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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth  
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### Seasons Greetings!

Every edition of the *News-Independent* has a generally similar, yet decidedly unique look. This — our Issue # 88 — is no exception. It contains many of the standard headings, but, with a distinct Holiday Theme in much of the news content and some of the advertising. Throughout the publication there is an abundance of positivity, hope and good cheer.

The **Good Works!** section involving numerous community members is a highlight. So, if you want to be uplifted and even inspired, take a look at some of the remarkable projects and activities that area residents of all ages have participated in to improve the lives of others.

Our current political climate has prompted many citizens to take a more active role in national, state, county and local government. How about you? If you might consider running for a seat on the Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees and/or the Elmbrook School Board in 2018, take a look at the details (Page 1 and Page 10) and maybe get involved. **Local elections are tremendously important!**

Our January 2018 issue will contain “Community Wish Lists” and celebrate the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Village of Elm Grove’s incorporation. Until then, **Happy Holidays from my family to yours!**



Photo courtesy of Tonawanda Elementary  
Tonawanda Elementary School Principal **Kristin Olson** is duct-taped to the gym wall during a recent fund-raiser for United Way. (See story – Page 7)



### Dyslexia Achievement Center, LLC is proud to welcome:



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Photo courtesy of Brad Anger  
**Izzabella** and **Sophia** visit Woller-Anger & Company just before Thanksgiving to donate the first books to benefit the local Next Door Books for Kids book drive.

### Contribute Books to Support Local Literacy Program

By Brad Anger

Woller-Anger & Company, an insurance agency located in the village, is partnering with United Way, to hold a community book drive benefiting the Next Door Foundation.

New and gently used books are being collected through December 20 at Woller-Anger & Company. Other collection sites for the books include Silver Spur Restaurant, Crumby Art Bakehouse & Cakery, Great Harvest Bread, The Chocolate Factory, Penelope’s Restaurant, Elliott’s Ace Hardware, Patched Works Quilt Shop, Marine Bank, Community United Methodist Church, St. Mary’s Visitation Catholic School and Elm Grove Village Hall.

As an award-winning early education provider, Next Door focuses on improving literacy and school readiness for children ages 0–5 in Milwaukee’s central city. Each month they give away an average of 3,000 books to children and adults. Combined with adult education and family support, their research based programming helps children close the achievement gap and focus on a bright future. They are in the business of getting children READY for school and READY for life!

Also helping Woller-Anger with book collections, are Tonawanda Cub Scout Pack 156 and Mukwonago Cub Scout Pack 29.

For further information contact Tom Weber at Woller-Anger at 262-789-2500 or stop in at 930 Elm Grove Road.



# Village Update

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**Concerns over crime** in Elm Grove expressed on social media and resident contacts have increased recently. Some people have even communicated that they believed Elm Grove has become a dangerous place to live.

Our long-term Police Department records really don’t show significant change in the amount or even type of crime from the 1990s. What has changed is how the Elm Grove Police Department communicates with residents.

Up until about 18 months ago the EGPD relied on the news media to inform the public about crime. Previously the EGPD issued a weekly media update by email on Monday mornings. In most cases, by the time the media received the incident information the media was not interested, and therefore rarely or never printed or covered. The media controlled the message.

Now the EGPD uses social media like Facebook, and more recently incorporating our Village website police alerts for those who do not have access to Facebook. We use Facebook as an immediate conduit for crime activity with our community and the news media to share not only interesting police related activity in the Village, but also to address the public safety concerns. Often crime information is released in real time.

I believe the current heightened concern is a small growing pain of having a better-informed public. In the past residents who simply were not aware of events are now being notified directly and social media spreads news very fast. The greater public awareness is generating more resident contact with the Elm Grove



Police Department which is also a benefit of the new efforts.

The increased public awareness is also helping people understand that even in Elm Grove we must all practice common sense: lock your car, lock your house, and report activity that simply doesn’t look right. If you plan to be away from home travelling inform the police and ask that your home be checked in your absence. The Village of Elm Grove continues to be one of the safest places to live in the region. Plus, we have an excellent police department.

The Village Board approved the updated Village **Wildlife Plan** at the October meeting which now includes provisions for active management of the wild turkey population. We expect our contractor to begin culling the turkey population this winter. The updated plan includes information about control of coyotes. The plan is available on the Village website: [www.elmgrovewi.org](http://www.elmgrovewi.org).

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

## Crime Prevention Tips from the EGPD & the *Elm Grove News-Independent*...

- PLEASE!!!**
- **LOCK YOUR VEHICLES** (even those parked on your property / driveway).
  - **DO NOT LEAVE KEYS IN THE IGNITION** when the vehicle is unattended!
  - **LOCK DOORS & WINDOWS** at your residence (even when you’re home).

