Grove Postmaster?**
Being the Postmaster of Elm Grove has been very rewarding. I have been blessed to have the best staff serving the residents of the village, along with all the customers that come as far as Johnson Creek that utilize the Elm Grove Post office for their shipping needs, as I have been told many times that the Elm Grove Post Office is the best, great customer service, the facility is clean, and it’s a very friendly facility with the local kids from various schools that have displayed their artwork here for the last 22 years for every holiday and different season. In years past, we would participate in the Elm Grove Memorial Day parade. I held coloring contests and selected several kids from the Village to carry the American flag in front of the decorated postal vehicle and handed out coloring books along the route.

Our Village

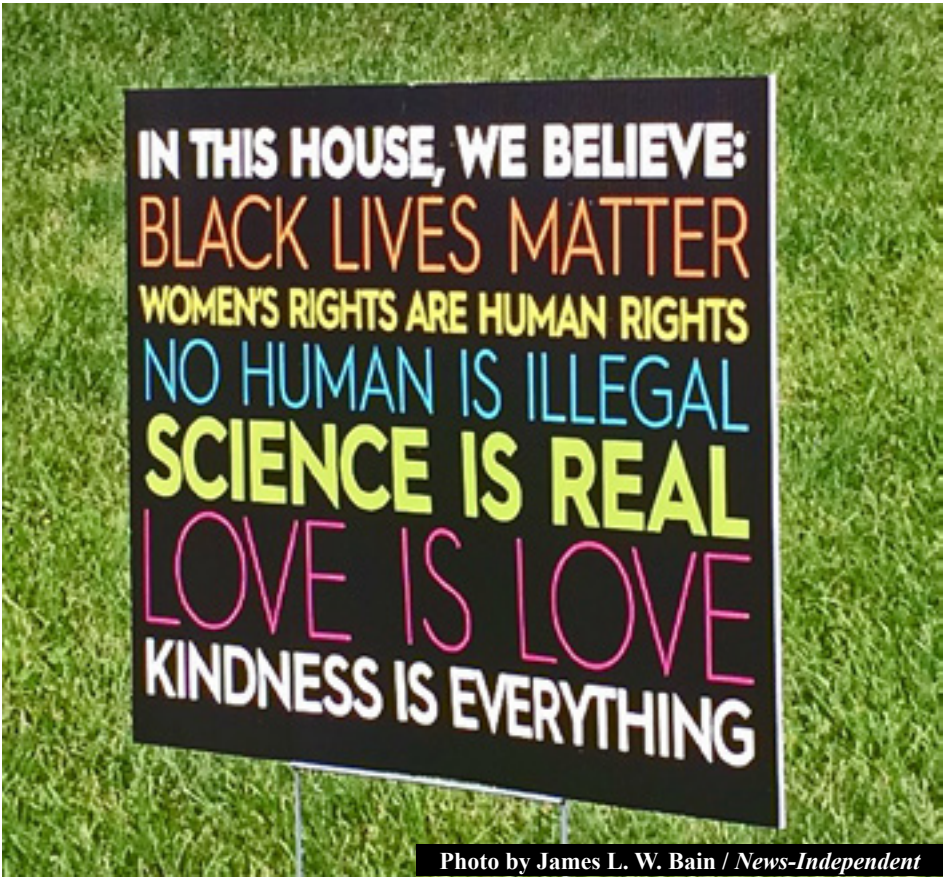


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One of several similar signs displayed at Elm Grove residences.

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Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove

July was a remarkably busy month for Elm Grove Village government on a number of fronts.

Mary Stredni, our long-serving Village Clerk retired. As Village Clerk, Mary was responsible for conducting elections, maintaining the property assessment records, and keeping the records of all Village Board and Committee meetings. Mary was a great employee and fun to work with.

Michelle Luedtke has been hired as our new Village Clerk and will be starting work soon. Michelle comes to us from Delafield where she served as Clerk. She also previously worked at the Village of Menomonee Falls in the Zoning Department and briefly worked in Elm Grove as an Administrative Assistant in 2015.

Several residents have contacted Village Board members asking that we support a mandatory face mask declaration by Waukesha County. Coronavirus regulations must come from the Waukesha County Health Department for communities like Elm Grove which do not have a health department. The Board will be discussing these requests soon.

I believe that requiring a mask be worn in public buildings and businesses, where adequate social distancing is not possible, is a reasonable step to limit the spread of Covid-19. A temporary mask requirement will make it possible to get schools back open sooner and more fully. A uniform county-wide mask regulation will also be easier for the public and businesses to manage. If you don't believe you should have to wear a mask, then do not go to those businesses requiring one.

The recent retirement of Fire Chief, Bill Seltzer, has prompted the Fire and Police Commission to appoint Assistant Chief David Kastenholtz as Acting Chief while a search process for a new Chief is conducted. David grew up in the Village and has served on the Fire Department for many years.

Construction on the new Tonawanda Elementary School gymnasium and other building upgrades are moving along well. The project is on time and on budget.

- The six new Air Handler Units that serve the existing building have been installed and will be started-up at the beginning of August. These will provide greater climate performance and energy efficiency for the building.
- New LED lights are being installed throughout the existing building as well as a new fire alarm system.



Photo courtesy of Joe Schumann / CG Schmidt

The new Tonawanda Elementary School gymnasium under construction, as seen from near Legion Drive.

- The main office secure entry exterior window opening has been created and the new security equipment will be installed later this summer.
- The damaged wood fascia around the PODs have been removed and the existing wrapped in break metal.
- The existing playground equipment will be re-arranged, and the playground asphalt will be resurfaced in the next few weeks.
- All work within the existing building will be completed prior to September 1st.
- The shell structure of the Gym addition is completed.
- The new bus drop-off parking lot on the south side of the school, with entrance from Legion Drive will be paved prior to September.
- The interior of the Gym addition is anticipated to be completed by the end of October. The existing gym will still be utilized at the start of school until the addition is completed.