The Elm Grove Police Department responds to numerous incidents each year regarding unlocked vehicles which are stolen along with purses, wallets and other valuables left within them. Home invasions have occurred, sometimes due to doors and/or windows left unlocked at Village residences. Be aware of this. Take precautions.

**Play it safe and avoid becoming a victim.**

### While Holiday shopping...

- \* **STAY ALERT!** Be tuned-in to your surroundings and the people around you. Don’t be taken by surprise. Be aware and prepared, even in your own neighborhood.
- \* **STAND TALL!** Walk confidently, don’t show fear, and don’t look like a victim.
- \* **TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!** If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave right away and get help if necessary.
- \* **Shop with a friend.** There is safety in numbers & avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- \* **Women:** If you must carry a purse, do not wrap the straps around your arms or shoulders. Carry a clutch purse tightly under your arm or wear a fanny pack.
- \* **Men:** Do not carry a wallet in a back pocket. It should be placed in a front pocket of your pants for safety.
- \* **Be alert** that crooks look for the

- “high dollar” shopping bags with your purchases. When possible, slip bags/ purchases in a plain, nondescript bag.
- \* **Watch purchases** while at food courts; bags can easily be switched or taken.
  - \* **Educate your children** about what to do if they are lost, as well as “stranger danger”.
  - \* **Have your car keys ready** in hand before leaving the store.
  - \* **Place purchases in the trunk** of your vehicle or cover them so they are “out of sight” to avoid theft.
- Have a Safe & Enjoyable Holiday Season!*
- Remember, Drink Responsibly & Drive Safely.*

\* Direct comments or crime prevention questions / concerns to the Elm Grove Police Department at (262) 786-4141.

\* In case of Police / Fire / Medical Emergency call 9-1-1.

# Business Directory

## \* Community Organizations

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[jim.lemmenes@edwardjones.com](mailto:jim.lemmenes@edwardjones.com)

## \* Food

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# FLAVOR OF THE DAY

# DECEMBER 2017

1 Cookies & Cream	16 Oreo Overload
2 Brownie Batter Overload	17 Turtle
3 Nestle Crunch Swirl	18 Chocolate Caramel Twist
4 Caramel Peanut Buttercup	19 Red Raspberry
5 Turtle Dove	20 Double Marshmallow Oreo
6 Peanut Butter Chocolate Banana	21 Egg Nog Brickle
7 Raspberry Cordial	22 Really Reese's
8 Cookie Dough Craving	23 Chocolate Éclair
9 Bonfire S'mores	24 Oreo Cheesecake
10 Mint Oreo	25 Closed - MERRY CHRISTMAS
11 Butter Pecan	26 Mint Chip
12 Cherry Cheesecake	27 Caramel Fudge Cookie Dough
13 Peanut Butter Cup	28 Butter Brickle
14 Salted Double Caramel Pecan	29 Kit Kat Swirl
15 Chocolate Covered Strawberry	30 Caramel Turtle
	31 Double Strawberry

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# Calendar of Events for December 2017

Friday – DECEMBER 1

**\*Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7 a.m. in Elm Grove  
www.elmbrookrotary.org

**\*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. Program: “Estate Planning Ideas & Corporate vs. Individual Trustees” – Speakers: **Chris Berens & Joe Maier**. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – DECEMBER 3

**\*Friends of the Elm Grove Library**  
welcome all to attend their 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Lights of Love” Holiday celebration, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall. Caroling & Tree Lighting Ceremony starts @ 4:45 p.m., followed by refreshments in the Court Room.

Monday – DECEMBER 4

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

Tuesday – DECEMBER 5

**\*Elm Grove Woman’s Club**  
Meeting: 11 a.m. (Social); 11:30 a.m. (Business); Noon (Lunch); 12:20 p.m. (Program: EGWC Chorus presents “A Musical Christmas Celebration”) www.egwc.org. (262) 782-5930.

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

Thursday – DECEMBER 7  
PEARL HARBOR DAY



Friday – DECEMBER 8

**\*Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7 a.m. in Elm Grove.  
www.elmbrookrotary.org

**\*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

**\*Milwaukee Choristers**  
Christmas Concert – “Mary Was the Queen of Galilee”: 7:30 p.m. @ St. Mary’s Visitation Parish, 1260 Church St., Elm Grove. www.milwaukeechoristers.org. (See details – Page 6)

Saturday – DECEMBER 9

**\*Milwaukee Choristers**  
Christmas Concert – “Mary Was the Queen of Galilee”: 7:30 p.m. @ St. Mary’s Visitation Parish, 1260 Church St., Elm Grove. www.milwaukeechoristers.org.

Wednesday – DECEMBER 13  
HANUKKAH BEGINS

**Thursday – DECEMBER 14**  
**\*OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors)**  
Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove; Annual Holiday Luncheon & Program @ Westmoor Country Club: “The Kat Trio”. Call **Carolyn** (262) 628-7761.

Friday – DECEMBER 15

**\*Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7 a.m. in Elm Grove.  
www.elmbrookrotary.org

**\*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. Program: “Connecting Exercise/ Fitness with Brain health in your 60s, 70s & Beyond” – Speaker: **Deanna Marcks**. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Monday – DECEMBER 18

**\*Village of Elm Grove Library Board**  
Meeting: 4:30 p.m. @ Village Hall

**\*Village of Elm Grove Public Works/ Utility Committee Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. @ Village Hall

**\*Village of Elm Grove Finance & Licensing Committee**  
Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Village Hall

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

Tuesday – DECEMBER 19

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

Thursday – DECEMBER 21  
FIRST DAY OF WINTER



Friday – DECEMBER 22

**\*Village Hall Closed**

**\*Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7 a.m. in Elm Grove.  
www.elmbrookrotary.org

**\*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. Program: “Starting a Homestead & Hobby Farm” – Speaker: **Jim Sickelsel**. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Monday – DECEMBER 25  
CHRISTMAS  
•Village Hall Closed



Friday – DECEMBER 29

**\*Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7 a.m. in Elm Grove.  
www.elmbrookrotary.org

**\*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. Program: “Enjoying Kringle One Slice at a Time” – Speaker: **Eric Olesen**, President – O & H Danish Bakery. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – DECEMBER 31  
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## Fairview South School to Hold Holiday Event

Fairview South School, 3525 Bermuda Blvd., Brookfield, will present its First Annual “Fairview South Holiday Open House” on Wednesday, December 20 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The event, held this year in lieu of the school’s annual Holiday Craft Fair & Silent Auction, will be a “casual, festive gathering” and organizers invite visitors to “support our classrooms by purchasing crafts and treats made by our

students, enjoy refreshments, caroling by the Brookfield East High School Choir, and get creative with an art project with our students!”

Please bring a donation for our Giving Tree, supporting the Waukesha Women’s Center.

For more information, call the school at (262) 781-9464.

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**Community United Methodist Church Invites you to Mission Gift Festival 2017**

Sunday December 3rd, 9:15am - 11am

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International Needs, Heifer International, UMCOR  
Waukesha Women’s Center, Hebron House  
Sojourner Family Peace Center, Friedens Community Ministries  
United Methodist Children’s Services,  
Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Food Pantry of Waukesha County  
Northcott Neighborhood House, Selah Freedom  
Military Bible Sticks, The Gathering  
Paul Webster – Missionary in Africa

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# Clubs & Organizations



Photo courtesy of Milwaukee Choristers

Milwaukee Choristers in concert.

## Milwaukee Choristers to Perform in Elm Grove

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

Celebrate the Holiday Season with music performed by Milwaukee Choristers, one of southeastern Wisconsin’s premier community choruses, at St. Mary’s Visitation Parish, 1260 Church St., Elm Grove, on Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m. both days.

Under the direction of **Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr.** talented singers and musicians from throughout the area will present a selection of music written or

arranged by composers such as **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, John Rutter, John Williams, Rosephanye Powell** and **William Levi Dawson**, plus favorite holiday tunes and sing-along carols.

A post-concert reception will include Christmas cookies, punch and a raffle featuring four beautiful baskets that organizers say are designed “to keep you warm and active; well-fed and entertained; healthy and attractive; and in good spirits during the winter months.”

In the spirit of the holidays concert-goers are invited to contribute non-perishable food items to be distributed to area families in need.

American Sign Language interpreting will be offered during the Friday performance.

Tickets and additional information, including upcoming Milwaukee Choristers audition opportunities, are available at [milwaukeechoristers.org](http://milwaukeechoristers.org).

## Check This Out!

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

Remember the hilarious scene in “I Love Lucy” when Lucy and Ethel tried to make candy on a rapidly moving assembly line?

Maybe you’ve enjoyed multiple viewings of the 1939 film classic, “The Wizard of Oz”, featuring Dorothy, Toto, the Tin Woodsman, Scarecrow & Cowardly Lion.

The Elm Grove Woman’s Club’s “**Community Capers 2018 Planner**” features adaptations of these and other very recognizable scenes and characters within a 6 ½" wide x 9" high spiral-bound book containing 54 pages of full-colored pictures, monthly calendars, and plenty of space to keep track of all of your activities.

**NOTE:** Wait until you see which Elm Grove residents are photographed as the Oz characters and in which local business the “Lucy” photo was taken!!!!!!!!!!!!

The planners are available for \$20 each and the money raised will fund security cameras at Elm Grove Village Park.

EGWC member **Alice Hirt** advises, “Check your gift list and hurry over to the **Elm Grove Public Library, Fazio’s Sweet Moments**, or **Woller-Anger** to purchase one or several. Help make our Village Park just a little safer! Visit [www.egwc.org](http://www.egwc.org) for more information.