The Elmbrook School District School Reopening Task Force continues their work with recommendations due to the Board on August 11th. The District is preparing a continuum of options that range from face-to-face instruction to virtual learning 2.0. While some students can thrive in an online learning system, many others need a face-to-face environment to better grasp many subjects. School attendance also provides other important social development experiences that children cannot receive through virtual learning systems. If parents and the school district work cooperatively and creatively, I believe it is possible to provide education

in person and protect the health of staff and students.

We have received approval from the state to open the new splash pad area at the swimming pool once some minor modifications are made. The splash pad should be open by the time you read this column. The pool reservation system is working well and there have been no significant issues in operations.

The Village Planning Commission has begun consideration of a proposal to allow construction of up to four new homes on a large lot on Juneau Boulevard. The property has been vacant for 18+ years. As proposed, each of the four lots would be 3/4 of an acre or greater in size. The Plan Commission heard from some neighbors preferring the lot remain a single home lot and the Commission has heard from residents who support the proposal because they have been seeking property in the Village to build a new home. Any proposal will have to meet Village requirements for storm water management and zoning code regulations. This proposal will likely be discussed again at the August 3, 2020 Plan Commission meeting.

No application for Conceptual Plan review for the School Sisters of Notre Dame property has been filed yet. The earliest I estimate the Planning Commission could be reviewing a Concept Plan is at the September Planning Commission meeting on September 14th. I have heard that the Mandel Development staff are continuing outreach with Village organizations and individuals to seek planning input.



Business News

Elm Grove Heights Senior Apartments Set to Open

(ELM GROVE) – Nearly a year after breaking ground, Elm Grove Heights is set to open this month. Offering luxury one and two bedroom apartments, Elm Grove Heights is the first luxury, independent senior community in Elm Grove.

Located at 13040 W. Blue Mound Road, the complex consists of 75 new apartment homes for those 62 and older. Each apartment will boast premium finishes such as granite throughout, stainless steel appliances, an in-unit washer/

dryer, spacious living areas and abundant windows. Each apartment will also offer an outdoor patio or balcony to allow for a lovely outdoor living space as well. The community will offer a complimentary coffee bar, fitness center, clubroom, heated underground parking. 24-hour emergency maintenance and professional, on-site management.

In close proximity to walking and biking trails and downtown Elm Grove, residents of Elm Grove Heights will appreciate the

convenience of an independent lifestyle with easy access to all of their daily shopping, dining and entertainment needs.

In-person tours will be held in August.

Elm Grove Heights was developed by Horizon Development Group; designed by JLA Architects, constructed by Horizon Construction Group; management services provided by Horizon Management Services. (See AD – Page 7)

Business Directory

* Community Organizations



Kiwanis – Golden K of Elm Grove Wisconsin

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News Briefs

FREE Meal Service Extended for Children, Ages 2-18

(BROOKFIELD) Elmbrook Schools is offering **all children ages 2-18** the option of a free lunch for the duration of the summer. Lunches will be served on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to Noon.

To sign-up and for more information, please visit the school district website: www.elmbrookschools.org/virtual/mealsfor-students

Blood Drive Announced

A Blood Drive, coordinated by Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin will take place on Thursday, August 6 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Dixon Elementary School, 2400 Pilgrim Square Drive, Brookfield. Donors can make appointments online at

<https://bit.ly/dixonelementary080620> or by calling 1 (877) 232-4376.

Past Times

The First Female Candidates for the U.S. Presidency

By Stephen K Hauser

A century ago, on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, following its adoption by the requisite number of states. It succinctly stated: *“The right of citizens of the United States shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”*

Students of the Constitution are well aware of its terse wording and of the year of its adoption. America is now in the midst of an ongoing commemoration honoring the centennial of its passage, which led to full participation of women in the presidential election of 1920.

What many do not know, however, is that there were two female candidates for the U.S. presidency in the 19th century. They ran their campaigns for the White House decades before women were accorded the right to vote. The drive towards women’s suffrage was actually a very long one, beginning far before the passage of the 19th Amendment. (For information about Wisconsin’s participation in this effort, reference my *Past Times* column of October, 2019 at www.elmgrove.news.) In calling public attention to the issue of votes for women, one of the most effective methods was to use marches, rallies, and such tactics as might gain newspaper coverage. The novelty of a woman announcing her candidacy for president would surely result in articles and feature stories in the press.

The first to realize this was **Victoria Claflin Woodhull**, one of the more colorful personages of the 19th century. Born in Homer, Ohio in 1838, she reportedly had only three years of formal schooling. She and her sister, **Tennessee**, traveled the Midwest with her parents in a medicine show. Her father, **Buck**, hawked potions and elixirs of dubious effectiveness, while Victoria and Tennessee read palms, told fortunes and occasionally held seances for widows seeking contact with their departed loved ones. As a teenager, she married “Dr.” **Canning Woodhull**, a prevaricator who had purchased a human skeleton from a peddler and took to presenting himself as a physician. The marriage didn’t last long, as Victoria divorced him for drunkenness and abandonment.

Despite this inauspicious start, she would go on to become one of the most financially successful women of her time. In 1869, Victoria and her sister opened the first female-owned brokerage firm on Wall Street in New York City. Her investment decisions reportedly netted her clients profits in excess of \$700,000 (equal to about \$20 million in today’s dollars.) One of her satisfied customers was **Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt**, the railroad tycoon and shipping magnate who was one of the wealthiest men of his time.

Victoria and Tennessee used the profits from their commissions and their own investments in stocks and real estate to found a newspaper, *Woodhull & Claflin’s Weekly*, in May of 1870. The sisters trafficked in scandals, investment tips, investigative reporting, and controversial editorials. Among the latter were Victoria Woodhull’s demands for equal rights for women.

As a result, on January 11, 1871 Victoria Claflin Woodhull, as an advocate of women’s suffrage, was invited to testify before the Joint Judicial Committee of

both houses of the U.S. Congress, the first female to be accorded such a privilege. She was also accorded an audience with **President Ulysses S. Grant** to inform him of her views on the issue. She argued, interestingly, that since the Constitution spoke of “citizens” and “persons” and made no reference to gender, women were already allowed to vote, even without a constitutional amendment. Although some in Washington found her arguments intriguing, she made little actual headway among the D.C. solons.

On May 10, 1872, delegates to the first national nominating convention of the Equal Rights Party gathered at Apollo Hall in New York City and formally nominated Woodhull for President of the United States. The crowd was small, and many of the notable suffrage crusaders of the time were absent. **Susan B. Anthony**, **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** and others found her bid for the White House to be an embarrassment, a sideshow distraction from the serious issue of women’s voting rights. When the delegates chose former abolitionist and ex-slave **Frederick Douglass** for vice-president, Douglass himself was absent and only learned of it by reading the newspaper. Embarrassed, he asked a friend what he should do. The friend informed him that Victoria Woodhull was an eccentric, and he should refuse to acknowledge his nomination. Douglass followed this advice and proceeded to ignore the party’s honor.

While the suffrage movement at large continued to ignore Woodhull’s candidacy, the nominee herself made speeches, gave lectures, wrote letters, and penned editorials. This was something that mid-19th century presidential aspirants usually eschewed. Still, she did herself no favors when she publicly embraced Spiritualism as her religion and explained that she had experienced visions and messages from “the other side”. On election day, the candidate sat in jail, charged with violation of obscenity laws for exposing the sexual dalliances of **Rev. Henry Ward Beecher**, the most noted evangelist of his day, in the pages of *Woodhull & Claflin’s Weekly*. Meanwhile, **President Grant** won a second term in the White House over his Democratic Party challenger **Horace Greeley**. Woodhull received no recorded votes.

The mainstream women’s suffrage activists vowed that there would be no carnival-like distractions of a faux presidential bid in 1876 or 1880, but by 1884 some came to see the publicity value of what Woodhull had attempted in 1872. A new Equal Rights Party (not affiliated with Woodhull’s earlier group) was organized along more moderate lines. Its platform focused primarily on the right of women to gain the voting franchise. Other issues could be solved later on once women enjoyed a voice equal to that of men on election day. The new party held its nominating convention in San Francisco, California on September 20, 1884 and chose noted suffragist **Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood** as its standard-bearer. Born in New York state in 1830, she served as a school teacher until 1868 when she entered law school. Admitted to the bar 1873, she relocated to Washington D.C. and began lobbying for a congressional bill which would allow female attorneys to argue cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. After a decade of effort, the high court’s rules were changed to allow this. Lockwood subsequently became the first woman to do so. Her own accomplishments also included successful passage of a bill which



Victoria C. Woodhull campaign poster.

provided equal pay for equal work in the federal civil service system. The delegates chose **Marietta Lizzie Belle Stowe** (a relation of abolitionist **Harriet Beecher Stowe**, educator **Catherine Beecher** and the ill-fated Rev. Beecher) as their vice-presidential pick.

Suffragists considered reputable, refined Mrs. Lockwood to be a more responsible nominee than the charismatic Victoria Woodhull. Traveling along the east coast, she delivered precise, detailed lectures designed to demonstrate to all the logic of allowing women access to the ballot, calming fears of those who worried that female voters would radically change the results of American elections. (Her reasoned approach was so compelling that she would later be invited to address the territorial legislatures of several would-be western states to present to them the merits of women’s suffrage.) Still, on election day in 1884, Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood received no recorded votes for president as Democrat **Grover Cleveland** went on to carry the day.

Nonetheless, the Equal Rights Party met again in convention to May 15, 1888 in Des Moines, Iowa to tap Lockwood to run for the White House a second time. As a way to stir up attention from magazines and newspapers, a male suffragist (**Charles S. Wells**) was chosen as her running mate. The 1888 campaign, however, drew less attention from the press than had Lockwood’s first foray into presidential water four years earlier. Once again, she received no recorded votes. Republican **Benjamin Harrison**, meanwhile, won the White House.

In 1892, Victoria Claflin Woodhull decided to seek the presidency for a second time. She had moved to Great Britain in



Belva Ann Lockwood

1877 where she had wed **John B. Martin**, a wealthy English banker. Her return to the United States was for the purpose of announcing her candidacy on May 6, 1892. A reception for reporters was scheduled in a ballroom of the Wellington Hotel in Chicago. She claimed that her candidacy would have the support of the National Woman Suffrage Association which was meeting across town. Shortly, it became quite clear that it did not.

Her campaign of twenty years earlier had been largely forgotten, and many younger suffragists had never even heard of her. The Chicago newspapers reporting on her latest venture published stories which dredged up old scandals and less than flattering family history. By the end of the month, Victoria and her husband had fled to New York and made plans to return as quickly as possible to Britain. She never formally withdrew from the presidential race, but her brief foray into 1892 American politics was effectively over.

Victoria Claflin Woodhull continued to reside in England until her death in 1927. Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood preceded her in death in 1917. (Mrs. Lockwood was accorded the honor of a U.S. postage stamp featuring her visage in 1986.) Today, their quixotic presidential campaigns are remembered, if at all, as mere footnotes to the struggle for women’s voting rights. Perhaps, however, they should both be recalled as having brought the controversial issue of women’s suffrage into the public square by making it a part of the quadrennial jousting match of White House aspirants, ushering it center stage in the process.