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## Good Works!



Photo courtesy of SEWA

Members of the Milwaukee Chapter of SEWA with some of the many items collected for Hebron House.

## Local Humanitarian Organization Holds Drive to Benefit Hebron House of Waukesha

SEWA in Sanskrit means “Service above self”. It is a Hindu faith-based, humanitarian non-profit organization, part of a larger movement that started in India in 1989 and is currently active in twenty countries. Its mission is to serve humanity in distress, aid local communities and promote volunteerism--- and specializes in disaster relief and rehabilitation. Development programs focus on family services; child, tribal and refugee welfare; the empowerment of women; and health and education.

of SEWA International USA celebrated Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, celebrated every year in autumn in the northern hemisphere, “by lighting a lamp in somebody’s life”.

According to a report on the group’s website, [www.sewausa.org](http://www.sewausa.org): “Lots of families and organizations donated food, daily needs supplies & money towards Diwali Donation Drive for the Hebron House of Hospitality – a shelter for homeless in Waukesha County”.

In fall 2017 the Milwaukee chapter (See SEWA – Page 7)

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# Good Works!



Photo courtesy of Kristin Olson

Elm Grove resident Marla Kalfayan and her son, Braden, a 5th grade student at Tonawanda Elementary, present a check to Red Cross volunteer Hillary Wanacke. Funds raised by the Tonawanda community will support Hurricane Relief efforts.



Photo courtesy of Karen Lampe

Fourth Grade students at Tonawanda celebrate the love of reading

## Tonawanda Students Part of a Giving Community

By Kristin Olson – Principal, Tonawanda Elementary School

The first quarter of this 2017-2018 school year has been a giving quarter at Tonawanda Elementary. We are so proud and excited about our generous giving!

As a Tonawanda school community of students and their families and staff, we collected \$1,482.41 for the United Way! Our school had a goal of \$1,200.00, so we exceeded the goal! Students were able to purchase a strip of duct tape for \$5 to assist in duct-taping the principal (me) to the gym wall. All that tape worked and (I) was truly off the ground for a few minutes! (See photo – Page 2)

Each year our Tonawanda 5<sup>th</sup> grade students complete a service project. This fall our 5<sup>th</sup> graders raised more than \$1,600

for Hurricane Relief through generous donations earned by the students themselves and help from our school community. The students completed chores, did odd jobs for others, or held lemonade stands, to name a few. Additionally, they sold ice cream sandwiches at lunch recess to the student community!

The fourth grade students at Tonawanda are participating in an event called Classroom Book a Day this year. Teachers all over the United States are participating in this challenge with their students to read picture books daily and have been sharing book ideas and lesson ideas online. A sixth grade teacher from Vidor, Texas posted a picture of her Classroom Book a Day bulletin board

before and after the destruction of Hurricane Harvey. She also explained that they have been displaced from their school until March. That picture really had an impact on Tonawanda’s fourth grade students. So (they) developed a plan to help children who have had their homes or schools affected by the hurricanes. Within less than two weeks, the students collected \$800. The students wanted to show their support to hurricane affected schools. So far, there have been 33 new picture books donated to 5 teachers in Texas and Florida. Tonawanda’s students are supporting a love of reading across our nation.

Our first grade students collected 295 pairs of socks for the homeless for Socktober!

Our second grade students had a field trip to The Humane Society. In preparation for that field trip, the students made tied-fleece blankets for the animals and brought dog/cat food and toy donations, too!

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** From November 13 – 17, students at Tonawanda also participated in the 7th Annual Elmbrook Elementary Schools “Stuff the Bus” event, a Food Drive benefiting The Hunger Task Force. Student Senate members helped to stuff the bus, and “in the spirit of friendly competition between schools”, each school kept track of the number of items donated.

## Book Drive Launched at Brookfield Academy

By Marie O’Brien

Brookfield Academy’s Middle School students have collected more than 1,600 books as part of an ongoing school book drive. Promoted throughout the campus by the Middle School Service Club, the book drive will benefit young students at St. Marcus School in Milwaukee.

Service Club students participate in multiple community projects throughout the year, according to Middle School teacher Laura Beres, but the book drive is a new endeavor and offers opportunities for students to take on responsibility and leadership roles. “Our students are promoting the project and working with the organization Home Libraries 4 Kids to collect book for students in 4K through 8th grade,” said Mrs. Beres.

Students have set a goal to collect 2,000 books by Christmas, but Mrs. Beres knows her students and the recipient students will benefit well after the season of giving.

“All students, no matter how they serve, like to know they were able to make a difference to someone else,” she said. “Our students also understand that serving in the community doesn’t have to mean organizing a book drive. Something as small as donating a classics book will help a St. Marcus student grow in their learning.”

Middle School students plan to oversee the book drive beyond the holidays, collecting donations into March 2018.

**SEWA** (continued from page 6)

Donors included **Wisconsin Shirdi Sai (WISS)** temple who co-hosted the collection drive; **Girl Scouts Troop 20051** from Swanson School; Pre-K students of **Elmbrook Preschool**, Brookfield; neighbors of **Sunny Isle & ElmrIDGE subdivisions**, Brookfield; students of **Anuradha’s School of Indian Dance**; local **Indian community members**; and local **Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh**

**Shakha volunteers.**

The organization holds weekly educational activities in the lower level of the Elm Grove Public Library.

For more information about SEWA and how you can help with future projects, e-mail Anu and Shriram Kelkar: [milwaukee@sewausa.org](mailto:milwaukee@sewausa.org).



Photo by Marie O’Brien

Brookfield Academy Middle School students display books that they have collected to benefit a local school. (Back row, left to right) **Zanna Hughes** of Elm Grove, **Krupa Patel**, **Madeline Braun**, **Patrick Walsh** and **Kyra Doherty** of Elm Grove; (Front row, left to right) **Anushka Guru**, **Anvesha Guru**, and **Alexandra D’Arruda**.





# Young Writers & Cub Reporters



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation  
St. Mary's students visit the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Planetarium.

## Science Field Trip

By Joseph Walters, St. Mary's Visitation – Grade 8

On October 27, 2017, the St. Mary's Visitation eighth grade took a field trip to two different sites for our Science class. These field trips required some time on bus rides, but I thought that they were beneficial to our education. The first part of the trip was at the Manfred Olson Planetarium at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. The second part of the trip was at the Plasma Sciences Expo at the Wisconsin Center.

The reason we went to the planetarium was that we were in the middle of a unit about astronomy and space. Our teacher, **Mrs. Biernat**, knew the person who ran the planetarium, and she thought that it would be a great tool that would help us learn about space more by visualizing it. The first thing we did was look at all of the planets and hear some interesting facts about them. I learned that Venus's atmosphere is so dense that it would crush a human being like a pancake, and that Pluto has only made one orbit since it was discovered in 1930. We learned about other objects and classifications like the

Asteroid Belt. We identified constellations like the Bid Dipper, Pegasus, and the Summer Triangle.

(Later that day) we got to the Wisconsin Center. There were many great experiences at the exhibition. One of them included sitting in a metal box and watching plasma rays run around you, produced by a 1 million volt generator. There was also a machine that created static electricity when you touched it, so you could give people static shocks. The best place to get them was on their ears. In a different exhibit, the instructors put marshmallows into liquid nitrogen and let them sit for a few minutes. When they took them out, they had hardened, and they tasted like Lucky Charms. **Mr. Falk**, our Math teacher, challenged a Rubik's Cube-solving robot in a 'Cube-off', and the robot defeated him.

All of these different exhibits taught us something new, and they were all very entertaining. I would recommend that other classes should go here, too.

## Wormwood

By Margot Armbruster

mama, remember your cool hand  
on mine. remember, I was twelve  
and consumed with thinness.

remember you lay beside me  
on the starchy sheets and talked  
about healing. about your own

mother, how you became  
a kite, staining away from her.  
about the summer your hair

knotted up like moss  
in the shower drain. mama,  
remember I asked you why

you decided to live. and remember,  
you pressed your fingers  
gentle against my forehead

remember, you spoke  
in a low voice about the chapel  
ringing with sound,

the amber light streaming  
through the windows.  
you told me you cried. I cried

with your arms wrapped  
around my back. I cried  
because the body can never

forget. mama, I cried because  
I can never forget that winter,  
the winter the body I tried

to carve out of marble became glass,  
the winter I held death in  
my mouth and proclaimed myself

full.



Margot Armbruster

## Brookfield Academy Student Wins Poetry Award

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy Senior **Margot Armbruster**, of Elm Grove, was recently selected as one of only 15 winners of the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award as announced at the London Literature Festival.

Miss Armbruster's poem "Wormwood" was among the winners chosen from more than 6,000 poets submitting more than 11,000 poems.

The poem was first published by The Poetry Society for the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2017. [www.foyleyoungpoets.org](http://www.foyleyoungpoets.org).

## 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:

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- **POETRY**

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# Young Writers

## Gatherings of Joy

By Sofia Karti – Brookfield Academy, Level 7

The Christmas season is when we all come together to love and celebrate the presence of each other. All that matters is that we’re surrounded by the ones we love: friends and family.

The few days before Christmas are always swamped with errands, food-prepping, and buying last minute gifts. Everyone wishes it to snow on Christmas — “A white Christmas” — to wake up and see the colorful, radiant lights bounce off the twinkling powder, to smell the peppery scents and the chewed-down cookie and half-drunk cup that Santa left behind. The tree shimmers with lights and dozens of intricate, glossy ornaments.