Stephen K. Hauser is a long-time Elm Grove resident, history professor, lecturer, and the author of books and articles about local history.

“If Congress refuse to listen to and grant what women ask, there is but one course left then to pursue. What is there left for women to do but to become the mothers of the future government?”

—Victoria Claflin Woodhull

“It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. ... Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less.”

—Susan B. Anthony

Calendar of Events for August 2020

Saturday – AUGUST 1

- **Friday Flicks @ Elm Grove Village Park Pavilion** – 8:30 to 10 p.m., featuring “Toy Story 4”. FREE. Sponsored by Elm Grove Junior Guild.

Monday – AUGUST 3

- **Elm Grove Plan Commission**
Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Village Hall
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Tuesday – AUGUST 4

- **Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
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(262) 782-6700
- **Tunes on Tuesday** – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
@ Elm Grove Village Park Pavilion.
FREE.

Friday – AUGUST 7

- **Friday Flicks @ Elm Grove Village Park Pavilion** – 8:30 to 10 p.m., featuring “Playing with Fire”. This is Elm Grove Fire Department Night.

Tuesday – AUGUST 11

2020 Partisan Primary Election

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Friday – AUGUST 14

- **Friday Flicks @ Elm Grove Village Park Pavilion** – 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., featuring “Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse”. FREE. Sponsored by Elm Grove Junior Guild.

Tuesday – AUGUST 18

- **Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
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Monday, AUGUST 24

- **Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting: 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room.
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Public Safety Announcement

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“AGAINST”

(in the opposite direction as)

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That way vehicles can see you coming & you can see them.

RIDE A BIKE
“WITH”

(in the same direction as)

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Use designated walking or cycling paths whenever possible.

DRIVERS:
Slow Down

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Watch out for walkers & cyclists this summer and all year long.

PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS

have the right of way as soon as they start to cross.

STOP FOR THEM.

Please do your part to keep everyone safe.

Elm Grove Recycling Center Hours

The Department of Public Works Recycling / Yard Waste facility, 900 Wall St., will be open (with reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The center will now accept metal items for recycling.
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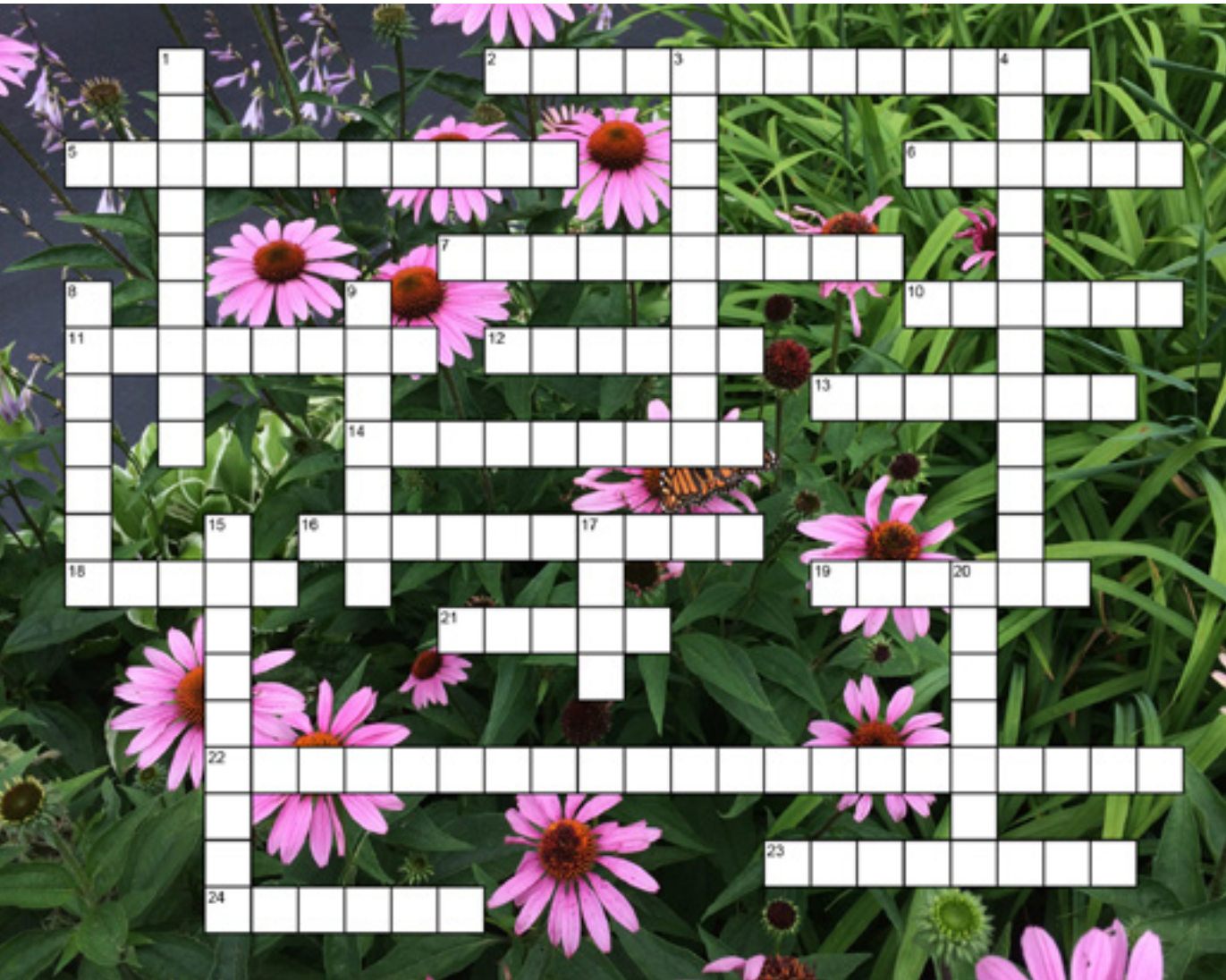
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Community Crossword #3