The night before Christmas, we are driving up the road and we can read the lips of those singing along to the catchy Christmas songs and carols. Stores filled with luxurious gifts tempt you to buy their goods with their outdone displays. Warm and toasty drinks including a rich, dark hot chocolate to a creamy, white chocolate, peppermint mocha are sipped on by shoppers. Warm garments like hats, boots, and fluffy jackets are put on to

dodge the cold snowballs outside. We sit by the fireplace, our cheeks turn red, and we all drink our hot chocolates, laughing and showing off our mustaches. After, we put on our fuzzy socks to keep our feet warm, and onesies to make sure we are comfortable from head to toe.

Christmas morning is filled with the rustling of wrapping paper and toys everywhere, and the hot and savory breakfast served on the table. Children play with their new toys and parents talk about their New Year’s plans.

The joy and generosity of Christmas created by the festivity and spirit that everyone gives make it a unique celebration. Foods are more delicious than ever, families come together from all over and spend quality time with each other. The colors of the lights and the whiteness of the snow give everything a cozier sense. The joyfulness of this season makes one want to celebrate it all year long, so make it a December to remember. It’s not what’s under the tree that matters; it is who is gathered around it.

## Traveling Soon to Christmas

By Zanna Hughes, Brookfield Academy, Level 7

The sky is an endless gray shadow,  
That is highlighted with blue.

The ground is covered with a shadow of white;  
With tufts of color peeping through.

Our van is black, black as midnight,  
Filled with people, food, and clothes.

The other cars? I know them not,  
For they are one of those.

Those, those who are strangers,  
And maybe one of us.

And yet we all are traveling,  
So soon, so soon to Christmas.

# News’ Hounds

& other beloved creatures

## Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Meet **Buckeye**, a handsome gentleman who has learned that the laps of us humans are a pretty good place to be! Yes, indeed, Buckeye does not turn away cuddling in your lap while receiving some petting and love from you! He is the kind of fella who does ask for a little patience in getting to know you — you provide this to him and he will be your loyal companion for life! Do you have room in your heart and home for this sweet guy?

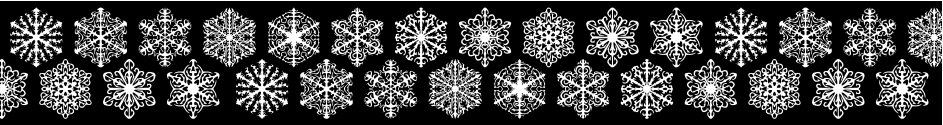
The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road.

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



Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Humane Society

**Buckeye**



# News Briefs

## Marquette H.S. Student Receives Leadership Recognition

**Stephen Foley**, an Elm Grove resident and Marquette University High School senior, has been recognized for his outstanding student leadership by the Wisconsin Leaders of Tomorrow program.

Stephen is the Founder and President of the Science Olympiad and a multi-sport athlete with participation in Football, Powerlifting and Lacrosse at Marquette, in addition to achieving high academic honors each semester.

His future plans include the study of Biomedical or Chemical Engineering, and is considering attending MIT, Stanford, Washington University in St. Louis, or the University of Wisconsin.



**Stephen Foley**

## All Saints’, All Souls’ Days Marked at St. Mary’s

By Julie Perez

The third graders at St. Mary’s Visitation School have been busy! Each third grader chose a saint to research in preparation for November 1. At the All Saints’ Day Mass, each 3<sup>rd</sup> grader walked in as part of the opening procession carrying a symbol to represent their saint. After communion, the priest, **Fr. Peter Berger**, invited them to come up and share what their symbol was and how it represented their saint. All 27 students proudly presented their symbol and explained its significance. Everyone in attendance learned something new about a saint.

Later that week, the third graders walked over to St. Mary’s Cemetery to have a prayer service in honor of All Souls’ Day. After the prayer service, students walked around and prayed at various gravestones. They each did a crayon rubbing of one headstone to bring back to school. Last, the students received a flower to leave at the gravestone of their choice. The rubbings they made have been hung in their classroom and were prayed for throughout the month of November during their daily classroom prayer.

## BEHS Music Students Earn State Honors

After a rigorous audition process involving students from throughout the state, several Brookfield East High School music students earned the privilege of performing for the WSMA State Honors Music Project.

**Will Fitzpatrick** (violin), **Sabrina Zhong** (violin), and **Elena Collins**

(clarinet) participated with the State Honors Orchestra. **Nick Fisher** (trumpet) and **Alec Rousseau** (alto saxophone) were members of the State Honors Band.

The students attended an intensive 4-day summer camp in June and performed in Madison in late October as part of the Wisconsin State Music Conference.

## Local Science Teacher Awarded Fellowship

As part of its continuing effort to promote excellence in K-12 science education, The American Physiological Society (APS) awarded its 2017 Six Star Science Online Teacher (OT) Professional Development Fellowships to 26 middle school and high school science teachers in 15 states, including **Kathy Biernat**, a

science teacher at St. Mary’s Visitation in Elm Grove.

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# News Briefs

## Elections 2018 (Continued from Page 1)

The School District of Elmbrook has announced that two Board seats will be up for election in 2018: one in Election Area IV (in the District’s southeast quadrant which includes most of Elm Grove) and one At-Large Seat. The current incumbents are **Jean Lambert** (Area IV Seat) and **Scott Wheeler** (At-Large Seat). The term of office for school board members filling these seats is three years beginning on Monday, April 23, 2018.

A Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in the office of the District’s deputy clerks, 137 Hope St., Brookfield. The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2017 and the papers must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Two Board Candidate Informational Meetings will be held at the Central Administration Offices (13780 Hope St., Brookfield) on Tuesday, December 5 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Room 133) and on Wednesday, December 13 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. (Room 133).

District residents interested in becoming candidates for the Board of Education are invited to meet during the above mentioned times with the District’s Deputy Clerks, Senior Leaders and a current Board member. Information about filing and functioning as a candidate and the commitment needed in being a Board member will be presented. Time for questions and answers and additional steps to take will also be provided. Call (262) 781-3030, Ext. 1140 for details.

NOTE: More information, including a map showing the School District boundaries and locations of Areas I, II, III & IV, may be viewed at [www.elmbrookschoools.org](http://www.elmbrookschoools.org).

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# Legal Issues

## Estate Planning: Where Do I Begin?

**By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller**

Whatever the size of your financial estate, it is important to plan. The legal and financial issues raised by your death or incapacity, will be more difficult and expensive for your loved ones without a proper estate plan. Unfortunately, most of us procrastinate because thinking about and then planning for death or disability is an unpleasant prospect. It is far easier to focus on the more day-to-day concerns of our lives. However, while estate planning may seem like a daunting task, it need not be. As with almost everything else, getting started is the hardest part.

A good estate plan will involve a number of legal documents, the most common of which are wills or revocable trusts, beneficiary designations, financial and health care powers of attorney and living wills. However, before any legal documents can be drafted, there are initial steps you will need to take and issues to which you must give at least some preliminary thought.

First: Consider yourself. If you become incapacitated, but do not die, who should manage your finances? Who should make decisions regarding your health care? What values are important to you regarding your health care?

Second: Consider your spouse. If you pass away, should everything go to your spouse? Do you have a blended family?

Should part of your estate pass to your children even if you have a spouse? Have you signed a prenuptial agreement that addresses this?

Third: Consider your children. Who should raise them if they are minors? Who will be their guardian? Choosing a guardian will force you to decide what values are most important to you: religious beliefs, cultural identity, parenting styles, education, family size, geographical location, financial skills, just to name a few. Also, consider whether your children are mature enough to manage their inheritance. If not, the funds should be placed in a trust for their benefit. Who should be the trustee? The trustee will not only manage the trust funds, but also decide when and why to make distributions to your children.

Fourth: Consider your other beneficiaries. If you do not have a surviving spouse or children, who should receive your assets? Would you like to leave your money to other family members, your church, your favorite charities, or all of the above?

The initial phase of the estate planning process is the hardest because the non-financial decisions are always more difficult to make than the financial ones. Once these decisions have been made, however, the rest of the process should flow smoothly.

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# Good Sports

## Students Named to WFCA Academic All-State Team

Elm Grove residents **Stephen Foley** and **Nicholas Ragonese**, both seniors at Marquette University High School, have been named to the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association’s Academic All-State Team.

According to an announcement at [www.wifca.org](http://www.wifca.org): “The WFCA, in a continuing effort to recognize the great players within the state of Wisconsin, is very pleased to provide a 2017 Academic All-State Award to the outstanding individuals and teams that attain a high level of success in the classroom. Minimum requirements for both Team and Academic All-State include Senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade) status, a 3.75 (cumulative) GPA or higher, and being a Varsity Letter winner.

## BEHS Women’s Team Competes in State Meet

The School District of Elmbrook has extended its congratulations to the Brookfield East High School – Spartan Women’s Swimming and Diving Team who placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the WIAA State meet on November 11.

According to a news release: “Freshman **Reilly Tiltmann** had the highest finishes for the team, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in both the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. Reilly earned 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State and consideration to be a high school All American in both events.

8<sup>th</sup> place in the 100 backstroke. Zoe’s time in the backstroke earned her All-State Honorable Mention.