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain
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(Solution on Page 7)



ACROSS

2. Main feature on Page 3 (2 words)
5. Elm Grove insurance company (2 words)
6. Social group composed of relatives
7. Location of Sunset Playhouse (2 words)
10. Village Attorney _____ De La Mora
11. Elm Grove Postmaster Jill _____
12. Village Finance Director Monica _____
13. A great place to check-out books/videos
14. Elm Grove _____ Foundation
16. Walker
18. What you wear on your feet
19. Peter Cottontail is this animal
21. Elmbrook school on Pilgrim Square Dr.
22. Local place to adopt a pet (3 words)
23. Church & School on Terrace Drive
24. Recently retired Fire Chief Bill _____

DOWN

1. New E.G. Park water feature (2 words)
3. Building divided into individual dwelling units
4. He’s a Village Trustee & Waukesha County Supervisor (2 words)
8. Roses, Petunias, Zinnias, Coreopsis, etc.
9. Instructor
15. E. G. Village Manager David _____
17. Top part of a house or other building
20. A two-wheel vehicle with pedals

Clubs & Organizations

SUNSET
PLAYHOUSE

2020-21 Season

Furlan Auditorium Productions

September 10 – 27, 2020

RUN FOR YOUR WIFE

October 15 – November 8, 2020

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

December 3 – 20, 2020

ELF

January 14 – 31, 2021

4 WEDDINGS AND AN EDVISED

February 25 – March 14, 2021

THE CEMETERY CLUB

April 15 – May 2, 2021

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

June 3 – 20, 2021

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ELLA MEETS MEL

February 11 – 14, 2021

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March 18 – 21, 2021

BEAUTY AND THE BEAT: PEGGY LEE

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November 28, 2020

THE JAYNE TAYLOR CHRISTMAS SHOW

December 31, 2020

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May 22 – 23, 2021

KERRY SINGS CARLY & KAREN

bug in a rug Children's Theater

November 11 – 14, 2020

WHEN I LOOK IN THE MIRROR

February 17 – 20, 2021

TESSA'S TIP-TAPPING TOES

May 12 – 15, 2021

HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE

Entertainment begins at Sunset!



Lenny Johnson (at left), Kiwanis Advisor to the Key Club and Norm Thorensen, Elm Grove Kiwanis President.

Elm Grove Kiwanis Club Awards Scholarships

By Jerry McCormick

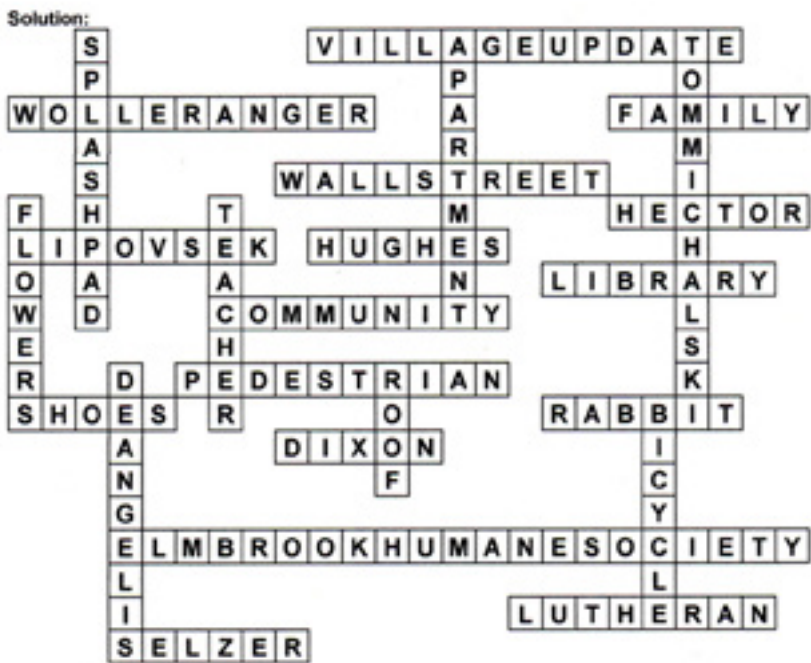
During this year of unusual curtailment of many educational activities due to COVID-19, many things have changed. The Kiwanis Mission to improve the community and the world through youth service has not changed.

The Elm Grove Kiwanis Club has awarded five college scholarships to Brookfield Central Key Club members. This year a virtual meeting was held to present the scholarships. The recipients were: **Nicole Yeng, Sami Krutz and Riley Feng.** Also, **Anga Logan and Mary Quinn** were awarded the Bob Cummisford Memorial Scholarships. The late **Bob Cummisford** was the sponsor and long-term Kiwanis Club advisor for the Key Club.

During the virtual awards ceremony, presentations were made by **Norm Thorensen**, Elm Grove Kiwanis President and **Lenny Johnson**, Elm Grove Kiwanis Club Advisor to the Key Club. **Ronn Blaha**, Brookfield Central Key Club advisor also participated.

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 leader membership in the world. Brookfield Central Key Club conducts about 350 service projects annually amounting to about 6,500 hours of service. One of the service projects was to make and distribute 7,000 coronavirus masks. Brookfield Central High School has the largest Key Club in Wisconsin with annual membership between 350 and 450 students. Co-Presidents of Brookfield Central Key Club are **Sami Krutz and Riley Feng.** The Brookfield Central and Brookfield East Key clubs are sponsored by the Kiwanis Elm Grove 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. During the coronavirus pandemic, the regular club meetings are held each Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with Zoom meetings.



Do you have a **QUESTION** about community issues, people, places, local organizations, area history?

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(aka, Publisher Lisabeth Passalis-Bain)

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News Briefs



70-YEAR JUBILARIANS at Notre Dame of Elm Grove ring a bell during the Jubilee Parade. Shown (left to right) are **Loretta Bauer, Mary Faith Parkinson, Paul-Mary Draxler, Toni Voissem, Mariel Kreuzinger, Gina Redig** and **Margaret Mary Dohms**.



Cars in a parade were decorated with colorful signs to honor the Jubilarians.

Jubilee 2020 Parade Honors Nuns at SSND

(ELM GROVE) A colorful caravan of cars and their enthusiastic occupants gathered at the St. Mary’s church parking lot on the afternoon of July 4, then proceeded to the School Sisters of Notre Dame campus, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, to celebrate significant milestones in the lives of some of their sister Jubilarians. Some of those honored congregated on a balcony and rang a bell; many sisters waved at the passing parade; one sister played a violin; and all seemed delighted by the show of love and support.

According to remarks shared on the SSND website, “Jubilee is a special time to rejoice with our sisters as they celebrate 40, 50, 60, 70, 75, or 80 years of faithful love and service to God through their vowed commitment. The Jubilee year of celebration and commemoration provides an opportunity for each Jubilarian to renew her vows... and is also a time for all the sisters of the province and international congregation to express gratitude to God and to our Jubilarian sisters...”

Those wishing to join in the celebration may visit: <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/who-we-are/jubilarians> where you can send one or more sisters an eCard, share a story about them, or make a financial contribution in their honor. Gifts will be used to support the sisters’ retirement and ministry needs.

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Gardening



Summer Events for Children at the Elm Grove Library (August 2020)

Registration for select summer events is required. To register for a virtual performance, visit elmgrovelibrary.org or call the library by noon of the day before the performance. **Please Note:** In-person live programs may be subject to change depending on safety requirements related to COVID-19. Please visit elmgrovelibrary.org for the latest updates to the schedule.

Wednesday, August 5, 10:30 a.m. – Colossal Fossils: Dragons and Dinosaurs. Live virtual program – Learn about dinosaurs and see actual fossils in this educational and entertaining program with a Q&A time at the end. Registration required by noon on Tuesday, August 4.

Thursday, August 6, 10:30 a.m. – Comedy Sportz Exhibition Match! Live Virtual Program –The Comedy Sportz Milwaukee two-person exhibition match is a fast-paced, fun, wild ride of improvised comedy! With the use of fun-loving audience volunteers and scene suggestions, our players will make you laugh, giggle, and laugh some more! Registration required by noon on Wednesday, August 5.

Friday, August 7 and Friday, August 21, 10:30 a.m. – Story Time outside the library (weather permitting and social distancing required).

Tuesday, August 18, 10:30 a.m. – Great Scott: “Imagine the Impossible” Magic Show – In-person, in the library if it is safe for a group. Registration required because space may be limited due to distancing requirements. Call 262-782-6717 to register.

Friday, August 28, 10:30 a.m. – David Landau, Musician – In-person, location TBA (inside or outside, weather permitting). Dave usually performs his high-energy musical show for our preschoolers in the spring but we were able to reschedule for the end of the summer. Recommended especially for ages 3 - 7 years

News’ Hounds

& other beloved creatures



Photo Courtesy Elmbrook Humane Society

Cukie and Stefine

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Cukie and Stefine are a bonded pair of cats in search of a new home. Cukie (grey) and Stefine (black) have been in foster care since the middle of March. Their foster home has had wonderful things to share about both girls including that they are affectionate, lounge around the house most of the day, enjoy watching the world around them in a comfy bed/blanket near a window, or sleep – pretty low maintenance cats! They are happiest when someone is with them, petting or brushing them. They enjoy using their scratching posts and do not seem to be all that interested in toys.

If you have room in your home and heart for two wonderful felines, please call us at



(262) 782-9261 or visit <http://www.ebhs.org/index.php/adopt-2> to download and complete and adoption application.

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



Photo by Calvin Norman

Colorado Blue Spruce trees in a Brookfield yard.

Why are the Colorado Blue Spruce Dying?

By Calvin Norman

Pennsylvania State University - Forestry and Wildlife Extension Educator

There has been a trio of Colorado blue spruce in my parents’ front yard in Brookfield for the past 20 years. Until this summer. That healthy trio has become a scraggly dual. The center tree is dead, and the other two were not far behind. My parents’ trees were not alone. Many of the other nearby Colorado blue spruces were in similar shape. Their canopies were thinning, many of the needles near the trunks were missing, and their lower branches were dying. When I examined a few needles from my parents’ trees, I saw they were covered with small black dots. All of these are sure signs of *Rhizosphaera* needle cast.

Rhizosphaera is a genus of six fungi that are native to Wisconsin and across the northeastern United States. Their spores grow on wet needles in mild temperature—known to most of us as spring or fall. *Rhizosphaera* can infect many ornamental conifers like Sitka spruce, Engelmann spruce, and most notably Colorado blue spruce, which is highly susceptible to infection. Once a tree is infected, the older needles near the tree trunk begin to turn brown and die. Fresh needles at the tips of

the branches are usually the last needles to get infected and die. The lower branches tend to die first, as the fungus works its way up the tree. *Rhizosphaera* slowly kills trees, and it usually takes several years for an infected tree to die.