Other placements were: 11<sup>th</sup> for the 400 freestyle relay of **Bridget Berens, Leah Westcott, Zoe Woods** and **Reilly Tiltmann**, and 13<sup>th</sup> for the 200 medley relay of **Zoe Woods, Grace Schaetz, Reilly Tiltmann** and **Emma Smith**. Zoe Woods added 15<sup>th</sup> in the 200 freestyle, and Leah Westcott earned 16<sup>th</sup> place in the 200 individual medley. The 200 freestyle relay of **Emma Smith, Madison Smrz, Bridget Berens** and **Leah Westcott** rounded out the team’s placements with 24<sup>th</sup>.”

Rounding out the team’s top 8 places were **Leah Westcott** who placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 500 freestyle and **Zoe Woods** earned an



# News Briefs



Photo courtesy of Elm Grove Lutheran School

**HONORING VETERANS:** First through fourth graders at Elm Grove Lutheran celebrated Veterans Day by performing the musical America’s Kids. The students told the history of our country and sang many patriotic songs including *This Land is Your Land*, *My Country ‘Tis of Thee*, *This is My Country*, and *The Star Spangled Banner*.

## Music Students at Pilgrim Park Honored

The School District of Elmbrook congratulates **Erica Chen** (cello), **Eli Hoffmann** (horn), and **Carrie Wang** (violin) for their participation in the Wisconsin School Music Association’s Middle Level Honor Orchestra and Band Festival in Waunakee, Wisconsin on October 28. As noted on the District’s website: [www.elmbrookschoools.org](http://www.elmbrookschoools.org), “These students successfully auditioned into these ensembles along with other musicians across the entire state. We’re extremely proud of their hard work and for representing Pilgrim Park Middle School at the state level.”

Congratulations also to Pilgrim Park students **Eli Hoffmann** (horn), **Collin Hillery** (baritone saxophone), **Grace O’Connell** (trombone), **Abhinay Reddy** (flute), **Henry Irwin** (trombone), **Josh Davey** (trombone), **Claire Peplinski** (percussion), and **Shreya Girish** (flute) for being accepted into the UW – Milwaukee Honor Band Festival on the weekend of November 17 – 19. The students were chosen via nomination and performed on November 19 with other young musicians from throughout the Greater Milwaukee area.

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A popular speaker everywhere she goes, Kathi has been described as "knowledgeable, non-judgmental, and inspirational with a sense of humor." Registration is not required for this free program.




### The Elm Grove Library Annual Family Holiday Event


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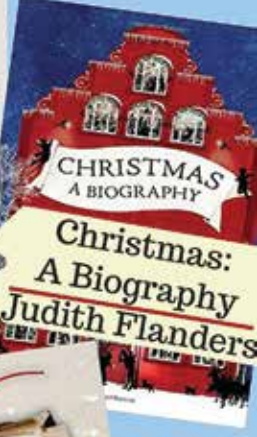
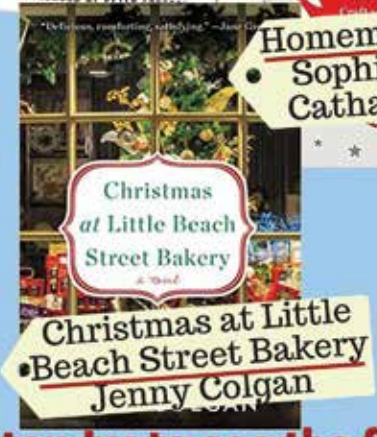

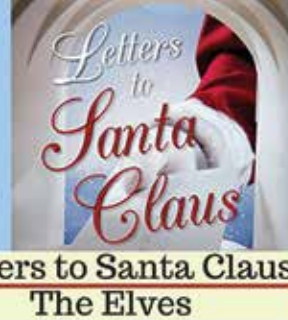

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- \* Tuesdays: Post opens at 11:30 a.m., closes at 10 p.m., no lunch.
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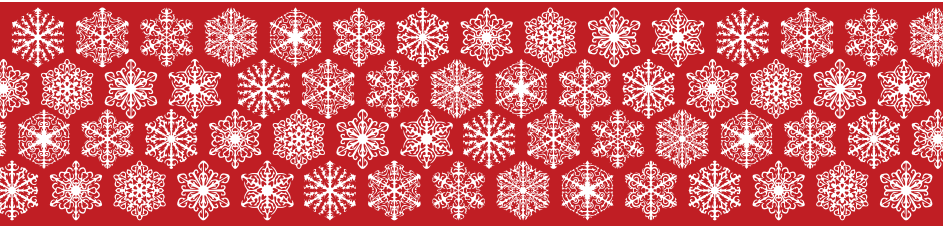
\*Sunday, December 2 – Sons of American Legion Lunch, 11:30 a.m. Raffle at 2:15 p.m.

\*Sunday, December 10 – Post 449 Birthday Party Dinner, 5 p.m. – \$25 per person.

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