If an infection is caught early, you might be able to control it by pruning infected branches and having a fungicide at the beginning of the growing season. It is important to keep dead needles and branches away from the base of uninfected spruce, as the dead branches can be a source of infection.

Unfortunately, if the infection is not caught early, it may be impossible to save the infected tree. The best way to control *Rhizosphaera*, is to prevent it by planting trees far apart in sunny areas to reduce moisture accumulation. If you do lose a Colorado blue spruce to *Rhizosphaera* needle cast, take it as an opportunity to replace it with a native tree that is less susceptible, such as eastern white pine, white spruce, or balsam fir.

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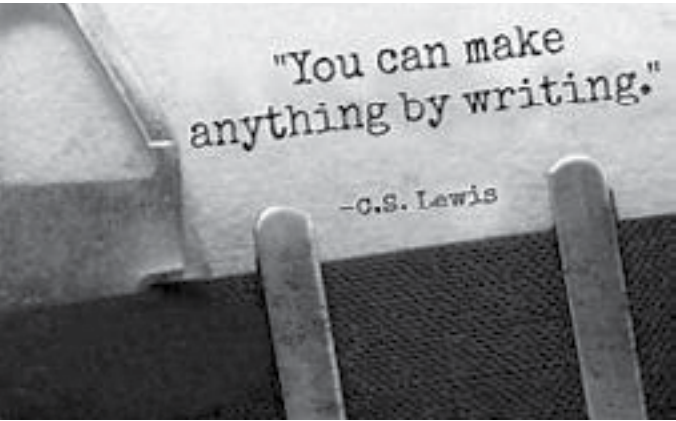


Young Writers & Cub Reporters

My Tree

By Elliott Bain
Bannockburn School – 3rd Grade

My tree is good for climbing. The branches look cool in the winter. The bark on my tree feels my smooth warm hands in the cold breeze. I climb higher than grandpa and grandma’s house. I’m a branch of the giant tree holding onto the trunk. The tree and I listen to cars going by in the distance.



YOUNG WRITERS 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:

ARTICLES

Reporting about School, Club, Neighborhood, Church, Scouting and Athletic activities. (200 words maximum)

CREATIVE WRITING

Short Stories (200 words maximum)

POETRY

Send submissions (noting the writer's name, school/home-school, & grade) to: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com (subject line: Young Writers)
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Loving Families

By Jianna Gropp
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Families love each other every day
Parents are laughing happily and talking to each other
The kids are playing outside and being grateful for one another
The pets are roaming around the house
And the cars are quickly zooming by houses one at a time
Families are loved by each other no matter what happens

Love

By Olivia Webb
4th Grade - Tonawanda

















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after a hard day
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“I never met a color I didn’t like.”

– Dale Chihuly
American Glass Sculptor

Legal Issues

Estate Planning: Choosing Your Representatives

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

Choosing someone to be your financial power of attorney, personal representative, or the successor trustee for your trust is one of the most difficult aspects of estate planning. Often you end up choosing the same person for each role.

Other times there might not be a good choice and a trust company is most appropriate. These are highly personal decisions and there is no right or wrong way to go about it. There are, however, some qualities that you should keep in mind:

Integrity: These should be people in whom you have complete trust and confidence as they will have access to your finances, and control over your assets after your death.

Experience: While they do not have to be experts themselves, some solid financial experience is necessary. Your agents will be making significant financial decisions for you or your beneficiaries. Also, they have to have the experience to know when and how to hire the right professionals, such as accountants, attorneys or realtors.

Impartiality: If possible, choose someone who will be viewed by family or beneficiaries as impartial and fair. This will help if disagreements arise and the person you name has to step in to settle the matter. Depending on family dynamics, your best choice may be a trusted friend, or an outside person or entity, to act in this role to maintain impartiality.

Patience: The agents you name will have to act during some of the most stressful times in your family’s life. Because they are in a position of authority, your agent may become the most obvious target when emotions run high. Consider naming someone who understands this and can remain calm.

After choosing someone for each role, you should also try to designate a successor to serve in the place of your first choice if your first choice is unavailable for one reason or another.

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Greetings / Messages

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August 19th
Love,
Grandma, Grandpa & Uncle Chris

Congratulations
NICHOLAS & JODY
on your 11th Anniversary
August 2nd

Dear WENDELL,
Happy Birthday on August 8!

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and sister-in-law

Letters to the Editor

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Say ‘No’ to Highway Expansion

Governor Evers’ proposed expansion of I-94 is ill conceived, especially when he’s also cutting the budget due to COVID-19.

The most important reason for not going forward with the expansion is that adding lanes to congested highways does nothing to relieve the congestion. This is because of induced demand - essentially “if you build it, they will come.”

As Transformation for America points out, eliminating congestion is the wrong goal. While severe congestion can have real negative impacts, congestion is also generally a symptom of a successful, vibrant economy—a sign of a place people want to be. Instead, we should be focused on providing and improving access.

The Governor – as well as the Waukesha County Board and the Waukesha County Business Alliance – ought to study Transportation for America’s five policy recommendations, found here: <http://t4america.org/maps-tools/congestion-con/>.

We do need to get workers easily from Milwaukee to Waukesha County for jobs but highway expansion isn’t the way to do it.

Sister Barbara Pfarr, SSND
Chair, SOPHIA Transit Task Force
Elm Grove, WI

Consider the Best Strategies for World Peace

On August 6 and 9, we, School Sisters of Notre Dame, remember with our SSND sisters in Japan the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Those who survived the bombing, a group called ‘Hibakusha’, plead with us never to use atomic (or nuclear) bombs again. Yet we have seen increased buildup of nuclear weapons through the years.

President Obama recommended in 2015 that we designate \$1 trillion over the next 30 years to refurbish or replace the current nuclear arsenal. The 2021 Pentagon budget calls for \$19.8 Billion dollars for the National Nuclear Security Administration, an increase of 18.4% over their 2020 budget. ‘Nuclear Deterrence’ may have been a good concept during Reagan and Gorbachev’s time. Did it work? Are there fewer nuclear bombs in the world? During these past decades, have you seen that the world is safer, or that the U.S. is safer?

Sports teams and businesses change strategies when the one they are using fails. Why do we continue to reinforce an obviously failed strategy when it comes to world peace? The only beneficiary is the Military Industrial Complex. Why not put our money on better training in diplomacy, more peacekeeping techniques, and the use of nonviolent strategies?

Paul-Mary Draxler, SSND
Elm Grove, WI



Postmaster (Continued from Page 2)

- **How were you of special help to local residents?**

As a resident of Elm Grove for 29 years, I have been honored to serve our community as the Postmaster of Elm Grove for 22 years. The Customers always came first. I have always tried to accommodate the needs of the residents, if it was with change of address, looking for a missing parcel or letter, holding their mail outside of the 30 day limit, personally delivering mail to the house if unable to pick it up at the Post Office. I have made many accommodations for mail to be delivered to the door, especially during our brutal winters.
- **What do you look forward to doing following your retirement?**

My husband and I are looking forward to the next chapter in our lives. We have no immediate plans for travel at this time, but there are a few trips on our bucket list.
- **What else would you like readers to know?**

We are looking forward to being able to pick up and go at any time. We are looking forward to spending more quality time with our new granddaughter that we welcomed, **Mila Ruth**, along with our 12-year-old granddaughter, **Tahli Rae**. Our son, **Karl**, and his wife, **Hannah**, are in the process of moving to Tennessee, which would be a great escape from our cold winters.
- **I want to Personally thank my staff for always providing the best customer service. It been a pleasure working with you, and I know Leslie will continue serving with her beautiful smile. I want to thank the customers, or should I say the 1,000s of friends I have met through the years. It has been an honor serving as Postmaster of Elm Grove.**



News Briefs



Photo Courtesy Elmbrook School District

Hannah Guth (at left) and Hannah Zieseemer

Teachers Receive WACTE Early Educator Awards

(BROOKFIELD) Brookfield East Math Teacher **Hannah Guth** and Brookfield Elementary First Grade Teacher **Hannah Zieseemer** have been named this year’s recipients of the Wisconsin Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (WACTE)’s Early Career Educator Awards. Guth was awarded by Marquette University and Zieseemer received her award on behalf of Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Guth and Zieseemer were both selected for their positive impacts on their schools and community, innovation in designing learning experiences, and their advocacy for students. Outside of the classroom, Guth is a Freshmen Girls Volleyball Coach and is the chair for the BEHS AVID program, and Zieseemer created Brookfield Elementary’s first-ever coding club and was the recipient of the 2019 Engaged in Excellence Award for Excellence in Elementary Teaching.



Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy students practice new safety protocols while attending Summer Days classes.

Brookfield Academy to Welcome Students Back to Campus

By Marie O’Brien

(Brookfield Academy students from K3 to Grade 12 will return to campus at the end of the month with new protocols in place. Touchless hand sanitizer machines, social distancing, and daily temperature checks are just a few of the measures being implemented to keep students and faculty as safe as possible.

“During the summer, we have been researching the best ways for Brookfield Academy to safely open for students and

faculty,” said **Sharon Koenings**, Head of School. “Our teachers will be guiding, teaching, and inspiring students while also implementing wellness protocols. In some ways, Brookfield Academy will operate a bit differently, but in most ways everything will be the same.”

Students return to campus on Tuesday, August 25.



Photo by Mark Frohna

A fashion design by Amanda Roessler entitled: “Nothing but Net”.

Art Student’s Work on Exhibit

By Marie O’Brien

Brookfield Academy student **Amanda Roessler** (’20) was asked on behalf of the College Board to show three of her designs in the 2020-2021 Advanced Placement Art and Design Exhibition. The annual show honors the work of outstanding AP Art and Design students. From about 63,000 students, only 51 students’ work was selected for the exhibit which will be entirely digital this year.

“The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance.

---Aristotle

"Green" is Good!

Ideas courtesy of The Waukesha County Green Team
www.waukesha-county-green-team.org

Simple, Environmentally-Friendly Suggestions

“Recycle” Your Water!

How much water goes down your drain each day that could be used for other things? This week, collect the leftover water from dehumidifiers, drinking glasses, sinks and cooking pots and use it to fill up your watering can to water your plants and garden.

Wash Clothes In Cold, Full Loads.

Bonus Points: Hang Dry Some Of Your Laundry!

Most of the energy spent washing clothes is in heating the water. Today’s detergents do just as well in cold. And waiting to do full loads means fewer trips to the washing machine. By hanging up clothes to dry you will be saving even more energy!

Combine Weekly Errands Into One Or Two Trips This Week.

Transportation accounts for 66% of U.S. oil use -- mainly in the form of gasoline. Several short trips, each one taken from a cold start, can use twice as much fuel as one trip covering the same distance when the engine is warm. By combining errands, you will not only save time, but \$\$.

Cook Food That Is Currently In Season.

Here in Wisconsin, fresh fruits can easily travel over 1000 miles just to get to our plates! Unfortunately, excess food miles decrease the quality of our food while increasing negative environmental impacts. By buying food when it is in season locally, such as strawberries in the spring and apples in the fall, we can greatly reduce our food miles.

Help Protect Yourself and Others from COVID-19

Practice Social Distancing

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